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You Never Expected . . .

Sharing a laugh at the Homecoming Dance are senior Randall Emery and junior Megan Abbott. "Megan whispered something unexpected in my ear and caught me off guard. I couldn't help but laugh," explained Randy. "It just so happened that our 10-month anniversary fell on Homecoming which was kind of nice because I feel like we are the perfect high school sweethearts."

Time Out

Relaxing at a meeting of the International Club are juniors DeJuan Parker, Ken Day, and other club members. DeJuan commented, "It was surprising to see so many show up for the meeting. There were twice as many as last year."

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Not the Usual

Competing in the egg pass contest at the Homecoming pep assemby are seniors Tim Wise and Lyndsay Cook. Senior Brian Gostnell is caught deep in thought, while the Girls' Swim Team splashes it up after winning the CAC title for the fifth year in a







any students ventured into the school year not knowing what was ahead. Expecting to select their locker partners upon returning the first day, they were more than a little surprised to get their locker and partner assignment via the mail. "I was appalled when I opened the envelope and found that I was assigned a locker with someone I didn't even know," reported senior Melisa Robinson.

The new locker system wasn't the only change. It was followed by extended school hours and the postponement of the proficiency test. Junior Jesse Collins commented, "I did not mind the extra five minutes at the end of each day because I did feel that the announcements took away from learning time in third hour, but I found the extra 25 minues on Wednesday afternoon made classes drag on."

Then a pre-Halloween ice storm brought an unexpected snow day in October and El Nino brought mild temperarures in February, hitting the 50's one weekend. Junior Jenny Johnson noted, "One minute I'm outside rollerblading in the middle of February, which was strange to begin with and the next moment I'm scraping ice off my car!"

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SHOCK VALUE

Too Hot to Handle





Break It Down

Striking a unique pose during their routine are Dance Team members Ilana Fisher and Mila Al-Ayoubi during a Varsity Basketball halftime. Mila noted, "It was fun to be in something creative and interact with others." Ilana added, "I remember how surprised I was when T. J. Singleton and the boys brought us flowers in the middle of our guy-girl dance. After that I made my only dance step mistake of the season."

Photo by Whitney Hoagland

pirit Week brought some shocking hairdos on Weird Hair Day and some unexpected One-Eyed Willy look-alikes walking around on Pirate Day. Although the election of Joni Smith for Homecoming Queen didn't astonish anyone, a first timer to court, Joey Warren, winning Homecoming King took many by pleasant surprise.

Interim Superintendent Tom Davis became official superintendent after a search of applicants from across the country. The budget situation continued to cause problems and teachers were working late into the spring without a new contract. The staff continued to work on school improvement to raise academic standards and test scores focusing on writing across the curriculum, classroom discussion skills and student responsibility issues.

Making some unexpected splashes was the Boys' Swimming and Diving Team which captured the CAC title. More championships were won by the Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Golf, Girls Swimming and Diving, and the Wrestling teams. The year wore on and students and staff learned not to be surprised, but rather, expect the unexpected.

SWEPT AWAY

It Can Happen

What's Next? Working away on a Spanish III assignment are seniors Kristen Swanson and Sara Smith. Junor Treg Garrow and Andrew Mereer wait for the cell in Parenting class, and Nichole Walters performs her uneven parallel bar rouine in the meet

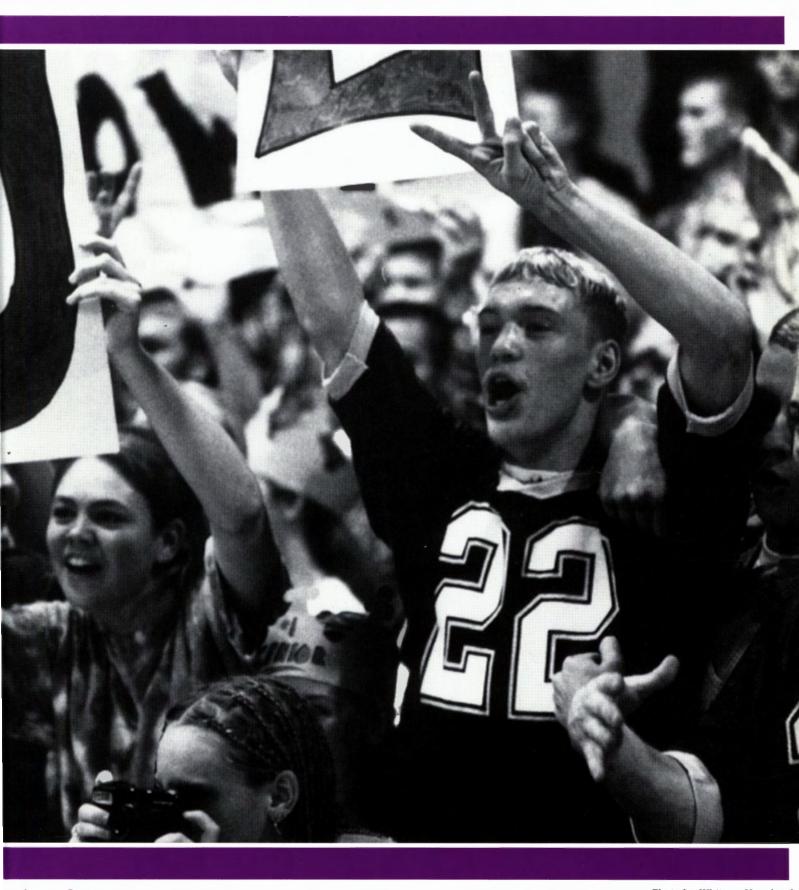








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Senior Pride

Displaying their senior dominance at the Homecoming pep assembly are Alycia Lantagne, Russell Clark and Chad Johnson. Under senior leadership the Varsity Football team went on win the Homecoming game that evening.

Photo by Whitney Hoagland

Element of Surprise



Decked Out

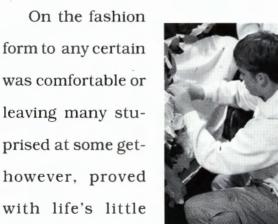
Playing the part in their own fashion look are seniors Tim Wise and Chris McDonald as they perform a trial scene during English class.

Life was not without some surprises and students learned to capitalize on them. The enthusiasm of producing the first Shakespearean play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, brought more than a

few smiles to the faces of cast, crew and directors.

During Homecoming, the sophomores proved that although they were newcomers, their blood ran brown and gold taking the spotlight with their Germany theme, hall decorations and float.

Students found more relaxation on holidays and hanging out at friends' houses, while some seniors opted for a Cancun Spring Break getaway to end their year with an unforgetable experience.



"Big Bug"

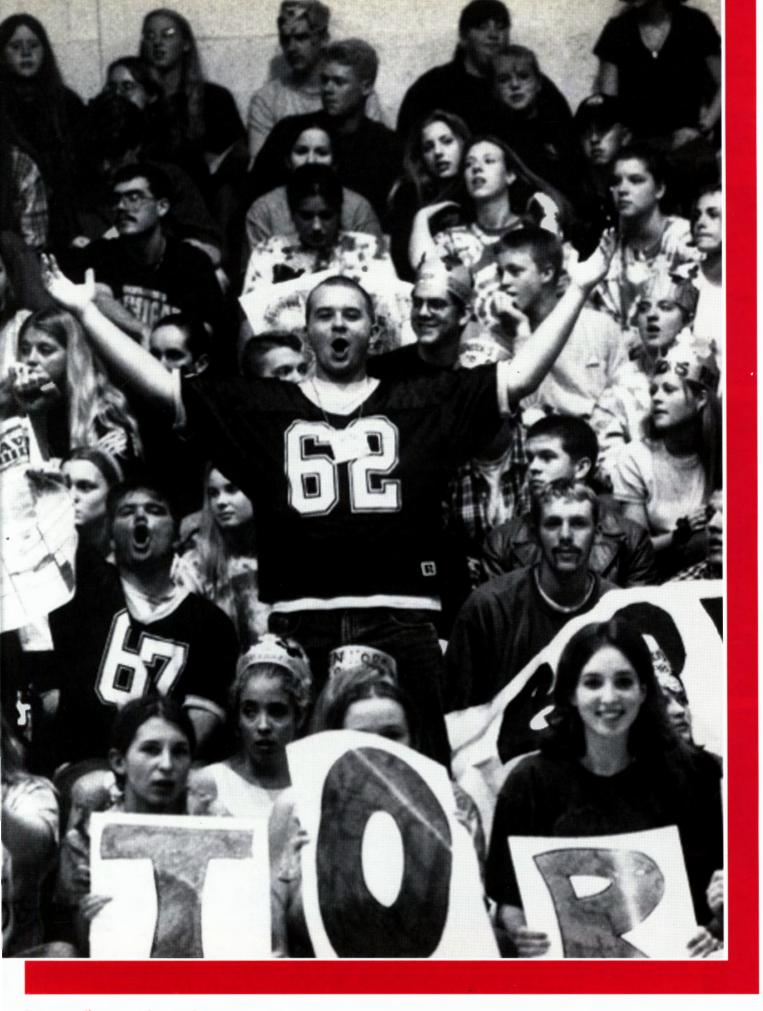
The VW bug takes shape with the help of sophomore Mike Reid at the float-building site. About the sophomore's impact Mike felt,"We were better than everyone else!"



Unique Look

Sporting his fashion creativity is junior Ryan Houlihan during Spirit Week.

scene, students didn't contrend, but rather wore what expressed their personality, dents some than a little surups. Taking things in stride, the best way to go when faced surprises.



"Big Man" on the Senior Side

Showing his spirit on the senior side of the gym is Chris Steer during the Homecoming pep assembly. He commented, "Seniors rule, and I was just trying to prove it!"

esourcefulness was put to the test as students became the quick change artists of Spirit Week. Theme days challenged their imaginations as they worked out their attire. "The themes were off the wall and a bit hard to plan for, but it was fun," noted junior Libby Smieska.

Pajama and Hat Day brought a lot of participation as it was comfortable and easy to grab the popular hat. "Get Up and Go Day was my favorite because I got to come to school and chill, all comfy and cozy, in my PJ's," stated Nikole Walters.

Pirate Day brought the

one-eyed-willies and added a new twist. "I loved Pirate Day because I had a lot of fun putting together my outfit for it," shared sophomore Joan Anderson. Noted by her peers for her enthusiasm junior Jennifer Barry observed, "Joan is the first person that comes to mind as most spirited. She participated everyday and went all out."

Weird Hair Day brought wacko looks as students got creative with their locks, and Class Color Day brought out the loyal fans of class spirit.

But the biggest day of the week was Theme Day as the Egyptians, Romans and Germans took turns vying for who ruled the school. Hall decorations and floats took form with creative interpretations of the cultures. Seniors with Burger King crowns turned upside down for their Egyptian trademark led the Spirit Week activities challenged by sophomores who rose to the occasion in spirited numbers to put on a good show. Juniors were not to be outclassed as they donned the traditional togas, built the coliseum and paved the road back to Rome. "Everyone who worked on the floats and halls should be commended. The themes were very original and everything looked great, concluded Joan Anderson. - Rampages Staff



Helping to decorate the Senior Class hall are Alissa Holm and Jessica Heeg. "The hallway was the only activity I could work on because I had Tennis CAC's during my senior pep rally!" complained Jessica.





Roman Ruins

Organizing the Junior Class hallway are Michelle Smith, Erin Toby and Matt Scholtz. "It was really hard to pull our hall together because it is so large and there wasn't a lot of help. But it turned out successful," noted Matt.



Bow Down!

Photo by Whitney Hoagland

Showing his seniority with his "Bow Down" sign is senior Ben Wahl during the Homecoming Pep Assembly. Seniors took charge of the afternoon and showed underclassmen who had the most spirit.

Le Artist

Painting a poster for the Egyptian float decorations is Erin Hoffman.

Nutcracker Sentinel

Observing the sophomore's German theme hallway is Mike Reid. "We all worked hard because our time was limited, but it paid off with a first place award."

SPIRIT SOARS

Quick Change Artists







Ducks in a Row Senior smiles light up the faces of Alycia Lantagne, Kelly Kamm, Bekkie Corr and Katie Stachlewitz at the Homecoming pep assembly.



"I enjoyed Spirt Week because it's fun and it gives students a chance to dress unusual."

—Joan Anderson on Pajama and Hat Day



"I was thinking about the most beautiful girls in the world, Lyndsay Cook and Jessica Heeg. They like crazy guys." -Junior Scott LeRoy

on Weird Hair Day



"Since this was my last year, I decided to have fun with Spirit Week."

-Senior Bekkie Corr on Pirate Day



Swept Off Her Feet

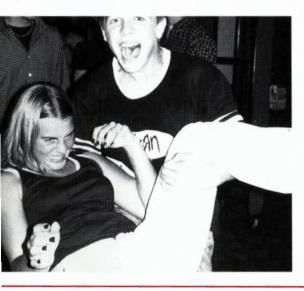
Getting down at the Homecoming Dance are sophomores Bethany Parrish and Tyler Babcock, Friday October 3 in the cafeteria.

Et Tu Brutes

Guarding the Junior Class float are Corey VanStratt, Ben Wood and Sherman Horn. The juniors took third in the float competition which was judged just before parade time.

SPELLBOUND

More Than You Bargained For









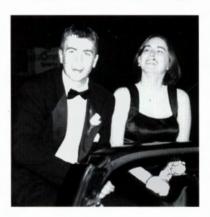
"I had never been nominated for court, so it was really special, and when I found out I was voted King, I was very surprised and happy. The crowning part was the best. I was totally awestruck and nervous."

-King Joey Warren with Homecoming Queen Joanie Smith



"It was easy to keep a glowing smile all night because every time I looked at Justin his yellow glasses made me crackup!"

-Princess Kendra Dunham with Prince Justin Pool.



"I remember standing on the 50-yard line, listening to the announcer and thinking, 'Wow, he's talking about me,'"

—Junior Kyle Wilkins with Erin Tobey circling Troost Field during the halftime Coronation ceremony. ubbing it Spirit Week, seniors, juniors and sophonores went head to head for ne week each year competing to see which class had he most Ram pride. Friday, October 3, was the big day of estivities. During sixth hour tudents gathered in the gymor the pep assembly and it was the traditional celebration with zany games and Dan Ernst's legendary "Pride fug" contest.

"The scream contest was illarious," commented junor Holly Rotman. "I thought he pep assembly was aweome. I've been waiting three rears to be on the senior ide," added Lyndsey lireath.

The grand finale of the afternoon was the announcement of the court. Representing the Freshman Class were Monica Pittman and Casey Nelson; the Sophomore Class by Danielle Clugston, Troy Hamilton, Rosie Quasarano and David Norris, and the Junior Class by Cherraline Doerr, Cedric Ford, Danyelle Smythe, Joe Durfee, Erin Tobey and Kyle Wilkins. The Class of 98 was represented by Katie Stachlewitz, Mike Laur, Katie Wilkerson, and Russell Clark. Justin Pool was Prince and Kendra Dunham, princess, while Joey Warren and Joanie Smith reigned as King and Queen.

At 4:00 p.m. students and

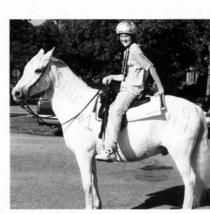
the community gathered on Sycamore Street for the parade, followed by the Community Pep Rally and entertainment by the Band, Dance Team and Cheerleaders.

Pulling out a victory over Jackson crowned the evening followed by the Homecoming Dance. "The most memorable parts of the day were the game and dance. I was finally at a high school dance and no longer a sophomore wannabe!" shared Mindy Brown. Like many students, junior Andrea McCulloh concluded, "I always enjoy having a week to just be goofy and have fun with friends."

-Joey Warren

Whod ...

Poised for the Homecoming Parade is sophomore SADD member and equestrian Kelly Martin. Spirited SADD members participated in the hall decorations and parade.







Regal Walk

Strolling across the 50 yard line Homecoming night are Senior Court members Katie Stachlewitz and Mike Laur.

Guten Tag

Getting ready for the annual ride around Holt are sophomores Anna Green and Abby Feguer. "It was interesting, fun and good to see that sophomores had a lot of spirit," reported Anna. The sophomore German theme float with the VW bug took first place.

ost students found Shakespeare difficult to read let alone perform. But on November 20-22, the cast of the Fall Play staged A Midsummer's Night Dream. It was the first-time in 30 years that a Shakespearean play had been tackled. A story of love and magic, four main characters are caught in a love rectangle by the tricks of fairies and each one falls in love with the wrong person.

The play takes place in a magical forest outside Athens, Greece and the main characters are two young men Lysander and Demetrius played by Ty Schalter and Evan Caldwell. Katie Stachlewitz and Jamie Green played the parts of the young women Hermia and Helena. In a subplot, Oberon, King of the fairies played by Sherman

Horn quarrels with queen Titania played by Erin Hoffman.

The cast filled the shoes of some very challenging and exciting roles. Junor Erin Tobey as a mischievious fairy revealed, "I loved playing Puck. I got to go crazy and express my true personality. I put a lot of myself into the role." Senior Jamie Greene added, "Because of Helena's personality or lack of it, she was challenging. I had to put a lot of my personal experience into it to help get the audience to feel her pain."

According to the cast, the outcome was well worth the effort. Senior Bekkie Corr assessed, "Any high school willing to attempt Shakespeare has courage and deserves praise. I think we did awesome. I was proud of everyone and that we actually

pulled it off. Shakespeare was truly a comedian, though only a limited few appreciate his humor." Noting the turnout, Jamie Green added, "I thought it was very successful. Alot more people showed up than I expected."

The play was directed by English teacher Debbie Childers with the help of Fine teacher Leanne Schnepp and senior Kris Bakken. Childers noted, This play was of particular difficulty because of the language. It has been my goal to set the bar higher each play we do and the students rose to the challenge. Midsummer's Night Dream became a reality and provided everyone some fun in the process.

Whitney Hoagland



Taking a time out from hectic pre-

show to snap a photo are junior Erin Tobey as Puck and Anna Carella as

Kiss for Luck



Center Stage

Performing a scene in the lightning house are Justin Pool, Kris Bakken Matt Lonsberry and Michelle Smith. "At first I was kind of skeptical about dressing up as a girl, but I got over it and really got into the role," revealed Matt.



Fantastic Fairy Faces

Applying their fairy makeup are seniors Julie Galambos, Bekkie Corr, Emily Mutty and Junior Anna Carella. Julie joked, "The hardest thing about being a fairy wasn't the acting; rather scraping the excess glitter from our hair!"

Take Five

Performing a scene from A Midsummer's Nigh Dream are senior Erin Hoffman as Titania and junior Sherman Horn as Oberon. "I was worried I was going to kill someone with my inch long nails," commented Erin.

Cast Clique

Immortalizing the pre-performance excitement are cast members; S. Horn, K. Stachlewitz, T. Parks, M. Smith, E. Caldwell, E. Tobey, A. Carella and B. Corr.

Oh Wall ...

Getting ready to portray 'Wall' in the Fall Play is senior Kris Bakken.

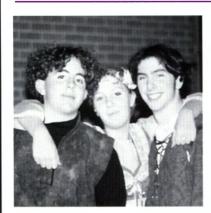
SHAKESPEARE

A Dream Come True









"We were very surprised by the turnout. More people came to this play than any other Holt production."

—Junior Sherman Horn with Katie Stachlewitz and Tom Parks



"I loved playing Puck. I got to go crazy and express my true personality. I put a lot of myself into the role."

-Junior Erin Tobey behind the scenes of the Fall Play



"The fairy queen Titania was a powerful role, but easy to play. Most of my prep time was spent memorizing and learning the meaning of my lines."

—Senior Erin Hoffman with sophomore Rebecca Anderson



Holiday Service

Creating a pinata are several students in Juanita Grew's Spanish class. The students donated them to the childrens' wards of area hospitals to liven up their Christmas holiday.

Family Time

Getting together with her stepsisters during the holidays is junior Liz Rehfuss, Paula Kelly and Nici Wagner. Liz revealed, "I like getting together on the holidays because it's so different now that my Dad remarried. My family has grown so much."

SPECIAL DAYS

Time to Expect More

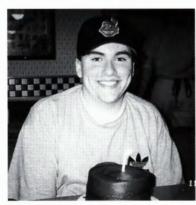






"This get up was a Halloween mix between a hippee and a really bad nose job. My favorite holiday though, is St. Patrick's Day because of my Irish heritage."

> -Senior Evan Caldwell during Art Seminar class.



"A birthday is a holiday of sorts. This year I didn't do anything too important however, I just went out to eat with my family at Bill Knapps."

-Junior Steve Frazier with birthday cake on November 25.



Putting the finishing touches on the traditional Nutcracker Christmas decoration, symbolic of Germany, in the sophomore hallway during Spirit Week is Abbey Feguer.

olidays... a part of world culture, everybody knew hat they were, somewhat hy they happened, and why ey liked them so much. owever, students had difrent perspectives on what olidays meant and what extly was so special about em.

Aside from the obvious ays off from school and rexation time, students found olidays memorable. "I love l holidays for different reaons," shared junior Liz alker, but most of all I eny Halloween and the extement of finding that cerin costume. No matter how d I get, I dress up." senior Janell Gingas revealed. "It's a holiday of mystery and fantasy. It's intriguing to me because on Halloween it feels like anything is possible."

While Christmas was the most popular season because of its long vacation and traditional role as family time, gifts and general good, a lot of students had other favorite days. Senior Katie Skoczylas stated, "My favorite is Thanksgiving because you get together with your family and socialize." Andrea McCulloh enjoyed St. Patrick's Day, "mostly because everyone is in good cheer." For Sarah Mapes, it was Valentine's Day, "when everyone is nice, and I like the festive candy." Senior Justin

Pool enjoyed, well...uh... 'Boxing Day.' He explained, "It's the day after Christmas when I play with all my gadgets and gizmos and spend all my Christmas money."

With the holidays came, of course, spending money. The biggest time for this? Again Christmas. "It's the holiday that really drains me; I'm still in debt," remarked Janell. B.J. Hagerman observed, "People are crazy at the malls and I sometimes find myself celebrating for the wrong reason." One could say that holidays offered a break in the everyday routine and were special. Students tried to keep them that way.

Allen Bolden

Gather Round

Getting together in a holiday moment is senior Lyndsey Gilreath with her Dad and brothers.





Photo by Erin Carslake

Likely Trio

n the Halloween spirit during Art Seminar class are seniors Janell Gingas, Whitney Hoagland and Jeremy Schopp. Whitney explained, "I asked Erin Carslake to take the photo of us all together because I wondered what it would look like for a fairy, an archangel and Jesus to be having a discussion."

Hanging Out Solo

Enjoying a quiet moment in the C hallway is senior Jordan Voss. The B and C halls were noted hangouts for students escaping noisy classrooms or to socialize while on hall passes.

Study Hall Hangout?

Assigned to study hall are seniors Hiedi Schaffer and Jim Deline. Hiedi shared, "Study hall was a place to hangout, talk to other students and get your homework done."



pare time . . . a commodity that got spent as fast as it came, but it was considered precious by students. They spent it in different ways and with different people, but by far the most popular was hanging out at friends houses. Senior Ryan Owen, Matt Ovenhouse, Mike Maxey and Alan Elliott often hung out at senior Andy Snyder's house. "We play football, video games and ping pong," explained Ryan. Matt added, "The time together gives us a break from school, sports, jobs and parents."

The ladies enjoyed hanging out at malls and shopping. Senior Ilana Fisher revealed, "My favorite stores are Contempo, The Buckle, and Valueland." Ilana was also an avid dancer and performed at Karyn's Dance Place, Susan Vaughn's School of Dance in Jackson and participated on the school dance team. But when she was not shopping or dancing, she enjoyed hanging out at best friend Asia Cribbis' house.

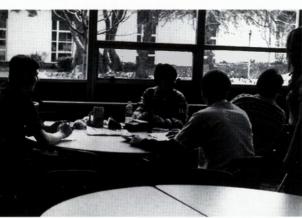
While some students were enjoying hobbies and time at friends houses, others devoted their spare time to sports. Junior Tim Parks commented, "I spend most of my time playing football and when warmer weather comes around, I like to jet ski and do some natural highing." Also enjoying a list of sports was senior B.J. Gar-

land who took up kickboxing, weightlifting and running afterhours.

Work may not have been the most fun, but that was where a lot of teens spent their spare time. Marcie Stambaugh commented, "Everyday after school I work at Ponderosa. Luckily I work with my best friends Sara Smith and Lyndsey Gilreath. I have little time for myself or others, but at least I can hang out with them there."

Whether playing Intramural basketball, dancing or working a job, students found ways and places to hangout with friends to put a little balance in their life.

Lyndsey Gilreath



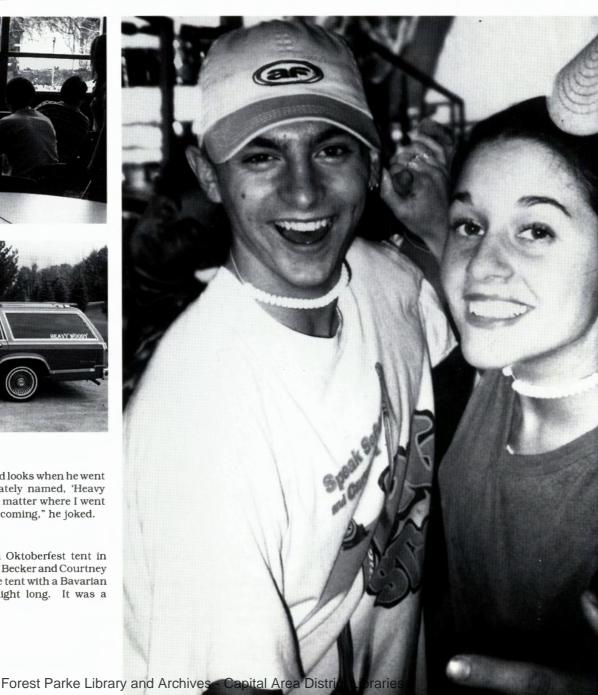


Heavy Woody

Catching more than a few unexpected looks when he went out in his station wagon appropriately named, 'Heavy Woody' is senior Geoff Morrow. "No matter where I went to hangout, people knew it was me coming," he joked.

Let's Dance

Twisting the night away at a mini Oktoberfest tent in Munich, Germany are seniors Jason Becker and Courtney Parker. "We all packed into the huge tent with a Bavarian band to hangout and dance all night long. It was a fantastic memorable evening."



KICK BACK

For Some Serious Fun



Taking a Stroll

Chatting as they practice for Homecoming Court are seniors Mike Laur and Katie Stachlewitz. Katie noted, "It was nice that the court members got to hang out ahead of time. It made the experience more fun."

Chat and Chow

Sitting down to food they prepared in Meal Management class are junor Sara Corey, Jamie Horwath and senior Stephaie Smiley. The class offered the chance to relax and hangout with friends for a change of pace.





"I spend everyday hanging out with my boys because they are so much fun."

—Senior Allen Elliott with Ryan Owen and Matt Ovenhouse hanging out in the cafeteria.



"I like to slip on my flannel pajamas and watch old dramas on TNT. They're the best."

—Senior Charlie Hayes with Joey Warren having a little fun afterhours.



"We enjoyed one of the last nice days of the year and had a great time relaxing with friends."

—Senior Mike Maxey with Rebecca Grawburg and Jim Deline at Missy Yemc's house.



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art-time jobs . . .a phrase familiar to almost all students was the core of their afterhours. Whether it was working at McDonald's, University Olds or Smith Floral, the overriding reason was MONEY. In the '90's teenagers were learning that money didn't grow on trees. And as one could guess, there were many wants and needs in students' lives.

"I work so that I can have nice things. Also, I am near graduation so I have to take some responsibility for myself," commented senior Marcie Stambaugh.

Driving a nice car, wearing the 'in' clothes, or having a cellular phone were some of the luxuries teens wanted. Most had to have a job to pay for these extras.

It wasn't easy though. Some students saw their grades drop while others found it too difficult to work sports into their schedule. It boiled down to priorities. "My senior year swimming was very important to me, but so was having a job. I had to fit both in. I worked to have money for clothes, entertainment and Spring Break in Cancun," explained senior Nikki David.

The most common job for students was babysitting. Coming in a tight second was working in grocery stores and third was fast-food restaurants. Occasionaly, there were the more unusual jobs. Junior Liz Rehfuss had one. "I worked in a gift shop at a lighthouse in Luddington. My

Dad also gave tours of the place. I got to do some volunteer work, and have a vacation with my family at the same time," she related.

Another popular alternative was an internship or career-related job. "I am working at Pulmonary Services for three doctors. I wanted to get experience in the medical field and my money is being saved for college, revealed senior Stacy Kenny.

Finally a number of students did not see jobs as drudgery. Senior Whitney Hoagland shared, "I work at Natural Wonders because it's fun and I love the people I work with."

-Lyndsey Gilreath

Appointment Desk

Getting experience in the medical field in her job at Holt Family Practice is junior Molly Fourman.



Putting the Customer First Going the distance for a customer at L & L Shop Rite is

sophomore Jason Smith.



Rush Hour

Bagging groceries at Meijer on South Pennsylvania after school is sophomore Elena Llinas. Packing away hours at grocery stores was the second most frequent job among Holt students.



DOWN TO BUSINESS

'Workin' hard for the money'



On the Job

Working the window at Kewpees on South Pennsylvania afterhours is junior Tim Parks

Makin' Change

Helping a customer at the Family Dollar Store check-out is sophomore Rachel Warner.





"I like where I am working, but if I didn't have to work I wouldn't. Mainly I work to pay for my car insurance and have some spending money."

—Senior Rebecca Grawburg in her job at Goodwill in Cedar Plaza.



"I liked my job at L & L Food Center. It was a quick and easy way to make money."

—Senior Tracy Knowles bagging groceries in her part-time job.



"I'm working for the same reason most everyone else is—money. What I earn goes mostly to pay for my truck."

—Junior Gretchen Warner at her part-time job at Funcoland in Elmwood Plaza.



A+ Their Bes+

Perfoming a scene from Li'l Abner is senior Ben Greathouse and juniors Scott Larson and Andrea McCulloh.

Town Meeting

Explaining the town founder's story to senior Rachel Troisi is junior Jason



any theatre students were hoping to perform the ever-popular Grease for the Spring Musical. However, after problems obtaining the rights for this show developed, Li'l Abner based on Al Capp's comics became the musical of choice. Since the play was based on a cartoon, the characters, sets and story were a bit more flambovant in color and imagination. The main character, Li'l Abner tries to save his town, Dogpatch, from becoming a nuclear bomb testsite in a tale of romance, deception and comic relief.

Playing the role of Daisy Mae was acting veteran Katie Stachlewitz. She commented, "People loved the musical. It was my first role in which I had to sing a solo, and not just one but nine. So for me, that was something to achieve."

The roles of two bootlegger indians, Hairless Joe and Lonesome Polecat were changed to older ladies, Hairless Hattie and Pecan Patty, played by senior Bekkie Corr and junior Erin Tobey. Bekkie reflected, "The coolest part was that I got to team up with my girl Tobey and wear seven different wigs."

A total of six shows ran April 30 to May 3, plus the cast performed two matinees for elementary and junior high students. What kept the cast going? They all had their individual motivations, but it was when they all pulled together that they felt the show turned out great. Senior Rachel Troisi commented, "This was the closest cast I have worked with. Our bond really showed when the curtain opened and our energy poured out."

Of course, the show wasn't complete without the helping hands and hearts of Director Debbie Childers assisted by teacher Kelly Hodges and Choir Director Monty Bishop. After the show on May 3 there was hardly a dry eye in the cast. About his last performance senior Evan Caldwell shared, "It was wonderful! What a way to end. I loved it This play will always have a special place in may heart."

-Whitney Hoagland





Mic Check 1-2, 1-2

Eager to get on stage is junior Jason Rees and senior Katie Stachlewitz, while Director Debbie Childers checks their nics. Jason and Katie both had lead parts in the musical.



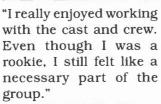
Senator Shakes

Greeted by an awe-struck Dogpatcher, junior Silvia Bethke, after announcing that the town will save Las Vegas by having A-bombs tested on it is Senator Jack S. Phogbound played by senior Aaron Bolden. Sylvia was an exchange student from Germany and worked hard perfecting her English for the role.

LI'L ABNER **BRINGS** Dogpatch to Holt







-Senior Meg Ebersole



"People loved the musical. It was my first role where I had to sing a solo and it wasn't just one but nine. So for me, it was something great to achieve."

-Senior Katie Stachlewitz



Trying to stop the government from bombing their town is senior Bekkie Corr and juniors Sherman Horn and Erin Tobey in a scene frrom the Spring Musical.

Dynamic Duo

Preparing to sing their opening duet Typical Day are seniors Evan Caldwell and Erin Hoffman who played Mammy and Pappy Yokum.





"It was hard, but fun to play the role of Moonbeam McSwine because I was supposed to smell. All during the show nobody wanted to stand near me!"

-Junior Michelle Smith



Super Woman

Mixing ingredients in Meal Management class in her tank top and L.e.i. jeans is senior Shelley Willems.

Fashion Hard A+ Work

Displaying the hooded sweat-shirt and T-shirt look are senior Ryan Owen and junior Joel Ellis



Abercrombie and Nick

Working on class assignments together is senior Nick Brady in a shirt from Ambercrombie and Fitch, one of the more popular stores for teen fashion.

THE LOOK

All About Hippies & Preppies









"Trends exemplify America's herd mentality and the need to fit in. I don't like the idea of trends and trend-followers."

 Sophomore Jennifer DeFore with sisters Melissa and Heather.



"I guess what I'm happy about is that most people feel free to be themselves, and that there isn't one specific way to dress. It makes me appreciate the 90's." —Senior Janell Gingas in Meal Management class.



"Valueland is one of the best places to shop because you can get all sorts of clothes at cheap prices."

—Senior Katie Stachlewitz in her formal look with Mike Laur Homecoming night

ashion wasn't a top priority, but neither was it completely ignored. Several looks were popular, with "hippie" and "preppie" being the most prominent. Not everyone, however, followed the latest trends, and students decided there was nothing wrong with that. A mixture of looks and opinions reigned.

"I see a lot of hippie wear," observed senior John Ribby, "but I don't like it." Senior Mike Birch agreed. "I don't like it when people who aren't really hippies dress like them." Senior Janell Gingas, however, didn't let other people's styles bother her. "I guess what I'm happy about is that most people feel free to be themselves and that there isn't one specific way to dress. It makes me appreciate the 90's." Junior Liz Walker agreed and named a few styles she observed around school. "Flare jeans or boot cut jeans are definitely in, and people wear them with small shirts. I've also noticed a lot of people like tie-dye and dressy clothes more than ever."

Girls sported the latest clothes from Contempo. Hudson's, Abercrombie & Fitch, and mail order catalogs such as Delia's. Flared or boot-cut jeans were very popular, especially those that were weathered in the leg. Clunky and rugged shoes were still the choice for many girls.

One trend-hooded sweatshirts, were worn by both sexes, possibly for fashion purposes, but most likely because it was so cold in school. They became the companions of many and some affectionately

called them their "hoodie." And whether they were labeled skier, skater, or preppie, shirts and sweaters with stripes across the chest found themselves in many students' clos-

Guys opted for more comfortable clothing like jeans or khakis and wore them with a white T-shirt with plaid shirts over them. Then there were those who shopped at Pacific Sunwear, buying wide-leg jeans, khakis, or wide whale cords. They wore them with Tshirts sold there too. Some stuck strictly to Tommy Hilfiger found at Hudson's and Fashion Place. Those stores revolved around brand names, and some guys just weren't into that. Many wore concert t-shirts and jeans instead and left it at that.

Just because something was in style, didn't mean that everyone wore it. Sophomore Jennifer DeFore theorized, "Trends exemplify America's herd mentality and the need to fit in. I don't like the idea of trends and trend followers."

Other more off-beat places to shop than the mall were found by senior Janell Gingas. "I think thrift stores are the best places to get great deals and one of a kind clothes. You just need patience, knowing you won't be able to buy all of your clothes at one time. You also need the ability to put clothes together because at thrift stores, they're not displayed in the showcase for vou."

Deciding on their fashion look was a necessity for students whether they thought long and hard about it or just grabbed what was comfortable and affordable.

—Lesley Gottschalk



Working on the SADD hallway during Spirit Week are seniors Michelle Arntz and Tazi Pruitt. Tazi took part in a common "preppie" look wearing a sweater vest over a white buttondown shirt.



Sarah's Stripes

Conversing in the hallways during Spirit Week decorating are Sarah Sybrandy, Abbey Feguer, Anna Green, and teacher Heather Neiswonger. Sarah wore the popular trend of ski-striped shirts.

G.Q. For Life

Cool was the word for seniors John Adams and T.J. Singleton, and juniors Cedric Ford, Ken Day, and Mike Reich on Prom night. Ken reflected, "I think that my Junior Prom will be my best because I felt the unity between everybody. We all had a good time dancing and hanging out with each other."

Circle Of Friends

Cherishing the moment are seniors Kellie Walsh, Debbie Franklin, Josh Sumption and friends.

t comes around every year. Some years are more alike, and some are a little different. But most importantly, Prom is a night to remember. This year one of the most memorable people was senior Andy Snyder with his interesting choice of clothing. Among the tuxes, top hats, canes, and dresses, Andy definitely made a statement with his grass skirt, Hawaiian shirt and baseball cap. Junior Cali Cullimore reflected, "I thought it was cool how he came completely untra-ditional, not worrying about what people thought of him."

For most prom-goers the night started out with a lot of pictures before dinner. Junior Amanda Mercer noted, "My mom must have taken at least two rolls of film and that was before my date even arrived. It took forever to

get out of my house." The transportation often included the usual limos, but one group of students decided to defy tradition and got a bus. This definitely gave the night a jumpstart on fun.

Impatient, hungry prom-goers finally arrived at dinner, and a popular choice was the Blue Coyote. Junior Scott Dane reasoned, "It is close to the Lansing Center, they have good food, their prices are reasonable, and they have valet parking." Sophomore Megan Dennis and Casey Adams opted for Applebee's. "They have good food, and we figured no one else would go there. It was cool because someone ended up paying for all six of our dinners, so I guess we chose the right place!"

After dinner, seniors and juniors slowly meandered into the Lansing Center ballroom where they were greeted with an elegant

showing of decorations. There were balloons, candles, and picture frames, as keepsakes.

Music can make a party, and the deejay seemed to please everyone on the packed dance floor. "My favorite song was 'Footloose.' You can really boogie to it, recalled junior Erin Tepastte." Junior Joe Durfee enjoyed the prom classic, "Wonderful Tonight' by Eric Clapton because "it's just a great song."

After Prom, the parties began, and the night lived on well into the morning hours. Senior Whitney Hoagland concluded, "I had a great time. The decorations were fabulous and it was great seeing all of my friends looking beautiful. But it just seemed too short!"

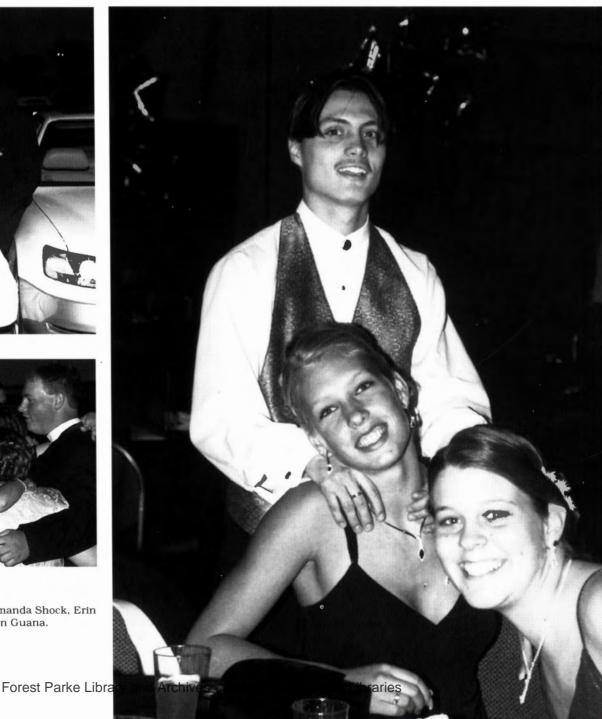
—Libby Smieska





Gala Night!

Gathering for a picture are seniors Amanda Shock, Erin Kleiman and her date, graduate Jason Guana.



DEFYING TRADITION

Prom-goers Get Creative





"This year Prom was very special because I went with my boyfriend Scott who I've been going out with for a year."

Senior Lyndsay Cook



" I always spend holidays and special occasions like Prom with Mila and she always makes it a blast!"

— Senior Lesley Gottschalk



"Enjoying a slow dance on the Lansing Center dance floor are junior Missy Frampton and senior Kurt Steinkamp.

Candid Camera

Stopping to take a breather are Kira Schonfelder, Rick Johnson, Matt Bahr, and Matt Green.

High Energy

Dancing up a storm at Prom are a group of graduating seniors.

All Eyes On Me

Making Prom interesting is senior Andy Snyder who got all the attention in his Hawaiian outfit.





GRADUATE FLASHBACK

Mixed Feelings Crop Up

Graduate Gathering

Outside the Breslin Center graduates with their families and friends assemble. Many took the opportunity to take pictures and talk to friends

Rite of Passage

Lining up to enter the arena are graduates Brian and Elyse Puruleski, David Novak, and Dan Janetzke. Crowded in the gathering room for a while it was now time for the ceremony to start.





eak Ou+!



Speaking about the important role of parents is senior Evan Caldwell. Almost everyone related to his speech and there were few dry eyes in the MSU Breslin arena.



Giving the traditional student speech at Commencement is senior Julie Galambos. The students auditioned for the honor of addressing their class.



"I started teaching when this class was in its freshmen year, and I enjoyed watching them grow and change."

—Dave Hildebrandt giving the faculty speech at Commencement.

inally, the long awaited day was After 12 ears of school, seniors were eady to be handed their dioloma, get out into the real vorld and start anew. The nood was generally excited. et some mixed feelings ropped up here and there.

"I'm excited about moving n and starting new things, commented Emily Mutty, but leaving old friends and nigh school is sad." Lyndsey dilreath saw it the same way. This day is one I've been ooking forward to for a long ime. It's happy, yet sad all it once. I just hope our class reeps in touch."

Others were impatient. "I an't wait to move on, meet new people and do new things," stated Allen Elliot. "This year has been fun, but I'm really excited to experience new things," agreed Andy Snyder."

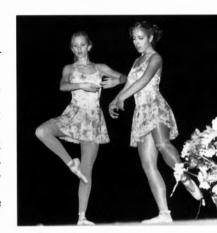
One of their last times together was Senior Breakfast held Saturday, June 6. Sausage, waffles, fruit and bagels were served up by parents, teachers and administrators. Baccalaureate was held in Pernert Auditorium on Sunday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m. followed by Commencement at the Breslin Center at 4:30 p.m.

The afternoon was packed with presentations. Evan Caldwell delivered a poem and Aaron Bolden a prayer. There were also performances by Alycia Lantagne, Rebecca Grawburg, Katie Stachlewitz,

Tim Hurlburt, Rachel Troisi, Julie Galambos and Emily Mutty. At Commencement Julie Galambos and Evan Caldwell addressed their class, while Dave Hildebrandt made the faculty speech.

The day would not have been graduation without the anticipated mishaps, but seniors remembered the pointers-wear tassels on the left until "congratulations of graduates," clear up all outstanding fines, line up with marching partner in the corridor and most importantly, pick up their diploma afterward. In the end everything worked out and chapter one came to a close as the high school years passed before seniors' eyes.

Jessica Haines



Swan Lake

Performing dance at the Baccalaureate service are seniors Julie Galambos and Emily Mutty. Dance had been a big part of these students' lives as well as academics.



Mixed Emotions

Cheering up fellow senior Colleen Conway backstage at Comencement is senior Jenni Persico.

One Day at a Time



Flying Fingers
Practice makes perfect for junior Gretchen Warner in Keyboarding class.

Why were so many students serious about their classes? One word: college. No one wanted to get there only to find out that they weren't prepared and more students were aware of this.

Teachers tried to prepare them, but students realized that ultimately, the reponsibility to learn ended up with them.

It was never easy, especially when students were forced to balance school, work and sports. Bright spots in the day offering a break in the routine were Choir and Band, while art classes added a little culture and creativity to the curriculum.



Quie+ S+udy Working in the library on some classwork is junior Treg Garrow.

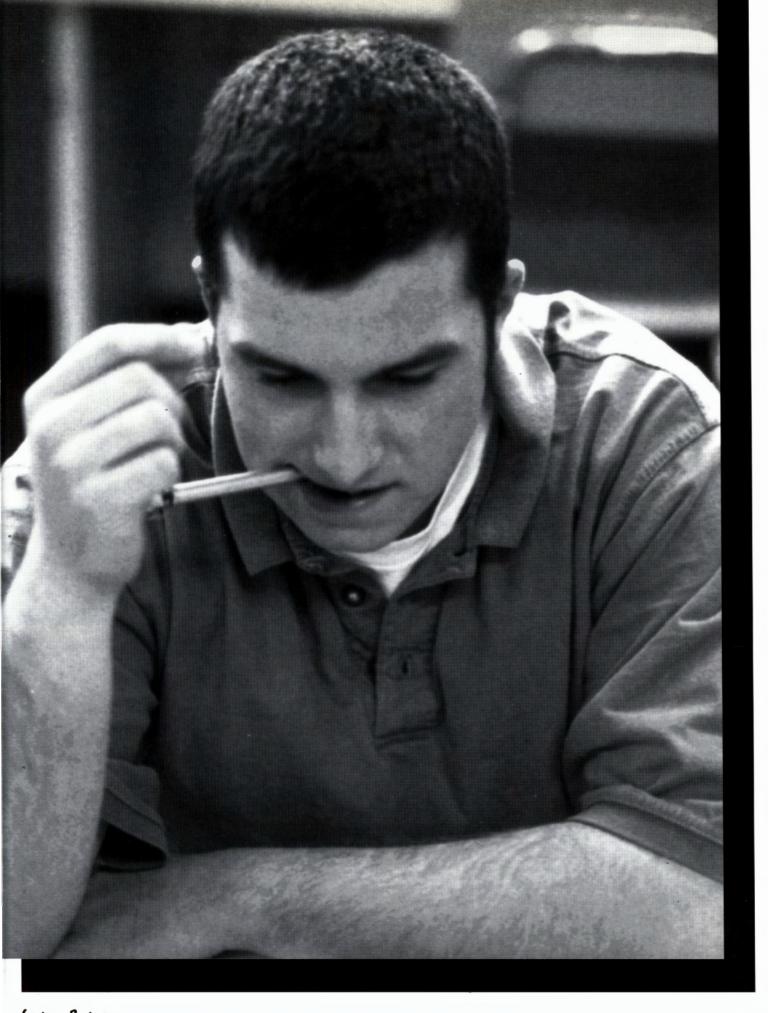
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A roaming camera catches the eye of a student momentarily off his assignment.

