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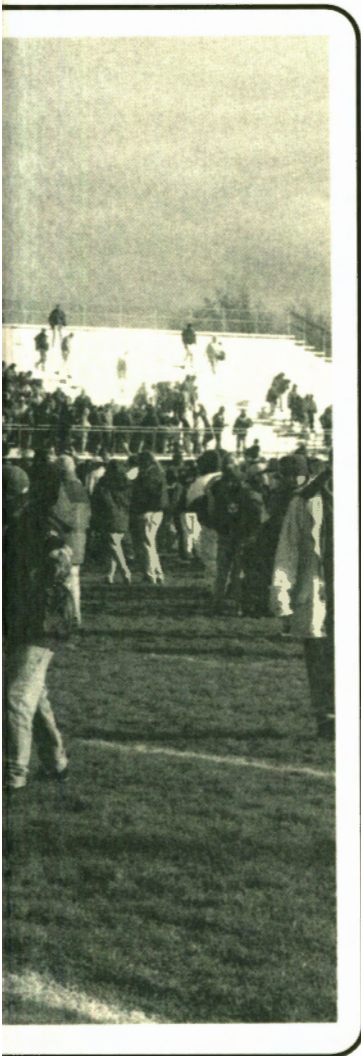
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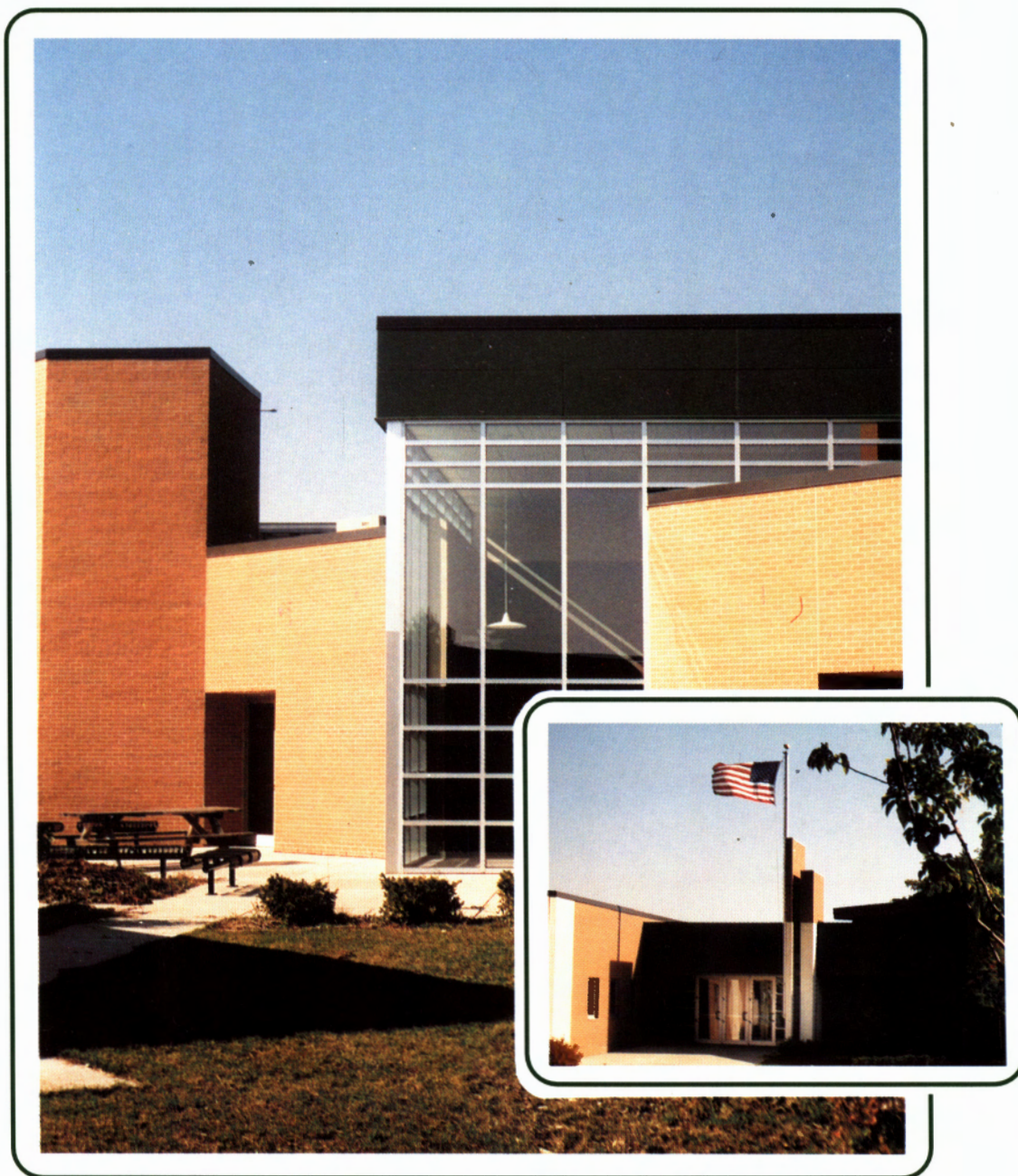


Shout for Glory

Proudly waving their victory banner, students flood across Troost Field at the conclusion of the game against Bay City Central. The Rams defeated the Wolves 14-12 in front of a capacity crowd during the first round of Class AA State Football finals.



Glory Days



In All Its Glory

Bathed in the afternoon sun, Old Glory flies high above the entrance to Holt High School. Built in 1959, a new addition was added in 1992 giving the building a new look and the community revitalized pride in their high school. It was the scene of a year of renewed honor echoing back to the glory days of the 1971-72 school year.

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Let the Good Times Roll

Shouting for Glory

Cheering on the football team at the Pontiac Silverdome are seniors Christina DeWitt and Aaron Jost. Chris reflected, "It was really cool because it was my senior year and we finally won CAC's and made it to the Silverdome. It was a totally awesome experience."

These were the days, the glory days, the days of state wrestling and football championship finals, 26 first place rankings at Band Festival, and Regional Science Olympiad winners. The school was focused on what it took to succeed in all areas. The buzz word was community from the pep assemblies to Ram bumper stickers on township police cars. Fans went all out in support of the school and athletic teams parading floats at Homecoming, hanging brown and gold signs at local businesses and turning out for conferences and Parent Exchange Day.

The Homecoming theme of "Somewhere in Time" went hand in hand with the glory days of 1971-72, when the football team went undefeated and the wrestlers were state champions.

The seniors chose the ever-intriguing hippie era of the 60's and 70's, dedicating their hall decorations to rock legends while upper-classmen led the Varsity Football and Wrestling teams again to the State Championship playoffs.

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Huddle Up!

Getting their spirits ready for the big Homecoming game is the Varsity Football team. Senior Doug Birch revealed, "The team was pumped up and ready to put Jackson away because last year we lost to them in the second half." Giving last minute sideline instructions before his players return to the field is Head Coach Mike Smith. In his second year at the job, Smith led his team to the Silverdome and the Class AA State Finals Championship game. The State runner-up position and Capital Area Conference title were the crowning glory to a season of believing.



Glory Queen

Senior Brandy Hill sports her Spirit Day crown at Ed Monroe's house while she helps build the float. "I remember coming to school in tight pale green bell-bottoms and big afro puffs to show my school spirit on Theme Day."

"Tim Hurlbert and I played a trumpet duet to 'Aztec Fire' during the light show. We were chosen because we were first and second chair, so, I guess that makes us pretty good. Someday I would like to play for the Spartan Marching Band."

--Junior Brad Clugston

at the Homecoming halftime show on October 6



SPIRIT

was really high all season long. Playing at the Dome is something I will never forget. The loss was hard to swallow, but when you think about it, just being there was a great accomplishment. It is something you will talk about with your teammates forever. Our freshman coaches always said, if we stayed together, we would go to the Dome."

--Senior
Steve
Robedeau



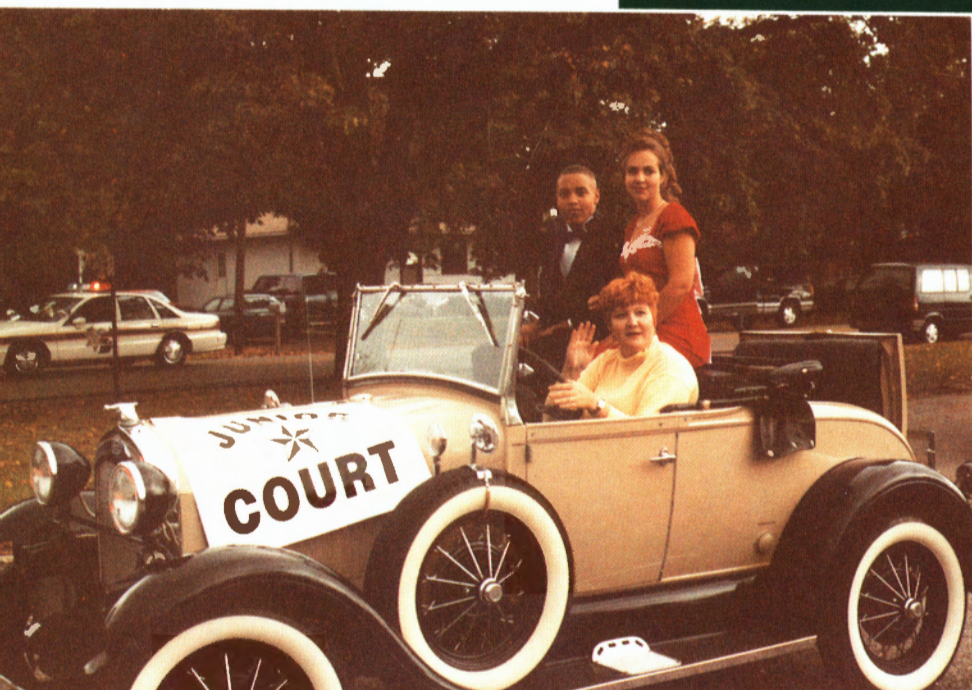


Petal Pushers

Finding the nice side of work are sophomore Student Council members Katie Wilkerson and Elyse Puruleski. They volunteered to help sort carnations for a Homecoming fund-raiser. "I thought that it would be so much fun, and it was, but it also took some work. There were a lot of carnations," admitted Katie.

Classic Tradition

Riding in the Homecoming parade are Junior Court members Amanda Taylor and Walter Cooper. "Homecoming was more than just being on court, it really brought the Junior Class together. Being with Walter was the greatest. He kept a smile on my face even when it was raining," recalled Amanda.



Blaze of Glory

Academically, the school was represented by three National Merit Finalists, Jeff Jewett, Aaron Kerr, and Eric Knechtges. The Junior Class boned up for the state's new High School Proficiency Test and seniors got a jump start on life after high school at College Night.

National Honor Society generated thousands of community service hours culminating in the Blood Drive. The Debate and Forensics teams competed in an all day tournament at Holland, Michigan, taking a first place overall. In the events line-up, the cast turned "The Miracle Worker" into a student-owned show from the set building to the acting. The lights shone in a blaze of glory during matinee and evening performances motivating students to audition again for the Spring Musical and their spot in the limelight. When students chose the 'high road', and brought some spirit to their cause, there was the promise of moments of glory for their effort.

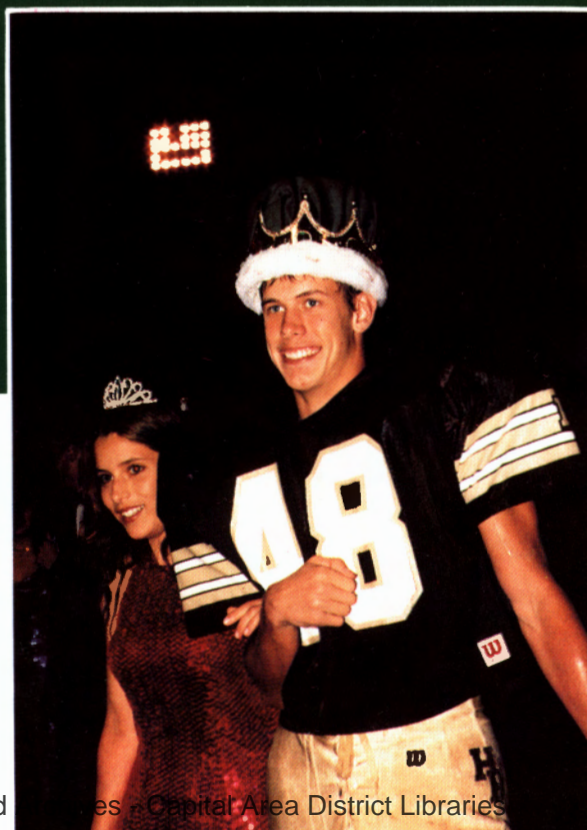
"I think everyone was really spirited and had a great time at the Homecoming game and dance. Being a senior made Spirit Week even more memorable."

--Senior Laura Ososkie



Taking the Throne

During the Homecoming coronation, King Chris Sherry and Queen Beth Wilkerson share the spotlight with Princess Laura Harger and Prince Steve Robedeau being crowned by former queen Cherese Ford. "I was disappointed because our team wasn't performing to the best of their ability. When I returned to the field after being crowned King at halftime, my spirits were raised and I was ready to play hard," explained Chris.



his was my first year as a drum major, and I loved it. I not only led the band, but I also met a lot of cool people."
--Junior Lance Davis

leading the Marching Band into the stadium with senior drum majors Kelly Nastal and Christina DeWitt on Homecoming night.

These Are the Days!

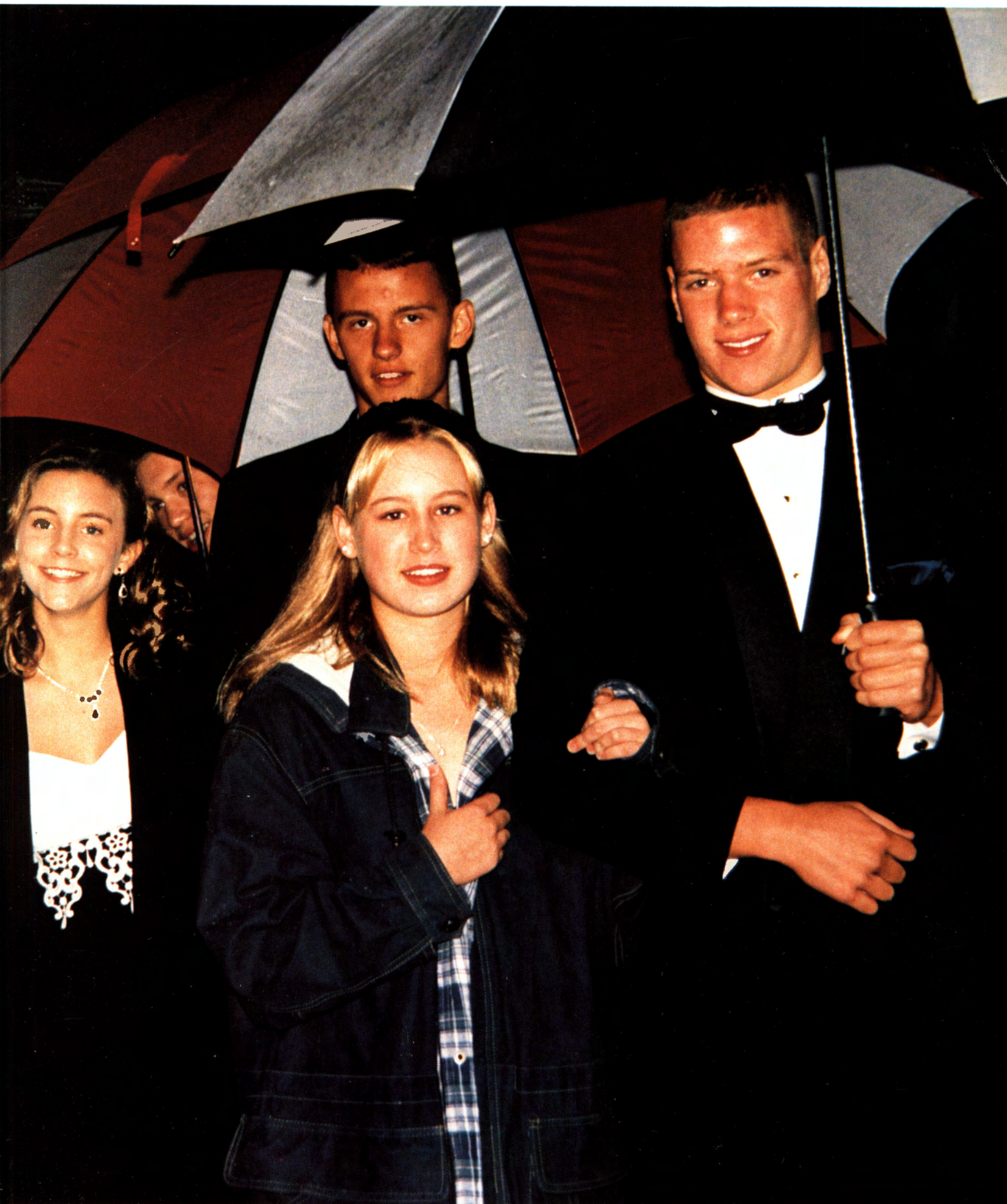
*"I felt honored to be chosen by my friends
and classmates to be on Homecoming Court.
I had a great time at the dance, and the night
was very special."*

—Sophomore Jonie Smith

Moment of Glory

For the first time ever, freshman representatives Kelly Trimmer and Jeff Beard lead the Homecoming Court onto the field for the halftime Coronation. They were followed by sophomore representatives Jonie Smith and Mike Laur. The rain poured down on Troost Field just prior to halftime on October 6 soaking students and parents.







PEACE

Regressing back to the 60's era during Spirit Week is senior Jeff Reynolds. "Theme Day was definitely the best. I really didn't get too involved in past years, but as a senior I had to showmyspirit," commented Jeff. The seniors won the spirit award and first place for hall decorations.



FAR OUT!

Striking a hippee pose in Graphic Design class are seniors Mandy Coe, Jim Lenon and Sara Woulf on Theme Day. "It was fun to make believe for a day. I liked it when the teachers told us about how they remembered dressing in clothes like these," shared Mandy.



Entering the high school in their pajamas, robes, and slippers, the popular Get Up and Go Day was a hit for sleepy heads who had a hard time getting ready for school at the crack of dawn. Animal slippers, fuzzy robes, and old stuffed animals crowded the halls for the beginning of Spirit Week. "I loved Get Up and Go day, because that was exactly what I did! I wore my moose slippers, my most comfortable pajamas, and my warm fuzzy robe. The whole outfit was almost too comfortable, I kept dozing off in class," admitted senior Lynn Felton.

Hat Day that followed was one of the very few days students could arrive at school in their favorite baseball cap. Senior Brandy Hill took advantage of the easing up of the hat rule. "I really liked Hat Day because I didn't have to do my hair. I just threw a hat on and went to school. It was so much easier!"

Next came Hick Day. While not as many students dressed up for the occasion, those who did, got many laughs and giggles with their cowboy and farmer attire. Senior Bobbijo Larkins recalled, "I remember when Joe Zimmerman walked into Health class. He was missing his shoes, wearing overalls, a straw hat, and a sign around his neck that read Billy Bob, the brother."

Thursday was traditional Brown and Gold day, an occasion for students to unite and proudly wear their colors. "I was really excited about Homecoming. I was so honored when I saw my name on the ballot for Homecoming Court. It made me really get into the spirit of the whole thing. Even though there was a lot of competition between the classes, I think everyone really came together," recalled sophomore, Eric Braid.

While the days sped by, the competition between classes grew. By Friday, all the posters, hall decorations, and assembly accessories were completed. The day began for some as early as 5:00 a.m. The halls were decorated with themes from "Somewhere in Time." The sophomores picked the 80's and came to school dressed in bright colors, punk hair and tee shirts. Their hall had records hanging from the ceiling with the era's biggest hits labeled on each one, along with

the creation of a cemetery resembling the popular 'Thriller' video. All the hard work paid off when the class tied for first place with the seniors.

The juniors picked medieval times, decorating their hall as a castle dungeon with bricks, cob webs and a beheading by the grim reaper. "It was a bit easier to think of something to do for our float than it was for the hall decorations. It was hard to come up with ideas of what to hang on the walls of the castle," remembered, junior Beth Lund

The seniors picked the hippie era of the 60's and 70's along with disco and John Travolta who made strutting in polyester a popular past time. Senior Brooke Oakley was one of the many who came to school before dawn to put the finishing touches on the hall, "In the middle was a disco ball, surrounded by Christmas lights that hung up and down the hallway. At the entrance were tie-dyed sheets that read, Break on Through to the Senior Side, a take off from the popular Doors' song.

Finally, it was time for the traditional Homecoming assembly. Senior emcee Rachael Patrick found it a challenge to keep her voice above all the screams of the competing classes. The Pep Band played loud while the Flag Corp, JV and Varsity Cheerleaders, and Pom Pon Squad performed routines.

The freshman were enthused about being in-



MEDIEVAL FASHION

Spirit with a medieval kick reigned for junior Chrissy Richter working on a project in Graphic Design class with Adam McKimmy on Theme Day. "We wore princess hats that had Class of '97 written on them. It was a lot of fun to do something united as a class," recalled Chrissy.

cluded in the High School celebration for the first time and sported a 50's rock and roll soda shop theme with their float. All the classes took on the challenge of making the days memorable and many reaped their glory.

SOMEWHERE IN TIME

CALLING THE SHOTS

Decorating their hall with an 80's theme on Thursday afternoon of Spirit Week are sophomores Marcie Stambaugh and Whitney Hoagland. "All the hard work paid off when we tied with the seniors," said Whitney.

By Lisa Harris

As Friday, October 6, approached, many students were wondering if "Mother Nature" was planning a repeat of last year's weather. Thursday night, forced inside by rain, students attempted to put the finishing touches on their floats for the parade. The rain kept falling on and off all day and seemed to hit its hardest at the worst times, right in the middle of the parade and later in the evening during the halftime coronation. Although the rain was persistent, it didn't seem to dampen students' spirits.

"As soon as halftime began, it started to pour, so my friends and I ran under the bleachers with the rest of the crowd and watched it from there," stated senior Lisa Harris.

With a 12-6 win over Jackson, the Varsity Football team brought their record to 6-0. The Homecoming game was a defensive battle until midway through the third quarter when Steve Robedeau recovered a fumble at the Rams' three yard line setting up a Justin Dungey score. A missed extra point left the score 6-0.

A second opportunity came again on a fumble recovery by Tom Welsh early in the fourth quarter. The offense went 18 yards on five plays as Paul Anderson scored on a seven-yard option. The two point conversion failed leaving the score 12-0. Despite a 76-yard touchdown pass, the Rams held on to win 12-6. "Although we didn't play our best, good teams find ways to win," reflected junior Matt Allen.

Backing up the Friday night enthusiasm was a week of spirit which reached its' height at the pep assembly during sixth hour. A gym of rowdy teenagers got together for a little 'class on class' competition along with moral support for the Football team. It began with lots of cheering and continued with the wheelbarrow race, pass the orange and, teacher Dan Ernst hosting 'The Loud-mouth Jug Contest.'

As the Homecoming parade congregated at 4:00 p.m., the skies were threatening and students prepared to deal with rain on their parade. Senior Court member Jenny Johnson recalled, "It poured at the end and Steve Robedeau and I were in a convertible. I slid into the back seat which was very uncomfortable with a dress on."

In the float competition the juniors captured first place bragging rights with their rendition of

a medieval castle. The sophomores took second with their "Thriller" theme and the freshmen took third with their soda shop scene from the 50's. Sadly, seniors walked away with fourth for their Apollo 11 rocket scene. Joining the Homecoming Court in the parade were area businesses and alumni, as well as, SADD members with their 1920's gangland drunk driving accident. The Marching Band, Color Guard and Pom Pon squad provided the parade music and beat.

Reigning over the halftime coronation were King Chris Sherry and Queen Beth Wilkerson, while Steve Robedeau and Laura Harger served as prince and princess. The freshmen were enthused about being included in the High School celebration represented by two court members, Kelly Trimmer and Jeff Beard.

After the victory over Jackson, students went home to dry out and returned on Saturday to attend the Homecoming Dance. King Chris Sherry commented, "I had a great time at the dance and it was due mainly to the fact that so many people showed up. It was a lot of fun."

Though a little cold and wet crept into the celebration, the winning game and week of spirit went down in the record book of glory.



SMILE WIDE!

After being crowned prince and princess, Steve Robedeau and Laura Harger smile amid camera flashes on Troost Field. Both seniors were involved in sports and clubs and were recognized by their peers as unique. A member of the Cross Country and Track teams, National Honor Society and Lansing Junior Symphony, Laura noted, "To do all these things, I have to love what I'm doing which helps me stay motivated."

LET IT RAIN!

Striking a pose, yet keeping dry during the halftime coronation, are Homecoming King and Queen Chris Sherry and Beth Wilkerson. "During the first and second quarter, the weather was great, but when halftime hit it began to pour," commented Chris.

RAIN ON THE PARADE

By Julie Smith and Heather Willett



BACK TO THE FIFTIES

Enjoying their first Homecoming are members of the Freshman Class as they dance to the soda shop sounds of fifties 'Rock N Roll' complete with hula hoops, poodle skirts, and saddle shoes.



HIGH SPIRITS

The Homecoming parade's hours of careful planning were evident as groups lined up on Sycamore Street. Halfway through, the rain poured, but spirits stayed high as students chanted and cheered along the way.

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or the 4,000 fans that showed up at Troost Field, it was a classic football game. Undefeated Holt hosted undefeated Jenison in Class "AA"

Regional finals with the winner advancing to play in the state semi-finals.

With a snow covered field, scoring would be nearly impossible and it was for four quarters. Five first downs for each team was spread throughout the game making special teams that much more important. The closest the team came to reaching pay dirt was on the opening drive. The Rams fought their way to the 15-yard line before senior quarterback Paul Anderson threw one of his four interceptions on fourth down. The defense turned the Wildcats away, no bigger play coming than one in the fourth quarter when senior Justin Dungey sacked Wildcat quarterback Denny Snip on 4th and 6 giving the Rams possession. The rest of the quarter, like the game, was a stalemate sending it into overtime.

In the extra session, Jenison won the toss and deferred. Holt chose to start on offense and let the defense win the game. On fourth down, senior tailback Justin Dungey ran behind fellow running back Doug Birch and linemen Steve Robedeau and Paul Markle for the touchdown. The extra point was wide right forcing the defense to stop Jenison, who got no closer than the eight-yard line in the extra frame. The big play for the Ram defense came on third down when Markel and junior Alex Redman sacked Snip again on the 12 yard line. Jenison's last gasp was knocked down into the snow giving the Rams 6-0.

Behind the players were the fans, screaming hard from the cold, wet benches of the stadium. The weather, though hard on players, inspired many fans to turn out. Junior lineman Ryan Ranshaw recalled, "The Jenison game was so cold that they had to bring in space heaters. My gloves got so wet, I tried to warm them and they caught on fire."

Sharing the heater with the team occasionally was the Pom Pon squad. Senior Molly Ranke remembered, "It was so cold! We were huddling down on the track trying to keep warm. When the football players weren't warming their feet on the space heater, we would run over and try to warm ours. We all started to smell something. It was our shoes melting! We had a lot of fun at the game even though we were

freezing." Senior Rachel Harley added, "It was a lot of fun to get out all our snow outfits. It was the first snow of the season and *everybody* went. There was a lot of spirit there."

With the win over Jenison and the previous first round win over Bay City, Holt advanced to the semi-finals. After beating Monroe, the team was bound for the Silverdome. When it came to the last game at the Dome, the entire community stirred. Some businesses shut down for the day to attend the game. Many others posted signs in support of the hometown heros. Senior Brandy Hill stated, "I went to the Dome and it was fun. I was surprised and excited the team went to far. It was neat being a part of the school spirit that was going on."

The Silverdome was packed with shouting fans pouring in by the hundreds. Getting enough tickets to meet the demand at the high school alone was enough to create a panic in the Athletic office. Although the game was lost to the Detroit Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks, 24-0, spirit still showed through. "I almost lost my voice screaming so loud. It didn't even matter that we were losing. We were proud to be there and we waved our flags high. I think I heard the radio say that there were three Holt fans to every one Shamrock fan. We really came together as a school," concluded senior Brooke Oakley.



SNOWFLAKES FLY

In high spirit the Pom Pon squad tries to survive the elements while junior Alex Redman and senior Tom McKouen get ready to start the game against Jenison amid snow flurries. "It was the coldest but most fun game I ever played in," commented Tom.

SHOWDOWN IN SNOW

By Matt Allen and Lisa Harris



HEADS OR TAILS

Meeting with the officials are Ram Captains Marty Tompkins, Steve Robedeau, Chris Sherry, Scott Lawrence and Doug Birch. Despite the deep snow and freezing temperatures, the team beat Jenison and moved on to face Monroe in the semi-finals.

GAME TIME

Bringing it to the sidelines is the Varsity Football team in the playoff game against Jenison. Despite the 4-5 season last year, the Rams rebounded to finish second in the state with a trip to the Silverdome and a 12-1 record.

BRAVE THE COLD

Livening up the crowd during halftime are Eric Knechtges, Brad Miksell, Kelly Roberts and members of the Pep Band led by Director Tim Parry. "We fought against the forces of nature to cheer on our team," noted Brad.



"MAD DOG COMBO"

Engineering one of the moves he invented on a hapless Milford opponent is senior Corey Mead at the second Holt Invitational. Corey's pin at 1:15 helped the team capture first place and his efforts contributed to the team's number one ranking.

TEAM UNITY

In a show of unity and pride, Brandon Hannasch, Corey Mead, Jon Bowles and Russell Clark lift arms at Kellogg Arena at the start of State Finals. "This season means everything to us. In the words of Rocky, 'We didn't rebuild, we reloaded!'" stated Jon.



A LITTLE OFF THE TOP

After winning the state Championship, senior Steve Robedeau shaves Coach Jeff Felice's head. Steve recalled "Felice said the week before states that if we won we could shave his head, but if we lost, he shaved ours. It was a great incentive to win and when we did, it was the best feeling."

Ram tough!...nothing was to stand in their way...they went to States, left their mark, and were ready to do it again! The Varsity Wrestling team didn't get to their number one State ranking by just scraping by other teams. They got there by racking up a perfect record of 17-0 along with two conference blowout meets against area rivals, Waverly and Jackson to take both the Capital Area Conference title, and "a very convincing Regional Championship," noted senior Brian Canen. The season didn't end there. Eight wrestlers went on to individual State finals, where four placed.

"There are many teams that are a challenge to compete with, some with outstanding traditions, some with solid programs, and others with unusual techniques. But my program proved to be number one this year," stated Head Coach Rocky Shaft. "To have that many great individuals is phenomenal," added Head Football Coach Mike Smith.

So what made the program so good? "We're successful because we run a program, not just a Varsity team. Our foundation is a positive club where team unity is coached over individualism," pointed out Shaft. Not only do the players have to wrestle rivals, they must compete against their own teammates. "Challenge matches or the coach determines who wrestles for each weight class," explained senior Rodney Knott.

Winning meets took the support of teammates. There was no time to hold grudges if someone didn't win their challenge match. "Team unity is what got us so far. There is no time for champions to react like losers," stated junior Steve Malone.

The team was more than ready after dominating the Capital Area Conference to take the title. They went one step further at Regionals where they defeated Owasso (45-27) in semi-finals and then Charlotte (41-28) in finals. The trophies were brought home, but the wrestlers were not ready to end the season. They were going to be the best, conquering State finals with three wins over Temperence Bedford (46-22), Clarkston (46-20) and dominating by a wide margin (57-3) Bay City Western.

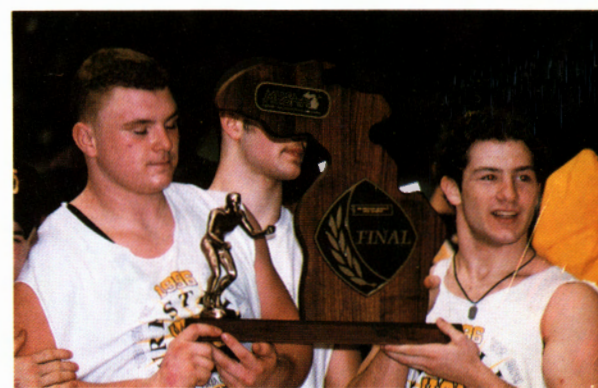
"Winning States was the best feeling in the world. We worked so hard for it all year," revealed senior Corey Mead

Not only were the players excited about their triumphs, the fans were too. "I was very proud to see a group of savvy athletes, a committed coaching staff, and a supportive community achieve the ultimate goal, a state championship," commented Principal Brian Templin. Parents agreed. "Going to Battle Creek two years in a row was pretty cool. Watching the guys stick together and accomplish what they did, was even better," recalled Mary Robedeau, mother of senior wrestler Steve Robedeau.

Common goals, positive support for one another and an understanding of matt-pressure, was what Shaft stressed before sending eight wrestlers to Individual States. Four placed including; Russell Clark at 3rd, Tom Welsh at 4th, Corey Mead 5th, and Rodney Knott 6th. Although only eight wrestled, the entire team went to support them. "Without one part of the puzzle, the team is not complete," stated senior Steve Robedeau. All the wrestlers agreed, "There is not one key wrestler, everyone is a key," explained Knott. Coach Shaft's "common goal" motivation worked. Holt Ram wrestlers went all the way and made the satisfaction and glory of being number one in the State a reality.

FAN FLAIR

Celebrating the Wrestling team's big win, Junior High Club Coach David Dunham dons a rabbit skin hat during the festivities at Sammy's Paddock. His daughter Kendra stated, "He had a lot of heart and soul for those kids."



PROUD MOMENT

Displaying the State Championship trophy in Kellogg Arena are seniors Steve Robedeau and Corey Mead along with teammates. "We showed team unity throughout the season and I was proud of that. My dream came true being captain of the State Championship team my senior year," stated Corey.

GRABBING THE GOLD

By Zulema Beltran



WHAT A VIEW!

Visiting Neuschwanstein in Bavaria is senior Jeff Jewett and sophomore Amy Smith on the German Exchange trip. "My favorite places to visit in Germany were the castles. They were so big and beautiful," revealed Jeff. Amy added, "Going to Germany for three weeks was the best summer vacation I've ever had! The weather there is a lot like ours, pretty hot and sunny."

HANGING OUT

Taking a break on the streets of Paris are Paul Anderson, Mike Rutherford, Julie Allen and Sarah Cribley. The group visited London, Paris and Madrid in June.



JUST OUR NATURE

Preparing to brave the rapids of West Virginia's New River are seniors Ryan Kuhn and Jeff Reynolds. "It was a perfect day for rafting; the sun was out and the rapids were huge. Afterward we were too tired and sunburned to move," explained Jeff.

A It was June 16, 10:45 a.m., the final bell had rung and school was out for the summer. Students were free for a total of nine weeks to do anything they wanted just as long as it didn't rain. For many students, whether they were on school trips, at sports camps, working or just 'lazing' around, their wish came true and a little more.

It was hot... really hot! People didn't do anything except sit at home in air conditioning. If they didn't have AC, they could go swimming or escape to cooler places. If students couldn't do any of these, then they had a **hot** summer.

The average high was 82.5 degrees and the mercury registered over the 90 degree mark a total of 12 times. But even with the hot weather, there were no reported heat-related deaths in the Delhi area, perhaps showing that Holt residents were smart enough to know to drink lots of liquids and to stay cool.

But even though the hot weather may have shot the summer thermometer to high heaven, it did prove to be nice for some local businesses. Funtime Adventure Park in Mason reported an increase of 10-15 percent at their waterslides. Burchfield Park, formally known as Grand River Park and Lake Lansing Park also had an increase in their outdoor activities such as swimming, canoeing, fishing, biking and picnicking.

For some students, summer trips provided some relief and Ryan Kuhn wasted no time getting his vacation started. He headed to Northern Canada the week after school ended with his dad and friends. "Canada was a blast. Everyday was hot and sunny and I didn't have to do anything but kick back, relax and fish. I fell asleep in the canoe while fishing and woke up with the worst sunburn! It was a very much needed escape from everyday life, and it was great being able to run through the woods and not worry about anything except wild animals," commented Ryan.

Michigan, however, was not normally notorious for being the 'hot spot.' Certainly other locales ranked hotter. Senior Heather Willett visited one of them. She spent part of her vacation in Cancun, Mexico with her mom, dad and three brothers. "Temperatures reached a scorching 120 degrees everyday we were there," reported Heather. "Though it was a tad hot, I didn't mind at all! We spent as much time as we could on the beach and shopped around at all the little stores. It was one of the last family vacations I'll go on for a while since I'm going to college next year, so I made the most of it."

Others traveled to Europe on school sponsored trips. Visiting London, Paris, and Madrid were 17 French and Spanish language students during the second and third weeks of June. Sightseeing and shopping along with practicing their language skills filled their schedule. Most of the time, the weather contributed to nice days. Paul Anderson remembered, "It was hot in France, about 100 degrees, but it was windy so it wasn't too bad. It was really nice most of the time." The German Exchange group also made their biennial pilgrimage to Munich and Bavaria, enjoying sunny days and fairy tale sights.

But for those students stuck closer to home, friends and state parks provided some relief. "Over the Fourth of July weekend, Mandy Coe, Rachael Haley, Jaime Hayslette and I went camping at Interlochen State Park in Traverse City. "We did a lot of crazy things and had a really great time. The bugs were bad and a lot of us got swimmer's itch from the lake, but it was still fun, recalled Rachael.

On a sad note, due to the hot, humid weather, pumpkins were priced higher because not as many survived the heat to ripen. In retrospect, smashing pumpkins proved to be a costly Halloween prank. Really, there was only one way students could put the hot weather in perspective, Junior Terry Sober put it best as he concluded, "If you didn't like the hot weather, you could have moved to Florida. At least there are hurricanes to cool you off once in a while!"

CULTURE NOTES

Enroute to the next tour site is senior TJ Fritz during the German Exchange trip. TJ observed, "Their society is more liberal and Germans have a lot of pride in their historical traditions. They consider a 200 year old house to be new. A place that had an impact on me was Dachau, a concentration camp from World War II. It felt like there was a heavy weight on the place and the mood was very solemn and mournful.



SIESTA BREAK

Enjoying a cafe in Madrid are Mike Rutherford, Julie Allen, Jan Granger, Sarah Cribley, and Paul Anderson. "Spain was a lot of fun, especially Joy Es Llava, a dance club we visited," noted Julie.

IN ONE WORD ...HOT

By Jim Fall and Lisa Harris



CAREFUL THERE!

Lending a little help and enthusiasm to the lobster cooking project of seniors Shaun McKimmy, Jason Wagner and Ryan Reynolds is Security Guard Bruce Duling in Meal Management class.

GRILL IT UP

Grilling up some fun along with hot dogs and hamburgers are senior Valerie Mickle and junior Lori Brunsting. The Girls' Swim team held a cookout for their East Lansing opponents after a game of water polo.

Photo by Amy Shepler



CHIP COUNTER

Caught with her hand in the cookie jar is Secretary S Kenney. She participated in a chocolate chip cookie rating Meal Management class to determine the merits of several brands compared to national brands.

When it came to eating, students had some definite preferences, some more understandable than others. One of the more believable ones was a preference for grilled food. I like grilling out because it signifies summer to me. My favorite grilled food is hot dogs because it reminds me of picnics when I was little," stated junior Sarah Heathman.

Sarah was just one of many students who preferred grilled versus regular cooked food for a number of reasons. Junior Brandon Hannasch added, "I think it tastes more outdoorsy." Junior Tanika Thurman felt, "Grilled food just tastes better. It reminds me of summertime and of family reunions." Junior Kristen Deetz liked grilling because "it tastes more homemade than packaged food." And junior Chuck Moubray concluded, "It has a fresher taste to it."

Another reason students liked to grill was that it cut down on the fat content. "I like to grill because the food isn't so greasy," admitted juniors Nicole Gray and Jen Spock. Also concerned about his health was junior Bob Picken. "I would take grilling out over regular cooked food any day because you always know the food is done. There is no worry about food poisoning."

When it came down to exactly how the food turned out, Junior Carrie Cross had some requirements. She explained, "My favorite grilled food is hot dogs, but I can't eat them unless they're burnt. Grilling just isn't grilling without that charred, burnt taste."

Besides the usual steak, chicken, hamburgers, some students had more unusual choices. Sophomore John Hanson threw an occasional potato on the grill along with turkey. Junior Stephanie Walimaki also liked grilled potatoes, but topped with cheese and mustard. Sophomore Emily Mutty grilled fish and ham with pineapple while junior Jen Spock liked swordfish.

But, of course, there was always the other side to every issue including grilling as senior Heather Willett admitted, "I don't really like grilled foods. The extent of my grilling pleasure is grilled cheese sandwiches. I much prefer baking, frying and toasting!" Sophomore Cheryl eagerly agreed, "I like regular cooked food better because I don't like the burnt taste of the grill."

And junior Christina Dietz couldn't make up her mind. She explained "I don't know which I prefer, I guess it depends on the food."

Weird food combos also generated interest even though the reasons why students liked them

were less understandable. Take, for example, juniors Brandon Hannasch and Derrick Zenker who both liked peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with Doritos on them, or juniors Danielle Shaull and Stephanie Walikmaki who munched after school on dill pickles topped with peanut butter.

Some other favorites were bananas with potato chips which junior Chris Carr enjoyed. She explained, "I started eating them together when I was little and I've been eating them ever since."

With more exotic tastes were junior Deron Thomas who ate mustard on his kiwi fruit while Sarah Heathman liked to spice up her hot chocolate with tabasco. And the things people liked ketchup on were equally strange like broccoli for junior Carrie Cross, potato chips for junior Chuck Moubray or macaroni and cheese for junior Kristie Eding.

Given the strange combos, you had to decide for yourself. Perhaps the only way one could be sure was to take the taste test. And if you did, who knows, you might just like them!

FRUGAL GOURMET

Making their version of the class assignment, potato-cheese soup are seniors Molly Ranke and Diana Arnold and junior Blake Ranshaw in Meal Management class. Mrs. Frazier confirmed that, "cooking activities were always what the students wanted to do."

STIR IT UP

Cooking potato-cheese soup with senior Rachael Haley in Beth Frazier's fifth hour Meal Management class is senior Katie Yemc. They served it with homemade biscuits and invited a couple of Publications class students and the adviser down to enjoy it with them.

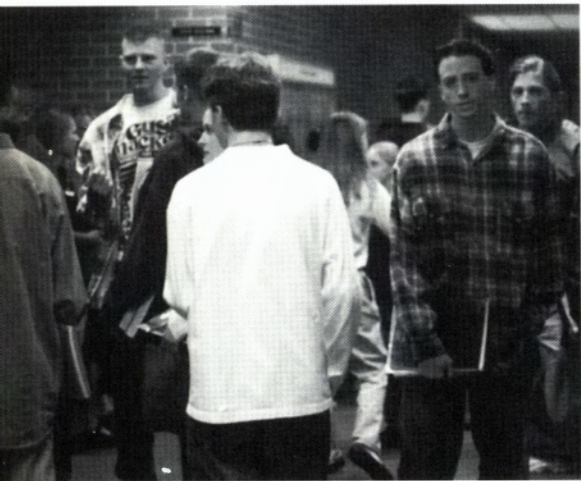


A CASE OF TASTEBUDS

By Angela Watters

IT'S A GROUP THING

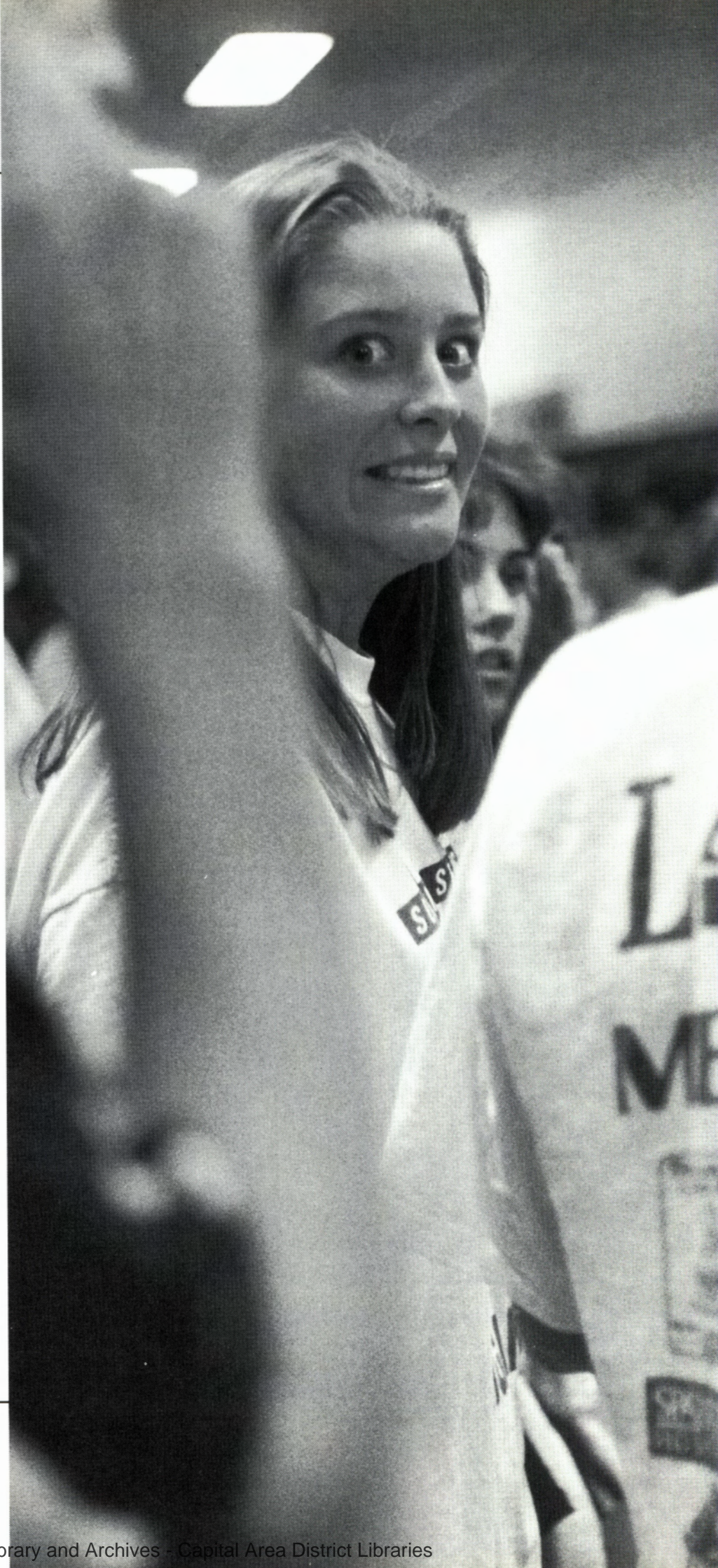
Comparing notes from class are juniors Amanda Taylor, Liz Perez, Stephanie Walimaki and Serenity Hayes. Students could frequently be seen meeting in the hallways during class where they could talk or read quietly.



BUSY INTERSECTION

Attempting to get through the crowd is junior Jake Boyd followed by junior T.J. Pipkins. The area in front of the the library seemed the most crowded between classes, serving as both a major hallway crossing as well as a social gathering area.

Photo by Jeff Reynolds



According to many students, the best way to describe the hallway situation was "abominable." "We either need to get rid of students or get bigger halls," stated Government teacher Bill Savage. Students jostled each other body to body deep in the 'B' and 'C' hallways as they neared the library. In horror, they wondered if they would get to class on time. It seemed the hallway situation had gotten worse each year. Student Body President Rachael Paterick reported, "I believe the hallway ordeal is altogether ridiculous; something must be done!"

The biggest class Holt High School ever witnessed to date was the current sophomore class of 413 students. The sophomore and junior class combined was well over 700 students.. According to Principal Brian Templin, "We were expecting 1020 students this year and 1040 have shown up," which puts it well above last year's total of approximately 935. All this led to overcrowded hallways and numerous tardies as students pushed their way to class. Sophomore Whitney Hoagland reported, "I don't know anyone who can get from one side of the building to their locker through the overcrowded halls and still have time to powder their nose in only five minutes. This is high school not a speed race!"

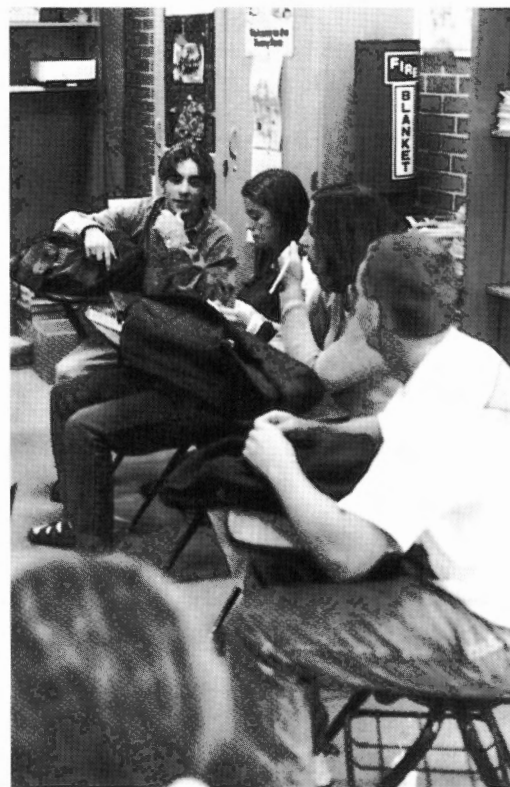
At fault were students stopping to form little social groups in the intersection of the 'B' and 'C' hallways causing a great deal of congestion. Then there was the issue of whether the passing time was adequate to get to one's locker, go to the restroom and still make it to class on time. Sophomore Class President Elyse Puruleski didn't think so as she commented, "I think the faculty needs to realize that a lot of people have lockers and classes on opposite sides of the building and it is impossible to get to class on time. I think that an increase in passing time would result in a decrease in tardies.."

Many others agreed. In a survey of 136 students, 90 percent felt that the hallways were crowded to very crowded. Of that 90 percent, 54 percent said that more time was needed and 33

percent reported they were 'baggers.' But even with carrying all one's books in a bag straight to class, barely left enough time to use the bathrooms. The situation often caused tardies or numbers of students pleading with teachers to use bathroom passes during class.

But students were always resourceful and there were solutions. Find larger areas like the 'D' hall to socialize in so others can pass. Don't push or shove people around the hallways. However, some complained too. One reported, "I carry all my books on my back and my back is getting pretty bad. Lately I've had to see a chiropractor because of it!" And others got more dramatic as one student joked, "Sometimes I tell people ahead of me that I have to throw up. They normally move out of the way!" Last, but not least, many said more passing time would help. A couple of minutes would make a big difference.

In the end, students had to face it, this was a problem that was not going to go away. This year's enrollment was probably going to be surpassed. Classes were going to get bigger and so probably would the problem. Until then, they just might as well try to ignore it and get to class as fast as they can.



"BAGGERS"

Backpacking it to class are seniors Brian Anderson, Kristin Block, Laura Ososkie and Ryan Kuhn. Many students resorted to taking their bags with them in order to get to class on time and avoid tardies.

Photo by Jeff Reynolds

CHAOS IN THE HALLS

TO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

One way to lunch during the fourth hour passing period is senior Laura Ososkie. Lunch time proved to be the most crowded, with students hurrying to leave campus for the 25 minute break.

Photo by Julie Smith

By Evan Caldwell

The final bell rings, and the day is over. It's time to go home and talk on the phone, or watch TV, maybe even get in a game of basketball before it gets dark. For some students this might be reality, but for others with part-time jobs, the story goes another way.

They woke up nice and early to go to school and get their daily dose of education. They finished their day at school and then they went to work. Sure it might not be fun, but without a job, it would be hard for most high school students to have a car, go out on weekends, or go on spring break. There were always the ones whose parents provided all of this for them, and other students often ended up moaning about how spoiled they were. But they also realized that if they were these students, they wouldn't tell their parents to stop giving them money either!

Working part-time had its perks, but there were disadvantages too. When friends were getting ready to go out and see a movie, you might get stuck working those inconvenient hours. Or if you were involved in school sports or musicals, your job and the activity combined took most of your free time. Senior Bobbijo Larkins commented "I have trouble finishing my school work because I get so tired working 20 hours a week."

Many students felt this way. Work was a major distraction from school work. Holding a part-time job was just like going to school all over again. Some students worked as many as 7-8 hours a day, while others worked only 7-8 hours a week. It seemed the older one got, the more one worked. Labor laws in Michigan were generally thought of as strict compared to other states. Students under 16, could only work until 7:00 p.m. on school nights, and they could not have more than four hours on the clock without a break. After 16, the 7:00 p.m. law was lifted. After 18, breaks were no longer necessary, but optional.

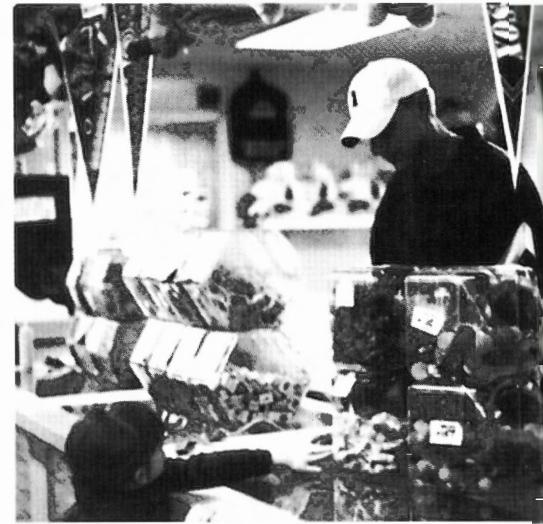
Jobs often held by students ranged from working at Discovery Zone and Burger King to Service Technicians for car dealerships and Office Max. Many students liked their jobs because of the environment that they worked in. Sophomore Evan Caldwell commented, "My job is in a very friendly surrounding, and you get to meet a lot of great people."

Other people had different reasons for liking their jobs. Senior Jake Buckler noted, "My job is really easy and I get paid well." While some

students liked their jobs, others toiled away strictly for finances. Senior Lisa Harris revealed difficulties she had, "The Burger King where I work just got bought out by a new corporation. The new owner is backing out on our April raises and the new system has created a lot of stress causing customers to get mad easily, and employees to become frustrated. This summer I'm starting a new job at the MSU television station on campus. I'll be designing the backgrounds and arranging the information. It is largely computerized, and I'm looking forward to it."

Students chose their jobs for many different reasons, but the leading motivation by far was money. Sophomore Anne Veltema stated, "I save half of my money and spend the rest on clothes, my car, and going out." Junior Jimmy Manuel pointed out, "I spend the majority of my money on clothes and partying, but I try to put a decent amount in the bank."

No matter how rewarding or irritating they were, students would have few sources of finance without part-time jobs. Once again, welcome to the real world!



PRIZE TIME

Senior Tim Purol helps a little customer choose a game prize at Putt Putt Golf and Games. "It's great working at Putt Putt; you meet quite a few interesting people every day," Tim revealed.

Photo by Julie Smith

GOING FOR THE GREEN

By Heather Willett



SWEET TOPING

Making up an order for a Sweet Sensations customer is junior Christina DeRosa. She commented, "I have a part-time job to help pay for things I need. I use the money for gas, clothes, birthdays and other things that pop up here and there."

Photo by Julie Smith



GOTCHA!

Joking around for the camera at Putt Putt Golf are seniors Matt Murphy and Tim Puro who put in 20 hours a week and are both in Co-Op there. "Working at Putt Putt is good experience. I get credit for school and make money at the same time," commented Matt. *Photo by Julie Smith*

DOUBLE DIP

Making a "Big Dipper" at Sweet Sensations is junior Corey Ballmer. "Working at Sweet Sensations, I see lots of people that go to the High School. I work with Christina DeRosa and we have lots of fun," he commented.

Photo by Julie Smith

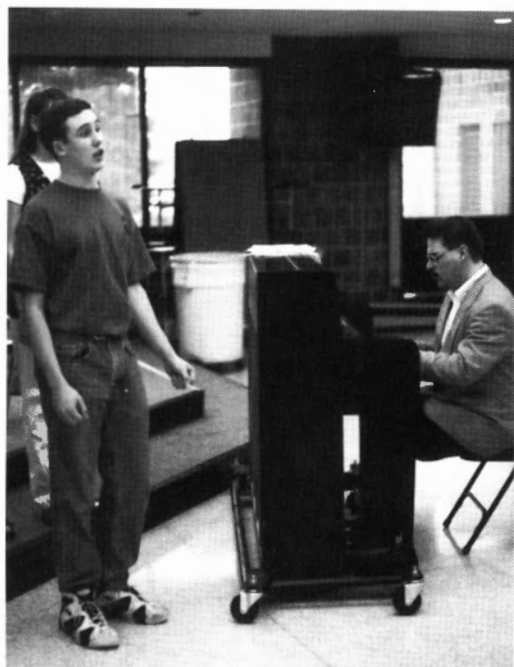
BEDTIME BABIES

Dressed for a snooze, sophomore Tiffany Richardson and senior Amanda Whithead perform the comedic song "Santa Baby" at the Winter Band Concert assembly held December 22, before winter vacation.

Photo by Julie Smith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Presenting his solo "I Don't Know Why" at the Education Fair is junior chorale member Bob Picken. Bob also had a main role in the Spring Musical, "Anything Goes."



PRACTICE SESSION

Choir Director Monty Bishop accompanies on the piano as choir members Katie Stachlewitz and Rachel Troisi practice a song together during a dress rehearsal of "Anything Goes." Both girls also competed in the Solo and Ensemble competition.



Enjoying another year of growth and change, Director Monty Bishop, also made sure his Choir students had fun in the process. In his second year Bishop divided the Choir members into two groups, the general Concert Choir and the Chorale, a 19-member group composed of select vocalists. The choir and chorale made their second appearance at the District 8 Choir Festival, several members competed in Solo and Ensemble, and the Chorale took part in a trip to Toronto to perform and see the widely renowned, *Phantom of the Opera*.

The first agenda for the choir was to prepare classical pieces for the District 8 Choir Festival. The group competed for the first time in over 30 years against choirs that were regarded as some of the best in Michigan. Competition took place in two areas—general performance and sight reading. Scoring was done on a one to four scale with one being the best possible. The Concert Choir received a two in each category, while the Chorale performed and received a two rating in performance and a one in sight reading. Bishop commented, “I was immensely pleased with how well the choirs performed and represented Holt. After being absent from this competition for 30 years, the first division rating in sight reading for the Chorale and the students overall ability made a great statement about the future of the vocal program”

Several members of each choir also performed in the Solo and Ensemble Competition. Each student had to prepare two pieces to be presented for individual judging. Senior Aaron Kerr and junior Amanda Whitehead, received first division rankings. Amanda recalled, “The competition was in Eaton Rapids and I rode with my mom. Mr. Bishop’s directions turned out to be a little off, and we got totally lost. We ended up getting there just a few minutes before I had to perform, but I guess everything turned out okay. I got a great score, but I also got some great advice from the judge about things to improve on.”

The highlight of the year for the Chorale was their trip to Toronto during the last week in March. The group’s fun-filled trip included visits to the Skydome, Medieval Times, Casa Loma, and the Eaton Center. The last night ended with a dinner at the Top of Toronto, a rotating restaurant, and then a visit to the Pantages theatre to see *Phantom of the Opera*. Senior Andy Foster recalled, “That was the

greatest time of my senior year. I was in a hotel room with Matt Vandlen, Bob Picken, and Aaron Kerr. We were up late each night listening to music, watching television, or having gummy-worm fights. The highlight of the trip was, of course, the final night. The view from the tower during dinner was incredible, and “Phantom” was just unbelievable. I will always remember the fun we had.”

Overall, the year unfolded to include many new experiences that were both educational and entertaining and designed to take the choir program onward and upward.

CONCERT CHORUS

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HOLT HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHORUS

ONWARD UPWARD

By Aaron Kerr

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hether they were helping children learn to read, assisting in hospitals, or painting sets for the school plays, many students

were involved in all sorts of volunteer work. Some people volunteered through National Honor Society, while others, such as sophomore Tim Hurlburt, became involved through their church. Tim shared, "I worked at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky over Spring Break. My church group does various things when we're down there, such as building homes or fixing up homes that need repair. We do whatever needs to be done. I've been going to my church for about 10 years, so it's basically a given that I'm going to be involved in this volunteer work."

Other students spent part of their summers volunteering. Junior John Molenda worked at Mystic Lake, a YMCA camp, without pay for almost the entire summer. John reported, "I used to go to this camp when I was younger, and since I was now old enough to volunteer there, I did. I like working with little kids, and had a really good time." Junior Elizabeth Carter, who also volunteered at Mystic Lake added, "Working with little kids makes you realize a lot about yourself. There were a lot of fun things that happened at camp too. One time, another counselor named Andrea and I were carrying a cooler out to a cookout. Andrea turned to talk to this girl, and I wasn't paying attention. We ended up running the cooler right into a tree! I fell over and thought I was paralyzed! I wasn't actually, and it was pretty funny, I'm afraid."

As well as volunteering at the same camp with John and Elizabeth, junior Julie Nourse did volunteer work through her church in Mexico and Nicaragua. She reflected, "I think young people feel a void in their lives, so doing volunteer work makes them realize how lucky they are. It also makes them feel a lot better about themselves and about the world."

Another reason some students chose to volunteer was to help themselves prepare for a future career. Senior Sara Feaster decided to be a reading tutor at Sycamore Elementary School because it helped to prepare her for her future occupation in education. "I was a teacher's aide last year at Sycamore, and this year I'm a reading tutor. I like working with kids a lot, and I want to become a teacher."

Senior Amy Shepler also chose to volunteer as preparation for a career. She explained, "I used to be a candy striper at Ingham Medical Center. I was interested in nursing, so I decided to do that. I think teenagers often volunteer to experience different types of jobs, and also to put down their volunteer work on future job applications." Like Amy, junior Kelly Roberts did volunteer work in

a hospital. She related, "I feel very strongly about community service. I spend several hours per week volunteering in surgery at Michigan Capital Medical Center on the Greenlawn campus."

Oftentimes, students became involved in volunteering through the school. Many of the football players chose to spend several of their Wednesday mornings visiting elementary schools and signing autographs for the children. Senior Doug Birch commented, "One time I walked into this classroom and this little girl said, 'I want Doug Birch's autograph!' It was neat how all the little kids knew who we were and even what our positions on the team were. It made me feel good to know the whole community knew what was going on." Junior Tom Welsh added, "For all of the support the kids gave us at the games, we felt we owed it to them to sign a few autographs."

Senior Jeannie Pierson also volunteered much of her time in school activities. President of both SADD and PAL's, Jeannie was involved in Peer Resistance, DARE, and also the school plays. "Volunteering is fun because you get to meet so many people. It gives you the opportunity to do things that you wouldn't normally be able to do," she explained. "I basically started my volunteering with PAL's, and everything else just kind of fell into place. The other activities seemed to be the logical next steps."

Helping to build and paint the sets for the school plays was also a way that some high school students put in their effort. Senior Jon Schraft stated, "I helped paint, build, saw, and sculpt for *The Miracle Worker*. I expanded my carpentry



FOR A GOOD CAUSE

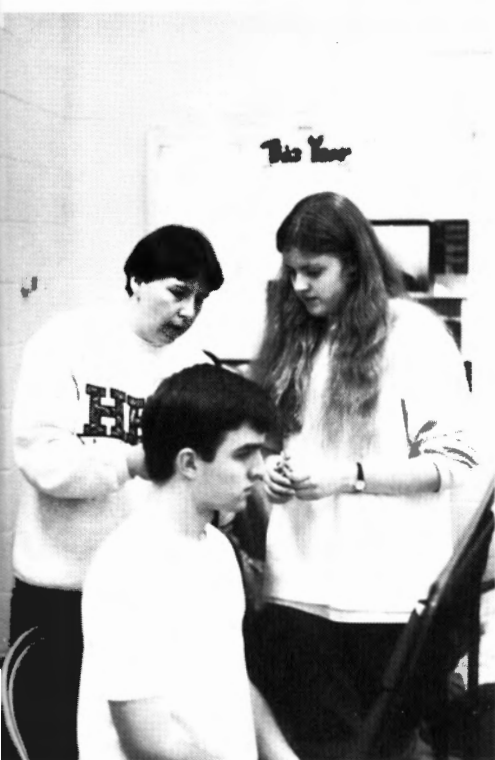
Signing autographs for Sycamore Elementary School students in the gym is senior Varsity Football player Marty Tompkins. He noted, "It was great to give back to the students and the community the same spirit they gave to us during the season. The kids looked up to us and we appreciated their support."

and horticulture skills, and I also got to see my friends do a great job in the play." Sophomore Katie Stachlewitz added, "When I got a part in the Winter Play, I was told that I should also do backstage stuff like building and painting. I felt really proud when everything was done and looked good. I was glad to be a part of it."

Although students had their own reasons for wanting to volunteer, most agreed that it made them feel a lot better about themselves. Tim Hurlburt concluded, "I think young people realize that a lot of people need things that they can offer, and I think it's great that they do."

LOOKING FOR HEROES

By Andrea Alburtus



LENDING A HAND

Applying makeup to senior Eric Knechtges for "The Miricle Worker" are teacher Debbie Childers and junior Becky Ewen. "We had a great group of kids helping with both plays. They all did a great job and were greatly appreciated," shared Childers. *Photo by Julie Smith*

BUSY, BUSY!

Acting in "The Miricle Worker" is senior Jeanne Pierson. Besides the Spring Musical lead, Jeanne was also the President of SADD and PAL's and involved in Peer Resistance and the DARE program. Joining PAL's was an easy decision for Jeanne as she explained, "I was a new student at the Junior High, so I wanted to be able to help new students at the High School fit in and find their way around."

Photo by Julie Smith

#1 FANS

Taking time to talk to elementary school students and sign autographs are Varsity Football players D.J. Lee and Justin Dungey. "It was fun signing the shirts. The kids asked questions like, 'How tall are you?' and John Girdwood's little brother told us how his big brother was the best football player. It was nice," recalled Justin.

Complete with wooden stairs, two drum sets, a piano, and rolling fog, the stage was prepped for the annual spring Talent Show. Stars such as senior Jennifer Palmer performed a dance solo she used to audition for college, and bands such as 'Dirk Roswell' played "The Leaving Song." Band member senior Bryan Heany commented, "We decided to get back together after last year, and make the Talent Show our first performance. We didn't have a lot of time to put it together, but it worked out quite well." The stars in the show performed for fellow students on Friday, April 29, the second year back from past cancelings of the show.

The wide range of talent surprised many students. Sophomores Emily Mutty, Whitney Hoagland, and Kellie Lieble danced to the song, "The Passenger," from *Batman Forever*. Dressed all in black, they created the choreography themselves. This, however, did not help the terrible stage fright. Emily revealed, "I was thinking about making sure we were together and on time with the music. We just wanted to get through it without making fools of ourselves!"

Another popular act was the "Cantina Band Music" from *Star Wars* and the ragtime piece, "Nickle in the Slot," played by senior Adam Downey. He explained, "I wanted my peers to hear what I like to do, which is playing the piano. It was a lot of fun."

Other students displayed more than just their talent. They exercised qualities of patience and control when the school's infamous microphones once again went on the blink. Juniors Katie Stambaugh and Kuana School singing, "There is a Love," were a perfect example of this. Katie reflected, "Despite the terrible microphones, I enjoyed singing with Kuana in the show. We can always take a bad situation and make it fun."

After the show, students agreed that for the most part, it had been successful. Many had favorite acts. Senior Julie Smith recalled, "My favorite part of the show was the trio of Mr. Bishop, Aaron Kerr and Andy Foster singing the Beach Boys tune, 'Barbara Ann.' It was pleasing to the ear and Andy was funny when he sang the high notes."

However, much of the student body had sat in the audience. Lead singer of 'Dirk Roswell,'

Travis Fritts observed, "The Talent Show is fun, but there is a lot more talent in the school than was displayed at the show."

Overall, despite the technical difficulties and a slight case of stage fright, many students agreed that the performers at the annual event once again displayed not only commendable talent, but courage, imagination and a good sense of humor as well.

FUTURE STAR

Performing a dance solo for the Talent Show on April 26 is senior Jenny Palmer. "I danced my solo that I choreographed for Marymount Manhattan College. The students had never seen me dance before and I wanted to show them," she explained.

NATURAL BORN PERFORMERS

Senior Adam Downey performs "Cantina Band Music" from *Star Wars* and a ragtime piece, "Nickle in the Slot," during the Talent Show. He commented, "I wanted my classmates to hear what I like to do best, which is play the piano." Struggling with the sound system, juniors Kuana School and Katie Stambaugh sing a duet entitled "There is a Love." Katie commented, "Despite the terrible microphones, I enjoyed singing with Kuana in the Talent Show. We could always take a bad situation and make it work."



TALENT SEARCH

By Chris Carr



"BATWOMEN"

Performing a dance to 'The Passanger' from *Batman Forever* are sophomores Whitney Hoagland, Kelli Leible, and Emily Mutty in the spring Talent Show.



BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

Performing in the Talent Show is T.J. Fritts and Derek Smith of the band 'Dirk Roswell,' while senior Bryan Heany plays the drums in the song 'Bombtrack' along with Ryan Mulvaney, J.R. Sullivan and Chris Douglas.



ALL TANGLED UP

Caught up in her web of blindness is junior Melody Routhier as Helen Keller in the Winter Play, "The Miracle Worker." It was Melody's first time participating in a school production.

Photo by Julie Smith

LITTLE OLD MAN

Playing the part of the subborn, ignorant Captain Keller in the Winter play, "The Miracle Worker," is senior Eric Knechtges. Sophomore Erin Hoffman played Mrs. Keller, and junior Josh Theroux was James Keller. Eric commented, "It was challenging to play the part of someone who was so immature and set in his ways."

Photo by Julie Smith



PLAYING GROWN UP...

Talking over Principal Birch, played by senior Eric Knechtges, are the Vice-Principal played by Evan Caldwell and the secretary, Mrs. Chandler, played by sophomore Erin Hoffman in a scene from the Fall Play, "You're Only Young Once." It was directed by Debbie Childers and Pamela Klimenko. Evan revealed, "It was really fun to play a leading role for a change."

Photo by Julie Smith

Opening on November 10 in the Pernert Auditorium to a large crowd was the Fall Play, "You're Only Young Once." The play was about a stereotypical high school set in the 1950's, and showed students, teachers and parents interacting in a comical way. The lead roles in this light-hearted production went to Jake Boyd, Nancy Quasarano, Erin Hoffman, Evan Caldwell, Eric Knechtges and Patrick Crane. Also a member of the cast was senior Jeannie Pierson who shared, "It was hard to play the part of a middle aged, overbearing mother. It was difficult being serious all the time."

However, the play wasn't always all that serious. "During one of our performances, I was supposed to be pushed into a closet. Instead, I tripped and ended up falling into the closet," revealed junior Elizabeth Fleckenstein. "No one in the audience seemed to notice, but everyone on stage knew. It was hard for them to keep a straight face."

"You're Only Young Once" played to a crowded house. Directed by Debbie Childers, the play ran smoothly, and the audience went home laughing and entertained.

On February 23 and 24, the Winter Play, "The Miracle Worker," was held. The play is the true story of Helen Keller, an unmanageable blind and deaf girl who is taught to read and write by a young woman named Annie Sullivan. The part of Helen was played by first time actress, junior Melody Routhier, while the role of Annie went to a familiar face, junior Nancy Quasarano, who also had the lead in last year's musical, "Bye, Bye Birdie." About her role, Nancy expressed, "I think that Annie Sullivan was a great influence on the life of Helen Keller, and it was a privilege to be able to portray the part of someone who had such an important role to play." Melody shared, "My part as Helen Keller was very challenging for me. This play also helped me to understand the importance of education for the blind."

The play was a serious one, dealing with the hardships encountered by both Annie, Helen, and the rest of the Keller family as they struggled with day-to-day life. The play did have its moments, though. For instance, there

were several times when the characters of Helen and Annie had to wrestle each other under the kitchen table. Both of the girls ended up with huge bruises on their legs and arms from their struggles. "During one of the rehearsals, Melody and I didn't have our timing quite right when we were practicing our fighting scene. She swung out her fist, and I didn't duck in time. She ended up hitting me right in the face! Then, later on, I accidentally slapped Melody for real when she didn't move on time."

Overall, both plays were greeted by appreciative audiences. The events gave the students a chance to show their talent and provided an opportunity for both students and teachers to come together to create a primarily student-produced play. Parent, Marcia Bennett commented, "Both plays were very well put together, and I enjoyed seeing the kids up on stage and how proud they were at the end of the performance."

SERIOUS CONVERSATION

Conversing during a scene from the fall play, "You're Only Young Once," are seniors Jeanne Pierson and Eric Knechtges. Jeanne played the part of a middle aged mother. She commented, "It was hard to be serious all the time, so the role was especially difficult."

Photo by Julie Smith

THE AGONY

In the role of Annie Sullivan, junior Nancy Quasarano performs a scene from "The Miracle Worker." Nancy recalled, "I had to stay focused in the role of Annie. She's a serious person, and I'm normally not like that."

Photo by Julie Smith



TWO FOR THE SHOW

By Andrea Alburfus and Lisa Krug

A night to remember was the plan and on Saturday, May 25, juniors and seniors turned out at the Lansing Center. Some came with friends, others as couples, but no matter how they came they were all there for the same reason—to enjoy the glamour night of the year. “This Prom was supposed to be the best and I stayed a lot longer than last year just because it was my last one,” explained senior Josh Baxter.

For many students the evening started with a trip to an elegant restaurant. Those going for all-out glamour, found it at the Sweet Water Wharf or Dusty’s English Inn. Some chose a restaurant for noted specialties. Jenny Johnson, Steve Robedeau, Stephanie Ewald and Jason Cornelius selected Mountain Jacks because of their “great steaks.”

Others chose more informal spots. “We went to Clara’s Restaurant for dinner and we had a lot of fun,” commented Todd Reynolds. Other popular restaurants included, Hershey’s, Gilbert’s, Seville’s, and the Golden Rose. “A group of us all went to Hersheys and had so much fun,” revealed senior Brooke Oakley. Those not wanting to deal with reservations or crowds opted to prepare dinner at home. Megan Foster was one as her date made her dinner.

Afterward, prom goers arrived at the Lansing Center decorated with lights, forest green and silver. Couples mingled, compared their dinner experiences and most had stories to tell about the evening. Then the attention turned to the dance floor. Senior Shondi Truman commented, “The decorations and atmosphere were very nice, but the DJ was disappointing.” Others did not get stuck on the music. “I had a lot of fun just being there all dressed up, seeing everyone look so nice, and the fact that it was Senior Prom made the night great!” reflected senior Rachel Warfield.

When dancing grew old some students went in search of entertainment. “My date and I were tired of dancing so we decided to walk in the back hallway and there we found a grand piano. I decided to play for her and as I played many other couples wandered in and began to dance. It was really cool,” revealed senior Aaron Kerr.

When Prom was over students were once again in search of entertainment. Many students went to the Afterglow party at Trippers

and the consensus gathered was that it was, in the words of one student, “a great place and fun.”

Not everyone went to Afterglow. “We took our limo to Marshall just so we could have our picture taken in front of the big fountain in the center of town,” commented senior Kelly Krause. Others went to parties or rented movies and spent time with friends at home.

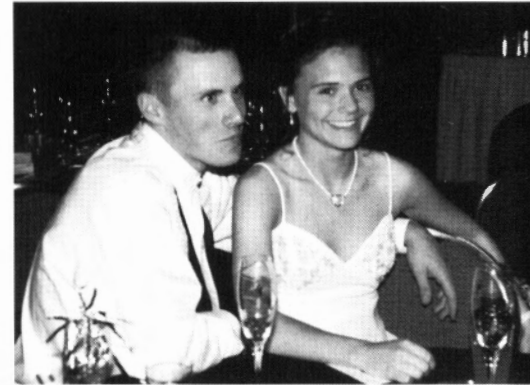
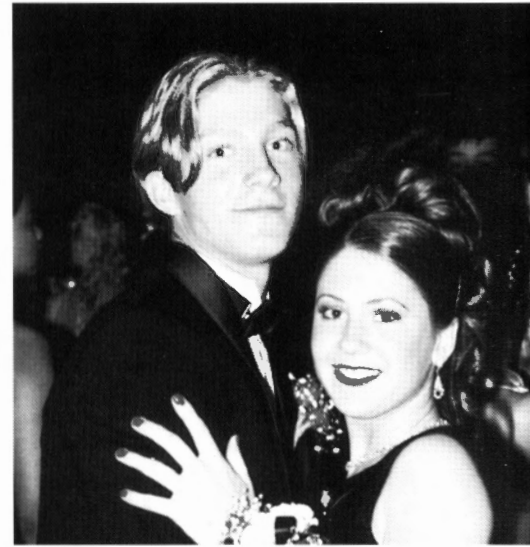
The next day found some students at Grand Haven and other beaches to complete the Memorial Day weekend. On Tuesday, students arrived at school with many memories of an elegant evening captured on film to share with friends.

BEST OF FRIENDS

Making prom a night to remember are juniors T.J. Pipkins and Angie Lerner. Angie commented, “Prom was special this year because T.J. is one of my closest friends. I felt cool when we went to Gilbert’s in Jackson, because we rode there in a red porche.”

