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Mind on the Matter

Tracing a gravestone in a Dimondale cemetery is junior Diana Arnold on a fieldtrip with the Interdisciplinary Learning Community class.



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Face to Face with Reality

The reality of practice sets in after completing the first day of school as members of the JV Football squad hit the sled.



Photo by Shoni Helstand

Get It Straight

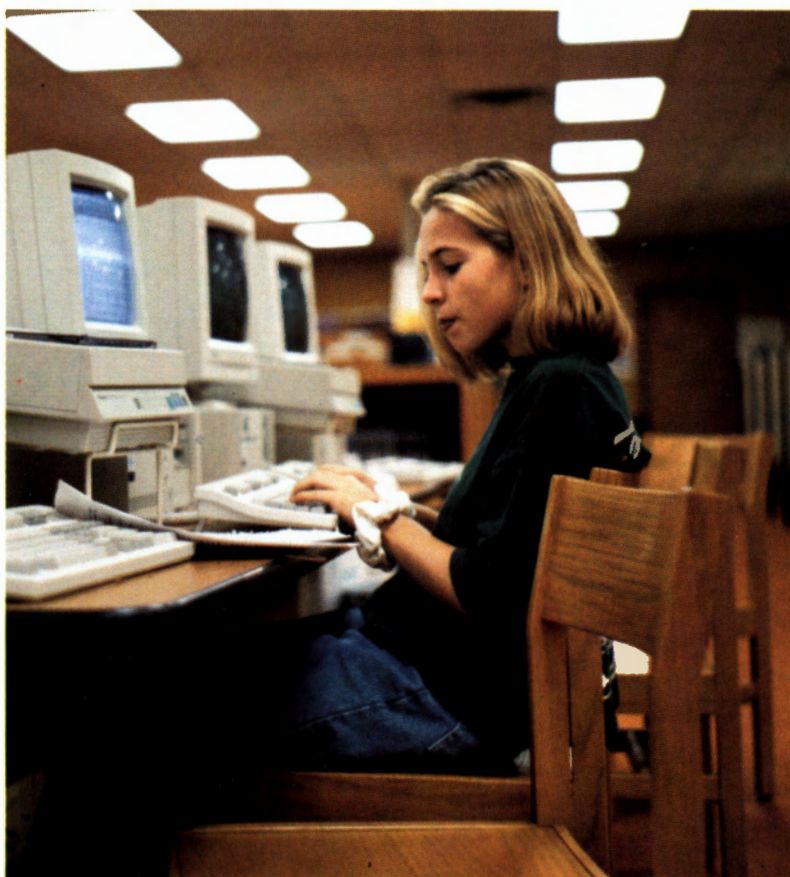
In Consumer Economics class, Special Education teacher Nelson Bond talks to senior Missy Homan. Mr. Bond team taught with Social Studies teacher Guil Northrup to provide help in the class.

Discovering Reality

Completing a tissue lab in Heather Neiswonger's Physiology class is junior Kristi Doe.

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Taking Stock

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"Coming to the High School has really been a reality check. You find out who your true friends are and you go from being kings and queens at the Junior High to being princes and princesses again as sophomores. **-Crissy Richter in the John W. Chi Library**



Up Front

Photo by Shoni Heistand

"People in band and color guard got a reality check when they decided to go to Florida because they had to work hard to raise the funds to pay for the trip!" **-Senior Julie Kent with senior Jaime Keyser in the Homecoming Parade**

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Rampages

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"Even though the weather was bad, it was really fun being on court. Winning the Homecoming game made it even better."

--Junior Tom McKouen with Sarah Cribley during the rescheduled Homecoming game and Coronation.

Photo by Shoni Heistand



Face to Face

On opening day, sophomores Chris Carr and Jamie Grant recount summer vacation. Jamie explained, "It was hard to come back to school so early because it felt like we should still be on vacation."

Photo by Jada Bowden

New Reality

Marching in the Homecoming Parade are Josh Turner, Jenny Adams, and Amy Corr. Band members redefined reality with their new uniforms provided by the band boosters.

Photo by Jada Bowden





Read Between the Lines

Subtle hints, but no specific statements. No maps and no directions. How were we to assess our progress? Were we doing the right things?... Going in the right directions? It was time to take a reality check.

Throughout the year emotions ran high, but the underlying tone was a serious one. A changing of the guard over the spring and summer brought a new Principal, two new Assistant Principals and 12 new faculty members all getting a grip on their positions.

Events were frequently dictated by unplanned factors requiring reassessment and readjustment. Due to an unpleasant change in weather, Homecoming was called off just before halftime and commenced the following day. A break in the water main, snow and fog extended the school year by two days, while enrollment strained the schedule and elective offerings to the maximum. Patience and faithful reality readings proved to be the necessary virtues.

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Check It Out...

During a French Club meeting, sophomores Elisabeth Boertmann and Bronwen Jesswein take a few moments to read a copy of the *Ramparts* newspaper. ***Photo by Jada Bowden***

"It was fun going to the Grand River for the ILC class, but it was also cold and wet!" --Junior

Chad Teachout

with Anita Ortiz and classmates writing poetry about what they heard, saw and felt at the Grand River on an Interdisciplinary Learning Community fieldtrip.

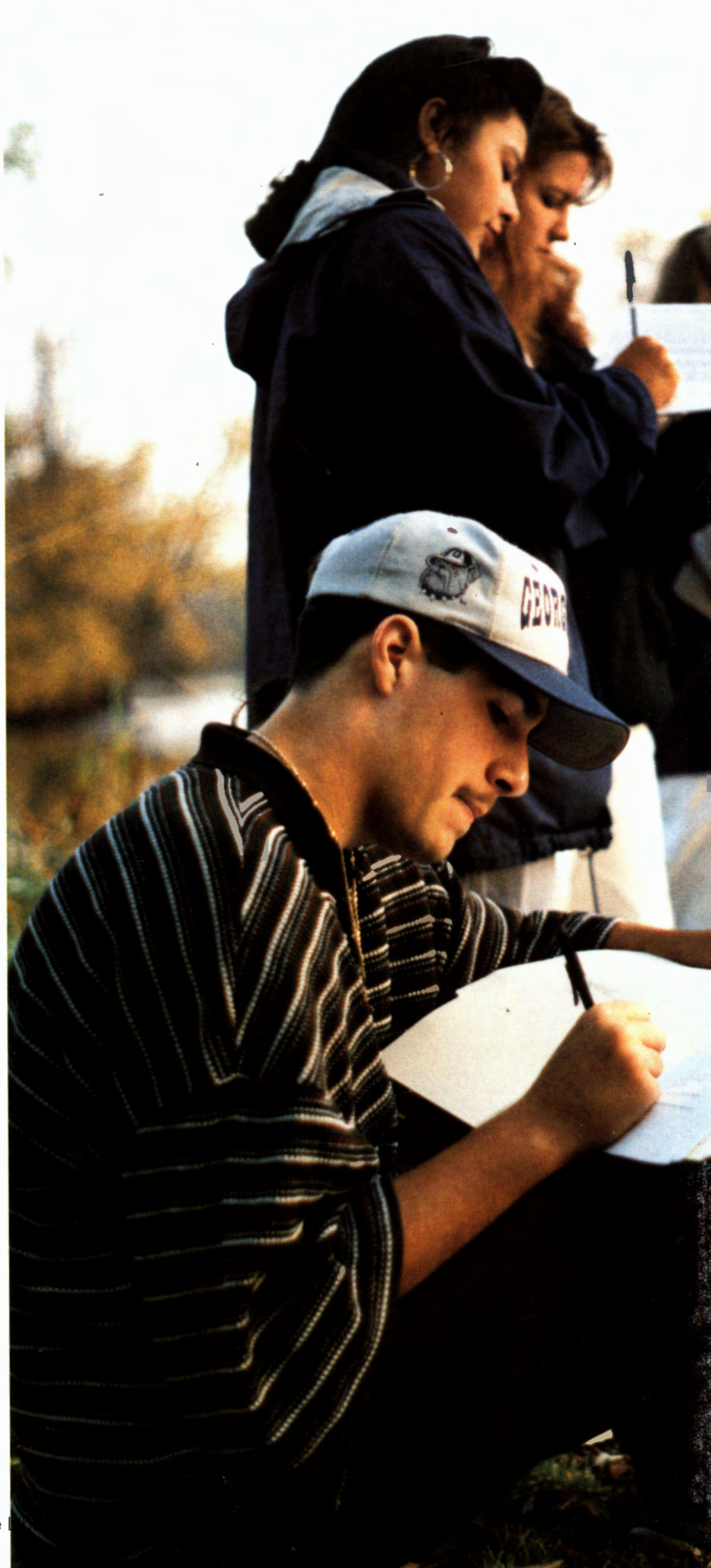


Testing the Waters

Collecting water from the Grand River on an ILC fieldtrip are juniors Jamie Southwell and Heather Willett. Jamie explained, "I wasn't supposed to go in the water, but it was too shallow to fill the jug so I waded in."

Next in Line

Talking to office assistant Nicole Deetz while waiting to straighten out an attendance problem is senior Mark VanBuren. For some students, an attendance contract, was both a wake-up call and a reality check.



Create the Possibilities

Resourcefulness was also in order along with creativity when it came to developing new classes. Courses like the Interdisciplinary Learning Community sought to extend knowledge and make connections across disciplines while Pacesetter sought to raise test scores for college entrance exams.

Taking control of the scoreboards, the Girls' Swim team and Cross Country team fought for first place in the Capital Area Conference. Varsity Football players took stock of the season under a new coaching staff headed by Mike Smith and fought its way from the basement to a fourth place standing in the conference.

Winterfest brought a little relief from the mid-year blahs. Students lightened up with Weird Hair Day and senior Dave Fowler's toga a'la cupid outfit. The attitude of "take what you have and work with it" prevailed. Students and staff got serious about determining where they were at, where they needed to go and how they were going to get there.

—**Jada Bowden**



Photo by Josh Knechtges

Well Worth It

Making a penguin pinata in Spanish class as a gift for a child in a local hospital are sophomores Heather Cole, Angela Watters and Monica Mazuca. "I stayed up until midnight finishing the pinata, but it was fun," admitted Angela.



"Reality is what you make of it and most people live with their illusions," theorized senior C.J. Chappell over lunch. By second semester he also joked, "everything is pointless" for many upperclassmen with senioritis.

Say what's on your mind

Don't just go through the motions

Get to the bottom of it

You don't get something for nothing

Get Real

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Creating the monkey, Rafiki, for the "Lion King" theme sophomore float are Alex Redman and Tom Shaver at Tom's house. "Making the monkey look real was probably the hardest thing to do, but it tied it all together. Everybody had a good time making the float," noted Alex.

Photo by Megan Ketchum



Turning Heads

"Performing makes me nervous but my adrenaline was flowing!" stated junior Pom Pon Alisha Watson.



Standing Room Only

Waiting for the Homecoming Parade to begin are members of the Pom Pon squad in their pep truck. Junior Jennifer Palmer revealed, "We wanted to show our spirit together and it turned out to be a lot of fun."



Beauty and the Beast

Posing next to the S.A.D.D. float are seniors Jessica McDonald and Chad Ramsey at the Homecoming Parade.



Quick
Change Artists

Cut Loose!



Bust a Move...

Raising senior spirit at the pep assembly while classmates cheer them on are Jake Robbins and Melinda Cady. Jake recalled, "I painted my face to express my school spirit in my own special way."

Photo by Josh Knechtges

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They were everywhere, on ladders, running up and down hallways, sprawled out on the floor putting the finishing touches on their banners and decorations for the annual Spirit Week class competitions.

The noise was a little overwhelming as students struggled to communicate over blaring music and Student Council Adviser Juanita Grew's whistle never failed to remind

Whistle While You Work

"I never got involved with Homecoming that much before, but I really wanted the seniors to win," shared Vanessa Spencer at the senior float building site.

Stand Tall

Putting the finishing touches on the Sophomore hall decorations are John Whalen, Ben Davenport and classmates.

High on Life!

"The roses captured the effect of life in 'Beauty and the Beast' and were matched by dead roses to show the evidence of drunk driving," explained senior SADD member Rob Chapin having a little fun before parade time. SADD members decorated a float for the Homecoming Parade September 29.

Photo by Jada Bowden

Rumble or Tumble

Laying it all on the line to wheelbarrow their way to victory as the classes compete at the Homecoming pep assembly are juniors Laura Harger, Jake Fortuna and sophomore Emily Sutliff. "I felt really silly! I was surprised and kept wondering why they picked me," exclaimed Emily.



them that time was running out. "It took awhile to get organized, but once it came down to finally doing it, the hall decorating got off to a good start," recalled junior Sarah Cribley.

The competition was fierce, but official bragging rights were granted to the seniors. It started early on Get Up and Go Day and participation didn't let up until Friday's hallway, float and pep rally competitions. Arriving in her flannel bed shirt junior Kim Witsaman reported, "I dressed up for Get and Go Day to show my school spirit and it gave me time to catch up on some sleep!"

"I liked Hat Day because I could get up and didn't have to even comb my hair to come to school. I just grabbed my hat for a cover up," revealed senior Gus Dahlgren.

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Paint Me a Picture...

"I dressed up for all of the days of Spirit Week. My favorite was Get Up and Go Day, but I also liked showing my spirit on Hat Day," commented junior Susan Emery as she works on an acrylic painting with junior Nicole Malm.



Make It Happen

Painting a banner to gear up for the Homecoming pep assembly is senior Bridget Dunn. Many seniors made "3-peat" float T-Shirts for their record of winning for three years the top float award and to show their winning spirit.

Wild Ones

Showing their spirit in the sophomore pep truck during the Homecoming Parade are Kurt Lumley, Jason Cornelius, Jessica Apostle and Jeff Keller.



SPIRIT WEEK

Many students reported participating in at least one dress up day, the most popular being Hat Day.

Teachers also showed their spirit. "I have a lot of fun during Spirit Week although I wish more students and teachers would participate," commented Science teacher Heather Neiswonger.

One of the more difficult yet creative ways students reported was toga Day. One who decided not to participate was junior Larina Howe as she confessed, "It was very difficult to make a toga out of a flannel

water bed sheet!" Junior Jaime Hayslette added, "I would have dressed up every day, but it was kind of hard to find someone to be my look-alike for Twin Day."

Winning the votes as others' favorite was Dress Up Day as senior Cathy Thill explained, "I liked this day because I have a lot of dressy clothes that I really like wear, but I don't feel comfortable wearing them on regular school days."

Theme Day was based upon popular Disney movies with the sophomores' "Lion King", the juniors' "Peter Pan" and the seniors' "Little Mermaid". Putting forth much effort, the Sophomore Class claimed a second place in the hall and third in the float competition. Sophomore Tom

Shaver commented, "I helped as much as I could building our float and I was disappointed taking third. I thought our class was the best and should have done better."

Kelly Mackeller recalled of the Junior Class float, "I had fun helping build it, but no one could decide on what they wanted, so we ended up putting everything that had to do with Peter Pan on it!"

Finally, the seniors who won first place in both hall and float competitions were true to form as Christy Baisel bragged, "This is the third year in a row that we won, so I think we deserve a special award for this recognition!"

—Katie Yemc

Serious Spirit

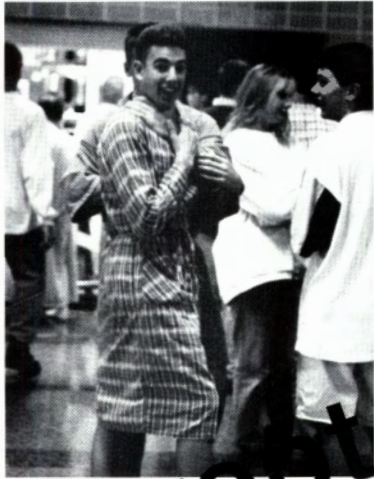
Joining the Homecoming Parade with the Peer Assistance Listeners (PAL's) who donned costumes for the event is senior Sherah Huston. PAL spirit ran high building their float and performing a skit at the pep assembly.

Easy Does It

Competing in the Lifesaver pass during the Homecoming pep assembly are sophomores Jason Richter and Kris Doerr. Though they gave an all-out effort, they lost to the seniors.

Breakfast in Bed

Waiting in the lunch line on Get Up and Go Day of Spirit Week are juniors Jim Lenon and Chad Lesnieski.



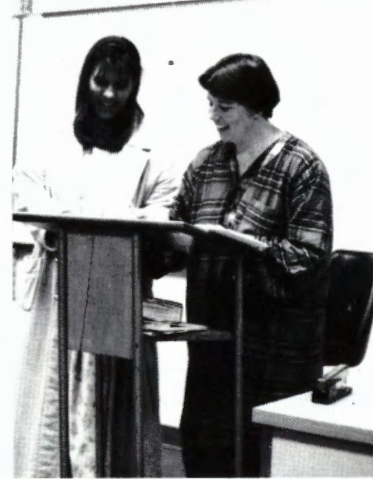
Winning Tradition

Shouting enthusiasm for the winning senior float are DaNeil Alexander, Mary Fudge, Nicole Deetz, Lisa Castello and Melissa Janes. The senior "Little Mermaid" barely nosed out the sophomores' "Lion King" float for the victory.



Pure and Simple

Discussing a paper with teacher Debbie Childers on Get Up and Go Day is junior Kim Witsaman.



Sweep
Away!

Wild at Heart

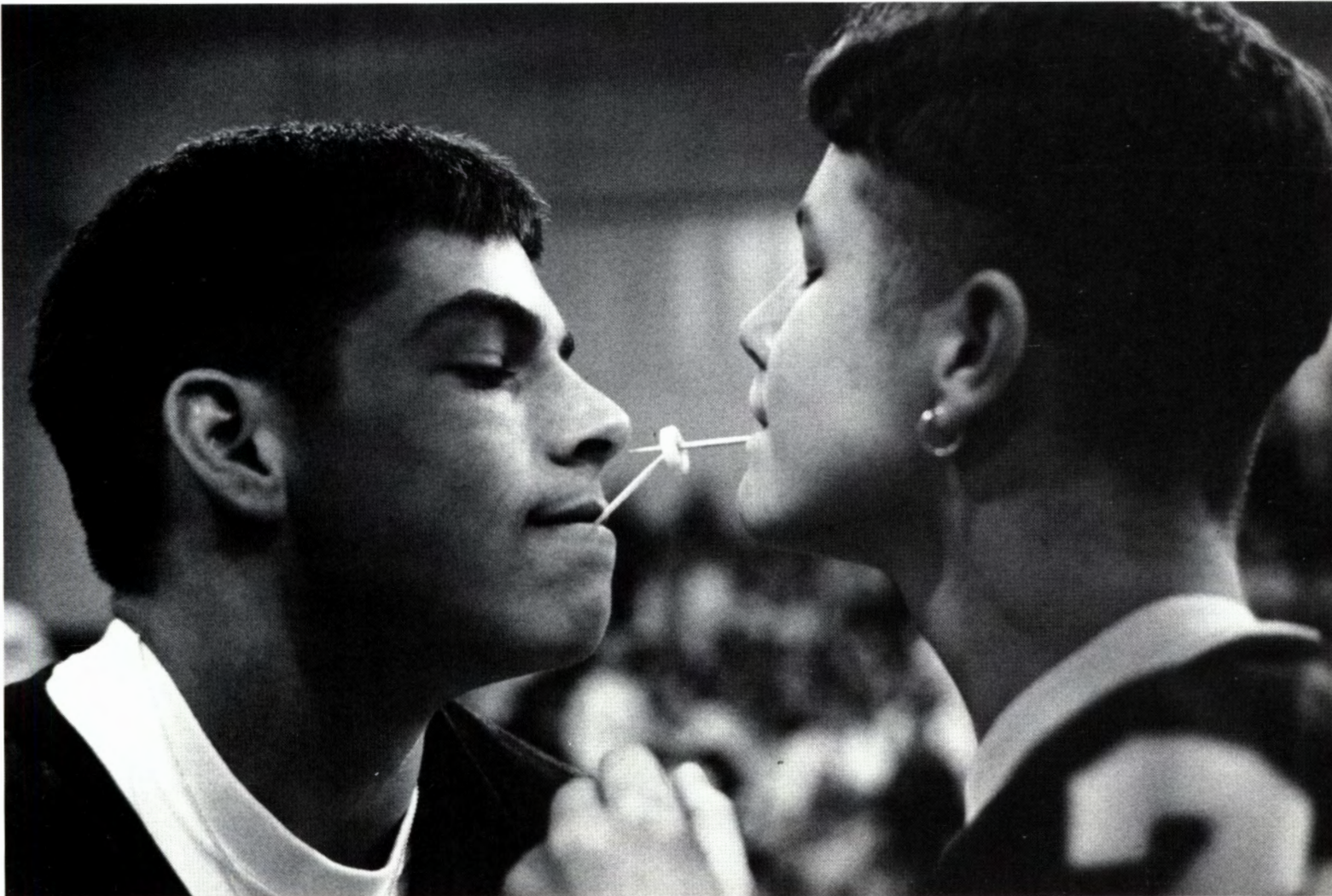


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**Weather
Or Not!**

Soul Satisfaction



All Ears...

Showing her caring side along with other PAL's during Homecoming, senior Nicole Hoagland dons Dumbo ears for their club theme float. She commented, "We picked Dumbo because PAL's listen and are all ears. Our job is to listen to people when they discuss problems and the float helped us get the point across."

Photo by Jada Bowden

Time for Royalty

Eventual King and Queen Darnell Powers and Chereese Ford wait patiently for the announcement during the Coronation. Darnell remembered of the Saturday ceremony, "It was pretty awkward walking in front of about 30 people in broad daylight. It gave a new twist to Homecoming!"

Hanging Out...

Getting together before the rescheduled Homecoming game are senior Varsity Football players Eric Corey, Ryan Brookes, Jason Buckner, Jeff Schultz and David Ried. Jason related, "It was great being around the guys the day we won the big game."

HOME COMING

To the best recollection of area residents and faculty, the first Homecoming ever to be cancelled and continued the next day was held Friday, September 30. The culprit was an electrical storm hitting Troost Field during the second quarter of play. The decision was made near halftime to disband the program and take it up Saturday at 1:30 p.m. It dampened some fan enthusiasm gaining

momentum during Spirit Week, but not the Football team. The gridders delivered their first victory of the season with a 38-34 win over Everett.

Prior to resuming the game on Saturday, the Homecoming Court took the field for the Coronation. On hand to crown Darnell Powers, King and Chereese Ford, Queen were 1994 royalty Matt Cook and Shannon Hoek-water. Prince and Princess were Ryan Brookes and Vanessa Spencer. "I was very surprised and glad that my peers voted for me to represent the Senior Class," shared Chereese. Darnell added, "I was extremely honored to represent my peers as King. When I heard my name, my heart just stopped beating."

Yet, Saturday's spirit was calm compared to that of Friday's Theme Day. It was obvious as the decorated halls barely lasted an hour after judging. Reclaiming their artwork for their float, were the first place winning seniors with their theme, "The Little Mermaid." The "Lion King" ruled the sophomore hall and claimed them a second place award, while the juniors placed third with "Peter Pan." "When all the decorations were first being

brought in, it didn't look like much. But then, as time passed, streamers, signs, fish trees and other things were hung up. At the end of two hours, I was very impressed with all the effort and success in each hall," commented junior Carrie Swan.

Fighting it out fiercely with only a four or five point spread, the judges for the float competition finally came to a verdict. Seniors came in first, juniors second and sophomores third.

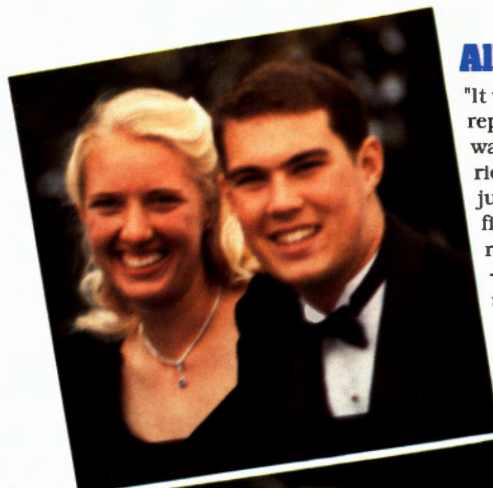
Threatening storm clouds hovered over Friday's parade, but festivities proceeded. The afternoon highlight was the new and improved parade. Student Council invited alumni and businesses to participate and the community responded with spirit. Hitchens Drug Store earned the theme award, SADD came up with the most original float, the most humorous went to the PAL's group, while the most spirited were the Holt Junior Rams. Homecoming drew to a close with Saturday's semi-formal dance. It was held in the cafeteria to the music, lighting and special effects of DJ Scott Mussell. County line dancing to trains for the YMCA dance capped the memory-making night.

~Julie Smith



Making Heads Turn

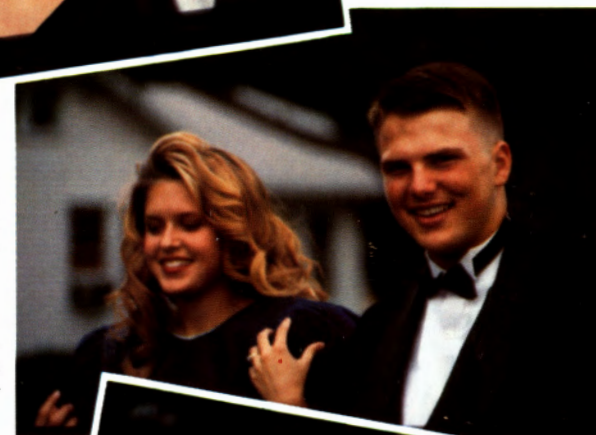
"I felt honored to be nominated by my peers. It was a lot of fun being on court." ~Sophomore Amanda Taylor with Tom Shaver.



Smiling Wide

"It was really exciting to be on court and riding with Tom was a lot of fun!"

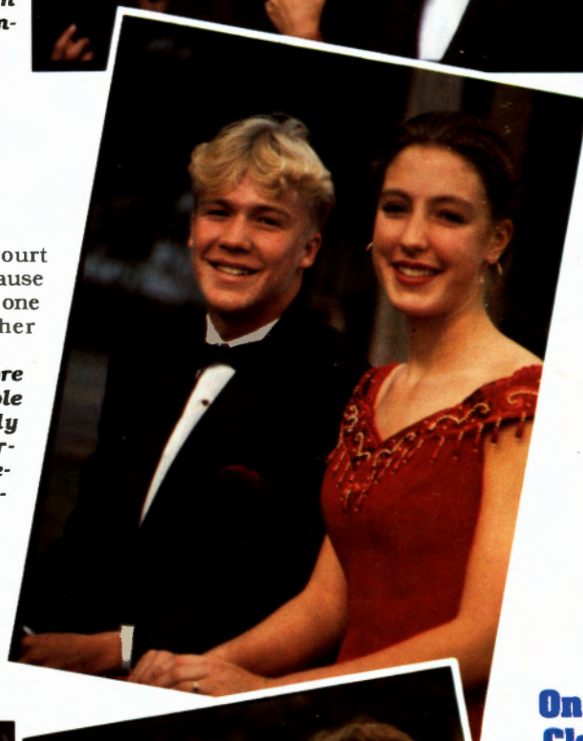
~Junior Sarah Cribley with Tom McKouen in the Homecoming Parade.



Looking Elegant

"Being on Court was fun because there was no one else I'd rather walk with."

~Sophomore Karl Wyble with Emily Reamer during the Homecoming Parade.



On Cloud Nine

"It was my first time being on court and it was exciting. Though the season started slow, the Football team pulled together and came

through the last half. The Homecoming pep assembly really got us fired up for the game." ~Junior Chris Sherry with Beth Wilkerson



Team Spirit... Dressing up for the Wrestling team Regionals are seniors Mike Sharp and Troy Frayer. "I think people should wear what is comfortable to them and not worry about what the trend is," shared Mike.



Comfort Rules... "I just dress in normal, comfortable clothes because I don't want to wear wanna-be clothes," stated junior Matt Snyder at the pump.



Gone Yesterday Here Today



Hats On For Spirit... Showing their spirit on Hat Day are juniors Damarah Ballard, Sara Woulf, Sarah Brockwell and Sarah Brockwell. "I like Hat Day because you don't have to do anything but get up later," admitted Damarah.

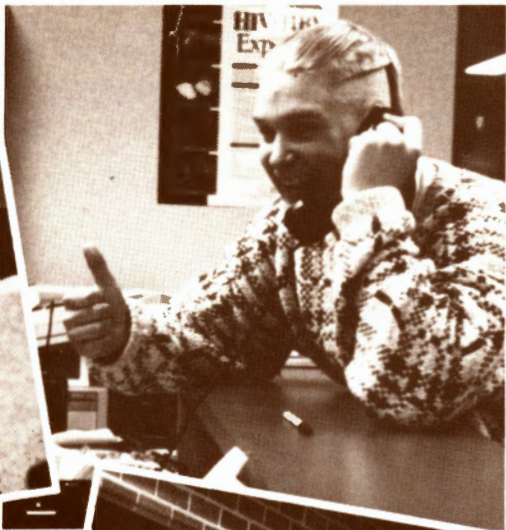
Photo by Jeff Reynolds

Showing Some Individuality

"I like to wear anything comfortable. As far as certain styles go, I don't like weird, off-the-wall fashions, but I do like dressing differently than everyone else. Some of the popular styles this year were the spaghetti strap sundresses worn over a little white T-shirt. A lot of people also got into body piercing and hair dyeing," reported junior Kerri Kelly with sophomore Carrie Butterfield in Choir class.

Finishing Touches...

"I put on a lot of make-up before marching because I want to look like female!" explained senior Adrienne Graham on the band trip.



Grunge Look

"I like to wear grungy stuff because it's comfortable to me," explained senior Nathan Stott excusing a tardy in the attendance office.

RECYCLED COOL LOOK

From the runways of Paris to the hallways of Holt, current fashion trends were challenged. Students had many choices and sources for their clothes and the concept of style yielded to personal definition.

When asked where they most often shopped, one expected to hear, the mall and such stores as Contempo Casuals, Dejaz, Rave and Chess King. But, guess again. More and more students were turning to outlet shops and recycled clothing found in Goodwill, Salvation Army, and consignment stores such as Second Time Around or Fantastic Finds as alternatives to the sometimes high prices of mall stores.

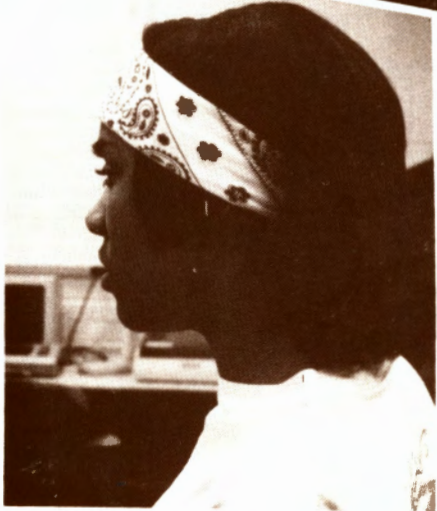
Seniors Jeri Hoffbauer and Carilyn Moubray agreed that second hand stores were great places to shop. Carilyn stated, "Second hand clothes are cool. One store I sometimes look at is the Salvation Army. It has some sweet clothes."

Sue Rosenberger, owner of Fantastic Finds in DeWitt explained the upsurge in consignment stores. "I feel that recycled clothing has become popular again because it is a different way for people to be themselves and to create a personal style."

Awareness of recycled clothes seemed to be growing, but students realized it was a personal choice whether to join in the fad or not. Everyone had their own sense of style and wore whatever they wanted or felt comfortable in whether it was long-johns, T-shirts or bell bottoms, large, baggy or tight. To look the same or dress the same as ones' friends was also okay.

For many students, their own personal expression was what fashion was about and not the ads in leading fashion magazines. Senior Rheanna Abbott reflected, "I feel that used or recycled clothing is fine if you find something you like. If I saw something I like I would get it. I don't feel like teens are dressing like you see in 'Vogue' or 'Elle'. The magazines don't always have realistic portrayals of teenagers. I dress the way I do because it looks like me." Senior Adrienne Lawrence agreed. "There is no way that fashion magazines portray real people. They are often outrageous with their styles. They need to be more realistic."

All seriousness aside, most students took fashion with a grain of salt and Adrienne further suggested, "Just keep a level head, perceptive of who you are and what crosses the line between fashion and inconceivable weirdness, unless of course, that's your style!"



Wear It Loose

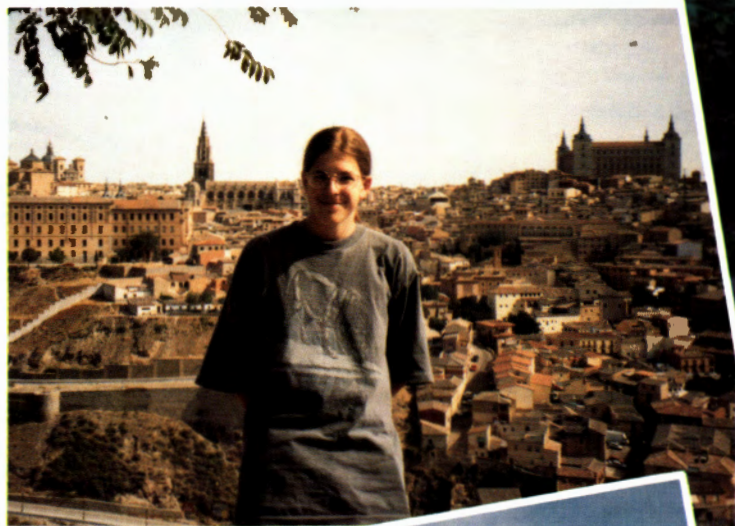
Sagging pants and oversized sweatshirts were a typical style worn by students including junior Robbie Dubay. Many students have concluded that anything comfortable was the suitable answer to the age-old question of "what to wear".

Big and Baggy

"I like loose-fitting, baggy, comfortable clothes, and I have a pet peeve about people wearing different shades of the same color together," noted junior Brandy Hill.

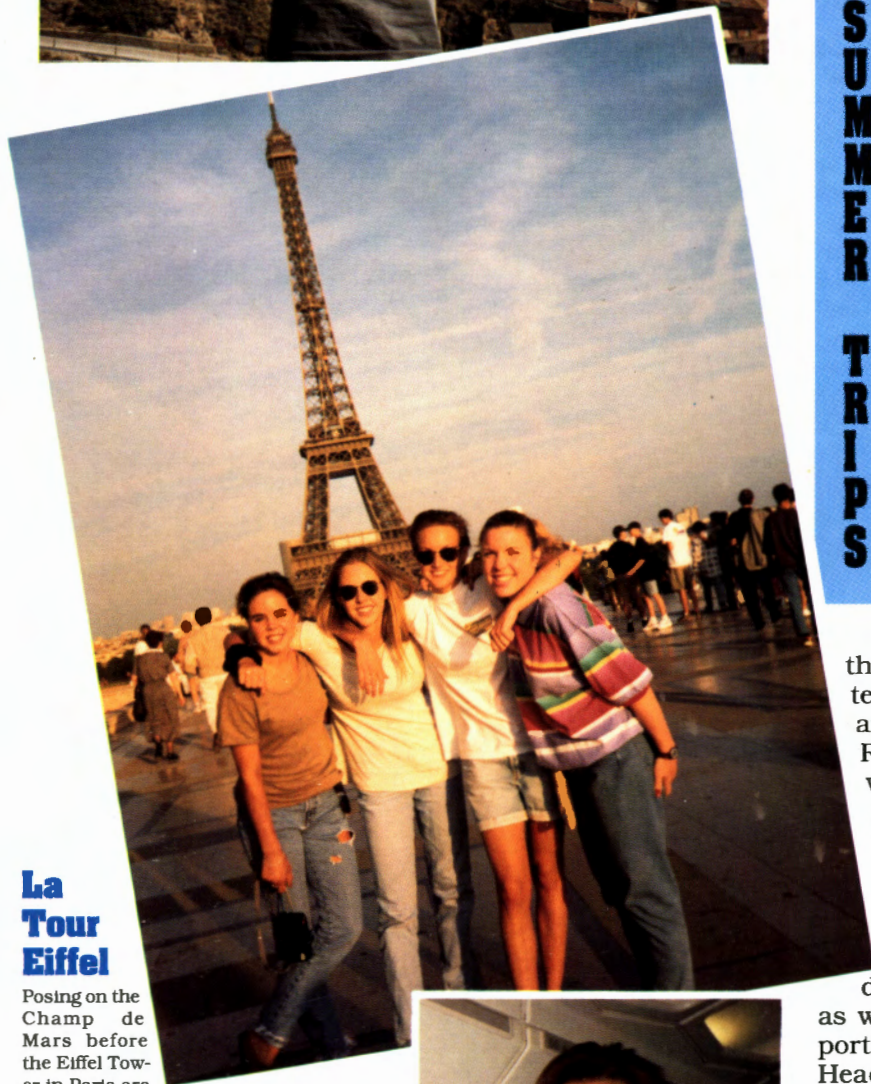
Spanish Panorama

Stopping for a picture against the backdrop of Toledo, Spain is senior Brian Hines on the French and Spanish classes' summer trip to France and Spain. Brian reminisced, "I had a lot of fun. Someday I hope to go back. The best part of the trip was wandering through the narrow streets of Paris."



Hey Mom!

On a Caribbean cruise, senior Lisa Boyer and her brother Jason experienced the rush of climbing waterfalls in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. "It was really cool climbing them and watching the Jamaicans do it. They did it so fast, they looked like deer running up them," remembered Lisa.



La Tour Eiffel

Posing on the Champ de Mars before the Eiffel Tower in Paris are juniors Julie

Allen and Allison Warren and sophomores Chris Carr and Keri Vaine. The group toured France and Spain with classmates and chaperones, Sandra Bernier, Juanita Grew and Anne Hope in June.

Jet Lag

Taking a stretch on the airplane enroute home from France and Spain is sophomore Chris Carr. "We had been awake for 27 hours and we were not in the best of moods!" she recalled.



SUMMER TRIPS

As summer rolled around, the buzz heated up about summer camps and vacation trips. For those looking to extend their education into summer, school sponsored trips and camps took on new horizons. The possibilities were diverse with students selecting among sports camps, band camps, journalism camps and foreign language class trips.

Nearly every sport had a camp available that students could attend individually or with their team. "We learned teamwork, responsibility and compromise," stated Rachael Paterick who went with her Varsity Basketball team. Coaches relied on camps to build comradere too. "We stayed in quads with our team and interacted constantly. We didn't learn as much skill as we built team unity," reported Varsity Basketball Head Coach Bruce Larnar about the Great Lakes Team Camp.

Educational camps were also a choice. Attending Journalism camp was senior Jada Bowden. "At the camp I learned basic composition for photography and I also learned how to develop and print," she added.

Another camp drawing large numbers was band camp held at MSU. A differ-

ent experience for accomplished band members was the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp Symphony Band World Tour that went to Denmark, Austria Belgium and Germany for a month. Both Vanessa Rogers and Kelly Nastal went on this trip. "The tour helped me become a better band player and I made new friends," commented Vanessa who has played the baritone for six years.

Traveling to Spain and France were a group of students in the foreign language classes. They went sight-seeing for a week in both countries. The main motivation for the trip was exposure. "I was able to experience two different cultures and to put what language skills I had learned into practice," said French student Josh Baxter.

And traveling to the other side of the world was Chris Boersma who, along with 35 other teens, visited New Zealand and Australia with the group People to People Student Ambassadors. Chris reported, "We spent one night in a Maori Village, four nights in Sydney, two nights on an island learning to snorkel and a couple of nights on airplanes. It was fun to see the Great Barrier Reef and the Sydney Opera House--things that most people only see on television or in books."

With all the different summer camps and trips available, no one need be left out. It was truly something for everyone with the interest and the funds.

--Krista Willoughby

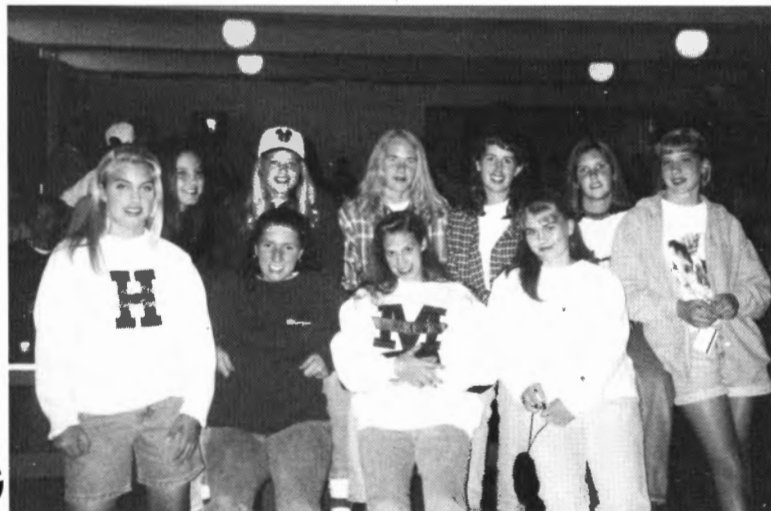
On a High Note

Playing his sax at band camp is senior Anthony Hays, a member of marching band for three years.



Final Night Out

Preparing for fun their last night out during summer tennis camp are Emily Sutliff, Shelly Somers, Jill Cory, Amanda Schram, Andrea Cook, Danah Henriksen, Sarah Mann, Dana Dillon, and Michelle Krause.



Boys of Summer

Taking a break from practice to visit Wet N' Wild in Orlando on spring break training are members of the Varsity Baseball team. The guys got a workout reporting they spent 80% of their time in practice, 10% play, 5% sleep and 5% riding en transit.



On The
Getaway

Foot Loose



Keepin' Time... High steppin' under the hot August sun, band members Ben Wulf,

Devon Lamb and Christina Thomas get Forest Park Library and Archives Capital Area District Libraries

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Under Construction

Building the set for the Fall Play is Director Debbie Childers. Students created much of the set design for the production.



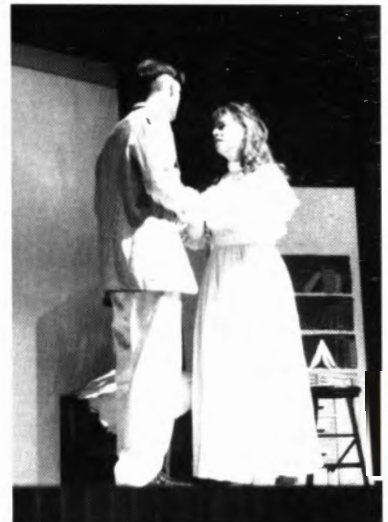
Stage Presence

Performing a scene from "The Matchmaker" are Eric Knechtges, Jake Boyd and Quincy Gow. Eric commented, "I liked being able to shout at the top of my lungs for the role and I also enjoyed working with the cast. We all got along."



True Love

Making a heartfelt proposal of marriage to junior Cari Gonzales during "The Matchmaker" is senior Rob Chapin.



**Celebrate
Laughter**

Play It Off!



Photo by Julie Smith

Money, Money, Money...

In Mrs. Malloy's hat shop, senior Ken Root and sophomore Jake Boyd try to decide whether to like the rich seniors, Wood and Tabitha Jenkins, or to dislike them even though they don't have any money.

Peek-a-boo

In Act 2 of "The Matchmaker" senior Ken Root and sophomore Jake Boyd hide from Mr. Vandergelder in Molly Malloy's Hat Shop. "I had fun doing a part that was like me. It really gave me a chance to express myself," commented Ken.



Show Stopper

Performing the lead roles of Dolly Levi and Mr. Vandergelder are Christina DeWitt and Eric Knechtges. Christy commented, "I liked my character because I got to express feelings that you can't usually do in everyday life and because Dolly was in everyone else's business. I also liked playing opposite Eric."



FALL PLAY

"The Matchmaker" was a production which saw new directors, new casts and a somewhat different approach. Replacing Ron Allen who retired last year, Communication Arts teachers, Pamela Klimenko and Debbie Childers shared the role. Childers directed the stage crew while Klimenko directed the performance. Mrs. Klimenko reported, "I decided to direct the play because drama

is my background. The position was open and I felt I was a logical choice to fill part of Ron Allen's shoes." Mrs. Childers added, "I decided to help because I minored in drama and I enjoy the technical part of stage production and working with students."

Students auditioned for parts for a variety of reasons. Junior Jeanne Pierson who was a student director explained, "I tried out for the play because I love acting. I want to continue with theater at Western Michigan University." Christy DeWitt who played Dolly Levi added, "I love to act and I've been in drama all my life. It has always been a dream of mine to be an actress. Being in school plays is a step in achieving that goal."

"The Matchmaker" ran November 18 and 19 in Pernert Auditorium and the production focused on both the performance and the stage set. Cast and crew members put in many hours learning lines, and creating the props and costumes. In the past, sets were created almost entirely by Ron Allen. He was noted for the time and

effort he put into the scenery, but students undertook the work with Mrs. Childers. Sophomore Nancy Quasarian shared, "You can be really creative. You can take a blank drop and create something totally from your imagination. It's really exciting watching the sets come together, going from an empty stage to the scene of a living room."

The play was written by Thornton Wilder and was about the aspirations of the young for a full life. It was both a romance and a comedy. Junior Tamara Trutt commented, "I enjoyed the play and was really proud of my best friend Christy. She was a show stopper as Dolly."

There were the humorous moments too. Junior Kelly Nastal recalled, "On Friday night, Eric Knechtges broke a glass during one scene. The audience was laughing hysterically, but they managed to ad lib and make it all work." Christy explained how. "Eric spilled his drink and to play it off, he slammed his glass down causing it to break. I was in the middle of saying my lines and as I turned to face him, I saw wine all over the table, running down my dress onto the floor. To try and cover it up, I ad-libbed with the line, 'waitress could you get Mr Vandergelder another glass. He seems to have broken his out of frustration.' The crowd loved it! Then I squeezed my eyes shut, tried not to laugh and went on. For many cast members the end came too soon. Nicki Wood reflected, "You work so hard together that when the closing night comes, you don't want the play to end!"

—Christine Spisak



Reality Break

Behind the scenes, junior Allison Larson relaxes after applying make-up. "It was a quiet time. Instead of letting my nerves get to me, I did something calm. I read a book," she explained.

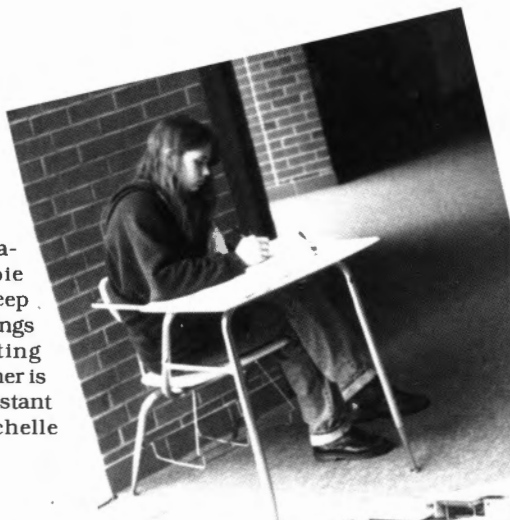
Joyful Hugs

Applauding Christina DeWitt for her performance as Dolly Levi backstage after "The Matchmaker" is graduate and former cast member of numerous school plays Shannon Hoekwater.



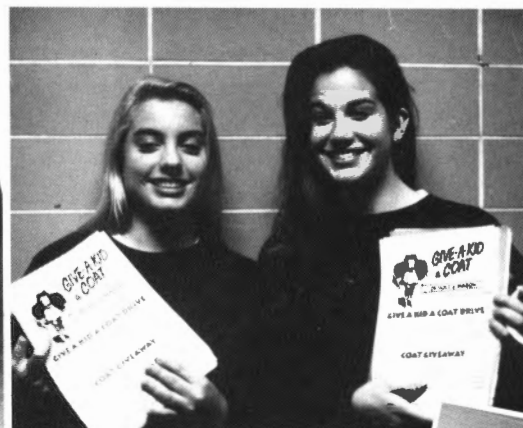
Get the Score

Helping teacher Debbie Childers keep up with things by correcting papers for her is student assistant senior Michelle Walimaki



Sign on the Dotted Line

Registering to donate blood with NHS members Allison Wood and Dave Resio is junior Kim Witsaman. Kim recalled, "I gave blood because I knew it would help save somebody's life and that made me feel good."

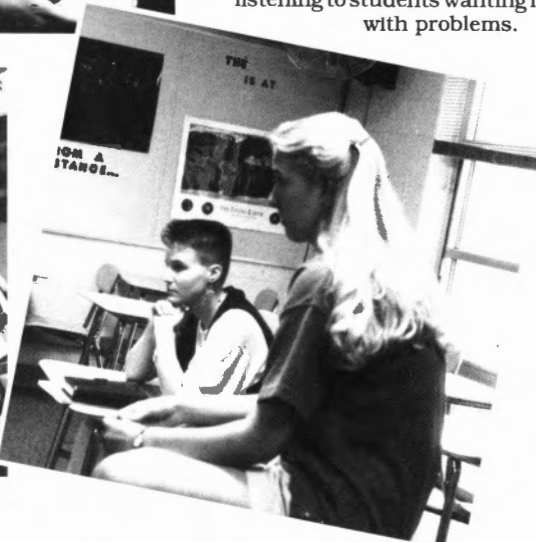


Good Turn

Putting up posters to remind students to bring in coats for the Give-A-Kid-A-Coat drive are seniors Danah Henricksen and Laurie Gifford. "Laurie noted, 'The posters seemed to work for we had a good turnout.'"

Serious Talk

Discussing how the Exchange Day went for Peer Assistant Listeners are adviser Heather Neiswonger and Lindsay Patterson. The PAL's undertook several service projects besides listening to students wanting help with problems.



The Perfect Mix

Serious Help

HELPING HANDS

It was that time of year again and many students and teachers were doing what they could to help others in need. Two weeks before Thanksgiving, Student Council organized a fund raiser called Hats for Hunger. Students could donate \$2 and wear a hat to school on Friday, November 18. Council members collected \$100 which was donated to the Holt-Delhi Food Bank. The Thanksgiving food drive also held during the same week was organized by the National Honor Society.

Another popular project undertaken by NHS was the Give a Kid a Coat drive which originated in Holt and even-

tually spread to the tri-county area. The program started 12 years ago when the eldest daughter of the founder, Carol Gifford, caught pneumonia and was hospitalized. Mrs. Gifford wondered what was happening to all the children who didn't have coats if her own daughter could become sick and was wearing one. As a result, she started the program and asked students and community members to donate used coats. The idea snowballed and the project this year yielded 6,000 coats from the Holt, Dimondale and Mason areas and a total of 30,000 coats from the tri-county area. Monday, December 16, Carole was recognized as an unsung hero by a local television station for her efforts.

The Spanish classes were also hard at work weeks before Christmas constructing pinatas which were donated to the children's wards of area

hospitals and to the St. Vincent Home for Children. Students in fourth year Spanish classes delivered the pinatas on Wednesday December 21. No candy was placed inside the pinatas because of the special diets the children were on, but were used instead to brighten their rooms.

Other teachers and classes got involved with projects including Debbie Childers' and Amy Schmidt's American Studies class who hosted a party for the Special Education children at Sycamore Elementary. Margo Strong's first hour Word Processing class and Ann Paul's Publications classes sponsored two needy families and students brought in clothes, food, toys and educational games for them. Senior Shanna Rennirt from Mrs. Strong's class commented, "Bridget Dunn, Sara Brockwell and myself were in charge of buying the

gifts for the family our class sponsored. It really helped me to learn that people don't get everything they want in life. A lot of teenagers take what they have for granted."

Student Council also donated funds they had raised to buy toys for the program, Toys for Tots, sponsored by the Marine Corps. New, unwrapped toys were collected and given to the Marines who distributed them to needy children in the area. Adviser Juanita Grew explained, "The program is something the kids like to do. They spent between \$5-\$10 on each toy and \$150 overall. They bought the toys on Wednesday, December 21 and delivered them before Christmas."

The message most students felt they sent was that they were thinking of others during the holiday season and in the process feeling good themselves. **-Sarah Mann**

Keeping Busy

Assisting in the attendance office is aid Nicole Deetz. She commented, "It's fun being an office assistant. Besides being able to help out, I like it because everyone is nice in the office and it gives me a break from normal classes."

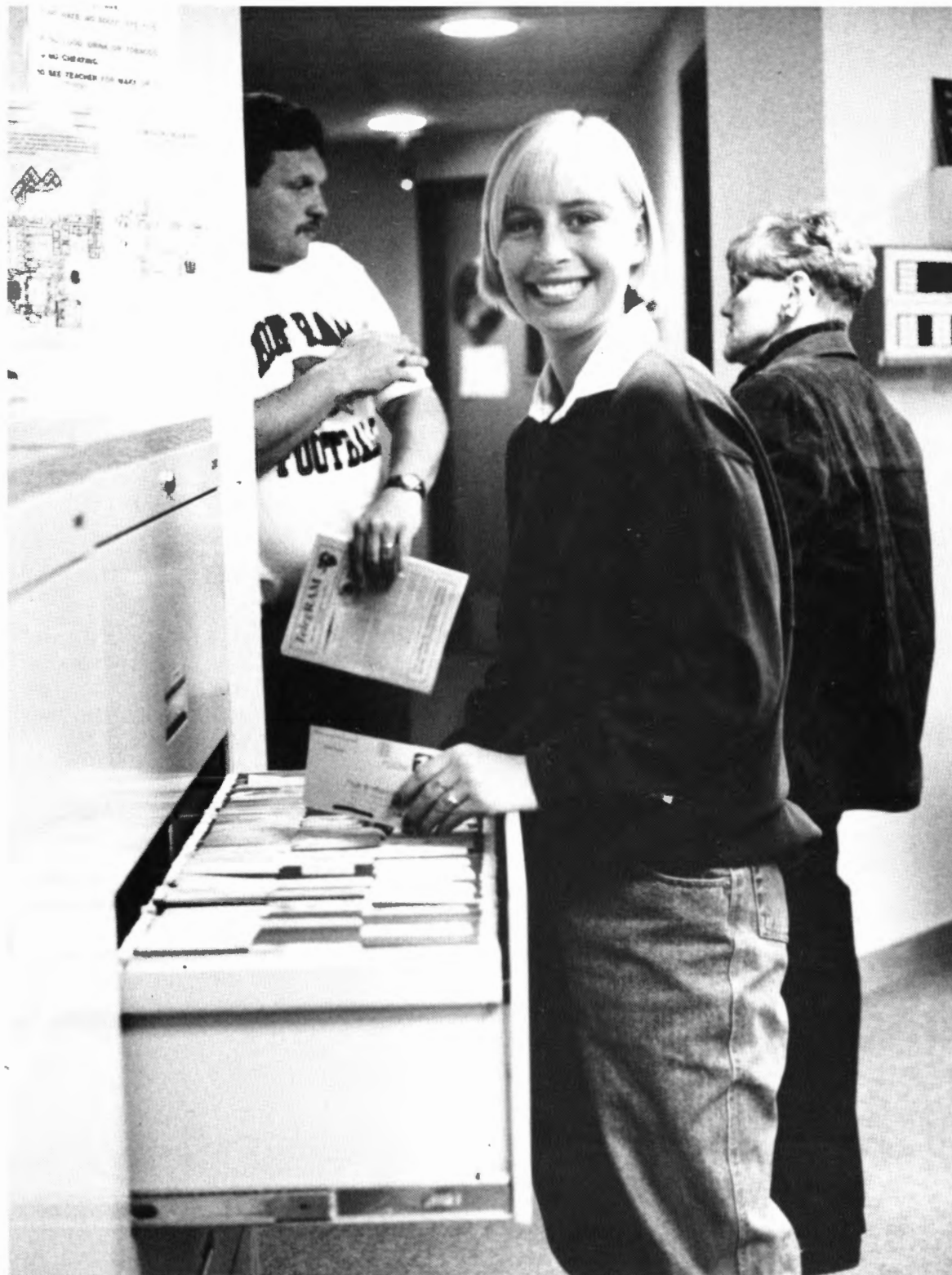


Photo by Jada Bowden

You Better Watch Out!

Santa swooped down the 'D' hall to surprise students from Sycamore Elementary. The American Studies class wanted to give them a special Christmas. Sophomore Danny Rahme noted, "The kids were really surprised and happy that Santa was there."



Christmas All Over Again

During American Studies class, sophomore Erin Wenglekowski and intern Craig Pajac entertain Sycamore Elementary students at a Christmas party. "It was good to see the excitement of the kids. It put me in the Christmas spirit," stated Erin about the class holiday service project.



Are You Ready?

Being prepared to donate blood by a Red Cross volunteer is junior Damarah Ballard at the NHS sponsored Blood Drive held March 24. The drive is one of the community service projects, members undertake each year. Damarah reasoned, "I gave blood because I wanted to help someone who needs it. Besides, you never know when you might need it."

Slam Dunk

Up for two in the Winterfest basketball showdown between faculty and students is teacher Nelson Bond. He commented, "The



game was cool. It gave students a chance to see that teachers can let their guard down and have fun.



Feeling Weird

Having fun with the wacky Weird Hair Day are seniors Julie Kent and Jaime Keyser while completing assignments in the Library.

Toga Day Spirit

"Wrapped in bedsheets and standing in my father's sandals, I felt like a totally different person. I felt spiritual. It was awesome!" revealed Junior Tim Schmidt



**Wacky Spirit
Takes Aim**

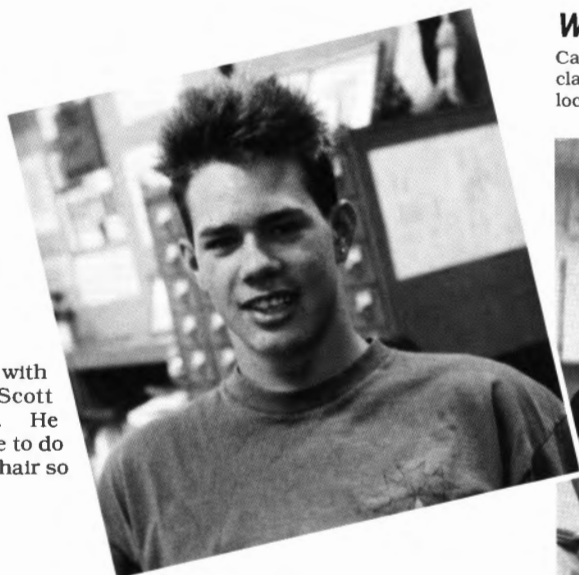
Shot in the Heart



Dearest Valentine... On Valentine's Day during Winterfest, senior Jill Greenman reads a card from a friend before Forest Ranke Library and Archives. Capital Area District Library was a great change of pace. It brought out the best in everyone and all the love at Holt High School."

In Shock!

Expressing his creative side with his wired hair is senior Scott Hultberg during Winterfest. He explained, "Everyone told me to do something different with my hair so I just did!"



What a Do!

Caught by the lens in tails and braids are sophomore Bryan Murphy and a classmate Josh Theroux in Tech. Ed. class. The two got a little wacky with their locks for Weird Hair Day during Winterfest.



W I N T E R F E S T

Valentine's Day was just in time for the festive activities that took place the week of February 13, in the kick off of Winterfest. The events and Theme Days got to the heart and the wacky side of school spirit.

Junior Beth Litwiller recalled, "My favorite was Valentine's Day because everybody was wearing their hearts on their sleeves! I thought that senior David Fowler looked really cute in his cupid outfit. I like to see people showing their creative side and their school spirit."

On Wednesday, students were finally given the privilege to wear their favorite accessory, a hat, to show their school spirit. Junior Kelly Wardwell noted, "The best day was Hat Day because everyone has a hat and so a lot of people participated." Banned by school rule, hats were donned by many to make it indeed the most popular day.

Thursday found students dressing up in their Sunday best or weirdest hair. "My hair was the best for Weird Hair Day. I wore a wig with really cool things stuck in it like plastic frogs and picks. It was a blast!" remembered

junior Jamie Southwell.

Others enjoyed dressing up. Some wore elaborate evening gowns while others were in their casual best. Senior Cathy Thill commented, "I liked Dress Up Day because I have a lot of dressy clothes that I really like to wear, but I don't feel comfortable wearing them on regular school days."

The week long celebration ended a day early due to the four-day winter break and featured a pep assembly on Tuesday. The Pom Pon Squad performed a routine as did the cheerleaders. The crowd wailed in anticipation as students came down to compete in the apple pass. C.J. Chappell stated, "I thought that the game would have been a lot more entertaining if there were some different people down their playing. It seems like the same people participate every year." Other students agreed. Senior Mike Hadley suggested, "Student Council should not only get different people to compete from the fall Spirit Week, but also from year to year get different people involved."

However, there was consensus that the bi-annual celebration of theme days gave students the freedom to express their creativity and have some wacky fun.

—Rheanna Abbott



Cupids on the Job

On Valentine's Day during Winterfest, senior Dave Fowler and junior Nick Miller transform themselves into cupids. Dave admitted, "It was fun. I got a lot of attention dressing up like that."

Express Yourself

Inquiring about his attendance record during Winterfest week is junior Jim Brown. He explained, "I wanted to be different on Weird Hair Day so I braided my fro."



Long Journey

Settling back on the bus to continue on their way to Florida are Christina DeWitt, Kelly Nastal, Joe Zimmerman and other band members.



Patriotic Play

Directing the band in front of Reflection Pool at the Washington Monument is intern Nathan Lampman. He joined the band on their Spring Break trip to Washington D.C. and Florida.



Say Cheese!

"We all thought Randy was a little weird at first, but by the end of the trip, we appreciated his humor," recalled senior Laurie Gifford of the bus driver.



Along for the Ride

Kick Back



Eaten Alive...

Swallowed up by a hungry jaws at Universal Studios is junior Jeff Jewett. His only comment was, "It was a little weird."

Chow Down!

Eating lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe are juniors Christina DeWitt, Kelly Nastal, Joe Zimmerman, Paul DeRose, Marshal Savage, Adam Downey, Tamara Trutt, Jeff Jewett and senior Troy Frayer. They were enjoying a time out from the Universal Studios amusement park on the band trip to Florida.



BAND TRIP

There were only a few parents, a lot of sun, and even more fun on the band trip to Washington D.C. and Orlando, Florida. Students left Wednesday night before Spring Break and spent a fun-filled week at tour sites in both cities. It was a case of too much to see and too little time. They visited everything from the Lincoln Memoria

to the Magic Kingdom, but still found time to do what they came for--perform.

They played under the hot sun at Reflection Pool in front of the Washington monument, marched at Universal Studios and Magic Kingdom and concluded with a concert at a retirement home. But the work paid off when the group was set loose. The first night they explored Washington. "My friends and I decided to go to the aquarium. Though I was almost run over by a biker crossing the street, the aquarium was really cool and we had a lot of fun," related Wendy Kirkham.

After staying in Richmond for the Washington visit, the group set off for Orlando. "The Florida trip was great. My parents weren't there, I was with friends the whole time, I even liked the bus ride. Seeing everyone in the band at their worst was fun," commented sophomore Lance Davis.

Once the gang arrived in Florida, they were off again. They marched and played at Universal Studios and spent

the rest of the day there eating lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe and enjoying the Earthquake and Back-to-the-Future rides at the amusement park. The evening was spent at the Medieval Times Dinner show where they watched jousting and other contests.

The next day was a wet and wild one at Typhoon Lagoon. Then, it was on to the ultimate multicultural experience of Epcot Center. On Monday they played in a parade down Mainstreet in the Magic Kingdom. The sun was hot and the students were tired but the band played on. Marching along with the Disney gang and four other schools, they played loud with pride.

During the last day in the Sunshine State, they performed at the Courtney Springs Retirement Center. "I liked talking to the old people. They were so funny. There was one couple holding hands. It was cute," noted junior Keri Kelly.

Like all good things, the trip came to an end. "It was a blast. We never stopped! We were always doing something or going somewhere. It was the coolest vacation I have had in a while," concluded junior Lynn Felton.

For Band Director Tim Parry, a nice pay-off came after returning as he explained, "I got a letter from a family in Houghton Lake who had seen us marching in the Magic Kingdom. They wrote to tell us how proud they were that they were from Michigan when they saw the band perform. It was nice of them to write us."

-Lisa Harris-Townshend

Circle of Stars

Lounging around Lucille Ball's star at Universal Studios are juniors Andy Foster, Alicia Freeman, Mark Vandlen, Lindsay Patterson, Alisha Hoover and Valerie Mickle. "I have no idea why we laid down by the star, but we were having fun. One Asian family actually videotaped us as they walked by," described Andy.



To the Beat

Playing at the Lincoln Memorial are seniors Adrienne Graham, Daryl Meyers, junior Chad Keast and the rest of the percussion section of the band during their stay in Washington D.C.

Combing the Beach

Getting some sun and needed relaxation at Cocoa Beach are juniors Lindsay Patterson, Alisha Hoover, Valerie Mickle and Alicia Freeman.

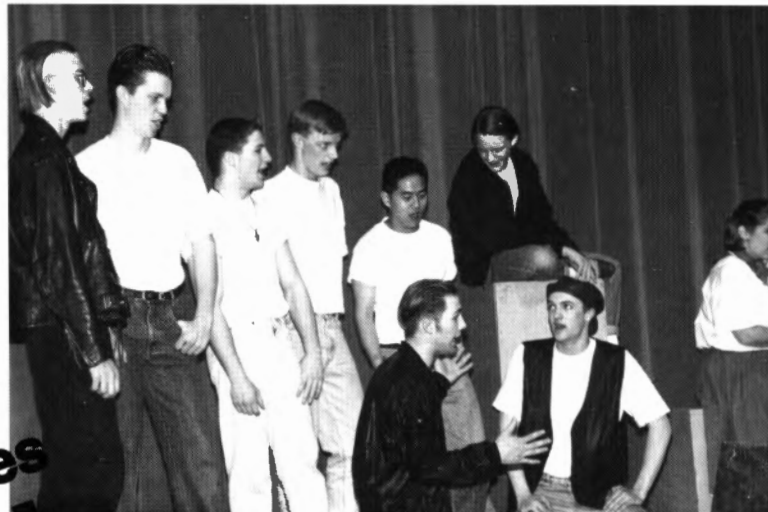
By Word of Mouth

In a scene during The Telephone Hour are Sherah Huston and Heather Cherniawski. "We had more fun because it was more our show. The students had the responsibility to make it good," commented Sherah.



Boy Talk

Making fun of Hugo in a scene from "Bye, Bye, Birdie" are senior Rob Chapin, juniors Corey Mead, Aaron Kerr, Brad Mikesell, Cory Wong, Tim Schmidt, Matt Chadwick and sophomore Tony Rinehart. Corey remembered, "I had a lot of fun working with everyone in the cast. In this scene, it was really hard to keep myself from laughing."



Phone Tag

Talking to Christy DeWitt during a scene from the Spring Musical is sophomore Stephanie Ewald. She revealed, "It was pretty easy to portray my character. Since I'm a teenager, it was easy to relate."



Cast Harnesses
Talent

Show Stopper



Get Your Act Together...

At the conclusion of singing "Put on a Happy Face", sophomore Carrie Butterfield, senior Ken Root and junior Brandy Ross strike a pose in "Bye, Bye, Birdie". "I think the funniest part was getting Ken to dance. I'm glad we did because he was pretty good," recalled Carrie. Ken noted, "It took eight weeks to learn. They kept changing it!"

Finishing Touch

Applying make-up to junior Keri Kelly is sophomore Carrie Butterfield. "I had fun doing the musical, but I wasn't used to wearing that much makeup," explained Keri.



Center Stage

Practicing the song, "You've Got to Be Sincere", is senior Matt Spriggs during a fainting scene from the musical, "Bye, Bye, Birdie".



Proper Etiquette

"The musical started slow, but at crunch time, everyone pulled together and made an everlasting memory," observed Ken Root with Nancy Quasarano at rehearsal.

SPRING MUSICAL

"Bye, Bye, Birdie" was truly a student owned show. From six weeks of painting and constructing scenery, to the new addition of a pit band, students were involved in the Spring Musical from the auditions to the finale.

Cast and crew members worked long, late hours on weeknights and Saturdays, practicing and working on the set. Junior Brad Mikesell, who played Maude the bartender and Ed Sullivan noted, "Mrs. Childers put most of the show in our hands. Our performances were a reflection of our effort."

"Bye, Bye, Birdie" changed the way the musical production was organized. There was a much larger staff involved, including band members and students not in the choir, since auditions were opened to non-choir members. Chris DeWitt who played the energetic Ursula Merkle commented, "I've always wanted to be part of the musical, but it was always limited to choir members. I was happy that they opened it up because I've been in many musicals and I knew I could ham it up well."

Even the nature of the musical chosen was different. Choir Director Monty Bishop stated, "We were trying to find a 'transitional' musical, something with good music and substance, but upbeat and different. 'Bye, Bye, Birdie' had the characteristics."

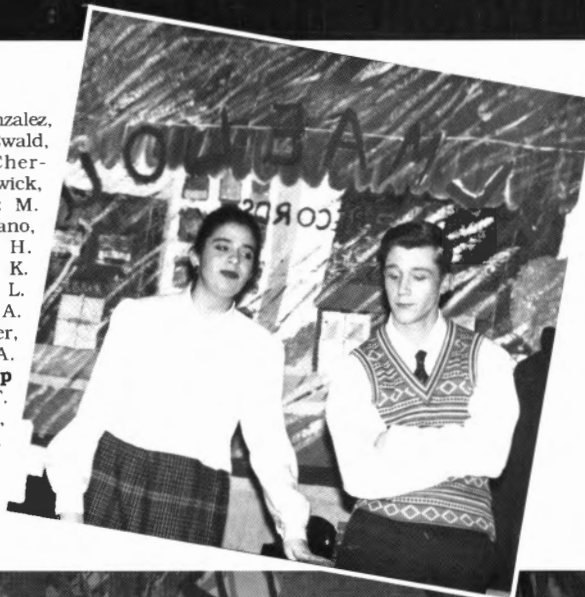
May 11-13 in Pernert Auditorium. Costumes, ticket sales and publicity were arranged by teacher Pamela Klimenko. Set in the 50's, "Bye, Bye, Birdie" is about a teenager, Kim MacAfee played by Stephanie Ewald, who is chosen to give one last kiss to the heart throb singer Conrad Birdie, played by Matt Spriggs, before he is recruited into the army. Involved with Conrad is Albert Peterson, played by Ken Root. Albert is a not-so-successful songwriter who manages to sell the lyrics, "One Last Kiss" to Conrad who then sings it to the very lucky Kim on the Ed Sullivan Show. But the whole arrangement would not have been possible without the help of Albert's love interest, Rose Alvarez, played by Nancy Rose Quasarano.

Although much work and seriousness went into the production, the preparation had its funny moments too. Nancy recalled, "When Christy DeWitt was absent from rehearsal, Mrs. Childers had to read her lines. She had to get down on her knees and proclaim how wonderful and sensuous Matt Spriggs was. It was hilarious!"

Many in the cast and crew agreed that a valued offshoot of the work was friendship. Stephanie Ewald explained, "The best thing about being involved in the musical was getting to know students that I probably would not have known otherwise. I worked with a lot of really talented people." Director Debbie Childers concluded, "It was great working with the students. I really enjoyed the enthusiasm they brought to the production."

Cast

Bottom Row: R. Gonzalez, A. Hill, K. Root, S. Ewald, S. Huston, H. Chermiowski, M. Chadwick, M. Bryan. **Row 2:** M. Spriggs, N. Quasarano, L. Fleckenstein, H. Haskell, C. DeWitt, K. Kelly, C. Gonzalez, L. Kyer, R. Chapin, A. Whitehead, A. Foster, C. Butterfield, A. Larson, B. Ross. **Top Row:** T. Parry T. Schmidt, S. Dunn, P. Stewart, T. Rinehart, B. Mikesell, C. Mead, A. Kerr, Q. Gow, K. Howe, J. O'Kon, C. Wong.

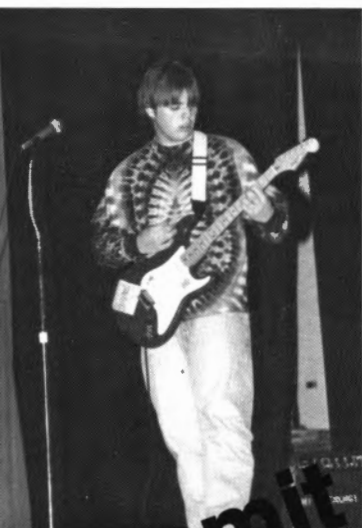


Touch of Class

A new addition to the production was the pit band led by intern Nate Lampman. The band rehearsed some 30 pieces of music for a month in preparation for the performances.

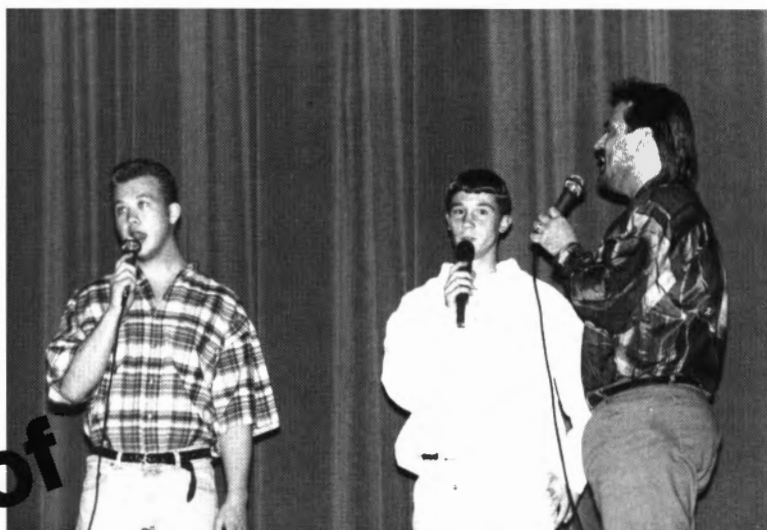
Jammin'

Playing his guitar during the popular performance of the band, "Dirk Roswell", is sophomore T.J. Fritts.



Trio Power

Combining forces to sing "Amazing Grace" are seniors Matt Spriggs, Ken Root and Choir Director Monty Bishop. Both Ken and Matt sang leads in the Spring Musical while Bishop completed his first year leading the Choir.



Technical Difficulties

Coping with lapses in the sound system during her solo in the Talent Show is sophomore Amanda Whitehead.



Summit of
The Stars

Talent Under Control



Composer at Work...

Picking a couple of notes for a musical piece is senior Eric Corey. Then, junior Eric Knechtges created a composition by improvisation using the notes chosen by seniors Eric, Paul Stewart, Mike Luce and Alicia Cottom for his act in the Talent Show.

Hard Act to Follow

The opening act of the Talent Show saw junior Stanley Parker doing his thing on the keyboard in a duo with a friend from East Lansing High School on drums for an appreciative audience.



To the Beat

Lending the percussion to the duo with Stanley Parker is an East Lansing High School student who joined the afternoon program of the Talent Show.



TALENT SHOW

Blessed with stage star Ryan Frazier doing his John Travolta lip-sync and band "Dirk Roswell" ending the show with an alternative variety of musical talent, the show was like no other. Seniors Mark VanBuren and Elijah White remarked, "The Talent Show was very rich in variety and showed that the school had a lot of potential."

The student body witnessed their peers' ability to entertain on Friday afternoon, May 19, when the comeback of the Talent Show became a reality. After a two-year ban, students were finally able to display their abilities under the spotlights. Three years ago, the faculty closed the door on the student show due to some people forming a mosh pit during the band, Powerface's three song set.

The talent surprised many students. The band, "Dirk Roswell", did a version of "Solo" and selected cuts from their new album, "Dirty Water Tumbler". Another glimpse at ability was given by junior Adam "Ragtime" Downey, who earned his moniker by placing eighth in a world-wide ragtime piano competition. Sophomore Katie Stambaugh performed a stirring solo and also made her mark state-wide singing

at the annual Michigan Fest.

There were also some performers, not-so-well-seasoned, but just as entertaining. Junior Ryan Frazier claimed that his motivation for trying out his "Saturday Night Fever" gig was built upon his desire to revive the lost art of disco. Teacher Guil Northrup made his second talent show appearance. "It was swell. We were able to take a group of people with no particular talent and make a great skit." The vignette centered around the euphoria of the dismissal of the administration. Senior Chereese Ford as counselor stated that her job at Holt would be matchmaker and proceeded to hook Ryan up with eligible senior Lisa Castello. Brad White became acting principal, quickly enforced his policies and became a student favorite noting, "It's about time they put our people in charge."

Amanda Whitehead went on to impress the crowd with her musical range despite problems with the sound system. "I was surprised at how talented some of the people were," admitted senior Karen Olson.

Talent shows required courage from performers. Junior Corey Mead reported, "I was a little nervous about going on, but it was better after the second time." And senior Nicole Hoagland concluded, "I think it was great that people had the courage to get up in front of the student body and perform."

Matt Allen, Nick Cook



Dream Skit

Ryan Frazier gets a date with Lisa Castello when Chereese Ford, the new counselor, takes care of her students in a skit about a student-run school during the Talent Show.



Lightning Fingers

Playing ragtime music for the Talent Show is junior Adam Downey. Adam placed eighth in a world-wide ragtime competition.

Rescue Me...

Being taken to an ambulance by rescue crews is mock accident victim senior Trystin Kleiman. According to recent state statistics, 42% of all deaths among teens leagally able to drive are caused by drunk driving.



Making News...

Conducting a Peer Resistance presentation to students in Mrs. Scham's fifth grade class at Sycamore Elementary are SADD members Raquel Gonzalez, Stephanie Craft, Trystin Kleiman and Erin Wenglekowski. Students talked about resisting peer pressure and saying no to drugs.



If Only... Arrested for drunk driving in the mock accident is Rob Chapin. The event was staged with help from the Ingham County Sherrif's Department.



Students
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Shock Absorption



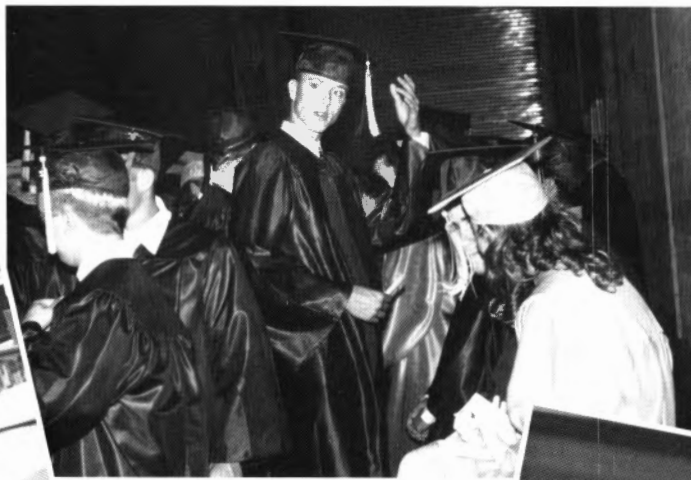
Wake Up Call... During the accident re-enactment sponsored by Students Against Driving Drunk, seniors Troy Frayer and Julie Kent wait to be removed from a crashed car. The mock accident reinforced the danger of drinking and driving. The event was sponsored by the Forest Park Library and Archives, Capital Area District Libraries, and the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. The event was also sponsored by the State legislature.

Pick a Side

Working on a debate project for Consumer Economics is senior Laurie Gifford with teacher Guil Northrup. The class attempted several projects that were designed to make connections to the real world including a stock market project, and experience forming a company and marketing a product.

Right in His Glory...