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Serious Business Getting down to business is sophomore Jeremy Deyarmond on a challenging assignment.

Ut Life Into It With Humor

What was required of most teachers for most students? The answer was humor. Jokes and stories helped open students' eyes and ears, and pay attention. Many students said it made learning fun and easier to remember. Jessie Slater noted, "It helps lighten up the atmosphere. When teachers are funny, then students are less afraid to ask questions." Rachelle Fixel added, "Humor helps you feel comfortable in class."

What do teachers do that's funny? "Mr. Shimnoski is definitely the funniest teacher I ever had. He's really laid back about a lot of things and makes the classroom more comfortable. Also, if you did or said something dumb, he would crack up and make you laugh," observed Darcy Richards. Junior Leslie Taylor added, "Mr. Shimnoski laughs at himself so it makes it easier for the class to laugh along with him."

Teachers all had different ways of using humor. Nick Wigginton commented, "Mr. Hildebrant uses unique teaching methods." Junior Liz Walker responded, "Mr Foy tells dry science jokes that are not real funny, but make you chuckle because they're so weird, and Mr. Saules always sneaks a little tall tale in his discussions to make us laugh." And Katie Sohn noted of Mrs. Withey, "She jokes around with students and exaggerates the slang of today."

Though many students felt that humor helped, some students felt there were limits. "Sometimes it gets too distracting. Then the teacher gets mad and assigns busy work. But, if the teacher starts it or generally keeps a good sense of humor, it's okay," stated junior Joanne Ewen.

Though humor could be helpful, there were times when it was just not appropriate. "Occasionally teacher's become annoyed if the entire class uses stories and jokes to waste time," observed Jessica Kolmos. "There are times when it's negative, such as when you don't understand something and the teacher keeps goofing off with other students and doesn't explain something well enough," added Andrea McCulloh. Tara Fowler concluded, "When it's all humor and we don't learn anything or when other students take it too far, that's when it can be negative."

Though humor could be distracting, for most students it was fun and eased the learning process. Many agreed that humor could have a downside, but the majority concluded it was more positive than negative.

-Elizabeth Rehfuss





Striking a Pose
Always thinking of something to lighten the mood is junior Jeff Beard in Keith Smith's Chemistry class. Having a laugh is senior Debbie Franklin.



Just Chillin'

Taking a break from academics during a Wednesday activity hour, juniors Nick Spyke, Matt Hill and Jason Walsh hang out in the auditorium for a SADD meeting.

Being Himself Taking a break in

Spanish class is senior B.J. Garland.







Gather Round

Enjoying a fun moment from work are juniors Sarah Hayley and Marisa Morales and senior Jennifer Loiacano.

Relaxing Moment
Conversing before a club meeting are juniors Paul Belsito, Troy Smith, Michele Smith, Ryan Anderson, Joe Durfee, Cherraline Doerr, Lindsey Anderson, and sophomore Derrick Hawthorne

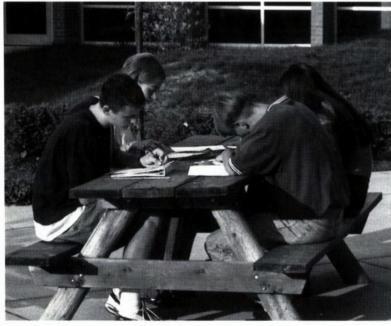
Firing Up
Cooking an omelet in Beth Frazier's Meal Management class is senior Todd Snyder.

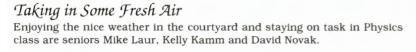
Attention Class

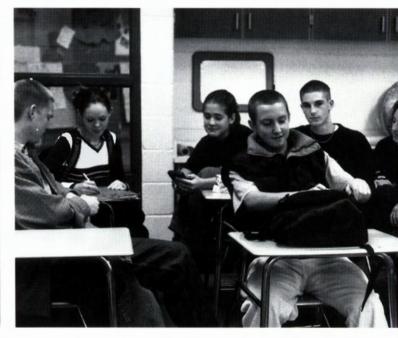
Learning a lesson in parenting class are se-niors Ginny Cole and Carrie Carter.











Working on a group project in American Studies are sophomores Kristen David, Anna Wenglekowski, Anna Green, Brian Elliott, and Ben Clark.

ake Control

For Learning

Discipline in the classroom, every teacher strives for it and most every student agreed it was a pre-requisite for a good learning environment. What was most revealing about the toplc was that the overwhelming majority of students felt the most important factor for a good environment was control of the classroom. Senior Michelle Scates explained the rationale. "It's important to have discipline because students come to school to learn and get on with it. If there is a student that distracts everyone, and takes up the teacher's time, they need to leave."

When it came to what strategies kept classes in control, many students found that being calm, relaxed and treating them more like adults than children made a big difference. Senior Courtney Parker explained, "A strict discipline is necessary, but no one is interested in learning if they can't have a little fun while doing it. Discipline in learning is important, but it shouldn't overpower learning itself." Nic Cunningham added, "From the very start of the year, teachers have to have control if they are going to be effective." Jessica Heeg observed. "If they respect us as people, I think we respect them. Treating us unfairly or like we're morons is not effective at all." Troy \widetilde{Smith} felt, "Teachers who keep us on task and give us assignments that need to get done, have better control. But when teachers don't have something for the students to do, control is hopeless." Eliina Viele emphasized the basic. "Telling the class what they're going to do that day and then expecting them to do it really helps." And Rob Waddell concluded, "When you strike the right balance between discipline and freedom, everyone learns and is interested."

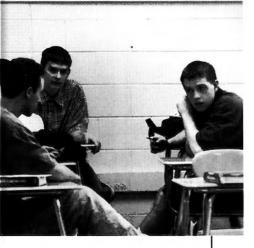
When it came down to classroom atmosphere, the response was basically the same—relaxed worked best. Senior Erin Freeman stated, "I like it when the classroom is more casual. You can choose where and who you want to sit by, and everyone is allowed to voice their feelings and opinions." Senior Eliina Viele added, "A fairly laid back one, but not too relaxed." Junior Rob Waddell felt, "Good instructions and free reign, but orderly." And senior Nic Cunningham concluded, "quiet work" is what worked for him.

Students also had interesting insights for teachers about their own learning. Junior Troy Smith stated, "I learn best when we can discuss things and bounce ideas off each other." Senior Jessica Heeg added, "I learn best with a brief explanation and then the option to ask questions about what I didn't understand." And junior Arlo Ely concluded, "I learn best with an open mind and a closed mouth.

The statement that most students agreed with and felt strongly about was that no matter what other strategies teachers may use, good discipline and controlled classes were the most important factors to promote learning.

—Lyndsay Cook





Group Work
Discussing their
project in Mary Kay
Boulanger's Chemistry class are juniors Dan Kitchen,
Eric Hansen, and
sophomore Dave
Harney.

ime Lines Stretching Limits

Many students' days ended long after the final bell rang at 2:35 p.m. Some went to sports and then straight to jobs, not returning home until ten or eleven o'clock at night. Junior Liz Walker reflected, "On school nights I wouldn't return home until 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. Weekends weren't a time for rest either because I would be at work until one o'clock in the morning. It made it hard to get my homework done at night."

Some students thought that it was hard enough having a job, let alone sports or extra-curriculars. Junior Jessie Slater admitted, "I can't play sports because I would have to take a leave from work. Playing sports and having a job for me is not possible."

Students held different opinions about how work and sports affect schoolwork. Junior Cali Cullimore noted, "I used to work at the Holiday Inn, but it got in the way of school. I wouldn't know how to keep good grades up while doing sports and jobs, It would be too hard."

Other students, however, felt they could manage both. "I'm a senior so I have a laid back schedule," said Dave Nutzmann. "With two gym classes, it's not too hard to keep my grades up. Hopefully, I can get at least two A's this semester." Junior Niki Mayercak who was a swimmer added, "I have to admit, it is really hard to manage both. But I do my best to organize my time for homework as well. It makes me feel more responsible and learn things along the way."

There were a few students who placed sports and work high on their list and did the best they could about school. Junior Jason Rees commented, "I try as hard as I can, but when teachers all give homework on the same day, that's when it gets tough and I do what I can."

—Libby Smieska



Working Hard Building the Senior Class float is Michael Dittenber. Students found time to create a float and hall decorations during Spirit Week.



Matt Herwaldt





Melissa Brown

"Always work harder than you think you need to—exceed your expectations."





Listen Up

Leading a meeting in the D commons during first semester for the German Club, is senior Lisa Bennett.

Stage Fright

Giving a presentation as part of a debate in Guil Northrup's Consumer Economics class is senior Amy Smith and a classmate.





Joe DeWitt

"Stay focused on what you need to accomplish, trust your strengths and follow through."

-NateGardner



Nate Gardner

"Always walk to your own beat, and never lose sight of your El Dorado."

-Julie Galambos



Julie Galambos



Crystal Henriksen

present, but keep the lessons of the past and the dreams of the future close at

"Live in the

-Crystal Henriksen

hand."

Tazi Pruitt



"Always set high goals and keep setting new ones to keep you going."

—Tazi Pruitt





"Work hard for what you want and you will get what you deserve in the end."

-Pam Smith



Pamela Smith



Eliina Viele

"I've thought long and hard about this, and I'd have to say I made top ten by getting good grades. Also watch the Red Green Show! –Eliina Viele

Ready for Anything
Directing the band Homecoming night is senior
Drum Major Meg Ebersole, while the pit band takes
a break during practice for the Spring Musical.









Virtuosos

Playing a duet at Bacalaureate are Emily Autty and Tim Hurlburt.

Pick Up the Beat eading the band at Jniversal Studios in Orlando is Band Director Tim Parry.







Making Music laying his trumpet in a arade at Universal Studios is senior Matt

Maestro

Conducting the Band luring Commencenent is Director Tim

ired Up Play It Cool

Band... when you consider why people joined the group you usually get a variety of reasons. Junior Katie Sohn reflected, "I took band class because I especially wanted to play the flute and be in the Marching Band. It's hard work but it's really fun." Many students reported it was mainly a hobby they loved or something with which to fill their time. But other people had different motives and reasons. "I took band so I wouldn't have to take gym," noted junior Alicia Garcia, and sophomore Chris Bowers added, "I took band because my parents made me."

When it came to making music, students had their favorite instruments. Senior Meg Ebersole commented, "My favorite is the trombone, mainly because I play it and I'm first chair." Junior Jason Rees admitted, "I like the drums because of the rhythm and noise." And junior Rob Conley preferred the French horn because he likes the sound.

For every good band student there was that one special person who influenced him/her. Sophomore Danielle Clugston explained, "I guess I just saw my brother and so I wanted to join too. But after I started taking private lessons, it was my teacher who inspired me." Sophomore Abby Feguer added, "My big brother Alex inspired me. He was in band until his sophomore year." Junior Allison Myers followed a different path, "My mom inspired me because she too was in band and enjoyed it."

For the majority of the students the performing highlight of the school year was the light show held on October 17, where bands from the middle school through high school performed. The Holiday Band Concert on December 10 and the Winter Concert on February 25 were also festive times. State band competition was held March 20-21, and they brought home a superior rating. The band also performed in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25.

The long hours of practice paid off in skilled performances. Another pay-off was a Spring Break trip to Florida with performances at Disney World and Universal Studios. From the Homecoming Parade to the Spring Pops Concert, band students worked hard to become a talented group.

-De Iuan Parker



Spirited Beat Providing pep for the Homecoming assembly are senior John Adams, and sophomores Aaron Wyble and Matt Barens.

ising Stars Project Energy

Music was one way students showed their school pride and spirit. Junior Jessica Haines reflected, "I love singing. It's just as challenging as a sport, but not as physical. I love entertaining others while I entertain myself." Senior Erin Hoffman added, "I'm in choir to become a better singer and it's great fun too! Mr Bishop makes music fun to learn."

The Choir hosted concerts, competed in districts, made it to states, and performed in solo and ensemble competition. Senior Jeannie Gibbs noted, "Our biggest accomplishment was receiving a first place at district festival and graduating to compete in the state festival for the first time in Holt's history."

Many felt a great improvement during the year. Sophomore Krissy Miller noted, "This is the first year I've been in a group who was focused and thought of choir as more than a class. We actually sang together on our own time just because we liked to. I think this helped me improve." Junior Amber Montie responded, "I am taking voice lessons and have more confidence and knowledge about singing, so I feel I made a major improvement." And sophomore Ella Ely joked, "Majorly, I can read music; minorly I can stay on the alto line most of the time, so I think I improved!"

Music was very important to most Choir members. Sophomore Melissa Maxey claimed, "Music is a big part of my life. I want to continue to sing in college and hopefully perform at the Wharton Center." A number of other Choir members also wanted to study music in college. But there are some who felt they would be done with it after high school. Junior Josi Dunham commented, "I think music is a big part of my life. I take Chorale seriously, but I don't think I plan to pursue it after I graduate." And senior Melissa Yemc took a wait and see attitude as she noted, "Music is a big part of my life right now, but I'm going to go into the Marines, and I'm not sure if I will pursue it later."

There were many highlights for the Choir. Each and every student felt that there was a certain event that put joy in their heart. Sophomore Amber McClane responded, "The highlight for me was to sing the duet, "You've Got a Friend in Me" with my friend, Jennifer Warnecke, at our last concert. Since I am moving, this meant a lot to me." Junior David Aikin remarked, "For once I was in a group that really sang excellent and had an excellent conductor." Senior Aaron Bolden commented "Receiving the Music Integrity Peer award and also the Ron Allen Award were the highlights for me. But really my entire senior year in Chorale has been wonderful." Senior Sheila Brody recalled, "Singing my first solo and not getting nervous, being in Regional Honors Choir, and having so much fun at Miss Saigon were my highlights." And senior Stacey Kenny shared, "The very last concert was my highlight because it was so emotional. During the last song, "Count on Me," three of my friends held hands, and let the tears flow free."

Even Director Monty Bishop assessed the year. "As a group we have grown tremendously, from making adequate to excellent music. Last year Concert Choir got a 3rd Division rating and Chorus got a low 2nd Division rating. Over half of our vocal music students intend to use music in part of their lives after high school, and over 40 percent may make music their career." Music is fun and emotional. Choir has always felt like a close-knit family and will stay that way, even when seniors and other students leave.

—Elizabeth Rehfuss





Dynamic Duo Performing at the Bacccalaureate service are seniors Tim Hurlburt and Katie Stachlewitz.



Powerhouse Performance

Teaming up as Pappy and Mammy Yokum in the Spring Musical, *Li'l Abner*, are veteran senior Choir members Evan Caldwell and Erin Hoffman. The duo got rave reviews for their performances.



Going Solo
Performing at the Baccalaureate service in Pernert Auditorium is senior Choir member Alycia Lantagne.

Senior Goodbye
Performing the last
time as a high school group at the Baccalaureate service are senior members of the Choir and Chorale.





In Tune Preparing the Choir for a concert is Director Monty Bishop during classtime.



Recognition Being introduced to the faculty and performing a few selections from festival is the Choir conducted by Monty Bishop.

Serious Fun Ideas Take Form

Ever since school has been around many students felt a need for art classes. There are many different types of art and hence, different classes including; the visual arts of Drawing, Painting, Graphic Design, Constructions and Set Design, and Drama, Band and Choir.

These classes added a much needed culture to school and life in general, and students had many feelings about them. Junior Tracie Hill found them, "educational." Senior Jennifer Kidwell found them, "interesting and fun because you to try things you have never done before." And many others like sophomore Megan Kost reported, "I enjoy my art class because it gives me an hour to unwind from academics and use my creative side."

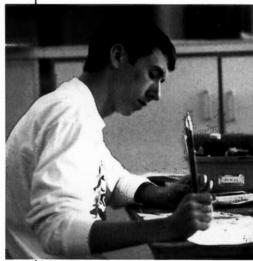
Students also liked the variety art classes offered. "It's not everybody doing the exact same thing. We all do the same project but in our own way," explained sophomore Laurie Morse of her Graphic Design class. Set Design offered the chance to give life to cardboard, wood and other construction materials. "I like working with my hands and using them to create," stated junior Heather Cummings about her Constructions class.

Art teachers tried to spark students' imagination and teach them the skills to create something lasting that people will observe whether it was sculpture, paintings or drops for plays. A number of students in Art Seminar also had the chance to compete and, in the process, earned awards. Senior Crystal Henriksen received the Sara Jane Venable Scholarship award in the Lansing Art Gallery Scholarship competition. Crystal also won the Michigan State University Cretaive Arts scholarship and the Savannah College of Art and Design Portfolio Scholarship. Senior Jeremy Schopp placed second in the U.S. Congressional Art Competition and Schopp and Henriksen along with Justin Troisi, Errin Bonner and Janell Gingas were all featured in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Exhibition. Schopp's work was also featured in the Governor's Traveling Show and the Senior Art Award went to Gingas.

Art students claimed they had valuable learning experiences, and whether they liked to draw, build, or design, they enjoyed their classes. Fine Arts instruction helped them expand their mind, and as Megan Kost pointed out, "allowed us to use our creative side!"

-Allen Bolden





Moment to Reflect
Working with inks and watercolor in
his Art Seminar class is senior Doug
Harger.



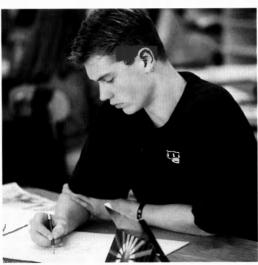
Take Your Time

Glazing her artwork with the guidance of teacher Leanne Schnepp is senior Bethanne Siettas. "I chose to do an angel with butterfly features because of the challenge and because it is an interesting combination of images," explained Bethanne.



Decorating the Walls

Putting up artwork for a presentation in Art Semilar class is senior Erin Carslake. Her whole collecion of work for the semester was displayed and hen critiqued.



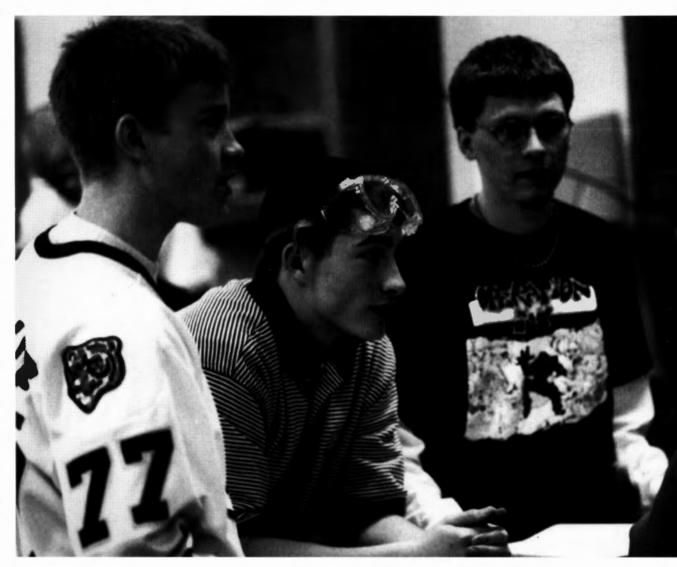
Diligently Sketching

Tracing his artwork in Art Seminar is senior Chris Curry. Advanced art students worked independently in the class taught by Dorothy Grow.



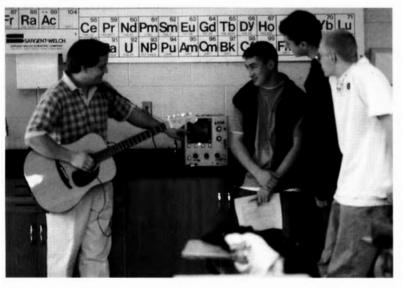
Brainstorming

Looking for an idea to mold in clay are seniors Jeremy Gentges and Jessica McCabe in Constructions class.



Involved

Working on a Physics lab in Eric Pulver's class are seniors Phil Rosenman, Erik Luchauer, and John Adams.



Playing the Sound Wave Blues

Demonstrating sound waves with his guitar is Physics teacher Eric Pulver, while seniors Kyle Hoffman, Nick Spyke and John Adams listen.



Fussy Foy

Making science classes interesting by always cracking jokes and keeping students entertained is teacher Dave Foy.

atural World Under Investigation

Science has been a required subject from elementary school when students dissected pigs lungs and thought it was cool, to high school where they dissected frogs and thought it was somewhere between interesting and gross. Science is as fundamental as geology, as technical as physics, or as complex as genetics. Anyway one looked at it, science would always be science.

By high school, however, science classes had changed. "Teachers aren't standing over you, telling you what to do. You work at your own pace," noted Deven Lambart a junior in Mary Boulanger's Chemistry class. "Besides being more challenging," junior Mark Girdwood noted, "there is a lot more information to deal with."

Science classes were chosen for numerous reasons including; being a required class, interesting for a career, or simply filling an empty spot on one's schedule. But most students chose their science classes for college admission. Junior Damon Lively commented, "I'm interested in sports medicine and science classes-especially Physiology and Genetics, are important classes to have."

Often students had a favorite class or maybe just a favored teacher. "My favorite teacher is Mrs. Neiswonger because she makes it more understandable and fun. And I think that a fun class is easier to learn," commented sophomore Jason Smith. Junior Liz Walker noted, "I like Mr. Foy's Integrated Science class because he taught it in an interesting way and the information was interesting too." Junior Dejuan Parker added, "I liked Earth Science the best because we discovered nature to the fullest, and that was interesting."

Many students also appreciated the value of science. Sophomore Arthur Henson commented, "Science helps us to understand the hows and why's that will eventually come up in life." Junior Damon Lively also pointed out that, "It's required for college and you use it often in certain careers."

But then there were others who had difficulty seeing why science was stressed so much. Government research reports cite that not enough students are choosing to take science in college, which may come from a lack of interest in high school. Sophomore Chelsea Jordan explained, "If you're not interested in what you're learning then it seems really boring, and I'm not interested in science."

Maybe more students should try and become interested. The U.S. needs more scientists and the curious students who are turned on to nature's wonders.

-Libby Smieska



Hard at Work Concentrating on a lab experiment in Dave Foy's Honor's Chemisty class is junior Kristin Pettit.

Tath Update

Changing the Rules

By the time students were in high school, their enthusiasm for math classes was often tempered by the complexity of the subject matter. Math had become much more complicated than simple multiplication tables and long division. High school was about preparing oneself for college and future calculus classes, probability and statistics.

Senior Karen Krumm noted, "It is important to know math because the careers of the future are based more around it. I feel if I learn math now, college will be a lot easier, especially since I want to become an engineer."

But many other students questioned whether there was anything likable about math. "I learned a lot of new and interesting ways of calculating that I didn't think of as math," explained sophomore Kelsey Harris. "I feel that we really only need to know about half the math we are taught, but the things we do need, we use in everyday classes," commented junior Michael Reich.

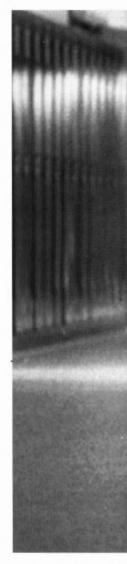
In order to improve students' understanding of concepts, teachers worked on new teaching strategies and students' responses varied. Karen Krumm stated, "I liked how Mr. Larner explained the questions thoroughly. He also took extra time before and after school to help me with questions I didn't understand."

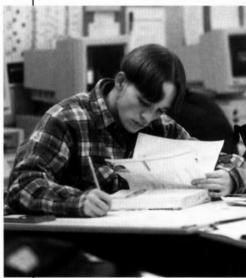
Math teacher, Sandra Bethell's strategies were a little different. "The way Mrs. Bethell brings real-life situations into the classroom helps me think about the problem and try to relate it to how it will help me later on in life," explained sophomore Amanda Dugener. Other students reported liking the discussion that took place, while others found it difficult to cope if they didn't get an answer to a question.

Another difference was teaching without a text. "I haven't had a math book since ninth grade. It's a lot easier and a lot lighter," joked senior Hillary Unbehaun. But some students didn't like being without a text. Junior Michele Smith noted, "It is hard at times not being able to use a book but I feel we are really learning the information by having to figure out the answers on our own. I'm really proud of myself when I'm done!"

Though some students loved math and others experienced a little anxiety over the subject, sophomore Kelsey Harris observed, "It's important to know because it's all around us."

—Amanda Mercer





Doing the Math
Working on some problems in Steve
Neureither's Geometry class is sophomore Mike Gary.



It Pays Off
Doing homework in the
hall for Dave Hildebrandt's math class is senior Matt Ovenhouse.

\mathcal{E} xplanation Please...

Community members listen to students' oral finals for Mike Lehman's math class.





Listening Skills Going over her work for greater understanding is junior Kristin Pettit in math class.



Trying His Best Working hard on a math test with a little bit of help from teacher Dave Hildabrant is junior Jay Shaull.

Getting Advice

Talking with teacher Bruce Kutney in the library during his Writing Explorations class are seniors Lisa Bennett and Amy Smith. The class covered various forms of creative writing.

Being Patient

Waiting to get a pass so she can videotape in the hallway for Mass Media class is senior Nikki David. One of the projects the class took on was the Senior Class video for Commencement.











*Using Concentration** Working quietly on an assignment for English class in the 'B' hallway are juniors Tom Shaver and Mike Shipman.



xpand Horizons In English Electives

English may not have been every student's favorite subject, but many enjoyed their Communication Arts classes. There were enough elective choices that students usually could find

one that was bound to interest them.

A class that some students hesitated to take, however, was Georganne Witheys' Death and Literature course. The students who did venture forth found the class surprisingly interesting. Senior Alycia Lantagne recalled, "I took Death and Literature because it sounded like an interesting class. I don't want to sound morbid, but death is a cool topic to look into and consider."

In required classes, English 10 and 11, and American Studies, many students found their favorite book to be an assigned reading. Brenda Lynch's English Literature I and II took a more mature and in-depth look at literature. The second semester of this class focused mostly on the process of analyzing poetry. Senior Lesley Gottschalk commented, "I liked how beautiful the poetry was that we studied and how it was nothing like anything I had read before. The novels we read were also very beautifully written and quite sophisticated."

Other students responded to their instructor's involvement with the subject. "This year my English class inspired me. My teachers seemed to care about and love what they were teaching. They made it more special for the rest of the class because of their energy for it," remembered senior Erin Hoffman.

For those students who wanted a more diverse English class there were the options of Media and Society which studied the broadcast and video media, Drama, Journalism, or Pacesetter. "In Pacesetter we studied more than just English. There were parts on drama, journalism, and we also had a movie chapter. The diversity of the class was its' strength," noted senior Bryan Berg. No matter which English class students chose, they were sure to find one that would interest them and expand their horizons in literature.

—Robyn Barker



Just Another Average Day Teaching her eleventh grade English class and reviewing a writing assignment is teacher Ann Kast.

A Change of Face



Sharing his interest in music during activity hour with members of the guitar club, GUBA, is senior Brian Dunn.

With a new year, new leaders, and new script, a change of face meant a new performance. Seniors with their hard won wisdom and

experience were high above it all finding achievement and fun in their last year and more than willing to pass on a little advice. Juniors found themselves going the distance in their tougher year of academics and extracurriculars. Sophomores were busy getting an earful making the adjustment to high school and

learning the ropes. The staff facing a challeng-

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Enjoying breakfast in Meal Management class is junior Evan Wilson. He explained, "We followed an omelette recipe and put whatever we wanted in it. It was a new experience and it tasted really good."

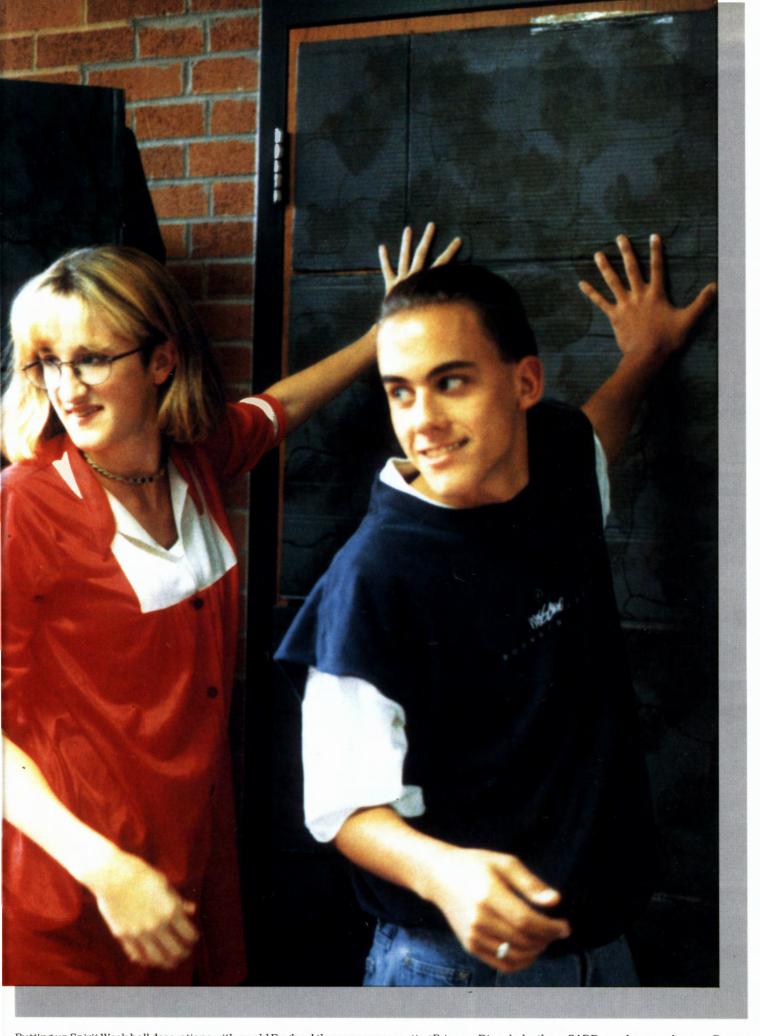


For his English Lit class, senior Phil Rosenman performs a part of the play, *MacBeth*. He commented, "We picked two pages from the play and had four days to prepare it. It was cool the way we did our own interpretation of the play. I enjoyed it."

philosophical in perspective. The the players did their part in createry face counted.

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 $Putting \, up \, Spirit \, Week \, hall \, decorations \, with \, an \, old \, England \, theme \, commenorating \, Princess \, Diana's \, death \, are \, SADD \, members, \, sophomore \, Byrony \, Schopp \, and \, senior \, Andy \, Gamet. \, \, The \, SADD \, hallway \, won \, second \, place \, behind \, the \, sophomore's \, German \, theme.$

CLASS of 98

Colors

Ice Blue & Black

Flower

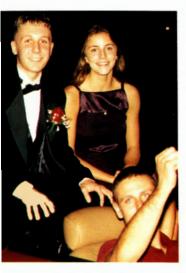
Gerbera Daisy

Song

"Yesterday" — The Beatles

Motto

"Always shoot for the moon. If you miss, you'll still fall among the stars."



Memory Night

Circling Troost Field Homecoming night are Queen Joanie Smith and King Joey Warren. "It was a great honor to be nominated the first time to court and be Homecoming King for my senior year," noted Joey.

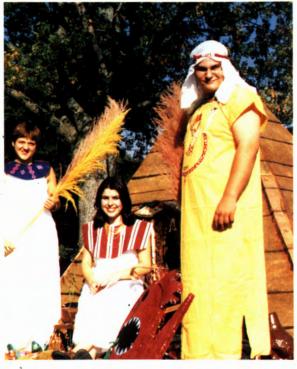


Time to Day Dream Displaying their class flower, the Gerbera daisy at Smith Floral are Lisa Bennett, Charlie Hayes, Laura Russell, Keisha Vowels, Janell Gingas, Jessica Heeg, Lyndsay Cook, and Joey Warren.

Physics Fun

Having a good time and getting some science in Physics lab are seniors Andy Gamet and Kris Bakken with teacher







Out of Egypt Sporting their homecoming theme during parade time and in their hallway are Becky Corr, Rachel Troisi, Dan Janetzke and fellow seniors.

Holding Court

Gathered together to document the occasion are senior court members Kendra Dunham, Justin Pool, Katie Stachlewitz, Mike Laur, Joanie Smith, Joey Warren, Katie Wilkerson and Russell Clark. Katie noted. "It was fun. Two of my best friends were nominated and it was an honor being on court."



ABOVE IT ALL

unruffled seniors

Throughout four years, seniors conquered the ups and downs and left with a little advice...

"Take your ACT's and get your college applications out early. Everything will be a lot easier and your chances of getting accepted early are greater."

- Keisha Vowels

"Take it one step at a time and make sure you make plans."

Melisa Robinson

"Enjoy every minute you have here, because it ends very fast."

- Casey Adams

"Don't stress out on the little things in life. Just lay back, be happy and have fun. Take this time to reflect on life and learn more about yourself. Do what you want in life, and in return, that will make you happy."

- Whitney Hoagland

"Start saving your money, do well on your school work and apply to colleges early." - Nakia Betz

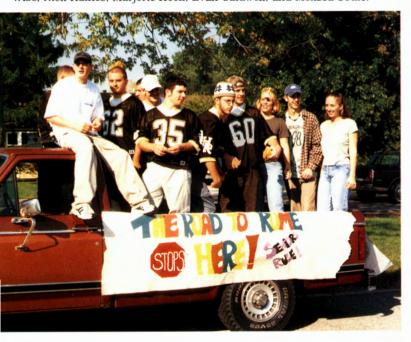
"Hang in there and do your best." - Jim Robins

"Pay attention and do well." -Scott Davis

—Heather Hulsebos

Pepped Up Seniors

Shouting their spirit from the Senior pep truck during the Homecoming parade are Charlie Hayes, Chris Steer, Dan Harmon, Frank Spedoske, Tim Wise, Nick Haines, Marjorie Hock, Evan Caldwell, and Melissa Soule.



SPIRIT on wheels

seniors pave the way to Rome with fun

"It was cool how the class bonded on Theme Day. Not everyone helped with the float or hall, but we all took part in showing our 'seniority' at the pep assembly. Our class didn't really come together often, but at Homecoming we were, The Senior Class."

- Alycia Lantagne

"I had fun. For the first time I didn't care if anyone thought I looked stupid. I liked Pirate Day. A bunch of my friends and I got together and had a blast making costumes."

- Rachel Troisi

"I was disappointed with the voting for the hallways and floats. The best float and hallway were overlooked."

- Jessica Heeg

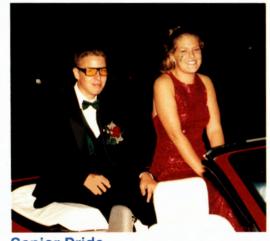
"Homecoming was fun with all your friends getting together, looking and acting crazy and not caring about what other people thought."

- Jennifer Dutcher

"I liked building the pyramid for the float and all the spirit days. They were fun."

– Dan Janetzke

—Lyndsay Cook



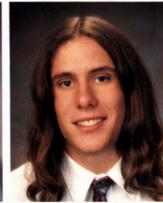
Senior Pride

Representing their class during the halftime coronation are Kendra Dunham and Justin Pool.











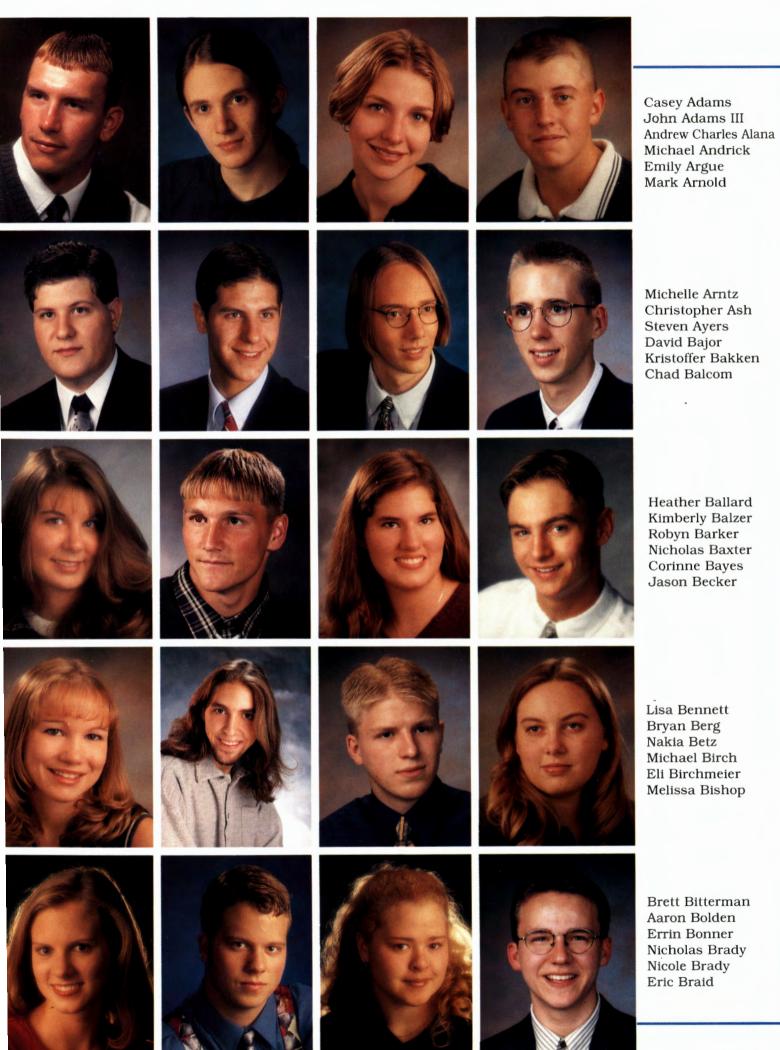












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Gather Round

"Shelley Willems, Janell Gingas and Missy Yemc are all my best friends. It's strange how we all became close. We went to Denny's one night and clicked. We've all been best friends ever since," explained Rebecca Grawburg.



FRIENDS through it all

No matter what, best friends are always there

"I have a group of friends that I am close with instead of just one person. They all take people for who they are and don't judge on outward appearances. They are all very kind-hearted people."

– Jennifer Evans

"Mike Maxey is my best friend because we've known each other forever and I can always get him to go fishing even if he has plans with a girl!"

-Norm VanAlstine

"Allen Elliott is my best friend because he does things for me no one else

would do. He has kicked me out of his house three times, but we usually forget by morning what happened and are friends again."



"Marcie Stambaugh and I are best friends and always will be. It's very interesting; we disagree on everything, but I think that's why we have so much fun."

-Lyndsey Gilreath



Art Buddies Working on a sculpture in Constructions class are friends and art partners Stephanie Smiley and Megan Foster.

—Janell Gingas

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Best Friends 48G

aking It Easy

injoying a discussion in English Lit class are Laura Russell and Emily Mutty. Imily noted, "I'm not as excited about graduating so I have no problem getting prough the day. I just try to make the most of it, because it's almost over."



DAY BY DAY to the end

Different ways seniors get through the day

live for tomorrow. I keep my senior count down going, and everyday I nform Jane Miller of the number of days left."

-Anne Veltema

My day is so busy I don't have much time to think. My classes are all lard, and then after school, I always have some activity, whether its oaching, cheerleading, gymnastics, track, SADD, chorale, voice lessons, hurch choir or the musical."

-Missy Yemc

I have Physics first hour and after that the rest of the day just sails by."

– Kyle Hoffman

Ay second hour painting class jets me through the day. This wonderful class has a lot of inique, special people in it. I m very thankful I got to expeience a portion of my senior ear with them."

-Jeremy Gentges

I wake up in the morning, go rom class to class, sleep and how down in my second hour Ieal Management class."

-Jim Deline

I get through the day knowng I can leave at 1:30 instead f 2:35 p.m. like everyone lse." — Jessica McCabe

—Erin Carslake



Pounding It Out

Getting a paper out of the way for her English class is senior Jennifer Evans.

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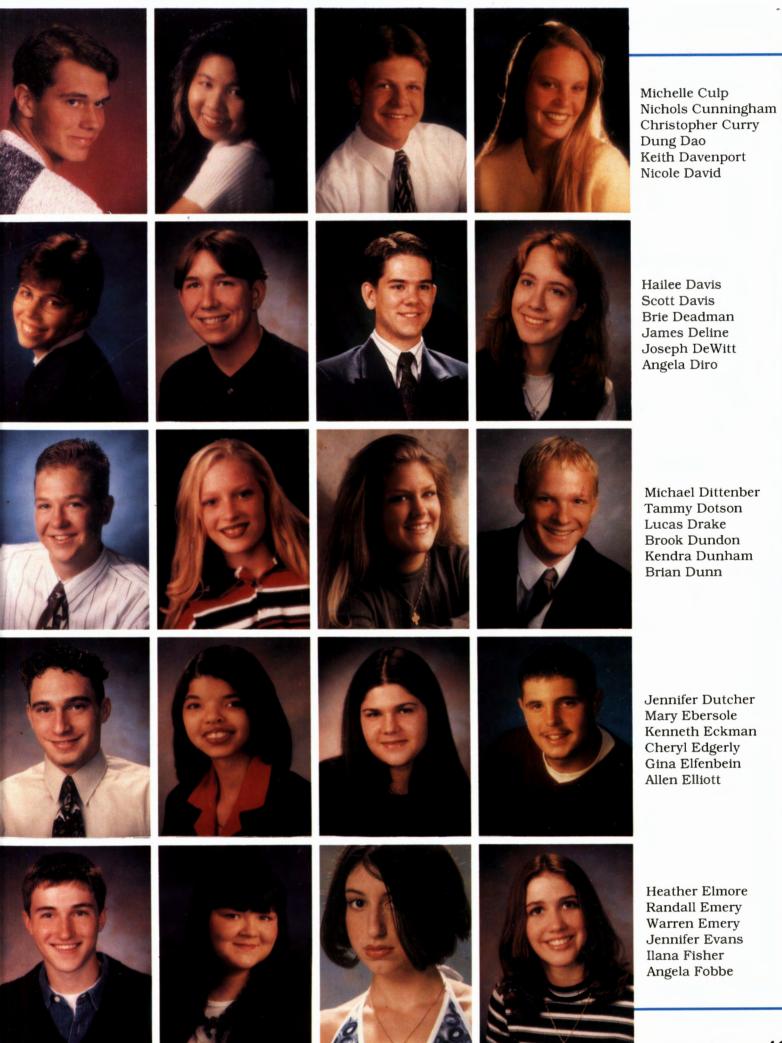












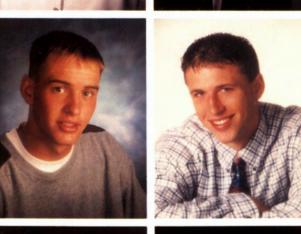
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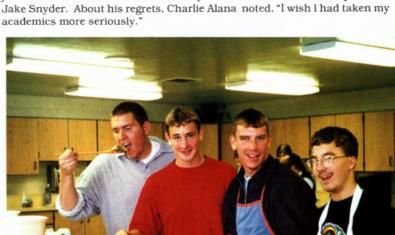
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Gourmet Chefs Cooking up a little stir fry in Meal Management are junior Joe Pennoni, seniors Charlie Hayes and Charlie Alana and sophomore



seniors reflect on 'should have dones'

"I should have studied more my sophomore and junior year and put more effort into school. I also should have gotten a job before my senior year."

-Katie Skoczylas
"I regret not trying out for softball my sophomore year. I didn't try out because my friends didn't and ever since then, I never played."

- Jenni Loicano
"I really don't have too many regrets, but I wish I would have done a little better in my classes."



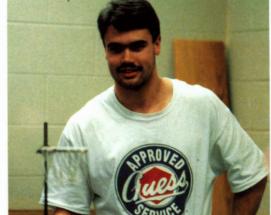


– Rebecca Grawburg

"I wish I would have gotten better grades, but at least I got to have fun with friends."

-Sarah Langham





Champion at 'Work' Playing the sport he's champion at—ringstand basketball—is Norm VanAlstine in Eric Pulver's Integrated Science class.

"I wish I would have played different sports instead of just cheerleading and track."

Missy Yemc

"I regret being so serious my freshman year."

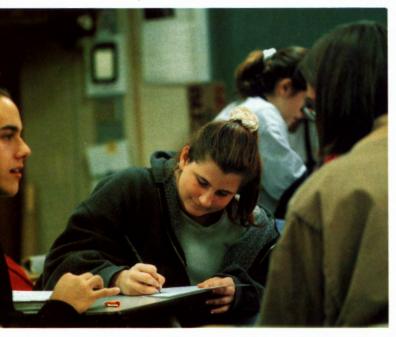
-Anne Veltema

"I regret not playing more than one or two sports and not partying more."

- Norm VanAlstine

-Erin Carslake

Headstart on Homework Finishing up a Physics lab report before the bell are Angie Quick and Andy Gamet. Angie revealed, "I'm going to LCC because it's cheaper and I can get the required courses out of the way. Then I plan to transfer to a college in California."



CHALLENGES of academics

finishing the year in good standing

"My challenge is figuring out what college I want to go to. There are a few good ones out of state I've considered."

- Chris Curry

Getting good grades in tough classes I need to be accepted into college has been my challenge this year."

– Charlie Hayes

Keeping my grades up and getting ready to move out on my own, out of state is challenging."

-Anne Reynolds

'Just figuring out what I want to do after high school has been challenging."

- Matt Messer

'Choosing a college has been difficult. There are too many to choose from!"

-Lyndsay Cook

"The greatest challenge is not giving up. Everyday I wish I was already graduated and want to quit trying, but you can't."

Lyndsey Gilreath

'Leaving this part of my life behind is challenging, but I'm happy to be getting out of here. I'm setting peaceful goals that will bring me joy."

Whitney Hoagland

-Heather Hulsebos



Booking It Studying in the Library before a test is Heather Ballard. "I'm going to Saginaw Valley because my dad lives there and I can stay with him and work there too. Jodie Kuhn is also going to live there with me," she explained.