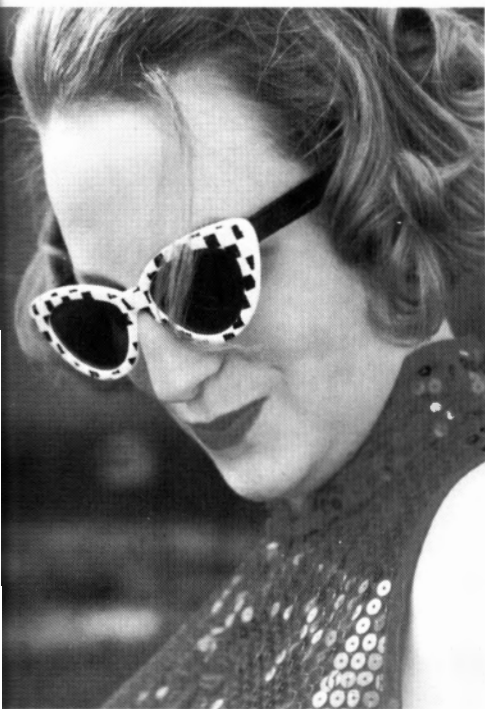
CUTE COUPLE

Senior Andy Merchant and his date Heather, sit out a dance together at one of the glass and silver decorated tables during prom. Lights and the Senior Class colors of forest green and silver formed the decorating theme at the Lansing Center.



TIME TO SHINE

By Bobbijo Larkins



TEARING IT UP

In the midst of silks and sparkles, students dance the night away at the Lansing Center during the Junior-Senior Prom held Saturday, May 25.

LADY IN RED

Letting loose at the after-prom party held at Trippers is senior Angie Hays, junior Karl Wyble, and sophomores Courtney Parker and Mike Laur. To complete the prom weekend, the four traveled to Grand Haven the next day.

GLAMOUR SHOT

Hamming it up for the camera is junior Heather Cherniawski. She commented, "Prom was a lot of fun, but I was getting a little tired of the same old photos so I decided to do something different and wear the glasses."



SHOWY SMILES

Performing a scene in the Spring Musical, "Anything Goes," are Katie Stachlewitz, Keri Kelly, Diana Arnold, Whitney Hoagland, Amanda Whitehead, Liz Fleckenstein, Stephanie Ewald, and Carrie Butterfield. Amanda played the lead role of Reno Sweeney.

Photo by Julie Smith

LOVE AND WAR

Practicing at dress rehearsal are lead cast members Jamie Green, Andy Foster, Jeanne Pierson and Aaron Kerr.

Photo by Julie Smith



THE TERRIBLE TWO

Portraying a pair of stowaway crooks making a quick escape across the Atlantic during the first showing of the musical "Anything Goes," are juniors Jake Boyd and Nancy Quasarano. The play was performed in Pernert Auditorium for Wilcox Elementary School on May 8.

Photo by Julie Smith

The Spring Musical, "Anything Goes," transformed the empty stage of Pernert Auditorium into a genuine 1920's cruise liner, complete with rich passengers, a rag-tag crew, and a band of stowaway mobsters. It was a show of fun and laughs on the high seas co-directed by Monty Bishop and Kelly Hodges. Also, it marked only the second year that tryouts for the musical had been open to the entire school.

At the beginning of the production, the audience was introduced to Sir Evelyn Oakleigh and Hope Harcourt, played by seniors Andy Foster and Jeanne Pierson. They were sailing to England to be married, but their plans were soon interrupted by Billy Crocker, played by senior Aaron Kerr. Billy, an old boyfriend of Hope's, convinced the beautiful Reno Sweeney, played by junior Amanda Whitehead, to help him win back the heart of his former love. Along with the help of two stowaway gangsters, Moonface and Bonnie, played by juniors Jake Boyd and Nancy Quasarano, Billy and Hope were reunited in the end.

In their preparation of the show, many of the students found that such a project took a lot of dedication and numerous hours of work. Andy Foster stated, "The musical put a major strain on my life. I was so involved in other out-of-school activities that I had to take time to evaluate what was most important. Sometimes it was the musical, sometimes it wasn't. Let's just say that I got absolutely no sleep for several weeks."

The show also put a strain on the directors, as well as Debbie Childers, who was in charge of set construction. Junior Erin Hoffman related, "I learned a lot from all the teachers who helped us. They each put in as much time or more as we did. I saw Mrs. Childers at every rehearsal working on getting the set ready."

After all the long days and sometimes nights of getting ready, everyone felt that the experience paid off. Amanda Whitehead recalled, "I got to spend time with some great

people, especially those seniors who are leaving us next year. Also, I got to challenge myself as a performer because of the personality of my character."

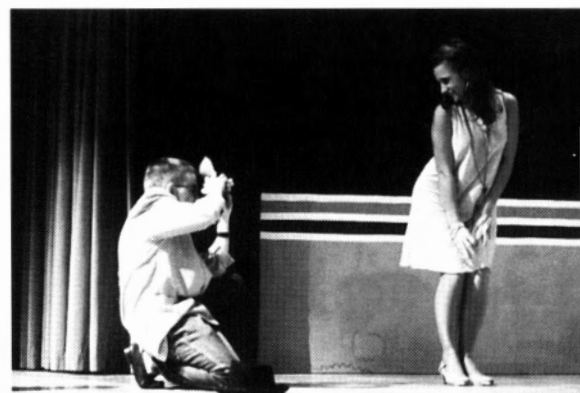
Taking part in her first show, senior Vanessa Rogers summed up her feelings stating, "I finally learned about what goes on behind the scenes of a theatrical production. It was so amazing to see the musical develop from basically nothing to something that was fun and which we can always be proud to have been a part of."

TAH-DAH!

Striking a pose at the end of the duet, "You're the Tops," are senior Aaron Kerr and junior Amanda Whitehead. Amanda portrayed Reno Sweeney, a famous nightclub singer on an Atlantic cruise, with Aaron as Billy, a stowaway who needed her help to hide from the authorities. *Photo by Julie Smith*

HOLD THAT POSE!

Smiling for a photo at the beginning of "Anything Goes" is senior Brandy Ross. Senior Ryan Frazier played the energetic camera man, anxious to snap a photo of every female passenger boarding the ocean liner. *Photo by Julie Smith*



SCENE STEALERS

By Aaron Kerr

Two hundred and sixty eight members of the senior class spent their last day together at Commencement held June 9 at the MSU Breslin Center. It was preceded by the Baccalaureate service at the High School auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Speaking to his class at Commencement, Eric Knechtges took graduates on one last sentimental trip down memory lane in his speech about growing up, while Christina DeWitt took an encouraging glimpse at their future. The faculty speakers were Bill Savage and Mike Smith. Both spoke of the many academic and athletic achievements of the Senior Class and were proud to officially announce that Holt was the recipient of the All Sports Trophy for the first time in history.

Prior to the ceremonies, seniors completed their last few hours of school on May 31. Recalling the first day of school seemed appropriate on the last day for many seniors. Brian Anderson shared, "My mom called me back into the house as I was leaving, and gave me a kiss because she had kissed me on my first day of school." For Jenny Palmer the moment was caught by the camera. She explained, "My mom has a picture of Ben Myers and me on the first day of preschool, so she told me to be sure and take one of us together on our last day of high school."

Saying goodbye could be quite emotional for some students and quite unexpected. Lindsay Patterson revealed, "I started to cry when Julie Smith hugged me on our last day. I hadn't planned on it, but when I saw her crying it made me get a little teary eyed too."

For others, touching moments brought the tears. "I was an elementary assistant at Sycamore and the third graders I worked with bought me a cake and balloon, and each of them made me a little diploma. It made me cry!" exclaimed Tricia Walley. Others were more expected. Tara McClelland related, "All year, I worked in the Counseling Center with Mrs. Kenney. She gave me flowers on the last day of school for being her assistant during fifth hour. I liked helping her and I'm really going to miss her."

Students were going to miss more than the special bonds they forged with teachers, staff and other students. For Kelly Krause it was as simple as a routine. She noted, "I will miss having everything planned out for me with a set schedule from 7:00 until 2:30 everyday."

For many students, sports held center stage in their high school day, or at least the anticipation of an after school activity. Julie Allen's interests were tennis and soccer. She commented, "In college, I'm not going to be on a team, and I will miss the workout and friendship with other players."

Looking forward to the future, students expressed both their anxieties and the things they looked forward to about moving on. One of the big concerns was making the grade. Jaime Hayslette, who planned on attending the University of Michigan confessed, "I'm afraid I won't succeed and on top of that I'm spending a lot of money. I will feel bad if I don't do well." Probably, there were more who shared her fears, but some preferred to present a more confident front. Andy Foster claimed, "I'm really not that scared of anything. I am comfortable with who I am and I know I can make it."

The future remained to be proven, but for now seniors enjoyed what they had accomplished. For many, if not most, this was showcased at open houses. The celebrations came in many forms and styles. The typical open house brought family and friends together along with balloons, crepe paper, cake and sometimes a volleyball net. Marni Norris explained, "My parents and I decided to have a traditional open house with ribs, fruit, vegetables and cake to eat. We also got about 150 balloons and lots of crepe paper to decorate."

Others went a more unique route. "Instead of having a typical food table for my open house, I decided it would be fun to set up an ice cream sundae bar with all the toppings," stated Tamara Trutt. For some, their open houses didn't necessarily mean they were at home. Many students chose to have them at local restaurants, golf courses or churches. Kyle Christensen explained, "I'm having my open house at Trippers. I thought it would be fun for everyone to go there, since they have good food and a game room." Tim



ALL-AROUND TALENT

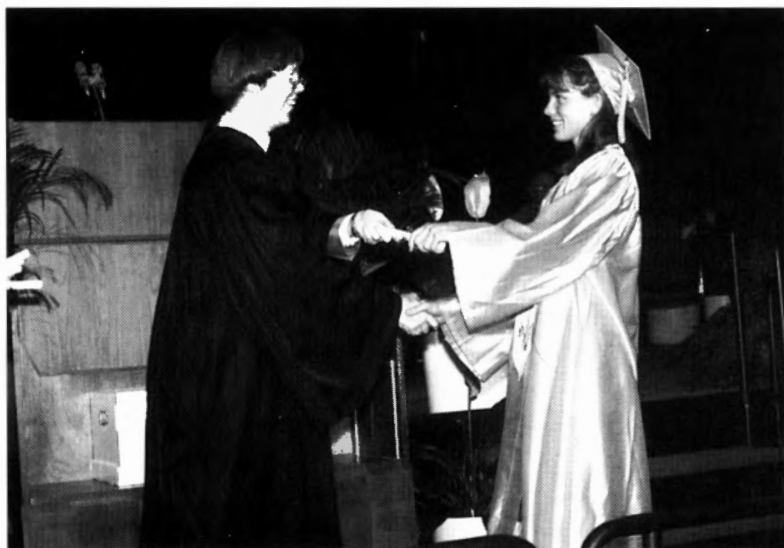
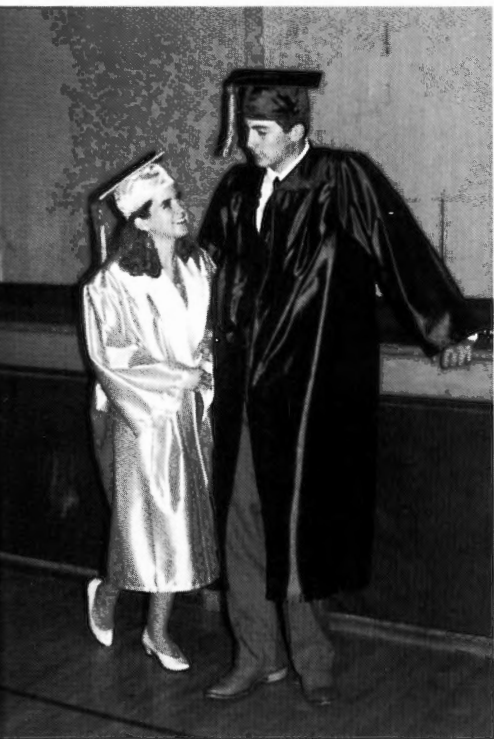
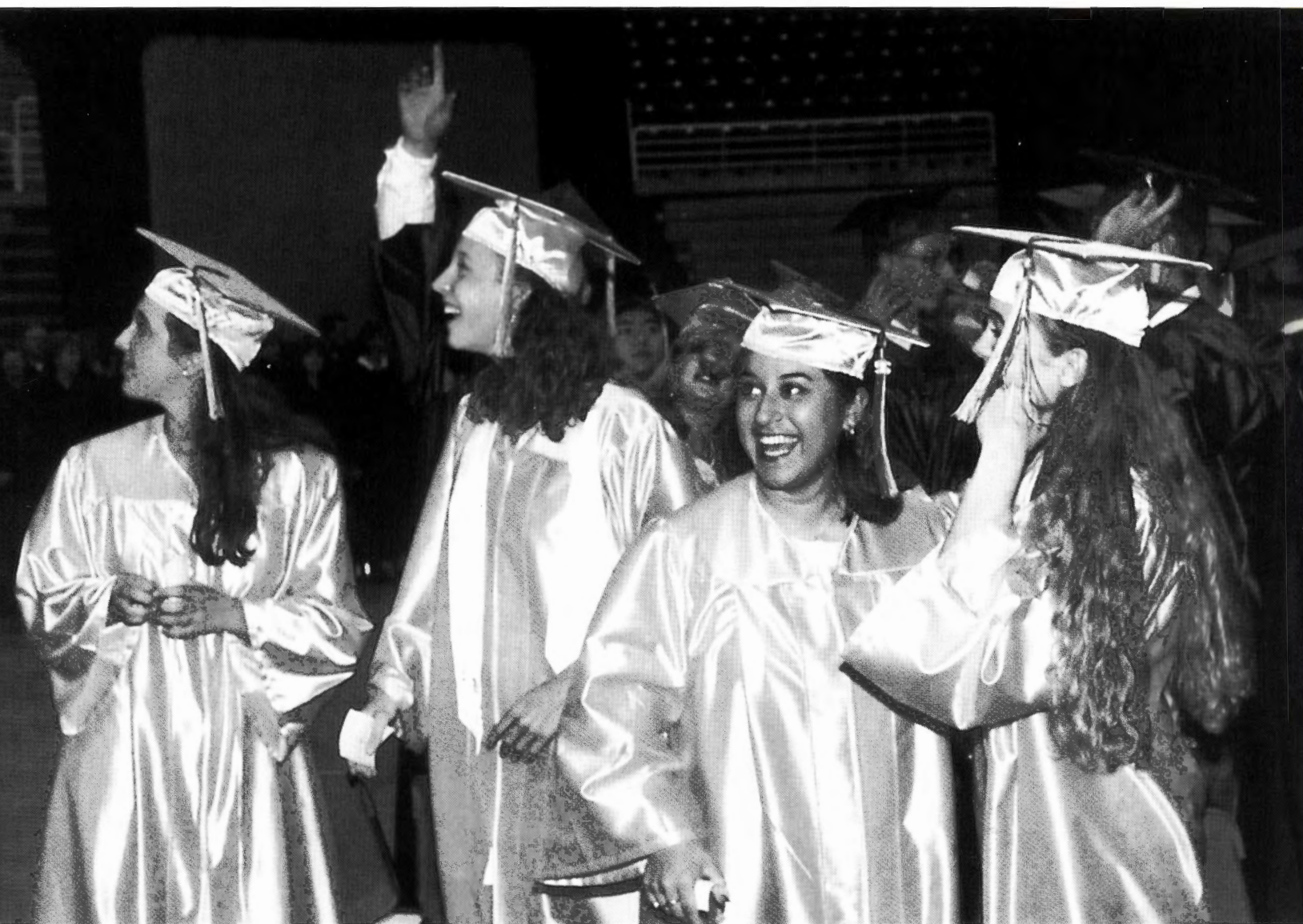
Playing a piece he composed himself at Baccalaureate is senior Eric Knechtges. Besides sharing his musical ability, Eric delivered the student Commencement speech. He encouraged graduates to "move ahead on their own paths, but to stop once in a while, look back and remember their high school days."

Purol added, "My mom decided to have my open house at El Dorado golf course since we live in an apartment and we really didn't have the room or a back yard to have one at home. She chose El Dorado because it had a nice reception room with a good view of the greens, and it also gave my family and friends the option to play golf if they wanted to."

However they celebrated, students were ready to put high school behind them and take on the world.

WELCOME WORLD

By Julie Smith



TOGETHER FOREVER

Smiling at their families in the stands during the Commencement ceremony are Alicia Watson, Jennifer Palmer, Zulema Beltran, and Damarah Ballard. Alicia and Jennifer were best friends throughout high school as were Damarah and Zulema.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Receiving her diploma from Board of Education member Deborah Roeske at the MSU Breslin Center, is Kelly Wardwell. Kelly is planning to attend MSU in the fall.

HAPPY COUPLE

Waiting in the High School gym before Baccalaureate are seniors Kelly Krause and Matt Snyder. The two dated throughout their senior year and also walked together during the Commencement ceremony June 9.

Shades of Glory

"Being in 'The Miracle Worker' was one of the most unique experiences in my life. It was challenging working with the mute character, Helen Keller, but the cast pulled together and everyone fulfilled their roles wonderfully."

—Sophomore Justin Pool

Making Our Mark

In a scene from the Winter Play, "The Miracle Worker," senior Nancy Quasarano as Annie Sullivan communicates with Helen Keller, played by junior Melody Routhier, by tapping on her hand. A servant played by sophomore Justin Pool observes the process. The play was performed in Pernert Auditorium on February 23-24.

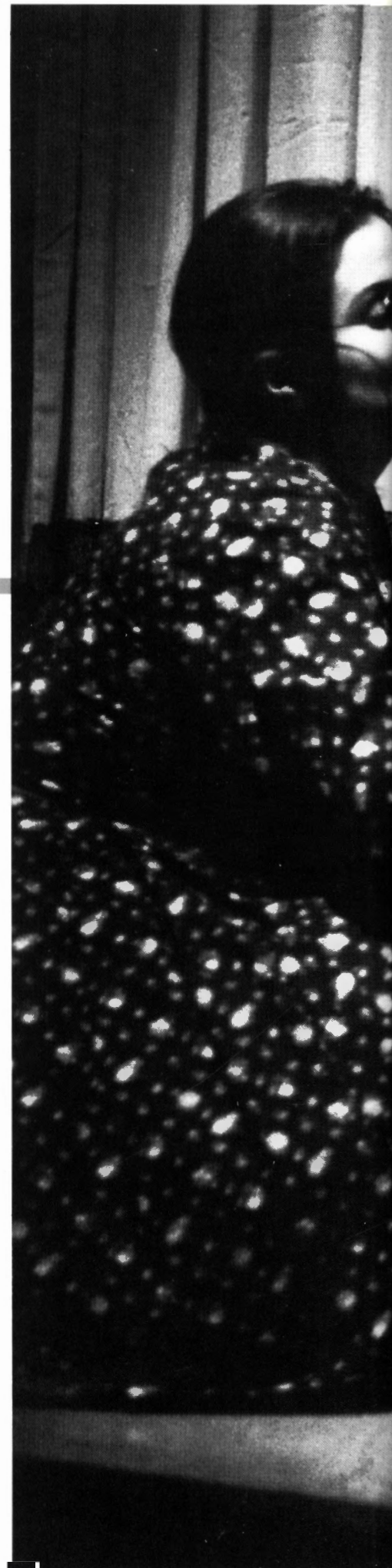


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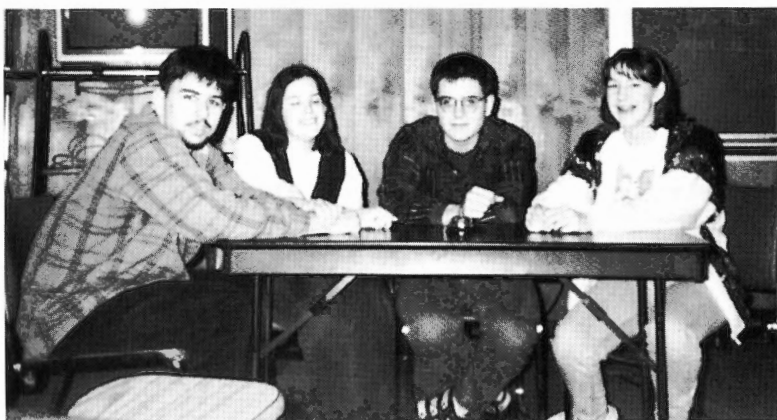


M UNICH VISTA

Getting a bit crazy while viewing the city of Munich from atop the church tower of St. Peter, are seniors Jeff Jewett and Brian Heany.

T RIVIAL PURSUIT

Competing in the trivia bowl at German Weekend is Brian Heany, Kristina Thomas, Joey Mills and Carin Beiber. German Weekend was held in May at MSU.



G ERMAN MEETING

Getting their activities organized for German Club are Meghann Devlin, Karen Wilson, Jennie Wilbur, Heidi Wheeler, and Nakia Betz during a Wednesday activity period.





"In Germany, instead of the students changing classrooms, the teachers do. There are no extra-curricular activities after school. If you want to play sports, you go to a private club after school to play. There is no difference between German and American soccer. I enjoy playing soccer very much and my team in Germany was undefeated for two years. My first impression was that Holt was a pretty big school, and I liked it here from the beginning."

—Senior Kai Barsties,

German Exchange Student and member of the Varsity Soccer team

G E R M A N E X C H A N G E

Deutsche Episodes

G E R M A N C L U B

Ten German Club members exchanged the everyday American culture for that of Germany from June 26 to July 15, 1995. They were part of the biennial exchange program and stayed with German families living in Munich. They were accompanied by teachers Elizabeth Priester and Heather Neiswonger.

The students visited the castles of Neuchwanstein and Linderhof in Bavaria, Hohenschwangau in Austria, and other historical sites. Some also attended a rock concert held in the Olympic Soccer Stadium. For senior Alex Feguer, the best part was, "seeing the old buildings, talking to different people, and learning the history of places that have stood

for hundreds of years."

Later in the summer, from August 23 to September 13, a group of 15 German students flew into Detroit Metro Airport for a three week stay in Holt. While they were here, they took a three-day trip to Chicago, visited Grand Haven, Greenfield Village, the Capitol, WFMK, attended a Rotary Club luncheon and toured MSU. Carin Bieber who hosted a student recalled, "We became such good friends. It was like having a sister, but without fights. I loved it!"

During the school year, German Club members were involved in activities, received help with assignments, and had fun while they were at it. Club President T.J. Fritts stated, "The club's main purpose was to perpetuate the German culture." Sophomore Matt Herwaldt added, "I'm of German heritage and I enjoyed the club because it gave

me a chance to learn more about the country." The goal was to become aware of not only differences, but similarities between German and American cultures. Amy Smith revealed, "Hosting an exchange student was a learning experience for me. We taught each other about our countries, but we also found out that German and American teens have the same interests and ideas."

Meeting during activity period, students watched German movies, practiced their language skills, and planned activities. Junior Corey Montie pointed out, "The meetings helped build more cultural awareness because we spent time learning about German current events."

The club ended the year with German Weekend, held at MSU's Wilson Hall, May 9-11. The event offered students a chance to meet other German language students, participate in German activities and speak only German the entire time. Damon Lamb concluded, "We acted out skits in German, had a trivia bowl, danced and participated in seminars and conversation groups. It was a great way to help students practice speaking the language."

--Julie Smith

CATCH THE VIEW

Taking in the view of Neuchwanstein in Bavaria is senior Damon Lamb. Damon spent a year living abroad in Germany and attended school there.



E X C H A N G E G R O U P

Gathering in front of Linderhof castle are members of the German Exchange group. Back Row: S. Skobranek, J. Reich, T. Fritts, N. Vogel, B. Carl, J. Schlemmer, E. Taschner Row 2: J. Seidenspinner, N. Wood, V. Muller, L. Zolls, G. Putzke, H. Neiswonger, E. Priester Row 3: J. Zolls, R. Weinelt, A. Feguer, J. Jewett, A. Smith, E. Hosl Bottom Row: B. Heany, B. Davenport.

“The school agendas are completely different in Brazil. Here school is a major focus while in Brazil when you get this old, schooling is not usually the most important thing in someone’s life.”

—Senior Pedro Azambuja

National Honor Society and member of the Varsity Soccer and Swim Teams

Poolside during Senior Night Pedro gets a hug from his host parent. Pedro became quite ‘Americanized.’ His favorite food was Japanese; hobby, scuba diving; TV show, “Home Improvement;” and music, rock and reggae.



MULTICULTURAL CLUB

Cultural Connection

FRENCH AND SPANISH CLUBS

Attempting to make the culture connection in different ways were the French and Spanish Clubs. Differences were explored through language, as well as, cultural experiences, and many students joined in.

Even though the Spanish and French clubs were very different in both cultural characteristics and language, they both had one very important aspect that all the students loved—the food! “The major reason I joined the French club was so that I could eat lots of French food,” stated junior Jason Griffith. Junior Kelly Noecker recalled, “The best thing we made were the doughnuts. They were great!”

Some alternate activities for eating were making crafts, french masks, poppies and learning more about the culture. The club met every activity period and sometimes after school. “When there was some down time we played heads up, seven up and talked a lot,” stated sophomore Nichole Zenker.

But there were other reasons for joining. “I enjoyed French class and the people in it. I liked Mrs. Bernier and I wanted to support the French program. Also, I think it is a beautiful and interesting language,” stated junior Jami Grant. And finally, the prospect of travel prompted some. “I decided to join because I plan on going to Paris someday and I wanted to learn more about France,” explained junior Elisabeth Boertmann.

The Spanish Club, though set up like the French Club, was very different. Most of the students joined because they thought it would be fun and they wanted something to do during activity periods.

For entertainment, some interesting things took place. “We planned trips, we did Spanish dances, and we talked a lot about the cultural background of Spain,” stated junior Gregg Powell. Junior Nick Johnson added, “The best activity we had was eating!”

When it came down to it, the main reason many students chose to study Spanish was because in Nick’s words, “The language es muy facil!” Junior Jenni Mayes agreed, “The language wasn’t very hard to learn.”

Students got a chance to try out their language skills on native speakers during the summer trip to France and Spain. Leaving the week after school got out, they traveled to Paris, Madrid and other major cities to sightsee and learn more about the history and culture of the two countries. The trip was a culminating experience for many students who had spent three or four years in the language programs. Accompanying them and bailing them out of any language difficulties were their teachers, Sandra Bernier and Juanita Grew. —Angie Watters

HOLA CHICA!

It was all sunshine and Mickey Mouse for these senioritas. Posing with their pinatas in Juanita Grew’s Spanish class are Angela Larner, Katie Stambaugh, Kristina DeRosa, Brooke Johnson, and Tricia Benson.

FRENCH IMPRESSIONS

Posing outside Planet Hollywood are sophomores Robyn Barker, Katy Crews, Katie Stachlewitz, Kym Bridges, and Rachel Troisi. “We went to Chicago with the French Club to see the Monet exhibit at the Art Institute. While we were there, we ate at Planet Hollywood,” explained Kym.



FRENCH SPIRIT

Sitting in Sandra Bernier’s French class on Hick Day during Spirit Week are juniors Nancy Quasarano and Stephanie Ewald. Stephanie recalled, “We had trouble paying attention in class that day because of how goofy everyone looked.”



Multicultural Club

The Multicultural Club took charge of getting to know each other and following up on ideas and projects. Pizza parties helped promote discussion and friendship while they planned activities involving both cultural awareness and service.

The club held fundraisers to fund a scholarship for a student who did not have the resources for continuing his or her education beyond high school. They also showcased personality profiles and cultural information in newly acquired display cases. Black History month was also one of their special projects for which they hung posters about the contributions of black historical figures.

Their largest project though, was "The Game of Life," a simulation designed to be an eye-opener to the subtle forms of prejudice and discrimination that can go on in society. The faculty played the game during a Wednesday morning with the goal of becoming more attuned to how differently people of other races and circumstances are treated.

Club members handed out information sheets stating how to play the game. The staff was to go to as many stations manned by Multicultural members as they could and apply for or acquire cars, jobs, insurance, loans, etc. But, there was a catch. Every person participating had to wear a special label, one that determined their race, age, sex, and financial situation. The people wearing tags had no idea what their new found social status was and students manning the stations responded differently based upon their conditions and how these people are often treated in society. Many people were frustrated by the end of the game and had a different perspective on race relations. The goal of seeing and experiencing things the way that people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds did had been achieved for a number of participants and feedback was positive about the activity.

—Heather Willet



THREE AMIGOS

Chevy Chase, Steve Martin, and Martin Short, a.k.a. Tom McKouen, Ben Morris and Jake Fortuna, ham it up for Spanish class while displaying their pinatas. Joining them were Cari Gonzalez and Carolina Garza. The pinata project was a fun way to wind down class time just before the holiday break. The pinatas were donated to the children's wards of local hospitals to brighten up the holidays.

IN CHARGE

Multicultural Club officers Heather Willet and Brandy Hill enter the gym while preparing for "The Game of Life." "It was interesting to reverse the role between students and teachers," Brandy recalled about the simulation game they hosted.



“At the lock-in, all of the PAL’s were telling ghost stories in the A-hall. Nancy Quasarano and I sneaked into the main hall and made the pay-phone ring. It freaked all of them out, but it was hilarious.”

—Junior Emily Reamer

PEER RESISTANCE

Just say NO!

SADD PAL’S

Two groups offered students the chance to be heard and understood. Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) worked to get the message across of don’t drink and drive, while Peer Assistant Listeners (PAL’s) offered support to other students who needed it.

Coming off a year which ended with the staging of a successful mock drunk driving accident, SADD members were ready to begin the new year. “We had a lot of people involved in creating the Homecoming float and worked hard for a serious cause,” commented SADD president, Jeanne Pierson. Members kicked off with Homecoming and scheduled a wide range of activities such as speakers, assemblies, poster making sessions, and the annual Grim Reaper Friday. Senior Jamie Southwell commented, “SADD tries to show students the results of drinking and driving in ways which will make them think and choose not to do it.”

PAL’s continuing mission was to seek out and help students in trouble or in other ways that would make them feel comfortable. It did a lot in the area of counseling and orientation that aimed to help students fit in.

PAL’s provided three different services. First, they did one-on-one counseling with students who had personal problems that they preferred not to discuss with a school counselor. Secondly, they acted as mediators in counseling sessions and finally, they were responsible for giving tours to new students.

Sophomore Jeannie Gibbs stated, “I’ve been called down for counseling quite a lot this year. People leaving after one-on-one sessions tell me that they feel better after talking about it. Also, new students usually feel pretty confident after I’ve showed them around the school. I feel good about the work I’ve done.”

The group also took part in other activities. During the first month of school, the PAL’s had a lock-in at the High School in an effort to get to know each other. Senior Emily Reamer recalled, “All the PAL’s were telling ghost stories in the A-hall. Nancy Quasarano and I sneaked into the main hall and made the pay-phone ring. It freaked all of them out, but it was hilarious.” PAL’s also took part in the Homecoming parade with their hay-ride float.

The biggest project for the group, however, was to create a video that was shown to all students and informed them how they could get help if they needed it. For the video, PAL’s staged a fight in the hall between Mike Cooper and Chris Sherry. During the next hour, two members conducted a conflict mediation to demonstrate what PAL’s do. The session was broadcast live throughout the school.

PAL’s found they had responsibilities as a member of the group to keep up their grades and get along with others if they were going to be counseling and mediating. Sophomore Ashley Oakley stated, “You need to put effort into each day to be

a PAL, and you have to keep up with your work in each class.” However, the effort was worth it for most students. Junior Nancy Quasarano concluded, “I like the fact that I’m helping people feel better about themselves. When people come in crying and leave laughing, I know I’ve done my job.”

--Aaron Kerr and Chris Carr

THE REAPERS

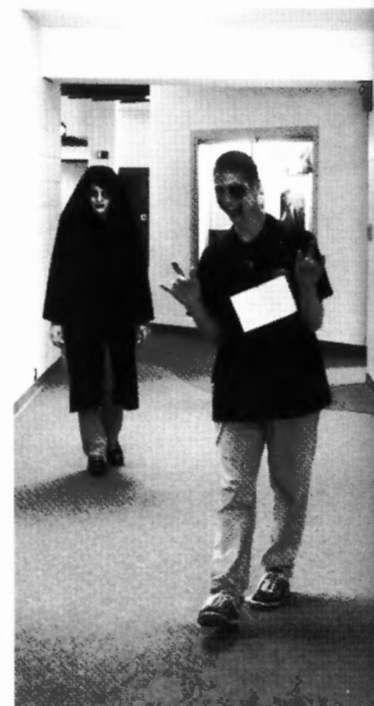
Taking a stroll down the hall on Grim Reaper Day are sophomore Evan Caldwell and senior Lisa Krug. The activity was held the Friday before the high risk Prom weekend to dramatize the message of don’t drink and drive.

SADD MEMBERS

Top Row: S. Macaluso, B. Leroy, E. Wenglekowski, M. Lore, K. Willoughby. **Row 2:** J. Pierson, R. Clark, S. Ewald, J. Savage, G. Woolston. **Bottom Row:** S. Craft, A. Watson, J. Palmer, C. Johnson.

YES OR NO?

Adviser Gerry Woolston contemplates the discussion of the Club’s plans amid a group of SADD members during an after school meeting. Woolston has been the adviser for SADD since the early 1970’s.





LET'S BRAINSTORM

Seniors Jeanne Pierson and Alicia Watson, sophomore Russel Clark, and junior Chad Johnson discuss strategies for the fifth grade presentation, during a Peer Resistance training session held on Wednesday morning. Jeanne was the President of SADD, and led other members in the presentation.



PAL'S EXCHANGE

Posing with students from the Lansing Area PAL exchange are Holt members: Quincy Gow, Ashley Oakley, Carolina Garza, and Jeanne Pierson. PAL students from other schools spent the day at Holt High School attending classes and meeting for discussion in the afternoon about area club activities.

IN TRAINING

Training other SADD members during a Wednesday morning Peer Resistance session are juniors Erin Wenglekowski and Stephanie Craft and seniors Alicia Watson and Jenny Palmer. The sessions were held to train members to teach fifth graders how to resist peer pressure.

"I joined Forensics because my friend Jamie encouraged me. My favorite part of the season was drinking the coffee. I learned a lot about coffee for my speech and now my career goal is to be Juanita Valdez, taking over for Juan when he retires. I will become the spokesperson for Colombian coffee!"

—Sophomore Eliina Viele



F O R E N S I C S

No Fear Here

D E B A T E C L O S E U P

Picture people in their underwear, make eye contact, practice so you know it by heart, concentrate on a spot on the wall.... everyone hears advice on public speaking, and everyone at one time or another had to do it, but most got nervous. However, there were two groups who performed or spoke in front of people at every competition and liked it. They were the Debate and Forensics teams.

With palms sweating and teeth gritted in fear of complete humiliation, most students gulp and go on. Debate and Forensics club members learned to get over this early on. Forensics members chose from a variety of performances including Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speech, Prose Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and more. Junior Kuana School commented, "Last year I acted in plays and did some Duo Interpretations with Tracy McArthur. This year I got into something along the lines of Broadcasting. It was a little harder for me to find the time to practice. Sometimes, we wrote speeches that would last about half an hour. It was hard work and took a lot of my time."

Forensics team members included: seniors Ryan Frazier and Quincy Gow; juniors, Nancy Quasarano Kuana School, Tracy McArthur and Melody Routhier; and sophomores, Christina Leve-rich, Kim Parker, Katie Stachlewitz, Eliina Viele, and Jamie Hedrick. Hedrick participated in

Prose 9/10 which is a short story or novel that someone interprets. She explained how she got involved. "I got a letter in class, and it said BE IN FORENSICS. I said okay. I enjoyed getting a scream whenever I wanted to, acting crazy, and making fun of Eliina Viele and her observations with coffee." The team was led by English teacher Amy Galligan for her second year.

The group found time to have fun and joke around too. Sophomore Eliina Viele who competed in Informative Speech joked, "I joined Forensics because my friend Jamie encouraged me. My favorite part of the season was drinking the coffee. I learned a lot about coffee for my speech, and now my career goal is to be Juanita Valdez, taking over for Juan when he retires. I will become the spokesperson for Colombian coffee!"

While the Forensics Team had many different event opportunities, the Debate team had just two options, one being in agreement with the topic at hand, or the Affirmative, and the other being in disagreement, or the Negative. Each presented their side in a debate with students from other schools. Whoever had the more convincing point of view won the debate.

The Debate team competes with some of the top schools in the state. Sophomore Randy Emery explained, "We compete at the highest level of the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association (MIFA). The competition is deadly so we

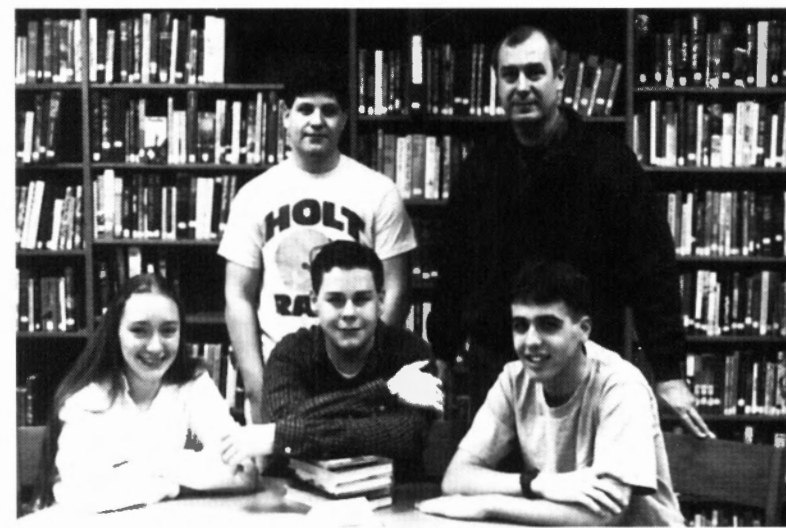
trained night and day for tournaments." Others on the team included junior Nick Cook, sophomore Steve Ayers, and freshman Jessica Kolomos, and was coached by Social Studies teacher Guil Northrup. The team finished fourth in the state with their well-practiced debates.

Whether it was an interpretation, observations, or a heated debate, members of both teams learned how to speak in front of groups and developed that talent into a very useful asset they would have for the rest of their lives.

--Lisa Harris and Bobbijo Larkins

D E B A T E T E A M

Top Row: Steve Ayers, Coach Guil Northrup **Bottom Row:** Jessica Kolomos, Nick Cook, Randall Emery.

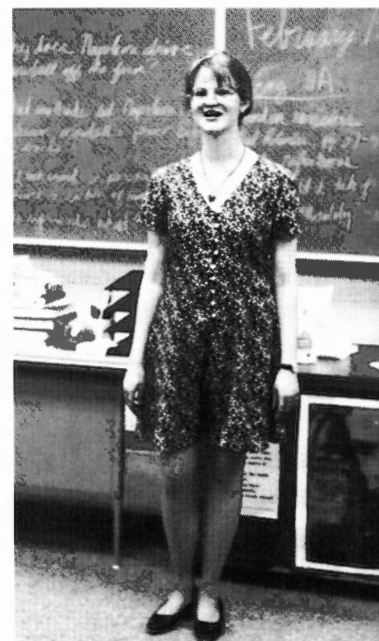


F O R E N S I C S T E A M

Top Row: Q. Gow, C. Leverich, K. Stachlewitz, N. Quasarano, M. Routhier **Bottom Row:** K. Parker, K. Brown, K. School, J. Hedrick, R. Frazier, Coach A. Galligan

C E N T E R S T A G E

Performing a piece on impassioned embraces is sophomore Kristen Brown. She recalled, "It was funny when I got up on stage at a tournament and I forgot my lines. All I could do was stand there. I was really embarrassed."



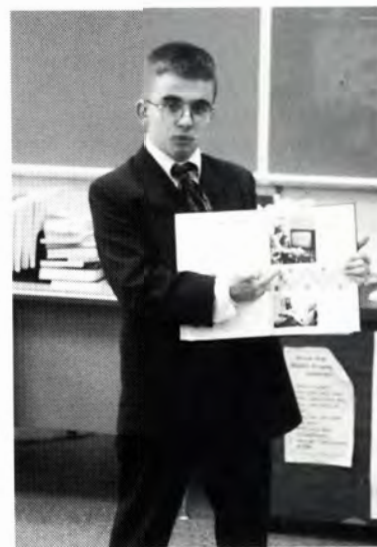


P OETIC PERFORMANCE

Performing her poetry piece "Daddy" by Sylvia Plath at the Holt Debate tournament is sophomore Kim Parker. She remembered, "One of the funniest things that happened during the season was when Quincy Gow wanted to put, 'Forensics stays crunchy in milk,' on our team shirts."

V IDEO GAME GURU

Speaking about the history of Atari for his informational speech at an after school Forensics practice is senior Ryan Frazier.



L ONG AND LOPSIDED

Performing a story at Forensics practice is junior Melody Routhier. She explained, "I was doing a skit about the rabbit, Leo the Lop, and I used my hair as rabbit ears." Coach Amy Galligan observes her practice.

C LOSE-UP

Speaking on Capitol Hill to the Close-Up group is Congressman Dick Chryser. On this day of the trip, Close-Up students met with their representatives and viewed what was happening at the Capitol.

Close-Up Group: Adviser Sue Kenney, Jamie Huddleson, Carrie Cross, Nancy Quasarano, Monica Matteo, Hailee Davis, Ben Morris



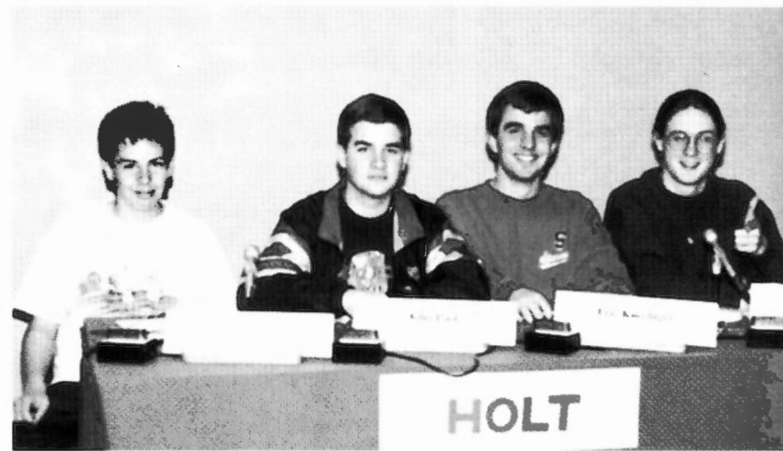
R EADY TO GO

Scrambling to set up name plates in preparation for the Lansing Area Invitational against Olivet are seniors John Pool and Eric Knechtges, junior John Molenda and sophomore Justin Pool.



G OOD JOB GUYS!

Winding down after the Lansing Area Invitational against Olivet at Harry Hill Vocational Center, seniors Eric Knechtges, John Pool, junior John Molenda and sophomore Justin Pool receive praise from coaches Georganne Withey and Mary Gray.



A JOB WELL DONE

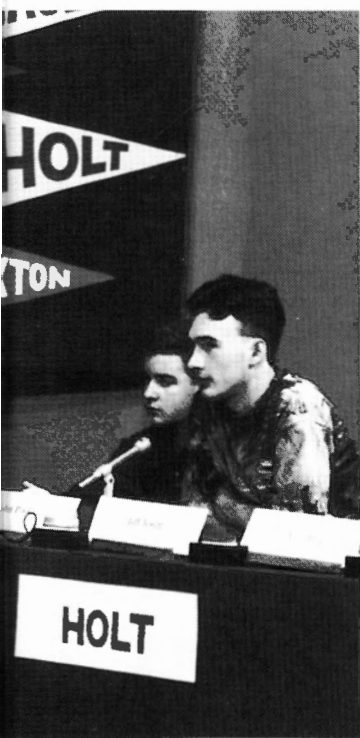
Breathing the sweet scent of victory after a well-earned win over Olivet at Hill Vocational Center are sophomore Justin Pool, seniors John Pool and Eric Knechtges, and junior John Molenda.

“East Lansing and Okemos were our toughest competition. Those teams are always hard to beat. They’re really quick to answer questions, and we have work our hardest when we’re playing against them.”

—Senior Jeff Jewett

GET IT RIGHT

Answering a question for his team is senior Jeff Jewett during the Lansing Area Invitational against Mason. Team-mate Eric Knechtges anticipates answer and waits for next round of questioning.



QUIZ BOWL

Wiseguys Know

Ending their season with a third place finish in the Capital Area Conference, the Quiz Bowl team had a challenging season. They got off to a smooth start with veteran coaches Mary Gray and Georganne Withey. The team also had a solid core of returning players from last year, as well as some helpful new additions.

The team practiced once every two weeks, and also met during the Wednesday activity period. The practices focused on questions from different areas such as history, mathematics and English. Being involved in this club required going

to every practice, and waking up early Saturday morning to go to weekend tournaments. The practices obviously helped the team, but junior John Molenda, gave the understatement explanation for their victories, “The most important thing you have to do to prepare for competitions is just be smart.”

The team unanimously agreed that East Lansing and Okemos were their arch rivals. “East Lansing and Okemos were our toughest competition. Those teams are always hard to beat,” stated senior Jeff Jewett. “They’re really quick to answer questions, and we have to work our hardest when we’re playing against them.” Consequently, one of the highlights of the season was beating East Lansing at the end by a hair. “Beating East Lansing, and loving every minute of it was my favorite part of the season by far!” exclaimed junior Joey Mills.

On occasion, the team chal-

lenged members of the faculty to test their knowledge of Quiz Bowl material. “I thought the best part of the season were the faculty challenges,” noted John. “It was fun trying to beat the teachers.”

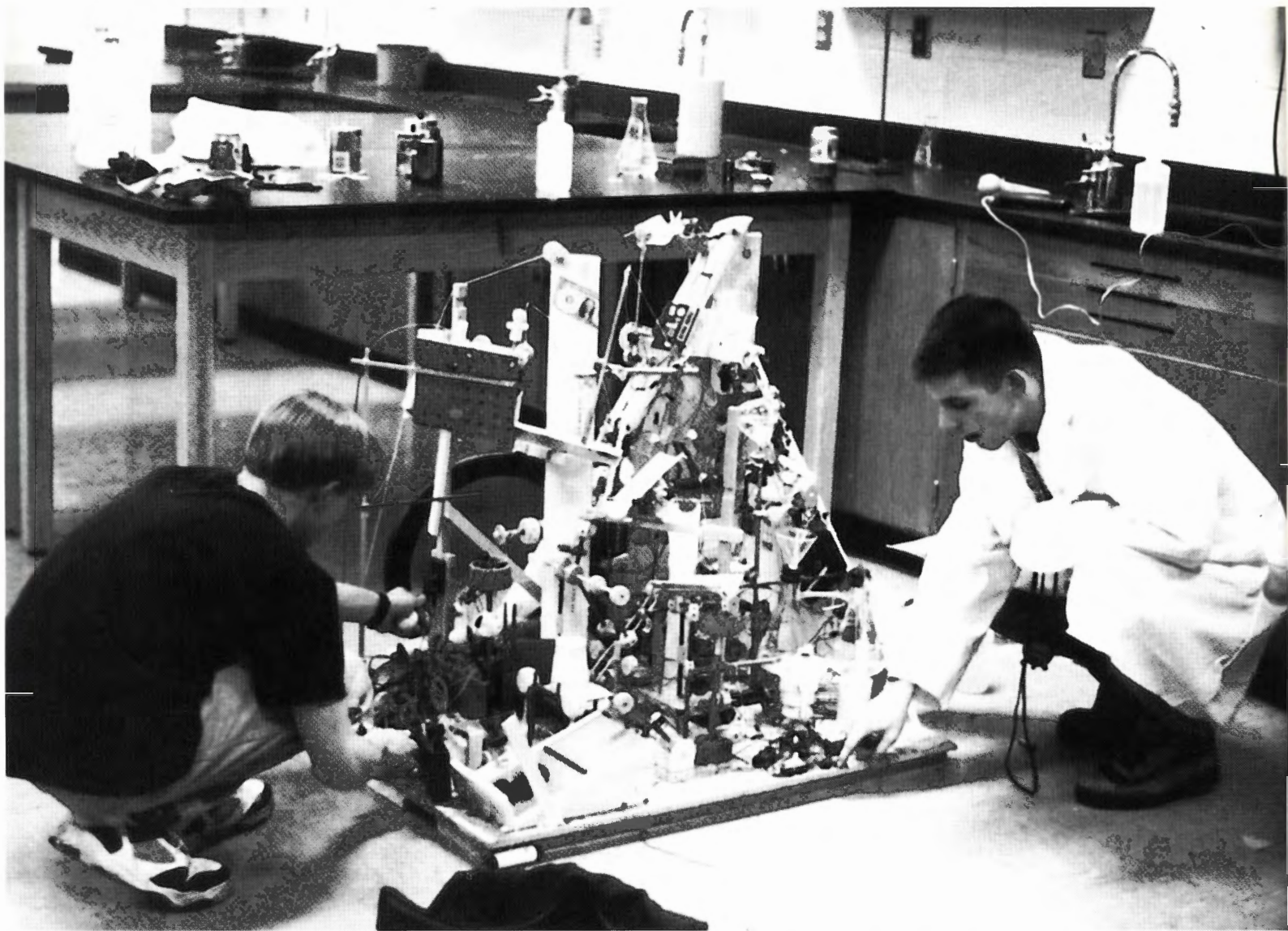
All contributed their own knowledge and skill to the season, but a few people stood out as being exceptional assets. Seniors Paul DeRose, Jeff Jewett, John Pool and Nicole Nelson were all very competitive. New members junior John Molenda, and sophomores Eric Braid and Justin Pool were key players as well, giving the team some people to count on for next year’s competition.

The season went off without a hitch due, in part, to players mutual liking of one another. Many friendships were formed throughout the season contributing to the team spirit. Jeff Jewett added, “Other key contributions were that everyone worked hard this season, and we all worked well together.”

—Andrea Alburtus and Beth Lund

MIND GAMES

Wearing their game faces for the meet with Mason are seniors John Pool, Jeff Jewett, Eric Braid and Nicole Nelson.



O LYMPIAD TEAM

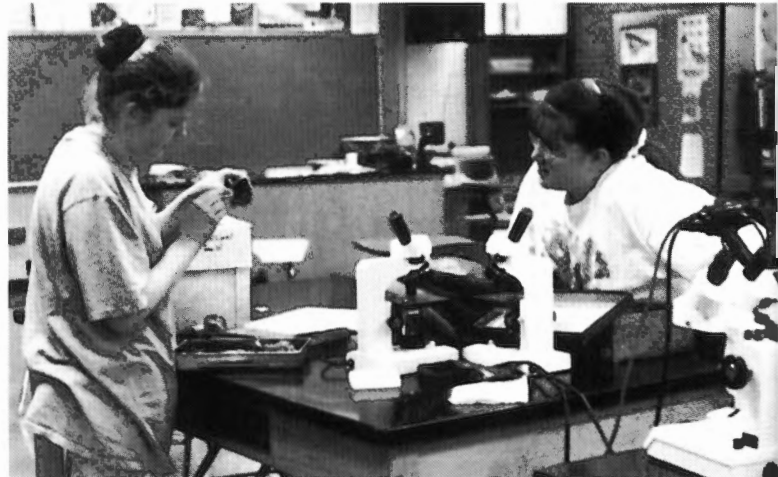
Top Row: J. Molenda, P. DeRose, M. Savage
Row 2: M. Stafford, R. Ewen, J. Jewett, E. Viele, V. Rogers, B. Hill. **Bottom Row:** Coach B. Oaks, K. Roberts, M. Kelly, E. Braid, Coach H. Neiswonger, N. Nelson, R. Emery, J. Graham, C. Garza, R. Bogle, A. Downey, M. Andrick

J UST STARTING OUT

Dissecting a cow's eye are juniors Rebekah Ewen and Kari Roberts. Kari noted, "This was my first year in Science Olympiad, so it was a learning experience for me."

S CRAMBLING AROUND

Making adjustments on the Scrambler are junior Rich Bogle and sophomore Randy Emery. They created a car which when launched would be able to get as close to the target point as possible without hitting it. They placed second in state in competition.

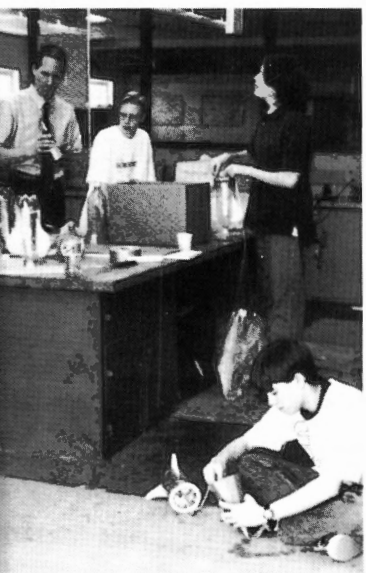


REGULAR EINSTEINS

Helping to fine tune Mission Possible are seniors Adam Downey and Marshall Savage. Both were on Science Olympiad all three years and helped the team year after year achieve at both regional and state levels. The Mission Possible event placed first in state competition.

ROCKET SCIENTISTS

Working on their Bottle Rocket event are sophomores Michael Andrick and John Graham with Coach Dave Hildebrandt. "The Bottle Rocket involves taking two 2-liter bottles and filling them with water and styrofoam. Then you pressurize it with an air compressor and launch it. You have to keep it in the air as long as possible," explained Michael.



BUILD IT UP

Everyone observes Coach Dave Hildebrandt working on the Tower Building event during an after school practice session before state competition. Michael Andrick commented, "I participated in several different events, like Tower Building, and our team did really well this season. We placed first at Regionals and third overall in the State."



"Science Olympiad gives you a chance to get more in-depth knowledge about areas that you are interested in. Also there can be a lot of experimentation. I worked on the Mission Possible event where we were always trying new methods to get our goal accomplished. My other event was Chemistry Lab. We took first in both of these events at state competition, so that was really cool for me."

—Senior Marshall Savage

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Sweep

When Holt's Science Olympiad team arrived on the scene of the Regional Tournament at Lansing Community College February 24, it recalled images of the Dream Team taking the floor at the 1992 Summer Olympics. After taking first in the region for the previous 11 years, the team was clearly the favorite. The students lived up to this expectation, dominating the tournament with a first place finish and earning themselves a trip to the annual state tournament.

The state competition was held at MSU on April 20. Forty-one teams competed, with Holt capturing third overall in the state behind tough teams from Grand Haven High School and Forest Hills Central.

Before the glory of these competitions could take place, there was, of course, a lot of practice and preparation to be done. The team began work in late October, and by December, was practicing each day for three to four hours after school. The

23 different events of Science Olympiad gave the group more than enough to prepare for. Anyone who was dedicated enough to come to practices was on the team, but only 15 members could take part in each meet. Therefore, only those who worked the hardest would get the chance to test themselves in competition.

For the students, Science Olympiad was an opportunity to have a lot of fun and learn too. Senior Marshall Savage stated, "It's good because you have a chance to get more in depth knowledge about areas that you are interested in. Also, there can be a lot of experimentation. I worked on the Mission Possible event where we were always trying new methods to get our goal accomplished. My other event was Chemistry Lab. We took first in both of these events at state competition, so that was really cool for me."

The coaches were also pleased

with the team's success. Heather Neiswonger stated, "The team really put in a lot of effort this year. What they've accomplished comes from hours and hours of practice and preparation." Senior Jeff Jewett added, "I've been in Science Olympiad all of my years in high school. It's sometimes been tough to make the time for all the practices, but in the end it's really interesting and a lot of fun. I'm glad I was involved."

With yet another regional trophy to decorate the halls of the school, the Science Olympiad team has trained more science enthusiasts to take up the torch and looks ahead to many more winning seasons.

—Aaron Kerr

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

Trying out the team's Bottle Rocket experiment as the rest of the group watches is junior Rich Bogle. Junior John Molenda and sophomores John Graham and Michael Andrick also worked on the event. Michael expressed, "It was a fun experiment to perform, and we ended up taking fifth place in the state."



TROUBLESOME TWO

Selecting sports photos for the yearbook are senior Andy Merchant and junior Matt Allen. Andy was a sports writer for the yearbook and sports columnist for the newspaper while Matt was the Sports Editor for the yearbook and newspaper. "Andy made a boring day interesting. You never knew what he was going to do. He was as unpredictable as an untrained puppy," explained Matt.

KEEP ORGANIZED

Organizing student portraits is senior Heather Willett. Heather was News and Feature Editor of the school newspaper, *Ramparts*, and Organizations Editor of the yearbook.

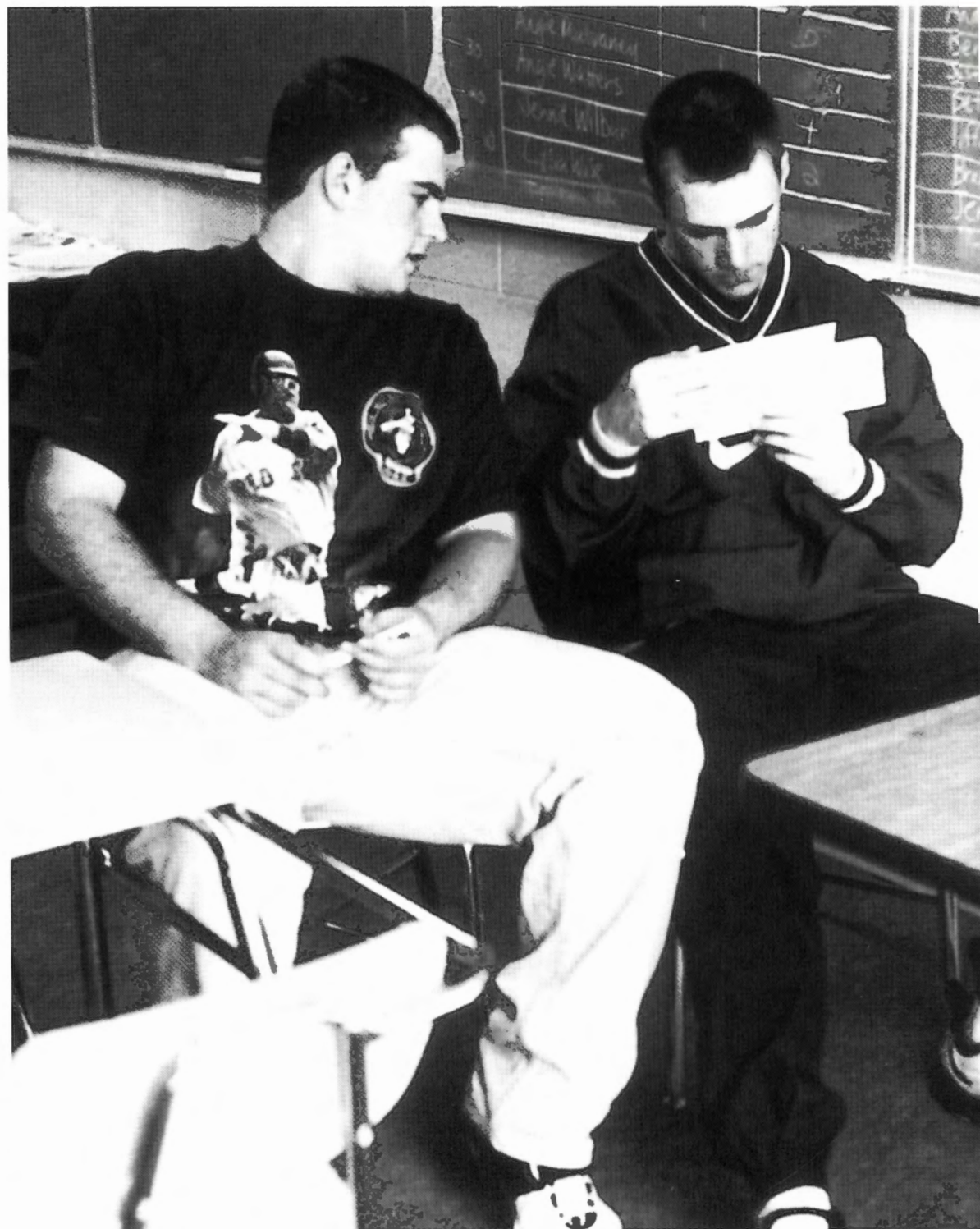


ROLE MODEL SENIOR

Working on captions for yearbook photos are senior Lisa Harris and junior Jennie Wilbur. It was often left to the senior's experience to lead the way in Publications classes.

ANN'S KIDS

At the Fall MIPA Conference held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing are newspaper and yearbook staff members: Heather Willett, Bobbijo Larkins, Matt Allen, Lisa Harris, Andy Merchant, Evan Caldwell, Nik Leible, Jennifer Kidwell, Andrea Alburus, Jen Spock, and Angela Watters. At the conference, sessions were available to help students in different areas such as copy writing and photography.





“The funniest things about the class were Matt Allen’s Top Ten lists, when Aaron made the computer talk, and Andy Merchant’s smart comments. Advice for incoming staff is sell your ads right away, have a sense of humor, bite your lip and agree, and don’t whine, just do it.”

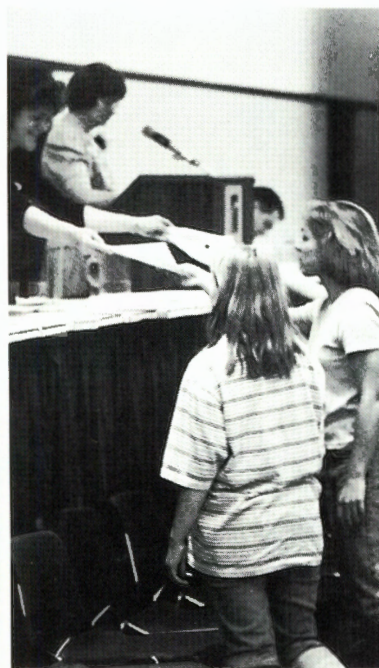
—Rampages Staff

S ARGENT AND HER TROOPS

Showing her students the way is yearbook and newspaper adviser Ann Paul at the MIPA Spring Conference. The yearbook took top honors at the event as well as the newspaper staff.

C OME ON DOWN

Receiving an award for the Rampages yearbook, at the MIPA Spring Conference is senior Editor-in-Chief Julie Smith. The 1995 book “Reality Check” won a Spartan award, the highest award for a staff to earn.



The days are never the same. Advanced Classes of about 10, maybe 12, sometimes 14. This isn’t your typical traditional class. It was the class for the editorial staff of the yearbook and newspaper and it was called Advanced Publications. “I enjoy the variety it gives me. One day I write or design, the next I’m taking pictures or interviewing someone. And I also get the chance to work in the darkroom,” explained senior Editor-In-Chief Julie Smith. “I was kind of looking at a career in the journalism-publishing field, so I thought this class would show me more about the area,” commented junior Andrea Alburtus.

The Beginning and Advanced Publications classes did more than one might think to publish the annual yearbook. Students sold ads,

took pictures, wrote copy and captions, designed the layouts, chose a theme, and developed a cover along with section themes that would still look good after 20 years. But some parts were more difficult or popular than others. “The hardest part about this class is selling ad’s. I don’t like to ask total strangers to buy ad’s,” admitted senior Heather Willett.

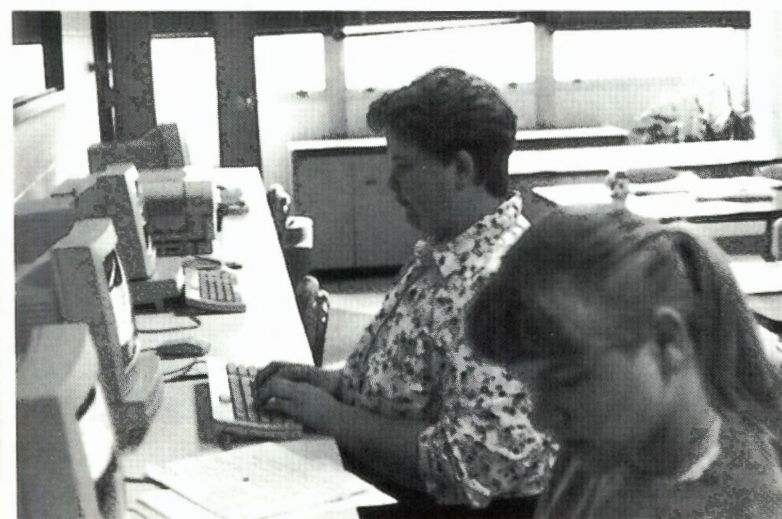
The theme for the book developed early after the success of athletics and the school in general. With the Varsity Football and Wrestling teams finishing tops in the state, “Glory Days” was the unanimous selection. “It was great how it worked out and then was followed by a number of other teams’ and clubs’ honors,” noted Adviser Ann Paul. To go along with the theme, each section needed to follow the “Glory Days” idea. Senior Katie Yemc came up with the theme idea. “At first it was ‘These Are The Days,’ but the majority didn’t like it, so it changed to ‘Glory Days’ because it sounded better for the

cover,” explained Katie.

The class also helped students learn to meet deadlines and to interact with other people. “I have learned a lot about how to make a yearbook and about our school in general,” commented junior Chris Carr. Although many of the students said they weren’t planning to enter a journalism career, they said they were keeping it in mind. But some students like Julie wanted to pursue it. “I plan on going to Michigan State and study publications this fall.”

Never at a loss for words, veterans had advice for in-coming staff. Senior Andy Merchant warned, “Make sure you have friends in the class.” Junior Chris Carr added, “Try to have fun, and find different ways of making money other than advertising.” “Be careful, you might get sick of each other if you don’t have a sense of humor,” cautioned Heather Willett. “Don’t whine just do it,” added Bobbijo Larkins. Jeff Reynolds suggested, “Get all the good copy before its gone or you’ll get stuck writing things you don’t want to.”

Although the class was demanding, students found their niche and things they wanted to do. They could choose their topics, design their pages, and take the pictures for them. The class was open to students’ ideas and if students were looking for a career in journalism or publications these were good classes to get started. —Matt Allen



H ALEY’S COMET

Working on the portrait section of the yearbook is senior staff member Rachael Haley. Rachael helped write copy and captions along with other tasks for the yearbook.

C OPY PRONTO

Processing final drafts of yearbook copy are seniors Bobbijo Larkins and Lisa Harris. Bobbijo was business manager and community editor and Lisa was senior section editor and assistant clubs editor.

R A M P A G E S

Not the Usual

R A M P A R T S

“Being on the Pom Pon squad was a really great experience. I had a lot of fun and made new friends. It was sad to see it all come to an end.”

—Senior Diana Arnold

I N STEP

Showing some spirit out on the floor during a pep assembly are seniors Diana Arnold, Molly Ranke and Alicia Watson. The squad performed at all home football and basketball games and with the band at other events.



A TTENTION!

Performing with the Marching Band at the Class 'AA' State Football Finals playoff game at the Silverdome is senior Diana Arnold. Many Band and Pom Pon squad members felt it was an honor to perform at the event and represent their school. The playoff games extended the Pom Pon squad's season, but provided members excitement and many special memories.

P O M P O N S Q U A D

High Thrill

With the will to perform the Pom Pon squad met the challenges of the season and brought spirit to their performances both solo and with the band. The season started out with band camp at Michigan State where the girls practiced with the Marching Band getting routines down and in step for football season.

Besides the regular season halftime performances and the pep assemblies, the playoffs offered another opportunity to shine. Performing at playoff games was never without excitement. Bundled up in blankets for the Bay City Central game, senior Molly Ranke commented, “It was very cold, but we had to be there to show our spirit!”

The girls also accompanied the

band to the Silverdome where they performed for the State Football Finals. Junior Carrie Butterfield recalled, “We were all really proud of the football players and we considered it an honor to perform at halftime at the Silverdome.”

Varsity Basketball season was next with halftime routines at home games at the Junior High gym. It was the time to honor seniors and those who helped the squad throughout the season. The squad identified the important driving force behind the group as their Coach Carole Eastman, better known as “Gram.” Senior Jamie Gostnell explained, “Gram pushed us and pushed us all year to make us great. We never could have done it

without her.” There at every practice she gave her encouragement and advice and helped the squad through some rough times. During the course of the season, some of the girls had left the squad and replacements were found.

In the end, the squad looked back on an exciting year of memories, new friendships and accomplishments. Senior Diana Arnold concluded, “Being on the Pom Pon squad was a really great experience. I had a lot of fun and made new friends. It was sad to see it all come to an end.” But the happy times prevailed from the first moment of band camp to Senior Night and the last routine.



S MILE WIDE

The fall season finale was performing at the Silverdome during the State finals halftime show for members of the Pom Pon squad.

I N GRATITUDE

Presenting their Coach, Carole Eastman, with flowers at Senior Night during a Varsity Basketball game halftime are Billie Jo Poufcas, Jamie Gostnell, and Carrie Butterfield.

S IDELINE SPIRIT

Bundled up against the cold before taking the field at halftime during the Bay City Central playoff game are seniors Keri Kelly, Diana Arnold, Molly Ranke and junior Christina Leverich.



T O THE BEAT

Performing a routine during the halftime of a Varsity Basketball game are seniors Molly Ranke and Alicia Watson, junior Billie Jo Poufcas and sophomore Ilana Fisher.



K ICKIN' HIGH

At the Silverdome, kicks are high and the Pom Pon Squad gives their all during the halftime performance along with the Marching Band.

“Learning how to march and twirl was difficult. I marched in the flute section last year and it wasn’t nearly as hard. In Flag Corp, you have to keep up with the rest of the group in a routine and you also have to keep in step marching with the band.”

—Junior Melody Routhier



PEP BAND

Play It Cool

FLAG CORP

The days of glory for the high school were many. From State Wrestling and Football championships to first place rankings in Solo and Ensemble, students experienced success of all sorts, including those in Flag Corp, and Pep Band.

For these two groups, their time and effort were year long. Band camp started in early August. It was a fun week for band members new and old to start working together and teach new faces the ins and outs of marching and music.

Homecoming was first priority for the Flag Corp starting the very first day of school. Working together after school and late in the evenings, members perfected their routines. For some, it wasn’t that easy. Junior Melody Routhier revealed, “Learning how to march and twirl was difficult. I marched in the flute section last year and it wasn’t nearly as hard. In Flag Corp, you have to keep up with the rest of the group in a routine, and you also have to keep in step marching with the band.”

With the success of the Varsity Football team, the band season lasted a little longer than usual. For the Jennison game, the Pep Band braved the snow and cold and took to the stands and even the track to play some notes and some raise school spirit. They weren’t done with that game, but traveled a little further to the Silverdome where both Flag Corp and Marching Band per-

formed. “We were all excited both for our own performance and the football team’s,” explained sophomore Mike Dittenber.

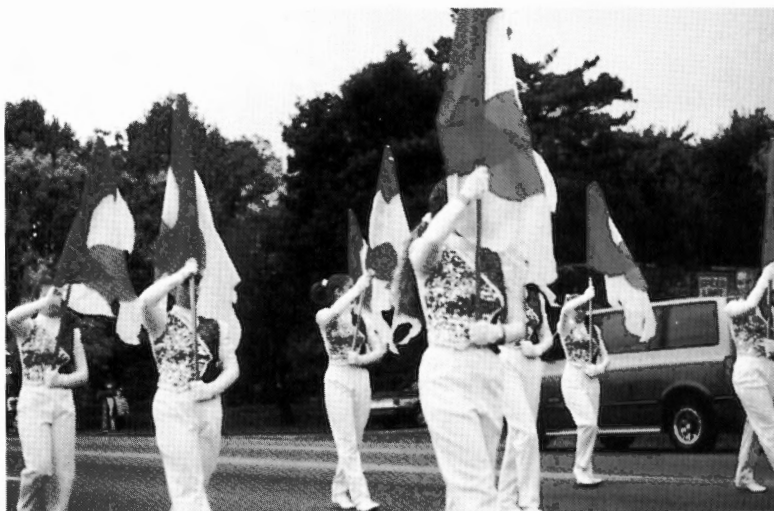
Then there were the Friday night pep-raising sessions at Varsity Basketball games. Many of the Pep Band members turned out to make their contribution to the spirit effort and a little more music camaraderie.

Flag Corp overcame the experience factor to face competition. “We had a few difficulties in the beginning, starting out with only four girls returning. Basically we were a new

guard,” noted sophomore Jenny Miller. They got it together to compete in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit, where they did a routine twirling sabres. The corp finished first in two of the four competitions, and as a finale, finished seventh in state wide competition.

The Pep Band and Flag Corp felt it had been a rewarding season. In many of their performances, they worked together. Whether it was goofing off at practice or earning awards in competition, they shared a year of fun.

—Jennie Wilbur



WALKING TALL

Carrying their flags proudly in the Homecoming parade are Nicole Whitford, Wendy Kirkham, Jenny Miller, Melody Routhier and Jeanine Gibbs. “Homecoming was our first big event. Learning the routines was hard, but the effort paid off,” stated sophomore Jenny Miller.

DRUM ROLE PLEASE

It’s percussion plus as senior Bryan Heany sparks up the band at the Silverdome, while other band members, Joe Zimmerman, Josh Theroux and Brad Clugston key in. Bryan also performed on drums for the Talent Show later in the spring.

FACING THE MUSIC

Toughing out the weather at the playoff game versus Jennison to raise crowd spirit are senior Jennifer Adams and sophomore Emily Muttu. Although the snowfall was fierce a small contingent of the Pep Band plus Band Director Tim Parry played on.



JAZZ COMPANY

Performing at a home Varsity Basketball game against Waverly are Pep Band members Rich Bogel, Erica McGraw, Keri Roberts, Jake Ketchum, Tim Hurlburt, Jessica Kolomos and Director Tim Parry. The Pep Band was there week after week on Friday nights to spark the crowds.



COLOR GUARD

Gathering for a group shot after practice are members of the Color Guard. **Top Row:** L. Janz, A. Kelly, J. Miller, M. Scates, J. Veldman, S. Walimaki, A. Parish, M. Mitchell, A. Oakley, R. Grawberg. **Bottom Row:** N. Witford, W. Kirkham, B. Ross, B. Rodriguez, A. Cumbow, S. Iott



WINTERFEST SPIRIT

Attending the Winterfest basketball game with her friends is Senior At-Large Representative Allison Warren. "Being part of Student Council allowed me to work with organizing Winterfest and other events, and I had a lot of fun," she revealed.



FRONT AND CENTER

Vice President of Student Council, Tom Welsh gives recognition to fall sports teams at a pep rally prior to the State Football Finals game. He commented, "I wanted to be president of the student body because things need to get done, and I wanted to get them done."

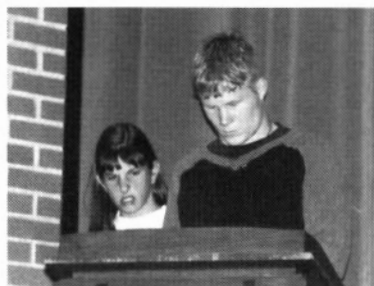


KEEPING DRY

Student Council Adviser Juanita Grew and Sophomore At-Large Representative and Homecoming Court member Katie Wlkerson tough out the wet weather during another rainy Homecoming. Miss Grew spent numerous hours coordinating Homecoming and other Student Council events.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS..

Student Council President Rachael Paterick and Vice-President Tom Welsh host the Spring Talent Show. Rachael recalled, "Overall it was a success but we needed a better sound system!"



HARDLY WORKING

Putting in an evening of float building at Ed Monroe's garage is Student Council member Tom McKouen along with Scott Lawrence and Senior Class sponsor Eric Pulver. Tom recalled, "As a part of Student Council, I felt that Homecoming was our biggest success. We also had a lot of fun working on our float."





“We wanted Winterfest to be the biggest event yet. We added a court this year and included some unique spirit days, but Homecoming was still the biggest event.”

—Senior Alicia Watson

S T U D E N T C O U N C I L

Going All Out

From day one, Student Council was hard at work trying to plan an unforgettable year of activities. The first order of business and what many members felt was their greatest accomplishment was Homecoming. Senior Class President Sarah Cribley recalled, “We wanted Homecoming to mean so much and be something we would all look back on.”

Homecoming was only the beginning. With the fall of the first snow, Student Council shifted gears for the next big event, Winterfest. Once again the Council sat in meet-

ings, coming to agreement on spirit day themes, preparing for a dance, working on court nominees, and trying to make Winterfest memorable. Public Relations officer, Alicia Freeman, stated, “We wanted Winterfest to be the biggest event yet. We added a court this year, and put in some unique spirit days, but Homecoming was still the biggest event.”

Through the end of the year, Student Council played with many more ideas including forms of teacher and student recognition and a field and track day. However, these ideas did not gain momentum due to lack of interest among the student body. This bothered Student Council President, Rachael Paterick. She commented, “There

was so much to do, but it seemed like many in the school had an attitude of ‘we don’t care.’ Whenever new ideas were brought to the students, such as field day, we had few participants.”

As the year wound down, Student Council wrapped things up on a positive note with the Talent Show. It was hosted by Rachael and Student Council Vice President junior Tom Welsh. The event gave students a chance to display their talent and have some fun. With the exception of some glitches in the sound system, the show went smoothly.

As a whole, Student Council felt they had a successful year. “Being on the council, we all learned to be responsible. There was no time to mess around when we were trying to pull off events like Homecoming and Winterfest. We all did our part in making the year our best, and I feel it was very successful,” noted Junior Class Representative At-Large Sarah Clarkson

—Jennie Wilbur

THE FINISHING TOUCH

Sophomore class president, Elyse Puruleski attaches the messages to the carnations to be delivered on Homecoming. Student Council used the profits from the flower sale to help defray the cost of their homecoming activities such as the dance.



TEAMWORK

Senior Carrie Swan and Sarah Cribley’s mom clean up after a senior float meeting. “Sarah’s parents really helped out with our float. Without them, we would not have gotten anywhere,” Carrie stated.