Leaving the Capitol after Senator Spencer Abraham spoke to students participating in Close Up are sophomore Nick Cook and junior Alex Feguer. They were two of a group of 14 students who traveled to Washington D.C. for an inside view of government.



A Step Up

Waiting for Commencement to begin at the Breslin Center is foreign exchange student Stefan Gelzer. Seniors could earn a state MEAP endorsement, but this was soon to be replaced by the state Proficiency tests.



TOP NEWS

Shocking, crazy, exciting, and even chaotic... anyway they were explained, the news stories for the year were often unbelievable. Students talked about the news more than ever before, with stories of Republicans taking over congress, Woodstock '94, the O.J. Simpson trial, and more.

There were many major news stories, but the top five, in rank order, among students were the O.J. Simpson trial, the baseball strike, the Smith family tragedy, Woodstock, and Kevorkian's assisted suicide.

The O.J. Simpson trial was rated most shocking among students. "The trial is important because it's taking so long. Will it ever end?" questioned senior Scott Hultberg. "I paid attention to the trial because I felt it

was turning into a racial war, as well as an ethical war," stated junior Matt Bechler.

In the summer of 1994, the famous football player, Simpson was accused of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole and a friend after a car chase with police. "I feel that the trial was a major story because it was the most publicized. The live coverage of the car chase was exciting," added sophomore Erin Wenglekowski.

Another big tragedy came October 25, when Susan Smith drove her two children, Michael, 3 and Alex, 14 months into a lake. It shocked and outraged many people around the world. She first told police that she and her two boys were car-jacked and she was shoved out of the car leaving her two baby boys. Later she confessed to the murder of her two children. "The Smith family was a tragic story because of her lying and the guilt of killing her own children," commented senior

Stacy Smieska. "No one could believe that a person could sit and watch their children drown. It was very upsetting," added junior Sara Feaster.

The baseball strike also generated much discussion. The strike involved the players wanting more money and the team owners wanting to lower salaries. "A lot of people really care about baseball and want the national pastime back," stated sophomore Ryan Franklin. After a little more than a year, players and owners saw fit to move beyond the impasse and the baseball season was again underway. The first games of the season started May 2.

Among other stories that gained attention were: Rwanda, the war in Bosnia, Clinton's health care and crime bills, and the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma. The earthquake in Lansing was a local story that many people heard about, especially the ones

Reaching the Top

Making the keynote address at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Spring Conference is 1994 Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Eric Freedman. He did the investigative reporting and authored a series of articles with Jim Mitzelfeld in the *Detroit News* about the money scandal in the state House Fiscal Agency which netted him the prestigious award.

who felt it. "It was hilarious to hear about where people were at the time and what they thought the quake was. Many people thought we were at war, because it felt like a bomb," joked Erin Wenglekowski.

The news stories for the year revolved around themes of murder, money and disaster. Though discussed at length, many students were glad when they were over. And one thing was for sure--the year would not be forgotten.

--Bill Stevens

Suited and Sparkling

Slow dancing away from the Prom crowd are seniors Nicole Hoagland and date Jeff Smith.



First Class All the Way

Taking a moment to relax are seniors Mike Sharp, Kelly Miller and Jill Greenman. "Prom was a time I will always remember being with friends and sharing a special night to treasure," commented Jill.



A Night of Memories

"Prom was exciting and the way the Lansing Center was decorated made the night memorable," recalled Brian Canen slow dancing with Monika Kinney.



Black Tie
Me Up

Oh What a Night!



Strike a Pose...

Gathering around a decorated table at the Lansing Center on Prom night are juniors Daren Palacios, Rachael Paterick, Jake Gilroy, Katie Greenwood, Michelle Beck and Beau Babcock. "It was fun and we were all seeing what we could do for a good time," said Beau.

Get the Picture

During Prom, junior Kristin Block gets caught on film taking pictures of friends.



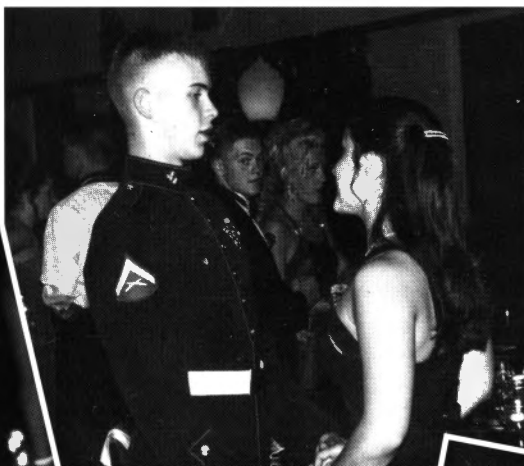
Dancing the Night Away...

Students mix and mingle on the dance floor of the Lansing Center, May 28 at Prom. My first prom was cool. I went with my best friend and had a lot of fun," shared sophomore Carmen Sorenson.



A Little Persuasion

Talking her date into venturing out on the dance floor is junior Nicole Lee. In the Marines, her date traveled from Alabama to accompany her to Prom.



Just a Little Different

Arriving at Prom suited and with locks is senior Eric Schuette creating his own formal style.



PROM NIGHT '95

Whether showing up as a couple or single with friends, an unforgettable evening took place for many juniors and seniors at the Lansing Center, May 28. Especially among seniors, many arrived at Prom stag. Christy Swanson was one of them. She commented, "I went with four other girls and I had the best time. Our night was hectic and a bit messed up. We missed our reservations for dinner by an hour and arrived at Prom later than we planned. But we just laughed our way through it and had fun the entire night!"

The newly redone Lansing Center added the bonus of more space from last year's location and was cast in the

Senior Class colors of royal blue and silver. Decorative glasses filled with blue jelly beans and silver kisses sat amidst blue and silver stars on the tables. As students entered, they were greeted by administrators and teachers who took tickets and explained the rules of entering and exiting. Chaperone Sue Kenney noted, "There were more students attending this year and many stayed longer, danced more, and in general, seemed to have a better time than ever." Students agreed. Senior Lisa Ellis commented, "I wish the dance would have lasted longer. It was the most fun part of the night."

There were humorous moments too. Senior Brad White, at one point in the evening, grabbed English teacher Georganne Withey onto the dance floor which had students staring and laughing. "I was surprised, but

not that much, because I know Brad. However, it was definitely 20 degrees hotter on the dance floor than it was off of the dance floor!" Mrs. Withey remembered. As the evening warmed up, so did Ben Bakken and soon students observed him peeling his cummerbund and vest off getting into a more relaxed state. Other moments were more embarrassing. Senior R.D. Ferman explained, "Amanda Taylor's grandfather gave us directions to Sweetwater Warf where we had reservations for dinner and we got lost trying to find it. We ended up in Grand Ledge and an hour late to dinner and Prom."

Before arriving, many other people enjoyed dinner at some of Lansing's more elegant restaurants. Besides the Sweetwater Warf, students selected Mountain Jacks, Hummingbirds,

Dusty's English Inn and Outback Steakhouse. Bill Stevens observed, "There weren't very many prom people at the Outback, so it was cool because everyone was looking at us."

Junior Frank Hartwick took a little different approach for dinner. He and his girlfriend, senior Tina Sullivan, stayed home and he cooked Crab Alfredo for dinner. "Everything went great until it was all ready and I realized I had forgotten to make the garlic bread. It was a night I will never forget. It was great!"

The clock struck twelve and the "Cinderella Ball" promptly ended. But not without the usual ever-lasting memories special nights create. Senior Bridget Dunn stated, "Prom this year was actually kind of sad. It was the last time all of my friends were together just laughing and having fun."

--Adrienne Lawrence

With Flying Colors

Receiving her diploma from Board of Education member Richard Royston is Lisa Castello.



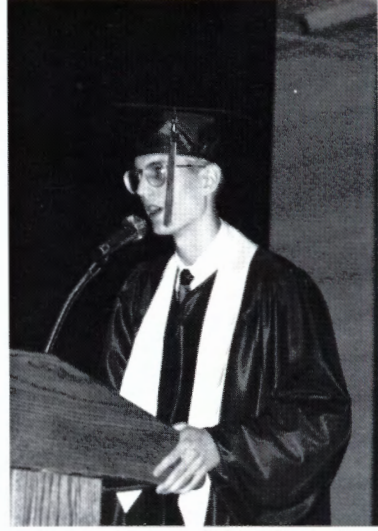
One Last Look

The Breslin Center stage was the scene for Commencement on June 11 as seniors awaited their turn to walk to the podium and receive their symbolic diploma. A committee of students and staff planned the agenda from speakers to senior video.



A Lot to Look Back On

A tribute to parents was the subject selected by senior John Ehnis for his speech. Joining him was Nicole Wood and 1993 graduate Jason Black.



**Melodrama
Rules**

Oh Happy Day!



Here Today, Gone Tomorrow...

Seniors Colleen LaRoue, Stacy Smieska, Jeff Smith, Karen Olsen, Chris Boersema, Nicole Hoagland, Kaye Charles, Danah Henriksen, Sarah Mann, Julie Kent and Jaime Forest. Parkersburg Library and Archives, Capital Area District Libraries.

Anyone for a XXL?

In a lighter moment of his speech teacher Bill Savage hawks the remaining inventory of his Holt Rams Athletic T-shirts. Students selected him by ballot to commemorate their moment on June 11.



COMMENCEMENT

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was a tale of two emotions. After 13 long years of school, seniors finally got to move on to something different. Most planned to enter college, find jobs, begin families and become the workers and leaders of tomorrow. However, before the future could begin, the past had to close, and that meant leaving behind friends, school, parents and fond

memories. "I think leaving high school is intimidating because everyday isn't going to be planned out for you," reflected Mia Swavel. John Ehnis added, "I have been looking forward to graduation for a long time, not necessarily because I was looking forward to being done, but I'm ready to move on to college and the opportunities that it will bring. I will definitely miss, however, the security and friends I have experienced here. But, I believe that there is so much more out there yet, to experience."

During Senior Breakfast, students enjoyed the last chance to talk with their friends about the past 13 years before Commencement. "The struggle is finally over, just in time to start a new one. I had so much fun this year, making new friends and finding out what people

I grew up with were going to do for the rest of their lives. To the juniors, I say, enjoy it while you can because it's the best time you'll ever have," advised Dan Cupples.

As the seniors readied their last-minute preparations, many still hadn't realized that they were finally graduating. "It really hasn't hit me yet, I'm just looking forward to summer like everyone else. I'll miss this place, but I'm definitely looking forward to getting out," admitted Darnell Powers.

On Sunday, June 11, seniors finally graduated in front of proud parents and close friends. The ceremony was held at MSU's Breslin Center at 4:30 p.m. Approximately 260 students graduated. Teacher Bill Savage, chosen by the class, joined students John Ehnis and Nicole Wood and graduate Jason Black at the podium. Savage spoke of friends, memories, boxer shorts and some 'Savage Secrets'. Ehnis narrated a tribute to parents for their support. Wood spoke of the many challenges that they would be facing forging their way into the future.

The senior video, consisting of clips of seniors in their last year, was shown after the walk-through and featured the class song, "Today."

The two emotions of nostalgia and anticipation fought their way within each senior. As they left high school behind they couldn't help but look back over their shoulder to see the last trail of their senior year fading behind them.

-Kelley Nastal

Ready to Move On

Getting help from her mom with her gown before graduation is senior Sara Shook. Accompanying them are her dad and sister.



To the Beat

Addressing her class at Commencement is senior Nicole Wood. Students auditioned before a faculty committee for the opportunity to speak at the ceremony.

Moment of Silence

Leading a prayer at Baccalaureate is senior Tabitha Jenkins. The ceremony was held in Pernert Auditorium at 1:30 prior to Commencement.



"Awh, Sugar..." During her fourth hour prep period, English teacher Georganne Withey dives into her gradebook. It was also a time for her to figure out ways students could accomplish the feat of mind over matter.

Solving the equation

Getting the concept down

Understanding the imagery

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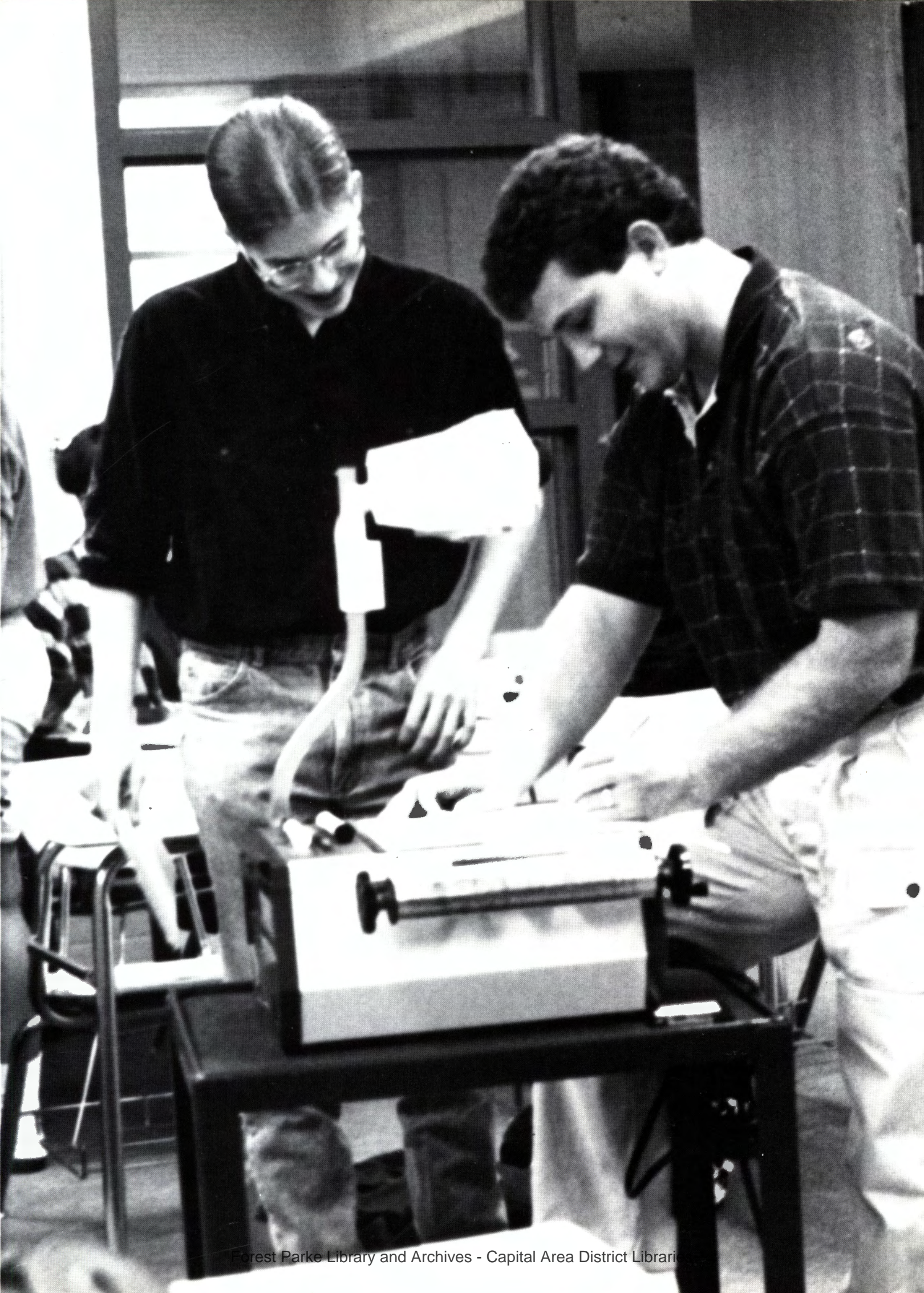
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Mind Over Matter

"Your number is..." Assigning a locker to senior Brian Hines the first day of school in Math class is teacher Marty Schnepf. After the formalities of opening day were over, students settled down with Marty to conquer the subject of calculus. He also spent many hours figuring out how to get students to conceptualize, understand and explain the process of solving math problems.

Photo by Jada Bowden



DECLARATION

Mastering
Life's
Little
Realities

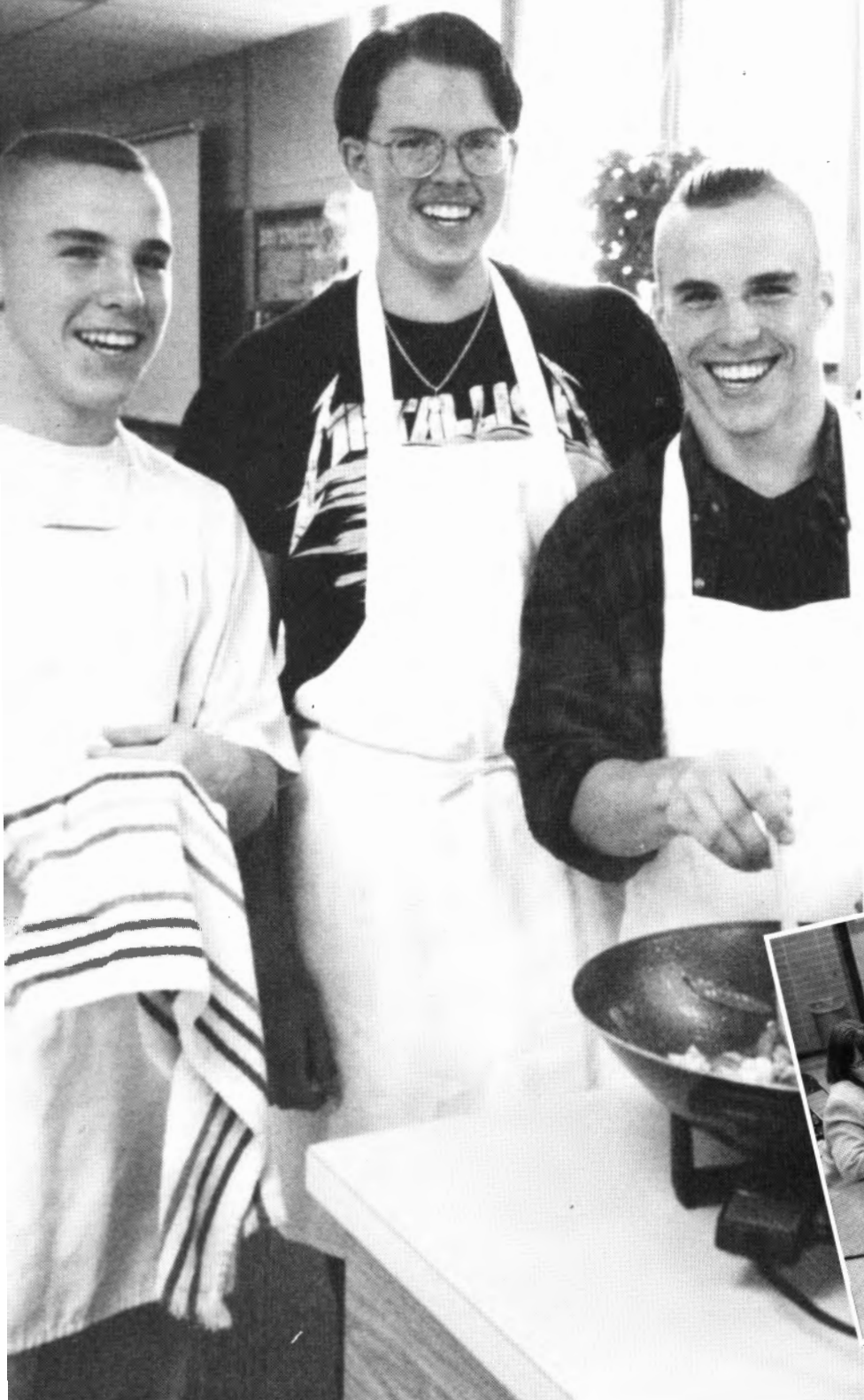
*"It was fun
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cially with
good friends!"*

--Senior

Tom Miller

with Clint and Aaron
Allen in Meal
Management class.

of INDEPENDENCE



Time to Get Serious

Reporting to a parent a student's grade at
parent teacher conferences is Life Skills and Social
Studies teacher Beth Frazier.



Most, if not everyone, would use life skills at some time or another and therefore, the Life Skills Department offerings attracted students wanting to gain experience in the more practical aspects of life management.

Independent Living taught students how to manage money, a family and living on one's own. It also included some sewing and cooking. "I liked Independent Living because we discussed major issues and our future. There was also a lot of interactive people who weren't shy when it came to discussion," stated junior Michelle Beck.

Child Development gave students background in parenting. The department had enough funds to purchase new concept dolls called 'Baby Think About It'. They were programmed to react as live babies and were instructional tools to show students what it was really like to care for an infant. The doll cried when it was hungry, needed changing or just wanted to be held. If the baby was ignored an "abused" light would come on and the student responsible got marked down for child abuse. "I was able to see a little better what it was really like to have a child," commented senior Melissa Janes.

In Perspectives on Living students studied and discussed social issues. It was organized as a forum and students reported high participation. "Perspectives is a cool class because we openly discuss issues. It isn't always the same people talking each day as everyone is very opinionated and not shy about sharing their views," observed junior Jaime Hayslette.

Since nutrition and healthy eating had become increasingly more important, Meal Management retained its popularity. Students prepared a variety of foods from stir fry to cookies and learned about good nutrition. Teacher Beth Frazier, new to the department, explained, "The class exposes students to healthier food choices and preparation skills." Response to the lab class was enthusiastic as Jessica Songer revealed, "I really liked the group work and the variety of foods that we prepared."

Particularly for seniors about to go out into the real world, Life Skills all of a sudden took on greater meaning and interest.

-Kari Reynolds

OOH...Yummy!

Sitting down to breakfast after completing their 'biscuit' lab for Beth Frazier's Meal Management class are juniors Jodii Southwell, Katie Greenwood and senior Sandy Craig. "It was an interesting class because we learned to prepare different foods and put together a number of meals," explained Katie.

Care for Dessert?

Frosting their "Wacky Cake" in Meal Management class are junior Rachel Warfield and Missy Wall. "I looked forward to the class because I enjoyed eating what we made," commented Missy.



"I really liked it when the children came to visit during Nursery School in Child Development class. It was nice to entertain them for an hour."

**--Senior
Jeri Hofbauer**

And My Point Is...

Talking to a group of Health students is teacher Penelope Chapman-Restau. "I really like working with students and helping them learn what is and isn't healthy for them," she stated.



Break Time

Enjoying a break in the daily nine to five of student life is senior Nicole Deetz and mother Cheryl Deetz on Parent Exchange Day.

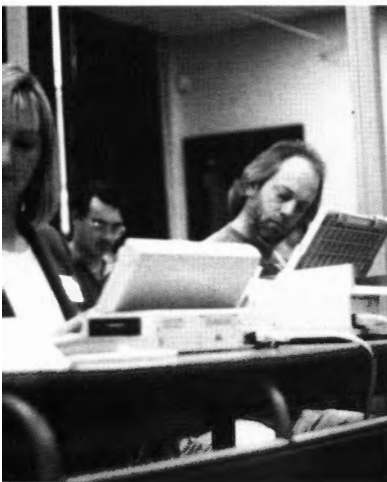
Building Momentum

Working on a Physics class momentum lab are seniors Adam Newberry, Troy Frayer and Karen Olson's mother. Adam explained, "It was fun working with parents. You got a chance to prove that no one really knew anything about physics!"



Listen Up

Tuning in to a brief welcome and instructions by Principal Brian Templin before heading out to class are Ms. Silvey, Ms. Vanlerberghe and other parents on Parent Exchange Day.



Elderly Work

Parents brush up their word processing and keyboarding skills in Anne Kressler's Computer class on Parent Exchange Day, Tuesday, November 15.

Working At It

Explaining a Consumer Economics project in Guil Northrup's class to senior Shoni Heistand's mother, Jo Holmes, is senior Missy Homan. Shoni recalled, "It was great to sleep in and come in later just to take pictures. My mom really enjoyed it and I'm glad she had the chance to see what a day is like in my life."





TRADING

Parents Turn Back the Clock

PLACES

About 200 parents had the chance to turn back the clock and go to school in place of their kids on Tuesday, November 15. While the parents were at school hitting the books, the kids were sleeping in, watching cartoons, or since it was the first day of deer-hunting season, perhaps they were out in the woods. Whatever they did, either their parents had to show up or they did, otherwise an absence was counted.

The day started out with coffee and donuts for the parents in the library, but when the bell rang, it was time to get to class. At lunchtime, all the parents got to eat free. When it came to 2:30 p.m., many parents didn't think it was too bad to be at high school for a day. "I definitely enjoyed going to school and would like to come again. It is very different from when I was a student. The atmosphere is more relaxed, yet, the teachers are more professional and warm," said Mike Haley, father of Rachael Haley.

"I like doing this. I learn a few new things each year. Today I learned how to use a graphing calculator. You have to keep moving in the halls, and there is not a lot of time for socializing. I think this is a good experience. Parents get to see what kids go through and the pressures they deal with," added Patti Vanlerberghe, mother of sophomore Julie Vanlerberghe.

It was the fifth year that the parent exchange took place, the first being held in 1989. In the last five years, the turn out has decreased a little, but the tradition is still popular. With the exception of parents not having to take tests or quizzes, it was pretty much a normal day. They saw some of the more serious teachers and the more humorous ones. Social Studies teacher

Bill Savage stated, "Today was different because it was more fun. A random array of weird things happened. My jokes were appreciated more by parents, but there was more stress since we wanted things to go well because the taxpayers were in the classroom. The day was valuable because parents got to meet teachers and see what kids go through."

A lot of people thought that school just wasn't what it used to be. Judy Ward (Ellis) noted, "When I was in school I had to wear either a skirt or dress and no pants were allowed like today. Also, we had a study hall class that we took, there wasn't any carpet and I didn't have to share a locker with anyone. I was impressed with how more students paid attention in class and that they did their homework. The teachers were also more interesting."

Some students noticed differences in how the day went. Eric Schuette observed, "Teachers seemed to be nicer and more fun than usual. The work and projects seemed to be more fun too, especially in Mr. Lehman's Math class where he involved Cliff and Norm from the TV sitcom 'Cheers'. That just never happens!"

During the day, Social Studies teacher Pete Kressler reported, "The day has gone well so far. We haven't caught any parents in the bathrooms smoking yet. I've had one parent called down to the office and one came into class with an unexcused tardy. I've been calling the parents older teenagers, but in all seriousness they've been quite dutiful and cooperative." For the parents who couldn't make it, there was always next year.

—Bill Stevens

"It's really a good idea to have parents come to school for Parent Exchange Day. They get a chance to meet the teachers and understand what their son or daughter goes through."

--Cindy Cole

**with daughter Carrie Cole in
Georganne Withey's Communica-
tions Arts class.**

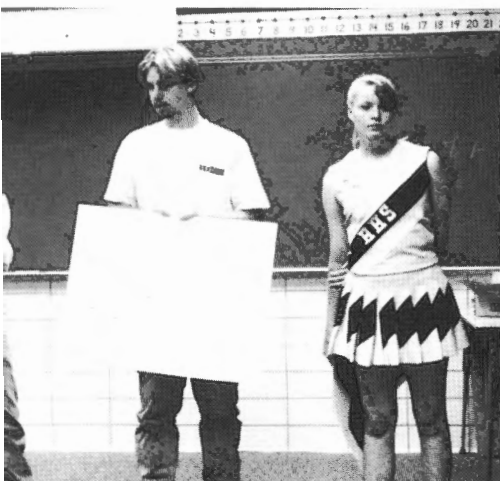


Apply Yourself

The day was Parent Exchange Day and sophomore Elizabeth Rapp's dad, Jim, and his lab partner take a stroll down memory lane completing a biology lab in place of their children.

Accurate Measurements...

Measuring their arm-spans for a project in Pre-Calculus class are seniors Justin Taylor and Laura Nunheimer. Group projects were often assigned to apply math concepts to real life situations.



Do You Understand?

Getting help on an assignment from intern Miss Simon in Mike Lehman's Honors Pre-Calculus class, junior Chad Keast. "Honors Pre-Calc was one of the most challenging classes that I've ever taken. I had to work hard," explained Chad.



Making Sense of Numbers

Helping junior Rodney Knott and sophomores Carlos Gonzales and Heather Cherniawski with a geometry project is teacher Kelly Hodges.

"I like working in groups because I can understand the material better. If I don't know something, my group members can help me figure it out."

—Senior Laura Nunheimer with Shanna Rennirt, and Steve Suckow making an oral presentation in Pre-Calculus class.

One of the main concerns the Math Department focused on was trying to promote a better understanding of concepts. Math teachers used several strategies to give students the opportunity to know more than just the right answers. Among these were group work, writing and analyzing, and oral presentations.

Some teachers also found it helpful to collaborate with other professionals. Three teachers team taught Algebra I. They tried to re-think Algebra and present it in a more meaningful way by which the student could relate to previous information. Sandy Bethell explained, "We organize content around central questions that create a reason for students to use the mathematics."

Another focus was on writing. Until recently, math and writing were not well connected. Now math teachers were trying to incorporate understanding with writing. Writing is done both individually and in groups. Bruce Lerner explained, "This year my Honors Algebra II classes are writing projects. I want students to realize that math is used more in report form and analysis." Other teachers used writing to solve problems. Michael Lehman commented, "In Discrete Math and PreCalculus, students study major problems and then write papers about what they have learned."

Students had different reactions to the methods. Sandy Bethell explained,

"Students' reactions really vary. Some appreciate new ways to show what they know, while others resist having to know something." Many had an opinion about what helped them learn the most. Some found writing most helpful, while others learned more from oral presentations. Junior, Julie Allen revealed, "I really didn't like writing papers, but I will admit that they helped me learn. They helped me connect math to other situations like studying the bell curve by looking at IQ's correlates." Senior Meagan Gness revealed, "Oral presentations make me feel more confident about my math ability. Presentations force you to learn and really understand the problems because you have to explain them to someone else."

The strategies aimed to make connections and clarify concepts, but jump-starts on homework helped too. Senior Danah Henriksen stated, "I like it when they give us class time to work on our homework. It helps me more than group work and dittos because then if I have a question, someone is there to help me." But even the infamous dittos found their place. Senior Michelle Krause admitted, "I learn a lot when we are given dittos. We work on them in class in our small groups. I like them because they are helpful and good practice for the test." Though the strategies of the game plan varied, the goal of understanding math did not.

—Dana Dillon

GAMES

PEOPLE PLAY

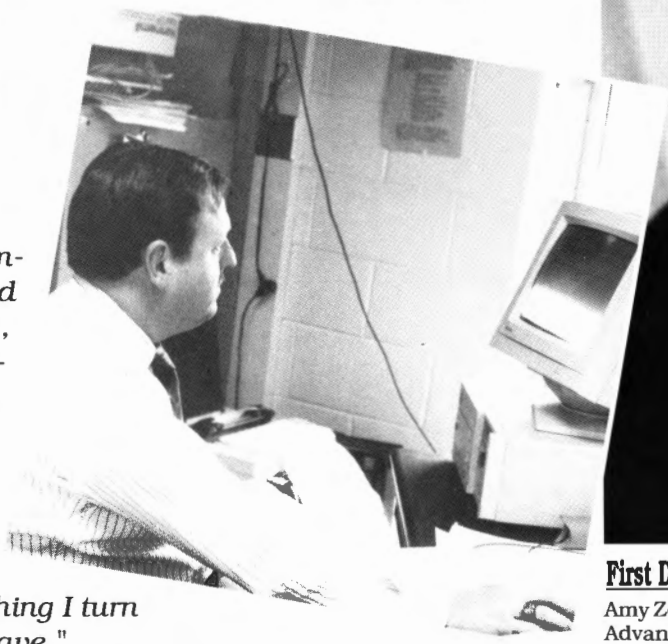
Strategies Vary
...but the
Game Plan is
Understanding
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"This year my Honors Algebra II classes are writing projects. I want students to realize that math isn't just short answers and a bunch of numbers. In real life, mathematics is used more in report form and analysis."

**--Bruce
Larner**

"I use my computer for word processing, grades, attendance, tests and worksheets. I turn it on when I get here and it's the last thing I turn off when I leave."

--Michael Lehman



First Day Test...

On the first day of school, seniors Neil Steinkamp and Amy Zehnder review old material using a computer game in Marty Schnepf's Advanced Placement Calculus class.

BOTTOM LINE

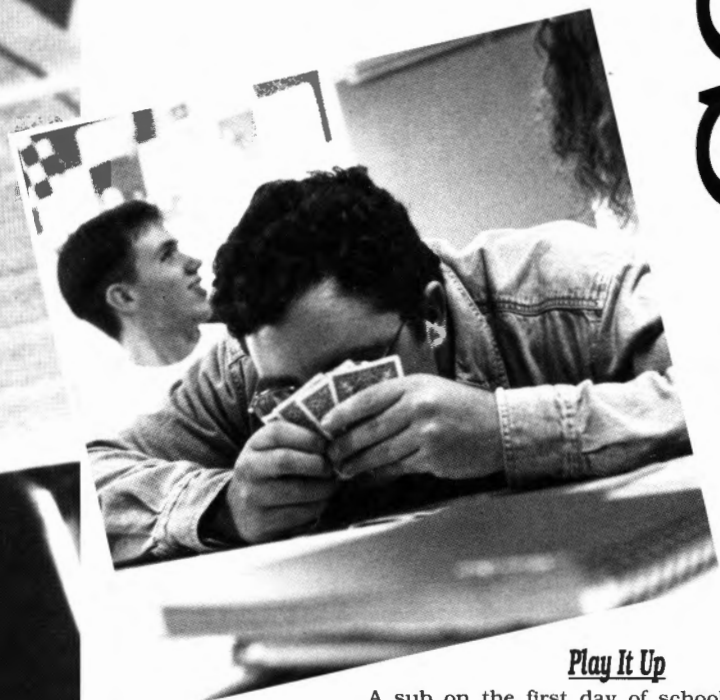
Get Some
Credit and
Profit Too.

"The stock market game helped us learn what it was like to buy and sell stocks and what a risk it can be. Our group ended up negative."

Senior Mike Sharp

locating his stock in the newspaper
in Guil Northrup's Consumer
Economics class

BUSINESS



Play It Up

A sub on the first day of school in Consumer Economics class was the excuse for fun and games. Senior Jason Bedford gives his hand a last check while he adjusts his poker face for a game of Euchre.



Consumer Economics, the last required class of high school life, most seniors agreed that they didn't know it would be so much fun. For the past three years Consumer Economics classes have participated in the Junior Achievement student companies. Each class formed a different company, choosing their own name and the product they would sell. While preparing to market it, students experienced the excitement of selling stocks, designing a product, taking orders and finally delivering the product, hopefully making a profit for them to keep.

Senior Missy Homan explained, "Everyone was part of the project. We all voiced our opinions and worked well together even though it took us awhile to decide on the product of T-shirts and a design for them." However, the idea of 'Fonix Boy' once created, readily caught on. Designer of the Fonix Boy logo, senior Paul Stewart commented, "My favorite part of the project was seeing my design finally printed on the T-shirts."

With the many different companies, competition arose quickly throughout the school, some positive and some not-so-positive. "We experienced competition with other companies criticizing us over the announcements and tearing down our signs. Because of this, not everyone got to see our product, but,

we still sold a lot," recalled senior Tony Neumann.

Other companies experienced less competition. Senior Brian Current explained, "Our company 'Voo Doo' sold bags of candy and there really wasn't much competition, other than the fact that some people who bought T-shirts didn't have enough money left over to buy our candy!" Another member of 'Voo Doo', Neil Steinkamp explained, "We bought in bulk and were able to sell the candy so cheap, competition was eliminated"

Competition or no competition, most reported learning a thing or two whether the part they played was large or small. "I was pretty much a helper. I stapled the bags of candy together and sold them," admitted senior Kelly Skidmore. Others played a more significant role. Senior Matt Landfair dressed up as 'Fonix Boy' for a day. He wore a beanie and carried a balloon while handing out a limited number of one dollar off coupons. Matt recalled, "Playing 'Fonix Boy' was a lot of fun. People still come up to me and say, 'Huct on Fonix wurked for me!'"

Students were busy for weeks with their companies and a little thought and work paid off in the end for most of them. Memories of 'Fonix Boy' and Voo Doo corporation would remain in students minds forever.

-Shoni Heistand

What A Deal!

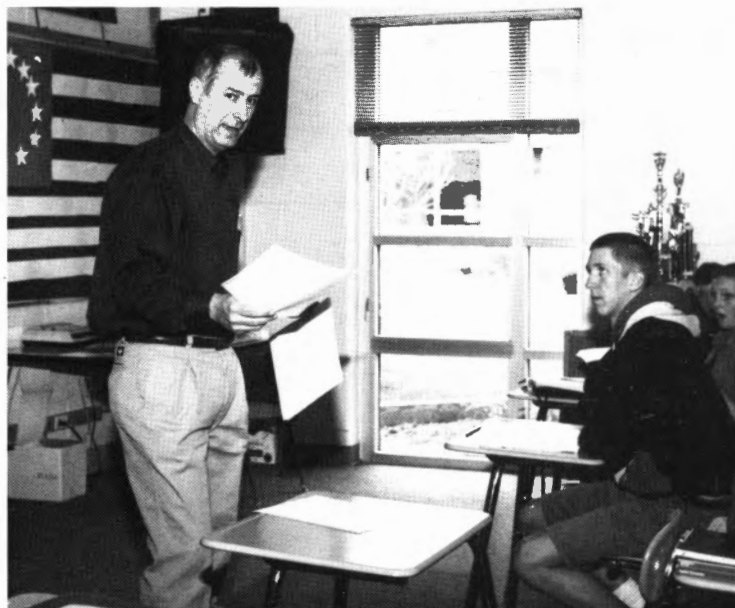
Doing their consumer reports project for class are seniors Adrienne Graham and Laurie Gifford. Consumer Economics was the only required class for seniors.

Listen Up!

Listening intently to teacher Guil Northrup give directions for their student company is senior Brian Buck.

What Now?

Loking on while teacher Guil Northrup passes back reports from the echo pen game are Darell Myers, Chantel Lovejoy and Ken Root. Students designed pens on the computer and competed to have the cheapest, yet best quality pens.

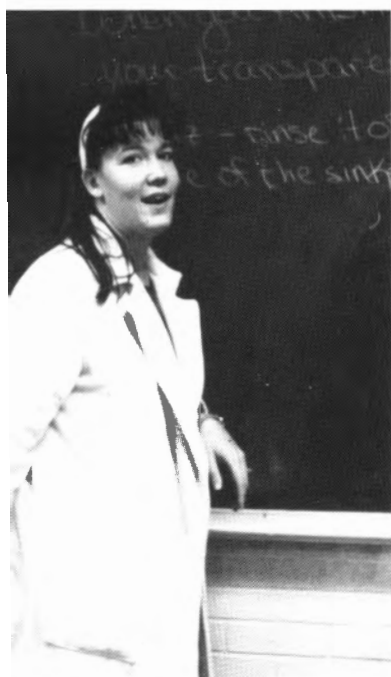


CEO Corner

Chief planners for the Rampaign 1000 project gather in front of the campaign poster outside their nearby Consumer Economics classroom.

Making Waves

Pointing out waves made by a ripple tank in Physics class to seniors Jason Bedford and Juan Trevino is teacher Eric Pulver.



Under the Scope

"I liked how the teacher substituted yeast for strains of cholera so we could see what it looked like, under the microscope."

-Jake Ketchum with James Graham, Rob Czubak, and Matt Bilunes examining yeast in Biology class.

Until a fellow classmate went down in the annals of science as an Einstein, most students would have to be content being normal high school experimenters. On the flip side, being a Professional Development School, students often were the subject for innovative research and practice themselves. The Science Department did its fair share of experimenting. Chemistry was integrated with English and Government in the Interdisciplinary Learning Community offered to eleventh graders. Kevin Meisner, an intern in Chemistry reflected, "Integrating the class with the other subjects was a difficult task, but having a common thread readily apparent between them added to the learning experience."

Another option for juniors was the Integrated Science class which began three years ago and combined chemistry, physics, biology, and physical science. "I work with other teachers from the Department on different teaching techniques. We would like to create a book with the curriculum and experiments we have developed. Labs play a major role in the class and students complete about 40 of them each year. Eric Pulver and I are now trying to create a class for seniors," commented Dave Foy.

Some students used science classes as stepping stones to a career. "The science courses have helped to

prepare me for my future career as a zoologist. I plan on attending the Lyman Briggs Science program at MSU when I graduate," explained senior, Colleen LaRoue.

Other students just liked the information learned in their classes. "In Genetics class, it was really the first time I felt like I was learning something new. We got to work with topics that are not usually considered traditional, and every time there was a new breakthrough, we learned about it. I'm amazed at how far genetics has come in just a decade," explained junior, Sarah Steadman.

Science teachers loved to joke around. Experimenting with the students funny bones was just as much a part of the daily routine for Dave Foy's classes as the science lesson. "Even though Mr. Foy jokes around about us being a pain in the rear, he is a great teacher. I've learned a lot in his class," claimed junior, Paul DeRose.

Sometimes experiments didn't work out, and sometimes they yielded good data, but no matter what the results, science, for many students was an important and fun part of the high school curriculum. Next time someone tried to solve a science problem, they were cautioned to remember that a hypothesis is just a guess, and you never know until you try. You just may discover the next science breakthrough. It could happen.

-Lisa Harris Townshend

How Interesting!

Completing a Biology lab in Mary Boulanger's class are sophomores Jason Hall, Kristina Thomas and Sarah Szejda. The Biology classes held labs frequently to reinforce learning.

Prepping Up

Getting her first semester Chemistry class ready for a test, Lori Buwalda reviews lab material.

GREAT DISCOVERIES

The Investigated Become the Investigators in Science Classes

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Confronting the Parent

Discussing a student's work and grades with parents at the spring semester Parent Teacher Conferences is Science teacher Larry Burgess and intern Bill Crook.



Life Goes On...

Teaching about the life cycle to her sixth hour Biology class is teacher Mary Boulanger.

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

Trust Your Academic Instincts

"Even though many said that Mrs. Withey's College Prep English class was really hard, I found it a lot fun. The best learning method for me has been hands-on. It's always my first choice!"

Senior

Christina DeWitt

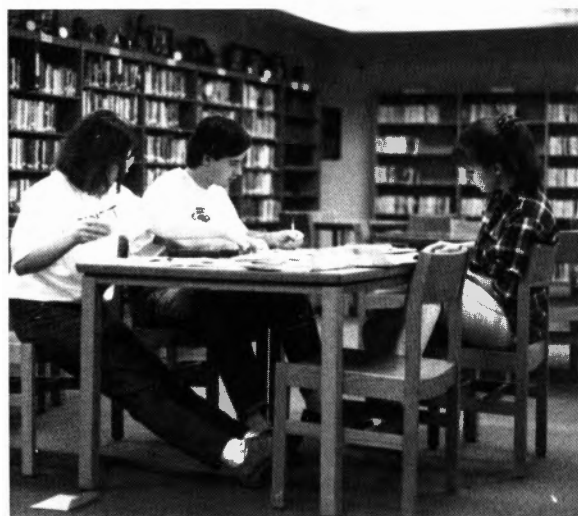
taking a test in Georganne Withey's College Prep English class.



Break Time

Taking time from studies to gab are juniors Molly Ranke and Diana Arnold. Molly explained, "I think that I learn better when I work in a group because I enjoy the different viewpoints shared."

TOP TEN SENIORS



Going Solo... Catching up on some work for their Independent Study class in Accounting II are Kevin Loudon, Tabitha Jenkins and Christine Coscarelli.

Being successful academically was the goal, but students found different teaching strategies worked better for them than others. Out of 100 students surveyed, 68% responded that they learned best visually, seeing the material being discussed. Another 23% said that they prefer a combination of seeing and hearing the information. Sophomore Kristen Deetz commented, "Seeing the information helps me concentrate because I have something in front of me. I tend to lose interest when the teacher is presenting everything orally. Also, it is more challenging when I try to do it myself first."

Most students agreed that lectures were most useful when they found the subject interesting, while reviewing for tests, or when they didn't understand a concept. Sophomore Erin Wenglekowski stated, "Lectures are helpful when I am able to take good notes and really understand the subject clearly." Sophomore T. J. Wulff added, "They're only helpful for me when there is a visual and the lecture relates to it."

Films and filmstrips were the most popular visual learning methods and were often described as more interesting and attention-getting. Cindy Gilmore explained, "Films and filmstrips help me to relate a real life situation to what I am studying."

Note-taking had its place too. Sophomore Liz Perez stated, "It helps me to write things down. I see things I don't understand and can get more questions answered that way." Junior Matt Chadwick added, "I like diagrams and outlines. They help me visualize what we are talking about and summarize the main points."

Hands-on-learning, such as labs, projects, and demonstrations were also more helpful. Junior Molly Ranke noted, "They are easier because you can actually touch what's happening or make it happen. Experiments are especially cool!"

Students had favorite ways to study for tests too. Reviewing notes, studying the chapter or using note cards were some of the methods most often used. Sophomore Ryan Franklin explained, "I write what I need to know over and over again until it sinks in," while sophomore Travis Evenson described, "I read the chapter once and take notes on it the second time through. Then, I study from my notes." Everyone had their own combination of studying tactics for the task of learning.

-Missy Wall

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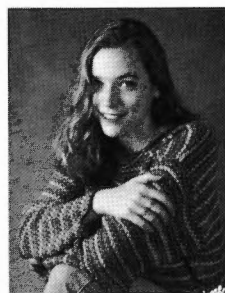


"To do your best, you have to be willing to push yourself above and beyond what is expected of you. Don't be discouraged by the overload of homework. Just try hard to get through it as it will help you later."

-Dana Dillon

School has always been easy for me as I catch on quickly to most things. I think that the most important thing to remember is to be yourself because that is so much more important than how other people view you.

-Jaime Keyser

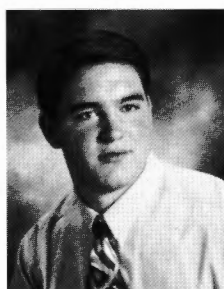
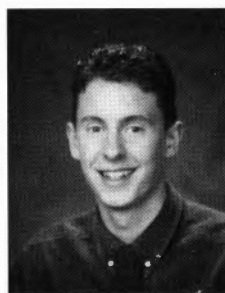


"I contribute much of my success to the support from my parents, friends and teachers. They all helped me learn to always be myself and to do the best that I can at everything I attempted."

-Saleha Mohamedulla

"My time in high school was especially successful because I did the work as a way to better myself and expand rather than just because a teacher told me to do it. I never lost sight of the goal behind what I was doing when the work seemed tedious and boring."

-Jason Smith

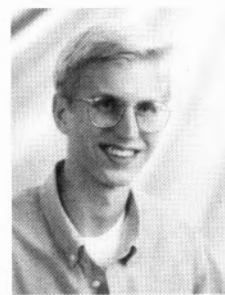


"My success has a lot to do with the fact that I never took anything too seriously, but I always remembered to do the work when it needed to be done. I also tried to always be myself and never act a certain way just to benefit others."

-Ryan Thies

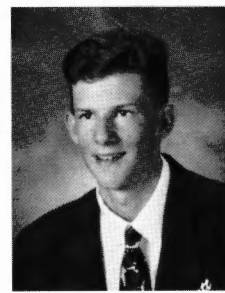
Responsibility is the key to success. Through my classes, Student Council and swimming, I learned time management, organization and how to go beyond my comfort level. The human spirit is strong and you can always go beyond the limits you set for yourself.

-John Ehnis



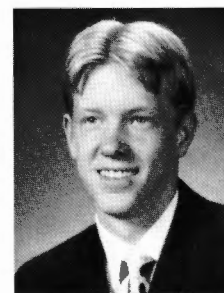
"Other students have been a major inspiration in my high school career. They helped me to remember that I could be successful and still have fun. My advice would be to take the time to have fun during high school, but don't forget to do the work too."

-Scott Mantyla



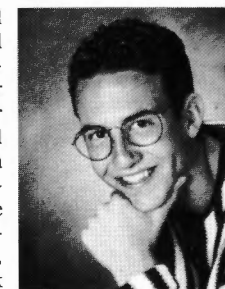
"If you pay attention while you're in class, never be afraid to ask for help when you need it, or change the way you really are to please someone else, your time in high school will not only be a success, it will also be a lot of fun."

-Shanna Morden



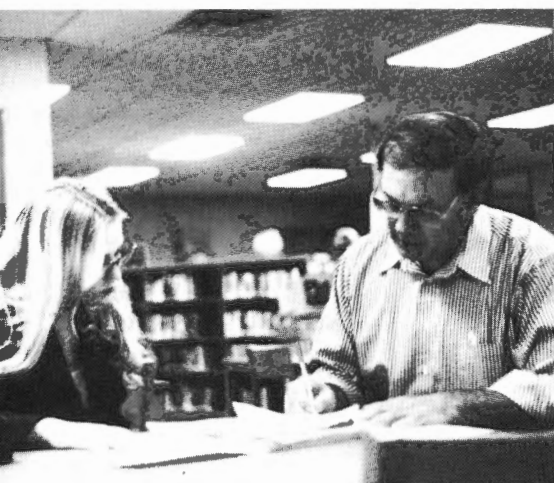
"You have to be willing to give 110% all of the time and to go the extra mile. If you take the time to use common sense to think through your problems before you act on them, it will save you time and energy later."

-Neil Steinkamp



"To be successful you need to find that delicate balance between your school life and your social life. It will help you through many tough decisions. Don't take school too seriously, have fun, but do the work when it needs to be done."

-Zachary Wahl



Here's What To Do...

Giving instructions to his student assistant Samantha Smith is Social Studies teacher Bill Savage. "A good student aid is priceless," noted Savage.



Heart to Heart... Showing Sycamore Elementary students that Christmas can be a happy time are Kurt Lumley and Erin Younglove during a holiday party the American Studies class planned.



Simple Explanation

Working on a group project in American Studies class is sophomore Jaclyn Mayercak. The class integrated American History with English and emphasized cooperative learning.



Checking It Out... Making sure what the assignment is in Pete Kressler's Honors American History class is junior Stephanie Craft. She noted, "It was a challenging class. Mr. Kressler makes you work to your potential."

Ferry Gillett who taught Psychology, Honors Comparative Political Systems and Global Studies confided, "It is difficult teaching students to think critically because they are not used to doing it. Generally, the way their education has gone, they learn facts, concepts, and 'truths' without really questioning them. Critical thinking requires that we question everything and not accept anything blindly." Gillett used many alternative information sources and taught students how graphs, charts and statistics in general can mislead. There were a variety of ways to assess what they learned. One way was to have students choose alternative ways of framing an issue and then create policy. Students created a hypothetical explanation for an issue, then supported the decision with data and reasoning. He concluded, "Students have a hard time with critical thinking because it is so messy. They want clear cut answers and solutions, but real problems seldom have clear cut solutions. Most real problems often aren't even clearly defined." Examples studied in class were health care, the war in Bosnia, battles over nuclear power, cancer cures, cheap energy and the list went on.

As a teacher of the Interdisciplinary Learning Community's Government component, Bill Savage stated, "The challenge for me is to show students that there is a need to think critically, otherwise decisions are made on the basis of prejudice or ignorance. One problem that deters

students is their preference to complete tasks rather than internalize learning. There is also a resistance to new ideas because of fear, ignorance, indifference and intolerance. My strategies for teaching critical thinking are a combination of lecture, discussion, guest speakers, and the use of controversial statements on the board to generate reaction. Comparison of written work and videos on such commentators as Rush Limbaugh, Ross Perot, and Jesse Jackson are also helpful. Sadly, I have found that it is rare when students, as a group, display a mastery of critical thinking. We are battling, to some extent, a cultural disdain for learning."

Guil Northrup, instructor of Debate and Consumer Economics also had issues to deal with. He explained, "Students resist having to think critically. They want to consider only the obvious and they want it written out, emphasized, underlined and highlighted. I often use debate strategies and research of all sides of an issue. As a teaching tool, debates work to the extent that students work. Research is the weapon against verbal attack. On a scale of one to ten, I have found that students run the gamut from one to ten in how well they learn to think critically. But most react well and many do just fine."

Members of the Social Studies Department found they worked very hard to keep the critically-thinking act of students together.

-Rheanna Abbott

RACKING

YOUR BRAIN

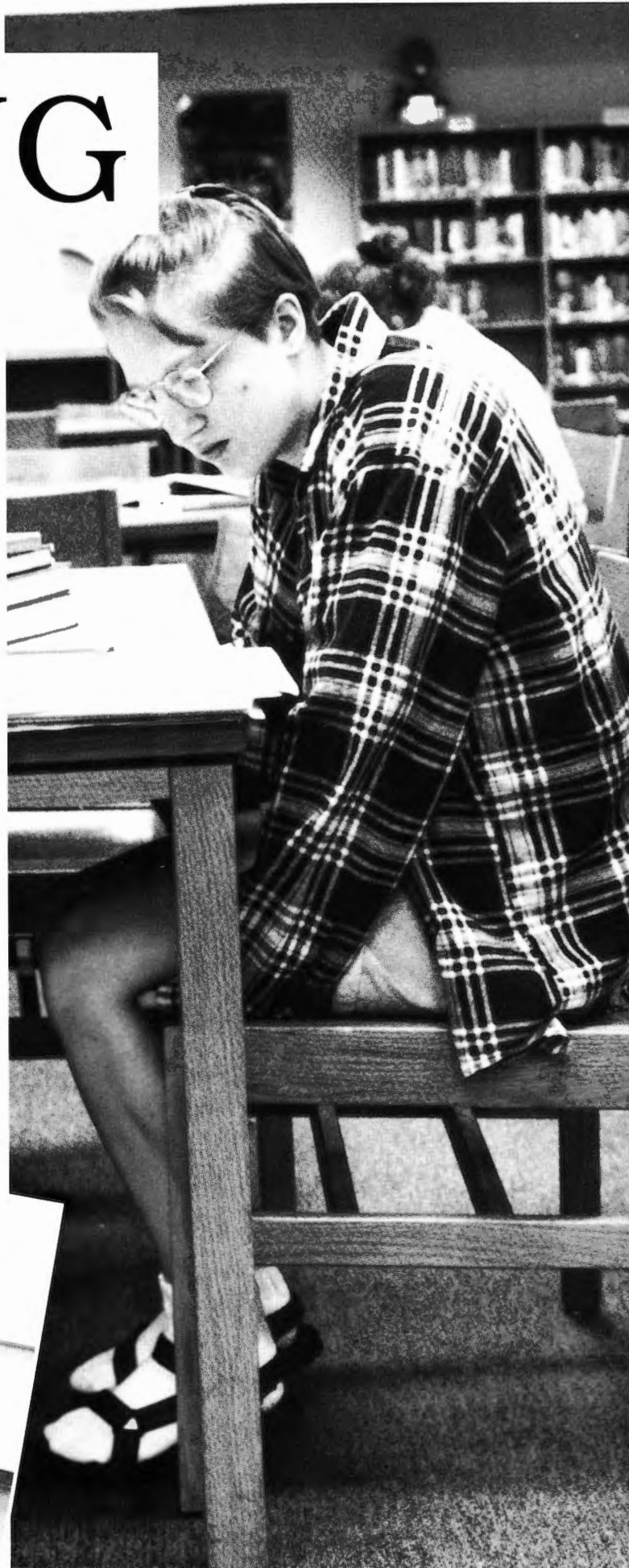
Critical Thinking... A Tough Process to Teach

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-Guil Northrup

Questioning Authority

Debating the 'Greenhouse Effect' in Global Studies class is senior Bleu Cribbis. "It was fun trying to prove people wrong," shared Bleu about the class which emphasized developing and supporting positions on issues.



Tough Material...

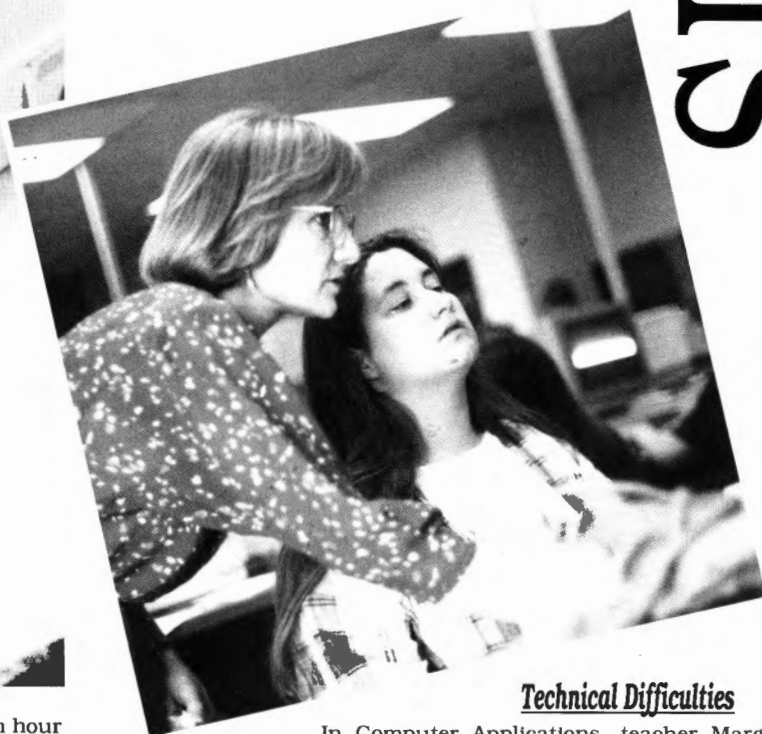
Studying for an Advanced Placement exam in Comparative Political Systems is senior Colleen LaRoue. "It was tough to stay on track; the information was difficult," admitted Colleen.

CAPITAL

Expectations Match the Real World

INVESTMENTS

"In Business Law we learned a lot about criminal law and civil torts, as well as laws for minors, consumers, contract law and insurance law... I also learned about what individuals can expect from the law and what they have a right to do":
--Senior Lisa Koelzer



Technical Difficulties

In Computer Applications, teacher Margo Strong shows sophomore Kelly Thompson how to use Word Perfect on windows. "I learned how to do resumes and papers and my skills will be very useful in a job," Kelly noted.

Warming Up... Doing his typing warm-ups in Anne Kresler's fourth hour keyboarding class is senior Dan Dexter. He stated, "I like to type and the class is required for graduation, so I thought I would make the best of it."



Which classes actually taught students about the real world? Many attempted to or were aware of making connections to it, but often it was the central focus of the Business Department. Students in these classes learned how to operate, compete and get along in the oftentimes, demanding world of business.

The classes covered a wide range of skills and topics. Several taught computer programming and keyboarding. Computer Applications and Word Processing taught students to use existing software, while Programming I and II dealt with how to actually write programs for individual use. Other classes were devoted to the business of business, including Management, Accounting, Marketing and Business Law.

The type of students who enrolled varied. Programming teacher Kelly Hodges stated, "All types take my classes, some with computer experience, some without. I have some advanced math students and some less skilled." Students reasons for signing up also varied. Business Management student Pam Clark planned on owning her own animal clinic in the future and hoped to use what she learned in class in the clinic's operation. Others chose for less serious reasons. Senior Justin Taylor explained, "I took Computer Programming to learn how to write my own game programs and of course, have fun."

Another area of interest was current events. Many

teachers worked to relate material to actual situations in the world. This proved helpful to many students. Senior Lisa Koelzer explained about her Business Law class, "I like talking about the news. At the beginning of class we talked about the current events happening that day. This helped keep students updated on what's going on around them because not too many read the paper or watch the news very often. We have learned a lot about criminal law and civil torts, as well as laws for minors, consumers, contract law and insurance law. When you come upon a problem, I've learned you have to look at all the facts and aspects before understanding it and deriving a correct answer. Also I learned about what individuals can expect from the law and what they have a right to do."

Of course, the main goal of the Department was to prepare each person for his or her future in the business world. Computer Applications took a special look at this through a career paper. Students were required to research an occupation of interest and then develop and write a study of it. Junior Jaime Hayslette noted, "I really liked doing the paper, mainly because I liked getting helpful tips on the career I'm considering which is marine biology."

Although a fast-paced and complicated arena of competition, the business world was made a lot more comprehensible by the Business Department staff.

Fast Fingers

Working on computer programming in Kelly Hodges' third hour class is senior Carrie Cole. "The class was pretty cool because we learned how to write games," explained Carrie.

Upper Hand

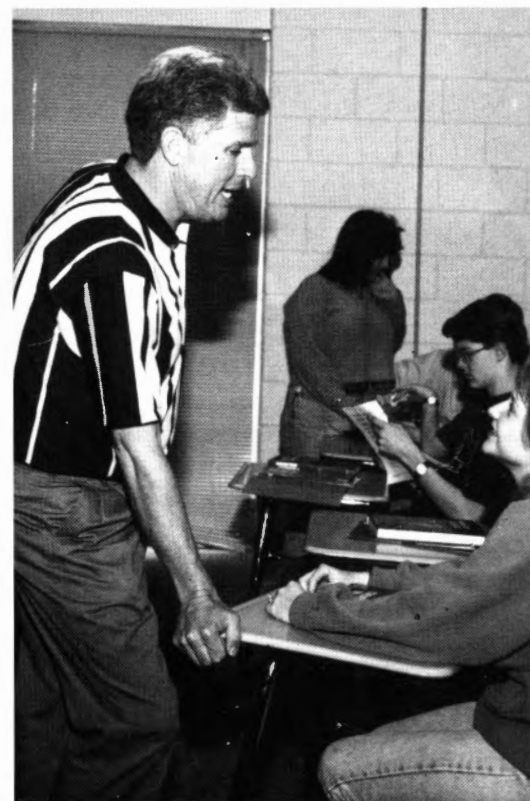
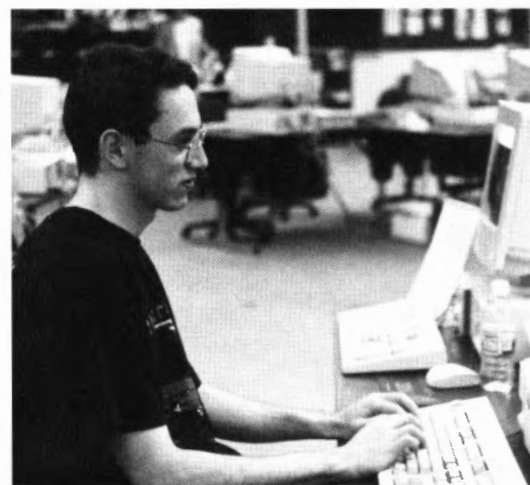
"I enjoyed listening to Mr. Ernst's stories. He always kept the class entertained and going."

--Junior Brandee Matteson talking to teacher Dan Ernst in his sixth hour Business Management class.

Unfolding Computer Literacy

Working in the

Business Careers and Technology program at the CACC is senior Jamin Schroeder. The career center classes rounded out some students' schedules interested in a career in business.

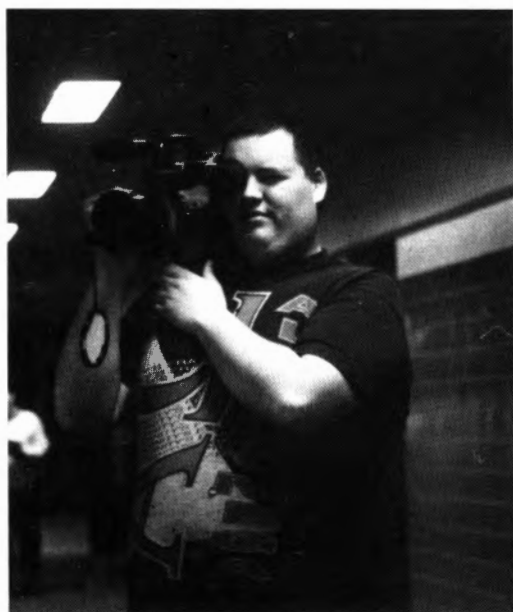


Making Change

Working in the Ingham ISD cafeteria as part of the Hospitality program at the CACC is senior Jenny Dreyse. In the program students learned food preparation, and hotel and motel management. The career center and Co-Op extended the world of business to related fields for students.

Practice Makes Perfect

Running through their persuasion skit for Media and Society are seniors Tera Parry and Nikki Miller. Tera stated, "It was a lot of fun. We learned how to use the equipment in the Media room."



Time Out

After getting their work done, sophomores Gail Booren and Patty Towsley take a break to have some fun on the computer. The two were re-searching Medieval Europe. Gail noted, On this project I learned how to combine a lot of sources in a paper."

Which Way?

Acting out their pantomime for Drama class are juniors Cari Gonzalez and Tim Schmidt.

"Being on the team was fun. I was able to add a couple of twists to the senior video. I liked sneaking into classes and videotaping us lucky seniors!"

--Matt Landfair
videotaping during Media and Society class

One word... projects summed it up for students in English classes as the highlight of the year. Group-oriented, information gathering projects brought students together to complete a task. "We did a project on researching our names which I enjoyed a lot, commented sophomore Shannon Matthews.

A number of students preferred the team approach rather than going solo. "I think that students work better in groups because they can get their work done and still have fun," reflected junior Julie Smith.

Requiring a different form of presentation than written, demonstrations got students in on the action. "In Mr. Kutney's class, we had to do a demonstration, but could choose anything that we wanted to present. Juniors Ryan Kuhn, Jason Evans, and I decided to do a demonstration on Country Line Dancing. We dressed up in our cowboy gear and presented it in front of the whole class. Everyone became involved, so it was a lot of fun," commented Jeff Reynolds.

There were some activities that students took special note of in which they felt a sense of accomplishment. "I learned how to write a better paper," responded sophomore Kellie Hovey. "I enjoyed learning grammar and how to use words correctly," revealed sophomore Cindy Gilmore. "The most impor-

tant thing I learned was how to write stories," related sophomore Erin Younglove.

Relying on projects, but taking the visual approach altogether was the class, Media and Society. The tool was the video camera and students worked to improve their videotaping and editing skills. They also learned about the history of radio and the entertainment field. Teacher Pamela Kli-menko commented, "My goals are for students to be able to look in depth at how the media affects the mind and society and the impact of violence, sex, and other issues of concern. I like to see the the students take a film or video from the idea stage through scripting, taping and editing."

Students produced their own radio show, as well as a video as a class project. "My favorite part of the class was photographing mood shots. I observed different people and how they use different facial expressions to portray moods," explained senior Brad Cass.

At the end of the semester video projects were judged and the group which made the most creative and highest quality video, produced the senior video shown at Commencement. The first and second semester classes had produced clips for it and then this last group did the final stages of taping and editing, a project truly built on group effort.

--Lisa Ellis, Josh Knechtges

FLOCK TOGETHER

Whether for
Projects or
Group Work,
Students
Find They
are Truly
Birds of a
Feather

"I think that students work better in groups because they can get their work done and still have fun."

**--Junior
Julie Smith**



Quick Take

Setting up the camera for a taping assignment are junior Jaime Hayslette and Damarah Ballard. The project was to deliver information in a creative way and Jaime and Damarah made a talk show called 'Jaime Lake'.

Reading Circle

Shakespeare's *Mid Summer Night's Dream* is the story and seniors Sherah Huston, Bryan Roy, Erin Petrie and Chris Eisenzimmer are taking turns reading aloud. Sherah recalled, "Ms. Lynch was an inspiration. I really appreciated her help, especially since I was taking two English Literature classes in the same semester."

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Communication Arts

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Take Note

After the guest speaker, police officer Duwayne LeRoy, made his presentation, Kathryn Luedtke takes notes on the topic of local laws. (Opposite page)

Looking Back

Explaining the history of the Dimondale Cemetery to ILC students is retired caretaker Bill Long. Learning about the history of the community, students also interviewed older residents and wrote stories about them.



On Display

Parents study the ILC display during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The exhibit highlighted different projects and learning strategies and consisted of written interviews, sculpture, student-authored children's books and videos of the class field trips.



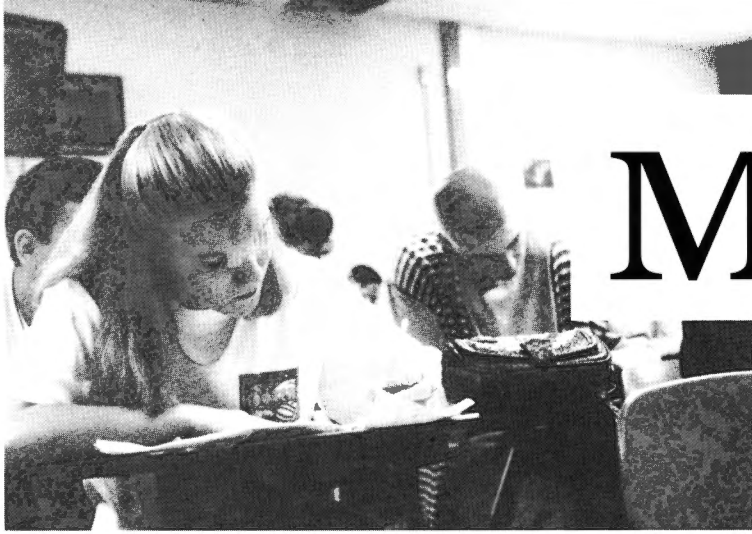
Recording History

Making a marker rubbing from a headstone in the Dimondale cemetery is junior Beau Babcock. The students later reconstructed the tombstones out of cardboard and were able to designate them with the rubbing designs and letters.

Foot Loose and Fancy Free

Goofing off are ILC teachers Bill Savage and Dorothy Anderson flanked by Sally Beauchine, Kevin Meisner and Mike Saules. Their playground was the crypt in the Dimondale Cemetery and their guide was caretaker Bill Long.





MAKING

ILC Covers All of the Bases

CONNECTIONS

The class was called the Interdisciplinary Learning Community and the goal was to make connections, both to other subject matter and to real life in meaningful ways for students. It integrated Chemistry taught by Sally Beauchine, English taught by Mike Saules, and Government taught by Bill Savage. Dorothy Anderson provided Art enrichment while Margo Strong covered word processing and Mary Gray, media skills.

Interrelating three content areas using a thematic approach meant teachers had to prioritize subject matter and methods. Two segments of instruction were developed. A Rivers Unit combined water quality testing and analysis studies with river culture and governmental land-use studies. The second was a Forensics Unit which examined crime scene evidence with input from local law enforcement agencies.

The idea of integrated subjects appealed to students too. Junior Bobbijo Larkins explained, "For most of the school day I am in traditional classes and I wanted a chance to take a class with a different twist; one that would give me the opportunity to learn in new and different ways. The class has proved to do that combining three subjects with hands-on projects and field trips."

The Rivers Unit spanned the topics of water pollution, the history of a river, and literature involving rivers. Several field trips were planned including one to the Grand River and a survey of a nearby cemetery. "First we learned the water testing skills in class and then at the river

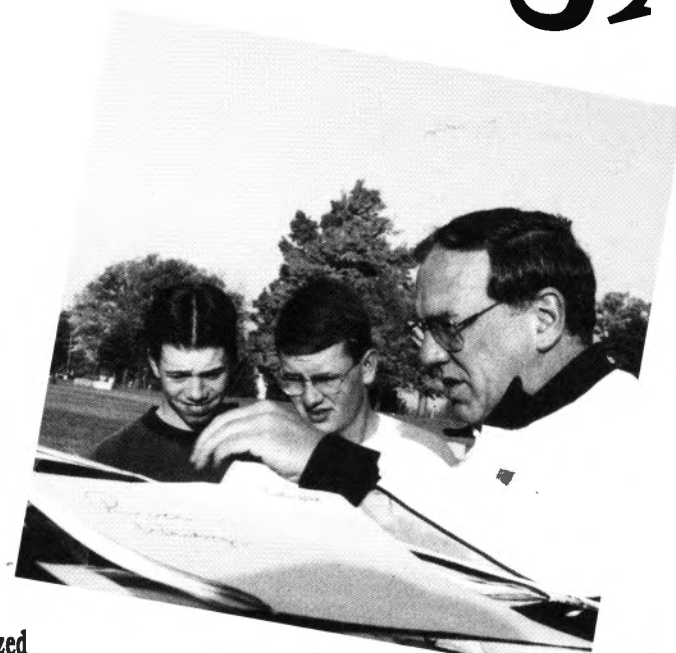
we could apply them," explained Quincy Gow. Forensic Science allowed students to investigate cases and criminal procedures. Mock trials, visits to a crime lab, guest speakers, and mystery novels were some of the activities planned. "In the crime unit, students practiced their chemistry skills through observation, lifting finger prints and then comparing them to a list of suspects," explained Sally Beauchine.

Preparation for the course focused on reading and conferences on curriculum integration, brainstorming and concept maps. Then it was time to take the scribbled notes and turn the class into a reality. Teacher Mike Saules observed, "It's hard for teachers to combine all the subjects in a meaningful way." Art teacher Dorothy Anderson added, "We had to think about what subjects would complement each other, how to schedule the classes and how to interest students." Five goals were selected to focus on including; transfer of knowledge, student discussion and participation, combining information for better understanding and application, improving writing skills and better utilizing technology.

The possibilities for future units were numerous, but for now, teachers were perfecting what they had developed for this year. So far the success of the ILC has been broadening the minds of the instructors and others involved in interdisciplinary education. For students like Frank Hartwick, "The hands-on experience we get is most enjoyable. I'd rather go on field trips to learn than take notes in a classroom."

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--Bobbijo Larkins



Get Organized

Going over class materials with ILC teacher Bill Savage are juniors Sean McKimmy and Brian Anderson on a fall field trip.

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NEW WAVE

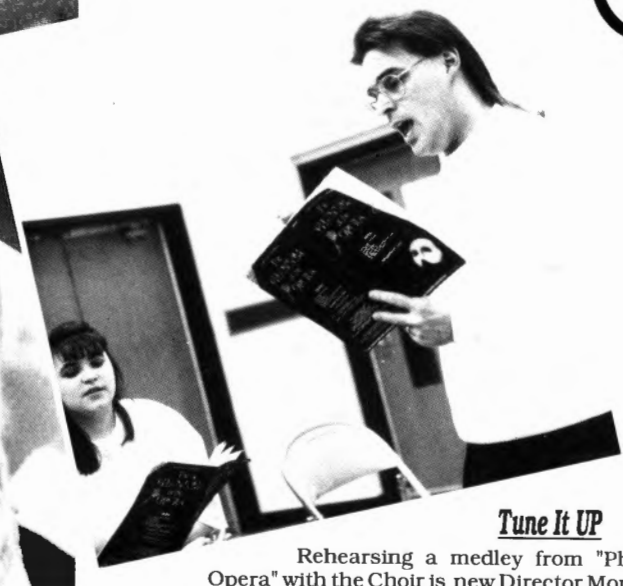
Students
Test the
Waters with
New Choir
Director

FOR MUSIC

"Singing in the musical was a lot of fun. It was cool performing for an audience."

**Sophomore
Heather Cherniawski**

shows off her script for the musical "Bye Bye Burdle". The musical was opened to non-Choir members for the first time and Heather was one of several students who took the opportunity to perform in it.



Tune It UP

Rehearsing a medley from "Phantom of the Opera" with the Choir is new Director Monty Bishop. The choir performed selections from the "Phantom" at the Spring Concert on May 31.



Choir:

Top Row: M. Bryan, N. Thorpe, N. Grey, K. Thompson, K. Miller, C. Anderson, S. Dunn, C. Perkins, M. Auvenshine, A. Kerr, M. Landfair, J. Miller, C. Lesniewski, C. Hill, D. Dexter, V. Berry, V. Hoffmeyer, K. Howe, B. Carpenter, K. Willoughby. **Row 2:** E. Dell, C. Baker, S. McKay, B. Poufcas, S. Ewald, E. Fleckenstein, H. Haskell, S. Kirkham, M. Spriggs, J. Ehnis, R. Osborne, R. Chapin, T. Schmidt, A. Whitehead, T. Lindberg, T. Mann, L. Curtis, J. Pierson, A. Larson. **Bottom Row:** A. Cottom, T. Parry, J. Apostol, J. Smith, A. DeRosa, K. Mead, J. Southwell, K. Root, C. Mead, B. Picken, C. Wong, W. Long, R. Dubay, J. Cole, C. Sorenson, C. Brookshier, S. Huston, R. Gonzalez, N. Jones, L. Dora, Director M. Bishop.

Lights dimmed and the curtain slowly drew open. The stage was set for a new show in Pernert Auditorium. The Choir was led by new Director Monty Bishop, an experienced singer and vocal teacher from Indiana. The Choir class was characterized by change as students found themselves adapting to new opportunities and a new way of getting things done. Curiosity may have been one thing that brought students to the program. Senior Sherah Huston stated "A change in choir directors after nearly 40 years is a big one. I wanted to be a part of it."

However, there were other reasons that students put Choir in their schedules. "To come to a class and sing just makes me happy. Choir is a real blessing," remarked junior Allison Larson. For many students, Choir was a great place to relax, take a break from books, and enjoy doing something they loved, singing and learning about music.

Still others planned to have careers in music and saw Choir as a necessary experience for their future. Senior Emily Dell took the class to help her pursue an acting career in plays and musicals. Senior Ken Root was there, "because I am trying to reach my goal of making it to the big time. I'm interested in music education and someday doing professional performances and recording. I think the class is really teaching us how to sing well."

Others agreed that they were learning much about music and voice. "We're learning how to sight read and how to actually use our voices to advantage," commented class soprano Cyndi Perkins. "We are learning to sing like a team instead of individuals," junior Tim Schmidt noted

of Bishop's efforts to better train the Choir to harmonize.

On the other hand, it was not as if Choir was all work and no play. Not a person in class managed to keep a straight face the day Matt Spriggs led several fellow bass members as they sang the soprano part of the National Anthem. Students could always count on a few good laughs each day in class.

Students were also given new performance opportunities. The group sang the "Star Spangled Banner" for the first time at a sporting event, a home football game. Several students were also involved in Solo and Ensemble competition for the first time held at Eaton Rapids High School. Stephanie Ewald and Amanda Whitehead earned first division rankings and the chance to go to State competition.

Another new experience was the District Choir Competition which the group participated in for the first time in 30 years. The class performed in a "Comments Only" division where its performance was judged and critiqued but did not receive an overall ranking. The competition proved enjoyable and beneficial, encouraging students in what they were doing well and pointing out areas that needed work.

Finally, Choir encouraged students to look to the future. Mr. Bishop often told his students about his dreams of making the Choir program the absolute best. As Tera Parry put it, "Mr. Bishop is a great teacher who has done a lot for the class. He likes us all and strives for excellence." While looking ahead for continued success, students and Choir director all realized that there was a lot of work to be done.

—Aaron Kerr



Sweet Harmony

The Choir performs for the season finale, the Spring Concert on May 31. Seniors Rob Chapin and Tera Parry were presented the Ron Allen Award by Director Monty Bishop.

Pressure Is On

Performing at Solo and Ensemble is sophomore Choir member Cyndi Perkins. The competition held at Jackson Community College was the first attended by Holt Students in over 30 years.



Making a Scare

Getting ready for the Halloween Parade through Sycamore Elementary school is sophomore Jake Ketchum and seniors Adrienne Graham and Aaron Reif. (Opposite page)

Main Street March

Led by the Pom Pon Squad and Flag Corp, the Marching Band steps to the beat down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom on the Band Trip to Washington and Orlando during Spring Break.



Pepping It Up

Raising the crowd's spirit at a Varsity Basketball home game are members of the Pep Band led by Director Tim Parry.

Ready, Set, Play

Introducing the next song at the Spring Band Concert is Director Tim Parry. Growth in enrollment has given the band depth, but Parry was quick to point out, "The band is so large now that we no longer fit in the band room for practices."