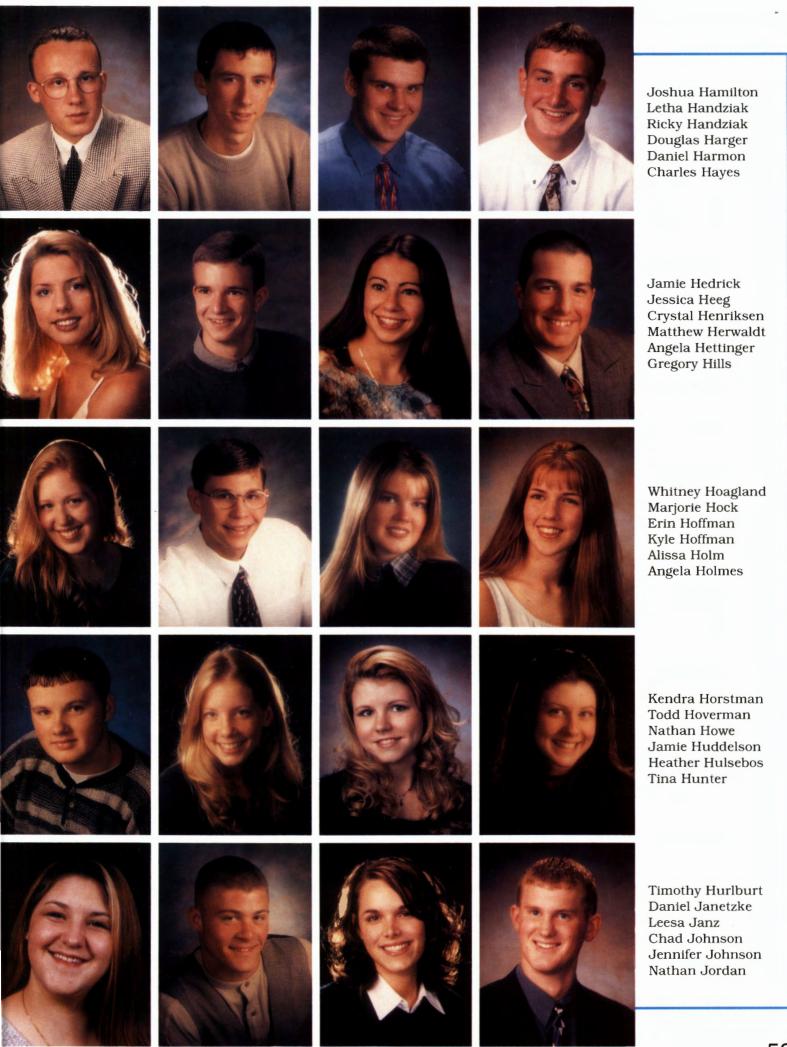












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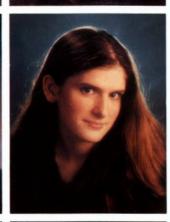
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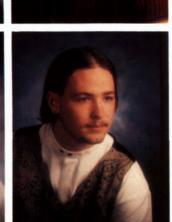
















Mastering Color

Relaxing with their color trays in Painting class are Shane Roberts and Jessica McCabe. "The upside to being a senior is taking classes like painting because you can't really concentrate on anything except graduating," noted Shane.



SENIORITIS keeps lurking

seniors fight off the dreaded disease

"I'm finding it very hard to stay on task, but I'm trying to deal with it by getting help from other people."

– Nathaniel Malaski

"It's really not that hard to stay on task. I need all the A's I can get because I don't want to have to come back next year!"

– Leesa Janz

"I'm afraid senioritis has set in. I have already been accepted to a college and I can't wait to get out of here!"

– Melissa Soule

"I haven't gotten senioritis yet; I'm just really focused on getting scholarships for college."

-Jodie Kuhn

"I am excited for Spring Break and can't wait to go to Cancun. After break is over, there's only a month left and then, senioritis will probably set in."

-Shawna Lyons

"I guess I don't have senioritis yet; I'm still doing homework!"

- Jessica Swan

Senioritis has set in. I have a lot of trouble waking up for school."

-T.J. Singleton

—Jessica Heeg

Wildly Pink! Creating a splash on Crazy Hair Day is Kelly Kamm. By late winter, Kelly found, "it's hard to concentrate on schoolwork."

Reality Check Sitting down to eat what they prepared in Meal Management class are Alaina Truman and Monica Mazuca. Alaina shared, "For me senior year was spending time with friends and trying to decide my future. It's kind of scary to think that after we graduate, real life begins."



EMOTIONS run the gamut

seniors feel the highs and lows of leaving

"I'm happy knowing college is around the corner, but I'm sort of scared to be on my own."

— Tricia Olmstead

"I'm happy to graduate because I'm ready to move on to the next level of my life. My senior year was really neither exciting nor disappointing. I think my excitement ran out my junior year."

-Diana Sarkisian

"I can't wait. It will be sad to say goodbye to friends, but it will be awesome to never have to come back."

-Kelly Lumley

"I'm happy to graduate. I've been ready for 12 years!"

- Tim Hurlburt

"I have every feeling anyone could possibly have about graduating."

Charlie Hayes

"I'm happy because I succeeded, sad because it's over, and nervous about what's to come."

Andy Gamet

"I'm not looking forward to graduating because once we start college, we have to prove ourselves all over again."

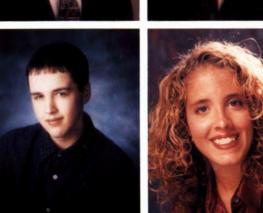
-Dan Harmon

—Jessica Heeg



Time for Fun Getting a little crazy in cooking class is Jessie McCabe who commented about graduating, "I'm excited to experience new things and meet new people."







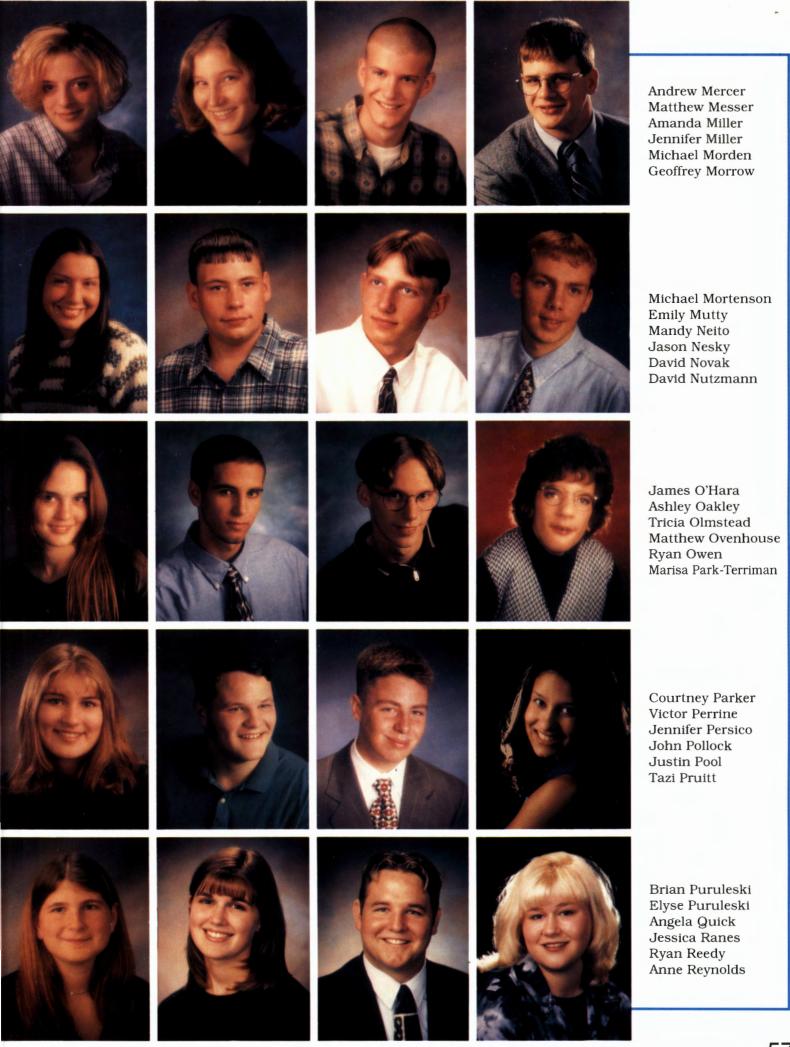




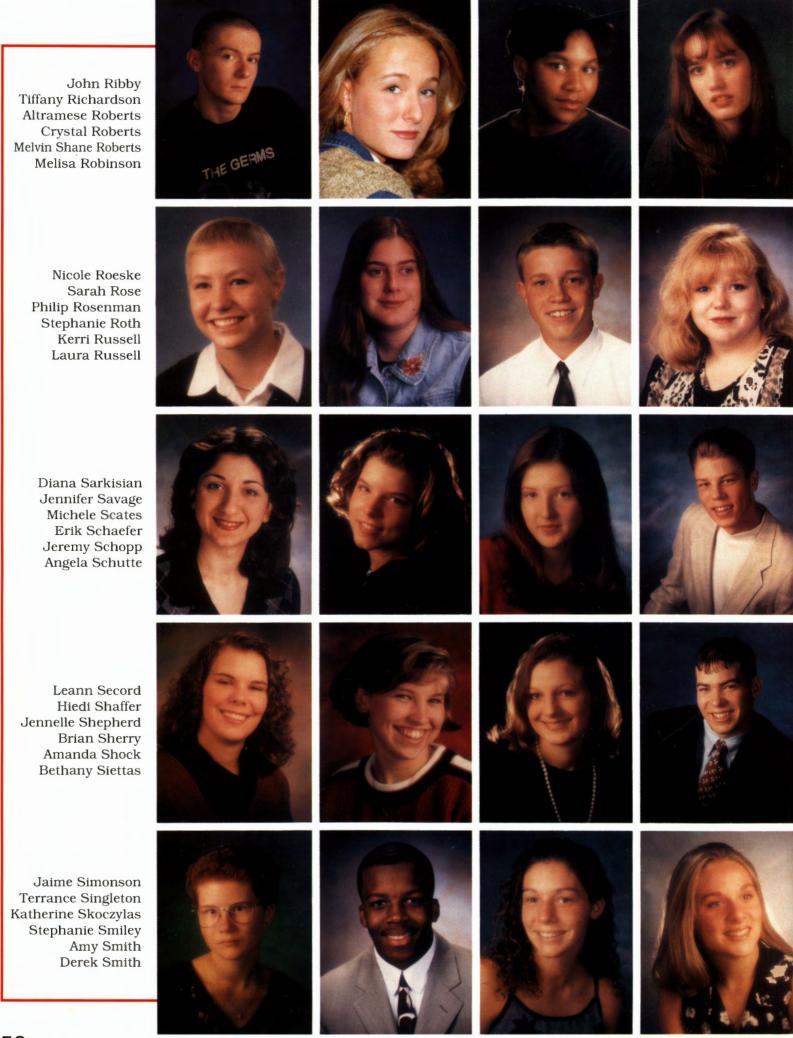








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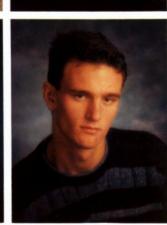












Hallway Hangout

Offering an oasis of relative quiet during passing periods was the D Commons where Julie Galambos, Kim Brydges, Erin Freeman, Jamie Green, Angela Hettinger and Kristin Brown gather for an English Lit presentation.



CROWD control in order

students fight the congested hallways

"The hallways are just too crowded! Keep on moving and don't stop in the middle of the hallway; it causes too many traffic problems.

Amy Grondin

"All I can say is they're, TOO CROWDED! It takes me 10 minutes to reach my classes."

– Alissa Holm

"It seems the school is designed more for a junior high than a high school because the hallways are just way too small."

- Chad Johnson

"The sophomores don't really belong in the hallway; they should go straight to class!"

- Robyn Barker

"I go straight to class to avoid all the traffic. If I stopped, I would never make it."

-Jessica Heeg

"Every year it gets more and more crowded. But standing in the hallways is a tradition for seniors, so I don't think we should change that."

- Shawna Lyons

"They didn't really bother me that much. After two years you get the knack of surviving the flooded hallways."

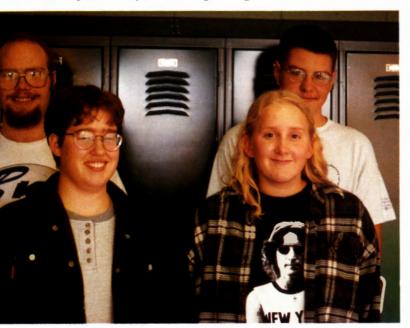
- Charlie Hayes

-Lyndsay Cook



Traffic Jam Caught in the premier trouble spot is Missy Yeme who complained, "It was a pain trying to get through the hallways especially with my big bag. I definitely won't miss the hallways!"

Common Thread—Scholarship National Merit finalists, Ben Greathouse, Matt Wallace, Kim Strampel and Eliina Viele pose for news photographers. Different in their interests and extra-curriculars, they each shared the quality of scholarship. About her fellow students Kim noted, "HHS is not too cliquish. Everyone tries to get along."



DIVERSE personalities

makes student body an interesting mix

"I think the difference in grades and ages is what makes people diverse. Diversity is also due to experience and how much you have learned about yourself."

-Keisha Vowels

There isn't much racial diversity in the school, but I do think that with personality, there is more diversity than other schools. The district is spread over a large area with a lot of different people coming from different places."

— Chris Fuller

"I think you see a lot of diversity at the school; better now than before. You see people hanging out in their own cliques and I think it mostly revolves around music."

- Don Jory

"Diversity here is more on the level of people's thinking and ideas than on clothes and music. You can always find a couple of people who think the same way you do."

Whitney Hoagland

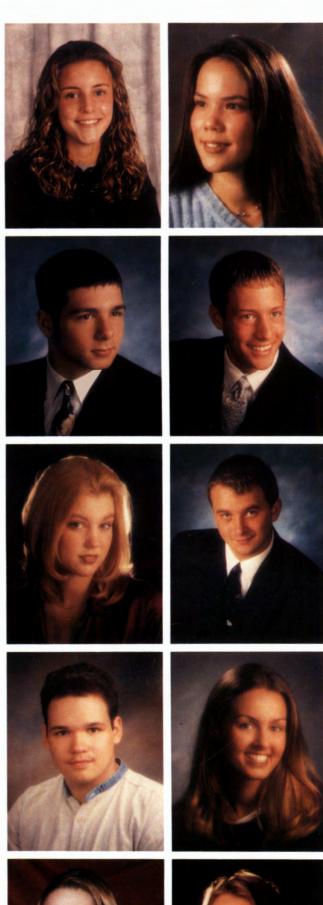
"There is diversity in that there are so many little groups, and all the people that are alike flock together."

– Jessica McCabe

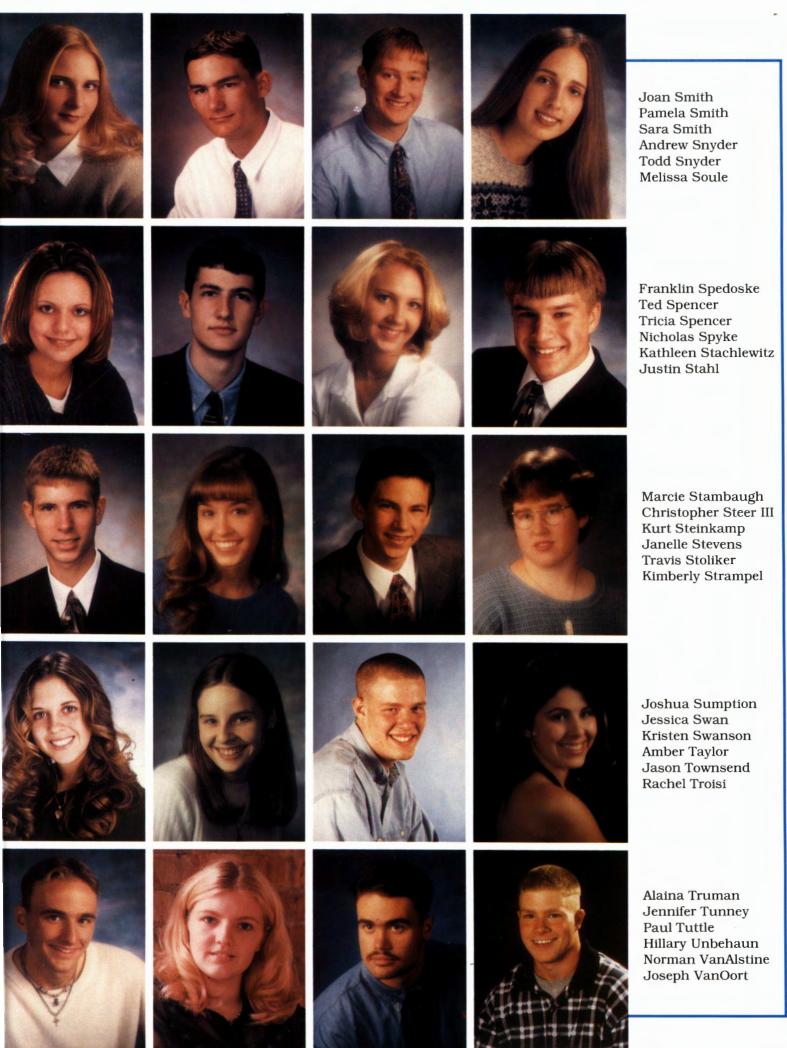
-Janell Gingas



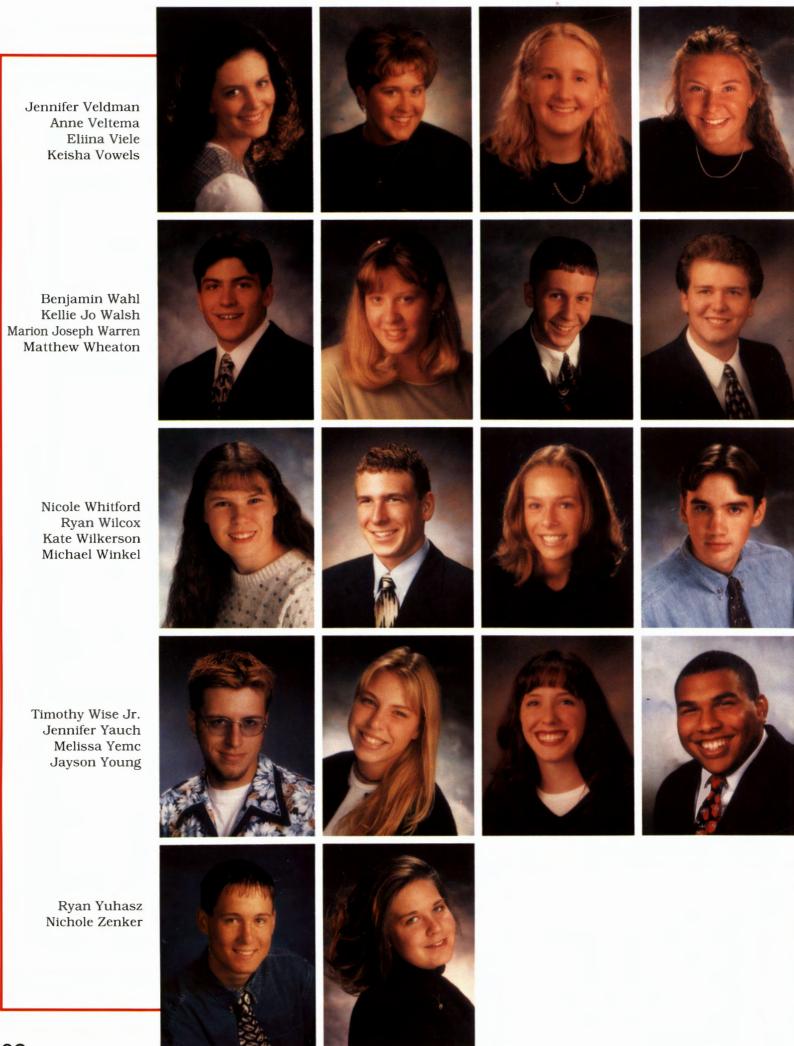
Individual Look Caught in a pensive moment in Art Seminar class is Whitney Hoagland who enjoys expressing her creativity.







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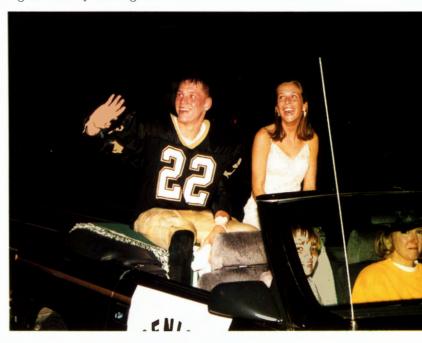
Seniors

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Night to Remember

All smiles Homecoming night are Senior Court members, Russell Clark and Katie Wilkerson. Russell recalled, "Homecoming was a lot of fun and will be a great memory from high school.'



MEMORIES best and worst

after four years highlights stand out

My best memories are of Spirit Week and how silly many people looked."

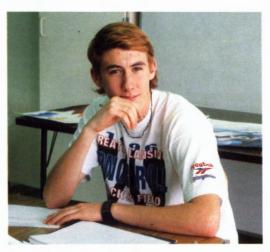
- Mark Mantyla

"My worst memory was of Mr. Burgess' zoology final in tenth grade. I worked on it for three days and got six hours of sleep."

-Joey Warren

My best memories are of football and all my teammates. I love you all."

- Chris Steer



Time Out

Taking a break in art class is Doug Harger. He noted of the class, "Art Seminar was a wild ride."

"I will cherish the times I worked in groups with my friends and we talked the whole time; it was always a blast. I will also cherish all the little unusual times like when Derek Smith dressed up as that weird 'jolly green giant' guy."

Lesley Gottschalk

"My best memories are of sports events, watching friends play and spending time with Tricia Spencer and Gina Elfenbein. They were always crazy and fun."

- Camelia Guerra

-Melisa Robinson

Royal **Night**

Smiling wide after their coronation are Queen Joanie Smith and King Joey Warren, while the Homecoming Court takes the field during the halftime show.



Senior Scrapbook

Chow **Down**

After preparing their lunch in Meal Management class, seniors Nakia Betz, Mike and McNamara and junior Laura Barnes enjoy it. Students liked the food, of course, and many tried to fit the class in their schedule.



In the Homecoming Mood

Working on a poster for Homecoming are seniors Kelly Kamm, Bethanne Siettas, Katy Crews, and Erin Hoffman.

On the Lighter Side

"I would suggest that the sophomores be eliminated from all Homecoming competitions, disqualify juniors, and have the seniors win by default!" - Katie

Stachlewitz

Juniors... Go the Distance

Cheek to Cheek

Slow dancing the night away at Prom is senior Brian Sherry and his date, sophomore Danielle Clugston.

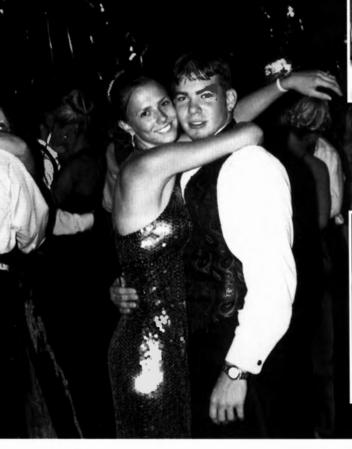
Make an Impression

Catching the lens are juniors Erin Tepastte, Michelle Smith, Jamie Horwath, and sophomore Anna Green. Perching on the playground equipment at Sycamore Elementary School is sophomore Jason Langham.



Sophomores...

Get an Earful



Staff... Ge+s Philosophical

First Dance

Enjoying their first high school homecoming dance are members of the Class of 2000.

Prepared

Ready for the next situation to deal with is Assistant Principle for Attendance and Discipline, Dan Plunkett.

Megan Abbott Angela Acker Ryan Acker Laudmila Al-Ayoubi Keith Allen Ryan Allen Lindsey Anderson Ryan Anderson Sarah Anderson Alana Andrews Jason Anthony Alicia Armstrong Kenneth Avis Frank Ayers Corey Babbitt Matthew Bahr Jennifer Ball Kirk Ballard Jason Baragar Laura Barnes Jennifer Barry Shane Bartlett Hayley Bates Chad Baum Jeffrey Beard Jeremy Beck Meaghann Beck Tracy Beckner Sarah Bedford Kelly Belen Paul Belsito Silvia Bethke Jodi Bidleman Kimberly Bishop Scott Bjorne Samantha Boertmann Michelle Boomershine Amy Borst Dana Boss Kelly Bowker Ryan Bredin Shelly Budloo















Make Some Noise! Showing their school spirit and junior pride at the Homecoming pep assembly are Willie Moore, Jareb Fosket and Keith Allen.

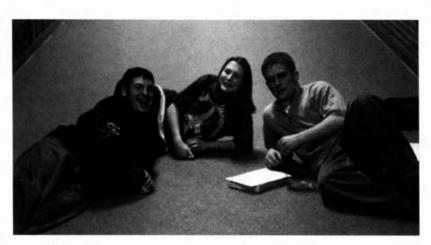


PROFILE: Begining of School

mood varies upon the class

Many student's had mixed feelings the first week back in school. Junior Leanne Parry commented, "It was hard to get back into the school routine. I wasn't ready to come back." For junior Alana Marcom, the scene had an up and down side. She stated, "It's good to see friends, but as far as school goes it's has been very stressful." Students often felt the academic stress of junior year and college admissions. Sarah Anderson commented, "I was very worried about junior year and getting all the credits I need."

Underclassman felt a different form of stress. Sophomore Amber Johnson stated, "It was overwhelming." It seemed that most sophomores were overcome by how many people there were. They felt that the mood was positive while others noted a kind of laid-back, easy-going attitude where life just kind of moved on without too much excitement.



Hanging Out Getting together in the B hallway with an assignment are Cherraline Doerr and classmates. Many students enjoyed getting back together with friends at the beginning of school.

Responsibility, however, did creep in, as sophomore Andy Mayes reported, "I took it more seriously this year." Senior Parker Fogle felt differently. He reflected, "It's easy, fun, and yet, challenging. We're getting ready for college and the future, which I think is on most of our minds." In agreement was junior Melissa Frampton who concluded, "Everyone is excited because we are almost done with high school."

—Jennifer Barry

Hanging Together Spending Spring Break together at senior Jodie Kuhn's aunt's house in Fort Lauderdale, Florida are junior Cherraline Doerr, senior Shawna Lyons, and Jodie.



In The File

Favorite Food: Anything Chinese

Favorite Car: Viper

Favorite Colors: Green and Baby Blue

Favorite TV Shows: Supermarket

Sweep and King of the Hill

Favorite Animal: Dog

Favorite Candy: Reese's Peanut

Butter Cookie Cups

Favorite Day: Friday

Actor: Jean Claude VanDamm

Actress: Susan Sarandon

PROFILE: Cherraline Doerr

enjoys just being herself

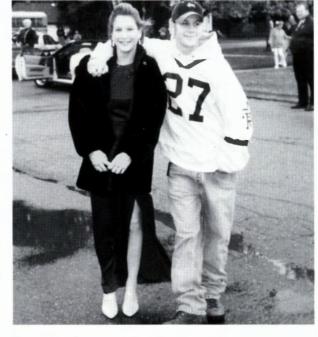
No fake smiles and annoying giggles for this girl. Give it to her how it is or she doesn't want it. Cherraline Doerr hates when people are "loud and obnoxious," and thinks people should just be themselves. A role model in her life that has fit this requirement is her mom. She explained, "My mom is there for me for anything. She is a very strong woman who has a lot

of respect for herself and others. She taught me to be strong and stand up for what I believe in." Cherraline also admires her boyfriend Tom Shaver, whom she feels shares many of the same characteristics.

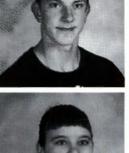
Staying busy is her past time. She works at Boston Market and likes to hangout with her friends, go to sporting events, bowl and play softball. Cherraline also spends a lot of time in the summer at Houghton Lake, where she swims and jet skies. She enjoys fishing and hunting, and hopes to live in the mountains of North Dakota or Montana.

The sport she admires most is wrestling because "it is very intense and requires a lot of dedication." Watching Holt win the back-to-back state championship will always be her fondest memory, along with being nominated for Homecoming court in 1996 and 1997. In the future, she plans to attend college in South Carolina, and hopes to become a physician.

—Jessica Heeg



Happy Day Smiling for the camera before the Homecoming parade is Court member Cherraline Doerr and her older brother, Kris during her sophomore year.



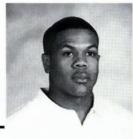




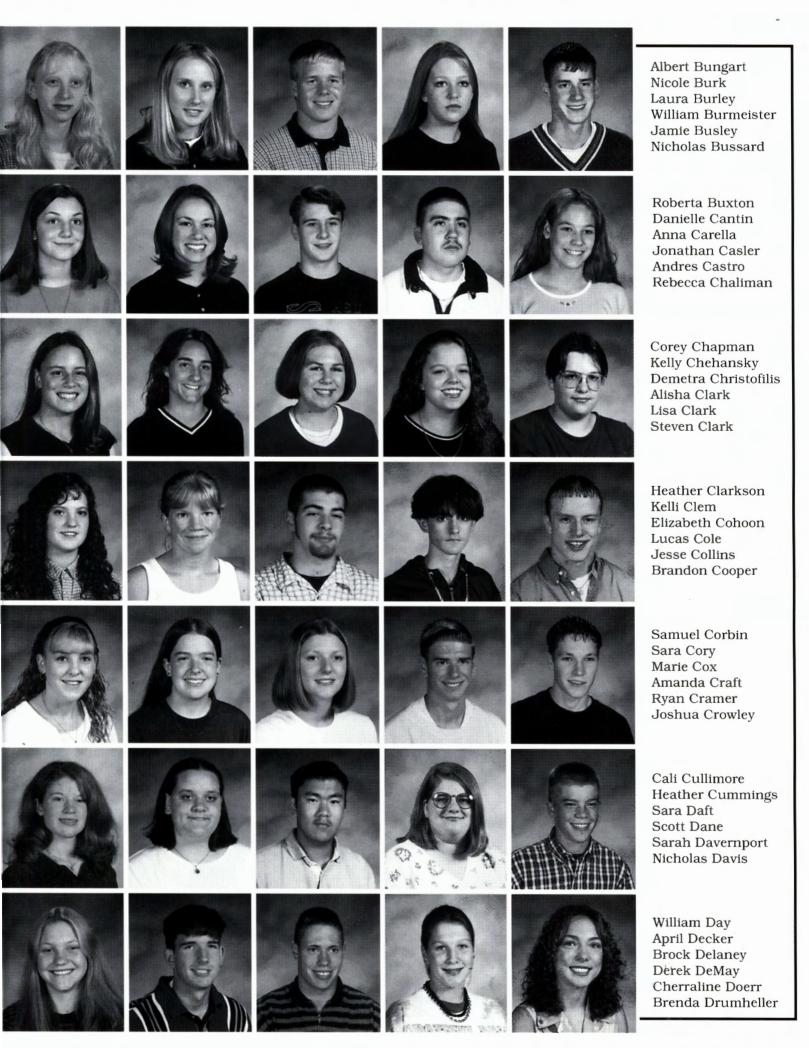








38 Profile: Cherraline Doerr



Dawn Drumheller Andrew Duling **Bradley Duling** Josephine Dunham Joseph Durfee Ryan Eding Arlo Ely **Edward Ewald** Joanne Ewen Amy Fessenden Rachelle Fixel Erin Fobbe Cedric Ford Molly Fourman Tara Fowler Melissa Frampton Patricia Frankenberger Derek Fratzke Mark French Mark Friedrich Brian Fudge Justin Fuller David Ganaway Alicia Garcia Michelle Garland Anna Gevorkyan Mark Girwood Cullen Gnass **Bradley Goff** Adam Gooden Carly Gotschall **Todd Grey** Billie Gross Chistopher Guardiola Sarah Haley Katherine Hall Sean Hall Stacie Hall Joseph Hannasch Lindsey Harris Shannon Harris Joshua Haskell















To the Coliseum Standing sentinel over the Junior Class float are Corey VanStratt, Sherman Horn and Ben Wood while waiting for the Homecoming parade to start.



PROFILE: Homecoming

Juniors pave the road back to Rome

"I thought that our ancient Rome theme was a terrific idea," reflected junior Adam Viele. But when other juniors heard the topic they were skeptical. It seemed like a real hard theme to do. However, with a lot of help, ideas and work, the juniors turned the idea into a success.

To start out the festivities, the juniors had float meetings every Tuesday and Thursday night to work out how to build the float and decorate the hallway. It was work with a little bit of fun on the side. "Getting together with classmates was very inspirational," noted Adam.



Cameo Night Circling Troost Field before the Coronation are Junior Court members Cedric Ford and Cherraline Doerr. Cherraline commented, "It was a great experience representing my class; one I'll never forget.

While the float and decorations took form by night, juniors got creative with Spirit Week dress up days. The most popular of the days? Well, the opinion varied. Amanda Ward liked Class Spirit Day because, "it separated all the classes and made them stand out."

Along with theme days came pep rallys and presentations to pump up the football players. One was the performance by the Dance Team of a routine they had learned at camp over the summer. Junior Amanda Young commented, "I liked performing in the Homecoming Pep Rally. I loved how everyone showed so much spirit for their class. It made me anxious to be a senior."

—Emily Rapp



Smile for the Camera... Posing in the hallway is junior Amy Fessenden who was noted for being a very busy person in her spare time.

In The File

Favorite Food: Anything Italian

Favorite Car: Metallic blue-green Neon

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite TV Shows: ER and I Love Lucy Favorite Animals: Manatee and Dolphin

Favorite Candy: Chocolate Favorite Day: Saturday Actor: Leonardo DeCaprio Favorite Restaurant: Chedders

Role Model: Lucille Ball because in spite of her hard life she had many accomplishments.

Mo++o: "Look toward the future and be happy

with what you have!"

PROFILE: Amy Fessenden

first loves-sports, music

Seeing Amy Fessenden quietly sitting in the back of the class, one might not realize how busy she keeps herself. She balances French Club, Key Club, and National Honor Society with being a kindergarten assistant on Wednesday mornings at Sycamore Elementary School. She also participates in a jazz class and enjoys attending football and basketball games. Most important to her though, is playing the piano.

She began playing because many member's in her family play and she loves how the plano sounds. "My favorite music to play is Bach's. Actually, I don't like to practice much, but it's

worth it to be able to play." After taking lessons for nine years, she received the Gold Cup in 1996, the grand prize awarded to the most accomplished piano player in her class. It took her three competitive years of piano to reach that point.

In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Amy keeps in touch with five pen pals in Israel, Japan, Australia, and Italy because, "I like learning how others live, and find it interesting how much I have in common with people from all over the world."

Amy plans to go to college and major in Anthropology or become an elementary teacher. She also would like to travel all over the world, especially to Australia.

-Jessica Heeg



All It Takes Is Practice Fourth grader Amy Fessenden plays her first piano recital at the Methodist Church. She has played piano for nine years.





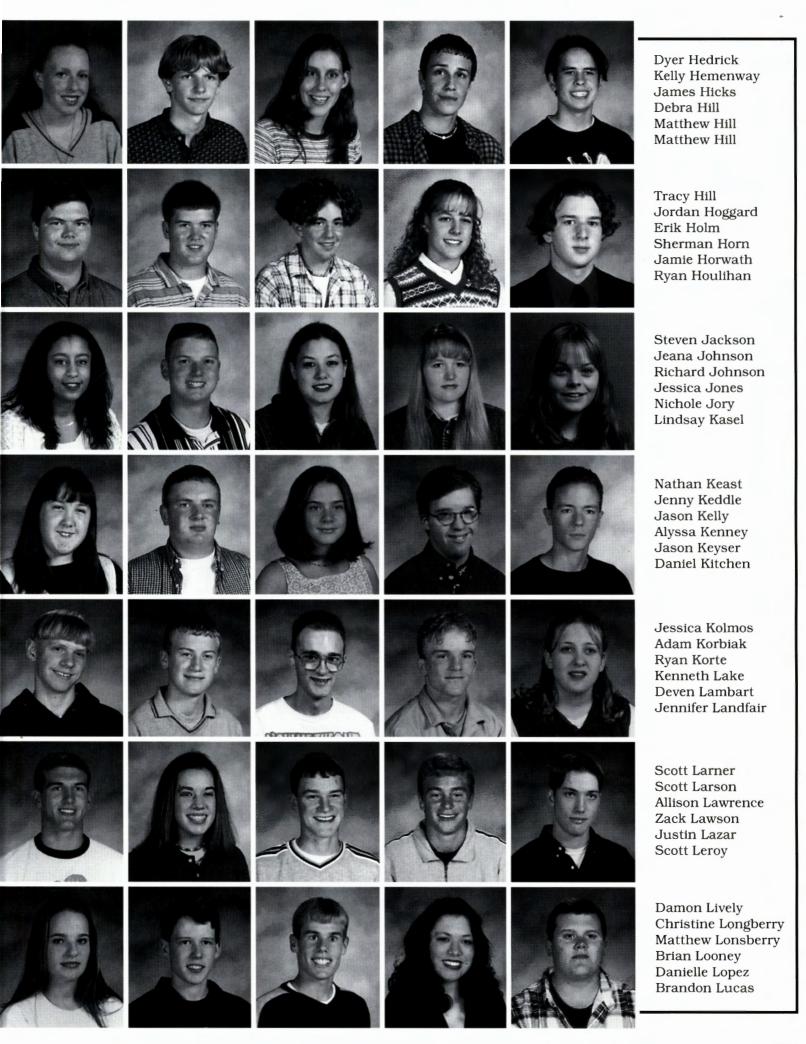












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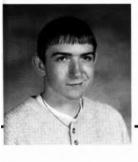






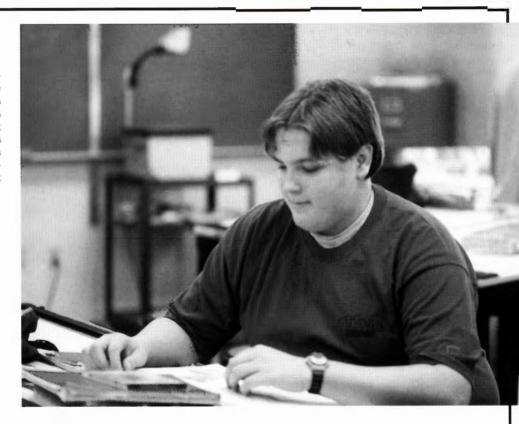






Getting **Technical**

Down to business in Steve Neureither's Drafting class is junior Robert Miller. The class helped students enjoy a careerrelated subject matter.



PROFILE: College Preparation challenges of academic year

Tests, quizzes, exams, and more homework were just some of the ways students prepared for college. They all took the required classes: math, science, and English, and many took at least two years of a foreign language. Tara Fowler stated, "All the required classes that are college prep are what I'm taking. My grades have dropped a little, but I'm learning a lot more."

Thomas Aquinas, Michigan State, Central Michigan, and Lansing Community College were just a few of the choices. With so many choices, students reported it was hard for them to select one. Some opted to go out of state and get away from the cold weather.

Other students took classes for a career after high school. Leslie Taylor revealed, "Being a clerical assistant is helping me to prepare." And Amanda Pasch noted, "I'm trying to decide

between going into the Navy or going to college."

Besides taking classes and working in part-time jobs, some students were relying on sports to help lead them to a career. "I'm training both in the USMC and with the best soccer coaches in the state to better my playing skills," reported junior Ryan Cramer. The year was full of challenges for juniors. From harder classes to the ACT, it required a lot of work and planning. Life was about experiences and juniors tried to make the most of them. Melissa Frampton concluded, "I plan to go to college so that I will have no limitations on what I can do."





study is junior Sarah Haley in the B hallway.

Day of Fun Spending time at an amusment park are juniors Kelly Chehansky, Meredith Schram, Nicole Tews, Tracy Beckner, Jason Baragar, Brooke Reich, Allison Lawrence, Cherraline Doerr, and Amanda Ward.



In The File

Favori+e Food: Anything, especially Taco Bell

Favorite Movie: Titanic

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite TV Show:

Saved By The Bell

Favorite Candy: Sweet Tarts

Favorite Day: Wednesday, because

"I love to sleep in."

Favorite Class: Chemisty with Mrs.

Boulanger

PROFILE: Allison Lawrence

focus on sports, grades and friends

Singled out by other juniors as being 'a cut above the rest,' Allison Lawrence responded, "but, I don't feel like I do anything extraordinary; I'm very surprised by this." Balancing three sports—basketball, volleyball, and softball and still carrying a 3.7 GPA reflected what many students said was her outstanding ability to achieve. Being modest Allison shared, "It's not really hard for me to keep a good grade point average and still compete in sports. I think I am just really good at managing my time to fit

my busy schedule."

When Allison does relax and hang-out, she finds herself at friends' homes. "I like to be with Dana Boss and Meredith Schram because we have a great time together doing things like rollerblading," she revealed. In fact, Allison spent two days of Spring Break with Meredith in Chicago shopping. Junior Dana Boss explained of her friend of five years, "She has always been a true friend. She's the type of person you can tell all your secrets to and not have to worry about others knowing."

When Big Al, the nickname appropriately given to her for her height of 5'9," isn't with her friends she spends time with her boyfriend Matt Brydges or goes to the YMCA. "I like the YMCA because I enjoy working out and relaxing in the hot tubs," she explained.

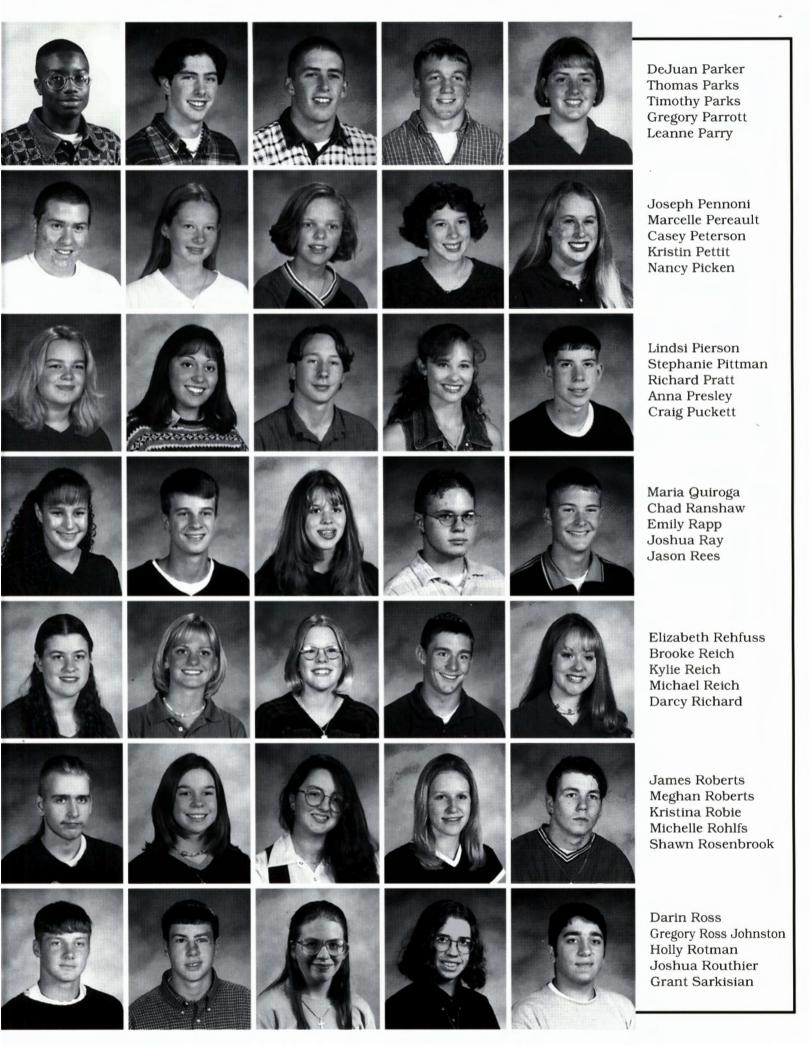
Allison's role models were her older brother Scott and sister Kim, "They both know where they are headed in life. They planned out their dreams and are now achieving them." As for Allison's dreams she shared, "I have certain things that I want to accomplish. I take things as they come and my goals are set by knowing what I can do."

Allison received Varsity letters in all three of her sports and academically she felt that "things are getting easier. I was fortunate not to suffer any injuries to keep me away from sports." All in all, Allison concluded it was a good year.

-Elizabeth Walker



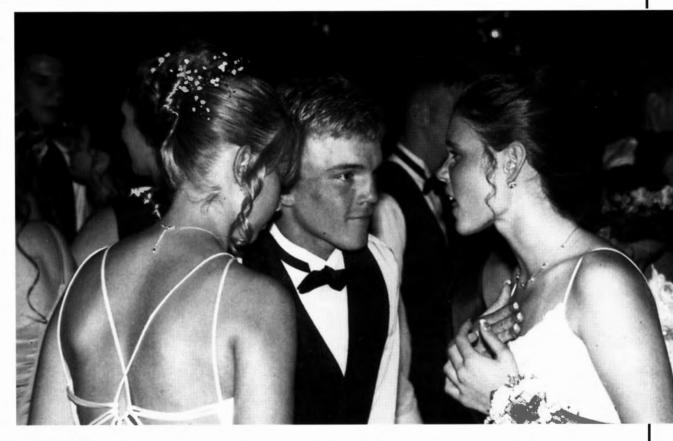
Buddy System Giving each other hugs are friends of five years, Allison Lawrence and Dana Boss.



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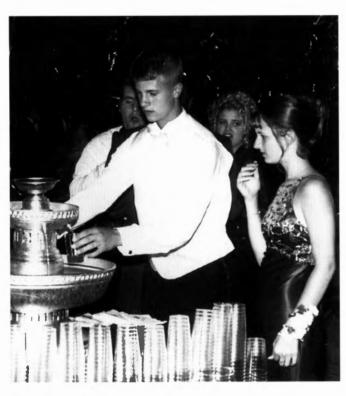
Gala Night

Taking a time out from dancing the night away to talk with friends is junior Deven Lambart at the Lansing Center during Prom.



PROFILE: Prom Preparation

for that special, elegant night



Cooling a Thirst Getting a refill of punch at Promisjunior Chad Ranshaw and his date.

Meeting friends for a different night out, dancing, and getting dressed up were the main reasons students went to Prom. To some students, the dance was very important. Junior Matt Hill reflected, "Promonly happens once a year and you will remember the night for the rest of your life."

For other students, prom was just another school dance. "My senior year seems more important to me because it's my last year of school so I went," noted junior Brad Duling. Junior Josi Dunham admitted, "Prom isn't that important to me, but it's fun because all your friends are there and you get to dress up."

There were other issues concerning Prom. One was money. Students could spend a lot on Prom. However, junior Jessica Kolmos revealed, "Money shouldn't be a problem because creative prom plans are always a great way to have fun and save a little cash."

The dance was exciting for many students and some didn't care if they had dates or not. Allison Meyers noted, "Last year it seemed like a big deal so I wanted to get in on it this year." And junior Jenny Barry concluded, "I'm going because I think it's a very special time. It's one of the most memorable nights you have in high school, plus I have my dress and everything already."

-Liz Rehfuss

Russian Adventure Posing with a friend at a touring sight in Russia last summer is junior Scott Dane.