HELPING OUT

In the process of donating blood with the help of a Red Cross volunteer is senior Pat Holmes at the National Honor Society sponsored event held on March 22, 1996 in the gym. The Blood Drive was one of many service projects NHS members volunteered to work on during the year.



NHS OFFICERS

Top Row: Historian Paul DeRose, President Dave Resio. **Bottom Row:** Vice President Marie Ryckman, Secretary Lindsay Patterson, Treasurer Jeff Jewett.

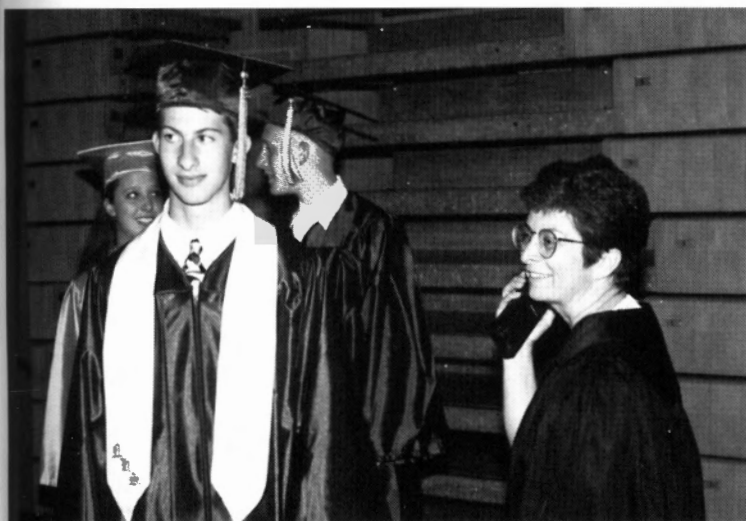
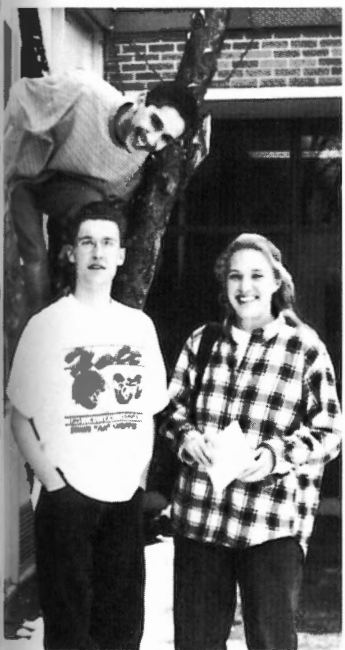
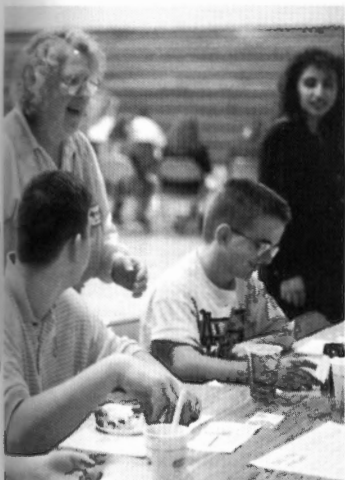
WORKING HARD

Working together on a Science Olympiad event are NHS Historian Paul DeRose and NHS member Nicole Nelson. Paul stated, "Making the group fun was our main focus this year."



REGAINING STRENGTH

Sharing a laugh and snacks with other blood donors is senior Ryan Frazier and Elizabeth Carter. She noted, "It was a great feeling to be able to give to the community a little part of myself, literally."



MONKEYING AROUND

Pranksters in the school's courtyard are NHS President, Dave Resio, NHS Secretary, Lind Patterson and member Alex Feguer.

"At the Blood Drive we collected more pints than ever before. We also had the best snacks thanks to our food guru Faiz Ikramulla. He got a number of businesses in the area to donate pizza, cookies and juice for the blood donors."

—Senior Jeff Jewett, NHS Treasurer

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Major Impact

In a time when many people concentrated mainly on their own interests and ignored the needs of others, it was nice to see a group that consistently dedicated its time and effort to helping out the community. That group was the National Honor Society (NHS).

One of the early projects NHS undertook was the Give a Kid a Coat Drive. On November 10, approximately 15 NHS members spent the day helping to unload and organize winter clothing that was then distributed first to Holt School District students who needed them and then to the community. Workers collected over 5,000 coats and a total of 700 blankets.

The next week, the club helped to organize the food drive for the Holt-Delhi Food Bank. Over 1,200 food items were collected and dis-

tributed by the township to people in need.

Another focus of NHS was to tutor younger students in the District. Several members volunteered a couple of hours each week to tutor elementary and middle school students. Another group helped at the Sycamore Elementary School Carnival on February 3. Some set up and decorated, while others ran games and cleaned up afterwards. Senior Alex Feguer noted, "I hung crepe paper and decorations. Helping out there was my favorite NHS activity. It was a lot of fun." Senior Faiz Ikramulla who also helped commented, "I had to be the janitor and pick up after all the kids. It wasn't that bad, but it was a lot of work."

The annual Blood Drive was yet another task that NHS members took on. Past events brought in several hundred units of blood for area blood banks, and this year was no exception. "We collected more pints than ever before. We also had the best snacks thanks to our food guru Faiz. He got a number of businesses in the area to donate pizza, cookies, and juice for the blood donors," explained senior NHS Treasurer Jeff Jewett.

Although community service was a requirement for membership, most students really came to appreciate doing it. Senior Julie Smith shared, "I liked doing community service and helping others. It made me feel good about myself and that I am needed. I especially liked the coat drive because it made me realize how much I have and how thankful I should be for it. Many things like a good home and warm clothes, are things that I've always taken for

granted."

Other people took steps to improve the organization. Junior Carin Bieber noted, "I attended the Michigan Association of Honor Societies' (MAHS) Conference in February. I learned many new ideas to improve our chapter and got many ideas for projects. I received a position on the board and I will be attending a few other conferences next year where I hope to learn more."

At the annual Induction Ceremony, on April 16, 45 new members joined NHS. Paul DeRose commented, "This year, NHS members concentrated on making the ceremony more interesting. Just because it was formal didn't mean it had to have boring speeches. The officers decided to do a little musical number to make the ceremony less dry." NHS member Elizabeth Carter added, "The song and dance routine was pretty funny because Vice President Marie Ryckman wasn't there, so they were trying to cover it up. It was amusing and afterward we all enjoyed tasty snacks."

In addition to the service projects, the society hosted a luncheon for the teachers and held fundraisers, chief of which was the holiday candy cane sales. Sharing her feelings on the group's efforts, NHS adviser of 10 years, Jan Wilson, stated, "This year's group of students was really outstanding. There was such energy, creativity, and willingness to serve. My ultimate goal is that these students will always feel that service is important, and they will continue to give back to the community the way they have done now."

—Andrea Alburtus, Aaron Kerr

HAPPY DAY

Preparing to walk in front of the crowd at Commencement is NHS member Mark Vandlen along with adviser Jan Wilson.

“Working on the Electrathon car teaches you that talking about something does not get things done. Accomplishment comes only from painstakingly difficult work. I have learned many things including: team building skills, the politics of business, campaigning for sponsors and time management.”

—Junior Joey Mills



D OUBLE CHECKING

Checking the wiring in the Electrathon car is senior Kelley Nastal. She was the only female member of the Shockwavez team. She revealed, “This project took a lot of time and commitment from all of us. As we finished the car we all knew that we had something to be proud of!”

B REAK TIME

Taking a Mountain Dew break is senior Joe Zimmerman. The Electrathon crew spent over 1500 man hours constructing their electric car.

E L E C T R A T H O N

‘Shockwavez’

Seven High School students, along with their adviser, John Thon a Junior High School teacher, gathered together to build a car in the shop room at the Junior High. They combined their ideas, aluminum, and wheels to create a race car, and the group was called Holt Shockwavez. The Electrathon team, consisted of Kelley Nastal, Adam Downey, Joey Mills, Mike Potts, Joe Zimmerman, and Marshal Savage.

The track they ran their Electrathon car on was 400 meters long, the size of a high school track, and the race lasted one hour. Eight cars, built by students, ran the race. The cars went around the track 80 times at an average speed of 20 MPH. The maximum speed of the car was recorded at 30 MPH, but it drained the battery too fast!

The Electrathon car took well over 1500 man hours to construct. “Putting this car together took far more preparation than I ever would have dreamed. We not only had to learn to work together as a team, but we also had to learn how to work with steering columns, sponsors and most importantly deadlines,” said senior, Kelley Nastal.

However, it took a lot more than

team work to put this car together. The car cost almost \$5,000 to construct, and the team went to local businesses and asked for their help. “I think that the hardest part of this whole project was learning to deal with business people and learning how to get the money because without sponsors we wouldn’t have had a project,” revealed senior Marshal Savage.

The vehicle was displayed at the Education Fair just after their first race at Coopersville High School on April 27 in which they placed fourth in a field of eight. Only three cars out-performed them, and these were cars from schools that had been participating in the event for the past four years. About the time factor, junior Joey Mills noted, “It has drained about an average of three hours of my day, seven days a week since about the end of November. I got involved when I arrived home in July from a trip I was on and found a message from John Thon. I returned his call and he described the project to me. He suggested that I look for a few members and then the team sprang to life.”

The goal of the project was to develop the skills that are necessary to produce a finished product.

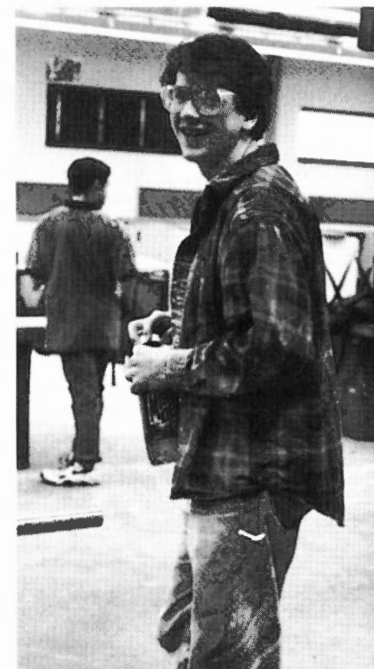
“Working on the Electrathon car teaches you that talking about something does not get things done. Accomplishment comes only from painstakingly difficult work. I have learned many things, including team building skills, the politics of business, campaigning for sponsors and time management,” added Joey.

The group worked very hard and the finale races were held at Michigan Ideal Speedway on May 25, and at Berlin Speedway on July 8.

—Bobbijo Larkins

T HE SHOCKWAVEZ

Joe Zimmerman, Marshal Savage, Mike Potts, Adviser John Thon, Kelley Nastal, Joey Mills, and Paul DeRose pose with their finished product, the Electrathon car.



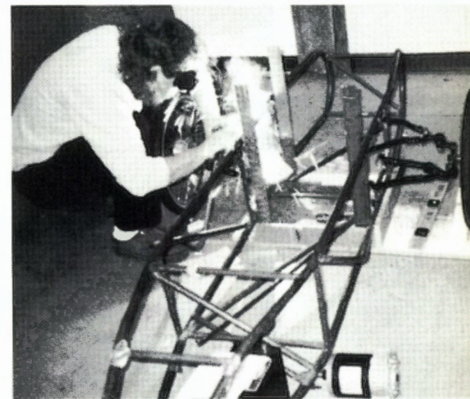


S HOCKING WORK

After the basic frame of the car was completed, Marshall Savage begins to install the electrical wiring. The Shockwavez team built the Electrathon in the Junior High shop room. The car ran on electrical shock waves.

F LYING SPARKS

Adviser for the Shockwavez team, John Thon, lends a helping hand. A Junior High science teacher, John led the team to a fourth place finish in their first race at Coopersville High School, April 27.

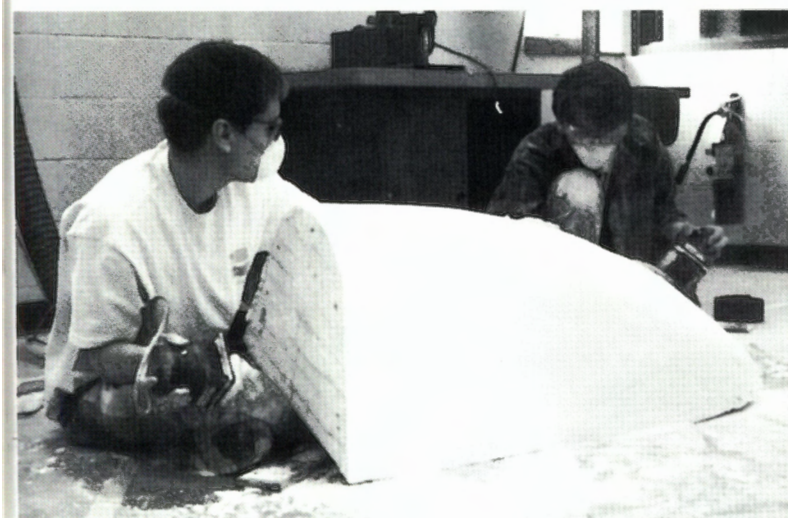


W HERE TO START?

In order to mold the shape of their car, Joe Zimmerman and Joey Mills made a form for the roof. The total construction for this car cost well over \$5,000. The car was funded by several local businesses.

P ROUD PRESENTERS

In the Holt Shockwavez booth for the Education Fair held at the Junior High School are seniors Joe Zimmerman and Marshal Savage. Throughout the night the team showed off their final product to interested parents, teachers, students and community members.



There's No Stopping Us!

"We really showed our spirit beating both the seniors and sophomores in the Loud Mouth Jug contest. Winning was well worth the sore throat and the cost of lozenges after the pep assembly."

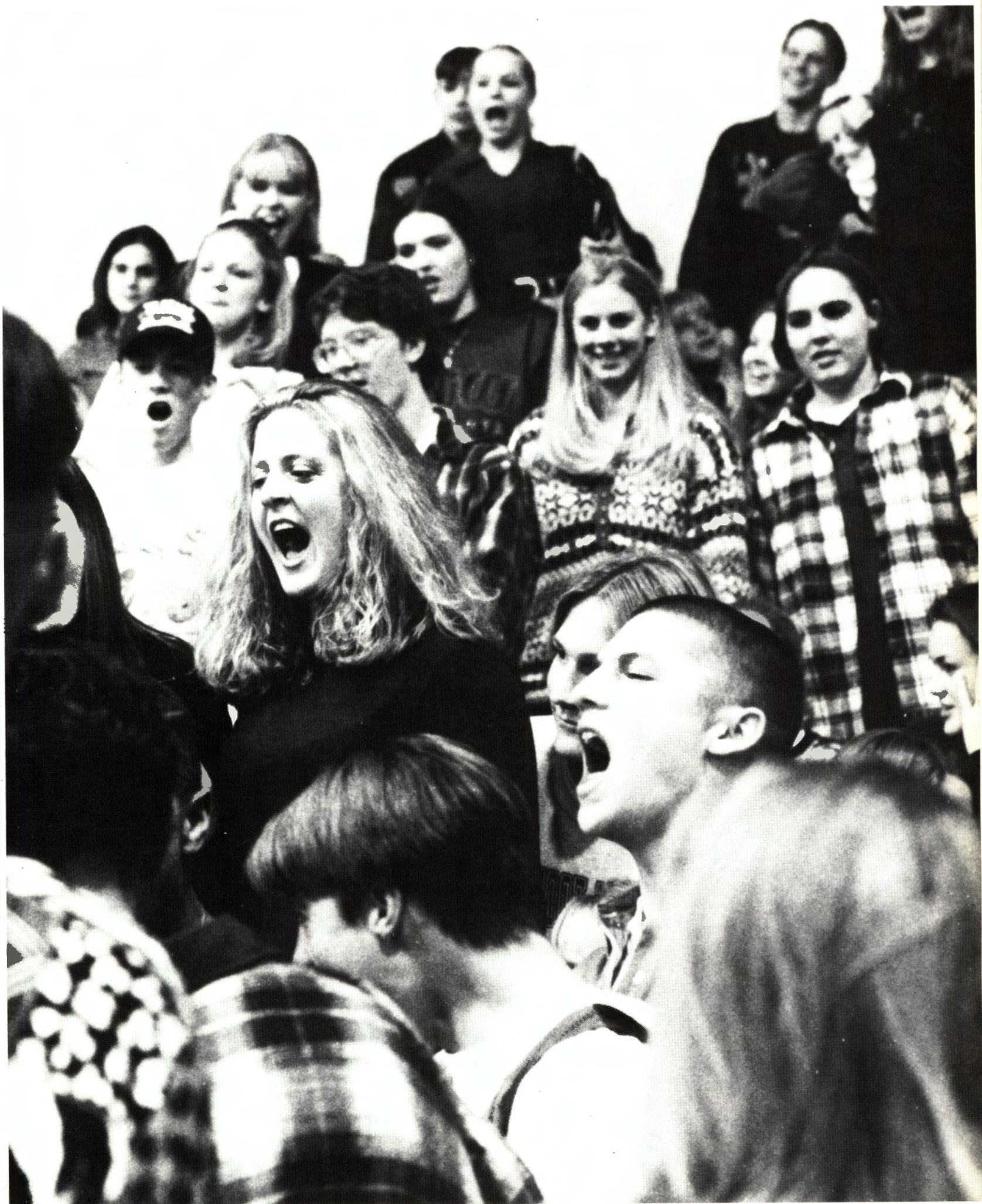
--Junior Erin Wenglekowski

Give it your all!

There was no stopping junior Erin Wenglekowski and her classmates as they pitched their voices in the Loud Mouth Jug contest during the Homecoming pep assembly October 6. Taking their cue from teacher Dan Ernst who led the contest, the Junior Class pitted themselves against spirited seniors, and were outnumbered by sophomores, but still shouted their way to the honor of loudest spirit.

Photo by Julie Smith





T Here Today gone TOMORROW

These were the days, the glory days when senior memories were created for eternity. They began in August with halls crowded by sophomores, the biggest class ever to come to the high school. Tripping over underclassmen was an all-too-frequent occurrence during the first week.

By October, seniors began to unite for Homecoming. Float, hall decorations, and theme became top priority. "Somewhere in Time," was selected as the theme and seniors centered on the 60's, rounding up the Forest Gump sound track, 60's posters, and tie dye material for their hall decorations.

The float committee started out at the Duling farm, then moved to senior Ed Monroe's house. Apollo 11 was built to highlight man's first steps on the moon and was pulled by the pep truck full of seniors screaming chants. "I had a lot of fun on the pep truck and at the pep assembly. I screamed so much Homecoming Day, I lost my voice. However, I did recover it to support our team at the game," recalled senior Brooke Oakley. The floats were followed by the Homecoming Court with King Chris Sherry and Queen Beth Wilkerson, along with Prince and Princess Steve Robedeau and Laura Harger.

The Varsity Football team continued their season roll winning the Homecoming game 12-6 over Jackson and ending with their unforgettable State Finals' bid at the Silverdome. Radio commentators were amazed at how many Holt fans attended the championship game against Detroit Catholic Central, announcing there were three Rams to every one DCC fan.

"I think our class has shown more school spirit and pride in being Holt graduates. It may be because we did so well during the football season, and had such a good turn out of fans at the games," commented Lynn Felton.

The names and faces of those who became viewed as necessary ingredients of the class were it's officers, Racheal Paterick, Student Council President and Sarah Cribley, Senior Class President. "This is a class of individuals. Most every student likes to do the same thing a different way. As a whole, they are laid back, and they don't get bent out of shape about little things. There are many students who excelled academically along with many students that had good leadership skills, but were very quiet and didn't express their talents," explained Student Council Adviser Juanita Grew.

Learning to work together as a class, took these individuals time and effort. The payoffs were the memories they created and the glory days they shared.

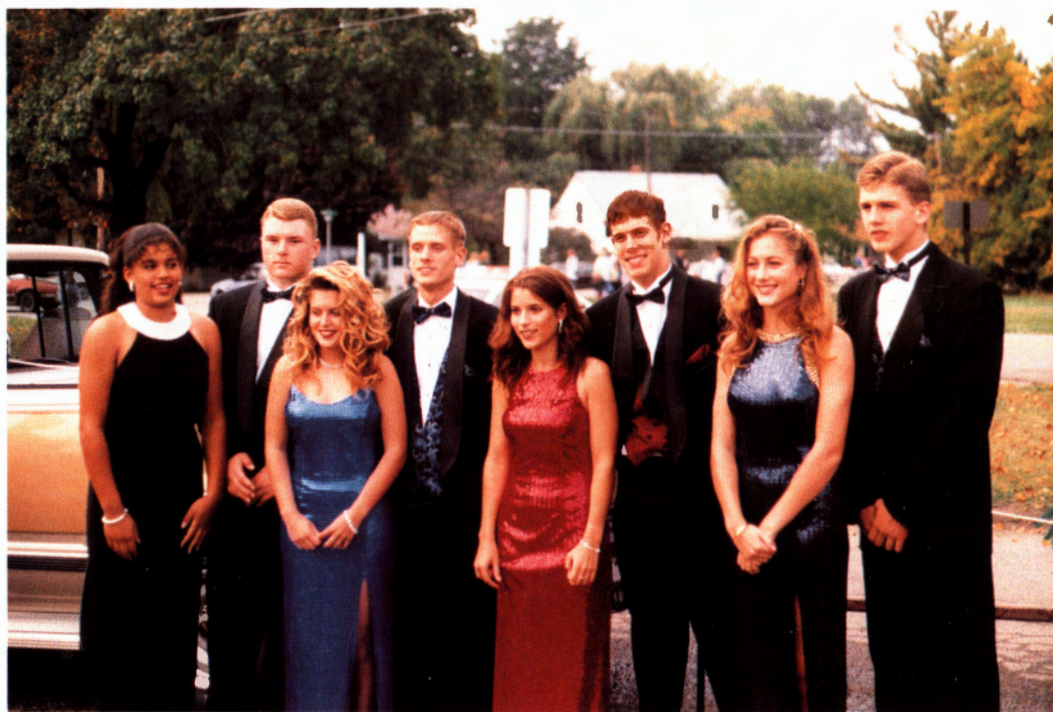
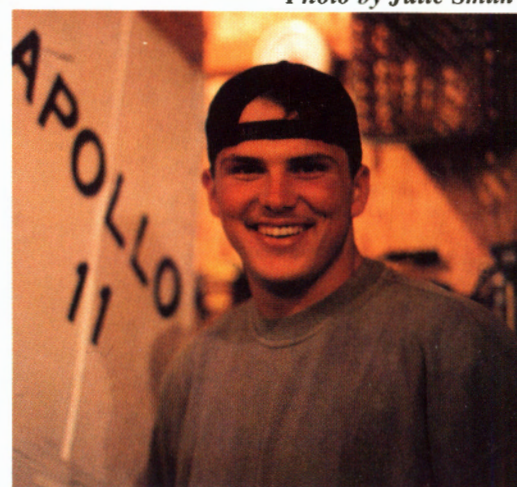
--Lisa Harris

"I think building the float and getting ready for Homecoming really brought our class together. We united our school spirit to win. I will always think our float should have won first!"

--Senior Tom McKouen

painting Appollo 11 at the senior float building site during Spirit Week.

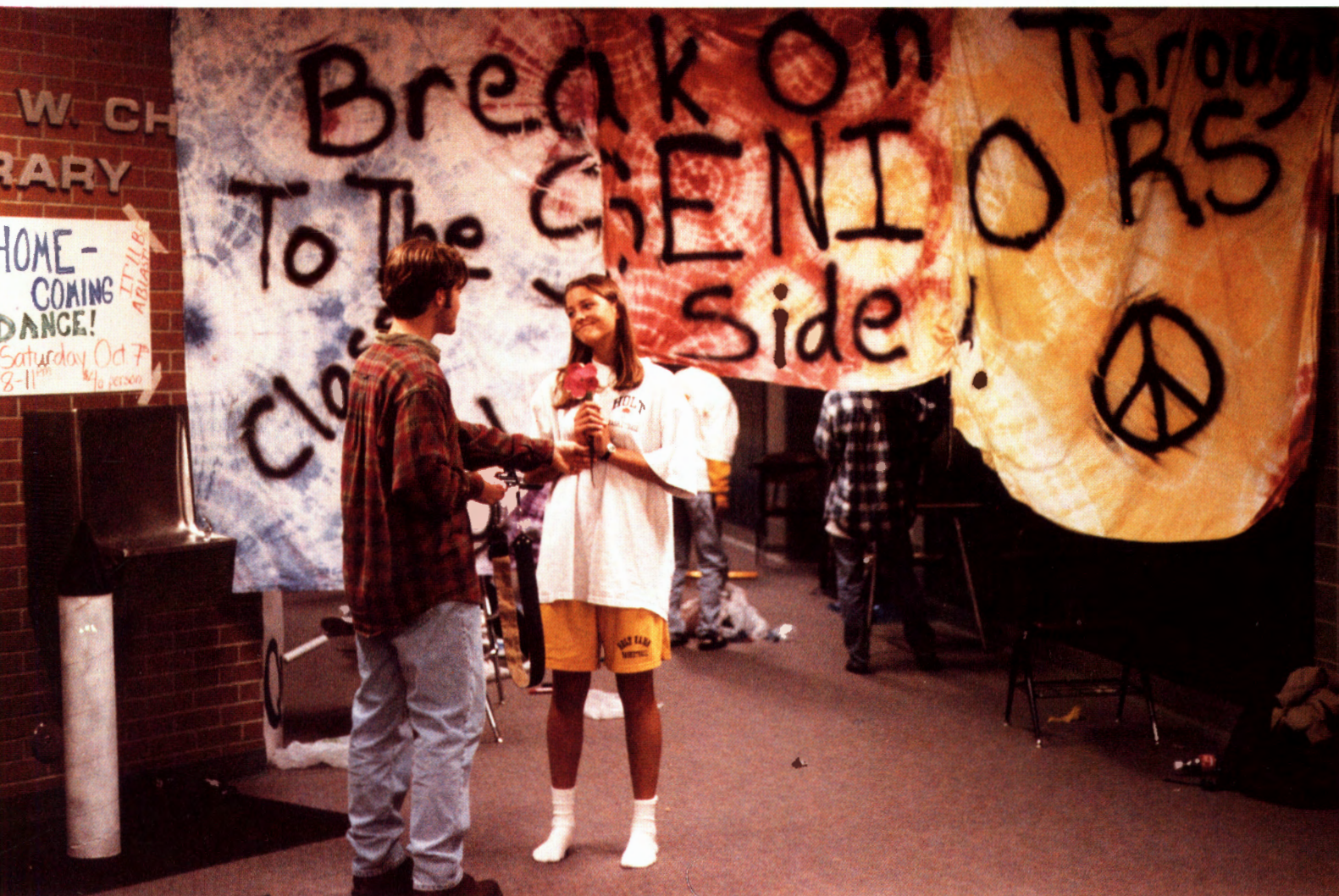
Photo by Julie Smith



Dressed to Kill

Posing for parents' cameras before parade time are senior Homecoming Court members, King and Queen, Beth Wilkerson and Chris Sherry, Prince and Princess, Laura Harger and Steve Robedeau along with Jenny Johnson, Sarah Cribley, Dustin Alward, and Matt Vandlen.

Photo by Julie Smith



CLASS OF 96

Colors

Forest Green and Silver

Flower

White Rose

Song

"End of the World" ...REM

Motto

*Remember your yesterdays,
live your todays, and dream
your tomorrows.*



Photo by Julie Smith

Hippee Hangout

Stopping to chat for a moment after finishing the hall decorating the day before Homecoming are seniors Jeff Reynolds and Laura Ososkie. The entrance was covered by tie-dye sheets reading, 'Break on Through to the Senior Side', mimicking the Doors song of the 60's and 70's.

Staying Cheesy

Donning Burger King crowns to denote their status, seniors gather for a memory pose at classmate Ed Monroe's house where their Apollo 11 moon shot float became a reality.

H Seniors Kick Back with O B B I E S

From ice skating rinks to college parties, Chi-Chi's to A&W, after school, one could hardly go anywhere without running into seniors.

Some, like Jay Gamet and Vanessa Berry, were involved in sports and school activities. Jay was a member of the Varsity Golf and Baseball teams, while Vanessa joined Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). She explained, "I don't agree with drinking and driv-

ing. I joined SADD to help do something about it." Meeting during activity periods, the group planned their awareness activities, but some work was necessary after hours to pull it all together.

Others joined the workforce in part-time jobs. Senior Nyk Leible, Mandy Barnhart, and Shondi Truman worked at Target in sales. Shondi revealed, "Target is a great place to work as a student. It's a lot of fun working with people that you go to school with."

Other seniors enjoyed more relaxing interests. Christine Spisak liked ice skating with her friends. She explained, "None of us really know how to skate that well, but we

have fun trying to hold each other up."

Many others enjoyed movies, the mall, bowling and sporting events. Still others sat at home with friends, boyfriends, or girlfriends, watching TV or playing video games. Kim Witsaman stated, "I prefer to spend my free time with friends, and most of it is spent with my boyfriend."

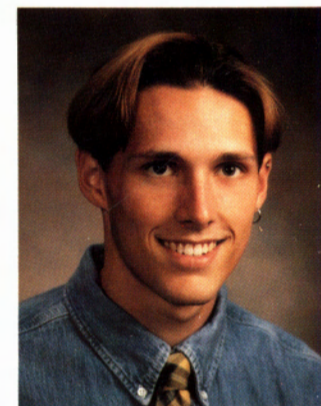
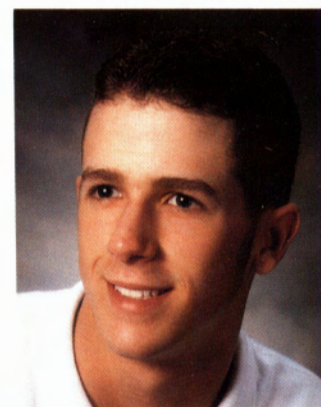
When there was nothing else to do, seniors cruised the streets looking for an escape from the boredom of small town life. Driving around invariably led to something to do, whether it was an impromptu stop for dinner, a movie, or just ... hanging out.

--Jaime Simonson



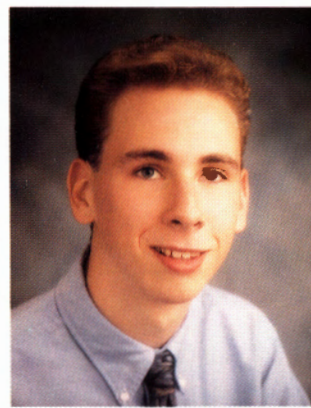
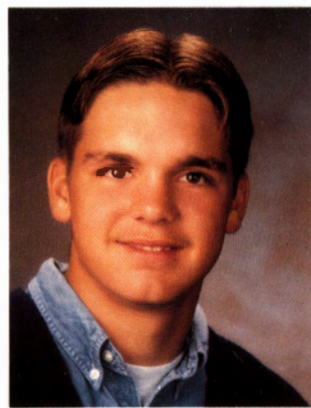
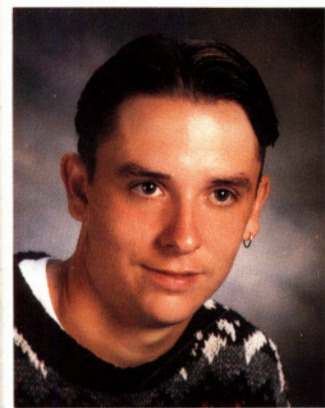
To the Beat

Leading the band onto the field are senior band majors Kelly Nastal, Christy DeWitt and junior Lance Davis. "I've always enjoyed Marching Band and being a drum major has been a great experience. I like helping the group look their best," explained Kelly.

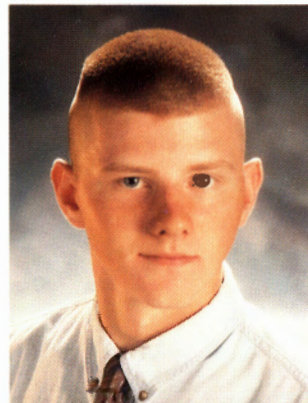
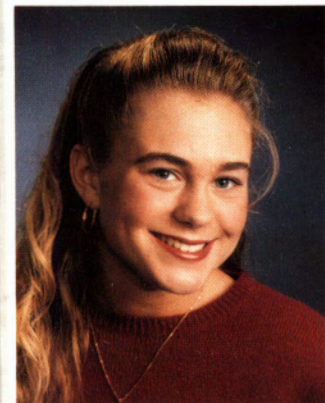




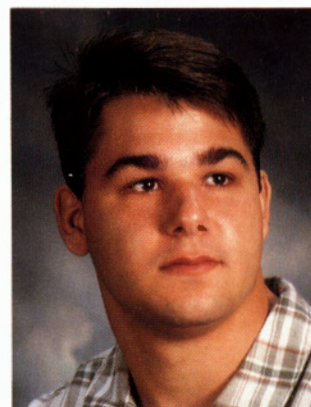
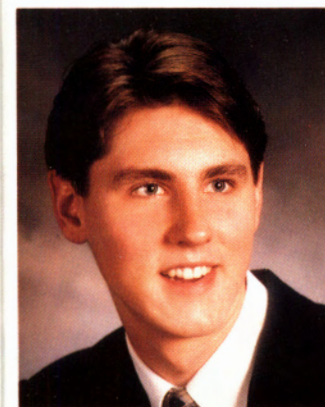
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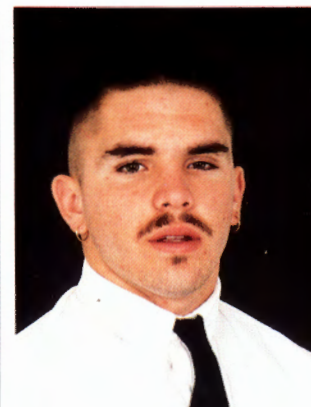
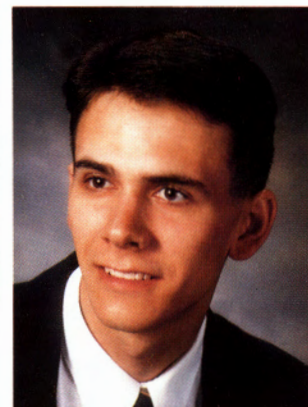
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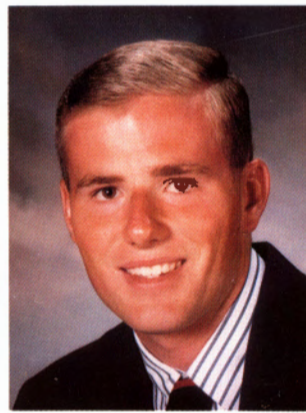


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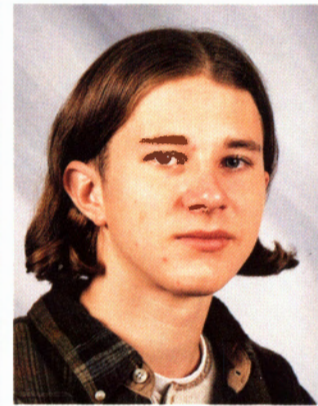
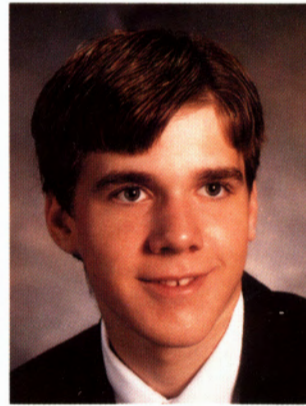


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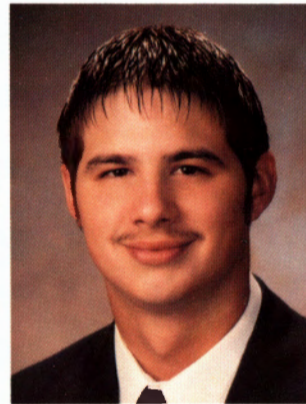
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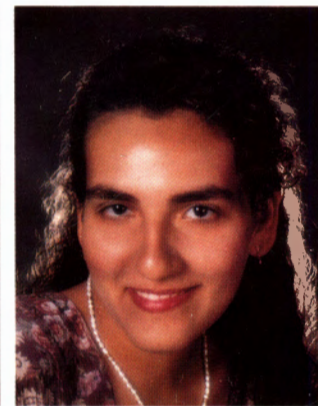
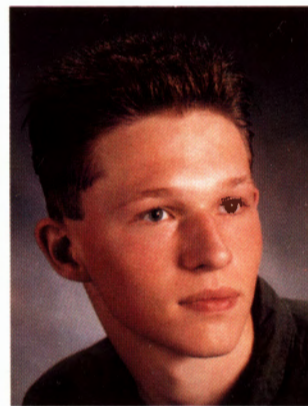
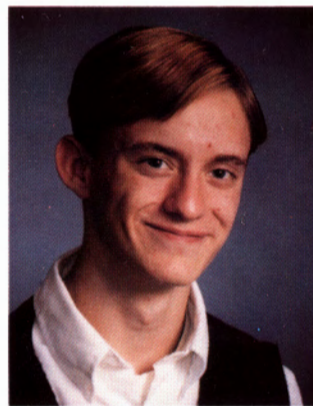
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M Ready to Get MOVING

Now that seniors were finishing high school, many relished the thought of living on their own. Some opted for living away at a four-year college, while others chose to stay closer to home in a nearby college or job. Deciding was not an easy task. "I'm not sure where I am going to live, yet. It all depends on where I go. If I choose Albion, then I will probably live in a dorm, but if I go to LCC, then I will live at home," stated Holly Haskell.

Key considerations were money, location, and being with friends. Some seniors, however, had differ-

ent conditions. Jill Damon explained, "Before deciding where to live, I would consider whether or not I can be independent and do as I please."

Some seniors also had essential things they would take with them. Chris DeWitt exclaimed, "I would definitely take pictures. If you saw my room, you'd know that I have photos of my friends and family all over the place. They're my life!"

Others favored pets. Tara McClelland thought, "I would take my hamster because it is something from home that is living."

Some seniors were practical. Erin Stahl stated, "I wouldn't go anywhere without my computer to chat on-line and my bike I won from Krogers." Sal Wilson admitted, "My main essential would have to be my car. Without it, I would be lost!"

A big question parents asked was whether it was wise to move in

with friends? Lisa Krug felt, "It would affect me for the worse. We would probably be on the news two weeks after moving in for killing each other over the last oreo cookie. But hey, that's the risk you take." Amy Nourse agreed. "If I moved in with my friends, it would probably ruin our friendship. Nobody could live with me. Just ask my family!"

The dream of a time when they were on their own with no rules, no parents, and no curfew filled seniors' minds. Brandi Ross concluded, "Freedom is everything. I would give anything for not having someone watch my every move."

But, were seniors really ready to leave the nest? Most seniors reported they would miss their parents and all the conveniences of home. Though most looked forward to leaving, a warning sign flashed that, perhaps, the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

-- Amy Shepler



Photo by Julie Smith

Planning Ahead

Enjoying the MSU campus on a fall fieldtrip are seniors Nik Leible and Andy Merchant along with juniors Jen Spock and Matt Allen. Nik shared, "I plan on attending LCC for two years to improve my grades, and then, transfer to a four-year college for a degree in Physical Education."

U Capitalizing on the N I Q U E

In every class, certain students stand out, and this year wasn't any different from previous ones. There were several seniors singled out by their classmates for their unique qualities.

Karina Howe and Lisa Krug stood out for their style of dress. Karina wore whatever she found interest-

ing, and she adored dark colors, especially purples, blacks, and grays in old clothes. She also refrained from shopping much and got creative. "I just take the old stuff I have and hack it up to make something new." Lisa also liked dark colors, but preferred shiny clothes. "I like to shop a lot to keep up with the new styles, and I especially love wearing dresses!" she claimed.

Others were classified as leaders by example, real motivators, organizers, and all-around students. Steve Robedeau was a leader and a

doer, both on and off the athletic field. Steve enjoyed football, wrestling, and track. As co-captain of the Varsity Wrestling and Football teams, he led his teammates to State finals and first and second place standings respectively. He also maintained a 3.85 GPA, and considered six universities offering engineering programs. Coach Mike Smith explained, "From a teacher/coach perspective, Steve is a player that has all the physical skills to succeed, and also, the intelligence to be able to do a lot of different things. He's a good kid."

Jeff Jewett was also an all-around student. He ran cross country and track, was a member of Science Olympiad, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and captain of the Quiz Bowl team. A National Merit Semi-Finalist, Jeff managed to stay busy outside of school and maintain a 3.95 GPA. His attitude, however, reflected an easy going guy. "He's a great leader, cares about what he's doing and wants to succeed. But he also wants to have fun, and is willing to accept failure," commented friend Paul DeRose.

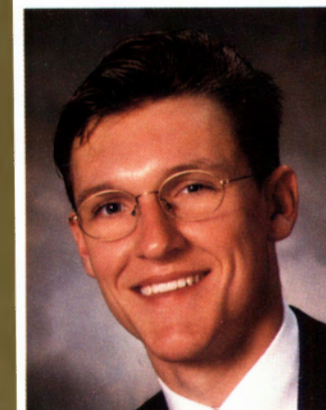
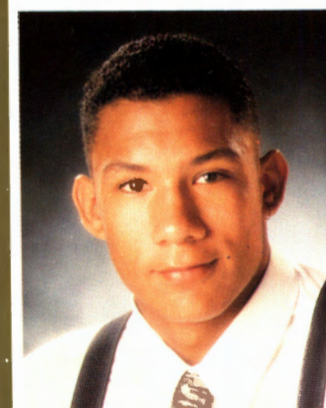
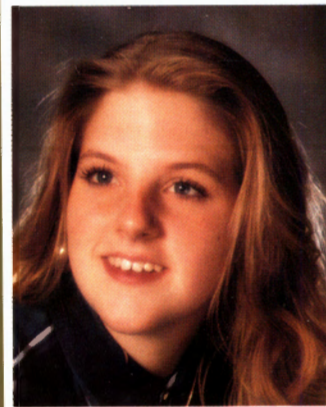
Recognized as a concerned person, was Jeanne Pierson. She was President of SADD and PAL's, a member of the Forensics team and performed in school plays. Described as an enthusiastic and outgoing person, she inspired many. "She has a great sense of humor and is fun to hangout with! She is a really good friend to have," said Nancy Quasarano.

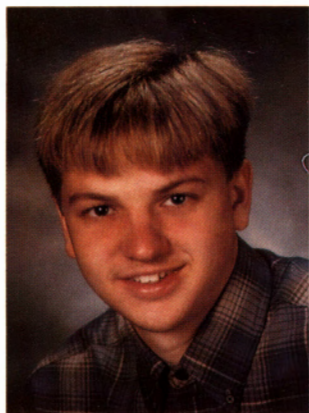
Providing the ups in life, unique seniors made their mark and their contributions to their class.

--Chris Carr

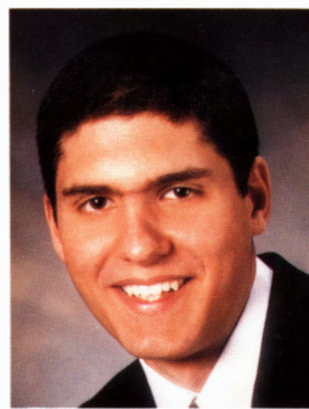
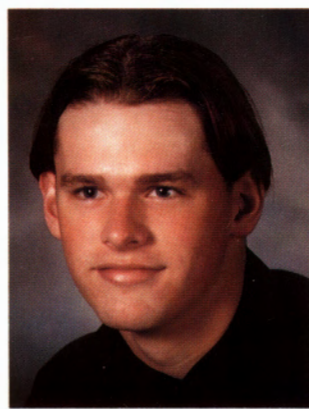
Unusual School Spirit

Unusual seniors, Quincy Gow and Lisa Krug showed their senior pride during Spirit Week in their 60's attire. "I don't really worry about what people think. I like being weird!" claimed Quincy.





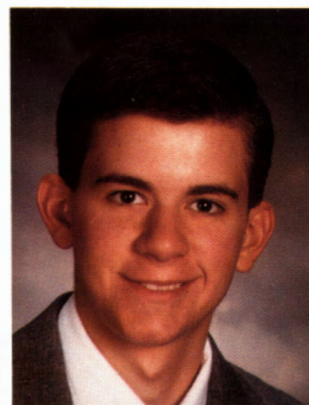
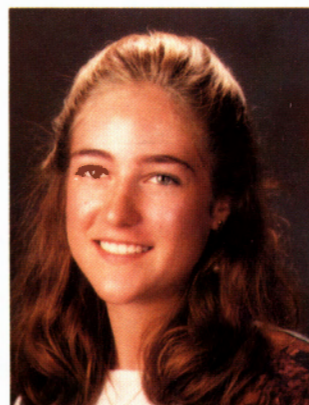
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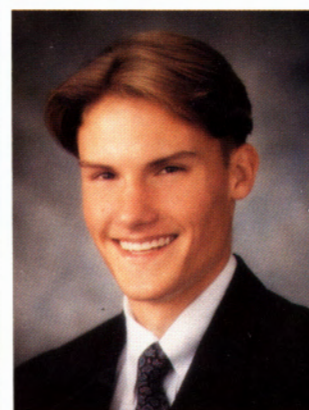
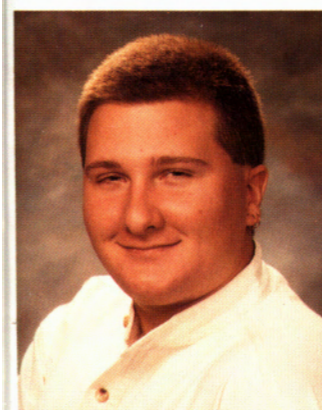
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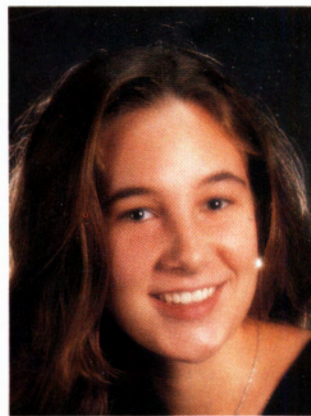
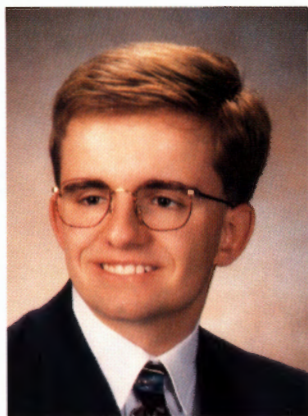


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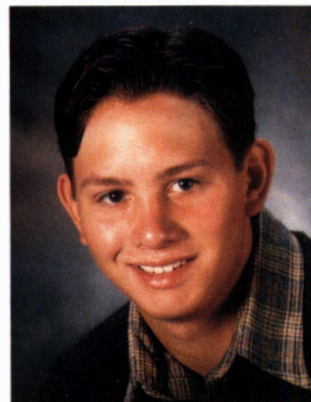
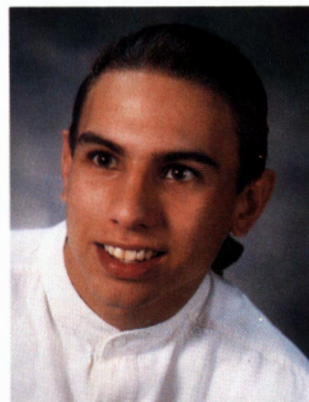
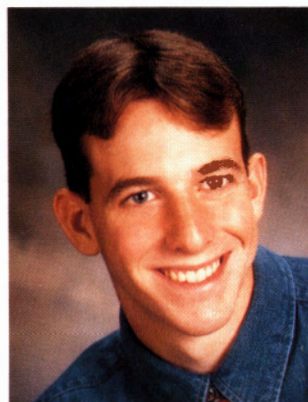
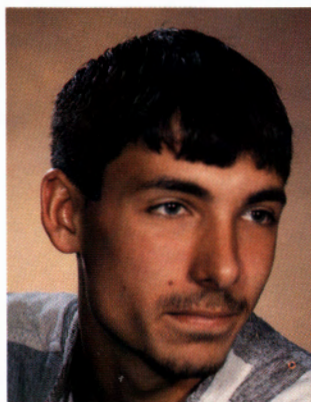


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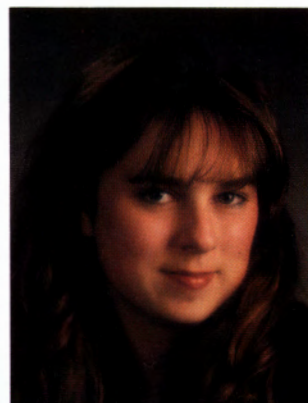
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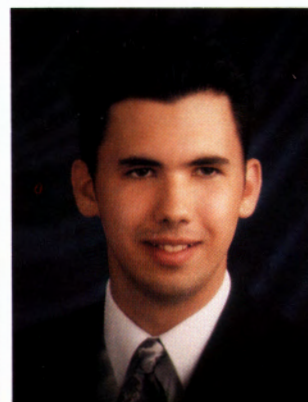
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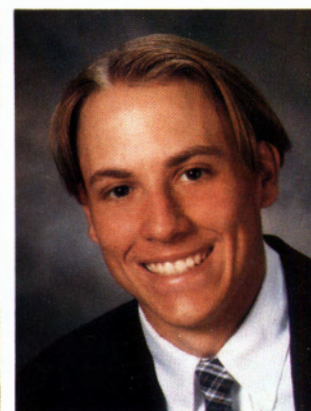
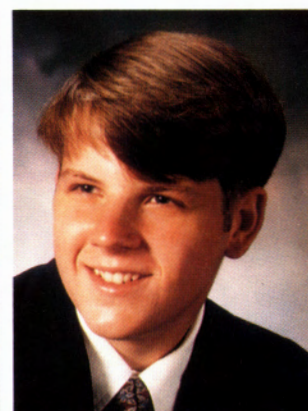
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F All in the A M I L Y

Every senior had disagreements with his or her family. They fought over the rules of the house, chores, and any number of things. But what seniors disagreed with most often was a curfew. Many wanted a later one. Vanessa Berry stated, "I'm 17 and I hate being told what time to be in. I'm responsible enough to know when to come home"

Some people, however, had a late curfew, but still didn't like it. Nyk Lieble commented, "I have a 1:00 a.m. curfew, but I think that I am old enough to come home when I want."

Family trips were also a source of anxiety at times. Though they were fun for some, they raised issues for others. Joe Haskell commented, "We do a lot of fun things out of state. We often go to Cedar Point or to sporting events."

At times, though, nerves got frayed. "Sometimes my family goes to amusement parks over the summer. When we get on a roller coaster, my mom asks all of the people around us if their seat belts are done up. Then she keeps asking them if they are okay. It's so embarrassing!" revealed senior Heather Willett.

Sometimes siblings were the creators of more bad scenes. "I have a younger brother, and usually, we will fight anywhere, anytime. Every once in a while we are nice to each other, but don't count on it," reported senior Autumn Alden.

Kodak Moment

Receiving a hug from her dad is senior Sarah Cribley. "My dad helped a lot with the float building. He is always so supportive, especially during Homecoming! I really appreciated all his help."

Others, however, did enjoy some closeness. "I get along with my sister very well. We are only 15 months apart, but we act like twins," explained senior Rachael Paterick.

The love-hate relationships that were shared by siblings were oftentimes carried over to parents. "My parents and I get along most of the time. We come into problems when I want to go somewhere. I think that I am old enough and mature enough to travel on my own and they don't think so," revealed Kim Witsaman.

Seniors didn't always agree with their parents' rules but, Damon Lamb got right to the core of the problem. "Does it matter? They're the parents! In the end, parents rule either way." After spending his junior year abroad in Germany, Damon gained an even greater appreciation for his family and the things they shared. He concluded, "My family is really important to me. I learned this after having left them for so long. We normally enjoy movie watching together, and that probably won't change anytime soon!"

--Glenda Lamb



Hipped on HOMECOMING

Homecoming happens every year, but it's not every year that you are a senior. The week every underclassman looked forward to had fi-

nally arrived. It was their turn, as seniors, to show the underclassmen who was boss and who had the most spirit.

"I've always had school spirit, But I think that when you're a senior you realize that it's your last year, and you want to make the most of it," revealed Dustin Alward.

The seniors did just what they set out to do. During Spirit Week they

easily won the participation contest by dressing up on spirit days.

Festivities began Monday with the ever popular "Get up and Go" Day and wound their way through, Hat Day, Hick Day and the traditional Brown and Gold Day. Friday concluded with the Homecoming Theme Day, "Somewhere in Time."

The senior's 60's and 70's theme won the most spirited award. "My favorite was Theme Day," stated Megan Dickinson. "It was fun to go searching through all of my mom's old hippie clothes and dressing up in them."

Many students had other favorite days. "I think the best day of the week was Get Up and Go Day, because you could come to school without anyone giving you a hard time about not showering," commented Shaun McKimmy.

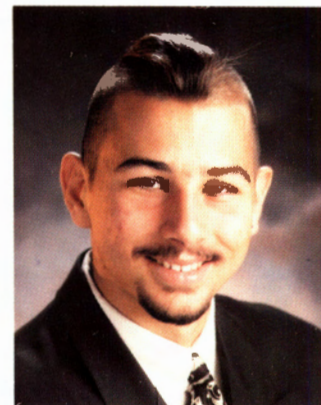
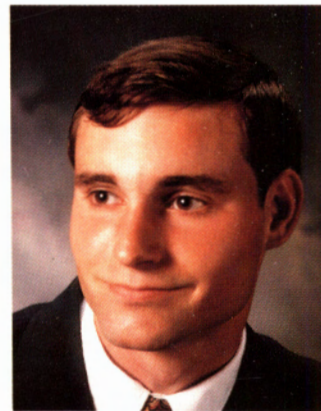
The pep assembly was another opportunity to show underclassmen who ruled. For the traditional competitions of the wheelbarrow race and the orange pass, seniors had a couple of years under their belt and easily took the wins.

"I had so much fun I think mostly because it was my senior year. It's hard to explain, but there is something special about being a senior," recalled Beth Wilkerson. Amanda Taylor agreed as she concluded, "Homecoming meant a great deal to me this year. I think it's a lot more than just being on court. It was nice to see my class come together in building the float. We had a lot of participation and that's why we won."

--Katie Yemc

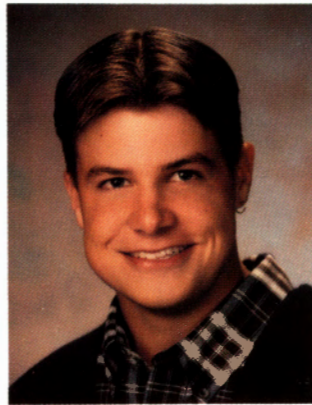
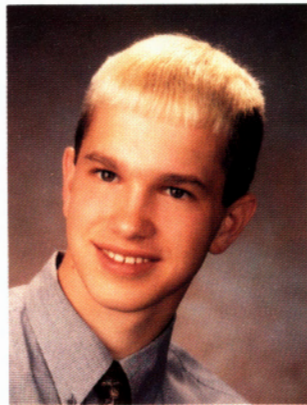
Flower Power

Getting involved on Theme Day are seniors Liz Kyer and Katie Greenwood. The two helped "peace" together a senior victory during the Spirit Week competitions. "My favorite day was definitely 60's and 70's day. It was cool trying to find all of my mom's old stuff to wear," Katie admitted.

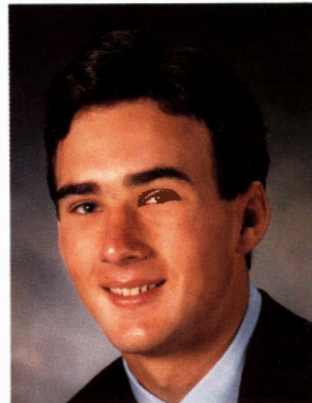
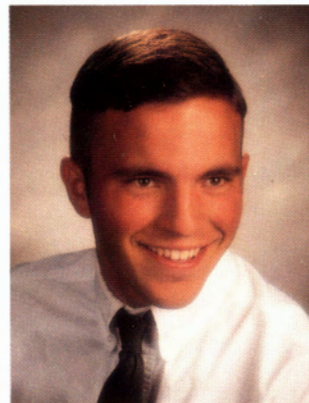
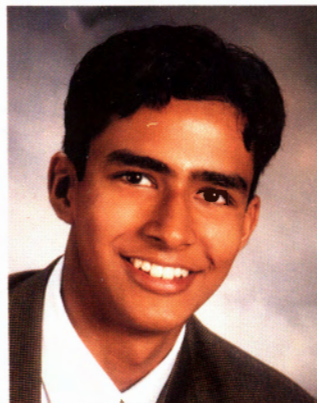




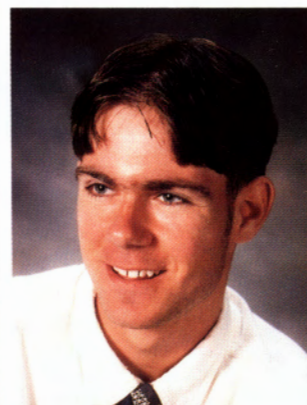
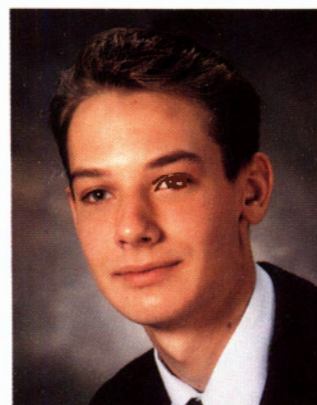
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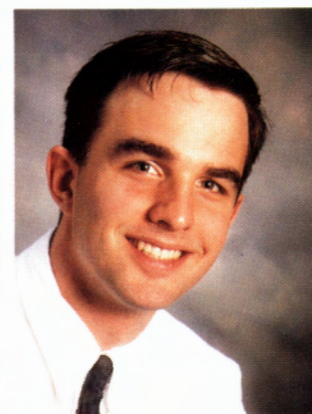
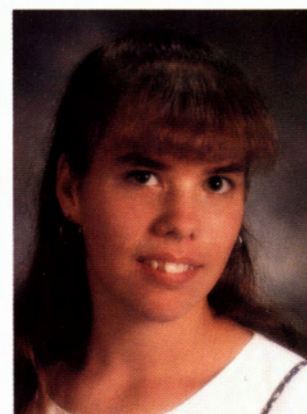
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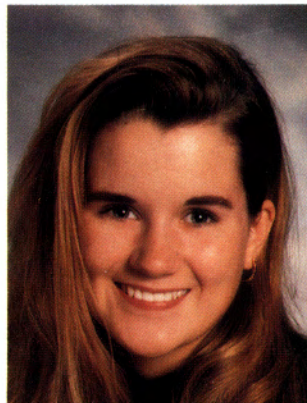
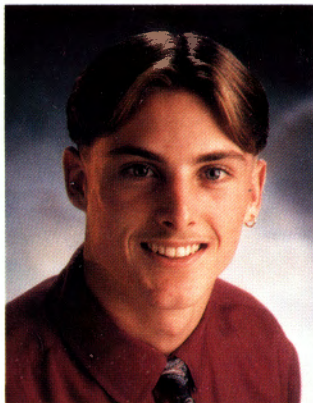


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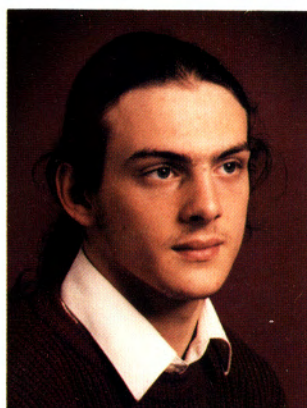
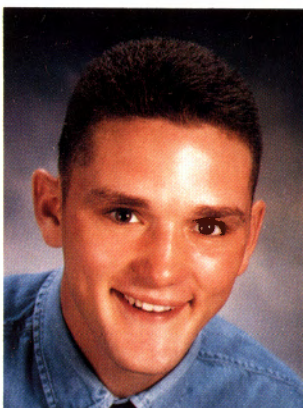


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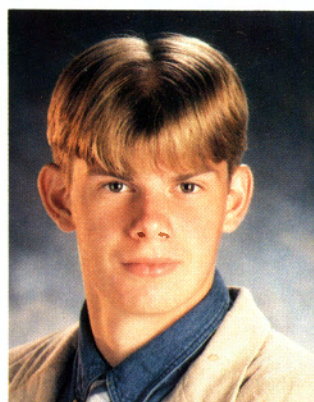
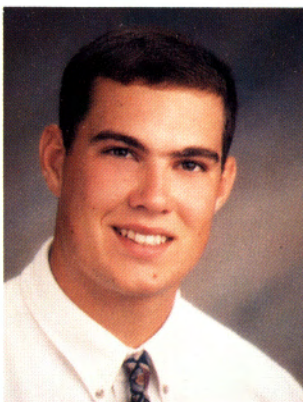
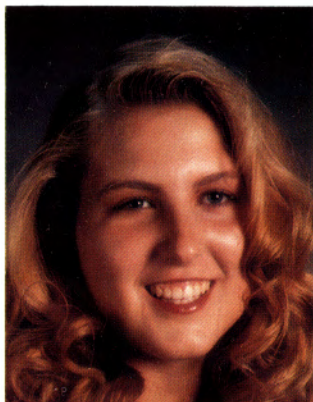
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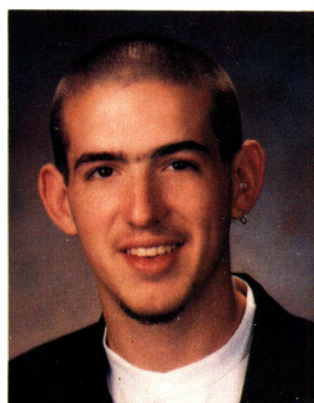
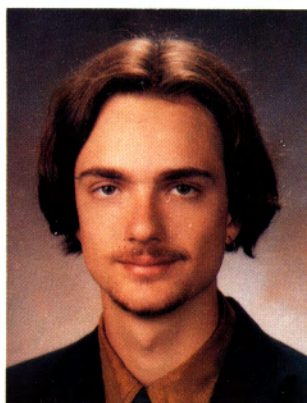
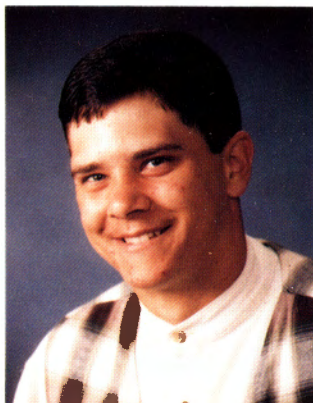
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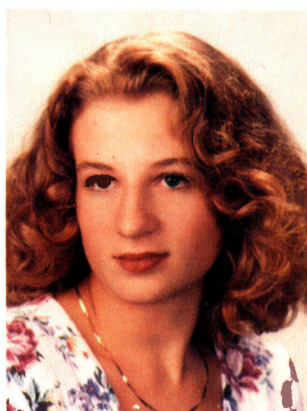
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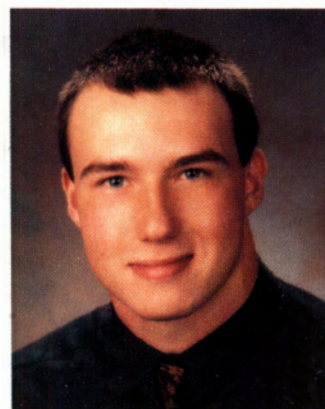
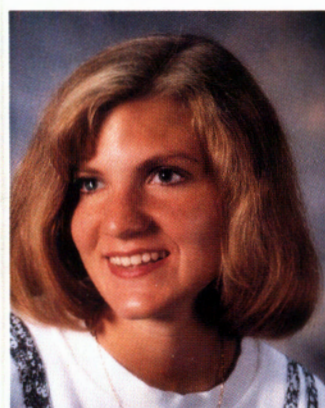
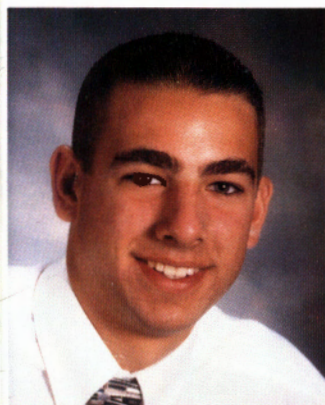
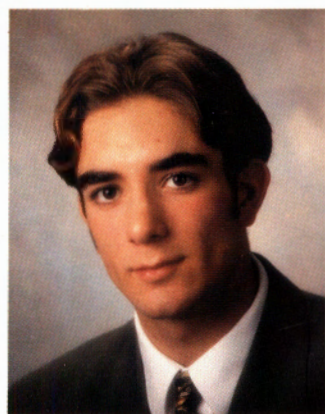


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F Never to be ORGOTTEN

For some seniors, it was a scary thought knowing it was their last year to be with their best friends. Alicia Watson revealed, "After the last home football game against Waverly, Jeni Palmer and I stayed and cried for about a half hour. We knew that this was it, and we would never see the field from that perspective again."

Throughout school, friends were a very important part of students' lives. Being a senior meant looking back on all of the memories one would take with him.

Jennifer Adams reflected, "I'll

never forget the time Nik Leible decided to put on the top of my two piece bathing suit, his blue jeans and a colorful clown wig and run around outside. The parents of my brother's friend showed up while this was going on. It was the funniest thing I'd ever seen him do, though he does a lot of crazy things."

Sports provided more sentimental feelings. Steve Robedeau explained, "My most memorable experience was my senior football season. The whole thing was sort of like a dream. I am glad that I was able to share it with my friends. It will be something we will talk about for years to come."

More serious experiences would also make lasting memories. Rhonda Newman stated, "I'll always remember how my friends and I helped each other through tough times like

deaths in the family. They were always there for me to talk to."

For some friends, sharing the spotlight was unforgettable. Corey Mead revealed, "My best friend Jimmy Lenon and I performed with our band for about 5,000 people at a church youth convention at Western Michigan. The best part was sharing the experience with Jimmy"

Krista Wilcox summarized how she and many other seniors felt about their last year as she concluded, "To me, everything that Jeni Palmer and I have done together, especially when we were younger, will always be memorable. Once in a while we will bring up those times and just laugh. You can't ever go back, but those experiences will stay with me, even though we may be apart. We'll always be best of friends."

--Julie Smith



A Breath of Fresh Air

Photo by Beth Lund

Taking a break from Art class are seniors Megan Dickinson and Mandy Coe, along with juniors Travis Evenson and Troy Huddleson. "I was just taking a little breather from my art project," revealed Mandy.

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Bright and Shining

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Seniors finally realized they would soon graduate when senior pictures rolled around. It was cherished as a time when students could shine and show their individuality. The studios most students went to included: Cooks Photography, Lights On Studio, Okemos Studio, Edwards, and Hicks.

There were, however, more unusual places seniors went for their pictures. Chris DeWitt had her's taken in a little different environment, "My aunt and uncle have their own studio. I got my pictures taken there so I could feel more comfortable and the price would be a little cheaper. For one of my poses, I was

sitting in a tree. Cars were going by and they kept honking. Also, my uncle's parents stopped by and asked why my aunt was standing on a ladder with a camera, taking a picture of a tree! It got kind of crazy."

Many seniors knew the photos would mean a lot to them as time passed. They brought meaningful props, a friend, or had them shot at a place that brought fond memories. "I had a couple of pictures taken with my sister, Nicki, and my friend, Marie Hasselbach. I thought it would be neat to get some buddy pictures with people that mean a lot to me," revealed Lynn Felton.

Lynn's idea was popular among other seniors as well. "I had some of my pictures taken with friends and my sister. We used a traditional group pose with my friends, and a mirror on a table for the one with my sister. During my outdoor shots, I almost fell into the Grand River. I went to put my foot on a rock and it

moved," commented Matt Chadwick.

Mishaps occurred at other students' photo sessions. "When I got my pictures taken, the camera tipped over and fell, breaking a lens," recalled Matt Snyder. They were also a hassle for Diana Arnold. She explained, "I ran out of time during my session so we didn't get to my outdoor shots. We had to reschedule, and on that date and the next three times I rescheduled, it rained. Then the day came. I went out to MSU on location, and the photographer went to a different part of the campus, so I had to reschedule again. Finally, I just gave up and had more indoor pictures taken to make up for it."

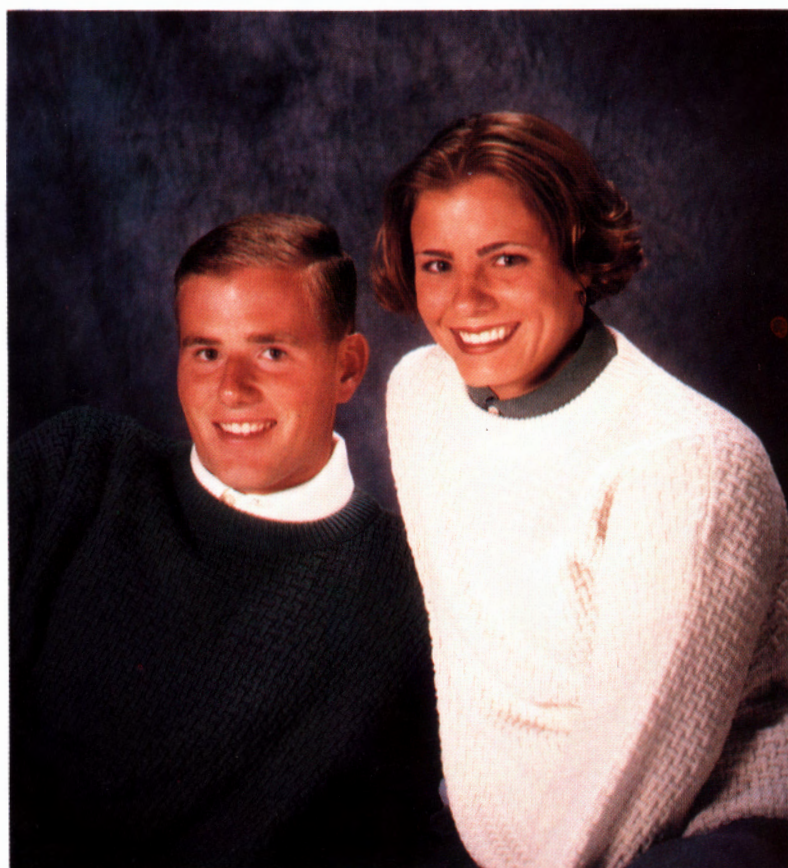
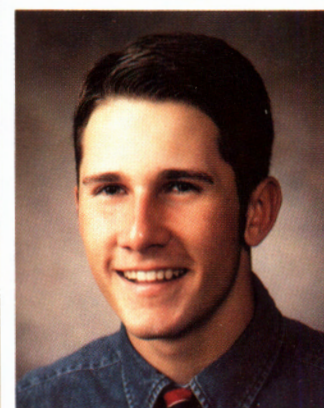
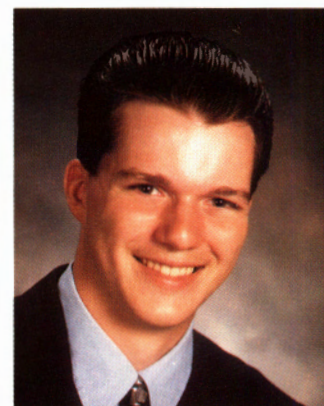
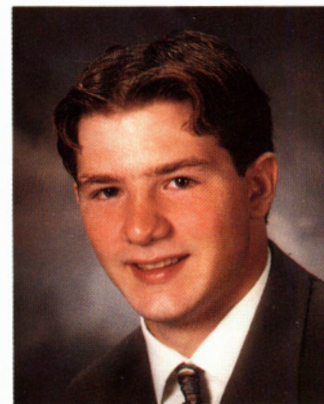
Students knew they would always remember their last year with their senior pictures. That was why so much time and thought was put into them. "Some outfits I wore were my soccer uniform and a USA outfit my boyfriend got me. I took my dog, Gus, because I love him dearly. During the session, he growled at the photographer. The photographer put him on a wobbly card table for some pictures and he got so nervous. It was the first time I ever heard him growl," explained Kim Witsaman.

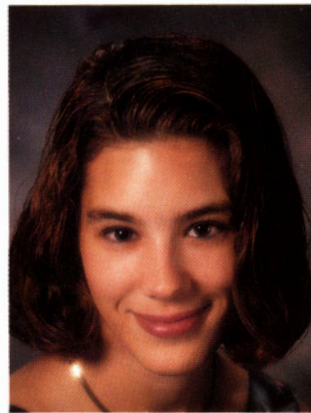
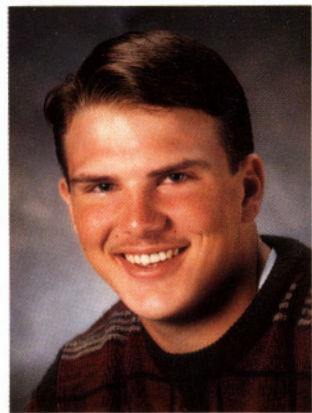
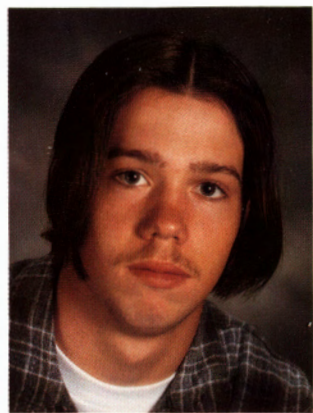
What to wear was an important decision because an outfit could say so much about a person. "I wore my success outfit because I seem to do well when I wear it. It is a pleated skirt with a vest, blazer, and knee high socks, a typical school-girl look," stated Jeanne Pierson. There were so many critical choices to make. The shining smiles of each picture were a constant reminder of the glory days of one's senior year.

—Lisa Harris

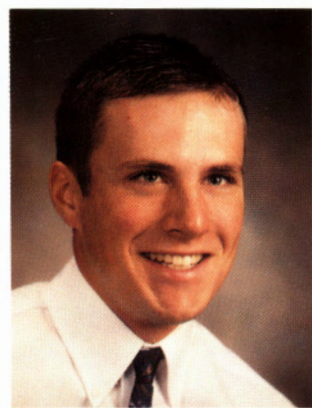
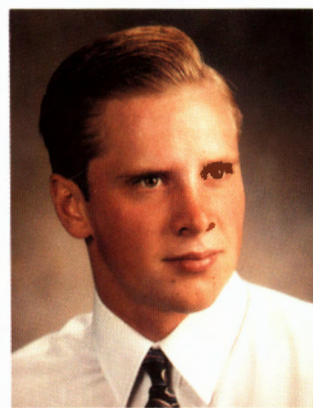
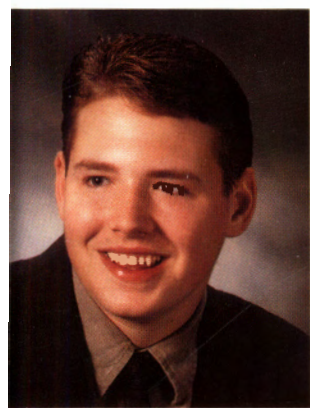
Family Ties

Posing for their senior pictures are twins, Chad and Keri Bowen. The brother and sister chose the duo for one of their senior picture poses. "By the end of our three-hour photo session, we had to force our smiles. It took forever," recalled Keri.

