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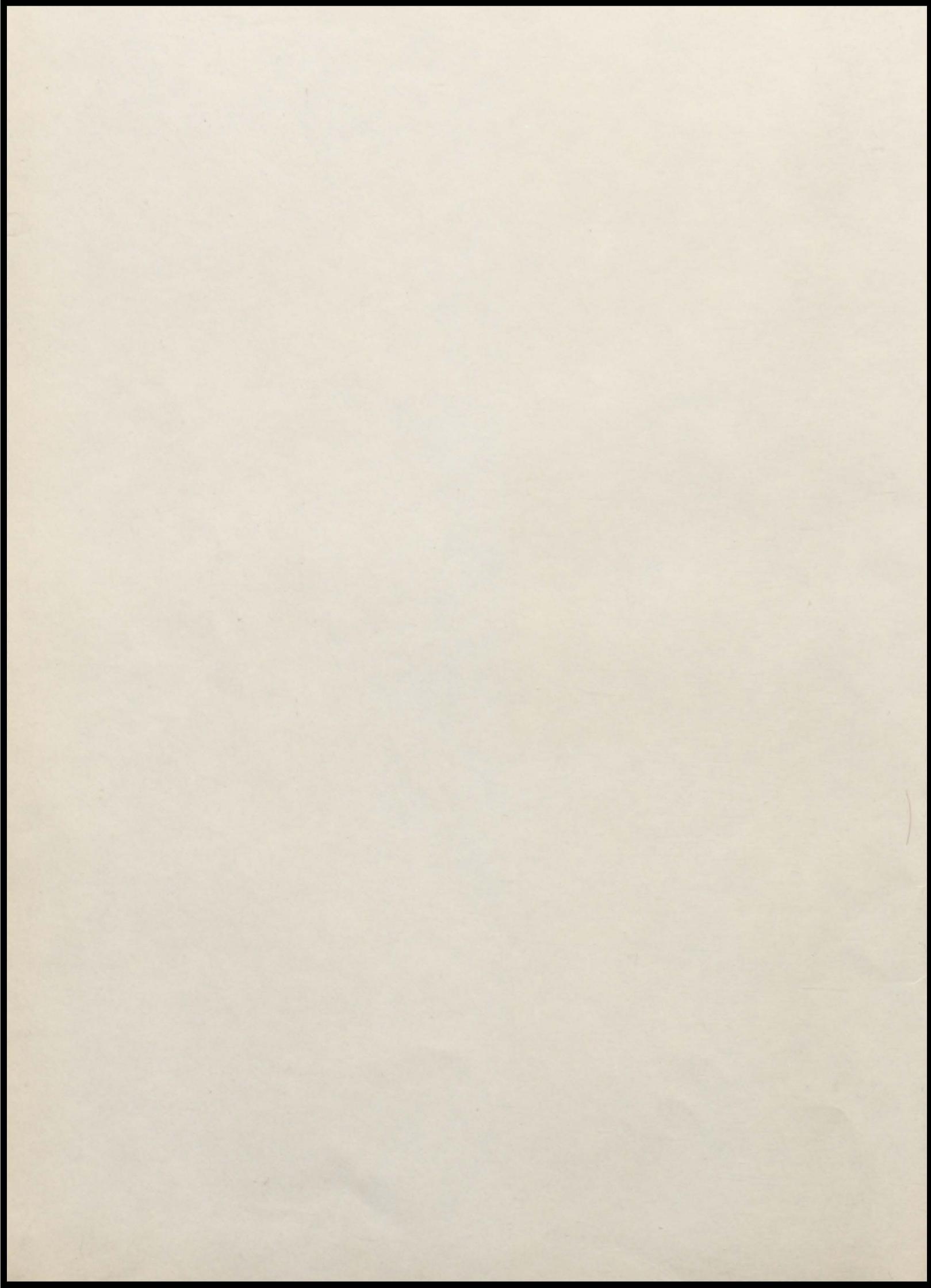


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At the pep session before the homecoming football game, the student body shows its support for the team by displaying the "We're #1" symbol. This type of Panther spirit led to a victory over the homecoming opponents, the Indians of Mississinewa.

High school years are a time for students to "go there and do that." The innocence of childhood is lost, and the wisdom and maturity of adulthood is learned. Independent, yet with no major responsibilities, the young adults can roam freely. They travel to athletic events, dances, club activities, and parties. They go out with friends and spend time with that special someone. What they do, whether it is happy, sad, good, bad, dull, or exciting, will create special memories that will be cherished forever. Get ready to see "where you've been and what you've done."





STUDENT LIFE

Here THERE And EVERYWHERE

Pep sessions...homecoming parade...Powder Puff...hall decorations...class sheet competition...Blue Madness...dress-up spirit days...Kiss a Pig contest...King's Island attendance trip...after game dances...ski trip...canoe trip...homecoming bonfire...Fall Fantasy dance...double lunch or out to eat lunch...Belle's and Beau dance...Ice hockey game, Pacers game, Circle Center shopping trips.

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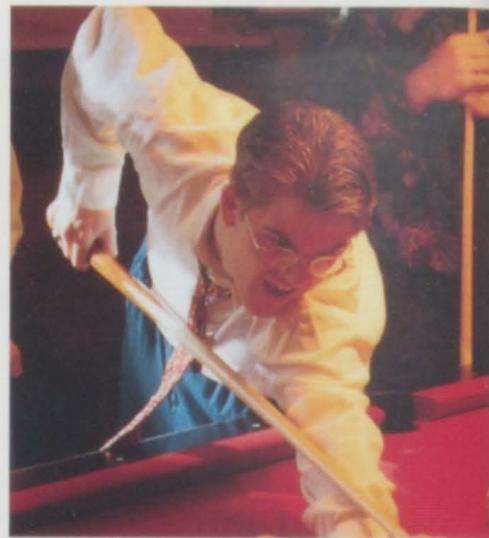
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

STUDENTS

On Monday morning June 3, 1996, members of the Crimson Suite, swing choir, and a select few concert choir members met at the high school parking lot to load the coach for Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. The purpose of the trip was a scheduled singing appearance at Canada's Wonderland Theme Park. At Niagara Falls the group visited the falls with a boat ride on the Maid of Mist. Some other sites visited were the Ford Centre for Performing Arts to attend the musical "Sunset Boulevard," the Yorkdale Mall, the Eaton Centre, the CN Tower, the Sky Dome, and Casa Loma. The travelers stayed at the Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale Hotel. Thirty-one students and chaperones traveled to Canada, and on Friday, June 7, they returned to Indiana with many great memories.

While visiting Toronto, Canada, the group of choir students and chaperones stop for dinner at Ginsberg and Wong, a Jewish-Chinese deli. Scott Townsend shoots some pool after eating before the group heads for the Eaton Centre to do some shopping.



Mrs. Darren Paquin, a chaperone for the choir trip to Canada, meets a Klingon at Canada's Wonderland. This theme park is located in Toronto where the group spent the day after performing in the morning at the entrance to the park.



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asey Croy, Stephanie Morrisett, and Andrea Baer stand in the entrance to the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts where the group attended the musical "Sunset Boulevard."



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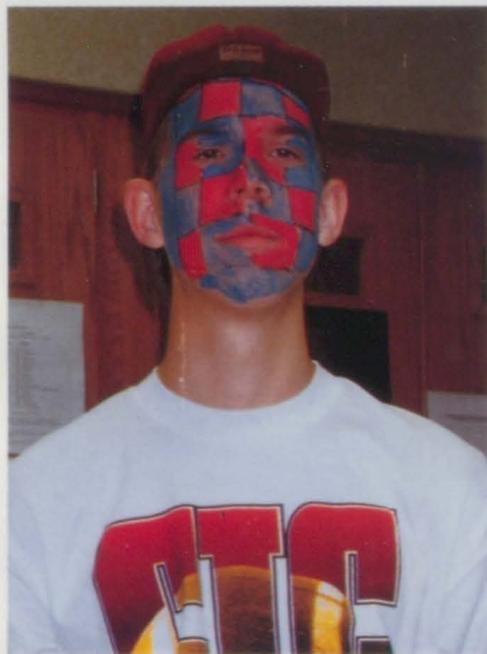
my Satterfield, Kyley Wells, Scott Townsend, Mike Peterson, and Mike Marcrum take a chariot ride in downtown Toronto. This was a part-time job for this gentleman who was earning money for the education of his daughter at Indiana University.

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erforming at Canada's Wonderland Theme Park was a great experience for the choir. Frontrow: Miss Simmons, Mike Marcrum, Scott Townsend, Andrea Baer, Stephanie Morrisett, Casey Croy, and Krista Stafford. Row 2: Jada Canell, Brittney Spicer, Lilly Ochoa, Stacie King, Kyley Wells, and Alyssa Watson. Back row: Linda Armstrong, Mike Peterson, Carolyn Myers, Amy Satterfield, Hillary Hobbs, Kyle Coffman, Melissa Jones, and Brad Laub.