In The File

Favorite Food: Mexican Pizza-Taco Bell

Favorite Movie: A Few Good Men

Favorite Color: White Favorite TV Show: E.R. Favorite Car: Lexus

Favorite Actor: Keenan Ivory Wynans

Favorite Actress: Neve Cambell Favorite Restaurant: Cheddar's

Favorite Clothing Line: Polo-Ralph Lauren Role Model: Colin Powell because he uses his platform to encourage others to be involved in community service.

Mo++o: "If the door opens opportunity, walk through it."

PROFILE: Scott Dane

highlighting sports, community service

In the halls you see different kinds of people with different kinds of personalities. One that stands out is junior Scott Dane. His friends know him as energetic, outgoing, social, reliable and independant.

Scott has been involved in a lot of activities, but one of his first loves is soccer. Scott started playing in kindergarden for Lansing Parks and Recreation. He explained, "I play soccer because I feel it's more competitive than any other sport. It is a sport of skill and talent. It builds friendships, and is the ultimate team sport." In ninth grade at Eastern, he was voted "Most Committed" by his team. This year at Holt, Scott was voted "Hardest Working."

Beyond high school, Scott has many goals that he would like to achieve in various areas. Sports-wise he would like to be more competitive and do his best when playing soccer. Career-wise, his goal is "to be be a surgeon so I can help others and have a lot of variety in my work."

Scott was involved in much community service through National Honor Society where he was elected president. He coached a seventh grade basketball team and explained, "I had a good time helping kids have fun in a competitive sport." Scott also participated in Kiwanis Day and tutored a fifth grader at Sycamore Elementary School on Wednesday mornings.

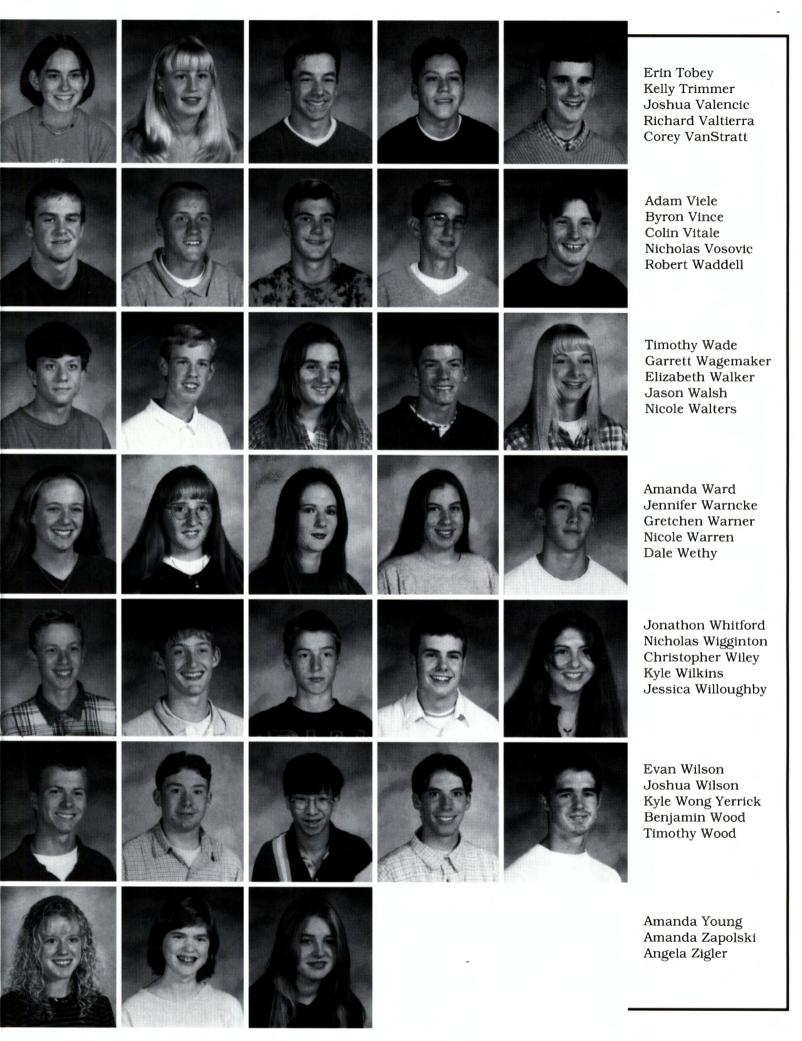
Besides school activities and sports, Scott is involved in the Youth Progressive Action Committe, his church youth group, the Michigan League of Academic Games, Global Hopemeaker's, and Habitat For Humanity. His sports activities include being a member of the Holt U16 and U19 Indoor Soccer team and a referee at Soccer Zone about which he commented, "It has taught me how to be patient and deal with upset parents and coaches." Last, his musical activity is piano lessons which he felt helped broaden his horizons.

Scott reflected on these experiences. "My involvement in Youth P.A.C. has taught me how to be a leader and the joys of philanthropy. The Michigan League of Academic Games has taught me how to be competitive with my mind, and my church youth group has taught me to remember that God is number one in my life and makes everything possible."

—DeJuan Parker

Juniors Not Pictured

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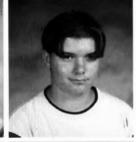


















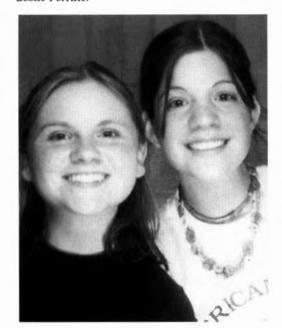






Buddy Picture Leslie Perrine.

Posing with her friend, Jamie Walsh, at a photo booth is sophomore



In The File

Favorite Food: Potatoes

Favori+e Movie: Bambi meets

Godzilla (cartoon)

Favorite Color: "Terushon"

(any color you don't know what to call it)

Favorite TV Show: Bug Juice

Favorite Restaurant: Pinocchio's

Hauss at Disney World.

Favorite Band: Fig Dish

Favorite Actor: Jesse Camp

PROFILE: Leslie Perrine

quiet, original personality

Described as original and quiet, Leslie Perrine is recognized by her classmates as being a unique person. One area of originality was her dress. She revealed, "It's just me I guess." Her ideas about her outfits arise spontaneously. "Whatever is on my floor I grab and throw on," she explained. She doesn't pay attention to trends; her originality comes from wearing, "whatever I want."



Smile! Getting goofy for the camera Leslie and Jamie strike a pose.

Besides being creative with clothes, Leslie listens to alternative music. She loves to play the guitar and has been playing for some time. She reflected, "I was born with a guitar in my hand and music in my heart." For fun, Leslie and her friend Jamie Walsh like to make up songs that she listens to for her own amusement. "The beats are contagious," she claimed.

About her plans for college, she joked of "being student body president, captain of the cheerleading squad and editor of the school newspaper." Realistically, she wants to open a record store with her friend Jamie. Her philosophy is, "life is just a figment of our imaginations."

-Scott Davis



Let's Play! Joan Anderson poses in her Holt soccer team uniform.

In The File

Favorite Food: Swiss Chicken (rolled up chicken breast with swiss cheese) Favorite College Team: Michigan State

Pe+ Peeves: When someone talks like their nose is plugged up.

Favorite Restaurant:

Mongolian Barbecue

Favorite Music/Band: Collective Soul and Cranberries.

Favorite Color: Green

Favori+e Teacher: Mrs. Peters

Favorite Class: German

Weekend Hang-Out: Soccer Zone

PROFILE: Joan Anderson

smiles and soccer rule

Her face was never without a smile, and when asked what her philosophy was, she replied without any hesitation, "If you can't smile or be goofy then you can't really live. To live life to the fullest you have to be happy; otherwise what's the point?" Not only does Joan always smile, she knows how to put a smile on everyone's face. Her soccer teammates saw this first hand last spring.

Playing goalie is one of Joan's strongest abilities. She played goalkeeper on the Varsity Soccer team as a freshman. She achieved this through hard work and dedication. Joan explained, "I had to show everyone that I deserved to be on the team before they would trust me, but once I proved my worth, I was able to become friends and have a good time with the older girls on the team." Joan felt that playing Varsity was a privilege. This past summer she attended the Adidas Bolitteri Soccer Academy in Florida and trained with professional goalkeepers. During the fall, she played on the U-16 Capital Area Premire team, and had a great session.

Besides playing soccer, Joan likes to travel and has taken some unique trips this year. Besides her trip to Florida, she also went to Las Vegas. Joan revealed, "I saw Dom DeLuise, and took a helicopter ride over the strip to see the lights at night."

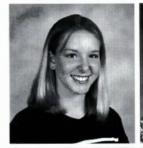
Along with travel, Joan has many other favorite activities she enjoys. "I love to act and play my trumpet. I also like canoeing," she shared. Joan hopes to attend Harvard and bcome a thoracic surgeon

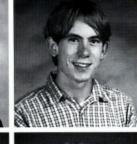
-Keisha Vowels



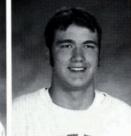
In the Air Punting the ball out after a save is Joan Anderson during her freshman season against Grand Ledge.

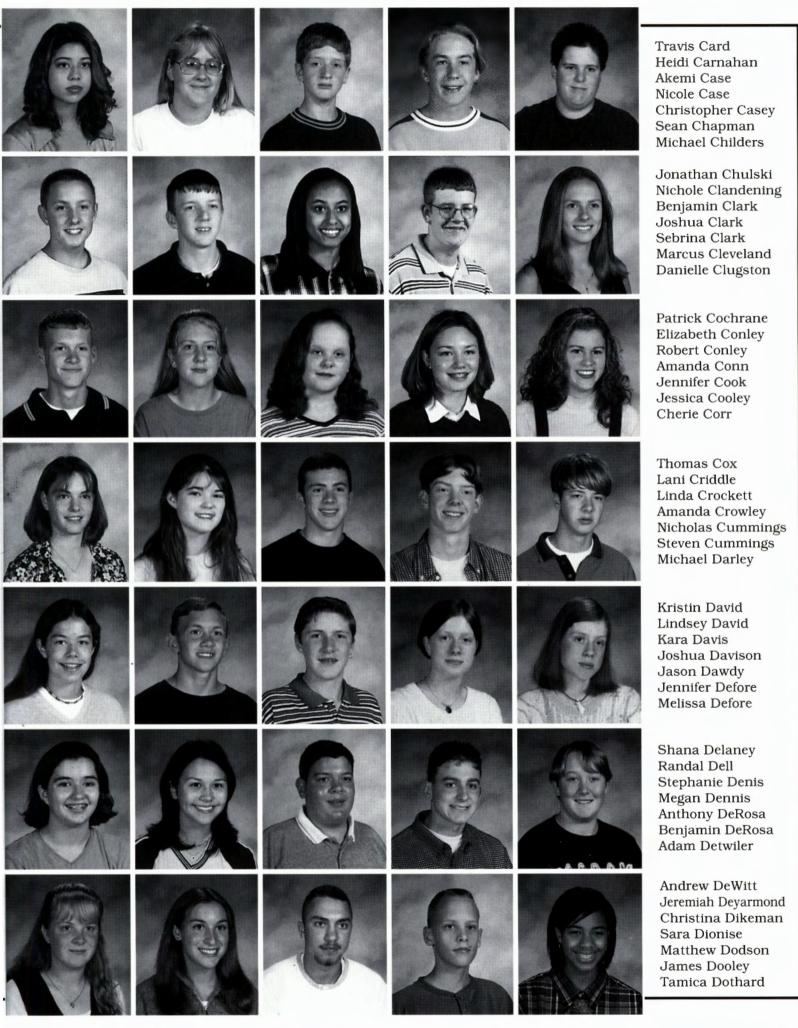












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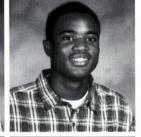








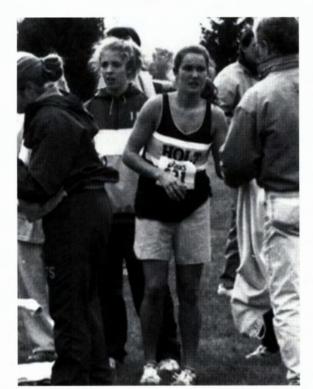








Prep Time Preparing for a CAC meet is Shana Mills and teammate Emily Mutty.



In The File

Favori+e Food: Cheesecake

Favori+e Colors: Deep purple

and lime green

Favorite College Teams: MSU's hockey, basketball, soccer, and crew teams

Favorite Sports: Soccer and Cross Country

Favorite Restaurant:

Stir Fire Grill

Favorite Class: Genetics

Pe+ Peeves: When your pant leg gets caught up in the front or the back of your shoe. (That drives me crazy!)

PROFILE: Shana Mills

nothing can make her day go bad

She was wearing khaki pants with zippers that turned into shorts, her running shoes, and a striped sweater. Her watch was on a necklace and she had her hair up in a cute, little knot. When asked about her sophomore year, Shana Mills reflected, "It's been great, I've had a lot of fun. So far I've learned a lot not only in math, English, and science, but about myself as well. I've grown up so much already, not physically, that's for sure!"

Shana ran on the Cross Country team, and last year she was a freshman on the Varsity Soccer team. "At first I was really excited, but scared at the same time. I felt like I had to do my best at all times, otherwise I would get moved back to JV." She attended the MSU soccer camp over the summer as well as participating on the U-16 Capital Area Lobo's Premier team this past fall. "I

believe my strongest abilities are soccer, school, and to deal with people well."

Shana's life philosophy is, "live life to the fullest, don't worry about what others think of you, and don't base your life on pleasing other people; just be yourself." Shana's favorite role model is her big brother Joey who is currently attending Northwestern University in Chicago. Shana expressed, "He's the smartest person I know. He knows what he wants and gets it. In college right now he's getting all A's, which is really hard to do. Plus he gets to go to Chicago anytime he wants." Shana plans to attend college and is thinking about majoring in Forensic Science.

Time Out of Class Excused from class for a quick photo is junior Shana Mills.

-Keisha Vowels

Let's Get Going! Posing with his brother, Sam, is Chuck Smith who had just gotten his brother's car professionally cleaned for a birthday present.



In The File

Favorite Food: Prime Rib

Favorite Car: '98 Probe GT

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite TV Show: Real TV

Favorite Animal: Elk

Favorite Candy: Skittles

Favorite Day: Saturday

Favorite Actor: John Travolta

Favorite Actress: Neve Campbell

Favorite Restaurant: Red Lobster

PROFILE: Chuck Smith accent on soccer & design

If you looked into 5th hour Graphic Design class, you would see sophomore Chuck Smith diligently working on his artwork. He took the class because he loves to draw and design things. Chuck explained, "What I like to draw best are houses, animals, and people. I just like to sit somewhere and draw what I see."

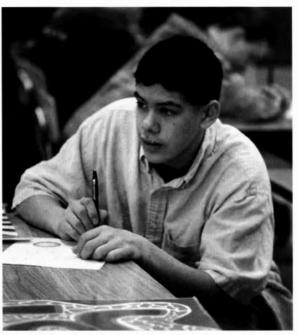
For his career, he wants to join his dad who is an architect and design for the Smith-Aarup Construction Company. As a part-time job, Chuck works with his dad everyday for a few hours after school. When he is not working there he is watercolor painting. He is joined by his brother,

Sam, who also shares the same interests and who, along with his dad, inspired him in the job that he wants to pursue. Chuck explained, "Sam has always been there for me, but we are a bit different. He is a little more outgoing."

When Chuck is tired of creating house designs, he plays soccer. He has been playing for 12 years. His dad got a lot of kids in the neighborhood together to form a team. They eventually ended up with a youth league. "Soccer is my favorite sport. I can play everything but goalie. I played this year on the JV team." He tried to be a consistent worker. Though injured at the beginning of the season, by the end, he had worked himself into the starting lineup, and was a role model for the freshmen on the team.

Being a consistent worker has helped him get good grades in school, make extra money, and helped make friends. His philosophy of life is, "Express yourself in a way that feels right for you; be yourself and don't change for anyone." Chuck concluded, "I want to be known for being honest, sincere, and open-minded."

Artist At Work Working on ink shading in his Graphic Design class is sophomore Chuck Smith who also —DeJuan Parker enjoys designing houses and watercolor painting.







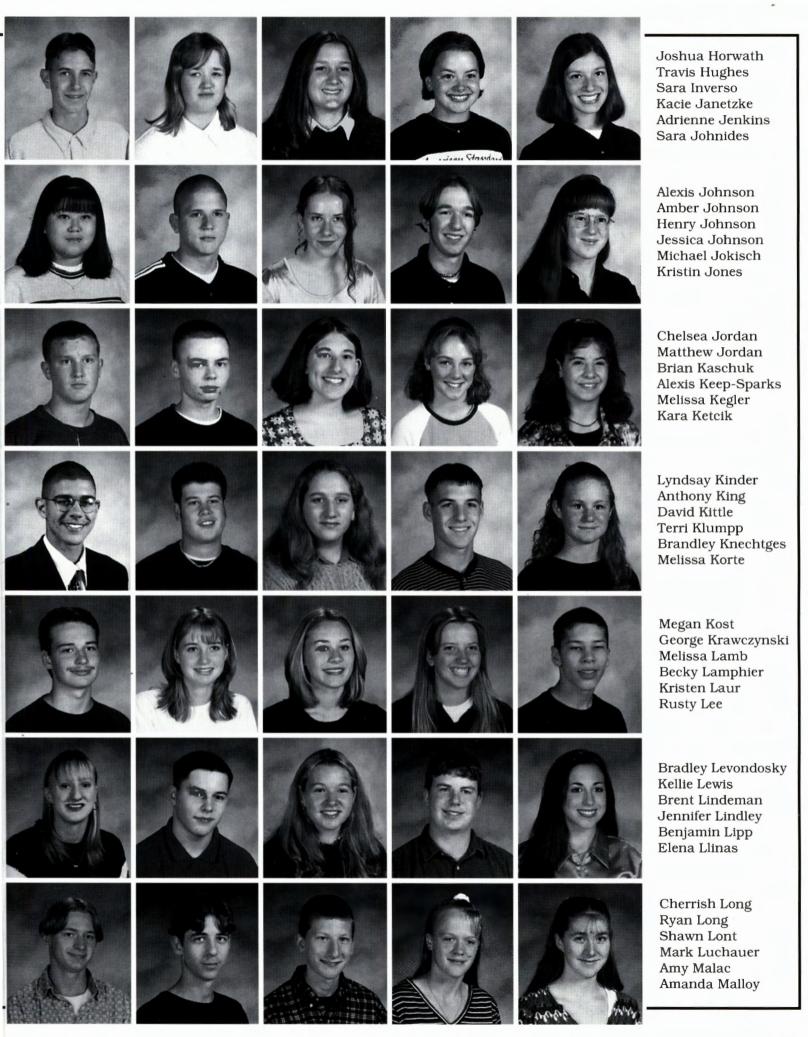












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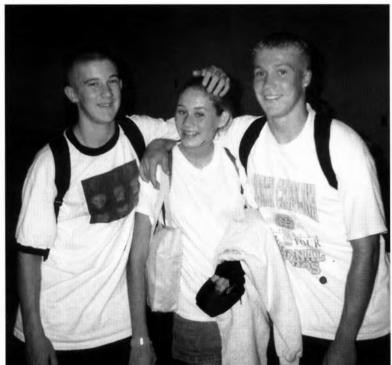








Welcome Back Returning from a 1997 trip to New Orleans are sophomores Aaron Wyble, Becky Lamphier and graduate Karl Wyble.



In The File

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Music: Dance

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Restaurant:

Haley's in Myrtle Beach

AS for other favorites, she simply

claims: "I don't have favorites;

I like everything."

PROFILE: Becky Lamphier

busy being her friendly self

Identified by students as outgoing and full on energy, sophomore Becky Lamphier leads a very busy life. She balanced cheerleading, track and ballet and still found time to keep up good grades. She has a lot of friends and shared, "I can't stand not talking to anyone. If I don't know the person sitting next to me, I find out. It's helped me in the long run because I always have someone to talk to, and I am never alone.



Pregame Chat Gathered in the auxiliary gym before the JV basketball game are Laurie Morse, Kristen Mockler, Becky Lamphier, and Eileen Briggs.

Dancing is definitely Becky's love and someday she plans to be a dance teacher in the afterhours of another career that she hasn't picked yet. She hopes to open her own dance studio. As for college, she hasn't picked a major, but she wants to go to a university with an excellent dance curriculum for her minor of dance, mainly ballet.

She claims the one person she'd love to meet would be comedian-actor Jim Carey. "I've always liked him. He can sing, dance, and make me laugh. For some reason I can relate to his craziness. Peers always tell me how hyper I am, like him, but I call it happy!"

For a person she admires, Becky stated, "I've never really had a certain role model. I choose certain goals that have been inspired by peers or my parents. This is only an instinct, however. I guess I haven't really thought about why I do what I do; I just do it." Becky described herself in three words, as happy, confident, and social. She elaborated, "I'm always laughing and smiling. I guess that could be my trademark. Also, I'm not uncomfortable with who I am. I've learned to live the way I want to."

-Jesse Collins



Standing Tall Stopping in the hallway for a photo is sophomore Bryony Schopp who was credited as a unique dresser by her peers.

In The File

Favorite Food: El Ez Taco

Favorite Music: Alternative, Blues, and Classical

Favorite Hangovts: The MSU dorms and her

sister's house

Favorite Person To Be With: Tom

Favorite Classes: Computer Applications

and Genetics

Favorite Actor: Nathan Lane

Favorite Actress: Demi Moore

PROFILE: Bryony Schopp

uniquely herself

Bryony Schopp has thought of herself as different, but it isn't anything that she can put her finger on exactly. She explained, "I just act myself, I don't try to be anyone else, be trendy, or get caught in any of that other stuff." Most students identified her as unique, especially in dress. However, Bryony pointed out, "I do express myself by the way I dress, but it's not intentionally. I just wear what is comfortable and it makes me feel good about myself." Bryony doesn't need to buy the most expensive clothes or name brands, she just puts her wardrobe together with whatever she has that comes to mind that day. She may wear two different color shoes and a pocket chain. People might say that is perhaps weird, but to Byrony, it's not.

Bryony likes to hang out with friends, ride dirt bikes, play her guitar, and go to concerts. Her choices in music are alternative,

blues, and classical. The friends she loves to hang out with are Lauren Kintigh and Jen Marcum. Her favorite subjects in school are computer applications and genetics, which she finds interesting and where she can be with her friends.

Bryony's role model is her sister. "She is one of my best friends and I trust her view on a lot of things." Bryony's view on life is reflected in her motto, "To be yourself and don't let anyone lead you into being someone you're not." One of her talents is her ability to get along well with others and another is being able to make people laugh. But her major achievement is just being herself.

-Melisa Robinson



Now Give Us A Big Smile! Trying to get their friend Lauren Kintigh to smile are sophomores Stephanie Smith, Jen Marcum and Bryony Schopp in Bill Savage's classroom.





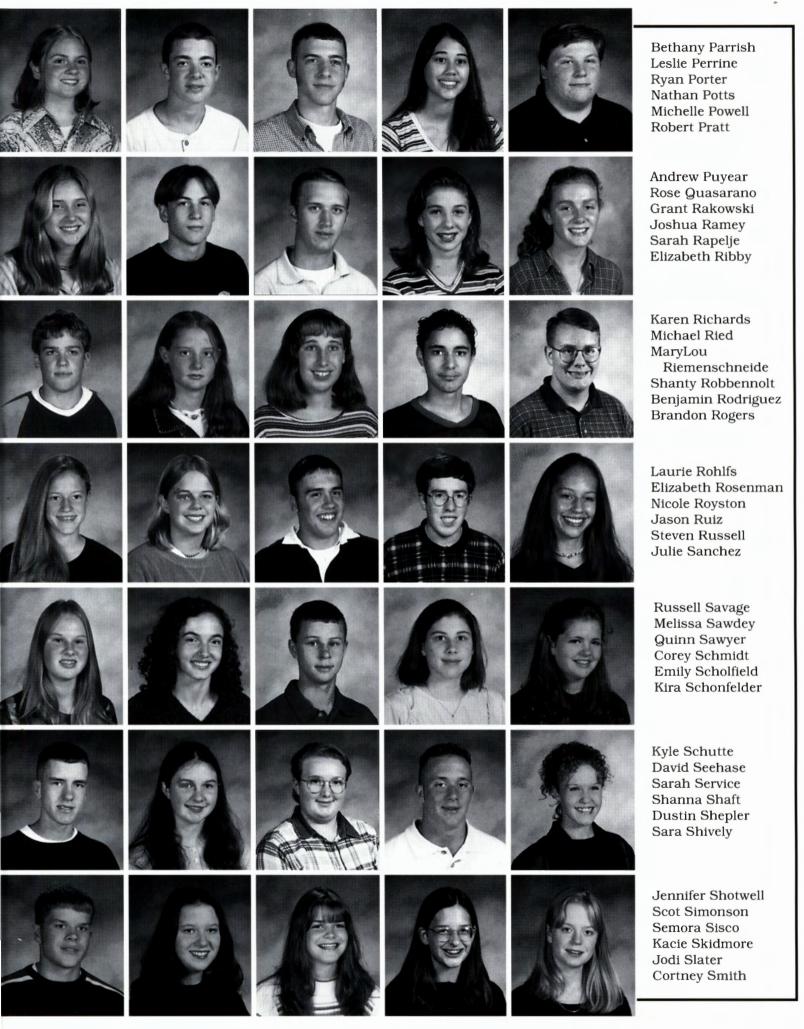












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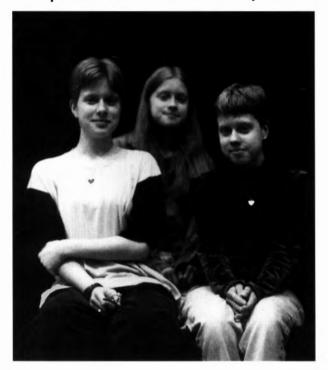








In Triplicate Look alikes on the outside, yet different on the inside are Jennifer, Melissa and Heather DeFore.



In The File

Jennifer Heather Melissa Favorite Food: Chocolate anything Salmon without meat

Favorite Car: Pontiac Grand Am

Favorite Color: Blue Purple Red

Favorite Music: Alternative Favorite Restaurant: Apple Jade

PROFILE: DeFore Sisters

in tune individuals

Triplets are connected in many ways. Some can sense when things go wrong with each other or predict their choices. Often their looks, tastes, and interests tend to be lumped together in people's minds. Yet each had their own feelings about their relationship.

Melissa felt that "being a triplet isn't much different than being a brother or sister." Though they can often sense each other's feelings, Heather reported, "It's nothing particularly fascinating." And they often know what each other is thinking. "I feel we are all pretty close, and we don't have any problems sharing friends," stated Melissa. "My friends are their friends."

They feel that people often ask them again and again about being triplets instead of talking to them as individuals. Jennifer commented, "I would like to be known as an individual rather than a triplet." As for favorites at home, there weren't any. The sisters reported they are all equal to their mom.

They shared many interests. "We all enjoy reading, writing, and music; and we like to draw and get good grades." They are different in their hair length, future goals for life, careers, and personalities. Heather was best at reading overall, Melissa at reading informational books, and according to Melissa, "Jennifer seems the most artistically creative to me." The sisters felt that they may live close to each other later on, but could also end up perhaps not necessarily in the

Jennifer reflected, "It's interesting to be a genetic oddity. I usually can tell when things go wrong with my sisters—it's like a premonition." She felt they all had their rivalries because they

Going For A Ride... are Jennifer, Heather, and Melissa DeFore. They didn't often dress alike because their mom tried to let them have their own personalities in dress.

all did the same types of things well. She also felt they attracted the same type of people, so there was some competition, but not enough to really matter. The upside was they were never lonely. Jennifer felt she was usually more outspoken than Heather or Melissa.

Heather thought that being a triplet was pretty normal. She summarized, "I guess that's because I've never been anything else." They reported rarely getting jealous, and they shared the same clothes since they wore the same size. Heather noted, "It's eerie because people always get so happy when we end up doing the same thing. We'll always be close, I suppose it's inevitable." But even though the similarities were obvious, the DeFore sisters valued their individuality. -Heather Hulsebos Reaching For The Sky Competing in the long jump at the CAC meet at Sexton is sophomore Eileen Briggs. She received a Varsity letter for track and cheerleading.



In The File

Favorite Food: Strawberries

Favorite Song: It's Your Life by Tim McGraw

Favorite Movie: Titanic

Favorite Music Group:

Backstreet Boys

Favorite Book: Number the Stars

Favorite Actor: Tom Cruse

Favorite Actress: Sandra Bullock

Favorite TV Show: Guiding Light

Favorite Restaurant: Bill Knapps

Favorite Store: GAP

Favorite Jeans: Express

Favorite Perfume: Tommy Girl

PROFILE: Eileen Briggs

five sport athlete

Active in organized sports for a long time, sophomore Eileen Briggs played soccer, softball, basketball, cheerleading, and track. This year she received her Varsity letter in two sports-cheerleading and track, even though she's only a sophomore. She is unsure about whether she will participate in sports in college, but if she does, she's thinking about running track at Michigan State University or the University of Michigan,

Eileen credits sports for making her more sociable because she is kind of shy. She plays them because she wants to and enjoys them, not because of pressure by friends, family, coaches, or others. Eileen came by her interest in athletics naturally. Her parents were both active in sports growing up. Her dad participated in football and basketball, while her mom also competed in various sports.

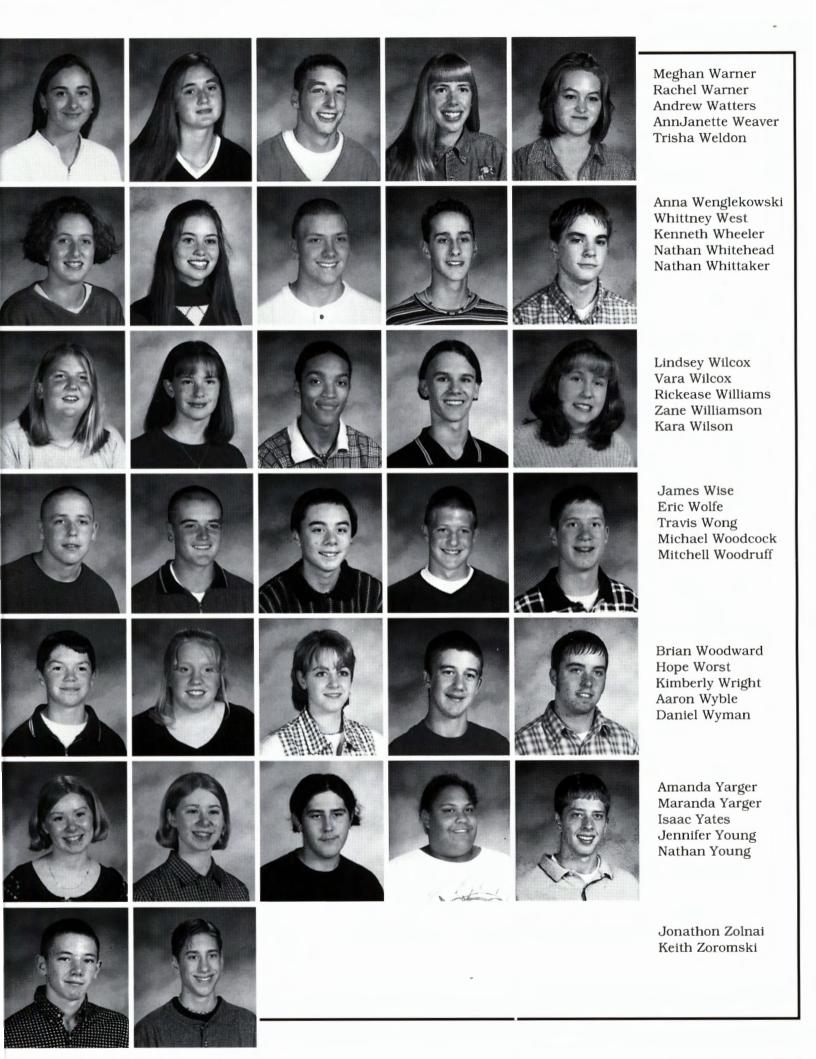
Eileen's main goal this year was to get first place in long jump in track. Her future career plans are kind of foggy, but she wants to do something with math.

Outside of sports, Eileen keeps busy shopping, going to movies, and vacationing. She likes to shop at the Gap, but prefers Express jeans. She also buys Nike shoes and Tommy Girl perfume.

-Liz Walker

Sophomores **Not Pictured**

Matthew Barens Amber Bemrose Bet Matthew Robert Bland Peter Casler Christy Colosky Heather DeFore Amy Deline Travis Dubay Amanda Dugener Jacob Erhardt Jason Fields Brian Fincher-Jones **Toby Gannaway** Joseph Guerrero Sean Guilford Arthur Henson Nicholas Hileman Joseph Huston Lynn Kase Lauren Kintigh **Brandon Knott** Jason Langham David Lee Charles Loveall Lindsay Mason Jacklyn McArdle Carolyn Ososkie **Brad Paradise** Alisha Pena **Craig Peters** Benjamin Regan Bryan Rials Byrony Schopp Shanna Shepard Charles Smith Jessica Switzer **Justin Symons** Jeremiah Tanner Jacob Willett Justin Wise Keith Wright David Ziegenhagen Brooke Ziegler



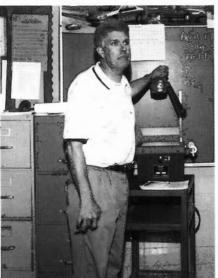
Learning the Ropes Helping students with their math is intern Josh Minsley. He worked with Amy Galligan and also co-advised the Forensics team.



Profile: Get Philosophical

words of wisdom to ponder

"Have a good attitude. Look at things positively. If bad things happen, there's a reason for it and work at it." -Margo Strong



Philosophical Business

Caught by the lens is Business teacher Dan Ernst. He advises people, "You only fly once. Enjoy it for when the plane crashes, that's it.

"Live life to the fullest and the longest." -Bill Savage

"You're only here for a short time; make the most of it."

-Leo Allaire

"Don't be too judgemental."

-Jane Miller

"Live by your principles."

-Scotty Shimnoski

"Be organized. Set goals for yourself, priortize them and work toward them. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish"

- Rosie Peters

"Always live life to the fullest."

- Bruce Duling

-Jesse Collins, Scott Davis

In The File: Dave Hildebrandt Favorite Food:

Pizza and

Chinese

Favorite Car: Saturn

Favorite Hobbies:

Reading, Ultimate Frisbe

Favorite Teams:

Boston Red Sox,

University Connecticut—Basketball Pe+ Peeve: People who don't try.

Mo++o: Ask questions. Look for answers.

Don't be easily satisfied. Enjoy life.

In The File:

Amy Hart Favorite

Food:

Pesto (Basil sauce

over pasta)

Favorite Car: My black

S-10 pickup truck

Favorite Hobby: Pencil drawing

Favorite Sport: Basketball and Softball

Pe+ Peeve: People who allow themselves to

be bored.

Mo++o: Refuse to participate in negative activity.

In The File: **Amy Clark**

Favorite Food: Fried Rice

Favorite Car:

Orange Karmenghia

Favorite Hobbies:

Writing, reading, and riding my mountain bike.

Pe+ Peeve: Sister picking pepperoni off

her pizza and whinning.

Mo++o: Be yourself and make the most of what you can be. Don't compare yourself to other people.













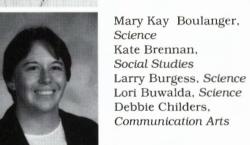
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Internet Whiz

Pulling information up on her computer screen is Librarian Mary deWolf.

Reflective Moment

Enjoying a quiet break in the academic day in the faculty lounge is English teacher Bruce Kutney.

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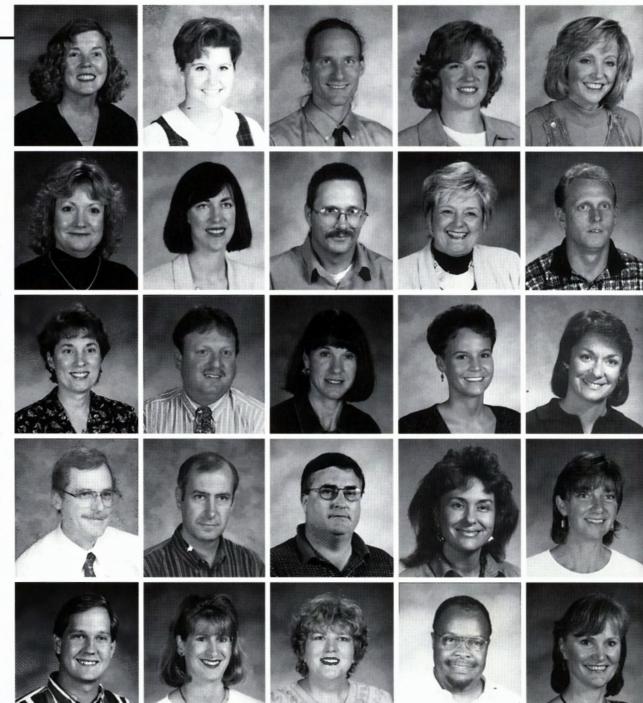
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Listen to This...

Presenting information to Kim Reichard's History class is Special Ed teacher Phil Booth. Phil also helped coach the Varsity Football team.

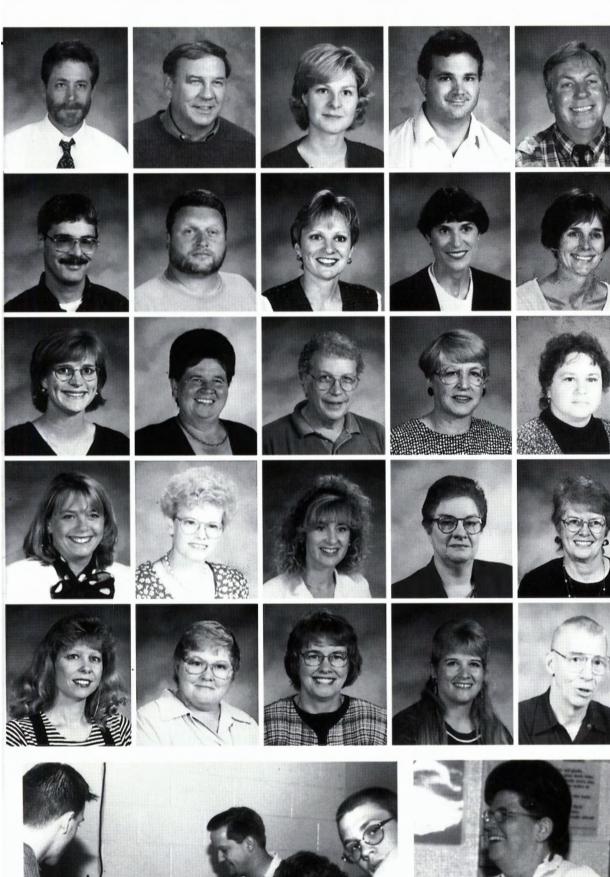
Get Psychological

Instructing his Psychology class is teacher Jerry Gillett. Jerry also kept busy coaching the Boys' Cross Country and Track teams.







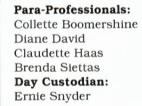


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Not Pictured: P. Booth, B. Bower, C. Lang



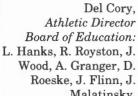
Pointing out the more subtle points of a Physics lab to his students is teacher Eric Pulver. The senior level class was a popular elective among college bound students.

Always a Laugh

Full of life and ever ready with a laugh is English teacher Georganne Withey. Her humor about today's slang was noted by her students.



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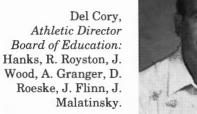








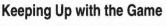




Principal Brian Templin gets ready to lead the graduating class into the Breslin Center arena.

Ready for the Day





Talking with Head Coach Mark Coscarelli at a home Varsity Baseball game is Athletic Director Del Cory.

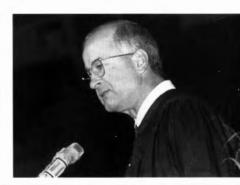




Commencement taken care of are Brian Templin, Dean Manikas and Tom Davis. Later Tom Davis gave the opening address.







Recognition Time Presenting Larry Burgess with the MSU Distinguished Science and Mathematics Teacher Award is James Miller, Associate Dean for Outreach for the College of Natural Science. Burgess was recognized for his commitment to quality teaching, a student centered classroom, and his ability to teach diverse students.



In The File **Larry Burgess**

Favorite Food: Veggie Stir Fry

Favorite Car: 1955 Chevy

Favorite Sports Team: College Baskeball —

MSU Spartans

Favorite Sport: Golf

Favorite Hobbies: Gardening and wood-working

Mo++o: Always work up to your potential and

have fun while you're at it.

Profile: Larry Burgess

Master Science Teacher

In 1991, science teacher Barbara Neureither won the first annual Distinguished Science and Mathematics Teacher Award given by Michigan State University's College of Natural Science. In 1998, that award was given to Neureither's nominee and fellow colleague, Larry Burgess.

MSU has given this award statewide since 1991. Other winners have come from several different areas of the state including; Battle Creek, Rochester Hills, Okemos, and Detroit. Burgess is truly in elite company as a recipient of the award. James Miller, presenter of the award and the Associate Dean for Outreach for the College of Natural Science, cited Burgess' long-time commitment to quality teaching, his student centered classroom and his ability to teach diverse students as major factors that earned him the award.

The proof, as they say, is in the pudding, or in this case, learning. The real evidence of Burgess 'master teaching abilities is found in his current and former students. "I think he's a really cool teacher and has a great sense of humor," noted senior Jamie Green. "I had Mr. Burgess for Human Physiology, and he made it very interesting. I learned a lot from him and doing the labs," stated senior Melissa Brown.



Science Made Easy

Working with student Justin Wise and Para-Pro Claudette Haas is teacher Larry Burgess.

Burgess had an impact on his fellow teachers as well. Colleagues noted how proud they were to be working with him. "It's great to have someone as dedicated as he is to work with on a daily basis," stated science teacher and alumni Lori Buwalda. Burgess could not attend the April 6 Award Convocation because of a previous engagement so the college decided to hold a special reception on March 11 unbeknownst to Burgess. School administrators called Burgess to the library on the pretense of a "meeting." When he arrived, he found his wife, parents and many teachers waiting to surprise him with the award.

Burgess reported that he had no immediate retirement plans, but that the thought had crossed his mind. However, he is not quite ready to give up education. In fact, one of his post-retirement ideas is to give handson lessons in science to elementary students. Larry Burgess' dedication to his students and his ability to make anyone understand science earned him the award and the respect of the science community, as well -Matt Lonsberry as, the Holt community.

Roll with the Punches



Hustle

Going for the ball against a Flint Carmen Ainswork defender is two-year Varsity veteran, senior John Graham. The effort was not enough to pull out a win and the Rams lost 2-0.

Rolling with the punches meant taking the highs with the lows and the year brought some surprises as well as the expected stories in Capital Area

Conference competition. Going for the gold again was the Wrestling team taking it to the CAC title, and Regionals, but could not bring home the state championship for the third year in a row. Some fans reasoned that a sixth consecutive CAC title might be exceeding expectations, but not the Girls' Swim team. They rolled over the competition to place first in the conference again, and had 14 All-CAC players. They were not to outdo the Boys' Swim team by much as the guys also fought and won the

CAC title. Hit hard punches was the dropped to 5th Boys' Varsity Basevery game ready Any observer you lose some.



Leaping Lizards

Soaring high and long is sophomore Becky Lamphier as she competes in the CAC's Long Jump event at Sexton.

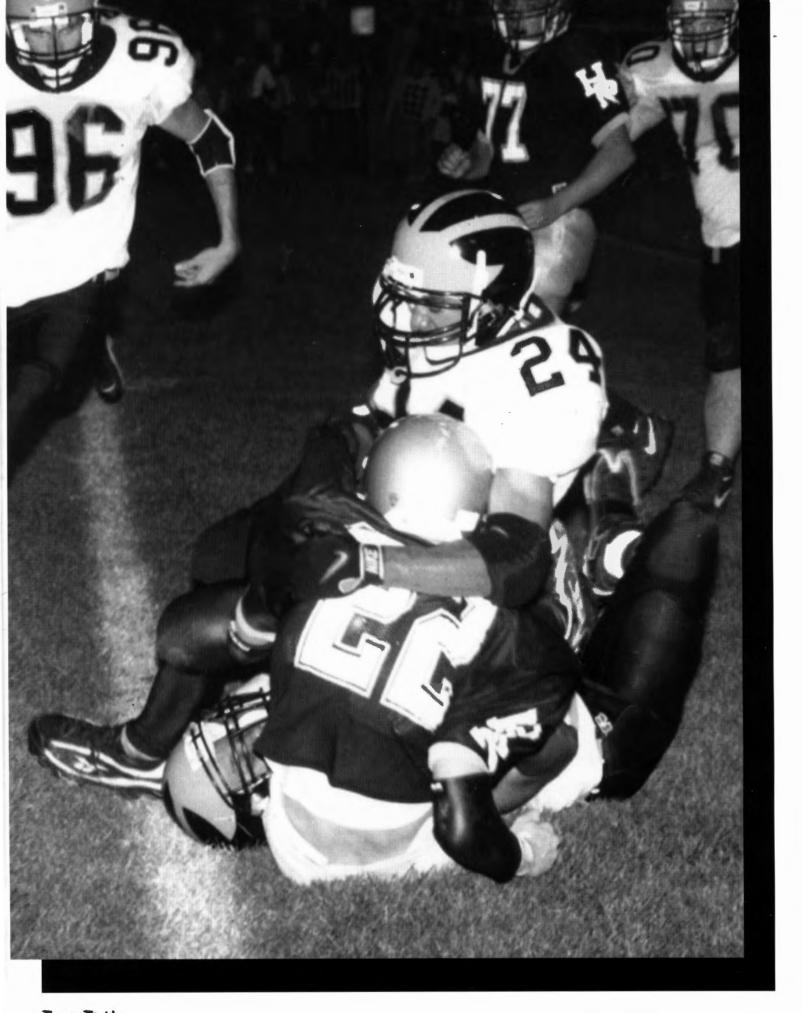


Up for the Ball

Fighting for the rebound is senior Stephanie Smiley as Allison Lawrence looks to assist her Varsity teammate.

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Varsity Football team as they place in the CAC joined by the ketball team who came back to play despite the scoreboard. could see, you win some, and



Tough Tackle Brought down by his Jackson opponents is senior Russell Clark after attempting a first down. Holt went on to roll over the Vikings 23-0.

Timber!