In Step, To the Beat

Marching onto the field for the pre-game show lead by the Pom Pon Squad and Flag Corp is the Marching Band. New uniforms were the reality this year, but they arrived late in the season. Junior Nicole Hartman noted, "I think they looked a lot better than the old ones, but it was also late in the season."



SERIOUS

Nothing More,
Nothing Less
Than Sheer
Fun and
Inspiration

TUNES

As the band walked off the football field for the last home game, they remembered all the fun and hard work put into the marching performances. "I graduated from Holt and I have always dreamed of coming back and making the marching band the best in the land. This season, I think everyone really enjoyed the Elvis music. It put everyone in the groove," claimed Band Director, Tim Parry.

It wasn't only the performances that made the year fun for the students, it was friends who shared some emotional and hilarious moments. "My favorite part of band was developing my socialization skills. I had leg surgery over the summer and I had to refrain from exercise, so I had a lot of time to kill. I didn't mind not marching, because I still got to go to the performances and hang out with all of my friends," explained junior Matt Bechler.

Marching was new to sophomores, like Meg Mitchell. She commented "A lot of things are different in high school band. For one, we get to wear uniforms. At first I didn't really like wearing it, but after I got accustomed, it wasn't all that bad."

Another man in uniform was senior, Troy Frayer who dressed as Elvis for the tribute show. "I loved seeing everyone's face when I came to one of the band camp parties dressed as Elvis. They were all pretty much speechless." Elvis, being the highlight of the season became a humorous memory at the band festival in Grand Ledge. "During the Elvis part of our show, Troy was supposed to

break through a paper record, head first, dressed as the 'King'. The record had a little too much tape on it and Troy just couldn't break through. It was hilarious and we all tried not to laugh, but it was just too funny," remembered junior, Lynn Felton.

Of course, music was the most important part of band. It brought the group together, and gave them a reason for being. What instruments students chose to play was the next most important decision of their involvement, and there were many reasons for their choices. "I play the flute and I like it because it has a very loud, beautiful sound," noted junior, Lisa Krug. Some students took their music skills further. "Music plays a large role in my life. I take lessons and teach others too. I am also a member of the Lansing Junior Symphony," remarked junior, Andy Foster. Dreams of a musical career became a goal for some students. "I plan on fulfilling a dream of being in the Michigan State drum line someday," revealed junior Pat Holmes.

Nor was music a subject taken lightly. It took time to be involved in music and band. "I was brought up to like music. I sing, dance, play the piano, clarinet, and the flute," stated junior, Carrie Butterfeild. The melodies inspired the souls of the musicians, and the teamwork of the group also brought satisfaction. Whether it was the rookie sophomores, the experienced juniors, or the accustomed seniors, the memories lived in their hearts as the band played on.

"Music plays a large role in my life. I take lessons and teach others too. I am also a member of the Lansing Junior Symphony."
--Junior Andy Foster



Hitting the High Notes

Playing the *Star Spangled Banner* before a Volleyball game are sophomores Lance Davis and Joey Corr. "I like playing the trumpet because it's a fun instrument. You can play different pieces plus it's small enough to carry around easily," commented Lance.

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CAREER

Students Get a Headstart on Career Options at CACC

JUMPSTART

"I am in the Marketing program at the CACC and want to become the manager of a store. Attending the career center is more like working at a job instead of being in school. Along with attending high school and the CACC, I also took a marketing class at LCC."

--Senior Tina Mann



Pound and Grind

During second semester Machine Tool Technology class at the CACC, junior Kris Arnett learns to use a variety of machine tools to design projects.



Lighten Up

Enjoying a laugh with Carol Newman from Mason High School is senior Amy Pyne in the Cosmetology class at the career center.



Some students worked to get a jump start in their choice of careers. The Capital Area Career Center provided them with a chance to experiment with different career alternatives. Options included everything from Mechanical Engineering to Business Education. Students from all Ingham Intermediate high schools attended the CACC spending morning or afternoons in their program of study.

For some the career center helped them achieve their post high school goals. "Taking classes in Electronics while still in high school gave me two years of early experience. Going to the career center was pretty much what I expected it to be. It was a hands-on lab taught in greater depth than I could have gotten at the high school," explained junior Joe Zimmerman. Junior Ed Monroe, an auto technology student, commented, "I like to restore old cars. I learned how to paint and smooth the body. The next car I want to restore is a 1955 or 1957 Chevy. After high school I would like to continue training in auto body and start my own body shop."

Students also enjoyed the different approaches taken to instruction. "While taking the business core, I was able to work at my own pace and didn't always have the same assignments as others in the class. I had my own dead-

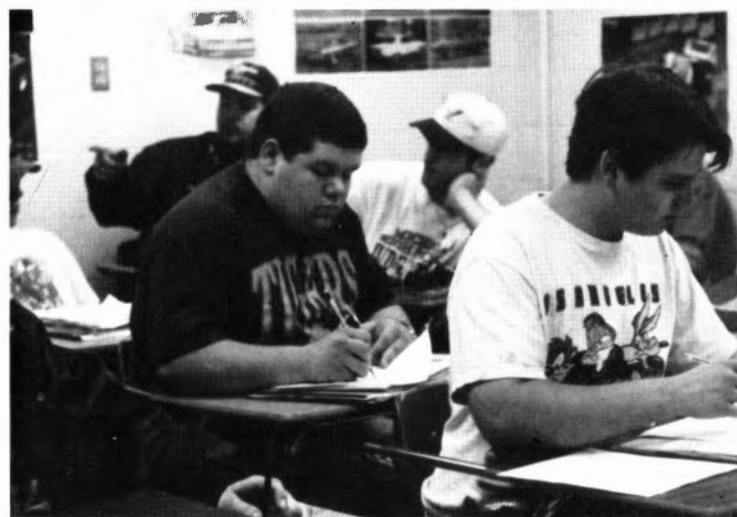
lines to turn in my work," explained junior Shelly Spitz. Junior Maggie Kinder agreed, "The classes I'm taking let me work individually at the pace I set. Right now I'm taking business communications and technology classes. I'm not sure what I'm going into, but the computer skills I'm learning will be helpful in almost any field."

Some students worked hard to be accepted in their career. "Hospitality is the employment I want to go into. I love to cook and I want to become a chef after high school. The classes I took helped me learn about hotel, motel and restaurant management," responded senior Matt Landfair. Senior Tina Mann shared, "I am in the Marketing program and want to become the manager of a store. Attending the career center is more like working at a job instead of being in school. Along with attending high school and the CACC, I also took a marketing class at LCC."

Many students agreed that taking classes at the career center was very rewarding. They enjoyed their own deadlines, the other students, the variety of classes, working at their own pace and the hands-on labs which helped them get a headstart on a career during high school.

-Kathleen Jennings

Making of an Architect... "Attending Career Center Drafting class helped me enjoy my afternoons," noted sophomore Dave Forgie in Drafting class.



Getting the Basics

During Auto Technology class, senior Ted Harrison learns the basics of vehicle inspection, maintenance, and mechanical repairs. "Being in this program, I learned some very interesting things about automobiles," he commented.

Wash & Style

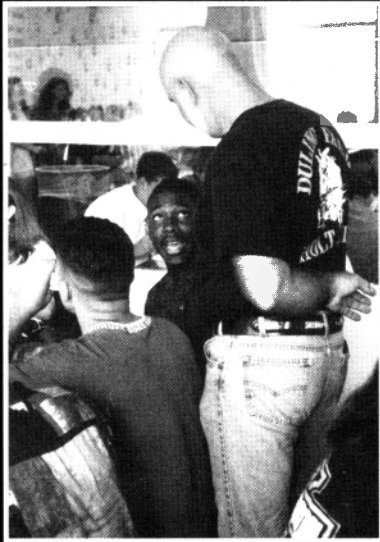
Practicing her hand at shampooing in the Cosmetology program at the CACC is junior Jessica Parrott.



Repair Time

Caught by the lens is sophomore Steve Guenther in the CACC auto body class.





Discussing the outcome of the football game against Okemos at lunch with senior Darnell Powers is security guard Bruce Duling.

Telling it like it is

Person to person

Nothing but the truth

Let's get to the point with

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Straight Talk

Filling each other in on the happenings of the day during a passing period are sophomores Jason Richter and Angie Lerner. The commons area provided a comfortable setting for students to meet and relax.



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hat was so unique about the class of '95? Was it the individuals or the way they did things? Few seniors seemed to have a definite opinion. All that many would say was that the class seemed just like other classes.

Carilyn Moubray, however, felt that seriousness played a big part in their personality. "I feel our class is more serious than any other. We want to make something of ourselves," she observed.

In every class there were leaders that stood out academically as well as in other ways. One guy seemed to get a number of seniors' attention. He not only excelled at studies, but was president of Student Council and worked to make the High School a better place to be. "John Ehnis works hard everyday thinking about new ideas for students. He has so much spirit and it seems like his first priority is the student body and school life," explained Lisa Koelzer.

Another student who stood out was Darnell Powers. Senior Adrienne Lawrence commented, "Darnell is friends with almost everyone. He's involved in athletics, does the morning announcements and is just a great guy."

But there were more. "DaNeil Alexander is a standout because she just tells people straight up what she thinks," stated Emily Dell. Sarah Mann identified Tim Hoffman for his more unique goal of becoming a writer, while Cami Crawford mentioned Adam Newberry for his creative talent and interest in Art.

The faculty also had some things to say about the class. Math teacher Bruce Lerner reported, "The seniors were the best class to work with in 10 years. There were a number of good people who were trustworthy and focused." With a somewhat different opinion was English teacher Georganne Withey. She commented, "The seniors as a group were not really focused, but overall, they were quite bright." The Counseling Center also provided a glimpse of their academic goals beyond high school reporting that about 60% planned to go on to college. Their choices were split almost evenly between four-year colleges and Lansing Community College.

Despite the varied opinion on the nature of the class, one thing was sure, everyone would go their separate ways in June to become who and what destiny had in store for them. As Kelly Skidmore put it, "We spent enough time here, we know all the answers, we're ready to hit the road, Jack!"

-Lisa Ellis, Kari Reynolds



Taking Charge



Old News

During the Homecoming Pep Assembly seniors block out underclassman like bad news to show their domination of Spirit Week competitions.

Class Colors:
**Dark Blue
and Silver**

Class Flower:
White Rose

Class Song:
"Today"

by Smashing Pumpkins

Class Motto:

We have walked so far
together, we have grown
so very close--but
yesterday became today
and we are on the verge
of tomorrow, where we
must go alone to find
the dreams we all
dreamed of--
together.



"This was the first time I got to ride on the pep truck. CAC's always were on the day of Homecoming so I was never able to get involved. Since it was my senior year, I had a blast!"

--Jill Cory

during the Homecoming Parade with classmates on the Senior Class pep truck.



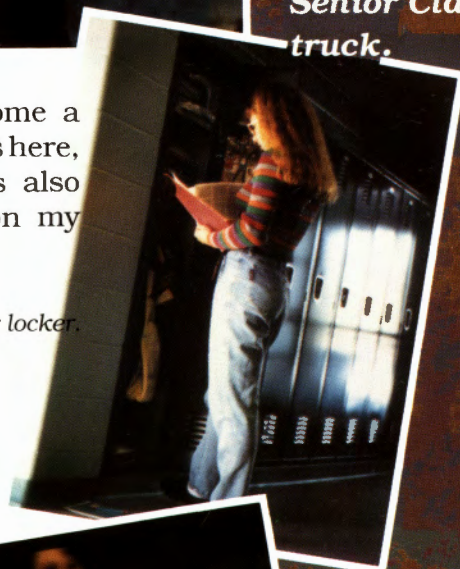
Learning the Ropes

Gaining experience in day care in Nancy Lamphier's Child Development class is senior Jamie Roy.

"I've waited so long to become a senior and now that the year is here, it's kind of scary. But, it's also exciting to be getting out on my own."

--Kristin Araoz

retrieving an English paper from her locker.



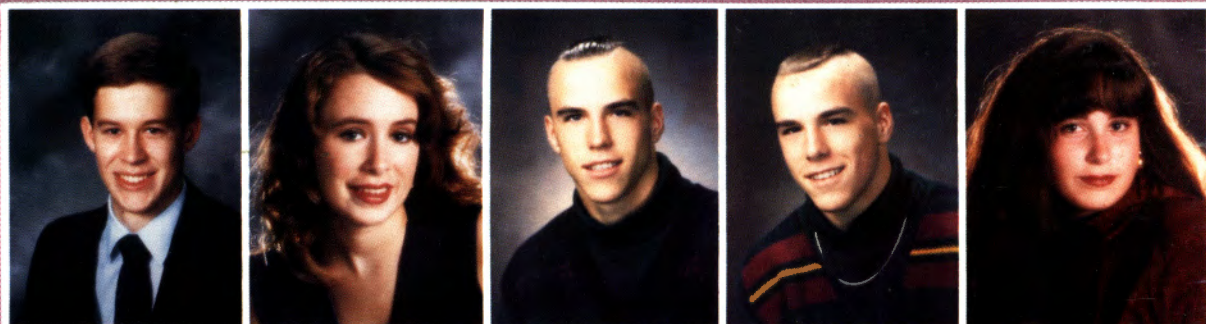
"The Senior Homecoming Court members had a variety of personalities and the whole time you never knew who was going to win."

--Stacey Smieska

in the Homecoming Parade with Chad Fulk



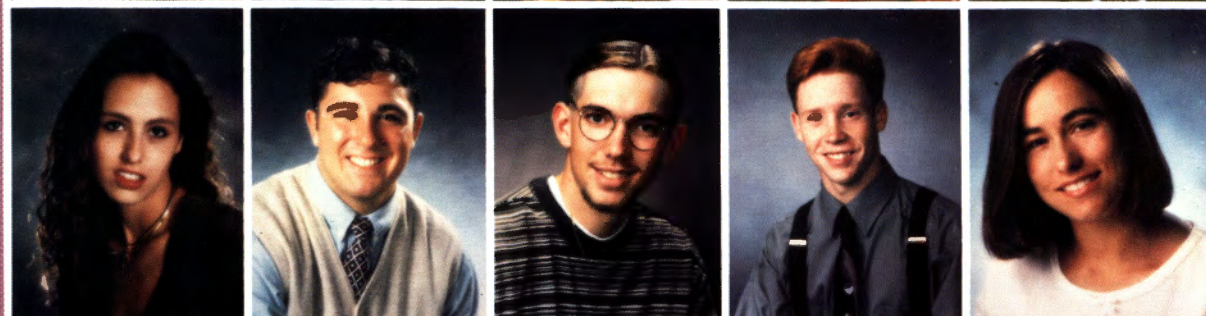
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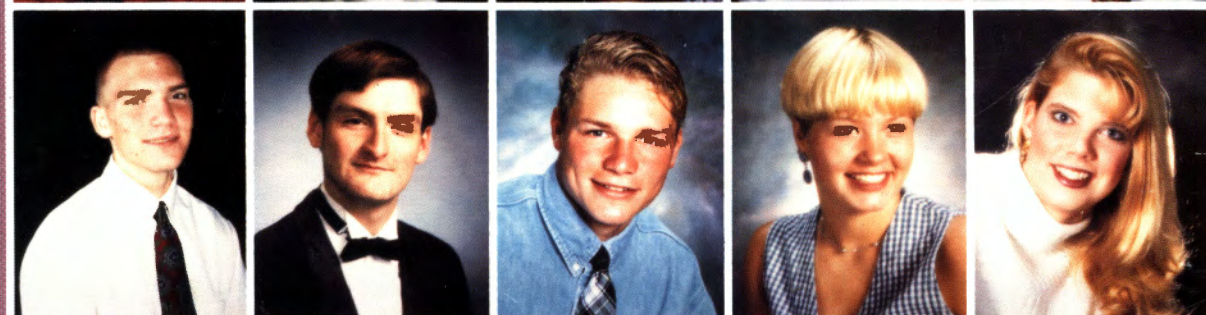
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"It was exciting to be on the senior float and to be undefeated for three years. As a senior, it was a little sad to see my last Homecoming go by."

--Christy Baisel
as Aerial from
"The Little Mermaid" on the
first place
Senior float.

Scene Stealers

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xpectations for Homecoming were high and the competition between classes was fierce.

For two straight years, the Class of '95 had stolen away float victories from the upperclassmen and now it was their year to truly shine. And once again, they dominated. "I knew we would be undefeated. We knew we rocked, sort of like a home team advantage," bragged Bob Keller. With the theme of "Little Mermaid," the senior float reigned over the juniors' and sophomores' as John Ehnis noted, "You could tell experience was on our side."

Class participants were not counted, therefore, no

theme day victories were offered, but ask any senior who had the most spirit and they were quick to answer that they did. "We were very motivated this year to carry on our winning tradition. We couldn't let the underclassmen upstage us," claimed Stacey Smieska. "I dressed up for Get Up and Go Day, Hat Day, Dress Up Day and Twin Day. I didn't do anything unique, but I showed my spirit," reflected Kaye Charles. Wednesday found seniors in classic Roman attire. Ryan Brookes was one as he joked, "Toga Day was cool. I figured I better prepare for college somehow so I dressed up."

The day of the big game arrived and spirit was at its peak. Students cheered on the Rams despite the dreary weather. As halftime approached, a thunderstorm cancelled play, but spirits were only slightly dampened. The following day the Football team stole the victory from Everett. "The best part of Homecoming for me was

Let's Get Started...

During a senior float meeting at Alison Wood's house, Cami Crawford, Shanna Rennirt, Ryan Brookes and David Ried find a way to create the crab, Sebastian, for their float.

Fire Up Holt Rams!

Just before game time, Head Football Coach Mike Smith gives the Varsity players a little pep talk to fire up for a win over Everett.

scoring the winning touchdown with only a few seconds left," recalled Ryan. The final score of 38-34 yielded their first win of the season and a fitting conclusion for the week of festivities.

--Dana Dillon, Sarah Mann

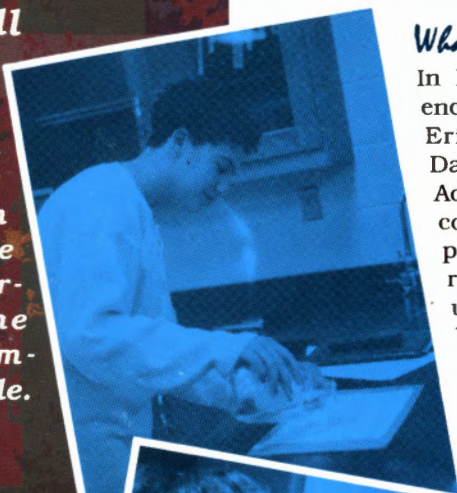


"I was extremely honored that my peers voted to have me represent them as Homecoming King. I think it says a lot about Holt. When a high school where less than five percent are minorities elect a black king and queen, it made a statement that people here can look past the color of one's skin and judge according to the person's character."

--Darnell Powers with Homecoming Queen Chereese Ford during the Homecoming Parade.



Taking the Cake

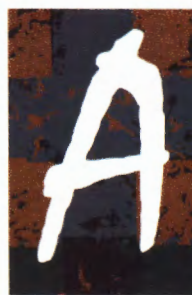
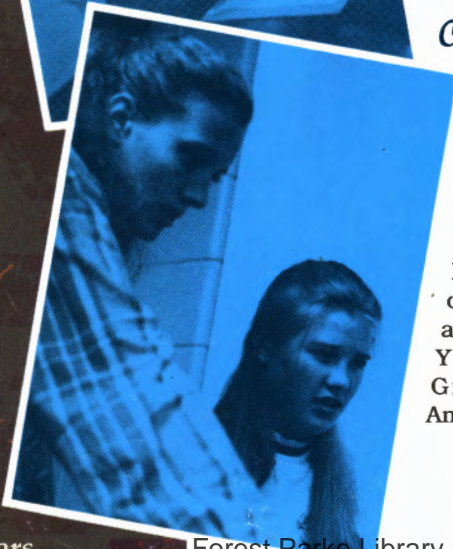


What a Concept!

In Integrated Science III, taught by Eric Pulver and Dave Foy, senior Adrienne Graham conducts an experiment on the refraction of light using a cheese box and mineral oil.

Math and Computers

Working on computer programming in Marty Schnepf's Honors Calculus class are seniors Yvonne Gibbs and Amy Zehnder.



11 classrooms had at least one or two, perhaps more. They were active in many areas or specialized in one and they enjoyed what they did. They were called

the achievers, students who went the extra mile and by their accomplishments, set themselves apart. Some were recognized while others gained their accolades without much fan fare.

Some were achievers in sports. Noted for her swimming accomplishments, Tina Sullivan commented, "I like swimming because I like being on a team and making new friends. The best part is staying in shape and feeling good about myself." While at the CAC meet, Tina won first place in the 100 meter Backstroke, the 200 meter Medley Relay, and the 400 meter Freestyle Relay. Also active in sports was Jeff Schultz who played split-end and defensive back positions on the Varsity

Football team. Jeff was named All-CAC Second Team and stated, "I like football because of the thrill of the game. There are so many elements to playing, especially when one wants to win."

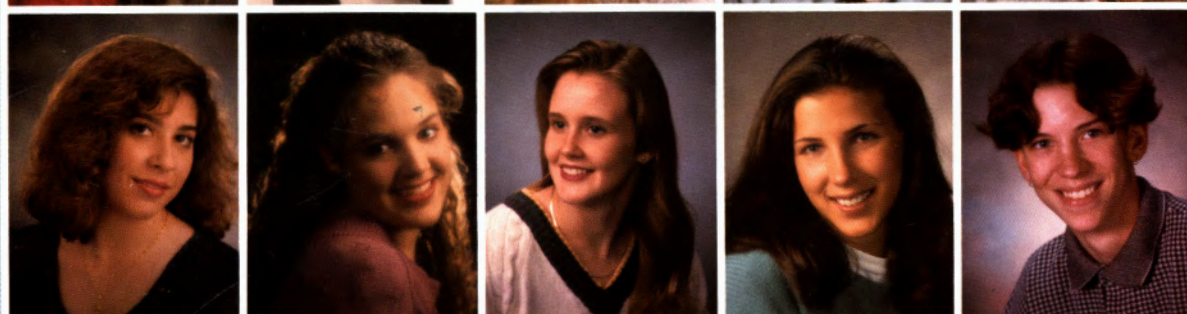
Other students focused on academics. Combining studies with soccer was Trystin Kleiman. She explained, "I'm not talented in any certain academic area, but I work hard and care about my future. I really love soccer, it's my life! It's an extremely aggressive sport, that takes coordination, endurance, and physical ability, plus a mind for the game."

All the hard work paid off for some students. "I've been offered four full scholarships from division two colleges in vocal music. I'm very fortunate to be blessed with my voice and maybe in five years people will be playing my CD's," commented Ken Root who had a lead role in "The Matchmaker." Whether they received much recognition or not, most achievers put in overtime for a sense of accomplishment.

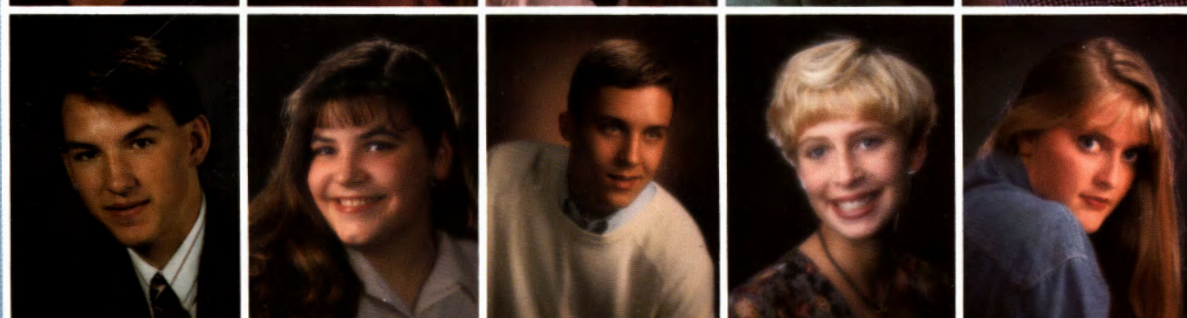
--Kelly Skidmore



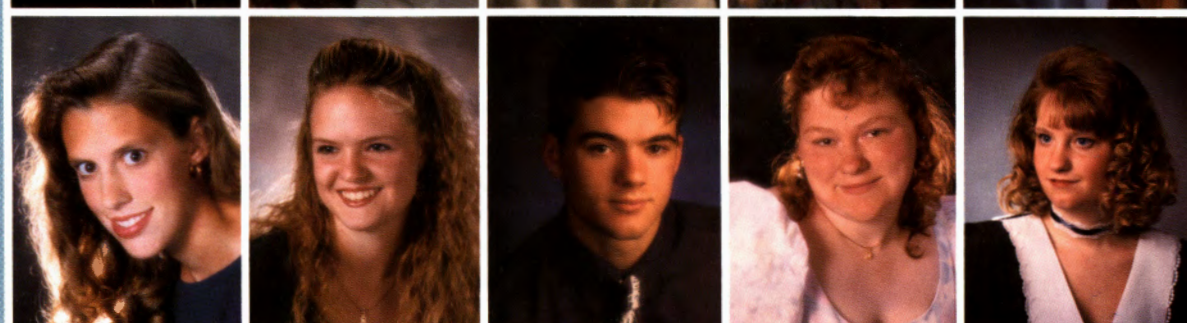
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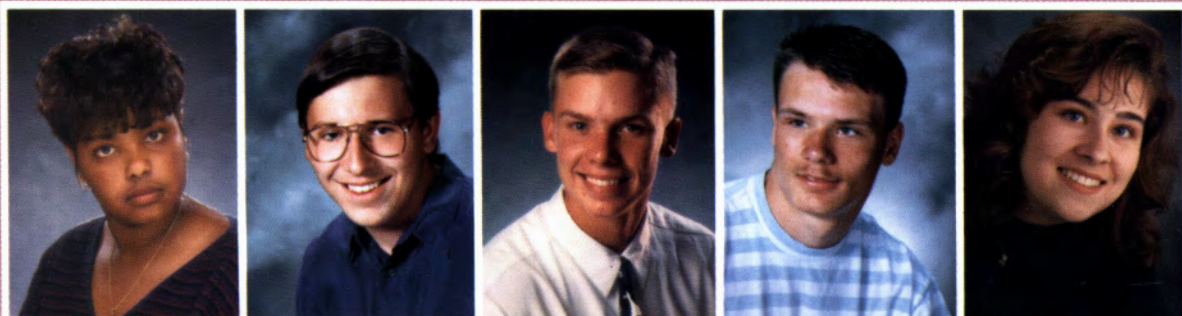


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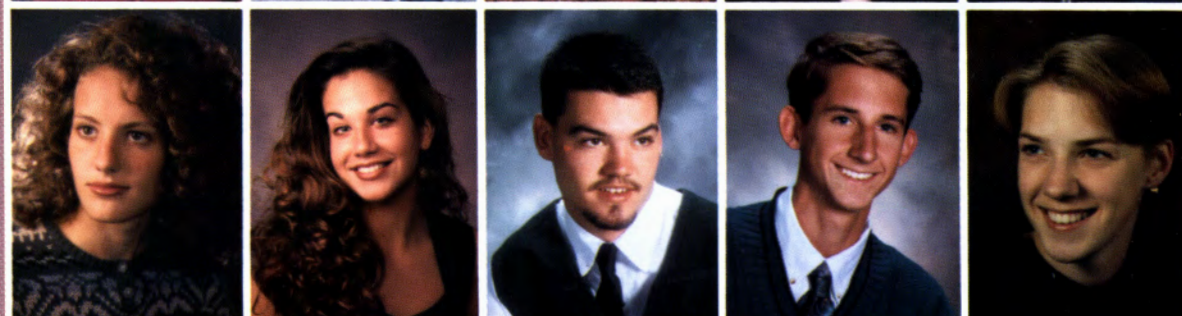
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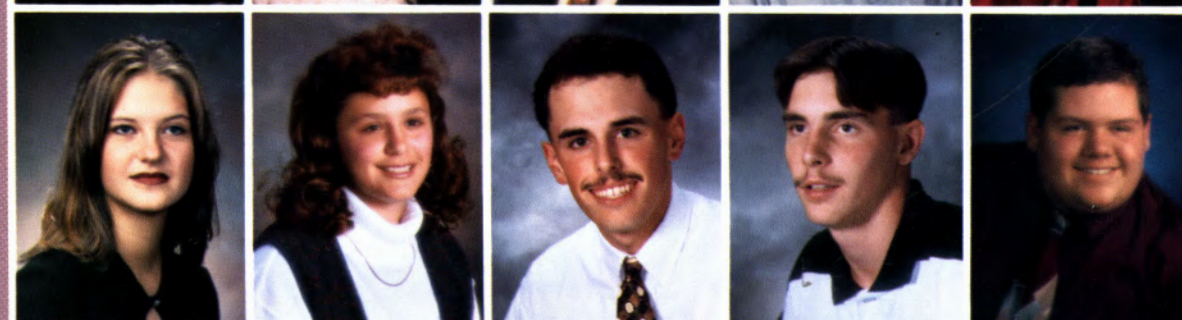
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Cory Hammond
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"Just for fun, we switched classes about five times to see if teachers would catch on. They never did except one-- Ms. Lynch. I had to write a paper for Aaron in her English class and she made us promise we would never do it again!"

--Clint Allen with twin, Aaron, in Math class on Twin Day of Spirit Week.

Taking the Risk



steal a walkie-talkie from security monitor Bruce Duling, flush all the toilets in the building

at the same time, run through the halls singing "I'm a Little Teapot;" when asked what they always wanted to do before they graduated, many seniors took the opportunity to come up with some off-the-wall ideas. Senior Jason Bedford announced, "I would fashion the science glassware in Mr. Foy's and Mrs. Beauchine's rooms into a brilliant, but crude transparent hamster cage."

Although few students stretched their imaginations to that limit, most searched further than skin deep to come up with an idea. For some

they came easy, while for others, the thought process took longer. "I can't decide on what I would do. I guess maybe I would steal Rupert the ram and keep him as a high school souvenir. I would have to keep him at my grandma's house though because you can't have farm animals in the city. So perhaps I wouldn't do that. Can you ask me again later?" responded Julie Kent, "I need more time to think about it."

Others found their fun by getting away. A real Ferris Beuhler's day off captured the imagination of senior Jeff Smith as he reported, "I would drive to somewhere like Chicago for the day and not have to worry about school and homework."

Whether having fun or just off in 'La La Land,' everyone had their kicks as a senior. Maybe they would never do the things they wanted to, but just thinking about it was pleasure enough.

—Megan Ketchum

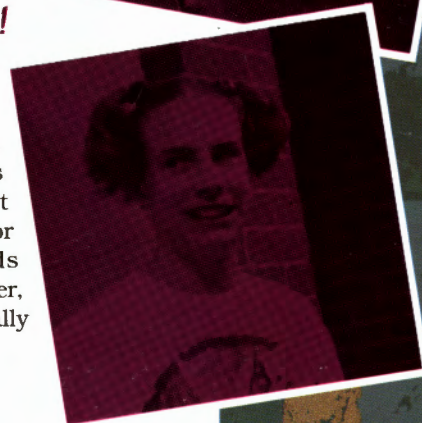
Your Way, Right Away...

Skipping his way across the football field on Hat Day during Spirit Week is senior Aaron Reif while on his way to marching practice for the band's halftime performance at the Homecoming game.



Rise and Shine!

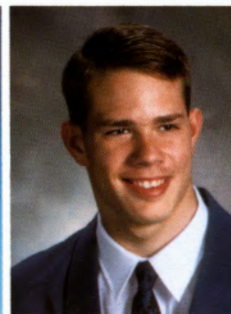
On Get Up and Go Day during Spirit Week, Mark VanBuren ties up his locks for a different look, as well as for spirit. Friends concluded, however, that he didn't really sleep like that!



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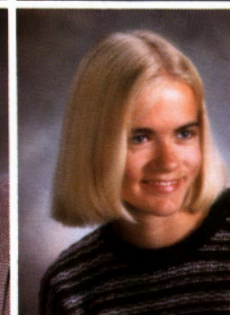
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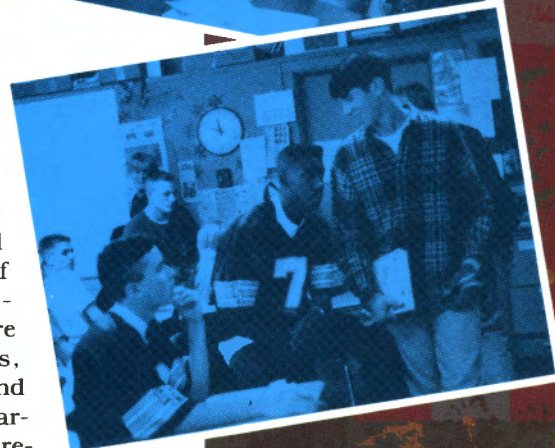
Time to Eat

Enjoying the lunch break in the Senior lunch-room are Tamara Lindberg, Mia Swavel and Heather Some's. When asked what they would change about their senior year, all three decided, "Not a thing!"



Time's A Wasting

Discussing an upcoming football game at the end of Consumer Economics class are Ryan Brookes, Darnell Powers and Ryan Grant. Darnell revealed, "I really wish that I hadn't gotten injured during football season. My hip strain caused me to sit out four games."



Taking Inventory



any seniors looking back over the past three years wished they could turn back the clock

and do things all over again only this time differently.

When the crucial time came for filling out college applications, some seniors wished they had done better academically. Lisa Castello commented, "I definitely would have taken my grades more seriously. I would have studied a lot more." Others also felt they had taken school too lightly. Brian Smith

admitted, "I would have tried harder in school and applied myself more." Adrienne Lawrence agreed, "I would have taken grades and attendance much more seriously. My thoughts would have been more academic rather than wondering, where's the party tonight?"

Some seniors reported they would have gotten more involved in school activities. Michelle Krause explained, "I wish that I would have been more outgoing and talked to more people. I think that if I had opened up and made more friends, I would have had a lot more fun." Stacey Smieska noted, "I was fairly shy my sophomore year and I wish that I had tried to become more outgoing and closer to my friends sooner."

As seniors reported they would have gotten more involved in school activities, more seniors felt time was running out. Brandy Pierson reflected, "This was the last opportunity and I wish I had gotten more involved in Homecoming activities--the float, hall decorating, everything!" "I would have tried to have more fun and be a little less passionate about politics and money. It took me a long time to learn that sometimes you just have to loosen up and have fun," added Kevin Loudon.

As seniors tried to figure out what to do with the rest of their lives, many realized that high school would soon be over and there wasn't much time left to change things. Some were sad, others rejoiced, but all and all, many felt as Jason Bedford put it, "I wish that I would have cared

"I really wish that I had studied more my sophomore and junior years. Then instead of having to work so hard my senior year to get into a good college, I could have spent more time with my friends."

--Shanna Rennirt creating the seahorses for the Senior float at Allison Wood's house.

"Ben and I met playing basketball in eighth grade.

We just clicked and started hanging out. He's like a brother to me. We can be funny or serious and can tell each other anything. Being on court together was the greatest thing."

--Cathy Baker with Ben Bakken in the Homecoming Parade.



Taking for Granted

Kickin' Back

Caught by the lens during a senior assembly program to order caps and gowns are Chantel Lovejoy, Reanna Pickott, Maureen Gregg, Samantha Smith, Heather Robinson and Mia Swavel.

Friends Forever

After being crowned Homecoming Queen, Chereese Ford poses with friends Jeri Hobauer, Kim Ballard and Shanna Rennirt. Chereese shared, "Being on Court was something I will never forget. It meant so much to me. I felt so good about myself that my peers liked and respected me enough to be their Queen."



own the halls, around corners, they were never in hiding. Best friends were everywhere and many students

agreed that during their senior year, best friends became most important. Whether it was being a good listener or giving honest opinions, most seniors had an understanding friend to share important moments with. Senior Cathy Baker revealed, "My most memorable moment with my best friend Ben Bakken was when we were walking on Homecoming Court together."

Many times friendships were not planned, they often just happened. "Chantel Lovejoy and I became friends when everyone else pushed us aside. I guess we both needed a true friend. Now I realize that she will be the best friend I have for the rest

of my life. I treasure our friendship more than ever," explained Melissa Janes.

Other memorable moments were a little more embarrassing. "The very first time Alicia Cottom spent the night at my house she got scared and had to get in bed with my mom!" laughed Lisa Curtis.

Some students valued special qualities in their friends. Shelly Schmitt described, "Lisa Ellis is my best friend because I can be as crazy as I want to and she doesn't hold it against me." "David Ried is my best friend because he is always there for me to talk to and I can cry on his shoulder," noted Jill Cory.

Some concluded that best friends could even take the place of family. "Brian Gleason is my best friend. We do everything together almost like brothers. His parents are actually like my own. I even had Thanksgiving dinner with them instead of mine!" admitted Chad Fulk.

--Shoni Heistand



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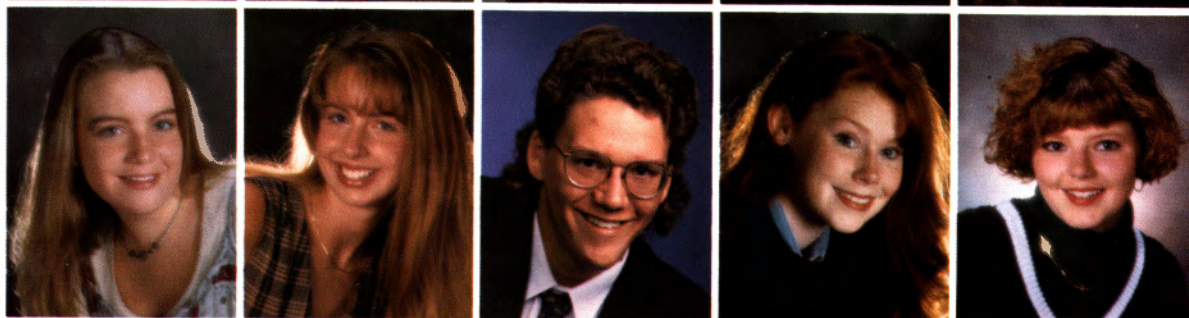
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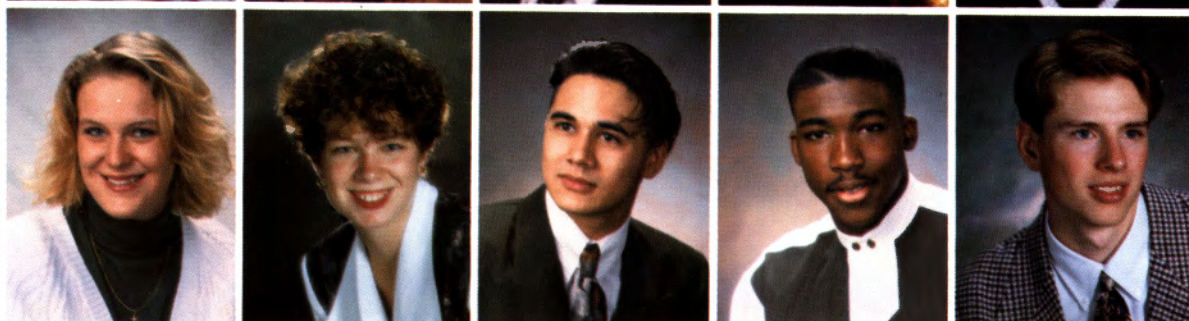
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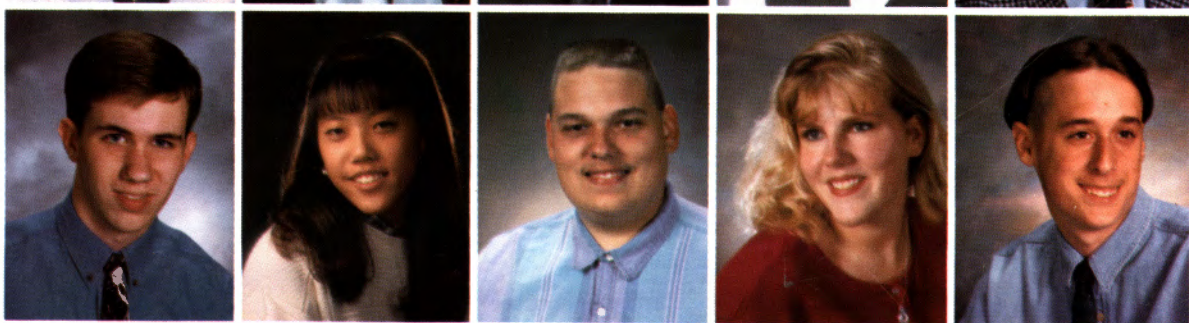
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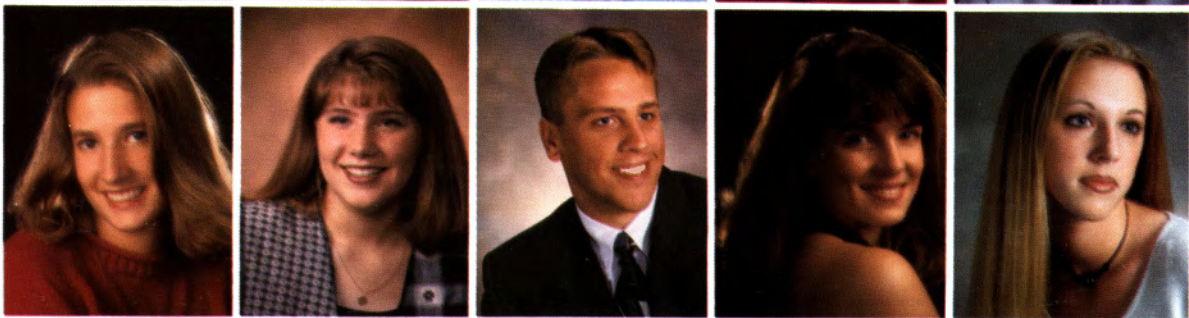
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"After graduation, I'm going to attend Lansing Community College to get my basics, then transfer to Central Michigan University to get a degree in education. High School taught me that you really have to do things right in order to succeed."

--Julie Kent studying with Jaime Keyser in the 'D' wing.

Taking the Plunge



college... Was it a choice or an obligation? The senior class had many different answers to that question.

Brad Cass decided, "It is both. Once you decide to attend college and enroll, you should make it an obligation to yourself to stick to it." Brad was planning to attend Lansing Community College for one year and then transfer to Ferris State University.

Many other students felt that they would benefit from attending a community college for one to two years. Some of them felt that college was a big step they needed to ease into.

Seniors considered a number of in-state colleges including: Michigan State,

University of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State and Michigan Tech.

Amanda Calvert planned to attend Liberty University in Virginia. She reasoned, "College is an obligation and I chose Liberty based on my family's past positive experiences who went there."

Others felt college was an important but scary step. The biggest fear is not liking it and dropping out," noted Terry Kenney. Moving away from home was also a concern. Carilyn Moubrey revealed, "My biggest fear is leaving all my friends and family."

Then there were those who were planning not to attend college right after high school, but to work or take a year off. Megan Ketchum stated, "I will probably work for a year and then go back to school, but I'm really not sure." Most seniors realized the decision and answer to the question was their's and their's alone.

--Adrienne Lawrence

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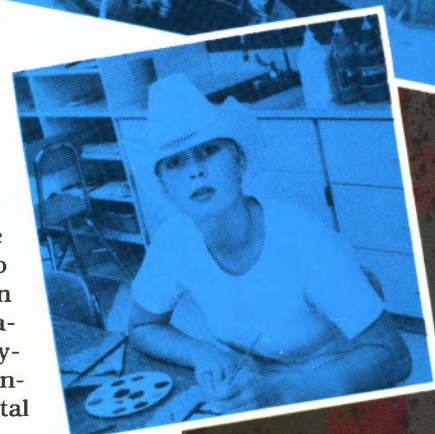
Getting a Laugh

Finding humor in what Vanessa Spencer was writing in a student's notebook during Consumer Economics class is Brian Gleason. The class was a senior requirement for graduation.



Western Inspiration

Enjoying painting class on Hat Day during Spirit Week is Nicole Deetz. She looked forward to college noting, "I plan to move to North Dakota with my boyfriend and get training to become a dental hygienist."



"Looking back on my senior year, the thing I will remember most is being together with the Varsity Football players during the Homecoming Parade and game."

Jason Buckner riding with Varsity Football teammates **Ryan Milliken, Marty Tompkins, Doug Birch, Mike Luce, Eric Corey** and **Jeff Schultz** in the Homecoming Parade.



Taking Time Out

Ready...Action

Performing a scene from the Fall Play, "Matchmaker," are **Tabitha Jenkins** and **Nicole Wood**. "We worked really hard to put on a good production. We had a wide range of people involved and we worked well together," recalled Tabitha.



remember when... and "Don't forget the time when..." After three years of high school, every senior could fill in the blanks.

brought nostalgia. Many seniors credited teachers for providing them with the extra motivation they needed. "Science boy, Dave Foy, inspired me the most," recalled **Jason Bedford**. "His energetic manner and approach to chemistry perked my interest in science." **Carilyn Moubray** added, "I would have to say Mr. Kressler influenced me greatly because he taught me how to take on responsibility and how to respect people."

Other seniors had mixed emotions about leaving. **Julie Kent** explained, "I am going to feel everything at once. I'll be sad because it is over and happy because I can get on with my life." Looking back, seniors left behind busy hallways, tardy bells, joking around during class and Friday night games, but in return, they took with them all the memories.

--**Sarah Mann**

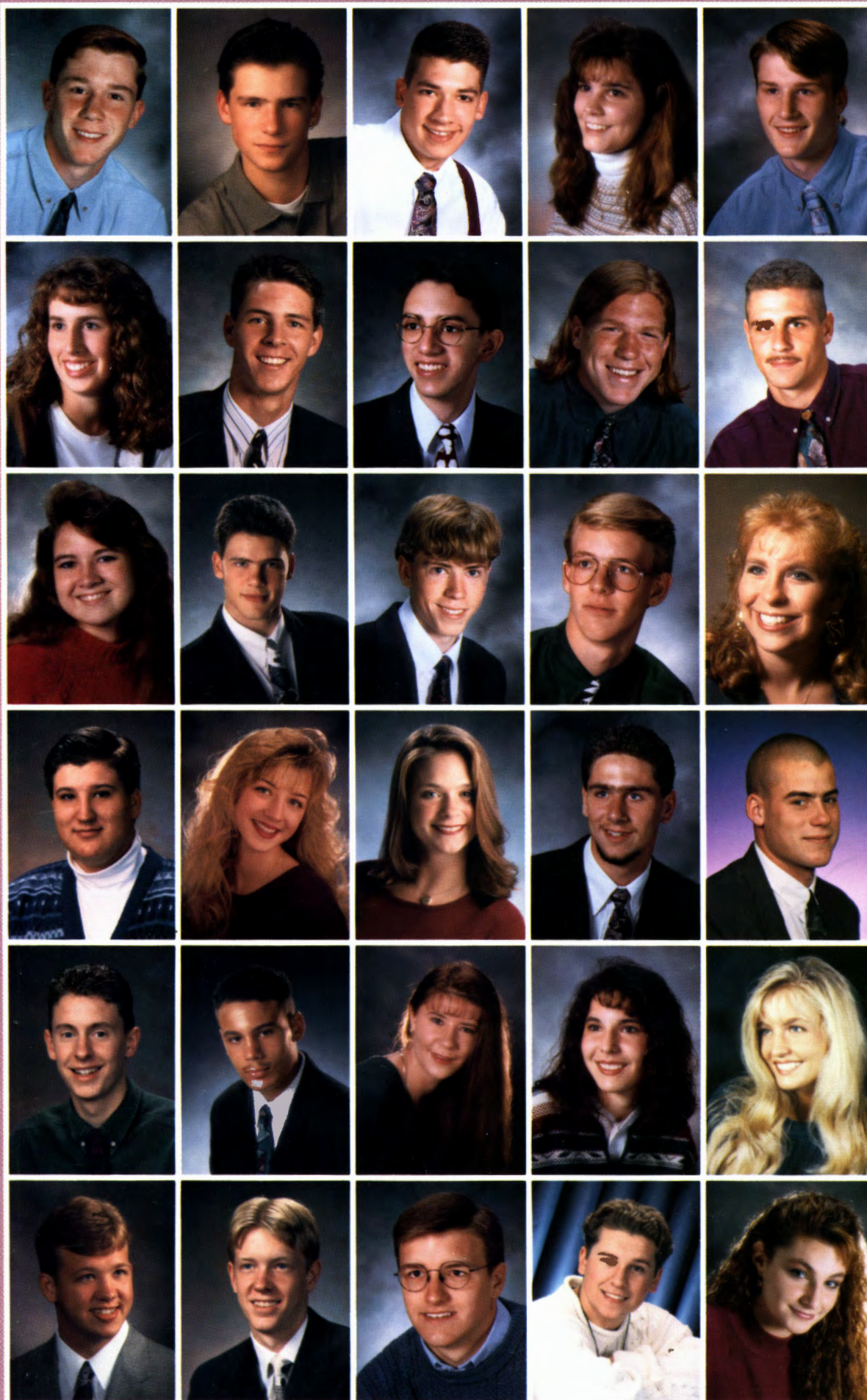
"I will always remember Spirit Week. We were finally seniors and got a chance to rip on the sophomores and juniors just like we were once ripped on," stated **Lisa Castello**. "What I'll remember and miss most is the adrenaline of those Friday night football and basketball games when everyone was screaming for a touchdown or a basket. Everyone was having a good time, yelling at the refs and cheering. Then after the game, we'd all go to Sammy's or Pizza Hut and take over the restaurant," reflected **Andrea Cook**.

Still, there was more than Homecoming and sports that

Subtle Distractions

Stealing a few moments before Pre-Calculus class to look at senior pictures are **Carrie Cole, Shanna Rennirt** and **Laura Nunheimer**.





Kenneth Root II
Bryan Roy
Michael Rutherford
Shelly Schmitt
John Schopp

Amanda Schram
Timothy Schram
Jamin Schroeder
Eric Schuette
Jeffrey Schultz

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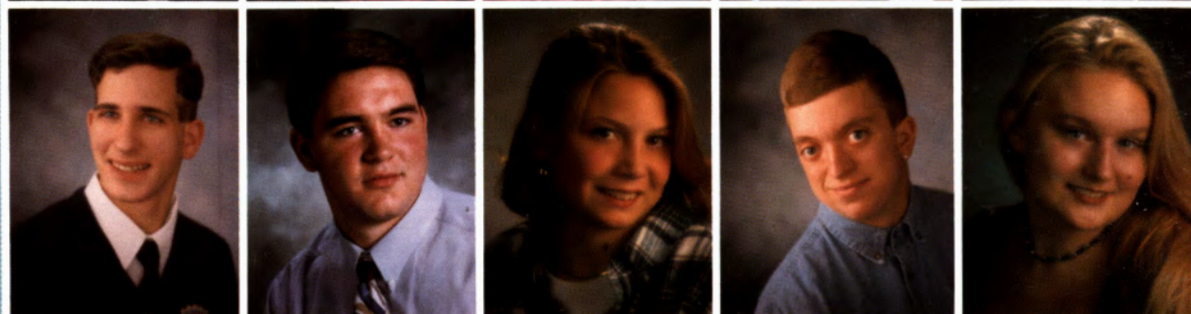
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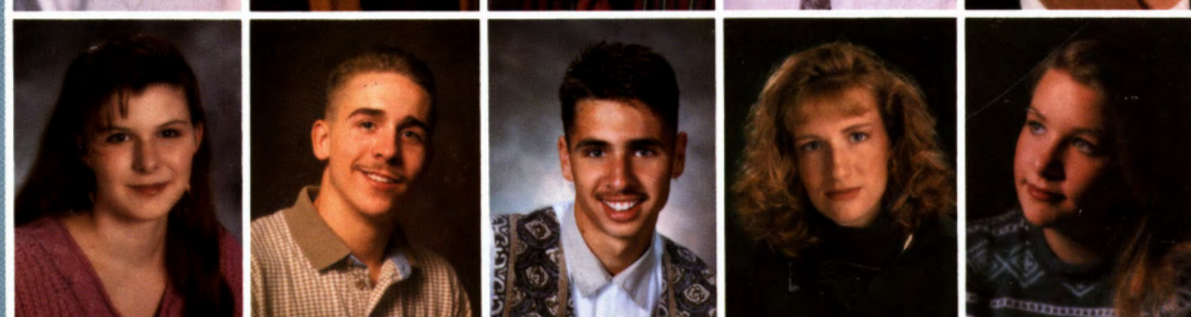
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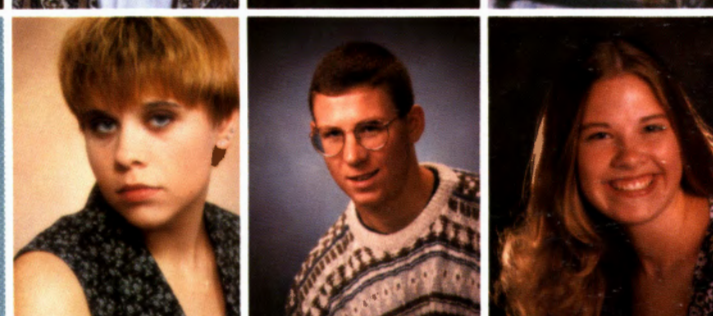
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Allison Wood
Nicole Wood



Heather Wyskowski
Jason Yuhasz
Amy Zehnder





"Senioritis is very life threatening if not caught in the early stages. Making a transfer to Holt cured me of it. I had to work harder if I wanted to do well."

--Elijah White
with Mark
VanBuren and
Angie McBrien in
Media and
Society class.

Taking It Easy

Lurking in seniors' minds as they roamed the halls was the plague called senioritis.

It had a basic description. "You want to be with your friends, party all night and homework is out of the question," explained Cami Crawford.

For some, the onset came early. Both Cathy Baker and Tina Sullivan agreed, "It was when the first homework of my senior year was assigned to me." Regardless of the starting date, many seniors seemed to catch the affliction. It was characterized by a more laid back attitude. Kristy Brennan stated, "On

my days off, I sit back and relax." "I'm completely lazy and I don't do anything that deals with work," admitted Jaime Keyser. Kelli Heppinstall added, "I'm simply restless, tired and worn out!"

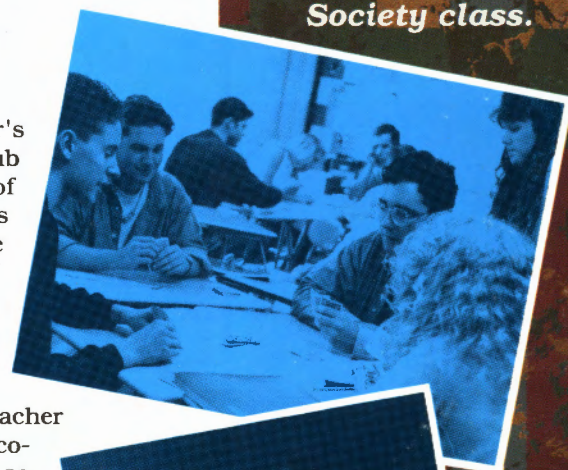
More troublesome was the inability to keep one's head together. Brian Hines realized, "I have a reluctance to work and a wandering mind." Even more desperate was Bob Keller who resolved, "I have a desire to leave, begin a new life and leave my parents behind."

The pronouncement got serious with DaNeil Alexander who concluded, "High school is simple. College is what I call real life." The prescription was more difficult to apply. Many struggled, having good days and off days, while Brian Gleason jokingly suggested, "Just flunk your junior year and you'll be all set."

—Kelly Skidmore
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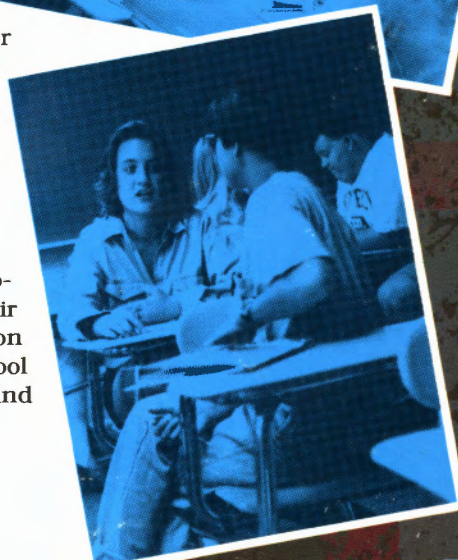
Dimonds are Trump

Every senior's 'lucky' day--a sub and a game of euchre to pass the time. On the first day of school it was difficult to conduct business as usual with a substitute teacher in Consumer Economics class so students got a break.

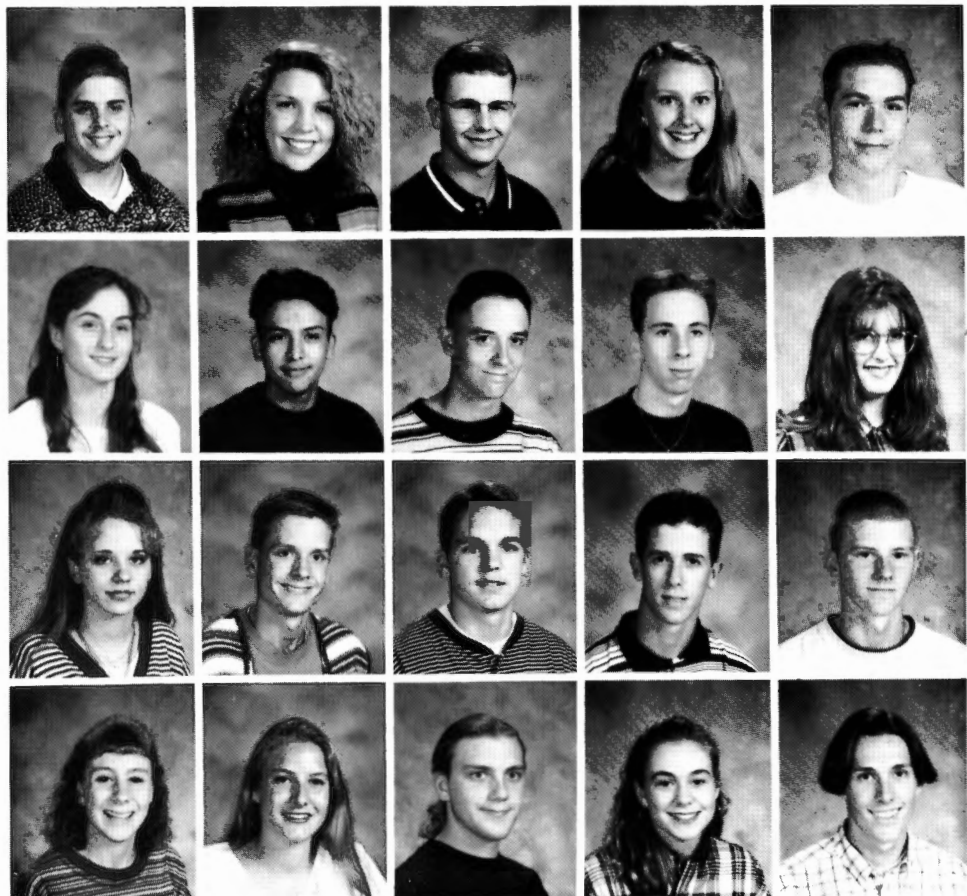


Passing Time

Catching a few moments to rehash their summer vacation on the first day of school are Kirstin Boss and Missy Homan.



Catching On to the Game of Spirit



"At one of the first decoration meetings, everyone decided that we needed to improve our hall from last year. I think that we did a lot better job of it and the Peter Pan theme was a lot easier to work with. It turned out really good."
--**Junior Megan Dickinson**

*Charles Adado
Jennifer Adams
Amber Adkins
Autumn Alden*

*Julie Allen
Robert
Almazan
Dustin Alward
Kathy Andersen*

*Brian Anderson
Brian Anderson
Paul Anderson
Kristofer Arnett*

*Diana Arnold
Mitchell
Auwenshine
Beau Babcock
Damarah Ballard*

*Michael Balzer
Mandy Barnhart
Jeffrey Barnett
Joshua Baxter*

With a sophomore year under their belt, the juniors came into Spirit Week with the will to win. Learning from mistakes they had made during last year's competition, they knew just where to begin. "At one of the first decoration meetings, everyone decided that we needed to improve our hall from last year. I think that we did a lot better job of it and the Peter Pan theme was a lot easier to work with. It turned out really good," reflected Megan Dickinson.

All junior council members were involved in some way with the production. Kim Witsaman directed part of the

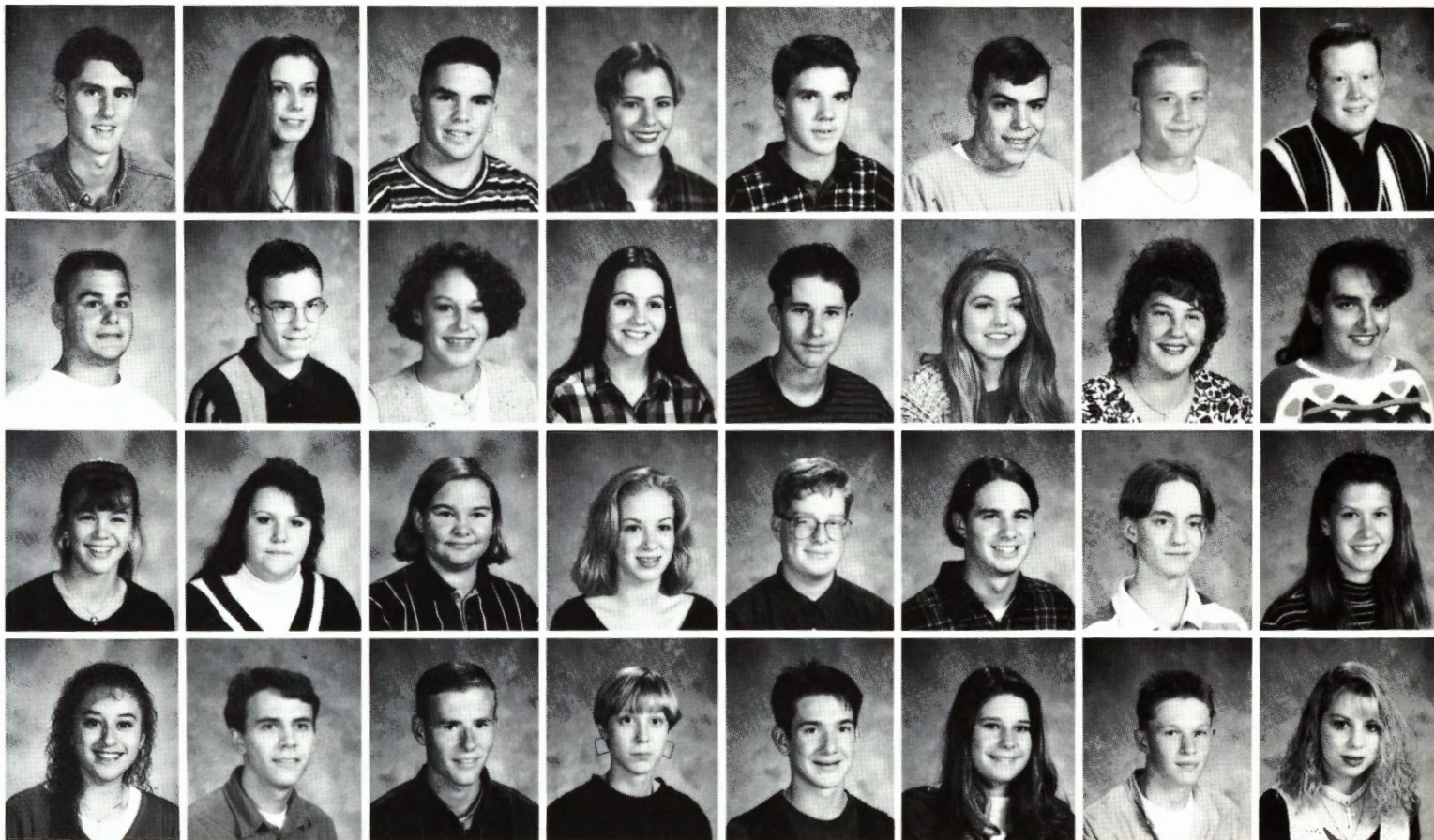
float building and she was also the organizer of the semi-formal Homecoming Dance. She recalled, "Everyone's spirits were up and the people who worked on the float and hall decorations cooperated to make sure that all of the little details were taken care of. The juniors came together very well and everyone got along. We worked hard and had fun while we were at it."

But it wasn't just the people involved with the planning of the celebration that were having a great time, the Junior Court members also found the week much fun. Representing their class were Tom McKouen, Chris Sherry, Scott Lawrence, Lindsay Patterson, Sarah

Cribley, and Beth Wilkerson. "Homecoming was a really exciting experience. I had a lot of fun. Besides, I thought I looked great in a tux," joked Chris.

Although the final tallies did not yield the class winning scores, they did come in second in the float competition, third in hall decorations, and still had one year left to try their shot at first place. "I think that this year, the juniors got the hang of things. I was happy to see more people becoming involved. Hopefully next year we'll do better than we've ever done," concluded Alicia Watson.

--**Julie Smith**



*Matthew Bechler
Jason Beck
Michelle Beck
Zulema Beltran*

*Marisa Bennett
James Berg
Vanessa Berry
Ryan Besko*

*Douglas Birch
Kristin Block
Kathryn Boudt
Chad Bowen*

*Kori Bowen
Sarah
Brockwell
Jennifer Brooks
Catherine
Brookshire*

*John Brower
James Brown
Michael Brown
Michael Brown*

*Jacob Buchler
Brandy Bullock
Gabriel Caldwell
Amanda Camp*

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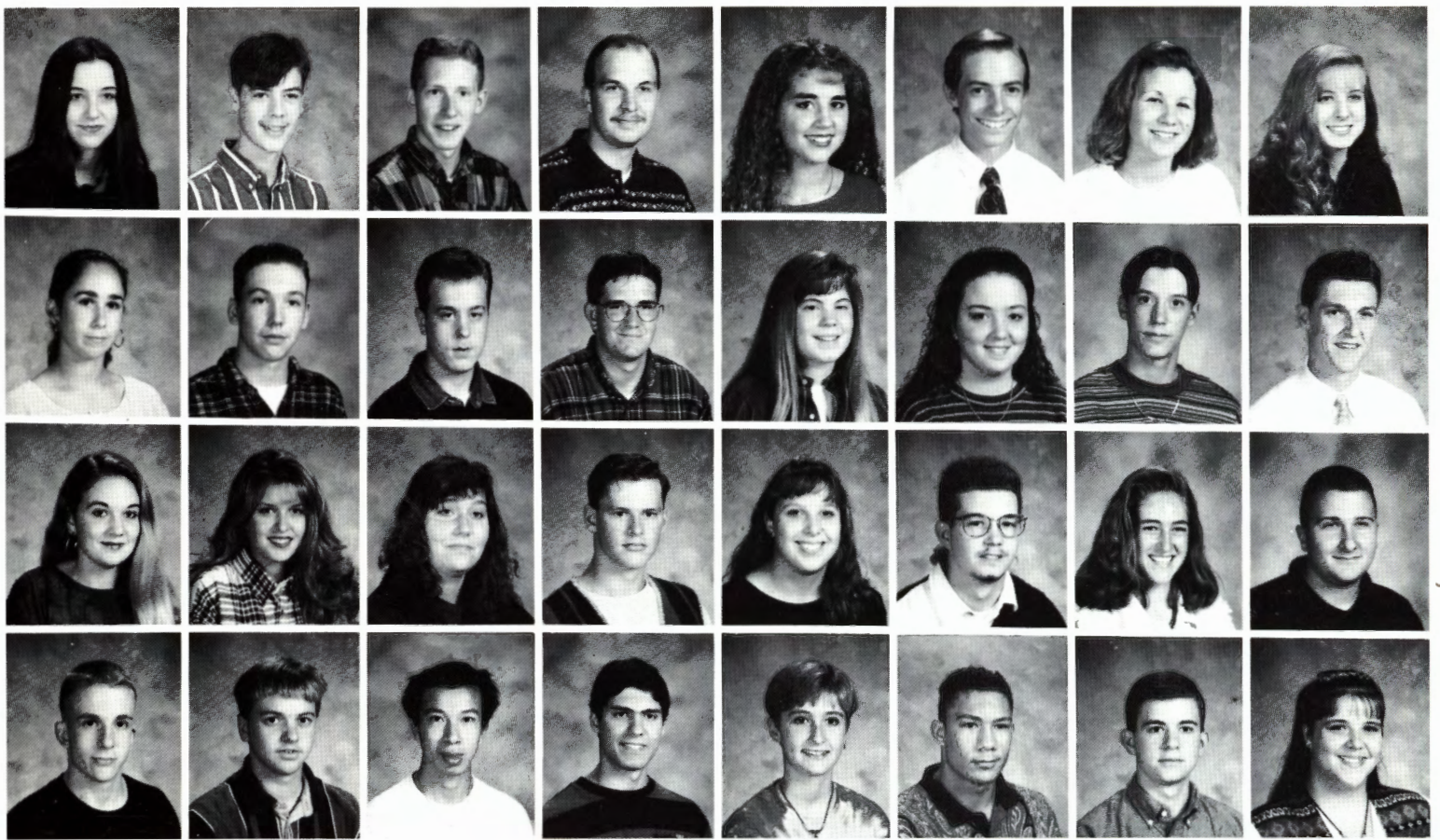


Never Never Land

On display at the Homecoming game is the Junior Class float. With the theme of Peter Pan, their entry placed second in class competition.

Hanging Out

Goofing off with Jay Gamet and showing their spirit on Hat Day in the attendance office are Sarah Skoczylas, Sara Woulf, Sarah Brockwell and Damarah Ballard.



*Amanda Coe
Amy Corr
Jodie Corr
Jason Crandall*

*Jonathan Crandall
Patrick Crane
Sarah Cribbley
Fred Croley*

*Eric Cronk
James Crosby
Nichole Curry
Diep Dao*

*Andrew Davis
Bradley Delaney
Timothy Denike
Paul DeRose*

*Christina DeWitt
Megan Dickinson
Amy Dodson
Kristi Doe*

*Adam Downey
Kelly Dryer
Robert Dubay
Justin Dungey*

*Samantha Dunn
Jeremy Eagle
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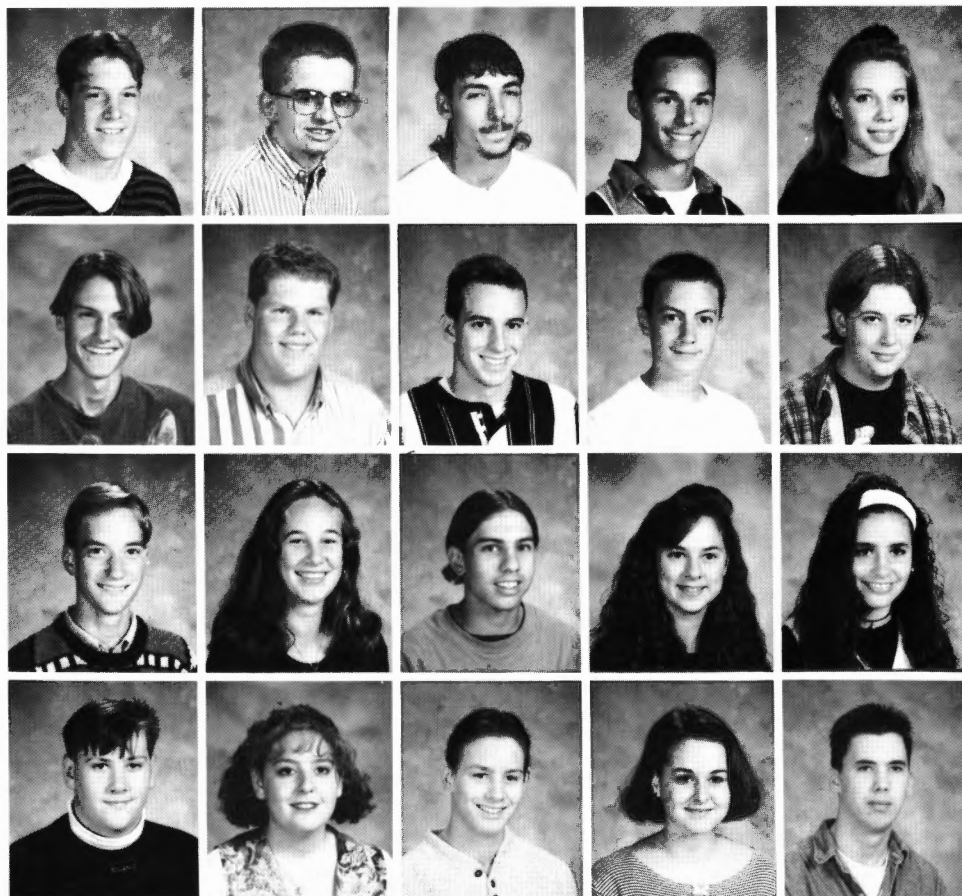
Check it out!

Taking a look at the hall decorations on Homecoming morning are juniors Sal Wilson, Erin Stahl and sophomore Emily Sutliff. The classes had taken over the halls on Thursday afternoon to prepare their theme decorations for the Spirit Week competition.

Meeting of Minds

Gathering at the front entrance are juniors Lindsay Patterson, Christina DeWitt, sophomore Jessica Adams and exchange student Marcela Pichardo prior to staging the Rally at the Flagpole in early fall. The halls were often meeting places for students. Lindsay observed, "The hallways have gotten really crowded. It makes it hard to get to classes on time. I feel sorry for the students who have lockers in the 'A' and 'G' halls."





To Push Or to Shove

Trevor Huke
Jacob Fortuna
Andrew Foster
Jason Foxwell

Ryan Frazier
Timothy Freed
Alicia Freeman
Amanda Frier

Brock Fuller
Christopher Gafner
Benjamin Gamet
Jay Gamet

John Gilbreath
Jacob Gibray
Cari Gonzalez
Eula Goodine

Jamie Gostnell
Quincy Goss
Katherine
Greenwood
Joel Grumblatt

The occasional shove, the all too familiar pain that shoots through the foot when it gets stepped on, even the 30 second call from a hall monitor as someone runs by hoping to beat the tardy bell to class...everyone knew that the halls were a gathering place before they were a passing place.

As enrollment grew, the halls were affected in major ways and solutions were not always guaranteed. One couldn't help overhearing, "Get out of my way," or "Can you walk a little faster, please!" Yet, no matter how impatient one became, traffic flow seemed to hold a steady pace. But there were instances that

set off the irrate buttons. "There are large groups of students who walk along the halls during the passing period, and then, all of a sudden, they stop to converse, as if no one was around them. That is really annoying," stated junior Brian Heany. These students didn't seem to notice that space and time were at a premium.

Some students considered various solutions such as one-way halls, but nothing caught on, so they resorted to some old-fashioned remedies. "I walk around with a look on my face that relays the message, 'If you don't move, you will die.' It works quite nicely," asserted Lisa Krug. "I try to avoid the B hall by going outside through the new wing," explained junior Jeff Jewett.

Some students envisioned

more unique ways to cope. "I would teleport myself to my classes," joked junior Paul DeRose. Junior Pat Crane commented, "There could be conveyor belts like the Jetsons, but realistically, I just yell, 'I have scabies!' really loud. People seem to move."

Injuries even provided an upside when it came to passing time. "I get out of class five minutes early because I am on crutches. It helps beat the crowd," revealed junior Matt Bechler.

And then there were the more down-to-earth students who realized, people could get some manners. "Patience... that's all there is to it. There isn't really any other way," concluded Shondi Truman.

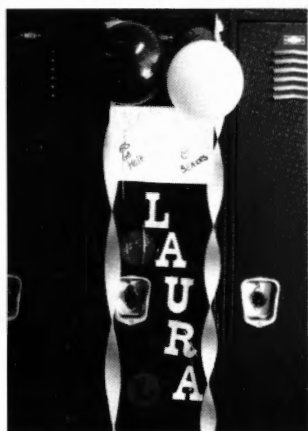
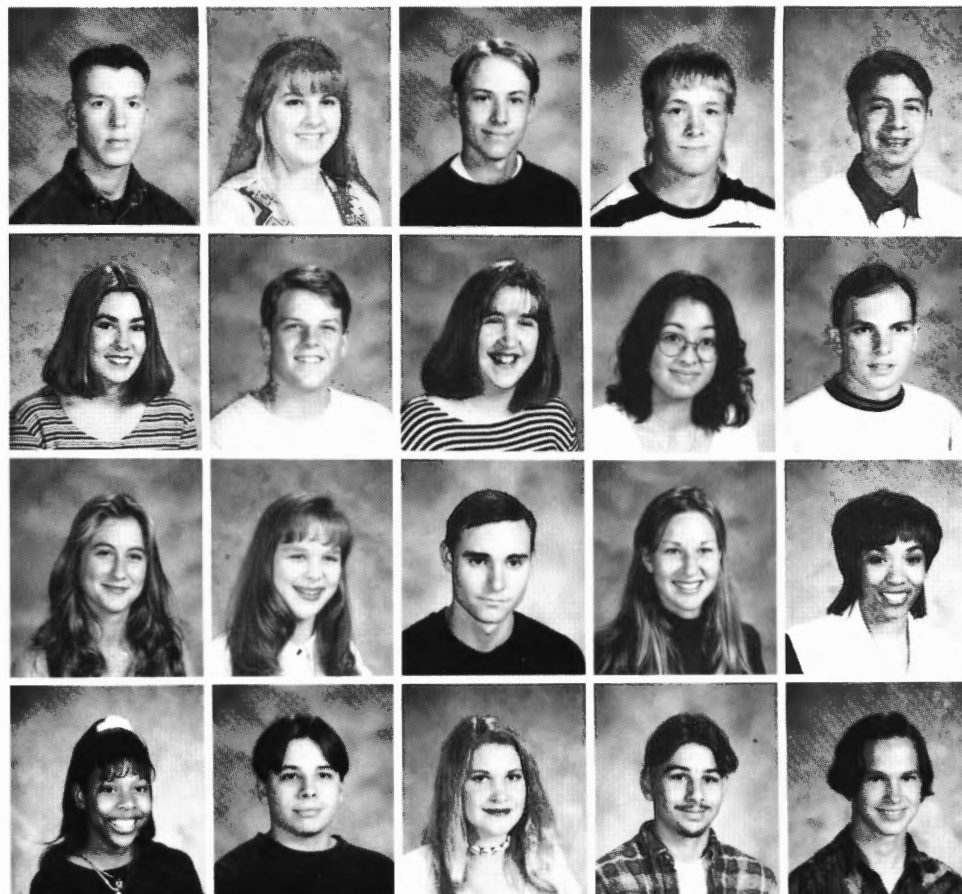
—Josh Knechtges

"The main problems are the people who like to stop and talk to everyone they know. They stop right in front of you and cause a traffic jam. Let's face it, there is no real cure.

Crowded halls are like a bad fungus; they never really go away."

—Junior
Lisa Krug

Believing Is the Name of the Game



*Christopher Hale
Rachael Haley
Laura Harger
Marisa Harper*

*Lisa
Harris-Townshend
Brett Hartford
Nicole Hartman
David Hartmann*

*Frank Hartwick
Holly Haskell
Joseph Haskell
Erin Hassler*

*Tandem Hayes
Angela Hays
Jaime Haylette
Bryan Heany*

*Brandon Heckard
Bradley Hemenway
Brandy Hill
Brendan Hill*

"I thought it was cool that the seniors decorated our lockers. It really got me pumped up for the game."