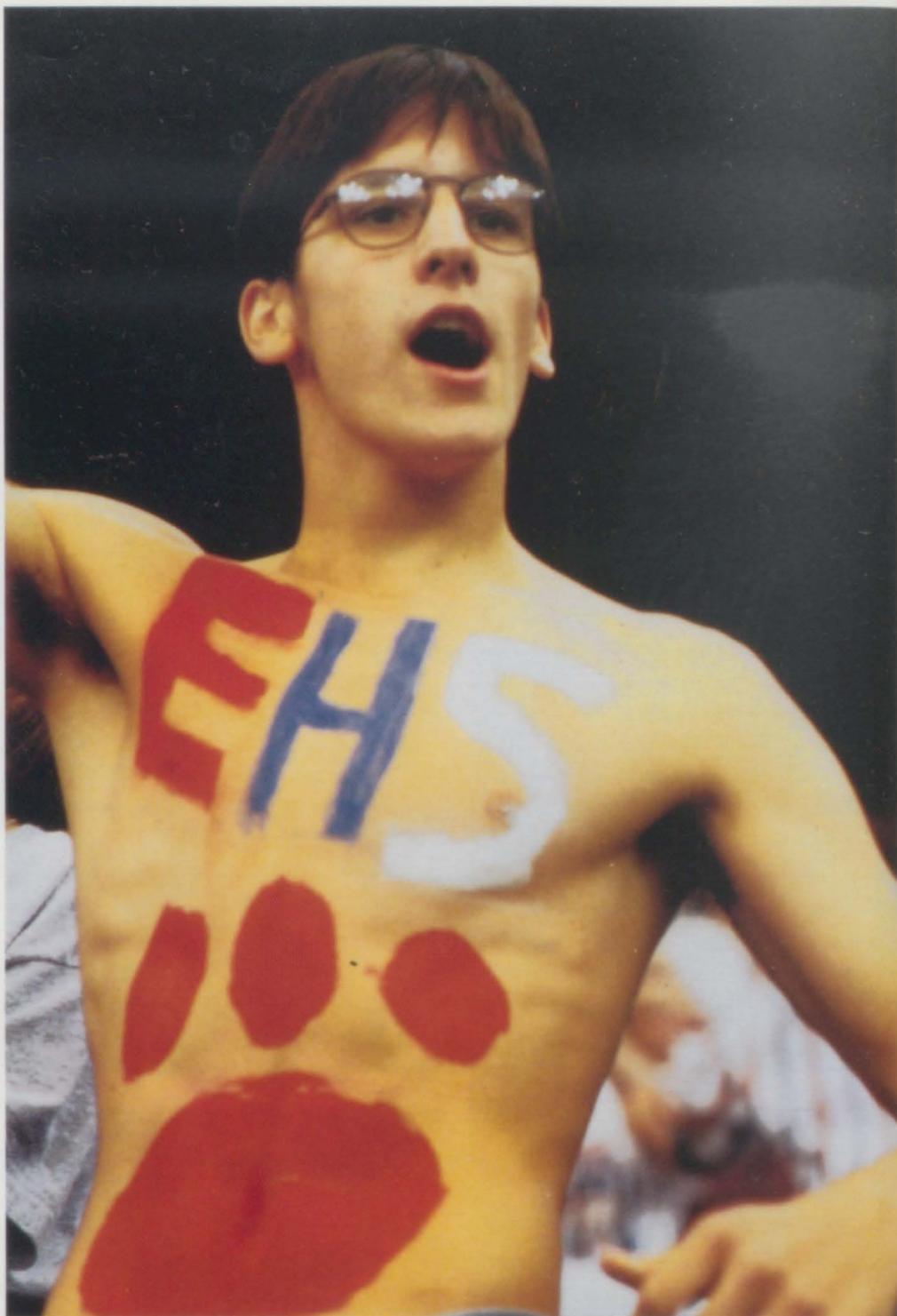


The Panther band prepares to support the players at the Dome. The band participated in the halftime show by playing its competition routine with the theme of "Pocachontas." Dusty Laub prepares to play a number for the next time out.



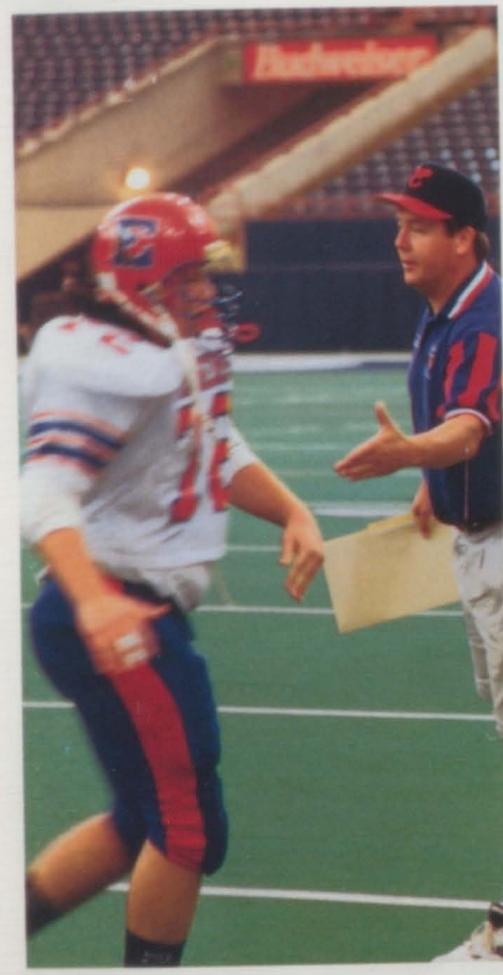
Scott Coryell's mother painted Scott's face to show his enthusiasm for Dome Day. He is wearing the Dome Day shirt produced by Ram Graphics which were sold by the Panther boosters.

The body painting of Phillip Miller shows the spirit shown by the Elwood fans. Phillip revealed his painted body after the Panthers scored their first touchdown.



The team is led out on the field to begin its pre-game by the assistant coaches, Brian Cruz and Mike Goens. The entire coaching staff stayed to scout the games that followed.

L leading the crowd in a chant, Kathy Robinson encourages the crowd to show its spirit for the Panthers; Kathy has been a cheerleader since her freshman year.



After kickoff Jamie Jetty is congratulated on a great kick by Assistant Coach Joe Williams. Jamie is a three year player whose main position is kicker.

THIRD VISIT TO THE RCA DOME PROVIDES PLAYING EXPERIENCE

We've been there , and we've done that. The first trip to the Dome was in 1987 against Zionsville, the number one ranked team in the state. The Panthers lost 23-7. The second trip to the Dome was in 1989 in the sectional match-up against New Palestine. The Panthers lost in an overtime ,11-10. On Saturday, September 14 the Dome was revisited for a third time when the Panthers were invited to play the Blackford County Bruins in a CIC season match. The players played tough, but Blackford pulled ahead to gain a win over Elwood with a final score of Elwood- 24, Blackford- 31. Coach Frye stated, "Playing in the Dome is a great experience for everybody. The atmosphere and playing conditions are perfect, and the fans have to enjoy the setting for this game. The day usually brings out the best performance of the kids because it is such a great environment. Next time lets hope to get a victory." Even though it was not a Panther victory, the players worked hard and never gave up. It was a great day at the Dome.

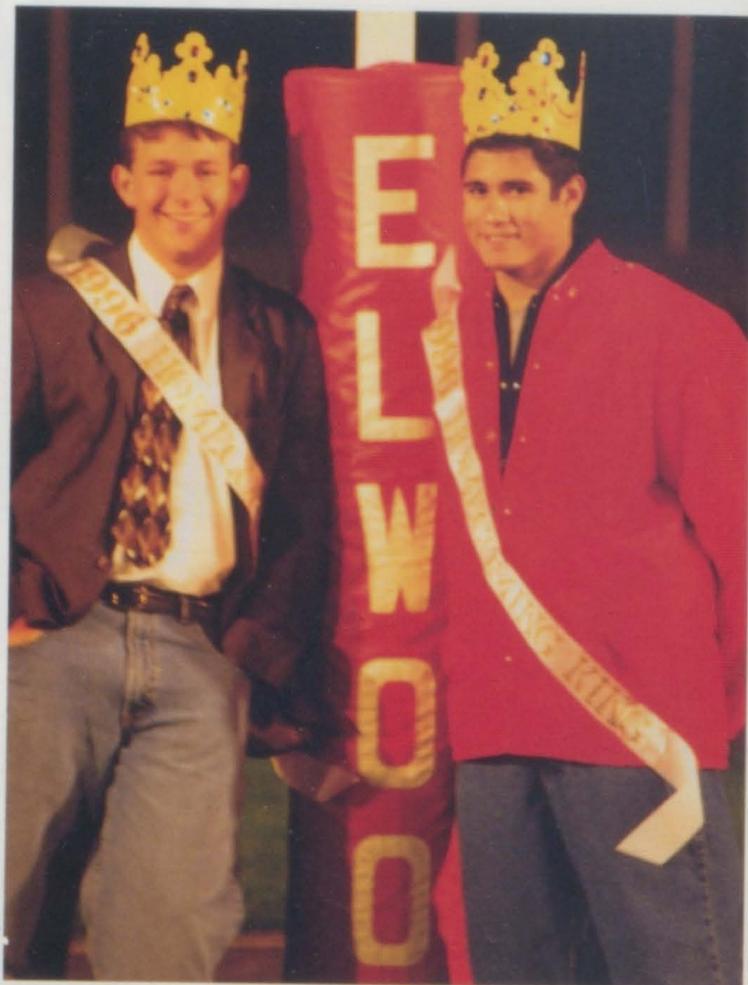
SENIORS ARE VICTORIOUS after HARD FOUGHT BATTLE

The annual powder puff game again highlighted the 1996 Homecoming festivities. On Wednesday, October 2, the junior and senior girls played one of the closest games since 1993. The seniors won 38-36. Scoring touchdowns for the seniors were Alicia Smith, Darcie Courtney, Jackie Collis, and Jodi Shultz. Junior touchdowns were scored by Adrienne McQuitty, Brittney Smith, Amber Sullivan, and Melissa Heiney.

During halftime the sophomore girls teamed up against the freshman girls to win the tug-of-war contest for the second year in a row. One of the highlights of halftime was the crowning of the 1996 Homecoming kings Justin Coston and Kyle Coffman. This was the first time in the history of homecoming that there was a tie for the king. The powder puff game and its activities were enjoyed by all who attended.

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Senior Coach Jeremy Yates and senior linebacker Erin Cook pose for a picture. Erin painted her own face before the game to show her powder puff spirit.



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The two homecoming kings, Kyle Coffman and Justin Coston, reign as the 1996 homecoming royalty. The entire student body votes for the senior of their choice.

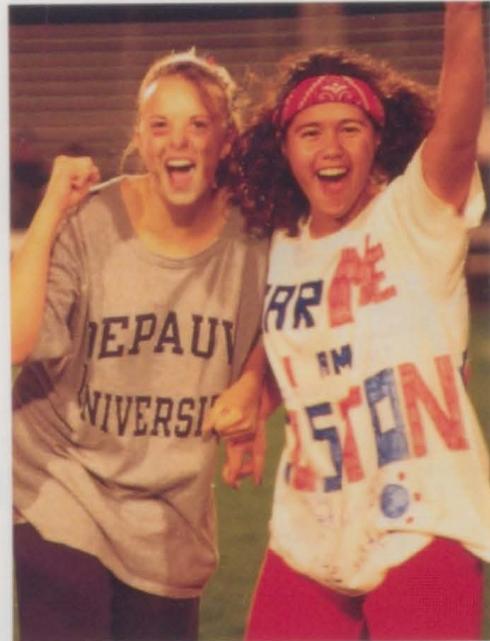
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he senior powder puff team consisting of Amber Boston, Brandee Gordon, Jodi Shultz, Angie Dean, Audra Conwell, Ashley Walker, Donita Downey, Hollie Sullivan, Lisa Beeman, Amy Beeman, Heidi Humphrey, Jackie Collis, Alicia Smith, Crystal Watson, Sunny Durham, Stephanie Hershey, Desiree Morrisett, Kelly Everling, Darcie Courtney, Amy Satterfield, Jennifer Faulstich, Rachel Johnson, Tiffanie Moss, Jessica Jackson, Bennie Hobbs, Cassie Carter, Abby Vehikite, and Alisha Emberton group up before kickoff time.



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unior girls get "pumped" up before the game. The junior team included Amy Gregg, Patricia Kelich, Amber Arehart, Kyley Wells, Sarah Shuler, Dama Beach, Misty Knotts, Peggy Stewart, Kristy Lair, Lacy Moser, Alicia Phenis, Melissa Heiney, Krista Kendall, Cindy Dodd, Adrianne McQuitty, Liz Austin, Stephanie Barnett, Kylie Horseman, Amber Sullivan, Kasey Peters, Andrea Green, Brittney Smith, Mary Davis, Juanita Ochoa, Stephanie Tunis, Jackie Arnold, Josie Headley, and Jennifer Cook.