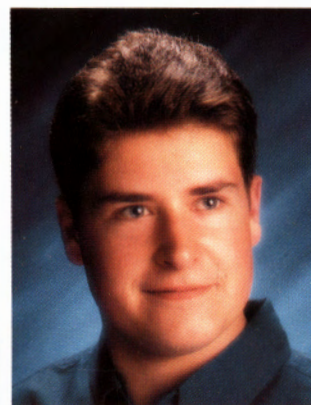
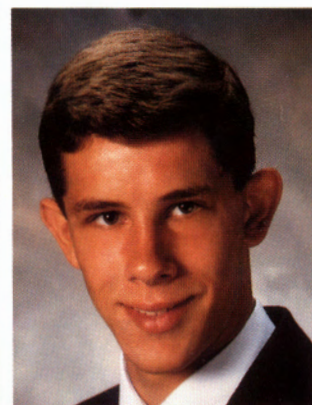
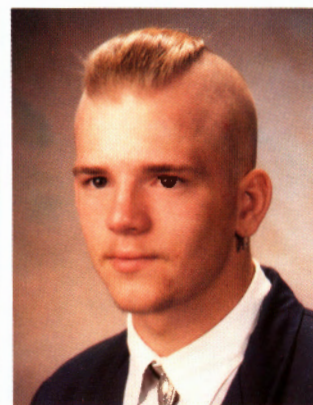




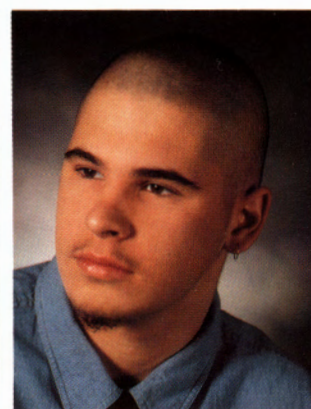
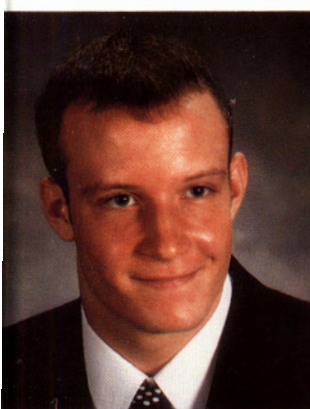
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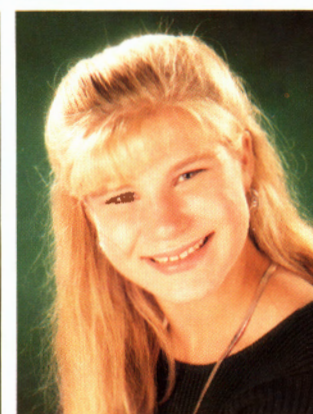
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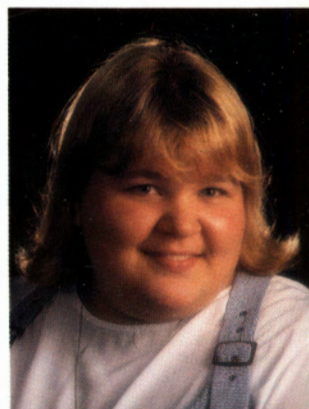
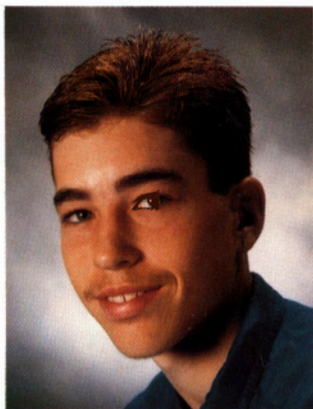


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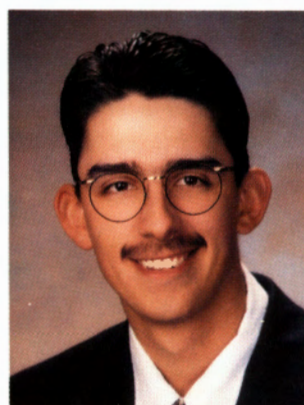
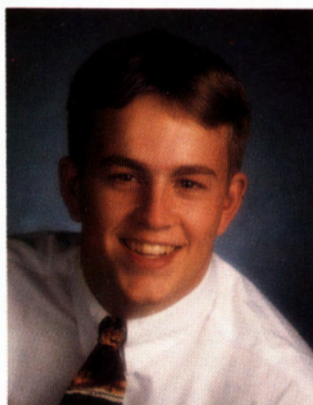


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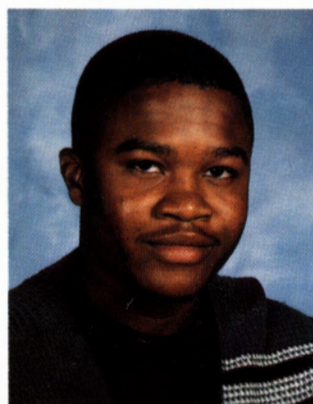
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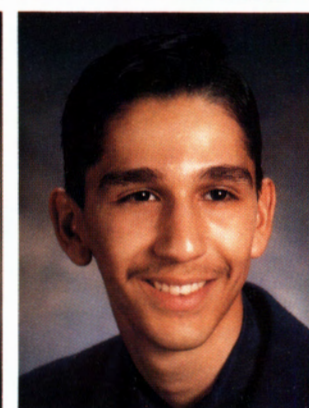
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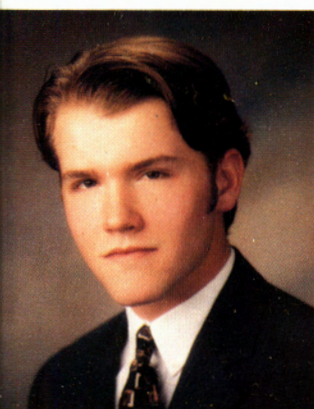
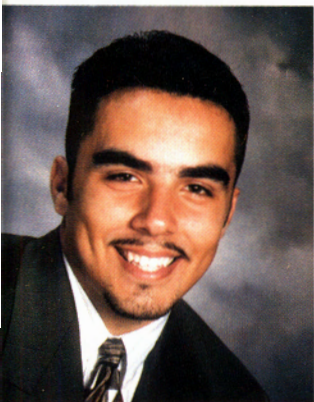


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T Everyone Has One *favorite* TEACHER

After long hours of sitting through classes and evening homework, students still found teachers interesting. Senior Lisa Krug noted, "Mrs. Withey still has what it takes to make class fun and enjoyable. That's why I consider her one of my favorites."

Teachers who got down to business or who opened students minds also were favorites. Brian Wesaw noted, "Mr. Savage helped me to see government through different perspectives." Jaime Hayslette added, "Mr. Burgess taught me a lot about science and and I've decided that's what I would like to study in college."

When times got rough teachers were always there for you. Tim Purol recalled, "In my sophomore year when my grade was falling in French, Mrs. Bernier was always trying to get me to stay after school so I could get help. She even tried to get me a tutor to get my grade up. That's why I feel she was one of my favorite teachers; she was always there for students."

Teachers didn't have to teach book smarts for them to be favorites. Jennifer Palmer stated, "Mr. Smith taught me a lesson I will never forget and that is to look at the positive side of things and never dwell on the negative. He is one of my favorites because later on in life, taking the high road will benefit me as an individual." Another teacher that taught the same was Nancy Lamphier. Mandy Coe recalled "In her classes, she always allowed students to be

themselves and she taught us about life after high school. I could express my feelings about problems and life in general and that's why she was one of my favorites."

Some teachers stood out as being more knowledgeable. Kathy Anderson said, "My favorite teacher is Mrs. Neureither because she loves genetics and is a very good teacher who helps me get good grades."

There were also teachers who influenced students in a career selection. Sara Feaster explained, "My favorite is a kindergarten teacher at Sycamore, Mrs. Tabor. When I was a junior I was her teacher's assistant and helped out with daily class activities. She inspired me to become an elementary teacher."

Students liked teachers for a variety of reasons and some were important enough to make them all-time favorites. --Rachael Haley



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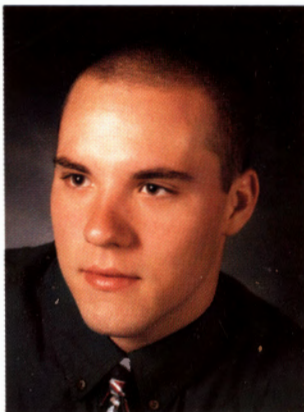
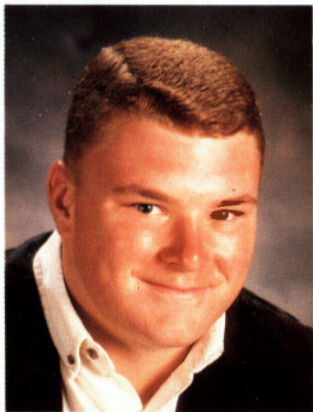
Directing the band is the 'one and only' Tim Parry. "He really begins to grow on you. We had a lot of fun at band camp and in Florida," explained senior Lynn Felton.



A Little to the Left

Helping the seniors with their homecoming float is English teacher Georganne Whithey. "I like Mrs. Withey because she treats you like an adult, and she doesn't talk down to us," commented senior Damarah Ballard.

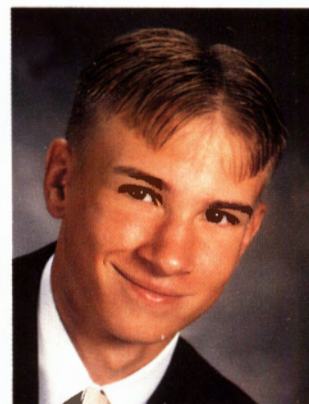
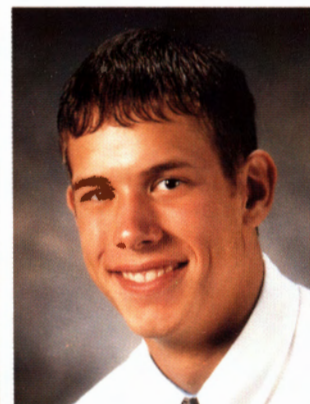
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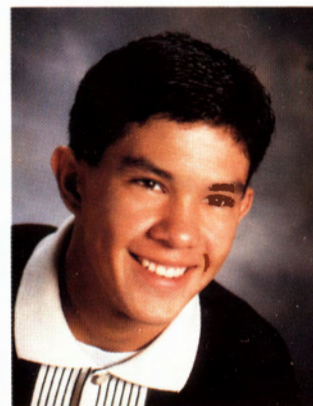
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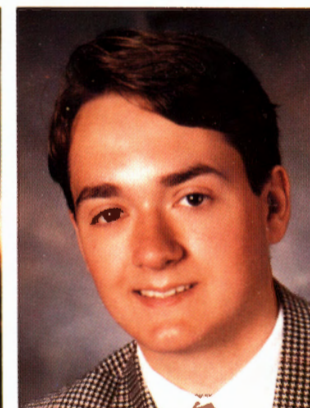
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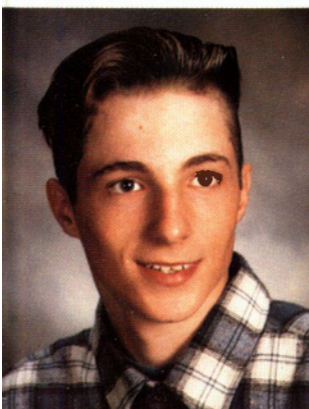


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Uncontrollable Urge of SENIORITIS

Due to their uncontrollable urge to leave the hallowed halls of high school, seniors labeled a day-dreaming condition, in its extreme form, 'senioritis.'

There was no way of avoiding it; it just happened sometime around spring break, or worse yet, winter break. Some even jokingly cited its onset the end of their junior year!

Of course, seniors made excuses for their actions; they couldn't possibly be doing something wrong. "I don't have to take exams this year anyway," or "It's my last year of

high school, I deserve a break," were just two of the thoughts that ran through their minds after being awakened by a teacher from a deep dream state.

Senioritis was not a new concept. It dated back to the time school began. Year after year, seniors mentally left the school they called home for three years. Some of the teachers, like intern Sunshine Murray empathized, "I think it's normal. I had it my senior year. It makes it harder to teach, and also the warm weather affects it." Teacher Bruce Lerner added, "Senioritis has never really been a problem for me, since I teach mostly underclassmen. But, the seniors I now have, shut down about spring break.

Colleges, however, started to

crack down. Some colleges accepted students conditionally, meaning seniors couldn't just quit after they got accepted. The student's admission could be revoked. MSU was one of the colleges getting involved.

Even with teachers' strong objections, many went on sleeping and forfeiting good grades. "I think some students just give up. If they are already accepted to a college, they don't really worry about pressure to get into a good school anymore. Also, a lot of students are going to Lansing Community College, and there isn't a grade point average requirement to get in. I think seniors figure that since they have tried to do their best for the past 12 years, they deserve a break," concluded senior, Lisa Harris. --Bobbijo Larkins



Checking Out

Leaving school is senior Sarah Macaluso. "I am so tired of my classes, and I only have four hours a day because of Co-Op. Sometimes the day seems so long. In June I'm going to South Carolina with my friend, and I can't wait for this year to end," she explained.

T Class Officers Put It TOGETHER

Time and dedication was what it took to put activities together for the school. "One of our biggest accomplishments of Student Council was trying to put together Winterfest and

improving the Homecoming Dance," noted Treasurer Kim Witsaman

The council worked with Adviser, Juanita Grew to find new ways to improve the school environment. Every Thursday morning the council met to talk about up-coming events. Senator Tom McKouen stated, "Since I was always late showing up to the meetings I owed lots of money. Every time you're late, you have to pay a quarter. The money we pay goes to a fund we have for senior breakfast."

Being a class officer meant you had to be responsible and ready to work. What made these students choose to take a role? At Large Allison Warren explained, "I wanted to represent my class in a way I could be heard. I wanted to be able to talk about things that are a concern to me and how they can be improved." Beth Wilkerson agreed, "I thought it would be a great opportunity to work with others and make changes for our school."

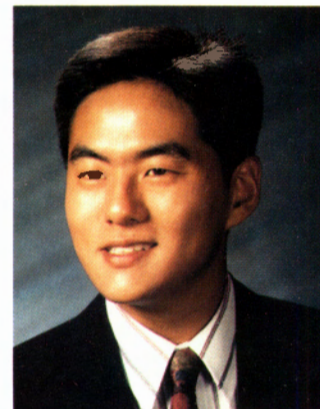
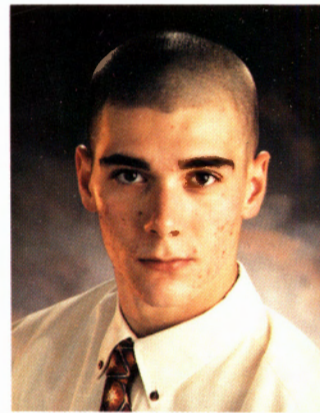
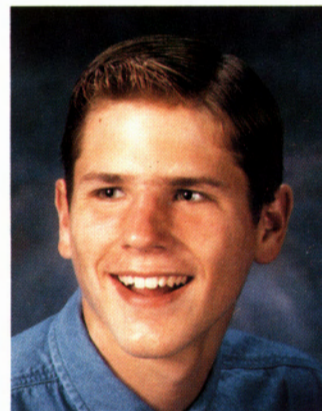
Though many had busy schedules, the work was still a priority. At-Large David Resio concluded, "Besides being on Student Council, I am the president of the National Honors Society and run track, but I make time for it all."

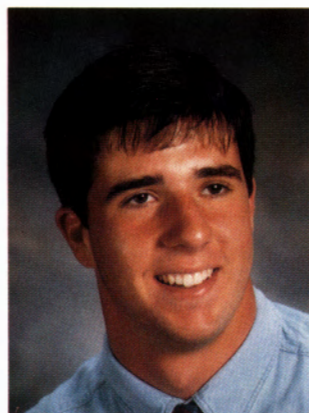
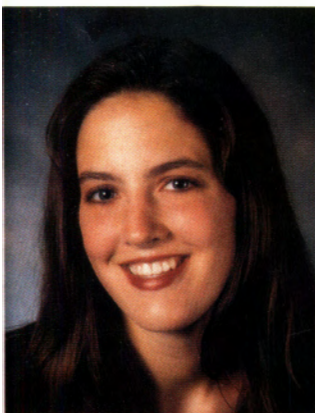
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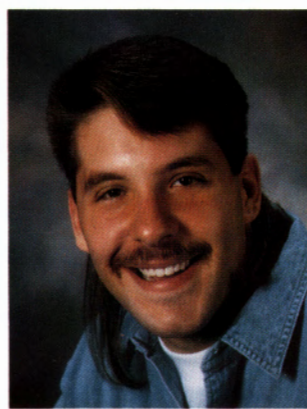
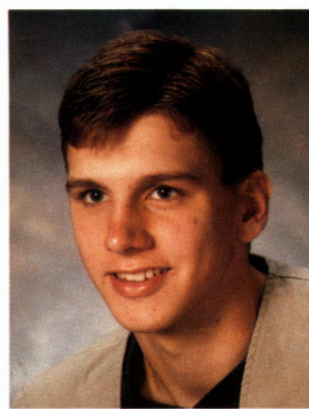
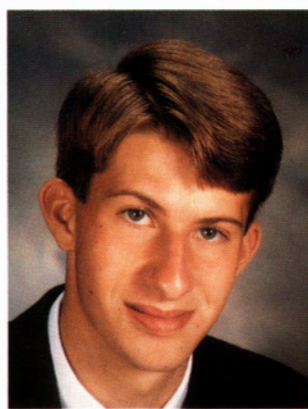
Still Smiling

Standing in the rain are Senior Court members Sarah Cribley and Dustin Alward. "We didn't let the rain dampen our spirits; I always have a really good time," revealed Senior Class President Sarah.

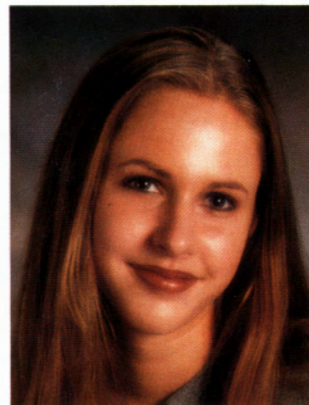




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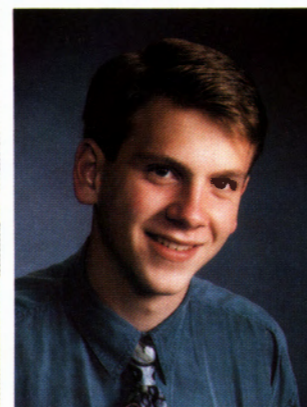
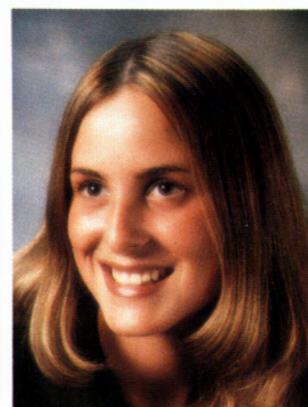
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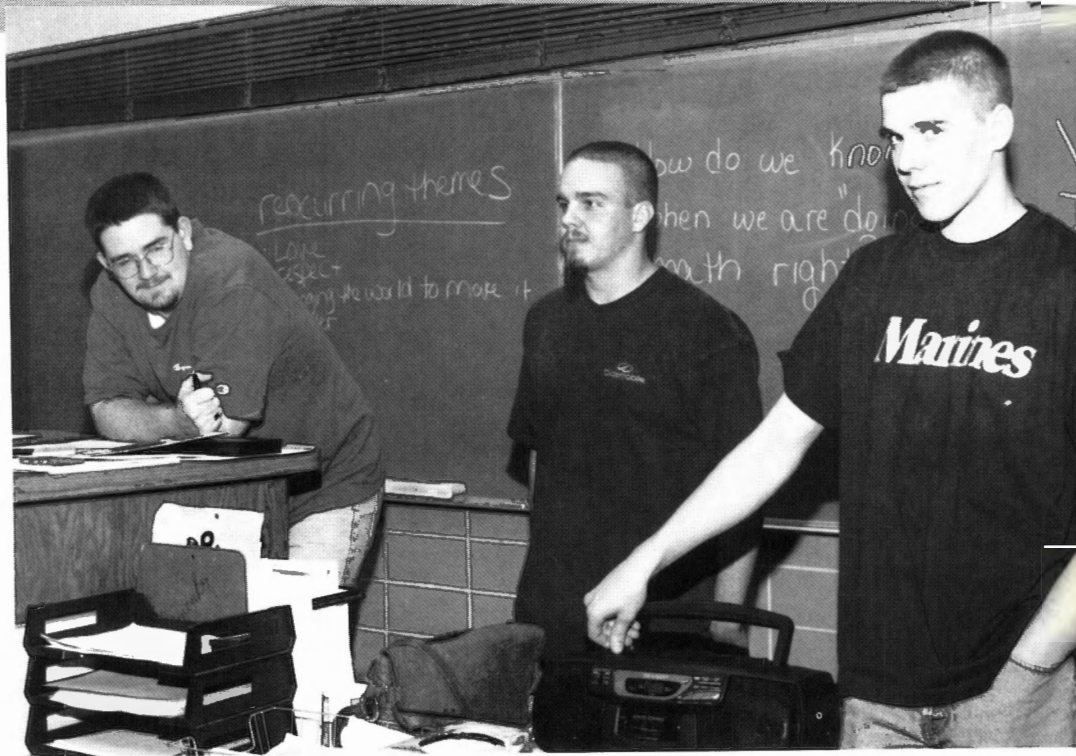
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"When students are working in groups, public speaking and presentations are less intimidating."

—**Pamela Klimenko**

Mass Media Teacher

Making a presentation in Pamela Klimenko's Pacesetter class are seniors Brad Delaney, Jeff Setla, and Ethan Brower.



S "Standing in front of unfamiliar faces scares me. I'm afraid I will mess up. I have a nervous habit of rocking back and forth, so I tell myself to just get up there and get it over with," revealed junior, Kristina DeRosa.

Others felt the same way. Junior Casey Swagler commented, "I don't like presentations. I'm not the type that feels comfortable speaking to a group. I can't even prepare myself because I get nervous. When I present, I don't make eye contact with anyone and I fidget a lot."

Many other students, however, enjoyed speaking to others. Junior, Amy Rawley stated, "I like presenting when I'm prepared. On days when I'm not, I do my best, and

if I mess up, I laugh it off."

Some looked confident while speaking because they had tricks that helped them deal with their nerves. "When I feel uncomfortable, I picture everyone in their underwear. It really works," commented senior Matt Vandlen.

The bottom line was that everyone learned something from doing presentations. Junior Karl Wyble admitted, "More than anything, I've learned how to act in front of a group."

Embarrassing moments did crop up and some were unforgettable. "I was chewing on a pen and it broke in my mouth. It made such a mess," recalled junior Mike Swanson. Junior Erin Wenglekowski added, "Once I was leaning on a desk during my presentation. Next thing I knew I was on the floor. It had slipped out from under me, talk about embarrassing!"

"I was embarrassed when my gum flew out of

my mouth and on my way back to my desk, I stepped in it," related senior Beth Wilkerson.

Mr. Woolston taught junior Deron Thomas a valuable lesson in public speaking. He reported, "One day during a normal class, Woolston stood on his desk and did an Egyptian dance. He didn't care what everyone thought. That's the way everyone should be in front of the class."

—**Lisa Wise**

NO FEAR DUDE!



“Make
high road
decisions.”

—Coach
Mike Smith

Putting street slang aside, seniors Doug Birch and Brian Canen, and junior DJ Lee get vocal at the Homecoming pep assembly. Cheering on the team, “Go Holt” echoed in the gym and became the phrase of the times as it was repeated throughout the long football season. Adding words of motivation was Head Football Coach Mike Smith with his motto: “Make high road decisions.” The phrase became standard jargon for the year for many students.

Dude, yo, wuz up dawg?” rose above the noise of the crowded hall as junior Bob Picken met up with close friend, junior

Jason Dutcher. “Nothing, freak show. Wuz up with you?” Jason replied.

Sound familiar? Dude, it should. Almost all of the student body rattled out some slang during their conversations. Good friends were “homies”—the people you were “trippin” w th or “paged up.” They were “groovin,” “fresh,” and always there to “chill” with.

But slang wasn’t limited to students. “I don’t know what his deal is, but Mr. Ernst has this thing about saying Jiff Super Crunch is the best, though some people just don’t get it,” commented senior Jon Shra’it. Senior Kathy Anderson laughed, “Mr. Ernst might not know he’s doing it, but before or after everything he says, he adds

the word ‘hear’.”

Teachers were often just kidding around, like Business teacher Scotty Shimnoski, who regularly joked that his students needed to “get a life.”

Yet, some teachers were serious. “Mrs. Withey warned us, ‘Aahh sugar... put your head down one more time, and that’s 10 points,’” explained senior Sarah Skoczylas. Junior Heather Cherniawski also recalled Spanish teacher Tyrone Robinson’s, “Hit the door, Man.”

Some teachers’ words took on an extra special meaning for the year. Coach Mike Smith was famous throughout the student body for his sayings. “He was always telling someone, ‘You can do it. You know why? Because that’s what you’re about!’” stated senior Molly Ranke. Senior Marty Tompkins also remembered, “All through the football season, Coach Smith was reminding us to “make high road

decisions.”

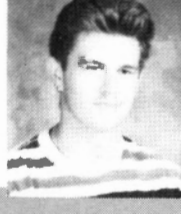
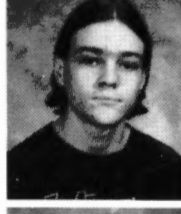
Dude, from Band Director Tim Parry’s, “Fire up” to Chemistry teacher Sally Beauchine’s, “Stifle”, teachers just didn’t stop with those catchy sayings.

Even if you wouldn’t admit to using half of these “fresh” words yourself, you know you’ve heard all of them used at least once.

“Peace out, G-dogs!”

— Lisa Wise

LOWDOWN ON SLANG



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Paul Coxon
Stephanie Craft
Mandy Crafton
Blake Cratty
Asia Cribbis
Daniel Crimin
Carrie Cross

Robert Czubak
Taja Dahl
Michelle Dalton
Benjamin Davenport
Lance Davis
Kristen Deetz
Kristina DeRosa

Angela DeRose
Meghann Devlin
Christina Dietz
Kris Doerr
Jason Dutcher
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Travis Evenson

Stephanie Ewald
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James Fall
Christopher Feddersen
Kathryn Fedewa
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Elizabeth Fleckenstein

Joseph Forquer
Nichole Foster
Kevin Fowlks
Ryan Franklin
Travis Fritts
Jodie Fulk
Melissa Gary

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Edward Gifford
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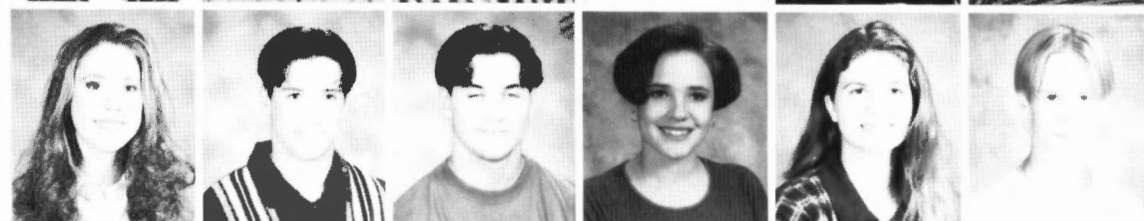
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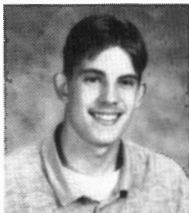
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"I wanted my dog in my senior pictures so I could always remember him."

—Senior Alisha Hoover

with her two-year old golden retriever at Okemos Studio of Photography.



"My dog's real name is Abby, but everyone calls her 'Horn.' She was born with spiked hair, has a front tooth missing and a crooked tooth that makes her

lip curl like Elvis."

—Junior

Angie Watters

about her younger cocker spaniel pet.



When most people think of pets, it's usually the perennial cat or dog that comes to mind, but some students had some rather eccentric tastes when it came to their "special friend." For instance, senior Erin Stahl has a piranha, which is a fish with teeth and the ability to kill animals, people, or anything else that it comes in contact with. His attitude reflected that behavior, in a way, as Erin explained, "He has a temper and smashes into the glass when he's mad."

Curiously, students acquired these pets in some unusual ways too. Some students didn't really choose their pets, but the pets chose them. Junior Chuck Moubray's ferret, Keder, had nowhere else to go when his owners' apartment caught on fire. And senior Jodie Southwell noted, "My family took in our pig, Buster, because it was going

to be slaughtered if a home could not be found for it."

Other pets went through trying times, and proved to be quite courageous. Senior Andy Merchant commented, "My cat, Kitty, weighs 20 pounds, is 13 years old, has had cancer, lost one of her eyes and had to have her eyelid cut off and sewn shut. I felt bad for her at first, but she got used to it and now she catches mice and birds." Another tough survivor was Julie Smith's cat who

endured a long car ride home at 6-weeks old. Julie commented, "She was so scared she climbed all over me, the seats and the floor, scratching and clawing. She and I both could not wait to get out of the car. I thought she was so cute at first, but after that ride, I didn't think she was that cute anymore."

But students found that their pets didn't have to be unusual or ill to act weird. Junior Angie Watters admit-

ted, "If you throw a toy down the hall to my dog, Horn, she will slam into the wall trying to get it."

Then there were the students whose pets even acted like them. Senior Darren Palacios commented, "My cat, Fred, does what he wants and doesn't care what anyone else thinks, just like me." Whether students' pets were weird or just plain ordinary, most could be called man's best friend.

—Angie Mulvaney

MORE THAN PET PEEVES



"After being in high school for a year, I kind of knew what to expect and it was time to get my life together."

—Junior Kori Vaive

Winterfest Junior Court member Jami Grant stands amid other members of the Winter Homecoming court at the Junior High. Jami had a full year as she also participated in cross country, volleyball, and track.

After being in the high school for a year I kind of knew what to expect, and it was time to get my life together," stated junior Kori Vaive about her year.

A number of juniors felt that their classes would be easier their senior year, but the added pressure of choosing colleges and moving on would compensate for their less demanding schedule. Junior Erica Doty related, "I enjoyed not being the youngest in the school and I can't wait until I'm a senior so that I can have more freedom."

For some students, experiences with friends took center stage. Sarah Heathman revealed, "The best part of my junior year

was sharing a locker with my best friend Kristen Deetz. I'm looking forward to my senior year because after we graduate, we plan on moving into our own place together." Junior Kristen Deetz reflected, "I gained more responsibility and learned to be more independent this year. I'm looking forward to my senior year because I want to make

as many memories as possible before I graduate."

In a year of athletic achievement for the school, many juniors felt that successfully competing in sports was most rewarding. "I was on poms and we enjoyed supporting the football team by performing at the Silverdome," noted Billie Jo Poufcas. Tom Shaver commented, "Being

a part of the State Championship Wrestling team was definitely the best part of my junior year." And Alex Redman concluded, "The satisfaction of not only winning the state championship in wrestling, but also competing at the Silverdome and ranking second in the state in football made my junior year the best year I could ever ask for."

IN ON THE ACTION



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Kathy McGonagle
Eric McGowan
Samantha McKay
Adam McKimmy
Justin McLellan
Heather McNamara

Keri Mead
Jacob Medrano
Francis Mills IV
Joshua Mitchell
Megan Mitchell
Randii Mitchell
John Molenda

Kristy Monroe
Corey Montie
Matt Moody Cooper
Daniel Moore
Charles Moubray
Bryan Murphy
Donald Murphy

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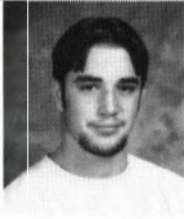
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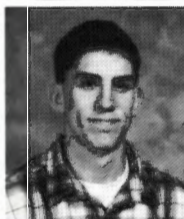
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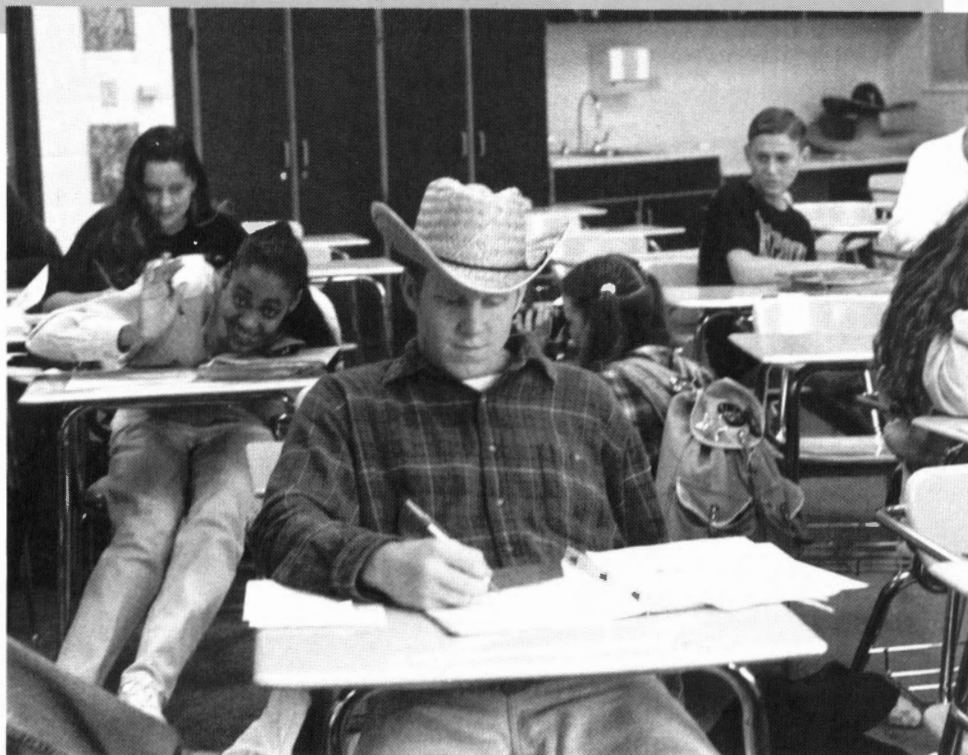
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JUNIORS

"I listen to music while I hang over the side of my bed with my books on the floor. It really gets the blood to my brain which makes the knowledge flow."
—*Junior Kuana School*

Getting down to business in Juanita Grew's Spanish III class is junior Chuck Moubrey on Hick Day of Spirit Week, while junior Tamika Thurman catches the lens in the background.



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ith whom and how do you study best? Many students sought the answers to those questions by trial and error.

For many, the combination of studying and eating seemed to be the best way to go. Junior Elizabeth Carter revealed, "I can't memorize any information unless I'm eating Snak Pacs simultaneously," while sophomore Kristie Swanson admitted, "I'm unable to study anything unless I'm eating something."

Others preferred sound while studying. Junior Jeremy Jehnsen commented, "I have to have the radio or TV on to gain full concentration." Junior Kuana School agreed. "I listen to music while I hang over the side of my bed with my books on the floor. It really gets the blood to my brain which makes the knowledge flow."

Just how comfortable students were made all the difference in how they acquired knowledge. "I have to have my feet up or be sprawled out to get any of my homework done," stated junior Tamika Thurman. It was ditto for senior Chris DeWitt who revealed, "In order to study, I have to be in a room by myself on the floor with a pillow without any noise like a radio."

For those who thought they didn't have time to study,

science teacher Mary Boulanger suggested, "When I was in college, I got up at four in the morning to study because I was too social at night." Junior Jenny Mayes operated at the same end of the spectrum. She noted, "I can't do anything before 10:00 p.m. I don't know why, I just can't."

Others had study helps that got them through. "I use index cards to write down the information, markers to

color code the subjects and stamps to categorize the information I am trying to learn," explained senior Amy Shepler.

No matter what the requirements were to gain a little more gray matter, whether it was a radio, a bowl of popcorn, or the stroke of midnight, students buckled down and sprawled out in their bedroom to crack the books.

—*Angela Watters*

CRACKING THE BOOKS

“It’s kind of hard starting out, getting your balance, but I like it because skiing gives you a sense of freedom.”

—*Senior Rachael Haley*

on a skiing trip at Boyne Mountain during Winter Break.



Skiing gives you the best adrenaline high!” exclaimed senior Mandy Coe. Down hill skiing has become more

popular among students. It’s a sport like no other. You are free to do anything and you have the choice of what hill you ski down from the bunny hill to the black diamond.

Senior Julie Smith recalled, “Skiing for the first time was the funniest thing I’ve done in a while. I went with Julie Allen to Bittersweet in Kalamazoo with about 15 other people from Western Michigan University. No one knew how to ski except Julie and her boyfriend. The whole time the rest of us were falling down all over the place. It was the best.”

Skiing had its ups as well as its downs. “The worst experience I ever had was when my ski fell off going up the chair lift and I had to try and ski down the hill with only one ski,” revealed senior Shelley Somers.

People that were really into the sport traveled to far places for the thrill. Senior Julie Allen fit into this category. In Febru-

ary she went to Colorado with her family to ski at Snow Mass. I liked going there because they had the best jumps and the snow was perfect,” she stated.

Living in a state which gets a lot of snow, there are many places to choose from to ski. Senior Jay Gamet noted, “The best place in Michigan is Boyne because you have the option of the Mountain or the Highlands. I prefer the Mountain.”

There were also obstacles that one faced skiing. One was getting on and off the chair lifts. Another was mastering tow ropes, and of course, making sure not to ski towards trees or other people. Senior Katie Yemc related, “One time Andy Verleger and I were getting

ready to get on a chair lift. My head band fell down over my eyes and when I tried to turn around to see when the lift was coming, it hit me in the head. Then they had to stop it.”

Although skiing was sometimes painful, it was still the sport of speed, thrills and adrenalin. It was also the sport of choice for some students.

—*Rachael Haley*

HIT THE SLOPES

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—*Senior*

Katie Yemc

On a Christmas break skiing trip at Boyne Mountain, seniors Rachael Haley, Mandy Coe and Katie Yemc, and juniors Andy Verleger and Jeff Keller catch the chair lift.

JUNIORS



Dawn Vasold
Andrew Verleger
Stephanie Walimaki
Wendy Warren
Angela Watters
Leah Wawro
Thomas Welsh

Erin Wenglekowski
Arren Wetzel
John Whalen
Heidi Wheeler
Amanda Whitehead
Angela Wibert
David Wightman

Jennifer Wilbur
Gary Williams
Karyn Wilson
Wendy Wireman
Lisa Wise
Benjamin Wolf
Sarah Wolfe

Jamie Wood
Stacy Wright
Timothy Wulff
Karl Wyble
Lisa Yang
Erin Younglove
Derrick Zenker

Juniors not pictured:

Kristofer Arnett
Amanda Crandall
Robert Deruchie
Erica Doty
Nicole Eiseler
Pablo Fajardo
Jennifer Goff
James Graham
Sarah Heathman
Larry Jackson-Vallad
Craig Mathson
Jennifer Mayes
Steven McDowell
Ballard McGuire
Nikoles Morehouse
Carolyn Parish
Bethany Potvin
Yosvani Pupo
Christina Richter
Brandi Ross
Joi Seegraves
Samuel Smith
Chalice Strayer
Emily Sutliff
Amanda Taylor
Kori Vaive
Thomas Veldman
Robert Woods



SOPHOMORES

Casey Adams
John Adams III
Andrew Charles Alana
Michael Andrick
Emily Argue
Mark Arnold
Michelle Arntz

Christopher Ash
Steven Ayers
Kristoffer Bakken
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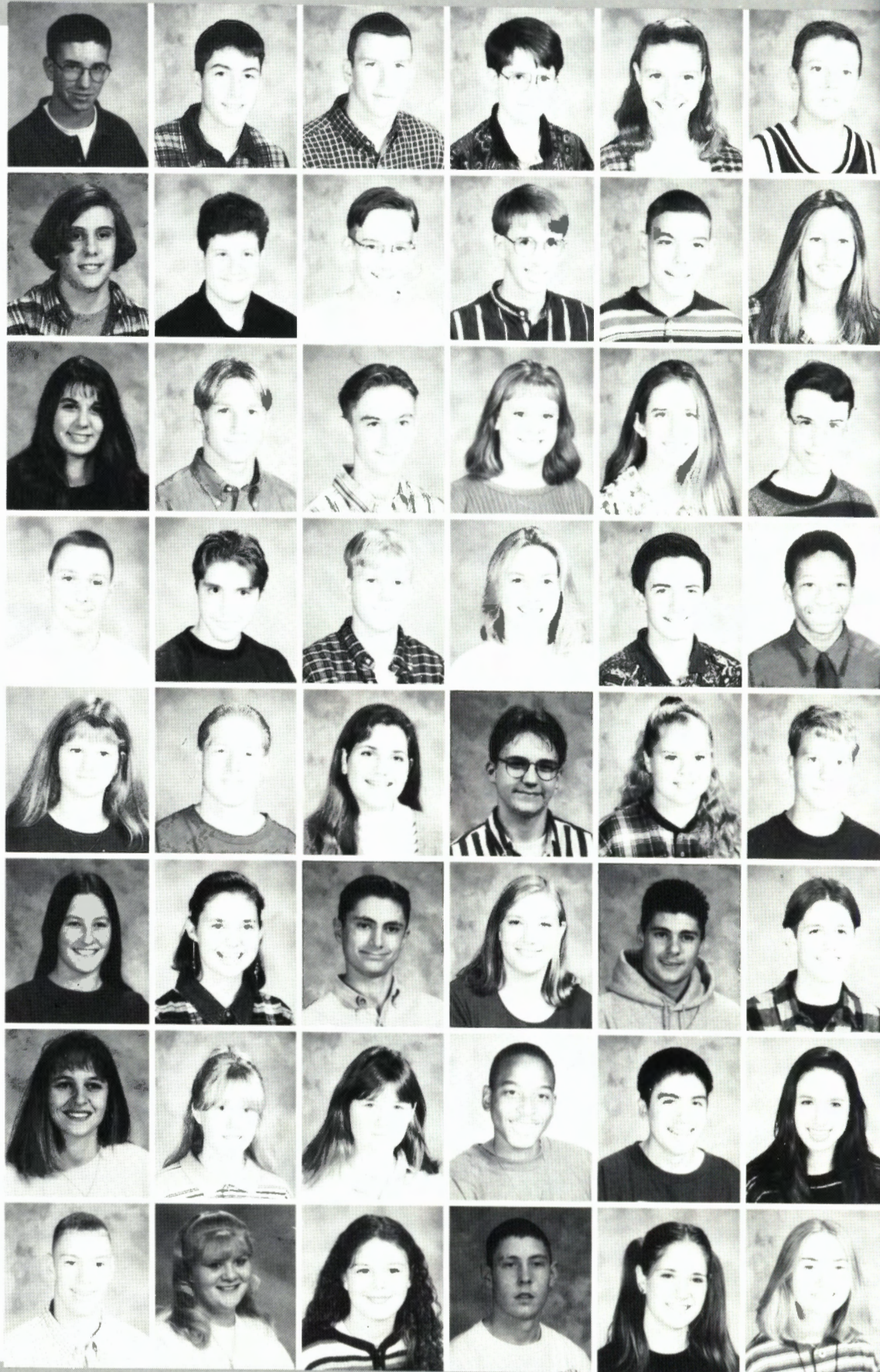
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Kyle Braman
Sheila Brody
Kristen Brown

Melissa Brown
Kimberly Brydges
Joseph Budzynski
Jennifer Buell
William Burgie
Evan Caldwell
Michael Carlson

Sara Carroll
Erin Carslake
Carrie Carter
Martein Carter
Andres Castro
Brooke Clark
Corey Clark

Russell Clark
Samantha Clark
Kimberly Clisch
Joshua Coker
Kristen Colley
Carrie Collin
Michael Comer



SOPHOMORES



“One minute I hear my teacher’s voice and the next I find myself entering into the realm of day-dreaming.”

—Junior Jennie Wilbur

Sprawling out in her favorite library spot to enjoy her favorite “Seventeen” magazine is senior Molly Ranke. The library was a frequent spot for students to zone out for awhile.



For the vast majority of students plagued with a lecture on Egyptian Pharaohs, American History, or puzzled by the solution to an algebraic equation, the answer was simple. They entered a world, not of understanding or learning, but of sight and sound. The entered “The Zone.”

Unfortunately, nothing is ever free; even the “zone” has its price. Returning to reality, students found that they didn’t have the answer to an untimely question or, worse yet, missed the entire review for tomorrow’s test.

So what captured students’ imagination for a time? Sophomore Chad Johnson admitted, “I day dream about different things like, how does the wind blow, how do objects move, and how do they get the creme inside the chocolate layer in a Cadbury Egg?” But, by far, the most

common daydream was about (drum roll please) the opposite sex. According to an informal poll, 54% of the students admitted to daydreaming about a significant other.

This led to the question, why do we daydream? Psychologist Jill Spittle from St. Lawrence psychiatric ward reported that mind-wandering and daydreaming can be caused by different things, but the biggest factor was boredom and attention loss. Daydreaming is a self-induced process which has the same components as sleep-

ing. However, she also pointed out that daydreaming could be a healthy thing, as it is a way to let your mind relax and take a little vacation.

Though it had its upside, one had to know the appropriate time and place, and school did not fit this category. It was hard to fight, and students could always come up with their best experience in “The Zone.” Sarah Hopkins had two favorites. “I was playing tennis with Bill Cosby and beating

Regis Philbin and Kathy Lee. In the other, I was picking flowers with Shannon Hoon, Charles Barkley and the artist formerly known as Prince.”

For senior Nik Lieble, coping with everyday reality appealed a bit more. “I dreamed we had a 10 minute passing time, an hour for lunch and only five classes!” Like many other students wanting similar conditions, Nik had to dream on!

—Evan Caldwell

IN THE ZONE

SOPHOMORES



“Ever since I’ve known Andrea and Evan they’ve always gone out of their way to dress differently than everyone else.”

—Junior Matt Allen

Returning from lunch at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Fall Conference are juniors Matt Allen, and Andrea Alburtus and sophomore Evan Caldwell.

Fashion in the 1990’s was more about individual than collective style or keeping up with new fads and what everyone else was wearing. At Holt High School, the same held true. Whether it was wearing ripped up jeans or a classic white shirt, the majority of students went for comfort. Senior Jaime Hayslette explained, “I wear my clothes for the way they fit and how they feel, not so I can impress someone or look like I fit in.” Other students agreed, Junior Andy Verleger revealed, “I used to dress to impress, but now I don’t care what people think. I wear what I like and what’s comfortable.”

Some students, as well as teachers, however still thought that the impression created was

key in what they wore. Senior Frank Hartwick revealed, “I choose clothes that give people the impression that I am a clean cut kid, not some hoodlum off the street.” Other students liked to look nice also. Senior Julie Smith commented, “I like to dress up for sports because I don’t usually get a chance to wear a dress most

other days.” Fine Arts teacher Dorothy Anderson agreed, “I always like to look nice. I love buying new clothes and putting new outfits together.”

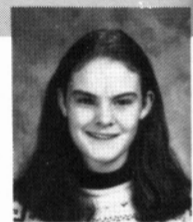
There were others who really didn’t think about fashion at all. Junior Jeff Keller wasn’t very particular. “When I get up in the morning, I don’t care what I

wear as long as it’s clean. I just throw on whatever I can grab before I’m late for school.”

How much money did students spend in a month on clothes? The average was around \$50, and the majority said they got their money from part time jobs. Senior Rachael Haley admitted, “I spend most of the money I don’t save from my job on clothes.”

— Katie Yemc

COMFORT IS KEY



SOPHOMORES



Colleen Conway
Lyndsay Cook
Ryan Cook
Rebecca Corr
Stacey Courtier
Corey Crabtree
Kathryn Crews

Spencer Criddle
Matthew Crockett
Sarah Cronk
Ryan Cullimore
Sean Cullimore
Michelle Culp
Amy Cumbow

Andrew Current
Christopher Curry
Dung Dao
Keith Davenport
Nicole David
Hailee Davis
Scott Davis

Aaron Davison
Brie Deadman
James Deline
William Denike
Joseph DeWitt
Angela Diro
Michael Dittenber

Karrie Doe
Lana Doerr
Tammy Dotson
Lucas Drake
Kendra Dunham
Brian Dunn
Jennifer Dutcher

Mary Ebersole
Kenneth Eckman
Cheryl Edgerly
Janet Eggleston
Sara Eiseler
Jamie Eitniewar
Gina Elfenbein

Allen Elliott
Joel Ellis
Heather Elmore
Jeremy Emerick
Randall Emery
Warren Emery
Jennifer Evans

Christopher Faulkner
Anthony Feldpausch
Justin Feldpausch
Jennifer Felgenhauer
Gerald Fenby
Joseph Ferry
Ilana Fisher

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Angela Fobbe
Parker Fogle
Megan Foster
Alison Fowlks
Deborah Franklin
Erin Freeman
Jennifer Fry

Christopher Fuller
Joseph Fulton
Julie Galambos
Andrew Gamet
Angelica Garcia
Daniel Garcia
Nathaniel Gardner

William BJ Garland
Jennifer Gates
Shawn Geiger
Dustin Gekle
Jeremy Gentges
Jeanine Gibbs
Brock Gilbert

Holly Gilbert
Lyndsey Gilreath
Janell Gingas
Joshua Goggin
McCabe Goodine
Brian Gostnell
Lesley Gottschalk

John Graham
Rachel Grawburg
Rebecca Grawburg
Clela Nicole Gray
Jamie Green
Matthew Greene
Todd Greene

Lakeisha Greenwood
Amy Grondin
Camelia Guerra
Nicholas Haines
Jeffery Hall
Joshua Hamilton
Ricky Handziak

Joshua Haney
John Hanson
Douglas Harger
Daniel Harmon
Jeffrey Hayden
Charles Hayes
Jamie Hedrick

Jessica Heeg
Crystal Henriksen
Matthew Herwaldt
Angela Hettinger
Holly Higbie
Gregory Hills
Matie Hoag



SOPHOMORES



“My favorite part of working at Sweet Sensations is that it’s cool in the summer and we don’t work in the winter.”

—Junior Kristina DeRosa

Filling up one of the soft serve ice cream machines at Holt’s Sweet Sensations is junior Kristina DeRosa.



For teenagers, it was a rite of passage as important as getting their drivers licence. They spent countless hours scouting for one. Sometimes the effort was for nothing and they listened silently as polite apologies were made. But there were the few times that a ray of hope came blasting through the phone and they were told, “Come in for an interview.” “These are the most loved and hated words concerning a part-time job,” noted sophomore Kim Parker, “every kid wants to hear them but they are also scared.”

The appointed day rolled around and students spent an hour trying to find an outfit and hairstyle that screamed, “HIRE ME!” When they finally found that perfect ensemble, they practiced smiling and shaking hands until they felt quite confident.

When they arrived, their palms started to get sweaty and their hearts pounded. They

walked towards the manager tugging on their clothes, making sure their hair was not out of place and trying to remember which hand to shake with.

Then at zero hour, they launched into the interview shakily at first and then with more confidence as they began to relax and realize that the worst was over. Junior Meg Mitchell admitted, “The first few minutes are sheer terror because you’re so worried about making a good impression that you forget to relax and be yourself.”

After the interview, many agonized over the whole experience, looking for what they did wrong. But they also imagined receiving the big phone call offering them a chance to join the working world. “I couldn’t believe when I got my first job,” related sophomore Matie Hoag, “mostly I was excited about getting my first paycheck!”

The thrill of paychecks enticed many teens to get a job to help pay for car expenses, college, and spend-

ing money.

“Working gives you independence. You no longer have to rely on your parents to give you pocket change,” stated sophomore Josh Sumption. Whether it was for fun, experience or a necessity, a job was important to most teens. The humdrum cycle of school and home was broken by work experiences and it was there that one gained a new maturity. So, happy job hunting!

—Jennifer Kidwell

WORKING

3:00 TO 5:00

SOPHOMORES



“We were afraid that a senior would lock us in our lockers!”

—Sophomores Kelly Walsh and Debbie Franklin

Working on a Biology lab are sophomores John Graham and Laurie Miller. They were two of the 413 students coming to the High School in August, the largest sophomore class ever. Of the science class John noted, “There is a lot more science equipment in the High School classroom than at the Junior High.”

The months of summer were filled with hopes of good weather and lots of fun. But for future sophomores, the summer was also filled with fears and worries of leaving the comforting confines of the junior high and traveling to the high school where students could drive, leave at lunch and were expected to maneuver in an endless maze of halls.

“I was afraid I’d get lost. The school is huge and the halls were so confusing,” confessed sophomore Karrie Doe. She wasn’t the only one lost; almost everyone wandered around clueless the first day. “I was 35 minutes late for my first hour,” recalled Scott Martin.

Luckily, there was some help for lost students as Leann Secord explained, “The seniors were the patron saints of the hallways. There was always one around to point out a class or redirect a student to

the right hall.”

Making friendships was scary for many sophomores. “I was afraid of not knowing anyone,” commented Mike Mortenson. “My closest friends didn’t have any of my classes and I didn’t know if I would see them throughout the day.” Not seeing friends was a serious problem, but there was a solution. “I was worried until I went to orientation,” noted Jennifer Evans. “There, I talked to other sophomores with similar classes.” Sophomore orientation helped many new students

find their bearings and meet their classmates. Junior and senior PAL’s led the students through the school and gave them useful advice for the first day.

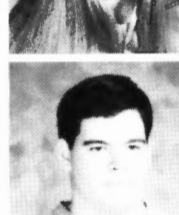
Many worries were associated with the upperclassmen. Sophomores Debbie Franklin and Kelly Walsh shared the same concern. “We were afraid that a senior would lock us in our locker.” Angie Diro was worried about “sharing a class with seniors and whether they would ignore or make fun of me.”

Although many sopho-

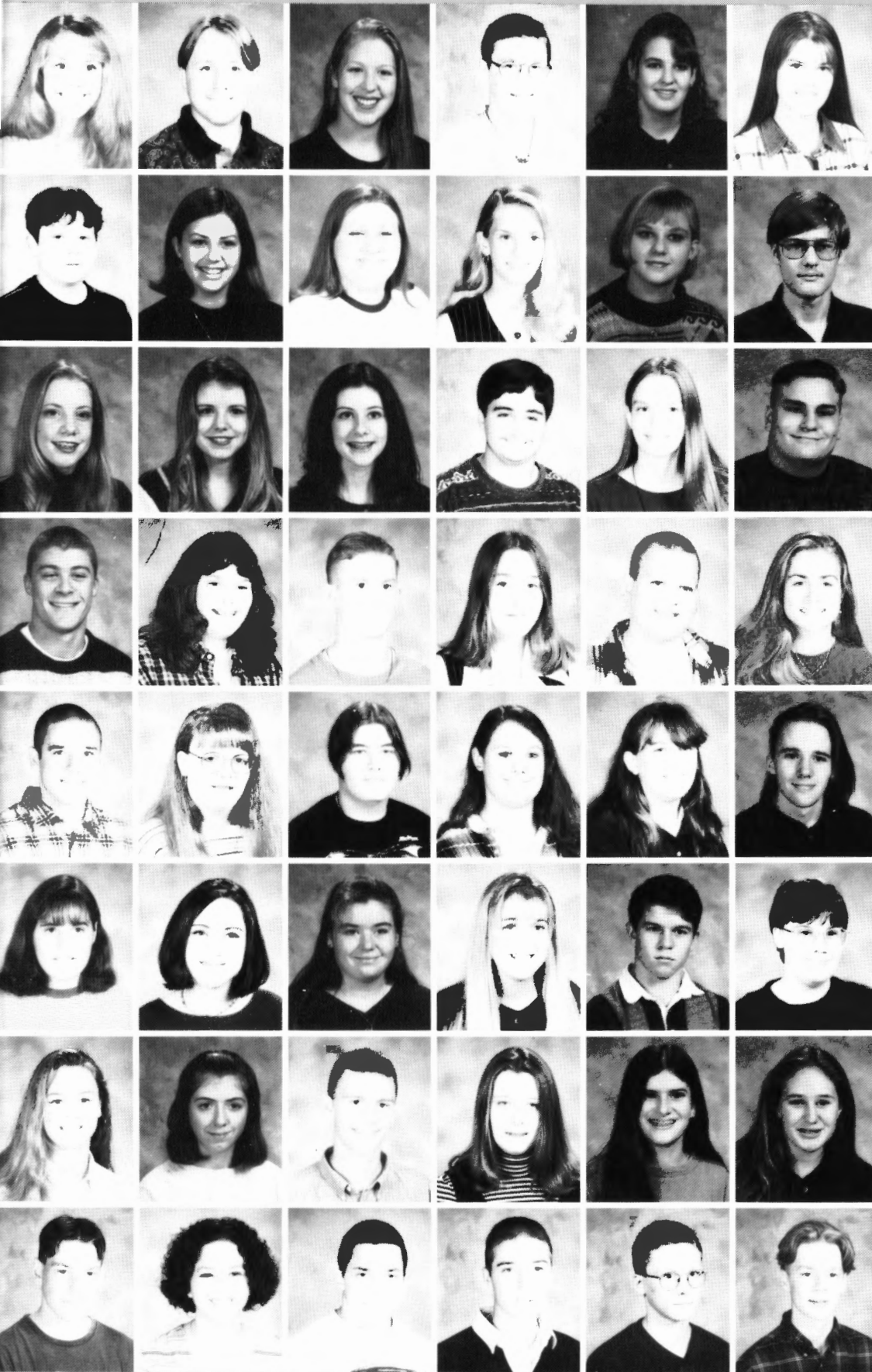
more were shaking with “seniorphobia,” there was little justification for their fears. Kim Parker related, “I was afraid that people would be immature, but after the first day, I was really proud of the way everyone had grown up.”

Sophomores all started their high school experience together and they have put their first year behind them. Juniors Meg Mitchell and Carolina Garza pointed out, “As high school goes on, first days get easier. Walking in as a sophomore is the hardest of all, but after that, everyday is a breeze.” —**Jennifer Kidwell**

COMING TO THE BIG SCHOOL



SOPHOMORES



Whitney Hoagland
Marjorie Hock
Justin Hofbauer
Erin Hoffman
Kyle Hoffman
Michelle Hoffmeyer
Alissa Holm

Angela Holmes
William Holmes
Robyn Homan
Sarah Hopkins
Kendra Horstman
Heather Hough
Todd Hoverman

Nathan Howe
Jamie Huddelson
Heather Hulsebos
Tina Hunter
Timothy Hurlburt
Susannah Iott
Daniel Janetzke

Leesa Janz
Chad Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Nathan Jordan
Danielle Jory
Donald Jory
Kelly Kamm

Meghan Kelly
Bryan Kendrick
Stacy Kenny
Jason Ketchum
Rachel Keyes
Jennifer Kidwell
Joshua Kingsley

Erin Kleiman
Tracy Knowles
Kathryn Kreiger
Karen Krumm
Jodie Kuhn
Jay Laing
Glenda Lamb

Sarah Langham
Alycia Lantagne
Bridget Laszlo
Michael Laur
Misty Lawler
Kelli Leible
Christina Leverich

Nathan Lockhart
Nicholas Lockhart
Jennifer Loiacano
Jeremiah Long
Steven Loomis
Erik Luchauer
Ben Lumbert

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Kelly Lumley
Shawna Lyons
Christopher MacDonald
Melissa Maksimowicz
Nathaniel Malaski
Mark Mantyla
Steven Marsh

Scott Martin
Micheal Maxey
Jessica McCabe
Sonya McClane
Erica McGraw
Harold McGuire
Brandy McKimmy

Jennifer McNamara
Mikel McNamara
Crystal Mead
Andrew Mercer
Kimberly Merriott
Matthew Messer
Amanda Miller

Charles Miller
Jennifer Miller
Jordan Miller
Laurie Miller
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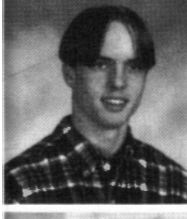
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Marisa Park-Terriman
Courtney Parker

Shannon Peck
Victor Perrine
Jennifer Persico
Ryan Plumb
Benjamin Pocklington
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SOPHOMORES



**“It’s like every-
one forgot how
to park. They
pull in the park-
ing lot and park
wherever.”**

—Junior Justin McClellan

Coming back from lunch at Burger King on a snowy day are seniors Matt Murphy, Timothy Purol, Brad Hemmenway, and Faiz Ikramula.



Surveying the student parking lot on a snowy winter day, one would have concluded that students needed to brush up on their parking skills. In an informal Ramparts poll, 95% of the students reported the biggest problem on snowy days was not being able to see the lines. The result? Students parked anywhere and everywhere. Junior Justin McClellan recalled, “It’s like everyone forgot how to park. They pull in the parking lot and park wherever.”

Most students enjoyed venting their frustrations. Senoir Charlie Adado stated, “People take up two spots at a time. If you get to school at 7:20, you still have to run to class because you have to park in the second lot.” Senior Christie Clark recalled, “One day my car was

blocked into its space at lunch and I was forced to walk to Little Caesar’s. Then on my way there, it started to rain.”

Careless parking could even be quite costly. Senior Sarah Cribley reported, “People park crazy and have no respect for other people’s property. Someone hit my mirror and it cost me \$150 to fix it.”

The situation prompted students to think about ways to

solve the problem. Senior Amanda Camp felt, “The parking permit money should go toward repaving the parking lot, eliminating the potholes and repainting the yellow lines.” Senior Kim Witsaman suggested, “Maybe plowing and salting the parking lot when it snows instead of waiting for it to melt would help.” Some other ideas included

assigning parking spots. Senior Katie Greenwood pointed out, “It’s not only high school students who have a problem with parking. If you have ever noticed, the mall parking lots on snowy days are crazy!”

For many of the parking problems most agreed that a little intelligence would be all it would take to park in a safe and organized fashion.

—Marisa Bennett

JUST PARK IT!

SOPHOMORES



"I used to be able to wear Kellie's clothes to school and she'd never know. Now that I see her everyday, it's kind of hard to get away with it when she realizes, hey, isn't that my shirt?"

—Sophomore Kim Clisch

Taking a cut is senior Adam Merchant in the Mason Invitational versus Ovid-Elsie, while his brother, Andy, looks on from the dugout. Adam and Andy played baseball together, took Journalism, and walked together at graduation.

For years you fought. Your parents had enough; well, so had the kids. Students found that high school was a time to learn new things academically and on the home front too.

Sophomores wondered how older siblings would act. Would they make fun of them, taunt them, or worse yet, ruin their reputation? Many found once they got to the high school it wasn't a nightmare after all. Having a brother or sister at school was pretty cool. Sophomore Ashley Oakly revealed, "Even though Brooke was only at school half the day, it was good to know that she was there if I needed her."

Senior Beth Wilkerson and her sophomore sister Katie agreed. Over the years they realized that a sister

didn't have to be your worst enemy. "I know Katie is there when I need her. I'd do anything for her and I know she would do the same," Beth explained. "We definitely don't fight like we use to, well, except when it comes to the car!" added Katie.

The occasional disagreement still came about. Sophomore Kim Clisch remembered, "When I went to junior high, I wore Kellie's clothes to school and she never knew it. Now I see her

every day and it's kind of hard to get away with it when she realizes, hey, isn't that *my* shirt?"

Opportunities to tease presented themselves and some couldn't resist. "Missy was running into school when we were late and fell on some ice. I told everyone, and they pretended they had seen the whole thing. She was so humiliated. We just laughed because no one had really seen it except me!" revealed senior Katie Yemc.

Others simply stood on the sidelines. "It was fun watching

other people pick on my sister. At least I wasn't the one in trouble," admitted sophomore John Adams.

Students agreed that they were no longer throat to throat. "Now that Ryan and I are at the high school we relate better. We are both experiencing high school and that makes us closer," noted junior Andrea Alburtus. Even though siblings did fight now and then, one thing was for sure, they all loved and depended on each other just the same.

—Jennie Wilbur

HAVE A HEART



SOPHOMORES



Justin Pool
Tazi Pruitt
Brian Puruleski
Elyse Puruleski
Angela Quick
Alexander Ramirez
Jessica Ranes

Ryan Reedy
Shane Reitz
Kami Rennirt
Anne Reyonlds
Korey Reynolds
John Ribby
Lucas Richardson

Rusty Richardson
Tiffany Richardson
Altramese Roberts
Crystal Roberts
Matt Roberts
Melvin Shane Roberts
James Robins

Melisa Robinson
Nissa Roe
Nicole Roeske
Sarah Rose
Shawn Rosenbrook
Philip Rosenman
Stephanie Roth

Kerri Russell
Laura Russell
Nikolas Saraiva
Diana Sarkisova
Jennifer Savage
Danny D.J. Scaggs
Shana Scarborough

Michele Scates
Erik Schaefer
Jeremy Schopp
Angela Schutte
Leann Secord
Brian Sherry
Amanda Shock

Bethany Siettas
Jaime Simonson
Katherine Skoczylas
Marc Sleight
Stephanie Smiley
Amy Smith
Andrew Smith

Derek Smith
Jeremy Smith
Joan Smith
Pamela Smith
Sara Smith
Andrew Snyder
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Todd Snyder
Melissa Soule
Franklin Spedoske
Ted Spencer
Tricia Spencer
Nicholas Spyke
Kathleen Stachlewitz



Justin Stahl
Marcie Stambaugh
Christopher Steer III
Kurt Steinkamp
Janelle Stevens
Travis Stoliker
Kimberly Strampel



Jarrod Stuttman
Joshua Sumption
Jessica Swan
Kristen Swanson
Tabitha Tate
Amber Taylor
John Teed



Troy Thielen
Jason Townsend
Rachel Troisi
Jennifer Tunney
Christopher Tupper
Paul Tuttle
Hillary Unbehaun



Yoel Valdez
Norman VanAlstine
Joseph Vanoort
Jennifer Veldman
Anne Veltema
Eliina Viele
Jordan Voss



Keisha Vowels
Benjamin Wahl
Lora Wallace
Matthew Wallace
Kellie Walsh
Marion Joey Warren
Matthew Wheaton



Nicole Whitford
Ryan Wilcox
Kate Wilkerson
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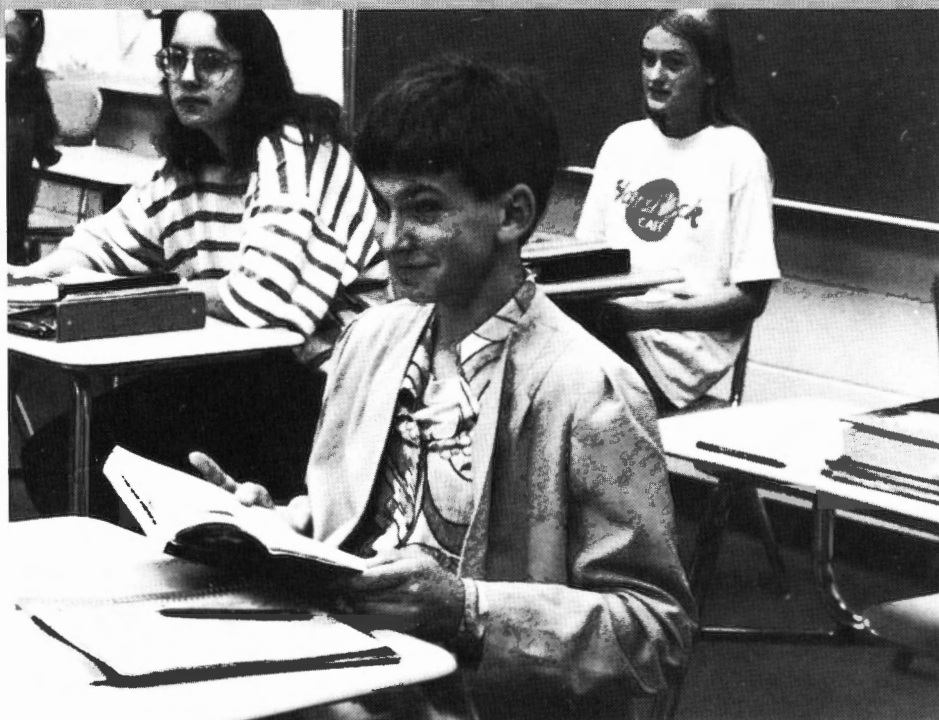
SOPHOMORES



"The worst part about being a sophomore was being the only underclassmen. All you heard about was sophomores this, sophomores that."

**—Sophomore
Angie Diro**

Sophomores Travis Stoliker, Angela Diro, and Erica Ohlerich read in Mrs. Croniac's English 10 class, a required course for all sophomore students.



On August 21, seniors and juniors returned for another year along with 413 sophomores who were ready to take over. The first days were hectic with scheduling problems, finding classes, lockers, and adjusting to the homework. As the school year took its course, the first day jitters subsided and sophomores began to reflect on the year.

The hallways proved to be a major problem. "I was late for class because I got lost and trampled by the seniors!" recalled sophomore Jerry Fenby. The problem, however, did not subside and 86 percent of sophomores surveyed, stated the hallways were a problem. Shelly Norris complained, "The hallways are awful! Something has to be done to eliminate the crowds. Our tardies are going to be even worse next year!"

Angie Quick suggested extending the passing time, "We're

expected to do so much in the little passing time we have. This problem will only increase next year with the up coming class which is the same size as ours. A few extra minutes would help."

Hallways weren't the only gripes sophomores had. Charlie Alana noted, "We need a longer lunch time! Even staying in the building provides problems." Students cited not enough seating in the cafeteria,

the rushing this causes, as well as the need for more time to eat.

Then there were the rules that students griped about. "We couldn't have drinks or food on the carpeted areas of the building yet, they put down carpet in the senior lunch room. Besides, the teachers ate and drank in classrooms. Why couldn't we?" questioned many students.

In all, making the transition from junior high to the high school resulted in a positive experience for most. "The year has been great; its not like the junior high. Most students drive to school, we're allowed to leave at lunch, and there is so much more to get involved in here," concluded sophomore Jenny Kidwell.

—Jennie Wilbur

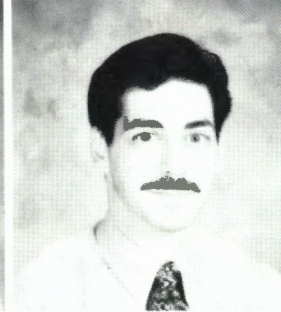
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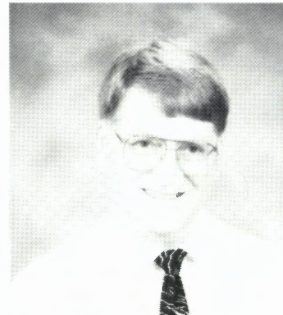
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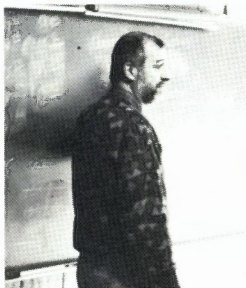
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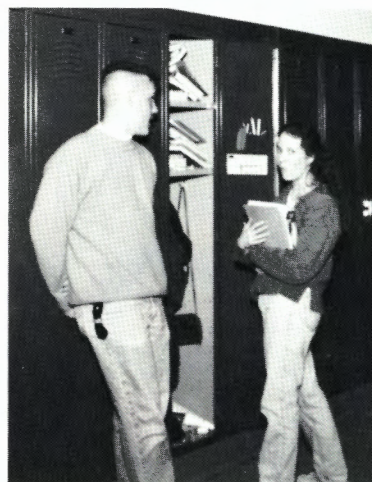


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THE FINER POINTS

Explaining the finer points of Consumer Economics to his second hour class is teacher Guil Northrup. Former student Dustin Gould speculated on Northrup's glory days as possibly being when Andy Gould and Dave Streeter were co-captains of his debate team.



PASSING TIME Talking with swimmer Leah Wawro is security guard and swim coach Sean Donegan. He noted, "I've had a lot of glory days, but my most exciting moments were in field training for the Army."



IN THE SPIRIT... Cutting up at the State Football Finals pep assembly are teacher Leo Allaire and Coach Mike Smith. Varsity Football players Rodney Knott and Scott Lawrence and Athletic Director Del Cory join in. Smith commented on favorite times in his life. "My glory days were when I was in college and both my academics and athletics came together. I also feel that I had another round of glory when I got married and my children were born."

"I remember shopping on Grand River with some friends during the Vietnam War protests when we saw the National Guard down the street. I remember thinking that if my parents saw me on TV with the National Guard, they would yank me out of college. I got out of there as quick as I could. It really freaked me out!"

—Shannon Fineout

FOR THE FUN OF SCIENCE

Sporting a different look on Hat Day during Spirit Week is science teacher Dave Foy. About his glory days, Mr. Foy commented, "I haven't had my glory days; they are yet to come."



Beat him, kill him, break his face!" might not be something you'd expect to come out of English teacher Debbie Childers' mouth, but indeed it did. As a part of

The Marching Rowdies, a small group of energetic marching band members at West Virginia University, Mrs. Childers and her friends were infamous for this chant.

The Holt High School staff had their share of interesting experiences back in their glory days. Mrs. Childers felt that hers were back when she attended WVU. "There was less responsibility, and I could focus more on myself," she explained. That meant she had plenty of time to perform with the Band, which she considered to be her best times.

Another teacher who considered her college years to be her prime time was Spanish teacher Shannon Fineout. "I started to gain confidence then," she stated, "I was in a sorority at Michigan State, and it really helped me to focus things." It was also during her college years that Mrs. Fineout took her first trip to Spain. "It really changed my life," she commented. "It was an experience that others couldn't understand. It gave me a new perspective." Another thing that stood out for her was

the Vietnam War. "I remember shopping on Grand River with some friends during the Vietnam War protests when we saw the National Guard down the street. I remember thinking that if my parents saw me on TV with the National Guard, they would yank me out of college. I got out of there as quick as I could. It really freaked me out!"

Science teacher Barbara Neureither also remembered the Vietnam War impacting her life. She stated, "I remember being very frustrated by the war and the draft. I didn't approve of the war, and I wanted to be able to control it." Despite the country's problems during this time, Mrs. Neureither still felt that her college years were her glory days. "I was happy, productive, and learning a lot," she explained.

English teacher Bruce Kutney, on the other hand, felt he had more fun playing than learning. Bruce was on a winning baseball team when he was 14 years old, and traveled around the country. It wasn't the traveling, however, that was the highlight. As Mr.

Kutney put it, "The best part was that I got to eat for free. I just played baseball and ate." He also felt that his glory days were not over yet, that his life was "still going uphill."

Jerry Gillett was another teacher who felt he was in his prime right now. "I'm doing more now than ever before," he explained. Although he admitted to sometimes longing for the days back when he could walk without a limp and had a full head of hair, Jerry still felt that his life was better in recent times.

Even though Spanish teacher Juanita Grew stated that she, "still loves living and every minute I'm breathing," she felt that her glory days were when she was 24. "I was

teaching in both high school and college, so I was in the mainstream of everything that was going on. "I was foot loose, fancy free, and almost constantly happy," she stated.

Many staff members said that they were basically the same people that they were back in their glory days. They did say, however, that they had gained more confidence over the years, as well as changed in their attitudes. As Physical Education teacher Mike Smith put it, "I have more and different priorities. Now that I have a family, it's not just about me anymore, it's about the family. Now it's about "we" glory, not "me" glory."

—Andrea Alburtus

LEGENDS LIVE ON



“My first and current car is a 1977 yellow beast, the classic old junker. It’s slow, but it gets me where I want to go. Some have even referred to it as the *ghetto sled*.”

—Junior Matt Allen

GAME OF LIFE

Chatting with juniors Jason Gauna and Walter Cooper during a simulation game held at a faculty in-service is business teacher Scotty Shimnoski. About his taste in music, Shimnoski commented, “I like easy-listening and classical music, but sometimes I get sick of pianos.”

Students and staff agreed on two things; one was food and the other was cars. The Italians had students’ and staff’s taste buds under control with pizza and pasta ranking first place favorites, followed by Mexican tacos and burritos.

Ranking third for students was chicken strips and hamburgers while the staff’s sweet tooth dominated and they went for “anything” chocolate. Interestingly, not one student listed chocolate as their ultimate food, and some teachers were enthusiastic about everything when it came to their stomachs. One was Math teacher Sandy Bethel who claimed, “I never met any food that I didn’t like!”

When it came to wheels, again students matched their teachers in their taste for Ford Mustangs. Both groups ranked it number one with students’ second choice a Chevy Blazer while the staff took a unique split between Camaros and VW convertibles.

Always a topic of interest was the comparison between favorite cars and first cars since first cars often did not stack up to the ideal. Math teacher Bruce Lerner reported, “My first car was a ’68 Ford station wagon,

what a car!” Junior Matt Allen noted, “My first and current car is a 1977 yellow beast, the classic old junker. It’s slow, but it gets me to where I want to go. Some have even referred to it as the *ghetto sled*.”

Even when students owned more ‘up scale’ cars, they often weren’t satisfied. Senior Amy Shepler complained, “My first car was a 1983 Firebird and I hated it!” Her reason, “I wasn’t into the sports type cars.”

Some teachers were able to fulfill their dreams at a later date. Teacher Bill Savage explained, “My first car was a 1951 Chevrolet, but my dream car is the one I now own,

a 1994 teal Camaro.”

One thing that students and staff disagreed on was their preference in music and it went strictly by individual taste. “Senior Jay Gamet’s favorite was, “alternative music,” while sophomore Ben Lambert enjoyed a variety of styles. “My favorite types of music are reggae, classical rock, and hard rock.” Some cited individual artists. Adam McKimmy commented, “I like the Doors, Led Zeplin, Jimi Hendrix, and Machine Gun.”

Teachers, on the other hand, had other preferences, Heather Neiswonger noted, “Old alternative

from the 80’s is the best.” Teacher Scotty Shimnoski took a different route altogether, “I like easy-listening and classical music, but sometimes I get sick of pianos.”

Teachers’ and students’ differences often could be explained by age differences. Poodle skirts, leather jackets and eras of rock ‘n’ roll have created generation gaps, but that didn’t stop those cherished moments when teachers shared their favorites with students. There probably would come a day when you might be in the teacher’s place describing your favorites and your students just might disagree.

—Beth Lund and Lisa Harris

MUSTANGS, PIZZA RULE

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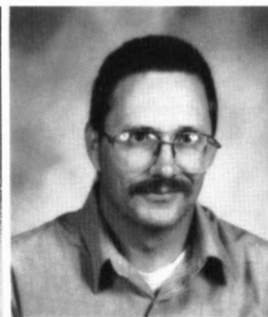
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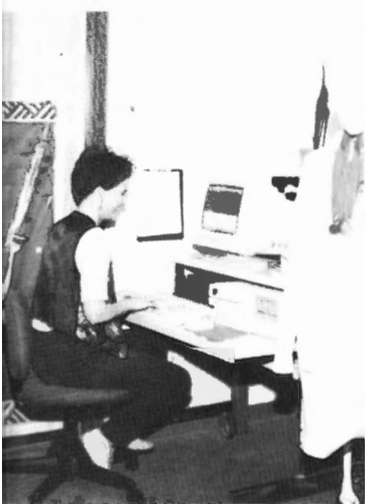
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Student Advocacy
Nancy Lamphier,
Life Skills



WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK
Cheerfully completing her grades is science teacher Heather Neiswonger. About her favorite music, Ms. Neiswonger stated, "Old alternative from the 80's is the best."



CHECK IT OUT... Taste-testing the handiwork of seniors Sara Feaster and Amanda Friar is Guidance Counselor Rachel Votruba. The two girls invited her to share their cheese soup and meal they had prepared in Beth Frazier's Meal Management class. Students prepared required dishes as well as their chosen favorites.

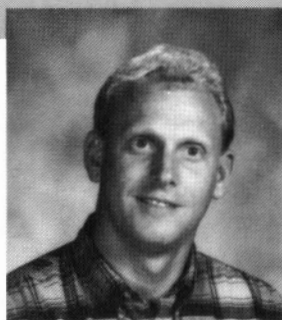


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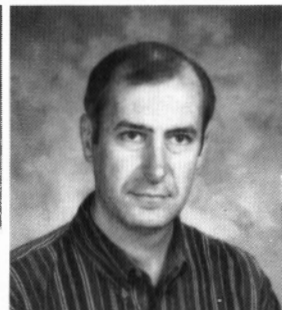
Generously sharing some cupcakes she had made with her fifth hour Math class is teacher Beth Berwald. The cupcakes were a special treat in honor of her birthday.