--Junior

Laura Ososkie

Varsity Basketball Team

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life," asserted junior Matt Bechler. Junior Jeff Barrett disagreed, "Good luck charms can give you an extra boost of confidence if you believe in them strongly enough."

The debate on the effect of good luck charms and superstitions has raged for centuries. Ever since someone cherished the age-old rabbit's foot, picked the famous four leaf clover or avoided walking underneath ladders, there has been speculation on the validity of these things. There probably wasn't any way that someone could experiment with the charms to determine if, in fact, picking up a shiny, heads-up penny would bring

good fortune, but there were a number of students who had that certain something they believed brought them luck.

From Kim Witsaman's lucky Christmas socks and Brandee Matteson's guardian angel to Lisa Krug's lucky braid of hair, there were an assortment of good luck charms. Lisa explained, "My friend John was going into the Army, so he put his hair into braids and shaved his head. I saved the one I cut off because he always brought me good luck."

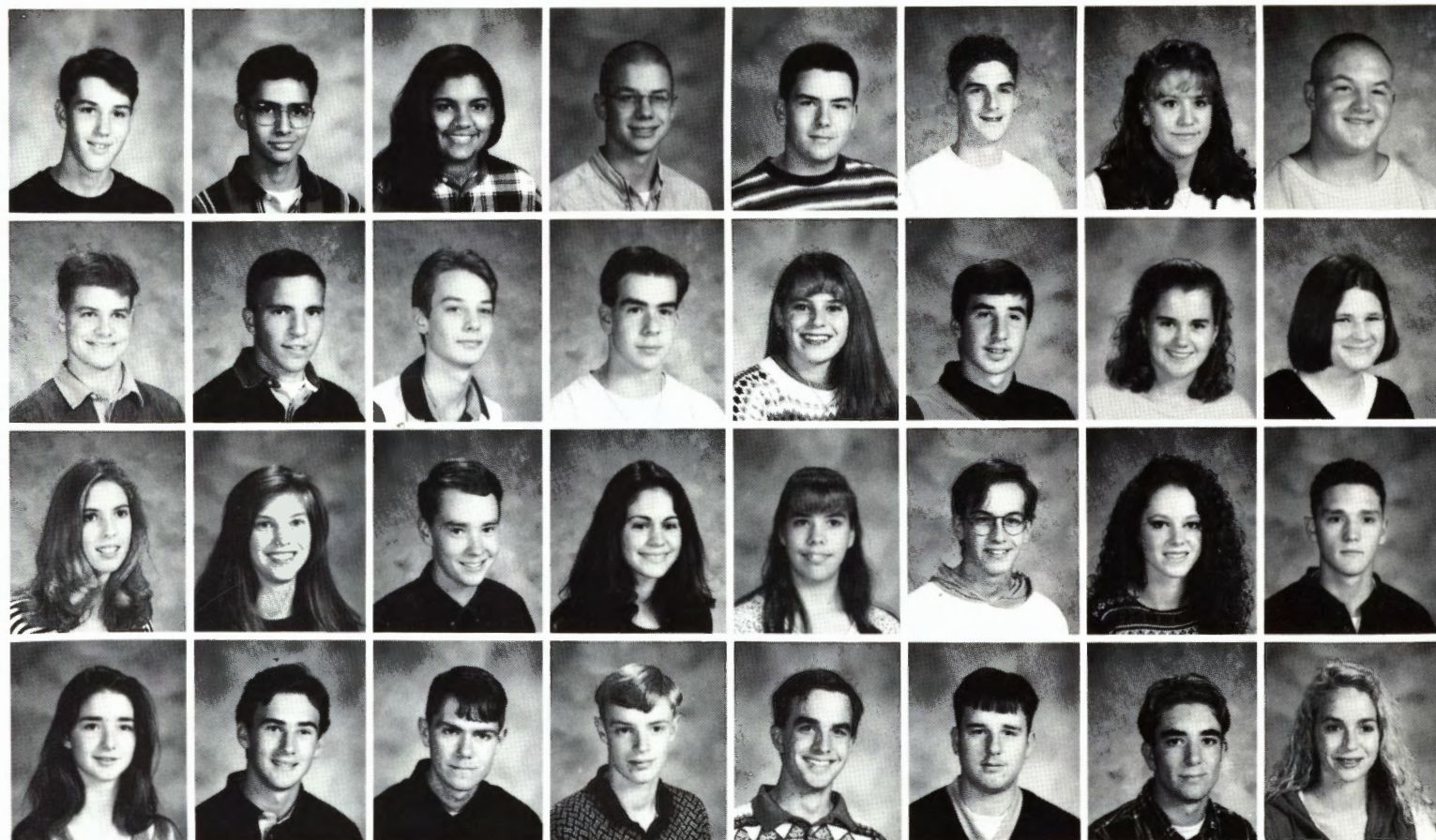
Brandee Matteson's guardian angel became good luck for her after a strange encounter with a Ouija board. "I was playing the game one night and it said that my guardian angel was looking over me. Ever since, I've believed in it!"

Superstitions didn't seem to hold as much value for

students as lucky charms, but some believed in them. Junior Jay Gamet commented, "When playing baseball, I never step on the base line from third to home plate while going out to the field. I saw a guy in the Major Leagues do it who played really well and I got better." Junior Rachel Paterick added, Every time before I shoot a free throw, I dribble the ball three times. I have always done this ever since I started playing basketball. When I was a freshman playing against Okemos, I had to make my free throws to take the lead. I made them and we won by two points."

Whether students believed in good luck charms and superstitions or not, junior Jeff Barrett concluded, "They always work if I think they do!"

--Jeff Reynolds



*Chad Hill
Patrick Holmes
Alisha Hoover
Karina Howe*

*Faiz Niramulla
Dana Jackson
Kathleen Jennings
Jeffrey Jewett*

*Jennifer Johnson
Lee Jordan
Aaron Jost
Benjamin Kamm*

*Chad Keast
Christopher
Kellogg
Kori Kelly
Aaron Kern*

*Steven Kilmon
Margaret Kinder
Wendy Kirkham
Eric Knechtges*

*Joshua Knechtges
Kevin Knowles
Jacob Kolonich
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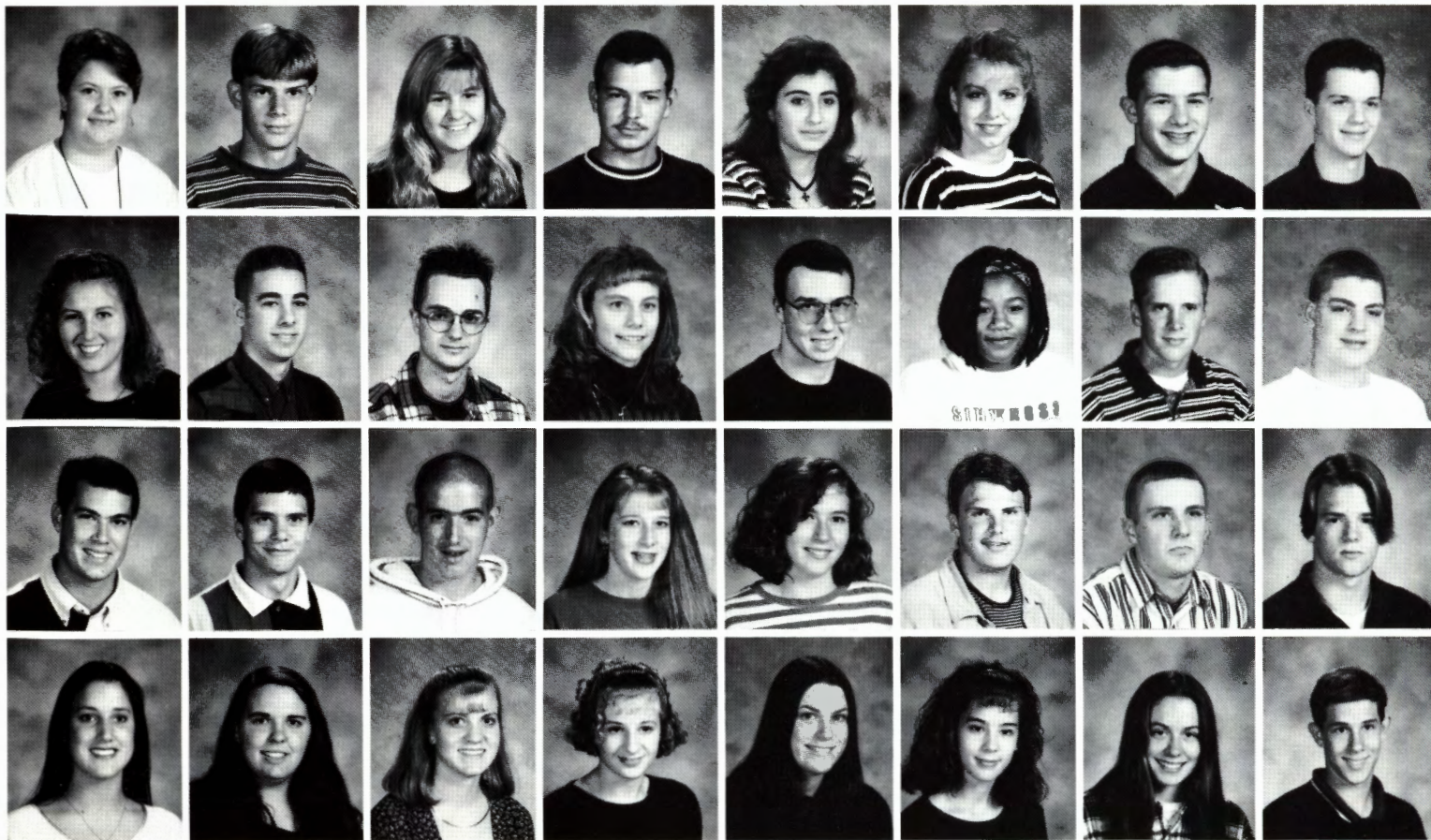


Believe it or not

Working on a cholera lab in Mr. Burgess' Biology class are sophomores Katie Stambaugh and Jenny Thomley. Katie stated, "I don't really believe in superstitions. I believe that only you determine your fate."

Cemetery stroll

Students on a field trip to a Dimondale cemetery in the Interdisciplinary Learning Community class take notes on residents buried there and make rubbings of the tombstones. Junior Ben Kamm recalled, "When walking over the graves, I got the creeps because you sunk into the ground where people were buried. I don't really believe in many superstitions, but I do read the horoscopes."



*Bobbi Jo Lankins
Allison Larson
Scott Lawrence
Nichole Lee*

*Nikolas Leible
James Lenon
Chadwick
Lesniewski
Carli Lintemuth*

*Beth Litwiller
Robert Longberry
Tom Lott
Kathryn Luedtke*

*Kevin Littrell
Sara Macaluso
Kelly MacKellar
Nichole Malm*

*Narine
Manukova
Paul Markel
Sarah McCarty
Tara McClelland*

*Jessica
McDonald
Oshanti
McKinstry
Thomas McKuen
Jennifer McLeod*

*Coney Mead
Adam Merchant
Andrew Merchant
Valerie Michle*

*Bradley Mikesell
James Miller
Nicolas Miller
Timothy Milliken*



Beat the Clock

Riding shotgun at lunch time is junior Laura Ososkie. She recalled, "A bad driving experience for me was when my friend and I were leaving Finleys and she went the wrong way on a one-way street. Fortunately, the only person who saw us was a guy trying to tell us we were driving in the wrong lane."



Dukes of Hazard

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Returning from lunch, junior Ben Kamm exits Jason Evan's car. He

related, "I slid on ice and rear-ended someone. Luckily, I got out of the ticket in the accident because of road conditions."



Riding Shotgun not Always fun!

*Edward Monroe
Benjamin Morris
Angela Mulvaney
Ryan Mulvaney*

*Matthew Murphy
Benjamin Myers
Kelley Nastal
Nicole Nelson*

*Rhonda Newman
Wanda Newman
Matthew Noecker
Marni Norris*

*Amy Norrse
Brooke Oakley
Amita Ortiz
Ryan Osborn*

*Laura Ososhie
Daren Palacios
Jennifer Palmer
Keri Parker*

Junior year was here, most students had their licenses and they were ready to roll. Whether they were behind the wheel or riding shotgun, they had some truly terrifying tales to tell.

"The frustrating process started in the car with my dad. I was trying to show him what a great driver I was. At an intersection in Dimondale, I turned the corner and hit a stop sign. My dad was not impressed with my driving skills and has not let me drive since," admitted junior Vanessa Berry.

Most new drivers had a few problems, but the only way to get better was to

practice. "I was picking up Matt Bechler at his house and I had two other friends with me. One of them pulled the car around in the driveway so I would have to back out--one of my weaknesses. I returned to the car, tried to back out and I didn't do so bad until I started to go forward and my wheels locked up. I got real close to the 'Captain Curby', and slammed on my brakes just in time, throwing my passengers forward. Then my car stalled in the middle of the road. After what seemed like an eternity, it finally started and off to school we went. I was totally embarrassed," revealed junior Lynn Felton.

Trash receptacles were also a problem for Nick Redman. He explained, "I was driving back from the store one

evening when I hit this big green Granger dumpster sitting along the side of the road. I put a huge dent in the side of my car."

Trash containers, however, weren't the only problem. Juniors discovered that there were other cars on the road too. "I was driving my parents' brand new car. I started to back up when, all of a sudden, I hit a car behind me leaving a huge dent in my parents' car. I'm still allowed to drive it, however, I'm much more careful now," related Alisha Hoover.

Even though it was a long road to better driving, juniors found that practice makes perfect... well, maybe it could make things a little better.

--Bobbijo Larkins

"Last summer during Driver's Education, we had partners for on-the-road-driving. I sat in the back seat while it was the other person's turn to drive. We got on the highway and for some reason he kept drifting off the road! The teacher kept grabbing the steering wheel and pulling the car back in the lane while I sat in the back seat crossing my fingers and praying for my life." --**Junior**

Julie Smith

Let's get Moving in the Routine



*Stanley Parker
Jessica Pavotti
Rachael Paternick
Lindsay Patterson*

*Justin Perez
Jeannine Pierson
John Pool
Ciseco Potts*

*Katonia Pratt
Timothy Purcell
Amy Pyne
Molly Ranke*

*Emily Rapelje
Gennie Ray
Stanley Ray
Nicholas Redmon*

*Jamie Reitz
David Resio
Jeffery Reynolds
Ryan Reynolds*

"I know it's time to get up when my dog starts licking my toes in the morning. Then it's off to McDonald's for breakfast. That always gets me going."
--**Junior Kathy Anderson**

Up at the crack of dawn, riding a bus or driving half awake, spilling breakfast everywhere and then having to stay awake and learn for the next six hours did not appeal to most students. If it were up to them, they would have school starting at noon instead of 7:30 a.m.

For many it took a really loud alarm clock or mom screaming at them to drag themselves out of bed. "I have to put my alarm clock on the other side of the room so I have to get out of bed to turn it off," explained junior Allison Warner.

After prying one's eyelids open, keeping them open was the next task. "I don't have trouble getting up in the morning, it's staying awake that's the problem. I have to

drink many cups of coffee to stay awake," claimed junior Quincy Gow.

For some the smell of breakfast helped while others had different wake up calls. "I know it's time to get up when my dog starts licking my toes in the morning. Then it's off to McDonald's for breakfast. That always gets me going," explained junior Kathy Anderson.

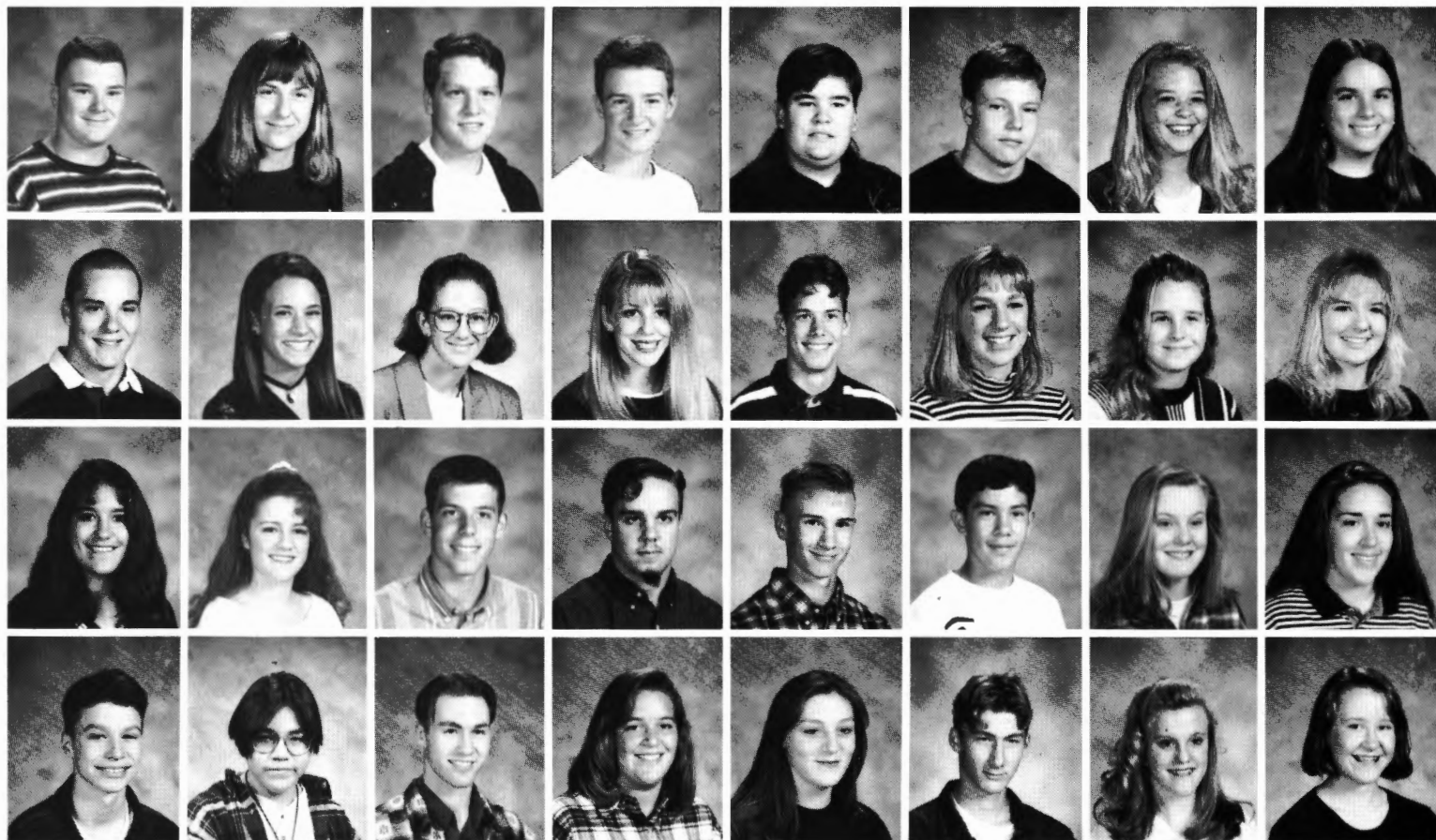
Some students prolonged the wake up call with time-saving ideas. "I sleep to the very last minute and then try to save time by drying my hair with the car window down on the way to school. But it gets kind of cold after awhile and it doesn't always dry," complained junior Sara Woulf.

As time ran out, students started thinking of a believable excuse for being late. Sophomore Andy Verleger remarked, "The worst excuse

I've ever used was that I thought I was still in junior high so I drove a little bit out of my way. Others ran into a little more trouble. I was late and started speeding. A policeman pulled me over and my mother's outstanding parking tickets got me a trip downtown to the police station. Needless to say I was very late," reported Chad Lesnieski.

No matter how difficult it was to arrive on time, school officials expected students to enter ready to learn. To insure it, they theorized that forfeiting class after three unexcused absences would do it. For most that was enough to get up at the crack of dawn because no one wanted to do a semester or year longer than they had to.

--**Katie Yemc**



*Steven Robedean
Sean Robinson
Rebecca Rodriguez
Paul Roeske*

*Vanessa Rogers
Brandi Ross
Breanna Roy
Joseph Roy*

*John Royston
Marie Rychman
Marshal Savage
Timothy Schmidt*

*Jonathan Schraft
Amy Schultz
Jeffery Setla
Amy Shepler*

*Billie Sherman
Christopher Sherry
Mark Sienkiewicz
Sarah Skoczylas*

*Bryan Smieszka
Julie Smith
Samuel Smith
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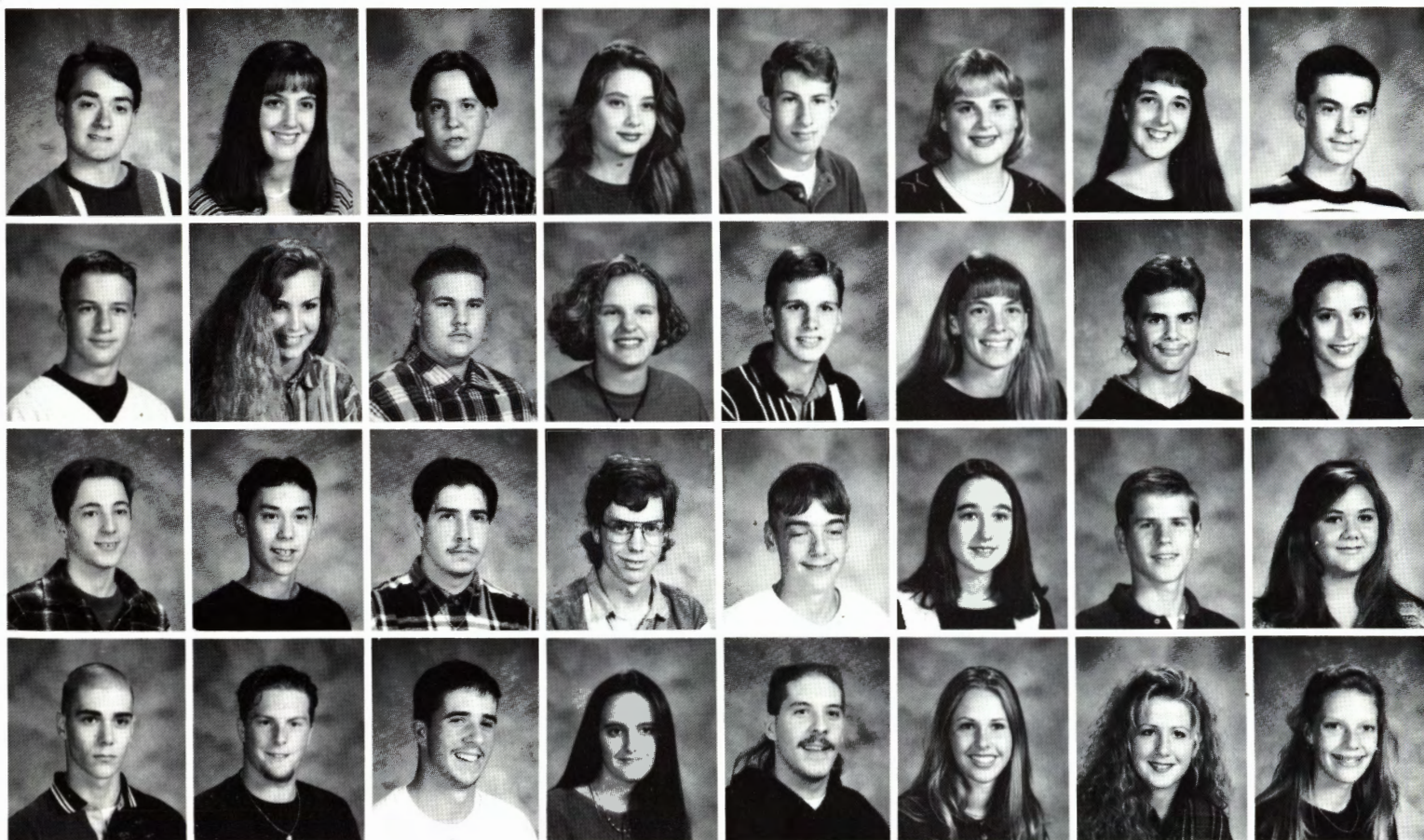


Rise and Shine!

Putting the finishing touches on Junior Christina DeWitt's Get Up and Go Day look is junior Jeanne Pierson. Christina commented, "My routine consists of getting up at 6:00 a.m., taking a shower, getting dressed, doing my hair and make-up, then dropping my brother off at the Junior High and picking up a friend on my way to school."

Pajama Game

On Get Up and Go Day during Spirit Week, junior Brandy Bullock prepares for a class presentation in Lori Buwalda's Chemistry class. Of her morning routine, Brandy revealed, "I usually get up pretty quick and I'm generally in a good mood. I'm never grouchy, just nice and cheerful."



*Joshua
Steadman-Jersey
William Stevens
Stephan Stornant
John Sullivan*

*Caroline Swan
Kristina Swaynie
Darnell Tanigawa
Michael Taylor*

*Robert Taylor
Thornia Taylor
Chad Teachout
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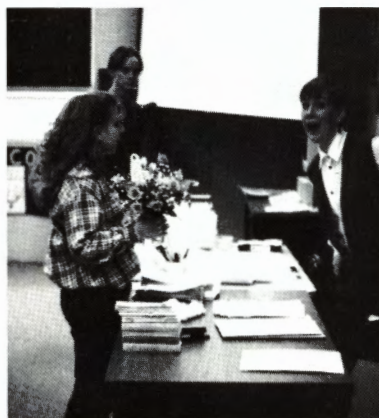
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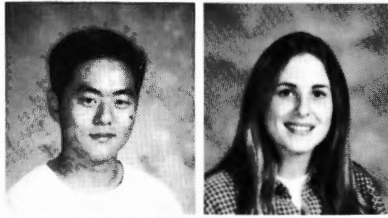
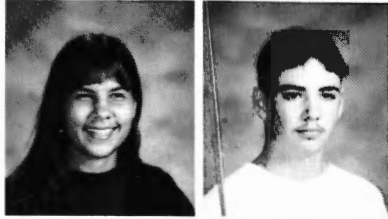
On November 16 in Amy Galligan's fourth hour English class, junior Sara Feaster gets a sixteenth birthday surprise. She recalled, "I told everyone I wanted flowers for my birthday and the surprise was the bouquet of balloons plus flowers from a secret admirer."



Sweet Surprise!

Receiving a carnation on Homecoming Day from the cheerleaders is Varsity Football player Rodney Knott in first hour Drawing class. One of his best surprises, however, came on his thirteenth birthday. He remembered, "My birthday is in the winter and when I got home from school, sitting on my front porch was a brand new snowmobile. My dad even got a professional to paint my name on it in black along the side. I was totally surprised!"





**Students
Not Pictured:**

*Luis Aldaco
Angeleque
Bidingen
Jon Cooper
James Holmes
Rodney Kvott
Damon Lamb
Brandee
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Shaun
McKinney
Glenda
MacPhee
Charles Mercer
Mike Moody
Shawn Parker
Sarah Rearick
David Seadley
Matt Stevens*

*In Memory of
David
Rosenbrook*

A tribute on behalf of his friends is made to David Rosenbrook, a member of the Class of 1996. Though missed, he was present in spirit and in students' thoughts during the year.

His memory remains a part of all other memories that seniors and underclassmen shared with him, not only this year, but throughout his student life.

--The Rampages Staff

Memories Are made of Birthday Surprises

*Sal Wilson
Kimberly
Wissaman
Cory Wong
Melissa Wong*

*Sara Woodly
Aaron Wright
Kathryn Yenc
Hiona Zeller*

*Joseph
Zimmerman*

Fluffy, white cake; rich, chocolate ice cream, presents, surprises, family and friends; the one day a year that everyone had all eyes on you--your birthday. Many sentimental memories stood out in students' minds. "When I was 10, my mom made a treasure hunt for me to go through to get my present. I rampaged through the house for about three hours looking for it. I can't recall the gift I found when I came to the end, but I remember the hunt vividly!" recalled senior Adam Newberry. Junior Chris DeWitt explained, "It was my sixth grade year and I went to a private school. I was the

oldest in my class and because I was the first to turn 13 my friends decorated my locker. I was totally surprised."

Many students felt their sweet sixteen birthday was the most memorable. "For my sixteenth birthday, my friends threw me a surprise party. My best friend and I got into a fight with my favorite--chocolate cake! It was all over us," related senior Shoni Heistand. For others, unexplainable gifts made it memorable. "My birthday is in the colder month of October and I'll never forget that my dad and stepmom got me a beach towel!" exclaimed junior Ryan Besko.

But for some, the day accidentally slipped by. "A few people forgot my birthday, but

I understood because it was also the first day of school. I even forgot myself with all the anxiety to start school again," commented junior Valerie Mickle.

Other students' stories were tinged with a little more sadness. Junior Matt Murphy shared, "On my 17th birthday, none of my friends told me happy birthday. I didn't receive any gifts and some of them didn't even admit they forgot. It was just like another day to them, although I was one year closer to being on my own. It was pretty upsetting."

Once a year, the gifts, and the fun, and perhaps even a little sadness were served up on one's birthday.

--Kelly Skidmore

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*--Senior Adam
Newberry*

Learning The Ropes with Spirit

Homecoming! Just the word is special. It's the time when all the classes show their talent and create the greatest high school memories," noted sophomore Cindy Gilmore

By mid September, the class was beginning to find out what Homecoming was really about. It was usually a year for underclassmen to gain experience, to take stock and learn the ropes. "I thought our float really had a chance of winning. We worked many long hours on it while all the seniors seemed to do was drive around and bother us," complained sophomore Erin Wenglekowski.

The event took time to become accustomed to. "I think that the whole thing was a bit confusing, but next year we will know exactly what we're doing and juniors will rule!" reflected Kristen Deetz. This could prove no problem for the sophomores as they took second place in the hall contest with their "Lion King" theme, but it would take a little more effort to top the seniors who took first place.

That was the biggest lesson learned. The seniors always seemed to win most everything. "It's because they have had more practice. When I'm a senior, I'm sure I'll feel differently," explained sophomore Casey Swagler.

As the week came to a

close, some sophomores had ideas for how to improve the event. "I wish that one year court members would be selected for their friendliest smile or some achievement rather than just popularity," reflected sophomore Kelly Thompson. Sophomore Erin Younglove added, "I think a new rule should be made that once you have been on court, you are not able to run again. That would give more students an opportunity to be elected." Homecoming certainly was viewed as a challenge, for underclassmen, but they came out on top with nothing but the best memories.

--**Bobbijo Larkins**



"Homecoming meant a great deal to me because I got to walk on court with someone who was very special to me."

--**Sophomore
Emily Reamer**

*with Karl Wyble at the
Halftime Coronation*

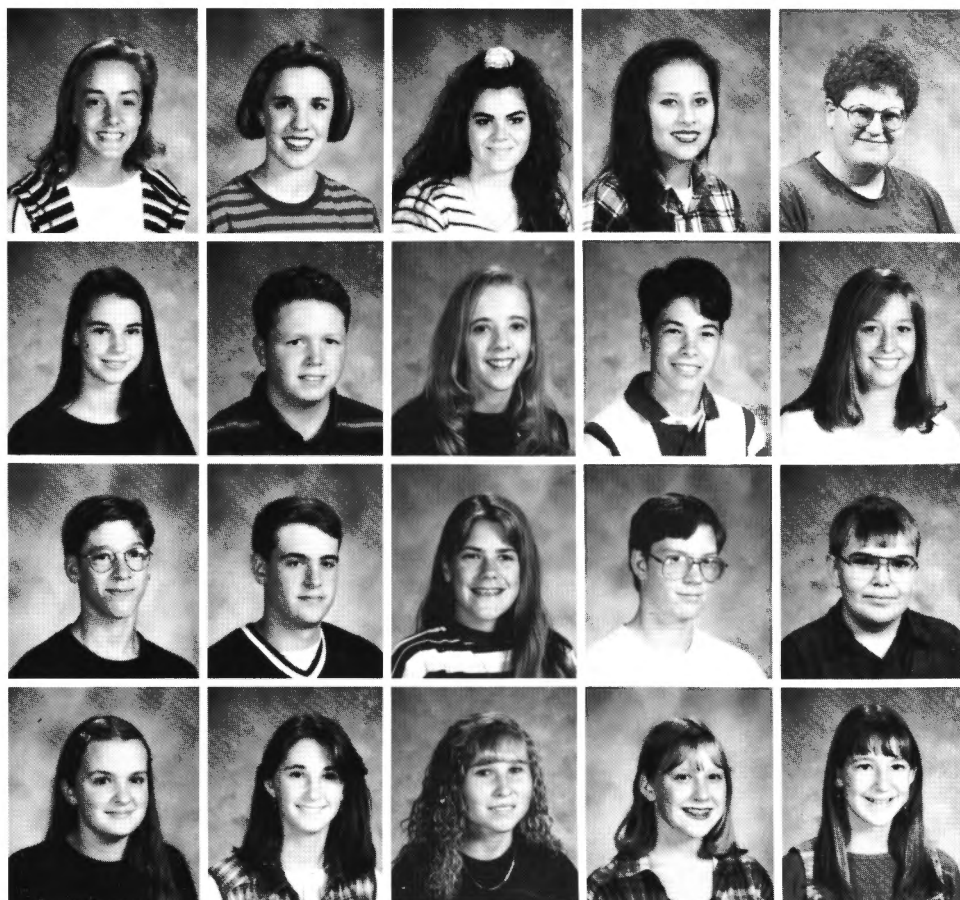
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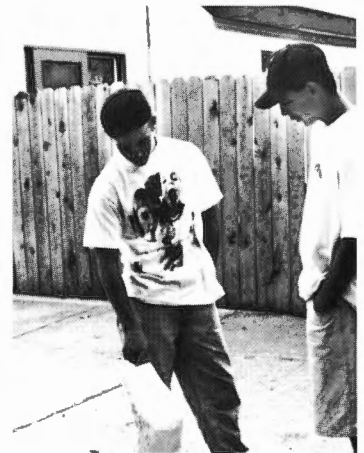


Life or Death

Participating in the lifesaver pass game at the pep assembly are sophomores Chris Carr and Jamie Grant. "We both knew we were going to be called down to be in an event, but we hoped it wouldn't be something that bad. Unfortunately, it was!" laughed Chris.

Sophomore Spirit

Working on the sophomore float are Tom Shaver and John Whalen at Tom's house. "It was fun to spend time with all of my classmates outside of school during Spirit Week," recalled Tom.



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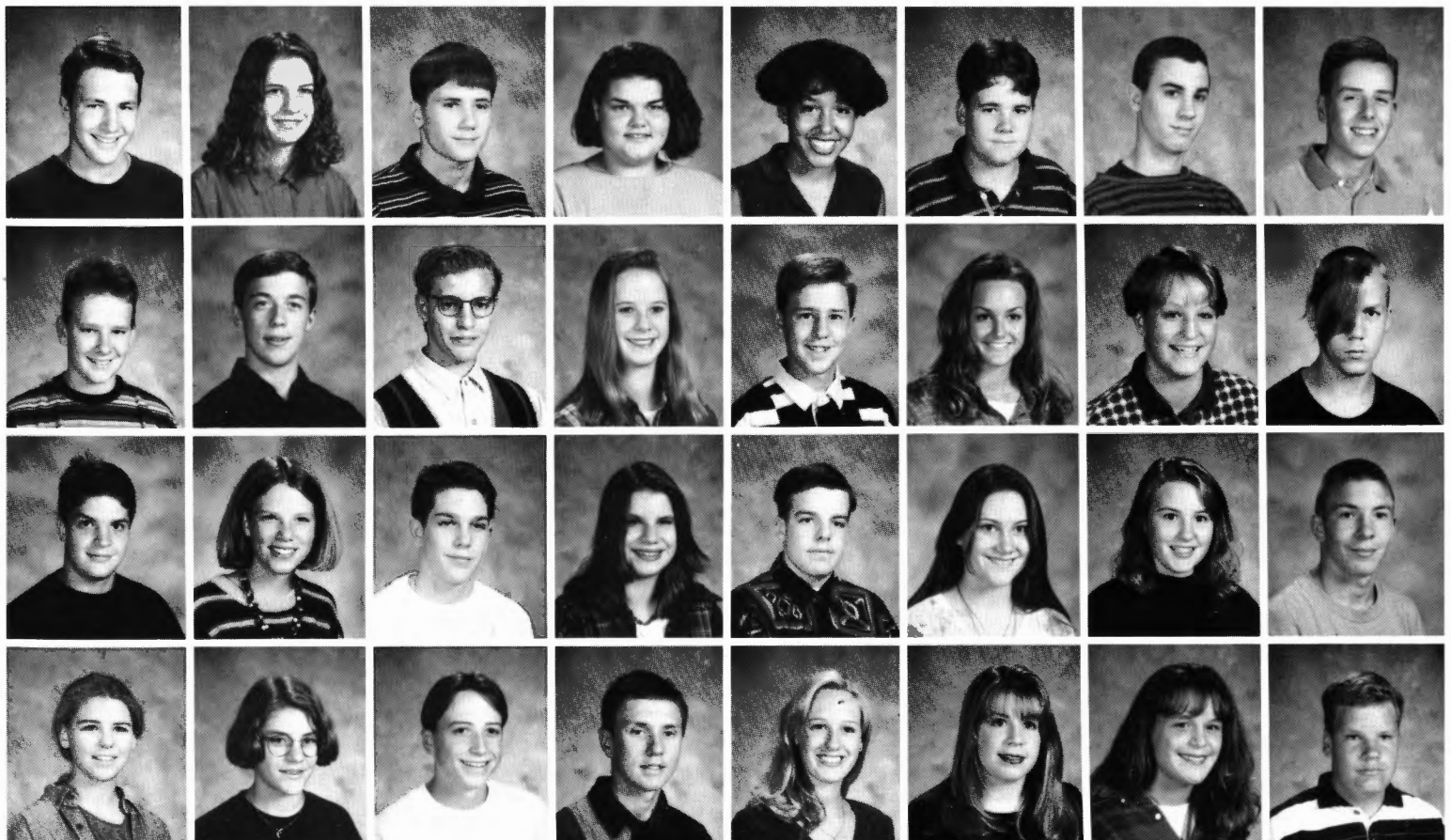
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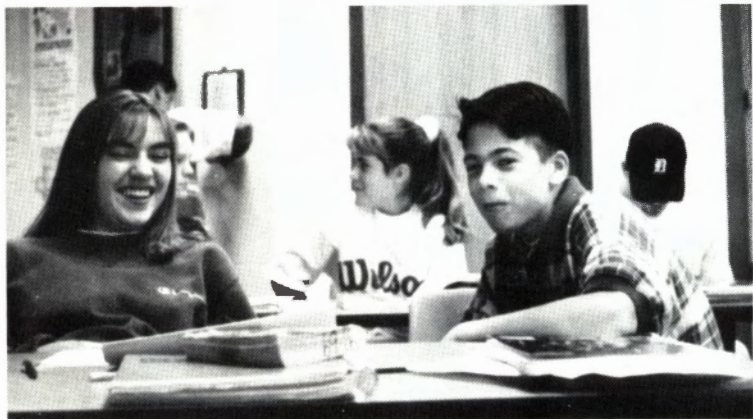


Time to Joke Around

Finished with their work in American Studies class sophomores Brooke Johnson and Corey Balmer have time for a few laughs. Brooke noted, "I get embarrassed easy, so when someone says a joke about me, my face turns bright red."

Sophomore Competition

Chosen to compete in the balloon popping race at the Homecoming pep assembly is sophomore T.J. Wulff. About one of his more embarrassing moments T.J. related, "One time my friends and I were playing basketball when it was really hot. We were all trying to dunk the ball and when I jumped, my shorts fell down around my ankles."



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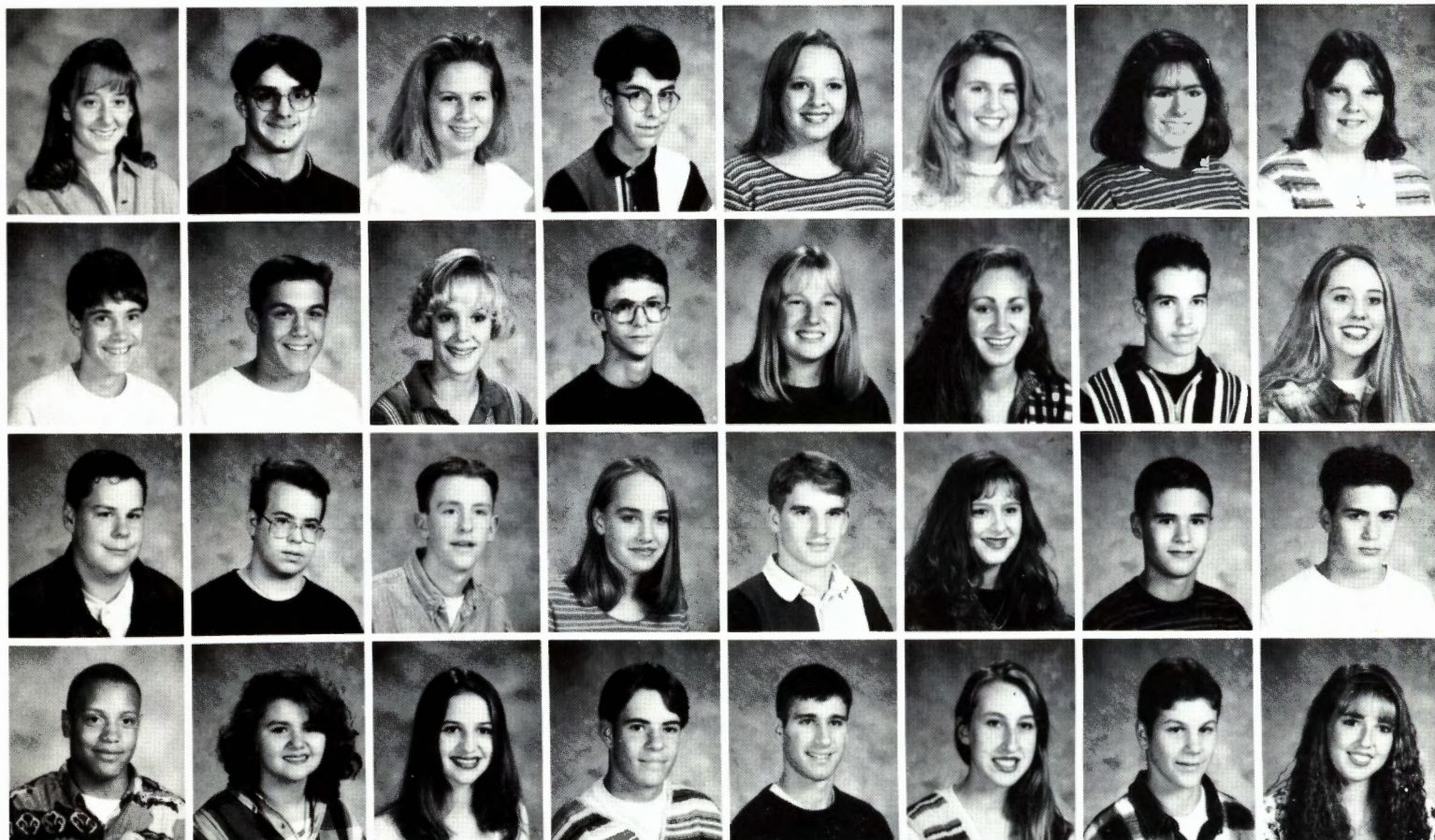
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Kris Doern

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Living it Down is so Hard!

Everyone around you is laughing, pointing, staring....all because you're human and did something that was extremely embarrassing. Finally, you compose yourself and realize that awkward situations often happen to everyone. "One time I went bowling with some friends and family and when I swung back the bowling ball to throw it, it slipped out of my hand and went flying backwards. I turned bright red and felt like crawling under a table and dying!" remembered Kelly Thompson.

Most people tried to laugh and pass it off as a joke in hopes that people would have a memory lapse, but of course, they didn't and to top things off, they even rubbed it in! At

those times, sayings like, 'nobody is perfect,' or 'everyone makes mistakes,' seldom seemed to help. Sophomore Carolina Garza revealed, "Normally I smile, laugh, or don't say anything at all. I guess it all depends on the situation, but I try to make light of the whole thing."

And if you thought your embarrassing moments were bad, you could always find people out there with experiences that were a whole lot worse. "One of my most embarrassing moments occurred on the first day of sixth grade. As I got off the bus, I tripped and fell down the steps knocking over everyone that was in front of me. It was so embarrassing because just about everyone that rode the bus lived in my subdivision and they all knew me!" re-

vealed Erin Wenglekowski.

Another unfortunate time happened to Kristen Deetz. "In ninth grade gym class we were playing flag football. I jumped in the air to make an interception and somebody tried to take my flag, but instead, got a handful of my shorts. As I landed everyone was laughing and I quickly realized why. I pulled my shorts up real fast and took off for the end zone. Everyone was laughing so hard that they didn't even try to stop me! It was extremely embarrassing but at least I got the touchdown!" noted Kristen. It usually seemed that when something outrageously mortifying happened, there were literally tons of people willing to add to the humiliation by laughing or pointing. Majority rules. Laugh along!

—Jeff Reynolds

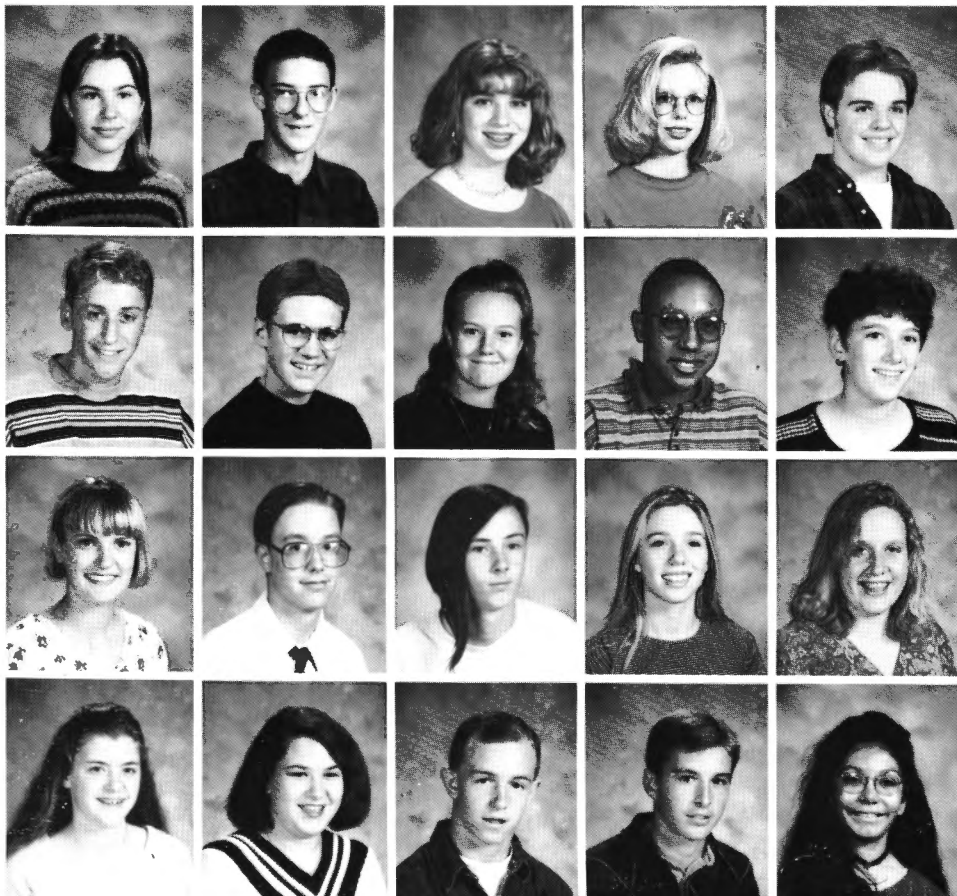
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—Sophomore
Kristen Deetz

Creativity is a Must for Excuses

There were still the good old classics such as, "My dog ate it," or "I spilled pop on it." But in today's fast moving world these obsolete excuses just wouldn't cut it anymore. Sophomores found they had to get more creative when coming up with excuses for not doing their homework. Becky Ewen recalled telling her Math teacher Bruce Larner, "We got a new bird and needed to line the cage with something. So I used my homework papers. I didn't expect that Mr. Larner would take offense when cage liners took precedence over homework," she jokingly laughed.

Creative sophomores like Amanda Taylor decided to tell

her teacher, Gerry Woolston, "My mom was hurt in a ten-car pile up and I had to go to the hospital. I was there all night long." This she thought would gain sympathy, but instead, she received a zero on the assignment.

Other students took a chance on the distraction factor with teachers like sophomore John Whalen. He recalled, "I told my Computer Applications teacher, Sharon Ewald that the person who usually helps me do my homework was sick and she promptly gave me an extension."

Some looked elsewhere to explain missing or unfinished homework. Joe Maurer stated, "The devil wouldn't let me do it." Of course, not even he pretended to believe it. But

under pressure of having to produce completed evidence, something had to be said.

More often, however, students got practical. Faced with school, sports, jobs and homework, sometimes something got short changed. Oftentimes it was homework that was put off to be caught up on the run the next day. Probably the simplest and most often used excuse was Jake Boyd's as he quietly admitted, "I just didn't do it."

During the year, sophomores hopefully picked up a few good pointers in the excuse department to help them with their ascent to graduation.

--Dan Cupples

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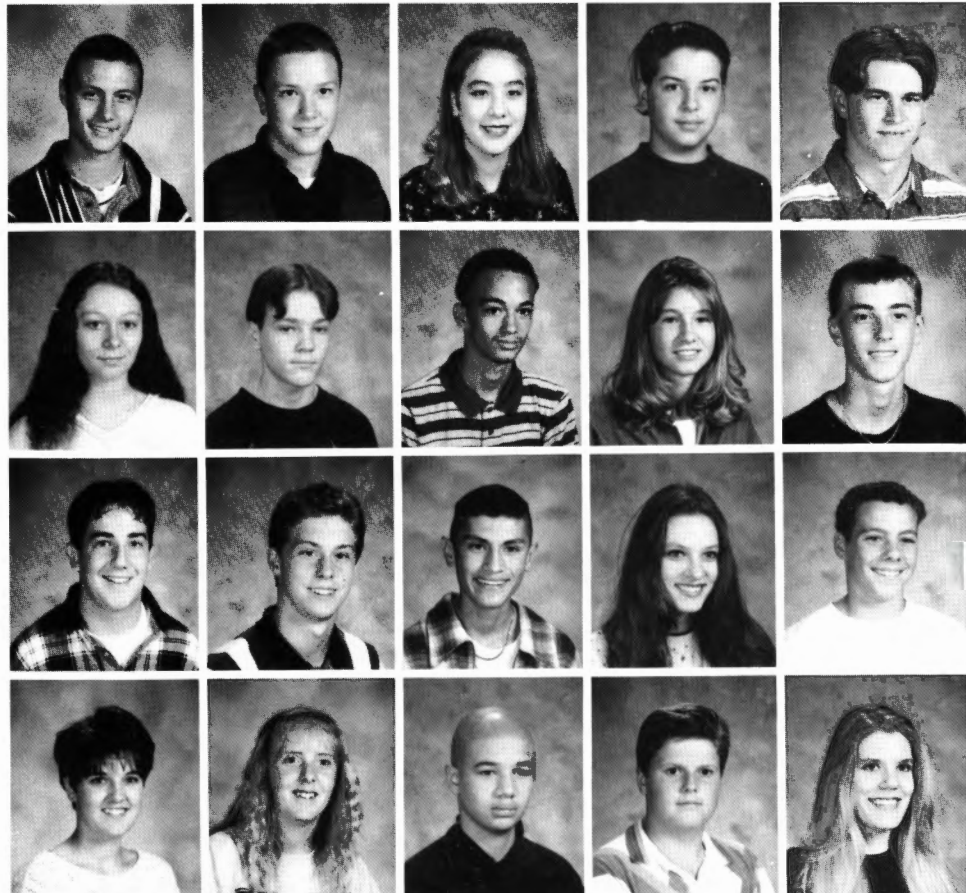
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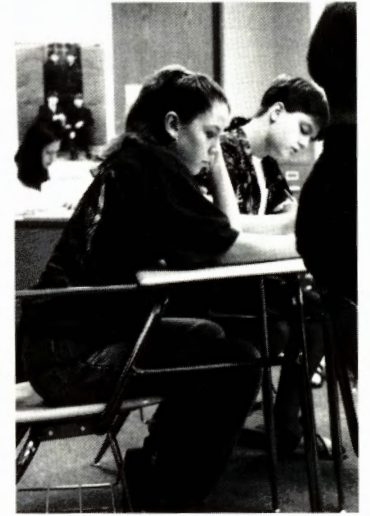


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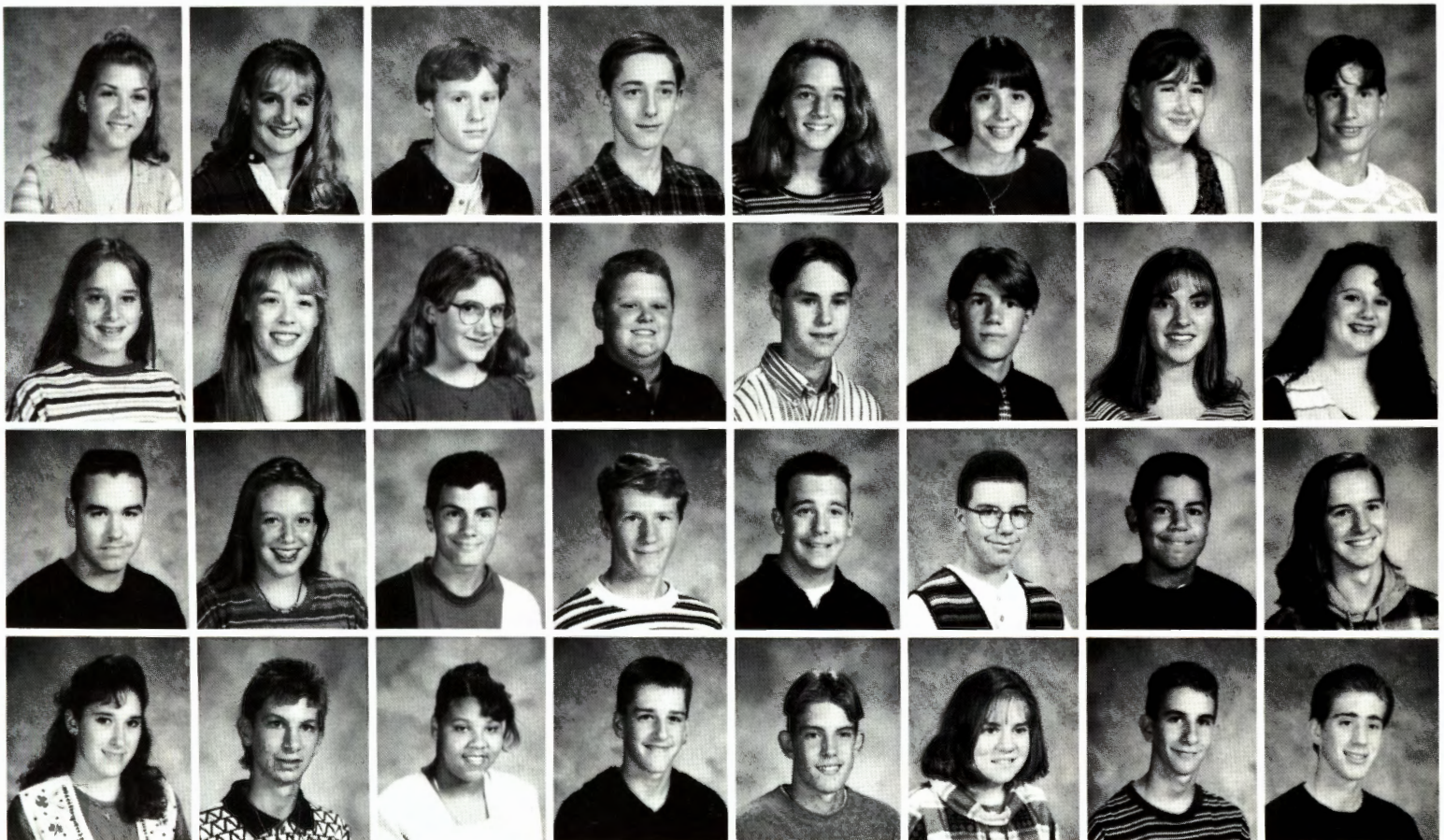
Reading the latest issue of the student newspaper in a French Club meeting is sophomore Jacki Mayercak. She noted, "Most people are busy with sports, jobs and other things and find it difficult to make time for homework."

Just Pondering

In Pete Kressler's first hour class, sophomore Kathy McGonagle writes a note instead of doing her work. Some students made the choice of not completing assignments.



<i>Keistin Harry</i>	<i>Sandra Hayes</i>	<i>Rich Hicks</i>	<i>Nicholas Hoag</i>	<i>Kellie Hovey</i>	<i>Lauren Huffman</i>	<i>Bronwen Jesswein</i>	<i>Jeffrey Kelller</i>
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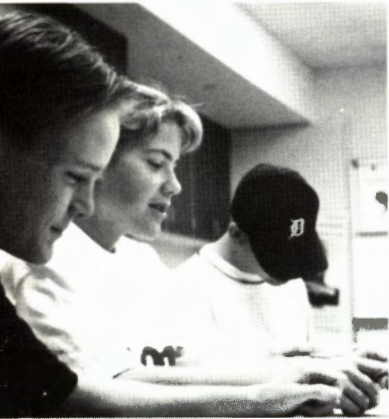


Ride for Spirit

Showing spirit for the Homecoming game are Jeff Keller and Kristen Deetz along with classmates in the sophomore pep truck. About her sister, Kristen shared, "No matter what happens I know that Nicole is there to talk to."

Get This!

Reading the school newspaper in American Studies class is sophomore Elizabeth Boertmann and classmates. Her step brother Josh Knechtges noted, "Having a younger sister in high school is nice because they have more understanding about what's going on in your life. Beth always seems to understand."



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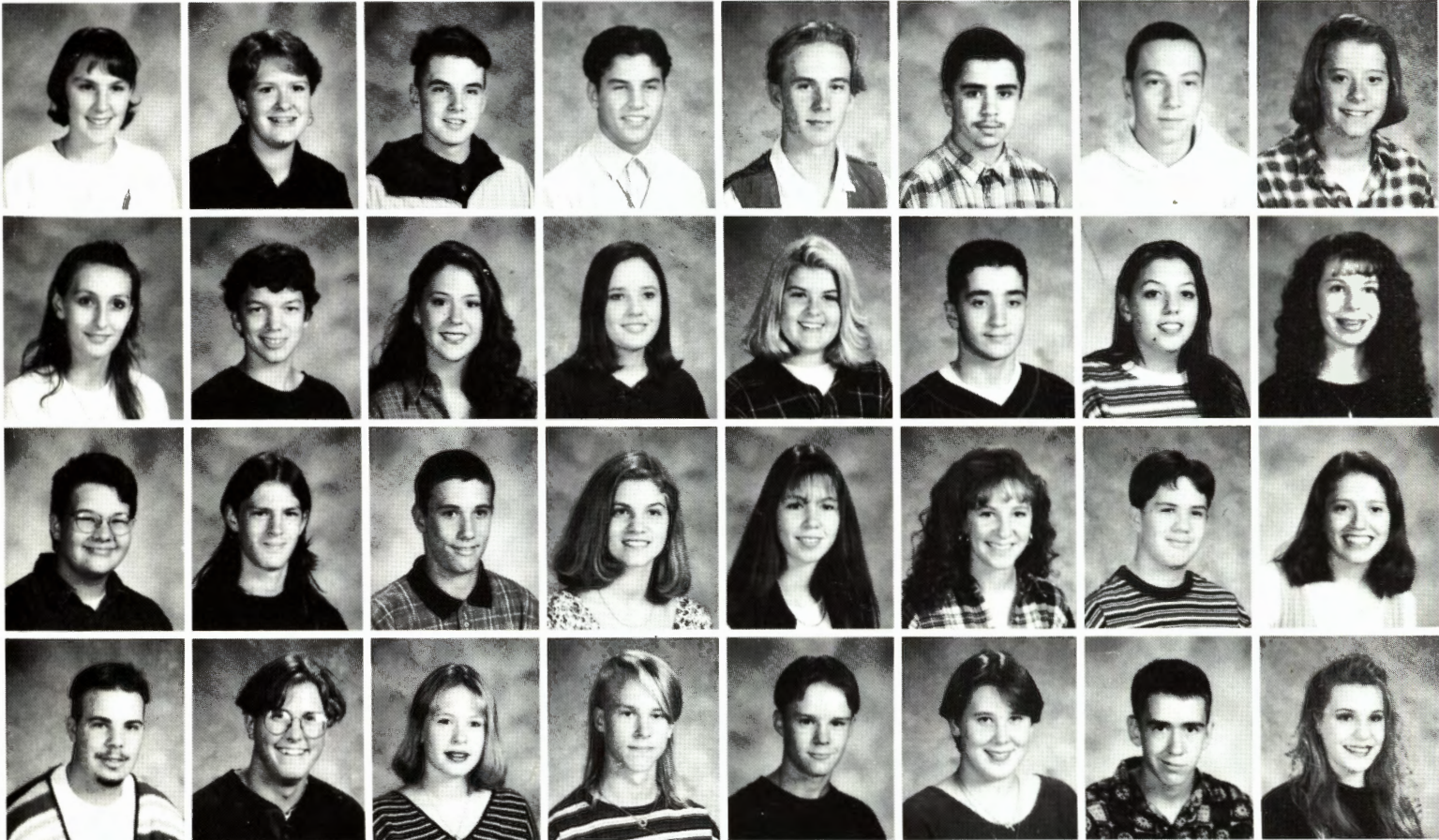
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Friends Till the End or Enemies?

Roommates, bathroom hogs, friends till the end or complete enemies, that one person you had to live with for the rest of your life...a sister or brother.

Some students felt their sibling was more trouble than necessary. They didn't even admit they were related. "I pretend I don't know Nicole, especially in the halls. The two of us don't get along very well at all. We are complete opposites," commented junior Lisa Hartman.

More, however, were inseparable. Junior Jeanne Pierson stated, "My sister Brandy and I do almost everything together, we even work

together. She knows everything about me." Her sister senior Brandy added, "Of course I would stick up for Jeanne! I can complain about her, but no one else can."

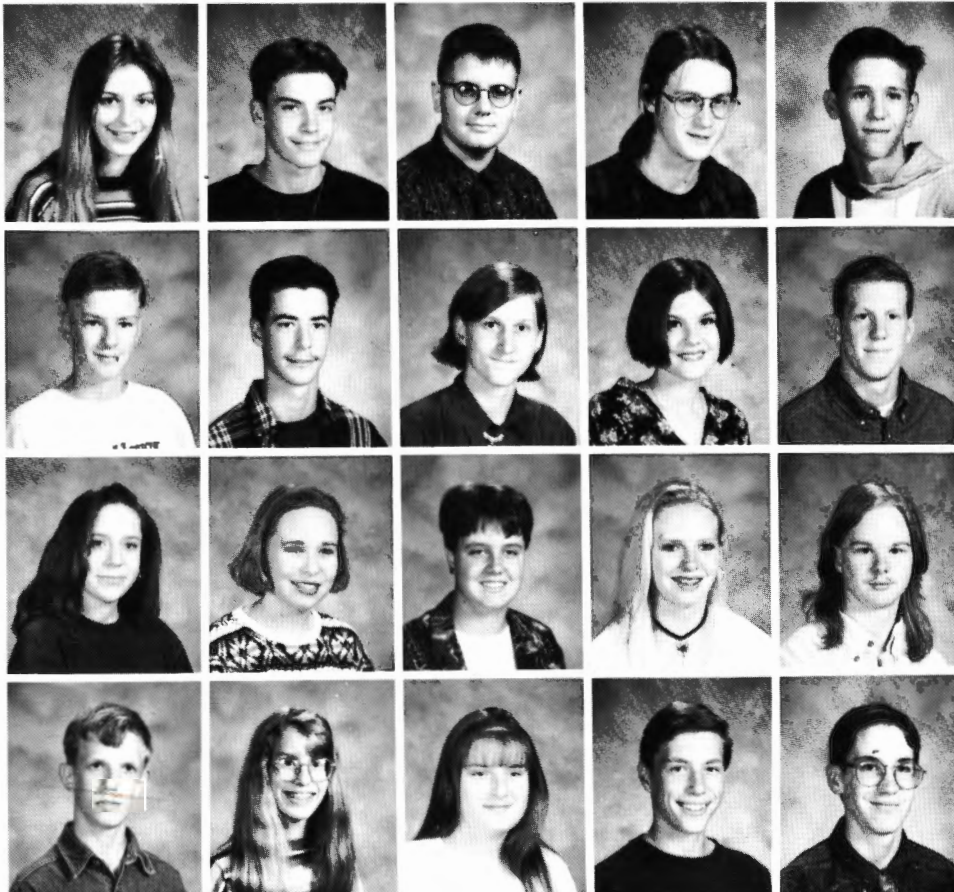
When it came to arguments with other people, siblings were there to help out, friend or not. Senior Becky Paterick explained, "I definitely stick up for Rachel, but she's more outgoing than me and is the tough one in the family, so she usually watches out for me." Junior Nikki Araoz joked, "Personally I think my sister is just plain scared of me. She's the more cheery, track type person who is laid back. Basically I'm stronger than her, so I would stick up for her in a minute."

Even after a hard work day that wonderful friend was there too. "Clint is someone for me to beat on. If I have a bad day I can take it out on him and I know he will still always be my friend," commented senior Aaron Allen. Jeanne Pierson took it one step further. "Brandy and I aren't twins, although we should have been. We're only ten months apart and we are very good friends."

Whether they were roommates, friends till the end or complete enemies, they were still related and had to put up with each other for the rest of their lives.

--Kelly Skidmore

<i>Leslie McCurdy</i>	<i>Adam McKimmy</i>	<i>Francis Mills IV</i>	<i>John Molenda</i>	<i>Nikoles</i>
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<i>Kathy McGonagle</i>	<i>Heather McNamara</i>	<i>Megan Mitchell</i>	<i>Kristy Monroe</i>	<i>Charles Moubray</i>
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				<i>Donald Murphy</i>



"We usually get along, but if we fight, it's because she always wants to wear my clothes. She makes me so mad sometimes, but I don't like it when we fight over stupid stuff."

**--Senior
Nicole Deetz**
about sister, Kristen Deetz

M A C Menagerie Of Unique Fauna

"I had a three foot long Iguana once, but it ran away. We kept it in a bathroom with a heating rock, a couple of logs, some plants and a sink full of water. One day he decided to tear the screen open and jump out. I haven't seen him since."
--Junior Beth Litwiller

ats, dogs, birds, fish, no matter what the species, most everyone had a pet of choice, though some were a little more unusual than others. "I have a squirrel named Cookie. We've had him for about three years. He fell out of a tree and was brain-damaged so if you walk too close to him he screeches. It's funny because he can't walk straight and it looks like he's continually drunk." observed senior Brian Hines.

Although some people went for really off-the-wall animals, a lot of students tended to lean toward the "regular" house pets. Sophomore Jacob Ketchum commented, "I have a high bred Timber Wolf named Nugent. We got him two years ago and

he's so timid that he's still afraid of people unless he knows them." Senior Kristen Robin's ferret also had some unusual behaviors. She noted "My ferret, Brady, is very unique and has a great personality. He seems to think that every shoe is an adventure and every pocket was meant to take a nap in." Senior Kim Welch also had a pet who did some out-of-the-ordinary things. She revealed, "My cat, Tiger, basically trained himself to go to the bathroom in the toilet. Everyone thinks it's sort of strange, but I've gotten used to it."

Students weren't the only ones that had strange pets. Teachers had some pretty weird ones too. "I've had a cockatiel named Bo for two years that hisses at you in the

dark and squawks if it's light. It's a pretty good bird. When you take it out of it's cage it goes to the bathroom in the plants instead of on the floor," explained Bill Savage.

No matter what kind of pet they owned, most students were able to keep track of them. But junior Beth Litwiller admitted, "I had a three foot long Iguana once, but it ran away. We kept it in a bathroom with a heating rock, a couple of logs, some plants, and a sink full of water. One day he decided to tear the screen open and jump out. I haven't seen him since."

Not everyone was the animal loving type, but no matter what kind of animal they had, it was definitely unique to them.

--Megan Ketchum

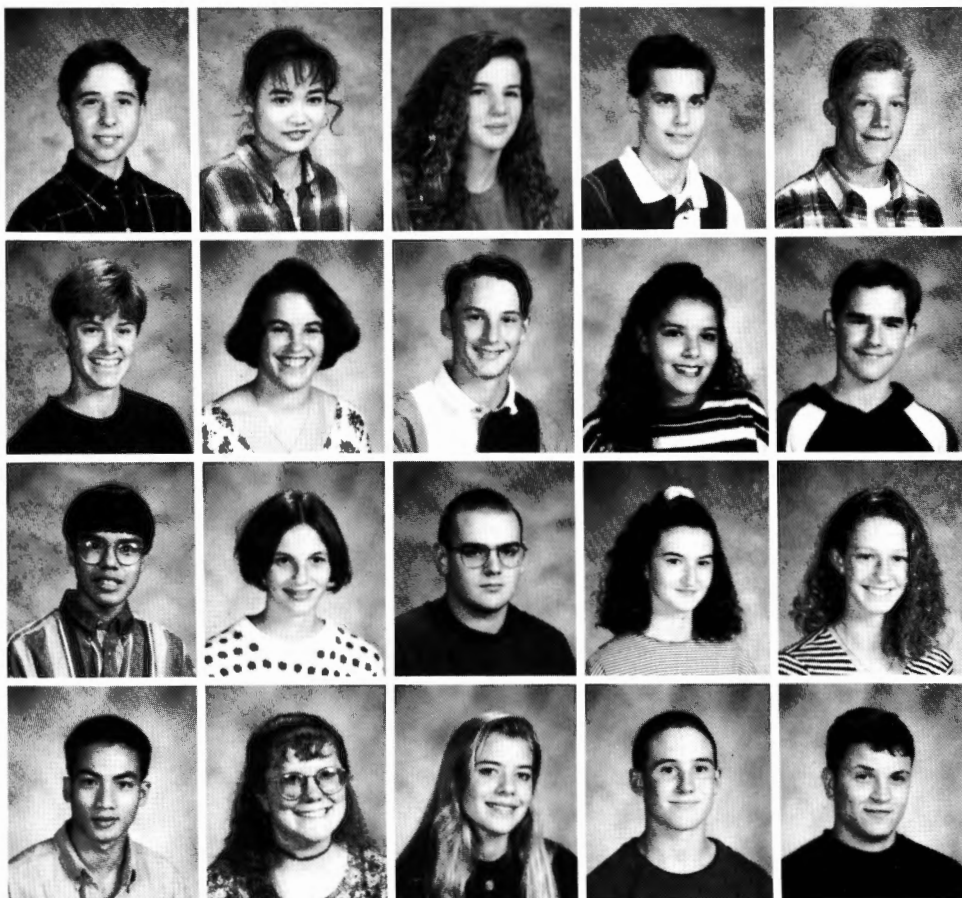
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Faithful Friend

Getting a hug from owner Jeff Reynolds is Black Labrador Brutus. Brutus was more human than canine and enjoyed eating dinner at the table with the family.

Ready to Roll

Last of the litter, Pinkie stands at attention waiting for owner Jeff Reynolds. Pinkie was named for the pink collar which she wore.



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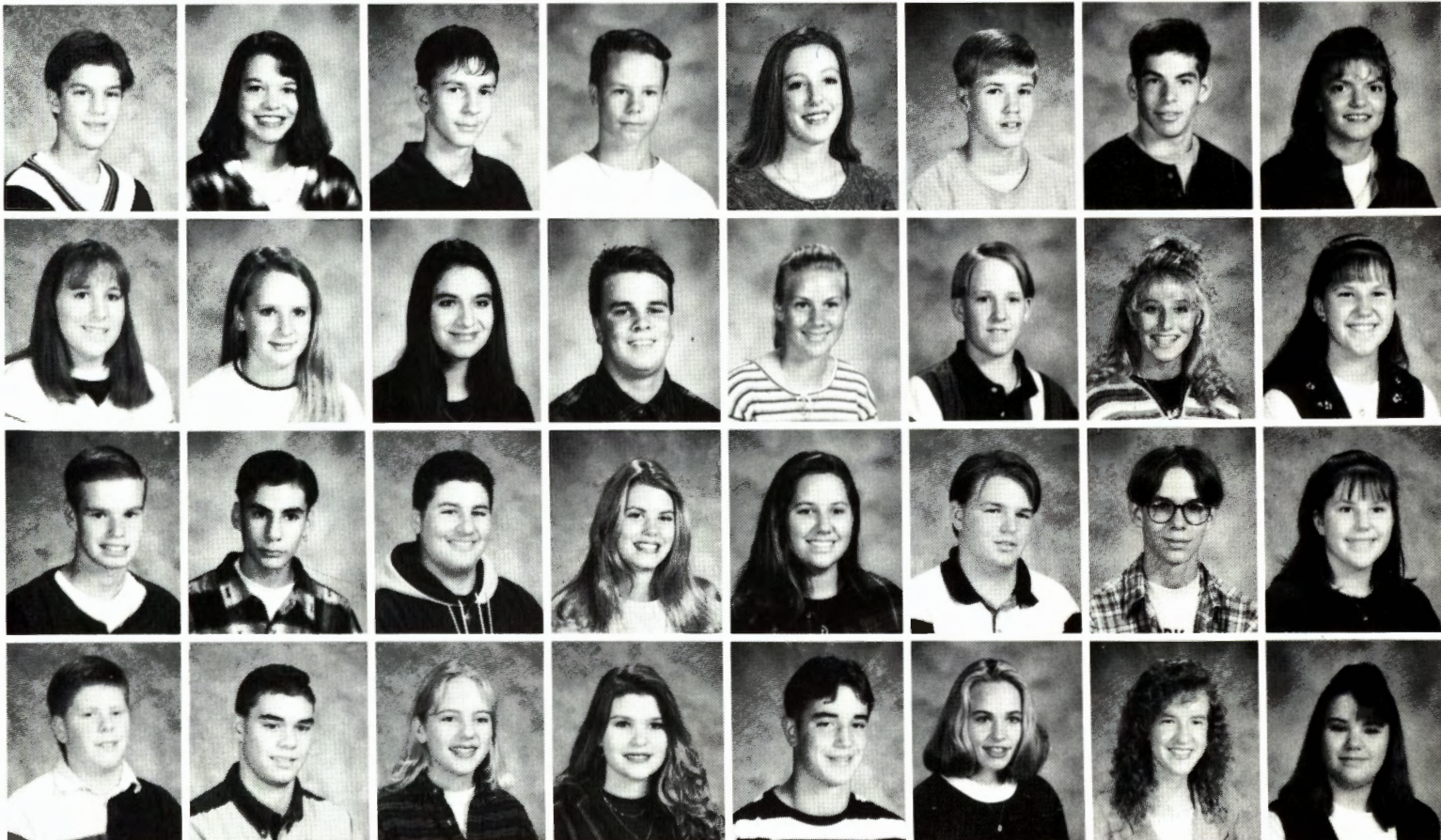
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Jason Richter
Shelli Riebow
Anthony Rinehart
Jill Rinke

Emma Lee
Robbins
Kari Roberts
Kelly Roberts
Jessica Rouse



Workout

Doing a drill at a JV Basketball practice is sophomore Jason Richter. He reflected, "I think sports are a total escape. When you are playing, you don't think about anything but the game. It's like a mission to win."

Distance Runner

Running in a dual meet at Valhalla Park on the Cross Country team is sophomore Erin Younglove. She commented, "Sports give me something to do. They're fun and they make school go by faster."



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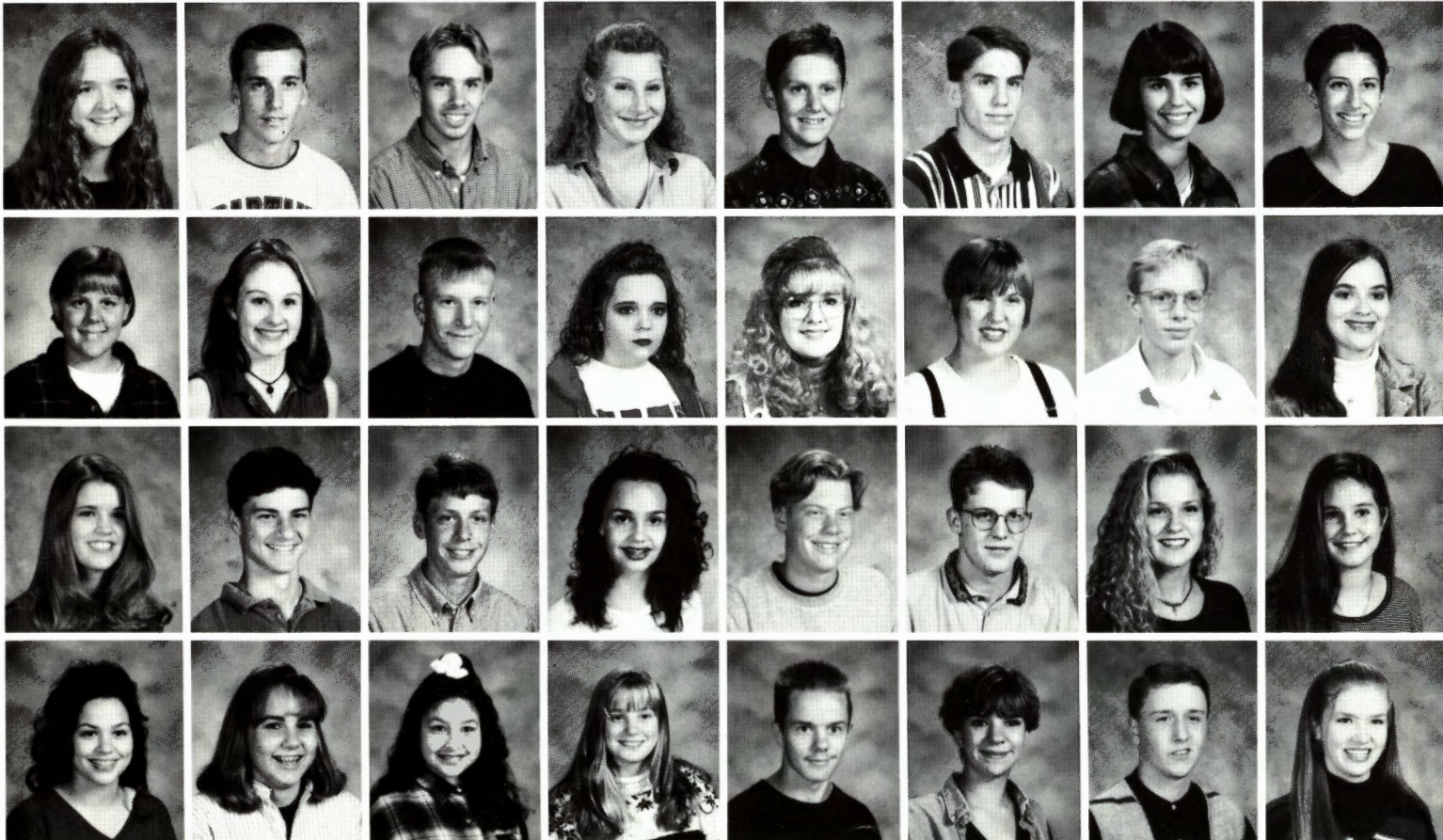
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David Stevens

Rachal Steimer
Chalice Strayer
Emily Suttiff
Casey Swagler



Living Their Life for Sports

Whether it was football, basketball, hockey, or golf, millions of people in the United States enjoyed playing sports and students at Holt High School were no different. Some played for recreation, some to keep in shape, some considered it a pastime while others considered it their life. Sophomore Kathleen Longberry stated, "I like sports very much because they give me something to go for in life and they help me to stay in shape and have energy."