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reshman Stephanie Wilson and Tara Coston get fired up before the tug-of-war contest which occurred during halftime.

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he freshman girls struggle to tug the rope to a freshman victory. The freshman boys display their painted skin as they cheer on their classmates.

A TIME OF SPIRIT and TRADITION CONTINUES

This year's homecoming week occurred on September 30 through October 4. Homecoming week included several activities. Dress up days, hall and sheet decorating contests, a pep session, the crowning of the queen, and the dance were all events that highlighted this week. Another additional activity was the parade that had 18 high school-sponsored entries. Homecoming is a time of tradition that brings our school together. Mrs. Beverly Austin, junior class sponsor, stated, "The friendly rivalry between classes and seeing alumnus at the game is what makes homecoming special." The homecoming football game was a success this year; the Panthers defeated Mississinewa 28-20. This win was the twenty-first victory in the last twenty-two attempts. Homecoming 1996 was a time to remember.

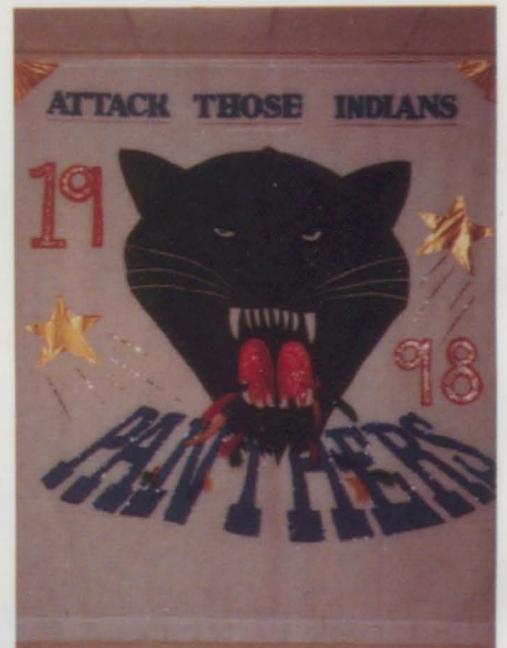
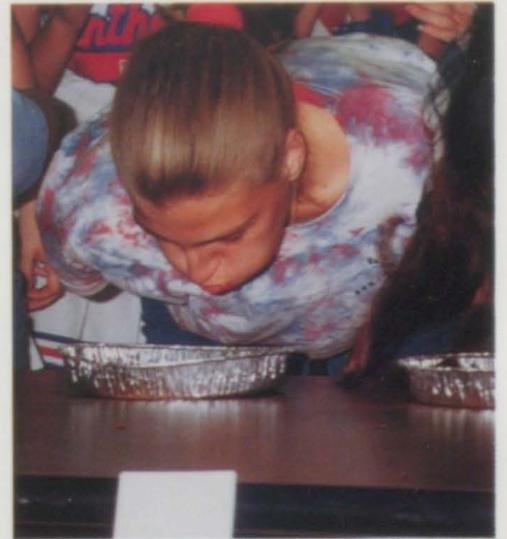
Parade marshalls Brent Robinson and Darcie Courtney prepare to ride the route of the annual homecoming parade held on October 4, 1996. Brent and Darcie were chosen by the student council.



Crowned with glory, Abby Vehikite smiles with joy after being crowned the 1996 homecoming queen. The entire student body voted for the candidate of its choice.



The jello-eating contest, which Laura Stout participated in, was one of the several activities included in the homecoming pep session held during the last thirty minutes of game day. "I was really embarrassed because jello was in my eye and in my nose, and I know I looked stupid," stated Laura Stout.

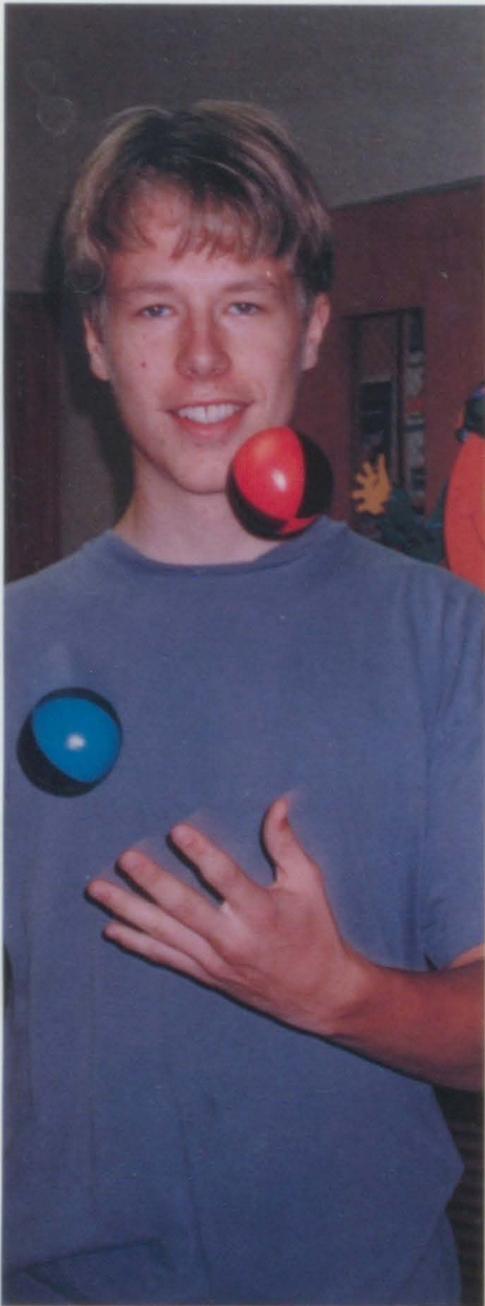


The junior class's winning sheet hangs in the hall during homecoming. Each class designed and produced a sheet for the contest which was judged by the football booster parents. Second place was won by the sophomores, and the seniors took third place.

Dressing to impress, Jasmine Gill and Andrea Baer display their school spirit by displaying their sense of fashion on clash day. The annual dress up days for homecoming, sponsored by student council, were pajama, twin, sweats, clash, red and blue, and hat and shades day.

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uggling three colored balls, Mads Hoby displays his hidden talent. Mads learned to juggle from a circus director and performed nearly every week at a youth circus in Denmark.



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he "human swing set" is what Jacki White calls her hidden talent. Jacki learned of her hidden talent in her fifth grade gymnastics class. She would like to use her talent to go on the "Late Show" with David Letterman for the stupid human tricks portion of the show.

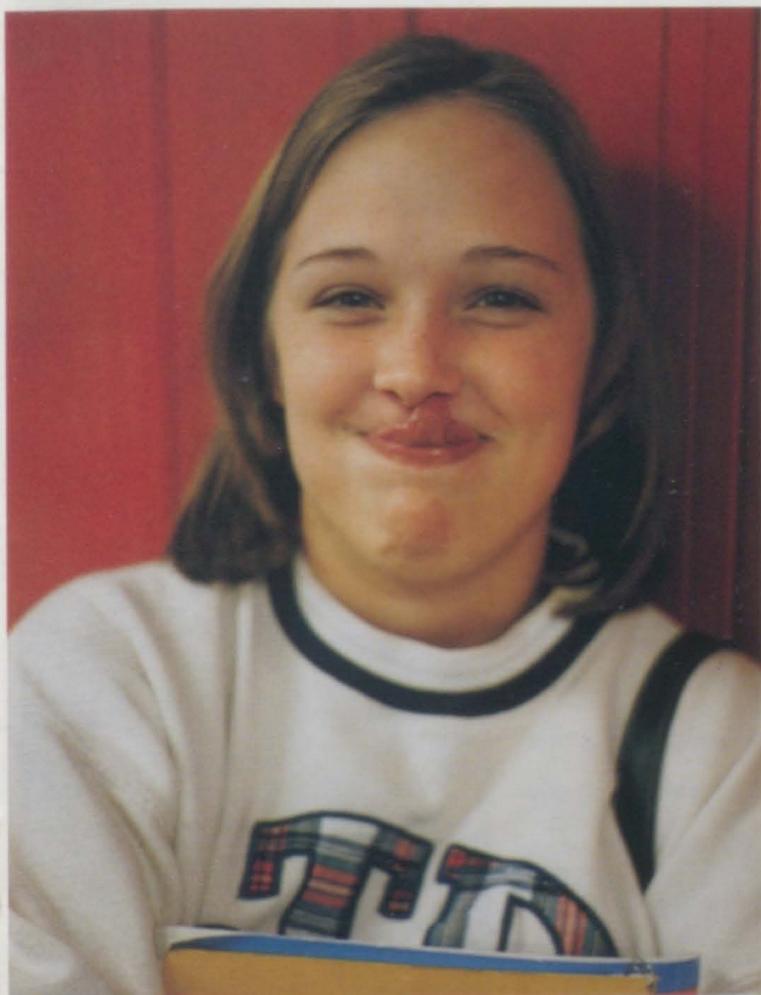
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laying the guitar is what Mitch Herniak learned to do in the sixth grade from his father and grandfather. Mitch's favorite song to play is "Machine Head."



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eing double-jointed is how Andrea Green makes people laugh. Andrea discovered that she was double-jointed a couple of years ago by watching Jim Carey on "In Living Color."

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ticking her tongue up her nose is a talent Jamie Crull has been doing for many years. It is a talent that she learned on her own which she loves to do for a good laugh with her friends.

Look AT WHAT we WHAT CAN DO CREATIVELY

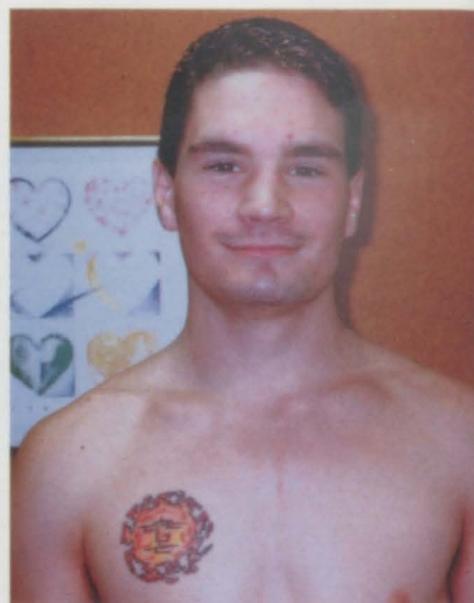
There is much hidden talent in our school, consisting of musical abilities, learned activities, and the dexterity of body parts. Amber Boston discovered her double jointed shoulders at the age of eight while standing in front of a mirror at which time she yelled, "Hey, Mom and Dad, look at this!" Another student who is very talented is Ben Goins who has the special ability of touching his nose with his tongue. Ben's great uncle Bud discovered Ben's talent while they were together at a family dinner. Sophomore Sean Bell, who is learning to become an accomplished aviator, has been taking flying lessons for over six months with his dad as the instructor. Sean flies Cessnas 152's and 172's and a Piper Archer. He flies out of the DuPage Airport in Chicago and the Marion Airport in Indiana.