Pulling down his Jackson opponent Homecoming night is junior Mike Reich while junior Brandon Cooper blocks to stop the run. The Rams went on to a shut out 23-0.

"The coaches as well as the players learned a lot this season. We had a new wing-option offense and a new defense. Our record really didn't show how good we were. A lof of the top teams barely beat us because we played tough. With hard work, a lot of talent and a winning tradition among our class we'll dominate."

—Junior Ken Day

Varsity Football

3 Wins, 6 Losses

Roll with the unches

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All-CAC First Team

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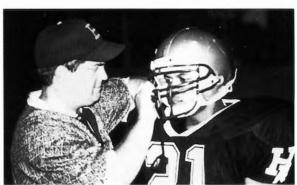
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Helping Hand

Getting some assistance from the trainer with his helmet is junior Ken Day.



ough Opponents

Down to the Wire Play

The season started off with high expectations. After a trip to the Silverdome two years ago. and the 1996 JV team winning the CAC title, this year's team was expected to finish near the top of the conference. But Grand Ledge, Sexton, Eastern and East Lansing were tough competition, and the Rams settled for fifth place in the CAC.

With a team consisting mainly of juniors and very few returning seniors, Head Coach Mike Smith had a season full of up's and down's. "We were inconsistent," junior wide receiver Joe Durfee stated. "We just couldn't pull it off in the tough games due to our inexperience and mental mistakes."

Inexperience was more a factor at the beginning of the year. As the season moved on, the team's leaders finally took control and gave the team the strength it needed.

"Norm VanAlstine and Charlie Alana were the leaders," junior Ryan Anderson stated. "Norm was the MVP on defense, and he led the team in tackles, while Charlie had almost 1,000 yards rushing.'

Throughout the year the team was hampered with key injuries. Junior quarterback Ryan Ander

son was hobbled with a broken wrist. But he showed great perseverance and still played most of the season wearing a cast.

The final two games illustrated the season. They were guaranteed to be tough. The Rams came up short against East Lansing 14-28. But the following week they came ready to play the number one team in the conference. The game went down to the wire. and it took a last-second drive and a desperation pass for Grand Ledge to win 7-14. Senior halfback Tom Clark concluded, "The season was unpredictable. One minute we were in the game, the next we weren't. It was truly up and down."

One of the unsung heroes of the team was offensive lineman Cedric Ford. He anchored the offensive line and created holes for running backs Charlie Alana and Russell Clark. For his leadership, determination, and consistent play, he earned First Team All CAC honors. Senior defensive back Russell Clark and linebacker Norm VanAlstine were also selected All CAC First team. Earning Honorable Mention were juniors Ryan Anderson, Brandon Cooper and Tim Parks.

-Joey Warren





Ready to Roll Shaking hands with their Okemos opponents pregame are senior captains, Ryan Anderson, Frank Spedoske and Tom Shaver.

Defensive Lineman

Ready to stomp through the Okemos offensive line is the Ram defense in the season opener at home.

"I think that the season itself was a highlight, you could say we went beyond everybody's expectations."

—Senior Chris Fuller

Varsity Soccer

10 wins, 9 losses, 1 tie

Roll

unches

BC Lakeview 0-3 6-1, 2-1 Everett 2-1 Eastern

Grand Ledge 4-0, 2-1 Waverly 1-2, 0-5

6-1 Sexton Jackson 6-5, 3-1, 2-1

St. Johns 2-3 East Lansing 1-4

Swartz Creek 2-2 Adrian

Hartland 0-2

Flint-Carmen 0-2 **BC-Harper**

Portage North 2-8

All-CAC First Team

Byron Vince

Second Team

Nick Baxter, Ben Wahl

Honorable Mention

Sean Cullimore,

Ryan Carmer, Joe Dewitt, Jason Rees

All District/MVP's

Byron Vince, Nick Baxter

Kick Grass

Kicking the ball against a Flint Carmen-Ainsworth defender is junior Kenny Avis. This was Kenny's first year on the Varsity team.



Listen Up Getting instructions from the referees before the game are seniors Nick Baxter, Ben Wahl, Joe DeWitt and the rest of the team.





Tough Defense

Defending against a Flint Carmen opponent is junior Nick Vosovic who started all season for the Rams.

Use Your Head

Heading the ball against Flint Carmen is senior John Carmen, a consistent hard worker for the team.

Keep Away

Dribbling the ball around the Flint Carmen defense is senior Nick Baxter, Nick earned All CAC Second Team, All District Team and was voted the most valuable offensive player on the team.





istrict Champs!

Team Exceeds Expectations

On a cold, foggy, August morning, when most everyone else was asleep, the Boys' Varsity Soccer team got ready for another season. The guys were greeted with an opening speech from Head Coach David Hornak about the new rules for the season. "It costs \$50 to play, practice starts 15 minutes earlier than last year, and if you are late to practice, you have Dawn Patrol." (Report at 6:00 a.m. to run, walk, or jog 3 miles.) The last rule: there was to be no more freshman initiation. There were many more rules to come, but after that speech, the team knew that they were headed for success.

They finished third in the CAC with a record of 7-3 and a season record of 10-9-1. " I think this was a very positive season. We had many firsts, and finished with an excellent CAC record. The season also opened the eyes of our opponents. We are now a true contender in the CAC." noted junior Justin Lazar. Their conference wins came against Everett, Eastern, Grand Ledge, Sexton and Jackson during the season; and Grand Ledge and Jackson at Districts.

Identifying their strengths was senior Nick Baxter. "We were more pass oriented instead of long ball. We communicated

better which allowed us to mark up our men better." Junior Brock Delaney added, "Our biggest strengths were our defense, good passing and ball control."

Throughout the season, however, everything was not sweet as roses. There were some weaknesses. Junior Ryan Cramer stated, "Our biggest problem was not being able to put the ball in the net consistently."

Special moments stood out. Junior Brian Fudge recalled, "The highlights were winning the first District title for Holt Varsity Soccer, finishing third in the CAC for the first time ever, and making it to Regionals in the State Tourna-Senior Chris Fuller added."I think that the season itself was a highlight. You could say we went beyond everybody's expectations."

Along with the highlights there were humorous moments. Junior Justin Lazar noted, "The most humorous time was when Joe DeWitt made his 'Superman' impersonation as goalie."

The team stuck together exceeding everybody's expectations. Junior Ryan Cramer summed it up as, "The best season ever in Holt soccer history. We were District Champs--need I say more?" Among fans and players alike, no one disagreed.

-DeJuan Parker

Varsity Soccer Team:

Top Row: Coach Hornak, B. Delaney, B. Fudge, C. Fuller, N. Vosovic, B. Wahl, D. Novak, A. Snyder, J. DeWitt, J. Rees, Coach Rees. Row 2: Mgr. K. Kamm, R. Allen, J. Graham, R. Cullimore, K. Avis, B. Vince, N. Baxter, T. Hamilton, S. Cullimore, Mgr.K. Janentzke Bottom Row: R. Cramer, J. Lazar.





Determination

Intent on getting the ball from a Flint Carmen defender is senior Ryan Cullimore who played Varsity all four

Back For The Pass

Dropping back for a long pass in a home game against Eastern is sophomore James Moreno. Assisting on the offensive line are sophomores Matt McClure and Eric Wolfe. The Rams went on to win the game 34-16.

"Our greatest strength was that we were a team. Being a freshman, sophomore or junior didn't have as much importance as just being a team."

—Sophomore, Russell Savage JV Soccer Team

JV Football

3 Wins, 5 Losses

Roll with the unches

Okemos	31-40
DeLaSalle	16-22
Sexton	27-30
Everett	26-14
Eastern	34-16
Waverly	28-6
East Lansing	19-35
Grand Ledge	7-21

JV Soccer

7wins, 6 losses, 2 ties

BC Lakeview	1-5
Everett	7-0, 5-0
Eastern	5-1
St Johns	1-1
Grand Ledge	5-0
Waverly	0-4, 0-2
Jackson	0-1, 2-1
East Lansing	0-2
Adrian	3-0
BC Harper	5-0
Flint Carmen	1-3
Hartland	0-0





JV Soccer Team Top Row: Coach D. Hornak, J. Leahman, B. Rooke, J. Tunney, A. Theiland, J. Warren, D. Burwell, S. Dane, D. Parker, Coach B Rees. Row 2: K. Kamm, D. Vowels, C. Smith, C. Winkle, C. Rees, J. Troisi, R. Savage, R. Strayer, K. Janetzke Bottom Row: A. Burwell, J. Davis, T. Hawks



JV Football Team Top Row: Coach K. Currin, J. Smith, K. Wheeler, J. Brinkman, M. McClure, D. Henderson, C. Smith, D. Norris, Coach T. Currin. Row 2: Coach D. Stuible, Mgr. K. Dunham, D. Shepler, J. Viergever, S. Frazier, J. Moreno, B. Levondosky, N. Vandlen, D. Beard, D. Wyman, Mgr., Mgr. Row 3: Mgr. H. Clarkson, N. Brown, N. Hileman, J. Reese, C. Hicks, T. Mulvaney, C. Cleeves, M. Ried, D. Harney. Bottom Row: J. Davison, J. Wise, T. Card, M. Garcia, J. Wise, E. Wolfe, A. Mayes, J. Dawdy.

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V nity Prevails

IV's Think Positive

Team unity accomplished a lot for the JV Football and JV Soccer teams during the season. The guys worked harder as a team instead of just concentrating on themselves.

The Soccer team ended up with a winning 7-5-2 record. Many freshman joined the team, but inexperience didn't stop them from scoring. Sophomore Russell Savage stated, "Our greatest strength was that we were a team. Being a freshman, sophomore, or junior didn't have as much importance as just being a team."

The goal of the team was to keep improving. The Varsity team winning districts gave them higher hopes. Sophomore Justin Troisi reflected, "The obvious highlight was when we beat Jackson for the second time." A third place finish in the CAC with a very young team gave players hope for a promising future.

The JV Football team didn't produce a winning season, but they maintained a positive outlook. The players believed that the 3-5 scoreboard didn't tell the whole story. Sophomore Matt McClure stated, "There were games we played really tough, but the record showed a loss.' Even though the team struggled through the CAC, they stayed together as a team and fought until the end.

Every team has its leaders and this season players were in agreement with who they were. David Norris replied. "James Moreno was a kev player. When we were doing well it was because of him.' Eric Wolfe added, "Derek Henderson had a great season starting on both the offensive and defensive lines."

Though the record didn't show it, they built potential throughtout the season. team unity they With accopmlished more than just winning some games. They learned to work together, to support one another and to never give up.

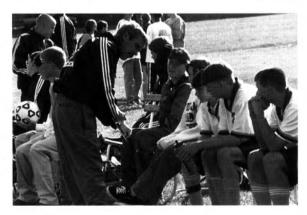
—Keisha Vowels



In Control Moving the ball against Flint Carmen is sophomore Justin Troisi.



Run Brad Run! Cutting through the Lansing Eastern defense at a home game is sophomore Brad Levandosky.



Pep Talk Giving the JV Soccer team a little sideline pep talk during a home game is Coach Brad Rees. It was not enough to avert a loss against Flint Carmen 0-3.

eam Fights Back

Wins Runner-up Spot

At the end of the season it all came down to one game. Sexton and Holt were tied atop the CAC with records of 10-2. The winner would win the CAC title outright. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team played their hearts out, but it wasn't enough. The Big Reds of Sexton came away with the victory 50-41. The lady Rams rebounded from the disappointment and lashed Eastern, 71-43 in the season finale.

Then came the playoffs. Hopes were high as expected. In the first game against tough Charlotte, the girls had no problem beating the Orioles easily 66-52. The next game was a nail biter facing CAC rival, Grand Ledge. The Rams jumped out and led at the half. In the second half, however, the Comets took over shooting very well from the floor and the Rams yielded 50-43.

It was a tough season. Not quite as strong as last year's CAC champions, the team fought to keep position. The overall record was 15-6, repectable considering the challenge. With the runnerup spot tied with Waverly, the girls felt their season was successful. "I feel the team really enjoyed being together. We had a lot of fun," recalled junior Mila Al-Ayoubi. "We ended the season with a winning record and a lot of things to be proud of. We played to our ability," said added.

One area of focus was teamwork. The unity needed to be stronger after losing senior leaders Julie Vanlerberghe and Meghann Devlin. But filling their shoes were senior Stephanie Smiley at point guard and junior Andrea Shippy at guard. Junior Allison Lawrence noted, "When people on the team got down, the two girls were always there to pick them up." Along with Katie Skocylas who was sidelined with a knee injury, they were the captains of the team.

They applied themselves at practice and after a big win against Mason, and two losses which followed, the girls won 10 out of their next 11 games with big wins against the league's top teams. The girls quickly earned back respect and more than fulfilled their original goal of a winning season.

At the conclusion, Stephanie Smiley and Andrea Shippy were All-CAC selections and senior Mese Roberts was Honorable Mention. Mese summarized, "Our strengths were hard work, fast breaks, and breaking presses. A major weakness was height. The team was different this season. We had more fun, and enjoyed ourselves while working hard."



Junior Andrea Shippy looks for a hole

during a home game against Lansing

Looking for a hole

Sexton.

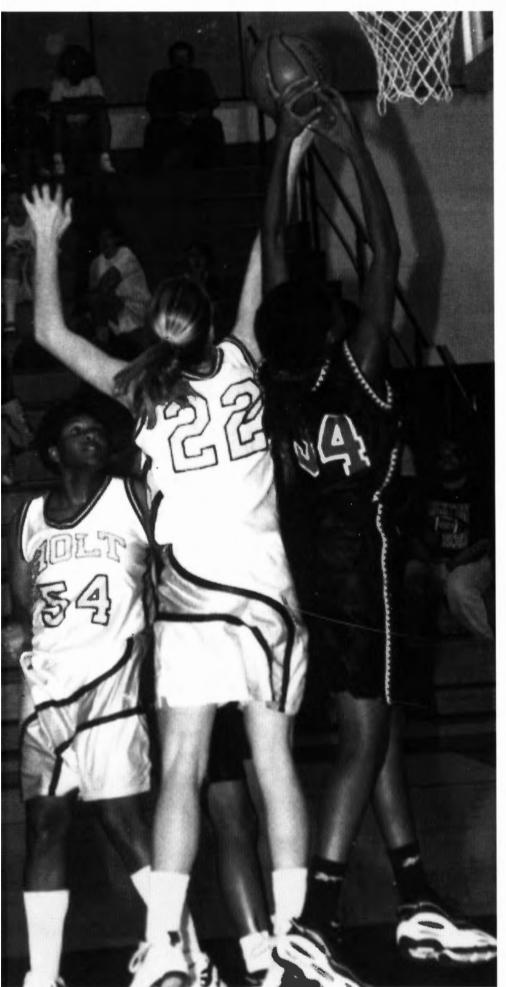
Reach High

Senior Stephanie Smiley and Mese Roberts fight for the ball at a home game against Lansing Sexton.

Girls Varsity Basketball Team

N. Tews, A. Lawrence, M. Schram, A. Roberts, S. Smiley, K. Skoczylas, A. Shippy, Kinder, Coach D. Harkema.

Not Pictured: M. Al-Ayoubi, L. Anderson.



"I feel the team really enjoyed being together. We had a lot of fun. We ended the season with a winning record and a lot of things to be proud of. We played to our ability."

--Junior Mila Al-Ayoubi

Girls Varsity Basketball

15 Wins, 6 Losses

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1	Sexton	58-50, 41-55
		41-50
]	Eaton Rapids	53-41
	Mason	47-40
,	Waverly	36-44, 59-50
١	Okemos	42-55
,	Jackson	65-45, 50-4
	E. Lansing	55-37, 56-49
	Everett	55-38, 63-3
	Grand Ledge	55-51, 46-3
	Eastern	70-49, 71-43
1	St Johns	42-52
'	Williamston	1st
	Tip-Off	
	CAC	2nd

All-CAC

Stephanie Smiley Andrea Shippy

Honorable Mention Altramese Roberts





At the Sidelines

Getting a pep talk from Coach Harkema during a home game against Sexton are sophomore Lyndsay Kinder, juniors Nyki Tews, Lindsay Anderson and the team.

"We were good at serving, which scored points and kept the ball on our side, but we weren't very good hitters. struggled to try to put it together. There were a number of new players and it took time before we could play well as a team."

-Junior Lindsay Anderson

Girls Varsity Volleyball

6 wins, 27 loses, 2 ties

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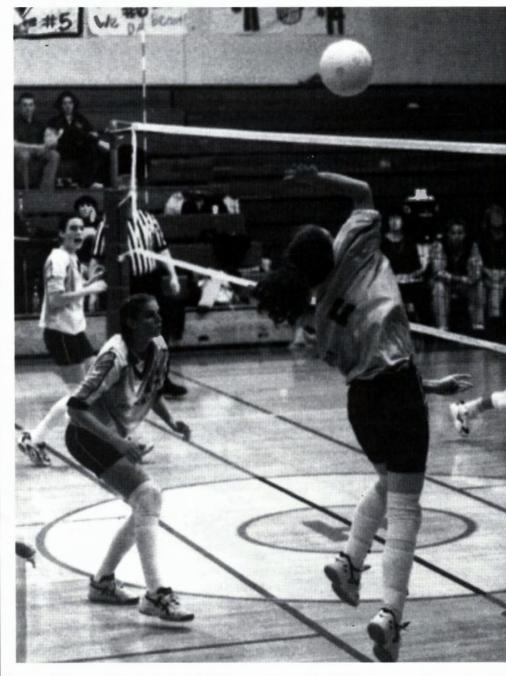
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All-CAC First Team

Meredith Schram

All-CAC **Honorable Mention**

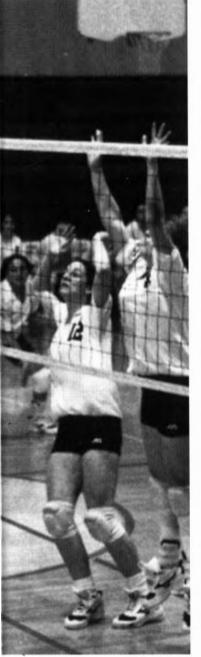
Colleen Conway





Back and Forth! Up for the spike, but blocked by her Mason opponent is senior Kylie Reich.







orking Hard

To Overcome Obstacles

With last year's Varsity Volleyball team finishing 6-27-2 and a fifth place rank in the conference, the Varsity Volleyball team hoped to improve their position this season. New players moving up from last year's JV, carrying a 34-26 record and only one loss to its six wins in the CAC provided that hope. But things didn't go all that smooth. Ending 3-7 and 6-27-2 overall, the girls finished a disappointing 6th in the CAC.

The reasons cited ranged from mental to skill. Senior Erin Carslake who was out last season due to illness felt, "We didn't play up to our standard. We had a lot of talent, but we lacked communication and we just couldn't seem to shine." Junior Lindsay Anderson assessed, "We were good at serving, which scored points and kept the ball on our side, but we weren't very good hitters. We struggled to try to put it together. There were a number of new players and it took time before we could play well as a team." And senior Coleen Conway added, "We needed to be confident in our abilities and to want to win."

Another factor for improvement was practice. Junior Allison Lawrence noted, "Practices were mostly drills and a little scrimmaging. We tried to get more playing time into practice." Senior Alycia Lantagne pointed out, "We were more agressive this year, but we needed to work harder in practices to improve."

The season was not without it's highlights and key players. Colleen Conway reflected, "Our game against Okemos was our best by far. Our back row played great and the passes we got up, the hitters put down for us. Meredith could play all around. She was our best hitter as well as a good first time setter. And Alycia somehow managed to keep everyone smiling." Erin Carslake pointed out, Alycia and Collen were key because they really had their hearts in the game."

As for contenders, "Grand Ledge is always our rival. We got intimidated by them which resulted in our loss," recalled Lindsay. And Erin admitted, "Our arch rivals were every team we played. Though we tried, we just weren't up to speed this year." But with leaders like Alycia and Colleen, the girls worked on improving and drew upon the persevence and belief in their talent to come back for every game, win or lose.

-Chris Curry

Here it Comes

Using her full force to send the ball crashing over the net is senior Colleen Conway.

Up and Away!

Seting up the ball for the spike is senior Julie Galambos. The girls went on to place a disappointing 6th in the CAC



Girls Varsity Volleyball Team:

Top Row: Coach P. Badders, L. Anderson, M. Rohlfs, D. Boss, M. Schram, A. Lawrence, J. Galambos.

Bottom Row: A. Lantagne, A. Shippy, K. Reich, E. Carslake, D. Smythe, Conway.





Up it Goes!

Bumping the ball to her teammate is senior Erin Carslake in a home game.

Right to the Ground!

Spiking the ball for the point is senior Meredith Schram on home court.

icking It Up

JV Teams Rise to Challenge

To be one of the top teams in the CAC was a common pre-season goal for both the Girls' JV Basketball team and the JV Volleyball team. But it took weeks of practice and solidifying greater team unity to produce results.

The Girls' JV Basketball team ended 7-7 in CAC play and 9-10 overall, a little disappointing given expectations. "The team had its ups and downs. Early on we lost a good player to Varsity and the team felt it. But other people picked it up and we got back on track to finish up pretty well," assessed sophomore Kara Davis. "We had an okay season. We could have done better. We pulled ourselves together after a fourgame losing streak mid-season," added Melissa Bates.

The team's strength according to Anna Wenglekowski was that "we always put up a fight even if there was no chance we would win." Sophomore Abbey Feguer noted, "We were strong players, but it took time to play as a team. Also citing team unity as the biggest weakness was Kara Davis, and Melissa Bates commented on skills, "Our strength was defense. Our post positions did well at taking the ball in. Our weakness was rebounds."

Some highlights and humorous moments lightened the season. "One highlight was Kristin Braid moving up to Varsity. We were so proud of her, but it was a loss for the JV team," shared, Abbey Feguer. "The highlight for me was beating Sexton on their court. They were such poor sports and made a big deal of losing. It was great to see them try and defend their loss when all you

Who's Open?

Passing the ball during a home game against Sexton is freshman Lisa Luedtke.

Sideline Strategy

Providing some instructions from the sidelines during a time out is JV Coach Matt Essell.

had to do was look at the scoreboard to see the better team!" claimed Kara.

While the basketball team had some difficulties to overcome, the JV Volleyball team also had a few disappointments. "We didn't play to our potential," explained backrow sophomore Kristin Benson. "We were ahead in many games only to have the other team come back and win," added Stephanie Smith. With a disappointing early exit in the Holt JV Invitational and a second place pool finish at the Waverly JV Classic, the team had problems pulling out the close victories.

The team, however, bounced back with three victories in a row against Eastern, East Lansing and Albion. They were finally starting to play to their potential as they finished strong in the Marshall JV Invitational. "The Invitational was a good experience because we competed well and played to our potential," noted sophomore Josie Hartley.

After a poor start, the team pulled out a winning season and ended 4-3 in CAC play and 43-29-3 overall. Melissa Bates concluded, "We started to win because we worked together as a team instead of playing as individuals."

-Scott Dane

Fighting for Control

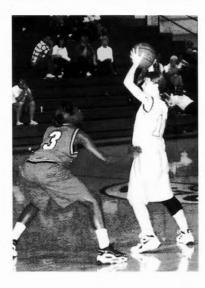
Gaining control of the ball in a home game against Lansing Sexton is sophomore Kara Davis. Her effort paid off as the girls went on to win over the Big Reds 52-27.

UP for two . . .

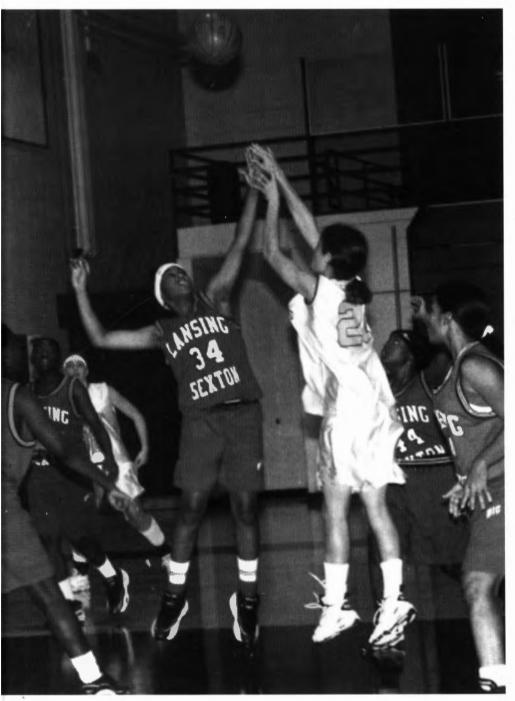
Making her shot in a home game against Sexton is sophomore Nikki Mulvaney.











"The team had its ups and downs. Early on we lost a good player to Varsity and the team felt it. But others picked it up and we got back on track to finish up pretty well."

—Sophomore Kara Davis

Girls JV Basketball

9 Wins, 10 Losses

Sexton	52-27,30-47
	51-35
Eaton Rapids	44-51
Mason	53-37
Okemos	41-45
Waverly	45-48,50-22
Jackson	51-27,43-32
East Lansing	20-42,33-52
Everett	42-46,45-29
Grand Ledge	35-55,22-32
Eastern	44-42,51-41
St. Johns	35-50

JV Volleyball

34 Wins, 29 Losses, 3 ties

Lumen C. 5-15, 8-15 Grd Ledge 5-15, 15-10,3-15 15-4,7-15,10-15 Okemos Everett 15-6, 15-6 Waverly 15-11.10-15.8-15 Mason 15-9,15-12 Eastern 16-14,15-11 East Lansing 15-6,15-3 Jackson 11-15,9-15 Sexton 15-5,8-15,15-12 Roll with the Punch



JV Baske+ball Team: Top Row: M. Dennis, A. Deline, K. Richter, K. Laur, K. Davis, K. Braid, K. MacNamara, Coach M. Essell. Bottom Row: A. Wenglekowski, M. Bates, N. Mulvaney, L. Luedtke, L. Crockett



JV. Volleyball Team: Top Row: A. Greene, K. Davis, K. Cornelius, K. Harris, K. Laur, L. Reich. Bottom Row: M. Dennis, A. Wenglekowski, S. Smith, J. Hartley, K. Benson, M. Bates, T. Conway.

Registering before the Sexton meet at Valhalla Park is junior Dyer Hedrick.

"This season we had our ups and downs, but we almost always pulled together to bring home the —Junior Travis Spitz gold."

Boys Cross Country 10 Wins, 1 Loss Lan. Christian 15-50 Waverly 19-39 21-36 East Lansing 20-36 Sexton 15-50 Everett 17-41 Mason St. Johns 19-36 Jackson 17 - 47Adrian 19-44 Grand Ledge 33-26 Eastern 15-50 CAC 2nd 2nd Regionals 16th State All-CAC First Team Doug Harger, Travis Spitz B.J. Garland All-CAC Second Team Ted Spencer **Girls Cross Country** 6 Wins, 4 Losses Waverly 22 - 39East Lansing 25-35 Sexton 15-50 Everett 15-50 44-15 Mason St. Johns 33-22 Jackson 15-49 Adrian 30-26 Eastern 15-50 30-24 Grand Ledge CAC 1st Regionals 14th All-CAC First Team Pam Smith, Shana Mills



Big Talk

Giving a few words of advice to junior Travis Spitz before his meet is Coach Jerry Gillett.

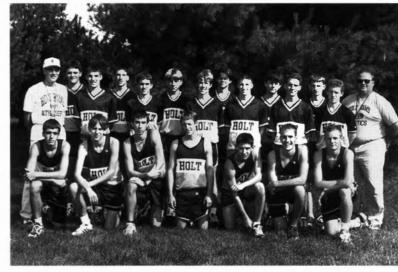
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Boys' Cross Country Team Top Row: Coach Campbell, R. Knechtges, A. Watters, S. Kelly, G. Budzynski, K. Brydges, J. Huston, B. Duling, T. Wade, A. DeWitt, M. Ewen, C. Jones, Coach J. Gillett. Bottom Row: R. Emery, R. Dell, D. Harger, T. Spencer, T. Spitz, W. Garland, D. Hedrick.

Shawna Lyons, Liz Ribby Kendra Horstman



Closing-In

Trying hard to pull ahead of his East Lansing competitor is senior Doug Harger at Valhalla.

Gotta' Have Heart

Pulling ahead from of all the others is hard worker, junior Shana Mills. Overall, the team placed 1st in the CAC and 14th at Regionals.



Almost There

Working hard to pass a Grand Ledge opponent is senior Pam Smith. Despite her effort the team fell to Grand Ledge 30-24. Pam earned All-CAC recognition.





o the Distance

All the Way to States

Wow! What a season it was... a CAC Title for the Girls and a 14th place at Regionals; a CAC runner-up rank for the guys, 2nd at Regionals and then all the way to States where they placed 16th.

Led by Coach Dave Foy, the girls ran a 6-1 CAC record. The only team they lost to was Grand Ledge. It was a very close game and the team gave it everything they had and then some, but fell short 30-24. "This was a hard loss on our record," noted sophomore Liz Ribby who got the Most Valuable Runner award.

The girls combined talent and workouts to get where they did. Sophomore Angela Brewer explained, "Our team had a lot of potential and the seniors did a great job leading it. We kept working and practicing and at the same time pushing ourselves to do better."

The girls started off with only a ninth place finish in the Bath Invitational. In their next two meets against Waverly and East Lansing they came away victorious. In the next CAC meets they crushed Sexton and Everett 15-50 as well. Then they went on to defeat Jackson and Eastern again with crushing scores of 15-49 and 15-50. After losing to Grand Ledge in the CAC meet they captured first place in the conference to go the distance.

The Boys' Cross Country team

showed that they could have the kind of season that would put them in state competition. With a 10-1 record, their only loss also came against Grand Ledge and they placed first at two invitationals.

Leading the team through the season were seniors Doug Harger, B.J. Garland and junior Travis Spitz who earned All-CAC First Team honors. Senior Ted Spencer also was named All-CAC Second Team. With their great times they kept the team on a winning streak all season.

At the end they pulled an exciting CAC finish, taking second place overall. Junior Travis Spitz commented, "This season we had our ups and downs, but we always pulled together to bring home the gold." For many of the runners the highlight was beating their challenging opponent, East Lansing.

There were some humorous moments as well. B.J. Garland recalled, "The funniest thing that happened all season was throwing the freshmen in the pond at Dead Man's Hill." They also had fun on their long practice runs stopping by 7-11. The season left a lasting impression on the team. Travis Spitz concluded, "This was one of our best seasons ever and most of us still have next year to look forward to.

-Chris Curry



Girls' Cross Country Team:

TopRow: Coach Brennan, J. Bowker, J. Dun-ham, A. Brewer, J. Boomershine, R. Quasarano, T. Van Every, K. Bowker, Coach D.Foy, **Row 2:** J. Slater, H. Rot-man, L. Graham, A. Hettinger, L. Ribby, S. Mills, J. McCloud, K. Hemenway. Bottom Row: K Wilkerson, Freeman, E. Muttv. Hettinger, S.



Sweet Victory... Posing with their trophy to celebrate their CAC victory is the Girls' Cross Country team.

"Our team has always had a strong bond. Whether something good or bad happened, we all felt it and pulled together to solve any problems that came along."

-Junior Amanda Craft

Girls' Varsity **Swimming**

9 wins, 2 loses Ann Ar Pioneer 68-118 106-80 Okemos Jackson 117-53 Sexton 107-72 Eastern 123-62 East Lansing 125-61 Grand Ledge 124-62 Waverly 115-69 Ann Ar Huron 57-129 St. Johns 105-80 Everett 135-47 CAC 1st

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LSJ Swimmer of the Year

Melissa Brown

All-Area Team

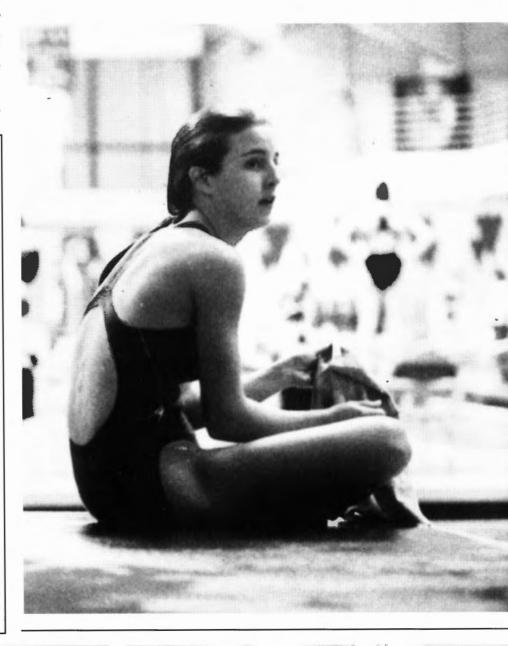
Melissa Brown, Errin Bonner Niki Mayercak, Kelly Trimmer

All-CAC Team

Courtney Bechler Michelle Boomershine Amanda Craft, Emily Rapp Courtney Parker Maria Quiroga, Joan Smith All-CAC Honorable Mention Robyn Barker, Megan Kost

Rebecca Chaliman

Melissa Kegler, Laura Russell





Straight Legs, Pointed Toes ...

Warming up for her reverse dive while Coach Donegan and teammates watch is senior Joanie Smith during a home meet against Grand Ledge.



Take a Deep Breath

Giving sophomore Jennifer Gutierrez a pep talk before her swim at Eastern are juniors Rebecca Chaliman and Melissa Frampton.



Taking a Breatehr

Taking a second to think in between dives at the University of Michigan in a meet against Ann Arbor Huron is Joanie Smith.

Keep Away

Following the race, Head Coach Sean Donegan tries to bring the girls to a strong victory.

Intimidation

The whole team joins together in a traditional pre-meet cheer to intimidate their opponent Grand Ledge.



C hamps Again

WOW... Sixth ConsecutiveYear!

Hard work, discipline and team unity led the Women's Swimming and Diving team to win CAC's for the sixth consecutive year. They ended 8-0 for the season and first place in the conference.

A key player was Melissa Brown. She qualified for the 50 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay at states. She was and All-American Qualifier an recieved the Most Valuable Player award. "Melissa deserved MVP because she led the team in points and had a lot of depth. She was strong in every race and was also very motivated and an excellent leader," stated senior Laura Russell.

The team captains were seniors Errin Bonner, Melissa Brown, Courtney Parker, and Joanie Smith. "I think the team really came together during competitions and helped us get where we wanted to be at the end of the season," observed junior Meghan

The team gained many new swimmers this year from both the freshman and sophmore classes. Many of the new swimmers had not had previous experience swimming, but they contributed greatly to the team. "Our biggest strength was that we had a lot of depth," assessed sophomore Kristen David.

Once again, the highlight of the season was the CAC meet. They finally defeated their arch rivals Okemos and East Lansing. "Okemos was our rival because they are the only team in the area that has been able to beat us. We beat them for the first time in four years, and it was the most exciting meet of the year!" exclaimed junior Becca Chaliman. An important factor was the great support from parents and teachers throughout the season for their

Training was harder than ever, but it paid off. The team worked their hardest, but one person in particular had to work twice as hard as the rest. "I broke my arm at the beginning of the season. I got a waterproof cast and still swam everyday. My goal was to try and keep up with everyone, keep a positive attitude no matter how hard things got and not let myself give up," revealed junior Emily Rapp.

As usual the CAC meet was magic for most everyone. Melissa Brown concluded, "It was as exciting as the first time we swam my freshman year. The CAC meet is and always will be excit--Robyn Barker





Girls' Varsity Swimming and Diving Team: Top Row: Coach B. Palmer, Coach S. Donegan, W. Hoagland, K. Brydges, L. Russell, R. Barker. Row 2: N. David, C. Parker, M. Brown, E. Bonner, J. Smith, Coach B. Pohlonski, Mgr. K. Davenport, Mgr. B. Lucas. Row 3: M. Frampton, B. Chaliman, L. Miller, M. Boomershine, A. Craft, Row 4: L. Smieska, E. Cohoon, M. Roberts, M. Quiroga, K. Trimmer, E. Rapp, N. Mayercak. Row 5: C. Morrissey, A. Keep-Sparks, E. Schofield, A. Tomanica, **Bottom Row:** L. Herwaldt, C. Bechler, T. Templin, M. Kendy, K. Adler, K. Brown.

est the Waters of Victory with CAC Title

Determination and a strong will to win saw the Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving team through their season, ending with a 6-1 conference record and their first CAC title since 1994. Although the team was bigger than it had been in the past they were still lacking some experienced returning swimmers. But with eighth graders moving up to help the team along, and strength in the juniors and seniors who returned, the team met their goals.

There was, however, more to it. "Morning practices were what made us successful. There's just something about being at school at 5:00 a.m., knowing that all of the other teams are at home sleeping. You just know you can beat them," explained sophomore Matt

Though they lost the Jackson meet 88-80, many of the boys on the team felt that it was the highlight of the season. "I would have to say the Jackson meet was the best. It was the only meet that we lost, but it was also the only meet that everyone who swam got their best times. We went into the meet knowing it would be close so everyone put in their best," recalled senior Paul Tuttle.

Since none of the players had been on the team that long, there was an excitement about winning CAC's for the first time."Winning the championship was the best feeling in the world. Being a senior and a captain it made me really proud of this team," reflected senior Kyle Hoffman.

It was a team that had a tremendous amount of unity and closeness from the 5:00 a.m. practices twice a week, practices every day after school, and the bus trips to all of the away meets. "I think the Swim team is a lot closer than any other sport because we hang out a lot after practice, and no one was ever singled out of the crowd," explained junior Brad Goff.

Awards were earned at all levels. Freshman Chad Wilson won the Most Valuable Person award. Junior Brock Delaney won the Most Improved Person, and Senior Keith Davenport finished off



Discussing Strategy

goals.

Reving themselves up before the East

Lansing meet are the coaching trio of alumni Brad Delaney, Head Coach

Sean Donegan and alumni Brent

Pohlonski. The boys went on to win

the meet 96-89. About his team,

Donegan reflected, "We had a group

of young people who matured into the

best team I've ever coached. They were committed to excellence and

willing to work hard to achieve their



Gather around

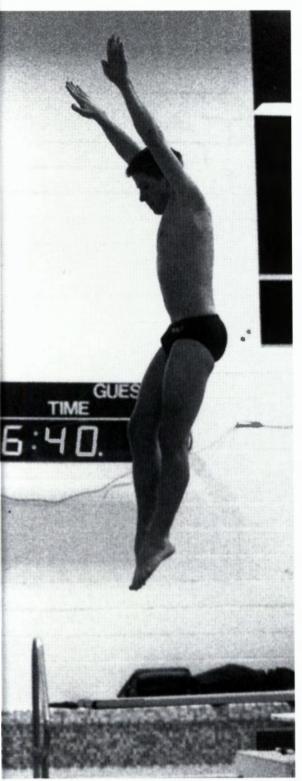
Congratulating their senior captain Kyle Hoffman are freshman Chad Wilson, Justin Hill, and fellow Captain Matt Wallace. "Kyle commented, "We had a new practice system. We worked extremely hard running and did other out-of-the water work.'





Boys' Swim Team:

Bottom Row: J. Veltema, J. Hill, C. Wilson, A. Theilson, K. Viele, J. Davenport, K. Brydges. Row 2: Coach B. Delaney, R. Mosley, R. Porter, M. Barens, S. Russell, Coach S. Donegan. Row 3: Coach Palmer, J. Wilson, B. Goff, B. Delaney, B. Lucas, Mgr. H Clarkson, Mgr. L. Miller. Top Row: S. Geiger, K. Hoffman, P. Tuttle, K. Davenport, M. Wallace, C. Balcom.



I Hope I Don't Miss!

Going up for his dive at the East Lansing meet is freshman John Davenport. The team went on to beat the arch rival Trojans 96-89.

Almost There

Finishing up the last 25 yards of the 100 yard Butterfly is junior Brandon Lucas against East Lansing.

Ready ... Go!

Getting ready for his leg of the 200 Freestyle Relay during the meet with East Lansing is senior Matt Wallace.



"Morning practices are what made us successful. There is something about being at the school at 5:00 a.m. knowing that other teams are still sleeping. That's when you know you can beat them."

—Sophomore Matt Barens

Boys' Varsity Swimming & Diving

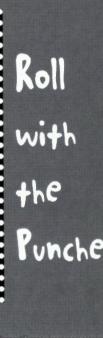
7 Wins, 2 Losses

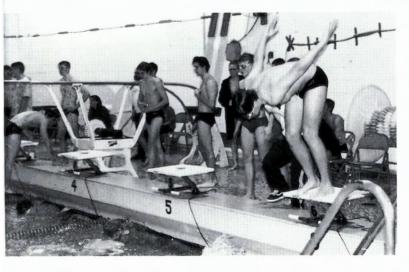
Mason	100-86
Everett	121-63
Grand Ledge	115-71
Eastern	129-55
Waverly	119-45
St. Johns	60-125
Sexton	117-63
Jackson	80-88
East Lansing	96-89
CAC	1st

All-CAC Selections

Brock Delaney, Justin Hill, Chad Wilson, Josh Wilson Shawn Geiger

Kyle Viele, Jack Veltema Keith Davenport Kenny Wheeler Brandon Lucas







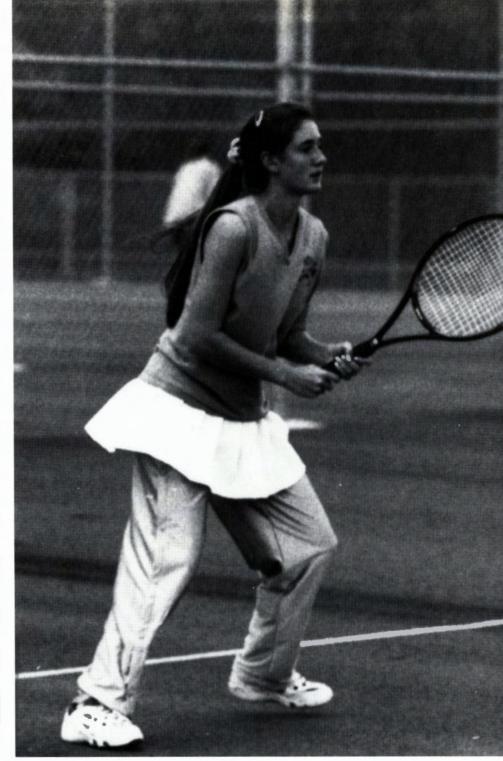
He's Off! Doing the exchange and starting the breast stroke leg of the Medley Relay at the East Lansing meet is sophomore Justin Hill.

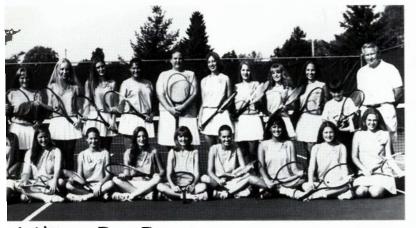
"Our mental game was both the greatest strength and weakness. When we weren't mentally tough, the scorecards showed it, but when we were strong, we were unstoppable."

—Junior Lynn Marten

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	DeWitt	3-5
	Everett	8-0
H	Sexton	5-3
	Eastern Waverly	6-2 3-5
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	Grand Ledge	8-0
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	Okemos	1-8
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	Sexton St. Johns	8-0 5-3
	Waverly	6-2
	East Lansing	0-8
	Portland	4-4 (7-6)
	Eaton Rapids	7-1
	Grand Ledge	6-2
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I'll Get It! Getting ready to hit the ball in a Varsity match against Grand Ledge is sophomore Rachel Warner.





Girls' Varsity Tennis Team: Top Row: Coach P. Somers, J. Warncke, L. Martin, R. Warner, L. Harris, L. Wilcox, K. Sohn, S. Mapes, E. Tepastte, J. Sanchez, J. Troisi, Coach Douglas. Bottom Row: S.Gleason, J. Hedrick, A. Grondin, M. Foster, S. McClane, J. Swan, J. Heeg, L. Cook, and S. Somers.



Girls' JV Tennis Team: Top Row: Coach S. Garrison, J. Hill, E. Viele, M. Warner, M. Swanson, A. Dykman, S. Dionese, J. Lindley, S. Switzer, K. Schoenfelder, C. Moon, N. Steer, and L. Stafford. Bottom Row: M. Suckow, B. Cain, J. Balzer, J. Cook, and B. Parrish. Front: A. Lanis and R. Warner.

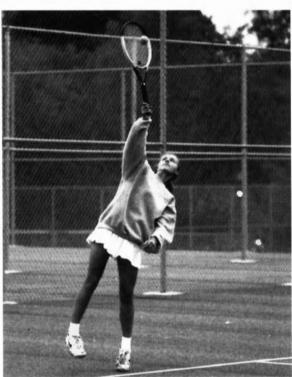
Hanging Together

Eating bagels after winning their match with Grand Legde are seniors Jessica Swan and Sonya McClane.

Nice Shot!

Serving the ball at Grand Ledge is senior Jessica Swan. The girls won the match 8-0.





ake Action

Team Faces Challenge to Improve

Getting a wake up call when they lost three of their first four matches and placed last in the Holt Invitational, the Girls Varsity Tennis team took stock quickly. With only seven returning seniors, they had their work cut out rebuilding the team, improving skills and coming together as a group. From the disappointing start they worked themselves up to a 4-3 conference record, a 5-7 overall record and a 3rd place finish in the CAC.

Junior Lynn Marten commented, "I think we had a pretty tough season, but we all improved as time went on and grew closer as a team." Junior Jennifer Warncke added, "The invitational was exciting because it was my first real match. I think we all learned a lot of things that day even though our rank at the end didn't show it."

There was a lot of work to do from the beginning and the girls got busy. At practices teammates could see people improving as the weeks passed. Junior Katie Sohn explained, "I thought more about playing my game than winning. I could see that my stokes and serves were getting better every match." Lynn Marten added,"I improved as a doubles player. Sara Mapes and I were both singles players last year,

and we came together to form a very strong doubles team."

Strengths and weaknesses were evident. "I think our mental game was both the greatest strength and weakness. When we weren't mentally tough, the scorecards showed it, but when we were strong, we were unstopable," assessed Lynn.

Many players agreed friendship was high on the team and a positive factor. They helped each other not to get down when difficulties cropped up. And many humorous incidents bonded the group, including the windy Mason match, charging into Jessica Heeg's bedroom to wake her for CAC's, and the secret pals that made signs and gave gifts to pump teammates up. Even bagels were cited as an important contributor to the team's success.

For many players, it was exciting watching the later games of the season. "Jessica Swan and Megan Foster were our number one doubles team. They worked very well together and provided the most exciting games and sets," observed Katie Sohn. "As a group we were also more enthusiastic and win-oriented." Lynn Marten concluded, "We all loved the game to start with, and having each other there everyday made the season so much fun."