Relief from everyday stress was another reason many students played sports and found them to be the perfect getaway. "Sports are an escape. When you're out there playing, you don't think about the fans or the cheering. You

put all of your concentration on winning the game," explained T. J. Wulff. Sophomore Gary Williams added, "I've played football since I was in third grade and I've wrestled since I was 11. Everytime I win it's a natural high."

Socialization was also important for some students. "I like sports because they give you a chance to display your talents and make friends with the team. When the season is over, you often remain close to teammates, and you're like family," noted Erin Wenglekowski.

Some students considered sports numero uno. They felt them to be more entertaining than school and they thrived on them. Prioritizing sports in their lives took some thought. "Sometimes sports come before school if there's a major competition, but otherwise I

think school remains very important," admitted Erin Younglove.

Sophomore Kurt Lumley, who has played football since he was 11 years old, responded, "Football comes before everything else. I don't do as well as I'd like to all the time at school, and sometimes all there is left is sports."

Though having a love for sports was great, there came a time when one had to take responsibility for everything else in life. Academics and part-time jobs needed attention too. How students budgeted their time revealed the place which they accorded each. Sophomore Kristen Deetz concluded, "I love being active and I think sports are a fun way to help you physically and mentally, but school has to come first in order to get anywhere in life."

--Jeff Reynolds

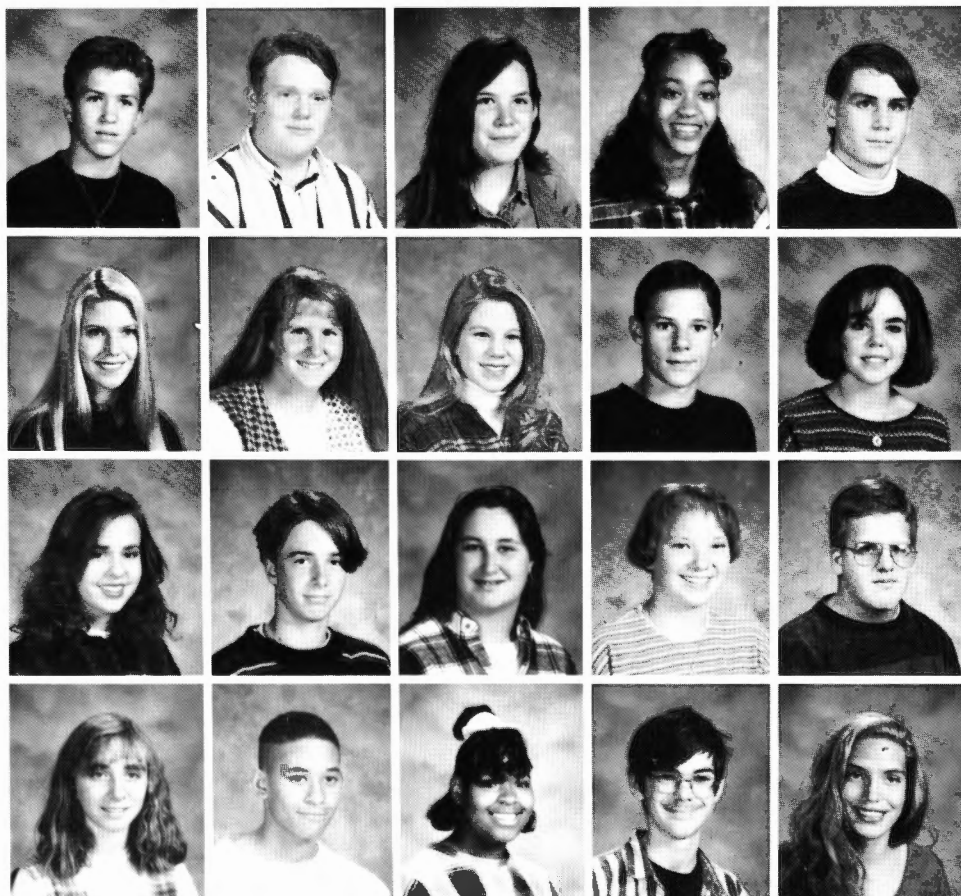
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Joshua Tice
Patricia Townley
Brian Tripp

Joshua Turner
Kori Valve
Benjamin
Vandelen
Julie
Vanterborghe



"Sports are an escape. When you're out there playing, you don't think about the fans or the cheering. You put all of your concentration on winning the game."

**--Sophomore
T. J. Wulff**

Best Places to Hit the Books

he time was 7:00 p.m. and the student had two hours of homework in front of him. He knew just what to do. Grabbing a can of pop, he headed for his bedroom and the quiet zone.

Some people can study anywhere, and for others, it was mandatory to be somewhere; for example, the kitchen table, at 3:30 p.m. Junior Alicia Freeman commented, "I usually study in my living room with the radio tuned to a country station." Finding a place to study comfortably could be hard. Places ranged from as close as

the bedroom to as far away as the library in downtown Lansing. And there was also the issue of noise. While some enjoyed music, senior Sarah Mann reported, "When I study there has to be complete silence so I can concentrate."

Studying was usually not memorable, but every once in awhile, that wasn't true. A more unique spot was chosen by junior Bill Stevens who reported studying on the roof of his Mason apartment, looking at the stars

But the places students studied were not as important as getting motivated to study. Most students indicated that their conscience pushed them to sit down and concentrate

And for those whose conscience wasn't working as hard as it should have been, there were always parents to prod them, with threats of being grounded.

Many students said that to truly concentrate, they needed to be alone. Sophomore Kristen Deetz explained, "I get easily distracted and people bother me, so I have to be by myself to get the most done." So, if your looking for a place to study, follow your senses. Wherever you are most comfortable is usually where your best work is done.

--Heather Willett

"I like to study at coffee shops with my friends.

It's nice to be able to talk to them, as well as, get help if I need it. My

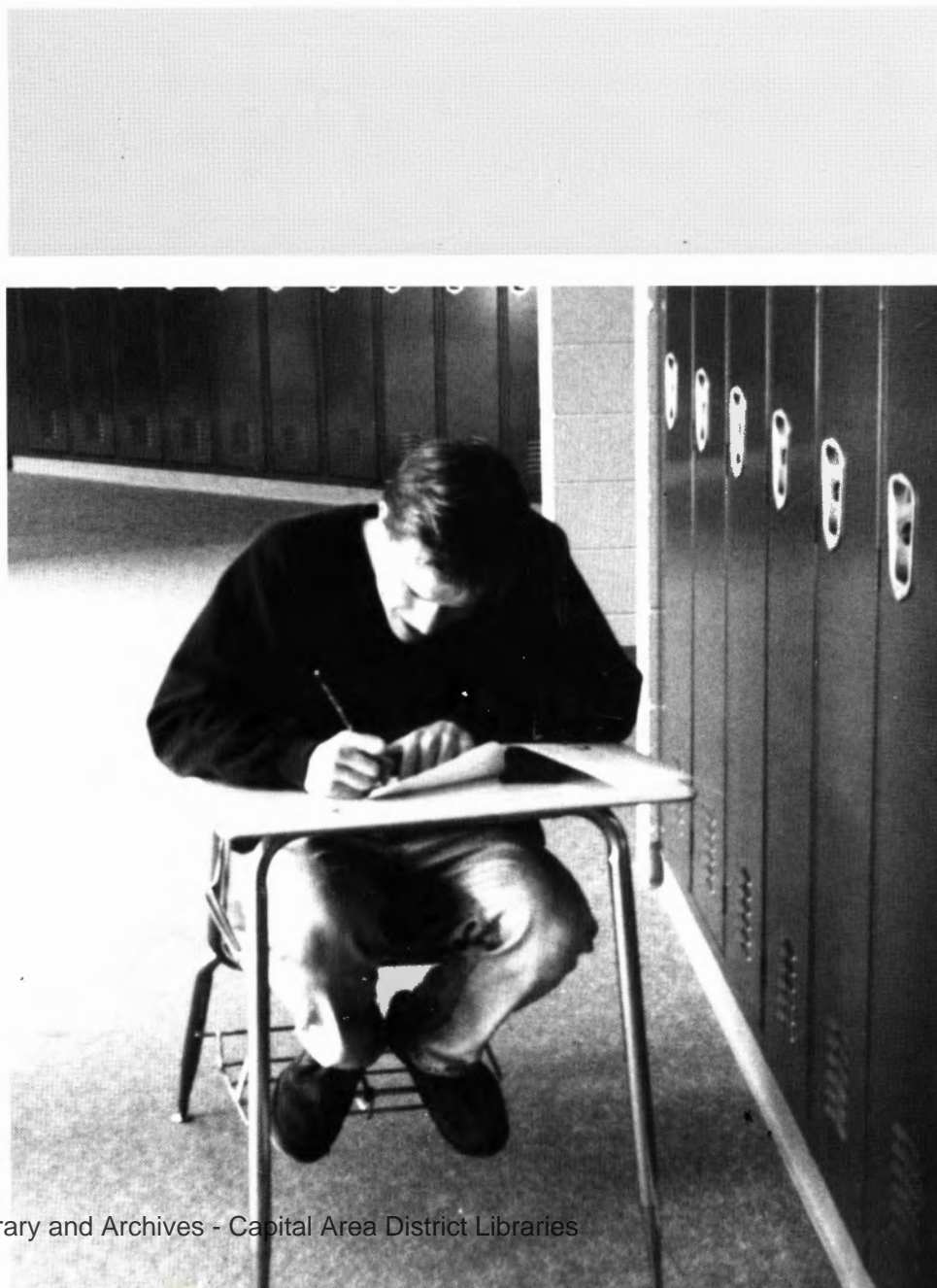
most unusual study session was when I had to write a research paper over spring break.

We were on vacation in the Smokey Mountains, so my final copy was a little rusty."

--Senior Yvonne Gibbs

Yo no comprendo

Finding a quiet zone in the D hallway to study Spanish is sophomore Andy Verleger.





Buckle Down

Putting in some study time in the library for their Global Studies class are senior David Janetzke and juniors Ben Kamm and John Pool. Ben felt, "The best place to study is definitely the library."

Snoozing

Trying to study in her bedroom afterhours is senior Nicole Wood. A number of students reported needing a quiet zone like their bedroom to successfully hit the books.



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Thomas Veldmen
Andrew Verleger
Stephanie
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Matthew Wallace
Angela Watters
Leah Wauna
Thomas Welsh

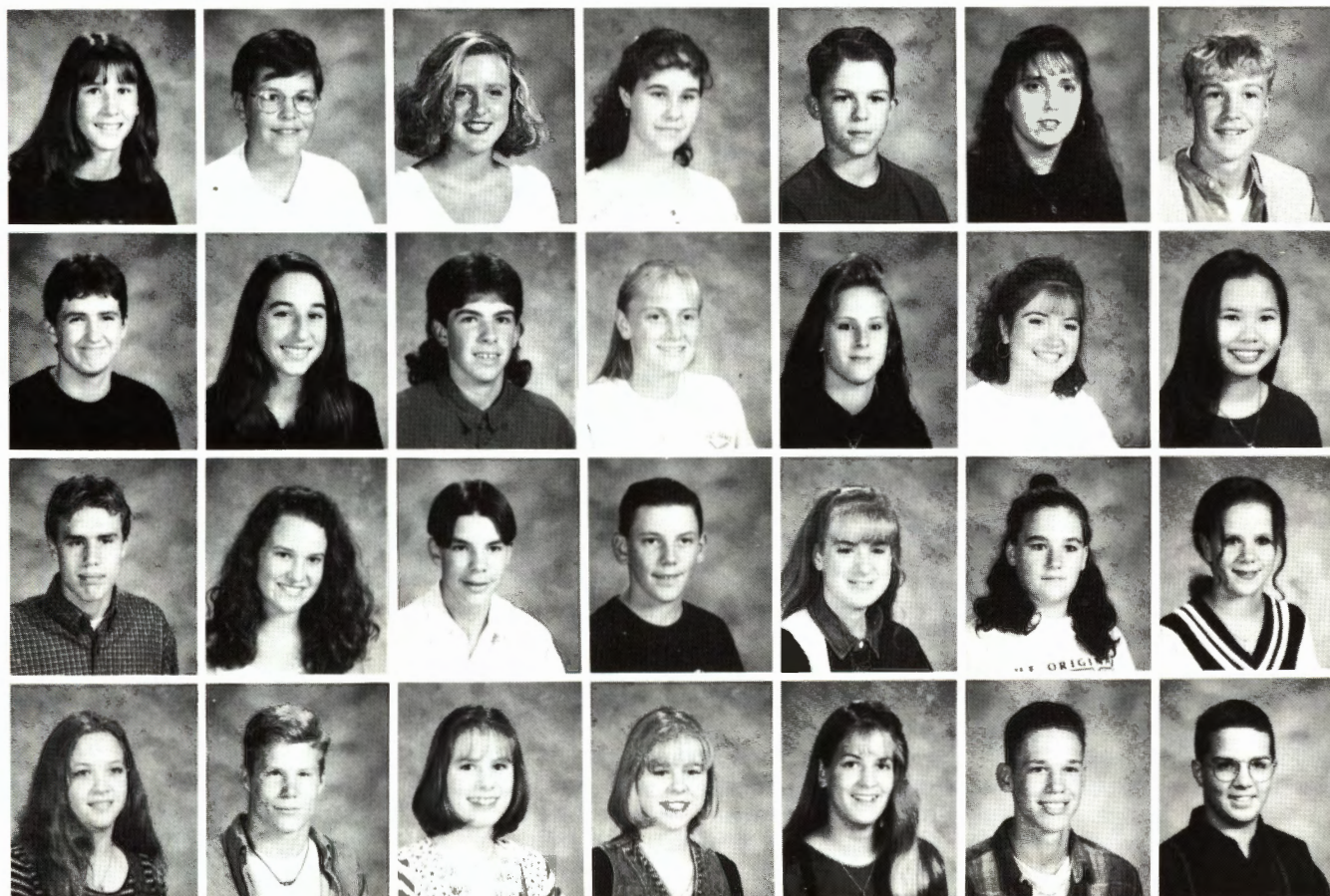
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Arren Wetzel
John Whalen
Heidi Wheeler

Amanda
Whitehead
Angela Wibert
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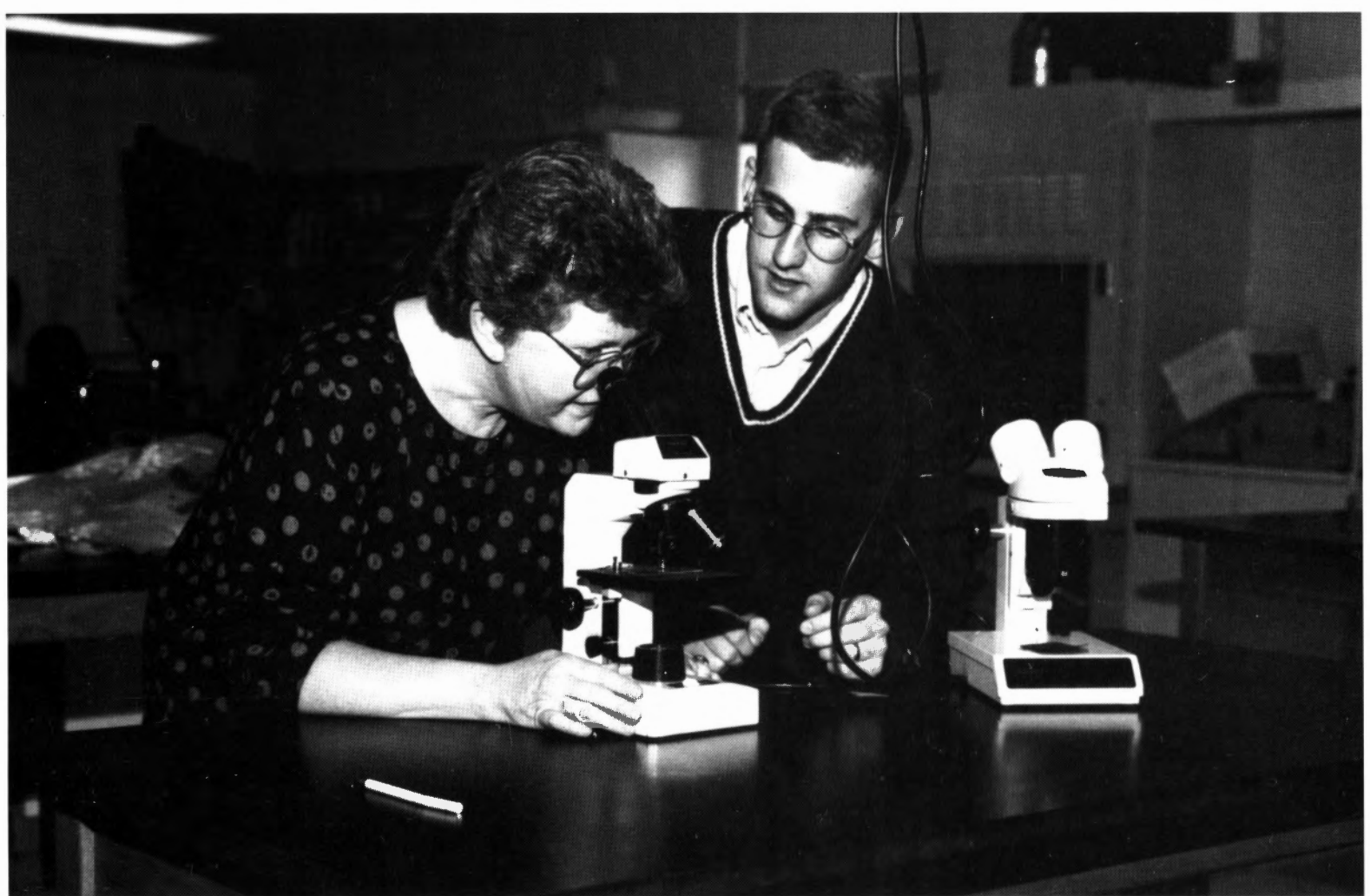
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Sophomores Not Pictured

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Joshua Brooks
James Cole
Shaun Davis
Trent Hatt
Nichole Jonas
Garrett
Kidwell
Issac Lopez
Ballard
McGuire
Matt Moody
Daniel Moore
Nissa Roe
Brian Rogers
Jesseca Scott
Chad
Sherman
Jaime
Simonson
Samuel Taylor
Benjamin Wolf

Lab Time... Looking at fabric samples for the Forensics unit of the Interdisciplinary Learning Community class is Science teacher Sally Beauchine with intern Kevin Miesner. The two teachers were part of the PDS project that integrated 11th grade English, Chemistry, Government, Consumer Economics and included Art enrichment.



What's It Worth?

Staff Takes Stock with PDS

In its sixth year, the staff's Professional Development School (PDS) work took on a more reflective tone. They selected four main focus areas including the Vision Group, Shared Practice, Communication and Technology on which to work.

With computers and networking installed, technology training for the staff was more systematically addressed. After making a reality check about what was involved in computer literacy, teachers decided that time was needed for basic computer training on Wednesday mornings. A group of teachers volunteered to become trained in the software and teach others. The sessions involved learning Windows, Intergrade and Word Perfect. Trainer Mary Gray

pointed out, "Computers and networking need to be supported by a well trained staff and that is what we were striving for." Along with the software training came the school district's 'Internet'. This allowed teachers to communicate with other buildings in the district and work on computerized grading and attendance records.

The Vision Group consisted of Principal Brian Templin, Assistant Principal Dean Manikas, teachers, students and parents. Their purpose was to develop common understanding. They discussed graduation requirements, the schedule and anything else that a group member wanted to talk about. "The Vision Group was a way for us to kind of take stock. A lot of brainstorming and discussion took place. Each issue that we addressed

had pluses and minuses that needed to be looked at," commented Manikas.

The Shared Practice group dealt with the exchange of different teaching ideas and strategies and looked more in depth at the state Proficiency tests. The Communications group focused on personalities and the way the school could make conflicting styles of thinking work together in a positive way. They evaluated administrative practices and considered whether changes were really an improvement.

Another issue focused on was PDS funding. Projects were funded in a number of departments including Math, Science, Communication Arts and Interdisciplinary efforts such as Global Studies and the Interdisciplinary Learning Community. Certain groups spent their collaborative time deal-

ing with the challenge of using less money to support more projects and people. They also made decisions on which projects should be cut when the funding was decreased mid-year.

Other departments spent collaborative time planning for schedule and curriculum changes. English teacher Debbie Childers commented, "Wednesday mornings are draining because of the intense thinking we do. With every subject, there are always the 'what if' questions that need to be dealt with." The PDS staff was noted for its willingness to change and take risks. Nancy Lamphier concluded, "PDS means to continue to grow and change in every way possible. Nothing stays the same from one year to the next. The evolution continues always."

-Julie Smith



Leo Allaire,
Technology Education
Dorothy Anderson, Fine Arts
Sally Beauchine, Science
Sandra Bernier,
Modern Languages
Beth Berwald, Math

Sandy Bethell, Math
Nelson Bond,
Student Advocacy
Mary Boulanger, Science
Larry Burgess, Science
Lori Buwalda, Science

Penelope Chapman Restau,
Life Skills
Debbie Childers,
Communication Arts
Dan Ernst, Business
Shannon Fineout,
Modern Languages
David Foy, Science

Beth Frazier,
Social Science/Life Skills
Amy Galligan,
Communication Arts
Jerry Gillett, Social Science
Mary Gray, Library Science
Juanita Grew,
Modern Languages



New Ideas Coming Through...

In a discussion in the Counseling Center are Science teachers Dave Foy and Heather Neiswonger. "Wednesday mornings gave me time to work and talk with colleagues about teaching and learning. My PDS project MESH gave me the opportunity to collaborate with staff members and work to make this school better for student learning. We also had the opportunity to try new things," commented Neiswonger.

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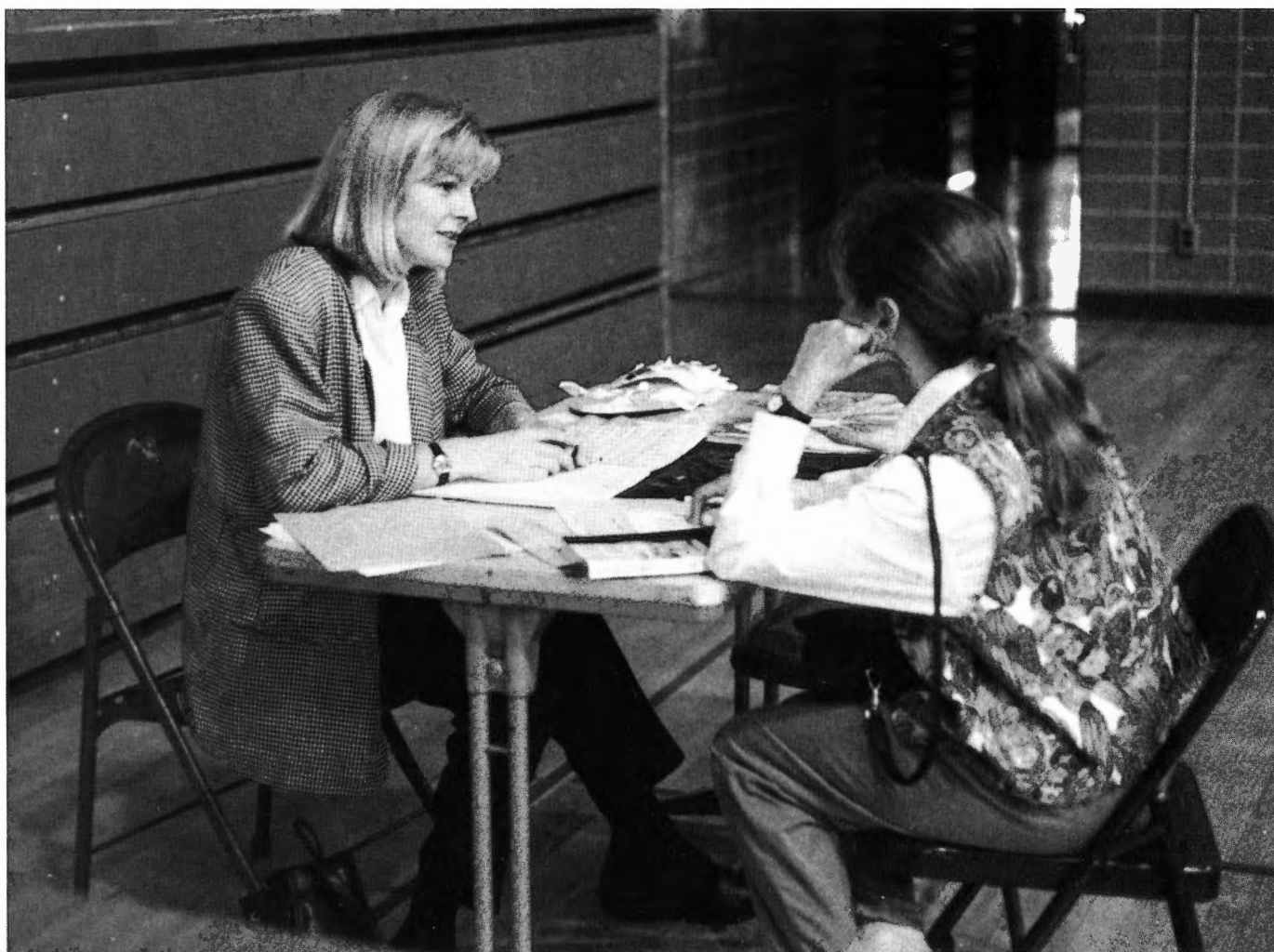
Wake Up Call!...

Social Science teachers Jerry Gillett and Pete Kressler and computer consultant Tom Heath enjoy a Wednesday morning staff breakfast before a PDS pow wow.

"PDS means to continue to grow and change in every way possible. Nothing stays the same from one year to the next. The evolution continues always." --Nancy Lamphier

Getting the Grade...

Discussing a student's grade with a parent at conferences is first-year teacher Leanne Schnepf. After interning with Dorothy Anderson, Schnepf was hired to teach the Constructions classes and a Drawing class.



Strong Dose of Determination

New Teachers... In for the Long Haul

A new year, new students..... and 12 new teachers tied it all together. In the summer when schedules arrived, students were in for some surprises. "When I got my schedule I was shocked to see so many new names of teachers. I also wondered what they would be like," said junior Kathleen Jennings.

For many teachers it was not only a new school and situation, but also their first teaching job. Their reactions in assessment included the plusses as well as the areas they needed to work on. "What I liked best was the opportunity to get to know so many different students. The most important thing I'm

working on is how to get students to see the importance of math in real life," stated teacher Sharon Ewald.

There were many things teachers enjoyed about their work and the students. "I like working with kids because they always have ideas to share, and often an interesting and different approach," commented Science teacher Lori Buwalda. Amy Schmidt took a different direction. "One thing I didn't like was that I had to get up early and go all day. That may sound lazy, but before, I would only go to school for a couple hours and then relax. Being full time is just exhausting."

There were also some weird things that teachers

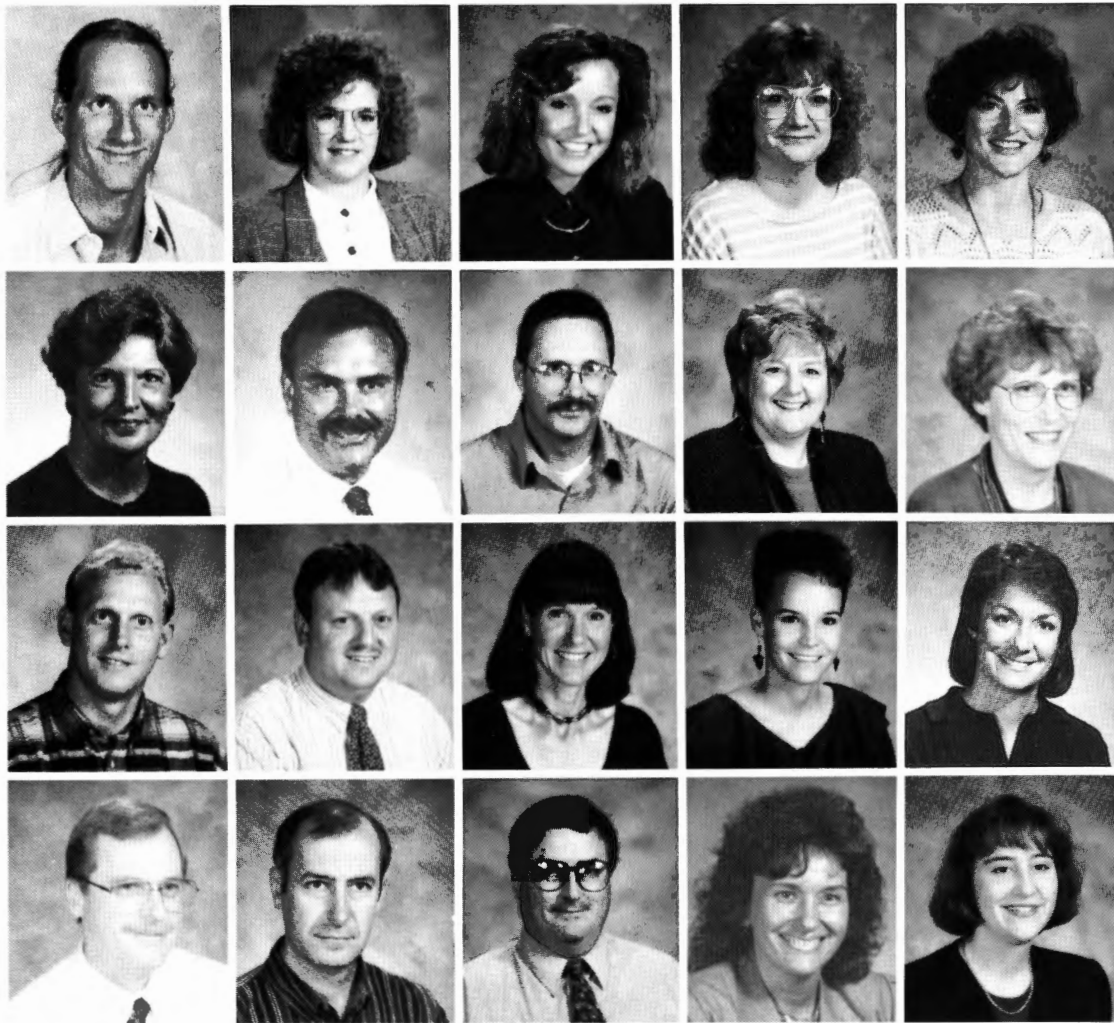
picked up on. "Since I've been here I have seen many strange and even outrageous hairstyles and hair colors on both boys and girls," revealed Spanish teacher Shannon Fineout who was a veteran teacher from Maple Valley school district.

There were a number of reasons why so many teachers were hired. One centered on enrollment which had increased by approximately 100 students. The teachers hired to cover new sections were Leanne Schnepf (Fine Arts), Beth Frazier (Life Skills), Sharon Ewald (Math), Dave Hildebrandt (Math), and Amy Schmidt (Social Studies).

Also, five teachers retired last spring and replacements

were needed. Taking the place of Choir Director Ron Allen was Monty Bishop. Shannon Fineout taught Spanish for Sandy Bethell who moved full time to the Math Department. Elizabeth Priester took Rosie Peters place teaching German while Peters was on leave of absence in Germany, and Karyn Hunt joined the Student Advocacy Department while Jeanne Thomlinson and Peg Lamb spent part of the day working on the Ed Plus Grant. New faces were also seen covering for teachers with release time for PDS projects, while others were learning the ropes as interns. The numbers had certainly caused students to take notice.

-Kari Reynolds



David Hildebrandt, Math
Kelly Hodges, Math/Business
Karyn Hunt, Student Advocacy
Ann Kast, Communication Arts
Pamela Klimenko,
Communication Arts

Anne Kressler, Business
Pete Kressler, Social Science
Bruce Kutney,
Communication Arts
Peg Lamb, Student Advocacy
Nancy Lamphier, Life Skills

Bruce Larner, Math
Michael Lehman, Math
Brenda Lynch,
Communication Arts
Heather Neiswonger, Science
Barbara Neureither, Science

Steven Neureither,
Industrial Arts/Math
Guil Northrup, Social Science
Timothy Parry, Fine Arts
Ann Paul,
Fine Arts/Publications
Elizabeth Priester,
Modern Languages



New Tactics...

After interning at Holt and covering PDS release hours, Social Science teacher Amy Schmidt teams in the sophomore American Studies class. She commented, "I don't feel like a new teacher because I've been here for three years, but getting a pay check over the summer sure beats working at Crunchy's!"

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Catching On... Talking to sophomore biology students about the structure of cells is Michigan State University intern Bill Crook. Bill student taught with Science teacher Larry Burgess.

"I student taught at Holt High School in 1993. By coming back two years later, I was able to see all of the changes that have taken place to help students and teachers grow."

-Leanne Schnepf

Pet Peeves... A True Case of

Less is More!

How many pet peeves and disciplinary actions could teachers have? Just about as many as there were teachers. Afterall, they were individuals with their own annoyances. But one thing was certain, they all had means of dealing with them.

Teachers typical pet peeves involved the usual requests such as, "Turn around and be quiet!" or worse yet, "Wake up!" But there were more problems. Dave Foy stated, "The thing that bothers me most is when students ask for tolerance from their teachers, but fail to restrain themselves." Pete Kressler added, "Trying to get students to want as much for themselves as I do is my pet peeve." Barbara Neureither also noted, "Students who have tremendous ability and are not working up to their potential is my biggest pet peeve."

Beyond academic achievement, Shannon Fineout found immaturity a problem. "My pet peeve is when people don't take responsibility for their own actions," she complained.

Some teachers' more annoying complaints, however, were not with students, but centered on other issues. "I feel the attendance policy is not uniformly enforced. We need to hold kids accountable. There should be an absolute absence limit," pointed out Bill Savage. Mary Boulanger had another one. "I dislike it when people make public address announcements during class changes. You can't even hear them!"

Because teachers had to put up with so many pesky

actions, they also had some unique ways to handle them. Juanita Grew revealed, "I will not tolerate students making fun of other students or treating them poorly. I threaten to beat them... (snicker)."

Another unique way of disciplining students was to treat them like second graders. "Students need to pay

attention and respect everyone around them, and when they don't, I turn off the lights to get their attention," related Pete Kressler. Teachers sometimes even had the kids discipline one another. Bill Savage revealed, "I will often ask the kids who are noisy to quiet the others."

Then there were the more isolated and eccentric gripes.

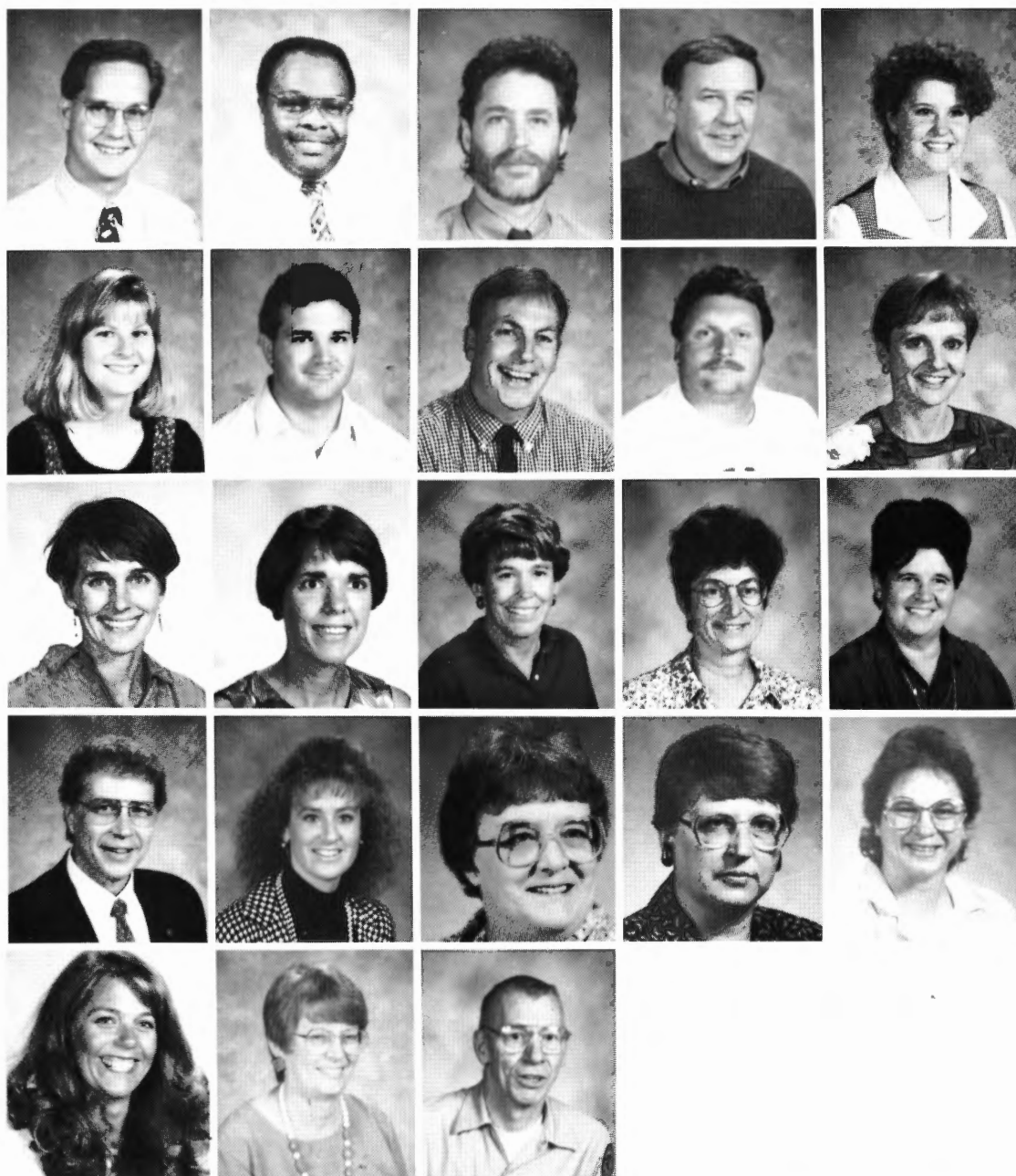
"Keep stuff out of the heat registers! It makes noise when paper happens to 'fall' through the grate and it makes me nutsy-cuckoo at times, complained Nancy Lamphier. "Another is breaking new pencils in half and then throwing them on the floor at the end of the hour," she quickly added.

-Kathleen Jennings



Painting out the Problem

Helping senior Brandy Pierson in typing class is Business teacher Scotty Shimnoski who also taught American Studies, as well as, coached the Girls' Golf team. However, he had no pet peeves to list. "Things just don't bother me that much," he commented.



Eric Pulver, Science
Tyrone Robinson,
Modern Languages
Michael Saules,
Communication Arts
William Savage, Social Science
Amy Schmidt, Social Science

Leanne Schnepf, Fine Arts
Marty Schnepf, Math
Scotty Shimnoski,
Business/Social Science
Michael Smith,
Physical Education
Margo Strong, Business

Jeanne Tomlinson,
Student Advocacy
Joan VanDam,
Student Advocacy
Rachel Votruba, Guidance
Janet Wilson, Guidance
Georganne Withey,
Communication Arts

Gerald Woolston,
Social Science
Becky Barry, Secretary
Dolores Cornelius, Secretary
Camille Esch, Secretary
Rosann Frazier, Secretary

Sue Kenny, Secretary
Judy Woolston, Secretary
Ernie Snyder, Day Custodian

Not Pictured:
Monty Bishop, Fine Arts
Bob Bower, Guidance
Linda Parrish, Secretary



May I help you?... Answering a question for junior Chad Lesnieski is Math teacher Beth Berwald.

"My Biggest pet peeve is when students don't do their homework and then they don't understand why they're not being successful in the class!"
-Beth Berwald

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And the answer is...

Explaining a test question to junior Nicole Lee is Communication Arts teacher Georganne Withey. "One of Mrs. Withey's pet peeves is students' failure to restate the thesis sentence in the concluding paragraph," remembered graduate Dustin Gould.



Order of Business...

Conducting the Board of Education agenda is President Alton Granger at the May 10 meeting. Assisting in the items of business is Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz.

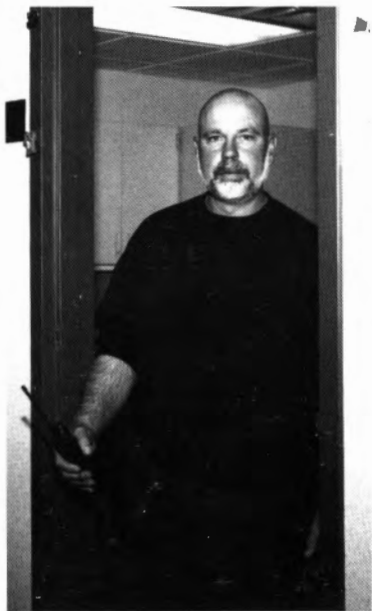
Typical Scene...

Meeting with senior Kelly Skidmore is Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett. After serving as interim last year, Plunkett was hired for the position in the summer to handle student discipline and attendance.



Check it Out

Checking in with Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett on a security issue is security guard Bruce Duling. Patrolling halls and parking lots was how he spent his day.



Changing of the Guard

New Team Takes Charge

It was a whole new front. The top office of chief execs went through a sort of changing of the guard. In the past year, the top three positions of principal and two assistant principals had all acquired new leaders. With new jobs, came the pressures of getting things done and making the right choices. Under the watchful eyes of colleagues, the new administrative team set out by taking stock.

"This year has been one big reality check," reflected Assistant Principal Dean Manikas. The only member of the team that was hired from outside of the district, Manikas had to adjust to the school, faculty and students besides a new job. "I wanted to get involved in more stu-

dent-centered issues," commented Manikas. "I also wanted to give more support to students by getting input and gathering ideas from them." One of the ways he did this was by participating in some Student Council meetings.

Dan Plunkett officially became Assistant Principal of attendance and discipline after an eight-year teaching career in the district and filling in as interim in his new position. "The challenge of working with students who have problems," was one incentive that influenced Plunkett in making the career change. In the first year on the job, it was his goal to maintain visibility in the hallways, deal with the attendance policy and to pro-

vide those students who needed it more help.

Brian Templin took over the reins in April of last year and perhaps had the toughest job of all, following in the footsteps of former Principal Tom Davis. As one of his immediate projects, Templin forged a team approach to the administrative functions. As part of the process, he envisioned the administration taking on more the role of facilitators. "I would also like to see the school become more personal," he responded. By this, Templin meant, "getting students more involved and to feel more connected to the school."

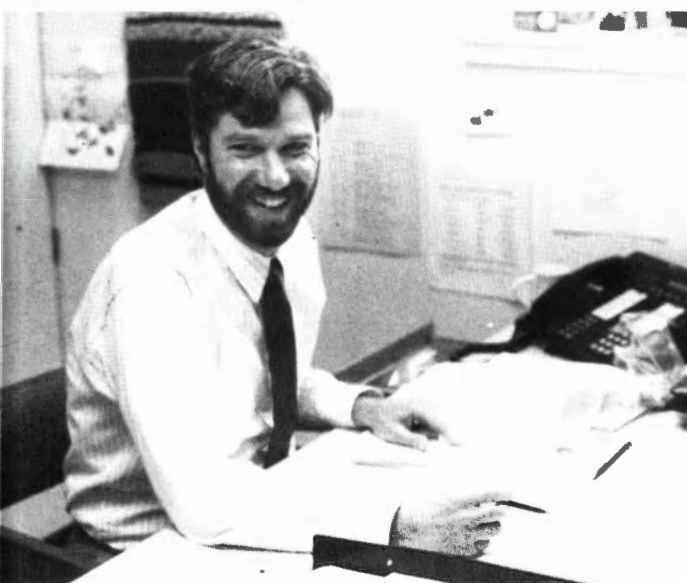
One obstacle the administrative team had to overcome was stress. With their new positions of power came

the pressures of trying to work 'under the gun.' It was a long and demanding process and a year which saw many tough issues surface including improving MEAP scores and working with staff on newly required State Proficiency tests. They also dealt with new directions and requirements with the school's PDS funding, drugs and substance abuse, coping with the myriad day-to-day student attendance and curriculum issues not to mention providing the visionary leadership which any school requires to more than just keep it's head above water. But the new administrative team made their reality checks and adjustments as they went along and kept on going.

—Andrea Cook

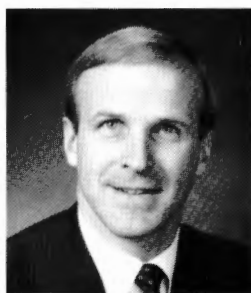
In line...

Striking a professional pose is Principal Brian Templin at his office computer. Taking over the reins in April of 1994, Templin undertook new projects with a new administrative team.

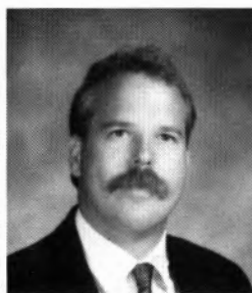


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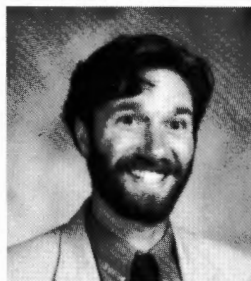
Wading through the endless stack of papers on his desk is new Assistant Principal Dean Manikas, in charge of scheduling, student services, and coordination of PDS with MSU.



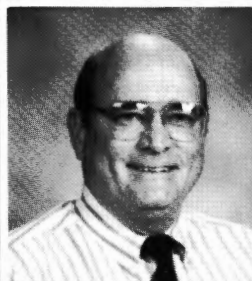
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Superintendent



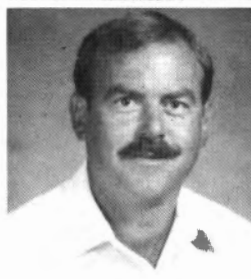
Brian Templin
Principal



Dean Manikas
Assistant Principal



Dan Plunkett
Assistant Principal



Del Cory
Athletic Director



Jan Milbourn
Attendance Officer



Board of Education: Top Row: Richard Royston, Alton Granger, John Malatinsky. Front Row: Leon Hank, Jacqueline Wood, Deborah Roeske, Jim Flinn.



Taking It In Stride... Manning the Main Office and coping with it all including telephones, filing, accounting and bookkeeping is secretary Dolores Cornelius.

"You would not believe some people's sense of humor in this office complex. It ranges from the unspeakable to the hilarious. There is never a dull moment."

-Dolores Cornelius

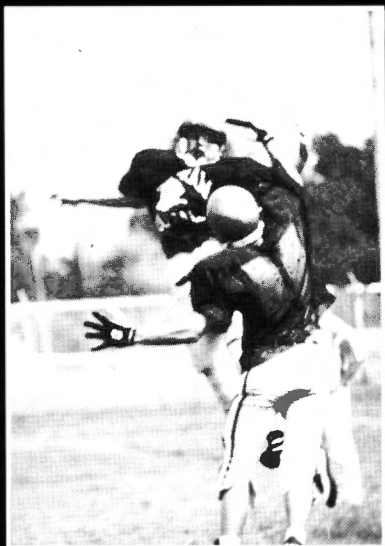
UP FRONT



Keeping Score... Looking over sports schedules is Athletic Director Del Cory.

"The issue I spend the most time on is budget because there are always cuts that are being made. It's tough deciding which sports to cut."

-Del Cory



Leaping high above junior Rodney Knott in an inter-squad scrimmage is senior Mike Looney. The hot practices paid off as the Varsity Football team won four of its last five games.

Get in on the action

Go the distance

Score the point

And whatever the outcome...

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Get a Grip

Braced for his shot put event in a home meet against Jackson, May 9, is senior Jason Bedford. He commented, "Shot put lets me concentrate totally on one thing, in a sense, allowing me to escape reality for a time."



A Beatin' They'll Never Forget

Pounding his way through the Viking defense is senior running back Jason Buckner. The team went on to earn their first victory in the 'electrifying' Homecoming contest, 38-34.



The Way It Is

Giving the offensive unit the lowdown is first year Head Coach Mike Smith. Seniors Darnell Powers and Tom Miller along with junior Doug Birch listen intently to their new field general in the game versus Jackson.

Varsity Football Team:

Top Row: Coach J. Kirkling, J. Robbins, M. Landfair, A. Allen, P. Markel, D. Ried, T. Miller, J. Richter, M. Taylor, C. Allen, J. Smith, C. Teachout, B. Smith, B. Morris, R. Brookes, B. Canen, J. Schultz, B. Hartford, J. Miller, S. Robedeau, D. Mayes, J. Robinson, T. McKouen, M. Luce, S. Lawrence, B. Wlash, M. Looney, Head Coach M. Smith. **Row 2:** F. Zeller, Coach D. Green, T. Welsh, S. Goddard, C. Chappell, E. Corey, J. Wagner, J. Buckner, D. Fowler, R. Knott, B. Wesaw, C. Sherry, M. Thompkins, Coach T. Roberts, M. Sharp. **Bottom Row:** D. Birch, J. Perez, D. Powers, C. Fulk, T. Fluke, J. Lenon, J. Dungey, M. Ordiway, R. Milliken, S. Barnes.



New Head Coach Turns Team Around

Even with new coaches, the main attraction for most fans was still the game. Most of the players thought their first win of the season, the delayed Homecoming contest, was what finally got them going. "I felt the Everett game was the highlight of the season because I scored two touchdowns and had 160 yards," stated senior wide receiver Ryan "Lightning Crashes" Brookes.

Many players did feel that the victory over the Vikings was the turning point of the season. The game proved to put up some extra mental barriers for the two squads. Weathering for as long as



Going Deep

Rolling out, looking for the open receiver is senior quarterback Chad Fulk. "I knew we needed to come up with a big play. We weren't going to settle for a field goal this time," recalled Chad.



Photo by Chad Lesnieski

Turning Point

they could under torrential rain and lashing winds, the game was eventually called on account of severe lightning. Meeting the next day under an overcast Saturday afternoon sky, the Rams never gave up, and the 38-34 win proved to end their season slide.

The offensive line led the way throughout the year, pulling the team together when things got tough, and ripping apart the opposing defensive fronts. The Rams finished fourth in the Capital Area Conference with an overall record of 4-5, winning four of their last five contests. "I thought that this was our best season in recent history. We

went .500 in the conference. That just doesn't happen at Holt. I'm glad I was able to be a part of it as a senior," recalled Chad Fulk.

The players shared mixed feelings about the final tally once the season had concluded. Although some were of the opinion that the statistics told the tale, others felt that the record didn't fairly represent a season filled with heartache and hard work. "I thought that the scoreboard was just plain lying sometimes," stated junior Brian Canen, "we played our hearts out, and we still lost more than we should have."

--Chadwick Lesnieski

Get in the Game

Varsity Football
4 wins, 5 losses

Okemos	13-14
Charlotte	10-25
East Lansing	7-44
Sexton	0-20
Everett	38-34
Jackson	33-3
Eastern	32-20
Waverly	21-19
Grand Ledge	7-35
CAC	4th

**All-CAC
First Team
Steve Robedeau**

**All-CAC
Second Team
Jeff Schultz
Doug Birch**



And Come Out Fighting

Shaking hands with the Viking opponents are tri-captains Darnell Powers, Ryan Brookes, and Steve Robedeau. Of the season turnaround, Steve noted, "I think Coach Smith helped us tremendously. He brought a new atmosphere of winning, not giving up and believing in ourselves. He told us, all it takes is heart."

JV Football Team: **Top Row:** Coach Stible, Coach Black, J. Hall, M. Allen, L. Davis, B. Davenport, T. J. Fritts, D. Moore, S. Telfer, Coach T. Currin, Coach Haas. **Row 2:** J. Griffith, J. Turner, J. Cornelius, A. Redman, D. Thomas, R. Ranshaw, K. Wyble, R. Czuback, G. Sharp. **Row 3:** D. Murphy, C. Moubray, D. Packer, H. Holly, K. Lumley, N. Vanalstine, J. Keller, J. Pollock, J. Bush, K. Stone, B. Leroy. **Bottom Row:** S. Godbehere, T. Shaver, J. Forquer, E. McGowan, J. Girdwood, J. Bliesener, J. Corr, C. Doerr.



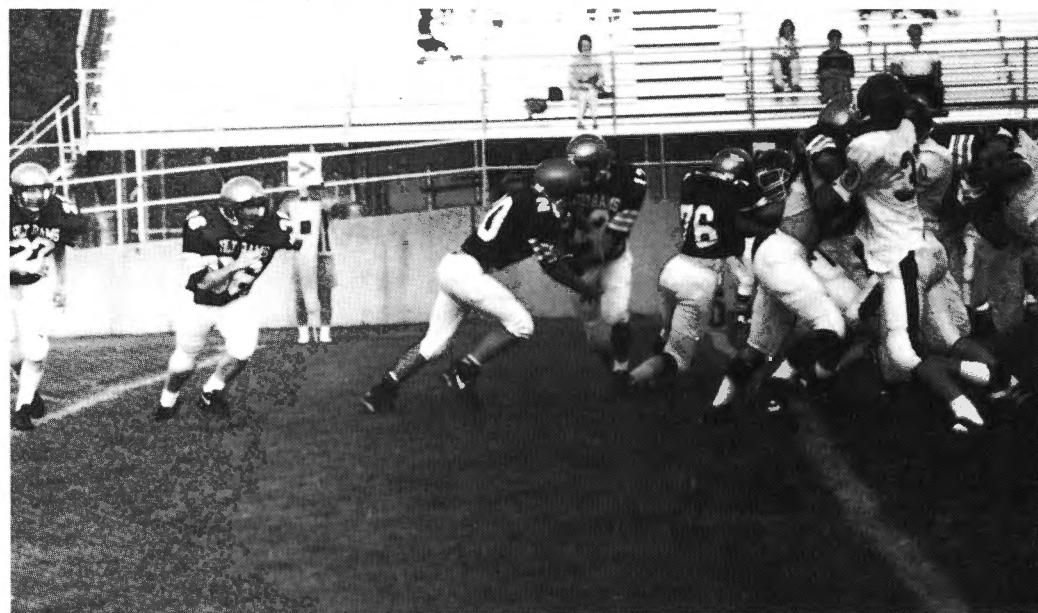
Hey, Guys . . . ?

Working solo on his technique is sophomore quarterback Jeff Keller.



22 Dive

Ramming the ball up the middle is sophomore Kurt Lumley, while Chuck Moubray and Joe Forquer sweep out against the East Lansing Trojans. The Rams scored early and often to win the game 34-6.



Get in the Game

JV Football
7 wins, 2 losses

Okemos	20-6
Charlotte	20-22
East Lansing	34-6
Sexton	20-12
Everett	20-6
Jackson	Forfeit
Eastern	36-8
Waverly	20-12
Grand Ledge	14-22

Ups and Downs

With a new coaching staff in the JV Football program came the anticipation of winning records and fans were not disappointed with the team. Earning the best season record since 1987, the squad finished 7-2 overall and placed second in the Capital Area Conference. The only CAC loss came at the hands of archrival, Grand Ledge, in a game that came up only eight points short, 22-14.

Coming up short on the scoreboards, the JV Soccer team finished with a 2-5-2 record in the Capital Area Conference and a 6-9-2 overall. The two CAC wins came against Sexton and Eastern. The other four non-conference wins came

JV Football Gets Job Done JV Soccer Comes Up Short

against Mount Pleasant, Battle Creek Harper Creek, Williamston, and Hartland.

Motivation for the JV Soccer team became the key to improving. Junior defense man Marshall Savage explained, "The season started slow, but as time went on we started to score and won the game under the lights at the end of the season I resorted to betting players that if they scored they would get \$5. It was funny, but it worked, especially with Nick Baxter. Another surprise came with Stanley Parker getting the goalie spot as he didn't have much experience in that position."

The Defense took time to put together

All the Right Moves

Skillfully working the ball upfield against his Viking opponent is sophomore T.J. Pipkens. The team ended up deadlocking with the Everett squad, 2-2.



and the players saw the challenge for next year, however, they did end the season 3 games below .500. Finishing up his last season as JV Soccer coach was Mark Obrecht who got help from former players, Chris Reynolds as goalie coach and Todd Perleberg who assisted the rest of the squad. As for the players, ending better than they started offered some satisfaction. --**Matt Allen**



Get in the Game

JV Soccer

6 wins, 9 losses, 2 Ties

BC Lakeview	1-3
Mt Pleasant	3-0
Grand Ledge	0-4
Waverly	0-1, 0-5
St Johns	1-7
Sexton	3-0
East Lansing	0-6
Everett	2-2
Eastern	2-2, 2-1
Jackson	1-3
Jackson Co. Western	0-3
BC Harper Creek	3-1
Williamston	5-1
Flint Carmen Ainsworth	0-5
Hartland	5-2
CAC	4th



Scramble... Looking to get control of the ball is Mike Stafford while T. J. Pipkins is ready to assist in the game against Everett.

JV Soccer Team

Top Row: Head Coach H. Rojas, Coach C. Reynolds, J. Theroux, T. Evenson, J. Lamb, M. Savage, B. Hill, S. Parker, C. Mayer, T. J. Pipkens, C. Fuller, J. Mills, M. Snyder, Coach T. Perleberg, Coach M. Obrecht. **Bottom Row:** M. Dalton, M. Crockett, T. Reynolds, M. Stafford, N. Brady, J. Graham, J. Gavna, J. DeWitt, A. Snyder, B. Ranshaw, C. Cross. **Foreground:** B. Wahl, N. Baxter.

Get in the Game

Boys' Varsity Soccer
8 wins, 6 losses, 4 Ties

BC Lakeview	1-3
Mt Pleasant	3-2
Grand Ledge	3-1
Waverly	0-2, 1-0
St Johns	0-2
Sexton	1-0
Jackson	1-1, 1-0
East Lansing	1-1
Everett	3-1
Eastern	3-1, 2-1
Jackson Co Western	1-1
BC Harper Creek	1-3
Flint Carmen Ainsworth	2-2
Hartland	1-0
Howell	0-3
CAC	3rd

All-CAC

First Team

Zach Wahl
John Gilreath

All-CAC

Second Team

John Mulvaney
Eric Schuette

Honorable Mention

Colin Janetzke

The Stylist

Showing World Cup form in their 0-2 defeat to Waverly is senior Zack Wahl. The Rams were seeking revenge when they rematched with the Warriors in the conference tournament, but fell short, 1-0.



Boys' Varsity Soccer Team:

Top Row: Head Coach H. Rojas, C. Reynolds, C. Bowen, M. Shunn, K. Janetzke, J. Mulvaney, N. Leible, R. Grant, Z. Wahl, B. Kamm, Coach T. Perleberg, M. Obrecht. **Bottom Row:** M. Dalton, M. Wolf, J. Gilreath, R. Kelamore, S. Smith, J. Gilroy, J. Walsh, C. Janetzke, S. Kelamore, C. Cross, B. Ranshaw. **Foreground:** E. Schuette, D. Jackson.



Team Takes Next Step Forward

The Boys' Varsity Soccer team finished third in the Capital Area Conference with a 6-2-2 record. Their conference triumphs came versus Grand Ledge, Sexton, Everett, and the Quakers of Eastern. The game that most players remember, though, was the draw the Rams had to settle for against East Lansing, 1-1. "We had our best showing against the Trojans. The team played with lots of heart and ambition," stated junior John Gilreath. "Tying East Lansing was a first for Holt Soccer. We haven't done well in recent history, so



Gatorade Clutch

Circling Head Coach Henry Rojas during a home contest is the Boys' Varsity squad. The group had many players go on to win several post-season All-Area awards for their individual efforts during the season.



I'm Goin' In!

Flying in for the steal versus Everett is junior Sam Smith as teammate Dana Jackson stands his ground. Holt came up victorious against their conference rival, 3-1.

Movin' On Up

that game was a nice boost and showed us we could play with the best," added senior Zach Wahl. "I thought that our best showing was against Mount Pleasant," recalled junior Sam Smith, "we came back in that game and really played well as a team. That was our biggest weakness during the year." The team seemed to agree that cohesion was definitely lacking throughout the season.

Once the conference playoffs came around, the squad looked determined, taking down Eastern and Jackson, both

in overtime showdowns.

After falling in the first round of the State Tournament, the Rams looked back on their season with a light heart as they reflected on the good times they had, statistics not in the record books.

The effort paid off in individual awards. All-CAC honors went to Zach Wahl and John Gilreath on First-Team. Seniors John Mulvaney and Eric Schuette earned their place on the Second Team, and sophomore Colin Janetzke received Honorable Mention.

--**Matt Allen**



Quick Feet

Attempting to maneuver his way around a Battle Creek Lakeview defender is junior John Gilreath. The Rams fell 3-1.

Get in the Game

Girls' Varsity Basketball
6 wins, 13 losses

Sexton	61-47
Williamston	56-58
Mason	34-64
East Lansing	48-65, 50-44
St Johns	44-67
Everett	59-49, 33-46
Grand Ledge	47-58, 43-44, 40-59
Sexton	61-47, 77-36
Eastern	43-45, 54-33
Waverly	41-52, 43-50
Jackson NW	49-70
Okemos	50-67
CAC	5th

Heave It!

Tossing the ball cross-court against the Eastern defense is junior Rachael Paterick. The game was tight, but the girls came up on the short end versus the Quakers, 43-45.

Running the Show

Bringing the ball upcourt at the point is sophomore flash Jill Newberry. Jill was known for her slashing drives and athletic assists.



**All-CAC
First Team**
**Julie
Vanlerberghe**

**All-CAC
Second
Team**
**Meghann
Devlin
Christy
Baisel**

Talkin' The Talk

Getting the team psyched-up is new Head Coach Doug Harkema. Adjusting to a change in leadership, the team nearly broke even in the conference with a record of 5-7.



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team:

Top Row: L. Koelzer, L. Ososkie, J. Vanlerberghe, A. Viele, J. Johnson.
Bottom Row: C. Baisel, C. Baker, M. Beck, R. Paterick, J. Newberry. **Foreground:** Head Coach Doug Harkema.



Basketball Breaking New Ground

A new coach on the sideline, and a lot of underclassmen on the court called for a learning experience. With an overall record of 6-13, and going 5-7 in Capital Area Conference play, the team ended with a fifth place finish. A gallant push at the end of the season just wasn't enough for them to reach their final goal. "I don't think we played up to our potential, but I was pleased with the way we played under these circumstances. With a new coach and an inexperienced team, it was tough, but we still played decent basketball," stated senior guard Christy Baisel.

Taking the Floor

Running out as her name is called before the start of the home game against Eastern is senior guard Christy Baisel. Her individual efforts throughout the season netted her All-CAC Honorable Mention.



Growing Pains

Junior Rachel Paterick noted, "Most of the time, everyone got along on the court, and although we weren't all best friends, we were able to look past that. We knew that there were a lot of different types of players and personalities. We just played and kept trying to win games."

After being down, the Rams came back to beat key opponents, Eastern and East Lansing. Avenging their early season losses to these conference foes was extremely gratifying for the team. "Beating Eastern in their own house after losing to them by only two points at

home was a great feeling. We all played together and we ended up crushing them by 21 points!" exclaimed sophomore center Julie Vanlerberghe.

Throughout the tumultuous season-long ride, the group went through many memorable scenes. "I'll never forget when Cathy Baker and I ran this beautiful, picture-perfect, give-and-go. It had been so long since something ran that smoothly, it made me realize that I can never forget how much fun basketball can be," concluded Rachel.

—Jeff Reynolds

Get in the Game

Boys' Cross Country
10 wins, 1 loss

Lansing Christian	15-43
Waverly	18-39
East Lansing	17-41
Sexton	22-33
Everett	16-47
St Johns	22-32
Mason	20-35
Alma	24-31
Jackson	18-41
Jackson Lumen Christi	25-31
Eastern	15-49
Grand Ledge	30-26
CAC	2nd
Regionals	2nd
States	22nd

All-CAC

First Team

Adam Newberry

Jake Fortuna

All-CAC

Second Team

Ted Spencer

Jeff Jewett



Crossing That Line

Finsihing the race against Jackson Lumen Christi is senior Adam Newberry. Adam was the team leader this season and was named All-CAC First Team.



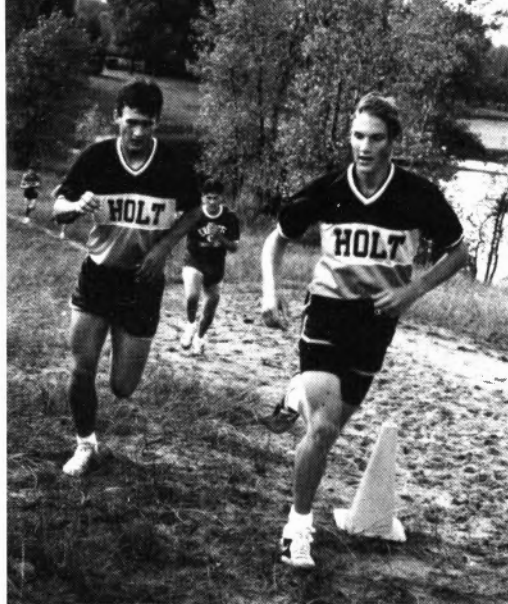
Boys' Cross Country Team:

Top Row: Coach J. Campbell, M. Sode, B. Hemenway, J. Jewett, R. LaFave, C. Montie, Head Coach Jerry Gillett, Coach B. Crook.
Bottom Row: J. J. Berg, J. Fortuna, A. Newberry, T. Spencer, B. Hannesch, D. Harger.

Coming Through

Striding along confidently against Everett and Sexton are the Holt Girls, with junior Alicia Freeman leading the way. Moving up from eighth to fourth or sixth, her effort contributed to the championship.



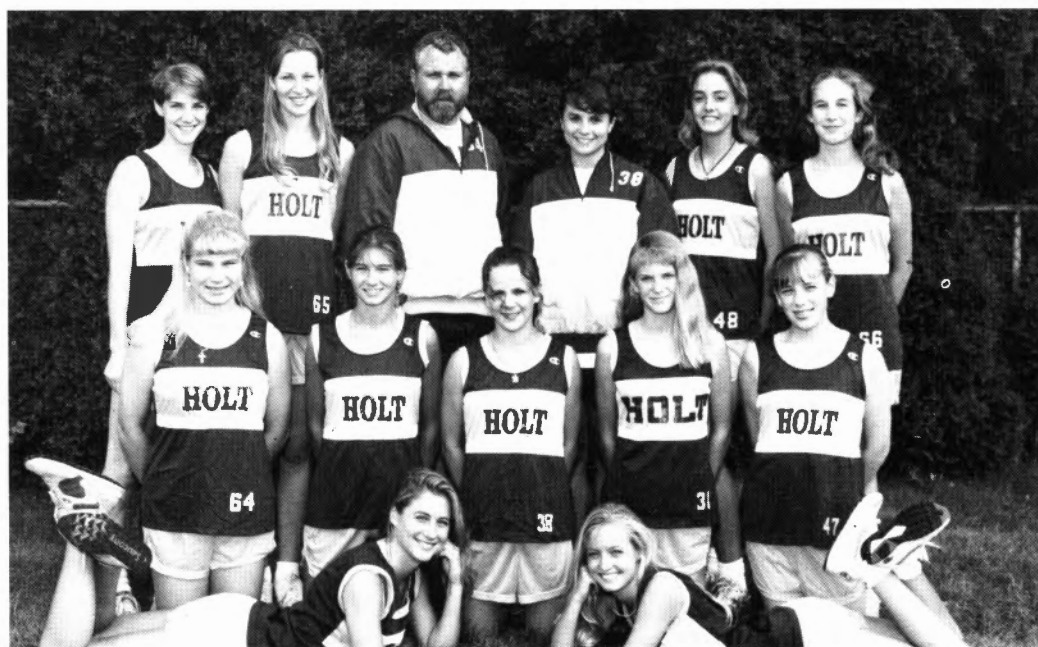


You're Gonna Make It, Kid!

Pushing it at the end of the Grand Ledge meet are juniors Jake Fortuna and Jeff Jewett. The two gave their all this year, going a perfect 10-0 before finally falling to the Comets in the final regular season meet. The group won many individual awards, the most impressive of which was Jake being named All-American.

Girls' Cross Country Team:

Top Row: M. Gnass, J. Hayslette, Head Coach D. Foy, K. Holiday, T. Acker, A. Freeman. **Bottom Row:** N. Nelson, J. Grant, E. Younglove, K. Horseman, E. Freeman. **Foreground:** L. Harger, V. Spencer.



Get in the Game

Girls' Cross Country
12 wins, 0 losses

Lansing Christian	15-50
Waverly	15-50
East Lansing	18-43
Sexton	15-50
Everett	15-49
St Johns	16-47
Mason	15-50
Alma	15-50
Jackson	18-45
Jackson Lumen Christi	19-40
Eastern	19-39
Grand Ledge	18-40
CAC	1st
Regionals	1st
States	9th

CAC Champion
Vanessa Spencer

All- Area Coach
Dave Foy

Cross Country Nearly Nets a Two-fer

"Run fast and get it over with!" was the motto of the Girls' Cross Country team, but they did more than just get it over with. They took top honors, placing first in several meets, including the Greater Lansing Invitational. The team's biggest victories were at, fittingly enough, the biggest meets. The team took first at the Capital Area Conference Meet after sweeping the competition with an unblemished 7-0 record, claimed the Regional crown for themselves, and went on to finish ninth in the State.

Senior Vanessa Spencer and sophomore Jami Grant set the school record for the 3.1 mile jaunt, and Vanessa earned her way to the conference champion title.

As for the Boys' Cross Country Team, they, too, finished with a winning record, going 6-1 in the CAC and 10-1 overall. "The strength of the team was that the kids were willing to work hard," assessed Head Coach Jerry Gillett. The team ended the season with a strong second-place conference finish, and went onto the State meet, finishing 22nd.

--Matt Allen

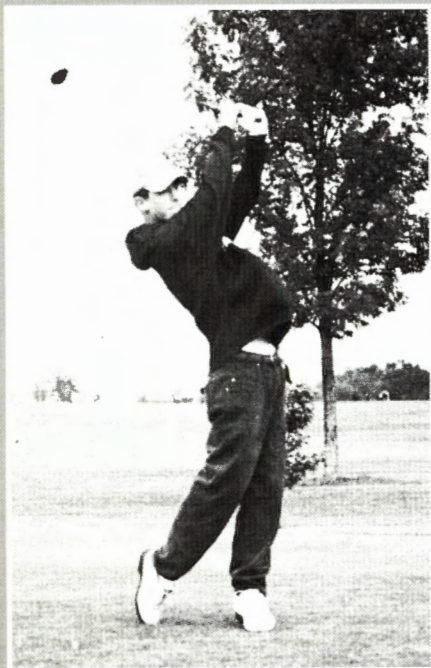
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Cranium Cozy

Practicing his putting is junior Frank Hartwick at Eldorado. Frank was well-known around the league for donning his driver cozy whenever the weather got a little too chilly.

It's A Boy!

Shooting the ball off the fairway on the fifth at El Dorado is sophomore Justin McLellan. "I really enjoyed this season. The sport itself is great, and my teammates made it really memorable," stated Justin.



Caddyshack

They went into the season with a positive attitude and high expectations. As time went on, they realized they weren't going to achieve all of their goals. The Boys' Varsity Golf team mixed disappointment with satisfaction, finishing with a season record of 10-5 overall, 9-5 in league play, and a fourth place finish in the Capital Area Conference. Senior Brad Cass said, "Our scores were good when they weren't needed, but when we played a good team, the pressure was just too much and we choked." Junior Daren Palacios concurred, "That pretty much summed up how we felt about the season. Our team was inconsistent. We'd start out

playing our best, then halfway through the match, someone would have a bad putt, and it would all go downhill from there."

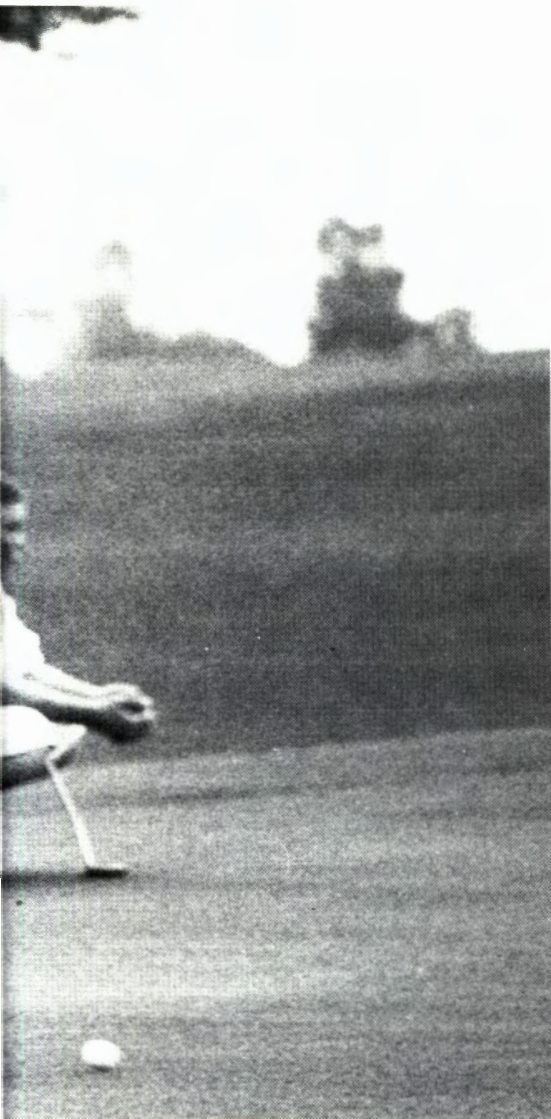
Looking back on the year, the team recalled players chasing each other, throwing trash cans, a ball bouncing off a drainpipe onto the fairway, and putters being busted all over the place. Of course, the antics of El Dorado caddies, Fred Couples and Greg Norman helped to liven the mood whenever the Rams fell to the bitter throes of defeat.

While they were busy dealing with the team aspect of the game, another problem to overcome was the mental game. It was frustrating when the team



How's The Green?

Assessing his drive during practice is junior Daren Palacios. He commented, "We did well in the beginning, but then slacked off a bit. Hopefully, we'll do better next year."



Going for Augusta

Going for the green is senior Brad Cass. Brad earned his way to both the Capital Area Conference First Team, and the All-Area Squad.



Get in the Game

Boys' Varsity Golf
10 wins, 5 losses

St Johns	303-323
Eastern	312-319
	309-314
Sexton	312-299
	309-304
East Lansing	325-323
	311-326
Everett	325-456
	311-413
Jackson	316-327
	303-349
Grand Ledge	314-306
	320-313
Waverly	314-324
	320-333
CAC	4th

All State Honorable Mention

All-CAC

First Team

Brad Cass

All-CAC

Second Team

Brian Anderson

Ryan Franklin

Guys' Golf Team Lives It Up

could have an off day and an individual might do the best he had ever done.

Longtime conference rival East Lansing was the toughest obstacle for the Rams mentally. Junior Frank Hartwick exclaimed, "We could have beat East Lansing both times! We just didn't concentrate when it counted and plain messed up." Fear set in and the pressure was too much. East Lansing took the meet with a score of 323-325. Later in the season, however, the Rams regrouped to beat them 311-326

Upon the conclusion of the season, the group looked back, not on the overall record, but on the exciting matches and fun times the year brought.

--Heather Willett



Boys' Varsity Golf Team:

Top Row: J. McLellan, J. Gamet, A. Owen, B. Anderson, M. Sienkiewicz, A. Foster. **Row 2:** D. Palacios, J. Hewitt, F. Hartwick, R. Franklin, B. Cass, B. Gamet, C. Ballmer, J. Jehnsen, Head Coach B. Dowell. **Bottom Row:** J. Tice, L. Drake, M. Comer, G. Williams, M. Arnold, R. Yuhasz.

Get in the Game

Girls' Varsity Swimming
9 wins, 3 losses

St Johns	136-50
Mason	113-73
Eastern	115-68
AA Huron	78-108
Grand Ledge	62-31
Waverly	104-82
Sexton	61-40
Okemos	91-95
Jackson	119-62
East Lansing	98-88
AA Pioneer	51-135
Everett	68-34
CAC	1st

All-Area Selections

Julie Nourse
Jackie Mayercak
Sara Pohlonski
Tina Sullivan

State Team-16th

Sara Pohlonski
9th-100 M Butterfly
10th-200 M Freestyle Relay
Tina Sullivan
6th-Backstroke
10th 400 M Freestyle Relay

Girls' Varsity Swim Team:

Top Row: A. Shepler, V. Mickle, T. Sullivan, A. Calvert, C. LaRoue, K. Bowen, R. Haley.
Row 2: E. Rapp, L. Brunsting, A. Crandall, S. Pohlonski, L. Hartman, L. Wawro, H. Cherniawski, J. Nourse.
Row 3: A. Fenby, K. Stambaugh, A. Veltema, J. Mayercak, L. Russell, E. Kleiman, A. Shock.
Bottom Row: Coach B. Pohlonski, M. Brown, E. Bonner, R. Barker, W. Hoagland, N. David, N. Roeske, A. Hiel, Coach S. Donegan.
Foreground: J. Smith, C. Parker.

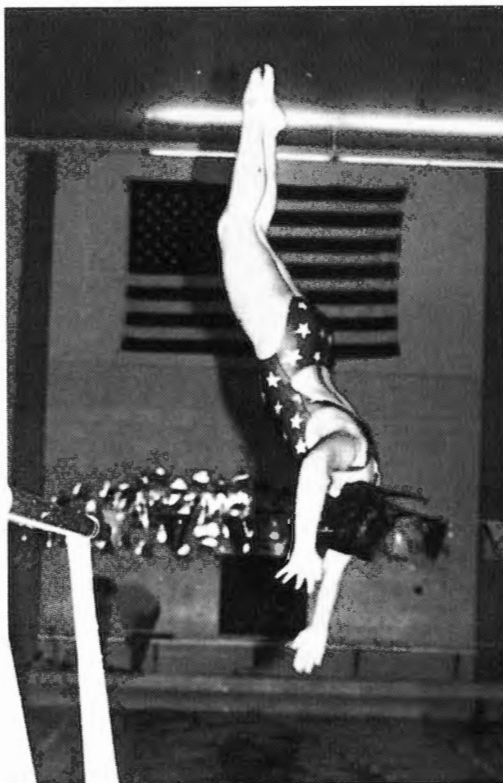


Return of the Jaguar

Exploding off the blocks, the Swim team squares off against the Everett opposition in a home meet. The Rams won handily 68-34.

Taking the Plunge

Spinning in mid-air versus Waverly is junior Rachael Haley. "I got nervous before diving because I was always conscious about not letting my teammates and coaches down," Rachael commented.