Tattoos and BODY PIERCING

POPULAR AMONG STUDENTS

Tattoos and body piercing have become a very popular fashion statement. Tattooing has been around for quite some time; its origin can be traced to Africans who used tattoo as tribal or family identification, symbols of religious cults, societies, or for cosmetic reasons. They also used body piercing. Jewelry that was used for piercing dates back to gold, semiprecious stones, or tail hairs from elephants. Tattoos and body piercing is now very popular among teenagers in the 90's. This is just one of the ways people choose to express themselves. Some of the areas pierced are the tongue, nose, eyebrow, belly button, and chest area.

Bryan Watters' tattoo is the astrological sign, Leo. He received his tattoo in New York City this summer.



Lenora Dickey has a peace sign tattoo right above her ankle. She received her tattoo in Indianapolis.

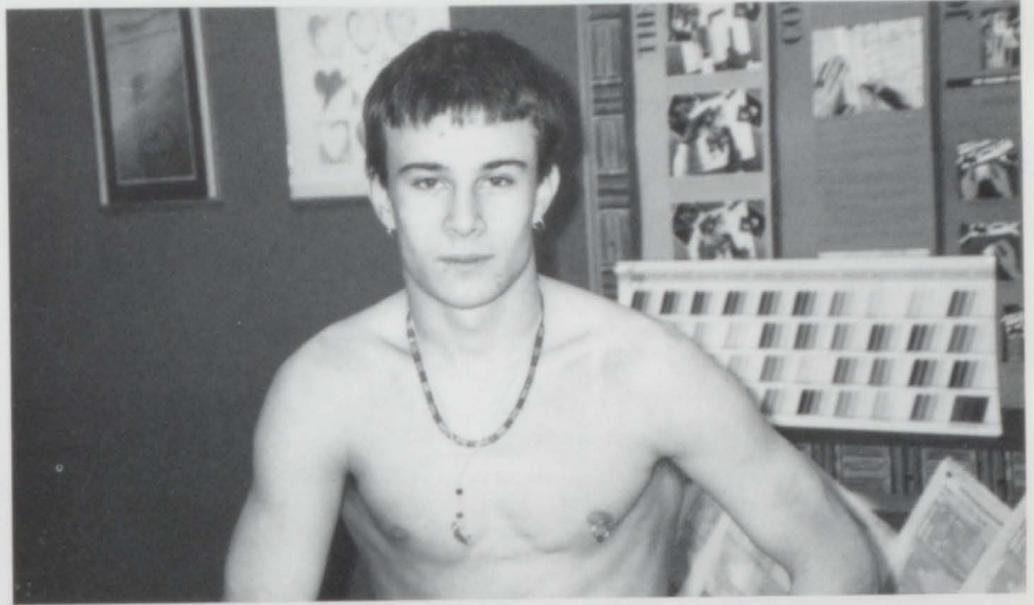


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enora Dickey got her naval pierced in May of 1996. She had it done in Indianapolis with her sister.

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uch! David Atwood pierced his chest area himself this summer using a needle and peroxide. David says he did it because he likes the way it looks.



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uston Nichols has a Nike tattoo on his ankle. He received it right here in Elwood this summer.

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ngie Dean received her tattoo at the beginning of the school year in Indianapolis. She loves the way it looks but said that it was very painful.

CANOEING AND SKIING are WHAT THE SCIENCE CLUB DOES BEST

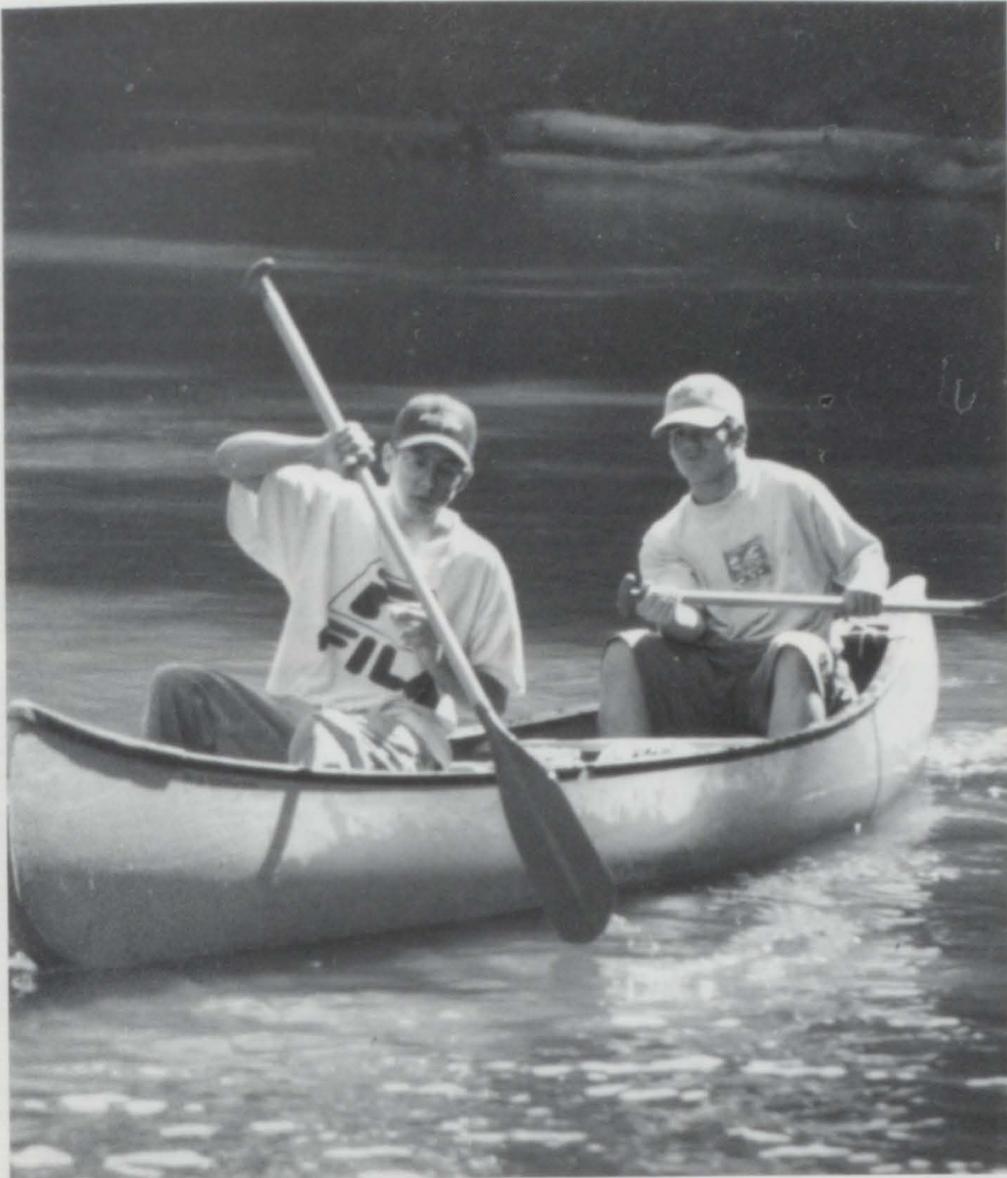
Carrying the canoe to the water, Doug Mitchell and Shawn Leever prepare to paddle downstream. They spent the entire day on the river, stopping only for lunch.



Eric Lambert and Pat Hoose paddle down Sugar Creek during the science club canoe trip on September 15. Pat Hoose said, "Stopping on the shore and throwing water balloons at oncoming canoes was the highlight of his trip."

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oving down stream, Craig Standridge and David McCorkle concentrate on maintaining their balance in the canoe. Craig said, "We only tipped once, but we lost our lunch when we did."

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ading down the slopes, Jeremy Yates demonstrates his snow skiing abilities while on the science ski trip on March 1 at Timber Ridge in Michigan.

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rs. Barbara Yates, Ms. Dana Shaver, and Ms. Julie Johnson prepare to load their gear for a long day on the river. Mrs. Yates is the science club sponsor while Ms. Shaver and Ms. Johnson are chaperones for the canoe trip.

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he excitement builds for Kabe Flanagan, Anna Peeper, Sara Melvin, Amy Buccì, Kyle Nichols, Joel Mendenhall, and Ben Goins minutes before hitting the slopes during the annual science club ski trip.

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uring Mrs. McQuitty's second period gifted and talented art class, Sun-Hye Kim practices the technique of origami which is the art of paper folding.



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xchange student Ulrike Riethmueller prepares for a warm-up session in Miss Simmons's third hour choir class. Ulrike sings soprano, and this is her first experience as a choir member.

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n Saturday, September 14 exchange student Jeremy Fremaux joined the football team's trip to the Hoosier Dome. The Panthers were defeated by Blackford, 35-28. Jeremy gained his eligibility enabling him to play on September 20 against Madison Grant.



Jeremy Fremaux - France
Bill and Connie Brummet

Mads Hoby - Denmark
Jeff and Tammy Gobble

Sun-Hye Kim - South Korea- Gary and Sue Knotts

Ulrike Riethmueller - Germany - Brent and Sheryl Miller

FOREIGN FRIENDS

HAVE

JOINED ELWOOD'S STUDENT BODY



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he homecoming parade held on October 4 was a new experience for exchange student Mads Hoby. Mads rides on the traditional fire truck along with fellow seniors.

Jeremy Fremaux: According to Jeremy, "Sports in the U. S. are very popular, and the attitudes between the athletes is very good." However, Jeremy feels that there is a much greater emphasis on athletics in the U.S. compared to his country.

Mads Hoby: Mads's favorite foods here in the U.S. are meatloaf and pasta with cheese. His favorite movies are "Forrest Gump" and "Dumb and Dumber."

Sun-Hye Kim: "The difference in our schools compared to the one's in South Korea are that they go to school six days a week. Students don't choose their own subjects, and they have to wear uniforms."