-Sonya McClane





Backhand

Returning the ball in a practice session is junior Erin Tepastte.

All Smiles!

Riding home from the last Varsity tennis match with Grand Ledge are senior Jessica Heeg, junior Erin Tepastle, seniors Amy Groundin, Jessica Swan, and Sonya McClane. The smiles were about their 8-0 victory over the Comets.

Winning Words

We Yelled, They Listened

High in spirit the Varsity and JV Cheerleaders, cheered on the fall and winter sports crowd, and always kept themselves in the game.

Leading the cheerleaders on was the team motivator senior Missy Yemc also known as the pretzel. From game to game she kept her squad in it by always being active and having a smile no matter what the outcome of the game.

The squads concentrated on improving their overall appearance. They also expanded their routines with different stunts, so they could get the crowd more into the game.

Senior Jenni Loiacano stated, "Cheerleading isn't all that easy; it takes flexibility, coordination, and plenty of pep." It also took school spirit and experience to make the Varsity and JV squads, and determination to stay.

The squads spent weeks planning routines, and activities for Homecoming including the pep assembly, parade and game.

It took leadership to plan the events. Junior Darcy Richards who got her Varsity letter in the fall soon became a team captain during the winter sports.

During the winter months they practiced their way to state competitions. Out of the seven teams that competed, Holt placed a disappointing seventh. The factor cited for the low rank was bad coordination on the stunts. But they did make it to states and the squad resolved to improve. Sophomore B.J. Hagerman claimed, "I'm full of pep and can't wait for next year." With the upcoming enthusiastic sophomores, the returning squad felt it could go the extra mile to win states and cheer both seasons.

- Chris Curry

Pump Up the Rams

Performing a routine during the Homecoming pep assembly are members of the JV squad, Lacey Aycock, B.J. Hagerman and Laurie Morse.

High Above the Crowd

Balancing herself atop the mount is senior Varsity Cheerleader Heather Ballard during the Homecoming pep assembly. She commented, "Homecoming was cool this year because we made up the dance routine that we performed."





Give Me an

Cheering on the team Homecoming night are Kristen Mockler, Becky Lamphier, Lacey Aycock and the JV and Varsity squads.



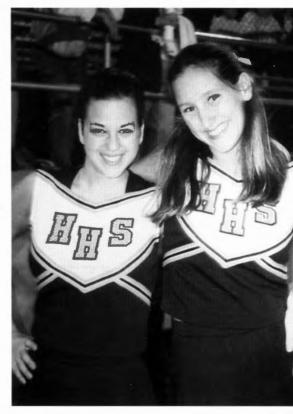
Fix Me Up. Doc

Bandaging JV Cheerleader Kristen Mockler on the sidelines is junior Heather Clarkson on Homecoming night while Lacey Aycock waits.



Spirited Smiles

Taking a time out for the camera Homecoming night are Varsity Cheerleaders Jenny Loiacano and Heather Ballard. They shared, "It was great being captains together because we're best friends."









Wait and Watch

break

Lined up to watch the Varsity Football game and take a

pumping up the

crowd at Homecoming are the

JV and Varsity

Cheerleading squads

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Cheering at a home JV Basketball game are JV cheerleaders Danielle Clugston, Michelle Suckow, Tamica Dothard, and Krissy Miller.



Varsity Football Cheerleaders: Top Row: Coach B. Zeitlow, M. Morales, F. Stuttman, J. Horwath, S. Harris. Row 2: K. Sheehan, K. Hall, D. Richards, J. Schawaltz. Bottom Row: J. Yauch, J. Loiacano, H. Ballard, M. Yemc.



Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders: Top Row: Coach B. Zeitlow, M. Yemc, J. Schultz, K. Hall, J. Horwath, K. Horstman. Row 2: E. Briggs, L. Morse, K. Mockler, B. Landrer. Botttom Row: D. Richards and K. Sheehan.



JV Football Cheerleaders: Top Row: Coach B. Zeitlow, B. Lamphier. Row 2: E. Briggs, L. Morse. Bottom Row: L.Aycock, K.Miller, B.J. Haggerman, and K. Skidmore.



JV Baske+ball Cheerleaders: Top Row: K. Hoffman, L. Aycock, M. Suckow, A. Hope, Coach B. Zeitlow. **Row 2:** D. Clugston, T. Dothard. **Front:** K. Miller.





eeping the Pride

Ram Wrestlers Win Big Again!

The Wrestling team did the expected. They came together for their 32nd winning season and fifth straight CAC title. It was the most winning records in the history of the conference. They made it look easy, but of course, it wasn't.

Helping it along was a momentum of wins, a vision the players bought into, a tradition they wanted to uphold. No one wanted to be on the team that let fans, the community or themselves down. Junior Cedric Ford captured the feeling. "I was there for the team when they needed me. Being on a great team like ours puts pressure on me." It was a strong motivator. Sophomore Josh Ramey explained, "Our winning heritage and the number of wrestlers who commit themselves to the team are our strengths. It made me get more serious about what had to be done.'

The team won every conference match by double the number of points or more to win the CAC title. They beat out their opponents handily at Districts and respectably at Regionals. But it wasn't enough. The team wanted to win states; it was their goal from the beginning. And they fell short of that losing to Rochester Adams in State Quarterfinals, a team they had beaten the year before.

Asking the team how they summed up their season was a tough question which stumped many of them. Junior Joe Durfee stated, "Close but no cigar!" Senior Chad Johnson observed, "We were pretty successful in most people's eyes, but we didn't complete our goals (the State Championship). We just weren't as deep or strong in certain weights as a team to win it." And for Cedric Ford it was simply, "We had a good team, but we were capable of doing better. Next year we'll just have to work harder.'

Players reflected upon the group's strengths and weaknesses and why they didn't get where they wanted to end up. Junior Tom Shaver responded, "Skill and team spirit carried the team far. No one could get more pumped up than us. Our weakness was that we got distracted with rankings

and other teams' individual wrestlers." Senior Chad Johnson felt, "Our strength was in our middle weights which were called 'death row.' Anytime our death row could keep us within reach we knew we had a chance with Grant Sarkisian and Cedric Ford finishing it up." And junior Willie Moore recognized that, "Having a great coaching staff to turn us into good wrestlers was our strength and not being more focused was our weakness.'

Other factors contributing to the team's success each year was the tradition of club wrestling, and youth coming up through the ranks. The team was a young one with strength at the freshman and sophomore level. A tough JV team fed a strong Varsity program. Junior Tom Shaver was moved up from JV to Varsity during the season. He revealed, "I did well moving from JV to Varsity. I wrestled much better and harder."

As for highlights, there were individually many. But for the team, many players were in agreement that the most memorable moment was "when Grant Sarkisian pinned his guy from Swartz Creek to win Regionals and send us to team States," noted Willie Moore.

There was also agreement on who was the MVP. Chad Johnson stated, "It would have to be Russell Clark. He was the one we could always count on for a win regardless of the competition and he came right in the middle so he would get the upper weights hyped up." Tom Shaver noted, "Russ earned the most points for us, broke the school's winning record, placed 2nd in the state and was our captain." "Russ worked hard every day in practice and it showed on the mat. People on the team respected him for that," observed Joe Durfee. And Josh Ramey noted that Russ was an extramiler adding, "He gave everything he had to get where he did."

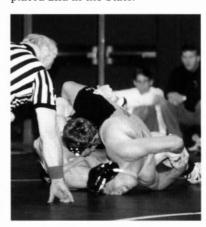
The team worked hard, the wins poured in, and they were taken in stride. Asked to sum up the season in a sentence or two, Cedric Ford responded, "Rocky Shaft"... and "the fun is in the memories." -Amanda Mercer

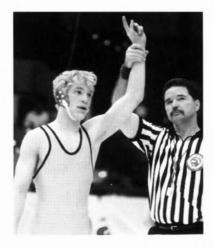
Taking Him Down

Working hard to pin his opponent in regular season play is senior Varsity wrestler Russell Clark. Russ went on to place 2nd in State competition and was the team captain and MVP.

Winner Takes All

Raising his arm in victory over his opponent at Individual State competition is senior Russ Clark. Russ placed 2nd in the State.





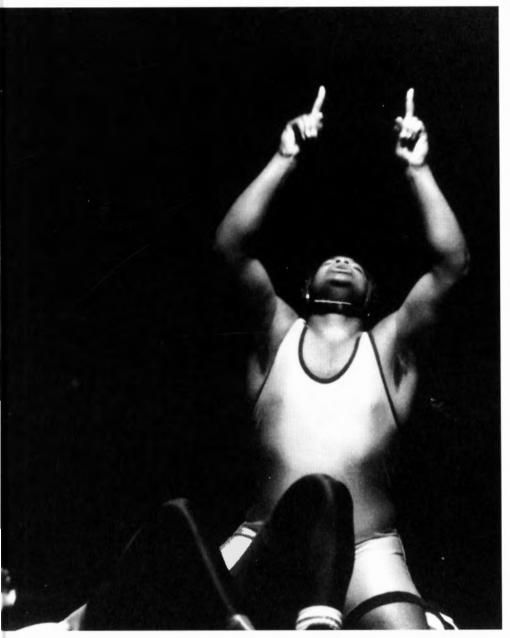




Way to Go Recording the moment of winning the Plymouth Salem Tournament are wrestlers, Mgr. Shanna Shaft, Tom Shaver, Cedric Ford, Greg Parrott, Manuel Garcia, Brandon Cooper, R.J. Eding, Chad Johnson, Grant Sarkisian, Jack Scott, Deven Lambart, Russell Clark and Darin Ross.

Victory!

Making the sign of victory after defeating his opponent in a regular season match is junior Cedric Ford.



"The most memorable moment was when Grant Sarkisian pinned his guy from Swartz Creek to win Regionals and send us to team States."

—Junior Willie Moore

Wrestling

11 Wins, 2 Losses

East Lansing	53 - 21
Everett	68-6
Eastern	44-19
Sexton	53-15
Waverly	58-22
Jackson	64-10
Grand Ledge	35-19
Eaton Rapids	18-42
CAC	1st
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All-CAC First Team

Russell Clark, Darin Ross Deven Lambart, Jack Scott Brandon Cooper

All-CAC Second Team Greg Parrott, Chad Cleeves

R.J. Eding, Cedric Ford All-CAC Third Team

Tom Shaver Grant Sarkisian

All-CAC Fourth Team

Jon Casler

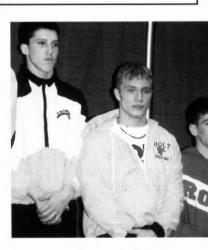
All-State

Russell Clark, 2nd, Jack Scott, 6th Brandon Cooper, 7th



Stand Tall

After placing 7th in the Individual State competition, junior Brandon Cooper is honored by MHSA Wrestling Association at the podium with other winners.



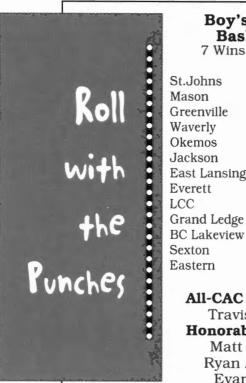
Wrestling Team: (Alphabetical) L. Albert, B. Appold, B. Bitterman, J. Boult, J. Bowden, W. Burmeister, A. Burwell, T. Card, J. Casler, A. Clark, R. Clark, C. Cleeves, B. Cooper, J. Dungey, R. Eding, M. Ewen C. Ford, M. Garcia, M. Ghastin, B. Greathouse, C. Hannasch, J. Jenkins, C. Johnson, D. Lambart, N. McDonald, J. Mellen, W. Moore, G. Morrow, T. Mulvaney, J. Nakfoor, C. Nelson, G. Newton, J. Osoff, A. Osterhouse, G. Parrott, K. Parrott, R. Pulido, A. Puyear, J. Ramey, D. Reinecke, J. Richarson, D. Ross, G. Sarkisian, K. Schutte, J. Scott, T. Shaver II, S. Simonson, J. Skipper, J. Smith, L. Smith, R. Suters, N. Whitaker, R. Wilcox, M. Woodcock, J. Zolnai.

"Our team chemistry needed to come along a little quicker, but we finally did come together more and were there for each other."

—Junior Evan Wilson

Going for the long stretch

Going up for the shot at a home game with Sexton is junior Travis Meister. Sexton squeezed by the Rams 61-63 for a disappointing loss.



Boy's Varsity Basketball 7 Wins, 13 Losses

St.Johns 56-74 Mason 44-65 Greenville 78-67 Waverly 57-83,74-85 Okemos 34-53 Jackson 48-62,75-69 East Lansing 67-74,69-82 Everett 61-73,63-56 LCC 56-53 Grand Ledge 53-65,73-63

Sexton 73-85,61-63 Eastern 75-66,59-63

60-59

All-CAC First Team

Travis Meister

Honorable Mention

Matt McClure Ryan Anderson Evan Wilson



Top Row: Asst. Coach D. Harkema, Asst. Coach B. Bakken, J. Beard, J. Baragar, M. McClure, S. Stuible, T. Meister, S. Larson, M. Herwaldt, Head Coach B. Larner. Bottom Row: E. Wilson, R. Anderson, Z. Lawson, B. Wahl, M. Laur, S. Larner.



Huddle Up!

Getting in some last words of encouragment before game time against The Big Reds are members of the Varsity team.







ulling Together

Team Works Hard to Improve Scoreboard



Getting hyped up for their last home game as they enter the court is junior Ryan Anderson followed by his team-

Setting Up the Play

Playing against Sexton, junior, Ryan Anderson looks to pass. Anticipating the play is junior Travis Meister.



The scoreboard didn't always tell it all. Though they ended their season 4-10 in the conference and 7-13 overall, the scores showed close games even against top ranked teams like Waverly and East Lansing. Coach Bruce Larner stated, "One of the highlights of our season was coming back from a 17 point decline to almost beat East Lansing."

The season got off to a slow start losing to teams that they were favored to beat. Coming together as a team, they fought their way out of the hole from 3-8 midseason to 7-13.

Some of the trouble stemmed from expecting to win because of their size and shooting. Sophomore Matt McClure commented, "Our strengths were our post players and three-point shooters; our weaknesses were rebounding, being pressed and turnovers." Junior Evan Wilson also noted, "We give up too many rebounds especially offensively." And Coach Larner pointed out, "We were not very fast."

As for key players, Larner stated, "Travis and Matt McClure were the scoring leaders, Ryan Anderson was the floor leader and Mike Laur added senior leadership." Evan Wilson agreed, "Travis and Matt were great post players, Jeff Beard was very vocal and hardworking and Mike Laur was always encouraging."

But the season wasn't built on just a few players; it was an all out team effort. As Larner stated "The team had potential; they needed to keep coming together. We got better as the season progressed."

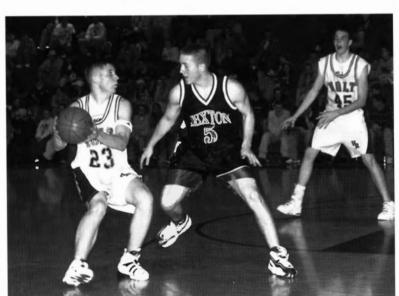
Even though their season didn't go they way they wanted it to, the players went into every game with a good attitude, assured that if they wanted it bad enough and played it out as a team they could beat anyone. Evan Wilson stated, "Our team chemistry needed to come along a little quicker, but we finally did come together and were there for each other."

Players felt the team was actually stronger and more together than prior years. When asked to summarize the season in a couple of words, Travis responded, "We worked hard;" and Evan concluded that the best part about playing Varsity was "the intensity and the experience."

–Lyndsay Cook



Sizing UP the Court Going for the point, junior Zack Lawson looks to pass to McClure and sees that he is on his own against Sexton.







Shared by IM, JV Basketball Teams

In contrast to the 1997 Intramural basketball season which was dominated by senior teams, the 1998 title was up for grabs. This was a big year for IM. With 11 teams and almost 100 students participating, the league had become much more competitive. Veteran teams like Plate Full O' Chitlins, Harper's Breh and Saber Toothed Mud Puppies made the championship not easy to come by. Underclassmen led by the Killa' Bee's, D.A.R.E., Scrubs, R.I.F., Sumo's, the Runnin' Rebels, and Central High were the underdogs looking to upset the veteran teams.

The season started with two big rivalries. Plate Full O' Chitlins' and Harpers Breh took center court, and in one of the most knip and tuck games in league history, D.A.R.E. and the Scrubs went into triple overtime, yielding a Scrubs victory. The championship pitted the fourth seeded Scrubs who were fresh off a big upset over the first seeded Plate Full O'Chitlins, against the favored Harper's Breh. When the balls stopped bouncing, the under-estimated Scrubs were the winners.

The rise in league popularity was mainly due to the competition and the freedom that the league offered. Senior Ted Spencer of Plate Full O' Chitlins' said, "It is fun to play with the guys the way we want without a coach." Many teams like the Killa' Bee's based their game around a flamboyant, up tempo, streetball style of play, while other teams like the Saber-Toothed Mud Puppies had a more chaotic game. Some tried to organize their team with an array of traps and zone defenses.

The team names were entertaining and innovative. Norm VanAlstine of Harper's Breh revealed the sensitive side of Allen Elliot's group explaining, "We named our team after Harper Road because there is a lot of beautiful scenery out there."

The officials were Varsity Basketball players Zack Lawson, Ryan Anderson, Jason Baragar, Jeff Beard, and Ben Wahl. The season's Outstanding Referee Award went to Jeff Beard due to his good judgement and sharpness on the court.

At the end of post-season play, IM basketball was gone, but not forgotten. With upsets, behind-the-back passes, and more than enough trash talking, an upset in the finals was only fitting. With few teams totally out of the race going in, the court was heated for the final rounds capping a fun IM season.

To be one of the top three teams in the Capital Area Conference was a common pre-season goal for the Boys' JV Basketball team. The team won its first game against St. John's, but went on to lose their next five games including one against powerhouse Okemos. It was

time to take stock. They came back to beat rival East Lansing and repeated the win twice over Everett and Lansing Catholic Central.

Early in CAC play, the team wanted to finish the season with victories. With the long season ahead of them and key games against Waverly and Jackson, who had each posted wins over the Rams, the team believed they would have a strong chance to rebound. "We looked to continue improving," stated sophomore Matt Dodson; "we were hoping to win a good share of our remaining games." But the team ended up 7-7 in conference play and 10-10 overall, close but a bit disappointing from where they wanted

Key victories came against Eastern, Jackson and Everett in conference play and over St. Johns, Lansing Catholic Central, and Battle Creek Lakeview in nonconference play.

Joey Warren,
 Scott Dane





Flyin' High

Up for the rebound is senior Dave Nutzman of Plate Full O' Chitlins. The team finished first in regular season IM play losing in the semi-finals of the playoffs to the Scrubs.



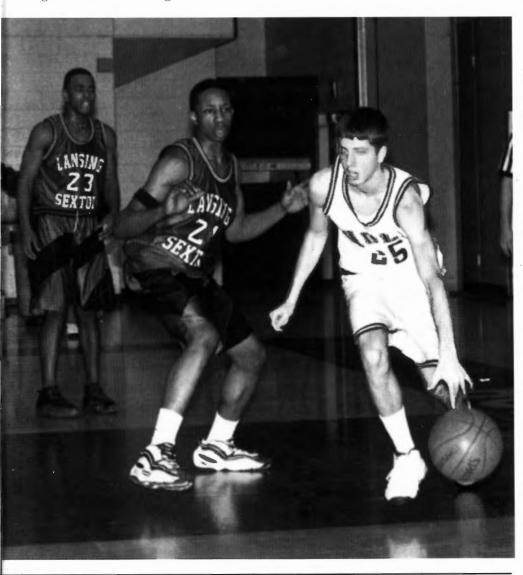
Moving Up Court

Pushing the ball up the floor during an Intramural game is junior Scott Bjorne. He played on D.A.R.E. who ended up in fifth place.

134 IM, Boys' JV Basketball

Keep Away

Working his way around his Sexton defender is sophomore Nathan Young. The Rams beat the Big Reds in a close home game, 58-52.



"We looked to continue improving and we were hoping to win a good share of our remaining games"

> -Sophomore Matt Dodson, JV Basketball Team

IM Regular Season Final Standings

- 1. Plate Full O' Chitlins
- 2. Harper's Breh
- 3. Killer Bees
- 4. Scrubs
- 5. D.A.R.E.
- 6. Team
- 7. Central High
- 8. RIF
- 9. Runnin' Rebels

- 10. Sumos

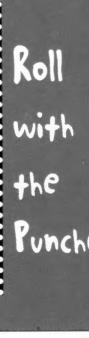
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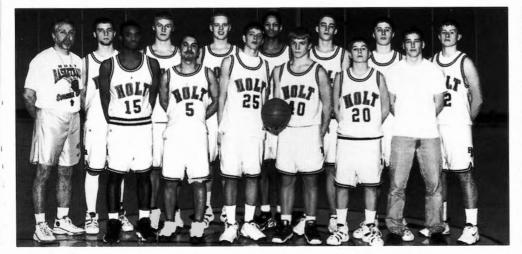
Championship Scrubs over Harper's Breh

Boys' JV Basketball

10 Wins, 10 Losses

St. Johns 69-72 Mason 55-70 Greenville 48-57 Waverly 51-57,47-53 Okemos 43-52 Jackson 42-59,66-62 East Lansing 77-71,59-66 60-54,60-53 Everett 61-47 LCC 40-58,56-64 Grand Ledge BC Lakeview 83-60 53-45,58-52 Sexton Eastern 57-54,79-85





Boys' JV Basketball Team:

Top Row: Coach D. Foy, N. Potts, R. Malatinsky, A. Bakken, J. McCullough, J. Hank, J. Moreno, N. Vandlen. Bottom Row: D. Hawthorne, M. Dodson, N. Young, N. Burmeister, K. Ballard, M. Nugent.



Get in the Game

Giving his JV team a pep talk and some strategy is Coach Dave Foy in a home game against Sexton. Their effort was enough for the win and the Rams squeaked by 58-52.

"The record did tell the whole story. It was definitely a rebuilding season."

—Junior Captain Tracy Beckner

Varsity Gymnastics

4 Wins, 7 Losses Haslett St. Johns Mason Everett Hartland Eastern/ Jackson
East Lansir
Adrian/
Hillsdale
Holt Invit.
CAC
Regior
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4th F
6th
8th B
Regio
K Sexton 5th Amanda Cory

130.05-110.15 126.50-131.95 Grand Ledge 122.125-128.40 123.325-124.20 126.80-101.00 126.40-113.95-97.60 126.65-120.55 East Lansing 117.75-136.00 123.15-126.90-131.0 2nd

Regionals-Division I

4th Floor, 6th Beam 6th All-Around 8th Bars, 12th Vault

Regionals Division II

Kelly Bowker 10th Floor, 13th Beam States

Amanda Cory 11th Beam, 17th All Around 23rd Bars, 28th Floor 31st Vault



Gymnastics Team: Top Row: K. Bowker, S. Rapelje, T. Beckner, S. Gleason, K. Ketcik, L. Rohlfs, L. Gatteri, M. Pereault. Row 2: Coach A. Nourse, Coach W. Kirkland, H. Wheatley, M. Swanson, A. Johnson, N. Walters, J. Bowker, H. Cummings, Coach H. Scott. Row 3: A. Toth, J. Farner, A. Cory, H. Soule, T. Dane. Botton Row: B. Hagerman, A. Maxey, K.







Perfect Form

Saluting to the judge at the end of her beam routine is junior Kelly Bowker at the meet with East Lansing. Despite her effort the team ended with a loss

Clean Landing

Completing her vault routine at East Lansing is sophomore B.J. Hagerman.





Congratulations!

Giving junior Kelly Bowker a hug after her skilled performance are Amy Norris and Joanie Bowker at the East Lansing meet.

Finale

Holding the pose at the conclusion of her floor routine is senior Kristie Swanson during the meet with East Lansing.



eads High

Despite Injuries, Scoreboard

The Varsity Gymnastics team suffered a hard year with injuries to overcome. The team was disappointed with their league record of 4-4, an overall record of 4-7 and a fifth place finish in the Mid-Michigan Women's Gymnastic League.

Even though the scoreboard was down, some girls believed it accurately portrayed the season. Junior team captain Tracy Beckner thought, "The record did tell the whole story. It was definitely a rebuilding season." Sophomore Kelly Bowker explained, "The scores made it look like our team got a lot worse than we were last year, but really we lost a lot of great gymnasts and those still with us spent the season making improvements."

Adding to the loss of seniors and inexperience, both team captains, Beckner and Andrea Newman were injured. Tracy broke part of her foot in the middle of the season and was unable to return. Andrea was hurt early in the season and was unable to participate for most of the season. Bowker stated, "Both score wise and emotionally Andrea's injury brought us down. Then we lost Tracy too, and that brought us down further.

Despite the injuries there were many team strengths.

Kristie Swanson, the only senior remaining on the team, stated, "We were always happy and we didn't let our season get us down too much." Skillwise, Bowker stated, "The beam was our team's strength because we had a lot of qualifying scores for Regionals in this event."

The girls agreed that Mason and St. Johns were their toughest rivals. Beckner commented, "St. Johns was our toughest meet. I had no idea they were so good!" Holt lost with a close score of 131.95 to 126.50. Lucci Gatteri felt, "Our biggest rival was Mason. They knew that we had lost some seniors and thought they were going to blow us away, but that didn't happen." Holt ended losing to Mason by only one point.

The team had nine regional qualifiers in Beckner, Bowker, Gatteri, Swanson, Joanie Bowker, Amanda Cory, Jamie Farner, B.J. Hagerman and Jennifer Soule. Freshman Amanda Cory did well at the Regional meet with a sixth place finish overall. Bowker took 13th on the beam and a 10th place finish on the floor event. At the state meet Cory took 17th overall. Despite the difficulties the team had to overcome, everyone was extremely excited and ready for the next season.

-Keisha Vowles





Marching in for the meet against East Lansing is the Gymnastics team. The girls lost to the Trojans, 117.75-136.00. A tough season of competition left them 4-7 overall, but determined to come back strong next year.

Words of Encouragement

Holly Scott.

Ram Pride

Talking to junior Nikki Walters at

the East Lansing meet is Coach

H Turn Upward

Improvement Comes Mid-Season

Holt was excited about keeping the long-awaited sport of Ice Hockey on the program. Being the team's second season, there were a few returning players and the key was to concentrate on building skills the team acquired last year. The season proved to be a challenging one, but through hard work and dedication the team showed improvement by the end.

"The most improvement came in goal-tending. Experience from each game helped the team bring goals down and even get a few shutouts. We played our positions better and everyone did their job. We went from individuals to team players," stated junior Damon Lively.

One of the team's weaknesses was their size. "Being one of the smaller teams around, we had good speed, but not a lot of experience," stated junior Troy Smith.

Despite their size, the team kept up with the competition, led by seniors Jay Laing, Travis Stoliker, and Phil Rosenman, and junior Luc Cole. These players formed the team's core starters and scored the team's majority of goals. "Our strength was in our

captains' leadership and the team's will to always work hard and give it our all every time we stepped on the ice," noted Damon.

The team got off to a bad start losing to their arch rival, Dexter. This was a very tight game for Holt who was down 5-0 in the second period. It was in the third period that the team pulled together to score four goals by the end of the game. Senior Jay Laing commented, "We started out on the wrong foot but made a lot of improvements compared to last year. The players continued to develop as the season went on.'

Toward the end of the season. key forward and captain Travis Stoliker was injured in the Saginaw Tournament. He and a player from Kersealy were both checked up against the glass when Travis fell to the ice and was cut in the neck by his opponents' skate. "Our big moment I think was when our whole team assembled at the center of the ice to pray for Travis." recalled Damon. Travis recovered and the team continued the season with great unity and enthusiasm for a competitive end and an 11-7-3 record.

–Robyn Barker

Scramble

Fighting for the puck with his Grand Ledge opponent is junior Joe Bungart at Munn Ice Arena. His effort was not enough to bring a win over the Grand Ledge/Waverly team.

Going for the Net

Stealing the puck and getting set up for a goal is junior Luc Cole against Grand Ledge/Waverly.









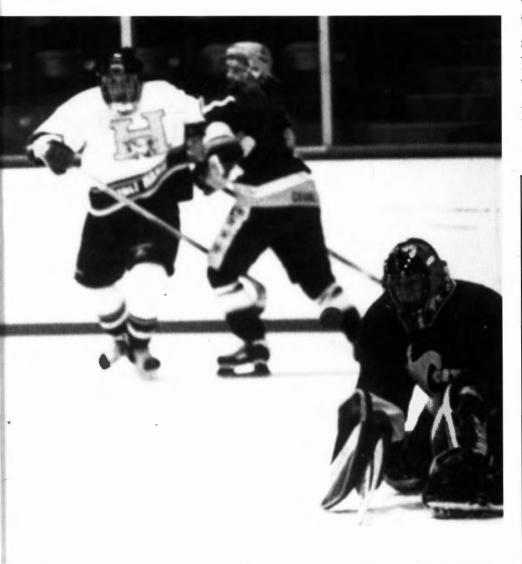
Defense

Ready on defense are Brian Woodward, Phil Rosenman and Nic Davis against Grand Ledge/Waverly at Munn Ice



Varsity Ice Hockey Team:

Top Row: Coach J. Laing, Mgr. R. Troisi, Asst. Coach S. Johnson, A. Wyble, M. Bett, J. Kelly, C. Mills, K. Avis, R. Owen, Asst. Coach J. Bungart, Asst. Coach J. Norris. Row 2: J. Bungart, B. Wood, L. Cole, C. MacDonald, M. Messer, T. Stoliker, C. Reynolds, T. Smith. Botton Row: J. Bloomquist, B. Woodward, J. Laing, N. Davis, P. Rosenman, D. Lively, C. VanStratt, K. Crouch.



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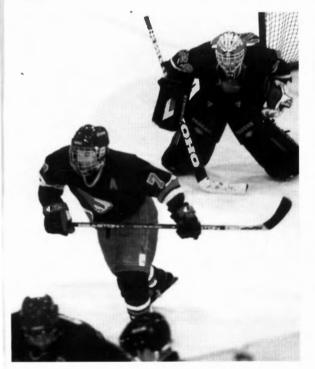
—Junior Damon Lively

Varsity Hockey

9 Wins, 13 Losses, 3 ties

East Grand Rapids		1-9
DeWitt	2-9,	3-3
LCC	4-7,	7-6
Carmen Ainsworth		7-1
Rockford		7-7
Dexter	1-5,	4-5
Grand Ledge/	1-10,	1-9
Waverly		
Flint Kearsley	0-10,	1-9
Traverse City	1	-10
Lincoln High		6-2
East Lansing	4-0,	6-2
Lapeer East		8-2
Okemos	3-3,	4-2
Howell		3-8
Hartland		6-5
Flushing		6-7
Districts:		
East Lansing		3-0
Gr. Ldge/Wav		3-9







Out for the Win

Playing center left wing for the Soo Hawks team is senior Lucas Drake (#7) in the Great Lakes Hockey League. The team played Little Caesars Midgets AAA and won 3-2.

Serious Hockey Player

Playing hockey since he was eight years old, senior Lucas Drake for the past two years played in the Great Lakes Hockey League for the Soo Hawks Midget Major AAA Hockey Team in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The team was tied for first place in the league at season end. Lucas played center left wing and was a starter for the team. Returning to Holt on April 1, Lucas graduated with his class after spending most of the year in Sault Ste. Marie. An avid hockey player, he met the challenge of being able to play his sport seriously and stay up in his classwork and graduate with his friends at Holt.

Competition, Fun

Team Up with Off Campus Sports

About five years ago, under friends." the leadership of Pat Beasley, the Bowling Club was created. Not too many people knew about the club, the coaches, or the student bowlers, but the Bowling team was looking for more publicity and awareness. Beasley has worked for the club and the Youth American Bowling Association (YABA) for 35 years. She was the YABA adviser and set up tournaments for the bowlers. She stated, "The Bowling Club is a good way for students to enjoy the competition of the game and have fun with all the new friends they meet." Pat loved working with the students and liked to see them improve. "I enjoy the excitement of students when they have beaten their goal," she stated.

Karen Pitts, the woman behind all the paper work, started this year as Holt's coach. "The motivating factor for my coaching the sport is the fun students have," she explained.

Bowling is a sport for all ages, and the Bowling Club encouraged everyone to learn to bowl. Senior Greg Hills, known as "Killer" with his average of 181, has been bowling for about six years. He stated, "I enjoy bowling and have met a lot of new

Sophomore Peter Casler who averaged 161 and bowled on one of Holt's two teams commented, "I joined the team to have fun and for the competiton of staying in first place." Senior Joe VanOort, also known as, "the train," just started club bowling this year and averaged 154. He joined because he found bowling "fun and relaxing."

The team also hoped to gain more recognition around school. Brett Bitterman suggested, "The scores of bowlers and outcomes of meets should be announced at school because we represent Holt just like all the other team sports do." Brett with an average of 159 helped his team work their way up to a top 10 placement.

There were a total of 24 teams that bowled Varsity and 16 teams for JV in the club. Holt's Team I was in 11th place while Holt's team II took over first place spot. The teams bowled every Monday and ended play on March 2. Much of the bowling that went on at centers was for fun. Many bowlers showed their school spirit by wearing gold shirts and dress pants. Competition and scores improved steadily for many of the bowlers over the course of the season.

Hiedi Schaffer



Bowling Club Members of the Bowling Club gather at Holiday Lanes for the last match of the year including: Peter Casler, Ryan Yuhasz, Brett Bitterman, Derek Hills, Joe VanOort, Greg Hills, Travis Hills, and Jeff Mazurek. Not Pictured: Hiedi Schaffer, Mark Mantyla.

Rollerhockey Team Finishes First in League

Despite a season record which seemed mediocre at best with 4-5-1, Holt's Rollerhockey team came out on top in the end. Facing tough competition in the playoffs, as well as an absence of skaters for the first two games, Holt won all three of their games to finish first in the league.

Holt was slated to play second seeded Everett Team I in the first round of the play-offs. During the regular season. Holt had lost to the Vikings 11-8, and the playoffs offered a chance for the Rams to redeem themselves. Not all the rivalry was on the rink, however. A conflict of interest occurred for Holt faculty member Bruce Kutney who had a son playing on the Everett team. It really didn't matter who Kutney rooted for, he won either way. In the end, he won with Holt 7-5, and Holt then moved to the second round of the play-offs.

The next round against Eastern proved much easier for the Rams who had beaten them 7-5 during the regular season. Holt defeated them easily 9-4, and the victory granted them a slot in the finals. Their opponent, Haslett, was seeded number 1 in the playoffs. Nothing could make the season more complete than to defeat Haslett when it really counted and that's exactly what Holt did this time with all of their players present. Down in the middle of the game, a goal by Matt Lonsberry put Holt back on top. That is where they stayed, to end 8-6 and Haslett in disbelief.

What was Holt's reward for defeating Haslett and ending the season with an overall record of 7-5-1? How did a tee-shirt from Apple Sportsplex sound? "I just wanted something free from this place!" was Ryan Cook's reply. The prize really wasn't what mattered, though, it was the victory it commemorated.

-Matt Lonsberry



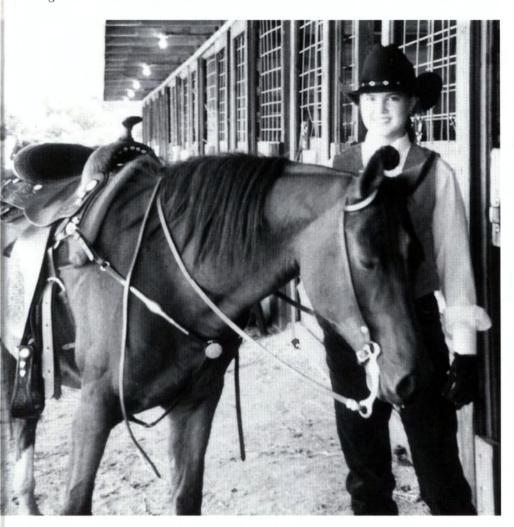


Le+'s 60!

Calling to his teammates to start a game of indoor soccer at the Soccerzone is sophomore Chuck Smith. Chuck also played on the JV Soccer team in the fall.

Horsewoman

Getting her horse, Snickers, ready for competition at a team meet at the Ingham County Fairgrounds is senior Alissa Holm.



Equestrians Place 4th in Competition

Enjoying a triumphant year with only a few returning riders, the Equestrian team was a rather new one. But they gave other schools a run for their money, showing good scores in every area. They ended up placing 4th in C Division competition. With only one senior leaving, Alissa Holm, the team felt they would be ready for next year. They felt their year-round practice would make the coming year even better.

—Lyndsay Cook

Saddle Up

Getting ready for an event at an Equestrian meet at the Ingham County Fairgrounds is junior Stephanie Pittman.





Staying in Shape

Making a shot is sophomore Trevor Hawks while sophomore Justin Troisi hopes for a chance to rebound in a game of indoor soccer at the Soccerzone.



Equestrian Team:

Posing for a team shot are Alissa Holm, Kelly Martin, Corey Martin, Stephanie Pittman and Melissa Foster at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, September 29 before a meet. The girls placed 4th in C Division competition for the season.

staying Power

Key Conference Wins

Bringing home a conference record of 10-4, and an overall record of 18-17, the Boys' Varsity Baseball team felt they played a respectable season. Senior Mike Laur commented, "We had a strong nucleus of seniors that showed great leadership throughout the year, and the underclassmen stepped up to the challenge of Varsity baseball. We all had great chemistry."

Responding well to pressure, the team started off winning both games of a doubleheader with Jackson. They then lost by a wide margin to Okemos in the first game, came back to tie in the second, and then split the third game with Grand Ledge.

Midseason they lost six of their next 11 games, won three and split with Everett and St. Johns. Though they let some games slip away from them, they came back to win the next 6 games, three of which were doubleheaders with Eastern, Waverly and Sexton. The pitching and hitting consistency improved and the team played well despite the weather. Team unity was higher. Mike Laur observed, "Everyone was more positive and we got along better than we did last year."

As for key players, Laur noted, "All of the starters did a great job so it's hard to pick one player. But Casey Adams' pitching kept us in a lot of games."

The breaks did not come at the end and they lost their last three games within a point or two to close the season. Though it was up and down, the team had come together for a winning season and won some tough conference games to give them a final 3rd place finish in the CAC. Earning All-CAC selections were Casey Adams, Outfield, Charlie Alana, Pitching and James Moreno, In-

1, 2, 3, Team

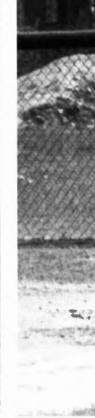
To keep the team spirit high the Varsity Baseball players huddle up before the double-header with Sexton. The Rams won both games 3-1 and 7-1.

Who's on First?

Warming up before the home game with Sexton is junior pitcher Joe Durfee.







Deep in Thought . . .

Assessing his team's play, Head Coach Mark Coscarella watches the game action against Sexton.





Who's on Deck? Waiting their turn to bat and keeping a close eye on the opposing pitcher is the Varsity Baseball team on home field.

Foul Ball

Taking a mighty chip at the pitch is senior center fielder Charlie Hayes in the doubleheader with Sexton. The Rams won both games 3-1 and 7-1.



"We had a strong nucleus of seniors that showed great leadership and the underclassmen stepped up to the challenge of Varsity Baseball. We all had great chemistry."

—Senior Mike Laur

Varsity Baseball

18 Wins, 17 Losses 10 Wins, 4 Losses CAC

Jackson	10-6, 9-7
Okemos	1-14, 2-2
Grand Ledge	11-3, 1-6
Portland	11-4
Ionia	10-7
East Lansing	
Everett	2-1, 10-14
Mason	7-9, 3-6
Wason	13-3
St. Joe	0-14
Southgate	7-8
DeLaSalle	6-15
Byron	11-5
Haslett	6-7, 14-3
St. Johns	4-6, 3-1
Eastern	10-8, 9-2
Waverly	4-2, 10-4
Sexton	3-1, 7-1
	14-15
Forest HIlls	1-3, 5-6
Alma	2-4
BC Central	0-11, 4-7
CAC	3rd

All-CAC Casey Adams, Outfield Charles Alana Pitching James Moreno, Infield

Varsity Baseball Team: Top Row: Coach Gates, K. Ballard, C. Alana, A. Viele, M. Laur, J. Baragar, S. Larner, J. Moreno, B. Looney, Coach M. Coscarella. Bottom Row: K. Allen, J. Valencic, J. VanOort, J. Durfee, K. Vondra, A. Page, D. Lambart. Front: C. Adams, C. Hayes.



Ball One . . . Using his keen eye, senior Casey Adams watches a low pitch go by. Casey played pitcher, as well as, left field for the Rams.



"Our team had just an outstanding season! Everyone had a big role to play. I will remember everything about it. I had a blast!"

-Sophomore Lindsay Kinder

Varsity Softball 23 Wins, 9 Losses

16-0,18-0 Williamston Byron 1-5 Morris 14-0 St. Johns 3-4,7-4 Bedford 1-4 Chelsea 6-9 Jackson 8-1,8-4 Grand Ledge 5-0.2-1 East Lansing 4-3,6-1 Okemos 0 - 1, 4 - 3Everett 5-6,11-7 LCC 1-2Eaton Rapids 9-8,19-1 Eastern 10-2,10-2 Sexton 10-0,10-2 Mason 6-1,16-0 Waverly 2-0,10-0 Haslett 11-5,1-8 Okemos 4-5 CAC 1st

All-CAC First Team

Jessica McCabe Stephanie Smiley Stephanie Smith

All-CAC Second Team

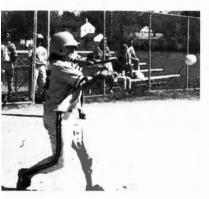
Kara Davis

Kasey Hagerman

Honorable Mention

Kristin Braid Meredith Schram





Aiming High

Roll with the unches

> With teammates on base sophomore Kristin Braid swings at a high ball hoping to bring runners home.



Lazy Days of Summer

Resting after their first win over Sexton in a doubleheader is the Varsity Softball team.



Headin' Home

Running from third for the score is sophomore Kara Davis. The team beat Sexton 10-0 and 10-2 in doubleheader play.

Good Sportsmanship

Greeting the umpire before a home game against Sexton are senior Captains Stephanie Smiley and Jessie McCabe. The team shut out the Big Reds in a doubleheader, 10-0 and 10-2. Both Stephanie and Jessie earned All-CAC First Team honors.

Curve Ball

Pitching to a Sexton player is junior Meredith Schram. Meredith earned an Honorable Mention for her season.



Varsity Softball Team:

Top Row: K. Braid, K. McNamara, S. Smith, N. Picken, K. Davis, K. Hagerman, A. Shippy, B. Parish. Row 2: Asst. Coach K. Reichard, K. Trimmer, M. Schram, A. Lawrence, C. Doerr, L. Anderson, L. Kinder, Head Coach P. Somers Bottom Row: Captains S. Smiley, J. McCabe.

ame Stealers

Team Racks Up Wins, Takes CAC Title

With the goal of "more wins than loses and to just have fun,' the Girls' Varsity Softball team went above and beyond, by beating longtime rival Grand Ledge and winning the CAC Championship. The girls were more then happy with their performance.

They started their season off on shaky ground, with 4 wins and 4 losses. Jessie McCabe stated early in the season, "We had a strong team last year and we knew it would be hard to replace, but it just takes a while to get used to a new team." Senior Stephanie Smiley assessed, "We were a bit young and inexperienced, but once we had a few games under our belt we were fine. I thought we would be contenders for the CAC title."

Basically that is what came to pass as the girls won their big conference doubleheader games against Jackson, Grand Ledge and East Lansing, split with tough teams Okemos and Everett, and then went on to win both games of the next five doubleheaders against Eaton Rapids, Eastern, Sexton, Mason and Waverly, losing only once to LCC and splitting with Haslett. It was a season of winning big games against tough competition, but the girls capitalized on their strengths and worked on their weaknesses.

Junior Cherraline Doerr noted, We worked together and put in a team effort. At the beginning we were weak on offense, but it improved." Sophomore Lindsay Kinder added "Our main strength was our defense and a weakness was our on and off hitting. But it came around." Sophomore Stephanie Smith agreed, "Our weakness was our hitting. It wasn't bad, just inconsistent from game to game. But we were mentally strong as the season went on and we worked well together."

When it came down to key players, a number of people mentioned senior Captain and catcher Stephanie Smiley. Sophomore Kara Davis noted, "She was the backbone of the team with experience and leadership. We all looked up to her." Sophomore Kristin Braid understudy for her catcher position shared, "Stephanie does stand out. Being a catcher myself, I've learned so much from her. It's going to be hard filling her shoes behind the plate next year, if I catch."

Through the pressure of becoming number one, the girls still managed to keep their cool and have a good time. Cherraline Doerr remembered eating at Fazzolli's after a game and having the whole team get in trouble for being too loud, even the coaches.

The team also agreed that there was a lot of team effort. Only having two returning seniors was thought to be a problem early on, but with the success they had and almost an entire returning team next year, the team looked for another great season.

-Jessica Heeg



Strike 1 . . .

Throwing a strike to catcher Stephanie Smiley is junior Meredith Schram in the home game against Sexton.



Winding Up

Pitching the ball to his Grand Ledge opponent in a home game is a JV Baseball player.





JV Softball Team:

Alphabetical: T. Conway, M. Dennis, J. Esper, M. Harnett, J. Hughes, T. Ireland, L. Luedtke, M. McDonald, N. Mulvaney, L. Richter, A. Sutton, J. Switzer, T. Van Every, E. Viele.

Over the Fence

Swinging strong at the pitch is a JV Softball player in a home game.



Safe on Third

Sliding into third in a home game is JV player Tonia VanEvery.



Record Season

JV Baseball Team Mercies Opponents

The JV Baseball team took second in the CAC with a record of 22 wins and 4 losses and 12-2 in the conference. Some major accomplishments of the team were winning the Holt Invitational and more than 20 games during the season.

Let it Fly

man

Taking his turn

at bat is fresh-

Moreno in a

home game

against Grand

Ledge. The JV

Baseball team went on to lose

the double-

Home Free

On the straight-

way home to

score is a JV

Softball player

in a home

game, while a teammate

rounds the

bend of third

base.

header.

Mike

At first they had a hard time buckling down and being serious. Sophomore Eric Wolfe reveled, "Our major team weakness was that we were always joking around a lot." He commented on the most hilarious moment of the season as "when Coach Barker was joking around with sophomore Mike Reid and he put Mike in a headlock. Coach Vowels thought that Baker was serious, and he ran over there screaming John! John! We all started laughing."