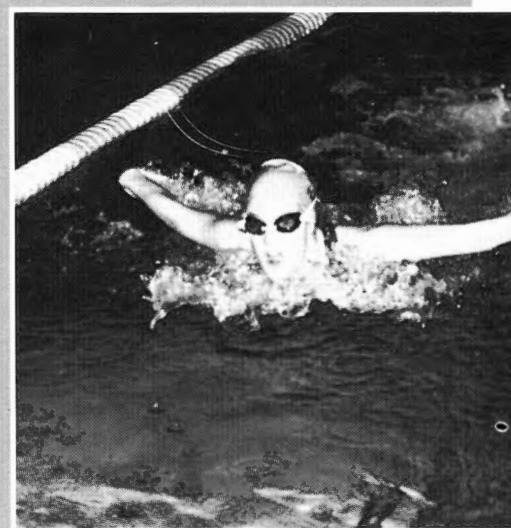
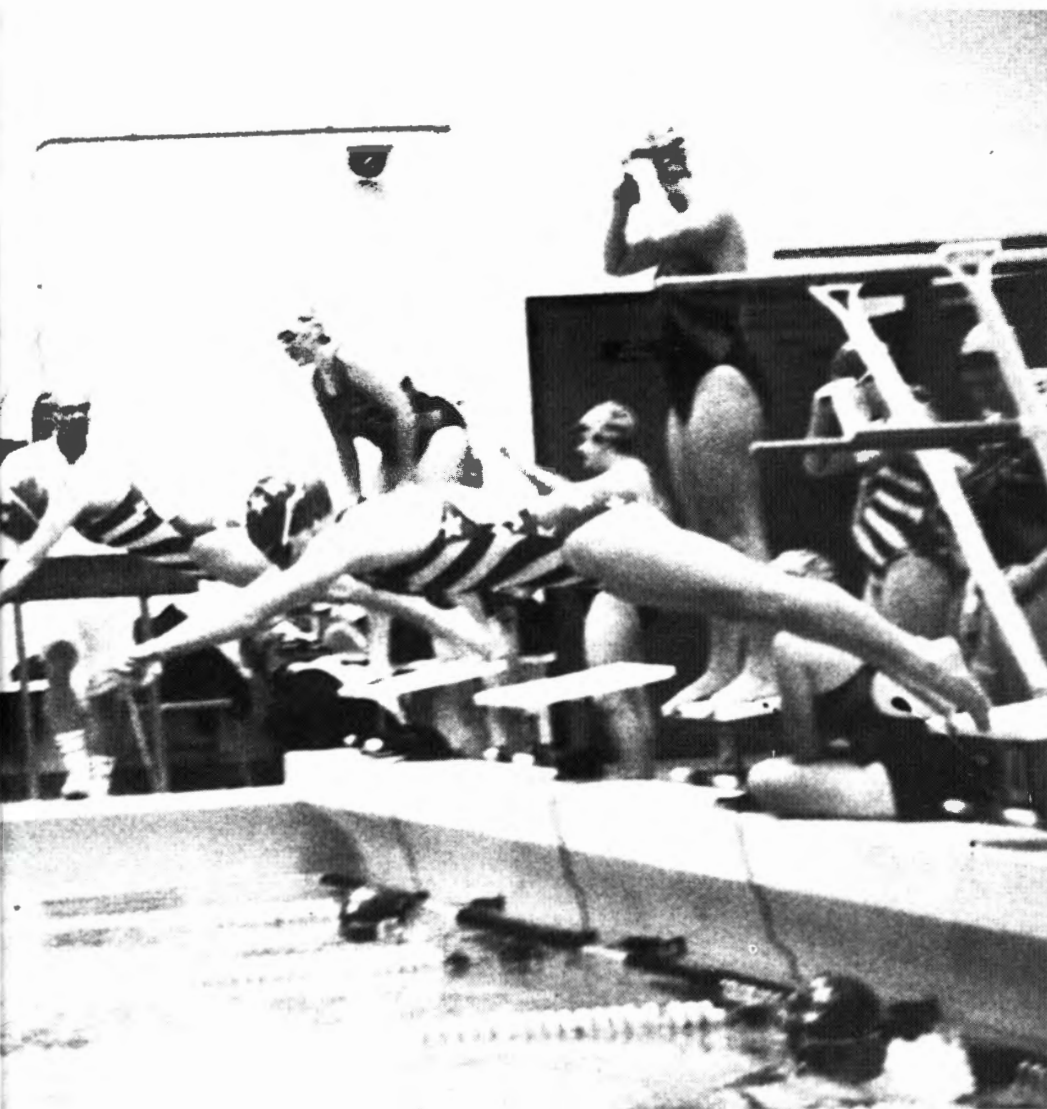


CAC Title Right at Home in Holt

The Girls' Swimming and Diving Team came out on top of the water this year. According to Head Coach Sean Donegan, the team's commodore over the past seven years, "This was really the best season we've ever had. We had great versatility in every race and talent in every area." The girls went undefeated in the Capital Area Conference regular season and won the crown at the league meet.

The girls went into the State Meet not just to compete, but to win. "We came in 16th at the meet, which is the best Holt has done since switching to Class A in 1980," added Sean.

Besides the CAC title and the best finish in school history, several team



Sweet Repeat

and individual records were broken. Tina Sullivan, Erin Bonner, Sarah Pohlonski, and Lisa Hartman broke the school record in the 200 Meter Medley Relay. Sarah broke the record for the 100 Meter Butterfly, in addition to breaking her own record in the 100 Meter Backstroke, Tina also finished sixth in the state in the same event.

The team, like any other, had some weaknesses, albeit few and far between. The sore spot most of the swimmers identified was team chemistry. "We had our fights and our disagreements, but we always worked them out, put them aside, and were able to go right to work," revealed junior Amy Shepler. "We all bonded as a team, and were able to

unite ourselves as a force. We had positive attitudes, and we all wanted to win," added junior Keri Bowen.

Through intense training, the girls prepared for the week in which they would have to face both Okemos and East Lansing. The team fell just short against the Chiefs. Keri stated, "Okemos was fully rested as a team, and they still only barely beat us." Indeed, the Rams lost by a small margin of 91-95, but were able to put that behind them and defeat East Lansing. "It was very exciting to know that with such a young team, we were able to do the things we wanted to do, and come out on top," concluded Sean.

--Krista Willoughby

One Step Closer

Team captains Amanda Calvert and Tina Sullivan led the way to the bench with a dance in the home meet against Jackson. Their spirit and skill netted them the Conference title.

Madame Butterfly

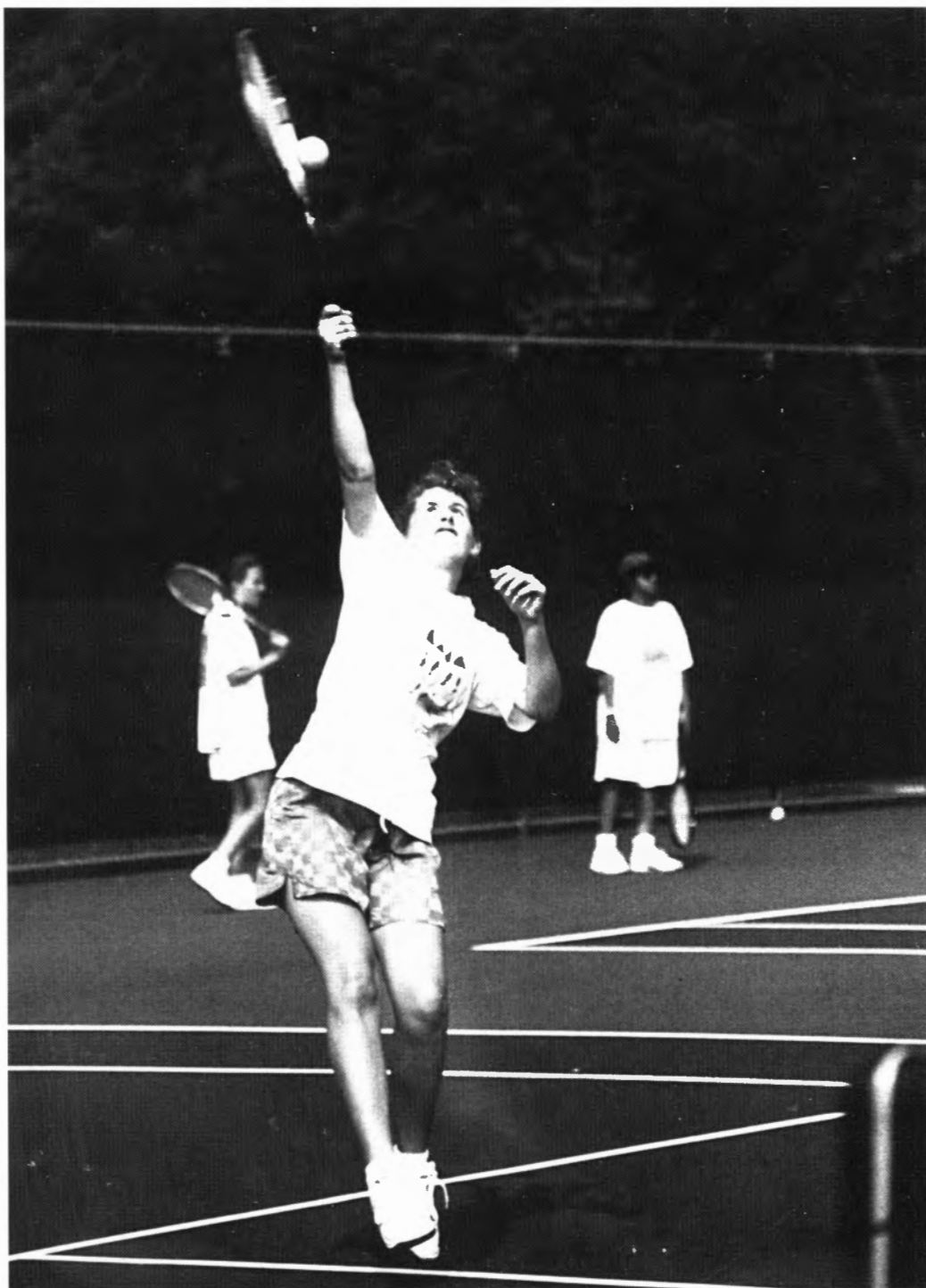
Pushing her butterfly stroke at the home meet versus Everett is sophomore Leah Wawro. Leah's efforts helped the Rams to a 68-34 victory over the Vikings.

Hard Core on the Court

Smashing through an overhead slam is senior Amanda Schram during an early August practice at Kiwanis Park.

Other Side of the Fence

Listening to her senior doubles partners, Amanda Schram and Andrea Cook is Head Coach Pat Somers. The two girls were doubles partners throughout their three years playing on the team.



Girls' Varsity Tennis Team:

Top Row: S. Cribley, K. Thill, K. Krause, J. Allen, K. Charles, D. Henriksen, A. Schram, J. Cory, A. Cook. **Row 2:** S. Mohamedulla, E. Sutliff, S. Mann, M. Krause, K. Wardwell, N. Hoagland, K. Anderson, B. Wilkerson. **Bottom Row:** Y. Gibbs, D. Dillon, A. Warren, K. Wilcox, S. Somers, L. Patterson, K. Block, J. Kent, A. Lansing, Coach Pat Somers.

No Shock

Shaking hands with her Lansing Catholic Central opponent before the match is junior Shelly Somers. The match was postponed due to lightning, but Shelly eventually got the opportunity to help her team to win a 6-1 victory.



Get in the Game

Girls' Varsity Tennis
8 wins, 4 losses

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

Competitive Nature Rules on the Courts

Seldom Outdone

Walking into the season, the Girls' Varsity Tennis team approached the court with hopes of a winning record. "We always want to beat East Lansing, but this year, Jackson was our biggest rival," recalled senior Andrea Cook. "We ended up fighting with them for second place. My partner and I played a three hour match against their first doubles team. It was a vicious one, but unfortunately, we ended up losing."

Early hopes were realized with a record of 5-2 in conference play with losses delivered by East Lansing and Jackson. "My doubles partner and I placed third at the CAC meet and reached the semi-finals at Regionals, but we were beaten in a tough match against East Lansing," added Andrea.

Although the scoreboard showed the team's record, many players felt it did not tell the whole story. "Sometimes we were playing a lot better than the score gave us credit for. Against East Lansing, we didn't win a lot of games, but we played well," noted senior Dana

Dillon. Senior Sara Mann added, "Sometimes when we were playing a match that we could have won, we would slack off and the other team would catch up to us. This pushed us to play harder to show we were indeed the better team."

Exciting matches were filled with tension, but spirit never failed to show through. "Someone always sent little spirit notes on the days that we had matches," remembered Dana. Junior Beth Wilkerson recalled, "We showed our team unity by rooting our players on during their matches." Team bonding also came in mischievous ways. "Sometimes we would wait for Mrs. Somers to pull in for practice and pretend that we had just finished running our laps," laughed junior Lindsay Patterson.

At season-end, the team placed third in the CAC with fun memories as an added bonus. "Overall the team had a pretty good season. We had more wins than losses and a lot of fun," concluded Sarah.

Joshua Knechtes

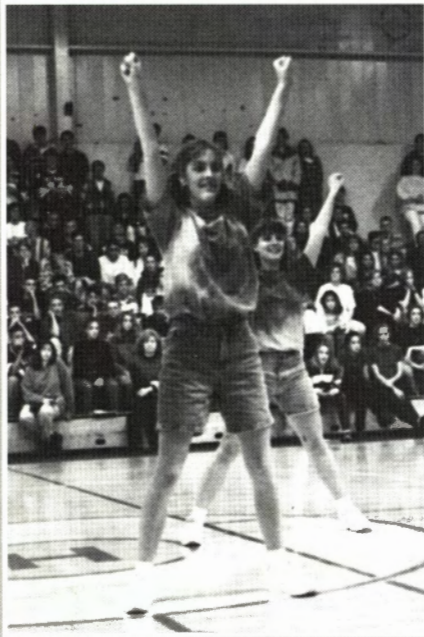


Ready for Plan B

Talking strategy between games versus Mason are senior doubles partners Dana Dillon and Yvonne Gibbs. "We had to play against this girl nicknamed 'Gumby Woman' because she could reach every ball on the court," laughed Dana.

Miss America

Receiving her traditional senior farewell bouquet is Missy Homan. "A friend got me to try out for the squad. At first, I really wasn't sure, but I made it and I had so much fun," she recalled.



Alright, Get 'Em Up!

Performing during a pep assembly is junior Carrie Swan. She remarked, "It's challenging to get along with the entire group and, at the same time, try to earn the respect of the fans, parents, and players. People really don't understand how hard cheerleaders work."

Crying Out Loud

Kicking and screaming their way through the Homecoming game are the Fall Varsity and JV Cheerleading Squads. Despite the rain, and the eventual lightning, the girls did their best to get the crowd pumped-up for the pre-game ceremonies.

Strike a Pose...

Performing a dance routine during the Homecoming pep assembly is junior Damarah Ballard. "I love cheering," Damarah exclaimed, "It's fun being with a bunch of crazy girls who like to have fun!"



Fall Varsity Cheerleading Squad:

Top Row: R. Newman, Z. Beltran, K. Robbins, C. Swan. **Row 2:** N. Lee, A. Lawrence, K. Araoz. **Foreground:** D. Ballard, D. Alexander.



A Cheering Line

Going through their routine at a home basketball game is the Winter Cheerleading Squad. "When Holt is ahead, I always have a lot of enthusiasm leading the crowd during the games," said senior Vanessa Spencer.

Winter Varsity Cheerleading Squad:

Top Row: R. Newman, M. Homan, J. Spock. **Row 2:** Z. Beltran, D. Ballard, K. Eding, K. Wilcox, B. Paterick. **Foreground:** K. Araoz, V. Spencer.



Cheerleaders Learn from Experience

Cheer Up!

Whether it was a cold, rainy, football game or a loud, congested, basketball court, the Varsity Cheerleaders were front and center, leading the crowd with their spirit-raising shouts.

As usual, pumping up the crowd was the focus for the team. "I enjoyed involving the crowd and having them participate in the games," said junior Zulema Beltran. Junior Kristen Wilcox enjoyed cheering for another reason. "I wanted to cheer because it is a fun sport that doesn't get too competitive. It really helps you to get into school spirit," she claimed.

The group concurred that being on the squad created many lasting memories. "The most memorable thing for me is the fact that we started out with 10 girls and finished with six. We really

had to pull together and it made us all very close. I doubt that there will ever be a time when that happens again the way it did this year," reflected junior Nikki Lee.

Cheering also gave the girls an inside track in dealing with others. Senior Becky Paterick noted, "Being on the squad has taught me to compromise and value other people's opinions. That was very important throughout the year."

Besides motivating crowds, the girls kept busy decorating lockers, hanging signs, and baking treats for the Varsity Football and Basketball teams. At the end of the season, seniors Kristen Araoz, Missy Homan, Becky Paterick, and Vanessa Spencer spoke of the friendships they would cherish as they went through graduation.

--Shoni Heistand

Winter JV Cheerleading Squad:

Top Row: E. Doty, A. Rampe, J. Thomley, K. Clishe. **Row 2:** K. Vaive, S. Hayes. **Row 3:** J. Baker, L. Perez, E. Younglove. **Foreground:** K. Beckner.



Fall JV Cheerleading Squad:

Top Row: S. Hayes, J. Thomley, K. Eding. **Center:** A. Rampe **Bottom Row:** J. Baker, K. Vaive, K. Beckner, K. Clishe.



Check It Out!

Taking a break from stirring the crowd are sophomores Kellie Clisch, Kori Vaive, Jenny Thomley, and junior Rhonda Newman. The girls used the time to check out pictures of the Piston Competition taken in Detroit.



Warming 'Em Up

Pumping spirit into the crowd at the Winterfest pep assembly are sophomores Serenity Hayes, Anne Rampe, Kristie Eding, Kori Vaive, and Kristen Beckner.



Nose to the Grindstone Pays Big for JVs

On cold, star-lit Friday evenings or under the yellow gymnasium lights, they were always there, ready to get spirit pumping. The sophomore girls who made up the Fall and Winter JV Cheerleading squads were there to root on the JV Football and Basketball teams. Erica Doty commented, "Cheering is a lot of fun. It's much more interesting now because it seems like it has a future, with people taking cheerleading more seriously."

No matter how the sport was viewed, the girls took their job seriously. Seren-

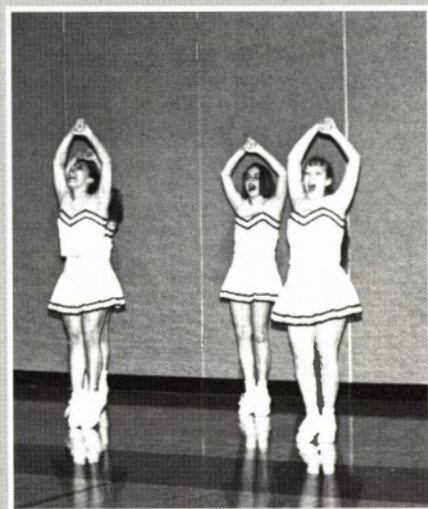


Keep It Straight

Staying in line as they cheer the JV Basketball team on versus Jackson is the JV Winter squad. "It was hard to get us all together for the games. Often one of us couldn't make it, but the Jackson game was an exception," revealed Kristen Beckner.

Looking Upward

Getting the team going at a home game against Jackson are sophomores Serenity Hayes, Kori Vaive, and Liz Perez. "I loved keeping the crowd up with team spirit," recalled Liz



Work Out!

ity Hayes explained, "People really don't understand what kind of practices we go through. After hours of intense work, we had to turn around and face hundreds of eyes every time we went out there!"

Not only did the girls do their best at the games, but they also did some extra spirit-raising projects. "We made treats for the players, peppy locker signs, and, most importantly, we gave the team members words to keep them up and going," said Kellie Clisch. Kristen Beckner added, "We were also were

there for each other. We helped each other out and gave advice whenever we could."

Hours of practice and determination paid off for the squad at the Detroit Pistons Cheering Competition held at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Jenny Thomley exclaimed, "We expected to place ninth, but when the judges named us as second, it was the biggest rush! We were so proud, after all of the work, all year long. It was so nice to know that it actually showed."

--Kelly Skidmore

Get in the Game

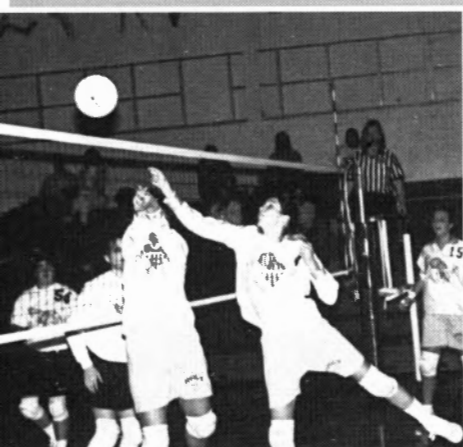
JV Volleyball
7 wins, 6 losses

Jackson	15-8, 5-15, 14-16 8-15, 11-15
East Lansing	10-15, 8-15 15-12, 15-10
Everett	15-11, 15-5 15-0, 15-2
Grand Ledge	8-15, 7-15 9-15, 15-3, 15-7
Waverly	6-15, 11-15 8-15, 15-10, 8-15
Sexton	11-15, 8-15 15-4, 16-14
Eastern	15-12, 15-11 9-15, 15-6, 16-14

Get in the Game

Girls' JV Basketball
14 wins, 4 losses

Sexton	63-18, 52-25, 62-30
Eaton Rapids	58-36
Mason	60-25
East Lansing	43-41, 54-48
St Johns	60-52
Everett	48-33, 51-43
Waverly	48-52, 52-63
Grand Ledge	23-59, 48-37
Eastern	36-29, 44-38
Jackson NW	67-19
Okemos	32-51
CAC	4th

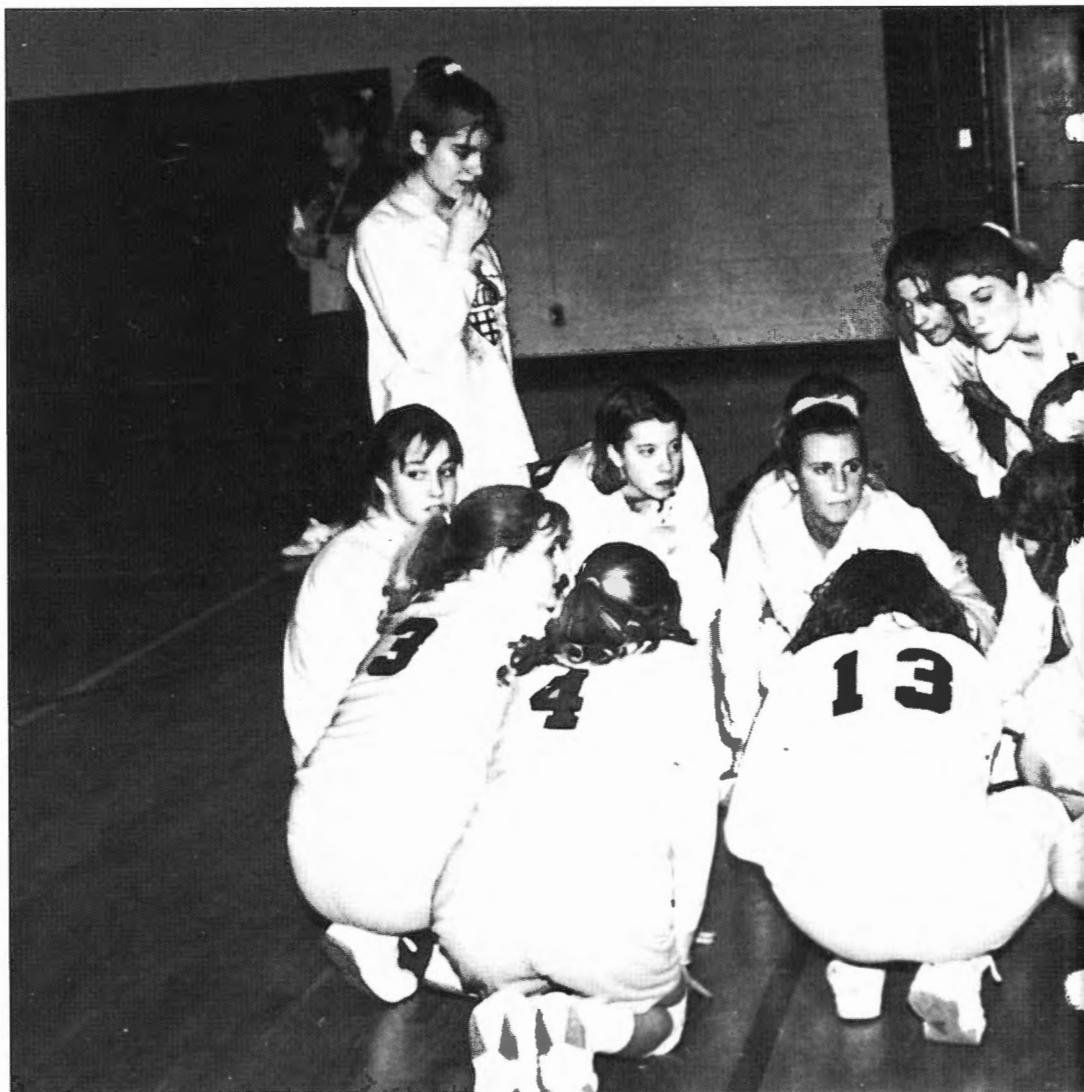


You're In the Dollhouse, Now!

Tipping the ball back over to Grand Ledge is sophomore Jami Grant as classmates Kristen Deetz and Jackie Mayercak assist.

Huddle Up!

Circling around and focusing intently on the words of Head Coach Robin Buysse is the JV Volleyball team. The girls had trouble with experience, but still managed to finish with a record of 7-6.



Die Hard 2

Starting out the year with a 2-7 record didn't faze the JV Volleyball team. The group of resilient ladies finished the season with a five-game tear, defeating conference powers Sexton, Grand Ledge, and East Lansing, among others.

As the girls gained experience and assimilated to playing as a team, the squad showed marked improvement. "We all had fun, worked hard, and played better through the end of the season because we all figured out how to work together," explained sophomore Jackie Mayercak.

Despite their slow start, the girls

claimed that they never lost heart. "I really enjoyed being on the team all year long. It was a fun and exciting experience," stated sophomore Kelly Noecker.

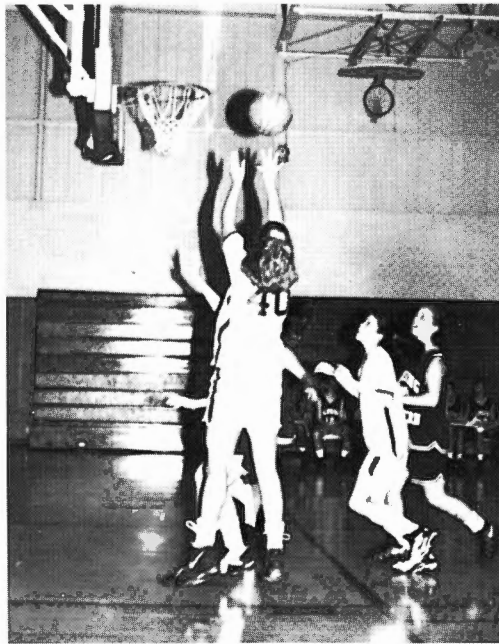
The Girls' JV Basketball team was reluctant to name any key players because they felt that the team philosophy was the password to their winning season. Using teamwork as the cornerstone, the girls built a 14-4 year-end record. "We had a wonderful season, one of the best in the conference," said sophomore Julie Cass.

The girls also showed a tenacious on-court attitude. Against St. Johns,



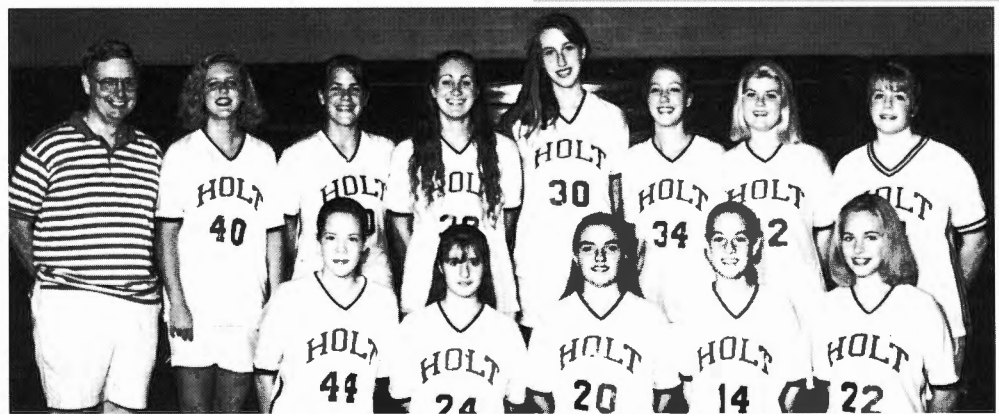
Up Strong

Going for two against Eastern is sophomore Erin Wenglekowski. Her points added to the total 44-38 that earned a Ram victory at home.



Taking the Point

Bringing the ball upcourt followed by her Eastern opponent is freshman Stephanie Smiley. Stephanie was one of three freshman on the JV squad to lend assistance in the win over the Quakers.



JV Girls' Teams Never Give Up

the team battled back from a 20-point deficit to win the game. The Rams also came back after a shocking 36-point defeat at the hands of Grand Ledge to beat the Comets the second time around.

The group integrated a strong defense into their style of play. Both players and coaches concurred that it was their key. "Defense was the basic strength, and we were able to play well consistently. Other teams had size, but we were able to shut them down by being quicker and more aggressive on the other side of the ball," concluded Head Coach Bob Simmons.

-Matt Allen



Girls' JV Basketball Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Bob Simmons, E. Wenglekowski, N. Araoz, K. DeRosa, M. Devlin, E. Reamer, B. Lund, J. Cass. **Bottom Row:** P. Smith, C. Rennirt, B. Johnson, S. Smiley, C. Richter.

JV Volleyball Team:

TopRow: Head Coach Robin Buysse, W. Wireman, J. Mayercak, J. Rinkel, K. Deetz, S. Hayes, A. Boss. **Bottom Row:** L. Hartman, T. Benson, J. Grant, T. Luedtke, K. Noecker.

Sniff, Sniff

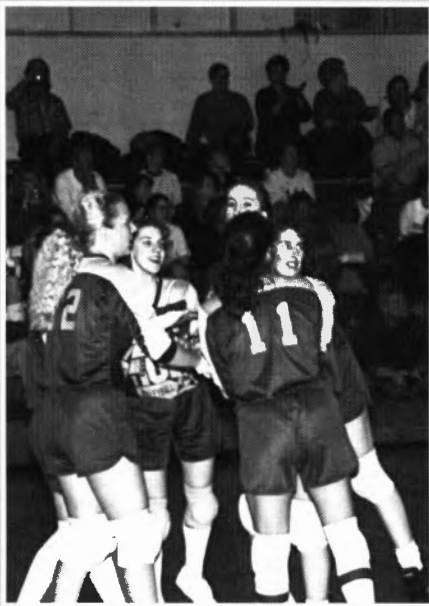
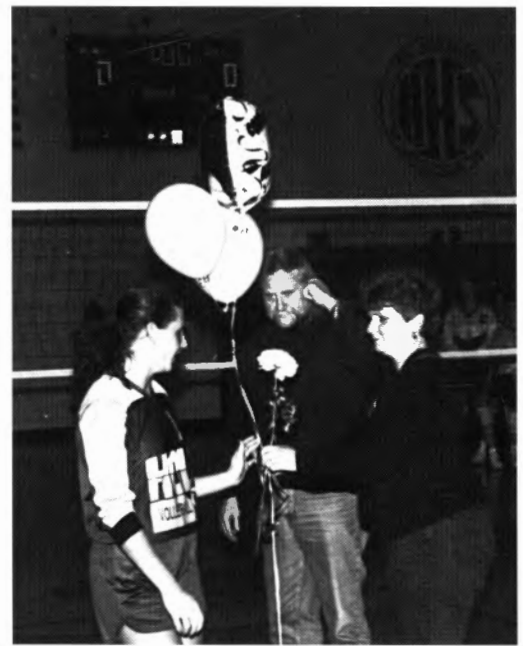
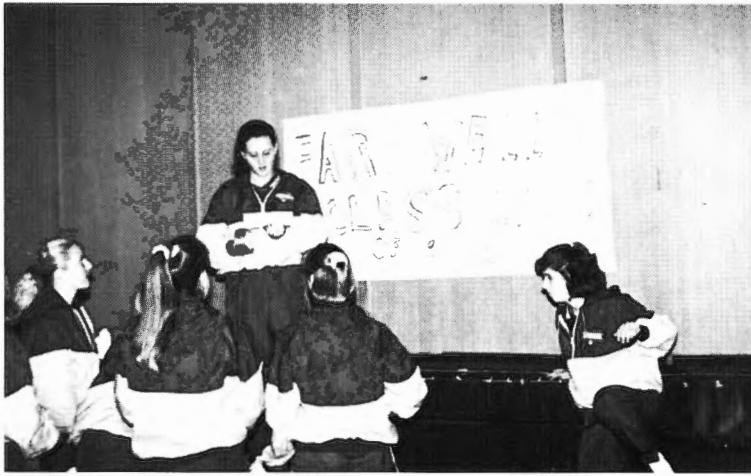
Bidding farewell to seniors Christy Baisel, Amanda Schram, and Megan Gnass is the Varsity Volleyball team. Their leadership helped keep the team together through a rough season.

Whoa Buddy

Doing the traditional team celebration following a side out versus East Lansing is the Varsity Volleyball team. The girls fought valiantly, but lost 8-15.

I'm Going In

Diving for the bump is sophomore Jill Newberry. She was known for her fearlessness and tenacity when it came to chasing loose balls.



Speed Bump

Although the season did not go down in history as one of the best ever, spirits on the Varsity Volleyball team remained high throughout the year. Junior Erin Wenglekowski admitted, "Record-wise, our season was very poor. We lacked communication on the court and were a small team, but we were very close as a group and we worked hard."

The strength of the team was the close friendships that were formed in the first week of the season and pulled the girls through the rest of the year. However, weaknesses such as low turn-

out, poor communication on the court, and serious injuries plagued the team all year long.

Key players, Christy Baisel, noted for her sets, and Lindsay Patterson, known for her killer serves, were recognized by members of the team. "Christy and I worked very well together. She and Amanda were the team leaders," commented Lindsay.

For their individual efforts, the following girls were recognized with post-season honors: sophomore Meghann Devlin won the team award for Best

All Grown Up Now... Accepting a gift from parents Claudia and Paul is senior Christy Baisel. Senior Night allowed the parents and teammates to salute the departing upperclassmen.

Gotcha! Setting the ball over to her Grand Ledge opponent is senior Amanda Schram who recalled, "Our strengths were serving and spiking, but we were very weak when it came to blocking."



Get in the Game

Varsity Volleyball
6 wins, 22 losses, 6 Ties

Lakewood	5-15, 7-15
Everett	15-5, 15-13
	11-15, 9-15
Grand Ledge	15-13, 1-15, 15-9
	15-12, 15-2
East Lansing	15-17, 4-15
	5-15, 8-15
Sexton	9-15, 14-16
	7-15, 11-15
Jackson	11-15, 5-15
	5-15, 7-15
Eastern	6-15, 11-15
	6-15, 5-15
Waverly	8-15, 4-15
	12-15, 8-15
Charlotte	12-15, 14-16
St Johns	5-15, 7-15
	9-15, 5-15
Okemos	15-12, 11-15
Lumen Christi	8-15, 12-15
	8-15, 4-15
Williamston	6-15, 8-15
Harper Creek	13-15, 15-8
CAC	3rd

All-CAC

Honorable Mention

Christy Baisel
Meghann Devlin
Amanda Schram

Girls Prove to be Light Competition

Defense, junior Lindsay Patterson, for Best Offense, senior Megan Gnass was named Most Improved, and senior Christy Baisel earned Most Valuable Player. Christy, Meghann, and senior Amanda Schram were also awarded All-Conference Honorable Mention Award.

Sophomore Jill Newberry offered her thoughts on the season. "This year went well, although the scoreboard didn't quite agree. Our will to work improved as the season went along, and we were able to enjoy the games."

-Chris Carr & Shoni Heistand



Varsity Volleyball Team:

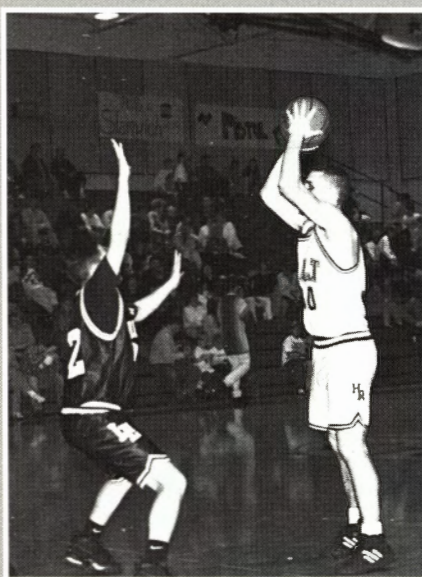
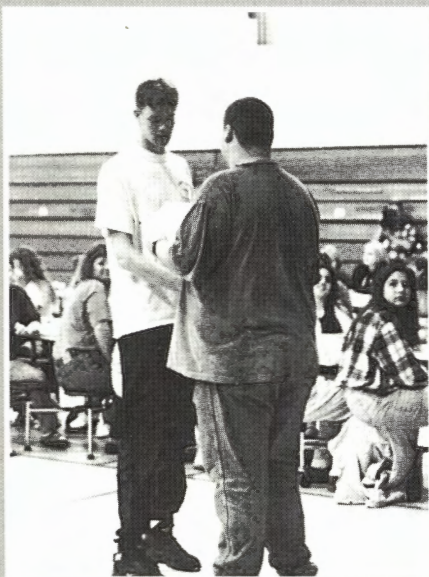
Top Row: Head Coach P. Badders, N. Araoz, J. Hayslette, L. Patterson, E. Wenglekowski. **Bottom Row:** J. Newberry, A. Schram, C. Baisel, M. Gnass.

Watch Your Head

Receiving the award for Most Athletic during Senior Breakfast is Varsity center Ben Bakken. Ben planned to attend Kent State in the fall.

Pick-n-Roll

Setting a pick for senior Terry Kenney is senior Ben Bakken during practice. Ben earned All-Conference as a center and was a key contributor to the season.



Does Anybody Want This?

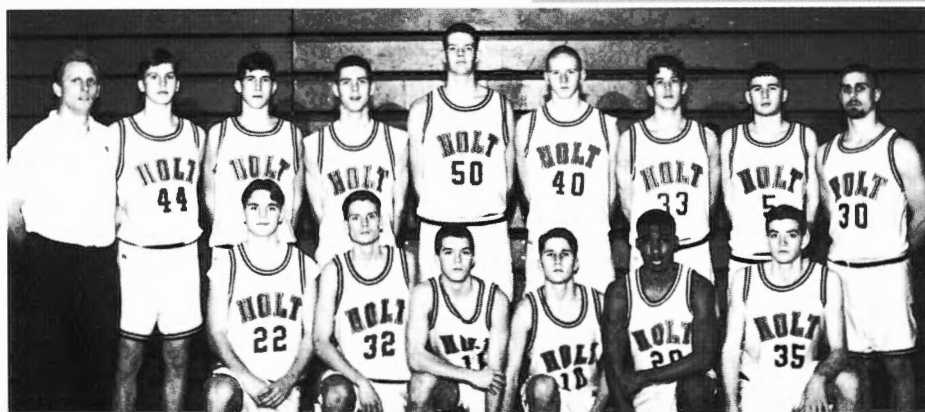
Looking for the open man is senior Jeff Schultz in a home game against Eastern. Jeff's efforts helped lead the team to a winning season and earned himself an All-Conference Honorable Mention nomination.

Money

Going over his Eastern defender is junior Jeff Barrett. Jeff played his second year on the Varsity squad and his efforts against the Quakers contributed to the 61-55 win.

Coach's Corner

Instructing his team during a time-out is 11-year veteran, Head Coach Bruce Larner. The team jumped out to a phenomenal start, but had trouble closing out strong when injuries plagued the team.



Varsity Boys' Basketball Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Bruce Larner, M. Vandlen, R. Grant, T. Schram, B. Bakken, J. Barrett, C. Sherry, R. Brookes, J. Schultz.
Bottom Row: P. Anderson, D. Alward, J. Kenney, B. Myers, D. Powers, C. Fulk.



All-CAC

First Team

Ben Bakken

Honorable Mention

Tim Schram

Jeff Schultz

Guy Hoopsters Shock the League

Being competitive and playing up to their potential was what the Varsity Mens' Basketball team had on their minds as they entered the season. Picked by the Lansing State Journal to finish sixth in the league, the team was ready to cause some upsets and gain some respect.

Not intimidated by the predictions, the team set their goals high, both team and individual. "Our main goal was to win the Capital Area Conference Title," stated senior Ryan Brookes. With returning starters, All-Conference guard Tim Schram, Jeff Schultz, and the league's tallest player, Ben Bakken at 6'8", these goals seemed attainable.

In the traditional season opener against Mason, the Rams defeated their nerves and the Bulldogs, in overtime. To many spectators' surprise, Holt went

Bad Break

on to win their first five games. "It was great, winning the first five of the season, since we lost our first five last year," said senior Terry Kenney.

Just halfway through the season, the Rams were 9-2 and ready to shock the league when tragedy struck. Ben broke his pelvic bone, going up for a dunk, and was not to return for the rest of the season. The team could only scrounge up two more victories in their last nine contests. "We no longer had a complete team when Ben went down. We weren't as tough in the paint," remarked senior Ryan Grant.

While the team experienced some bad breaks, the group still managed to enjoy themselves. Swallowing a bitter pill of disappointment, the team slapped some faces around the league and opened some eyes.

—R. D. Ferman

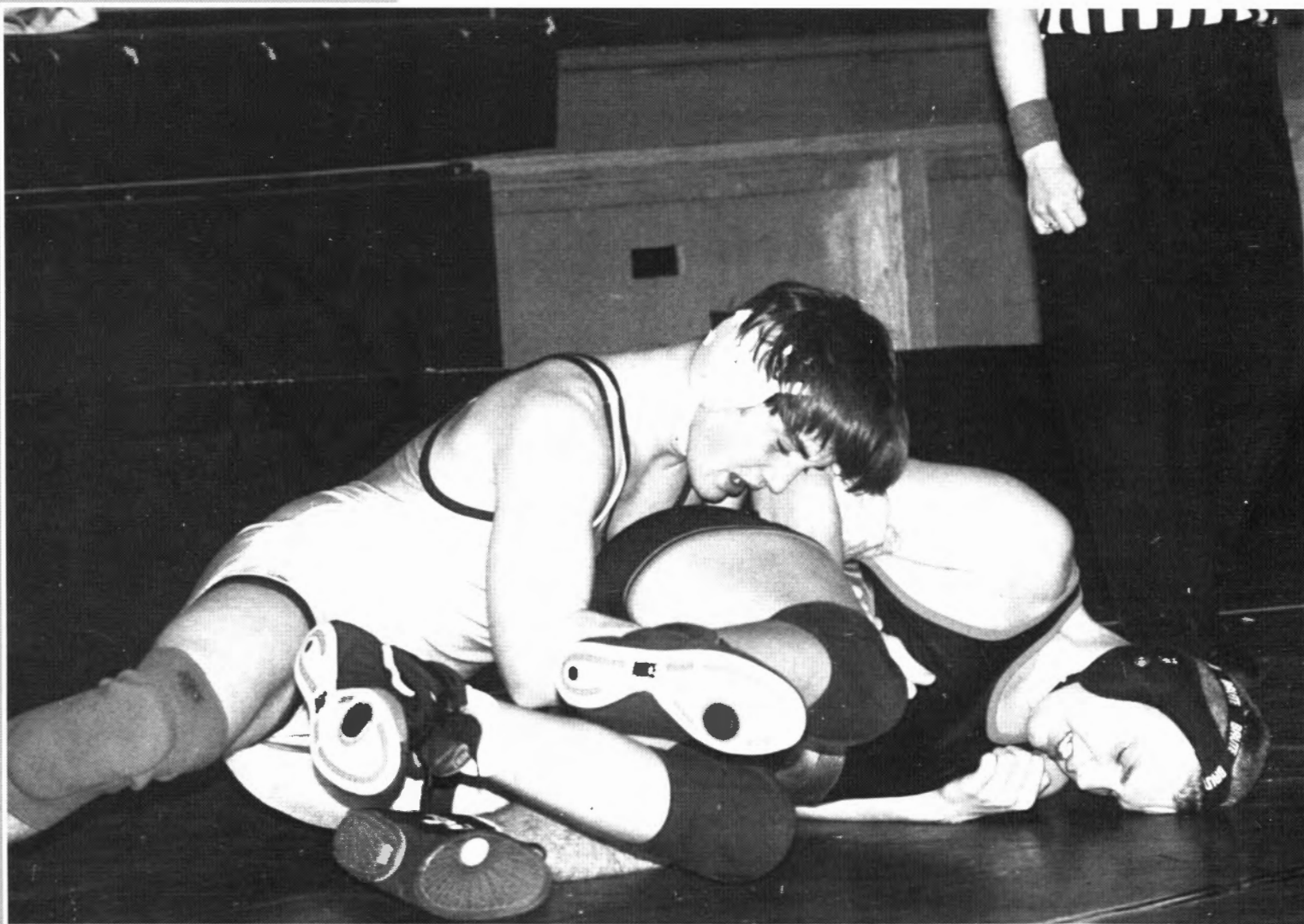
Get in the Game

Varsity Boys' Basketball
12 Wins, 10 Losses

Mason	65-62
St Johns	72-58
Jackson	68-53, 64-75
Okemos	68-55, 52-74
East Lansing	62-53, 61-69
Everett	55-70, 66-78
Grand Ledge	53-60, 55-60
Sexton	58-57, 63-89
Eastern	57-50, 61-55
Waverly	48-45, 62-74
LCC	69-68
Eaton Rapids	60-43
CAC	6th

Wrap Around

Working hard to put a move on his opponent is sophomore Alex Redman during the Holt JV Invitational. Alex wrestled his way to respect around the conference at 160 pounds.



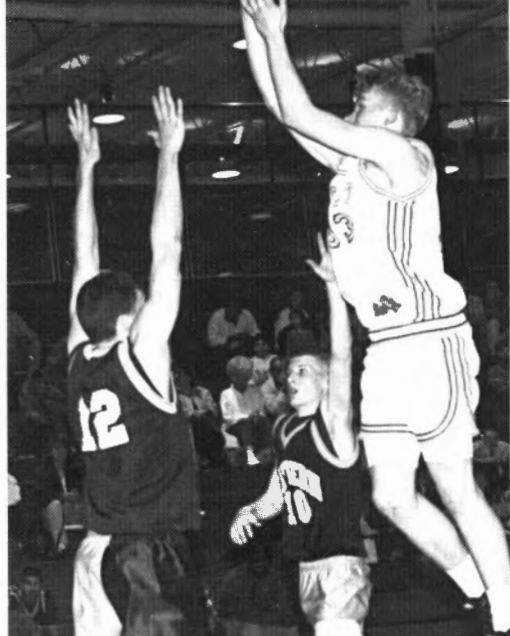
Boys' JV Basketball Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Dave Foy, M. Lavr, J. Richter, T. J. Wulff, B. Killian, B. Smith, M. Cooper, N. Johnson, Coach D. Lang. **Bottom Row:** K. Wyble, J. Keller, W. Cooper, C. Hayes, C. Doerr, J. Girdwood, B. Pickens.

JV Guys Know Both Sides

The JV Wrestling team continued its tradition of winning and contributed many times at the Varsity level. Many ended up placing in the CAC meet and worked to get the crowd riled up at dual meets. "We were all ecstatic when we beat Charlotte to go on to States. It's been a while since Holt has been there as a team," said sophomore Steve Malone.

The team took first at the Swartz Creek Invitational, with only eight wrestlers. "I'll never forget that day," reflected sophomore Jon Bowles, "Nobody thought we could take the whole thing with only eight guys. We showed them."



The Floater

Going up for the jumper against Eastern is sophomore Karl Wyble. Despite Karl's attempts, the Rams fell short, 52-70.

Penny for your Shot

Taking the 15-footer, Anfernee Hardaway-style against Eastern is sophomore T. J. Wulff. Though the team struggled on the court, players still enjoyed the season as a whole.



Get in the Game

JV Boys' Basketball
7 wins, 13 losses

Mason	64-75
St Johns	68-67
Okemos	62-56, 58-52
Jackson	54-57, 55-66
East Lansing	47-75, 68-80
Everett	69-66, 65-69
Grand Ledge	60-53, 72-78
Waverly	64-51, 50-53
Eastern	46-57, 52-70
Sexton	43-62, 50-61
LCC	69-70
Eaton Rapids	50-46

Foy and Pain

though." The JV season concluded with the Holt Invitational, and the host team took first overall, with many of the individual titles going to Holt wrestlers.

At the start of the season, and with the goal of first in the Capital Area Conference a realistic possibility, the Boys' JV Basketball Team took the floor. Key players T. J. Wulff, Karl Wyble, and Kris Doerr led the way, yet, the team was not able to reach their lofty goal and ended with a disappointing 7-13 overall record.

The team's biggest asset was the inside play of the big men who were well on their way to even greater improve-

ment. Head Coach Dave Foy said, "The players that wanted to get better worked their way through it, and continued to do so. That was a big plus for our squad during the year."

Two games marked the highlights for the team, a solid 60-53 win at Grand Ledge, and a 69-66 win over Everett. "The Grand Ledge game was important because we were really starting to click at that point," said Foy. The Everett victory was a wake-up call for the team, letting them know just how well they could have operated all year with a little consistency in their corner.

--Dan Cupples & Bill Stevens



Talking Around the Camp

Trying to get his JV squad to rally against Eastern in a home game is Head Coach Dave Foy. Though the effort was there, the score came up short for a Ram loss.

Get in the Game

Varsity Wrestling
12 wins, 1 loss

Grand Ledge	62-10
Everett	50-12
Eastern	56-9
Sexton	55-16
Waverly	57-9
Jackson	75-0
East Lansing	53-9
CAC	1st
Districts	1st
Regionals	1st
States	3rd

All-CAC

First Team

Steve Robedeau
Wesley Long
Corey Mead
Troy Frayer
Mike Sharp

All-CAC

Second Team

Bandon
Hannasch
Gary Williams
Russ Clark
Tandem Hayes
Mike Taylor

All-CAC

Honorable Mention

Brent Ryskmap
Shane Goddard

Individual State Championships

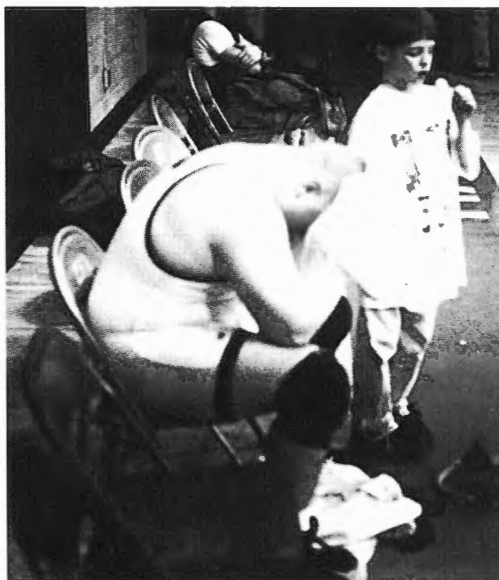
Steve Robedeau 8th
Gary Williams 7th
Wesley Long 6th
Corey Mead 5th

Slowly to Your Left... Lining up for the announcements before the Eastern match is the Varsity squad. Holt blew the Quakers out of their boots, 56-9.

Done Deal

Racking up another victory is sophomore Wesley Long. Due to nagging injuries during the season, Wes only participated fully toward the end of the year, but still managed to place 6th at the State Meet.

Get Me a Drink, Kid... Toweling off after a tough win against Eastern is junior heavyweight Steve Robedeau. Steve placed 8th at States.



Awaiting Announcements... Looking over the meet is Head Coach Rocky Shaft along with sophomore Wesley Long and freshman Russ Clark.



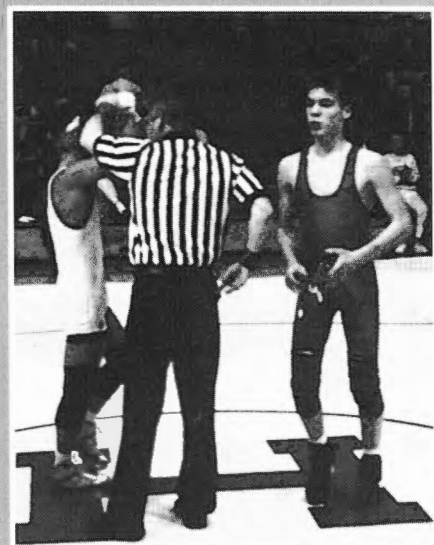
Takedown!

Taking first in the Capital Area Conference, first at Regionals, and third at States, the Varsity Wrestling Team consisted of many District and Regional champions, as well as individual State qualifiers, four of which placed. Junior Steve Robedeau finished 8th, sophomore Gary Williams placed 7th, sophomore Wesley Long ended up 6th, and junior Corey Mead took 5th. Sophomore Tom Shaver also qualified. "This team had a lot of good qualities, and from here on out, we're hoping that it can only get better," commented Gary.

The team went undefeated through regular and post-season play, right up

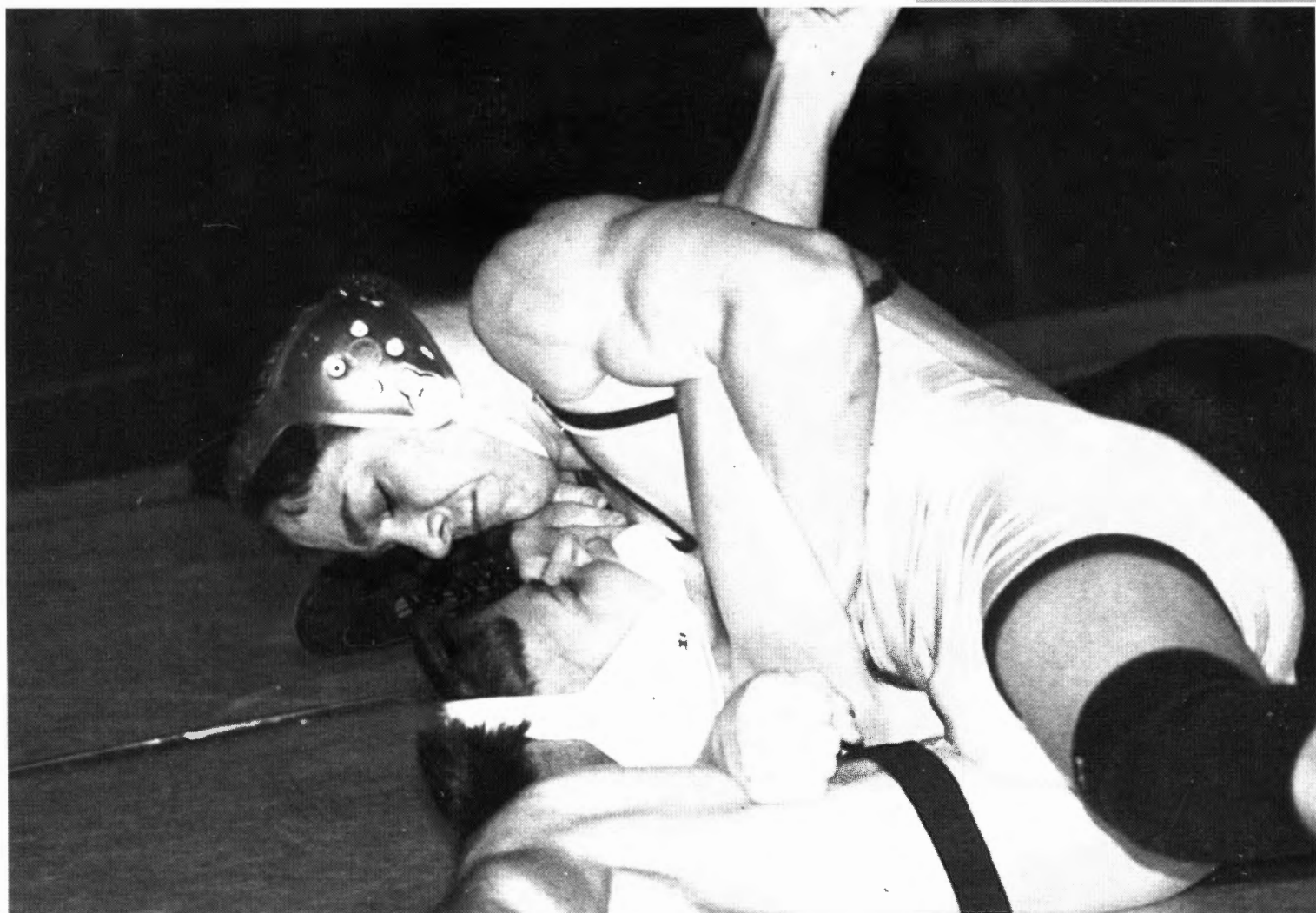
to the State Semi-Final match against Flint Northern. Northern ended Holt's season at a phenomenal 12-1. "This season was fabulous because of the closeness we all felt on the team. I'm really going to miss these guys once graduation comes around. It really was one big, happy family," observed Corey.

"The toughest time for me was when I couldn't wrestle at the State Meet because of my injured ankle. It felt good to be able to cheer the team on, though," reflected senior co-captain Mike Sharp. Senior Shane Goddard added, "Our greatest accomplishment this year was our performance at the State Meet. It



Say It--SAH TI!

Pounding some sense into his opponent at the Holt Invitational is sophomore Jon Bowles. Jon wrestled at 142 and contributed to both the JV and Varsity squads.

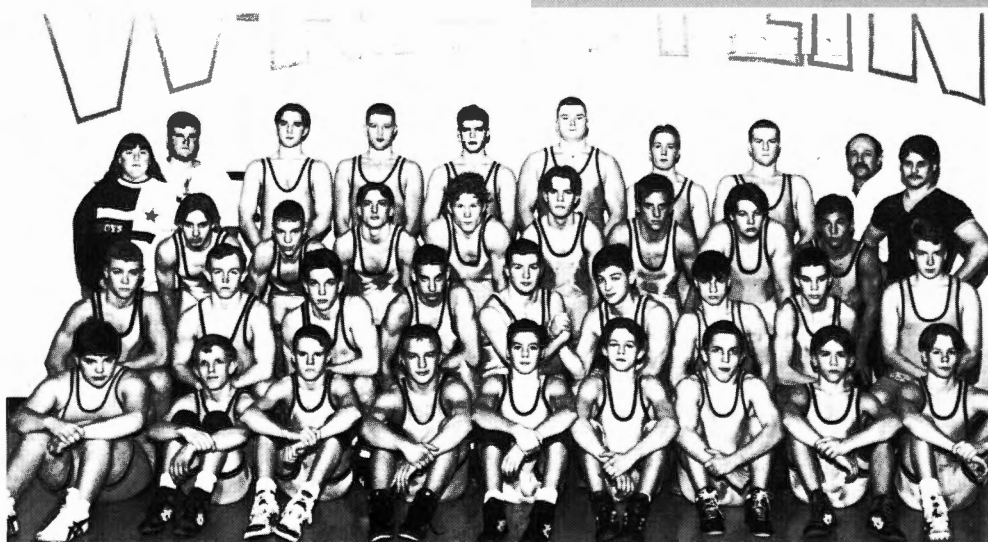


Wrestlers Enjoy Mammoth Season

was such a thrill. I'll really miss the practices with the team and the great times we had during the meets."

The team ended the year with their 28th consecutive winning season. However, the wrestlers knew this year was special as it was the first time Holt placed at States as a team since making the switch to Class A. "I'm very proud to say that I was a part of this season. I'll miss the fun and adventures we all shared together," concluded freshman Brent Ryscamp.

--Bill Stevens



Varsity Wrestling Team:

Top Row: A. Redman, B. Canen, M. Sharp, S. Robedeau, T. Hayes, M. Taylor, Head Coach R. Shaft, J. Felice. **Row 2:** T. Shaver, R. Clark, R. Knott, T. Welsh, R. Zuebec, T. Frayer, J. Kolonich, W. Long. **Row 3:** C. Johnson, J. Forquer, J. Bowles, J. Lenon, C. Mead, S. Goddard, G. Sharp, J. Whalen. **Bottom Row:** E. McGowan, S. Malone, B. Stevens, B. Hannasch, G. Williams, J. Long, B. Ryscamp, B. Ranshaw.

Get in the Game

Varsity Gymnastics
9 wins, 2 losses

Haslett	123.75-101.05
Mason	132.95-129.95
St Johns	121.35-112.6
Everett	121.2-110.1
Jackson NW	129.1-118.55
Jackson	132.05-122.7
Grand Ledge	133.3-129.9
Sexton	123.1-107.35
Eastern	118.5-90.65
East Lansing	136.75-137.9
Hartland	133.35-137.05
MMGC	3rd

**All-Area
First Team**
Stacy Smieska
Nicole Roeske

**All-Area
Second Team**
Julie Nourse

The Inside Story

Giving the low-down to senior Stacy Smieska is Head Coach Dave Queen. "Stacy and Dave were instrumental in holding our team together. It didn't matter if it was helping us through a crisis, or reminding us to have fun," remembered Colleen LaRoue.

Varsity Gymnastics Team:

Top Row: Head Coach D. Queen, S. Smieska, J. Nourse, C. DeWitt, C. LaRoue, Coach A. Murphy.
Row 2: S. Feaster, A. Nourse, N. Raski, C. Leverich, J. Boersema. **Bottom Row:** C. Swanson, W. Kirkham, M. Yemc, A. Corr.



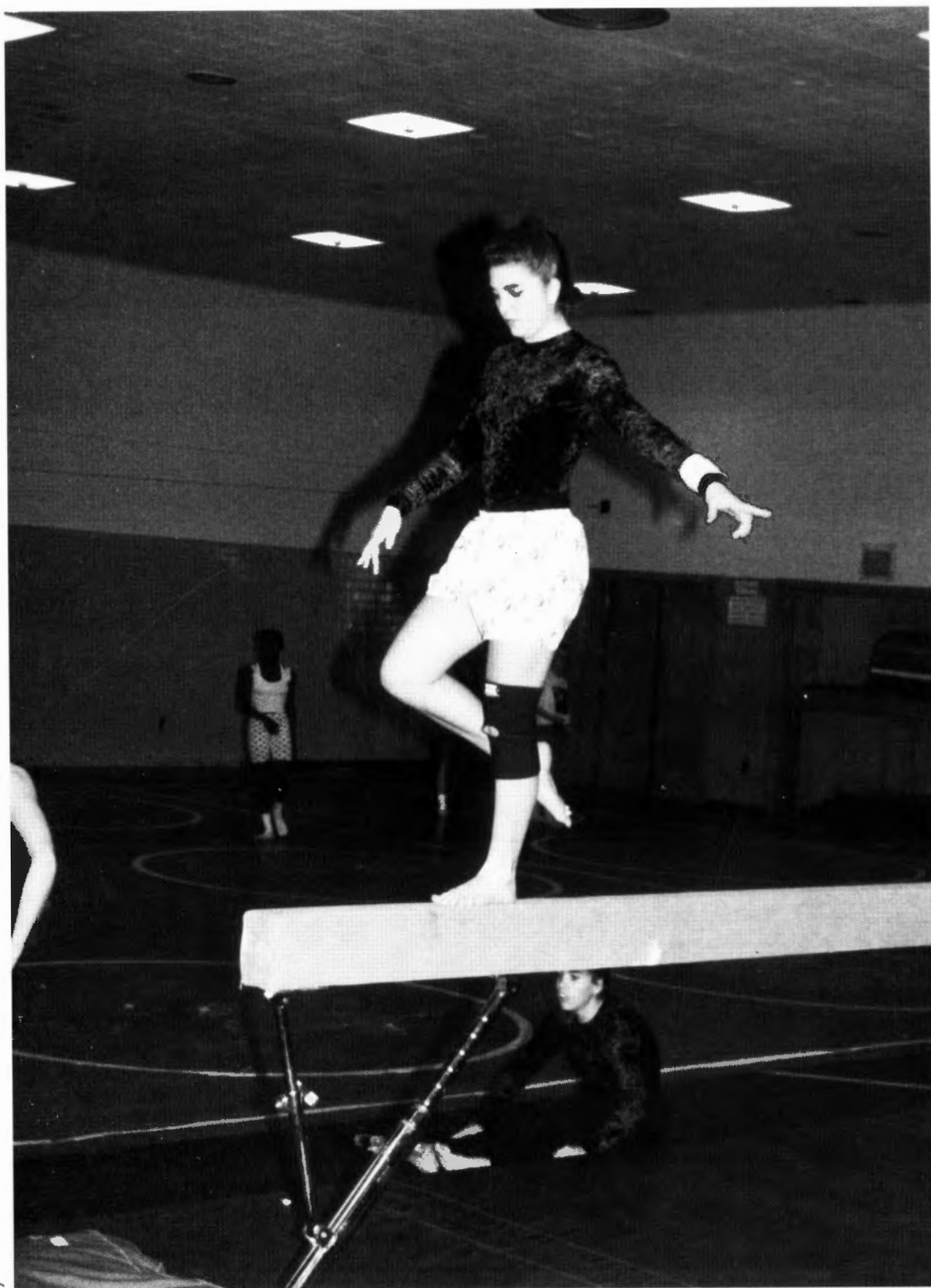
Stability

Girls Finally Spot Familiar Faces

Th came the new to join the old. The Varsity Gymnastics team welcomed three new freshman and one new senior. With returning Head Coach Dave Queen and new Assistant Coach Amy Murphy, they set out once again to take on rivals East Lansing and to beat last year's third place finish in the Capital Area Conference. "We knew that we were a much younger team than in years past. We had to really focus on overcoming the obstacle of inexperience in competition," said sophomore Julie Nourse. This was the first season in four years that the gymnasts had a returning

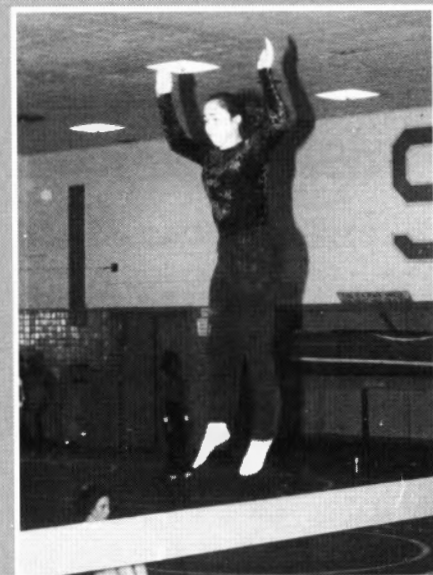
coach. "It was hard to work around Dave and Amy's schedules, but it was worth it," said junior Christy DeWitt. As the season progressed, the relationships grew stronger, and so did the team. "One of our biggest strengths was our ability to communicate and pull together in a meet situation," recalled senior Colleen LaRoue.

With a solid opening, the challenge of East Lansing was not far away, and anxiety was building. The plan was simple: have fun, and do your best. In the end, their best wasn't quite good enough. East Lansing wound up on



Concentrate, Jenny

Focusing intently on the uneven bars before a dual meet with Sexton is sophomore Jenny Boersema. Jenny marked a season-high, 6.25 on the bars versus Hartland.



top, but only by 1.12 with a final score of 136.75 to 137.9.

The gymnasts finished with an 11-2 record, a fourth place finish in the CAC, and an eighth place finish at Regionals. Senior Stacy Smieska, sophomore Julie Nourse and freshman Nicole Roeske qualified for the State Meet held at Troy High School on March 4 and 5. Stacy finished her last season with a fifth place finish on the balance beam, while Julie went on to place 11th in the state with her floor routine.

--Stacy Smieska

Testing, Testing...

Preparing for her dismount at the Sexton dual meet is junior Christy DeWitt. "Sexton gave me a chance to show my creative side and relieve some stress instead of being stressed," said Christy.

If You're Sure

Landing after a backflip on the beam is junior Amy Corr before a home meet against Sexton. This year marked the team's first time in four years that they were able to have a returning coach.

Get in the Game

Boys' Varsity Swimming
8 wins, 2 losses

Mason	100-78
Eastern	91-80
Sexton	60-41
Okemos	78-102
Waverly	106-76
Everett	65-36
East Lansing	92-94
Jackson	113-57
Grand Ledge	65-29
CAC	2nd

All-CAC First Team

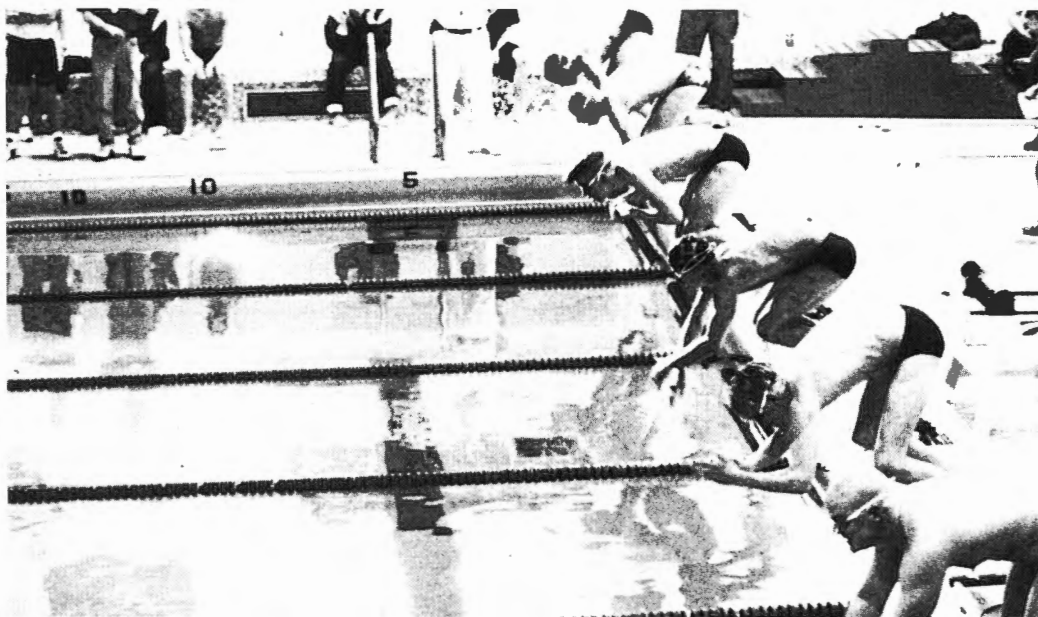
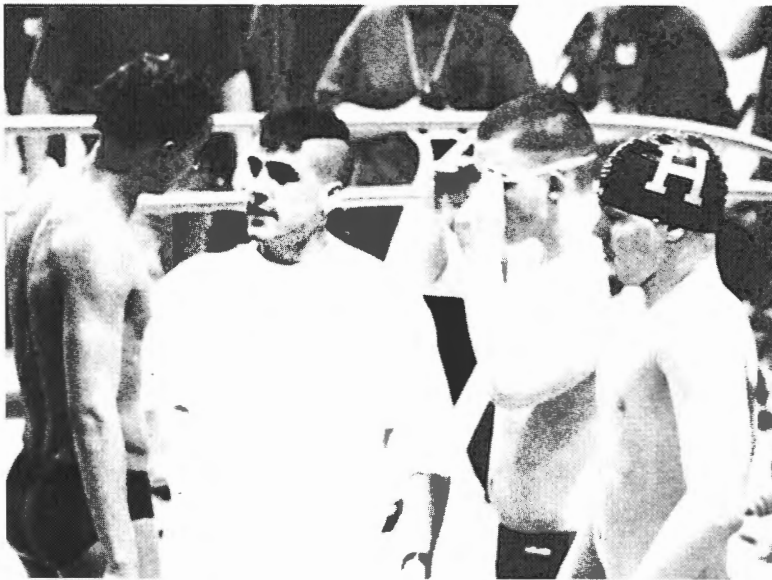
Scott Hultberg
Bryan Smieska

Off the Blocks

Intently anticipating the start at the league meet is senior foreign exchange student Leo Minetto. Leo didn't arrive in Michigan until the night before the team's meet with East Lansing. Although still suffering from jet-lag, he still took first in his event.

Seal of Approval

Congratulating the 200 Freestyle Relay team is Head Coach Sean Donegan. Taking first in the event were seniors Carlos Souza, Scott Hultberg, John Ehnis and junior Bryan Smieska. Sean has brought his team to winning seasons ever since taking over the program.



'Swim Our Arms Off' Falls Short

It was February 25, five o'clock Saturday night and Holt's defeat was unexpected. Although the Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving team took second place in the Capital Area Conference, there was still some hard feelings. Their loss was by a margin of 23 points, and team members were still proud of their individual accomplishments. They felt they definitely had something to be excited about. "All year, we were focused on winning the conference title and beating East Lansing. When that didn't happen, we had to shift our focus on States," claimed senior Scott Hultberg.

Holt defeated all conference competitors with their long time rival, East Lansing, as the lone exception. Junior captain Brad Delany said "We didn't feel good about

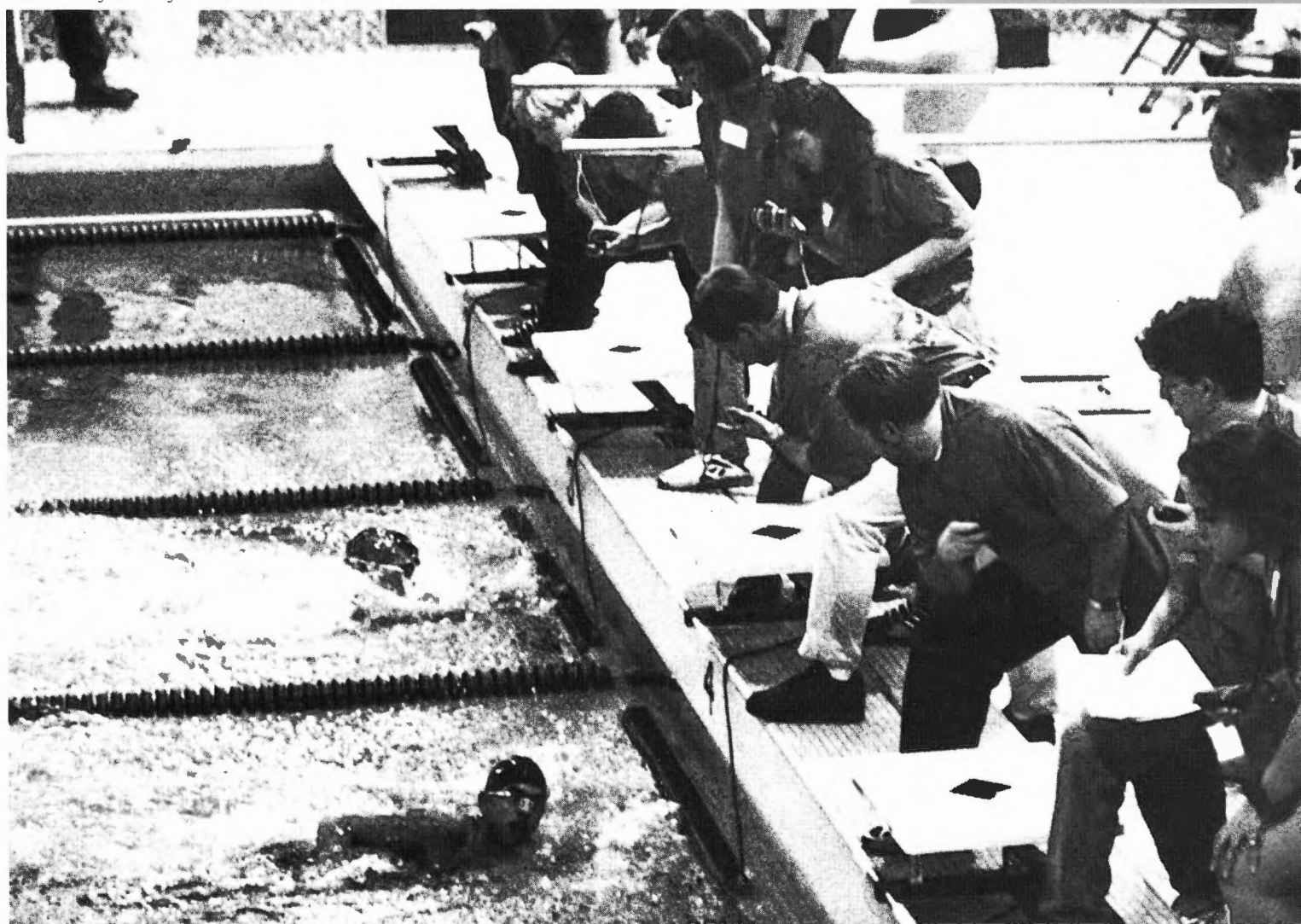


Boys' Varsity Swim Team:

Top Row: J. Jewett, B. Pohlonski, Head Coach S. Donegan, Coach C. Cottom, P. DeRose, C. Parker.
Row 2: J. Miller, D. Novack, D. Myers, S. Hultberg, L. Minetto, N. Davids. **Row 3:** D. Monroe, C. Bowen, B. Delaney, A. Davis, B. Smieska, A. Crandell.
Bottom Row: E. Rapp, C. Souza, J. Buckler, J. Setla, J. Ehnis, J. Kolonich.

Right On Time

Touching out a Jackson competitor during the 200 Meter Freestyle at the Capital Area Conference meet is senior Carlos Souza. Carlos received fifth place in the finals, and helped bring in a first place in the 200 Freestyle Relay.



Almost Perfect

losing, but it wasn't that big of a deal because we had two more chances-- the conference meet and the state meet to show them that we were the better team."

Throughout the season everyone had their ups and downs, but with every victory came a little something to be proud of. As the season came to an end, it was their turn to feel the great upset, and everything that went along with it. Junior Andy Davis reflected, "All we had to do was go out and swim our arms off. It just didn't happen for us." With Andy's advice going unheeded, the team finished behind the Trojans in the final conference team standings.

Although the team placed runner-up, some of the swimmers took first in their events. Among those were Scott Hultberg

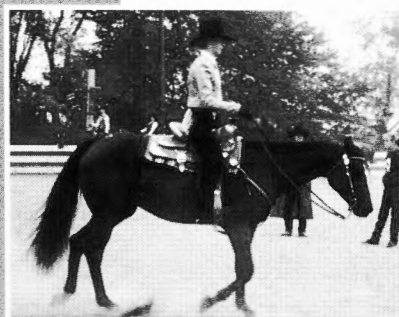
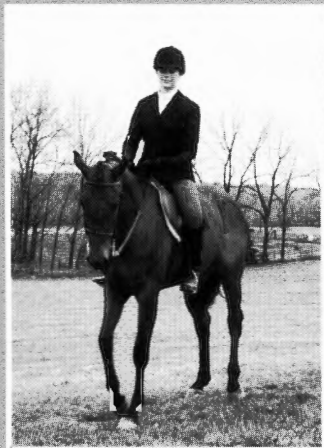
in the 200 Meter Freestyle, and Scott, John Ehnis, Carlos Souza, and Bryan Smieska in the 200 Meter Freestyle Relay. Many of the competitors not taking first still received a high enough score to qualify for States. With a score of only 26, the team placed 20th at the State Meet. Though it wasn't where they had wanted to be, the guys, were not disappointed, and looked back upon the season with satisfaction.

Working hard and doing their best was rounded out by friendship. "This year was great! I relied on my team members just as they leaned on me. It was a very good relationship, and the entire team was really close throughout the year," concluded Carlos.