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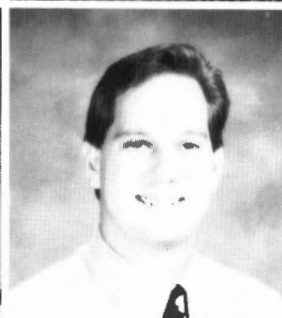
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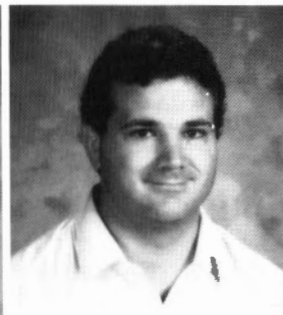
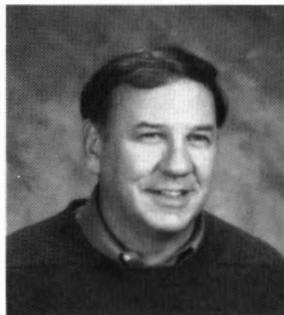
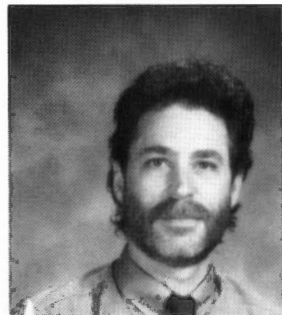
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Michael Saules,
Communication Arts
William Savage,
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Leanne Schnepf,
Fine Arts
Marty Schnepf, Math



A GOOD CAUSE

Arm in arm are senior NHS member Faiz Ikramulla and co-adviser Jan Wilson during the annual NHS sponsored blood drive. Mrs. Wilson worked with students and administrators on revising the requirements and selection process for membership during the year.



QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS... Helping sophomore Spencer Criddle during a quiz in Genetics class is science teacher Lori Buwalda while classmate Joe Budzynski catches the lens.



PANAMA MAN... Instructing his Spanish class is teacher Tyrone Robinson. The Modern Language Department spent PDS time matching course materials to objectives and writing course syllabuses.

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—Mary Gray

OPEN YOUR EYES

Working with students in her fourth hour Human Physiology lab is teacher Heather Neiswonger. She spent much of her PDS time helping to coordinate MESH and in department meetings aligning curriculum.



When the bell rang at 7:35 on Wednesday mornings most students were in bed. The faculty, however, reported to the library for their weekly Professional Development School (PDS) session. In its seventh year, the staff's professional development activities focused on two main goals: school improvement and curriculum.

Discussion centered around several topics including: what student preparation was needed relating to both getting students ready for the workplace and creating a basis on which to build further education, getting students to take greater responsibility for their own learning, and curriculum.

In order to address the problem of students not doing their homework nor taking much responsibility for their learning, the staff formed a group called the 3-R's—respect, responsibility, and readiness to learn. “Teachers had concerns about whether or not students would be responsible enough to go out into the world,” commented science teacher Barbara Neureither one of the leaders of the group. The basic objective was to get students to be more accountable for their own learning, be-

havior and school work, both in and out of class. Taking different approaches to discipline put the concern for a student's learning on everyone's shoulders.

Another major project was MESH (Math English, Science and History). MESH was a way of teaming and scheduling sophomores with teachers who planned together. “It was hoped that with MESH, students would feel more connected to the group and to the school,” explained Librarian Mary Gray. Teachers in the English section worked on district curriculum, preparing sophomores for their junior year proficiency tests, finalizing

Honors English 10 and modifying the curriculum for special education students.

Meanwhile, science teachers collaborated to form Aisle-C a chemistry and English option for juniors and worked at further development of Integrated Science, a project lead by teachers Dave Foy and Eric Pulver which combined physics and chemistry.

In the Math Department, teachers worked on developing and putting into practice separate Algebra 1 and 2 curriculums, integrating computers into Geometry and developing a proficiency test to replace the existing one that would more accu-

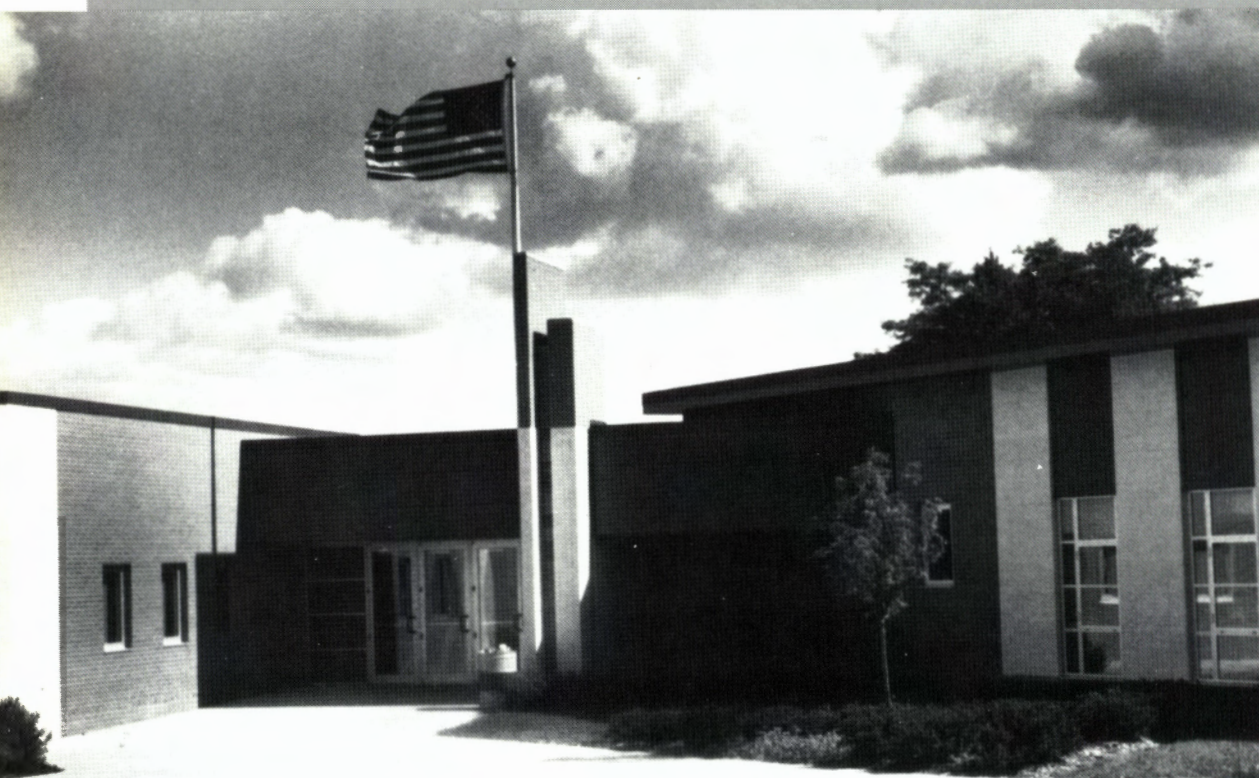
ately reflect the teachers' beliefs about how students learn. “Along with many topics of concern, we always spend some time collaborating about what is going on in our classrooms. We enjoy sharing ideas and talking about strategies we've tried,” explained pre-calculus teacher, Sharon Ewald.

Overall, the High School's goal of “teaching for understanding” has become crucial to learning in the information age. From revamping programs to creating new ones, the staff put in time on Wednesdays to achieve their goals.

—Chris Carr

TACKLING THE 3-R'S

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In 1925, the student body elected their school colors, brown and gold...

In 1958 the present Holt Senior High was built in campus style buildings where students had to walk outside to get to different buildings for their classes.

NEW LOOK

Unfurled against the late afternoon sun is 'Old Glory' at the renovated entrance to Holt High School. The addition of 92-93 markedly changed the appearance of the building for alumni and residents from their 'glory days' in the building.

Did you know that there were tunnels built between Holt Senior High and Sycamore Elementary School or that the first Holt football team played in 1926 and in 1935 they were the Class "C" champions? There has been a public school in Holt since 1841 when the first teacher, Miss Lydia Wells, was hired. Since then the district has expanded from one school housing all grades to a senior high, junior high, two middle schools and five elementaries.

The 1925-26 school year was an expanding year for Holt Schools. A twelfth grade was added, they graduated their first class of nine students and started an orchestra program. It was also the year the student body elected their school colors: brown and gold. The first football team consisted of 13 boys in 1926 with Coach Brooks. This was also the year a choir was organized, led by Elizabeth Rozen, and a senior play, *The Little Clodhopper*, was performed. It was attended by most of the Holt-Delhi community.

The year 1929 marked the beginning of the Holt Band directed by Alberta Phillips. Over the years, the band had earned many awards beginning with their first one in the early 1940's. In 1930, the High

School produced their first yearbook a tradition that is carried on today with volume 66 in production.

A football field was constructed in the 40's on the corner of Sycamore and Aurelius. The first football game played on that field was October 1, 1948. The opponent was Dansville and Holt was the winner. That season Bruce DePue set a school record scoring 38 points in one game against Haslett. That record is still standing today.

In 1958, the present Holt Senior High was built in campus style buildings where students had to walk outside to get to different buildings for their classes. In 1959, Ron Allen joined the teaching staff and produced the first musical, *The Lowland Sea*, and later in 1977 began the Ram Singers, a small song and dance group.

Fall Homecoming originated in 1959 and the year also brought some danger. During the Holt-Mason game at home, the bleachers collapsed and the Mason Principal in attendance fell and broke his collarbone. Fortu-

nately he recovered and no one was seriously harmed.

In 1962 Holt and Dimondale approved a merger of the senior high schools to save money and duplication of programs. In a show of slow-dying school rivalry, Holt students walked down one side of the hallway while Dimondale students kept to the other side. A former student recalled, "Students from both communities opposed the joining and it took quite awhile before anyone felt comfortable with each other."

The very first Winter Festival was held in 1967. Back then lunch breaks were an hour and students could watch a half-hour movie for 10 cents admission. The holiday sea-

son of 1971-72 was the first year that National Honor Societys sold candy sticks. It was also the year the Pom-Pom squad began. In the 1971 season, the Wrestling team captured the Class "B" State Championship and the following fall the Football team went undefeated and unscored upon in regular season play to become Class "B" State Champions.

The graduating class of 1979 was the last ninth grade to attend the High School. After 1976, the ninth grade was at the Junior High and the Senior High became grades 10-12th as it is today.

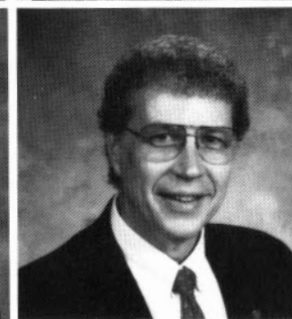
In 1985, the Varsity Cheerleaders were announced Grand National Dance Champions. The room next

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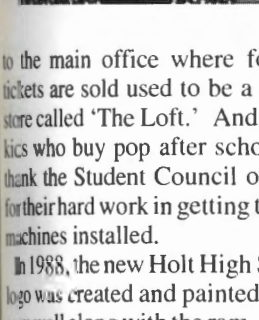
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Rosann Frazier, Secretary
Sue Kenney, Secretary



Becky Swanson,
Secretary
Judy Woolston, Secretary
Collette Boomershine,
Special Services
Diane David,
Special Services



Jillane Job,
Special Services
Ernie Snyder,
Day Custodian

Staff Not Pictured:
Monty Bishop, Matt Bliton
Sue Boston, Bob Bower,
Linda Parrish,
Kathie Thomas.

to the main office where football tickets are sold used to be a school store called 'The Loft.' And all the kids who buy pop after school can thank the Student Council of 1985 for their hard work in getting the pop machines installed.

In 1988, the new Holt High School logo was created and painted on the gym wall along with the ram. A new club called Minority Awareness which later became the Multicultural Club was also started.

In 1994, Ron Allen directed his last musical and choir concert after 34 years of service. Taking his place was Monty Bishop, a choir teacher from Indiana, while Mike Smith took over the Head Coaching spot of the Varsity Football team.

In the 1995-96 school year, Holt students strived to make their own

history as the Varsity Football team soared to the top of their league becoming runners-up in the Class AA State Championship. In a repeat of history, the Varsity Wrestling team also won the State Championship and Holt earned the All-CAC Sports Trophy.

From the first teacher hired in 1841, to becoming a state Exemplary School in 1989, again in 1991, as well as being named a National Blue Ribbon school, Holt High School has had its share of history and is creating more trivia each day.

—Jennifer Kidwell



LUNCH BREAK

Taking a break from his duties and enjoying some chicken noodle soup prepared by senior Diane Arnold in Meal Management class is day-custodian Ernie Snyder. Much insight and trivia was gained from conversations with custodians about the building and its inner secrets.



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**—Principal
Brian Templin**

LEAD THE TROOPS

Leading students through the MSU Breslin Center on June 9 for Commencement are Assistant Principals Dean Manikas and Dan Plunkett. In their second year, the two men were responsible for many areas including scheduling, student services, security, discipline and attendance.

Bruce Springsteen once sang about days gone by—the ‘glory days.’ It’s not a song that makes an assumption that life is worse now than it was before, but that everyone experiences times that stand out in their lives as being wonderful, when they knew exactly who they were and where they were going. Often, memories became inflated to larger than life-size. And these ‘glory days’ were often relived at a later time when the world seemed a little grayer, a little less defined.

Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz reflected, “My college years were probably my glory days, because I experienced my first real freedom living away at college. The Vietnam War was the issue at the time along with the presidential race of 1968. The country was divided and there was an opportunity to share beliefs. If I could go back I would try not to take things as seriously as I did, but enjoy myself a little more.”

Dr. Maksimowicz remembered after a three-hour Saturday football scrimmage, being talked into running the “880” in the Greek Week Track Meet. He was intent on giving his all and did, only to collapse at the end of the race where he “nearly died.” It wasn’t funny at the time, but now, almost 30 years later, he

had to smile. After so much effort, he hadn’t even won!

Principal Brian Templin was a ripe, old junior high student when Dr. Maksimowicz was being talked into sacrificing his body for the good of athletics. He experienced his glory days almost 10 years later. He recalled, “My days were back when I was a diver on the swim team and an undergraduate in college in the late 1970’s. Disco was popular, and Jimmy Carter was president. I met my wife, had a lot of friends and a lot of fun. I student taught in England and toured Europe. I loved it and would change nothing about it.”

Assistant Principal Dean Manikas’ favorite times were in the mid 80’s, a time unlike Mr. Templin’s and Dr. Maksimowicz’s that students had a better sense for. Dean commented, “My wife and I moved up to Leelanau, north of Traverse City, with our son and another on the way. It was a great adventure in my life—a time for those I loved the most, for a rewarding yet challenging job, and for spiritual and intellectual growth.” Happily, Dean remembered a few specific images that prevailed—“the deck, the blue and green, the laughter and love, reading and walks.”

On the other hand, Athletic Director, Del Cory, reported simply, “My glory days are yet to come, and to prepare for them I’m putting away money.”

Glory days can come at any time.

The key, some say, is not to look for them. Perhaps the glory days for some administrators occurred during the school year. They may have had to do with the issues, some rewarding, some frustrating, that challenged them. “Like every year, money and finances were an important issue, along with year-round school, and schools of choice. The finances, strongly connected with these two schooling issues, prevented their expansion. But it was great to see the community and school system continue to grow. The most frustrating things were the enhancement millage and the financial implications becoming tougher and tighter,” informed Mark Maksimowicz.

All the administrators had their own personal input on the important issues dealt with during the year. Brian Templin identified, “New calendars, new scheduling, and being more responsive to the needs of students’ as the main focuses of the High School this year for me.”

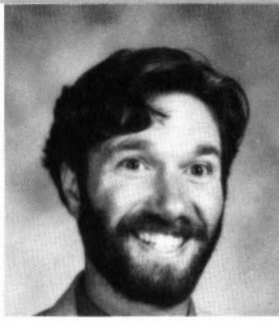
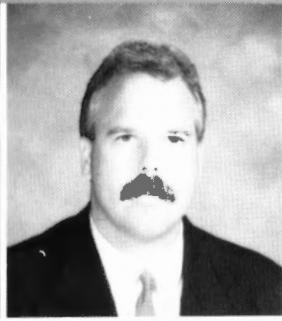
Del Cory felt, “The three main objectives I personally dealt with this year were eligibility concerns, budget issues, and pay-to-play sports programs, which, of course, weren’t just objectives this year, but will be for years to come.”

Perhaps administrators weren’t living their glory days momentarily, but they were facing challenging times.

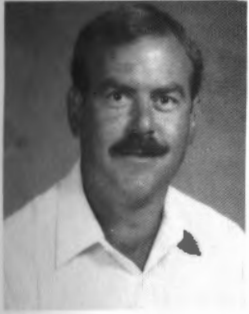
—Lisa Wise, Dustin Gould

TAKING CHARGE

ADMINISTRATION



Mark Maksimowicz,
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Brian Templin,
Principal
Dean Manikas,
Assistant Principal
Dan Plunkett,
Assistant Principal



Del Cory,
Athletic Director

Jan Milbourn,
Attendance Officer

Board of Education: Top Row: Deborah Roeske, Alton Granger, John Malatinsky. Bottom Row: Leon Hank, Jacqueline Wood, Richard Royston. Not Pictured: Jim Flinn



THE TEAM

Del Cory, Dean Manikas and Brian Templin. Gathering around to look over a copy of the announcements in a show of administrative support that they tried to provide each other during the course of any given day are Del Cory, Dean Manilos, and Brian Templin. Having to serve as back-up when one of them was out of the building was a necessity, as well as for solving the knotty issues that arose when two heads were better than one.

NIGHT BEAT

Just another night's walk for Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett and Security Guard Bruce Duling during a Varsity Basketball game.



PAPER TRAIL... Keeping up with the paper work of scheduling and student services is Assistant Principal Dean Manikas.

THINKING THINGS OVER... in a quiet moment of an otherwise hectic day of discipline and security is Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Making sure that things run smoothly as students file into the auditorium for the Talent Show is Principal Brian Templin.

All in a Day's Work

"At times, the ILC Chemistry class was tough, but when we did labs, we got more involved and that made it interesting."

—Junior Carlos Gonzalez

Reason Through It

Working on a toxicology test in Sally Beauchine's Chemistry class, junior Carlos Gonzalez looks for significant color changes while testing for strychnine. The class was a component of the junior level Interdisciplinary Learning Community along with English.



Photo by Aaron Kerr



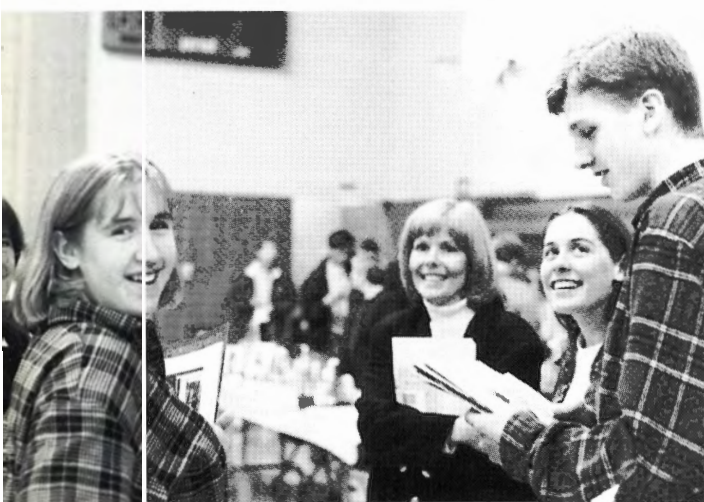


Serious Subject

Investigating schools at College Night are senior Andy Foster and his father. Andy explained, "I already knew where I was going to college, but I still found it helpful."

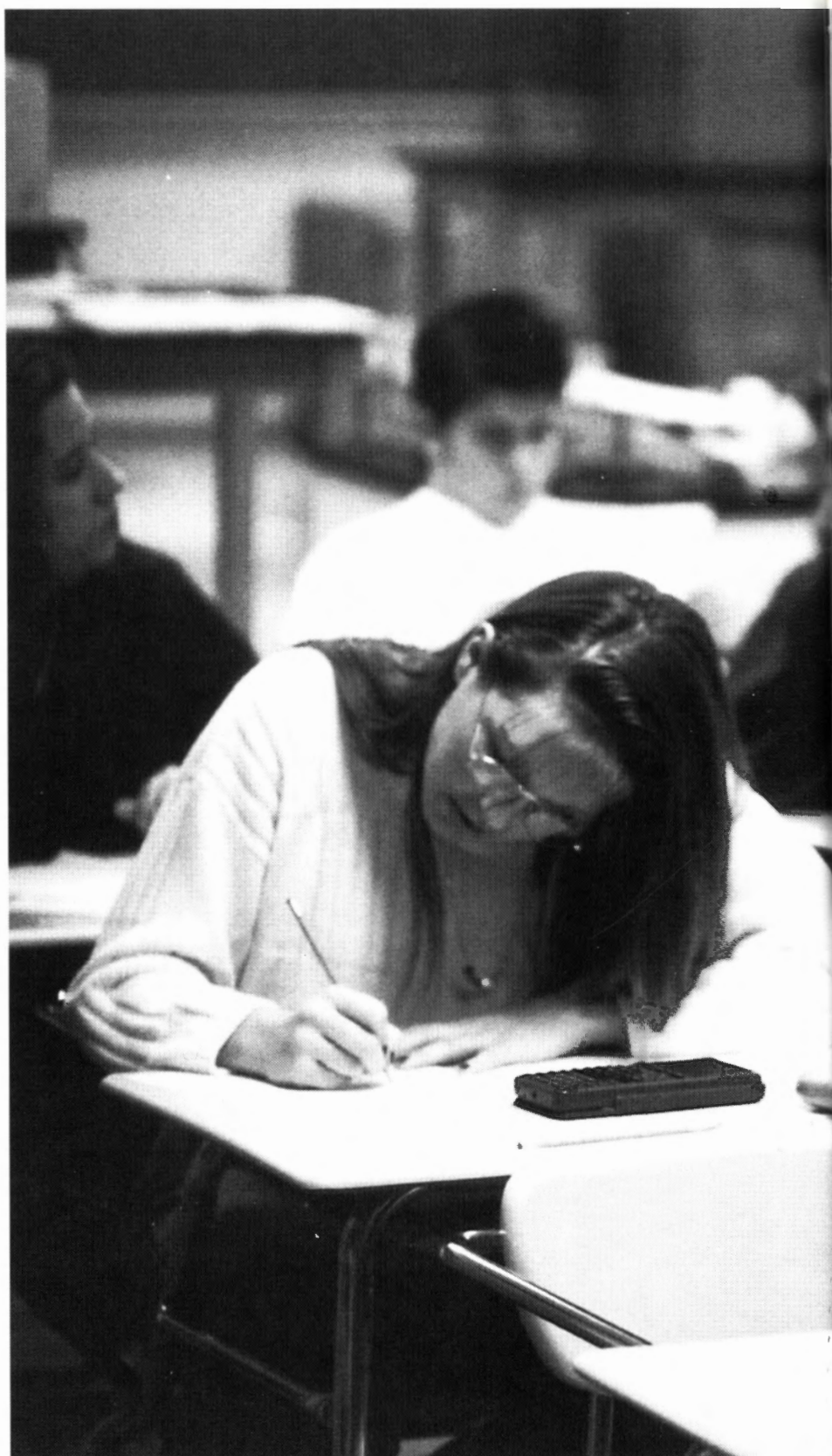
Planning Ahead

Examining her options for college is junior Jackie Mayercak with her parents at College Night. She commented, "I got a lot of information about different schools. It gave me a little more insight as to what I want to do with my future."



Getting Some Assistance

Comparing some notes during College Night are seniors Holly Haskell, Valerie Mickle, and Matt Vandlen. The event was held on October 16.





College Bound Prep with tests,

COLLEGE NIGHT

Fall...the time seniors began to worry about getting into college, juniors began to plan their future goals and even sophomores, after getting used to the new atmosphere of high school, began to feel the pressure of college preparation. Most students realized there are very few second chances on the first major decision students often make—what to do after high school.

In determining plans, testing is a requirement. Students had to pass the MEAP in order to receive a state-endorsed diploma, and for the Class of 1997, the Proficiency test (HSPT) was mandatory. Also for most students planning to go to a four-year college, the ACT or SAT must be taken.

Sophomores took an optional test called the PLAN which was used to prepare students for the ACT, to help in picking a major, and to assist in planning what colleges to apply to. "I took the PLAN to prepare me for the ACT. I wanted to do well the first time so I didn't have to take it again. I have always wanted to study at MSU to become a veterinarian, so I didn't need help in choosing a major or a college. I do think the test helped me because I did rather well on it and received my acceptance to Michigan State," explained senior Lynn Felton.

After the PLAN, most students took the ACT unless they were going out of state and then the SAT was recommended. Both tests

were the most important ones universities used along with grade point averages to decide on acceptance. "I took the ACT last spring at MSU. The test seemed to take forever, and we left wondering how we did. It was so frustrating to have to wait for the scores to come in. Now I plan to go to LCC for two years and study accounting. Then I hope to transfer to a larger university," said senior Brooke Oakley.

After narrowing down their choices, students started the application process and this inevitably involved the Counseling Center. The most popular college choices included: Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, and then other in-state four-year colleges.

To help in the decision making process, the Counseling Center organized College Night held October 16 in the High School gym. Representatives from 56 colleges along with financial aid specialists and military organizations attended the event. Such colleges as Notre Dame, the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University had 30 minute sessions to give students the chance to talk to representatives, fill out applications and get more information about the colleges they were considering applying to.

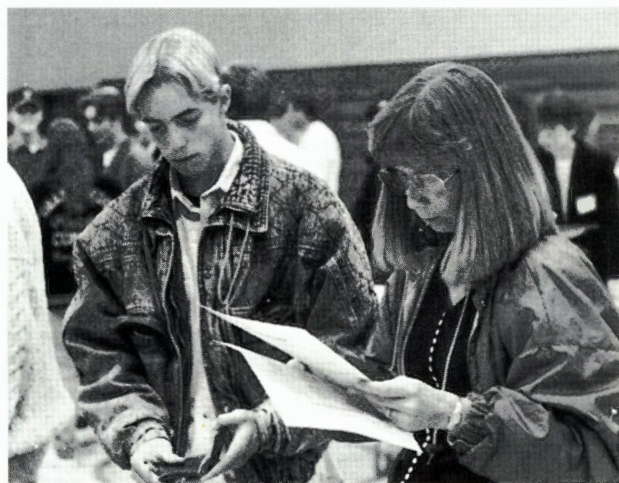
It was the first College Night organized with student assistance. The National Honor Society pitched in by handing out flyers, helping

students find certain college booths and setting up the gym. "Julie Smith and I helped with clean up. We were racing tables down the hall to put them away. It was a great night. Many of the representatives commented on how well organized everything was," said senior Aaron Kerr.

The decision of what to do after high school was the most important decision most students faced. For seniors in the throes of deciding, every bit of help counted. Some, like Bradley Mikesell who planned to be a chemical engineer had

a pretty good idea of their career goals. "I always liked science and wanted to have a career that dealt with it. I plan to go to Purdue for four years." Others opted for a different route with one or two years of specialized college and then the real world of jobs. Did seniors feel high school prepared them for the next step? A number of seniors answered, "no." Marisa Harper commented, "In some ways classes here spoon feed you material and babysit you. In college they won't care, pass or fail, it's your choice and it's your money."

—Lisa Harris



"College Night was really good for getting information about different colleges. I found it helpful."

—Senior Adam Downey

with his mother during College Night, held on October 16.

Making the Grade...

Working on the math portion of the HSPT is junior Christy Eding. "I agree with many of the other juniors that teachers made the test out to be very hard. I didn't think it was though.



polishing the edge with

AP CLASSES

Anyone who was around high school students knew what busy lives they often led. Whether it was sporting events, school plays, part-time jobs or volunteer work, after school activities transformed students' lives into

mad dashes to meet appointments and deadlines. However, for those students who could handle this pressure and still look for a greater challenge through academics, honors or advanced placement (AP) classes were offered. These classes covered more complicated material and moved at a quicker pace than the average.

One of the classes offered was AP Calculus. The course dealt with the basics of calculus and its application to problems in many different occupations. The final goal for students was to take the AP Calculus exam. Out of a possible five points, a score of three or higher could earn the students college credit for the course. Senior Allison Larson stated, "AP Calculus was a great class, and I would recommend it to anyone. It is tough and can cause some sweat and strain,

but it has really rewarded me. When I answer a tough question right, I feel like I have conquered the world. The exam was pretty tough, but I hope I passed. That would keep me from having to take it at college."

Although several classes were offered for honors credit, many teachers expressed an interest in increasing the school's offerings in that area. English teacher Brenda Lynch stated, "I've been wanting to teach an Honors English Literature class for several years, but so far the school hasn't been willing to offer it." Calculus teacher Marty Schnepf explained recent trends, "There is a real movement in education today to do away with honors classes altogether and have all students at equal levels. That would make it much harder for the gifted students to excel."

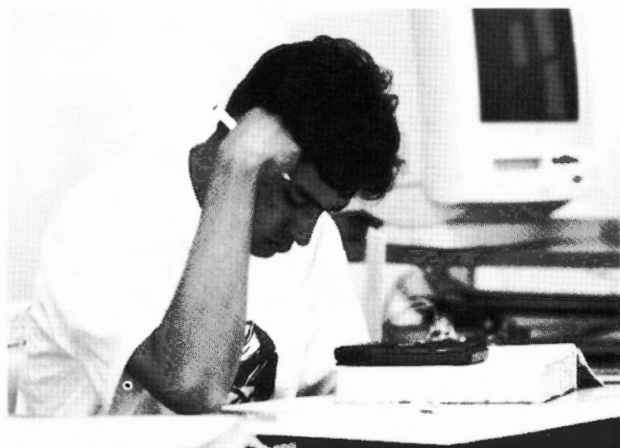
Many students agreed and felt that advanced courses were very important. About his Honors Chemistry II class, senior Aaron Jost commented, "It was good to be able to work at a faster pace and keep everyone interested. In Chemistry, it seemed more acceptable to ask questions than in other classes because it was full of serious students who were really interested in learning. That's something you can't always count on from other classes."

There were a limited number of choices and students expressed a desire for more advanced classes to challenge them to go the extra mile.

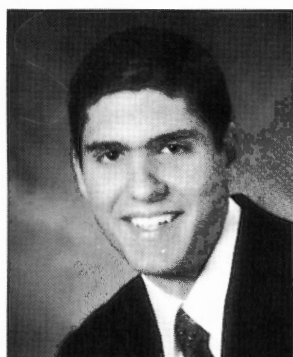
—Aaron Kerr

Calculating Mind

Taking a moment to check his work in Marty Schnepf's Honors Calculus class is senior Faiz Ikramulla. Schnepf observed, "Faiz was a quiet student who thought things through."



TOP TEN SENIORS



"In order to be successful, do what you have to do to get the job done."

—Paul DeRose



"It's important to work hard in high school, but having fun is also very important because after that you're on your own with lots of responsibility."

—Susan Emery

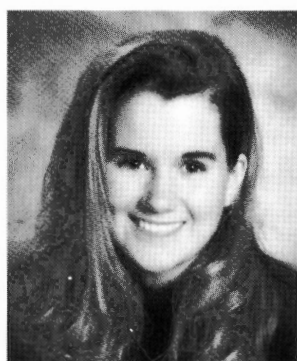


"The most important factors in my success were my parents, my determination and, one could say, my gene pool. And sometimes the greatest trick, is no trick at all."

—Joshua Steadman-Jersey

"My family contributed most to my academic success. My two older sisters set a very good example for me. They did well in school, so that inspired me to do well."

—Kelly Krause



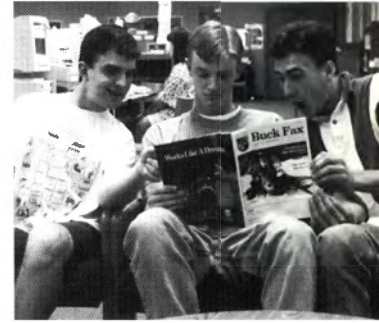
"Do not rely simply on others' standards. Set your own standards so that you can work to your full potential and beyond."

—Vanessa Rogers



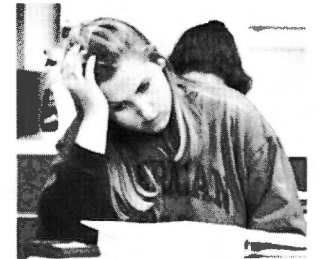
Look Closely...

Working on a lab in Eric Pulver's Applied Science class are seniors Brian Canen, Alicia Watson, Krista Wicox, and Rhonda Newman. For many students, labs were an interesting way to learn.



National Merit Finalists

Holt High School's three National Merit Finalists, seniors Eric Knechtges, Aaron Kerr, and Jeff Jewett chase up some fun with their favorite magazines in the library.

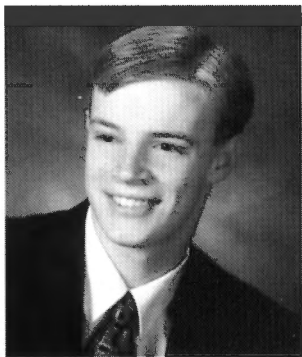


How did you get that!

Working on a solution to a calculus problem is senior Allison Larson. She along with classmates took the AP exam on May 9.

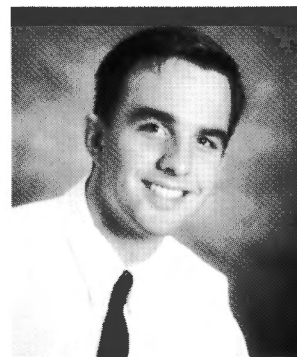
"Working hard and studying helped contribute to my success in high school."

—Jeff Jewett



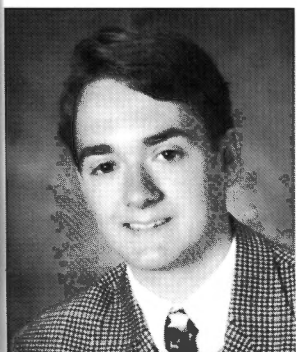
"The people who really make something of themselves are the ones who choose not to ignore their opportunities when they come. They grasp these chances and make the most of them."

—Aaron Kerr



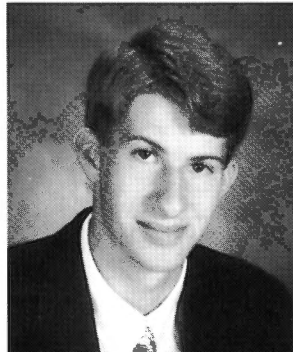
"Follow your dreams; they may never come true, but you'll always learn something or meet somebody, and no one can accuse you of being lazy."

—Eric Knechtges



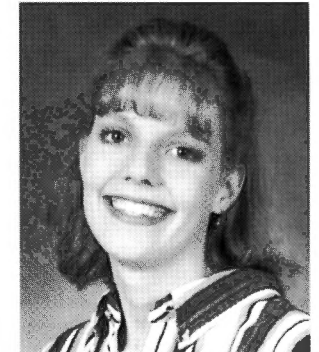
"I feel that my parents contributed most to my success. They have always encouraged me to do my best and they have supported me in everything I have done."

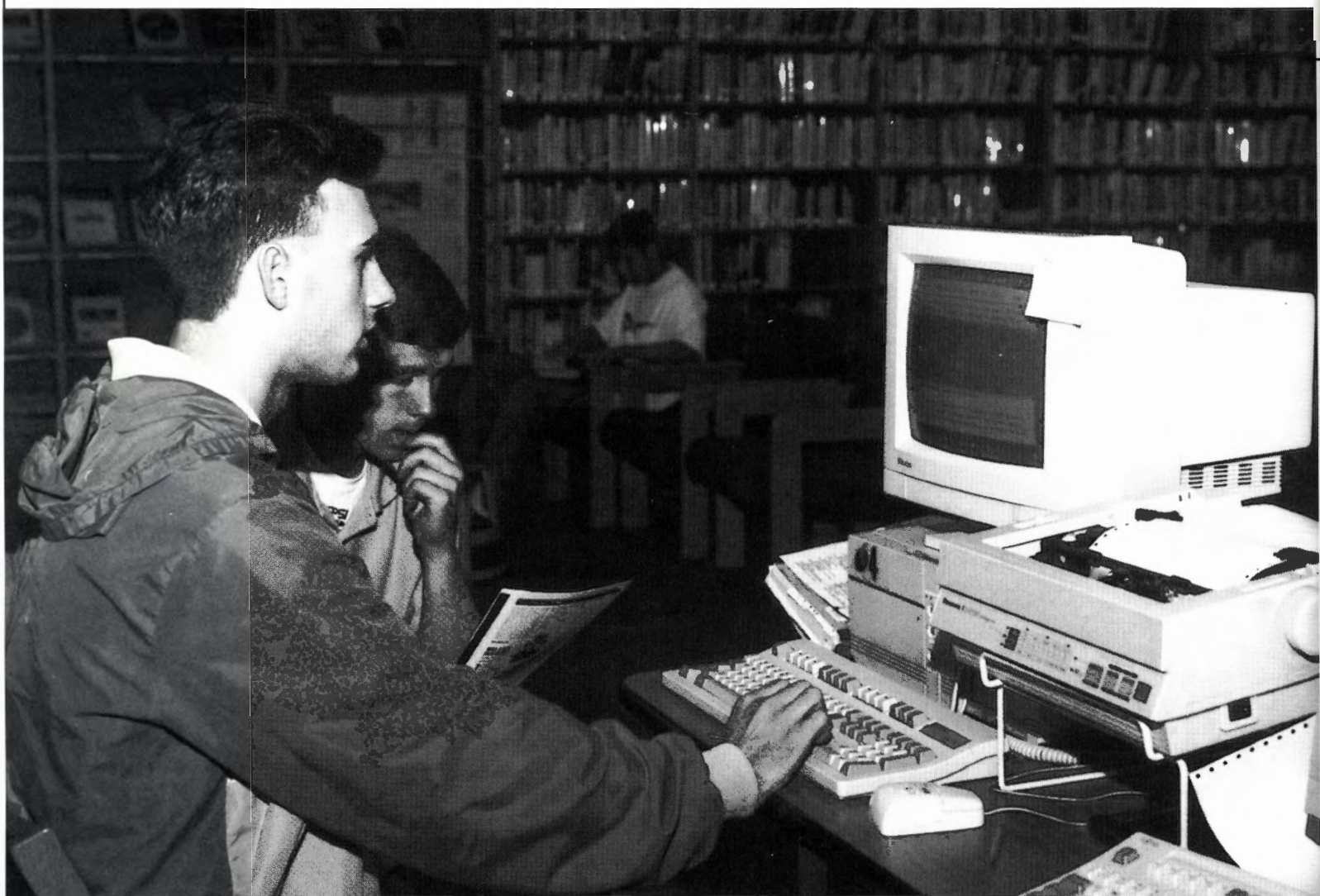
—Mark Vandlen



"Although high school can be the time of your life, don't ever lose focus of the important things: friendships, future goals, integrity, and most importantly, a relationship with Jesus Christ!"

—Krista Willoughby





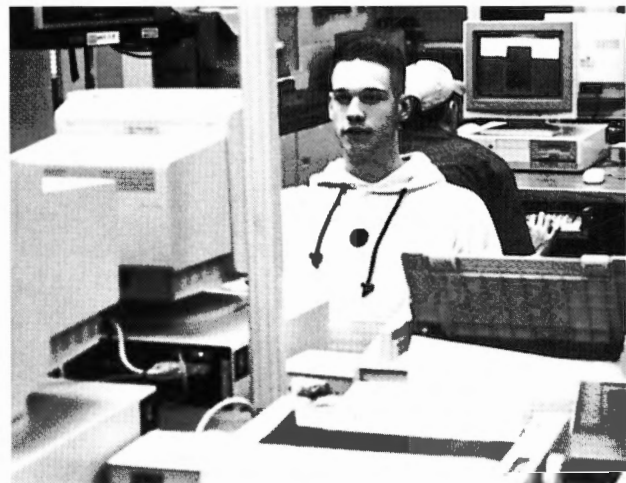
Using the Resources

Working in the library are seniors Jeff Jewett and Ryan Millikan. Jeff commented, "Working on the computers helps lighten the work load in a lot of classes." There were six computers in the library available for student use.



Tired Fingers

Pounding away at the keyboard is junior Cindy Spedowski. "We typed a lot in class," commented Cindy, "but it was fun too." The curriculum required a semester of keyboarding and a computer class for graduation.



Cut and Paste

Proofreading a paper in Computer Applications class is junior T.J. Wulff. Teacher Margo Strong noted, "Many students found that correcting a paper was easier with features such as cut, paste and delete so they didn't have to rewrite everytime they changed something in their paper."

Surfing the Net

COMPUTER LITERATE

On-line, connect, download, upload, log-on, and surfing the net were just some of the new vocabulary. It opened the door to the world of computers and the web. The Holt School District was 'techno-hip' having computers in every classroom and labs in every school. The high school had two major labs, a smaller lab in the library, small labs in some classes, and Internet access. Virtually every student took a computer class or more to meet their computer credit requirements for graduation. There were many choices from basic keyboarding and word pro-

cessing to more advanced computer applications.

The student to computer ratio was low and many students reported having the advantage of a home computer. Out of 100 students surveyed, 71% had access to a home computer. And of the 29 who did not, nine reported using the school computers before or after classes to complete assignments. Sophomore Leann Secord related, "I try to come earlier on Wednesday mornings so I can work on a computer. There is almost always something each week that I need to type. It really helps that the labs and library are open before school because teachers won't let you get away with the 'I don't have a computer' bit. Almost everything is expected to be nice and to some teachers nice means typed."

Many students and their families came to depend on them. "We use our home

computer for everything, from playing games and drawing pictures to finishing homework and doing taxes. This school year would have been a lot harder without the use of my computer. It helps me with homework, keeping track of assignments, grades and test dates. The organization is nice and my teachers appreciate the effort," commented junior Jaime Simonson.

Many students used their computers to complete lengthy assignments or to cure a case of horrible writing. "I always got marked down for illegible handwriting so my computer is really handy now. I use it for everything from daily assignments on up. Special graphics and colors give it something I couldn't just write it out," stated sophomore Kim Strampel.

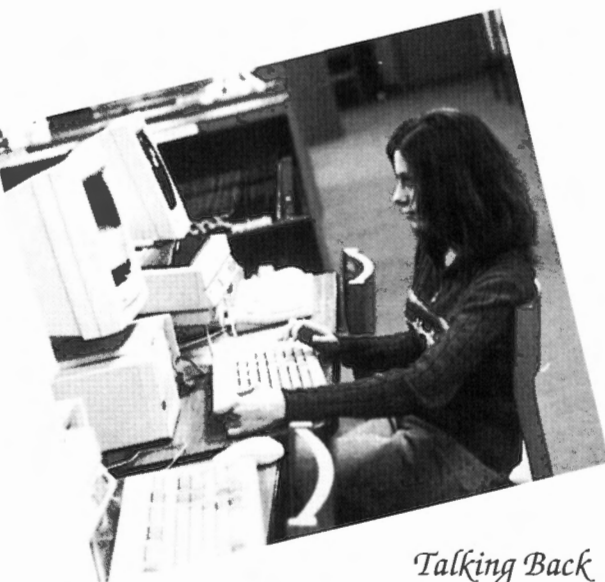
Computers were also on many students' minds for college. The concerns ranged from the reasonable to the bizarre. "How will I ever get this hooked up without my parents?" "How much dirty laundry can I pile on top of it before it shorts out?" "Where will it fit in my dorm?" "Does pizza contaminate the printer?" "What does that incessant beeping mean?" "Will college professors accept the excuse my PC ate my midterm?" But one thing was certain, students felt they were a must. Sophomore Mike Mortenson admitted, "I'm already saving money to get a computer for college because all the way through school, teachers have been putting pressure on students to have one."

It was more than just writing, however, that lured

students to the computer. For many it was the information highway. The Internet was a household word and more and more students were finding out it was an unlimited source of information containing everything from research and stock reports to Scooby Doo pictures and sports scores. The net was a resource for research papers with magazines, newspapers, web pages and many more sources. And getting on the information highway was one of the most celebrated of pastimes. The computer applications classes got a try at downloading information off the

net and the library had a few computers that had Internet access. But most students got their 'netting' done on their home computer. Junior Shawn Parker stated, "I use our computer at home mostly for internet stuff, getting info, talking to other people and sending and receiving mail." So whether they were at home downloading government secrets from the Internet or typing key by key at school their assignments, no one could deny that Holt was techno-hip or that the school was on the information superhighway to the future.

—Jennifer Kidwell



Talking Back

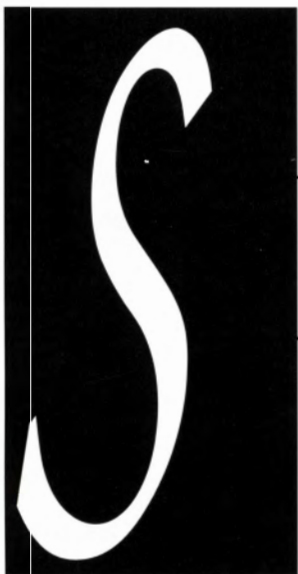
Using a computer in the library is senior Marisa Bennett. She noted, "It's useful to have the computers in the library especially if you don't have a computer class." Students could receive a free account from the High School for research on the Internet.



"The students were really excited about using the Internet. It was a new experience for many of them."

—Margo Strong

Researching information on the Internet are juniors Joe Forquer, and Lauren Hoffman. Some classes like Computer Applications had the opportunity to use the Internet to complete current events projects.

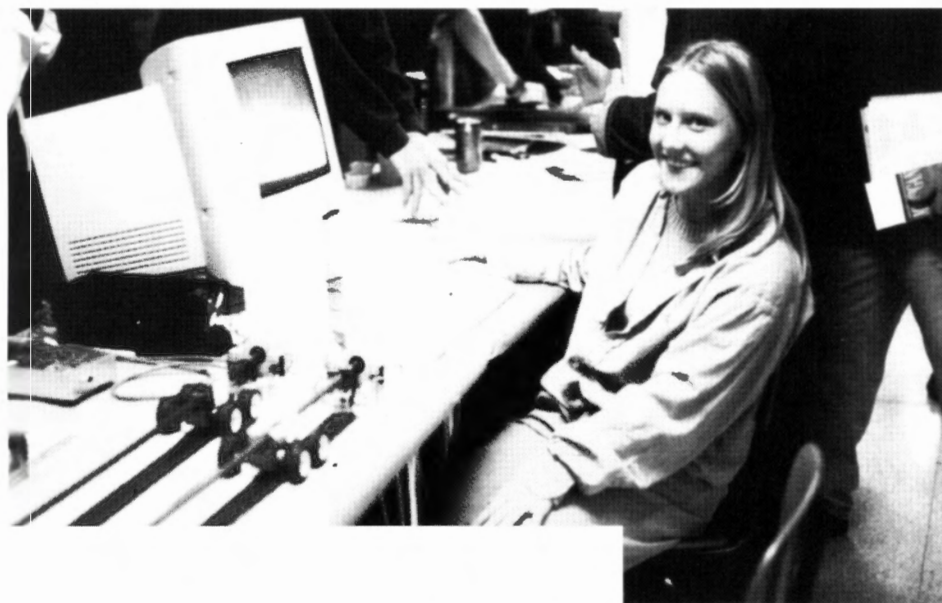


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CAREER CLASSES

Math Department Meets the Public

Demonstrating the Math Department's prototype car is junior Kristen Beckner at the Education Fair. The cars were set up to move according to a velocity time graph that was entered into the computer. The program was one of only two in the world.



Students had many opportunities to choose the classes they wanted and some allowed them to get a head start on their future career.

One option students had was to attend the Capital Area Career Center. Senior Marni Norris commented, "At the Career Center I am taking a business course. In the future, I want to start my own business." "I go to the Career Center three hours a day. It's really nice, and I find it easier to learn there. We do more with the computers than we do in class-

rooms at the High-School. I feel it has been a real good experience for me. I have set up a job interview with one of the companies that hires students from the Career Center. The Center is beneficial in dealing with the real world," commented senior, Brooke Oakley.

Students who took classes at the Career Center sometimes had a job waiting for them when they graduated. Junior Ryan Ranshaw stated, "I visited different companies like Dart Container and Capital Tool and Die to see where I would like to get a

job out of high school."

Other students had opportunities for hands on training. Senior Jamie Gostnell revealed, "I was able to experience taking blood from patients and even worked in a small family doctor's office through taking the course Medical Office Occupation."

In the High School, Computer Applications classes also focused on careers. They were assigned a career search project. The task was to research a career the students were interested in and interview someone in that field. Senior Adam Merchant stated, "This project was very interesting. I learned a little more about the field of Civil Engineering." Students completed a research paper on a career by looking up information in the library and on computers. Then, students interviewed someone in that profession to learn more in-depth information about what the requirements were for the occupation including education, desired personal traits and knowledge of the day-to-day work.

Some students learned other information in the class

that related to a career choice. Sophomore Michelle Hoffmeyer explained, "I benefitted from this class by learning to do math and applications on the computer that, in the future, can help me with accounting."

Other required classes were also beneficial. Senior Jaime Hayslette stated, "Having Economics with Mr. Northrup was a great experience. I was able to learn a lot about how the economy works and how to manage money." Government was another class students cited as preparing them for the future. For junior Matt Allen it was gaining some basic understandings that students often don't pick up on their own. He commented, "Government class was very interesting because I learned the rights I have as a citizen."

It was understood that all classes should prepare students for the future in some way, but some brought attention to that fact more than others because of the focus of their work or projects they required. Senior Katie Yenc took it one step further as she summarized, "I feel that you will always need the skills you have learned in high school for basically anything you do for your career or just day-to-day life."

—Rachael Haley

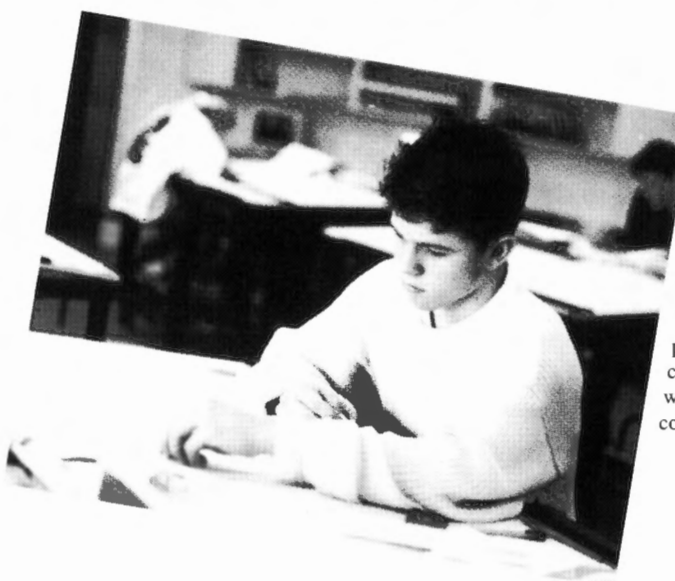
How Many WPM?

Concentrating on her typing assignment in Keyboarding class is junior Carrie Butterfield. She revealed, "I took Keyboarding in order to improve my typing skills mainly for college."



Gather Around...

Helping students Tricia Olmstead, Dao Dung, Anne Hargrove, Brock Gilbert, and Mike Stafford in his fifth hour Technical Drawing class is teacher Steve Neureither. Drafting classes traditionally had a career focus associated with them because of their specialized skills.



Technically Inclined

Working on a drafting assignment in his second hour Technical Drawing class is sophomore Jay Laing. "Technical drawing helped to prepare me for the future because I want to do something with drafting for a job," Jay commented.

Computer Concious

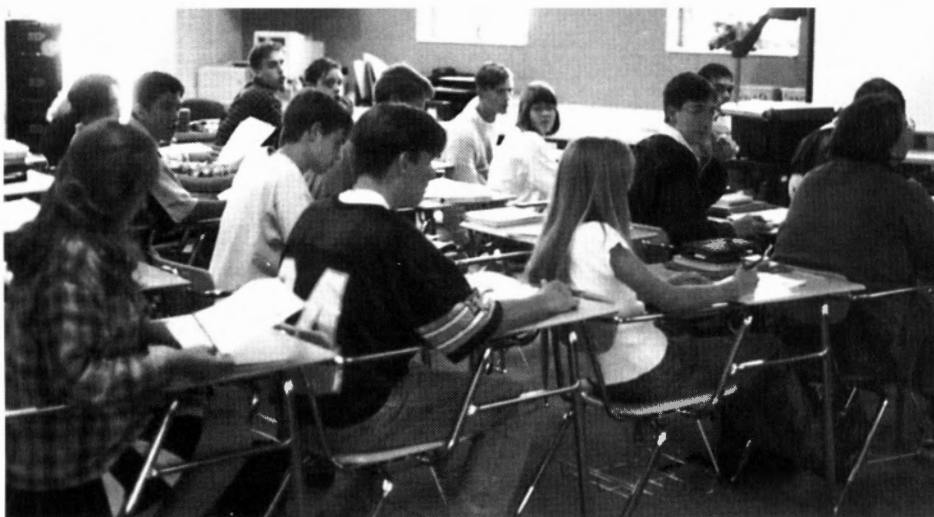
Completing an assignment for his career project in Computer Applications class is senior Steve Stornant. Steve attended the Capital Area Career Center for morning classes to help prepare him for a technical job.

Eye Opener

Teacher Sally Beauchine demonstrates a lab procedure to her students, juniors Jodi Fulk, Todd Reynolds, Christina Dietz, Lisa Wise, Mike Barnes, and Andre Lahti-Parsall in their Interdisciplinary Learning Community Chemistry class. The ILC class integrated two units on Rivers and Forensics with Mike Saules' 11th grade English classes.

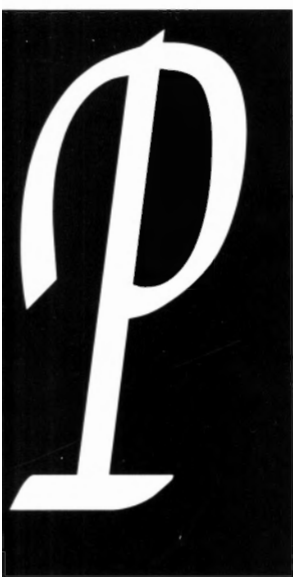
Let's Get Started

Awaiting the start of class, third hour Spanish II students scramble to finish up last night's homework. For the second year in a row, Spanish classes were team taught by Juanita Grew and Shannon Fineout. Juanita commented, "It makes it a lot easier to help students when there are two of us, instead of one!"



Taking a Break

Relaxing in the teacher's lounge is Jerry Gillett's intern, Martha Cain. Martha also taught a reassigned team-teaching block with Ann Kast.



pros and cons of interns,

TEAM TEACHING

pros and cons abounded.

On the plus side, senior Tricia Walley explained, "Intern teaching works well sometimes because they are younger. They often understand us better because they are closer to our age." Junior Serenity Hayes observed, "I think interns are cool because they are more active with the class. They often know what draws our attention."

Others took a different view. "I don't like interns teaching. From my experience, I thought they often needed more schooling before they started teaching us especially on things that we got graded on. I didn't think they knew enough about teaching in a real learning environment," commented junior Chip Hill.

Junior Carrie Cross noted another aspect, "I feel like they experiment with us and our education and I don't like it. They also give us more leeway and let us get away with a lot more as far

as discipline goes. But I have also found that they are more open to new ideas, whereas experienced teachers are more set in their ways."

Students often confused intern teaching with team teaching, even though they were not much alike. Again with team-teaching, student reaction varied. "Team teaching is good because you get two different perspectives on the subject, plus if you need help, and one teacher is busy you can go to the other one," commented junior Brian Ngo. Junior Heather Cole added, "I like team teaching because there is a variety of teaching styles available."

On the other hand, junior Matt Smith disagreed. "They shouldn't team teach because classes are too big as a result and one teacher may know more than the other one."

Team teaching took a new direction with the MESH program. This involved two

teams of teachers having specific groups of about 50 sophomores and a common planning period for the core courses of Math, American Studies, and Biology. The teams worked to tie the assignments and projects for each class together. English teacher Debbie Childers explained, "Our goal for MESH was to make students feel connected by giving them a smaller environment. It is easier to work with a kid's needs when there are four specific teachers coming together to discuss their progress. The students' strengths and weaknesses are

more obvious to us in this situation." As for the outcome, Childers offered, "A lot of the kids that I talked to felt that they were successful in this program, and that they understood more material because of it." However, Mary Kay Boulanger who taught the Biology portion of the unit noted, "I can't really say which is better, MESH or the traditional teaching style. It's really a matter of choice and preference"

—Angie Watters



On the Job

MSU intern Richard Clark helps his students Amy Hill, Kelley Polzen, and Jennie Wilbur in Beth Frazier's fourth hour Psychology class, (above right). Clark also leads the instruction session with a project leader for the simulation, 'game of life,' held during a Wednesday morning Professional Development time at the Junior High.

"Learning is more difficult with an intern because they are so inexperienced. While the intern is learning to teach, the student is trying to learn the material."

—Andrea Alburtus





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HOMework

One problem that high school teachers have dealt with since time began was students not doing homework. But today, many teachers felt the problem was much worse."

Unfortunately, homework was a word that many students found repugnant. They had all manner of excuses for not doing it and alternatives for their time. The infamous, 'my dog ate it,' routine has been replaced by less creative and outrageous excuses that indicated many students lack of concern.

Junior Jill Newberry commented, "My friend once said that his goldfish died last night and he couldn't concentrate." Junior Angela Lerner witnessed another bad attempt at excuses when someone in her class reported "It blew out of the car window on the way to school."

Most teachers, of course, were not that gullible and did not fall for such explanations. Most acknowledged the fact that they were being deceived. This caused students to backtrack to more reasonable ones like senior Brooke Oakley's, "I left it at home or in my sister's car."

But others just fessed up with the truth and forgot the act realizing honesty was the best policy. Senior Nik Leible was a little too honest and direct, frustrating his teachers on top of it. "I either tell them I didn't do it

or say, 'Oh, that was homework?' and try to convince them that they said it was optional. Sometimes I get creative and tell them that I felt the assignment was culturally biased."

So what were students doing if they weren't doing their homework? Many of the students polled cited work as the culprit, but there were other reasons. Junior Kristina DeRosa answered, "I have sports I'm involved in. When I do actually sit down to do my homework, it seems like I just don't have the ambition." Senior Lynn Felton replied, "Rather than doing homework, I watch television. I would pick the X Files or a Red Wings game over homework any night!"

A lot of people complained that they have too much homework. But, do they really? "I get about two to three nights or about four

hours total per week. I do about half of it. I don't get too much homework; I have just enough," admitted senior Ryan LaFeve.

In all fairness, there were those who did their work. Angela reflected, "I get about four homework assignments in every subject. It do basically all of it. I know homework is to be expected, but I think in some classes I get too much homework."

Teachers will always assign homework, and some students will, more than likely, make excuses for not doing it. No one could justify not doing their work. At some point, most students began to realize that homework was just a part of everyday life, and when they got a job, paperwork also would most likely be a day-to-day occurrence on the job.

—Lisa Harris



Calculating Mind

Doing math problems in the library is junior Ross Bemrose.

"I try to get my homework done during school. If I do have homework, I bring it home, but I don't always get it done."

—Junior Ross Bemrose

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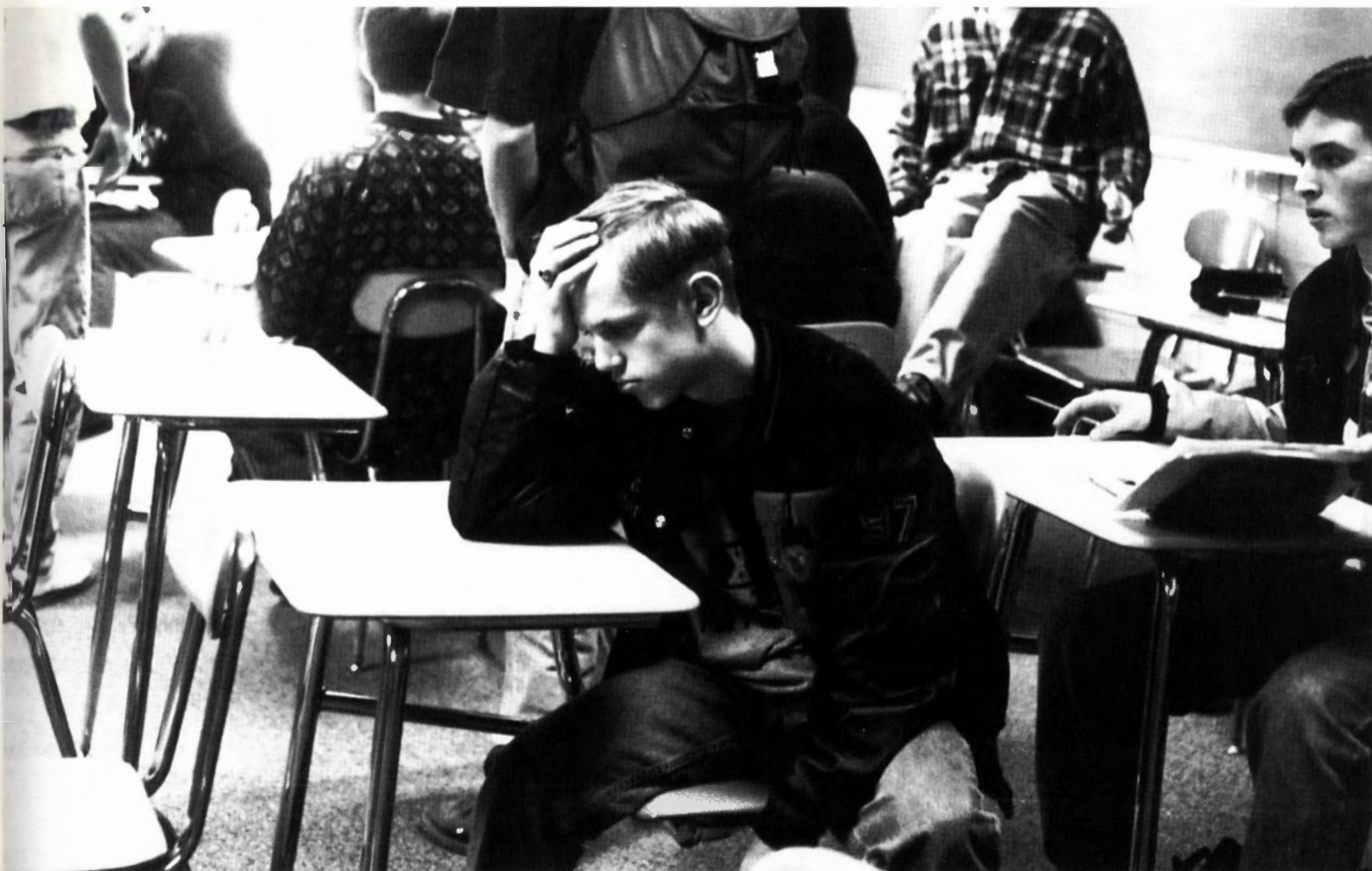


Staying in the Lines

Enjoying some free time in class is junior Melissa Hatt. "I usually get all of my homework done, so I don't have to make excuses. Sometimes though, I forget to do it," she revealed.

Another Day

Having a bad day is junior Eric McGowan in Dan Ernst's Business class. "I get bored with school work real easy as it starts to warm up. I just want to go outside," Eric explained.



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Looking over some U of M pamphlets at College Night with her mom is junior Jill Newberry. "I thought it was a good idea. I got lots of information on the school I want to go to—Ferris State. As far as getting my work done all the time, I put it off a lot, but I know I'll get it done eventually," Jill stated.



GQ Smooth?

Taking a break from their school work to pose for the camera are seniors Frank Hartwick, Zulema Beltran, Scott Lawrence, Tom McKouen and Rodney Knott. Frank commented, "I like doing group work; it makes it a lot easier to understand things, and I always have to pose for a camera."



ighting a spark

FIELDTRIPS

Express Yourself

On a mini-fieldtrip at lunchtime, Dorothy Anderson's fourth hour art students, juniors Jeff Keller, and T.J. Wulff, along with senior Kristen Block observe their handiwork. Their acrylic self portraits were on display next to L&L Shop Rite in the Holt Plaza shopping center.

The day-to-day experience of spending six hours in a classroom surrounded by the same people grew tiresome. Some students liked change, new places and new experiences. For them, taking notes from an overhead, listening to long lectures, and reading from a text needed a break.

One learning activity that teachers used that lit up the face of nearly every student, was a fieldtrip. At first some students didn't always realize they were learning on a field trip until the teacher

related the event in some way back to class activities. Other fieldtrips were more self explanatory. "Every fall and spring the yearbook and newspaper staffs go to MIPA, the Michigan Inter-scholastic Press Association, Conferences. There we choose from a lot of workshop sessions to learn about photography, writing, and design. They have guest speakers and slide shows that generate a lot of ideas to use," explained senior, Bobbijo Larkins. The conference lasted all day, and

took place at the MSU Kellogg Center.

Many of the foreign language classes had clubs which went on field trips. The French club went to the Phantom of the Opera in Toronto, Canada. The Spanish club went to Chi Chi's, and the two combined to offer the option of going to Spain and France for a couple weeks in the summer. The German club also had activities. Junior Jennie Wilbur related, "We go bowling, to dances and dinner's. We also go to Frankenmuth, a town that has a very proud German heritage."

A variety of classes have gone on field trips all over Michigan. While some were just for fun, others helped teach the students, as well as, develop their interest in the subject. Senior Bryan Heany explained, "Earlier this year I went to Othello with my Pacesetter English class. In band we went to Cedar Point and to the Phantom of the Opera. Othello helped us understand the story we read in class. The Phantom of the Opera trip

helped us get a feel for music and performance."

Senior, Lisa Krug also went on a field trip in her Art Seminar class. "Last year we visited Kendall College of Art and Design and went to the Grand Rapids Art Museum. I really enjoyed Kendall because it gave me an opportunity to scope out the college and get a lot of information. Plus, it was great to see all of the students' artwork. I felt that the fieldtrip helped students learn better because some of the art pieces in the museum we had talked about in class or had seen in art books. It helped to actually see it in person to fully appreciate it and know what the teacher was talking about."

No matter what the lesson learned, a large majority of students agreed that many things were learned in an environment separate from the everyday classroom. "Students learn better on field trips because it is a different experience and gives variety to learning. Their attention span lasts longer," summarized senior, Christy DeWitt.

—Lisa Harris

"The portraits were unusual! It was interesting to see how you could paint yourself without using flesh tones but, it was a bit difficult to get the shape and color mixing right."

—Jeff Keller



Fall Chatter

Talking among themselves are sophomore Evan Caldwell, juniors Angie Watters and Jen Spock and senior Nik Lieble. The group went on a field trip to the Kellogg Center for a fall MIPA Conference where they attended writing and photography sessions.



Long Day

Getting off the bus after returning from a fieldtrip to the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) Fall Conference is junior Christina Carr. "It was a very long day and the MSU Kellogg Center was so crowded. It was fun to go, but I was very glad to finally be back," she commented.



Mr. Wizard

Helping a young boy with an experiment is an MSU student who volunteered at the Meridian Mall's Chemistry Day, November 15. Experiments included making slime and ice cream. Mrs. Beauchine's ILC Chemistry classes participated in the day-long field trip.



Concentrate!

Practicing math with a Sycamore student is senior Chris Sherry. Chris worked all year with Mary Shutt's first grade class and helped her students not only with math, but with other subject areas. Chris was a favorite with the children and was always willing to lend a hand.

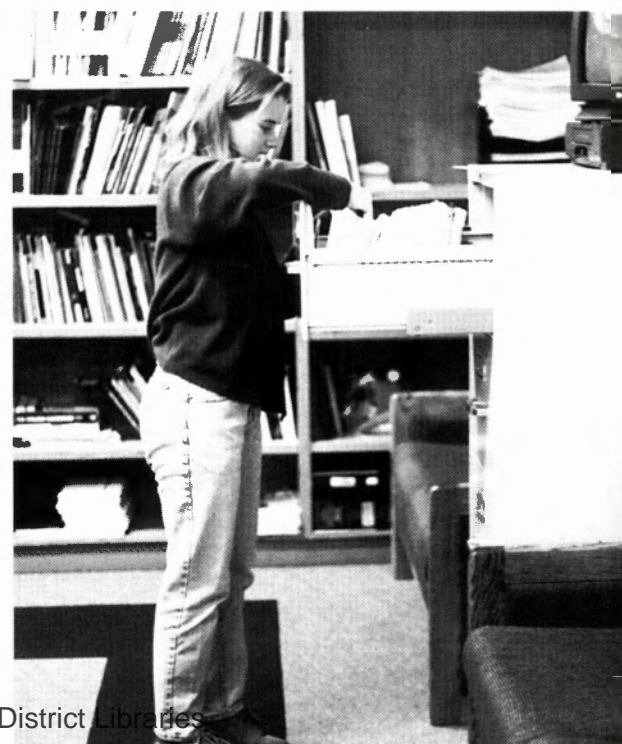
Working Away

Creating a math test for Bill Lack's third grade class is senior Nik Leible. Nik spent his sixth hour assisting at Sycamore Elementary School. As a teacher's assistant, he worked one-on-one with elementary students as well as, trying his hand at testing and grading.



Fast Filing

Filing college scholarship applications is senior Kelly Krause. Her duties as a student assistant involved delivering hall passes, filing, answering the phone and scheduling appointments for other students.





Howing the way

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

farther and volunteered their time on Wednesday mornings and after school.

Correcting papers, helping students with assignments, reading and math were just some of the tasks that students performed. Senior Keri Bowen, who volunteered in Mrs. Boutwell's class at Sycamore, shared, "I like working with the kids one-on-one the best because you can see how they learn and also get to know the kids better."

Volunteering with younger children was a lot of fun for most students. Senior Lisa Krug also helped at Sycamore, and commented, "I was really excited when I got the opportunity to plan an art project. I am going to college and major in Art Education, so it gave me an early taste of the

work you have to put into planning a project." Keri Bowen also added, "I like it when one of the kids has a birthday because they always bring in cookies and cupcakes to eat!"

Once in awhile though, there were a few downfalls. Senior Ryan Reynolds realized how hard it could be to take care of a classroom full of kids when he became a teacher's assistant. Ryan explained, "I have never had to tie so many little shoes in my life, and I have never had to pick up so much stuff off the floor."

The students weren't the only ones who enjoyed their time at the elementary schools. The elementary teachers appreciated it as well. Mary Shutt, a second grade teacher at Sycamore, explained, "Having a teacher

aid gave me a chance to kick back for a minute. There is always so much going on in the classroom, it's nice to have the extra help." Kathy Yuhasz, who taught fourth grade at Horizon Elementary received help from sophomore Jenny Savage. She related, "Jenny worked with my students on Wednesday mornings for two years. The kids loved having her here, and they all wanted to work with her. She was kind, patient and understanding. Another teacher at Horizon, Debra Hull, was assisted by sophomore Eliina Viele. Mrs. Hull com-

mented, "Eliina did a lot of one-on-one reading work with the kids. She was a huge help! She was patient when dealing with the kids and did a very good job."

Helping out in the community's elementary schools was not only beneficial to the younger students, but to the high school students volunteering, and to the staff. Working with kids was often a tough job, but the students who gave it a try all were glad they had.

—Lisa Krug,
Andrea Alburtus



Quick Learner

Spending her sixth hour at Sycamore Elementary School as a reading tutor is senior Valerie Mickle. Five other students chose to be reading tutors, which involved working with younger children to improve their vocabulary and reading skills.

Offering Some Help

Helping a Sycamore student practice her reading skills is senior Amy Pyne. Amy spent her mornings at the Career Center studying cosmetology, and her afternoons as a tutor at Sycamore Elementary school.



"I have never had to tie so many little shoes in my life, and I have never had to pick up so much stuff off the floor."

—Senior Ryan Reynolds
Elementary Teacher's Assistant



Students back on ACADEMIC TRACK

Two hundred and ninety seniors, ready for their last and perhaps, most exciting year, 322 juniors and 413 sophomores, a bit nervous, but ready to take on the High School, were heard laughing talking, sharpening their pencils and banging their locker doors on Monday, August 21, 1995. It all signaled one thing...classes were back in session.

However, much preparation went on before opening week. New handbooks

were updated for both students and staff, and a new computer lab was installed and upgraded with Pentium 90's. Troost Field received a new press box funded by the Boosters, and various organizations, businesses and individuals. A new floor was installed in the weight room and the exterior trim on the building was painted. Custodians cleaned hundreds of square yards of carpet and 619 lockers. They spent two and half months sprucing up all the classrooms for opening day. But there were a few things yet to be finished, such as new cabinet doors to be installed which were replaced over the summer in renovated areas due to manufacturing flaws.

Increasing enrollment resulted in the hiring of 12 new teachers and most scheduling problems were ironed out within the first two weeks. Eight science teachers sharing seven sci-

ence rooms was not the least of the creative problem solving crises faced by staff with the crowded conditions.

The school year also saw some curriculum changes. MESH, a combination of sophomore level Math, English, Science and History classes were scheduled with core teachers. The idea was to provide closer contact for sophomores with a group of teachers assigned to them.

As the 7:35 bell rang, 1030 students were seated in their first hour classrooms or trying to find them. "I was late for every class because I got lost and trampled by the juniors and seniors!" reported sophomore Jerry Fenby. Teachers began going over rules, passing out class materials and assigning lockers and seats. With an estimated 185 more students than last year, opening day kicked off among crowded hallways. Students complained about the con-

gestion and, of course, the homework. Junior Nicole Shoenfelder assessed, "We need larger hallways and students need to be more considerate. Those who stand in the middle of the hallways to talk should move to the side." Senior Tim Schmidt agreed. "The school seemed extremely crowded. Every five seconds I was stepping on someone's feet!" Junior Alisha Kelley compared her starting day this year to last and commented, "My first day as a sophomore, I had no homework. My first day as a junior, three teachers gave me assignments!"

In retrospect, Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett reported, "I thought opening day went rather well. We had a few minor glitches as we always do, but it seemed the majority of students were happy to see their friends, and overall, things went great."

—Jennifer Wilbur

A Work of Art

Demonstrating their coil pot techniques at the sculpture display during the Education Fair are sophomores Sarah Eisler, Carrie Collin and classmates from Leanne Schnepf's Constructions class.



"My first day as a sophomore, I had no homework. My first day as a junior, three teachers gave me assignments!"

—Alisha Kelley



Serious Discussion

Helping out her sophomore students with their Geometry calculations is Math teacher Kelly Hodges during an afterhours help session.



Unseen Marvels

Discovering an unseen world is junior Mandy Crafton as she works on a Chemistry lab.



Listen Up

Getting through a day of note-taking in Jerry Gillett's Psychology class are junior Katie Stambaugh, Leah Wawro and Jenny Thomley.



Making Sense of It

Filling in for daughter Melissa Maksimowicz on Parent Exchange Day is Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz. Offering some help are sophomores Heather Elmore and Frank Spedoske.

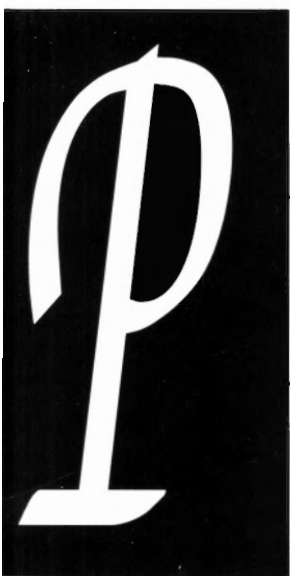
Coffee Break

Slipping into the Library to take a break during Parent Exchange Day are junior Erin Wenglekowski and her mom. Some parents found it hectic to be a high school student again.



Double Dose

Mother and daughter duo, Kim and Kellie Clisch kick back a bit in American Studies class on Parent Exchange Day.



Parent Exchange Day

ROLE REVERSAL

basics. They were then given schedules and maps, and off they went to brace their way through the halls. "It has been 25 years since I graduated from Holt. Today kids have a lot of responsibility. So many people criticize them, but I really think that they have a lot to handle. They gulp down lunch, hardly have anytime for homework, yet they still find the time to do some extra-curricular activities," said Dwayne Leroy, father of junior Bryan Leroy.

Parents attended their first four classes getting a grip on what their students do everyday. "I think it's funny that I always tell my kids to pay attention and not talk when the teacher is talking. But I kind of messed up myself when I was talking to Zulema Beltran. I didn't hear a thing that Mr. Savage said. I guess I was just having fun," said Maureen Cooper, mother of senior Mike and junior Matt Cooper.

The parents' morning was soon over and it was time for lunch. "We went to Fat Boys for pizza. We did a 30-yard dash to the parking lot and then scarfed down three pieces of pizza, just in time to jump back in the car and race back to the school. Finally, we made one last mad dash into the building to arrive back in class on time. I really had a great time with my son," said Billie McKouen, mother of senior Tom McKouen.

As for differences, a lot of parents thought school wasn't what it used to be. Besides the increased use of technology and more interaction in the learning process, some parents commented on the social scene. Mike Haley, father of senior Rachael Haley observed, "There is more casualness between males and females. Everyone is part of the group and treated equal." Bud Yemc, a 1962 graduate of Muskegon High School and father of sophomore Melissa and senior Katie thought, "The day is an interesting reflection of where we are in society and as a country. This system offers the opportunity for free thinking and at the same time tends to funnel it by defining the topics of discussion."