The team won their first 14 games and mercied 12 teams. The overall team batting average was .402. Some individual highlights were sophomore Matt Dodson scoring 42 runs and

stealing 33 bases. Freshman Mike Moreno had a batting average of .515 and sophomore Nate Potts had an average of .507. Also, Scott Allen won 8 games on the pitching mound. Coach Vaughn Vowels commented, "Everyone contributed to our overall success. This was a true team that dreamed big, played big and rarely let up." The team's motto was, "Just taking care of business." And that is exactly what this team did.

This was the last year for Coach Vowels to be the head coach for the Rams. He started coaching in 1995. In his four years, his over-all record was 75 wins and 20 losses. In the CAC he had 45 wins and only 6 losses. His record reflected his dedication to the game.

All the players felt their season was truly a great one. They scored 289 runs and only gave up 87. They all felt they had achieved much to be proud of.

-Keisha Vowels

"Everyone contributed to our overall success. This was a true team that dreamed big, played big and rarely let up."

—Coach Vaughn Vowels

JV Baseball

22 Wins, 4 Losses

Williamston	23-1, 13-4
St. Johns	8-6, 6-3
Eastern	23-0, 5-4
Waverly	13-3, 14-3
Sexton	19-0, 22-0
Jackson	20-2, 13-3
Okemos	6-7, 9-4
Grand Ledge	5-15, 5-10
East Lansing	4-2, 4-2
Everett	15-0, 14-4
Mason	12-2, 8-2
BC Central	9-4, 2-4
Holt Invit.	1st

JV Softball

22 Wins, 1 Loss

St. Johns	11-5, 14-6
Jackson	24-0, 14-0
Grand Ledge	1-2,
East Lansing	10-2, 16-6
Okemos	10-3, 13-6
Everett	18-1, 16-1
Eaton Rapids	16-0, 11-1
Eastern	14-2, 17-0
Sexton	14-0, 11-1
Mason	11-6, 15-0
Waverly	11-1, 16-0
Haslett	13-3, 15-0

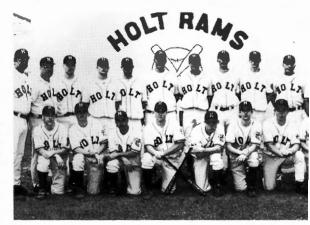






Way to Go

At an inning change, coaches provide a boost of spirit to the JV Baseball players before going to bat against Grand Ledge.



JV Baseball Team:

Top Row: Coach R. Potts, Coach V. Vowels, K. Wheeler, N. Vandlen, N. Potts, B. Lipp, E. Wolfe, A. Watters, Coach T. Picken, Coach A. Hamilton, Coach J. Barker. **Bottom Row:** M. Nugent, M. Moreno, M. Dodson, M. Ried, B. Levondosky, A. Wyble, T. Babcock, J. Wise.

"The highlight of the season was being District champions and Regional runner-ups."

—Senior Keisha Vowels

Varsity Soccer

14 Wins, 5 Losses, 2 ties Eaton Rapids 0 - 22-3 East Lansing 1-2,3-2 St. Johns Jackson 3-0, 3-1 LCC 1-1 Marshall 2-0 Haslett 2-0, 0-2Waverly 2-1, 3-0 Grand Ledge 2-0DeWitt 1-0 BC Lakeview 3 - 2Jackson CW 3 - 1Williamston 1 - 1BC Central 2-1 Okemos 3-0 Holland W. Ottawa 2-0 Portage Northern 1-3 CAC 3rd Districts 1st Regionals 2nd All-MMCAWL-First Team

> Erin Kleiman, Gretchen Kleiman Jenny Savage **Second Team**

Angelica Garcia, Shana Mills

Third Team

Joan Anderson Danyelle Smythe



Control

runches

Shielding the ball from her Williamston opponent is senior Keisha Vowels under the lights on Senior Night. Keisha shared, "This year was really special for me because all of the seniors were really close and we had played together for almost 10 years.'

You Don't Have It!

Shielding a defender away from the ball is senior Tri-Captain Jenny Tunney. She recalled, "There was a lot of team spirit this season."







Varsity Soccer Team:

Top Row: Head Coach D. Pipkins, Coach D. Hornak, A. Jenkins, S. Falco, D. Smythe, M. Lamb, G. Kleiman, J. Anderson, C. Morrissey, S. Mills, E. Rosenman, A. Marcum, Mgrs. R. Savage, J. Lazar. Bottom Row: J. Savage, K. Vowels, J. Tunney, E. Kleiman, S. Brody, K. Kamm, A. Garcia, Mgr. C. Smith.



Victory! Posing with their District trophy is the Girls' Varsity Soccer team.



Mid-Field Conference

Pregame greetings are made between Ram Tri-Captains, Jenny Savage, Erin Kleiman and Kelly Kamm and their Williamston opponents. The girls tied the game 1-1.

On the Move

On Senior Night at Troost Field against Williamston, senior Tri-Captain Jenny Savage dribbles the ball up the middle. She reminisced, "We played with a lot of heart throughout the season taking us to the Regional finals. I was proud to be tri-captain of such a great





Together We Stand Warming up for their game against Williamston is the JV Soccer team.

Girls' JV Soccer Team:

Top Row: Head Coach D. Pipkins, Coach D. Hornak, T. Bowser, M. Foster. J. North. A. Ellis, A. Brewer, A. Green, L. Harris, J. Benson, K. Janetzke, Mgrs. C. Smith, J. Lazar. Bottom Row: A. Krkau, W. Graham, Cardinal, K Dickinson, J. Hartley, C. Abbot, S. Mazzoni, Mgr. R. Savage. Front: K. Sheehan



igh Achievers

District Champs Advance to Regionals

The season was a turning point for Holt Girls' Soccer. They did so many things in one season that had never been done in the program before. They started off with a tough loss to East Lansing, but the score was 3-2 and this was the first time Holt ever scored against them. They went on to score 14 wins as opposed to 8 which was the most the soccer team ever had in a season.

In the District Tournament they played Okemos in the second round and won 3-0. It was not only the first time that Holt beat Okemos, but that they also advanced to the championship game. Holt won the district final against Jackson and advanced to the Regional Tournament. They won their first game against Holland West Ottawa, and advanced to the championship game. They lost a hard one to Portage Northern, but Regional Runner-up wasn't anything to complain about. In short, the Girls Varsity Soccer team had a record breaking year with 14 wins, 5 losses, and 2 ties, not to mention a district championship.

The season was very special to all the girls, but especially the seniors. Jenny Tunney commented, "We have played together since we were in elementary school

and we knew that when we were seniors we would be awesome! We succeeded. We had the best season in the history of Holt Girls Varsity Soccer!"

There were obviously many highlights, and every player could name a different one. Sophomore Shana Mills recalled, "A major highlight for me was when we only lost to East Lansing 3-2." Senior Angelica Garcia felt, "Having a winning season my senior year was the highlight." Sophomore Joan Anderson stated, "The eight game winning streak in the middle of the season, after losing the first three games was a highlight." Senior Jenny Tunney remembered, "Beating Haslett was very exciting, but, the best was beating St. Johns. We were much better than them, but we lost to them the past three years. We played them early in the season and lost to them in a close game. We finally beat them when Keisha Vowels put in the game-winning goal in double overtime!"

The season will go down in history as a storybook one for these girls. They couldn't have asked for much more, except maybe a state championship trophy, and they were only three games away from that.

-Keisha Vowels





Time to Spare Trapping the ball just outside the box is JV Tri-Captain sophomore Anna Green.

Off and Running Dribbling downfield is Varsity player Danielle Smythe against Williamston.

ps and Downs

Win Some, Lose Some Season

The Boys' Varsity Track team had a tradition of being strong and competitive in the conference, and this year they got a run for their money ending in the middle of the CAC with a fourth place overall. The team had strong long and short distance runners. Junior Ken Day noted, "DeJuan Parker and Evan Wilson were probably our top sprinters. As for long distance, Travis Spitz, B.J. Garland and Doug Harger were our best."

The season play was up and down. In the first meet against East Lansing and Waverly, the Rams beat the Warriors 99-63 but fell to the Trojans. Again in the second meet the team lost to Sexton, but crushed Everett 108-55. At the Mason Invitational they placed 5th which they were later to do at the CAC meet. In the last three meets they shut out Jackson 103.5-58.5, and in the final meet lost to Grand Ledge, but beat Eastern.

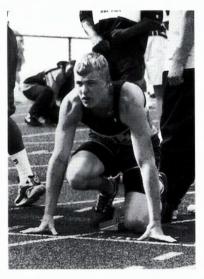
The goal was to win CAC's of which they fell short, but many players had personal goals. Long distance runner B.J. Garland stated, "My goal this year was to break the school record in the 800m set by Bill Stone in 1981. It was a time of 1:53." Ken Day also shared, "My goals were perfect times in low and high hurdles and to be one of the best in the league."

In the field events strong competitors were junior Jeff Beard in discus, junior Cedric Ford in shot put and senior Chad Johnson in pole vault. Cedric commented, "Last year I placed well at CAC's and planned to do even better this year. God didn't want me to be a runner!"

For many of the runners, the best part of track wasn't just winning. Senior Randall Emery stated, "If I can run a 5:01 mile, then I can surely run it in 4:59, It's all mental and that's why I run. It's what makes it for me.' According to Cedric, a bonus was "going to meets with friends and meeting girls from other schools." And DeJuan Parker put it in perspective as he concluded, "Track was fun. The competition gave you something to work for. The team unity was great too. We had fun, practiced and competed at the same time."

-Lyndsay Cook







On Your Mark . . .

In the starting position for the 100 Meter race is freshman Jeremy Doerr.

Ready, Set ...

Ready and waiting for the take-off in a sprint is junior DeJuan Parker on the Sexton Track during CAC's.

60

At the take-off of his relay event is senior Doug Harger at the CAC meet. Doug went on to compete at States and also ran Cross Country.





Leaping Lizards

Soaring high and far is junior Ed Ewald in the Long Jump event at Sexton during the CAC meet.

Reach out

Handing off to senior Randall Emery in a relay event is junior Travis Spitz in the CAC meet.



Talking to the trainer before his event is senior Chad Johnson during CAC's





"If I can run a 5:01 mile, then I can surely run it in 4:59. It's all mental and that's why I run. It's what makes it for me."

—Senior Randall Emery

Boys' Varsity **Track**

4 Wins, 3 Losses

East Lansing 99-110 Waverly 50-63 77.5-55 Everett Sexton 108-89.5 Jackson 103.5-58.5 94-115 Grand Ledge Eastern 52-72 Mason Invit. 5th CAC Meet 5th

CAC Overall

Boys' Varsity Track Team:: Top Row: Coach Campbell, J. Beard, S. Stuible, N. Wiggington, N. MacDonald, B.J. Garland, J. Doerr, Coach T. Green, Coach J. Gillett. Row 2: D. Harney, C. Ford, M. Reich, B. Rook, D. Beard, D. Vowels. **Row 3:** J. Detmers, A. DeRosa, D. Parker, R. Emery, M. McGarry, E. Ewald. Bottom Row: S. Kelly, C. Johnson, E. Wilson, K. Smith, R. Pulido, R. Strayer, A. DeWitt, R. Allen, D. Harger.

4th



Warming Up Practicing for his Shot Put event at the CAC meet is

junior Jeff Beard.



Boys' Varsity Track

eterans Work Overtime

New Talent Gains Experience

Hard work and dedication may not have been enough for the Girls' Track team to place well in the CAC meet this year. Although the girls' gave it their all, they ended up placing in the middle of the conference down from previous seasons. The main reason veteran team members pointed to was youth and inexperience. Senior Pam Smith explained, "Many of the girls that ran last year did not run this year so we lost a lot of experience. But a lot of younger talent joined the team and that helped.

The team tried to rebuild with the younger talent to maintain the tradition of placing well in the CAC and Regional meets. Their training goals were to work hard all week and especially on the weekends. All the Girls' had specific goals in mind and times they wanted to improve on. Senior Angela Hettinger commented, "I wanted to break 13:30 in the two mile and 6:00 in the mile run.'

Their biggest rival decidedly was Grand Ledge as it had always been in past years. Senior Shawna Lyons stated, "Grand Ledge was probably our greatest rival because they were a very competitive and strong team." Senior Kendra Horstman agreed,

"We defeated Grand Ledge in Cross Country and so I think they were our greatest rival." Some of the girls also pointed to Waverly as being a perennial rival, and as a team which had also lost some seniors.

The girls' placed well at Regionals with seniors Altramese Roberts taking first place, Alison Fowlks placing seventh, and Kendra Horstman at tenth in the two mile run. "The key players were Mese for shot put and discus, and Kendra Horstman, Pam Smith and the whole distance team," stated senior Angela Hettinger. Senior Pam Smith also identified Kendra and noted, "She really worked hard, improved a lot and was an asset for the long distance team."

The team was coached by Jack Rarick and distance coach Dave Foy who also coached the Girls' Cross Country team. "Mr. Foy did a great job coaching the distance team. He was always encouraging and came to every meet to reassure us," recalled Kendra who also ran on the Cross Country team. In the end, the girls worked hard and tried to fill in the gaps. It was a year to build experience and for the veterans to work overtime.

—Robyn Barker

Endurance

Good Job! Congratulating their daughter

senior Altramese after her CAC

event are Mr. and

Mrs. Roberts.

Altramese placed

at States and

won the Walt

Pawlowski Ram

Booster Club

Scholarship for

her efforts.

Competing in the 4 x 4 relay event at the CAC meet is sophomore Melissa







Hand Off

Giving the baton to her relay partner, Melissa Bates, in the CAC meet is sophomore Danielle Clugston.





Flying Leap

Competing in the Long Jump event at CAC's is junior Katie Sohn.

With a

View

Enjoying the CAC meet from Sexton the bleachers is Linda Crockett.



"Many of the girls that ran last year did not run this year so we lost a lot of experience. But a lot of younger talent joined the team and that helped."

—Senior Pam Smith

Girls' Varsity Track

3 Wins, 4 Losses

CAC Overall 4th State Meet 15th

Mese Roberts 1st Discus,

1st Shot Put

Alison Fowlks 2nd Discus

3rd Shot Put

Angela Acker 2nd Pole Vault

4th 3200 M Relay Shawna Lyons,

Danielle Clugston, Melissa Bates, Emily Freeman

Kendra Horstman 5th 3200 M Run 6th 1600 M Run

5th 1600 M Run Danielle Clugston Melissa Bates, Devon Dowling Amanda Totterdale Roll with the Punch

Ge+ Focused

In deep concentration before her Pole Vault event is junior Megan Abbott during the CAC meet at Sexton.

Girls' Varsity Track

Top Row: Coach J. Rarick, L. Smith, J. Bowker, K. Brown, J. Lindley, J. Hoverman, A. Feguer, J. McArdle, K. Stuible, A. Filo. Row 2: M. Al-Ayoubi, S. Shaft, J. McLeod, L. Crockett, B. Lamphier, K. Sohn, N. Roberts, A. Reich, K. Boomershine. Row 3: J. Branam, A. Hettinger, T. Templin, D. Clugston, E. Briggs, S. Delaney, M. Bates, A. Acker, M. Abbott. Bottom Row: A. Montie, C. Corr, A. Totterdale, A. Roberts, A. Fowlks, P. Smith, S. Lyons, K. Horstman, A. Hettinger, M. Ortega, E. Freeman.



Heave Ho ...

Putting all her thrust behind her throw in the Shot Put event is senior Alison Fowlks during the CAC meet at Sexton.



ajor Climb

Players Make It to States

The Boys' Varsity Tennis team came a long way from March, until May. What started out to be a slow season, ended with an 8-3-1 record in regular season dual meet play.

The team started out with a 1-1-1 record after the first three matches. It didn't look good. Even so, the team had a positive attitude and high hopes of making it all the way to States. The state competition was to be held in Midland, so the team had the coordinates (latitude, longitude and elevation) of Midland printed on the back of their team shirts to keep their goal in mind. It worked because a team which started out heading for the middle to bottom of the CAC ended up with a third place finish, and a chance at Regionals and States.

The key to the team's success was hard work on the part of the players as well as the coaches. "Coach Chuck Hill really worked hard with all of the doubles," stated Head Coach Mike Smith. "They were pretty weak in the beginning, but they all improved to carry the team through."

After CAC's, the team prepared for Regionals. It was their chance to accomplish their goal of advancing to States as the top two teams at Regionals advanced to State competition. The pressure was on.

At Regionals, singles player Dave Eagle made it to the finals, as did first doubles, Jason Becker and Ryan Anderson; second doubles, Phil Rosenman and Andy Gamet; and third doubles Lucas Drake and Adam Craig. The team finished second in Regional competition which took them to States. They had accomplished their goal.

State competition was held on May 29. Dave Eagle won his match in the first round and the second doubles team of Rosenman and Gamet won their first match as well, and went all the way to take first place in the state. It was the first time in 25 years that a tennis team from Holt advanced to States. Hard work, determination and the vision really paid off for the team.

-Sonya McClane

Any Time Now ...

Waiting for the volley from Mason is senior Lucas Drake on home court in mid-spring. The doubles team of Drake and Adam Craig qualified at Regionals for State competition

Position Yourself

Dropping back for the ball and anticipating the return is junior David Eagle in the match against Mason. At Regionals David made it to the finals and qualified for State comeptition.





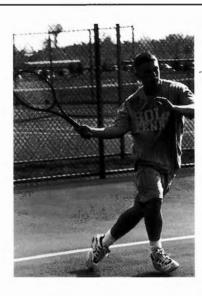


Easy Swing

Slamming a forehand to his Mason opponent is junior Ryan Anderson on home court. The 1st doubles team of Anderson and Becker qualified in Regional competition for States.

Eyes on the Ball

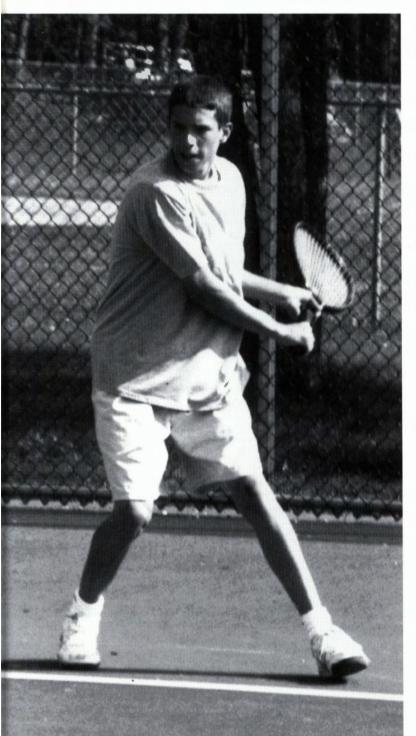
Waiting for the return from the Mason side of the court is senior Andy Gamet. The second doubles team of Gamet and Rosenman ended up in first place in state competition.







Boys' JV Tennis Team: Top Row: B. Elmore, J. Burt, M. Reamer, Coach S. Somers. Bottom Row: N. McVeigh, C. Baum, J. Fields, D. Ngo.



Strong Backhand

Returning the volley against Mason is freshman Adam Vanlerberghe. The Rams won the match over the Bulldogs 5-3.

"Coach Chuck Hill really worked hard with all of the doubles players. They were pretty weak in the beginning, but they all improved to carry the team through."

—Coach Mike Smith

Boys' Varsity Tennis

8 Wins, 3 Losses, 1 tie

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

All-CAC 2nd Team

David Eagle

All-State-1st Place **Doubles**

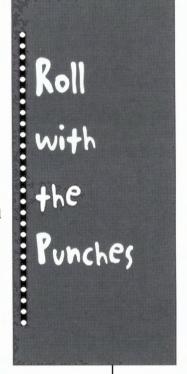
Andrew Gamet Phil Rosenman

State Qualifiers

David Eagle, Singles Doubles:

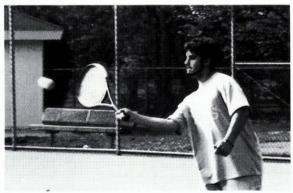
> Ryan Anderson Jason Becker

Adam Craig Lucas Drake





Boys' Varsity Tennis Team: Top Row: Head Coach M. Smith, A. Craig, B. Rogers, D. Eagle, T. Snyder, R. Anderson, A. Vanlerberghe, Coach C. Hill. **Bottom Row:** T. Hurlburt, A. Gamet, S. Walsh, L. Drake, D. Reinecke, B. Manning, J. Becker, M. Hill.



Power Hi+... Putting energy in his volley with a Mason opponent is senior Tim Hurlburt in a home match, while junior Bryant Manning returns the ball to Mason.



C omeback Kids

Boys Take CAC Title, Girls Fall Short

The Boys' Golf team jump started their season with five straight wins against Jackson, Eastern, Everett, and Grand Ledge, putting themselves in the chase for the CAC crown.

"At the beginning of the season we felt we could win the CAC," senior Mark Arnold stated, "but we had to beat East Lansing and Grand Ledge in order to be contenders. That was our goal."

Throughout the season, the Rams had only a few minor setbacks. They lost a close meet to Waverly 162-160, but soon regained their form by winning six out of their next eight matches. The team stormed into the postseason with an 11-3 record, and a legitimate chance at winning the CAC title. Tied for second with Grand Ledge, and behind East Lansing in first, the CAC meet went down to the wire. But junior Josh Valencic pulled through for the Rams shooting a 76 and pushing the Rams ahead of the Comets and Trojans to bring the first place trophy back to Holt. The team didn't fare as well in Regionals placing fifth with a team score of 325.

Expectations for the team at the beginning of the season were low and not many critics thought the Rams were capable of winning the CAC title. But the boys ended up being the comeback kids and winning it all, shocking all of the other CAC schools.

For the first year in some time, the Girl's Varsity Golf team did not start their season in the snow or rain. Sophomore Kendra Greene remarked, "We traded in our gortex rain suits for shorts and T-shirts." With the weather in their favor, the only hold back was the inexperience of the team. They started with only three returning seniors plus key players Amber Franklin, Jessica Swan and Cori Bayes who was injured early in the season and was unable to finish. The team consisted of many underclassmen, only ensuring a stronger team in the upcoming years.

The team started out strong defeating Eastern, Everett, Waverly, and Jackson within the first three weeks. This gave the team confidence that they could possibly beat rivals, East Lansing and Grand Ledge. To their disappointment, they lost close matches to both teams, causing them to enter CAC's in 3rd place. Playing a challenging course at Forest Acres West, the girls lost to Waverly and Eastern, teams they had already once easily beaten. They tied for 4th at CAC's. One factor that seemed to keep the spirit high was the reasurrence and understanding of their coach. Junior Brooke Reich felt, "Mrs. Bredin's support and friendship really helped the team."

-Joey Warren, Jessica Heeg

A Few Pointers

Helping freshman Andy Stewart with his game before the Regional meet is Coach Bill Dowell on the El Dorado

Practice Makes Perfect

Practicing for Regionals at El Dorado is junior Josh Valencic. "I was proud of how the season went. It was the best vear of my high school golf career. I look forward to next season and another chance to bring home the CAC and maybe the State title, he claimed.







Take Aim

Practicing for Regionals is senior Greg Hills at El Dorado.

Waiting, Watching

Finishing her swing and seeing where her ball lands is sophomore Anntrina Hope during the match with Everett at Chisolm Hills.





Easy Does I+ Making her putt

during the Everett match is junior Josephine Dunham. The match was held at Chisolm Hills.





Steady ...

Dropping it for the score against Everett at Chisolm Hills is senior Jessica Swan. She commented, "I really enjoyed golfing this year because the weather was so great.'

"At the beginning of the season we felt we could win the CAC title, but we had to beat East Lansing and Grand Ledge in order to be contenders. That was our goal."

-Senior Mark Arnold

Boys' Varsity Golf

11 Wins, 3 Losses

Jackson 314-329

Eastern 314-338 Everett 314-335,319-340

Grand Ledge 162-164

319-329

Waverly 162-160,319-329

320-320 Jackson

won tie breaker 320-351

Eastern East Lansing 328-314

335-313

Sexton 328-362,335-346 CAC 1st

5th Regionals

All-CAC 1st Team

Josh Valencic, Mike Comer

All-CAC 2nd Team

Mark Arnold

Girls' Varsity Golf

13 Wins, 8 Losses CAC 5th

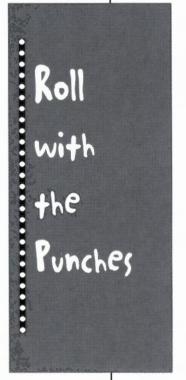
All-CAC 1st Team

Jessica Swan

All-CAC

Honorable Mention

Brooke Reich Brandy McDowell Melissa Swanson





Girls' Varsity Golf Team: Top Row: Head Coach N. Bredin, R. Cole, E. Doss, M. Swanson, B. McDowell. Row 2: S. Doerr, L. Eisenach, Asst. Coach Bredin. Row 3: K. Laur, A. Hope, B. Wilcox, M. Brown, M. Mazuca, B. Cain, A. Miller, K. Green. Bottom Row: E. Tepastte, B. Reich, J. Dunham, J. Kolmos, J. Maloney. Front: A. Franklin, J. Swan.



Boys Varsity Golf Team: Top Row: R. Yuhasz, N. Davis, A. Craig, A. Vanlerberghe, M. Comer, D. Seehase, E. Ewald, M. Dikeman. Row 2: D. Hills, J. Valencic, B. Bitterman, S. Corr, L. Alberts, M. Arnold, G. Hills, J. Hartford, Coach B. Dowell. Bottom Row: A. Tews, P. Shoemaker, J. Beck, M. Hill, A. Stewart, M. Reamer.

Never a Dull Moment



Checkmate

Enjoying a game of chess during Activity hour is junior Mark Girdwood. The Chess Club was popular with students who wanted a fun activity to go to on Wednesday afternoons.

Fun with a purpose described the various club agendas and extracurricular activities. Meetings were not times to goof off but to plan, work or practice. The Forensics Team got down to business and 'turned heads'

at tournaments. The Debate Team traveled to Harvard to compete nationally. NHS members did their full range of community service projects, but were disappointed with the cancellation of the Blood Drive. The Rampages worked with a larger, more diverse staff which created a more challenging and interesting year. The Chess Club grew in number as students took the opportunity to play a mind game or two and have fun during Activity hours. The Jazz Band led by Tim Parry kicked back and enjoyed

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Burning Midnight Oil

Putting in last minute prep time before State Science Olympiad Competition are Tonia VanEvery and Coach Mary Kay Boulanger. Practice paid off as the group placed 4th in the State.

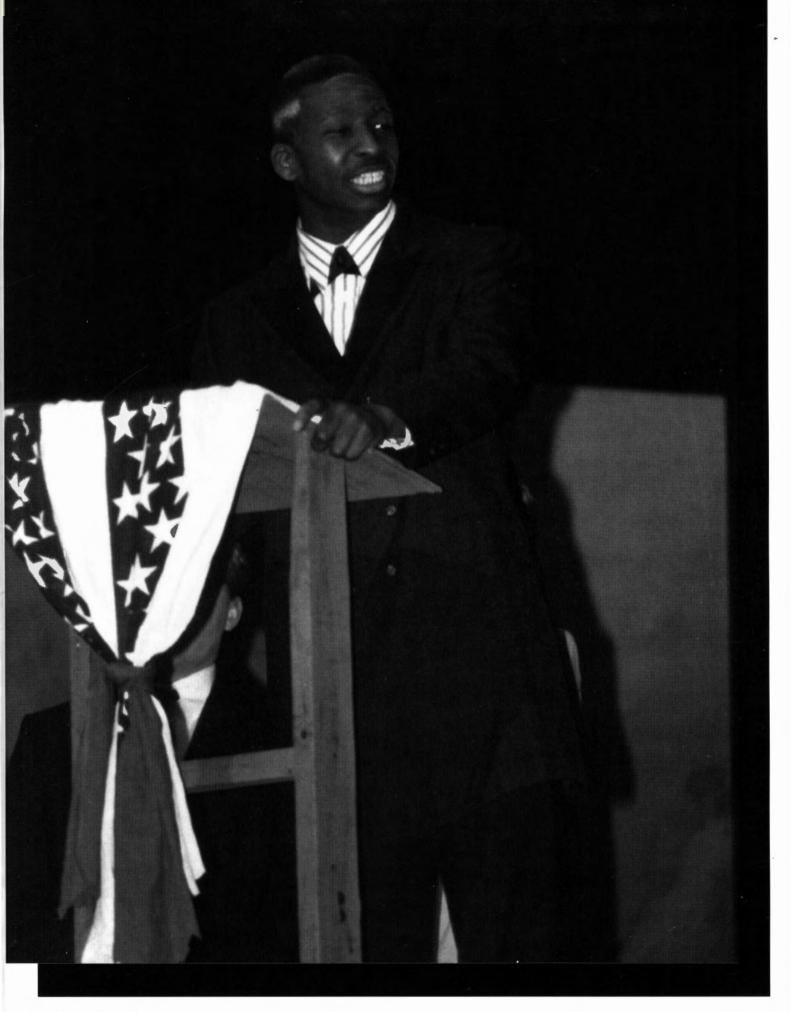


Listen Up

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A-Bomb Revival

Launching into a revivalist-style speech to whip the citizens of Dogpatch into excitement at having an A-bomb dropped on their town is Senator Jack E. Phogbound played by senior Aaron Bolden in the Spring Musical, *Li'l Abner*. Aaron also kept busy in NHS projects and PAL's.

get it right

It was pinata time in Spanish class and juniors Danielle Smythe and Joe Durfee assemble theirs. The pinatas were then distributed to the children's wards of local hospitals at the holiday season.

it's here

Teaching sophomore Joan Anderson is German teacher Caryn Dvorak. She also worked with the German Club and replaced Rosie Peters who was on leave spring semester.









Singing at a senior citizen home are members of the German club at Christmas time. Junior Melissa Meyers commented, "Singing for the senior citizens was really fun!"



Traveling to Chicago's Art Institute to see the Renior exhibition are French Club students Eric Knetchges Suzanne Shunn, Kim Sharpe, Ann Janette Weaver, and Amy Fessenden. They also stopped at the Shedd Aquarium along the way on the November trip.



parlez-vous français?

During a Wednesday Activity hour French Club members meet in the cafeteria. The usual meeting was full of surprises. Students played games, celebrated Mardi Gras and planned trips. President Andrea McCulloh added, "French Club always had food too!"





"It's interesting to learn about another culture and be able to say I'm bilingual. If I ever visit Spain or Mexico, I'll have a clue about what's going on. I also like to speak Spanish with my buddies after school."

—Senior Melissa Brown

more than **Speak** the language

German, Spanish, and French were the choices for foreign language study at Holt and if students wanted to go the extra step they could join the French, Spanish, or German Clubs. "We joined French Club because we're in French class and we got to sample French food at every Activity period," commented juniors Nick Wiggionton and Matt Hill. Junior Jessie Slater explained, "I am in Spanish Club because I enjoy speaking the language and learning about the culture. I also enjoy things they do like La Fiesta!"

Students liked to participate in the various activities. French Club played bingo, created paper masks for Mardi Gras, and voted for the winners of a French poster contest. But students especially liked to try different French foods. The Club also organized trips to Chicago, Toronto, and tried to get a trip to New York to see the play, The Scarlet Pimpernel or Les Miserables.

Also planning trips were members of the German Club. summer months German students traveled to Germany for the biennial three week exchange with the Elsa-Brandstrom Gymnasium in Munich. They then hosted 20 German exchange students from Munich in the fall. Students also planned a one-day trip to Frankenmuth and went Christmas caroling at two Holt senior citizen homes. They attended a dinner and dance to celebrate Fasching (Mardi Gras) at the Lansing Liederkranz Club and German weekend at Michigan State University. Junior Melissa Meyers admitted, "I like the older German music and food. It's neat to see what the German culture is like compared to American life."

There were many reasons for joining a foreign language club. Senior Melissa Brown noted, "It's interesting to learn about another culture and be able to say I'm bilingual. If I ever visit Spain or Mexico I'll have a clue about what's going on. Also I like to speak Spanish with my buddies after school." For others, it was a chance to try something new. "This year I was the vice-president of French Club and I like being active in something. The food and the people were great, not to mention the fun activities," stated junior Tiffany Bowser. Junior Rob Waddell added, "I joined German Club. I'm not sure why, I just jumped on the bandwagon."

There were many benefits of studying a different culture. "German is an old, interesting language and great German musicians and authors have shaped our own

culture." reflected junior Katie Sohn. Senior Laura Russel stated, "I thought it would be important to know another language and it's interesting to learn about another culture. It's fun to be able to say things in another language." Junior Andrea McCulloh, President of French Club theorized, "People join French Club because the French culture is very interesting, and the fact that everyone enjoys themselves at the meetings where there is always something to eat." Students found joining a club was rewarding and could help broaden their views of another culture.

smile!

McDonald's was the scene for German Club students after a day of Christmas caroling at senior citizen homes.

—Elizabeth Rehfuss

"The highlight of the season for me was watching a group of sophomores design, build, and run their event, Mission Possible, and get a near-perfect score of 670 out of 690 points for a first place." "

—Coach Dave Hildebrandt

no Sci-Fi here

The basic building blocks of our society-invention, creativity and imagination were drawn upon by the Science Olympiad team to challenge and hopefully create new ways of thinking. Using these fundamentals, they hoped to improve and make something better. The year provided familiar projects

along with new challenges.

'We began practices in November and competed in early spring at Regionals. We practiced well beyond normal school hours," explained Coach Dave Hildebrandt. The team was composed of Michael Andrick, Dave Bajor, John Graham, Elina Viele, Megan Kelly, Eric Braid, Nick Saraiva, Suzanne Shunn, Holly Rotman, Tonia VanEvery, Liza Rosenmann, Brandon Rodgers, Mike Darly, Mike Ewen, Shana Mills, and Donald Ngo. They took great pride in their work which overall took fourth place in the State. "Competing with close to six hundred teams at all levels state-wide, Holt did very well in individual event competition," reported Coach Mary Kay Boulanger.

They earned a fourth place rank in Scrambler and Tower Building, a third place in Pentathlon and Water Quality, a second place in Experimental Design and first place in Redesigner Genes and Polymer Detectives. "The highlight of the season for me was watching a group of sophomores design, build, and run their event, Mission Possible, and get a near-perfect score of 670 out of 690 points for a first place," stated Dave Hildebrandt. With hard work and imagination, the team placed high in events and overall. Although they didn't make it to their highest goal of going to nationals, they competed hard, gained valuable experience, and as anyone in competition will tell you, there was

always next year.



The Holt High School Electrathon team has done more than build cars. With a lot of support and technical know-how they built the world's fastest electric car for the second vear in a row.

Led by Coach Steve Neureither, Ryan Reedy, Greg Johnston, Scott Martin and Nick Davis made up the team. They tested out the design, made a life-size model and even test drove the electric car at GM. The work paid off in state competition, where the car placed second on May 23 and 4th on June 6. They ended their season placing first nationally and internationally.

Kill Switches? Bullet-proof vests? Yes and more...titaniam frames and harnesses. These were just a few of the features of interest to car lovers. The kill switches the driver must hold at all times. "If he is injured or something went wrong, the car wouldn't continue," re-

vealed Neureither. "There was even a bullet-proof vest to protect drivers from any type of accident in the back generator," explained senior Ryan Reedy. And there was training. "We have to prove that we can get out of the harnesses in a certian amount of time before we can drive the car," explained Scott Martin of the professtional safety features. All this and racing to boot. It was the rewarding finish of months of designing, building and high tech study.

-Allen Bolden



tune up

Getting the equipment ready for Mission Possible are senior Mike Darly and Coach Dave Hildebrandt. The testing was in preparation for State competition the next day.

standing proud

Members of the Science Olympiad team and their coaches stand tall after receiving the 4th place trophy in State competition. Team: Coach Heather Neiswonger, Mike Ewen, Megan Kelly, Eliina Viele, Liza Rosenman Michael Andrick, Coach Kellie Bachman, Shana Mills, and Tonia VanEvery.

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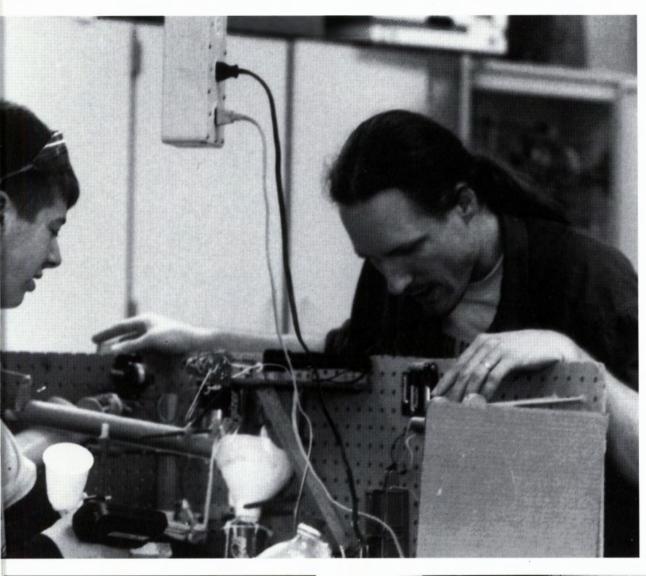
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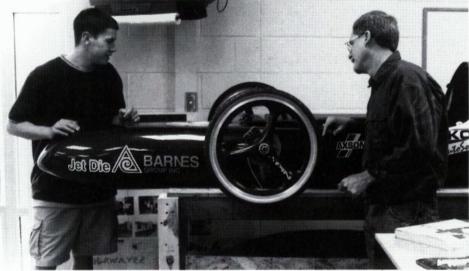


get set

Preparing for the Scrambler event are seniors John Graham and David Bajor.







double checking

Doing some final preparation on the electrathon car one week before competition are junior Craig Ross-Johnston and Coach Steve Neureither. The car last year broke the world record in competition and sights were set high this year. The team won big, earning a national and international title.

what to do...

Making plans for the upcoming Mongolian Barbeque trip are International Club members Altramese Roberts and Cheryl Edgerly.









deep concentration

Deep into a chess match are seniors Derek Smith and Norm VanAlstine during an activity period meeting. The Chess Club was in its second year and a popular choice among students.

focus on diversity

Discussing issues in an International Club meeting are members Tomica Dothard, Sheshana Lloyd, Ryan Budloo, Jenny Fry, and Tracy Hill.



intense moments

Getting down to business during a Chess Club meeting are Nathan Whittaker, Tim Mulvaney, and Ty Schalter. The Chess Club was in its second year, back by popular demand and advised by math teacher, Dave Hildebrandt.

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-Senior Tazi Pruitt

where Minds meet

The International Club replaced the Multi-Cultural Club with the intention of making the club more inclusive. Among the activities sponsored by the group was the Panamanian Independance Day celebrated because the adviser, Tyrone Robinson, is from Panama. The national holiday is November 3rd, but the club celebrated it on November 5th with a little history, food, and dancing for all.

The group also did several holiday displays througout the year including one highlighting the Olympics. For the Christmas season, presentations were made on the school announcements informing students about Kwanzaa, the African American Celebration, Hanukkah, Christmas and the Chinese New Year.

The last scheduled activity was a trip to Mongolian Barbeque. Senior Alison Fowlks explained, "The trip was interesting. It helped me realize that there is other food that is good besides American food. It was fun and I hope we can do it again." The advisers, Robinson and Jeanne Tomlinson, were excited about the future of the club because there were many directions available . Robinson, who became a sponsor recently got involved because he wanted to share his international background with students. He commented, "The club offers the opportunity to broaden our perspectives on life by learning about different cultures." Reflecting on the year and the purpose of the club, junior Ken Day explained, "Different races were able to get together learn about each other's

cultures and unite more. Senior Mese Roberts agreed, "I enjoyed the experience of interacting with students of different cultures." And senior Tazi Pruitt concluded, "The International Club is a good opportunity for students to discuss diversity issues in life today.'

Out of all the clubs available, one of the most fun according to members was the Chess Club. Sponsored by teacher Dave Hildebrandt, the club was organized due to student demand. Every Activity period the chess kids would challenge their brains with quick thought and strategy, battling it out until 'checkmate.'

During the year they purchased 20 new chess boards for all the participants. "The best thing about the club was watching students come together and learn about chess. I think it provided a valuable opportunity for them to pursue an activity that is both social and academic," stated Hildebrandt. Some

students reported choosing the club first, because of the adviser and second, to play chess. Club member Brett Bitterman pointed out, "It was a lot of fun, but they needed to meet more than three times a year!"

-DeJuan Parker, Scott Davis, Lesley Gottschalk

activity

During a Wednesday Activity period junior Amanda Ward plays a quick game of chess with senior Jenny Loiacano.



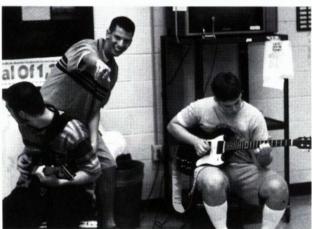
jam session

Enjoying their time for music in GUBA are juniors Luc Cole, Ryan Acker, and sophomore Mike Ried.

grand ol' flag

Walking with the colorguard during a parade at Universal Studio are seniors Janelle Stevens and Michelle Skates. Both have been in colorguard all three years.





on keyboards

Enjoying time out on the piano is a guitar $\operatorname{club-GUBA}$ member.









fun in the sun!

One of two Flag Corp members holding the banner is junior German Exchange student Sylvia Bethke. The parade took place during Spring Break at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

in the pit

Relaxing a little after practicing for the Spring Musical is the pit band under the leadership of Tim Parry. "GUBA gave me a chance to play my guitar because I don't have a lot of time after school with work and homework."

—Senior Erik Luchauer

"Flag Corp was hard work and long hours, but it was worth it.

A lot of friends and memories were made in the process."

-Senior Michele Scates

common Music denominator

Just like the cheerleaders, the Jazz Band and Flag Corp did their part in getting the crowd pepped up for sports. Students were entertained at every home football and basketball game and at halftime the band and Flag Corp always stole the show.

A small but significant part of the band was the Jazz Band. The group was made up of 18 members who enjoyed getting together after school a few times a week for practices. It was led by Band Director Tim Parry. The group created a fun atmosphere where students enjoyed what they were doing. "It was really relaxed; you could kick back and play," noted senior Tim Hurlburt. The band included a piano, bass, drums, sax, trumpets and trombones.

Another entertaining group was the Flag Corp, better known as Colorguard and Winterguard. The girls were led by senior captains Ashley Oakly, Rachel Grawburg and Michele Scates. The 21-member group brought energy, dedication and skill to their performances and were coached by Jennifer Wilson.

The girls dedicated one week of their summer to train and learn new routines. "Flag Corp was hard work and long hours. It was worth it though. A lot of friends and memories were made in the process," recalled Michele. Through the long practices and games the girls became close friends. "It was like a family," stated Ashley Oakly. Many people didn't always see all the hard work that went into making the Flag Corp's routines exciting, but everyone enjoyed the show.

A more recent addition to the club list, the guitar club or GUBA, returned this year. Made up of aspiring guitarists, base players and song writers it brought music to the ears of many. "I enjoyed going to GUBA because all of the people

involved in it are cool, but I'm personally not in a band," stated sophomore Jason Langham.

The one thing all GUBA members had in common was their love of music. Several GUBA members played by themselves or in bands outside of school including Failsafe, an all senior band with members Erik Luchauer, Brian Dunn, Travis Stoliker, Korey Reynolds and Ben Lumbert. Others just played during Activity periods.

GUBA met several times during the year and was organized by teacher Matt Bliton who also enjoyed music and played. He commented, "The multi-talented members of GUBA met to hang out and jam. As a group, they were quite good at both. Some members came to listen and tried laying a lick or two. Overall, it turned out to be a good experience for all regardless of the level of skill."

GUBA had a positive effect on students. Erik Luchauer explained, "It gave me a chance to play my guitar because I don't have a lot of time after school with work and homework." Failsafe, among other bands, played an original song they wrote called "Heart Attack" in the Talent Show. After the last cord was strummed, many students were sad and rather proud to have been a part of the club. GUBA was a nice addition to Activity period, and many hoped the sound of music would return next year.

-Robyn Barker, Jesse Collins

music for all ages

Taking time out to enjoy a tune is Guba Adviser Matt Bliton.



"We felt that all the halftime dances we did at the basketball and football games were always exciting. The feeling of getting up in front of the crowd and doing a dance was an adrenlin rush."

-Freshman Jamie Rodgers

footloose In step fancy free

"It was a memorable year for the Dance Team," shared senior Jamie Huddleson. "All of the time and effort we put into our routines, and the fun we had while making them up is what sticks with me the most. I feel that being on the Dance Team has taught me how to work with others."

To be on the Dance Team took a certain level of talent and then practice. The work paid off in performance. "We felt that all the halftime dances we did at the Varsity basketball and football games were always exciting. The feeling of getting up in front of the crowd and doing a dance was an adrenalin rush," reflected freshman Jamie Rodgers. Some of the girls reported it was more difficult dancing on the football field, not only because of the ground, but also because so many more people were watching them.

> The girls spent time teaching newcomers what they had learned last year as well as creating new routines. "It was fun learning from all the older girls, teaching us all the new moves," commented Jamie.

Over all, many girls felt the season had been an enjoyable experience for everyone. Some continued it into second semester, and others moved on to other sports. But only those who stayed felt they really knew what it was like to succeed as a group. A number of girls felt that out of all of the activities available this particular one would be the most fun. The Dance Team supported the football and basketball teams at every game providing a spirit boost and entertainment in the process. Most members agreed that unity was their main goal for the year and they felt they had accomplished it along with having some fun.

-Melisa Robinson



<u>frozen in time</u>

Performing a routine during halftime at the Junior High gym for a Varsity Basketall game is freshman Jamie Rodgers. She commented, "I was getting the crowd hyped up and ready for the game."



two by two

Marching into the stadium before a Varsity football game Homecoming night are members of the Dance Team, led by seniors Angelica Garcia and Emily Mutty. Their first appearance was performing to the fight song followed by a halftime performance with the Marching Band.



swirl & twirl

Performing a dance during a Varsity Basketball halftime at the Junior High gym are members of the Dance Team.





gather round

Posing for the lens in the auxilary gym before a Varsity Basketball game are members of the Dance Team, Angela Hettinger, Allison Myers, Emily Mutty, Shana Delany, Kelly Lieble, Christina Leverich, Ashley Hettinger, Kendra, Sarah, Amanda Young, and Keri Boomershine.

question is...

Testing Quiz Bowl students to prepare them for competition before a tournament is Adviser Mary DeWolfe.

debate team:

Posing in front of a statue of John Harvard at Harvard University is the Debate team including; Matt Jordan, Steve Ayers, Sara Inverso, Jessica North, Ben Greathouse, Nathan Jordon, and Coach Guil Northrup. The Varsity and Novice teams traveled there to compete in a tournament.