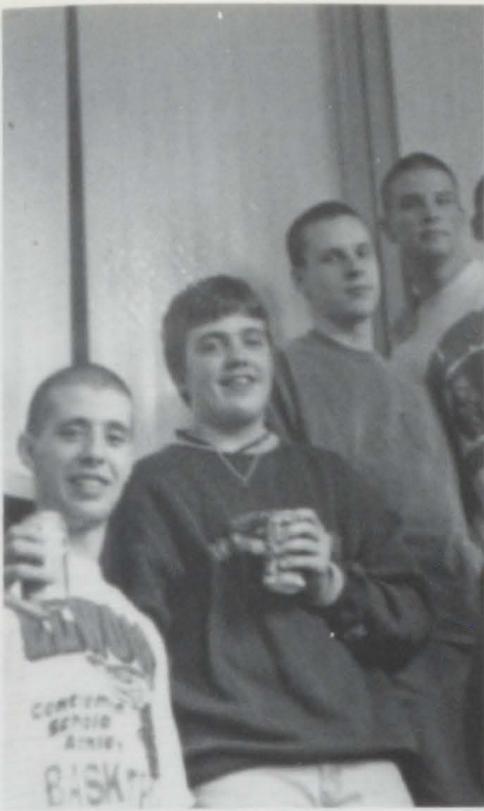
Ulrike Riethmueller: Ulrike's favorite pastime in the U.S. is meeting new people, making friends, and shopping.

FUTURE LEADERS of LEADERS THE WORLD LEARN THE SKILLS

Student council members, class officers, and a few other select students attended a leadership seminar on February 7 in the Huntington Bank basement. The program was sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Yates and the student council. It was presented by Jostens' representatives, Jeff Pope and Kevin Armstrong. Students learned the importance of accepting themselves and others and how to offer and accept compliments without feeling embarrassed. Mid-day, pizzas and sodas were brought in by Pizza King for the students to devour. Proceeding lunch they mastered the task of cooperation by passing a volleyball using only their legs and feet. Before the day was completed, the individual teams made up their own words to a previously recorded song, expressing what they had learned during the day. Finally, they cleaned up the mess, boarded the bus, and returned to school.

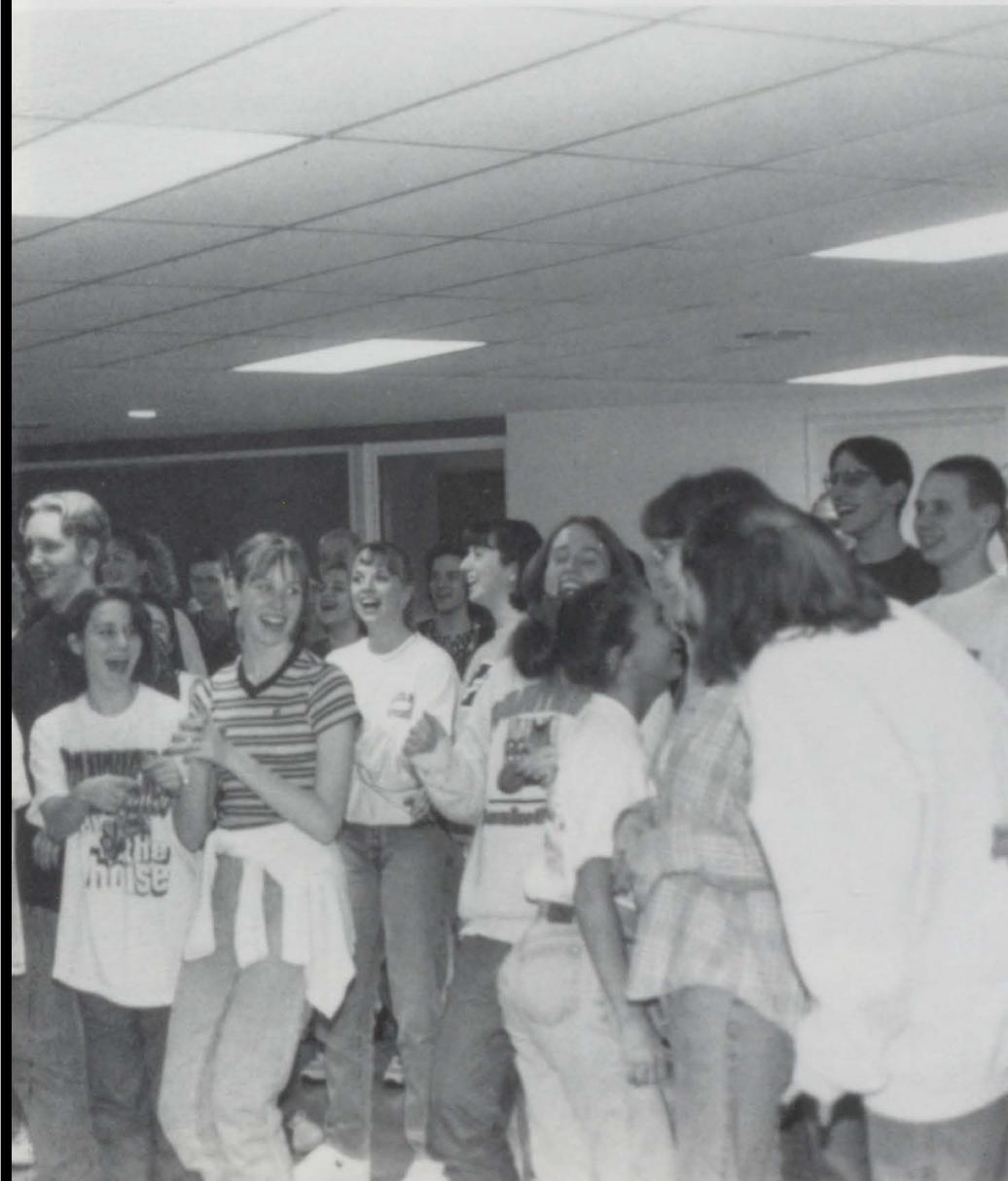
"Are you ready to party!?!?" is the phrase coming from the mouths of Elizabeth Austin and Kasey Peters in the morning prior to the day's activities in an attempt to spark some enthusiasm from the other students.





After the long day's activities the students congregate at the door waiting to be dismissed. Michael Cogill and Dustin Collins enjoy a Pepsi while Chris Hoose and Greg Cauble linger.

The future leaders line up head to foot and pass the volleyball from the front to the rear, using only their feet and legs in an attempt to learn patience and cooperation. They learned strategic planning and how to deal with unexpected problems.



Leader of the group Amy Beeman writes down compliments as Shane Leavell, Andrea Green, Brandi Cosby, and Amber Cole take turns giving compliments to each other. Every member of the group complimented the others in order to master the skills of giving and receiving positive compliments.

While dancing to the rhythm of a group song, everyone laughs as Sara Melvin shows why the lyrics talked about her behind. Each group made up new lyrics to a song to show what they learned during the program.

WHETHER LEAVING or STAYING IT WAS TIME FOR A BREAK

At Anna Maria Island in Bradenton, Florida, Kasey Peters and Kylie Horseman relax on the patio at the Smuggler's Cove Resort.



Relaxing at Ft. Myers Beach in Ft. Myers, Florida, Justin Atwood, Kabe Flanagan, Adrienne Courtney, Ryan Alley, Stephanie Wilson, Elizabeth Austin, Mike Goens, Krista Kendall, and Brandon Melvin enjoy a day together in the sun.

Kelly Hobbs, Hillary Hobbs, Casey Croy, and Sunny Durham sit on Elvis's motorcycle outside the Hard Rock Cafe. The girls vacationed in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and stayed at the Sea Mist Resort.

Participating in a Hooters bikini contest, Amber Boston "struts her stuff" on the runway. Amber vacationed in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, with Jacki Collis, Erin Cook, Donita Downey, and Amy Beeman.



Brandee Gordon poses in front of a waterfall at Multnomah Falls, Oregon, while visiting Chris Sheward.



After spending the week in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, Trent Driver, Donita Downey, Amy Beeman, and Jacki Collis had unexpected adventures on the way home. They encountered two flat tires costing \$143.00, a near accident with a wolf, and being pulled over by the state police



A switch from the warm to the cold is how Jon Mort and Dustin Collins spent their spring break in Winter, Wisconsin. Getting used to the 25 degree weather and 3 foot snow drifts were only a part of their trip while visiting Dustin's grandparents.

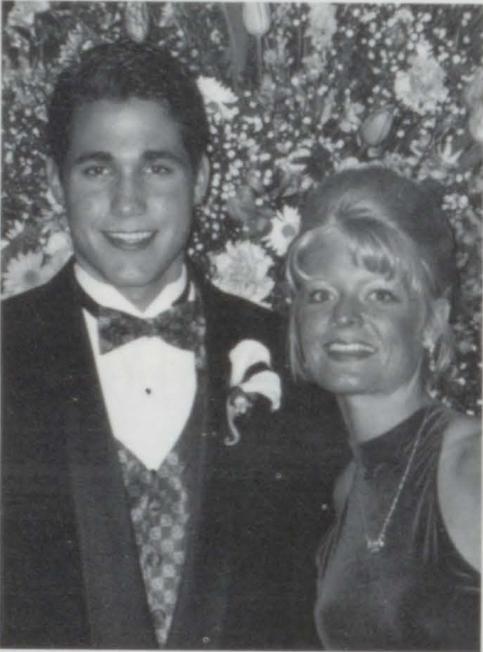


Amanda Rittenhouse traveled with her brother and sister-in-law to Phoenix, Arizona, to visit her aunt and uncle.

Carrie Blackford and Crystal Watson met with a few friends, Pluto, Goofey, and Minnie Mouse, at the Disney World Resort. They stayed at St. Pete Beach, Florida, and traveled to Disney World for one day.

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arcie Courtney and Chris Hoose were crowned prom king and queen on May 3, 1997 at 10:30 p.m.