--Scott Hultberg & Megan Ketchum

Whoa Fella

Showing his horse in St. Johns is junior Jason Colby. Jason noted, "My mom is a coach and that kind of pulled me into it, plus I like horses."



Feel the Burn

Staying in step after school are seniors Lisa Boyer, Jessica Reich, and Sarah Nauta. The three took aerobics at Karen's Dance Place to keep fit.

Intramural Basketball... Rough, Tough and Never Enough!

The Intramural Basketball season was filled with anticipation. The three-year champion, Spur Posse, was finally gone, much to the relief of the other squads. NIYM was the favorite to win, and they came through. With a 12-1 record, they coasted to the championship game. Senior Brad White said, "The whole team played great defense and we had the talent to pull away at the end." NIYM won the title game, 59-53.

Sponsored by Delhi Parks and Recreation, IM Basketball is a perennial favorite among students. "IM ball is great because it gives students something to do at night," said senior Corey Hammond, guard for Unlawful Entry. The program gives students who are unable to make the JV or

Varsity teams the chance to showcase their talent, and, of course, talk a little trash. Summing up the season and the IM style, senior Mike Luce, commented, "It's violent, man. With a capital V!" The games consisted of shoving, elbowing, and slamming each other in addition to the smooth jumpers and circus lay-ups. Although there was the occasional bench-clearing brawl, most of the teams kept their cool and kept the shoving on a good-natured level.

All in all, the consensus was that people played to have fun. Summing up the spirit of the IM world, senior Dylan Brown revealed with a smile, "It gave me a chance to play in front of Michigan's Coach Steve Fisher; now he wants me to be a Wolverine!"

--Dan Cupples



Defectors

Students Choose to Go Off-Campus

Giddy Up

Riding her horse, Ms. Gidet Quincy, at a Quarter Horse Show in Ohio is junior Sara Macaluso (above, right). Sara won first in Western Horsemanship, helping the team place third in their division at States. She also rode in English style events (above, left).



Equestrian Team:

S. Szweda, A. Colby, S. Emery, K. Howe, S. Macaluso, J. Colby.

Many students participated in sports played on campus, however, there were many more who played in some of the non-conference offerings. For these students, off-campus sports were as enjoyable and attention getting as any other.

Dance was one of the more common choices among girls. Sarah Feaster commented, "I enjoy dance because it keeps me in shape. I have to work hard at all times and eat healthy too." Junior Alicia Watson also loved to dance and has for 14 years. She revealed, "I really hope it becomes a campus sport someday. There are some activities related to dance like the Pom Pon squad, but I would prefer to be in a dance group."

Figure skating was another sport requiring work and dedication. Junior Brandi Ross was one who opted for it. She explained, "I love figure skating in my backyard on a pond. I'm also in dance recitals every year which are broadcast on television. Figure skating

feels like gilding to music."

Other sports requiring a little bit more fearlessness included car racing, JuJi Tsu and TaeKwonDo. Senior Gary Sherman had a well-documented auto racing career in full swing. "Cars are my life," Gary stated simply. Junior Matt Chadwick took TaeKwonDo classes with his sister, "It allowed me to release some energy and stress without getting in trouble," Matt laughed.

Junior Corey Mead, in addition to being one of Holt's most competitive wrestlers, participated in Freestyle Wrestling, Greco Roman Wrestling, and JuJi Tsu. "Freestyle is like Varsity Wrestling, but more physical. In Greco Roman, you can only use your upper body, but JuJi Tsu helps me with both of these styles," reported Corey. When the bell rang, many students headed off-campus to participate in their sports. It was a way for them to stay in shape and have fun in a more relaxed setting, out of the limelight of high school sports.

--Bill Stevens

Hockey... Athletes Find Arenas for Sport

There may not be a team at Holt, but this has not stopped four eager students from playing their cherished sport--ice hockey. Senior Eric Drake is one and is tutored while playing for the Danville Wings in Illinois. His team is in the North American Junior Hockey League and Eric hopes to someday turn pro.

Junior Jeff Akers has played for nine years. He admitted, "Trying to keep your temper is the most challenging thing about hockey." Jeff's team, the Lansing Capitols, was 3-0 at Districts and placed third at states.

Junior Jeff Reynolds played defense for the DeWitt team. Jeff recalled, "When I was younger, my Dad for no reason at all asked me if I would like to play hockey. I have played for 11 years and it's been a lot of fun." Senior Aaron Owen who also played defense for DeWitt added, "I like hockey because it requires a lot of quick thinking."

Many felt that Holt does not have a team because the issue has never been pushed for, but that it would be a success here. In the meantime, these students enjoyed their experience playing for other schools.

--Shoni Heistand



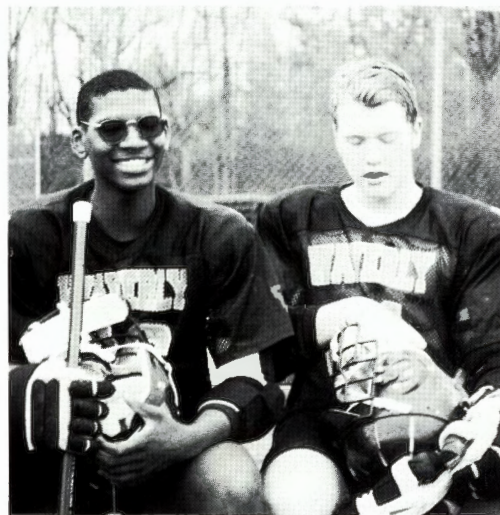
Lacrosse...

Holt Student Opts for Native American Sport

The first game in America played by Native Americans before European settlers came to the New World was called baggataway. It later became known as Lacrosse. However, the game was much different then than it is now. The native Americans played, not for fun, but to prepare young warriors for battle. They would sometimes go on for days and the "field" consisted of wherever they wanted to run.

The only school in the area to have a Lacrosse program was Waverly High School. Fittingly, their nickname is the "Warriors". Bill Prahl, a History teacher at Waverly, started the program four years ago and kids from all around the capital city area may participate.

Junior Jeff Reynolds is the only student from Holt to play. He has played for two years and is a member of the Varsity team. Jeff ended up playing Midfielder and learned to love the game right away. Imagine playing hockey with a touch of soccer. If you like to run and be physical, Lacrosse may be the game for you.



Take Five

Enjoying their break at halftime during a game at Old College Field at MSU are Waverly Lacrosse members Warren Jacobs and Jeff Reynolds. Waverly started the club team four years ago and Jeff has played two years with the Warriors. He was the only student from Holt to participate in the sport dubbed "America's First Game."

Last season, the Warriors made it to the Semi-finals of the State Tournament. Even though they fell to defeat, it was quite a learning experience. It was especially exciting because it was the farthest the organization had gone in their four years of existence.

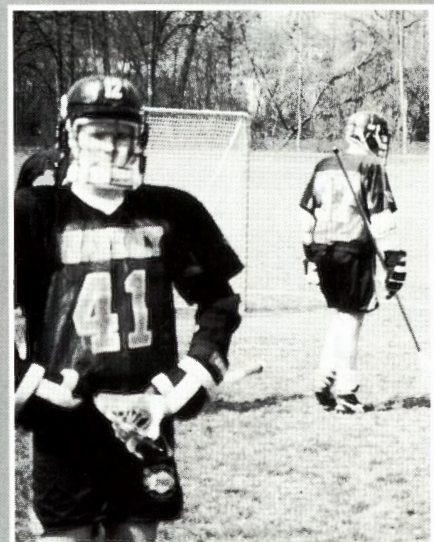
--Jeff Reynolds

Flying High

Warming up on the ice for the Danville Wings is senior Eric Drake. He played out of state during the school year for the North American Junior Hockey League.

Body Blow

Taking the face-off is senior Eric Drake (#7) for the Danville Wings in a North American Junior Hockey League game. The team tied Springfield 3-3 for the League play-off. The League provided an outlet for students attending schools that didn't offer Varsity Ice Hockey Programs.



Preparing for Battle

Preparing for their first contest against a Canadian Lacrosse team is the Waverly Club. "Lacrosse is the national pastime in Canada, so I was really interested to see how they would play. Their team chemistry was excellent, but I think we stuck with them pretty well," commented junior Jeff Reynolds (#41).

Lost Art

Starting his high-kick motion against East Lansing is junior Adam Merchant. Adam worked his way into the pitching rotation and was often called upon to close-out games. His effort helped the team take both wins against the Trojans in double header play.



Y'know, Home Plate...

Directing the way for senior R. D. Ferman is Head Coach Mark Coscarelli. This was Mark's first season at the helm of the Varsity Squad, and the Rams finished 10-4, good for second place in the CAC.

Step in Time

Striding into his swing is junior Ben Myers versus East Lansing. Ben took over short-stop after senior R. D. Ferman injured his wrist and earned All-CAC Honorable Mention.



Change-Up

Baseball Team Turns Reputation Around

It wasn't just another season out for the boys of summer. As the Varsity Baseball team began the season, they thought they were ready for a great one. "My goals for this year were to finish First Team All-Conference, and set the school record for stolen bases," commented senior center fielder Jason Buckner. Entering with a new coach and 10 returning seniors, the prospects looked good.

Practice began before the players ever took the field. Over spring break while Michigan was freezing, the team packed up their equipment and headed down to Florida for spring training. "The trip to Florida helped the team become closer and prepare for the winning season, commented junior Beau Babcock.

Besides team unity, the strengths were strong coaching, defense, and pitching. Their weaknesses included erratic hitting and errors. "We were able to overcome these and end up with a winning season," commented junior Ben Myers.

Leading the team were First Team All Conference seniors R. D. Ferman, Juan Trevino and Kevin Havens. Highlights of the season included Scott Mantyla's errorless year, and R.D Ferman's blazing bat, as he hit over .552 with 21 doubles, 3 homeruns and led the team with 30 RBI's. In 53 innings, Juan walked only 28 batters while striking out 72 and gave up only 35 hits. Kevin closed the games out, finishing with 5 saves, bating .422 and was 19/20 in stolen bases. Andy Merchant, Ben

I'm Gonna Getcha!

Preparing to cut off the Trojan runner from third is sophomore catcher Matt Allen. His efforts helped the team defeat East Lansing and have their best record in 13 years.



Myers, and Andy Mayes also earned All-CAC Honorable Mention nominations.

The Rams had one of the potent offenses in the CAC and many accomplishments to remember including Ben Myers grand slam to beat Charlotte. The squad broke the school record for homeruns in a season and went on to place second in the CAC. The disappointment was not being selected to play the Diamond Classic, but sweeping East Lansing, Sexton, Eastern and Waverly provided satisfaction. The team agreed that the season had left them with many thrills and excitement, along with the gratifying sense of having hard work finally pay off.

--Chadwick Lesnieski, Matt Allen



Get in the Game

Boys' Varsity Baseball
17 wins, 14 losses

Mason	8-10, 3-2, 1-2
St. Johns	2-12, 3-5
Okemos	5-2, 2-6
LCC	8-11
Ovid Elsie	20-10
Jackson	9-5, 3-13
Grand Ledge	3-12, 4-13
Jenison	1-9
Forest Hills N	7-5, 2-3
East Lansing	6-3, 12-6
Everett	1-3, 7-6
Eaton Rapids	7-11
Portland	6-5
Eastern	4-3, 9-3
Charlotte	14-3, 8-6, 1-3
Waverly	8-2, 6-3
Sexton	5-2, 6-1
CAC	2nd

All-CAC

First Team

R. D. Ferman

Kevin Havens

Juan Trevino

All-CAC

Honorable Mention

Andy Mayes

Andy Merchant

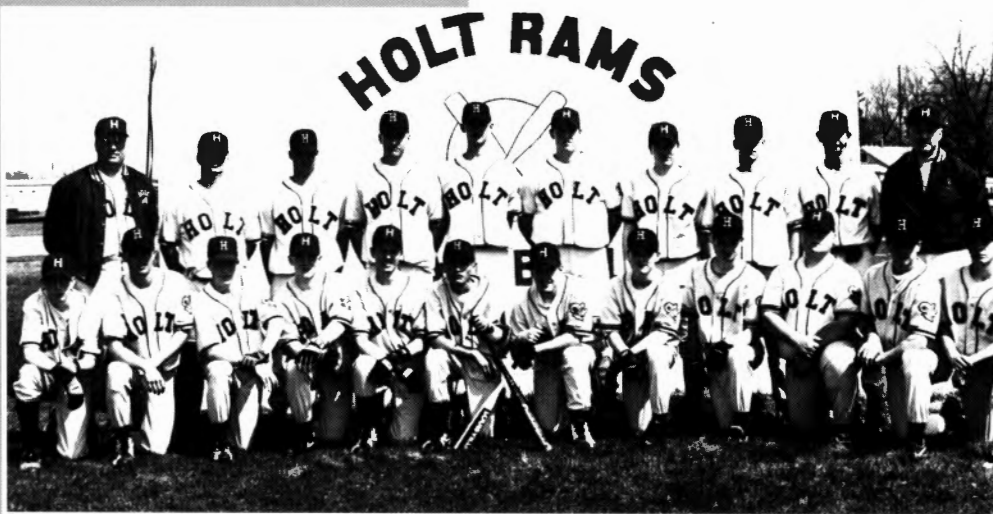
Ben Myers

Varsity Baseball Team:

Top Row: Coach Crowley, M. Allen, M. Looney, J. Barrett, J. Gamet, J. Trevino, Coach Anderson. **Row 2:** An. Merchant, S. Mantyla, B. Babcock, Ad. Merchant, A. Mayes, D. Reid, Head Coach Mark Coscarelli. **Bottom Row:** E. Corey, R. D. Ferman, B. Myers, J. Corr, J. Taylor, K. Havens, J. Buckner.

Classic Concentration

Focusing intently on the ball is sophomore Angie Watters. Her tenacity helped win the game against Jackson and the squad amass a 23-2 record.



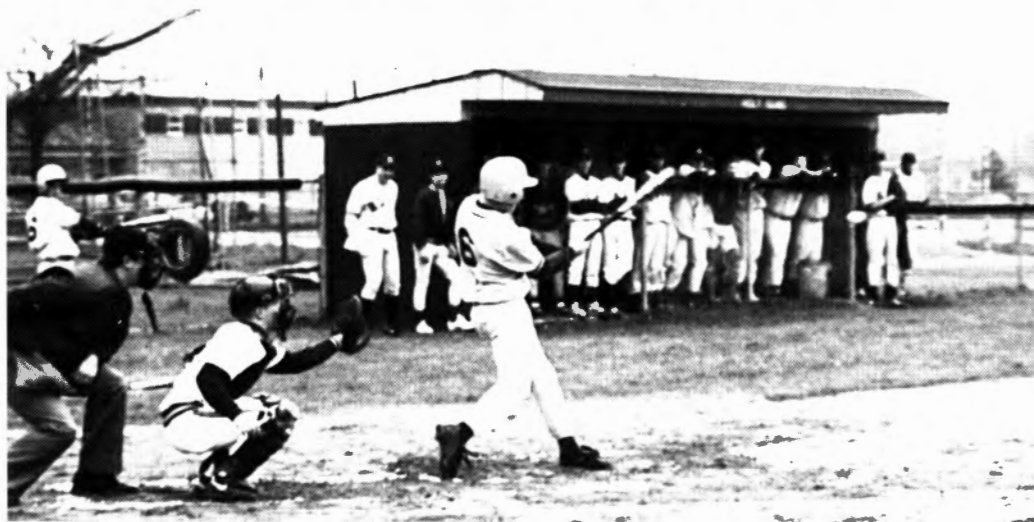
JV Baseball Team:

Top Row: Coach V. Vowels, C. MacDonald, G. Paul, B. Smith, M. Laur, M. Allen, J. Girdwood, C. Alana, J. Hewitt, Coach Pikens.

Bottom Row: C. Adams, A. Elliott, J. Vanoort, M. Maxey, B. Burley, C. Gonzalez, J. Langam, B. Lambert, A. Potter, J. Stutmen, C. Hayes, B. Hannasch.

Batter Up

Swinging for the bleachers is freshman Charles Hayes. Charles drove in a run with this shot against Everett. The Rams beat the Vikings 9-5, 6-2 in double-header play.



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JV's Perfect The Basics

Get in the Game

JV Baseball
18 wins, 6 losses

Mason	9-2,3-4
St. Johns	5-2,5-4
Okemos	6-0,7-5
LCC	6-7,3-6
Jackson	3-0,4-6
Williamston	7-6
Marshall	4-3
East Lansing	7-6,2-11
Everett	9-5,6-2
Eastern	11-3,7-6
Charlotte	7-4,0-10
Waverly	31-10,7-0
Sexton	9-5,9-2
CAC	1st

The freshman and sophomores dominated the fields this spring making themselves known. The JV Softball players were very satisfied with their record of 23-2 overall, and 11-0 in the CAC. "We had an incredible season; our best ever. Everyone had a good attitude, and our personalities worked well together. We were all able to get along and get down to business when it was time for the games," explained sophomore Julie Cass.

The guys also took home far more wins than losses earning an 18-6 overall record. Sophomore Carlos Gonzalez commented, "I had fun getting to know everyone. We could have won a couple more games, but we did well overall."

Whether it was the memory of a game or comments about the season record, both teams shared one thing--a love for the sport. It was what kept them

playing and the crowds cheering. "I like baseball a lot. I hope to be able to stay in it next year," responded sophomore, John Girdwood.

Some players even found hidden talent. "I began the season as manager, but I was able to prove to everyone including myself, that I could be a pitcher. It meant a lot to me to be able to become a player," reflected sophomore Sarah Clarkson. Since Sarah resigned, Nicole Schoenfelder took her place as manager. "I kept score and tried to keep everything running smooth. We also became our own cheering section," noted Nicole.

Another year passed and players became better at their sport. Sophomore baseball player, Jason Hewitt summarized, "Don't blink, we'll be back next year, ready as ever."

—Lisa Harris Townsend

Brace Yourself!

Sliding into home against Jackson is freshman Katie Skoczylas. The Vikings' efforts weren't enough to thwart the Rams, giving the girls a victory.

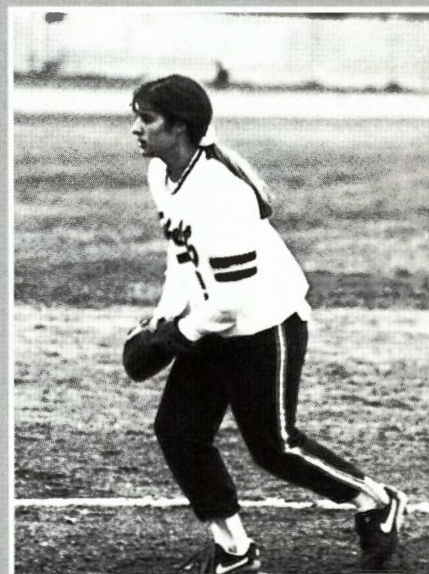


7U Softball Team:

Top Row: A. Watters, A. Wibert, G. Booren, J. Rinkel, E. Wengle-kowski, Head Coach Margo Snively. **Row 2:** K. Skoczylas, N. Schon-felder, P. Smith, J. Cass, K. Stambaugh, R. Mitchell, K. Rennirt. **Bottom Row:** C. Reasoner, S. Heath-man, S. Craft, A. Tay-lor, K. Deetz, S. Clarkson.

MVP

Reaching back for the pitch to Grand Ledge is sophomore Jason Hewitt. Jason played outfield in addition to pitcher and was named the team's Most Valuable Player.



Smooth Start

Gearing up for the pitch is freshman Kami Rennirt in the game against Jackson. "I liked being on the team, but I had to prove myself first, being only a freshman," she explained.

Play Ball!

Warming up her pitcher is senior catcher Chereese Ford. "I liked playing catcher because you work very hard and get very dirty. No one else liked it, but I loved the pressue," stated Chereese.

Stand By

Waiting in the ready position for the Chieftain pitch is senior Cathy Baker. "I loved playing softball with my friends and will be sad when the season is over, though we'll probably get together sometimes and reminisce," reflected Cathy.



Season Falls Short of Expectations

The Varsity Softball team set out hoping for the season of their lives. Unfortunately, the record of 5-9 in conference play and 13-20 overall did not show the effort or spirit the group put into their performance. "We had a bad record this year. It did not show how well we actually played. We got better as we went along. It took us a couple of games to get used to each other's playing style," commented junior Heather Willett.

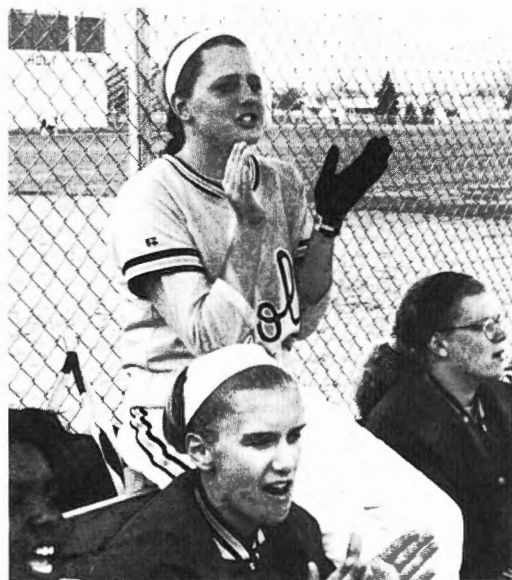
Although the season was a disappointment, the team worked together in supporting each other. "I am really going to

Varsity Softball Team:

Top Row: Head Coach P. Somers, C. Ford, S. Somers, M. Fudge, A. Viele, J. Reich, L. Ososkie, H. Willett, Coach Shaw. **Bottom Row:** S. Smiley, N. Araoz, C. Baker, N. Deetz, C. Baisel, S. Rennirt, M. Ryckman, T. McClelland.

"Hallelujah"!

Cheering on her teammates is senior Christy Baisel in the dugout against Okemos. Though spirited, the Rams fell to the Chieftains. Christy went on to earn All-CAC First Team honors.



Head's Up.... Waiting

Setting herself up for anything is senior third baseman Mary Fudge. "I really enjoyed the season, although our record didn't show how well we could play," summarized Mary.



Slow Pitch

miss our team. We tried to work to our potential and the one thing that kept us together was spirit and rooting for each other. We were like a family," recalled senior Chereese Ford.

Even though the team had its playing problems, there were some rewards. Four players were named All-CAC First Team including Stephanie Smiley, Chereese Ford, Cathy Baker and Christy Baisel. Christy also was named Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. Marie Ryckman and Nicole Araoz were All CAC Second Team and

Nicole Deetz and Shelley Somers received All-CAC Honorable Mention.

The awards belied the scoreboard as Christy Baisel explained, "We should have done a lot better than our record showed. We just couldn't seem to get our tails moving on the field. However, I will really miss the game and have had fun being on the team all through high school."

--Lisa Harris Townsend

Get in the Game

Varsity Softball
13 wins, 20 losses

Mason	9-2,10-12
St. Johns	3-13,4-14
Eaton Rapids	10-0,14-1
Charlotte	5-4,1-4,2-1
Williamston	0-1,6-7
Jackson NW	1-10
Chelsea	1-9
East Lansing	3-7,2-6
Everett	0-6,2-5,1-11
Webberville	0-1
Eastern	6-3,15-16
Sexton	12-5,3-4
Waverly	9-0,6-7,7-3
Jackson	10-5,12-0
Grand Ledge	3-4,4-9
CAC	6th

Nicole's Crossing

Clearing her way across first base is junior Nicole Araoz. Unfortunately, Nicole's speed proved to be just shy, as the Rams fell to cross-town rivals, Okemos. Nicole went on to earn All-CAC Second Team honors.

**All-CAC
First Team**
Christy Baisel
Cathleen Baker
Chereese Ford
Stephanie Smiley

**AI-CAC
Second Team**
Marie Ryckman
Nicole Araoz

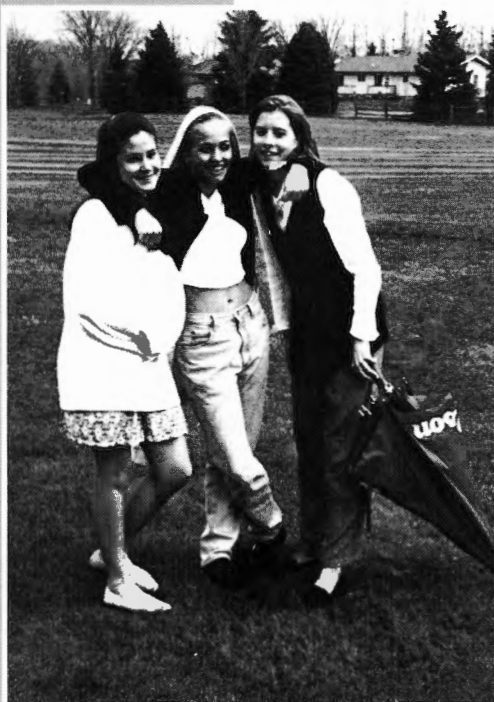
**All-CAC
Honorable Mention**
Nicole Deetz
Shelley Somers

The Novices

Leaving the tough stuff to the upper-classmen are sophomores Emily Sutliff, Crissy Richter, and Jackie Mayercak. The trio watched the team take down East Lansing and Everett under impending thunderstorms.

Tee Time

Exchanging a few one-liners with Head Coach Scotty Shimnoski before hitting the links in competition against East Lansing is senior Sarah Mann.



Putting Around

Concentrating intently to sink a crucial putt against East Lansing is senior Danah Henriksen. Danah helped anchor the team this year, and earned All-CAC First Team honors.



Driver's Edge

Experience Lacking For Lady Linksters

A season delayed by rain, and marked by ups and downs plagued the Varsity Girls' Golf team, yet, the consistent play of seniors Danah Henriksen, Michelle Krause and Carrie Swan under the tutelage of Head Coach Scotty Shimnoski led the lady Rams to a third place finish in the Capital Area Conference. Two tough losses came at the hands of East Lansing and the ladies managed to split with Grand Ledge where they had hoped to pull out a victory.

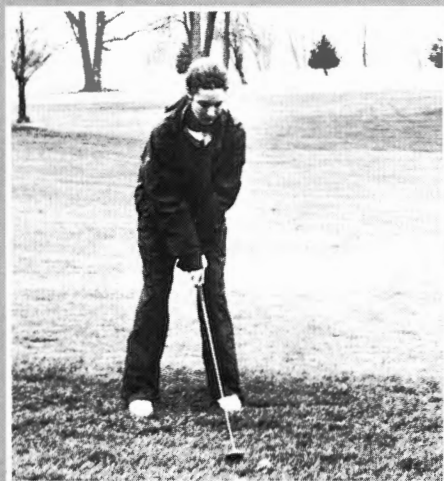
Describing one setback, junior Kristen Bock commented, "We lost all of our Varsity players except for Danah, so that really hurt us." As a result, the group had to look for strength from other players ready to step up. Sophomore Jackie Mayercak did so, becoming the only underclassman to qualify for the Regional Meet. "I've been playing for about two and a half years now, and I really enjoyed the opportunities I re-

ceived this year," she explained.

A definite highlight was the accomplishments of Danah as she golfed her way to the best average in the CAC and narrowly missed qualifying for States by a margin of two strokes. Danah's season was acknowledged by the Lansing State Journal and she made All-CAC and All-Area First Team. "I've been playing since my freshman year, so that has really helped me. Next year, I'll be attending the University of Toledo, and playing golf for them."

Overall, the girls enjoyed the year. Senior Sarah Mann concluded, "I don't think the season went exactly as planned, but third place behind Grand Ledge and East Lansing is nothing to be embarrassed about. Everyone on the team should be proud of their individual accomplishments, and how we did as a team."

--Andrea Cook



In the Rough

Chipping the ball out of the rough on the home course, Eldorado, junior Carrie Swan looks to get back onto the fairway. Carrie played second throughout most of the season.



Long Drive

Swinging back to send the ball up the fairway at Eldorado is senior Michelle Krause. Michelle's powerful drives were her trademark, and helped the team to a winning 12-3 season. They also landed her an All-CAC Second Team award.

Varsity Girls' Golf Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Scotty Shimnoski, A. Franklin, J. Mayercak, B. Johnson, E. Reamer, H. Cole, E. Sutliff, E. Fleckenstein, C. Henriksen, Coach L. Buwalda. **Bottom Row:** K. Block, M. Krause, S. Mann, D. Henriksen, C. Swan.



Get in the Game

Varsity Girls' Golf
12 wins, 3 loss

Grand Ledge	209-213,195-192
Waverly	209-252,195-239
Jackson	208-219
Mason	208-223
East Lansing	219-203,218-197
Everett	219-232,218-257
Jackson	212-216
Eastern	183-296,199-288
Sexton	183-239,199-259
CAC	3rd
Regional	6th

All-CAC
First Team
All-Area
First Team
Danah Henriksen

All-CAC
Second Team
Michelle Krause
Carrie Swan

All-Area
Honorable Mention
Jackie Mayercak

Avoiding the Bear

Coming around corner number three in the 300 Intermediate Hurdles is junior Alex Fequer, with sophomore Lance Davis right behind. Alex finished third in the meet with Jackson. The last turn was when the infamous Bear would hit most of the runners, turning their legs into lead-filled jell-o.

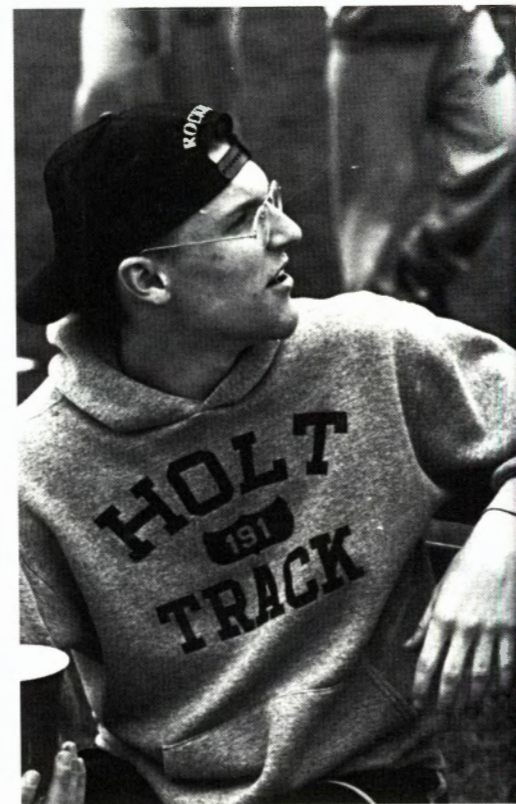
Run, Forrest, Run!

Blowing away the competition in the 1600 Meter Run is the distance duo of senior Adam Newberry and junior Jake Fortuna. The two helped lead the two-mile relay team to a stellar year. "Our team took first at Regionals with our best time of 8:10. We were all very happy," recalled Jake.



Boys' Varsity Track Team:

Top Row: Coach J. Campbell, D. Harger, J. Richter, N. Malaski, B. Davenport, L. Davis, D. Moore, S. Robedeau, S. Lawrence, C. Sherry, P. Markel, J. Griffith, T. Fluke, Head Coach Jerry Gillett. **Row 2:** J. Wagner, J. Cooper, T. Welsh, J. Soy, J. Smith, M. Holgar, M. Cooper, D. Novack, J. Forquer, D. Resio, B. Cohoon, R. Richardson, J. Kingsley. **Row 3:** R. Handziak, T. Spencer, B. Sherry, M. Ovenhouse, R. Guilmore, R. Clark, J. Turner, A. Fequer, J. Fortuna, M. Crockett, S. Geiger. **Bottom Row:** C. Moubray, J. J. Berg, D. Powers, J. Jewett, C. Gafner, A. Newberry, R. Millikan, B. Hemingway, C. Montie.



Dazed and Confused

Looking around for someone to tell him the score at the Jackson meet is junior Alex Fequer.

That's the Sound of a Man . . . Handing off the baton to Jeff Smith in the 400 M Relay is Darnell Powers. The relay teams often resorted to "Chain Gang" songs to keep their mind off grueling practices.



Hot-so-Compact

Spinning to get a good disc throw off is junior Steve Robedeau. "I struggled in the discus this year, but I improved a lot," noted Steve.



CAC Champion
Paul Markel--Discus
Jason Bedford--Shot Put
Jeff Williams--High Jump

CAC Second Place
Jake Fortuna--3200 M Run
Jeff Williams--300 M Hurdles

State Meet
Jeff Williams--5th High Jump
Jason Bedford--6th Shot Put

Scrappy Tracksters Go Down Fighting

The Men's Varsity Track team finished third in the Capital Area Conference behind East Lansing and Sexton, and also placed third at the league meet. "This was the best season for Holt in a long time. It was the first year we won an invitational (Mason) in 10 years. Winning it was really great. There were some disappointing moments like losing our two dual meets, but we still did really well overall," said senior Adam Newberry.

The 3200 M Relay team of Adam, and juniors Jeff Jewett, Jake Fortuna, and Chris Gafner was defeated only once during the conference regular season. The 1600 M Relay team also made themselves competitors for the Honor Roll Meet at the end of the season.

The field events were dominated by seniors Jason Bedford, Jeff Williams, and junior Paul Markel. Paul finished first in the discus all but one time.

Reservoir Dogs

Jason went undefeated in the shot put and went on to place sixth at the State Meet, while Jeff also finished fifth at the State Meet in the High Jump.

Chris Gafner and Jake Fortuna explained the team's soft spots. "We were strong in distance, and field events, and it's not that our sprinters were slow; it's just that the city schools were so fast!" exclaimed Jake. "The middle distance and field events could compete with anyone in the area, while the long distance events really helped solidify the team," added Chris. Jason jokingly assessed, "Our season progressed like an old Jewish 'collective' in the Ukraine --lots of work, multitudes of elitists and propaganda, yet surprisingly, no results." However, others concluded that a 5-3 CAC record and a third place standing proved to be no small pay off for their effort.

Get in the Game

Varsity Boys' Track
 5 wins, 3 loss

Everett	96-67
Sexton	73-91
Mason	89-54
Eastern	137-25
East Lansing	58-105
Jackson	112-50
Grand Ledge	75-88
Waverly	89-74
CAC	3rd
Regionals	5th

Get in the Game

Girls' Varsity Track
6 wins, 1 tie, 1 loss

Everett	105-47
Sexton	99-53
Mason	76-76
Eastern	100-52
East Lansing	88-64
Jackson	103-49
Waverly	69-83
Grand Ledge	90-62
CAC	1st
Regionals	3rd

All-CAC

Mile

Laura Harger

3200 M Relay

Vanessa Spencer

Jami Grant

Erin Younglove

Alicia Freeman

2 Mile

Jamie Grant

Jump, Arch, and Kick Up!

Attempting to clear 4'5" is freshman Kendra Horstman. The High Jump was a favorite among the freshman girls, and many tried their hand at it for the first time.



Ho-Hum

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It was just another winning season for the Girls' Varsity Track team. With their overall season record, 7-1, a first place tie at the conference meet, and a third place at Regionals, the year was hardly any different than other recent years. By all measures it was just plain exceptional.

The group was bigger in numbers, with more girls joining the shot put and discus legions. "Last year, we didn't worry about winning, because we blew the other conference teams away. This year, everyone just did what was expected, and we won. But it was a little more unsteady because no one was really sure what to expect with all the new runners," stated distance standout

Only Another Championship Year for Girls' Track Team

Laura Harger.

"Coach Rarick just hung on us every minute and ended up turning us into tigers on the prowl. Once we saw something we wanted, we went right for it!" exclaimed senior sprinter and long jumper Jenny Adams.

With their winning season racking up, the girls dominated and won the Mason Invitational held on home track. As the season came to an end, it became clear that this team had few weaknesses. They were also very close as a unit. "Everyone was very concerned about helping each other out in their events. The entire team really played a large part in every event," explained sophomore Jill Newberry.

--Kathleen Jennings



To Your Blocks

Setting up in the blocks for the 800 M Relay is junior Julie Smith as Kelly Krause stands to hold her down. "Track is different because it takes more self-discipline and hard work than other sports," claimed Julie.



Pirouette

Following through with perfect form on her discus throw is sophomore Rachael Stimer. "This was my first year on the track team. I did fairly well in the discus, and I enjoyed it much more than running," revealed Rachael.



No Pressure

Taking off at the gun for the 1600 Meter Run versus their Jackson competitors are senior Vanessa Spencer, sophomore Jami Grant, and freshman Kendra Horstman. "I enjoyed this year, because I improved a lot from my freshman year, plus I had a really great time running with Vanessa and Laura Harger," reflected Jami.



I Think I Can ...

Determined to throw the discus farther than her Jackson opponent is junior Jenny Johnson. "I enjoyed my first season of competition with the team," shared Jenny who went on to place second in the event.



Girls' Varsity Track Team:

Top Row: Coach D. Bongard, R. Stimer, T. Pruitt, M. Roberts, A. Folkes, E. Mutty, J. Johnson, J. Smith, C. DeRosa, M. Yenc, L. Harger, J. Grant, A. Hays, T. Acker, E. Viele, J. Galambos, B. Paterick, M. Gnass, Head Coach Jack Rarick.

Row 2: S. Lyons, J. Swan, L. Brunsting, A. Freeman, J. Newberry, C. Parker, W. Hoagland, E. Freeman, J. Yauch, C. Leverich, M. Routhier.

Bottom Row: C. LaRoue, J. Adams, B. Hill, K. Wilkerson, N. Malm, C. Boersema, E. Younglove, K. Horstman, A. Hettinger, K. Krause, V. Spencer, S. Smieska.

Girls' Varsity Soccer Team:

Top Row: Head Coach H. Rojas, J. Tunney, E. Kleiman, J. Pierson, K. Vowels, J. Nourse, R. Ewen, T. Kleiman, Coach M. Obrecht. **Row 2:** A. Smith, A. Garica, T. Benson, A. Nourse, R. Paterick, J. Allen. **Bottom Row:** C. Cross, B. Wilkerson, K. Greenwood, M. Dickenson, S. Wulff, D. J. Jory, J. Dalton. **Foreground:** K. Miller, J. Savage.

Oh, No You Don't!

Outsprinting her St. Johns opponent for the loose ball is sophomore Kelly Kamm in a home JV game.

Blindside

Sweeping in to take out her Jackson competitor is junior midfielder Katie Greenwood. The Varsity team defeated County Western, 1-0.



Girls' JV Soccer Team:

Top Row: Coach B. Harry, M. Dalton, K. Colley, S. Amburgy, B. Ewen, A. Kelly, A. Smith, S. Brady, K. Kamm, A. Smith, Coach C. Reynolds. **Bottom Row:** B. Wilkerson, A. Quick, C. Cross, B. Rodriguez, A. Lerner, K. Clisch, N. Roeske, R. Paterick. **Foreground:** E. Argue.

Soccer Team Earns Record Breaking Year

Although the Girls' Varsity Soccer team was young, they brought with them experience from playing on fall and winter squads. Two returning seniors headed the high expectations for the spring season. Junior Katie Greenwood stated, "I played in the fall on the United States Soccer Foundation Team, and indoors at the Soccer Zone. The extra practice helped prepare me for the upcoming season."

The team was also hoping for a boost from the upcoming freshmen who were expected to be talented players. The season started off slow, but soon picked up pace. By season end, the girls had accomplished their goal. They had finished with the best record ever



No Ladybugs

for the girls' soccer program, going 7-4-6. One of the ties came in a hotly contested battle with East Lansing. "I don't think our team played as well as we could against the Trojans the second time when they eliminated us at Districts. It didn't seem like we were in sync as a team. It was disappointing because we had deadlocked with them earlier, and this was the best team Holt has ever had. We could've gone farther in the post-season," explained junior Beth Wilkerson.

Credit went to key players on both the offensive and defensive sides. "The team's offense was great," noted senior tri-captain Trystin Kleiman. A few of the freshmen provided some on-field excitement. Erin Kleiman led all area players in goals scored, while Angelica

Garcia and D. J. Jory were terrors on defense. Sophomore Tricia Benson also helped reinforce the defensive wall.

The team got along very well both on and off the field. Katie explained, "We were like a family. It was wonderful to have that kind of chemistry." Although there were only two seniors, Trystin and Katie, their contributions would be sorely missed. Trystin revealed, "I tried to provide a good example to the other players both physically and mentally." Their reward came at season end as Trystin was named All-Area First Team and Katie All-Area Second Team. Also earning Second Team honors was Erin Kleiman and Jenny Savage while Megan Dickinson and Tricia Benson earned Honorable Mention.

--Katie Greenwood

Get in the Game

Varsity Girls' Soccer
7 wins, 4 ties, 6 losses

Flint Carmen Ainsworth	2-3
Jackson NW	4-0
Okemos	0-1
Marshall	0-0, 2-1
Grand Ledge	1-0, 1-2
Waverly	0-0, 0-1
Jackson CW	1-0
Haslett	1-0
Battle Creek Lakeview	0-5
East Lansing	0-0, 0-3
LCC	0-0
Mason	2-1
DeWitt	5-1

All-Area
Lansing State Journal
First Team
Trystin Kleiman

Second Team
Katie Greenwood
Erin Kleiman
Jenny Savage

Honorable Mention
Megan Dickinson
Tricia Benson

Make Your Move

Dribbling her way around her Marshall defender is sophomore forward Julie Nourse. Tri-Captain Trystin Kleiman stated, "Both Julie and Amy Nourse really improved as the year went along." The Varsity squad won the contest 2-1.



Stratego

Talking some pre-game shop to the Varsity squad before a scrimmage game with Fowlerville is Coach Mark Orecht. The girls defeated the Warriors, 6-0.

My Way

Perfecting his style as he warms up before the match with Mason is senior Joey Vartanian. He noted, "Coach Smith was great, he let us do things our way."



Swinging High

Hitting an overhead shot against Mason is sophomore Julie Vanlerberghe in her second year playing on the Boys' Varsity team. She reflected, "I thought we played pretty well even though we ended up losing to Mason."

Fine Line

Relaxed Approach Balances Taking Care of Business



Second place singles seed Jeremy Eagle was the star attraction for the Boys' Varsity Tennis team taking the First Singles Championship both at the Capital Area Conference match and at Regionals, and going to the State quarterfinals. The group ended with a 8-4 record overall, a second place in the CAC and a fourth place at Regionals. The team also brought home tournament wins against Waverly and Haslett. Junior Frank Hartwick remarked, "It was a very relaxed and enjoyable season because Coach Smith let us be loose, but he knew when to discipline us too." Although Eagle was seeded second, he lost in the quarter-finals of the State Tournament, and overall, the team finished fourth in the state. Jeremy noted, "I had much more fun than last year, mostly because we were finally winning." The team was winning, and it was very exciting at times. They stacked up evenly against Waverly and won the

match in the final contest, with sophomore Julie Vanlerberghe pulling out the individual win, to give Holt the victory.

The season had gotten underway with a new Head Coach, Mike Smith. Junior Tim Purol commented, "Coach Smith was very easy to work with. The key factor to our improvement was our team focus, though." A tense moment came with the competitive spirit against Okemos as Ethan Brower recalled, "The opponent was taunting Jeremy and Joe Vartanian told him to stop. Tempers flared, but were brought under control." Easing the pressure was the ever-humorous tennis blunder of going for an overhand and missing it. For guys who went so far it never ceased to bring laughs.

With winning, it was much easier for the team to remain relaxed. The guys had many laughs during the season, but took care of business when they were called on to do so.

--Dan Cupples



Incoming!

Concentrating on the ball in a match against Mason is freshman Ethan Brower. "This year was great fun, although Jeremy Eagle beat me every time," admitted Ethan.

Time for Sportmanship

Congratulating his opponent on a well-played match is junior Jeremy Eagle alongside Coach Mike Smith. Jeremy went on to finish second in singles play at the State Tournament.



Brian the 'Barbarian'

Unleashing his fury across the net during warm-ups is senior Brian Gleason. Providing senior leadership, he helped contribute to the second place finish in the CAC.

Boys' Varsity Tennis Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Mike Smith, P. Anderson, T. J. Wulff, J. Eagle, J. Vartainian, T. Purol, B. Gleason, J. Nyboer. **Bottom Row:** F. Ikramulla, E. Brower, M. Vandlen, J. Vanlerberghe, T. Schram, F. Hartwick, C. Hill.



Get in the Game

Varsity Boys' Tennis
8 wins, 4 losses

Everett	6-1
St. Johns	3-4
Sexton	6-1
LCC	5-2
Eastern	7-0
East Lansing	1-6
Grand Ledge	6-1
Jackson	5-2
Mason	1-6
Waverly	4-3
Haslett	7-0
Waverly Invit.	1st
Haslett Invit.	1st
CAC	2nd
Regionals	4th

**All-CAC & Regional
First Singles Champion
Second in State
Jeremy Eagle**

**All-CAC
Second Place
Fourth Singles
Julie Vanlerberghe**

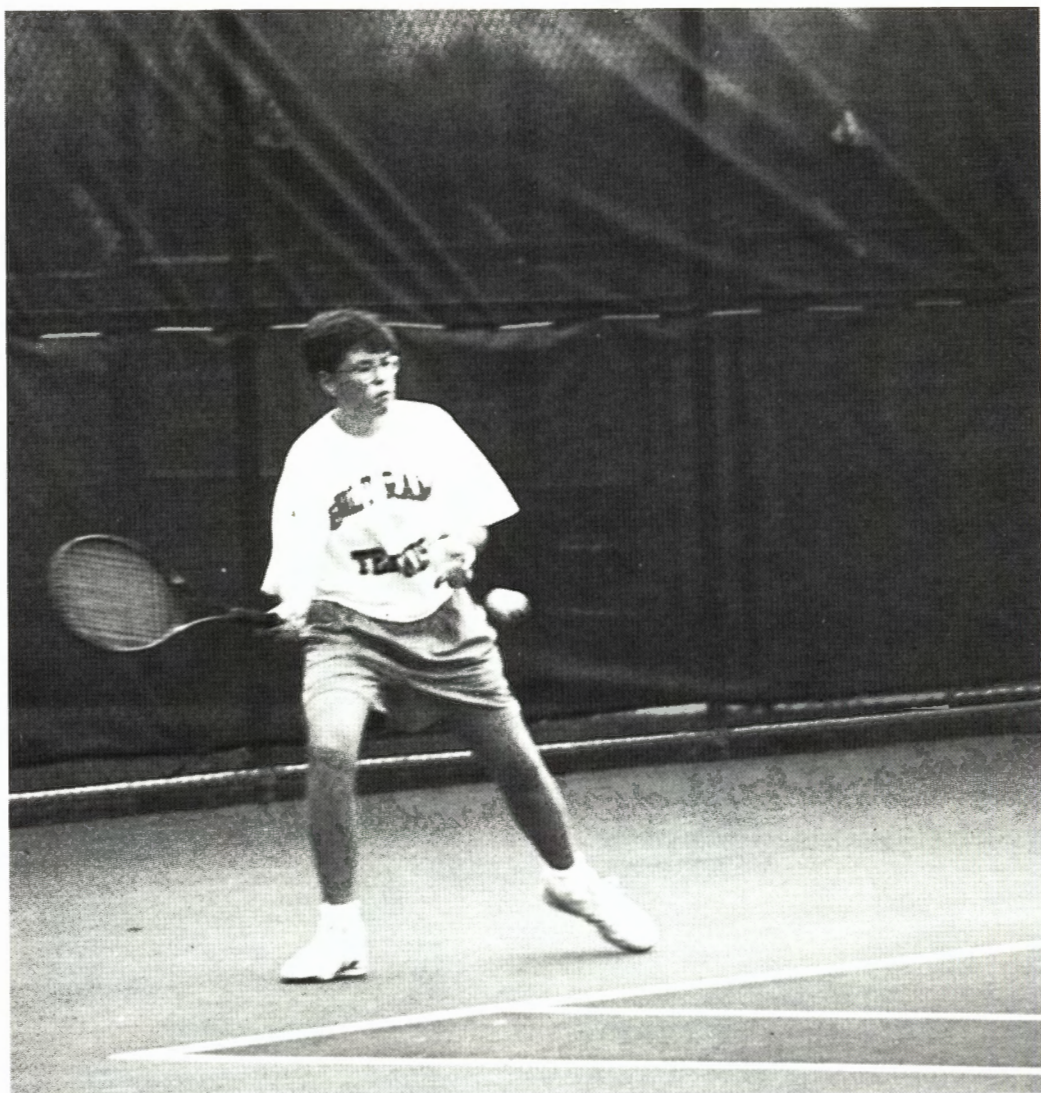
**Second Doubles
T.J. Wulff
Frank Hartwick**

Sliders

Shifting over to get the speeding ball is sophomore Matt Wallace. Matt's victory wasn't enough, however, as the Rams fell to the Mason Bulldogs.

Anticipation

Looking on as their teammates slug it out versus the East Lansing opposition are freshmen Katie Wilkerson and Crystal Henriksen. Although Holt lost to the Trojans, the girls still came out with a winning season.



Girls' JV Tennis Team:

Top Row: Head Coach Peter Kressler, L. Cook, S. Brady, M. Foster, E. Viele, K. Wilkerson, B. Jenkins.. **Row 2:** C. Reasoner, K. Harry, J. Hendrick, C. Henriksen, B. Martin, C. Carr, K. Deetz. **Bottom Row:** S. Ewald, M. Burton, A. Taylor, S. Heathman, T. Benson, B. Corr.



Rocket Man

Shooting the ball back to the Mason opponent with his powerful forehand is sophomore Tom Shaver. "Although, we didn't do that well as a team, everyone had fun," commented Tom.

Break Time

Talking strategy during a break in the doubles action with Mason are sophomores Kris Doerr and Tom Shaver.



Way to Go!

Congratulating her doubles partner on a nice shot is sophomore Kristen Deetz.



Get in the Game

Boys' JV Tennis
2 wins, 5 losses

DeWitt	3-4
St Johns	2-5
East Lansing	4-3
Grand Ledge	4-3
Mason	1-6, 1-6
Okemos	0-7

Boys' JV Tennis Team:

Top Row: P. Rosenman, J. Pool, T. Hurlburt, R. Yuhasz, R. Wilcox, R. Cook, M. Wallace, M. Mantyla, J. Becker, E. Braid, A. Gamet, L. Drake. **Bottom Row:** Head Coach Peter Kressler, T. Shaver, K. Doerr, B. Vandlen, J. Bush, B. Clugston, D. Nelson, A. Verlerger, K. Wyble.



Teams Struggle with Opponents and Motivation

With six wins and only three losses, at the end of the season, the Girls' JV Tennis team definitely had something to cheer about. Although losing to East Lansing did bring a few people down, spirit rebounded. "We all sort of knew that we would lose to East Lansing, but we still played our best and didn't give up. We knew we would at least learn something from playing against them," commented sophomore Stephanie Ewald.

Besides improvement, there were other upsides. "Sarah Heathman had to be one of the girls that worked the hardest and got what she wanted out of playing tennis. I know that all the girls on the team loved the game and had lots of fun during the season," observed Brenda Martin.

Got the Love?

As the season drew closer to the end, the Boys' JV Tennis team buckled down and got to business. Through most of the season they had winning on their minds, but losing on their hands. "We all felt bad about losing at first, but after a while we thought, 'If we win, cool, if we don't, oh well!'" admitted sophomore Tom Shaver.

Although the scoreboard went downhill, the boys tried to keep their minds going uphill. Sometimes reality didn't even out with their expectations. With a 3-4 record, the team wasn't quite as focused as they wanted to be. Not everyone had a bad season, but those that did, didn't let the team down by taking it out on other members or turning them away from the sport.

--Megan Ketchum

Get in the Game

Girls' JV Tennis
6 wins, 3 losses

St Johns	8-6
East Lansing	0-14, 0-14
Mason	4-10, 8-5
Grand Ledge	10-5, 8-6
DeWitt	8-3, 9-5



Reality hits home for sophomores Lori Brunsting and Stephanie Ewald after observing mock accident victim senior Julie Kent after the drunk driving accident re-enactment sponsored by SADD during Prom week.

Create your own language

Take a new twist

Raise spirits and end the drought

Get what your mind is thirsty for by

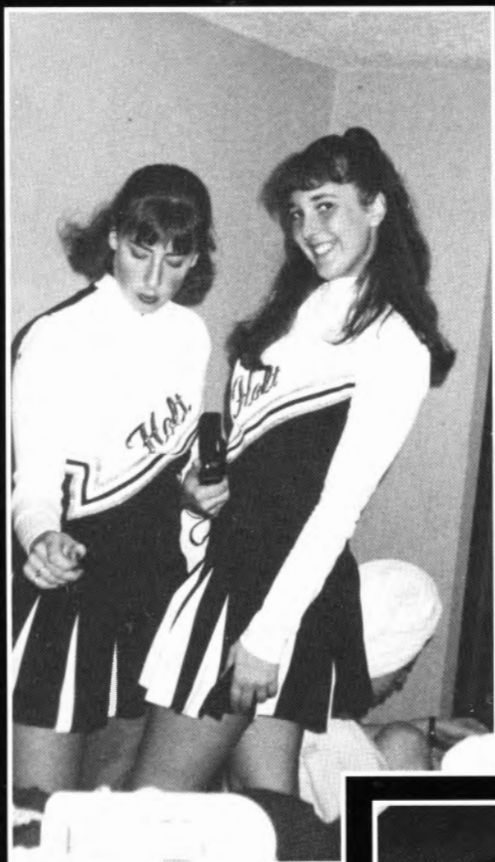
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Redefining Reality

Redefining reality for the Science Department's skeleton during a Science Olympiad practice is senior Heather Milligan. "Extra-curricular activities are more fun than you can spin on your little finger," she claimed in an offbeat mood.

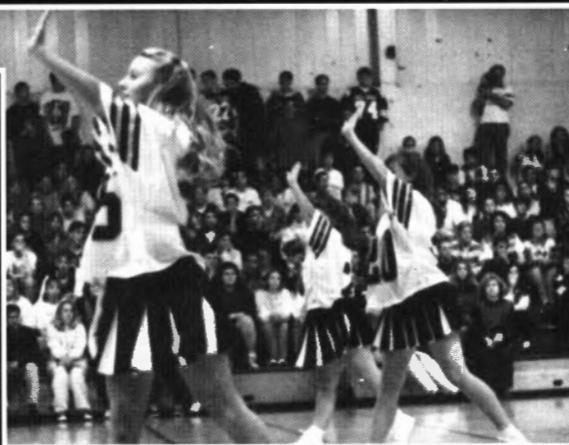
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ARE WE THERE YET?

Just kicking back and enjoying the scenery on the bus ride to Florida are juniors Molly Ranke and Diana Arnold. The Pom Pon squad performed at Disney World and Epcot Center with the band over Spring Break.



HOLD IT

Performing to the song, "Mr. Vain", at the Homecoming pep assembly are junior Diana Arnold and senior Tera Parry.

ARE WE READY YET?

Waiting to leave the hotel on the band trip to Washington D.C. and Florida are Pom Pon squad members senior Tera Parry and junior Alicia Watson. The squad accompanied the band on the trip and performed with them.



POM PON SQUAD:

Top Row: T. Parry, B. Poufcas, L. Nunheimer, K. Kelly **Row 2:** M. Ranke, J. Gostnell, S. Brockwell
Bottom Row: D. Arnold, C. Butterfield, A. Cribbis, A. Watson.

SENIORS IN CHARGE

Ready for Homecoming action are best friends seniors Laura Nunheimer and Tera Parry. Tera commented "The parade was a great boost for all of us. It gave us a chance to show support for the school and the community."

Art of Performance

coupled with fun



With bursts of energy and large cheerful smiles, the Pom Pon squad captured their audiences with routines at sports events and in competition. This required hours of practice. The first events of the year were the Mid-American Pom Pon camp followed by Homecoming, Regionals at Alma and State competition at Saginaw Valley. Of course, there were the performances with the Marching Band at Football halftimes and at Varsity Basketball games, but, perhaps everyone's favorite time was performing with the Band in Washington D.C. and Florida.

"The most memorable moment for me was in Florida. Billie Jo Poufcas and I were waiting in line for a ride when I saw a snake begin to slither up her leg! I jumped on the fence and began to scream at her. She took off running. The rest of the trip everyone teased her with rubber snakes!" laughed senior Tera Parry. Junior Molly Ranke added, "We all had a good time in Florida because we got closer as a group. It was sad because we knew that it would be the last time we would all perform together."

The good weather and fun could not last forever. Embarrassments cropped up once in a while. "The most embarrassing thing that happened to me was when I was running inside to practice from my car

and there was snow on the ground. When I got inside, my shoes were still wet. While practicing a kick-line in the cafeteria I slipped and fell. While I was on the floor, all of the wrestlers came walking through!" admitted junior Jamie Gostnell.

Halftime performances offered other opportunities for some embarrassing moments. "I remember a time at a basketball game when Asia Cribbis and I had made up a routine. When we got up to perform the music was so low that we couldn't hear it! We ended up doing it with counts and everything turned out okay," remembered junior Sarah Brockwell.

For many, the greatest stress, as well as reward, came in competition. "The best part of the year was during states. Laura, Diana, Asia, Sarah and I went walking around our hotel. There were boys' soccer and hockey teams staying there. It was one big party and a lot of fun," recalled sophomore Billie Jo Poufcas.

As the season came to a close junior Alicia Watson concluded, "My favorite part of Pom Pon was making new friends and learning to work with people. We all became very close and I am sad to see the year end."

-Shoni Heistand

UP AND AWAY

The crowd watches as the Pom Pon squad performs "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love" at the Varsity Basketball halftime in game with Grand Ledge.

Leaders of the Pack

create the action

Homecoming, the Penny Wars, Winterfest, the Talent Show, and Stars of the Week, were just a few of the many activities staged by Student Council.

The group started out the year with what ended up being one of their favorite activities. A Council Meeting was held at Cathey Baker's house during the summer to give members a chance to have fun and get acquainted before school started. Senior Vanessa Spencer described, "The eating contest at the first summer meeting was really funny. Everybody was handing me food and I was stuffing it down. By the time I was finished, I think there was more food on the ground than there was in my mouth!"

As fall approached, Homecoming was the main focus for the group. It was the biggest spirit event of the year and they had a lot of planning and participation on the agenda. Senior Kevin Loudon, who handled Public Relations stated, "One of Student Council's most important accomplishments was increasing community involvement in Homecoming by adding floats sponsored by the Holt Junior Rams and community businesses and alumni groups."

Not everything went smoothly however. The Council was faced with the issue of trying to extend the lunch period. Though they devised a proposal and pre-

sented it to the administration, the idea was put aside due to problems getting it effected. A February Winterfest was held and a King and Queen were also attempted but voted down. Junior Beth Wilkerson commented, "People didn't like some of our ideas. We also tried making a video of Homecoming, but we had a lot of problems with the photography."

Sophomore Tom Shaver reflected, "The Homecoming parade, court and dance were my favorite activities because we actually carried them out with little direction or being told how. I had the float meetings at my house and I helped get the cars for the parade. We should have more things like Homecoming."

Besides service and leadership, Student Council prepared its members for the real world in many different ways. Junior Kristen Block commented, "Student Council taught me to be part of a team and to work and cooperate with others in order to meet a deadline." President John Ehnis concluded, "I've learned skills such as planning, organizing, managing, and commitment. I will be using these things for the rest of my life."

—Julie Smith

YOU DON'T SEND ME FLOWERS ANYMORE

In the hallway sorting carnations for delivery is senior Student Council member Vanessa Spencer. The Student Council organized the carnation sale during Spirit Week as a fundraiser.

GO FIRST CLASS

Boarding a plane at the Detroit Airport is senior Student Council member Jeri Hofbauer. Jeri spent her Spring Break in Clearwater Beach Florida.

FRONT AND CENTER

Speaking to the student body during the Talent Show is Student Council and Senior Class President, John Ehnis. John emceed the spring show.

GOT THEM COVERED

Showing her school spirit is Senior Class Treasurer Allison Wood. Allison and some of her friends wore "Senior T-shirts" during Spirit Week that they had classmates autograph.





SUITED UP

"My favorite part of the Close Up trip was visiting the Capitol. I'm definitely going again next year," stated junior Alex Feguer, seated for dinner in Washington D.C. with seniors Bob Keller and Kevin Loudon.



In On the Action... 'Close Up'

Viewing government 'close up' was the goal of 14 students interested in U.S. political life. They traveled to Washington D.C., leaving April 24, for a week long stay in the Capital. There were many reasons students had for going. Senior Kevin Loudon viewed it as an opportunity to gain some knowledge for his future career goal of politics. Others wanted to trade the classroom for the real world. Senior Ben Bakken commented, "It's a fun alternative to school and you actively learn more by having the experience." Sophomore Nick Cook's motivation belied his avid interest in politics. "For me, it was just a vacation and a chance to acquaint a whole new group of people besides those in school with my political views," he stated.

The students were accompanied by staff member and parent Sue Kenny. Making a stop at almost every historical site, taking part in governmental

seminars, and attending social events filled their schedule. The seminars dealt with topics such as foreign affairs, economic decisions, and education. The students also met a group of senators in a seminar on domestic issues and discussed views between Democrats and Republicans about the justice system.

Tour sites abounded, but the most popular places among the group were the Washington Monument, Vietnam and Iwo Jima Memorials, and of course, the Capitol. "It was emotional visiting the Vietnam Memorial," remembered Ben, "I got the feeling of how the war affected the country and those who lost a family member in it." Others enjoyed the architecture. Many students reported they got what they went for. Kevin concluded, "I probably learned more in one week than I would learn in a month in a classroom."

--R.D. Ferman



CLOSE UP GROUP

Top Row: B. Morris, T. Kenney, B. Bakken, K. Ahlgrim, A. Feguer, K. Loudon
Row 2: K. Block, C. Moubray, B. Keller, T. Shaver, N. Cook, K. Howe
Bottom Row: C. Carr, B. Wilkerson, J. Grant, J. Allen, Sponsor S. Kenney

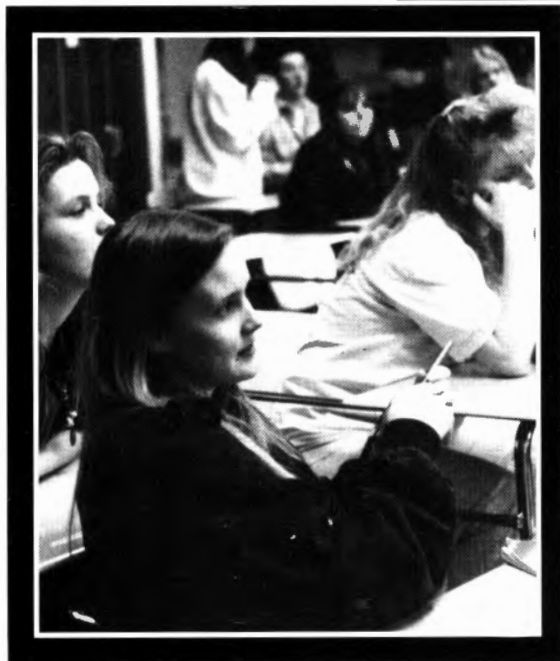


EXPLORING OUR OPTIONS

Discussing their ideas for a Homecoming float during a SADD meeting are seniors Yvonne Gibbs, Chris Boersema, and Stacey Smieska.

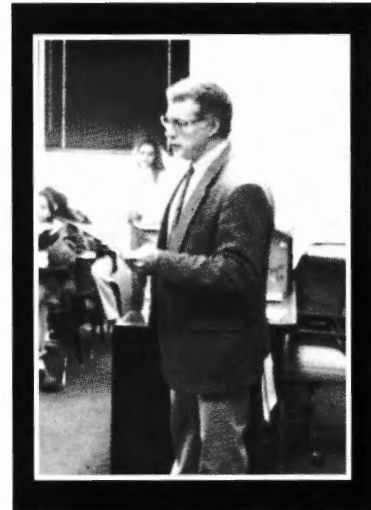
ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Brainstorming activities for the year at a SADD meeting during an activity period are seniors Reanna Pickott and Sandi Craig. Sandi also participated in Peer Resistance.



ADVISER IN WOOLSTON CLOTHING

Announcing the agenda for the annual Grim Reaper Day is long-time SADD Advisor Gerald Woolston. The Grim Reaper was a pre-Prom activity to make students aware of the dangers of driving drunk.



UNEXPECTED TWIST

Playing victims #1 and #2 suffering from whiplash in the SADD sponsored accident re-enactment are seniors Julie Kent and Troy Frayer. The pre-Prom scene was staged on Troost Field in late May.

GET THE MESSAGE OUT

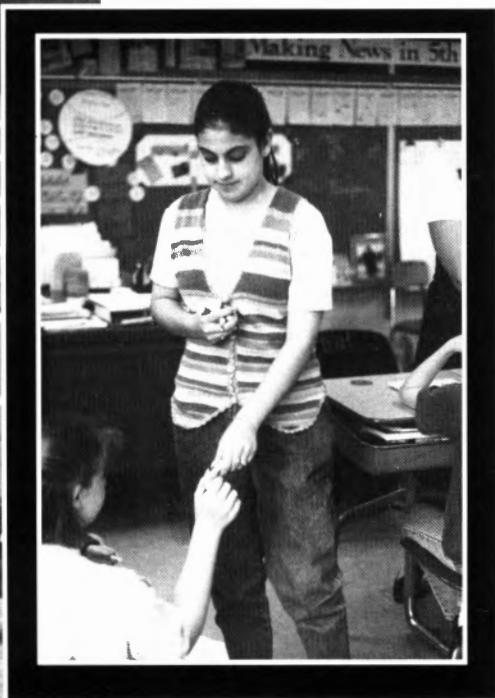
Concluding their DARE presentation on peer resistance to drugs and alcohol to Mrs. Schram's fifth grade class at Sycamore Elementary School are Jason Bedford, Trystin Kleiman, Raquel Gonzalez and Alicia Watson.

Total Awareness

SADD Makes Its Point

DRUGS...NO, CANDY...YES

Handing out treats to fifth graders at Sycamore Elementary is senior Raquel Gonzalez. As a member of DARE, Raquel attempted to make the kids aware of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) was a group whose main objective was to get the point across to students that drinking and driving was something that could ruin their lives and those around them. "Our main goal was to try to persuade students not to use alcohol and drive," commented senior Julie Kent. Taking it one step further, senior Kelly Skidmore explained, "The organization really makes you look at the whole picture, not just the now part, but the consequences, too."

A major factor in student drug and alcohol use was peer pressure. Other factors that have been identified were the media and parents. Children grow up seeing their parents drink or use drugs and the children think it's okay, because Mom and Dad do it. Many students drink to release stress, to feel good about things, or to relieve problems that occur at home. "The main reason I feel they use it is because they don't have anything else to do with their lives and to rebel," observed senior Raquel Gonzalez.

Among the many activities SADD sponsored were a float for Homecoming, a drunk driving accident re-enactment and posters to publicize their message. The Homecoming float featured a party on one side and a magic mirror in the middle showing the outcome of people that left the party drunk, ending up in a car accident. "It had a Disney-esque touch to it, but it also showed consequences," com-

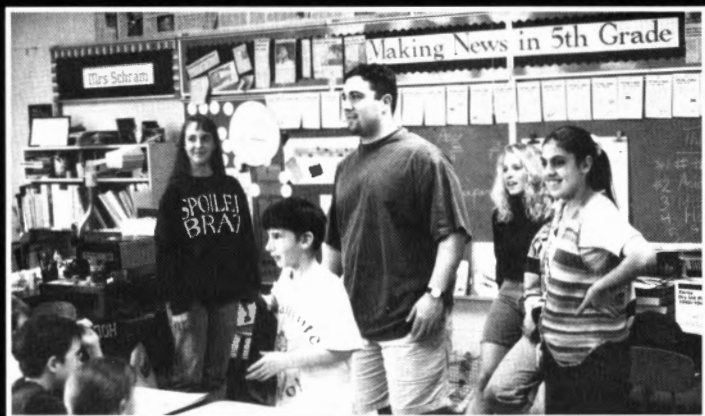
mented senior Jaime Keyser.

On the list of activities was the Project Graduation Rally at the Kellogg Center at MSU. The event was a forum where students from all across the state voiced their opinions on troubling issues. After an open discussion session, ideas taken from the rally were then presented to the administration. "I feel that the students should have a say about the events surrounding them, especially if it involves them," stated senior Julie Kent.

Working closely with the group near the end of the year were counselors in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), a peer resistance program set up to help elementary students say "No" to peer pressure. For a week, DARE members put on skits for the fifth graders at all of the elementary schools in the Holt District. The students were given a certain situation and they had to figure a way out of it. "They really enjoy having the high school students talk to them. They look up to us and realize the importance of good choices and staying away from drugs," commented junior Alicia Watson.

In an opinion poll conducted at Holt High School, the most abused substance was shown to be alcohol. "Both drugs and alcohol are problems but they're hidden problems. A number of people including students, parents, and perhaps even some of the teaching staff don't want to acknowledge it," concluded senior Chris Boersema.

--Chad Lesnieski



Mind Games

Problem-Solving Fun

Dedication, hard work, and a little fun led the Science Olympiad team to a first place at the Regional meet held on February 28 at Lansing Community College. This win led the team to an overall fifth place in State Competition which took place on April 29. "I believe we did okay at the event. It's amazing how competitive other schools are, like Grand Haven, the overall champs in the competition," explained junior Paul DeRose who competed in Designer Genes and received a first place rank at State competition.

Science Olympiad to many was considered team work. "I enjoy Science Olympiad because it is not only based on one person jobs, but everyone has to work together to get things done. One person may complete the task but the credit is shared through out the group. There are also a lot of fun problems to work out," commented sophomore Mike Stafford. "We get along well as a team, and we have a lot of fun," added senior Michelle Frankenberger. Michelle participated in the events Cell Biology which took fourth and Experimental Design which took fifth at State competition.

Teamwork was the method though learning, and competition was the goal. "Science Olympiad has helped me to gain an edge over other people

in chemistry, but I've also learned things that I wouldn't have learned in a regular classroom," explained senior Ray Shock. Junior Adam Downey added, "Science Olympiad is a good test of my creativity in making mechanical objects actually work." Adam along with junior Marshall Savage placed first in Scrambler and second in Mission Possible at the State competition.

Other students saw Science Olympiad as a time to enjoy friends. "My favorite part of being on the Science Olympiad team was making a lot of new friends. It's easy to build strong friendships in a competitive environment," stated junior Nicole Nelson who competed in Designer Genes with junior Paul DeRose. Overall Science Olympiad was a learning environment in which dedication, hard work and friends added up to winning.

-Kelly Skidmore

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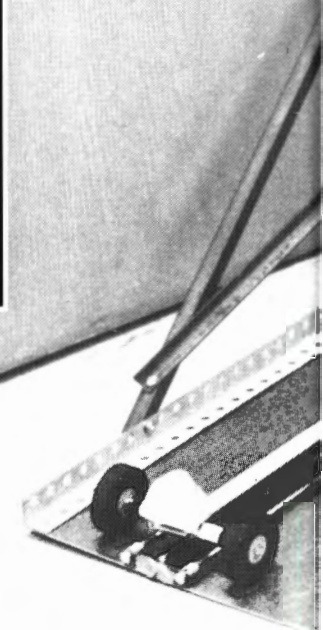
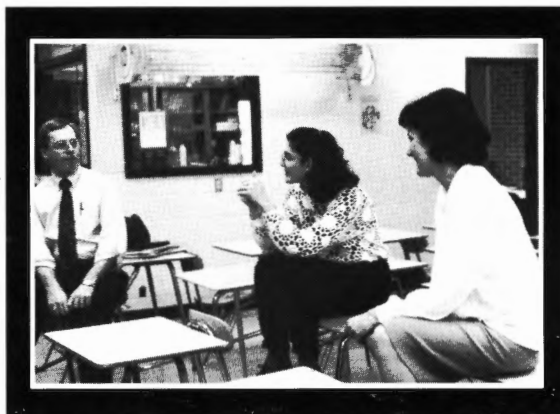
Adding the final touches to equipment for the event, Mission Possible is junior Adam Downey.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The Science Olympiad team took a lot of coordination to get off the ground. Barbara and Steve Neureither talk at practice with graduate Michelle DeRose who returned to help coach the team.

BREAK TIME

Taking a time out from practicing for their events are senior Michelle Frankenberger and junior Nicole Nelson. Their efforts helped the team receive a fifth place rank in State competition.



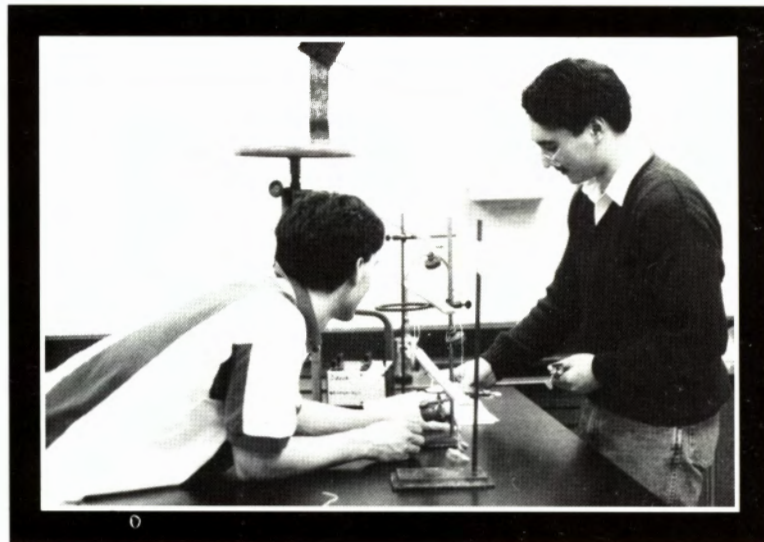
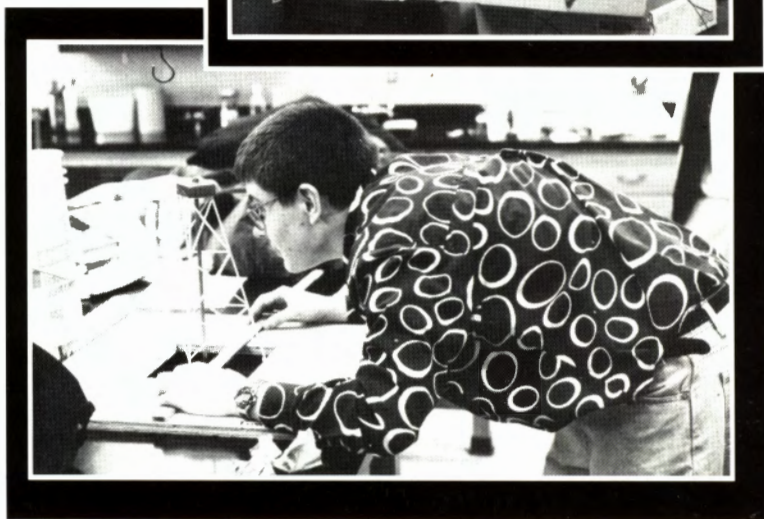


MEETING OF MINDS

Working on their event, Mission Possible at a Science Olympiad practice are juniors Paul DeRose, Adam Downey and Marshall Savage. "A lot of team work is involved with people of different strengths. You have to learn to work together and help each other," noted Paul.

HOLD IT!

Working on the Tower Building competition is junior Joey Mills. Joey's aim was to build the tower as light-weight as possible yet, hold as much weight as possible.



SCRAMBLED EGGS

Making last minute adjustments to the Scrambler is junior Adam Downey. "With the help of Mr. Neureither, we did something we have never done before; we went all the way to win first place," revealed Adam.

THE DYNAMICS OF IT

Practicing after school for their events are senior Anthony Hays and junior Jeff Jewett. Anthony and Jeff have been on the team all three years.



AGAIN, BUT WITH FEELING

Practicing for Dramatic Interpretation is senior Rob Chapin. Rob took second place at Districts.

CULTURED COOKIE

Yukking it up over Randy Emery's rendition of Rodin's "The Thinker" are Novice Debate team members before the match with Okemos. Holt hosted the match and welcomed the guests with refreshments.



THIS IS THE TEST

Taking notes during an after-school practice in preparation for the Regional Meet is Forensics Coach Amy Galligan. "This was a season of many firsts. It was my first year as Head Coach, the first year for many members of the team and the first time we brought home a trophy from a tournament!" she explained.

FORENSICS TEAM

Top Row: B. Hines, R. Chapin, R. Frazier. **Bottom Row:** Coach J. Higgins, K. School, J. O'Kon, N. Quasarano, Coach A. Galligan.



Power Punch Words...

Small Numbers Yield Results

SALES PITCH

Practicing for the Sales event is junior Ryan Frazier. Ryan sold the judges on ELO albums, taking first place both at the Sexton Meet and at Districts.



The Forsenics Team, coached by Amy Galligan and Jennifer Higgins, attracted new members and enjoyed a competitive season. Participating were juniors Brian Hines in Extemporaneous Speech, Ryan Frazier in Sales, Sarah Steadman and freshman Jessica O'Kon in Impromptu, sophomore Nancy Quasarano in Prose Interpretation, senior Rob Chapin in Dramatic Interpretation, and Tracy McArthur with sophomore Kuana School in Duo Interpretation.

The team competed in seven tournaments and members placed in each competition. Students also earned four awards at the District competition. Nancy placed as an alternate, Brian brought home a third place, Rob placed second, and Ryan received first place.

Holt sent the three District placers to the Regional meet. Galligan explained, "We didn't have anyone place at Regionals, but the competition there is really stiff. It was a learning experience for us. In the past, Holt has only had one participant there, but this year, we were fortunate enough to send three."

The Debate Team experi-

enced a season of slim numbers, but still managed to attain some success in competition. Participating without a Varsity level, the team consisted of only Novice debaters. The members were junior Karina Howe, sophomore Nick Cook, freshmen Randy Emery, Elina Viele, Megan Kelly, Jennifer Veldman, Suzie Iott, Eric Braid, and Christina Leverich. The Novice squad captured first at both the Grand Rapids and Holland Invitationals, making it the fourth year in a row that Holt brought home a trophy from the competitions. The team finished second in the Capital Area Conference overall.

Although the team experienced a year of low membership, coach Guil Northrup hoped it would help the team grow closer. "We managed to do fairly well this year, considering the circumstances. Next year's team will probably be a young Varsity squad consisting mainly of sophomores. We're really seeking to recapture the glory of the '93 Debate Team that went all the way to the State Semi-Finals!"

--Aaron Kerr

DEBATE TEAM

Top Row: E. Braid, M. Kelly, N. Cook, R. Emery, Head Coach G. Northrup. **Bottom Row:** S. Iott, C. Leverich.



Speaking the Language

Food and Culture Provide the Motivation to Learn

In the Spanish and French Clubs, students were able to see the differences between foreign cultures relative to their own and experience the uniqueness of each. Sampling various versions of the culture's food was one way for students to learn more about their differences.

"French club members enjoyed French cuisine by eating their way through Activity Periods. We've tried 'Le Petit Ecolier' cookies, 'Buche de Noel' which is traditionally eaten at Christmas, and we made crepes," explained French instructor Sandra Bernier.

Early in the year, French Club students took an overnight trip to Toronto to see "Phantom of the Opera". Students had the opportunity to hit the town and shop to their hearts' content before it was time to head off to the show. "It was fun to stay overnight at a hotel with friends and the musical was just awesome," said club president, junior Paul DeRose.

Later in the year, French students were invited to see a slide presentation by a French

exchange student at Mason High School. Those who attended also enjoyed a reception and refreshments with a French motif.

Taking a similar route to learning about the Hispanic culture, the Spanish Club participated in out-of-school trips to Spanish and Mexican restaurants and art museums. They sampled more "down home" Spanish and Mexican foods, and viewed historical, as well as modern art inspired by the Hispanic culture.