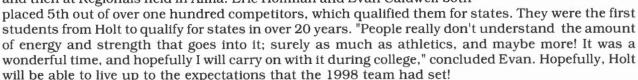


forensics team turns heads, wins big

In the short space of a year, the Forensics team advanced from young to seasoned competition. The team was not very well known among the Forensics Association, but this year they turned some heads. Senior Erin Hoffman took first place in every competitive acting event that she entered. Senior Katie Stachlewitz always took a close second. Senior Evan Caldwell took first place in every tournament except one, where he placed third.

Their regular season competitions were held at Brighton, Leslie, Holt, Grand Rapids, Waverly and Fowlerville. The team was proud to take home a trophy every time. Hard work and dedication was what this team was all about. They were all very supportive of each other, especially if times were tough. "Most people don't even know what Forensics is, let alone what it takes to compete. Three rounds of 5-8 minutes of intense performing and competition for three medals. The medals are to be split up among 30 competitors for each of the 12 categories. It's not easy!" exclaimed Katie Stachlewitz.

Contributing to the team's success were their two dedicated coaches, English teacher Amy Clark, and former intern Josh Minsley. The team continued their sucess through districts which were held at Grand Ledge, and then at Regionals held in Alma. Eric Hoffman and Evan Caldwell both



-Sonya McClane



a little help here!

Warming up before a Quiz Bowl tournament are 'seniors Mike Andrick and Todd Hoverman and sophomore Dave Bisson. The Holt team hosted the Tournament

forensics team:

Top Row: Sarah Inverso, Joan Anderson, Row 2: Sherman Horn Evan Caldwell, Katie Stachlewitz, Eliina Viele, Adviser Amy Clark. Bottom Row: Erin Hoffman, Asst. Adviser Josh Minsley, Jamie Hedrick.

"What I liked best about debate was the competition. There were so many teams with more experience than us and it was great to try and beat them! —Senior Steve Avers

completely Upstage the competition

The Quiz Bowl team kept up their year-long, busy schedule with little or no difficulty. They practiced once every two weeks and during the Wednesday Activity periods. The practices focused on questions from mathematics, history, English, and assorted trivia. Being involved in this club required going to every practice, and waking up early on Saturday morning to go to weekend tournaments.

The first competition of the year was the CAC Academic Challenge. All of the CAC teams met at CAC schools every other Wednesday from September-through November. Holt hosted one of these meets and the league tournament. The team had a respectable season in CAC competition, finishing in the middle of the pack. Team Captain, senior Eric Braid commented, "This was one of the hardest seasons I have ever played." Returning seniors included Michael Andrick, Todd Hoverman, and Nik Saraiva. Other seniors joining the team were Matt Crockett and Tim Hurlburt. Also competing were junior Adam Craig and sophomores Brandon Rogers, Dave Bisson and Joan Anderson.

On October 7, while still competing in CAC's, Holt played a series of games on WKAR's "QuizBusters," beating Ionia in the first round. Braid, Andrick, Hoverman, Saraiva and Crockett made up the "QuizBusters" team. After Ionia they defeated East Lansing in November. Their success didn't end until January when they lost

The final event of the season was the Capital Area Invitational sponsored by the Lansing School District and Media One held in late April and early May. Most of the

players all said the same thing, "It was really hard to concentrate after Spring Break." Coaches Mary DeWolfe and Georganne Withey concluded, "It's always sad to see the seniors, who have been competing for several years together, leave."

The Varsity Debate Team had an interesting year traveling all over Michigan and then to Harvard for national competition. It started last May with a tournament at Mackinaw Island in the Grand Hotel. They went two on two and won two debates. In the fall they had several more tournaments. Senior Nate Jordon reflected, "Varsity Debate was exciting and informative. We grew as a team and learned valuable skills which will help us improve and be more competitive in the future." They debated whether to substantially increase renewable energy use in the U.S. and a second topic

on juvenile crime. Senior Steve Ayers stated, "What I liked best about debate was the competition. There were so many teams with more experience then us and it was great to try and beat them." Sophomore Jessica North noted, "This season was a lot of hard work. Mr. Northrup worked a lot with us. I also liked ragging on the novice debaters." The season ended at Harvard with the Novice and Varsity debating. Ben Greathouse, Jessica North, Matt Jordon, Nate Jordon, Steve Ayers, and Sarah Inverso competed in two teams. One team won two rounds; the other won three. Senior Ben Greathouse concluded, "What I liked best was traveling, researching and learning everything about the topic, and gaining debate skills." -Chris Curry, Elizabeth Rehfuss

stumped

Practicing for a Quiz Bowl meet are sophomore Dave Bisson, and veteran senior players Eric Braid and Nick Saraiva.



"Seeing the smiles on people's faces after we help them and knowing we've done something for someone that will make a change in their life for the better is one thing I will never forget."

—Junior Tara Fowler

Serving counts

"Being a member of the National Honor Society meant representing the student body, being responsible, working with others, and learning new things," summarized senior NHS officer Katy Crews. Senior Alison Fowlks added, "Being a member of NHS gave me the opportunity to help others in the community. It put a smile on my face when I did volunteer work."

There were smiles on many faces of NHS volunteers when they worked to improve the community. "The activity I enjoyed the most was the food drive," revealed junior Andrea McCulloh. "It was so much fun! My friends and I had to sort food and we raced for shopping carts." Senior Alison Fowlks commented, "I had the most fun working at the Sycamore Kid s' Carnival. I enjoyed helping the kids and seeing them have a good time."

No one could forget the annual candy stick sale at Christmas, the major fundraiser of the club. Students and teachers sent candy with personal messages to their friends and students. This event required a lot of work for NHS members, and thanks to Katy Crews' organization, it was successful. The fundraiser was planned, candy ordered, messages tied, and candy delivered. Everyone enjoyed the tradition.

Despite all the success, there was one unexpected disappointment. Due to a Red Cross strike, the annual blood drive was canceled. Junior Andrea McCulloh admitted, "I was disappointed. I worked the canteen last year and I had a blast." Senior Alison Fowlks was also dissapointed. "I knew a lot of people who were planning on donating blood, and I think many people would have benefitted if we had it."

Returning from last year the recently formed Key Club fullfilled many peoples' needs by serving the community. The club was advised by teacher Kate Brennan. She

commented, "I enjoy advising Key Club because it is a group any student can get involved with who wants to help others. There are no requirements or qualifications. Our focus areas were helping the elderly, working with children and cleaning up the environment." The club had several projects including; newspaper drives, sucker sales, parties at the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Lansing and worked periodically at the Great Lakes Retirement Home. The students were busy raking leaves, shoveling snow and holding car washes, and they never asked for money.

There were many special moments. Club treasurer and convention co-chair Tara Fowler shared, "Seeing the smiles on people's faces after we help them and knowing we've done something for someone that will make a change in their life for the better

one that will make a change in their life for the better is one thing I will never forget." Others thought the Halloween Party at the Boys' and Girls' Club would especially be remembered. "It was great! We played games with the kids and decorated pumpkins. We also made cookies and overall had lots of fun hanging out with the kids," revealed junior Francisca Garcia.

Key Club served a different purpose. Junior Brad Duling explained, "There were never bribes for attending meetings or helping although we did have parties on occasion to celebrate our successes but they were never during Activity period. Those meetings were just a time to provide information to the members who could not attend Monday night meetings."

-Lesley Gottschalk, Elizabeth Walker

<u>having</u> <u>fun</u>

Taking a break from the every-day learning of Chemisty are juniors Andrea McCulloh, Tara Fowler, and Jessie Slater. Andrea was president of the French Club and a member of NHS.









pay attention

Meeting in the D Commons seniors Aaron Bolden, Gary Newton, Katy Crews and other NHS students listen to officers and help organize their events.

fast lane

Taking the quick way to class in the C hallway is senior NHS member Erin Hoffman. A sense of humor helped throughout the day.





just us fairies

Hanging out on the cast couch of the Fall Play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, are junior Anna Carella and seniors Bekkie Corr, Emily Mutty, and Julie Galambos. Emily and Julie who both danced outside of school, choreographed all of the routines for the play.



key club

Members of the Key Club gather for a photo including: Brad Duling, Ryan Allen, Kyle Wong-Yerrick, David Bajor, Art Nott (Kiwanis Club), Adviser Kate Brennan, Amber Montie, Tara Fowler, Lindsey Pierson, Angela Brewer, Heidi Carnahan.



pensive time

Behind the scenes of the Spring Musical, Li'L Abner, is junior NHS member Michelle Smith in her role as Moonbeam McSwine. Many NHS members tried to do it all with sports, plays and service projects and still keep up their grades.

special moment

Pausing for recognition from the crowd are Senior Court members Katie Stachlewitz and Mike Laur. Katie was a Student Council member and helped plan the Spirit Week and Homecoming activities.









interior decorators

Decorating their Senior Class hallway for Homecoming are Katy Crews and Elyse Puruleski. Both members of Student Council, Elyse spent a busy year serving as President.

well! what do you want?

Working in the school store are senior Council members Jennifer Evans and Tom Shaver. Student Council started the project last year. The store offered gum, candy, snacks, and school supplies during lunch hour.



trash man

Cleaning up after the student body and the Homecoming pep assembly is senior Student Council member Eric Braid. He was also Vice President of the PAL group and involved in a number of other student activities including Quiz Bowl, NHS, SADD and Science Olympiad.

"In order for the Homecoming parade to run smoothly, I had to contact a lot of outside groups including businesses, clubs and sports teams. I also had to organize the parade line-up so that everything was in order. Luckily things went smoothly and it was a great deal of fun." -Senior Keisha Vowels

off and Leaders running

Student Council was a group of 32 people who worked to build school spirit and show appreciation for the many contributions staff and students made to the Senior Elyse Puruleski served as President assisted by Vice-President junior Alyssa Kenney. The group staged Homecoming and Winterfest and planned teacher appreciation days. The first major event, and to many students, the most important one, was Homecoming. The committee picked the Spirit Day themes, and planned the parade and game festivities. Senior Vice-President Keisha Vowels remembered, "In order for the Homecoming parade to run smoothly, I had to contact a lot of outside groups including busnesses, clubs, and sports teams. I also had to organize the parade line up so that everthing was in order. Luckily things went smoothly, and it was a great deal of fun."

For teacher appreciation, the Council arranged a dinner for teachers before conferences and on occasion sent small gifts to show their jobs were important. They also worked on issues and problems in the school. Students felt that there needed to be additional payphones in the lobby area by the band room. Within a month that was accomplished, and there were two new phones. Junior at-large representative Mike Smith commented on the process of getting issues addressed. "Students just complain to each other about problems, and they don't get solved. If they would bring them to Student Council we could work to solve or at least relieve the problem." Another accomplishment was adding more items to the school store. Manager Jennifer Evans shared, "I enjoy Student Council because it gives me a chance to do something for my school. Managing the store has been fun throughout the year."

Student Council also staged the popular Talent Show on May 6. Junior Ben Wood and Mike Smith planned the event and it worked out well with the whole student body watching one show. Student Council spent a busy year planning the expected events and coping with the unexpected ones.

The Peer Assistant Listeners, better known as PAL's, continued many of their regular projects and activities from last year. The group numbered 26 and helped with sophomore orientation, new student tours, shadowing, and crisis intervention with student problems. Sophomore Abby Feguer stated, "I've always liked helping people, so PAL's was a great opportunity to do that. The best part is knowing that you may have made a difference in someone's life who is struggling and helped make high school a little easier for him."

The students went through a training program for crisis intervention which included mediation, conflict management, outreach and peer resis-

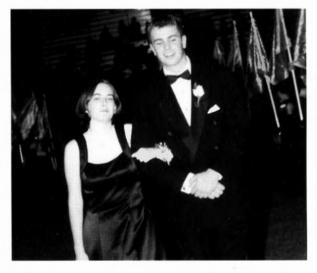
tance skills. Nathanial Malaski explained, "We went through a rigorous three-day program which taught us the basics. It was informative and interesing. We listen to students with problems and then try to help them realize what's really wrong, lead them to possible solutions, and help them to help themselves."

The group also made a presentation at a PAL Conference May 12 which gave them new insights. Senior Aaron Bolden felt, "The conference was probably the most beneficial to us because all the PAL's from the district attended and you had a chance to compare what issues were dealt with and how they were handled."

-Lesley Gottschalk, Melisa Robinson

standing

Walking out on Troost Field during the Coronation on Homecoming night are Junior Court members Erin Tobey and Kyle Wilkins. Erin was a member of Student Council and also a PAL.



don't look now

Decorating the SADD hall-way by the main office is senior Tazi Pruitt.







<u>do unto others</u>

Riding in the Homecoming Parade in the SADD truck are seniors Andy Gamet, Tiffany Richardson, and sophomores Sheila Brody and Byrony Schopp. "It was kind of unexpected for me because I'm not even a member of SADD, but I helped them out when they needed me," explained Andy.





talk it out

Discussing the agenda for a SADD meeting are seniors Tiffany Richardson and Chad Johnson. Tiffany was an officer and active in the group.

look, a ghost!

Presenting in Guil Northrup's Consumer Economics class are seniors Melissa Soule. Majorie Hock, and Elyse Puruleski. Elyse had her face painted as a symbol of those who were killed in drunk driving accidents. The club sponsored the project the week before Prom and Graduation to promote safe, responsible driving during the end of year party time.

"The SADD assembly was better than previous ones because students we knew talked about their personal experiences. Everyone listened to them better."

—Senior Nakia Betz

no

Excuse

will do

The issue of drunk driving and it's horrific consequences continued to be a concern of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). The group, led by adviser Gerry Woolston, allowed students to do something about the problem. Some members joined SADD because they had personal experiences with drunk driving, and they wanted to help in any way they could so that others wouldn't experience what they had.

Junior Cherraline Doerr admitted, "I like being in SADD because I can help make a difference in others' lives. Senior Debbie Franklin reflected, "I enjoy

SADD a lot, especially because I enjoy working with others."

Cherraline also commented that SADD week was the most fun. "It makes a good impact on students and it really changes their feelings about drinking and driving." "The thing I will remember most about SADD is the Homecoming float," she reflected. SADD made their contribution to Spirit Week with an impressive decoration of the office complex hallway consisting of a tribute to Princess Diana, and a Homecoming float continuing the same theme.

The end-of-year SADD assembly also caught students' attention about the issue when high school students spoke at the event. "The SADD assembly was better than previous ones because students we knew, talked about their

personal experiences. Everyone listened to them better," explained senior Nakia Betz.

Peer Resistance also caught some attention, but from a younger crowd. Their purpose was to influence the decisions of elementary students to help them resist drugs and alcohol before they're confronted with it. They served as role models and went to all the area elementary schools to give presentations. The staff of Peer Resistance, Teens Against Tobacco Use and Dare Role Models included, seniors Russell Clark, Chad Johnson, Mike Laur, Errin Bonner, and Jenny Savage. The junior members were Heather Clarkson, Allison Meyers, Michele Smith, Meredith Schram, Rebecca Chaliman, Ed Ewald, Lindy Miller, Cedric Ford, Kyle Wilkins, Kelly Martin, Jeff Beard, Brandon Cooper, Nancy Picken, and Melissa Frampton. The sophomores included; Kristen Laur, Clair Morrissey, Sarah Johnides, James Moreno, Kristin Mockler,

Nate Vandlen, Corey Martin, Kristin David, Tabitha Stadtmiller, Laurie Rohlfs, Danielle Clugston, and Matt McClure.

SADD turned the unexpected and tragic death of Princess Diana around to try to positively influence the decisions of high school students, while Peer Resistance spoke to elementary students to influence their decisions as well.

-Heather Hulsebos, Lesley Gottschalk

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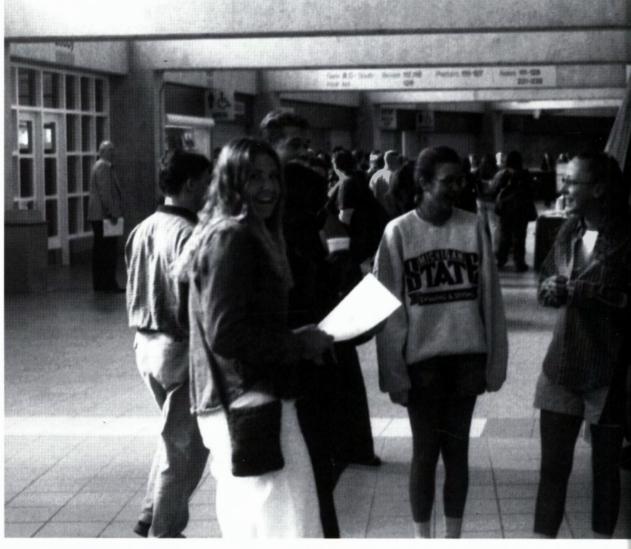
Looking at their handiwork with SADD decorations for Spirit Week are seniors Andy Gamet, Tiffany Richardson, and sophomore Byrony Schopp. theme drew upon the death of Princess Diana for awareness of drunk driving accidents



polish it up

Finishing up her newspaper story in first semester Journalism class is senior Jessie McCabe.







creative duo

Teaming up during Publications class time to create personality profiles and copy ideas are Co-Editor Lesley Gottschalk and staff member DeJuan Parker. DeJuan also contributed some humor and Lesley cleaned up a lot of copy prior to publication.



spring stroll

Walking to lunch in East Lansing during the MIPA conference are junior DeJuan Parker and senior Chris Curry. DeJuan worked principally on yearbook and Chris both yearbook and newspaper.



writers' corner

Working on copy for the yearbook and newspaper are senior Charlie Hayes and Joey Warren with help from junior DeJua Parker. Writing came easy to the trio and Joey served as new and feature editor of the Ramparts.



out in the field

Enjoying a trip to the Breslin Center for the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Spring Conference are seniors Keisha Vowels, Chris Curry, Whitney Hoagland and juniors DeJuan Parker, Libby Smieska and Amanda Mercer. The 1997 Rampages received the Spartan Award from MIPA at the spring awards conference. Staff members also competed in onsite contests in photography, news, feature and yearbook copywriting.

"I liked the end when everything we had done throughout the year was finally coming together and paying off."

—Junior Amanda Mercer

keeping the Unexpected rolling

Expect the Unexpected. . . it was the theme of the yearbook, but it also described the year's Pulications and Journalism classes. The yearbook class the previous year had mostly female staff members, and there were around 16 total. They were replaced by 27 loud and energetic people. It made quite a difference and also quite a challenge for Adviser Ann Paul.

But the adviser wasn't the only one to face some challenges. "My biggest problem was learning how to construct copy good enough to catch the reader's attention," admitted junior Amanda Mercer. Junior Libby Smieska exclaimed, "My biggest challenge was getting Ms. Paul to realize that if she left us alone, we would get our work done!" Junior DeJuan Parker thought pretty much everything was a challenge. He noted, "The biggest problems for me were learning how to use cameras, write copy, get quotes, complete captions, etc., etc." And so the year went . . .

The yearbook staff, though challenged, had fun while they worked. "I liked everything," revealed junior Liz Rehfuss, "Actually being part of the book was wonderful." "I liked the end, when everything we had done throughout the year was finally coming together and paying off," reflected junior Amanda Mercer.

One thing many students liked was the sense of accomplishment. Some figured out they were good at photos, others at copy and others creative with captions and lead-ins. For some the improvement came in different areas. "I actually got over my fear of going to classes and interviewing people for surveys and captions," admitted Liz Rehfuss. "My biggest accomplishment was writing five stories in a relatively short time period.," added Libby Smieska.

When it came to the most humorous moments, almost everyone agreed it was when Ms. Paul yelled at DeJuan Parker. He was always fooling around. Day in and day out, she would yell at him out of desperation in a, "What am I going to do with you?" tone. It became routine, but it was funny every time. Others agreed it was funny when Ms. Paul's glasses broke and she wore them perched kind of crazy on her face.

Although the group was a diverse one, they all agreed on one thing: they liked the theme of the yearbook. DeJuan explained, "I think it was great because it summed up the year as a whole. We found many ways to develop it." The year may have been a challenge, but the unexpected made it fun and interesting.

—Lesley Gottschalk

in focus

Photographer Whitney Hoagland does a reverse and poses for the camera. Photography was her thing on staff and she won third place in the state in both sports and feature photography from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association for her work.



how do we get out?

Walking through a garden maze in Salzburg are seniors Jason Becker and Shawn Geiger. The group traveled the three-hour train ride from Munich to visit the Austrian town.









Watching a band play while visiting Marienplatz, the central area of Munich rich in sightseeing are seniors Brian Dunn, Amy Smith, Lisa Bennett and junior Sherman Horn. A few days later Lisa got inspired to cut her hair chin length and dye it red. According to Whitney Hoagland, "It looked great."





michigan vs munich

Arm wrestling for a test of strength are senior Brian Dunn and German Exchange student, Basti Gstettenbauer at the Confetti Restaurant and Cafe in Munich during the German Exchange trip. Brian staved with Basti's family and the two became best friends.

refreshment time

Taking an ice cream break while visiting the preserved medieval city of Rotenburg on the Tauber are German Exchange students Maria and Anna. Up on American culture, Maria loved to sing and dance, everything from Police songs to numbers from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

"It opened my eyes to a whole new world. It's amazing to see how much different the world can be all in a seven-hour plane trip."

—Senior Jason Becker

closing the Culture gap

In June of 1997, 19 students and two teachers flew to Germany for the biennial exchange program with the Elsa-Brandstrom Gymnasium in Munich. In August, the German group arrived in Holt hosted by their partners for three weeks. The exchange program has been running between the two schools for 20 years.

Both groups of students were excited and a bit nervious to meet the strangers they would live with for a total of six weeks. Both students and teachers went for many reasons, but mainly for a vacation and a new learning experience. History teacher and chaperone, Kim Reichard commented, "I thought it would be a great experience to visit a part of my heritage and learn more about the culture."

Once the Germans and Americans got to know each other, many students were inseparable. Senior Brian Dunn explained, "There was a large group of us that went out together almost every night. I came back with friendships that will last a lifetime." In the daytime the American students either attended classes with their partner or went for a group trip to see the sights and experience Bavarian traditions.

Some favorite hangouts emerged. Senior Eric Braid stated, "There were so many cool places, it's hard to narrow it down. I'd say probably the cafe Laimer or Confetti. That's where the Americans and Germans bonded the most. Another German student, Lucy's house was cool too."

The students took a day-trip to Salzburg, Austria by train and enjoyed seeing the countryside. Sometimes they joined classes to see what German schools were like. Many found that the classes were harder than ours, but the rules less strict. For instance, before the end of the school year, the oldest students who would be graduating, surprised the teachers and kidnapped them. They held them in a court yard in soccer nets next to guards with water pistols. Then, the students partied for awhile and eventually returned to class.

The Americans left with many tears and memorable experiences. Junior Sherman

Horn recalled, "One night after going to a festival at Tollwood, we learned the most important lesson for any tourist: the last train to take us home left at 2:00 a.m." Each student left with different impressions and memories. Senior Jason Becker reflected, "It opened my eyes to a whole new world. It's amazing to see how much different the world can be all in a seven-hour plane trip."

—Whitney Hoagland

row, row, row your

Riding along in a rental boat in the English Gardens, are seniors Jason Becker, Shawn Geiger, German student Johanna Riemer and a scared duck Shawn had picked up from the water. No need to worry, he put the duck back.



High Impact



Brown & Gold

Decorating Ram territory with brown and gold before a home Varsity Football game are the Holt Ram Athletic Boosters. Responding to every need, they rose to the occasion to help finance additional needed expenditures in response to pay-to-play funding for the sports programs.

Budget issues, pay-to-play sports and clubs, a snow day in October, 50 degree weather in February thanks to El Nino, a cut in teachers' salaries and no contract until spring... they were unexpected, unplanned

and high impact. Then there was the expected... more Holt Ram Booster activities, enthusiastic community response to the plays and musical, Capital Area Conference titles, art exhibitions, Rampaign 98... they were high impact too. They also were a rallying point, they generated discussion, debate and applause. In short, they brought a response. There were few people who didn't have some opinion, whether they wrote letters to the editor, got on the airwaves or decided to just share it with a

neighbor or friend. spring wore on, El dropped, budget teachers approved phies were placed but not without the fully some laughter



Taking Over the Reins

Appointed the new Superintendent, Tom Davis delivers the Commencement address to the Class of 98. He faced a very challenging, high impact year that only a seasoned veteran would have the courage and experience to handle.

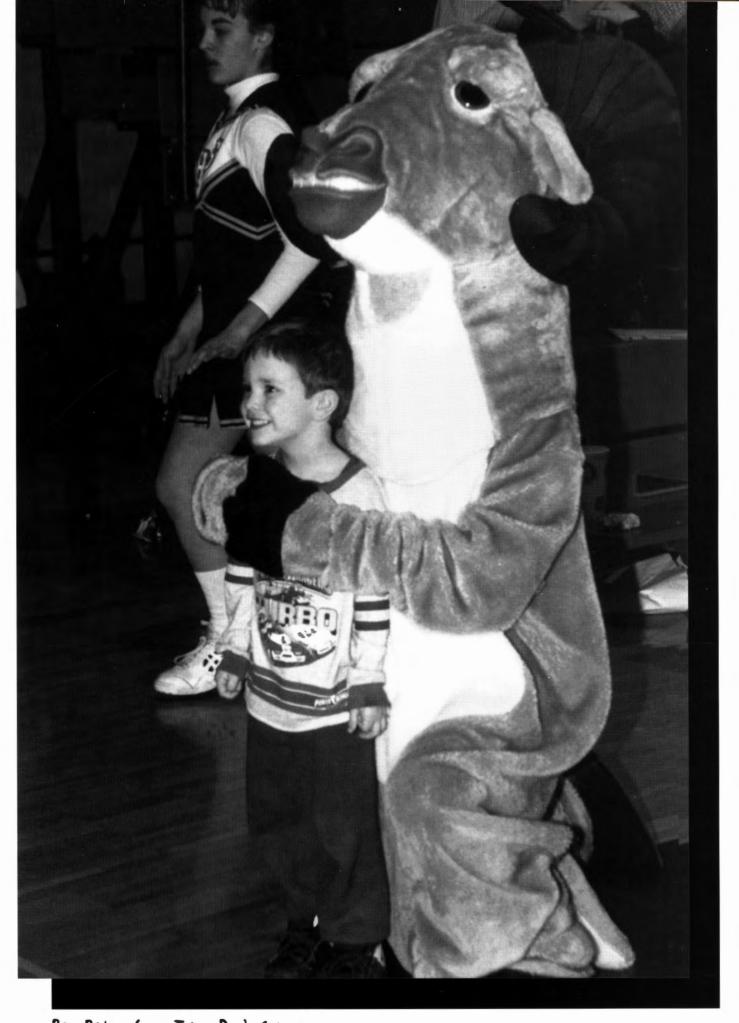


Join in the Fun

Science teacher Mary Kay Boulanger adds some spirit to Homecoming and enjoys the parade with her children.

But as

Nino passed, pay-to-play was issues were improving, a contract agreement, troon the shelf and life went on, impact of hindsight, hopeand many memories.



Ram Pride. . . Some Things Don't Change A pint-sized edition of a Holt Ram Booster has fun with Rocky the Ram, while cheerleader Kristin Mockler raises crowd spirit at a home Varsity Basketball game.



Whitney Hoagland, Good luck wherever you go. Hugs and Kisses...

Love. Mom



Kendra Dunham,

May your future be blessed with good friends and good experiences to leave you with fond memories of a lifetime.

> God love you, Mom & Dad



Nikki David,

Congratulations! You have filled our lives with so much love and joy. Keep smiling and may all your dreams come true.

Love, Mom, Dad & Kristin



Alissa Holm,

You have filled us with so much pride, love and joy, that time with you has been the greatest gift of all. Congratulations Sweetheart, and may all your hopes and dreams come true. Love,

Mom, Dad & Eric



Todd Hoverman,

Seventeen years ago you practiced in Mom's graduation cap. Now it's your turn. May you live all your dreams! Love,

Mom & Doug

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Debate the Issue

Making a presentation in Guil Northrup's Consumer Economics class are seniors Charlie Alana and Norm VanAlstine.



High Impact

Top Ten News Stories

ith a wide variety of achievements, tragedies and celebrity deaths filling the headlines, the year could not be billed as a bland, uneventful one. In a Ramparts survey of 100 Holt High School students the most important news stories were ranked and their effect on how the year went noted.

Princess Diana's untimely death in Paris had the most effect on students More than 80% of those surveyed, voted it as the number one news story. Though there was an outbreak of Red Wing fever across the state, the Stanley Cup victory was a distant second with 60% of the votes. The MIR space shuttle scare edged out Mother Theresa's death with

50% to 48% of the votes, while Mike Tyson, Notorious B.I.G.'s death and the tobacco industry all received 45%. In the last slots, Timothy McVeigh's death sentence received 40%, while both the O.J. Simpson civil trial and the murder of Gianni Versace got 35%.

-Joey Warren

Top Ten News Stories of 1997-1998

- 1. Princess Diana killed in high speed car accident
- 2. Detroit Red Wings winning Stanley Cup
- 3. MIR Space Shuttle scare
- 4. Passing away of Mother Theresa
- 5. Mike Tyson biting Holyfield's ear
- 6. Death of east coast rapper Notorious B.I.G.
- 7. Tobacco industry's admission that cigarettes are addictive
- 8. Timothy McVeigh found guilty and sentenced to death.
- 9. O.J. Simpson found liable of wrongful death in a civil trial.
- Murder of clothing designer Gianni Versace.



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High Impact

Winterfest Court Reflections

interfest was a special time for many students thatwere selected to represent their classes. There were a larger number of court members because all the seniors nominated were on court. Many of them expressed their feelings.

"I really liked that they put all the senior nominees on court. It made it very exciting for all of us." - Senior Keisha Vowels

"Winterfest was fun. I think that everybody really enjoyed themselves."

-Senior Pam Smith

"Winterfest was very memorable. I had a great time. Thanks for the nomination!"

- Senior Andy Snyder

"Winterfest was really fun for me because I got to be in it with friends like Pam and Norm. It's a time I don't think I will forget."

- Senior Casey Adams

"Being on Winterfest Court made me feel respected by my classmates. I felt good representing my class, and I had fun doing it."

-Junior Ken Day

"Being on Winterfest Court was the first time I've been chosen to represent our class for anything and I had a great time doing it."

-Junior Allison Lawrence

"I had fun being on Winterfest Court. I thought it was cool being chosen by my class."

-Junior Zack Lawson

Lyndsay Cook



Matt Herwaldt, You're a great son! Congratulations! We love you! Mom & Dad



Sheila Brody, Thank you for showing us true beauty, both inner

Love. Mom & Dad

and outer.



Hailee Davis, We are very proud of you! May your dreams become a reality.

With all our love, Mom & Dad



Kim Balzer,

May you be as happy for the rest of your life as you have made me today. I'm very proud of you.

> Love always, Mom



Kristie Swanson.

Your future is as bright as you arefollow your dreams! You have made us so proud of you.

> We Love You, Mom & Dad



Jenny Tunney,

You are very special to us and we are very proud of you!! Follow your dreams honey—we love you very much.

Love, Mom & Dad



Keisha & Jenny,

It seems just like yesterday we were taking you trick-ortreating and now you've graduated! We're very proud of "our girls!" Thanks for all the memories!! Love, Mom (Tam) & Mom (Debbie)



Keisha Vowels,

God blessed us 18 years ago. You have given us many years of happiness, laughter and fun. We are very proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad Dale & Kaycee



Justin Pool,
I am so proud of
who you are! May
your life be filled
with happiness as
you "write your
own play."

Love, Mom



Jason Becker,
Learn from yesterday, live for today,
and strive for
t o m o r r o w's
dreams, and always
remember to laugh.

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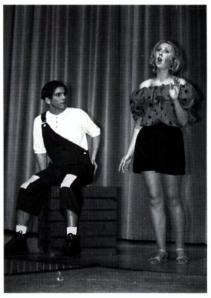
Playing a scene from the Spring Musical, Li'l Abner, is senior Bekkie Corr and junior Erin Tobey.





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In the Spotlight

Playing the role of Lil Abner is junior Ty Schalter while Daisy Mae is portrayed by senior Katie Stachlewitz in the Spring Musical.

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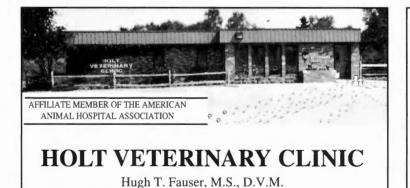
Egyptian Ram Assembling for the trek down Sycamore and Holt Road in the Homecoming Parade are seniors with their Egyptian theme float.





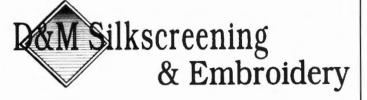
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Tricia Spencer,

Pat & Jacki

We are so proud of you. May life bring you all the happiness you bring to us.

Congratulations. We love you, Mom, Mark & Michelle



Amber Taylor, You've made us all proud. As you move may your choices in life open new doors and many opportunities.

"Love Always," Mom & Dad



Marisa Park-Terriman,

You have done a great job of facing life's challenges and achieving positive results. We are very proud of you!

Much love, Mom & Joe



Cheryl Edgerly,

"Daddy's Little Girl"



Kelly Kamm,

We love you and thank God for blessing our family with such a loving, caring daughter. Congratulations, too, sweetheart! Your Mom & Dad

Tricia Olmstead.

You have made me so proud of you. I know you will always be successful in all that you

> Love always, Mommy



Nicole & Nick Brady,

You're still the cutest pair, and the greatest seniors anywhere.

> Love. Mom



Iodie Kuhn,

You have filled our lives with much joy and happiness. We are and will always be very proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad



Joseph Budzynski, Congratulations Graduate. May your success continue and your knowledge grow. Your Family, Maxine, Rog,

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Rampaign 98

Goes Beyond Goal and Then Some!

n Friday March 13, tickets went on sale for the annual Rampaign, a raffle that helped benefit non-athletic, school organizations and also taught Guil Northrup's Consumer Economics students marketing tactics. Many thought that the goal would be easy to attain, but none could have guessed that it would have done as well as it did.

Okemos High School's raffle recently raised a total of \$1,511. So, Northrup decided to set the Rampaign goal for \$1,512, mainly for area bragging rights. Well, ticket sales shot through the ceiling, and when all was said and done, the grand total was a whopping \$2,670!

The raffle organization began in mid February. Northrup first nominated a steering committee that would appoint all of the other committees and set up all of the meetings and prize drawings. Dave Bajor, Dave Novak, Tiffany Richardson, Joey Warren, and Colleen Conway were chosen to organize the raffle.

Students were responsible for gathering prizes from area businesses. The big contributors were mainly fast food restaurants and prizes ranged from free car washes and dry cleaning, to full prom packages including a free tuxedo and dinner for two. Many students were eager to buy tickets for it, and junior Jess Willoughby was the lucky winner of the prom package.

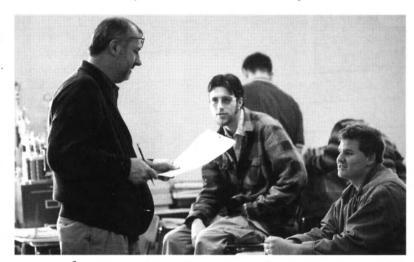
Over 5,300 tickets were purchased by students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and community members. The top ticket sellers were Jannelle Sheperd, Debbie Franklin, Mark Mantyla, Brett Bitterman, and Whitney Hoagland. In the class competitions, Northrup's fourth hour was victorious by selling more tickets per person. Many students appreciated the overall competitiveness of the project. "What I liked best about Rampaign was that it wasn't like regular schoolwork. It was more fun because it was so heated and competitive."

Senior Nate Howe, chairperson for the prize committee, was pleased overall with the success of the project. "It was great to see all of the classes work together as a team to reach our goal. It was a real feeling of accomplishment when we found out exactly how much money we had raised."

The distribution committee, headed by senior Keisha Vowels, was in charge of giving the money to school clubs and other worthy, non-profit organizations. On Wednesday, April 1, the committee met to decide exactly where the money was going to go. After hours of deliberating, they decided that with \$700 of the raffle money, a scholarship fund would be set up in memory of the late student Kristina Aries. Other groups that received money were Close Up, Science Olympiad, Theater, Forensics, PAL's, Debate, Key Club, Chess Club, and the Electrathon team.

After Rampaign 98 was over, many students knew they had learned something. And for one last time they had a chance to work together with classmates and friends. "I don't know when I'm going to need to have my own raffle in the future," senior Charlie Hayes stated, "but I did learn a lot of other things that could be helpful, especially the marketing and advertising." Senior Ted Spencer liked the teamwork. "I learned how much I appreciated all of my classmates. Working side-by-side with everyone made me realize how much I would miss them after high school."

—Joey Warren



Keeping Tally

Working during class on the Rampaign project are teacher Guil Northrup, senior Tim Wise and a classmate. The project reached a goal of \$2,670.

Senior Love Notes



Kymberli Brydges,

We are very proud of who you are and of all you've accomplished. Your cheerful, generous personality has brought us much happiness and will help make your dreams come true.

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Erin Kleiman,

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Mom & Dad



Lyndsay Cook,

We hope your life is filled with happiness and love, and your future filled with opportunities! You will always be our "Toada-Soda."

Love and Congratulations, Mom, Dad, & Jayme



Angela Hettinger,

You have filled our lives with such pride, joy and love! Your future is so bright. We hope all of your dreams come true.

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Todd,

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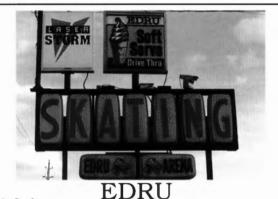
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"I learned a lot about the different species and which ones are extinct or endangered. I also learned about what zoos are doing to prevent species from becoming extinct," reported senior Erin Kleiman. While most students seemed to have a particular favorite, sophomore Chris Hicks liked them all. "I don't favor any of the animls—they all have a special place in my heart."

-Scott Dane



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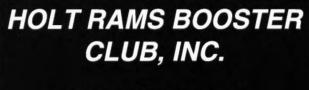
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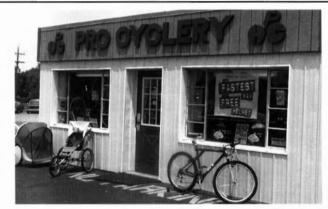


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Our love and support, Mom, Dad, & Steve Stachlewitz



Allen Elliott,

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Love, Dad, Mom, Shannon, Bridget & Jamie



David Novak,

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Love, Mom



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Erik Schaefer, I'm so prouf of who you are! You fill my heart with happiness! May your future be successful and filled with joy.

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Seniors' Last Day

Gathering for "one last photo" before leaving high school behind are Colleen Conway, Jenny Tunney, and Amy Smith. Alison Fowlks, Lesley Gottschalk, and Michelle Arntz also pose for the camera.

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80's Retro Flashback

Students Reflect on the Best of the Decade

The best of years were the 80's. Today's students grew up then and they reacted with, "I remember that," or "That was the best show of all time." Junior Ed Ewald commented, "This is a cool survey—a nice retro flashback." Many were disappointed because they could only choose five or ten in each category. Sophomore Krissy Miller said, "We should have been allowed to pick more than five items. These days were the best of my life. Today's TV can't compare." The favorite TV shows, cartoons, movies and toys of Holt High School students during the 1980s were:

CARTOONS

Care Bears	20%
Inspector Gadget	18%
Scooby "Dooby" Doo	18%
Smurfs	18%
Rainbow Bright	16%

MOVIES

The Goonies	16%
Beetlejuice	14%
Top Gun	13%
Ferris Buehler's Day Off	12%
Spaceballs	9%
Rain Man	9%
Stand By Me	8%
Gremlins	7%
National Lampoon's Vacation	6%
Other	6%

TOYS

Nintendo	20%
Cabbage Patch Kids	18%
Garbage Pail Kids	11%
Light Bright	11%
Strawberry Shortcake	10%
Rollerskates	10%
My Little Pony	10%
LEGOs	10%
Big Wheels	10%

TV SHOWS

Mr. Wizard	13%
Alf	12%
Facts of Life	12%
Dukes of Hazzard	11%
Growing Pains	10%
Silver Spoons	10%
Knight Rider	9%
The Muppet Show	8%
Pee Wee's Playhouse	8%
My Two Dads	7%

The 80s will always be remembered by today's teens. Senior Erin Kleiman stated, "The 80's were the best years and a time we will talk about forever." Though many toys, movies, cartoons, and TV shows will be forgotten, the 'classics' will be etched in many students' minds for all time. Senior Jennifer Loicano concluded, "It will be a time I tell my children about."

-Scott Dane, Chris Curry

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Students Become Webmasters of the Universe

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Provided students had access to a computer with a webserver, like America On Line, Prodigy, or MSN, there were a variety of ways to create pages. Some of the more venture-some who created their own webpages were Erin Tobey, Andrew Mercer, Chris Ash, Travis Stoliker, Libby Smieska, and Jaime Simonson Some students used Hypertext Markup Language, a simple text formating language, but they didn't need to know any HTML to create a homepage. There were a number of sites on the web to help one along. The Holt school district also had a page, which included individual school sites, Board of Education briefs and annual education reports.

—Lisa Bennett



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B.J. Garland,

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Colophon **Expect the Unexpected**

The year was an unexpected boisterous one for Adviser Ann Paul and the Rampages staff, and it fell in line with enough other unexpected happenings to give the book its theme. Coming up with a more unusual cover idea for a staff that usually prefers the traditional, a photo collage was settled upon and put together in Adobe Photoshop by former staff member Camron Gnass. A burgundy purple ink was applied and it was produced with a four-color litho process on 180 point board with standard endsheet stock. The book was printed on 100 pound gloss enamel paper in 10 point Bookman for body copy and 8 point for captions. Headlines were printed with a variety of fonts including the cover fonts Stanton ICG and Helvetica, as well as Zapf Chancery and Bookman. The senior section was printed in process color with spot color applications in Scarlet and Ultra Blue. Two spot color applications of Ultra Purple and Magenta were also used in the opening. Represented by Dave Loney, the book was printed in Shawnee Mission, Kansas by Herff Jones, Inc.

The 224 page book was programmed on Macintosh 7200's and submitted on disk to the printer. Lending programming assistance were staff members Elizabeth Rehfuss, DeJuan Parker, Libby Smieska and Amanda Mercer. Computer assistance was provided by Eubulus of Lansing.

The 1997 Rampages received a Spartan Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association. In individual competition at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, Editor Elizabeth Walker earned a second place in the state in Copy and Caption Writing and Photo Editor Whitney Hoagland won a third place in both Feature and Sports Photography.

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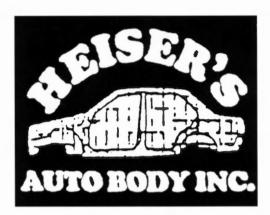
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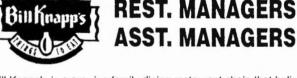
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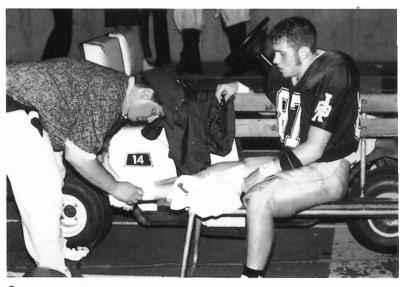
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Don't Expect the Usual

Putting in more than the usual effort on math is Katie Skocylas. Winning the CAC title took more than regular practice from Kenny Wheeler and the Boys' Swim team, and putting on more than the expected performance of Li'l Abner are Katie Stachlewitz and Ty Schalter.







s the semester flew by, seniors were sitting at graduation before they expected it watching the year in rerun on the senior video. They reflected on the year and the unexpected twists. Winterfest was surprising with its lack of participation. *Li'l Abner*, the Spring Musical, was chosen after an unexpected denial of permission to perform *Grease*. Prom was the usual sort of event, but everyone was astonished to see senior Andy Snyder show up in a grass skirt and Hawaiian shirt; certainly not the expected dress for the black-tie affair.

Pleasantly surprised was the Debate team which found themselves traveling to Harvard to compete. On the other hand, NHS was more than a little disappointed at the cancellation of the Blood Drive due to an unexpected Red Cross strike. SADD, after taking advantage of the opportunity to drive home the message of not drinking and driving with Princess Diana's death, assembled students to hear from other students about their sad and personal experiences with drunk driving. Needless to say, it made an impact.

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FACE TO FACE What Do You Expect?





A Time to Expect More

Taking a break from dancing are senior Janell Gingas and her date. Like Janell many students expected more than the ordinary on Prom night and spent much money and effort on the gala event including; dresses, tuxes, dinner and renting the Lansing Center where the event was held on May 24, 1998.

n the academic scene, students didn't get good grades for the expected reasons of parent approval or just to be good in school, but mainly to get into the best college they could. Seniors who took Death and Literature were surprised at how mature and interesting the class was, while students experienced more freedom in their art classes sparking their imagination and the number of awards and scholarhips earned.

And just as the whining and complaining about pay-to-play was winding down, the Board of Education made a decision to drop it which took many by pleasant surprise. In sports, students rolled with the punches, winning some and losing some. The Girls' Golf team dropped to third place while the Baseball team found themselves happy to move up to third place from fifth the previous year. Capitalizing on thinking positive with the coordinates of the State meet printed on their team shirts, the Boys Varsity Tennis team captured the CAC title and advanced to States where Andy Gamet and Phil Rosenman placed first in doubles. They went beyond the expected and fulfilled their wildest dreams as did the Boys' Swim team, the Varsity Softball team and the Girls' Varsity Soccer team who swept Districts. All in all, it was a year of expecting the unexpected.

BEYOND EXPECTED

In Your Wildest Dreams

More Than You Bargained For

A nice way to end the year was celebrating graduation. Emily Mutty did her part addressing her class while Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett navigated seniors through the program with a smile. Getting more than she bargained for in pole vaulting is Track team member Angela Acker.











Beyond Goal

Setting the goal amount of one dollar more than Okemos High School's campaign of \$1,511, Consumer Economics teacher Guil Northrup and the Holt Rampaign committee of which senior Joey Warren was a member, went way beyond goal and collected a whopping \$2,670! There was no sense of limitation for this group or their expectation for more. The proceeds were donated to various non-athletic school clubs and organizations.

Photo by Whitney Hoagland



Magic Moment ...

Sharing a happy moment at Prom are senior Jenny Tunney and date Brian Anderson at the Lansing Center in May. The elegant event provided seniors one last chance to be together with friends and classmates.



It Was Unexpected . . .

Getting a helping hand from a classmate is senior Ryan Wilcox as he is wheeled into the Breslin Center for Commencement. Ryan was injured in a car accident shortly before the end of the school year, and never expected to be in a cast during this important time. He was determined not to miss this special moment with his class to bring to a close his high school years.

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