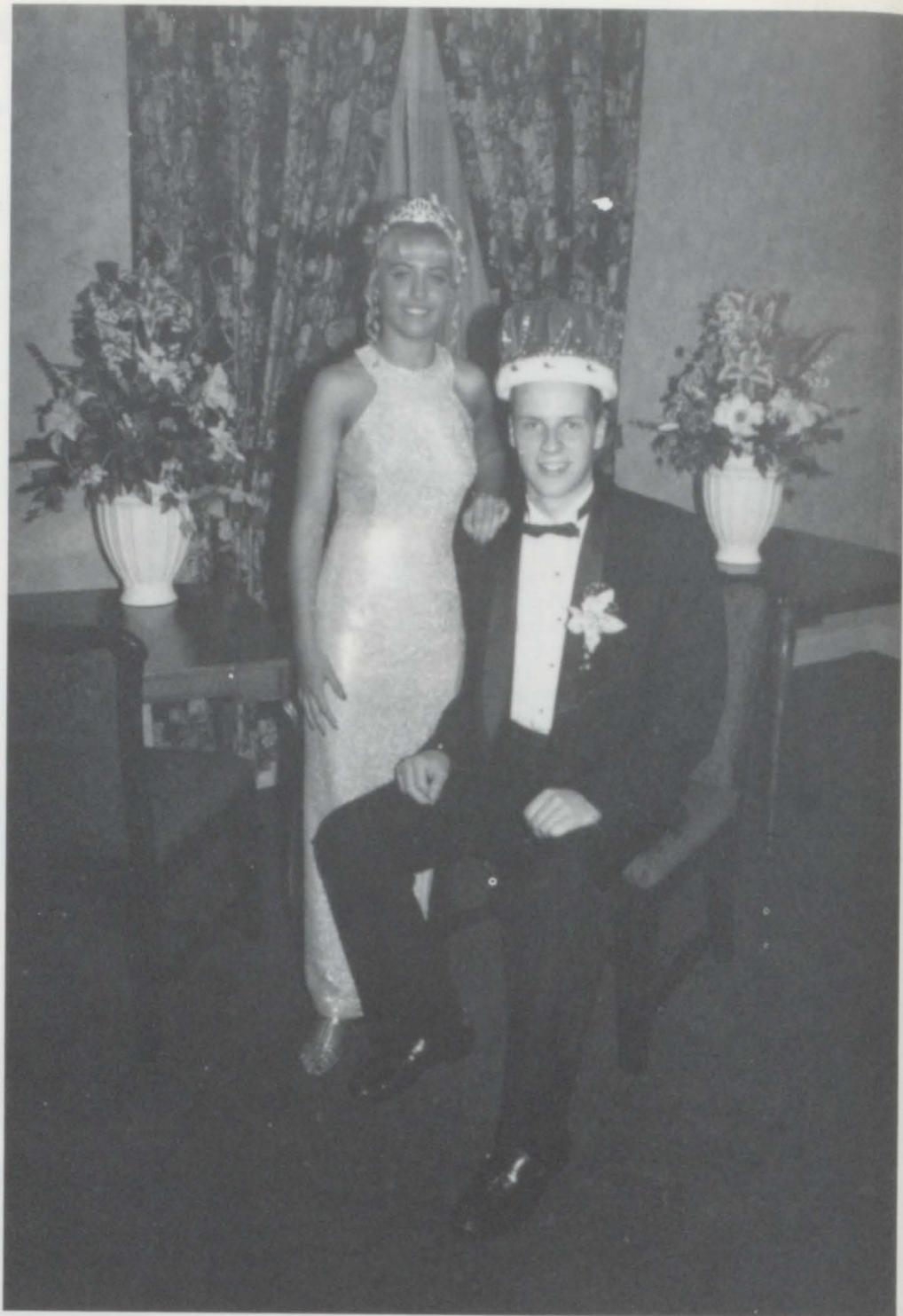


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eremy Yates displays Anna Peeper's garter by wearing it around his head. The garter ceremony took place after the crowning of the king and queen.

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yan Alley and Kasey Peters were the prom chairpersons for the 1997 prom, "An Evening of Elegance." Kasey and Ryan were in charge of all the committees and made sure the preparations were successfully carried out.



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he 1997 prom court: Kris Kleinbub, Amy Beeman, Chad Kelich, Jacki White, King Chris Hoose, Queen Darcie Courtney, Jennifer Waymire, Brent Robinson, Amber Boston, and Justin Moore.

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aking a break from the heavy dancing at the prom, Brittney Spicer, Desiree Morrisett, Donita Downey, and Adrienne Gough fix their hair in the crowded bathroom at the Anderson Country Club.

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uesday Head and Nathan Trueblood pose for the traditional prom pictures while Shane Pollard, Indiana School Pictures representative, adjusts the hand settings.

PROM '97 WAS an EVENING OF ELEGANCE

Prom 1997, which was held at the Anderson Country Club, was entitled "An Evening of Elegance." The prom was sponsored by the junior class along with class sponsors Beverly Austin and Janet Trowbridge. The meal was a buffet which consisted of sweet and sour chicken, roast beef au jus, stuffed pasta shells, rice, mashed potatoes, green bean almondine, rolls, salad bar, and chocolate cake. At each table was a Kodak Funsavers camera for members of that particular table to take many pictures of the evening. The evening began with dinner, a dance, the king and queen ceremony, and then the garter ceremony. The junior class raised money for the prom by selling candy throughout the school. Mrs. Darren Paquin, who served as a chaperone said, "This was the most elegant prom I have ever attended, and the food was delicious."

AFTER PROM PRESENTED "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

The after-prom committee began its endeavor to raise money on August 24th with the first car wash and bake sales held at K-mart. The committee, consisting of junior parents and headed by Helen Peters, met several times throughout the year to make the 1997 after-prom possible. They held many fundraisers throughout the school year including a raffle for a class ring from J. Lewis Small, a raffle for a pie rack made by Bill Dodd, and the sale of umbrellas and candy apples at many home football games. The junior parents raised a total of \$7,000. The money raised was used for after-prom prizes, games from Party Time, and additional activities. Helen Peters, mother of Kasey Peters stated, "The parents worked very hard throughout the year to make this possible. We felt that despite difficulties with some of the equipment, everyone still had a great time."

Adrienne Courtney and Sara Melvin participate as clowns for the "Under the Bigtop" after-prom. The clowns greeted the after-prom goers and distributed candy.

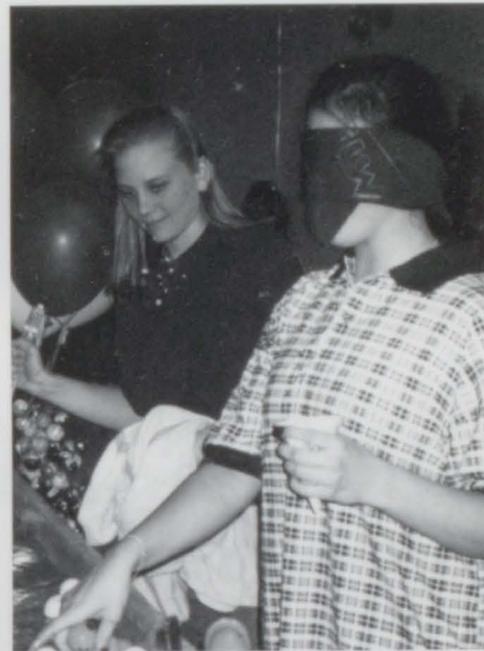
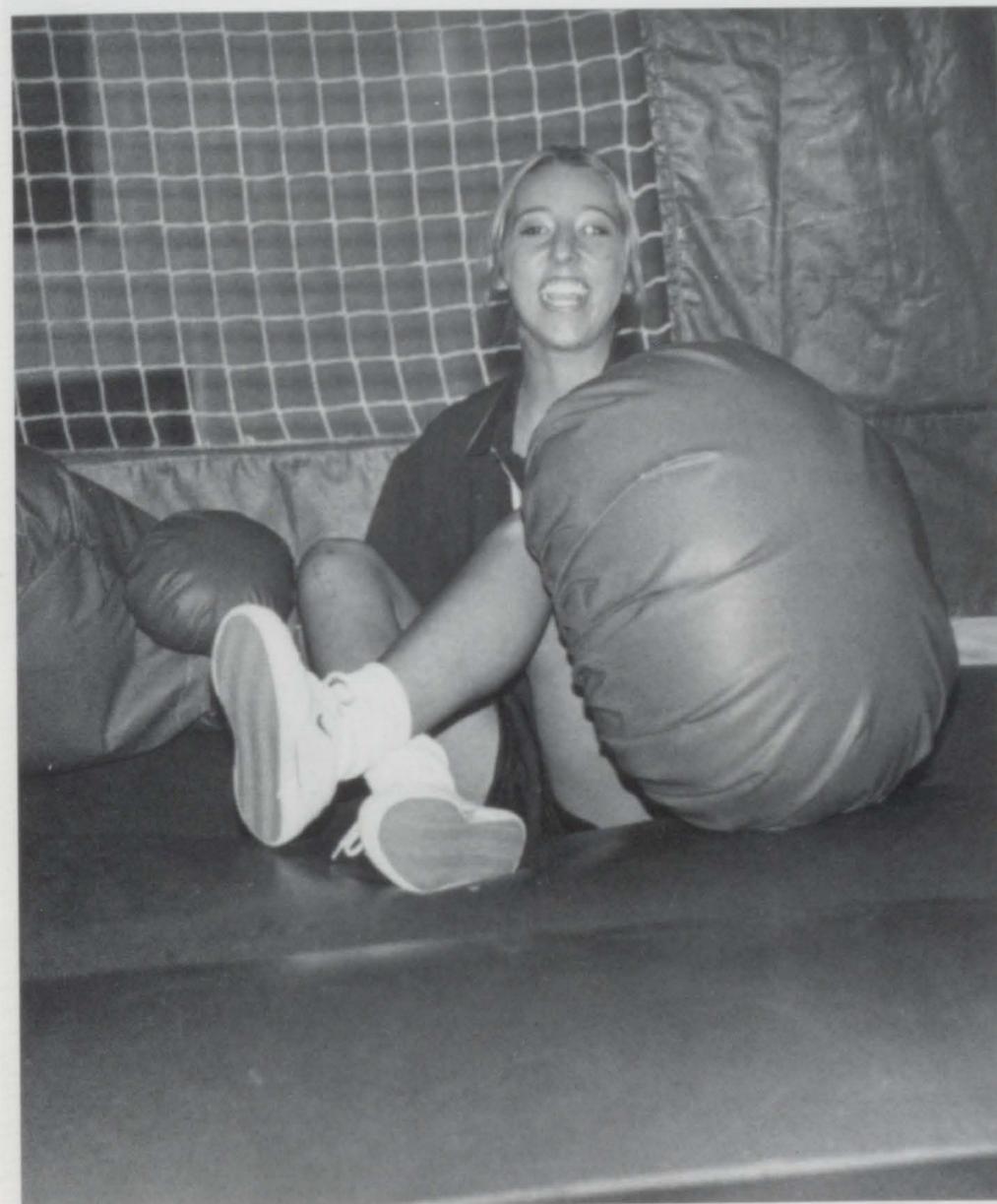


Juanita Ochoa and Amber Arehart get their pictures taken behind a photograph cut-out. This cut-out was one of three backgrounds students could choose from for a "unique" after prom photograph.



Dustin Nichols locks Eric Dietzer in the human bowling ball to prevent Eric from falling out as he is rolled down the lane to knock down the bowling pins.

Rachel Johnson and her date Greg Linsmeyer take advantage of the free food at the after-prom. Hot dogs, hot pretzels, popcorn, snow cones, nachos, and cotton candy was offered in the cafeteria.