In the attendance office, Christy Hagerman who was substituting for Judy Woolston noted another difference, "It has made things hectic here in the attendance

office. There seem to be an unusually large number of ill children today." This was a situation that other teachers noticed and the attendance office reported that the absentee rate was higher than normal.

At the end of the day, the parents gathered in the library for a final exchange of thoughts. Some popular suggestions were the need for more time between classes and a longer lunch. For the most part, however, parents enjoyed the day. "This tradition is a fun, informative way for parents to see first hand what school is like today and understand

their child's routine. Most teachers planned so that the parents could participate in doing the school work such as taking notes, doing experiments and even taking an occasional test. I think that it is a wonderful experience and I only wish that more parents would attend," said Pam Boyd, mother of Nicki and Jake Boyd.

—Linda Fall,
Bobbijo Larkins

Time Out

During American Studies class, teacher Scotty Shimnoski takes a few moments to converse with Mrs. Yemc and Mrs. Clisch parents of Katie and Kim.



"It's been 33 years since I was in high school at Grand Blanc. I really enjoy this day and have been coming since 1988 when it first started. I learn so much. Today I learned about McBeth and now I would really like to go see it. In Western Civilization, I learned about the Egyptian pharaohs which I found fascinating. Coming here puts things in perspective. It helps me understand my son's world a little easier."

—Tom Jewett

Ram Pride

In Spanish class, officer Duwayne LeRoy of the Sheriff's Department and father of junior Bryan LeRoy, sports his school spirit fashion on Parent Exchange Day.





Academics and Sports, BALANCING ACT

Getting good grades and playing sports was hard for a lot of students, but quite a few did it. Those who did, made sure to manage time so they could make the grade and be good in sports. Junior Jackie Mayercak stated, "Being involved in sports

really takes up a lot of my time after school. I have to manage my time very carefully. I make sure to leave enough time before and after practice so I can get my work done and in on time. It doesn't matter how long I have to stay up at night to get it done, just as long as it's done and in, that's what I care about."

Junior Serenity Hayes agreed. She shared, "In order to be on the Cheerleading squad, you have to have good

grades and keep them up. It's hard, but I put school first and then anything else I do comes after. I have to stay up late sometimes in order to get all of my homework done."

At times, sports was what kept the grades up. Senior Kelly Wardwell noted, "When I'm involved in sports, I get my work done, but when I'm not, I tend to let my grades slip a little. Being in sports gives you discipline and makes you take responsibility for your grades and time." Junior Carlos Gonzales agreed, "Being involved in sports makes you want to get good grades, so that maybe you can get a scholarship, then you get to go to college and worry even more about getting good grades and sports!"

Others saw more of a balance between sports and grades. Junior Tom Welsh stated, "Sports takes time away from studying, but makes me work harder. School is first and sports second in my priorities. I do my homework whenever I have

openings."

There were other benefits of the juggling act. Junior Steve Malone noted, "I put school first then sports. Sometimes I can't get my work done, but at other times I have lots of energy and I can. Sports also helps me relieve stress."

Senior Marty Tompkins resorted to a schedule for time management. He explained, "Playing sports helps give me discipline because I have to budget my time. To do this I have a daily routine and I keep my grades up by sticking to it."

Junior Tom Shaver saw both an upside and a downside. He explained, "On the negative side, I never have enough time to do my homework, but playing sports also gives me less time to get in trouble. It keeps my priorities straight. I try to spend as much time as needed to succeed in both. I try to do my homework immediately after practice. I usually don't feel like going out because I'm exhausted. I don't work during the school year be-

cause I barely have enough time for school and sports, let alone school, sports, and work. So I wait to work during the summer when I have more time."

But other students tackled a job too. Junior Brian Burley commented, "I have a job, but they work around my schedule and let me have time off when I need it. That makes it a lot easier for me to have my own little study time." According to many students, their bosses let them off for sports or just didn't make them work as much. Some students reported that their managers felt it was good to be involved in extracurricular activities.

Junior Alex Redman concluded, "I think sports affects most people in a positive way, because it teaches them how to manage their time and keep their priorities straight. It's hard at times, but I get it done."

—Angie Watters



"Keeping your grades up during sports season isn't all that difficult. The only hard thing about it is making the decision to focus only on school, your practice and your homework. Everything else waits until the season is over."

—Junior Christina Carr

catching up on pre-calculus in the library with math teacher Sharon Ewald. Christina played on the Varsity Tennis team during the fall season.



Listen Up!

Trying to get it the first time in Penelope Chapman-Restau's Health class are soccer players Stan Parker and Nik Leible and Pom Pon squad member Carrie Butterfield.



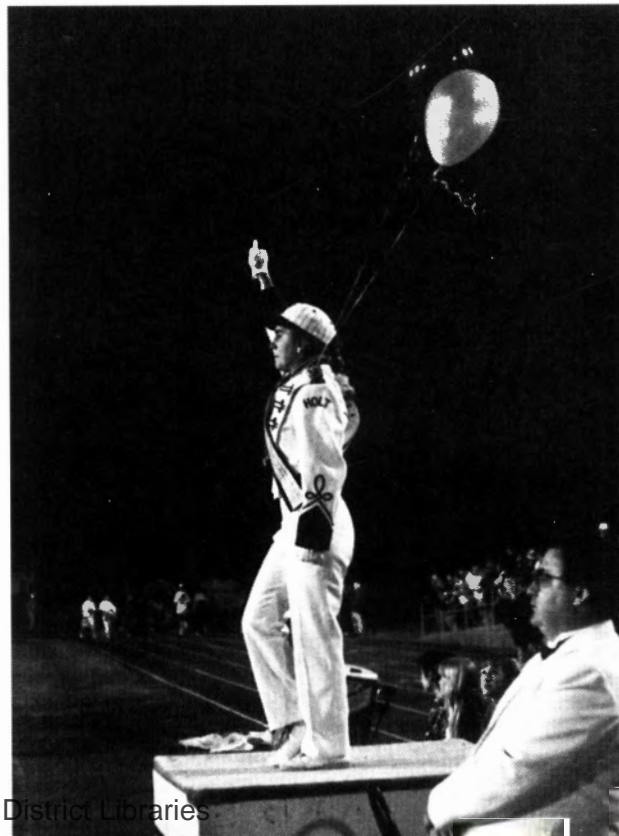
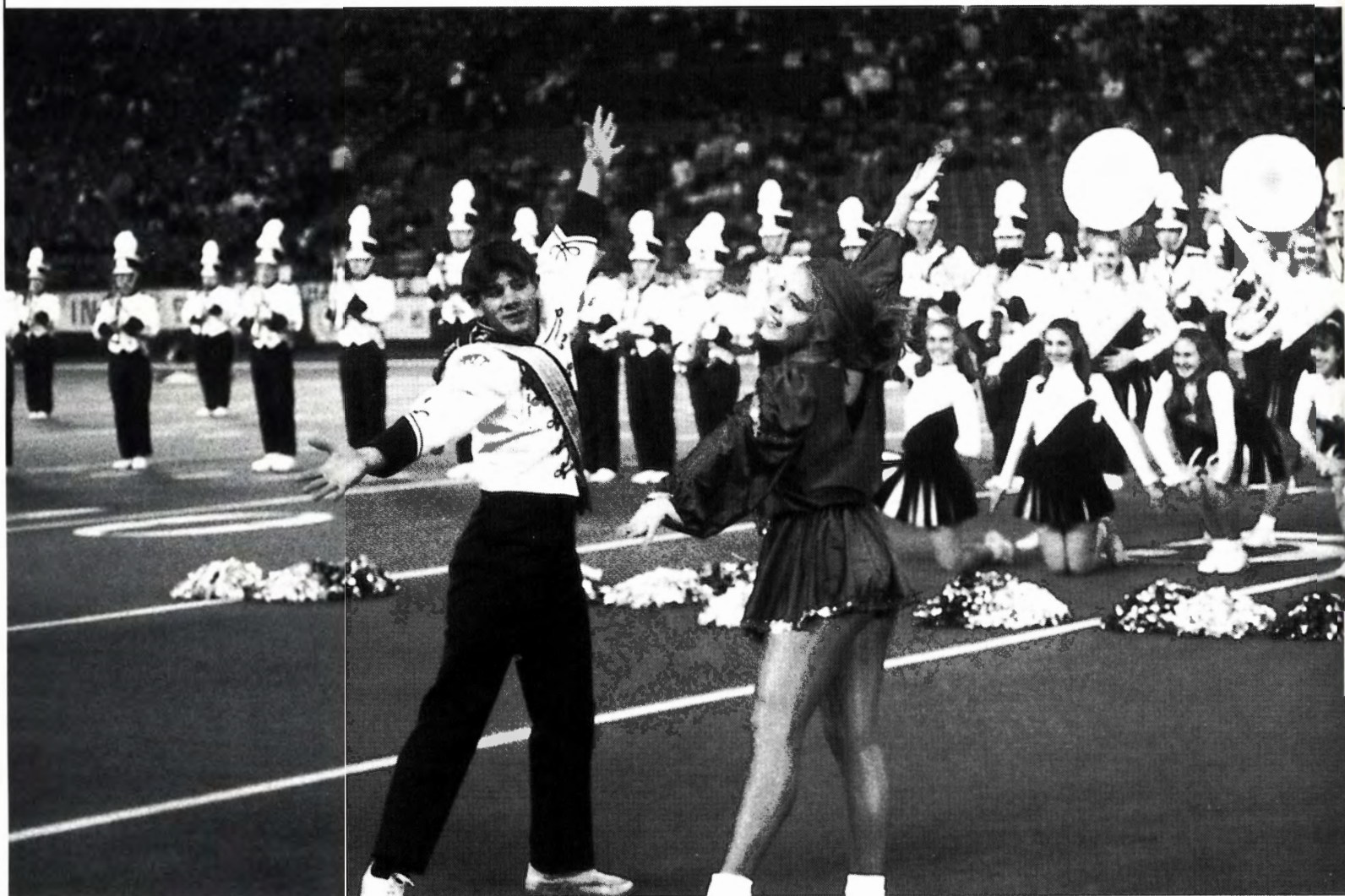
Doing His Part

Autographing T-shirts for Sycamore Elementary students is senior football player, wrestler and track team member Steve Robedeau. The Varsity Football team did the signing and talking to younger students as a way to say thanks for the support they received on their season drive to the State finals. Steve maintained a high GPA besides playing three sports during the year and ended up with an academic scholarship to college to play sports. He commented, "Doing good in school is very important especially when it comes to sports. I hope the little kids that came to get our autographs realize how much work it takes for both."



Artist at Work

Demonstrating his skills in painting at the Education Fair is athlete Mike Taylor. Mike played on the Varsity Football and Wrestling teams during the year, but still found time to enjoy one of his favorite classes, Art Seminar. He noted, "Participating in sports really helped me get motivated in school."



Ram Spirit

Taking a break from performing in the stands are members of the percussion section, Jake Ketchum, Kim Brydges, Pat Holmes, Jim Lenon, John Adams, and Josi Carpenter.



Strike up the Band!

SHOWTIME

ity of band according to many members was first and foremost, Band Director Tim Parry. "He does a lot of extracurricular activities with the kids and has a sense of humor," commented percussionist Justin Pool. Junior baritone player Colin Janetzke added, "He really makes learning music more fun."

The number of years students were in band ranged from four to six. A majority started in sixth grade and decided to continue throughout high school. "I took this class because I wanted the experience of playing a musical instrument and because I love music," said clarinet player Bethany Siettas. For many others like Bethany and Erica, they just have "a passion for music."

What would the students change about the class? Over half reported absolutely nothing. A few others had suggestions. One was junior

Jake Ketchum who stated, "I don't think a lot of students know where Mr. Parry has been in his musical career. He has played and performed with some of the best musicians in the country so I see him as pretty much on the ball. I take most of his advice seriously. If the bands were split up with more advanced players in one band and the less advanced in the other, it would help reduce the student/teacher ratio, and it would create better control and staying on task."

The 200 plus member band achieved a number of accomplishments this year including: marching in CAC's, performing in the Silverdome at the football finals and earning 26 first place rankings at band festival.

Two semesters of band were offered. The first semester was Marching Band and the second semester was Concert Band. The March-

ing Band performed at all halftime shows during football season, in the Homecoming Parade and made appearances at Michigan State University and the Silverdome.

During the second semester the group worked on concert performances, solo and ensemble competitions and the Band Festival. Clarinet players Melissa Tuttle and Michael Potts had their preferences. "Marching Band is more fun than Concert Band.

Bethany Siettas agreed and shared her reasons why. "During the summer before marching season we go to band camp to learn how to march and play music in a show and I think that is more fun. During concert season, we spend hours working on several pieces of music for two concerts and there is no marching time."

To march in formations while playing well took skill, and band students worked hard to look and sound good.

—Brandi Ross

Stage Pros

Dancing to "Sing, Sing Sing" during the halftime of the State football finals at the Silverdome are junior Colin Janetzke and sophomore Emily Mutty. Colin commented, "I was really scared when thousands of people were staring at us, but it was a lot of fun anyway." Colin has been dancing at Karyn's Dance Place for the last five years and Emily has been dancing for eleven.

At Attention

Leading the band during the light show at a home football halftime is senior drum major Christy DeWitt. She shared, "I really enjoyed being drum major even though it was sometimes hard to get everyone's cooperation. Being honored at Senior Night was very special for me!"



Le Maestro!

Ready to roll at another practice session is Band Director Tim Parry. Combining a love of music with many extracurricular activities, Parry has rebuilt the band program over the past four years, attracting a 200 plus member group.



"Band is really fun, but it is also hard work. It all paid off in the end. This year we were bigger and better than ever before. I will really miss it."

—Senior Tamara Trutt

practicing at MSU band camp prior to marching season.



creativity wins some

FINE ARTS AWARDS

Is art an important part of one's school day? Many students answered in the affirmative especially students in Dorothy Anderson's Art Seminar class. Senior Katie Yemc responded, "I like Art Seminar because we can work by ourselves and we

don't all have the same assignments." Senior Lisa Krug added, "I like the class best because experienced students can do their own art work. I have worked with acrylic and I am now print-making."

By spring, students in the class were talking about which pieces of their work they would enter in competition. All were busy working hard to finish pieces, create titles for them and frame them. The culminating activities of the year were the Greater Lansing Art Scholarship Alert Competition and Exhibition sponsored by the Lansing Art Gallery along with the Michigan Fine Arts Youth Festival and the National Congressional Art Competition.

For a number of students their efforts paid off in awards. Every student in the class was expected to enter the Art Scholarship Alert competition. To be

eligible, a portfolio of five finished projects must be submitted. Senior portfolio winner was Christine Spisak, sophomore portfolio winner was Crystal Henriksen and Honorable Mention was earned by junior Elizabeth Carter.

The Kendal College of Art and Design Award went to junior Troy Huddleson while a \$100 Downtown Art Supply award was won by senior Katie Yemc.

Winners in the Michigan Fine Arts Youth Festival were seniors Laura Harger and Corey Mead along with junior Brenda Martin. Carter also took first place in the National Congressional Art Competition while Yemc earned a third place award.

Elizabeth's winning entry was created in her favorite media, watercolors. She explained some of her reasons for liking it. "Water does a lot of the work

for me. I like the translucent effects and looser style I can achieve, and I don't have to worry about brush strokes.

Many reported they were planning on keeping art as a hobby while for some of the students, art was a career focus. One was Lisa Krug who also tutored and taught art lessons occasionally at Sycamore Elementary School. She stated, "I am going to be an art teacher and I plan on going to LCC, then hopefully MSU and Kendall."

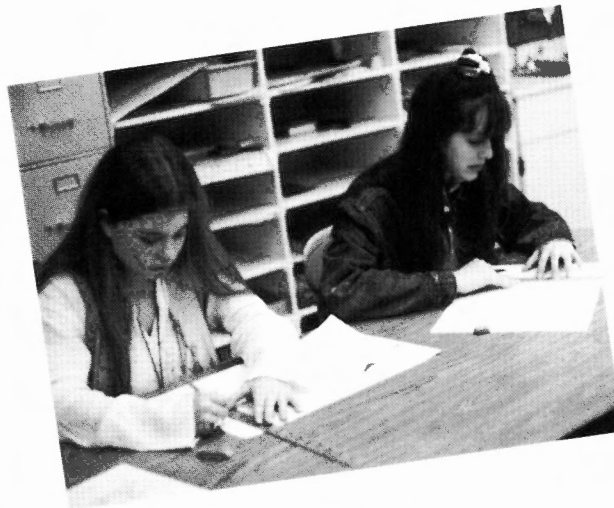
For teacher Dorothy Anderson, the challenge and reward was repeated each year as her students entered and won. And she was the role model, winning the Purchase Award in the 1996 Michigan Art Education Association Exhibition.

—Marisa Bennett



Down to Work

Answering questions about her art project is senior Angie Hays in Dorothy Anderson's art class. Angie's colored pencil drawing of horses was on display in the art room and building, as well as, entered in competition.



Getting Technical

Working on a two-point perspective drawing in Ann Paul's Graphic Design class is Megan Dickinson and Missy Yemc. Megan who also was in Art Seminar class shared, "I enjoy art because it's one of the things I'm good at. I plan to have a career that deals with art in some way."

Friendly Critique

Sharing some time with her students, seniors Lisa Krug and Brandy Bullock along with some comments about the direction their paintings are taking in Art Seminar class is teacher Dorothy Anderson. Anderson encouraged students to work independently and Brandy reflected, "I loved being able to work on anything I wanted and not have a teacher always telling me what to do!"



Fun Work

Sharing a smile for the camera in Dorothy Anderson's fourth hour Painting class is senior Kristen Block. Kristen was painting with acrylics, and was introduced to other media in the class including water-colors and tempera.

Proud Moment

Posing with State Senator Dick Chrysler for the National Congressional Art Competition Awards are entrant senior Chris Gafner and first place winner junior Elizabeth Carter. Elizabeth's winning painting displayed, will hang in Chrysler's office in Washington D.C. for one year.

No Guts, No Glory

"It had been a dream for us all. Growing up through the Middle School, we always dreamed of a championship. We knew if we could stick together, this day would come."

—Senior Marty Tompkins

Update the History Books

Against all odds, the Varsity Football team won the Capital Area Conference title along with the Regional Championship. But the biggest day of the year was in the Pontiac Silverdome in a Ram face-off against Detroit Redford Catholic Central for the State Championship. The Rams were runners up at the end of the fourth quarter, but they were proud of their run to the Silverdome and a dream fulfilled.

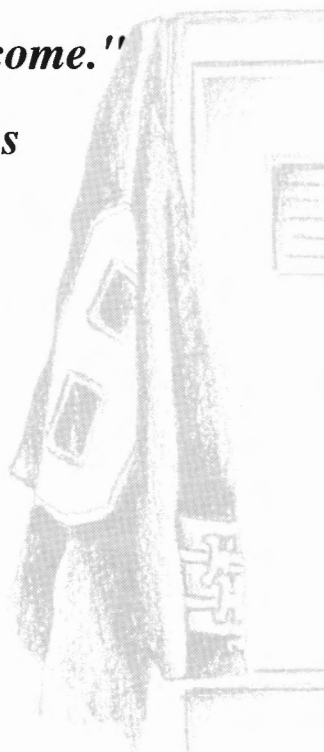


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Glory BOARD

Varsity Wrestling

Everett	74-6
Eastern	65-9
Sexton	72-8
Waverly	79-0
Grand Ledge	56-14
Jackson	81-0
East Lansing	66-10
Holt Invitational	1st
Plymouth Salem	1st
Det. Cath. Cent.	1st
CAC	1st
Districts	1st
Regionals	1st
State Meet	1st

All-CAC First Team

R.J. Eding	Russell Clark
Corey Mead	Tandem Hayes
Tom Welsh	Mike Taylor
Steve Robedeau	

All-CAC Second Team

Tom Shaver	Gary Williams
Rodney Knott	James Lenon
Alex Redman	

Honorable Mention

Greg Parrott	Blake Ranshaw
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State Qualifiers

R.J. Eding
Tandem Hayes
Mike Taylor
Steve Robedeau

State Placers

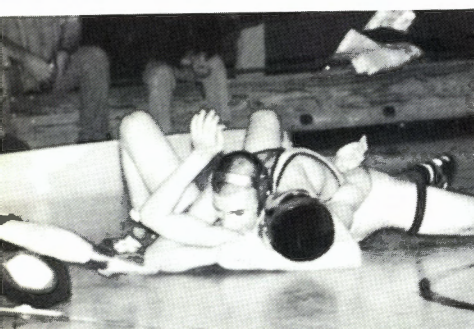
Russell Clark	3rd
Tom Welsh	4th
Corey Mead	5th
Rodney Knott	6th

Varsity Wrestling Team

B. Ranshaw, G. Williams, R. Clark, J. Bowles, C. Mead, T. Welsh, M. Taylor, S. Robedeau, A. Redman, T. Hayes, J. Lenon, R. Knott, T. Shaver, G. Parrott, R.J. Eding.

Crunch Time

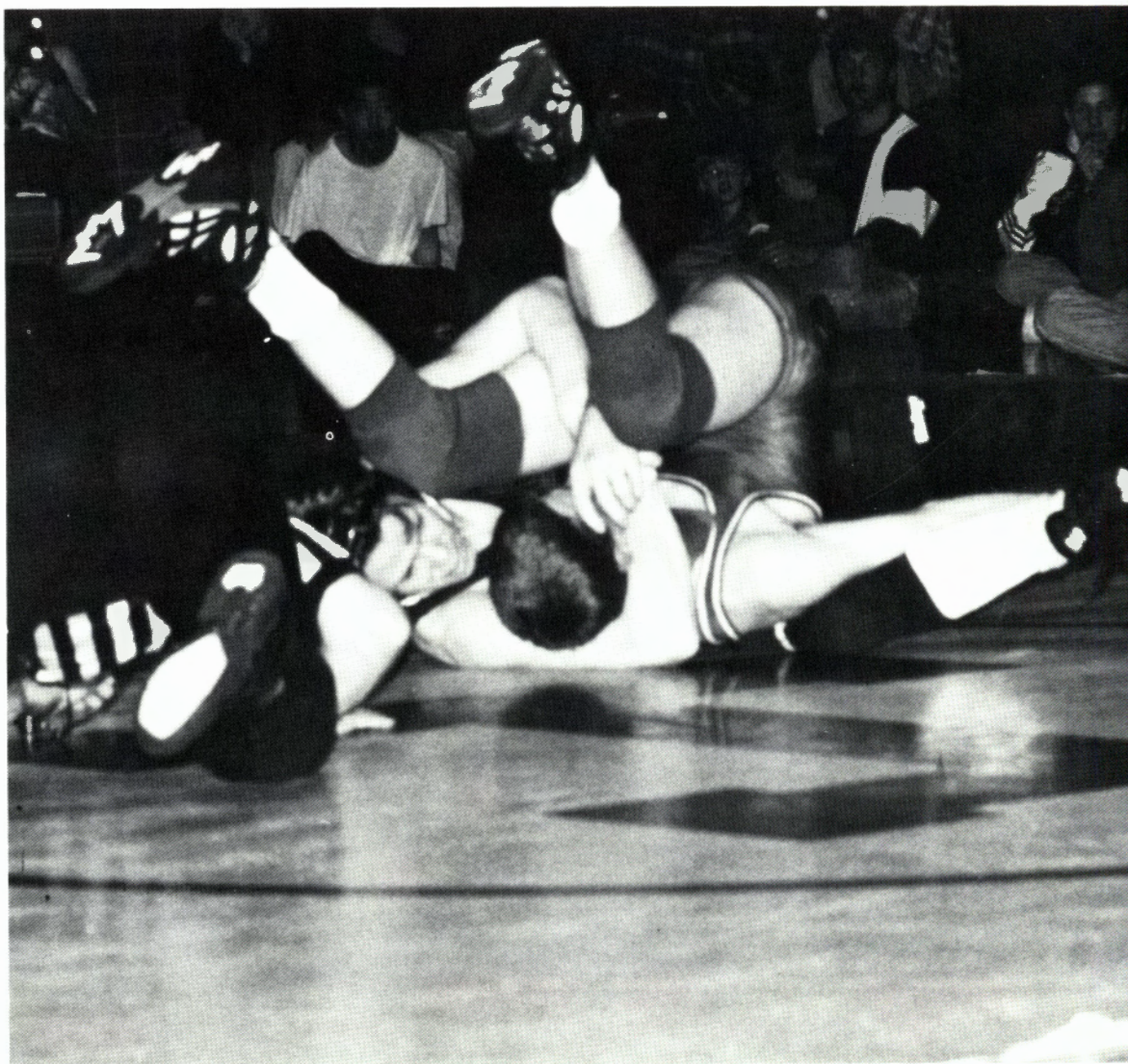
Going for the pin against his Sexton opponent is junior Blake Ranshaw. Blake pinned him early in the second quarter of his match. Wrestling at 119 pounds, he ended the season with a fourth place individually in the CAC.



Watch Me... Showing a hold to junior Jason Cornelius during a Sexton dual meet is Assistant Coach Chris Leyer.

Smooth Start

Getting the pin against Sexton is junior John Whalen. "The wrestling team has come a long way over the years, but this year really ended with the best scenario—state champs!" he exclaimed.



"We were ranked number one in the state which is good for bragging rights, but it doesn't actually mean anything until we win it all."

—Senior Corey Mead

**The Wrestling team
achieved its 30th
consecutive winning season.
Go Rams!**

Varsity Wrestling Team's Keys

Tradition, Dedication



"If there was one thing that I would want people to know about the Wrestling team, it would be how dedicated we were. Wrestling is a six days-a-week sport, and if you want to be really good, then you need to put extra time in on top of that," explained junior Alex Redman.

The fact that they did not put their best line-up in every time, indicated the depth of the team. "This year we had lots of experienced wrestlers in every weight class, some two to three deep," noted senior Brian Canen.

The team racked up wins against Sexton, Jackson, and most rewarding of all, a win over Detroit Catholic Central, who defeated the Rams in the Football finals. "The DCC tournament was a big win considering we were missing four key Varsity

Wrestlers due to injury and illness," recalled senior Tom Shaver.

In their meet with Jackson on February 1, they smashed the Vikings 80-0 with mostly a JV line up. The following match against long time rival East Lansing brought yet another 66-10 win. To finish off their undefeated season, the team took the CAC tournament on February 10, Districts on February 14 and hosted the Individual District finals. Senior Tandem Hayes recalled, "I wasn't worried about the team taking the district meet. As long as everyone stayed healthy and free from injury, I thought we would dominate."

At the home meet versus Sexton, the undefeated wrestlers honored the 1971 Class B State Champions at

their 25th anniversary banquet. Each player received a plaque and team picture. Returning member of the championship team, Harry Ammon, expanded on the significance of the reunion. "Our 25th anniversary couldn't have come at a more perfect time. Hopefully, seeing these returning state champions will encourage this year's team to keep up the tradition."

All members of the team's coaching staff were Holt alumni and with that came experience, school pride and a vested interest in the program which began for many players around the age of five in club wrestling. "I see alumni at all of our matches. I must have seen at least two dozen alumni at the 16 team Holt Invitational shouting encouragement and being there to support us. There is a tighter bond in wrestling than in other sports, I think," revealed Head Coach Rocky Shaft.

In the state finals, Holt was challenged by teams like Clarkston, Grandville and Flint Northern. Before the playoffs, Captain Cory Mead commented, "We are ranked number one in the state which is good for bragging rights, but it doesn't actually mean anything until we win it all."

—Julie Smith

Takin' a Break

Members of the Wrestling team gather after practice for a friendly game of cards.



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Head Coach
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Victory

The referee raises junior Tom Welsh's hand after defeating his opponent in the State Championship meet versus Bay City Western.



Wrestling Team Captures Division I Title

After a disappointing loss to Flint Northern in the State Semi-Finals a year ago, the team knew they would be back. And back they were as the Rams finished their 30th consecutive winning season taking the State Championship over Bay City Western. It was Holt's first state championship since the 1971 wrestling season. Along with the State Wrestling Championship, Holt's athletic program won the CAC All-Sports trophy. "I'm pleasantly surprised at all of Holt's athletic success. This is the first year that someone has given East Lansing a run for the All-Sports Trophy," stated football coach Mike Smith.

The road to the championship was smoothly paved for the team. They easily defeated Everett 78-6 in the first round of the districts, then went on to defeat Okemos in the district finals 72-6.

In the first round of Regionals,

State Champs

the team beat Owosso 45-27, and went on to defeat Charlotte in the finals, 41-28, the closest match of the state tournament. In state quarter finals, the Rams defeated Temperence-Bedford 46-24 to move on to the state semi-finals. "It was the victory over Temperence-Bedford that gave us the chance to go to the state finals. We gave our all and proved we were the number one team in the state," commented junior Jason Cornelius.

In the state semi-finals the Rams defeated Clarkston 42-20 and moved on to the finals to wrestle Bay City Western. The team dominated Western 57-3, setting a new record for a championship match. Head coach Rocky Shaft noted, "We're successful because we run a program, not just a Varsity team. Our foundation is a positive club where team unity is coached over individualism."

Not only did the team win the

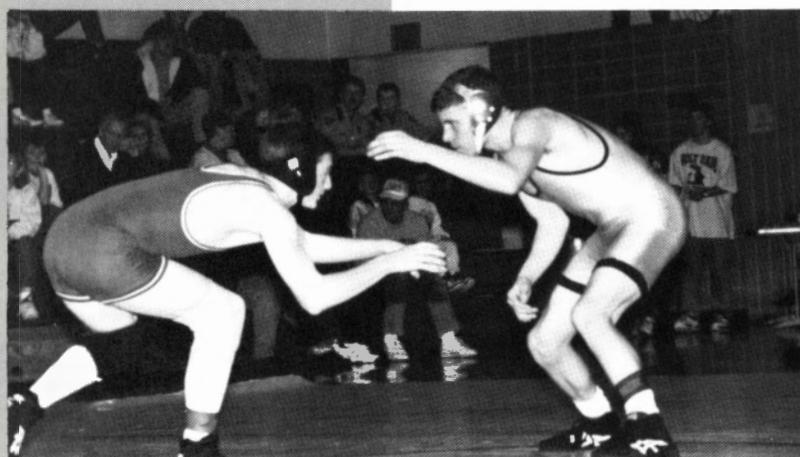
state championship, but they also won every tournament they wrestled in. The wrestlers won the Holt Invitational, the Plymouth Salem Invitational, and the Capital Area Conference Championship.

"It was done with a common goal, positive support for one another, and an understanding of mat pressures," commented Coach Shaft. Although only eight individuals actually wrestled at Individual States, the entire team went along for support. All the wrestlers agreed, "There was no one key wrestler, everyone played a part in contributing to their victory." Coach Shaft's "common goal" motivation yielded top results.

—Matt Allen

In Control

All over his Rockford opponent is junior Wes Long. He commented, "Though I was injured, I had a pretty good season."



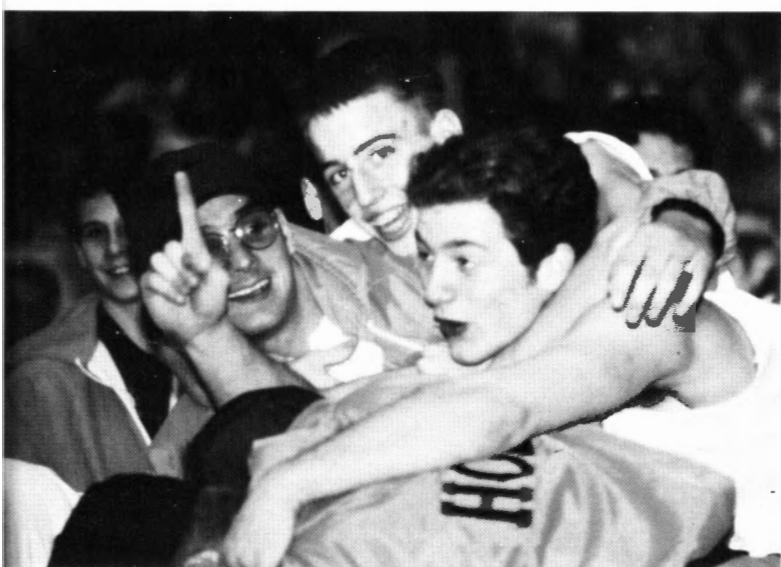
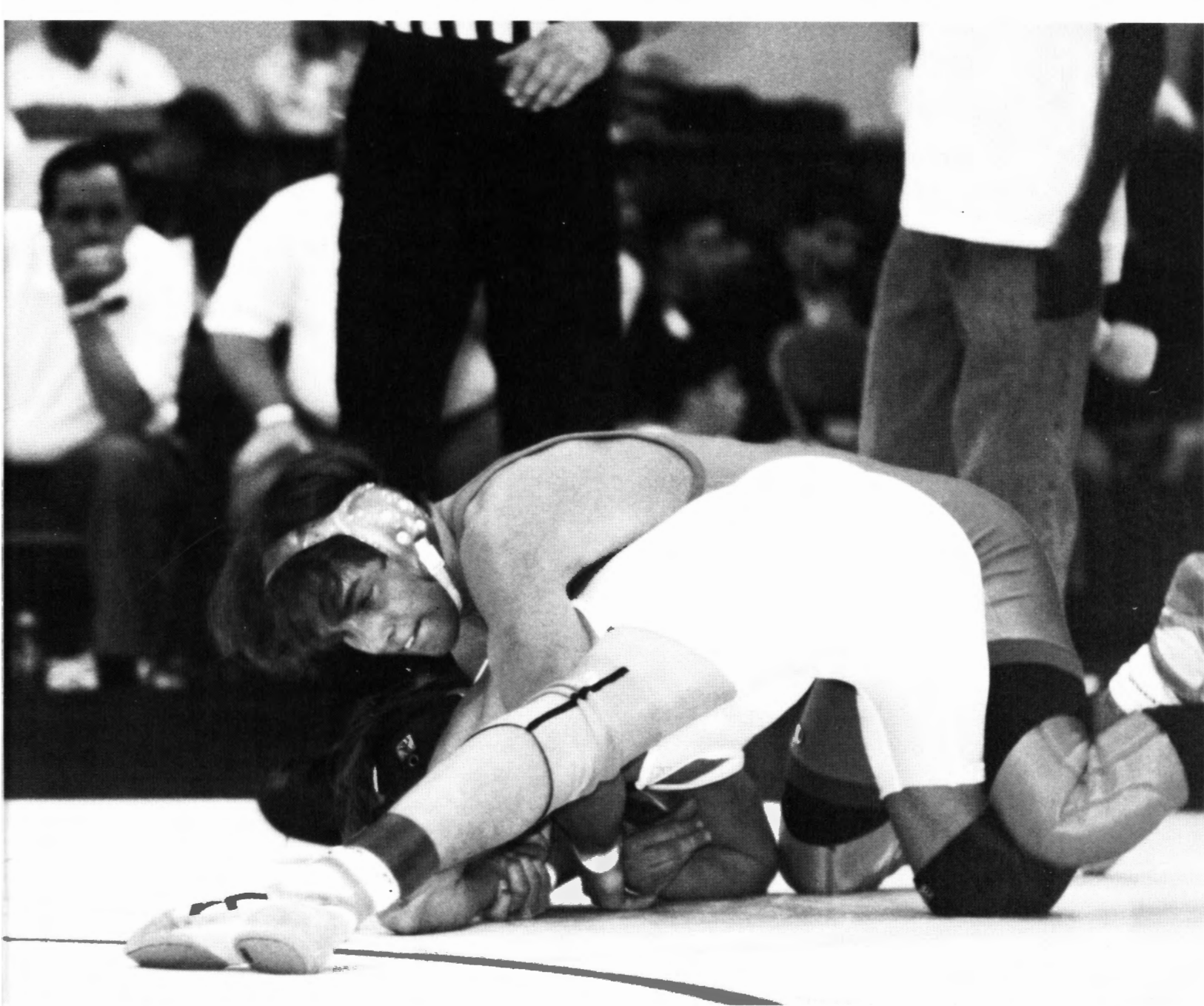
Find a Weak Spot

Looking for a weakness in his opponent is freshman Jeff Parrott at a home meet against Everett. The Rams beat Everett enroute to an uncontested CAC championship.



Breaking Hearts

Posing after the district meet at Everett are just a few of the sweetest wrestlers in the state. The Rams triumphed, beating Okemos and Everett.



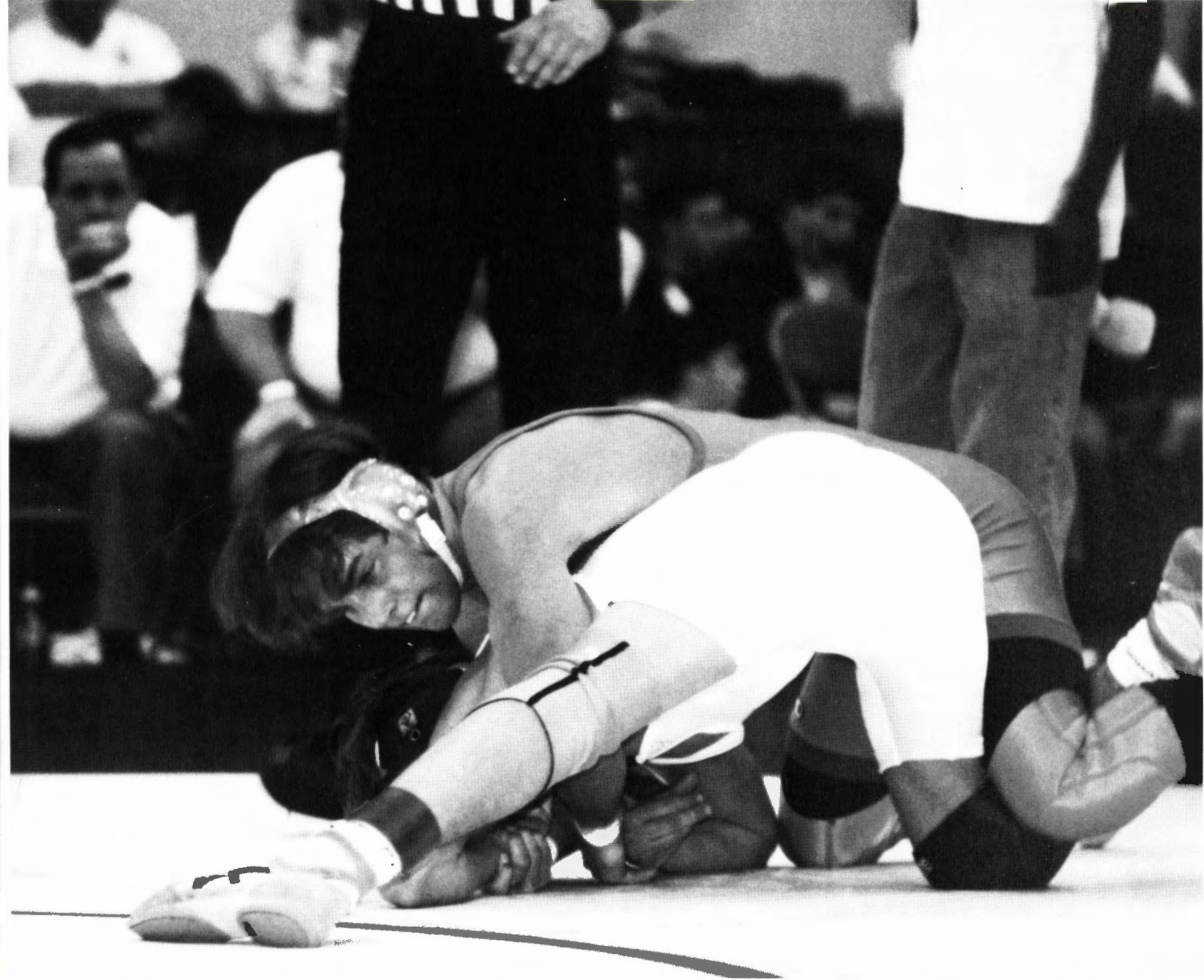
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Glory BOARD

Varsity Football

12 wins, 1 loss

Okemos	12-7
Charlotte	35-6
E. Lansing	7-0
Sexton	14-7
Everett	54-6
Jackson	12-6
Eastern	43-14
Waverly	14-6
Grand Ledge	3-0
CAC	1st

All-Area—All-CAC

First Team

Justin Dungey	Rodney Knott
Scott Lawrence	Paul Markel
Steve Robedeau	Chris Sherry

All-Area—All CAC

Second Team

Paul Anderson	Doug Birch
Brian Canen	Matt Cooper
Alex Redman	Tom Welsh
Marty Tompkins	

Double Security

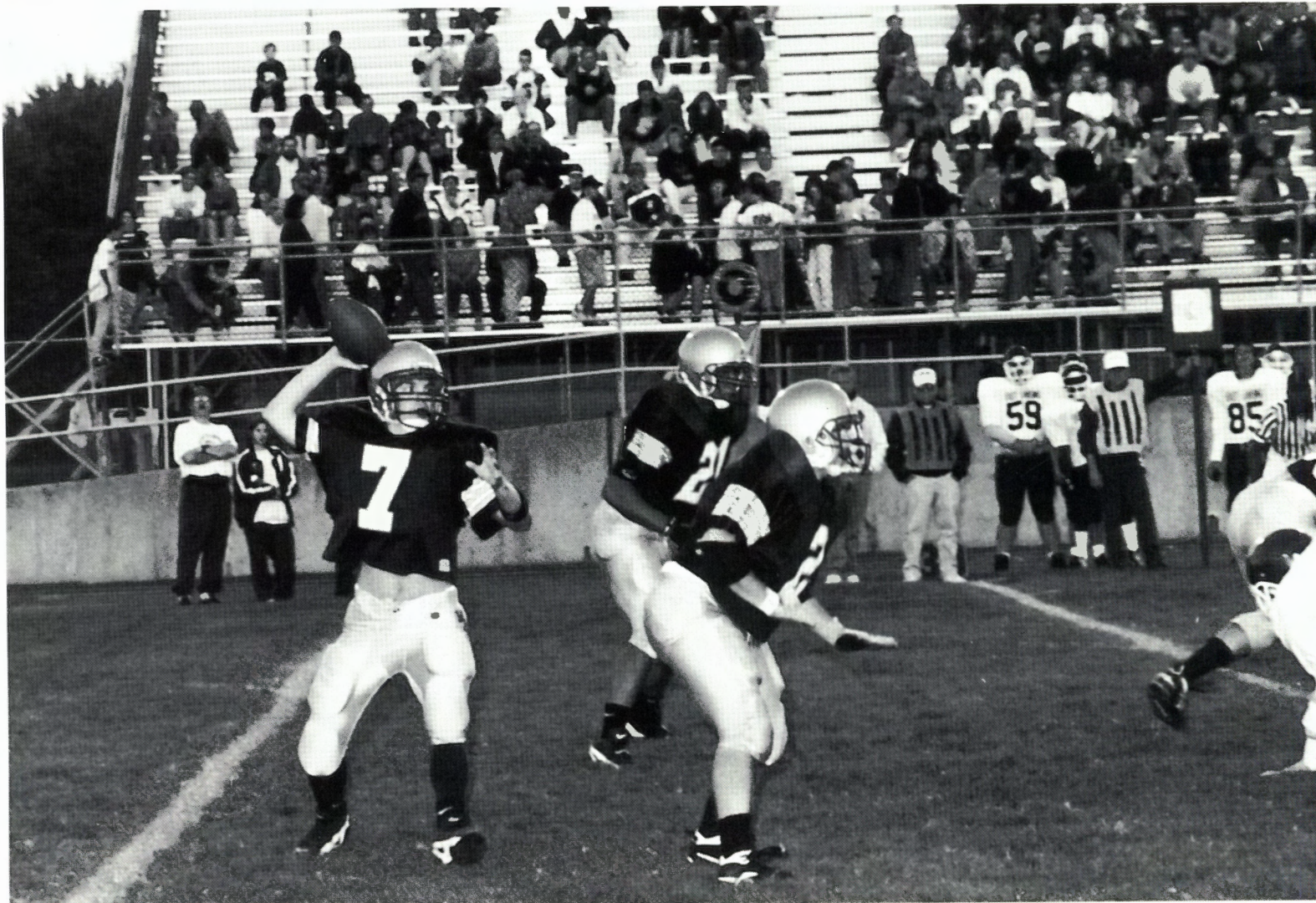
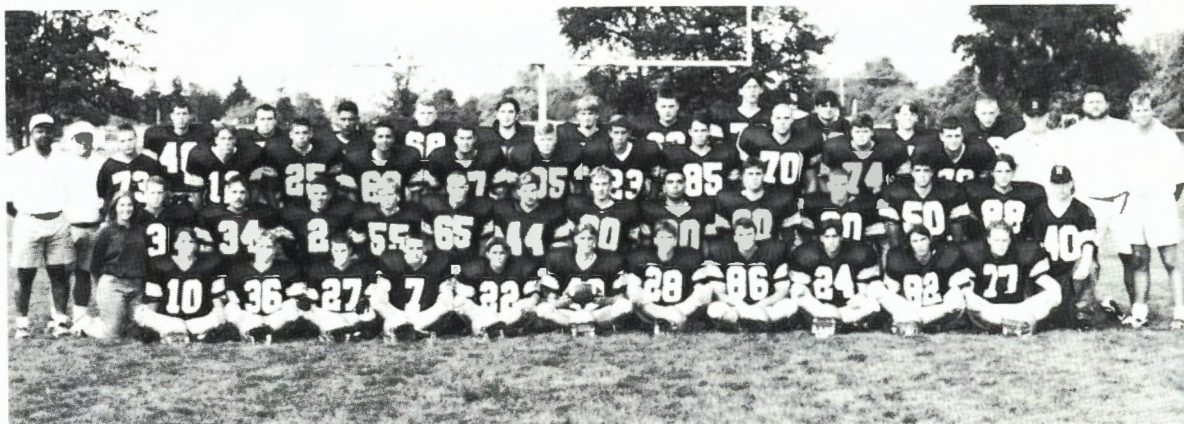
Protecting quarterback Paul Anderson are running backs Justin Dungey and Doug Birch against East Lansing. The score was 7-0 for the Rams' first conference win.

1st and 10

Taking the pitch from senior quarterback Paul Anderson is senior fullback Justin Dungey. The Rams went on to win at Sexton 14-7.

Varsity Football Team

Top row: C. Sherry, P. Markel, J. Dungey, S. Robedeau, A. Redmen, B. Davenport, J. Miller, D. Moore, J. Cornelius, B. Hartford, B. Canen, **Row 2:** Coach Ford, Coach Roberts, Mgr. Osof, T. Fluke, J. Richter, D. Zenker, S. Lawrence, T. Welsh, T. Milliken, R. Czubak, S. Robinson, R. Griffith, M. Allen, Mgr. Telfer. **Row 3:** Mgr. Clarkson, C. Moubay, J. Wagner, D. Birch, R. Deruchie, B. Morris, C. Mead, K. Lumley, Perez, R. Ranshaw, J. Girdwood, M. Tompkins, M. Cooper, Mgr. Nelson, Coach M. Smith, Coach D. Greene. **Bottom row:** D. Packer, J. Forquer, K. Doerr, P. Anderson, J. Corr, R. Knott, B. Wesaw, T. McKouen, B. LeRoy, J. Keller, M. Taylor.



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—Senior Steve Robedeau

The last time a Holt Football team went undefeated in the regular season was in 1979.

Varsity Football Team Shuts Out CAC and

Dominates



It started for most of the players back in sixth grade. For others, it began with the 1995 football season. Their dream became reality when the Rams took the CAC Conference Championship, Regional Championship and went all the way to the Pontiac Silverdome for the class “AA” State Finals. Picked to finish in the CAC pack behind Grand Ledge, Sexton, and East Lansing, the Rams turned heads as they finished with an undefeated regular season for the first time in 17 years. “It was a great feeling, and the right team won the championship. We proved it against Grand Ledge,” stated junior Alex Redman.

The Rams opened the season against Capital Circuit rival, Okemos whom they had not beaten in nine years. The Rams ended the losing streak with a 12-7 triumph. The 75-

yard, nine-play drive using six minutes, sent a statement to the rest of the conference—the Rams were for real.

Holt continued its non-conference dominance with a punishing 34-7 victory in the Charlotte home opener. The game was so one-sided that the mercy rule was set into effect midway through the second quarter.

Starting the CAC conference schedule against East Lansing, whom they had not defeated in 16 years, the team proved their defense in the league with a 7-0 victory. Fifteen years of frustration also came to an end against Sexton with the defense shutting down the Big Red’s 14-7.

The team then took their undefeated season to Everett and exploded against the Vikings 48-6 in the first half, ending the game with a 54-6 trampling. The Homecoming game against Jackson proved to be the turning point in the quest for the CAC title. The Rams defeated the Vikings 12-6, but more importantly, East Lansing defeated Grand Ledge 28-9, putting Holt in the drivers seat. Then the team erupted for 43 points

against Eastern, allowing just one rushing yard in the first half.

The Rams last regular season home game against Waverly proved memorable for the seniors. With the 14-6 victory over the Warriors, the Rams clinched the CAC title for the first time in 18 years.

The season came down to one game, one opponent, one goal, one championship. The showdown with Grand Ledge at the Ledge showcased number 5 against number 13 in a battle for the CAC crown. The 1994 match up showed the Comet dominance crushing the Rams 35-7 at Troost Field. The game played the hype as the only score came on senior kicker Scott Lawrence’s 26-yard field goal with 1:21 left in the third quarter in front of 7,000 fans. Fittingly Lawrence also came up with the game-ending interception at the Ram 25 yard line with under one minute in the game.

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Game Time

Exchanging high fives with his teammates as he takes the field before the East Lansing game is senior tackle Steve Robedeau. Steve earned All-State honors and Academic All-League.

To the Rescue

Helping junior Alex Redman with an injury is trainer Aimee Kenney on Homecoming night.

STATE 'AA' PLAYOFFS

Bay City Central	14-12
Jenison	6-0
Monroe	34-8
Detroit C.C.	0-24

All-State

Paul Anderson
Steve Robedeau

ACADEMIC

ALL-STATE, ALL-LEAGUE

Steve Robedeau

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Call In the Reserves

Injured on the play is a Bay City Central player as Brian LeRoy glances back. The Rams defeated the Wolves 12-7 on Troost Field in the first game of the playoffs.

Dream and Heart Takes Rams to the Dome

The dream of taking the Holt Rams to the Silverdome led the players all the way through the season of believing. "It was special for me to play in the Dome because it's been a dream since sixth grade. It was great being on a team where everyone cared as much as I did to get there," recalled senior Marty Tompkins.

The first road bump came from the north as the team faced the playoffs for the first time in 16 years against Bay City Central. "It took a team effort to get to the playoffs. We played as a team and we won as a team. It was that simple," stated junior Joey Corr.

Trailing 6-0 at halftime against Bay City, the season was in jeopardy. The Rams came out in the second half with something to prove. Ending on top 14-12 with two minutes left in the game, Bay City missed a 26-yard field goal and Holt continued its run to the Dome.

Webster defined victory as "the winning of a contest," but nowhere in this definition did he explain what it took to be victorious. But the Rams knew what it took to defeat Jenison in the Regional Final. With

one inch of snow on the field at game time, playing conditions were slow. The game ended 0-0 sending it into overtime. Holt won the toss and took the ball first and 10 at the 10. The first three plays took them to the 3-yard line. On fourth and three, Dungey reached across the goal line to take a 6-0 lead. After Holt's extra point was missed, Jenison went four plays and out. Their final gasp for the endzone was smothered after junior Alex Redman and senior Paul Markel sacked the Wildcats' quarterback the play before. With the victory, hopes of playing in the Silverdome were one game away.

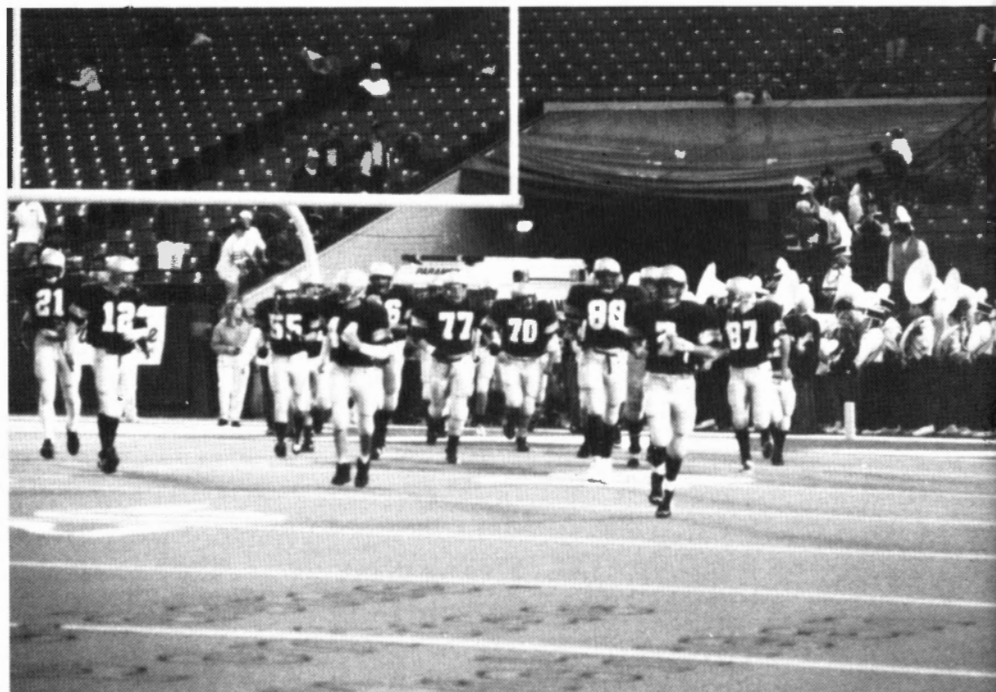
In the State Semi-Final game, the team went to Jackson to meet the Monroe Trojans. A different offense showed up in the second half against Monroe. "We got momentum early and were able to keep it. We got a little flat, but after halftime, I moved over to take on the University of Michigan-bound tackle and dominated him. Then our offense picked up again and the rest was history," recalled senior Steve Robedeau of the second half explosion against Monroe and a stunning 34-8 victory

that headed Holt to the Dome.

Behind it's players were the fans, screaming and cheering from the cold, wet benches of Troost Field in support of their team. When the day came, the entire community got ready for the big game. Some businesses actually shut down for the day to attend the game. Many other local businesses posted signs in support of the home town heroes.

The Silverdome was packed with shouting Ram fans that poured in by the hundreds. Senior Tom McKouer observed, "Words can't explain what I felt when we stepped out on the field and seeing the crowd made it even more unforgettable." Although the game was lost to the Detroit Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks, 24-0, the spirit still shone through. "I almost lost my voice, because I was screaming so loud. I didn't even matter that we were losing, we were proud to be there and we waved our flags high. I think I heard the radio say that there were three Holt fans for every Shamrock fan. We really came together as a school," concluded senior Brooke Oakley.

—Matt Allen



Making History

The Rams take the field at the Pontiac Silverdome at the start of the second half against Detroit Redford Catholic Central. The Rams finished the season 12-1 and were State Runners-up in Class 'AA' State Finals.

War In the Trenches...

Fighting for field position in the State Finals against Detroit Redford Catholic Central is the Holt offensive line. The Rams lost 24-0 in the Dome in their second State Football Finals appearance.



Fighting the Elements

Warming his feet at the Home game against Jenison in the Regional Finals is junior Jason Cornelius. Despite the freezing temperatures and blizzard type conditions, the Rams prevailed 6-0 in overtime for their eleventh win of the year.

Football In the Snow

Coming out of the locker room after the first half is the Varsity Football team against Jenison in the Regional final. The Rams won 6-0 in overtime, moving them one win away from the Dome.

Glory BOARD

JV Football

4 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie

Okemos	34-6
Charlotte	8-10
East Lansing	14-16
Sexton	0-33
Everett	33-14
Jackson	12-6
Eastern	27-6
Waverly	14-14
Grand Ledge	6-25

JV SOCCER

7 wins, 9 losses, 1 tie

B.C. Lakeview	0-2
Mt. Pleasant	2-0
Lansing Eastern	3-1
Grand Ledge	3-1, 0-2
St. Johns	1-3
Waverly	0-6
Sexton	5-0
East Lansing	1-5, 0-7
Jackson	0-7
Everett	3-0
East Lansing	0-8
Grand Ledge	0-2
Jackson (Parma)	0-3
B.C. Harper Creek	3-1
Flint Carmen	1-0
Hartland	2-2

Glve and Go!

Passing the ball through a Sexton defender to freshman Mark Friedrick is sophomore David Novack. Mark scored a goal, contributing to the Rams' 5-0 win.

JV Soccer Team

Top Row: Coach H. Rojas, M. Crockett, B. Ranshaw, D. Novak, B. Delaney, J. Lamb, C. Maurer, N. Vosovic, B. Wahl, A. Snyder, J. Graham, J. Mills, Coach D. Hornak, D. Carter. **Row 2:** Mgr. M. Dalton, M. Stafford, M. Friedrick, D. Parker, J. Reese, N. Brady, K. Avis, J. Lazar, R. Allen, J. DeWitt, Mgr. K. Kamm. **Bottom Row:** C. Fuller, R. Cramer.



JV Football Team

Bottom Row: R. Clark, A. Elliot, C. Johnson, E. McGowan, A. Bolden, R. Richardson, S. Geiger, Derosa. **Row 2:** Mgr. S. Clarkson, D. Current, M. Maxey, B. Gostnell, J. Coker, S. Ayers, C. Hayes, C. Alana, D. Gekle, E. Spedoske. **Row 3:** Coach Black, J. Fulton, J. Young, C. McDonald, T. Wise, B. Kendrick, N. VanAlstine, C. Ford, N. Haines, N. Lockhart, Mgr. K. Dunham, Coach T. Currin. **Top Row:** Coach Long, E. Schaefer, J. Hall, M. Laur, N. Lockhart, J. Beard, R. Willis, C. Steer, Coach D. Rogers.

Pregame Greeting

Exchanging hand shakes before their game against Everett are JV Captains John Girdwood and Chris Steer.





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—Sophomore Charlie Hayes
JV Football Team

JV Soccer, Football Teams

Struggle Through CAC

After a 9-0 CAC Championship last year as freshmen, the expectations were high for the JV Football team. As freshmen, the team put up nearly 40 points a game and surrendered only two touchdowns. The players believed they had plenty of skill, but some weren't sure if everyone had the right mind set. “We had tons of talent, especially at the skill positions, but we were pretty

Taking Orders

Receiving instructions from his coach before a game with Everett is junior John Girdwood. After a string of injuries, John was moved to the JV team.



over-confident,” stated sophomore Charlie Hayes.

The Rams' first test came against Okemos, and they came out with a 37-14 victory. In the second game against Charlotte, it was football weather with low temperatures, winds from 10 to 15 mph, and occasional rain. The whole game, however, was a struggle. The traction was nowhere to be found and the ball was slippery. In the end, the Rams had too many turnovers and lost the battle 10-8. The team's third meeting was with East Lansing. Once again, the surge wasn't enough and East Lansing outlasted Holt 16-14. The team's fourth opponent was Lansing Sexton, but with too many Holt injuries, the final score was Big Reds 33, Holt 0.

Running low on quarterbacks, the team called on John Girdwood to lead them against Everett. The defense led by Alana and VanAlstine gave up only 12 points to end with a 34-12 victory.

It was then time to head down to Jackson covered in astroturf and rain. Alana again had a big game rushing, and gained 109 yards on 12 carries

scoring a touchdown. Russell Clark also hit paydirt on a lightning quick reverse. That proved to be all the team needed as Jackson's only score came on a 60-yard return off a Rusty Richardson fumble.

The game against Eastern was a good one for quarterback Mike Maxey, who went 7 for 11 in passing and hit Mike Laur twice for touchdowns. Nick Haines also chipped in a touchdown off an interception to bring their record to 4-3.

At Waverly, the offensive line failed. With the score tied at 14 late in the game, the Rams missed a two-point conversion and had to settle for the 14-14 tie. The last big opponent was Grand Ledge. Starting quarterback Allen Elliott was finally back, a little rusty after his long layoff. With Maxey hurt, Coach Currin called on Alana to play, but it wasn't enough as the team fell to the Comets 29-6.

The Brown and Gold did not improve on last year's record ending 4-4-1. The reasons could be attributed to the loss of players due to injuries, grades and heart. “Not everyone was committed to the team,” concluded Allen Elliott. Many didn't give up though, but struggled through the conference gaining the experience that the JV level provided.

—Casey Adams

Room to Run

Working his way past a Sexton defender is sophomore Nick Brady. Nick played center midfield for the Rams who finished fourth in the CAC.



"We had a tough season. We were in the running for the CAC title and we couldn't pull it off. Next year is our year."

—Sophomore
Stephanie Smiley

Glory BOARD

Girls' Varsity Basketball

11 wins, 10 losses,

Sexton	62-36, 69-52
Eaton Rapids	38-55
Mason	60-53
Jackson	50-20, 56-23
East Lansing	62-48, 43-45
St. Johns	44-61
Everett	58-36, 70-43
Grand Ledge	53-56, 42-58
Eastern	38-40, 55-52
Waverly	56-35, 44-47
Sexton	59-39
Jackson N.W.	54-55
Okemos	55-66
Lakeview	55-61
CAC	3rd

All CAC Players

Stephanie Smiley
Julie Vanlerberghe

Honorable Mention

Meghann Devlin
Laura Ososkie

Varsity Basketball Team

Top Row: K. DeRosa, L. Ososkie, M. Devlin, Coach D. Harkema, J. Vanlerberghe, S. Smiley, J. Johnson. **Bottom Row:** P. Smith, E. Reamer, R. Paterick, J. Newberry, E. Wenglekowski

Varsity Basketball Makes CAC Comeback

Although the Girls' Varsity Basketball team had a rough '94 season, they were looking to rebound back to a winning '95 season and they accomplished their goal finishing third in the Capital Area Conference with a 9-5 record and an overall record of 11-10.

Returning six key players helped the team meet their goal of improving the scoreboard. These included: Julie Vanlerberghe at small forward, Jill Newberry and Rachael Paterick at point guard, Jenny Johnson and Laura Ososkie at forward, and Meghann Devlin at center. The Rams added confidence and experience to both offense and defense with this line-up.

The most memorable conference triumphs came versus East Lansing and Eastern. The confidence building wins were led by sophomore Stephanie Smiley, who scored 16 points against the Big Reds and 20 points against the Trojans. Also helping in the defeat were junior Jill Newberry and junior Julie Vanlerberghe.

Two losses to Grand Ledge were frustrating. "The second time we

Back from the Depths

played Grand Ledge we were ahead at the half. That showed us we were just as good, if not better than they were. So when we ended up losing, it was very disappointing," recalled junior, Emily Reamer.

The girls worked on developing the strengths of the team through hard practice. Senior forward Jenny Johnson stated, "The team's main focus was on defense and we felt that if that was accomplished, the offense would come naturally." In order to accomplish this, "the team needed to work on boxing out and rebounding," added sophomore Stephanie Smiley.

The team also learned more skills on the court. "During practice, there was a first team and second team, but even though we were divided, we still focused on working as one," commented senior Jenny Johnson. They learned that team work and operating as one, brought better results. This aspect of friendship among the players also proved to be a strength as the season progressed. "The season went by a lot faster than last year, because we all got along pretty well," noted junior Julie

Vanleberghe. "We spent time off the court as a team, even if it wasn't a team function," Johnson added.

The road to the CAC title was blocked, but the Rams claimed an improved scoreboard and ranking.

In post-season play, the team went up against Lakeview in the district tournament and suffered a disappointing but close loss, 55-61, to finish third in the CAC. Sophomore Stephanie Smiley and junior Julie Vanlerberghe earned the All League players award, while senior Laura Ososkie and junior Meghann Devlin came away with the Honorable Mention All League award. —Chris Carr, Beth Lund

And for the Rams...

Taking the floor in a home game against Waverly is junior Jill Newberry amid teammates and Coach Doug Harkema. Climbing their way up the CAC ranks the team split with Waverly 56-35 and 44-47 to end third in the conference.

The Ball Is your Friend

During a home game with arch rival Grand Ledge, sophomore point guard Stephanie Smiley receives a pass from senior Meghann Devlin. The game resulted in a loss for Holt, but both girls went on to earn All-CAC honors.





Get Inside

Going up for the shot against Grand Ledge is junior center Meghann Devlin. Her effort wasn't enough to secure the win as the Comets squeaked by 56-53. Meghann recieved an Honorable Mention All League award.

Preparing for Battle

Getting taped before the Waverly game at the Junior High is senior Jenny Johnson, while Coach Doug Harkema observes. Jenny injured her ankle coming down after a jump shot during practice.

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—Senior Lindsay Patterson

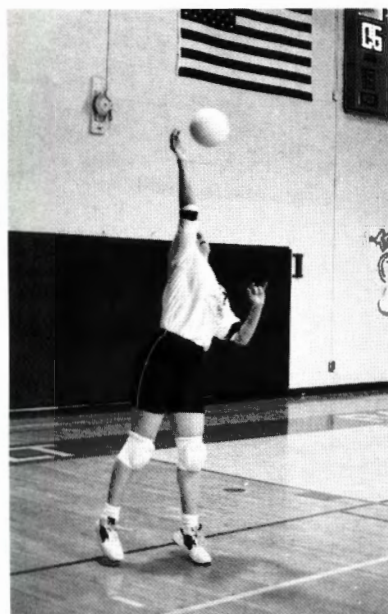
Varsity Volleyball Team

Top Row: Coach P. Badders, A. Boss, K. Deetz, N. Arroz, M. Devlin, J. Mayercak, E. Wenglekowski.
Bottom Row: L. Patterson, W. Wireman, T. Benson, L. Hartman, J. Newberry, J. Hayslette.



Volleyball Team Drops to Fifth Place in

Reverse of Fortune



Ace Serve

Serving up the ball in their game against Sexton is senior Lindsay Patterson. She revealed "I enjoyed playing against Sexton because I played AAU with some of their team members." Sexton went on to win two sets and lose one.

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team began the 1995-1996 season very hopeful. Countless hours were spent in the gym serving, bumping setting, spiking, and running laps. After practicing for several weeks, 13 enthusiastic girls were ready for the games to begin.

Their first one against Everett came out victorious, with scores of 15-7 and 15-9. The following week they added a close win over Waverly, losing the first set 9-15, but coming back to win the next two 17-15 and 15-6. "After the first two games, our coach informed us that we had played extremely well and that we had a really strong team. We were looking forward to a Capital Area Conference championship," stated junior Jackie Mayercak.

Unfortunately, weaknesses in serving and lack of aggressiveness soon became problematic. They plagued the girls throughout the remainder of the season, leading them to a disappointing 10-19-3 record and a fifth place rank in the CAC. "We were really disappointed in our record and rank. There was a great deal of talent this year, and we had great communication on the court. Unfortunately, there were a lot of times when we just let other things get in the way of winning," admitted senior Lindsay Patterson.

One of the highlights of the season included a hard fought battle against Sexton. After winning the first set by a close score of 16-14, Holt lost the next two sets, 12-15, 10-15. "Even though we ended up losing, the match was probably our best. Both teams played well and every point was important. It was a very exciting game," reported senior Jamie Hayslette.

Another highlight was the unexpected friendships and strong team unity, which kept spirits high throughout the rough season. Junior

Erin Wenglekowski revealed, "This season I felt closer to everyone. We were all great friends, and there was constant support from everyone, even the bench."

Two seniors on the team, Patterson and Hayslette, along with junior Meghann Devlin received post season honors earning All-CAC Honorable Mention awards. Wenglekowski concluded, "This season went by very fast! No one could believe it was already over."

—Kelly Krause



Good Game... Team members Lindsay Patterson, Jamie Hayslette, Erin Wenglekowski, Jami Grant, Wendy Wireman, Jaclyn Mayercak, and Lisa Hartman, congratulate Sexton on their win.



Glory BOARD

Varsity Volleyball

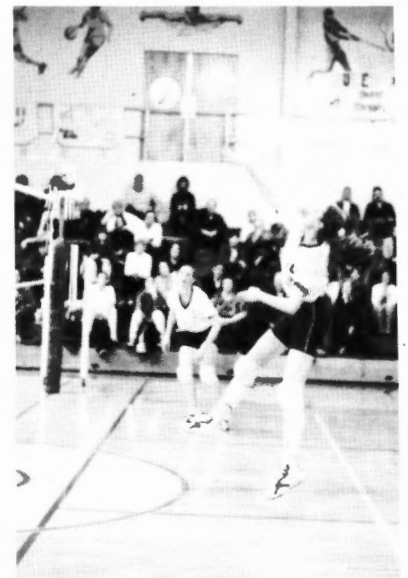
10 wins, 19 losses, 3 ties

Lakewood	4-15, 2-15
Albion	15-12, 15-1
Lumen Christi	4-15, 11-15
Everett	15-7, 15-9
	15-6, 11-15, 13-15
	6-15, 15-9, 16-14
Waverly	9-15, 17-15, 15-6
	15-11, 15-11
St. Johns	9-15, 7-15
Charlotte	16-14, 0-15, 3-15
Eastern	15-5, 13-15, 5-15
Jackson High	8-15, 15-7
	10-15, 6-15, 8-15, 12-15
Okemos	6-15, 15-12
Jackson NW	9-15, 4-15
East Lansing	13-15, 7-15
Arthur Hill	15-4, 15-3
Corunna	15-12, 15-8
Sexton	16-14, 12-15, 10-15
	7-15, 10-15
Grand Ledge	11-15, 13-15
CAC	5th

All-CAC

Honorable Mention

Meghann Devlin
Jaime Hayslette
Lindsay Patterson



Bump, Set, SPIKE!

Picking up a setup from teammate Tricia Benson in a home game against Sexton, Meghann Devlin spikes the ball over the net. The Rams won one match and lost two to Sexton. Megahann earned All-CAC Honorable Mention at the close of the season.

I've got It... As juniors Meghann Devlin and Erin Wenglekowski keep their eyes on the ball, senior Jaime Hayslette attempts to bump it over. The Varsity team went on to beat Everett 15-4 and 15-2. Jaime received an All Area Honorable Mention.

"We were a good team and could easily run plays and score points off opponents, but only when we were playing as a team. It was an okay season."

—Sophomore Emily Argue
JV Basketball Team

Glory BOARD

JV Basketball

9 wins, 11 losses

Sexton	67-36, 55-56
	47-59
Eaton Rapids	60-44
Mason	65-48
Jackson	50-32, 63-26
East Lansing	42-52, 35-47
St. Johns	42-66
Everett	54-31, 51-28
Grand Ledge	44-48, 50-60
Eastern	54-51, 64-26
Waverly	44-53, 50-64
Jackson NW	48-67
Okemos	49-57

JV Volleyball

35 wins, 27 losses

Lumen Christi	11-15, 1-15
Everett	15-3, 15-3
	13-15, 11-15
Waverly	9-15, 9-15
	13-15, 15-7, 5-15
Eastern	15-12, 17-15
East Lansing	16-14, 7-15
	15-12
Jackson	15-4, 14-16, 15-2
Sexton	15-5, 15-9
Grand Ledge	8-15, 10-15
CAC	3rd

"In the beginning of the season, we kept to ourselves. But as the season went on, we got our spirit and learned to play as a team."

—Sophomore Becky Corr
JV Volleyball Team

JV's Season Takes a

Bumpy Ride

Ending their season with a 9-11 record, the Girls' JV Basketball team concluded they didn't have the greatest year. Several factors accounted for the losing season including inexperienced players, injuries, and a reported lack of team unity at times. As sophomore center and guard Emily Argue put it, "We were a good team and could easily run plays and score points, but only when we were playing as a team. It was an okay season."

Difficulties were met up front. "We lost a bunch of our better players to injuries," stated sophomore point guard Colleen Conway. The team had to overcome the injury obstacle, ending up with only eight players by the end of the season. "We had to adjust the play when people such as forward Katie Skoczylas couldn't play," Conway added.

Despite the difficulties, the season did have its highlights. "During

our second game against Eastern, we really came out and turned it on. We played really well and ended up beating them 64-26," Colleen noted. Emily also credited the victory to team spirit, saying, "We pulled together as a team during the Eastern game. When we had spirit, we would always start winning."

Another asset to the team were the freshmen. Both Danyelle Smythe and Meredith Schram were recognized by teammates as being good additions that helped them pull off their nine victories.

Taking 3rd in the CACs, as well as ending up with a 5-2 season, members of the JV Volleyball team were satisfied with their season. Although the team started out with several new players, including three freshman, they managed to play together to achieve victory. "The coach picked a team that the players didn't really expect, and cut a lot of the girls that we thought were going to

make the team for sure," said sophomore Keisha Vowles. "We were able to play well, however, because we had talented players who were able to contribute to the team."

Of course, there were some players who stood out for certain reasons. Sophomore Becky Corr stated, "Meredith Schram had the best front row ability, while Jenny Savage was a great server and setter. Colleen Conway was a good all-around player. She could play well in any position. And Jessica Heeg was our cheerleader. She was funny and always kept our spirits up."

Like the JV Basketball team, the Volleyball team was victorious due in part to teamwork and a lot of spirit. Corr observed, "In the beginning of the season, we kept to ourselves. But as the season went on, we got our spirit and learned to play as a team."

—Andrea Alburtt



JV Basketball Team

Top Row: A. Lantagne, A. Roberts, M. Shram, E. Argue, J. Johnson, K. Skoczylas, Coach B. Simmons. **Bottom Row:** A. Shippey, C. Conway, K. Rennirt, D. Smythe, D. Jory.

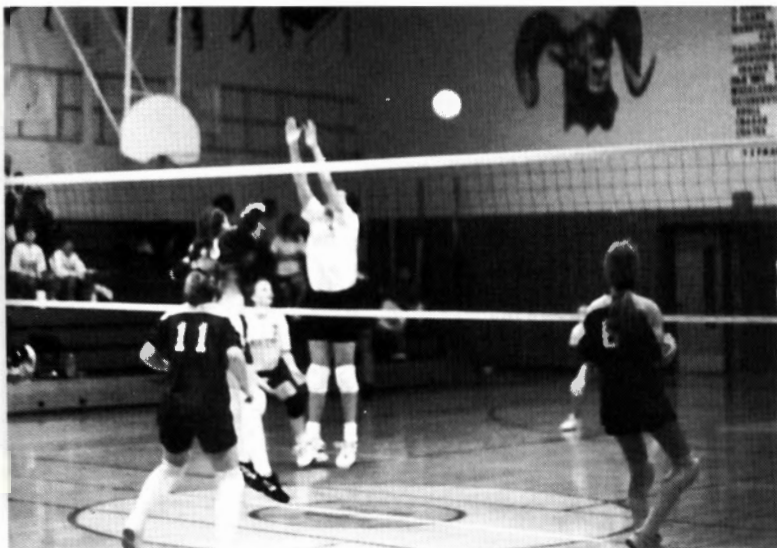


We've got spirit

Cheering after nailing an ace serve against Sexton are team members Kylie Reich, Keisha Vowles, Meredith Schram, Jenny Savage and Melissa Maksimowicz. Melissa recalled, "We were really pumped and kept each other's spirits up during games."

Jump Shot

Putting up a jump shot is freshman Danyelle Smythe, while sophomore Meredith Schram sets the pick. The Rams were defeated by Grand Lodge early in the season, 44-48



'Killer' Spike

Spiking one past her Sexton opponent is Meredith a.k.a. "Killer" Schram during a home game for the score. Her spiking helped them net a winning set against Sexton and 5-2 CAC record.



JV Volleyball Team

Top Row: A. Holm, Coach Buysse, J. Galambos, D. Boss, M. Schram, J. Heeg, K. Vowels, A. Lantagne. **Row 2:** J. Savage, C. Conway, M. Maksimowicz, K. Reich, B. Corr, A. Shippy, S. Lyons. **Bottom Row:** J. McCabe, L. Cook, E. Carslake.

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Boys' Varsity Soccer

6 wins, 12 losses, 1 tie

B.C. Lakeview	1-3
Mt. Pleasant	1-1
Eastern	1-0
Grand Ledge	1-2, 2-3
St. Johns	1-3
Waverly	1-6
Sexton	1-0
East Lansing	1-7, 0-3
Jackson	1-2
Everett	1-0
Charlotte	6-0
Jackson (Playoff)	4-1
Jackson Western	1-2
B.C. Harper Creek	2-0
Flint Carmen	0-4
Hartland	0-3
CAC	4th

All-CAC First Team

John Gilreath

All-CAC Second Team

Colin Janetzke

Honorable Mention

Dana Jackson Jason Gauna

Sam Smith

MHSSCA: All-Regional Team

First Team John Gilreath, Region #4

All-State Honorable Mention

John Gilreath

German Talent

Slapping hands with his teammates is German Exchange student Kai Barsties. Kai helped the team as a center defenseman and scored the game winning goal against Everett.



Varsity Soccer Team

Top Row: M. Snyder, B. Kamm, D. Novak, B. Delaney, N. Leibler, M. Savage, K. Barsties, B. Wahl, Coach D. Hornak. **Row 2:** Coach H. Rojas, T. Evenson, B. Ranshaw, N. Baxter, S. Parker, T. Pipkins, B. Hill, C. Janetzke, A. Snyder, J. DeWitt, Coach Carter. **Bottom Row:** Mgr. Dalton, R. Cullimore, J. Gauna, J. Gilreath, J. Gilroy, S. Cullimore, S. Smith, Mgr. K. Kamm. **Foreground:** D. Jackson.



Nowhere to Roam

Looking for an opening in a match against Sexton is junior T.J. Pipkins. T.J. played midfield and was in charge of taking all of the free kicks for the team.