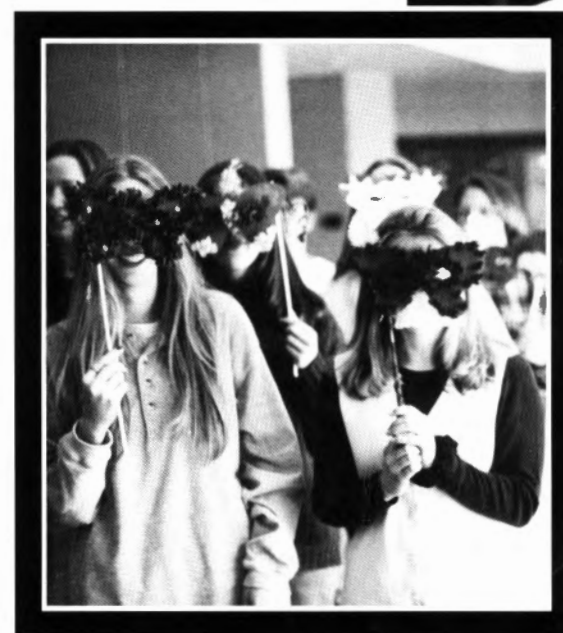
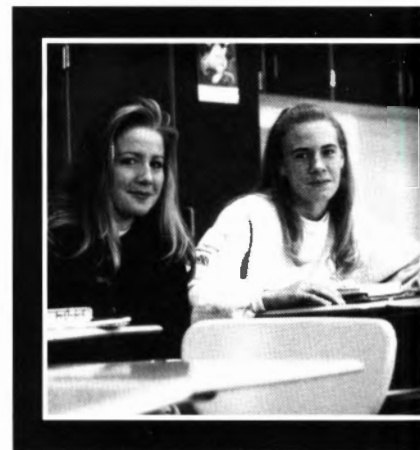
Students also had the chance to see Spanish art on trips to the Toledo Museum of Art and the Detroit Institute of Art. "At the Detroit Institute, there was a special gold exhibit that was only being displayed at four museums throughout the nation," revealed Spanish teacher Shannon Fineout.

Many students enjoyed the club trips as well as in-school activities. They were given many opportunities to learn about Spanish and French cultures from word of mouth, as well as, first hand experience.

**—Josh Knechtges and
Jeff Reynolds**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Putting the finishing touches on their paper mache pinatas are seniors Mark VanBuren, Christy Parsons, and Maureen Gregg. The pinatas were assembled with TLC and given to children at local hospitals.



H-2 TO H-8, THEY'RE WEARING MASKS

Leading the mock Mardi Gras parade through the D-Wing are juniors Allison Warren and Kelly Krause. "Making the masks in French class and walking through the school was fun. It was something different," commented Kelly.

CUTTING AWAY

Cutting time out of the daily routine to assemble their Mardi Gras masks in French class are juniors Jamie Hayslette and Carrie Swan.

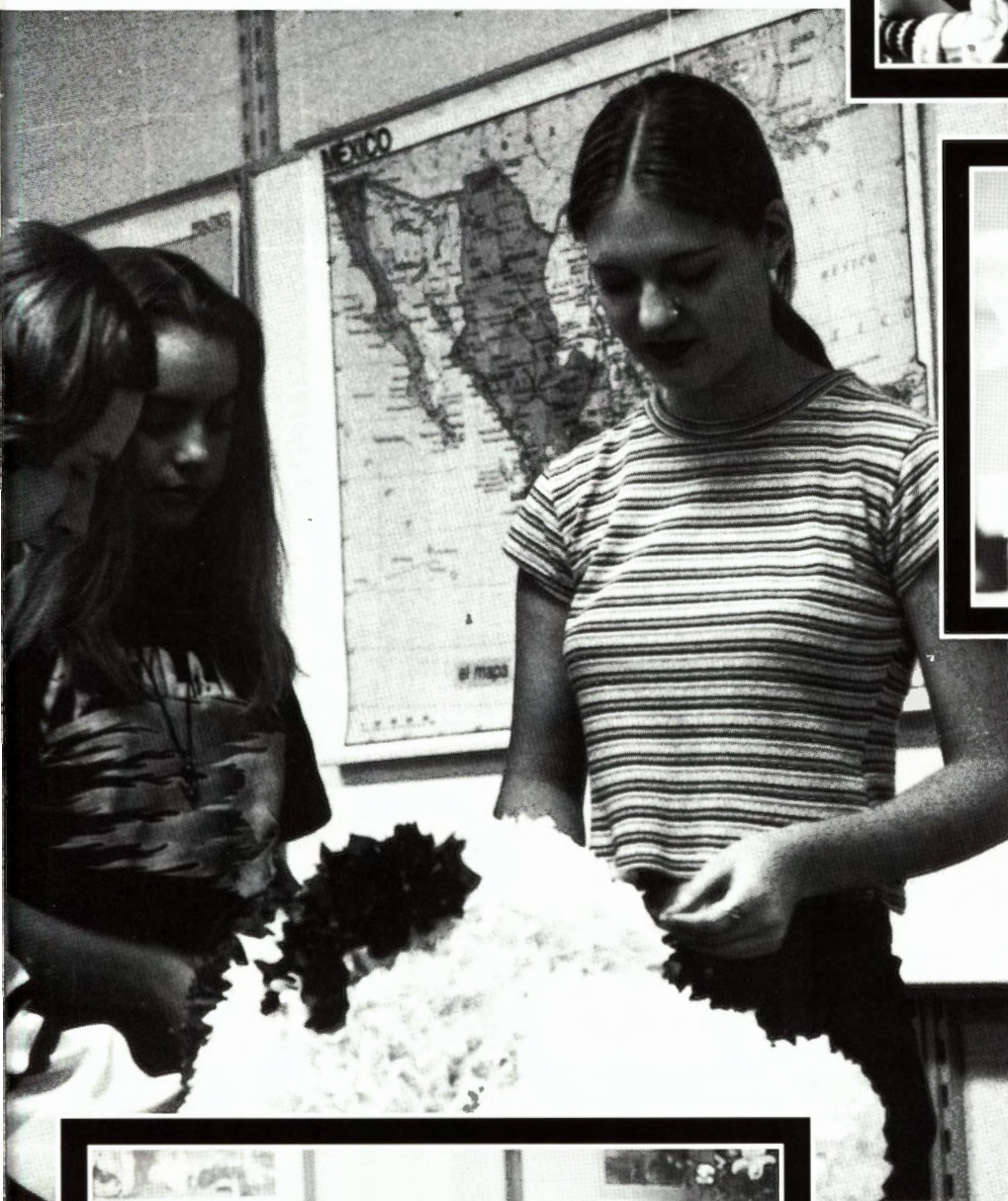


GATHER ROUND

Finding themselves with a spare moment in Senorita Grew's Spanish Club meeting during Activity Period are juniors Krista Wilcox, Jake Gilroy, and senior Jill Cory.

CREPES POUR NOUS!

Lining up for Madame Bernier's world-rekknowned crepes are members of the French Club. During Activity Period, students assembled crepes to their own tastes.



MASKED FEMME

Sporting her Mardi Gras creation and posing for the camera is senior Colleen LaRoue.



CREATIVE TOUCH

Assembling her holiday pinata is senior Vanessa Hoffmeyer. The Spanish classes donated their pinatas to area hospitals during the holiday season.



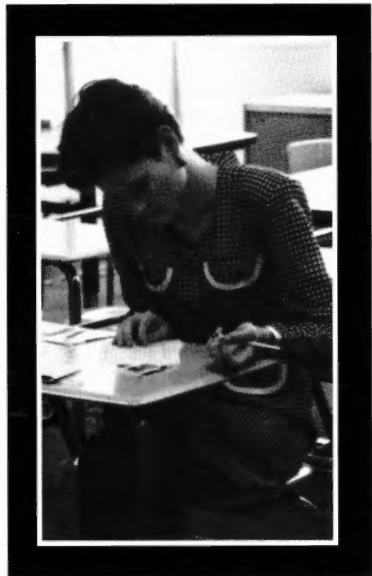
TIME OUT

Sharing a lighter moment during sixth hour Journalism are juniors Krista Willoughby, Bill Stevens and Heather Willett along with senior Nicole Wood.



CHECKING IT OUT

Relaxing during a break at the Michigan Inter-scholastic Press Association Journalism conference is sophomore Matt Allen. The conference provided an opportunity for students to learn from professional journalists.



QUIET TIME

Working on captions for her page assignments in Student Life is senior Rheanna Abbott. Rheanna put in three years on the staff of both the newspaper and yearbook.



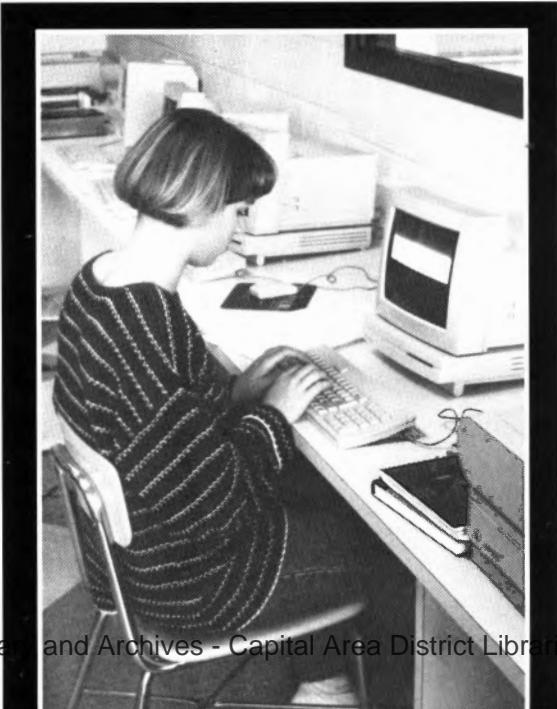
SAY CHEEEEESE!

Posing for senior Shoni Heistand's camera is senior Kelly Skidmore. "I loved being Shoni's guinea pig while learning photography. Friends make my smiles seem happier," Kelly said.



INDEFATIGABLE

Working tirelessly in Publications class is junior Bill Stevens who wrote for both the newspaper and yearbook. He commented, "I really enjoyed it and got to meet many different people. It was cool."



STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Listening to senior Lisa Ellis tell one of her many humorous tales during Advanced Publications are seniors Adrienne Lawrence, and Kari Reynolds along with junior Kathleen Jennings. "The class was lots of fun; everyone had different attitudes. That gave the class some spice," noted Adrienne.

BEGINNING OF IT ALL

Composing her copy in Beginning Publications is junior Julie Smith. Her skills in feature writing, design and photography netted her the position of Editor-in-Chief by the end of the year.



BEHIND THE SCENES

Brainstorming ideas on the board during Advanced Publications for the yearbook's theme is senior Editor-in-Chief Dana Dillon. In the end, "Reality Check" triumphed over its competitors. Dana noted, "Being the yearbook editor was fun, yet challenging. It requires a lot of time to get the book done correctly and to the printer."

Business as Usual

Sense of Humor Gets Staffs Through

Taking pictures or writing copy, designing layouts or selling ads, working on the Rampages staff, one could be expected to do it all. Students in Beginning Publications explored the many skills required for the class and often decided to specialize. "The photography aspect was what attracted me most. I remember wanting a good camera so I could take really nice pictures. I got one this year and now, enlarged photos are hanging on our wall," commented junior Jeff Reynolds."

Advanced Publications was where the editors for yearbook and newspaper sections met and many reported differences in the current year's book. "The layouts were very creative with tilted photos and different uses of spot color," revealed senior Adrienne Lawrence. And the class yielded variety too. With the different mixture of people everyone got a taste of what different groups thought. "I like having a balance, but being the only sophomore in an advanced class like this can be somewhat intimidating. However, when all the seniors left, the room became very big and boring. The seniors kept the class active and I missed them," commented Sports Editor Matt Allen.

Besides being covered in the yearbook, the events that took place were covered, in detail, by a group of students known as the Ramparts Staff. They met during sixth hour every day to write the inside story for the school newspaper. When the first semester ended, a new regime of students swept in to take over the responsibility of keeping the student body informed.

"The most challenging thing about this year was completing my stories, with quotes, and making sure that the deadline was met," commented sopho-

more Erin Wenglekowski. Junior Christine Spisak added, "Trying to write an interesting story that had all of the facts, but wasn't confusing or an editorial, was very challenging."

Through all of the challenges these students faced, they managed to produce four issues of the newspaper. "The greatest accomplishment for the staff this year was putting out the paper while still having fun," explained junior Kelley Nastal.

As with any newspaper, quality control was always of the utmost importance. With the impending deadlines looming overhead, the staff sometimes found themselves scrambling to finish their stories. "The newspapers were slow on the production side because we wanted to put as much time and effort into editing each one. We wanted to make sure every one was near perfect," said sophomore Nick Cook. "The newspapers were always high quality, but our problem was with the quantity," added Kelley.

Shouldering a majority of the load and stress from Adviser Ann Paul's push to get the work done and meet deadlines, was a sense of humor from all of the students. Laughter kept the classroom mood light when pressure could have painted it black. "The humorous comments from Jason Yuhasz helped keep the class going," noted Erin. "It was also fun to always hear people barreling down the hall, trying to make it to the G Wing on time. That always made the opening of class interesting," laughed Kelley.

Summing up the year Erin concluded, "I feel our staff got along really well overall. The smaller class made me feel comfortable and helped keep the atmosphere easy-going. The staff was very friendly and close. I enjoyed it a lot."

-Lisa Ellis, Josh Knechtges



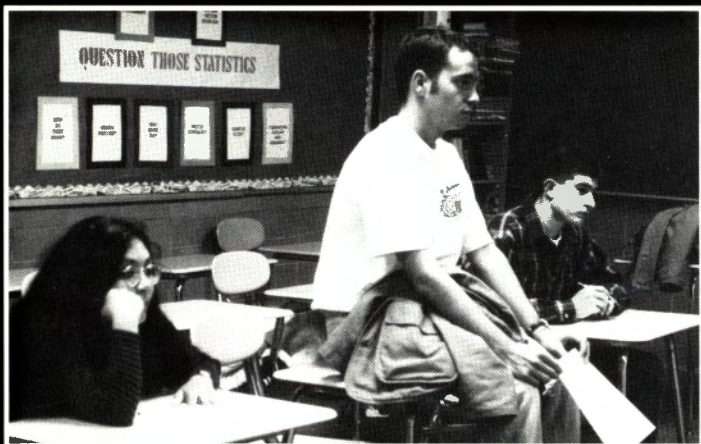
YOU WENT WHERE FOR LUNCH?

Taking an intermission at the Spring Michigan Interscholastic Press Association conference are seniors Scott Hultberg, Jason Yuhasz, and sophomore Erin Wenglekowski.

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EXCHANGE DAY

At the Peer Assistance Listener Exchange Day meeting, students from Pottsville were given the chance to see how the PAL program differs from their own school. Sophomore Carolina Garza stated, "I had fun during the exchange. It was neat to meet students from another school who are interested in the program!"

ALL EARS

Taking center court during their Homecoming skit are PAL's Sherah Huston and Nicole Hoagland, Aaron Jost, and Emily Reamer. Borrowing from the Disney character Dumbo, the group donned oversize ears to dramatize their focus.



PAL SAYS IT ALL

Posing for a group shot on PAL Exchange Day are students from area schools and members of Holt's group including: L. Patterson, N. Quas-arano, A. Yost, Adviser H. Neiswonger and C. Garza.



Inside Story

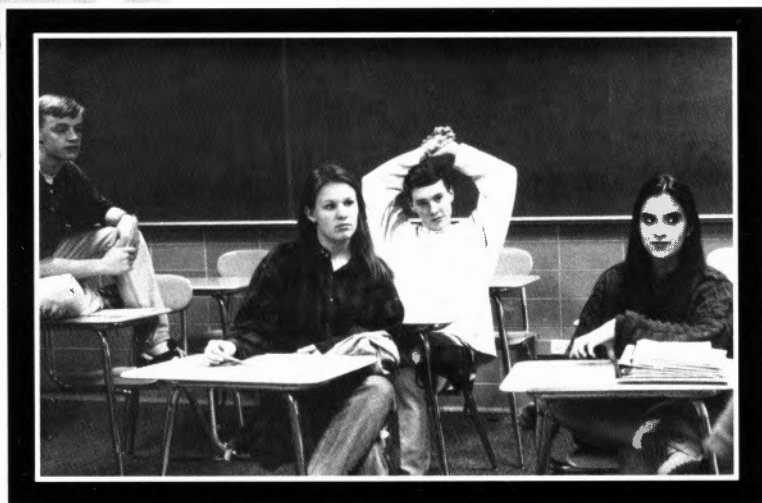
They Talked, We Listened

LET'S TALK

Discussing the day and related school issues during the PAL Exchange concluding session are adviser Heather Neiswonger and junior Lindsay Patterson. Mrs. Neiswonger shared, "I really enjoyed being the Adviser for PALS. They are a great group of kids."

'WELCOME TO OUR WORLD'

Leading the singing for the PAL Homecoming skit is junior Jeanne Pierson.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Listening to the agenda are the Exchange PAL's and their partners. "I showed Barbie Byrum around the school. She liked it because she originally went to Holt before moving to Leslie," recalled junior Aaron Jost.

Peer Assistance Listeners (PAL's) were 14 selected student counselors who helped their peers with problems they may have been experiencing. The program was set up so that students could have someone to talk to besides counselors or teachers. Sophomore Carolina Garza explained, "Students like to talk to students other than their friends that can give them different advice or just listen to them."

Students chose to be PAL's for different reasons. Some liked to talk to others, some were good listeners and some just liked to help. Sophomore Emily Reamer stated, "I wanted to be someone who could help others and be a part of a group that helps the school." Junior Lindsay Patterson added, "I also wanted to be a PAL so that I could help people. Sometimes a person just needs to talk to someone who won't offer advice unless requested. I'm just there for people to talk to."

The program was started two years ago and is advised by Science teacher Heather Neiswonger. "I decided to start the group because I wanted students to have other trained classmates to help them out with problems they might have." Junior Kelly Krause summarized, "This is my second year being a PAL and I feel that I've helped a number of students, whether it's the sophomore orientation, or one-on-one conflicts. It really makes me feel good to help other people."

Part of being a PAL was setting good examples and

having personal goals to achieve. Junior Aaron Kerr related, "My main goal as a PAL was to be someone who other students could trust and turn to for help when they felt overwhelmed by their problems."

PAL's have been involved in many school activities including the Exchange, where some of Holt PAL's visited other schools and they, in turn, visited here. "I think the exchange went really well. I showed two Pottsville students around. They were in awe of how big our school was. They told me they only had one hallway in their school," laughed junior Aaron Jost.

The group put on a skit at the Homecoming pep assembly in which they danced to "Y.M.C.A." with elephant ears on to symbolize that they were good listeners. Sophomore Emily Reamer recalled, "The reason we did the dance was to show everyone who we were and that we were group that could help."

To be a PAL, students had to be nominated or apply for membership. Then, they went to a three-day training program. They learned all different types of problem-solving techniques. Senior Sherah Huston remembered, "When we went to the workshop, we played all kinds of group games. The funniest one was where a person was blindfolded and had to trust the person leading them around. It was kind of scary, but it really made you figure out who you could trust really quick!"

--Katie Yemc

Exploring Diversity

Showing an Appreciation for Culture

A community of cultures was what they were, a group of individuals who set out to learn about the different cultures they were surrounded by each day. Members of the Multicultural Club took it upon themselves to teach others about what they had explored and learned. "I joined the club because I was interested in learning about how other cultures see things differently than I do. I think it is important to learn about other cultures because it increases understanding," commented senior Christy Baisel.

An awareness of how to get along with different groups was important in today's society. Making friends of different racial and ethnic groups was important to many students in the club. "My friends got me interested in the club. They were already a part of it and made me aware of the importance of getting to know what different cultures are like. My favorite event this year was when we went to a debate at Michigan State University and heard a speaker about accepting different cultures in today's society," added junior Heather Willett.

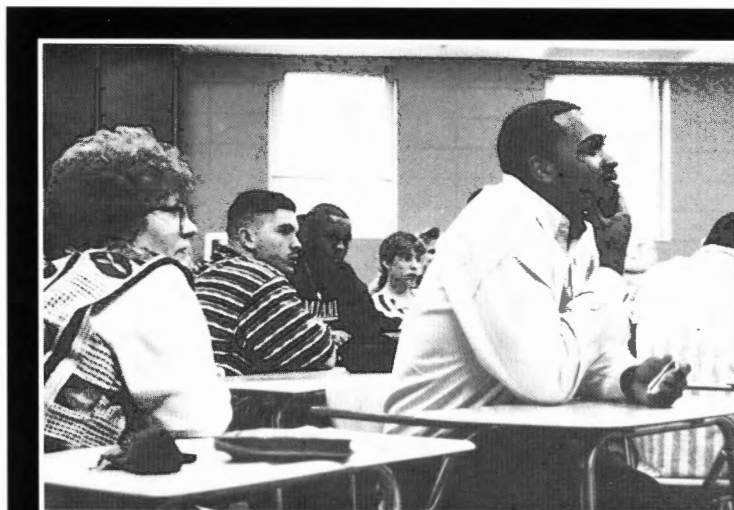
Though the club was centered on discussion, there were a number of other activities planned. "For Black

History Month, we did announcements in the morning to make the students aware of the contributions of black men and women. I feel it is important for every one to know that men and women of black and other racial backgrounds played an important role in the making of America," explained senior Charles Mangum.

Another event the club got involved in was the Ethnic Fair. Many of the members had exhibits that showed the research students had done on different cultures. Posters, live dances, as well as short skits, were performed to educate the audience about different cultures.

Club members felt they contributed their part in educating students. "Our group, like many other extracurricular organizations has had difficulty getting together because of the limited activity periods, and small amounts of time allotted for them. Many members are also involved in other groups that meet during that time. However, I am grateful to know that there is a place for all students who have a concern and appreciation for those who might not have any other connection to our school community," summarized club adviser Nancy Lamphier.

-Lisa Harris Townshend

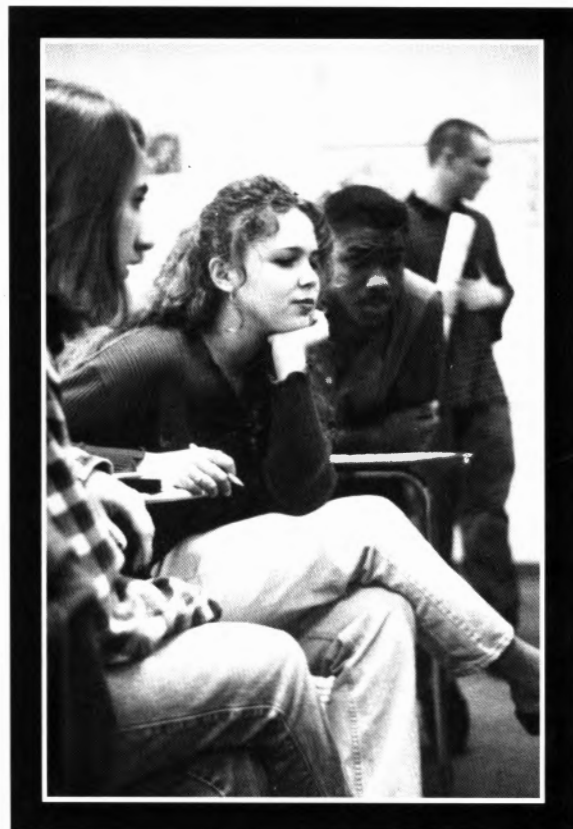


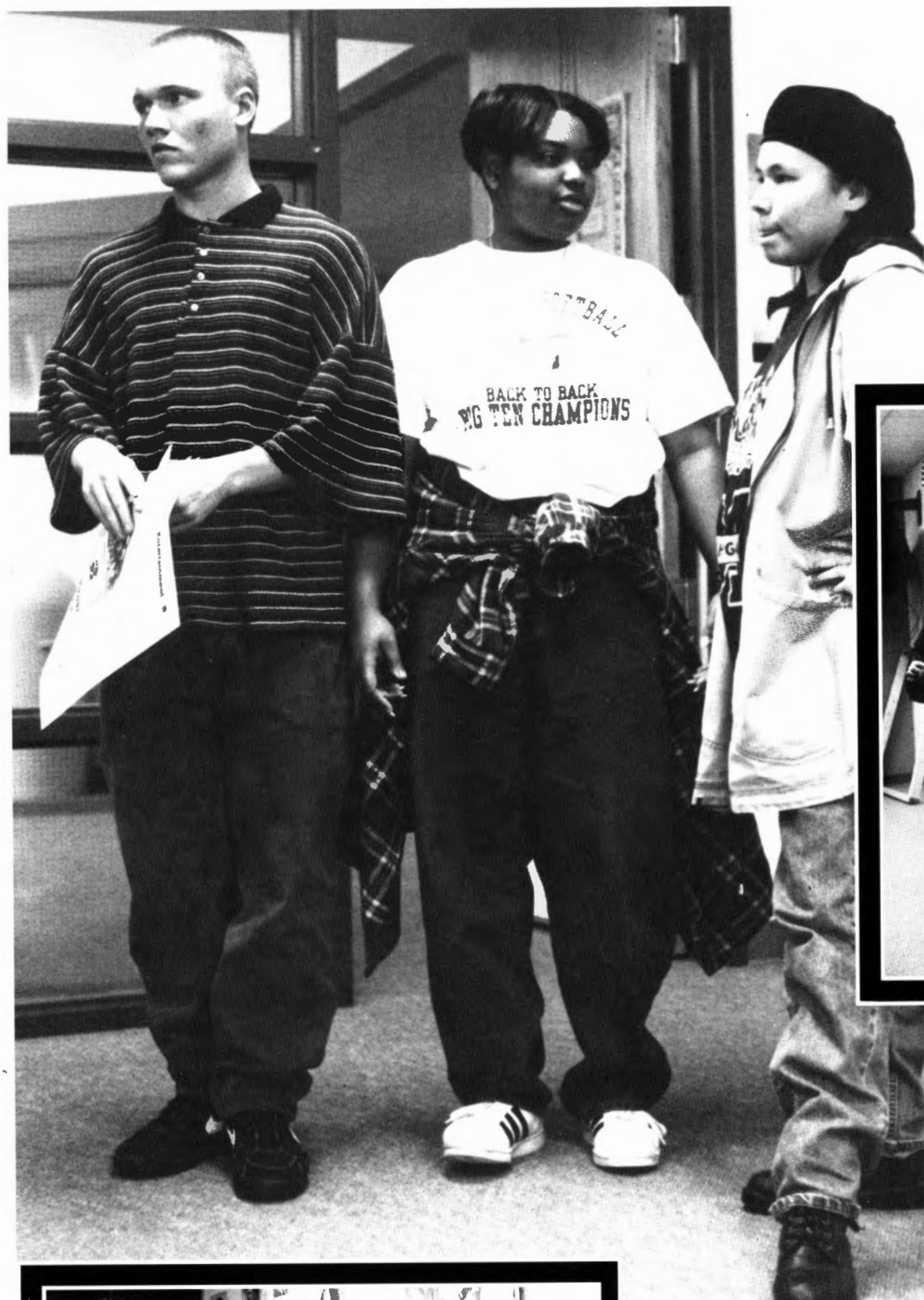
PAYING ATTENTION

Listening to the students run the show are Multicultural adviser Nancy Lamphier and counselor Nelson Bond. The group planned a picnic which was rained out, but a pizza party came to the rescue and all were happy.

CULTURE CHAT

Discussing in small groups what they thought the Multicultural Club was about are seniors Darnell Powers and Lisa Koelzer during an Activity Hour meeting.





TAKING CHARGE

Polling students during an Activity Period to prepare for a Multicultural Club field trip are seniors Dylan Brown, Chereese Ford, and Jamie Roy. Through the Multicultural Club, the trio helped spread cultural awareness throughout the school.



GETTING IT STARTED

Opening one of the meetings are seniors Chereese Ford and Jamie Roy. "I've really enjoyed learning about other cultures, as well as teaching other students about my own heritage," explained Jamie.



EYE TO EYE

Talking about "nothing special" during a meeting are juniors Charles Adado and Joseph Roy. "Sometimes the club was just about being with people from different cultures. It's important to be able to get along with everyone no matter what their heritage is," reflected Charles.



GOR YOU DOWN FOR FOUR PINTS

Registering donors at the Red Cross Blood Drive are junior NHS members Kelly Wardwell, Allison Larsen, and Jenny Johnson.

JUST A LITTLE PIN PRICK

Donating blood at the NHS-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is junior Brian Canen. He was one of several students that helped donate 100 pints of blood to the Red Cross.



FRIENDLY LUNCH

Talking during the combined PAL/NHS Luncheon is sophomore Emily Reamer and senior Danah Henriksen. The get-together helped acquaint members with new students and welcome them to the school.

POWER QUARTET

Bringing a Wednesday afternoon NHS meeting to order are senior officers Neil Steinkamp, Saleha Mohamedulla, Chris Coscarelli, and Michelle Frankenburger. "NHS was very successful this year because the officers and members were very dedicated and worked well together," reflected Chris.

Take It To Heart

NHS Makes Things Happen

ART FOR A CAUSE

Making a poster to promote Give-a-Kid-a-Coat Day is junior National Honor Society member Dave Resio. "The campaign was great because it made us feel like we were doing something really worthwhile for the community and in the process to feel better about ourselves," stated Dave.



ALL SMILES

Wrapping up the student luncheon is senior NHS Vice-President Saleha Mohamedulla along with adviser Jan Wilson. "This year, almost all of the activities were successful, not only because of the contributions everyone made, but because Mrs. Wilson was always there to help us," revealed Saleha.



From cleaning up Holt road to selling Easter candy, National Honor Society members kept busy. NHS emphasized service both in the school and community throughout the year.

They began with 10 members volunteering to collect trash along Holt Road in order to improve the looks of the area. Then members conducted a Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with the Delhi Township Food Bank. A truckload of food was collected and given to the Holt Presbyterian Church for distribution. "The food drive turned out really well because we got the whole school involved to help the less fortunate," explained junior Dave Resio.

Perhaps the largest community activity NHS undertook was the Give-a-Kid-a-Coat drive. Members helped gather 6,000 coats from the Holt, Dimondale, and Mason areas and donated them to the Holt Methodist Church. Senior Laurie Gifford noted, "This year, the drive turned out really well because a lot of NHS members committed their time to make it all possible."

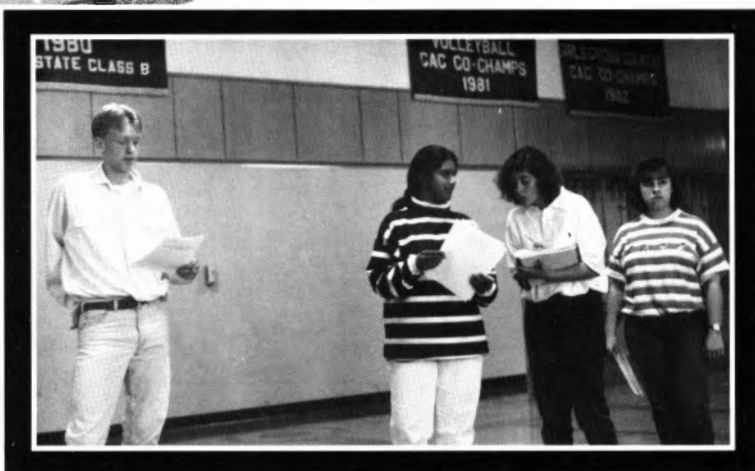
The group also sponsored the annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Junior members Marie Ryckman and Dave Resio co-chaired the event and helped organize it. At the end of the

day, 100 pints of blood were collected and donated to the American Red Cross.

Several in-school activities were also planned. In September, NHS combined their efforts with the Peer Assistance Listeners (PAL's) to sponsor a New Student Luncheon. "We wanted to acquaint the new students with the school, and hopefully, make some friends," explained senior Vice-President, Saleha Mohamedulla. NHS also had two in-school fundraisers, the annual candy stick sale in December and chocolate Easter Bunnies in April. "The sticks sold for 10 cents apiece and were a big hit," explained senior Danah Henriksen. In the spring, students were able to send messages along with the bunnies to their friends for Easter treats. Senior Christine Coscarelli observed, "The Easter Bunny sale was great because everyone had a lot of fun and we actually made enough money to cover our induction costs."

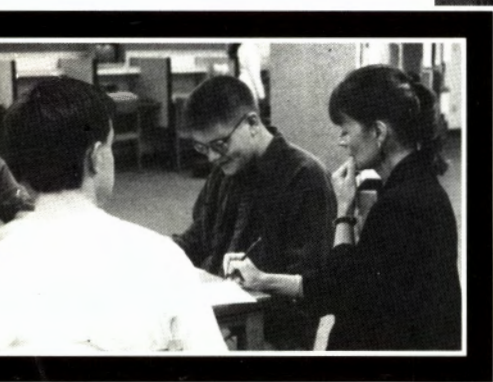
Looking back on the year, students concluded that the entire campaign accomplished their goals. "The blood drive was the most successful activity of NHS because the Red Cross always needs blood and we helped to give them quite a bit," reflected senior Trystin Kleiman.

-Dana Dillon



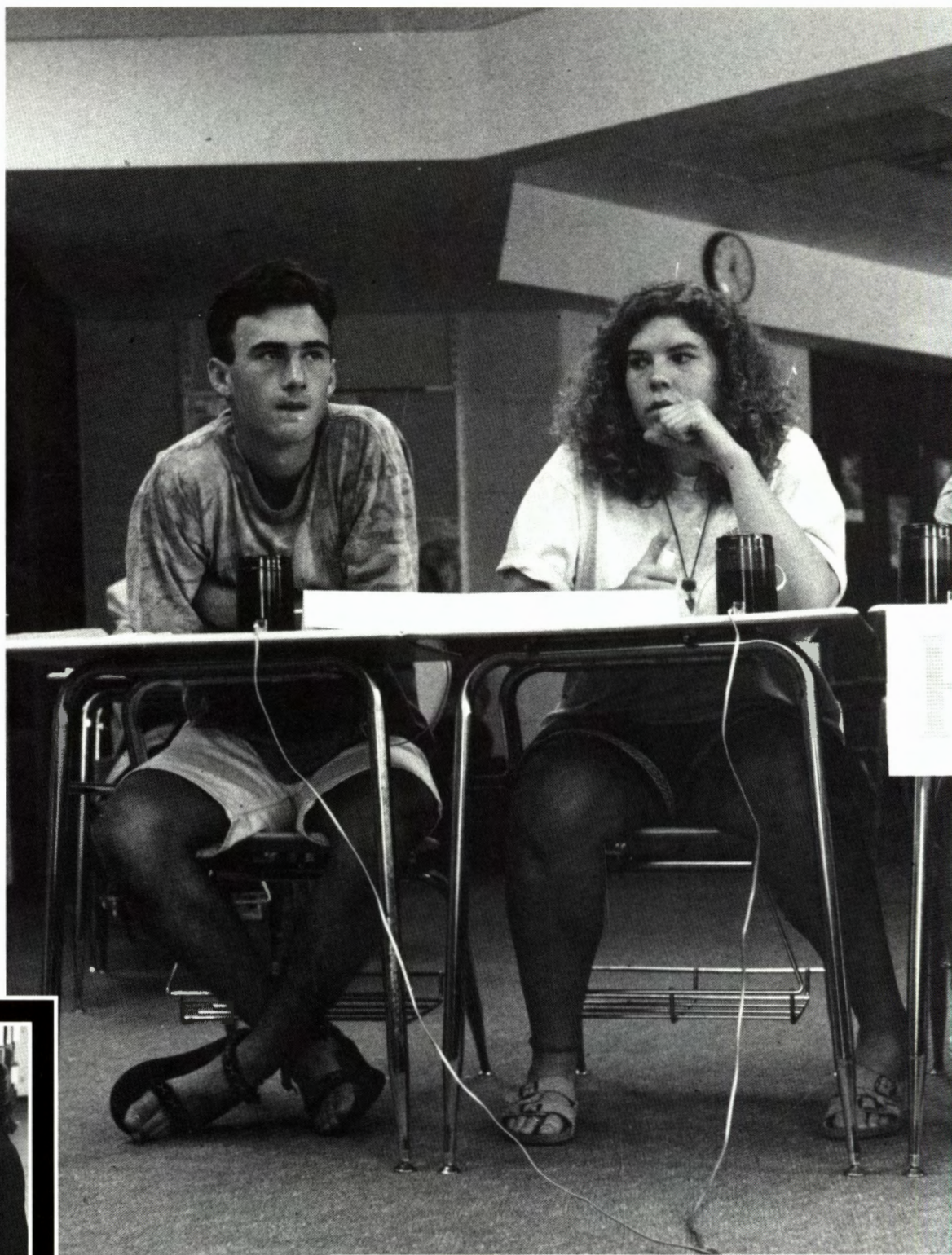
COME ON, GUYS... THINK!

Practicing with coach "Eagle Eye" Georganne Withey keeping score is senior Brian Hines. "Mrs. Withey and Mrs. Gray really helped because they kept our minds going with the variety of questions they asked," explained Brian.



NO, YOU DON'T GET PIECES OF *REAL* PIE!

Practicing early on Wednesday morning are sophomore Joey Mills, junior Eric Knechtges, and senior Brian Hines, along with coach Mary Gray. "It's fun to play Trivial Pursuit with the team, even though I'm not on the team," shared Joey.



QUIZ BOWL TEAM

Top Row: H. Milligan, Coach M. Gray, Coach G. Withey. **Bottom Row:** J. Jewett, B. Hines, E. Knechtges, R. Shock.



THINK ABOUT IT

Waiting for more clues to buzz through their heads are senior Heather Milligan and junior Jeff Jewett during a Capital Area Conference match. "Being in Quiz Bowl is more fun than you can spin on your little finger," smiled Heather.

'GIMME' A QUESTION!

Gearing up for the Greater Lansing Quiz Bowl Invitational are juniors Eric Knechtges, Jeff Jewett, and seniors Heather Milligan, Brian Hines, and Ray Shock. "It's fun seeing my friends showing off their brain power," commented Ray. The event was held at Harry Hill Voc/Tech Center.

Knowledge to the Test *Right at the Buzzer!*



The competition was a publicized game show called Quizbusters, sponsored by WKAR, that aired on weekdays. Some of the team joined because they were good at trivia or were very knowledgeable in certain areas. As a group, the members reported working well together, and being good friends helped. "People in Quiz Bowl get along well, we're like tag-team wrestling... some are better at one subject than another," commented sophomore Steve Godbehere. "The attitudes this year were a little different, in that the new members helped everyone have more of a desire to win the competitions," added senior Brian Hines.

Mary Gray, Quiz Bowl coach of over 10 years, reflected, "I like coaching Quiz Bowl because I like to work

with the students, and see what types of facts and trivia they know." Georganne Withey, coach of nine years, added, "I like working with the kids because I like seeing them using their knowledge quickly. In a classroom setting, kids use their knowledge slowly and are very hard-nosed. However, in the game show they are thinking quickly and are having a good time. It's fun to see the kids put their speed and knowledge to the test."

The team practiced on Mondays, Wednesdays, and during activity periods, with a game of Trivial Pursuit, or a quick quizzing on a published trivia booklet. The booklets, issued weekly, contained information on current events, and asked questions in different areas such as history, mathematics, English and other disciplines.

The group ended the season with a second place finish in the Capital Area Conference. "The team was very competitive, and we did well this season," summarized senior Heather Milligan.

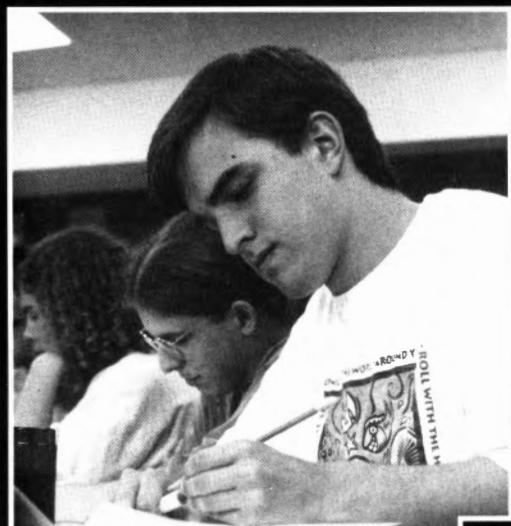
—Kari Reynolds

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Furiously scribbling away during a competition along with team members is junior Eric Knechtges.

CLASSIC CONSTERNATION

During Capital Area Conference play, seniors Heather Milligan and Brian Hines, with juniors Jeff Jewett and Eric Knechtges squint and think hard. "Being in Quiz Bowl is fun because the competition makes things exciting," noted Brian.





Band Booster parents, Pom Pon Coach, Carol Eastman, and Band teacher, Elizabeth Lewis cheer on the band as they perform in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on their Spring Break trip.

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Getting involved in the Homecoming spirit is Orville Hitchens and Patty Flachs of Hitchens Drug Store with their pep truck theme of Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Student Council invited community members, businesses and alumni to participate in the annual Homecoming Parade festivities and a number of groups supported the effort. Hitchens won the theme award.

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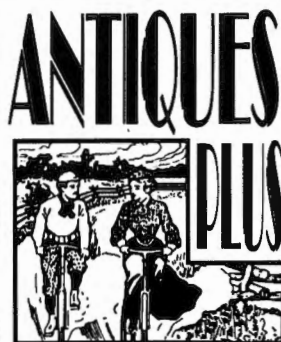
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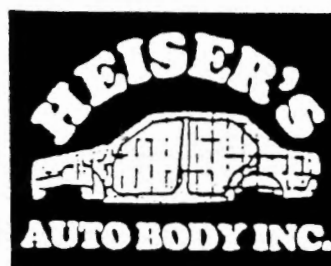
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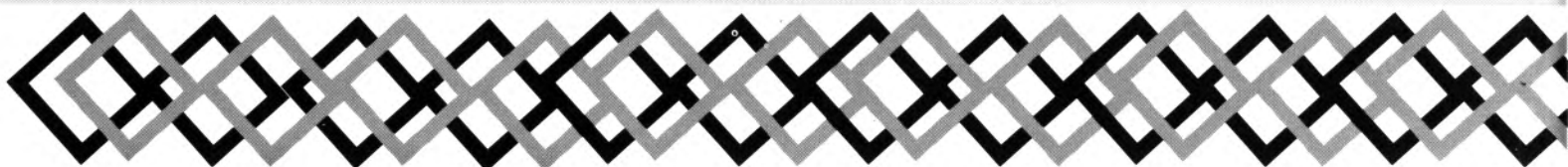
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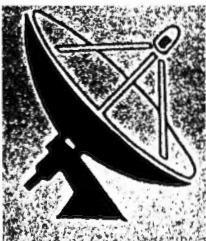
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"There were pot holes, bumps, dirt, and scraps of concrete everywhere. It drove me crazy to drive down Holt Road during the construction," commented sophomore, Chris Carr. Many students agreed that the hassles on Holt Road in early fall were a major inconvenience.

The construction took place to widen the road into four lanes. The addition of more lanes was greatly needed because of increased traffic.

"My, sister, Erin and I were driving down Holt Road on our way to a friend's house. We were going the regular 45 mph speed limit, but then we saw the sirens behind us, so we pulled over. She got a ticket for going too fast in a construction zone. It took forever to get anywhere because it was the most convient road, and during construction, it was a definite pain," complained junior, Brooke Oakley.

The Delhi Township Board wanted Holt Road to be safe while under construction, but of course, some mishaps did happen. "I was driving

towards Scotty's party store, during the construction when a worker jumped out onto the road with the stop sign. He scared me, I had to come to a screeching halt. I thought I was going to hit him," recalled junior, Katie Boulton.

Sometimes the mishaps had major consequences. "I was going a little too fast I guess. I hit some bumps and broke the front two struts of my car," explained senior, Tim Schram.

He was not the only one who had problems, many students had accidents that they were now able to look back and laugh about. "My friends and I were going down Holt Road when I ran over one of those orange cones. It got stuck in my tire. The person who put the cones down that day didn't do a good job at keeping them in line, so it was hard to stay between them. At least we got a good laugh about it," reflected senior, Allison Wood.

Some students were forced to find a new route to school. "I was on Waverly Road, going towards Holt on my way to school. A construction man told us to wait because the truck that was laying asphalt, was in the

Students wait to board the buses to go home on the first day of school. There were a number of delays due to the construction on Holt Road and students experienced many setbacks.



way. After waiting for what seemed like forever, the construction man told us to turn around and go another way. It was so annoying," noted junior, Wendy Kirkham.

The staff felt the frustration as much as the students! "My mom and I drive to school together. The construction was so unpredictable, we never knew if we would have to wait a real long time or not. Sometimes we would just detour down McCue Road," said senior, Nicole Miller, daughter of security guard Mrs. Miller.

A lot of students were late for school, practices, games, meets, and tests due to the unpredictable construction plan. "I was a new student

here; and I didn't really know my way around the Holt area yet. The only route I knew to the High School was by Holt Road. I was trying to get there to take my ACT, and road was closed. I went home to ask my mom another way, but it was already too late, I had missed my ACT," remembered junior, Sara Macaluso.

Many students agreed that the hassles on Holt Road were a pain, but when the road was completed, people were able to get around easier. The change was just one of many that students were put through, due to the constant development of the area.

-Lisa Harris-Townshend

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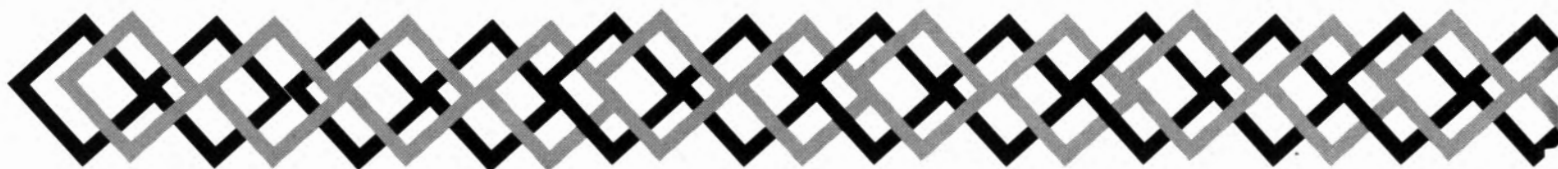
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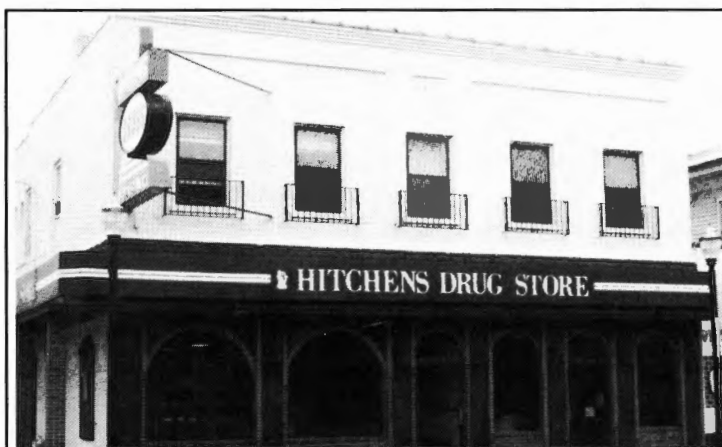
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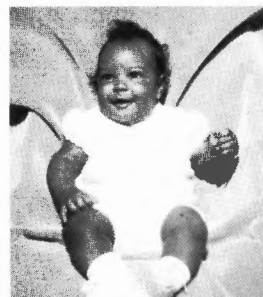
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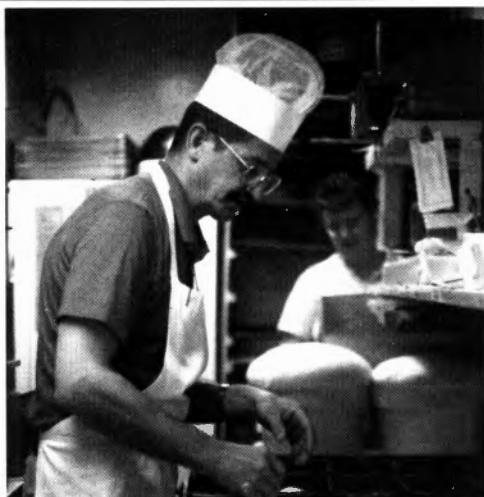
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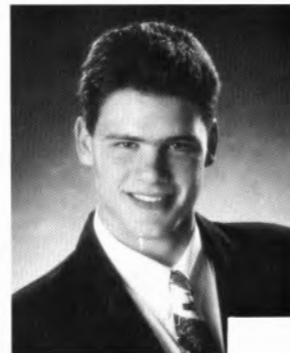
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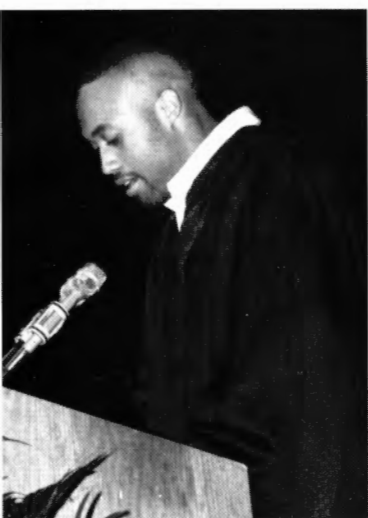
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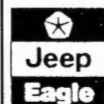


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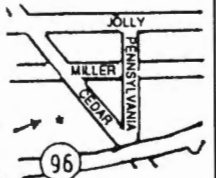
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Get the Big Picture

Holt Rams Boosters Make Up the Difference

The Holt Rams Boosters was the organization that supported the athletic teams financially. They were separated into satellite groups supporting each specific sport. Parent and community volunteers, as well as students all made up Booster membership. The volunteers ran concession stands and organized events such as bingo, golf outings, three-on-three basketball games and steak dinners. With the money raised, they bought uniforms, equipment, and other necessities of the team.

"The Boosters Organization has helped out the Athletic Department immensely. The events planned are fun, as well as helpful to the organization. A great deal of thanks is owed to the parent and community volunteers, as

well as, the Booster organization President Neal Osoff," commented Athletic Director Del Cory.

After the funds were raised, the question of what to buy remained. The parents and coaches carefully decided on what was necessary for the team. "My dad, Dave Baker is the Vice President for the Softball Boosters, and works every night. I appreciate all their help because the whole team is able to benefit. With the money raised, we were able to buy new uniforms, and we built a new concession stand for the softball field," noted senior Cathy Baker.

A number of students helped as well. "My mom, Lynn Bowen volunteered for the pop-can drives, worked basketball and football games, and worked on routing of the team at our swim

meets. Sometimes, my friends and I helped out by working at the concession stands at basketball games," admitted junior Chad Bowen.

Some students that had siblings at the high school were forced to share the valuable time spent with their parents, unless the parents were fortunate enough to have both kids in the same sport. An example of such a case was the Nourse family of junior Amy, sophomore Julie, and their mother Debbie. "My mom was made treasurer of the Gymnastics Boosters. With the money we made, we were able to purchase team leotards and equipment," noted Amy. Julie added, "My mother worked hard every night doing the books for the club. I appreciate this because it makes me feel as

though she cares about what I am interested in."

Sharing time with parents was important to some students. Booster involvement was just one of the ways for parents and students to interact.

In all, the Boosters raised between \$10,000 and \$12,000 last year alone, helping the sports teams with their needs. The money was not the only result of the organization. A certain bond grew between parents and children as well. Many students learned to appreciate their parents' dedication in playing an active role on their behalf. The Holt Rams Boosters have made up the funding difference for sports' programs at the High School to the gratitude of staff, athletes and fans alike.

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Getting the Numbers Straight

Looking over material on a matter under consideration at the May Board of Education meeting is Board member Leon Hank.

Next Order of Business

Keeping to the May Board meeting agenda are Board of Education President, Alton Granger, and Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz.

Worth a Laugh

Enjoying a lighter moment at the May Board meeting are Board members Jim Flinn and Debbie Roeske.



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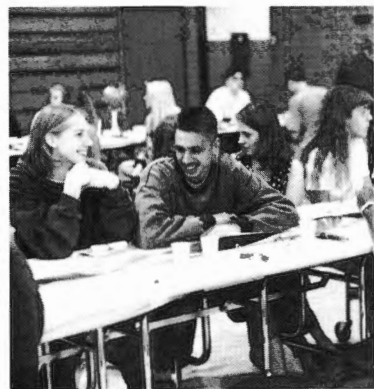
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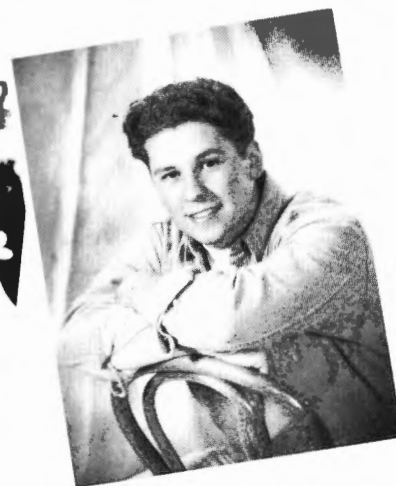
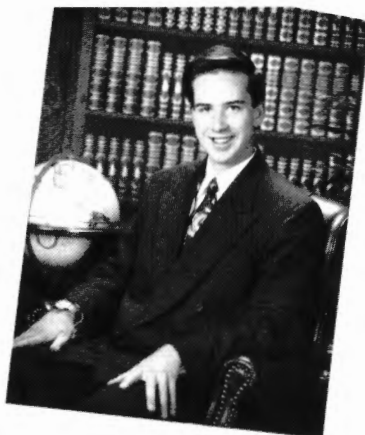


What Room?

Helping a parent to locate a class on their schedule on Parent Exchange Day is office assistant Carol Deadman.

Last Times

Enjoying a talk at Senior Breakfast are Megan Gnass and Jeff Williams. The event was held bright and early Saturday morning, June 10, the day before Graduation.



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With money first on the priority list for many students, part-time jobs became very important. One of the reasons cited most often why students wanted the money was to buy a car. If parents didn't buy one for them, then paychecks from part time jobs were exchanged for wheels. "I wanted a truck and so I got a job to finance it and besides, it gave me something to do," commented junior Steve Kilmon. Another student who worked to finance a car was senior Adrienne Lawrence. She, got a good-paying job with the help of her mother. She explained, "I got a job working at Zales Jewelers. It has taught me responsibility since I wanted a car and had to have a decent job to pay for it."

There were others too who felt that just any job wouldn't do. They expected more from work including different experiences to match their interests. "I work at Advanced Imaging because I am interested in computers. I don't work because I have to, I work because it is a fun learning experience. I also want to save money," reported junior Mike Brown.

If fashion was the motivator, than the mall was a good career move. "Working at American Eagle is fun. I chose to take the job, not because I had to, but because I got really good pay and 50% com-

Hottest Jobs In Town



Sweet Job... Working at Dunkin' Donuts after school part time is senior Kelly Skidmore. She and best friend Shoni Heistand worked there and so, got to see each other a bit more and have fun.

mission on purchases," reported senior DaNeil Alexander.

Others got right into the swing of things with a job that would expand their horizons. Senior Jaime Keyser stated, "Since October I've tutored children at Maple Grove Elementary. Right now I'm teaching kindergarten students which is great because that's what I plan to do after I graduate from college."

Those who were proud of their work often received higher wages. Junior Chad

Lesnieski reflected, "When I first started working at Connxtions Comedy Club I felt out of place because of my age. The other employees were in their twenties, but after they got to know me, they treated me with respect. After a month, I started doing more work than what was in my job description. The managers were surprised and gave me a raise."

To some students money wasn't everything. Those who were interested in a certain field would do anything to work in their career area. "I work at ABC Warehouse. I have chosen a career in electronics because I'm good at it. My whole life I have been interested in that field so now I get to spend my whole life doing it," stated junior Ryan Besko.

Other jobs required a skill that very few people had. Junior Aaron Kerr commented, "I work for a company in South Carolina called Draisen Edwards. It's a musical instrument repair company for which I rehair violin bows."

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**-Kari Reynolds, and
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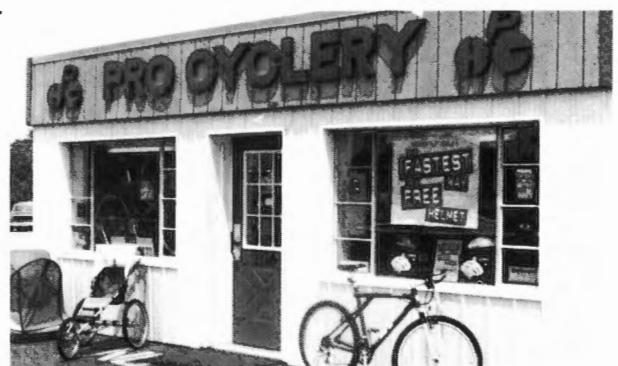
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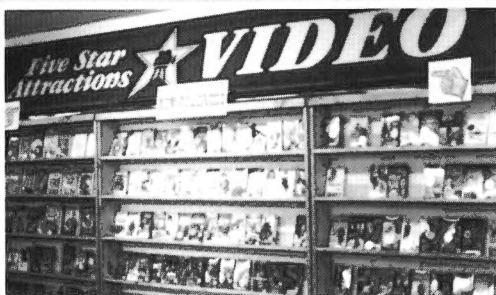


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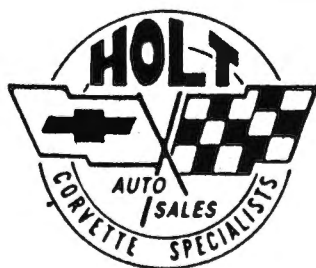
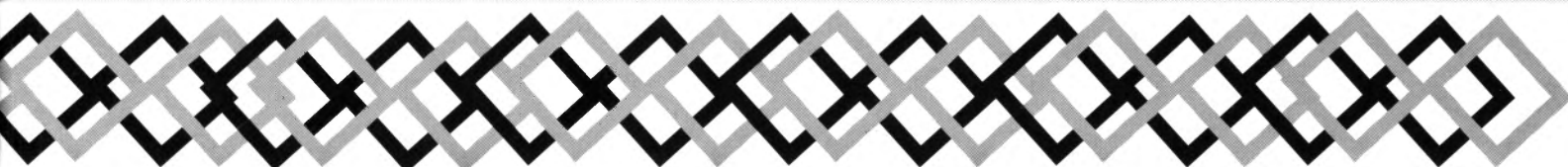


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Getting the straight talk from senior Missy Homan is senior Kristin Boss on the first day of school in Consumer Economics class.

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Chillin' out while donating blood at the NHS Blood Drive is senior Bob Keller.

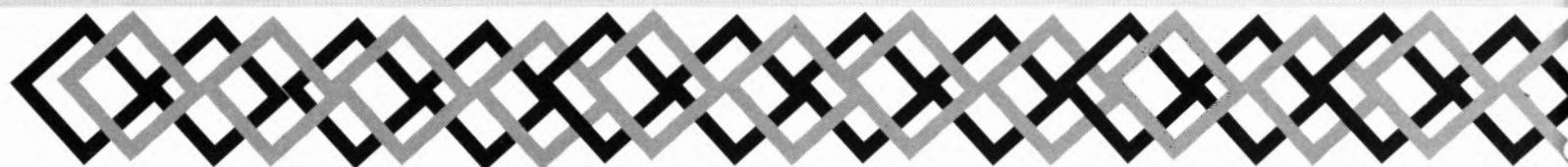


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Taking a breather during practice are Cross Country Coach Jerry Gillett and sophomore Mike Sode.



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Pitching the ball to her opponent at a home game is junior Marie Ryckman. Marie has always loved softball and has played since Little League.





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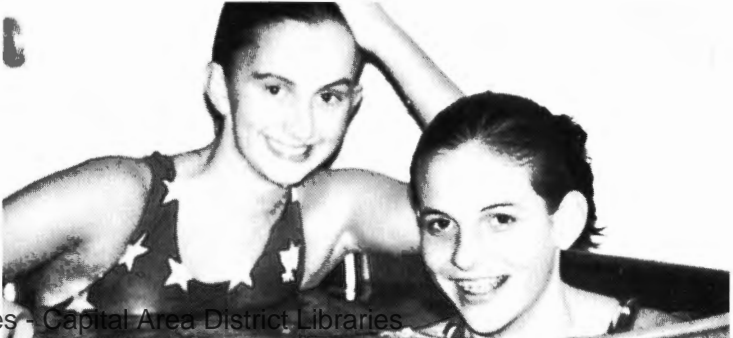
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The class started three years ago and has attracted a number of athletes. Students play different competitive sports and learn the rules of each, including touch football, basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, and when the weather was rainy, swimming. The class was Advanced P.E. with a fee of \$10, but this didn't seem to have any effect on the number of students enrolled in it. The grade depended upon normal criteria except for a dress code which consisted of shorts that would not be normally worn for school and a white tee shirt. Many students elected the class because it was a time to spend with friends, some had neglected to get a gym credit when they were in junior high, while others enjoyed lifting weights and playing sports.

Of the students surveyed, only a couple found something to dislike and that most often was indoor running. Other than that, everyone enjoyed the class. "I took Weight-training because I like the physical activities and it keeps my strength at a good level for sports competition," commented junior Ben Myers who played baseball and tennis. "I took the class to help build my strength for wrestling and to be able to do something I enjoy during school," added junior Bill Stevens.

Weight Training taught students how to lift weights for specific muscles and the

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Over the Top... In for a layup over sophomore Walter Cooper is junior Paul Anderson in a scrimmage between the JV and Varsity teams. Many athletes took Advanced PE and Weight-Training to stay in shape for their sport seasons.

anatomy of them. "Students gain knowledge about the body and how the skeletal system supports the body. Hopefully, they learn how to get stronger, better, faster and develop good feelings about their body and the way it works," commented Coach Mike Smith.

A number of seniors wanted the class, but had to compete with underclassmen for space. "I tried to get the class, but it had already been filled by the time they got to my schedule. I wanted it because I had fulfilled all of my required classes and I thought it would be a change of pace. If they would allow us to take it every year, I would," concluded senior Chris McPhee. **-Chad Lesnieski**



Run Fast and Furious... Getting a drink from Coach Dave Foy after a race at Valhalla Park are Cross Country team members Vanessa Spencer and Jamie Grant. Both girls finished in the top at Regional competition.

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Taking a make-up test for his Geometry class outside his teacher Beth Berwald's room is sophomore Andy Verleger.

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Laughin' It Up

Enjoying a lighter moment in the day in the Senior Lunchroom are Kelly Nastal, Heather Milligan and Josh Baxter.

Dig In!

Diving into the ever popular donuts during an activity period are members of the Junior Class. The treat was in honor of winning the class competition, Penny Wars.



Get the Big Picture

Breakfast On the Run

Students who were too rushed for breakfast had a second opportunity to eat in the cafeteria before school. Yet, few took the lunch ladies up on the service. Lunch Coordinator, Sally Burroughs commented, "I think the breakfast program is worthwhile, but there are only about a half dozen kids eating breakfast every day."

The students had a variety of reasons for not having sampled the fare. Junior Doug Birch echoed many others as he explained, "I don't wake up in time to eat breakfast at school," while junior Gennie Ray reported, "I'd rather eat home-cooked meals."

The breakfast program was a federally mandated program and funded for all school districts with at least 20% of its student body eating free or reduced lunches. These districts had to make breakfast available as of this year to its students. Senior Darnell Powers was one who ventured to try it. He said, "I've eaten there and the food is decent, but I think the prices are a little high."

There is a rotating menu to choose from consisting of fruit or vegetables, milk, meat and bread. Perhaps, more students would take advantage of the benefits a healthy breakfast can bring in the future.

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Digging into a breakfast of bagels and cream cheese are members of the faculty and staff on a Wednesday 'PDS morning.'

A Bit of Green

Putting the fixin's on their salads, students proceed through the salad bar line in the cafeteria and enjoy a healthy lunch. The salad bar was added a few years ago to meet popular demand by students and staff.

Get the Big Picture

The Ladies Who Care

Did you ever stand in the lunch line waiting for your chicken patty sandwich or Salisbury steak and wonder who was behind it all? Well wait no longer, the answers to all of your lunch lady questions are here.

Proceeding to the cafeteria with a nose for news, the answer to the most popular question among students was found. What is Salisbury steak? The answer, a ground beef patty that has been slathered with a seasoned gravy. Yum. Also, the most fun, and the easiest meal to prepare, according to the head of the cafeteria, Sally Burroughs, was the chicken patty or pizza. This was because all one needed to do was reheat them and this was also why they were easy for the other learning institutes of Holt to prepare.

Another interesting fact was that our very own high school cafeteria was the nerve center for the entire Holt district. In this single kitchen, these culinary artists created the bread, casseroles, and deserts for all of

the schools. The ladies received the lunch count early in the day from every district school and had to make enough food to feed all of the hungry little learners of Holt.

For most of us who thought that open-campus had been here forever, there was some news. It actually took effect within the past 10 years. But probably the newest "attraction" to the cafeteria was the taco and salad bars.

One thing that the ladies seemed very concerned about was what could be done to improve their castle. The number one answer was new equipment and more space. This was not too much to want out of life, especially as enrollment increased. And, it must be pointed out that, the life of a lunch lady isn't all fun and games. They must follow rules just the same as you or I. Even though they may not have a lunch lady handbook, they do have to follow sanitation and food preparation guidelines and laws.

One last question actually occurred to me early on. Why are they all maidens? Why aren't there any lunch lads? Well, the last time there was a job opening, two men applied, but only



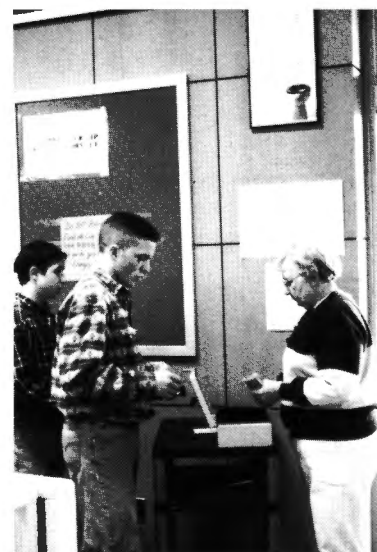
Cookin' Up a Storm

Preparing the lunch of the day is Addie Mutch, while a co-worker mans the snack bar line. The snack bar was a popular choice of many students along with the taco and salad bar.

one ever responded and then he never showed up for his interview. Maybe guys just felt that they would be out of place. Perhaps someday, they would realize that there was no such thing as a man's or a woman's job and if men get the urge to be a culinary creator of school lunches, then they should pursue it.

Finally, a little rule to live by was, be nice to your local cafeteria staff. Next time you're eating your ground beef patty that has been slathered with gravy, just remember, it came from the lunch ladies who care.

~Jason Yuhasz



Working Away

Reading over her copy assignment is senior Kelly Skidmore in Beginning Publications class.

Sun and Work

Making it a little easier to finish up the year's work, members of the yearbook staff, Lisa Harris-Townshend and Bobbijo Larkins get a little sun in the courtyard.



Get the Big Picture

Getting their bearings on the year, the Rampages staff faced the job at hand and made periodic reality checks to be sure they were on target.

Starting with the cover a new approach was taken--simple yet, classic to match the serious tone of the year. Brown leatherette cover material was embossed with gold foil application and metalay. Going to press on 100# enamel paper stock, the book was bound in 150 point board and rounded and backed with headbands. Endsheets were beige stock printed with Engravers Brown ink.

Process color was used on a signature and 4-page tip-in in the Senior Section, as well as on a multiple in the opening of the book. Spot color usage was with process inks in both sections plus the additional use of Engravers Brown in the opening.

The body copy was typeset in 10 point and caption copy in 8 point Bookman, while various uses of more decorative type including Reporter Two, Arcadia, Aachen Bold and Mistral were used for headlines. A simple approach with large full page dominants for

dividers was taken along with the use of photography as a design element in the Student Life and Organizations sections. Borrowing from current magazine trends one-pica wide photo frames were used along with a photo-collage effect in the Student Life section and sidebars in the Academics section. Contributing much of the photographic effort were Jada Bowden, Megan Ketchum, Jeff Reynolds, Julie Smith and Aaron Kerr.

The book went to press at Jostens American Yearbook Company's Topeka plant with the assistance of Michael Lafferty as Sales Representative and Rod Evans as In-Plant Consultant. Computer hardware assistance was provided by Practicom of Holt and programming was given a major boost by Julie Smith, Edward Murray and Elizabeth VanDyke. The end was in sight with their help and a few more reality checks.

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The judging is still out on the 94 book for Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. The 93 book earned the All-American Honor Rating from NSPA. The *Ramparts* Newspaper earned a First Place Rating from NSPA and an Award of Merit from MIPA.



Community Views

Poolside during a family reunion are Forest and Alicea Darling photographed by Jada Bowden during late summer. Jada took a Photography class at the MIPA summer journalism camp and went on to win Honorable Mention in the On-Site contest at the Spring MIPA Conference.

A doll on the couch by Jada Bowden (below).



Enjoying time with granddaughter Alicea is Don Darling. Photo by Jada Bowden

Sitting at the end of a bicycle rack is Justin Bowden. "Through thick and thin of experimental photo shoots, Justin proved to be a patient model," noted Jada Bowden.



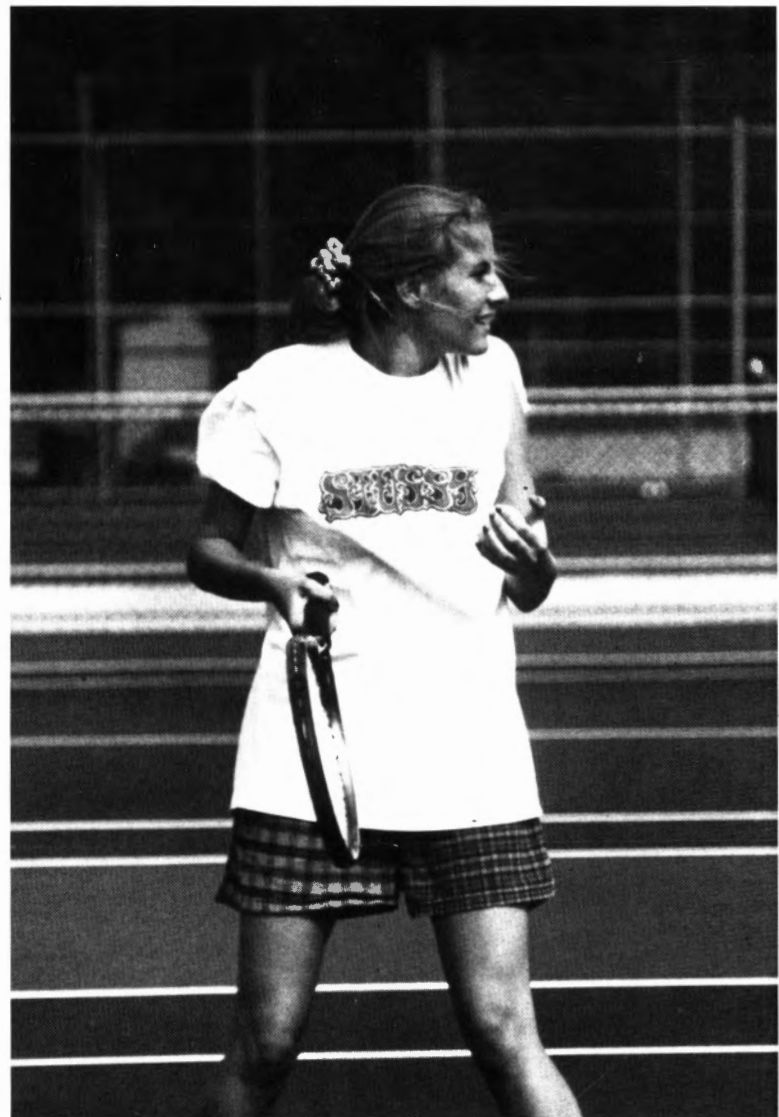
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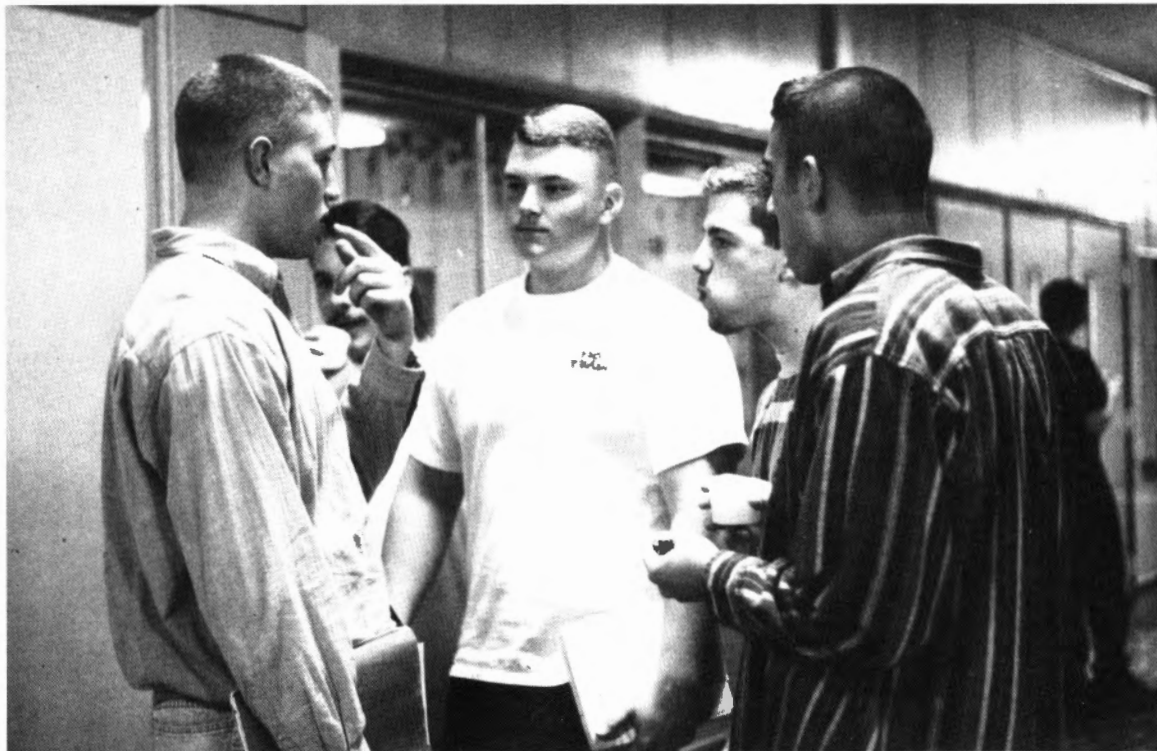
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Serious State of Mind

The end was finally in sight, the school year almost over. All in all, it had been a learning experience that made more than several heads turn to take a reality check. Seniors were ready to move on while juniors and sophomores awaited the final bell. Though everyone had their special moments and sense of humor, the year had been a serious one.

Student Council was intent on making Winterfest a success which helped lift spirits between pile after pile of snow. Band members made marching at Disney World a reality that took a lot of serious fundraising and practice, while the Choir and Director Monty Bishop had their hands full making the Spring Musical, "Bye Bye Birdie", a hit.

In the last few days of school when some classes were winding down, others were still getting the job done. Media and Society students found the reality of putting together a quality senior video exacting. Consumer Economic classes gained a new awareness of just how much it took to sell Rampaign 1000 raffle tickets to fund their school charity project.



Serious Fun

Photo by Katie Yenc

Taking a break from working on the senior video to pose for the camera are seniors Elijah White, Nicole Miller, Mike Luce and Mark VanBuren. The video was shown at Commencement.





"The accident re-enactment went pretty well. It kept the audience intrigued and everything seemed to keep flowing."

-Senior Troy Frayer
driver of the vehicle with seniors Jaime Keyser and Julie Kent (left) being treated for whiplash in the SADD sponsored event prior to Prom.

Photo by Megan Ketchum



In the Spotlight

Singing a solo in her leading role in the Spring Musical, "Bye Bye Birdie", is sophomore Stephanie Ewald. It was a new agenda with non-Choir members able to audition for parts.

Change of Scene

Making the set of "Bye Bye Birdie" a reality are senior Paul Stewart and sophomore Elizabeth Carter. Paul noted, "We got more paint on each other than the canvas!"

One Last Look

With the new administration in charge, rules were strictly enforced and no more casual tardies allowed. Teachers, administrators and students thought a little harder about doing what was right and not just what was easier.

A number of athletic teams also stopped to take a reality check during their seasons. The Boys' Varsity Basketball team had to put things back together again when their starting forward, Ben Bakken was injured and out for the rest of the season. The Girls' Track team had some fierce competition to face on their way to a repeat of the CAC title. Winning and losing brought the players and coaches face-to-face with their teams' strengths, weaknesses and potential to overcome. Many clubs were also determined to get things done right. Once again, Science Olympiad took first place at Regionals and NHS beefed up its community service work while revising its rules for membership.

In the end, most everyone was ready for summer break, but not without taking one last look to make sure final exams were taken seriously. Many left feeling that they had taken the right readings and evaluated their decisions with both foresight and hindsight. The reality checks had paid off.

-Dana Dillon



The Right Combination

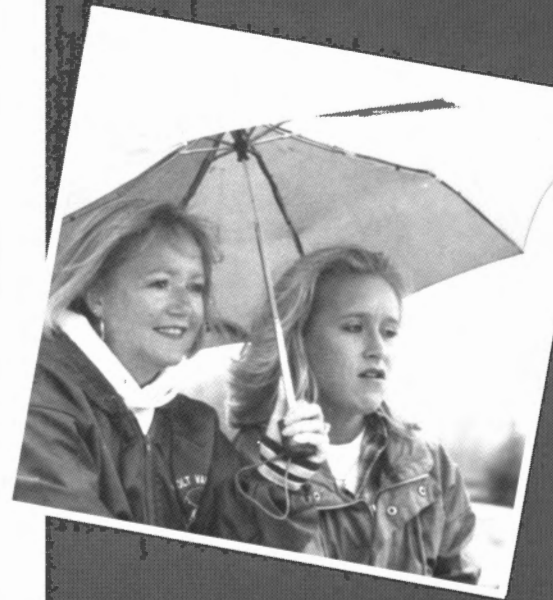
Practicing with the pit band for the Spring Musical is Band Director Tim Parry with junior Joe Zimmerman and sophomore Brad Clugston.





"Prom was exciting and the way the Lansing Center was decorated made the night memorable."

--Junior Brian Canen dancing with senior Monika Kinney on the floor of the Lansing Center during the Junior-Senior Prom held Sunday, May 28.



True Fans

Waiting for the rain to stop and for senior Jason Buckner to make a play in the Varsity Baseball game is sister Bree Buckner and mother Mrs. Silvey. They were just two of the dedicated fans who came to root on players despite the rainy spring sport season.

Touching Base

Pausing for a few remarks after the Baccalaureate program in Pernert Auditorium are Assistant Principal Dean Manikas, Principal Brian Templin and Athletic Director Del Cory.



For the Record

Pausing for one last shot before moving on to the reality of the real world and their future are graduates David Ried, Eric Corey, Joey Vartanian, Ryan Brookes, Jeff Schultz and Jason Buckner at the MSU Breslin Center where Commencement was held June 11.



This isn't Happening To Me!

The element of surprise catch Sarah Entenman and Adrienne Lawrence as their Mock Election awards are announced at Senior Breakfast. The traditional poll was a final reality check for how peers viewed senior standouts.

REALITY CHECK