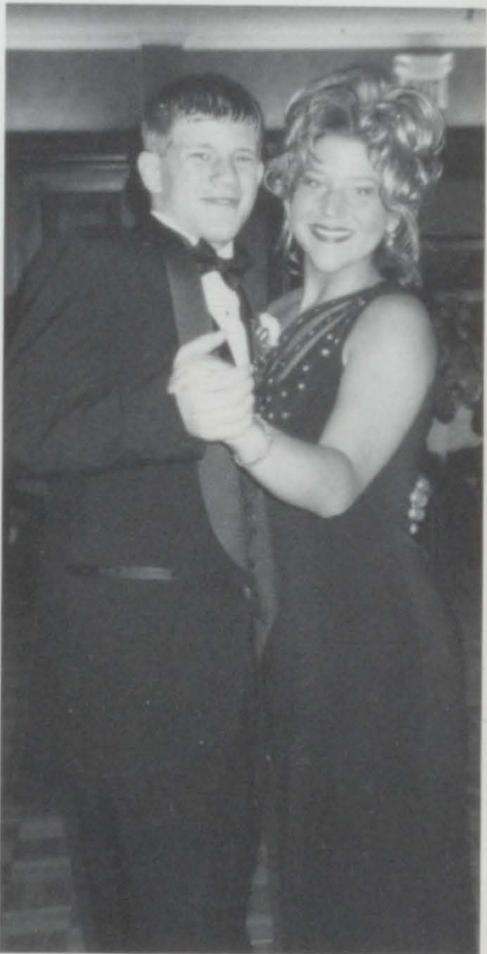
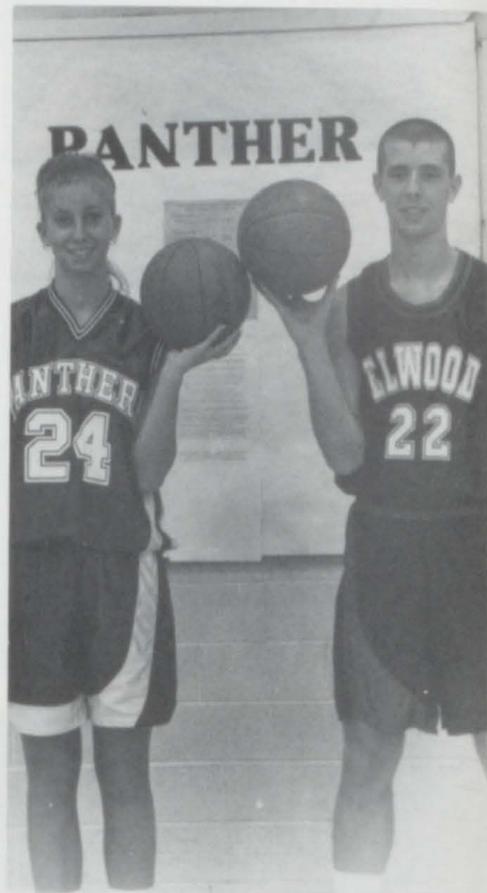


Josie Gregg tries to pick the right ping pong ball in order to win more chances for prizes which were awarded at the end of the night, as Mindy Nerhbass pushes the ping pong balls through the water.

Megan Riser is knocked down by Kris Kleinbub, but she prepares to battle again in the jumbo boxing ring.

STUDENTS DECIDE who is "MOST Likely To..."

Most likely to be a professional athlete:
Jodi Shultz and Michael Cogill.



Most Likely To:

- Succeed
- Become a Millionaire
- Become the President of the U.S.
- Own a Tanning Salon
- Become a Pro Athlete
- Become a Counselor
- Paint a Picasso
- Dance on "The Grind"
- Be on "Singled Out"
- Perform on Broadway
- Marry Their High School Sweetie
- Become a Talk Show Host/Hostess
- Have Full Body Tattoos
- Ride a Harley
- Be on "House of Style"
- Still Riding the "L" at Age Thirty
- Be on a Prell Shampoo Commercial
- Be an Exercise Guru
- Come Back to Elwood to Teach

Male

- Kyle Coffman
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- Josh Waymire/Paul Richardson
- Michael Cogill
- Chris Hoose
- Justin Coston
- Jeremy Yates
- Justin Moore
- Kyle Coffman
- Michael Cogill
- Paul Richardson
- Bryan Watters
- Justin Coston
- Brent Robinson
- Duston Nichols
- Trent Driver
- Jay Davis
- Kris Kleinbub

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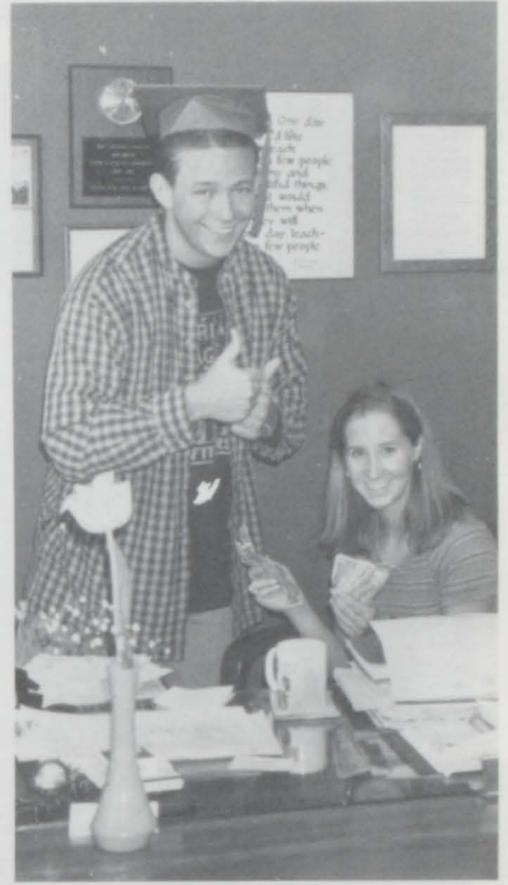
- Heather Towle
- Amber Boston
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- Donita Downey
- Jodi Shultz
- Amy Beeman
- Jacki White
- Amber Boston
- Brandey Ehman
- Hillary Hobbs
- Kelly Everling
- Kelly Everling
- Sara Pearson
- Brandee Gordon
- Jackie Collis
- Alyssa Watson
- Jennifer Faplstich
- Adrienne Gough
- Merrilee Garner

Most likely to dance on "The Grind": Jer-
emy Yates and Amber Boston.

Most likely to ride a Harley: Justin Coston and Brandee Gordon.

Most likely to own a tanning salon: Josh Waymire, Donita Downey, and Paul Richardson.

Most likely to succeed: Kyle Coffman and Heather Towle.

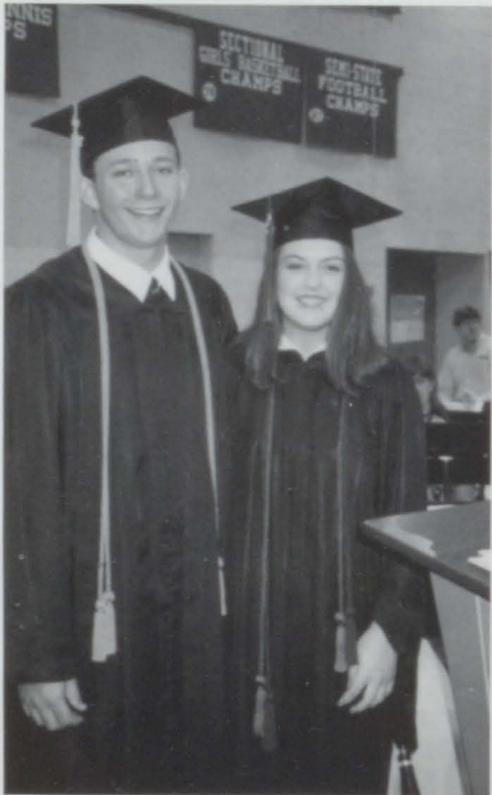


Most likely to return to Elwood to teach: Merrilee Garner and Kris Kleibub.

Most likely to paint a Picasso: Jacki White and Justin Coston

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n stage fulfilling the graduation duties, Principal Gordon Paquin reads the graduates' names as they cross the stage, and Superintendent Tom Austin presents Amber Boston with her diploma as Scott Savage assists



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ennifer Faulstich secures Jenni Waymire's cap in place with bobbie pins prior to the procession of graduates.

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yle Coffman and Hillary Hobbs are the soloists for Elwood's Commencement exercises.

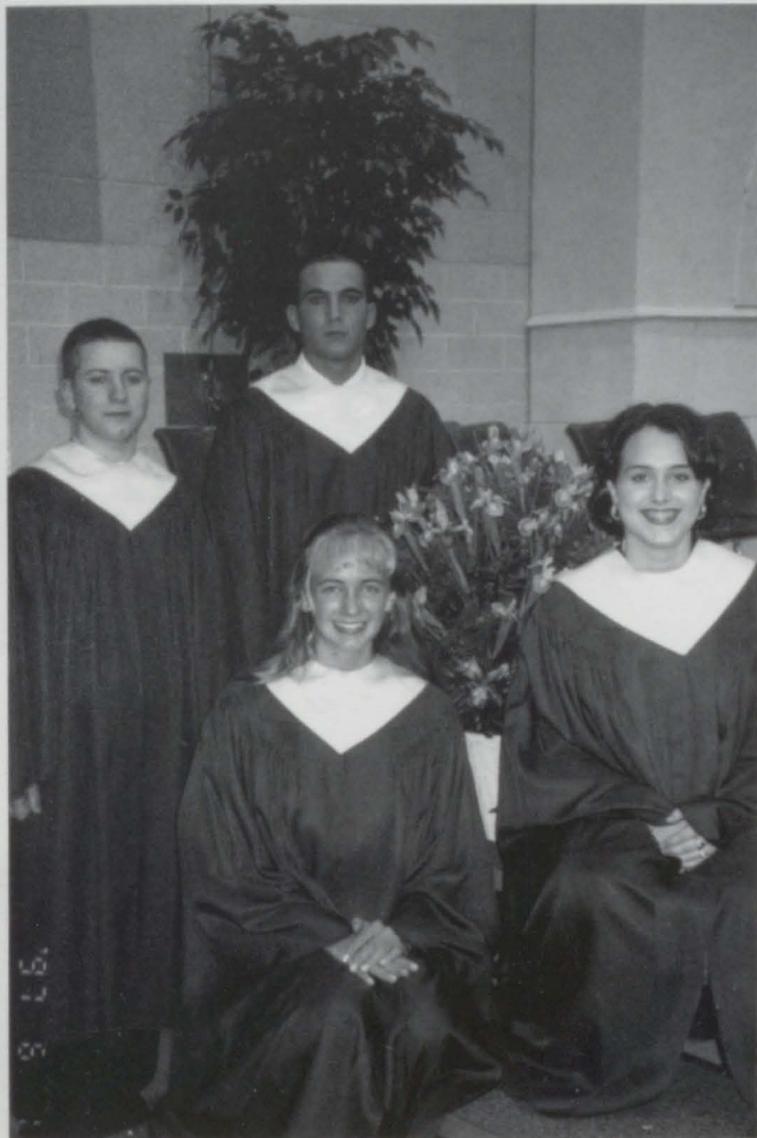


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ommencement Speakers - Amy Beeman, Kelly Everling, Jeremy Yates, Bennie Hobbs, and Heather Towle.

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olding her cap securely, Jodi Shultz smiles while patiently waiting for Mrs. Kandie Courtney to assist by pinning her cap in place.