"We all knew we had good players and thought we were going to be a good team. When we played spring soccer we only lost once and won the championship so we expected to do that this fall. A lot of the guys weren't used to losing. In the end, we all knew we had to contribute and play as a team and not as individuals in order to have done better."

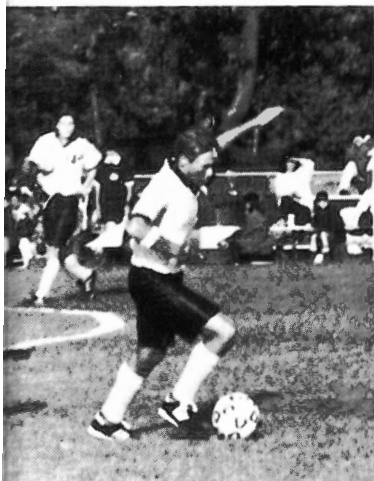
—Senior Sam Smith

Holt was known as the Ramblers until 1960, when the name was changed to the Rams.

Injuries, Lack of Unity Calls for

Fast Feet

Carrying the ball down the field is sophomore Nick Baxter. Nick played midfield and was the second highest scorer on the team.



Teamwork

"Mark up!" was heard at the beginning of each game. It was the cry from Coach Henry Rojas for the team to position themselves on the field. But the Boys' Varsity Soccer team had a tough time positioning themselves on the scoreboard. They finished fourth in the Capital Area Conference, with a record of 4-6 and a season record of 6-12-1. "We all knew we had good players and thought we were going to be a good team. When we played spring soccer we only lost once and won the championship, so we expected to do that this fall. A lot of the guys weren't used to losing. In the end, we all knew we had to contribute and play as a team and not as individuals in order to have done better," explained senior Sam Smith.

Their conference wins came against Eastern, Everett, Sexton and Jackson. Identifying their strengths, junior Colin Janetzke explained, "Our team had a good defense, a lot of hustle and team heart." Junior Blake Ranshaw added, "We had skilled players with the abilities of speed and ball handling."

Yet, accomplishing a sense of team unity was a difficult obstacle the entire team faced. "Playing team soccer was a big problem this year," recalled junior Jason Gauna. "Instead of playing a passing game, everyone seemed to be out there to score for themselves. It was frustrating to me because we had a good team with a lot of potential."

Individual players prevailed with John Gilreath earning All-CAC and All-Regional First Team honors, and an All-State Honorable Mention. Janetzke was chosen for All-CAC Second Team, and seniors Dana Jackson and Sam Smith and junior Jason Gauna earned All-CAC Honorable Mention.

Injuries also seemed to plague the squad from the beginning. The team received their first blow in the first game versus Jackson when center-midfielder John Gilreath col-

lided with the Jackson goalie after breaking for a pass toward the far post. Gilreath went down and broke a bone in his right ankle which put him out for the rest of the season. "It was hard to lose a player of his caliber in a critical position that plays both offense and defense," said Coach Rojas. Other key player injuries came later in the season to Colin Janetzke and Jason Gauna.

But there were moments that stood out when things went well. "Our second match with Jackson was probably the most memorable game," reflected sophomore MVP Colin Janetzke. "In our first game of the season, they beat us 1-2. When the second game came around, the whole team was fired up and ready to return the favor. Everyone had their head in the game and played as a team. We ended up beating them 4-2."

An addition to the coaching staff also brought hope to the tough year. Doug Carter served his first year as Assistant Coach to the team. Senior Sam Smith concluded, "Everyone got along with Doug really well. I enjoyed playing for him and I thought that he added a lot to our season."

—Julie Smith

It Takes Skill

Passing the ball to Nick Baxter is senior Nik Leible. Nik was a goalie and also left defenseman for the team, scoring the only goal against East Lansing.

"It felt incredible to dominate every event at the CAC meet. We were untouchable. We accomplished something no other team has, scoring a first in every event and the most points ever at CAC's."

—Senior Keri Bowen

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Girls' Varsity Swimming

8 wins, 2 losses

St Johns	132-54
Everett	134-52
AAH	52-129
Eastern	110-69
Grand Ledge	117-68
Waverly	117-69
Okemos	79-107
Sexton	107.5-72.5
Jackson	114-56
East Lansing	108-78
CAC	1st
State	13th

All-Area

Errin Bonner Keri Bowen
Melissa Brown
Amanda Craft
Rachael Haley
Lisa Hartman
Jackie Mayercak
Niki Mayercak
Valerie Mickle Julie Nourse
Courtney Parker
Sara Pohlonski
Nicole Roeske Leah Wawro

Lady Rams Prove To Be

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y, VICTORY, VICTORY was definitely their cry. As the smell of chlorine drifted through the pool area you knew you were at a swim meet. The wild cheers from teams aroused a sense of competition. For the first time in Capital Area Conference history, the Lady Rams placed first in every event to pull off a second to none victory of 427 points to East Lansing's score of 304. Falling behind with a score of 133 was Grand Ledge. Holt finished the season with a CAC record of 7-0, an overall record of 8-2, and the Conference Championship.

Sophomore Errin Bonner and juniors Lisa Hartman, Sara Pohlonski, and Jackie Mayercak started out the meet by winning the 200 medley relay. Senior Keri Bowen proceeded to win the 200 Free style with a time of 2:02.4, and Jackie Mayercak won the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:21.21. Sara Pohlonski

Varsity Swm Team

Top Row: R. Pohlonski, A. Shepler, V. Mickle, K. Bowen, R. Haley, J. Mayercak, L. Hartman, S. Pohlonski. **Row 2:** A. Fenby, K. Stambaugh, L. Brunsting, L. Wawro, H. Cherniawski, J. Norris, Coach C. Cottom. **Row 3:** Coach B. Pohlonski, L. Russell, E. Bonner, A. Veltema, A. Shock, W. Hoagland, K. Carter Coach S. Donegan. **Row 4:** K. Brydges, R. Barker, M. Brown, C. Parker, J. Smith, N. Roeske, N. David. **Row 5:** L. Smieska, B. Chailman, L. Miller, B. Soad, A. Craft, K. Trimmer, M. Myers. **Foreground:** E. Rapp, N. Mayercak.

Candid Camera

While Assistant Coach Brent Pohlonski films the Diving team's video, Lisa Hartman, Valerie Mickle, Keri Bowen, and Sara Pohlonski goof off for the camera during practice.

Untouchable at CAC's

astounded fans with a win in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 1:00.57 and the 500 Free Style with a time of 5:32.84. Errin Bonner set a school record and a state qualifying time by winning the 100 Breaststroke in 1:10.63.

Sophomore Whitney Hoagland recalled, "A highlight of the meet was when Melissa Brown and Nikki Mayercak tied for second place in the 50 Free style with a time of 26.18." Bowen added, "It was the most exciting meet I've ever been to. Positive energy was in the air. It felt incredible to dominate every event at the CAC meet. We were untouchable. We accomplished something no other team has, scoring a first in every event and the most points ever at CAC's."

Junior Julie Nourse made the All-American Team and devoured first place with a score of 413 points. Sophomore Nicole Roeske placed third and senior Rachael Haley ranked fourth. Freshman Kelly Trimmer took seventh after hitting her feet on the board in pre-lims on Friday. Evaluating their success, Rachael stated, "Being strong, confident, and working as a team con-

tributed to our win."

The team had a great support system consisting of not only coaches, but also family and friends. The girls did many things together to create a strong sense of team unity. "It was great," said Katie Stambaugh, "it was as if we were one huge family." No sport season would be complete however, without the annual banquet and awards. Freshmen Amanda Craft and Emily Rapp earned Most Improved awards. The Coach's awards went to Keri Bowen and Valerie Mickle and the Most Valuable Players were Lisa Hartman and Sara Pohlonski.

For the past four years, the Girls' Swim Team has claimed the CAC title and this year was no different. Again, the crowning moment for the team was their performance at CAC's and the memories they shared. As the meet came to a close and all the coach's were thrown in, all the pictures were taken and all the fan's had left, silence rang through the natatorium, and in Keri Bowen's words, "It was a perfect end to a perfect season."

—Amy Shepler



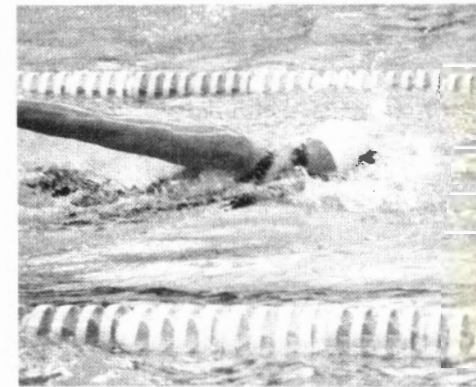
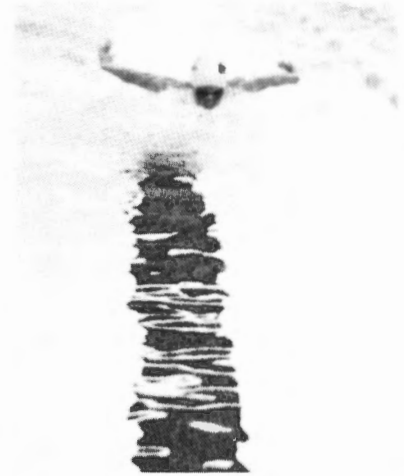
Go Rams!

Cheering on a winning race are sophomores Whitney Hoagland, Courtney Parker, and Nicki David and junior Lisa Hartman. Nicki commented, "For a rookie swimmer this year, Whitney learned quick and did a nice job." Whitney added, "Swimming was a big change for me having switched from diving half way through the year."



Fish In Water

Junior Sarah Pohlonski strives to do her best in the Medley Relay against the Big Reds, while Jackie Mayercak swims the 500 Freestyle. The Rams defeated Sexton, 107.5 to 72.5.



Point Those Toes

Doing a back dive pike against Grand Ledge is senior Rachael Haley. Rachael placed fourth in the CAC meet at East Lansing.

Glory BOARD

Girls' Cross Country

9 wins, 0 losses

Grand Ledge	22-35
Eastern	16-47
East Lansing	21-35
Waverly	15-50
St. Johns	15-43
Mason	17-42
Everett	15-50
Sexton	17-46
Jackson	20-40
CAC	1st
Regionals	4th

All-CAC First Team

Regional Medalists

Laura Harger Jami Grant
Erin Younglove

All-CAC Second Team

Erin Freeman



King of the Hill

Tackling the last hill at Valhala is senior Chris Gafner. Chris recalled, "The best race of my life was this season when I took fifth at the CAC meet."

Glory BOARD

Boys' Cross Country

7 wins, 0 losses

Grand Ledge	27-28, 15-50
East Lansing	18-43
Waverly	15-50
Everett	15-50
Sexton	17-46
Jackson	27-31
CAC	2nd
Regionals	3rd
State Meet	23rd

Girl's Cross Country Team

Top Row: Coach D. Foy, J. Grant, E. Younglove, T. Acker, E. Freeman, K. Horstman, A. Hettinger. **Bottom Row:** A. Clark, J. Dunham, A. Kenney, B. Johnson, K. Hemenway, E. Nelson, C. Longberry, K. Wilkerson. **Foreground:** L. Harger, A. Freeman.

Two of a Kind

Running against Grand Ledge in a dual meet at Valhala is senior Laura Harger and junior Jami Grant. Laura was 5th place Regional Medalist and Jami was 15th place Regional Medalist. Laura set the school record with a time of 18:28.



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—Coach Jerry Gillett

Cross Country Teams Go the

Extra Mile

The Girl's Cross Country team, led by Coach Dave Foy brought home the conference gold winning the CAC Championship with their 7-0 record. They started the season with two invitationals, taking fourth at Bath and second at Olivet.

The first dual meet was at Grand Ledge, where Holt won 35-22. This was the first win in a series of nine that added up to the team's third consecutive undefeated season. Holt captured first

place at every dual meet, and three times the team managed to bring home all five of the top positions. Add that to the fact that the school record was broken twice, first by Jami Grant with a time of 18:45 and then again by Laura Harger with a time of 18:28, and it becomes clear how dominant the team was during the season.

At CAC's, Harger took first, Grant sixth, and Erin Younglove seventh, all earning First team CAC honors. Erin Freeman finished 13th and received Second Team CAC honors. After finishing first place in the conference, they went on to a fourth place overall at Regional competition.

The Boys' team started out with two second place finishes at the Bath and Olivet Invitationals. They went on to an undefeated season in each dual meet. The leader for the team was senior Jake Fortuna, who took first place in every CAC meet and set a school record of 15:24 at the Grand Ledge Invitational. Other strong runners for the team were senior Jeff Jewett and sophomore Doug Harger, both consistently finishing in the top five.

Despite the undefeated season, the team took second at CAC's with Fortuna finishing first, senior Chris Gafner at fifth, and Jewett coming in seventh. Coach Jerry Gillett explained why the team had to settle

for the second spot. "The dual meets count for one third of the CAC competition and the actual CAC race counts for two thirds. That's how we could go 7 and 0 in the regular season, lose the CAC meet by a couple of points, and end up second overall. It was so close."

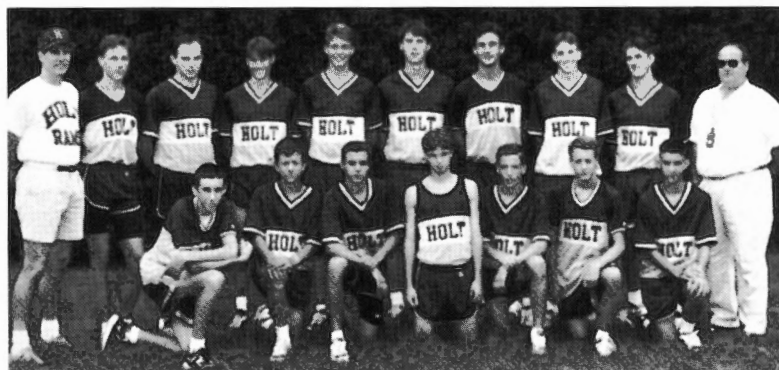
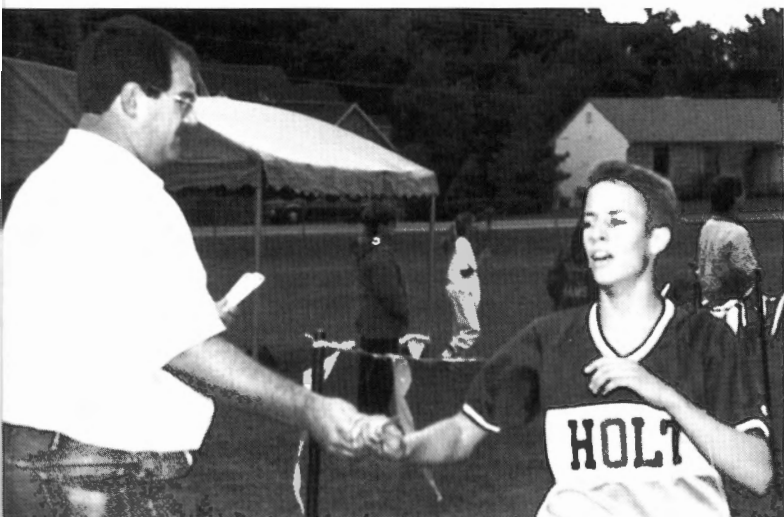
The team went on to Regional and State competitions where Fortuna had the strongest performance, finishing 2nd and 20th respectively.

Both teams had strong senior runners who went the extra mile and provided confident leadership to teammates.

—Aaron Kerr

Get a Grip

Sophomore Ted Spencer finishes his 3.1 mile run competing against Grand Ledge. He commented, "It was a really tough season for me, but I ran better than last year."



Boy's Cross Country Team

Top Row: Coach Campbell, C. Montie, B. Hemenway, J. Fortuna, M. Shunn, M. Bechler, J. Jewett, C. Gafner, J. Dutcher, Coach J. Gillett **Bottom Row:** D. Harger, T. Wade, B. Hannasch, A. Potter, R. Eding, T. Spencer, T. Spitz

Glory BOARD

Girls' Varsity Tennis

8 wins, 4 losses

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

All-CAC

Kasey Shoemaker
Lia Gaumer

Glory BOARD

Girls' JV Tennis

5 wins, 3 losses

St. Johns	5-2
DeWitt	6-1, 10-6
East Lansing	0-7
Okemos	3-4
Mason	5-2
East Lansing	0-7
Jackson	5-2

Girl's JV Tennis

Top Row: Coach P. Kressler, L. Harris, J. Stuby, E. Viele, J. Heeg, M. Kelly, N. Brady, M. Scates, S. Cory. **Row 2:** L. Martin, C. Henriksen, L. Barnes, R. Troisi, J. Hedrick, A. Young, S. Mapes, C. Cullimore. **Bottom Row:** J. Warneck, A. Grondin, M. Foster, J. Swan, L. Cook, B. Corr, S. McClane, A. Cumbow

Varsity, JV Tennis Teams

Back to school, back to tennis. The fall tennis season brought new players, a clean record, and scalding hot temperatures. "The first week of practice was so hot," recalled junior Tricia Benson. "It was unbearable to practice and play games. The racquet kept slipping out of our hands."

With 8 wins and 4 losses, all the hard work in the beginning, eventually paid off. Senior Kristin Block reflected, "I had to work hard to keep my position and eventually moved up. We had a lot of good players on the team and challenge matches went all through the season."

Holt's long awaited match with rival East Lansing easily proved to be the highlight of the season, as third doubles, freshman Kasey Shoemaker and junior Lia Gaumer fought hard to take the only first place finish. As the two went into the tiebreaker, the rest of the team gathered around to watch. Lia commented, "It felt great to win against a high ranked team. Especially when we beat them again during CAC's!"

In the beginning, the team had trouble finding doubles that played well together. As the season progressed, and many challenge matches later, new combinations proved to add strength to the team. Other

Beat the Heat

assets included a strong team unity and sense of humor. Recalled junior Christen Reasoner, "Coach Somers was constantly telling us to keep our hair out of our face. She suggested slicking it back with Vaseline or simply cutting it off with scissors. She ended up passing out tiny colored barretts before the start of each match."

Overall, the team finished with a tie for second in the CAC and a season dedicated to improvement. Earning CAC honors were third doubles players, Shoemaker and Gaumer.

Likewise, the JV team had as its goal improved playing. "We met our expectations this year. Everybody played well and had fun and that's what counts," stated singles player Megan Foster. With five wins against St. Johns, Mason, Jackson and DeWitt twice, the team walked away from their 5-3 season with satisfaction. The most difficult games gave a sense of pride to the team.

"The most unique match of the season was against Okemos. We lost overall but a few players beat Okemos and that rarely ever happens," noted sophomore doubles player Eliina Viele. The match was a tense game with Holt only trailing 3-4 at the end of the tournament. "We

played our best against them," noted doubles player Jamie Hedrick. "Everybody worked hard and made a lot of improvement."

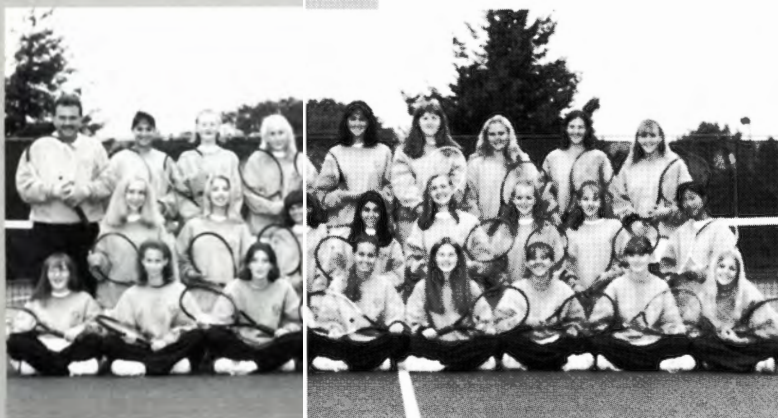
Growth was a definite theme for the season as sophomore Sonya McClane stated, "Due to extra practice, I improved my serve and worked harder to be a good team member." The team improved everything from backhands to behavior. "Player rivalry is often present in a team and it's hard to overcome, but we worked at being supportive," recalled Kelly. According to Coach Pete Kressler, "The girls learned to have fun and play with respect for each other."

On every team there are those who stand out for their effort and heart. That person on the JV team was Jessica Swan. "Jessica could be counted on. She was always encouraging and helpful to the team," recalled Coach Kressler. Sophomore Rachel Troisi added, "She stood out as a team player and was always willing to help a friend."

—Chris Carr and Jenny Kidwell

Hit It Hard

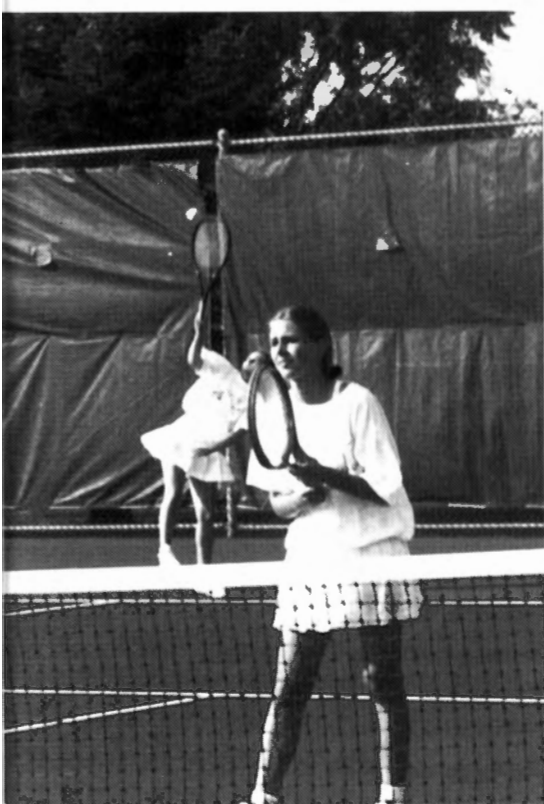
Powering a serve to her Jackson opponent on home turf is junior Emily Sutliff. "This year my serve turned out to be the best part of my game. I had worked on it all winter and it finally paid off."



Get It Straight

Coach Pat Somers confers with Mason's Coach during a home match. Holt lost to Mason, but finished with an 8-4 season record.





Get Prepared

Awaiting a return at the Holt Invitational where she played first doubles with senior Kelly Krause is senior Allison Warren. "At the home invitational, a lot of good teams played, and Kelly and I struggled to take third place. It was our first time playing together," Allison explained.

Girls' Varsity Tennis

Top Row: Coach P. Somers, E. Sutliff, B. Lund, A. Warren, L. Patterson, S. Somers, K. Block, C. Carr, C. Reasoner, Coach Douglas. **Row 2:** K. Wardwell, S. Heathman, T. Benson, K. Deetz, K. Shoemaker, E. Tepastte, K. Wilcox, J. Allen, L. Gaumer. **Bottom Row:** M. Theisen, S. Cribley, K. Harry, B. Martin, A. Taylor, K. Krause.

Glory BOARD

Boys' Varsity Basketball 6 wins, 15 losses

Mason	63-60
St. Johns	58-78
Jackson	46-77, 69-58
Okemos	68-81, 54-76
East Lansing	50-65, 66-77
Everett	51-82, 49-66
Grand Ledge	55-40, 61-51
Sexton	75-102, 68-91
LCC	76-63
Eastern	58-71, 62-68
Waverly	58-90, 70-89
Eaton Rapids	67-43
CAC	7th

All-CAC First Team Matt Vandlen

All-CAC Honorable Mention Paul Anderson Matt Cooper

Eye Contact

From the sidelines, Head Coach Bruce Lerner barks at his troops before taking the floor against Waverly. The team was ranked 7th in the CAC.

Air Cooper

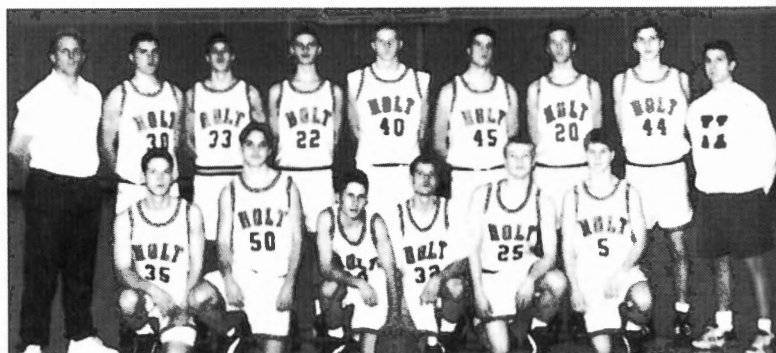
In the game against Waverly junior forward Matt Cooper is up for two. The Waverly game was senior night, but the juniors found time to take some shots.

Varsity Basketball Team

Top Row: Coach B. Lerner, M. Cooper, C. Sherry, M. Laur, J. Barrett, M. Tompkins, M. Cooper, M. Vandlen, Coach Essell **Bottom Row:** T. Wulff, P. Anderson, B. Myers, D. Alward, K. Wyble, K. Doerr

The Easy Way

Finishing a fast break is senior point guard Ben Myers. The Rams fought tough against league leader Waverly, but fell short for their 11th conference loss.



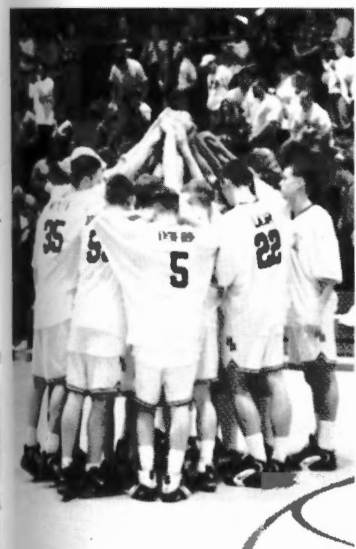


"We all learned how to get through the rough times in life. The year was presented with many problems among teammates all season long."

—Senior Paul Anderson

Varsity Basketball Team Can't Get It

Together



The Varsity Basketball team entered the season with high expectations of running and gunning through the conference. But after an opening home win against Mason, the Rams lost their next five games and reassessment was due. After regrouping, Holt then won three of their next six games including a crushing defeat of Grand Ledge by a score of 55-40. It was followed up by a blowout in which the team gave up 107 points to Sexton. All senior guard Dustin Alward could say about the embarrassing loss was, "We just played terrible. No one came ready to play."

One of the team's biggest problems was their lack of a star player, a go-to guy in pressure situations.

Senior Matt Vandlen was the most consistent player on the team, while seniors Ben Myers and Paul Anderson contributed offensively. Holt got some scoring help from sophomore Mike Laur and junior Matt Cooper. Each had big games throughout the season. The team also had many problems defensively, but defensive specialist Dustin Alward wasn't one of them. Alward sparked the team with his intensity and defensive energy. But with all the talent they had, they had trouble putting it together in big games.

The team lost six of their last seven games; the one win completed the season sweep of Grand Ledge. That particular win felt great for senior forward Chris Sherry. He commented, "I knew that they badly wanted to beat us. They hadn't beaten us in a major sport all year and they still haven't." The six losses came to Eastern, Sexton, Everett, Waverly, Okemos, and East Lansing.

The Rams showed potential, hanging in many close games, but they had problems finishing them. One of these games was the regular season finale—senior night at home against Waverly. The Rams started off spotting the Warriors a double-digit lead in the first quarter. They began a comeback in the second quarter and continued after halftime, taking the lead. Holt remained close until Waverly got a big run late and put it away.

Games like these gave the team hope thinking that they might be able to turn it around in districts. They drew Mason, playing at Battle Creek Central. Mason had been playing well, but since Holt had already defeated them in the season opener, they had hope. The Rams jumped ahead of Mason, leading until the middle of the second half, when the Bulldogs tied-up the game. Mason went on a 10-2 run midway through the fourth quarter and put the game out of hand. Senior Matt Vandlen, disappointed with the loss, lamented, "I thought we'd beat Mason. I thought we'd at least make it to district finals, but..." The final score was 66-58 ending the team's season 6-15 and 7th in the CAC.

Even though the team's record was disappointing, there were some lessons. Senior guard Paul Anderson concluded, "We all learned how to get through the rough times in life. The year was presented with many problems among teammates all season long." Senior Matt Vandlen made All-CAC First Team while Paul Anderson and Matt Cooper made Honorable Mention. And according to teammates, Dustin Alward was one of the league's top defenders. All of the members of the team agreed that the season was a disappointment. They felt that they had a lot of talent and should have done better, but for some reason they didn't.

—Andy Merchant



Ready to Roll

Bringing it in is the Varsity Basketball team. The Rams had a hard time getting wins, but they attempted to keep games close.

Breaking Through

Leading the team on the floor is senior Paul Anderson. Despite senior night, the Rams fell short against CAC Champs Waverly.

"The team was a group of hard-working, spirited young men. Although their record was only 1-19, they did improve as the season wore on. They lost some close games at the end of the season and they continued to practice and play hard."

— Coach Dave Foy

Glory BOARD

Boys' JV Basketball

1 win, 19 losses

Mason	47-58
St. Johns	62-79
Jackson	29-33, 49-57
Okemos	40-71, 43-78
East Lansing	49-67, 46-66
Everett	27-65, 44-53
Grand Ledge	40-59, 36-59
Sexton	38-47, 41-45
LCC	51-64
Eastern	46-73, 45-54
Waverly	52-76, 58-74
Eaton Rapids	55-44
CAC	8th

Wrestling Highs to Basketball Lows

The season was a learning experience for the Boys' JV Basketball team. The most important thing they learned was that losing was not fun. With more weaknesses than strengths, the Rams were able to post only one victory over the course of the season. The single victory came over a weak Eaton Rapids team. Sophomores Ben Wahl, Charlie Hayes and Dan Harmon led an inconsistent offense for the Rams.

JV Basketball Team

Top Row: Coach D. Foy, C. Alana, M. Morden, D. Nutzmann, M. Herwaldt, D. Harmon, B. Wahl, N. Baxter. **Bottom Row:** T. Spencer, M. Maxey, T. Thielen, T. Snyder, C. Adams, B. Gilbert.

Attic to Basement

The team had trouble stopping the quicker big men. They had problems in transition defense, rebounding and scoring inside without Mike Laur, who played Varsity, and Brock Smith who moved to Indiana. The biggest challenge for most of the players was going to play every day and trying to keep a winning attitude in spite of the scoreboard. People found it easy to blame the coaches, but the players seemed to lack intensity and hustle at times. Sophomore Casey Adams pointed out, "The team could have been a lot better with more effort in practice as well as in games. We just didn't have the killer instinct it takes."

Casey was the emotional leader on the team, leading in foul-outs. He

felt that they probably would have been 10-10 with Laur and Smith in the game.

A lot of the players looked forward to rebuilding a Varsity team that would lose most of its key players. One of the players summed up the team's problems in four words: "We had no heart." Whether the problem was in desire, coaching, or general lack of talent, they were honest in recognizing they didn't have anywhere to go but up.

Coach Dave Foy, however, did not want his players to be remembered by the scoreboard. He saw a brighter side. "The team was a group of hard working, spirited young men. Although their record was only 1-19, they did improve as the season wore on. They lost some close games at the end of the season and they continued to practice and play hard."

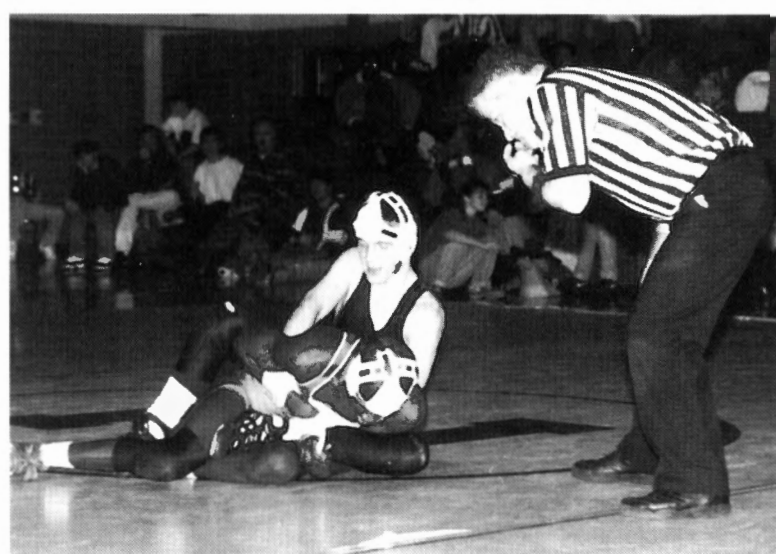
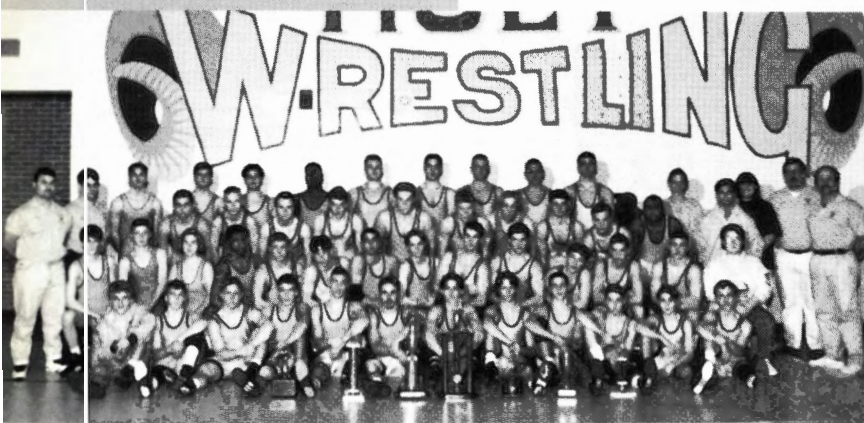
—Andy Merchant

Wrestling Team

Top Row: Coach Dyer, Coach Felice, R. Knott, J. Morrow, J. Kolonich, C. Ford, S. Robedeau, A. Redman, B. Canen, B. Kendrick, J. Cornelius, Mgrs: J. Palmer, A. Schutte, Coach R. Shaft. **Row 2:** J. Mowers, J. Ferry, T. Shaver, R. Wilcox, M. Taylor, T. Welsh, T. Hayes, G. Sharp, B. Cooper, W. Moore, W. Long. **Row 3:** Reinke, D. Ross, A. Clark, K. Day, C. Johnson, J. Bowles, J. Lenon, S. Malone, R. Czubak, C. Mead, S. Criddle, J. Whalen, J. Durfee, Mgr. Shaft. **Bottom Row:** D. Lamb, G. Parrott, J. Forquer, R. Eding, R. Clark, T. Shaver, G. Williams, G. Ranshaw, B. Hannasch, B. Archabault, J. Kassler, E. McGowan.

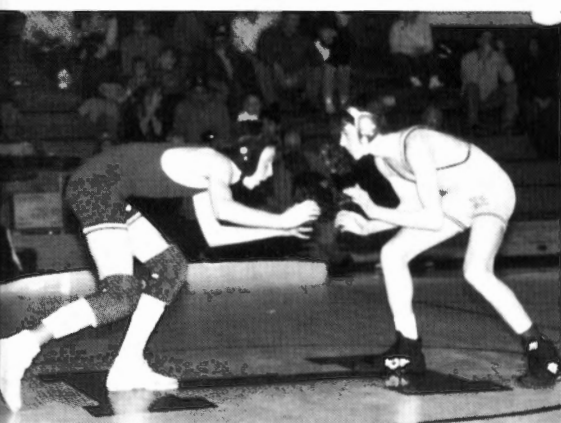
Wrapped Up

JV wrestler Greg Parrott takes hold of the situation at the meet against Sexton. The Rams smashed the Big Reds 72-8.



The Red Hacker

Weighing his options, sophomore Casey Adams stares down his goggled defender. Charlie Hayes waits for a pass at the top of the key. The Rams lost their finale against the Waverly Warriors, 58-74.



Face Off

Facing his opponent in the meet against Sexton is JV team member Ben Archabault. It wasn't only the Varsity team that was the best in the state. According to junior Gary Williams, "Our JV team was the toughest in the state as well."



Coaches Corner

Discussing strategy with Dave Nutzmahn, Charlie Alana, Charlie Hayes, Ted Spencer, Casey Adams, Mike Moore, Ben Wahl, and Todd Snyder, is JV Basketball Coach Dave Foy. The JV Basketball team's season proved to be a learning experience, finishing their season with only one win.



Taking It to the Hole

Finishing the break is sophomore Mike Morden. The Warriors were too much for the Rams who were defeated 76-52.

#1 Fans

Holding up a hoop for the Varsity Basketball team are junior Elizabeth Perez and sophomore Missy Yemc. The squad spent many hours at practice creating the signs to support their team.



Winter Squad

Back Row: R. Zeiger, H. Ballard, L. Shippy,
Row 2: K. Eding, L. Gilreath, E. Perez
Row 3: M. Yemc, J. Yauch **Bottom Row:**
J. Loiacano

Pregame Spirit

Cheering on the 17,000 plus fans at the Silverdome in the State Championship game against Detroit Redford Catholic Central is the Varsity Cheerleading squad.



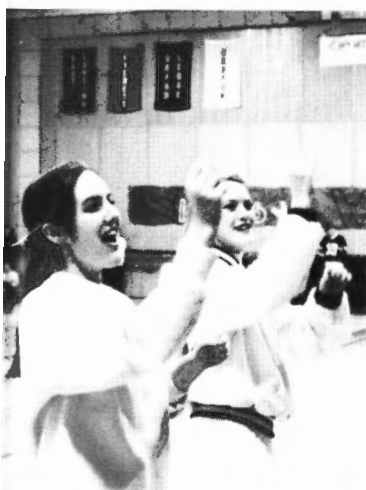


"Nothing was more memorable than cheering at the Dome, even though the crowd was yelling so loud, you couldn't hear us."

—Junior Kellie Clisch

Cheerleaders Stay Pumped Up Through

Long Season



The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders were not expecting to be on the football field for such a long time. Starting in late August with the game against Okemos, the girls did not finish until November leading fans against Bay City, Jenison, Monroe and Detroit Redford Catholic Central at the Silverdome. It definitely was worth it for the Varsity squad,

Glimmle a H-O-L-T

Gearing up the excitement are Varsity Cheerleaders Carrie Swan and Rhonda Newman. The pep assembly was held to raise school spirit for the football game at the Silverdome.

while the JV squad got a taste of the heights to which high school cheering could go.

The juniors and seniors were no longer veterans to the sport. They started all over with new coaches, Leanne Shippey and Rae Zieger who had a new way of handling things.

The Varsity squad approached the season as a reunion of old friends, while the JV buckled down to start a new season, learn new cheers, and prepare for a new crowd to watch. There was no time to sit around and gossip. They worked hard to meet

their coaches' expectations. "We had hard practices at first, because we had to cheer with a whole new style," said sophomore Shawna Lyons. Cheers were a bit more complicated from the average ones during Junior Rams. Arm movements took more time to perfect, and voice projection needed a lot of work for the new crowd.

Getting the new style, however, was easier than creating squad unity. "After we all got to know each other, we realized that the football season

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All smiles

Raising spirits at the pep assembly for the final football game at the Dome are the Varsity Cheerleaders. Their season was extended due to the football team's winning streak.

In Tune

Cheering during the basketball game halftime is the Varsity squad. Captain Kristina Eding noted, "We had spirit week before our competition. We did our hair weird and dressed up, it was a lot of fun."



Fall Squad

Top Row: J. Palmer, K. Clisch, E. Perez, K. Eding. **Row 2:** C. Swan, D. Ballard, Z. Beltran, R. Newman. **Bottom Row:** K. Beckner, J. Thomley, K. Vaive, J. Spock



Football Squad

Top Row: S. Coutier, J. Persico, M. Yenc, T. Pruitt, J. Yauch, E. Puruleski. **Bottom Row:** S. Lyons, L. Gilreath, J. Loiacano, H. Ballard, C. Swanson.



Basketball Squad

Top Row: Coach R. Zeiger, N. Zenker, A. Quick, Coach L. Shippy. **Row 2:** A. Hettinger, B. Clark, K. Horstman. **Bottom Row:** E. Puruleski, J. Persico.

Cheerleading Squads Conclude Seasons are

Worth the Effort

"Week after week we cheered. Then it was playoffs, and we were having our own practices without coaches to get things ready for the next game. It got hectic, but we didn't regret any of it"

—Senior Jennifer Palmer

wasn't going to run as smooth as we thought," said senior Rhonda Newman. The Varsity squad saw that they weren't going to be a big happy family right away, but they were going to have to work at it. "I didn't think we were going to accomplish very much, because we all disagreed on everything, but we learned to compromise and work together," explained senior Damarah Ballard.

The season started to pick up and the girls began to use the

Fire Up Rams!

Dancing in front of a roaring crowd, JV cheerleaders have fun as they fire up the crowd. "We work very hard at each practice, but it all pays off when we can perform for the fans," noted Missy Yemc.

winning season as a way to get things done. "The season kept getting longer and more arguments took place, but as soon as the lights turned on for a game, we all put our problems aside and got down to the business of cheering," stated, senior Carrie Swan.

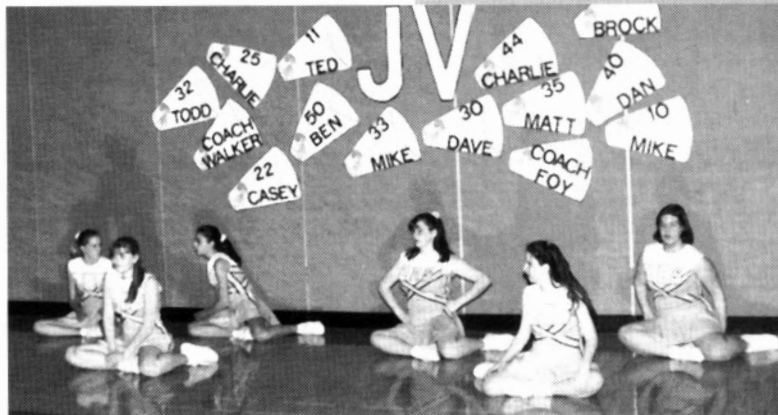
While Varsity was coping with squad unity, JV was taking in the new environment. "It was different being in front of all those people, but it was a lot of fun," said sophomore Lindsey Gilreath. The JV squad enjoyed their season and were ready to help the Varsity squad out when the season became extended. "Week after week we cheered, and then it was playoffs, and we were having our own practices without coaches to get things ready for the next game.

It got hectic, but we didn't regret any of it," recalled senior Jenny Palmer.

The squad agreed that without the parents help, it would have been hard. "The parents were great, and the JV squad was also a lot of help, especially during the playoff season," said junior, Jenny Thomley.

But, finally it did end at the Silverdome. Extra time was spent getting everything ready from gold ribbons to towels with spray-painted "H's" to pass out to the fans. "Nothing was more memorable then cheering at the Dome, even though the crowd was yelling so loud, you couldn't hear us. It was great!" noted junior Kellie Clisch. Both squads were satisfied at season end with how everyone made the effort to make it memorable.

—Zulema Beltran



Sit at Attention

Waiting for the moment to cheer is the JV Cheerleading squad at the home game with Waverly at the Junior High.

Pump It Up!

Voicing their school spirit during a game with Waverly on home court are JV cheerleaders: Kendra Horstman, Jennifer Persico, Angela Hettinger, Angela Quick, Brooke Clark, and Nichole Zenker.

Glory BOARD

Varsity Gymnastics

12 wins, 0 losses

Haslett	131.85-103.00
St. Johns	132.30-128.10
East Lansing	131.40-120.95
Mason	131.40-121.05
Everett	129.10-105.20
Jackson	136.25-120.90
Waverly	137.95-136.20
Grand Ledge	137.95-136.20
Sexton	133.65-106.05
Eastern	122.10-84.65
CAC	1st
Regionals	3rd
State Meet	9th

State Finals

Division I

Tracy Beckner

12th Bars, 13th Floor

Division II

Nicole Roeske

2nd Vault, 6th Floor

Julie Nourse

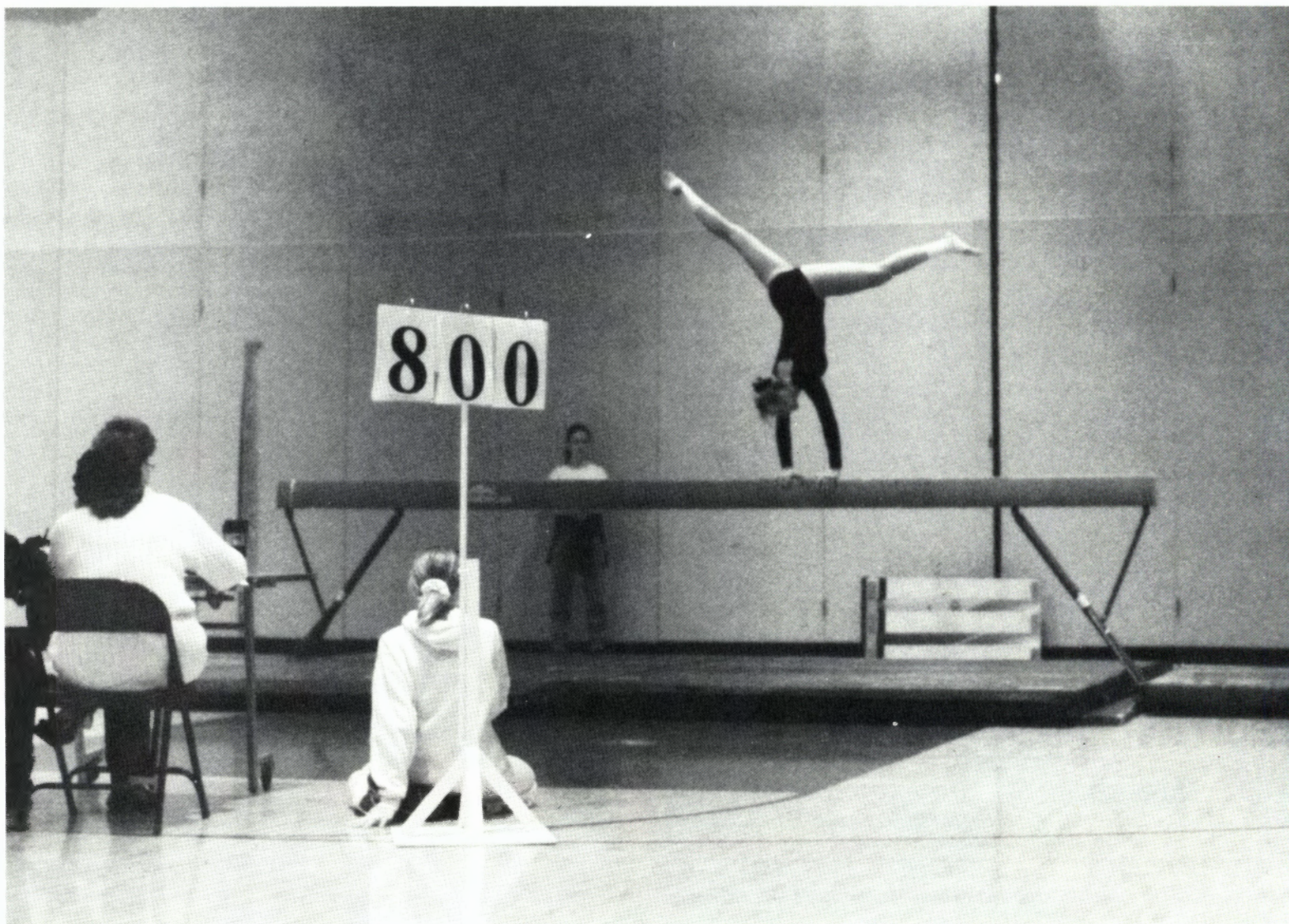
10th Floor, 17th All-Around

Let's Celebrate!

The Gymnastics Team raises their spirit and trophy after placing first at CAC's. They went on to place a third at Regionals and 9th at the State meet.

Varsity Gymnastics

Top Row: Mgr. S. Godbehere, L. Swanson, T. Beckner, J. Nourse, A. Nourse, Coach Smieska, Coach Scott. **Row 2:** N. Walters, A. Corr, K. Beckner, K. Longberry, J. Borsema, W. Kirkham. **Row 3:** K. Leverich, N. Roeske, C. DeWitt, K. Swanson. **Foreground:** K. Beckner.



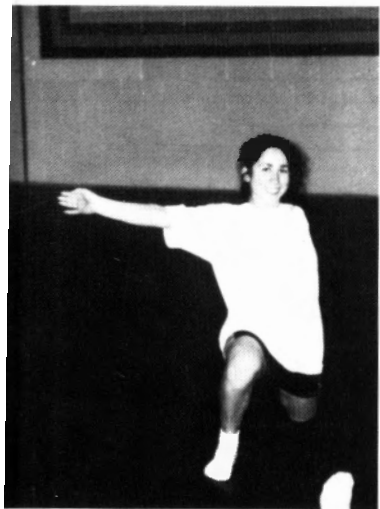


“Winning the conference meet was really exciting because it was the first time I had personally won at CAC’s, and it had also been five years since the team had taken the title.”

—Senior Amy Nourse

New Coach Leads Gymnasts with the

Will To Win



The Gymnastics team felt it was a perfect season taking the conference title at CAC’s and a third at Regionals. The girls worked hard to

Sitting Pretty

In her finishing pose waiting for the judges to give scores at a home meet against Jackson is sophomore Julie Nourse. Julie stated, “My favorite event is the floor routine. I think you can really express yourself. People’s personalities show on the floor more than any other event.”

Ta Dal Finishing her floor routine at practice is senior Amy Corr. She recalled, “All of the seniors were trying to make it our best year, and that’s why I was practicing so hard.”



Perfect Balance

Doing her balance beam routine at a home meet against Jackson is junior Kristen Beckner. Kristen assisted the team to a first place rank in the conference.

get to this point, and kept each other’s spirits up the entire time. Senior Amy Corr commented, “We did well at CAC’S because we had team spirit, and wanted to win so badly.”

Besides losing the senior team members from last season, they had a new coach, Holly Smith, and new ninth grade additions. Junior Julie Nourse remembered, “Holly stepped in and really helped us out. She was a good coach, and she definitely played a part in our great season.” The two new freshmen additions were Tracey Beckner and Dana Swanson who helped contribute to the scores by competing in all areas.

Other members made major contributions to the season as well. Many had been gymnasts for years. Sophomore Nicole Roeske who had eight years of experience and was on Holt’s team since her freshman year stated, “I’ve been in gymnastics for as long as I can remember! I love the sport and the competitions.” Amy Corr also noted, “I’ve been in gymnastics for eight years. Being on the school’s team gives me a chance to show my talent and what I love to do.”

There were other factors that

benefitted the team, however, besides experience. Senior Sara Feaster noted, “We got along and worked well together, and I think that showed during our meets. We did the best when we were giving each other encouragement.”

The season was one of accomplishment for the team, both on a group and a personal level. Junior Kristen Beckner revealed, “I had been in gymnastics for seven years, but I quit in sixth grade, and hadn’t done it since. My sister talked me into joining the team this year. My main goal was to get back everything I had lost. Throughout the season I was able to achieve this.” Amy Corr reflected, “I wanted to do my best this season and to learn more difficult tricks. I worked hard on them because I was a senior this year, and I wanted to take advantage of my last chance to shine.” Julie Nourse added, “Our team’s major goal this season was to win the CAC meet. We made it, and it felt great! On the other hand, I wanted to improve my gymnastics skills as an individual, and the other girls felt the same. Through our practices and meets, we improved and gained more confidence in our ability. We gained a lot this season.”

—Andrea Alburtus,
Angie Mulvaney

Head Over Heels

Performing her vault routine at the Hillsdale meet is sophomore Nicole Roeske. She revealed, “I’ve been in gymnastics almost my whole life. One of my favorite events is the vault, but due to my injuries at Hillsdale, I had a really hard time completing my routine.”

“This year was a miracle! The team really surprised me, pulling off the CAC dual meet record of 5-2, and a third place in the conference was awesome.”

—Head Coach Sean Donegan

Swimmers and Divers win meets as the

Underdogs



Starting the season out with many obstacles to overcome, the Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving team still managed to place third in the Capital Area Conference with a CAC dual meet record of 5-2. Senior Jeff Setla explained, “The team felt that we did the best we could considering that we only had 11 people.

The team wasn’t as competitive as they had been in past years. Diver Paul DeRose stated, “Every meet was a fight where we had to dig down deep to come from behind. I think this made the season even more fun.”

The team’s goal was to place as

high as they could at the conference meet. For the swimmers, it was a rebuilding year consisting of seven returning seniors and four new swimmers. The seniors made an effort to show their younger teammates how the practices and meets went. Chad Bowen revealed, “The reason why this season was labeled a rebuilding year is because the seniors needed to show the youngsters how things were done so in the following years, the team would be strong like it used to be.”

Of all the teams in the league, this year’s arch rival was Jackson. The

team knew that they had to swim fast to win the meet. Todd Green exclaimed, “That meet was great! We came from behind near the end to pull off the win.”

Despite the obstacles, the Swimming and Diving team finished the season with a rewarding record. Coach Sean Donegan summarized, “This year was a miracle! The team really surprised me, pulling off the dual meet record of 5-2, and a third place in the conference was awesome.”

—Rachael Haley

Father and Son

Ethan Brower’s dad congratulates him during the Swim Team’s Senior Night. Ethan commented, “Without the time and support of my parents, I would not have been as successful as I was throughout my swimming career.”

Stand Up Proud

Seven senior members of the Swim team are recognized on Senior Night along with their parents. The team pulled off a season record of 5-3 in dual meets and placed third in the conference.

Intently Watching

Watching the team’s solo diver, Paul DeRose, in a dual meet with Everett are seniors Ethan Brower and Jeff Setla. Jeff was awarded the Lion’s Club Sportsmanship Award for Boy’s Swimming.



Practice, Practice

Warming up for the second half of the meet against Everett is senior Ethan Brower. The team took a 20 point lead over the Vikings.



Boys' Varsity Swimming 5 wins, 3 losses

Mason	84-100
Waverly	94-86
Grand Ledge	63-122
Everett	95-88
East Lansing	53-133
Jackson	89-81
Sexton	94-85
Eastern	93-91
DeWitt Inv.	5th
Waverly Relays	Tie 6th
CAC	3rd

All-CAC First Team

Chad Bowen
Brad Delaney
Brock Delaney

Making Waves Taking a warm-up swim after the diving portion of a home meet is senior Chad Bowen. Chad stated, "Seniors needed to show the underclassmen how things were done in order to carry on tradition." Chad ended the season with All-CAC First Team honors.

Smooth Entrance

Doing a back dive at a home meet is senior Paul DeRose. Paul finished in first place, earning his highest score in the dual meet against Everett.



Varsity Swim Team

Top Row: M. Brown, P. DeRose, B. Delaney, E. Brower, J. Setla, P. Azambuja, C. Bowen **Row 2:** Asst. Coach B. Pohlonski, T. Green, M. Wallace, K. Hoffman, K. Davenport, Head Coach S. Donegan. **Bottom Row:** B. Delaney.



Eyes on the Ball

Pitching against St. Johns is senior Andy Merchant as junior Matt Allen awaits his pitch. The team split the double header with St. Johns early in the season.



Spiritual Meeting

Circling around their leader is the Varsity Baseball team. Coach Mark Coscarella finished his second season 20-13. In his two years of coaching for Holt, he had a winning record of 37-27.

Grand Slam

At the plate is senior Adam Merchant in the home game against St. Johns. Adam went on to earn All-CAC First Team and All-District honors.



Helpful Hints

Helping senior Beau Babcock is Varsity Coach Mark Coscarella during a home game. In only his second season, Coscarella had a 17-14 conference record ending in second place.



Varsity Baseball's Winning Trend

Heats It Up

"I had been looking forward to the game all year. Beating Grand Ledge is something that I will always remember."

—Senior Ben Myers

After finishing second behind Capital Area Conference champions Grand Ledge in 1995, Holt looked to improve on an already dominant team. To accomplish this goal and prepare for the season ahead, the team traveled south to Orlando, Florida in search of good weather and quality practice time.

With eight returning lettermen, six seniors and two juniors, the Rams looked not to rebuild, but to continue its recent trend established by second year Head Coach Mark Coscarella. Coscarella's Varsity record was 17-14 overall, and 10-4 in the CAC in his first season. With a strong starting tandem of pitching led by seniors Andy and Adam Merchant and a strong closer in senior Beau Babcock, Holt's defense was one of the strongest in the league. Offensively the team was led by seniors Ben Myers, Beau Babcock, Jay Gamet, Matt Allen and Jeff Barrett.

The Rams race to the top of

the CAC started out by beating defending State Champion Grand Ledge 5-2 in the second game of a double header. "I had been looking forward to the game all year. Beating Grand Ledge is something that I will always remember," claimed senior shortstop Ben Myers.

The week before, the team defeated Waverly one game, and then went on to sweep Jackson. Against Jackson in the second game, senior Beau Babcock hit a grand slam. Before that, junior Matt Allen hit a solo shot to lead off the inning. But the play of the game was when junior Jason Hewitt hit a two out pitch into center field, scoring junior D.J. Lee from third. "I wasn't hitting the ball very well earlier in the season, but he threw me a pitch I could hit and I ended the game," stated Jason.

The Rams then went on to sweep Everett, as senior Andy Merchant recieved his first Varsity careers shut-out. "I had been robbed earlier in the season and wasn't going to let this one get away," explained Andy. He was referring to a 1-0 loss against

Mason in the first game of the year.

The Rams also made the 33rd Annual Diamond Classic, for the first time in seven years after being left out of it last year. The Diamond Classic showcased the top 10 teams in the area including, the Capital Area Conference, Capital Circuit, and the Ingham County League. Stepping up to the plate against Williamston on game day, the team made it a shut out winning 7-0 to prove their talent.

By season end, the record overall was at 20-13 and the Rams took a place finish in the CAC. Earning All-CAC First Team post season honors were infielders Jay Gamet and Ben Myers, and pitcher Adam Merchant. Honorable Mention went to Andy Merchant, Matt Allen and Matt Vandlen. Named All District were Matt Allen, Adam Merchant and Ben Myers.

—Matt Allen

Varsity Baseball Team

Top Row: M. Allen, J. Gamet, J. Barrett, M. Vandlen, B. Babcock, D. Lee. **Row 2:** Coach M. Coscarella, J. Hewitt, A. Merchant, A. Merchant, B. Myers, J. Langham, Mgr. J. Moreno, Coach Douglas. **Bottom Row:** J. Girdwood, B. Burley, J. Corr, C. Gonzales, B. Hannash, A. Potter.

Glory BOARD

Boys' Varsity Baseball

20 wins, 13 losses

Mason	0-1, 7-2, 1-5
St Johns	3-14, 7-5
Okemos	2-13
BC Lakeview	18-4, 7-3
Haslett	2-4
Waverly	11-5, 14-6
Ovid Elsie	6-2
Jackson	12-2, 6-5
Jenison	0-8
Grand Ledge	0-10, 5-2
Everett	2-0, 12-2, 5-7
Charlotte	11-4, 1-2
Eastern	9-3, 6-7
East Lansing	3-6, 10-6
DeWitt	3-8
Sexton	2-6, 9-1
Diamond Classic	
Williamston	7-0
CAC	2nd

All-CAC First Team

Jay Gamet Adam Merchant
Ben Myers

All-District Team

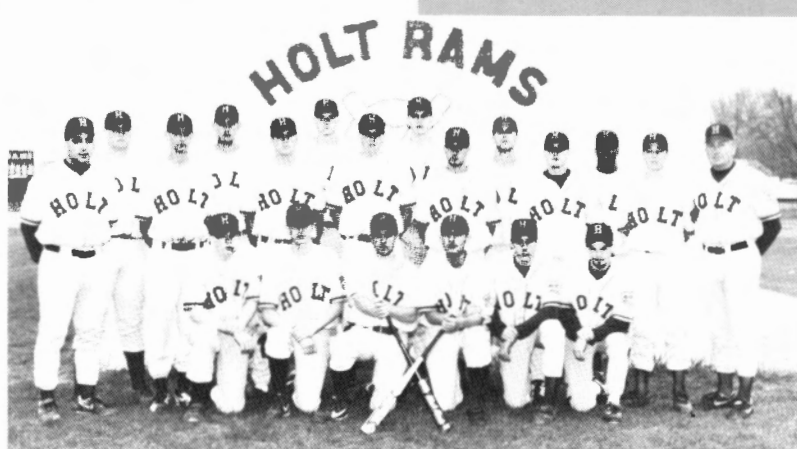
Matt Allen Adam Merchant
Ben Myers

Honorable Mention

Matt Allen Andy Merchant
Matt Vandlen

Keep 'Em Close

Throwing over to senior first basemen Jeff Barrett is senior pitcher Andy Merchant in the game against St Johns. Andy commented, "My defense got me out of jams, especially when I didn't have my best stuff. I trusted my defense to make the plays and they usually did."



Glory BOARD

Varsity Softball

20 wins 17 losses

Okemos	2-5, 4-14
Mason	4-3, 6-5
Williamston	3-1, 3-2
St. Johns	3-5
East Lansing	8-3, 0-3
Everett	2-3, 1-6
Charlotte	10-2, 6-2
Sexton	3-5, 4-10
Waverly	7-2, 10-7
Jackson	10-2, 7-5
Haslett	10-5, 7-12
Eastern	3-5, 11-12
Grand Ledge	4-0, 11-13
CAC	5th

All-CAC 1st Team

Stephanie Smiley

All-CAC 2nd Team

Marie Ryckman

Honorable Mention

Nikki Araoz Laura Ososkie

Shelley Somers

Varsity Softball

Top Row: G. Booren, L. Ososkie, J.

Rinkel, N. Araoz, Coach P. Somers.

Row 2: S. Somers, M. Ryckman, G.

Ray, T. McClelland, K. Rennert, J.

Cass. **Bottom Row:** S. Craft, K.

Deetz, S. Heathman, S. Smiley.



Gotchal

Catcher Stephanie Smiley throws to third hoping to get the runner out. "You have to throw to third every once in a while. The runner was taking huge leads, so I threw to third and got her out," stated Stephanie.

In the Stance

Awaiting a 3-2 pitch is junior Julie Cass. Despite Holt's efforts, they lost both games to Everett the first, 2-3, and the second 1-6.



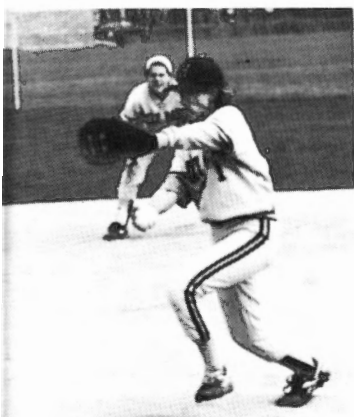


"Our strong points were our infield and all of the defensive positions. We just had trouble batting earlier in the season but we practiced and improved."

—Sophomore Stephanie Smiley

Varsity Softball Team Hits

Highs, Lows



Starting with new Assistant Coach, Kim Reichard a graduate and former softball player for MSU, the Varsity Softball team looked forward to a winning season. The team felt they had shaped up. They started their games with a routine of light stretching, jogging and sprints. Next they threw the ball to warm up their

Winding Up...

Throwing her killer fast ball to a Viking opponent is senior Marie Ryckman. Marie commented, "Our record didn't show how well we really played this season." The overall record was a winning one of 20-17 but the conference record dropped to 6-8.



Are You Ready? Defending first base is junior Jill Rinkel. "You always have to be ready. Everett is a tough team to play," stated Jill. The effort did not pay off at the scoreboard and the girls dropped both games of the double header to Everett.

arms before playing. The team had an agenda, but it was never as disciplined or as carefully followed as it was this year. Senior Tara McClelland commented, "The schedule this year was much more regimented. We learned to work together as a team."

The girls agreed that defense was the group's advantage. Sophomore Stephanie Smiley noted, "Our strong points were our infield and all of the defensive positions. We just had trouble batting earlier in the season, but we practiced and improved."

Grand Ledge, Okemos and Everett ranked at the top of the girls' rival list. Senior Marie Ryckman stated, "My personal arch rival is Grand Ledge. Our games with them were cancelled earlier in the season, but even thinking about it made me want to win." The reasons for rivalry with Everett were their strong team and program. Another rival was Okemos, and Holt had lost to them twice, and then went on in the Webberville Invitational to beat them. "It just goes to show you what can be accomplished if you don't give up, and always try your best," claimed Stephanie.

When asked about their better

games, the third game against Okemos was unanimously mentioned. Each time the team played the Chieftans the scores got closer. First they were mercied off the field, next the score got closer, and the third time, Holt won.

When it came to those who contributed the most, the name often mentioned was senior pitcher Marie Ryckman, recognized for her leadership abilities and devotion for the game. Junior Nikki Araoz, second base, short stop, and outfield was also cited for her defensive skills, as was sophomore Stephanie Smiley. When it came down to it, the team gave credit to everyone. Marie summarized, "I don't think that any one person on the team could receive the title. Everyone played a key role at some time or another."

Completing the season with a 20-17 overall and a 6-8 CAC record, the team did not end up where they had hoped to be starting out. In final CAC ranking they tied for 5th place. Earning All-CAC First Team honors was Stephanie Smiley, All-CAC Second Team was Marie Ryckman, and Honorable Mention was earned by Nikki Araoz, Laura Ososkie and Shelley Somers.

—Heather Willett

Glory BOARD

JV Softball

21 wins, 5 losses

Mason	loss, loss
Okemos	win, loss
Williamston	win, win
Waverly	win, win
Charlotte	win, win
Jackson	win, win
Grand Ledge	loss, loss
East Lansing	win, win
Everett	win, win
Sexton	win, win
Eastern	win, win
Haslett	win, win
Holt Invt.	1st
CAC	2nd

Glory BOARD

JV Baseball

19 wins, 5 losses

Mason	6-7, 3-3
St Johns	rain out
Okemos	7-4, 12-6
BC Lakeview	5-0, 1-5
Waverly	12-2, 2-1
Sexton	2 forfeits
Jackson	24-7, 13-0
Alma	4-2
Williamston	3-4
Grand Ledge	6-4, 4-1
East Lansing	5-8
Everett	11-0, 5-1
Charlotte	5-4, 17-7
Eastern	13-6, 4-0
BC Central	5-10, 13-10
CAC	1st

JV Baseball Team

Top Row: Coach Hannash, C. Steer, N. VanAlstine, M. Laur, M. Morden, N. Spyke. **Row 2:** Coach Maxey, C. McDonald, G. Powell, A. Viele, C. Alana, F. Spedoske, Coach V. Vowels. **Bottom Row:** K. Allen, J. VanOrten, C. Adams, C. Hayes, A. Page, M. Maxey.

JV Softball, Baseball Teams

Out to Win!

The JV Softball team made it known that they were out to win. "Coming in second in the CAC and 21-5 overall, we did very well this season," stated sophomore Jessica McCabe. Sophomore Lisa Bennett noted, "I think we did better than we had expected. At first we lost games, but as the season went on, so did our wins."

Team unity played a factor. "As far as teamwork, it helped that we were friends and no one fought," pointed out sophomore Kim Clisch. "Another strength besides our teamwork, was a strong defense," added Jessica Smith.

Friendship, support and defense helped when faced with strong competitors. "Grand Ledge was our rival this year. It was a tough game with the Comets. Though we lost, it was close, and we played well," stated Katie. Kim also admitted, "Grand Ledge was the team keeping us from first place in the CAC."

The team had its funny moments, and incidents with freshmen proved to be the funniest. "During one game, freshman Meredith Schram walked up to the batter's box with her helmet on backwards. It was funny because they stopped the whole game so she could fix her helmet," remembered Kim.

If their cheers were too loud, or they wore their helmets backward, the JV Softball team knew what it took to get a lot of fun and a great score out of the season.

The JV Baseball team entered the season with high hopes after finishing at the top of the conference last year. The team was much more experienced, losing only three starters. Sophomores Charlie Alana, Charlie Hayes, and freshman Keith Allen led the offensive charge, while sophomore Casey Adams and junior Brandon Hannasch emerged as the top pitchers. Hannasch got the call to pitch on Varsity in the Forest Hills invitational, and after earning a victory, was kept on the team for the remainder of the season.

As the most talented and experienced team in the conference, they got off to an excellent start, never looking back. They won the conference title, including a sweep of Grand Ledge. Their losses came to Mason, Williamston, East Lansing, and Battle Creek Central and Lakeview.

They only went one or two deep in quality pitchers, but had one of the best lineups in the junior-circuit.

The team could hit and pitch, but their problem area was fielding. They were swept in a late-season doubleheader with East Lansing, despite Casey Adams hurling a one-hitter and Gregg Powell going yard. They lost the games due to a lack of defense and making routine, fundamental plays. Coach Vaughn Vowels taught his team how to win, but they still remained quite raw in their talent. Fundamentals will be stressed on Varsity. The team had talent, time and a winning tradition in their favor.

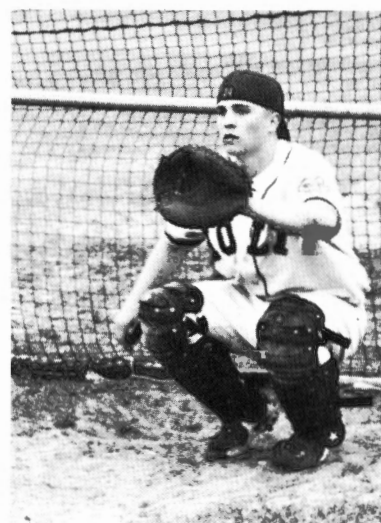
—Andy Merchant, Angie Watters

Outside the Lines

Hanging out in the dugout are sophomores Nick Spyke and Mike Laur. The dugout had a rough season, after being decapitated by a pre-season wind storm.

On the Recleiving End

Warming up his pitcher in the bullpen is freshman Keith Allen. Keith was the starting catcher and one of the top hitters on the JV team.



Heating Up

Warming up in the bullpen is sophomore pitcher/shortstop Casey Adams. Casey emerged as the ace of the Ram's pitching staff, with a 7-1 record.







JV Softball Team

Top Row: R. Buysse, A. Shippy, J. McNamara, K. Skoczylas, M. Schram, L. Bennett, P. Smith, H. Davis, Mgr. Burley.
Bottom Row: S. Langham, S. Clarkston, J. Smith, J. McCabe, K. Clisch, K. Reich, A. Clark, K. Trimmer **Foreground:** Coach M. Snivley

A Lost Art

Sophomore Pam Smith tries to squeeze in a  to get an extra run for her team. Waiting  back behind her is sophomore Joan Smith, preparing for her turn at bat.

Coaches Corner

Talking to her team is Coach Margo Snivley. In the huddle is Sarah Longham, Pam Smith, Lisa Bennett, Meredith Schram, Katie Skoczylas, and Andrea Shippy.

"We are ranked number one in the State which is good for bragging rights, but it doesn't actually mean anything until we win it all."
—Senior Corey Mead

Field, Long Distance Events Puts Boys' Track

In the Running



Throw the Distance

Hurling the discus in a CAC meet against Everett is junior Tom Welsh. He stated, "Our strengths were the field events and distance races."

The cold spring temperatures didn't slow down the Boys Varsity Track team. They finished with only two conference losses to Sexton and East Lansing to finish third in the Capital Area Conference for the second year in a row. In the Conference meet at East Lansing the Rams finished fourth, defeating Waverly, Jackson, Grand Ledge, Eastern, and Everett, but lost to perennial champion Sexton, and track powerhouse East Lansing to finish the CAC season at 5-2.

Senior discus hurler Paul Markel won the CAC conference championship for the second year in a row.

Practice Perfect

Practicing the high jump at Troost Field is senior Alex Feguer. He revealed, "My practices were spent mainly doing drills. And if I wasn't doing drills or running, I was socializing. That was probably the best part of track—my friends."

He then followed that up with winning the Honor Roll meet at Okemos with a throw of 159-10.5, 10 feet farther than the second place throw. Markel qualified for the state meet at Rockford, in the discus. "My most memorable moment this season was breaking the school record in the discus," stated Paul.

The Rams also won the Mason Invitational for the second year in a row. "The Mason Invitational was the best meet the team played in," stated senior Chris Gafner, "but my most disappointing moment was missing the State meet by two tenths of a second."

In the sprints, work was still needed. "Even though this year's sprint relays made great strides forward, the individual sprints were still left in the dust by the likes of Sexton and East Lansing," commented Markel.

Although the Rams finished in third place they felt that overall they did better than projected. "It was a good season. We were very competitive," recalled junior Joe Forquer who placed sixth in the CAC meet in the pole vault. "We finished a lot better than we were expected to finish according to some people and some newspapers," added Gafner.

—Matt Allen





Boys Track Team

Top Row: Coach Campbell, T.Welsh, P.Markel, L.Davis, B.Davenport, J.Fortuna, K.Barsties, M.Beard, M.Cooper, M.Cooper, J.Griffith, McCarty, J.Hamilton, J.Jewett, R.Milliken, Coach D.Green **Row 2:** C.Fuller, T.Wise, B.Wood, E.Wilson, K.Fowlks, C.Ford, B.Garland, Carter, C.Balcom, B.Berg, C.Gafner, D.Harger, C.Montie, A.Feguer, Coach J.Gillett. **Row 3:** C.Ranshaw, D.Ngyuen, R.Emery, B.Burmeister, J.Hannasch, T.Spitz, J.Beckner, E.Ewald, M.Crockett, P.Balsito, D.Resio, J.J.Berg **Bottom Row:** R.Longberry, B.Cahoon, C. Johnson, C.Keast, T.Wade, R.Korte, R.Handziak, R.Richardson, J.Forquer, S.Martin, K.Avis.

Glory BOARD

Boys' Varsity Track

5 wins, 2 losses

Waverly	99-61
Everett	114-35
Sexton	70-93
Mason Invt.	1st
Eastern	134-17
East Lansing	57-101
Grand Ledge	88-75
Jackson	99-62
CAC	4th
CAC Meet	5th
Regionals	7th

All-CAC First Team

Paul Markel
Jake Fortuna



Hurdling Fun

Running in the 110 Meter Hurdles are senior Alex Feguer, junior Lance Davis, and sophomore Russell Clark. The Rams beat the Vikings to finish 5-2 in the CAC. Alex explained, "The best part about running hurdles is that it doesn't get boring like straight running. Hurdling takes concentration and coordination. Speed helps a little too."

Running In Circles

Competing in the two-mile run against Everett at Harry Hill Vocational Center are Mike Shunn, Jami Grant, Doug Harger, Jake Fortuna, Ted Spencer, Jason Beckner, Angela Hettinger and Travis Spitz. The Rams shut out Everett in the dual meet 114-35.



Golf Team Boosts Season Record to

Conference Runners-Up

Glory BOARD

Boys' Varsity Golf

12 wins, 3 losses

St. Johns	322-339
Waverly	303-312, 289-374
	306-318
Jackson	289-301, 314-321
Eastern	310-340, 306-340
East Lansing	310-309,
	306-316
Grand Ledge	312-296,
	161-148
Sexton	312-337, 161-163
Everett	314-378
CAC	2nd
Regionals	3rd
State	12th

All-Area

Ryan Franklin

All-CAC First Team

Ryan Franklin

Brian Anderson

All-CAC Second Team

Frank Hartwick

Flag Control

Holding the flag is senior Frank Hartwick as his posse smiles for the camera including Daren Palacios, Jay Gamet, Brian Anderson and junior Ryan Franklin. The team earned a second place rank in the CAC.

The Boy's Varsity Golf team boosted their season record over last year to end 13-3 overall and finished with a second place rank in the CAC. Proud of their final scores, Head coach, Bill Dowell stated, "I was excited for the team and felt that I had a great bunch of guys this year."

The team started their season off with two victories over St. Johns and Waverly and followed it up with a win over Sexton. Senior Brian Anderson provided the help shooting a 78 against the Warriors, and a 79 against the Big Reds. Senior Jay Gamet also contributed with low scores of 79 against Waverly and 81 against Sexton.

Some memorable moments players recalled were when they defeated East Lansing by 12 shots with the final score 304-316, when Jay Gamet walked off the course, and the overall high placing rank in the CAC's.

The team also remembered a lot of very close scores, such as the Sexton match, and the East Lansing

match, and also breaking a school record, shooting a total of 286 at Sharp Park in Jackson.

It seemed to many players that everyone contributed something valuable. There were some who were seen as team leaders like junior Ryan Franklin and senior Brian Anderson. There were those whose putting put the team ahead in close matches like junior Corey Ballmer, and who almost expertly drove the ball like Jay Gamet. Ballmer commented, "One of our strengths was teamwork. We always worked together and that's why we did so well this year." Senior Daren Palacios added, "We weren't a perfect team. We needed to work mostly on our putting because that was what really hurt us most during the season."

At season's end, the overall outlook was optimistic. Senior Jay Gamet concluded, "The Rams did a great job this year. We all worked together to get results. One of the

highlights of my season and the team's was when I won the Marshall Invitational Long-Drive conference. It was really exciting because no one from HCU has ever won it before."

The return of four key team members including, seniors Daren Palacios, Frank Hartwick, Brian Anderson and Jay Gamet, and junior Ryan Franklin played a large role in their success. It was followed up with the junior skill of Jason Hewitt and Corey Ballmer. The team went on to place third at Regionals and 12th at the State meet.

Earning All-CAC First Team Selections were Brian Anderson and Ryan Franklin. Ryan was also named All-Area. Named All-CAC Second Team was Frank Hartwick.

—Heather Willett, Beth Lund

Ready, Aim, Fire...

Breaking a rule on the ninth tee are the Varsity golfers, Frank Hartwick, Daren Palacios, Jay Gamet, Brian Anderson and Ryan Franklin. Fortunately, no one got hurt.

Go Home!

Watching his putt approach the hole is senior Daren Palacios at a home meet against Everett/Jackson. The Rams took the match with a score of 314 to 378 and 321.





Varsity Golf Team

Top Row: Coach B. Dowell, B. Anderson, D. Palacios, J. Gamet, R. Franklin, C. Ballmer, J. Hewitt, J. Adams. **Row 2:** B. Gamet, R. Yuhaz, M. Comer, F. Hartwick, B. Bedement, E. Ewald, J. Jehnson, P. Rosenman. **Bottom Row:** G. Hills, B. Shaul, J. Valencia, M. Arnold, B. Goeff.

Short Game

Making his putt in a home match against Everett and Jackson is senior Frank Hartwick. The team went on to win the match and Frank was named All-CAC Second Team in post season honors.



Waiting His Turn

Relaxing a moment before taking his shot is senior Brian Anderson in a home match at El Dorado. Brian finished the season with All-CAC First Team honors.

Glory BOARD

Girls' Varsity Golf

11 wins, 3 losses

Mason	207-220
Waverly	217-321, 221-225
East Lansing	216-207
	196-179
Eastern	216-315, 196-263
Jackson	208-251, 208-254
Everett	208-240, 208-260
Grand Ledge	206-204
	185-195
Sexton	206-261, 185-236
Okemos	217-216
CAC	3rd

All-CAC First Team

Amber Franklin
Carrie Swan

All-CAC Second Team

Brooke Johnson
Emily Reamer



In Awe

Admiring her drive is junior Emily Sutliff. Sutliff got a lot of experience during the season and her effort helped the team to post wins over Sexton 185-236 and Grand Ledge 185-195.

Follow Through

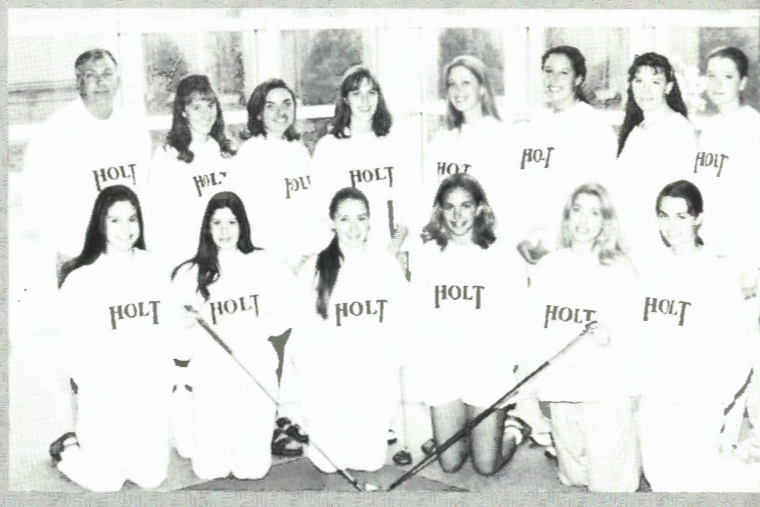
Teeing off at Waverly Hills Golf Course against Sexton and Grand Ledge is senior Carrie Swan. Swan was one of two seniors on the team, posting top scores in every match, and was named All-CAC First Team in post season honors.

Bend the Knees...

Helping junior Jackie Mayercak with the fundamentals of a golf swing is Coach Scotty Shimnoski prior to the match against Everett and Grand Ledge. This was Shimnoski's final season as Girl's Golf Coach.

Varsity Golf Team

Top Row: Coach S. Shimnoski, H. Cole, B. Johnson, C. Swan, E. Reamer, K. Block, Coach L. Buwalda, J. Mayercak **Bottom Row:** E. Sutliff, A. Franklin, J. Kolomos, C. Richter, C. Henriksen, J. Swan





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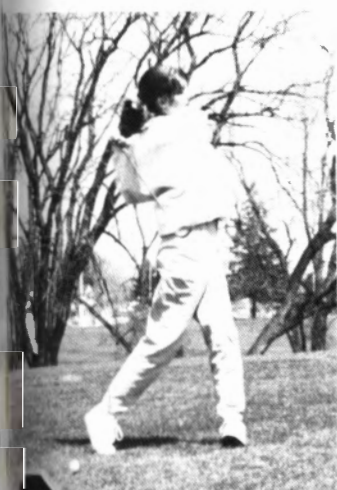
—Junior Emily Reamer

Girl's Golf Team Ends Just

Shy of Fantastic

Nice Shot!

Bringing her long drive is junior Brooke Johnson. Brook was one of the top team leaders, and managed to land herself a spot on the All-CAC Second Team.



The Girl's Varsity Golf team started their season in the snow. Temperatures were low, but hopes were high going into the season. Senior Carrie Swan, juniors Jackie Mayercak, Emily Reamer, Brooke Johnson, and Amber Franklin were the main contributors on the team.

A rescheduled match started off the season at Mason. The snow didn't stop the Rams from defeating Mason, with Emily Reamer and Carrie Swan shooting in the high 40's. This match boosted the hopes of the team for the season.

The next few matches were disappointing with scores hanging around the low to mid-50's. Coach Scotty Shimmoski told his team they

had the talent to win the CAC, but the girls seemed to believe otherwise. The team had many chances to prove themselves, but didn't always take advantage of their opportunities. Amber Franklin shot well, after joining the team late. Her low scores helped, but weren't enough to lead the team to a conference championship.

The team placed third in the conference tournament shooting a 419 at Oaklane Golf Course in Webberville. Mayercak led the field with a 99, followed by Franklin with 100, Swan with 102, and Johnson with 118. Swan and Franklin received All-CAC First Team bids, with Reamer and Johnson named to the Second Team.

The girls knew the season was Shimmoski's last, and wanted him to go out on a high note. They had his confidence and the talent to do it, but never quite put it together. "I felt good about the season, but I think that I could have done a lot better, and as a team, we could have done better. We wanted to do well so 'Ski' could remember a fantastic last season, but we let ourselves down," stated Emily Reamer.

—Matt Allen

Tee Time

Goofing off before a match with Waverly are juniors Emily Reamer and Brooke Johnson. Both provided the team with depth and helped them place third in the CAC.

"Having Mr. Shimmoski as a coach was more than 'just' having a coach. Not only did he know what it took to be a good golfer, he also knew what it took to be a good person. 'Ski' showed us through his love of golf and respect for others how we can better ourselves. By watching him and listening to his words, we learned about who we were and gained knowledge of who we were becoming. Perhaps 'Ski' felt he couldn't bring us to the level we should be at, but he brought us so much further than he realized. To acquire a coaching position, all one needs to do is convince someone that he or she could be a good coach, but to really become a coach one has to give oneself to his or her team. A coach must teach the game and learn from his team. Mr. Shimmoski did all of these things and we respect and thank him for it all. He will be missed!"

—The Team



Glory BOARD

Girls' Varsity Soccer

7 wins, 9 losses, 2 ties

Okemos	0-4, 1-4
DeWitt	0-0, 1-0
East Lansing	0-5
St. Johns	0-0
Jackson	1-0
Haslett	0-1
LCC	1-2
Waverly	2-1, 1-0
Grand Ledge	4-1, 0-1
BC Lakeview	0-6
Eaton Rapids	1-4
Jackson CW	0-2
Williamston	0-1
CAC	4th

All-CAC First Team

Kim Witsaman

All-CAC Second Team

Tricia Benson

Honorable Mention

Erin Kleiman Jenny Tunney
Katie Greenwood

Glory BOARD

Girls' JV Soccer

4 wins, 10 losses, 3 ties

East Lansing	0-5, 0-8
Okemos	0-11
DeWitt	0-2, 1-3
St. Johns	1-1
Jackson	3-1
Haslett	1-2
LCC	1-0
Waverly	5-2, 1-0
Grand Ledge	2-3, 2-2
Battle Creek	0-3
Eaton Rapids	0-1
Jackson CW	0-2
Williamston	2-2

Girls' Soccer Season Provides

The Girls' Varsity Soccer team started off slow, but began to pick it up by mid season. With an overall record of 7 wins, 9 losses, and 2 ties, and a league record of 3-2-2, the season, however, did not live up to players' expectations.

The team unanimously considered their biggest match of the season to be East Lansing. "Our toughest game was against East Lansing because they could control the ball very well, and it was difficult to get it away from them," sophomore Danielle Jory stated. The Trojans, unfortunately, beat Holt 5-0 but the Rams rallied to beat Jackson 1-0 and later Waverly 2-1.

The team had many strengths on and off the playing field. Sophomore Jenny Savage reported, "We are a young team so we have time to improve." Danielle added, "Our team has the ability to talk to one another about problems and we are always willing to help each other on or off the field." Skillwise, senior

JV Soccer Team

Top Row: Coach T. Kleiman, A. Quick, J. Ewen, A. Garcia, J. Heeg, E. Argue, S. Hayes, L. Harris, B. Ewen, T. Bowser, M. Dalton, Coach D. Hornak. **Bottom Row:** C. Cullimore, A. Marcum, J. Spock, A. Smith, N. Roeske, C. Cross, M. Luccio, K. Clisch, J. Busley, K. Benson. **Foreground:** K. Shehann, S. Brandy.

Take Home Lessons

Sara Wouff noted, "We have a very strong bench. It is always nice to have fresh players. If anyone is hurt or needs a break from the game, another player can fill in."

Like any other team there were weaknesses too. "We have cliques and we aren't united," said sophomore Erin Kleiman. The team also had trouble scoring at the beginning of the season which made it hard to win and have fun.

A lot of the players had take-home lessons from the season. "I learned that dedication and hard work pay off. You can't expect to be the best unless you totally devote yourself to the sport," sophomore Jenny Tunney explained. Kleiman reflected, "It takes mental strength as well as physical strength to really play well." And sophomore Jenny Savage added, "I learned not to take the game so seriously, then it is no longer fun."

One thing that the team felt was unique about the season was their

new coach Doris Pipkins. "Having a new coach has been a major transition. It's like starting all over again. Mrs. Pipkins is doing a great job," Tunney commented.

There also seemed to be a lot of team spirit. "This year we had 'secret pals' where you would receive a present from someone on your team each game day, but you didn't know who it was. It was really fun, and it would help you get excited about the game," recalled senior Katie Greenwood.

Parents also played an important role in their daughters' success on the soccer field. "The parents were always dedicated. They came to all our games and cheered us on," commented Savage. Kleiman agreed, "They were a great support. I knew that no matter what the weather was like they would always be out there cheering."

Post season honors of All-CAC First Team went to Kim Witsaman, while Tricia Benson was named to the All-CAC Second Team. Erin Kleiman, Jenny Tunney and Katie Greenwood earned Honorable Mentions.

—Julie Allen

Varsity Soccer Team

Top Row: Coach D. Pipkins, T. Benson, J. Nourse, K. Vowels, K. Witsaman, K. Kamm, E. Kleiman, J. Tunney. **Row 2:** D. Smythe, D. Jory, A. Nourse, B. Wilkerson, S. Wouff, J. Allen, A. Garcia. **Bottom Row:** R. Paterick, M. Dickenson, K. Greenwood. **Foreground:** J. Savage



Nutmeg!

Putting a move on her DeWitt defender on home field is sophomore Kelly Kamm. Kelly played both defensive and offensive positions for the Varsity team. The Rams tied with DeWitt early in the season, but beat them 1-0 in a rematch later in season.



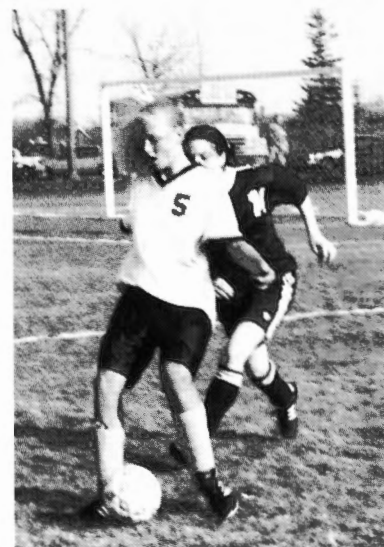
Send It Long

Sending the ball down the field in a home game against Dewitt is sophomore center midfielder Jenny Tunney. Jenny started every game for the Varsity team.



Pep Talk

Giving her team a halftime talk is Coach Dorris Pipkins at the home game with DeWitt. This year Pipkins made the transition from coaching a youth team to the Girls' Varsity squad.



Man On!

Sophomore Erin Kleiman uses her speed to burn a DeWitt defender. Erin's primary position on the field was at right forward.

Glory BOARD

Girls Varsity Track

CAC 7 wins, 0 losses

Waverly	82-70
Everett	102-50
Sexton	92-60
Eastern	81-71
Jackson	96-56
East Lansing	80-72
Grand Ledge	81-71
CAC	1st

CAC Awards

Discus - 1st Mese Roberts
 Discus - 2nd Jenny Johnson
 3200 Relay - 2nd
 Laura Harger, Jami Grant, Alicia Freeman, Erin Freeman
 1600M Run - 1st Laura Harger
 2nd Jami Grant
 300 M Hurdles-2nd Jill Newberry
 800 M Run-2nd Laura Harger
 3200 M Run-1st Jami Grant
 1600M Relay - 2nd
 Laura Harger, Kristina DeRosa,
 Jill Newberry, Courtney Parker

Fly Zone

Sophomore Tazi Pruitt hands off to senior Jenny Adams in the 400 Meter Relay during the CAC meet at East Lansing High School.

Regional Awards

Discus - 1st Mese Roberts
 1600M Run - 2nd Laura Harger
 3200M Run - 3rd Jami Grant
 3200M Relay - 4th
 Laura Harger, Jami Grant,
 Alicia Freeman, Erin Freeman
 Shot Put - 6th Mese Roberts
 1600M Relay - 6th
 Laura Harger, Kristina DeRosa,
 Jill Newberry, Courtney Parker

State Awards

Discus - 3rd Mese Roberts
 1600M Run - 12th
 Laura Harger

All State

Mese Roberts

Leaping Lizards

Taking the leap in the High Jump event is freshman Wendy Fulbrook in a dual meet with Everett. Wendy also competed in the Long Jump.

Varsity Track Team

Top Row: Coach Grizlak, A. Hays, T. Acker, J. Johnson, M. Roberts, K. DeRosa, A. Fowlks, E. Viele, S. Amburgey, J. Galambos, E. Mutt, S. McClane, S. Davenport. **Row 2:** J. Johnson, K. Wilkerson, A. Myers, J. Smith, E. Freeman, A. Freeman, K. Horstman, A. Hettinger, K. Hemenway, W. Fulbrook, T. Pruitt, R. Grawburg, Coach J. Rarick **Row 3:** Smith, A. Williams, M. Hunt, S. Lyons, C. Parker, A. Kenney, T. Acker. **Bottom Row:** N. Spedoski, A. Montie, J. Newberry, N. Malm, B. Hill, J. Adams, M. Yenc, L. Harger, J. Grant.





“Coach Rarick kept us together as a team. When we started to fall apart, he was there for us every step of the way.”

—Junior Theresa Acker

CAC Champs Third Year

Running



The Girls' Varsity Track team accomplished what they set out to do and more. They topped off another winning season as CAC champions for the third year in a row, earned a dual meet record of 7-0, placed second at the conference meet and ended the season with a fifth place at Regionals.

Taking top spots at the confer-

High Hopes...

Hurdling at practice is junior Jill Newberry. Jill competed in the 100 Meter High Hurdles and the 300 Meter Intermediates, placing second at the Mason Invitational.



ence meet were senior Laura Harger with a time of 5:19.6 in the 1600 Meter Run and sophomore Mese Roberts in the Discus with a 117 foot throw. Both girls advanced to the State meet which was held in Rockford. Also taking a first place at the meet was junior Jami Grant with a time of 12:08 in the 3200 Meter Run. Jenny Johnson noted, “Laura and Mese devoted themselves to the sport and made it pay off in the end.”

Working hard and pushing themselves to the limit, the girls made competition tough for other conference and non-conference teams. Hurdler Jill Newberry stated, “The reason why our team did so well this season was because we worked like a family helping each other out.” They also worked hard individually to fulfill goals they had set for themselves. Senior Nicki Malm com-

mented, “My personal goal for the season was to be the number two hurdler. I worked hard every day and focused on everything I did.”

There were several key players on the team. Mese Roberts took first place in every dual meet, and broke the school record in the discus. Though skill counted for a lot, enthusiastic leadership also helped get the team where they wanted to be. Sophomore Missy Yemc commented, “Not only the top scorers helped us have such a successful season. Seniors Alicia Freeman and Julie Smith helped lead the team to each of our wins.” Coach Jack Rarick also played a part. Theresa Acker summarized, “Coach Rarick kept us together as a team. When we started to fall apart, he was there for us every step of the way.”

—Rachael Haley

Leader of the Pack

Sophomore Erin Freeman carries the baton for her 3200 Meter Relay team at the CAC meet. The team ended up with a second place, competing with seven other teams.

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Boys' Varsity Tennis

9 wins, 3 losses

DeWitt	4-3
Waverly	3-4
Everett	6-1
Sexton	7-0
LCC	4-3
Eastern	7-0
East Lansing	6-1
Grand Ledge	7-0
Mason	2-5
Jackson	4-3
Haslett	7-0
Okemos	0-6
CAC	2nd
Regionals	4th

All-CAC First Team

Jeremy Eagle

All-CAC Second Team

T.J. Wulff, Frank Hartwick

All-CAC Third Team

Dave Eagle, Ben Vandlen

Mark Vandlen

All-CAC Fourth Team

Julie Vanlerberghe

Glory BOARD

Boys' JV Tennis

3 wins, 2 losses

DeWitt	4-3
St. Johns	5-2
East Lansing	2-5
Mason	4-3
East Lansing	0-7
Okemos Tournament	2nd

"The key factor was making sure we were focused and having fun. Winning made the team much more relaxed and we were less likely to get mad at ourselves when we did lose."

—Junior Chip Hill

Tennis Team Takes 2nd in CAC to

Get the Job Done

"The Boys' Varsity Tennis season was up and running with second year Head Coach Mike Smith. Junior Chip Hill commented, "Coach Smith was fun and exciting to work with. The key factor was making sure we were focused and having fun. Winning made the team much more relaxed and we were less likely to get mad at ourselves when we did lose." The guys had many laughs during the season, but took care of business when it came down to it.

The group ended with a 9-3 record overall, a second place in the conference meet and second place finish in the CAC. They went on to place fourth at Regionals. The team also brought home tournament wins against Mason and Waverly. Junior

T.J. Wulff remarked, "This season was a hard-working one, but we all knew how to have fun."

The team matched up evenly against Mason and won the match in the final round with junior Julie Vanlerberghe pulling out the individual win to give Holt the victory. Conference team East Lansing and Circuit opponent Okemos, however were the most contested. Junior Ben Vandlen noted, "I think our arch rivals are East Lansing and Okemos because we know they are good and they usually turn out to be the toughest matches of all."

Earning post season All-CAC First Team honors was Jeremy Eagle while T.J. Wulff and Frank Hartwick were named All-CAC Second Team.

Third Team honors went to Dave Eagle, Ben Vandlen and Mark Vandlen while Julie Vanlerberghe received a Fourth Team spot. She stated, "I love playing tennis and was glad I could play on the guys' team because during the girls' season. I play basketball." Coach Smith, summing up the season concluded, "I liked working with the team this year. We had a lot of fun, but we also got the job done."

—Julie Smith

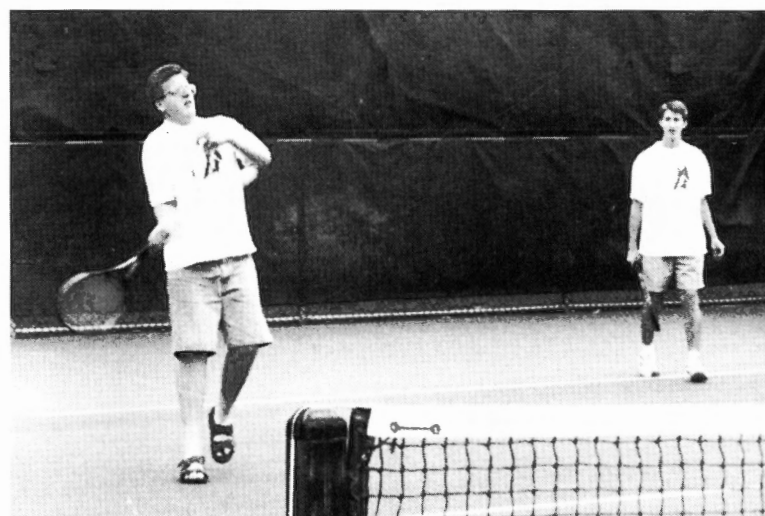
For the Win

Moving as quickly as he can to the ball is junior Chip Hill in a practice session. Chip played second singles for the Varsity team. This was his second year in the spot and he has been playing tennis since middle school.



Adjusting the Play

Moving up to the net to return a shot on Kiwanis Park's courts is senior Mark Vandlen. Mark played doubles with junior Ben Vandlen for the season having played singles the past year.



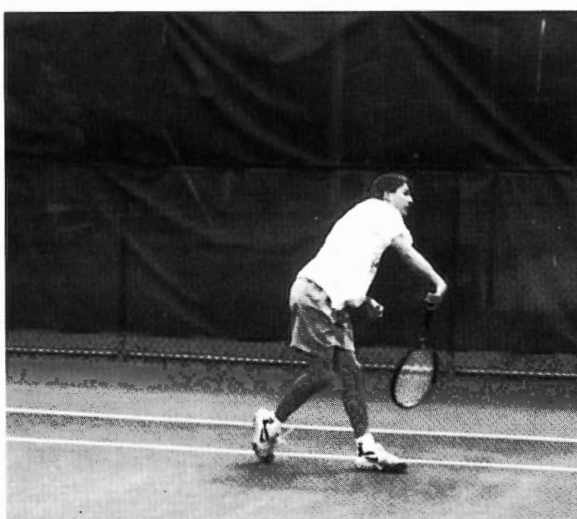
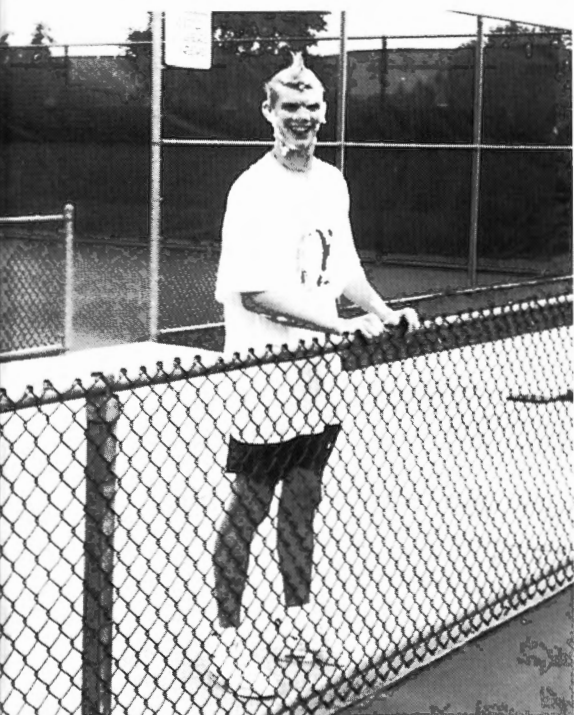
Working Together

Taking his shot is junior Ben Vandlen while his cousin and first seat doubles partner senior Mark Vandlen gets ready for his return. The Vandlens put away several wins to help the team to finish their 9-3 season in a second place conference rank.



Rapid Fire

Returning a volley is first doubles player junior Ben Vandlen during a practice session at Kiwanis Park.



Mohawk Man

Covered with shaving cream, junior Nik Leible pauses for a laugh before he takes to the court on the last day of school:

Equestrian Team

Jason Colby, Adrienne Ostrom, Sara Macaluso, Susan Emery, Sarah Szjweida.



Intramural Basketball League Separates Men from Boys

Another Intramural Basketball season was complete and experience separated the men from the boys (and girls) in the standings. The Senior Mafia led the pack made up of seven seniors and one junior. The High Flyers (8-4), the Wet Banana (7-5) and Organized Konfusion (9-4) were competitive, but they all trailed off near the end of the season. The Senior Mafia (13-0) went the distance and dominated throughout. Their only real threat came in the championship game when they had to come from behind to take Organized Konfusion in double-overtime before defeating them.

The High Flyers, made up mostly of football players, was by far the tallest team in the league, but didn't take advantage of their height throughout most of the season including a four-game period in which they lost three games. The battle for first place between the Senior Mafia and the High Flyers on February 5 was less of a battle than expected. The Senior Mafia took control, leading 64-35, when they were awarded a forfeit victory late in the second half.

The underclassmen didn't have much success playing against senior teams. One junior who was lucky enough to play on a senior team was junior Matt Allen of Senior Mafia. "We get no respect. No matter what we do, we get no respect," stated Allen.

But some seniors had less success. Daren Palacios of Silky Smooth summed up his team's season in two words, "I quit." Yuk Foo (4-7), Hard II Contain (4-7) and Silkey

Smooth (2-9) spent their season trying to get over problems. The Backyard Posse claimed the cellar not winning a game all season (0-11). Some players used the games to gain bragging rights, while others would have liked a refund of their \$20, (the cost of admission to the Delhi Parks and Recreation league).

Players weren't the only people with problems. The officials had theirs. One was Varsity Basketball player, Ben Myers, who gave a record-setting amount of technicals in an attempt to control the heated courts. Nevertheless, many players concluded it was one of the best intramural seasons Holt had in a while. It was competitive until the end and the league finished recording no on-court brawls. The league was set up well and, when tournament times conflicted with spring sport practices, they were changed so the best team could win, and they did.

—Andy Merchant



Get Up!

Going up for the rebound is senior Austin Watson. Despite the all-around talent in the intramural league, no one could hang with the Senior Mafia as they went undefeated.

Out of Control

Looking for the easy two is junior Brian Killian. Hard II Contain went on to defeat Silkey Smooth in the Delhi Parks and Recreation Intramural Basketball game.



Varsity Bowling Team

Top Row: Josh McDonald, Heather McNamara, Keri Mead, Shane Reitz. Foreground: Ryan Yuhasz.



JV Bowling Team

Top Row: Hilary Unbehaun, Crystal Mead, Foreground: Mike Dittenber.

Off Campus Sports Gets

High Ratings



The Puck Stops Here

Making a save for the Springfield Junior Blues against the Chicago Chargers is senior Mark Sienkiewicz (#30). The Blues, whom Mark played with for the past year, led the North American Hockey League and were ranked number one in the nation for most of the season. The team's home is in Springfield, Illinois and they have the highest attendance in the North American Hockey League playing regularly before sell-out crowds of over 2,000 fans per home game. Playing goalie for the entire season, Mark stood out as a key player and assisted the Blues in achieving their many wins.

A Regular Pro... Mark Sienkiewicz was selected to play hockey for the 95-96 school year in the North American Hockey League. Players at this level are either trying to move to the collegiate ranks or on to professional hockey. They are 20 years old or younger and Mark was the youngest goalie in the league. This was Mark's eleventh season playing hockey.

Back in the days of "The Flintstones" you might have thought that bowling was the pastime of middle age men like Fred and Barney. But not so today. Many young people both male and female enjoy the sport. Sophomore Crystal Mead who is involved in two leagues, one at Mason Lanes and the other Holt High School's Bowling team commented, "With activities at bowling alleys such as Rock N Bowl and Country Bowl, it gives teenagers a place to go on weekends and hang out with all their friends. Senior Kelly Wardwell added another draw, "Bowling is cheap and it's just something fun to do."

Whether they bowled on teams or for fun, many students were involved with the sport. Sophomore Ryan Yuhasz shared, "I have been bowling on leagues at Mason Lanes since the second grade. My friends and I thought it sounded like fun. There isn't that much competition and anyone can do it." Ryan played on both a league at Mason Lanes, as well as, on the High School team. Sophomore Mike Dittenber also on the High School team and bowling in the Mason Lanes' league added, "I think bowling is a different kind of sport because there are few physical restrictions. You could be in a

wheel chair and bowl!"

Many students admitted they headed down to the bowling alley even though they didn't consider themselves to be great bowlers. They went for fun. Senior Tara McClelland recalled, "Once I was bowling at the MSU Union and I tried to pitch the ball like in softball. It ended up slamming down on the ground and going into the gutter." Junior Angie Watters shared, "My scores when I bowl are hilarious! Last time I bowled, I managed to get a zero in every frame. Bowling is a good sport because you can enjoy it even if you're losing."

Taking the sport more seriously were the Holt High School Bowling team members. There were Varsity and JV level teams and the league's adviser was Pat Beasley. The JV won second place in the area in season competition. Main competitors were from Mason, Lansing and Eaton Rapids.

Past league bowlers now played the game occasionally for fun. Senior Kelly Wardwell explained, "I used to be on a team in Junior High and though I am not in a league anymore, I still like to go to Rock N Bowl with my friends."

—Andrea Alburtus

Home Town Heroes

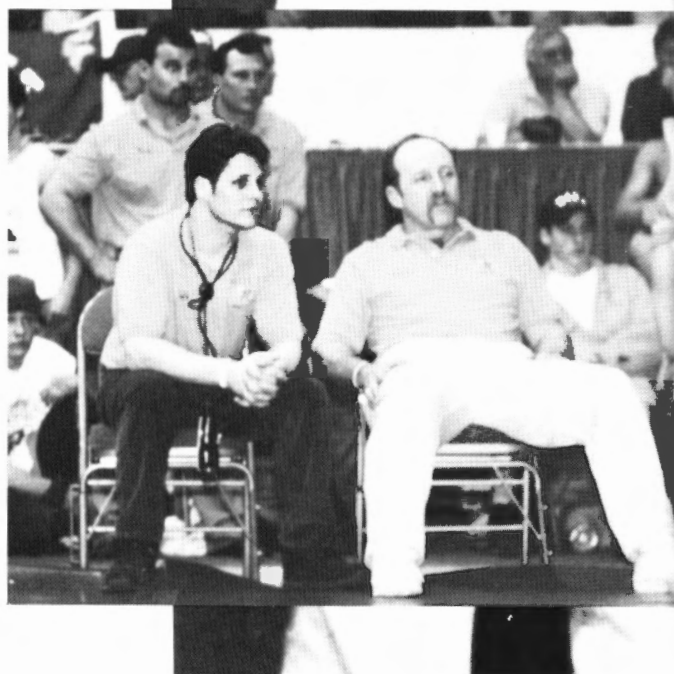
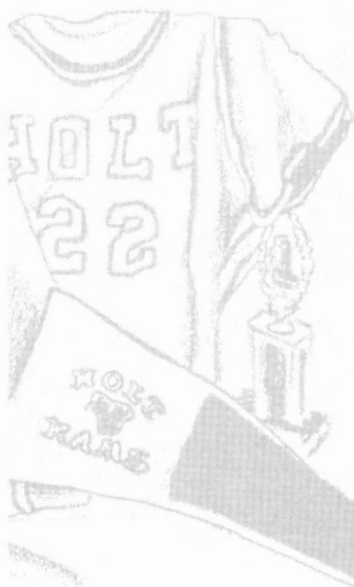
"There are many teams that are a challenge to compete with, some with outstanding traditions, some with solid programs and others with unusual techniques, but our program proved to be number one this year. We were successful because we run a positive club, where team unity is coached over individualism."

—Head Wrestling Coach Rocky Shaft

Contemplating the outcome of the State Finals match in Battle Creek is Head Coach Rocky Shaft along with Assistant Coaches Jeff Felice and Chris Leyer. The Rams rolled past Bay City Western in the finals to win the Division I State Championship.

Household Names

The names of Rocky Shaft and Mike Smith would never be forgotten as leaders who took the Rams all the way. Cutting up at the State Football Finals pep assembly are Head Football Coach Mike Smith and teacher Leo Allaire. Varsity Football players Rodney Knott and Scott Lawrence and Athletic Director Del Cory listen as Student Council recognizes fall sports teams. Reflecting on the championship game Smith commented, "It was a great honor to play in the Silverdome. It's not everyday you get to play for a state championship. They were a great team and there is no shame in losing to a better team. I have no complaints on being number two in the State of Michigan."



Photos by Julie Smith



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Senior Love Notes



Thomas McKouen,
May the road rise
up to meet you, the
sun shine upon you,
and may God's hand
hold you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian
& Brad



Ed Monroe,
To our youngest
who is the light of
our lives. Always be
as honest as you are!

Love you, Son!
Mom & Dad



Elaine,
A very special
daughter and sister.
May your future be
as bright as you have
made our lives.

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Christina, & Demetra



Tara McClelland,
Wherever you go...
Whatever you do...
Be happy and know
that we love you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Molly,

May all your yesterdays be fond
memories and all your tomorrows be
dreams come true!

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Holt Business Alliance teams up with Holt High School to offer a new program that gets students out in the Community... School-to-Work

You may have heard about it and maybe even knew someone who was in it, but what was it? It was a program that gave students the opportunity to get hands-on-experience in the work world. School-to-Work was designed for juniors and seniors to gain first-hand experience in a job. Each student had three sessions each lasting three weeks. On days that students were in the

building, they discussed ideas and information they were learning on their job site. They also listened to guest speakers who presented information about interviews and resumes. Each student was responsible for their own resume and to set up their own interviews for job placements.

As sophomores, all students took a job placement test which helped them see what job choices fit their abilities, interests and life styles. This could broaden their horizons to other

jobs they might not have considered and also could open the path to School-to-Work. Before the program, a number of teachers, counselors and administrators recognized the dilemma many students were having about choosing a career. Assistant Principal Dean Manikas stated, "School leads students to make career choices, but we seldom actually teach about the working world in school." In the 1994-95 school year, a group of teachers met with the Holt-Dimondale

Business Alliance to expand the offerings of the High School and formed the program called School-to-Work. The program answered a number of needs including experience choosing a career, providing opportunities for internships and getting a head-start on job location.

An Education Plus grant issued to the High School, now broken up into different programs, helped fund the School-to-Work initiative and other funding sources were being looked into.

The program was coordinated by a committee of 12 teachers including Technology Education teacher Leo Allaire, Special Education

teachers Peg Lamb and Jeanne Tomlinson and Business teacher Scotty Shimnoski. Allaire served as the Placement Assistant, placing students in area businesses. They ranged from dental and veterinarian assistants to bank and social workers.

Junior Stephanie Craft had her first internship in the program with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. First semester only a few students signed up for the program, but second semester saw more enrollments. The program could accept up to 30 students and the future may well see the response.

—Jennifer Wilbur

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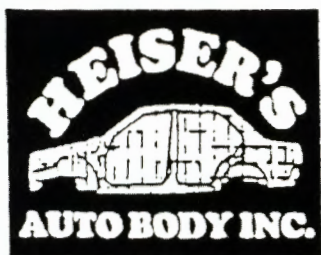
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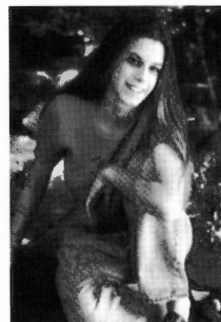
You are one of the greatest blessings in our lives. You are a beautiful person and deserve the best life has to offer. Go for it!
Love, Mom and Dad
Hayslette



Paul,

We are very proud of your achievements, and we wish you a lifetime of happiness and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Laura
Markel



Dear Marisa,

Congratulations! Your family is very proud of your accomplishments. You have a wonderful future ahead of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad Bennett



Krista,

We are proud of your success at Holt.

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Kendra

Ben,

We are proud of you, thank God for you, and pray for blessings in your life always.
Congratulations and love from,
Mom & Dad

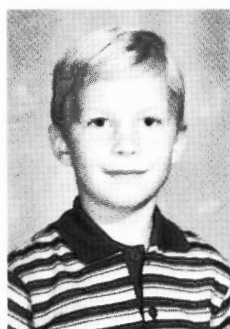
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Gennie (Gee Gee) Ray,

May all of your dreams and expectations ahead be fulfilled as much as you have magnified and fulfilled ours.

Good luck always,
Mom & Dad



Andy Davis,

We are so proud of you! May you achieve everything your heart desires. May your life be filled with joy and love.

WE LOVE YOU,
Mom & Dad



Brian Anderson,

We love you very much and wish you all the happiness that life can bring.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Lindsey



David,

May the Lord, continue to bless you, today, tomorrow, and forever. Congratulations, National Honor Society President. We are all proud of you.

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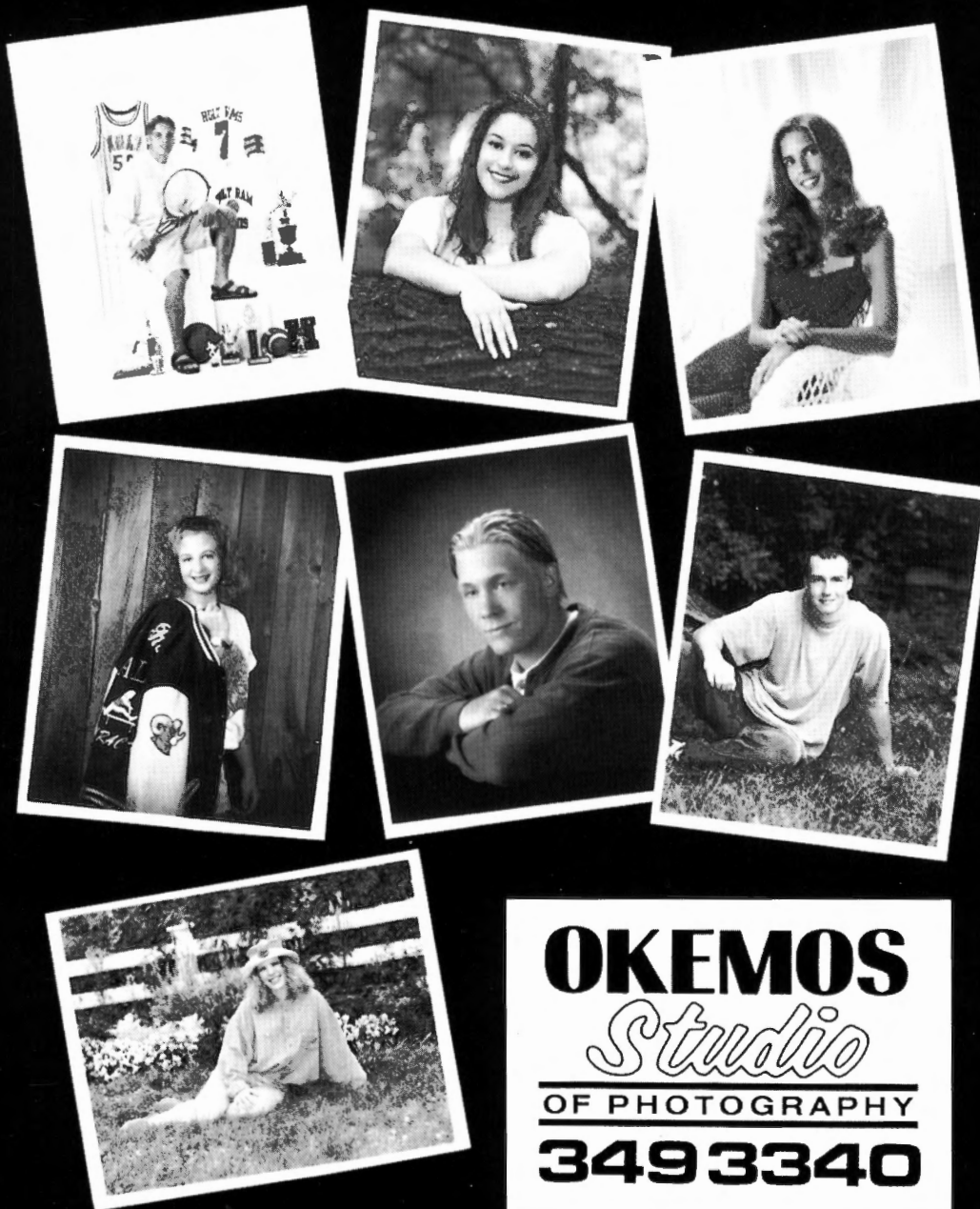


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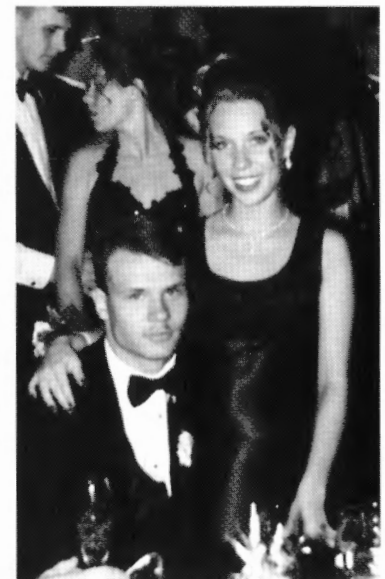
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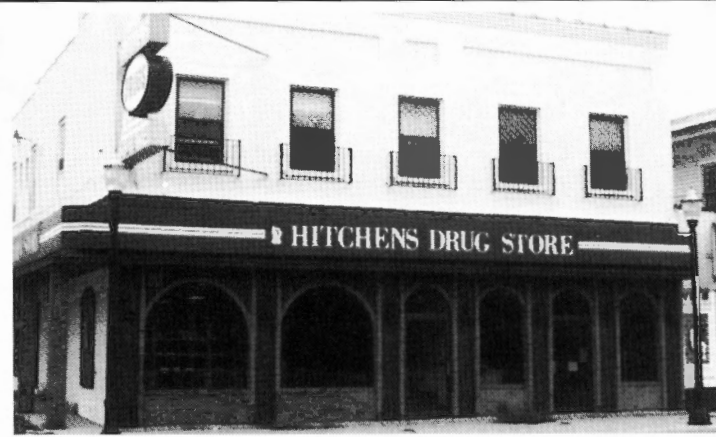
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Prom Spotlight

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erything you plan to
and become as "rich"
as you expect!

Love,
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Tandem Hayes,
Having you as a son
and brother has filled
our lives with so much
pride, love and never
a dull moment. Con-
gratulations and Good
Luck! We love you,
Dad, Mom, Trin, &
Serenity



Dear Paul Steven,
You will always be
a champion in our
eyes. We are proud of
how you have grown
in your athletic abili-
ties and leadership
qualities which God
has given to you. We
Love you! You have
Heart. Love,
Mom, Dad, Chad &
Ryan Anderson

Tom,
You are capable of doing great things.
Don't let yourself and the world down.
Love,
Mom & Dad Lott

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to a warm, compas-
sionate, intelligent
woman...a blessing to
your family, the
world!... Reach for
your dreams. The
world awaits you.

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Shelly,
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You can do it!

Love,
Mom & Dad Spitz



Dear Lisa Krug,
Your world has
changed from finger
paints to oil paints and
sculptures. We have
been proud of you all
the way.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Laura Harger,
You have given us
joy, pride, heartache,
and never ending
love. The world will
welcome your energy
and uniqueness, mak-
ing all of your aspira-
tions and goals
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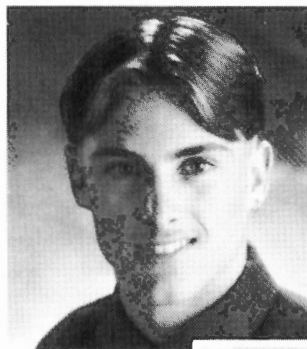
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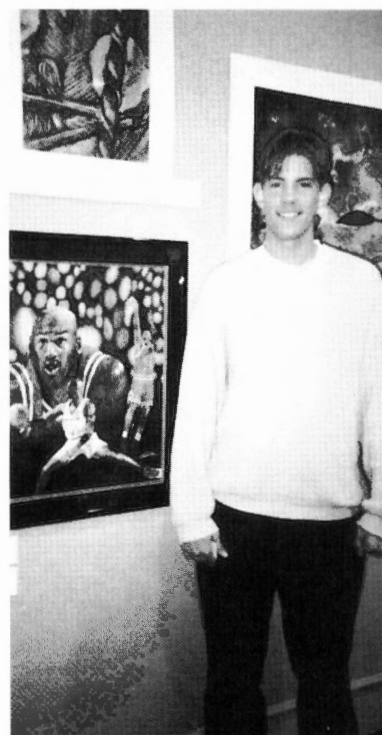
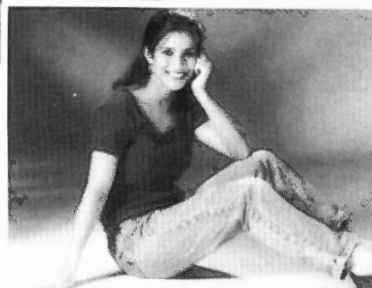
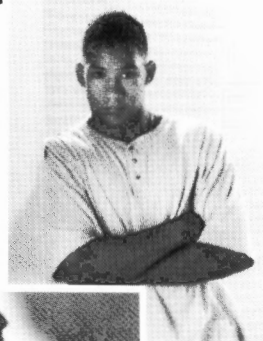
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Love,
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Rebecca Rodriguez,

Your path through life led you into our family, and you became our daughter. Pursue your dreams, and don't give up. We love you.

Love,
Al & Pat



Brendan Hill,

May you always march to the beat of your own drum and reach the goals you have set for yourself.

Love,
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Angie,

May your future hold as much happiness as you have given us. God Bless You, Little Precious!

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Jay Wagner,
You are more than
my brother, you are
my friend. May your
life be filled with
many wonderful ex-
periences and most
importantly, happi-
ness!
Love always,
Your "Sis"



Megan Dickinson,
Couldn't have
wished for a sweeter
girl. We wish you
only the very best. Be
happy and always
know we love you.
Love,
Your family

Ryan,

Between fingerprints on our ceiling and
M&M's on our pizza, you've kept life
interesting. We're proud of you son. Con-
gratulations!

Love,
Mom & Dad

E.J.

I love you no matter what your future
may bring. You know I will always be here
for you.

Love Always,
Mom

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Kelley,

We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. Keep up the good work in college.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Kimberly Nastal



Tamara,

Watching you grow, sharing your life, and having you for our daughter, has brought us much joy and happiness.

Love,

Mom & Dad Trutt



Tim Purol,

To a very special son. We are so proud of you. May your future be filled with happiness and success.

Love,

Mom & Dad



Dear Beth Wilkerson,

We are very proud of you. May you continue to respect and love yourself and others as you face your future.

Love,

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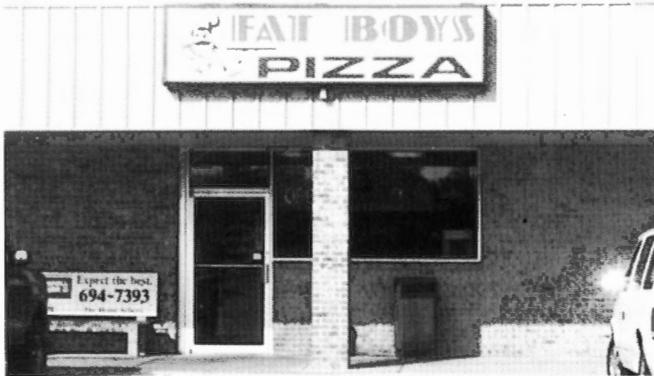
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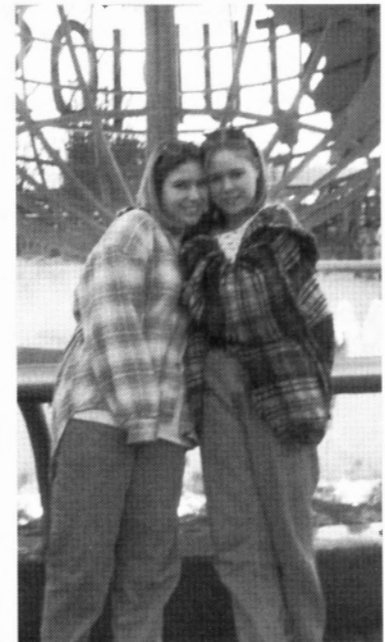


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Visiting Universal Studios in Orlando on Spring Break are junior Jennie Wilbur and a friend from Lansing Catholic Central, Sarah Szjweida. The two visited the sights including an evening in Old Town where they rode the Human Sling Shot, a ride which flings one into the air 18 stories high at 60 mph in 20 seconds! Things settled down after that with visits to the mall and shopping.



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School District Fails to Close Funding Gap

Community Turns Down Enhancement Millage Request

Holt voters turned down a request for a 3 mills enhancement by a 2-1 margin; 2,321 no votes to 1,422 yes votes on Tuesday, September 12.

The millage would have provided many fundamental items for the district including land purchase for expansion, computer and technology needs, and major maintenance projects.

Emotions were mixed on the issue with some voters disappointed with the defeat and others who felt it was justified. "I

don't believe the community is ready to pay more tax money out at this time," commented Delhi resident Linda Wise. Other community members shared this sentiment feeling that a relief from taxes was not only deserved, but long overdue.

Others felt that the improvements would have provided a better learning environment. "I voted for the millage, not just because I have children in the district, but because I think we need to provide better education for the future," reported Delhi resident Robert Carr. "I am disappointed that the millage was defeated. It's too bad that

school issues are one of the few tax items that people are allowed to vote on. They take their frustrations out on children's programs. I hear so many people complaining about how expensive child care is, but I hardly ever hear anyone complain about the cost of sports, theater tickets, or eating out. I'm afraid our priorities are confused when child care workers are not even paid minimum wage and entertainers and sports heroes command millions," stated Kathy Yuhasz, Delhi resident and Holt teacher.

To date the district has enrolled 230 new students and 85 more are expected to

enroll. The enrollment is projected to climb an additional 500 students by the year 2000. The millage earmarked \$300,000 for land purchase on which to build new facilities to accommodate this growth.

Another \$650,000 was to provide for computer technology needs particularly for computer hardware upgrades, replacement and networking, as well as additional classroom technology and software needs.

The third area of funding set aside \$900,000 for maintenance needs including a new roof on the Junior High, and new boilers for Sycamore, Wilcox and

Dimondale Elementary schools.

"It isn't clear what changes will take place because of the failed millage," reported Superintendent Mark Maksimowicz. "We'll just have to continue to tighten our belt," he stated after the election. Administration sources indicated that land purchase would be put on the shelf for the time being, perhaps being tied to a bond issue down the road when the district needs to undertake new construction. Minimal technology purchases would be made for high need areas and funds would have to be shifted to accommodate the building repairs.

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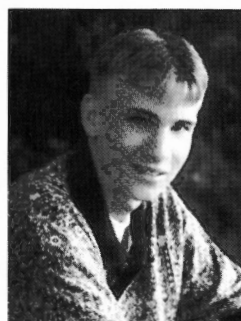



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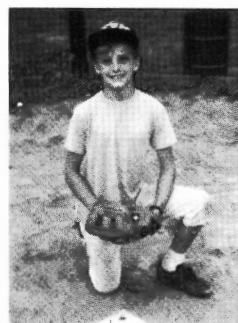
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Always remember that life can be very short. So live life to it's fullest and always know how special you are, and how much you are loved. "Love is Forever"
Love you always,
Mom

Lisa Harris,

We are very proud of you upon your graduation, as always, and know that you you will succeed in the challenges your future may bring.

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Rachel,

Such pride and happiness watching you set goals for yourself and accomplishing them. Always have faith in yourself and you will never be disappointed.

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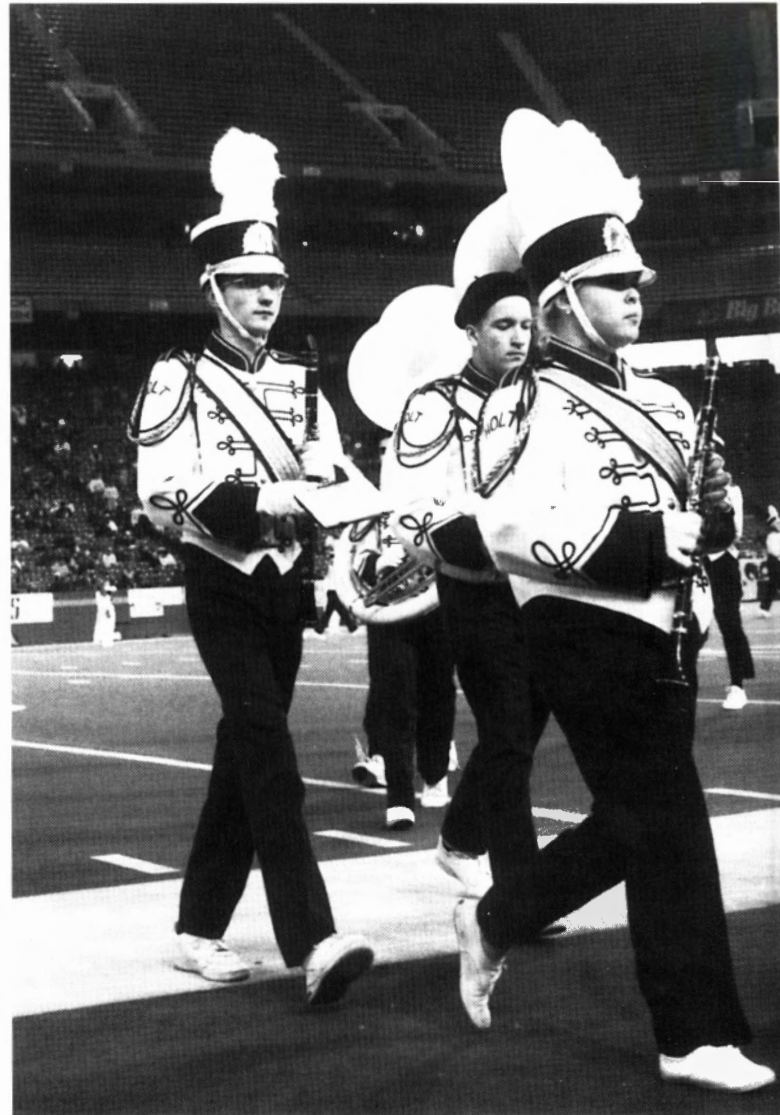
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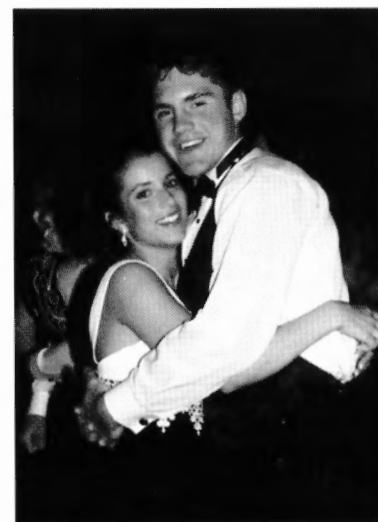
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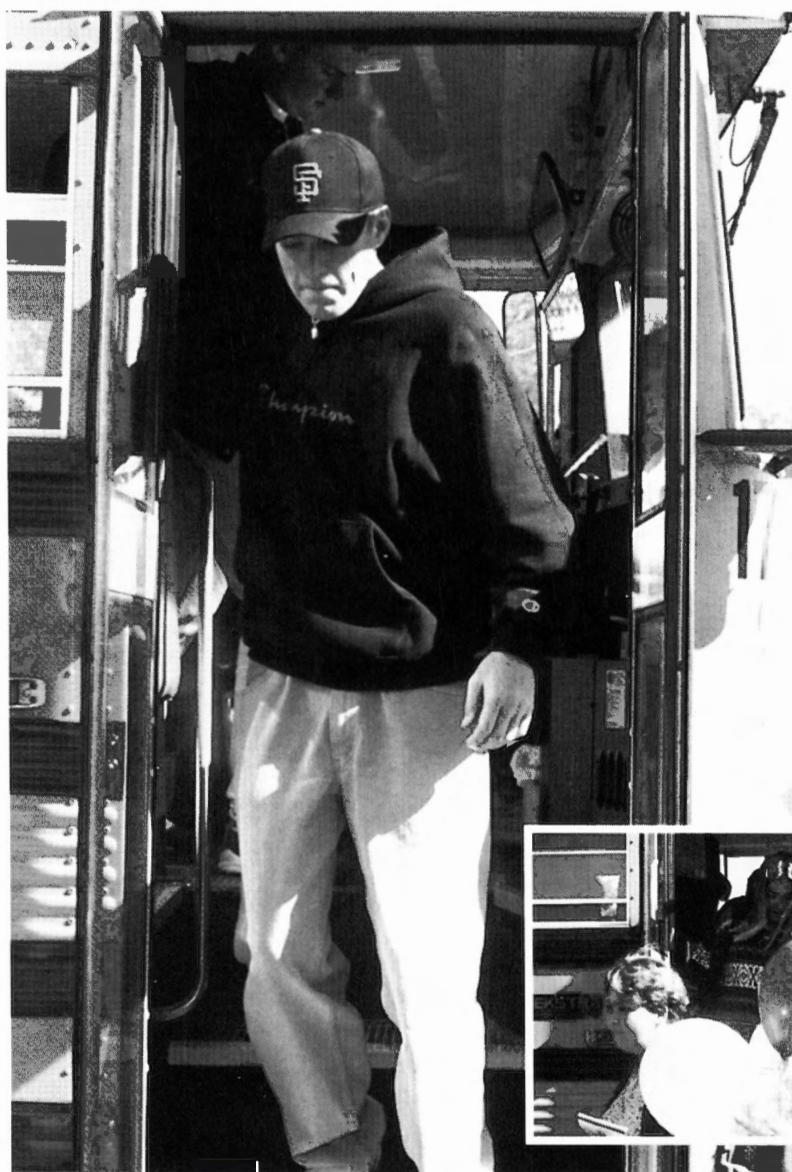
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Journalism Day Back from the MSU Kellogg Center where they attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Fall Conference are sports writer Andy Merchant, newspaper and clubs editor Heather Willett and community editor and business manager Bobbijo Larkins.



Colophon... Glory Days

Based upon the school's recent trends and records, the staff's early hunches about what kind of year it was going to be paid off. By November and football finals it was clear Holt High School was on the winning track and many "glory days" were soon to follow. It was a year of con-victions and dreams and the staff had fun putting it all together.

"Glory Days" was conceived by students with a liking for the traditional and the book was sent to press in a blind embossed forest green leatherette cover with gold foil application. The contents were listed on cream deckled endsheet stock in forest green ink. The text was printed on 100 pound gloss enamel paper in 10 point Times typeface. Headlines were composed in various decorative fonts including Bellevue, Olive Antique Bold and Zapf Chancery.

Process color was used in the opening and the senior section with spot color applications of forest green, gold, ultra blue and maroon. A simple approach was taken with design borrowing from recent magazine trends in framing, use of type and lower placed headline treatments.



Rampages
 Editor-in-Chief
 Julie Smith



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An emphasis was placed on photography with major contributions being made by Editor-in-Chief Julie Smith, and Photo Editors, Aaron Kerr and Jeff Reynolds.

The book was sent to press at the Herff Jones Shawnee Mission, Kansas plant with the assistance of sales representative Dave Loney. Computer hardware assistance was

provided with three new 7200 Macintosh computers and technical assistance was provided by Practicom of Holt. Programming was given a major boost by Julie Smith and Chris Carr who put in more than a day's work putting the finishing touches on a book that recorded the various twists that a "no guts, no glory" attitude took throughout the year.

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The staff sought a little glory with the awards for the 1995 yearbook and newspaper. A Gold Medalist Rating and three All-Columbians was earned by the yearbook and the newspaper received a Silver Medalist rating with two All-Columbians from CSPA. The yearbook received a First Class Rating with three Marks of Distinction and the newspaper a First Class rating from NSPA. In state judging, the yearbook earned a Spartan Award and the newspaper an Award of Merit from MIPA. Individual Awards earned in the MIPA Newspaper and On-Site contests included: Julie Smith: First Place in Photography, Aaron Kerr Honorable Mention in Yearbook Copy and Caption Writing, Nick Cook First Place By-lined Opinion, Dan Cupples First Place News Analysis, Bill Stevens Second Place Informative Feature, Andy Merchant Third Place Sports Column, Bobbijo Larkins Honorable Mention News Analysis, Aaron Kerr Honorable Mention By-lined Opinion, Kelley Nastal Honorable Mention In-Depth Feature, Ryan Franklin Honorable Mention Reviews.

Shine of the Times



Great Discoveries
Completing a lab are seniors Laura Ososkie, Brian Anderson, Ryan Coon, and Kristen Block in Larry Burgess' fifth hour Zoology class.

The glory days came to an end as seniors moved on to college and jobs and the juniors and sophomores finished up their finals. For many students, the year was a glorious one filled with championships, awards and memories.

Monty Bishop and his choir took a four-day trip to Toronto to see Phantom of the Opera and to sing at Casaloma. Students involved in the musical were busy with their production of "Anything Goes," casting Aaron Kerr, Jeanne Pierson and Amanda Whitehead in the leading roles.

Student Council hosted Winterfest with the students voting Lindsay Patterson and Scott Lawrence King and Queen. National Honor Society also inducted 45 new members, accepted under revised rules.

Holt proved to have the best sports teams, winning the All-Sports Trophy

for the first time in CAC history. Title winners included Girls' Cross Country, Girls' Swimming and Diving, Varsity Football, Wrestling and Gymnastics. Glory was short-changed for the Boys' Cross Country team who took second at the CAC meet after completing an undefeated season.

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Kings of the Hill

Seniors pump up the spirit at a pep assembly. The ruling class worked hard to lead the Rams to the All-Sports trophy and a banner year in many extracurriculars.



Something to Smile About

Taking a doughnut break during a Forensics meet are senior Ryan Frazier and sophomore Kim Parker. Ryan gave an informational speech on the history of Atari while Kim performed a poetry piece by Sylvia Plath.

Playing their Part

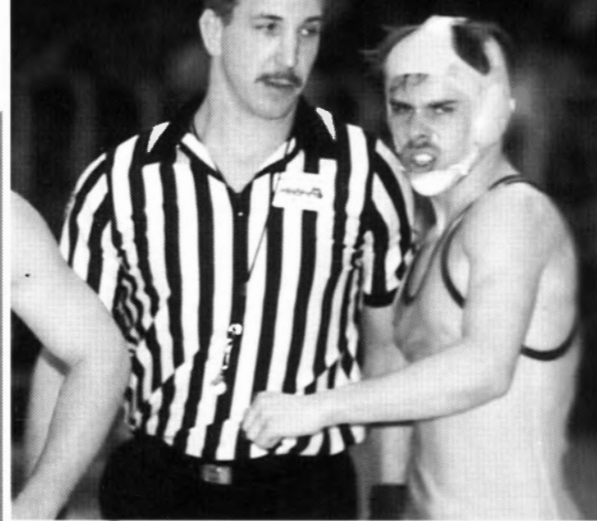
Performing in the Spring Musical, "Anything Goes," are senior Aaron Kerr and juniors Amanda Whitehead and Bob Picken.



"Since I didn't make the individual state competition, winning that match made me feel like I was an individual state champ. I'll never forget it!"

—Senior Tom Shaver

after winning his match against Bay City Western
in the Class AA State Wrestling Championship.

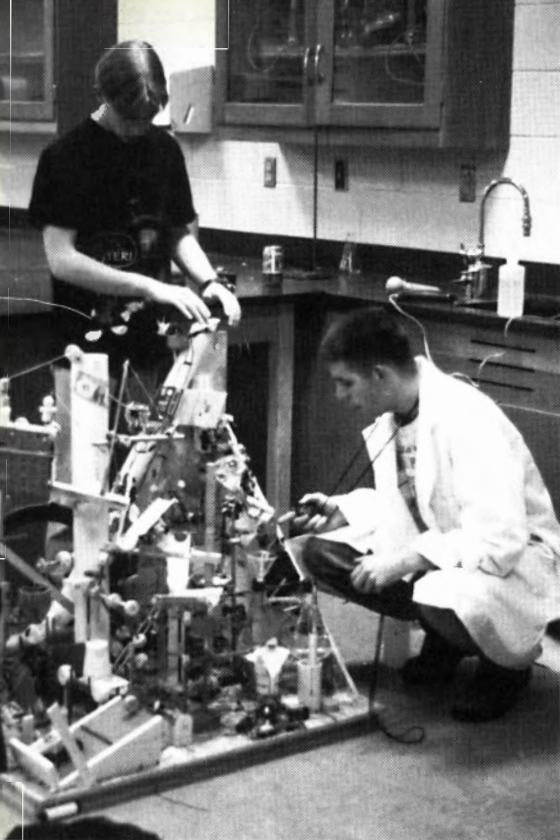


W INNER TAKES ALL

"I was pleasantly surprised at all of Holt's athletic success. This was the first year that someone gave East Lansing a run for the All-Sports Trophy."

—Head Varsity
Football Coach
Mike Smith



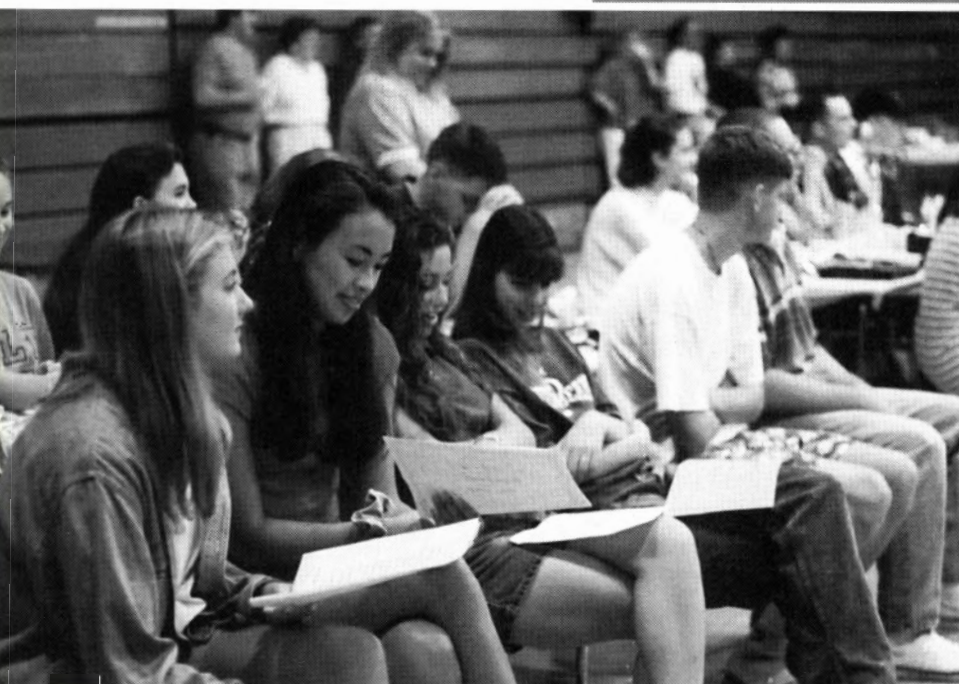


Serious Science

Getting Mission Possible ready for Regional competition are seniors Adam Downey and Marshall Savage. The Science Olympiad team won first place at Regionals and third place in State competition. Marshall noted, "I worked on the Mission Possible event where we were always trying new methods to get our goal accomplished. My other event was Chemistry Lab. We took first in both of these events in State competition so that was really cool for me."

Senior Goodbyes

Seniors gather one last time before Commencement for Senior Breakfast, Saturday June 8. Enjoying a few laughs while listening to the results of the senior standouts election are Jamie Southwell, Angie Hays and Rachael Paterick.



Making our Mark

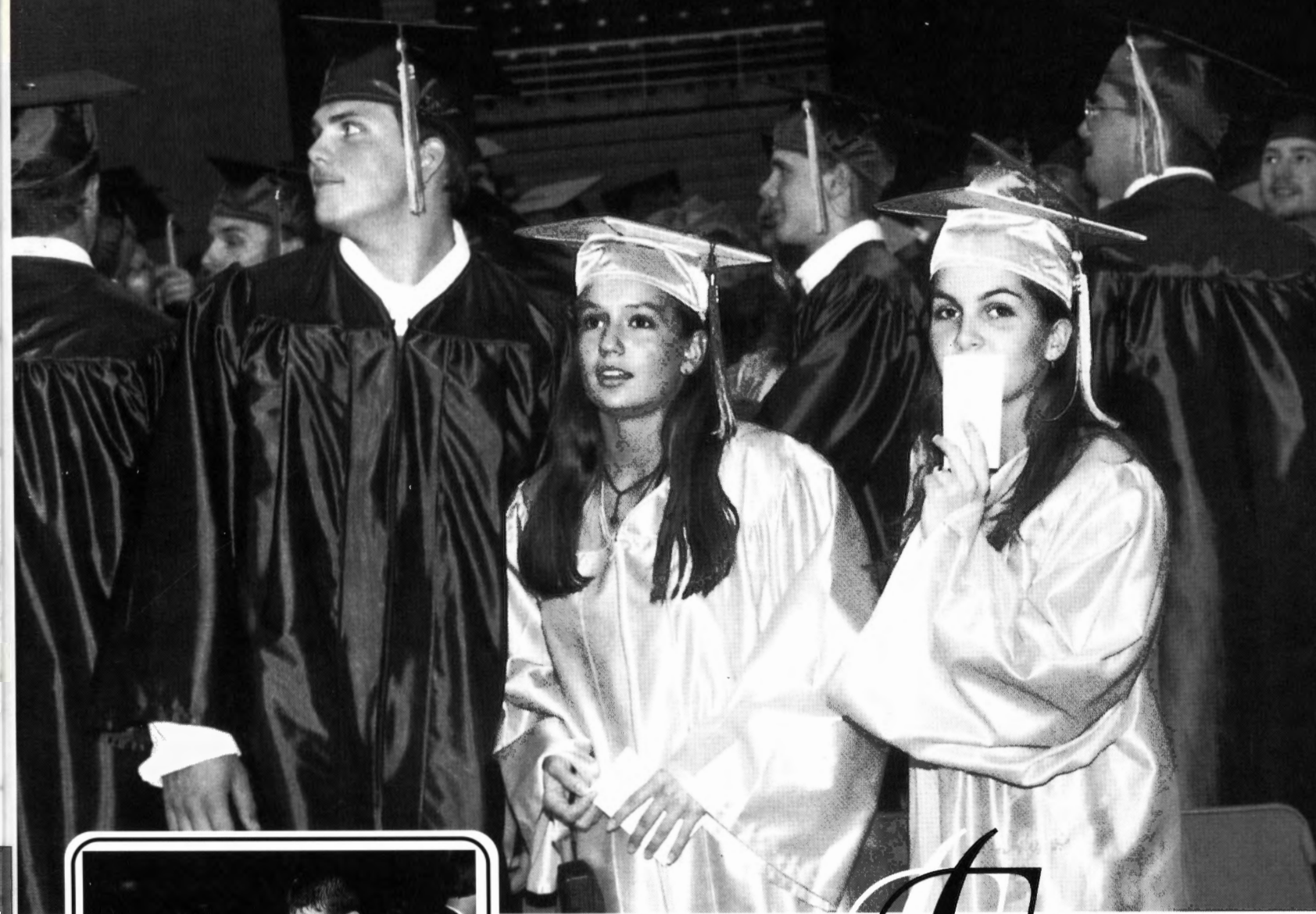
French and Spanish club members prepared for their trip to France and Spain on June 14, while the German students planned to take a breather summer from their biennial exchange. Guil Northrup's Consumer Economics classes met their funding goals for Rampaign 1200 benefiting school clubs and activities, and collected raffle prize donations from local businesses including a complete prom package. Four students in the class also won top state awards earning \$139,000 in a stock market project.

The Junior-Senior Prom extravaganza was held again at the Lansing Center on Saturday, May 25, and Baccalaureate and Commencement completed seniors walk down memory lane. Commencement was held at the Breslin Center on June 9 with family and friends joining graduates for a recap in the senior video of their glory days.

"We went to Hershey's for dinner and then to Prom. I ended up dancing with a lot of girls, not just my date. It was a great evening!"

—Junior Ed Gifford

dancing with sophomore Elaina Truman during Prom at the Lansing Center, May 25.



For the Record

FOR THE RECORD

"I think our class has shown more school spirit and pride in being Holt graduates. It may be because we did so well during the football season and had such a good fan turnout at the games."

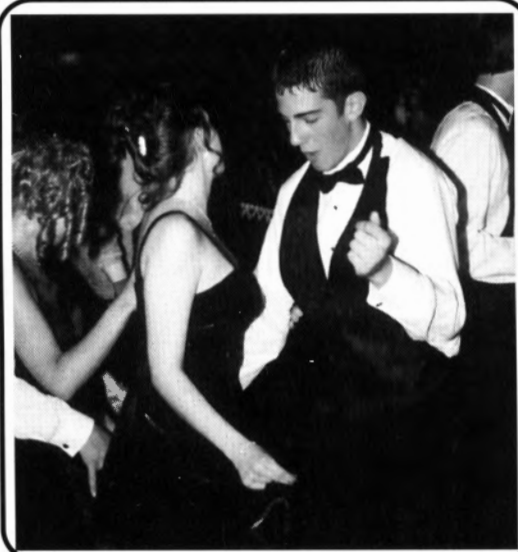
—Senior Lynn Felton

Graduates Tom McKouen, Sara Woulf, Sarah Brockwell and members of the Class of '96 stand to watch the senior video at the Breslin Center during Commencement.

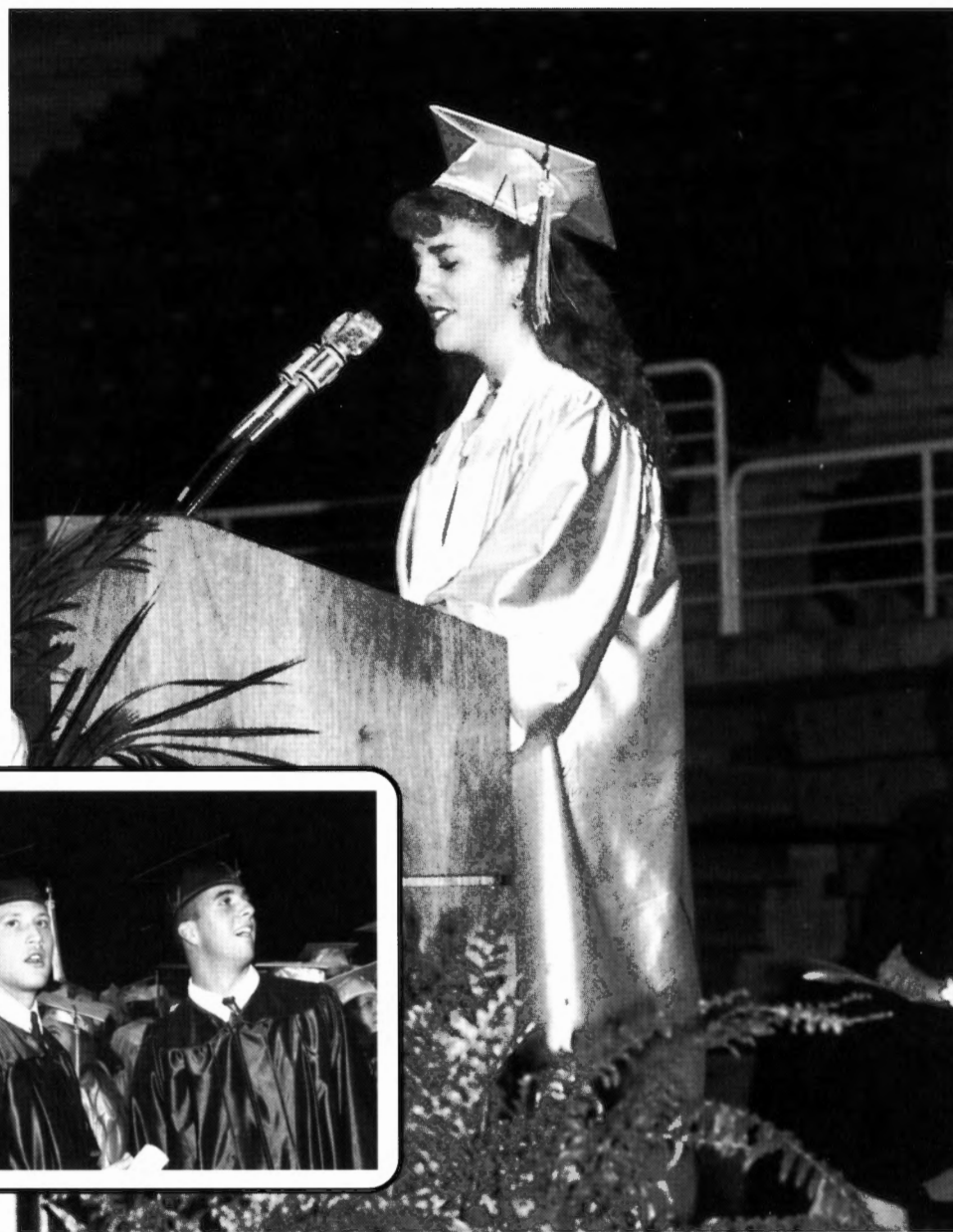


Finishing Touches

Getting ready for showtime are juniors Nancy Quasarano who played Annie Sullivan and Meody Routhier as Helen Keller before their performances in "The Miracle Worker." About her role Nancy commented, "I think that Annie Sullivan was a great influence on the life of Helen Keller, and it was a privilege to portray the part of someone who had such an important role to play." Melody added, "My part as Helen Keller was very challenging for me. This play also helped me to understand the importance of education for the blind."



Glory Days



"Love, Hope, Faith"

Delivering her Commencement speech at the Breslin Center, June 9, is senior Christina DeWitt. She stressed the importance of "love, hope and faith" in the graduates' lives. A highlight for the Senior Class was the recap of their glory days in the senior video. Brian Canen and Marty Tompkins relive segments of glory from the year as they watch the video with their classmates, teachers, parents and friends.

One Last Look