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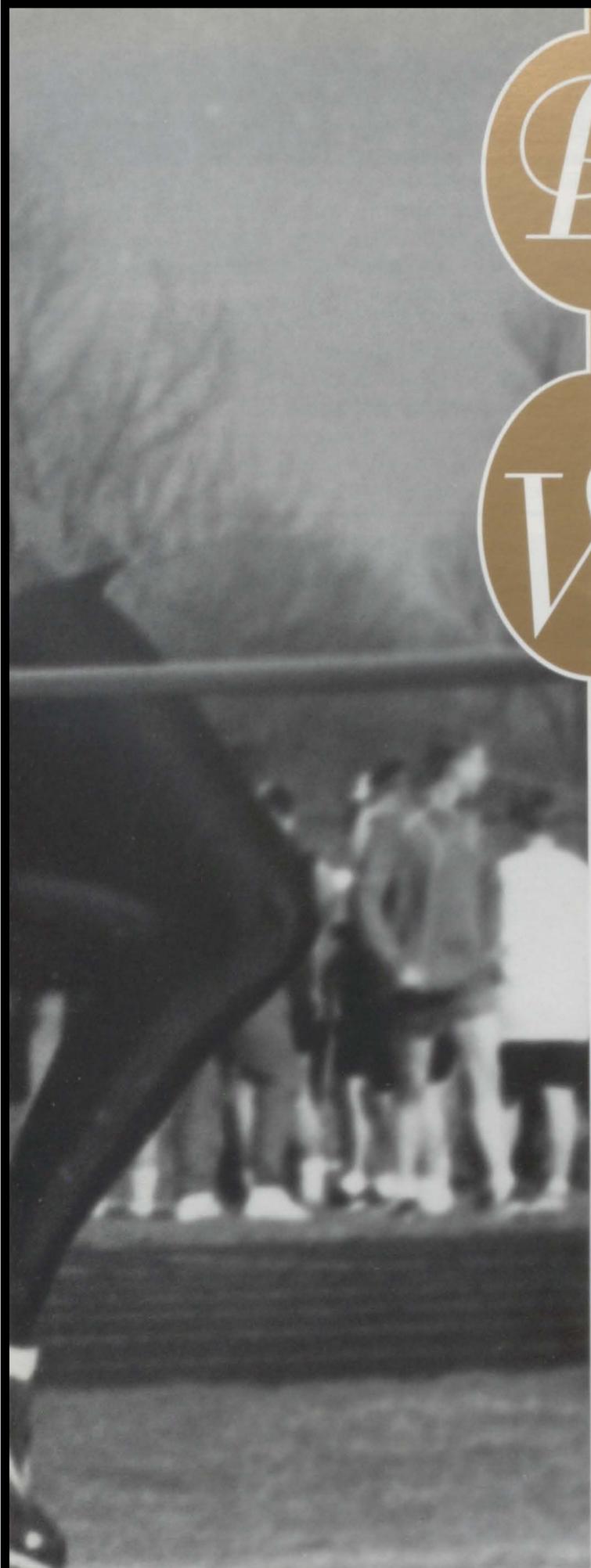
unior Marshalls - Scott Savage, Kyle Kaiser, Jennifer Cook, and Lacy Moser.

A Small BUT MIGHTY class OF 1997 GRADUATES

COMMENCEMENT CLASS OF 1997

Prelude	Elwood Panther Band
Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" - Elgar	Elwood Panther Band
"BUILDING BLOCKS"	Amy Beeman
"A GIFT"	Heather Towle
"THE JOURNEY"	Kelly Everling
"Whatever You Imagine" - Arr Schmutte	Crimson Suite & Show Choir
"Reach" - Arr Chinn	Crimson Suite & Show Choir
"THE VIRTUES OF THE CLASS OF '97 -"	Bennie Hobbs
"That's What Friends Are For" - Dion Warwick	Kyle Coffman & Hillary Hobbs
"Friends" - Michael W Smith	Kyle Coffman
Presentation of Class and Citation of Honors	Gordon Paquin, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Thomas Austin, Superintendent
"THE ROAD NOT TAKEN"	Jeremy Yates
Tassel Ceremony	Chris Hoose, Class President
Recessional	Elwood Panther Band





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Football homecoming victory... Brent Robinson and Mike Cogill won the sectional, the regional, and qualified for state at #1 doubles in tennis... Adrienne Gough went to the semi-state in cross-country... Mike Cogill was named Top 100 and an alternate for Top 40 in the state for basketball... Brent Robinson and Amber Sullivan went to the state competition in the three-point contests... Jeremy Yates was 8th in state and broke the school win record with 133 in wrestling... Bryan Watters was 5th in the state and broke the school pin record with 38 in wrestling... Sara Melvin and Randy Moore broke school diving records... Jacki White broke the 500 freestyle record...

The lack of senior leadership and veteran players caused this young team to experience

GROWING PAINS

The varsity football team suffered through a disappointing 2-7 season. Lack of senior players forced the Panthers to start many juniors and sophomores. Coach Kevin Frye stated, "All good teams win with seniors, and we only had seven." Those seniors were Scott Alexander, defensive end; Justin Coston, nose guard; Everett Dickey, wide receiver; Jeremy Fremaux, kicker; Jeremy Yates, wide receiver and defensive back; Justin Moore, offensive guard and defensive tackle; and Kris Kleinbub, running back and strong safety.

When asked what the most outstanding event of the season was, Frye commented that winning on the road at Peru was an extra special win because it was his first as head coach. The offensive line was the strong point at the end of the season. Coach Frye believes, "With hard work in the weight room this winter and next summer, this team could be a conference champ and a contender for the sectional in 1997."



Get off me!

Senior flanker #20 Trent Driver is wrapped up by a pack of Blackford County tacklers. The flag pattern that he ran netted 29 yards.

Clear a path!

From three yards out #15 Kris Kleinbub follows #36 Josh Kelich into the end zone. The senior tailback had two other touchdowns during the game.



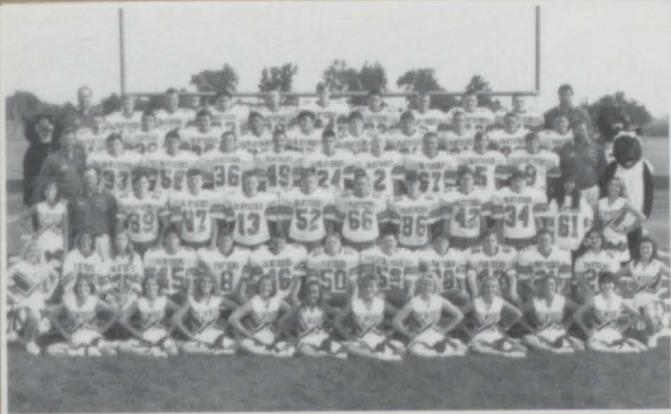
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Varsity Football

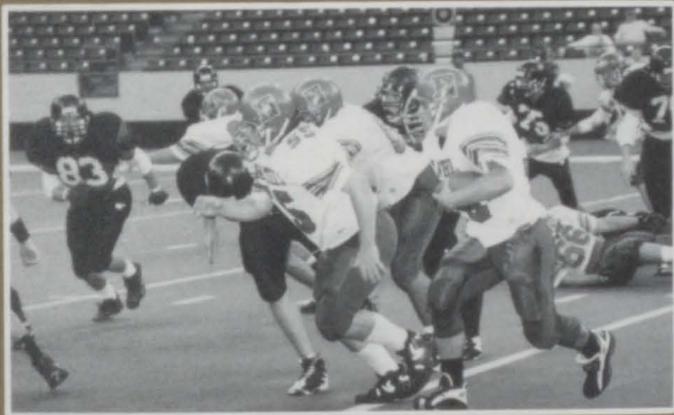
Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Frankfort	6	20
Alexandria	12	20
Blackford County	24	31
Madison Grant	0	27
Peru	6	0
Mississinewa	28	20
Wabash	13	49
Tipton	13	35
West Lafayette	3	40

J.O. Football

Opp.	Elwood	Opp.
Tipton	18	40
Eastbrook	6	12
Alexandria	34	0
Mississinewa	6	0
Peru	19	0
Madison Grant	26	8
Blackford County	26	12



Football team - Front row: J. Paulsich, E. Austin, H. Sullivan, H. Humphrey, A. Beeman, D. Downey, A. Boston, B. Elman, D. Courtney, C. Dodd, B. Cosby, and J. Gregg. Row 2: S. Carver, manger; B. Lehman, manager; D. McCorkle, J. DeBethune, J. Mort, J. Rice, K. Richards, D. Groover, C. Werline, J. Cornwell, and S. Morrisette, manger. Row 3: A. Gough, J. Nichols, assistant coach; D. Elsworth, N. Croy, B. Kesinger, B. Stewart, M. Goens, K. Green, T. Hobbs, W. Kane, T. Moss, manager; and J. Waymire. Row 4: R. Murray, assistant coach; D. Arbuckle, J. Atwood, J. Kelich, K. Nichols, B. Melvin, E. Dickey, L. Turner, K. Powell, J. Yates, M. Goens, assistant coach; and Baby Panther, K. Croy. Row 5: Polly Panther, M. Jones, K. Kleinbub, T. Driver, R. Patton, J. Coston, M. Smedley, D. Armstrong, D. Cooper, K. Kaiser, B. Watters, S. Alexander, and Paul Panther. M. Mizerum. Backrow: J. Williams, assistant coach; M. Harris, J. Durni, P. Hoose, J. Moore, B. Cogill, R. Alley, G. Cauble, J. Jetty, T. Daugherty, and K. Frye, coach.



Follow us!

Forming a wall for #36 Josh Kelich is #55 Josh Smedley and #69 Justin Coston. The team had 162 yards rushing for the game.



Tuck it away!

Quarterback #3 Greg Cauble attempts to break a tackle while #67 Lucas Turner watches. Cauble gained six yards on the carry.

I need help!

As #69 Justin Coston leads the way, #33 Dustin Arbuckle looks for an opening. Arbuckle gained -1 yards on 1 carry before getting injured.



Stretch for it!

Reaching as far as he can, #31 Kyle Kaiser attempts to pull in the football. Quarterback Greg Cauble was 9 for 21 with 75 yards passing.

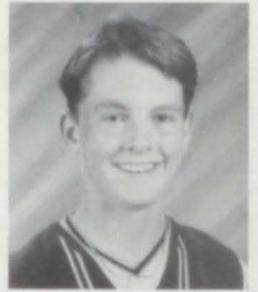


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Varsity Tennis

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Anderson	1	4
Lapel	4	1
Madison Grant	5	0
Merrillville	1	4
Eastern	3	2
Tipton	4	1
Tipton	4	1
Madison Heights	5	0
Muncie Burris	3	2
Taylor	4	1
Blackford County	3	2
Mississinewa	2	3
Madison Grant	5	0
Alexandria	3	2
Frankton	5	0
Peru	2	3
Sectional		
Muncie Central	1	4
C I C		

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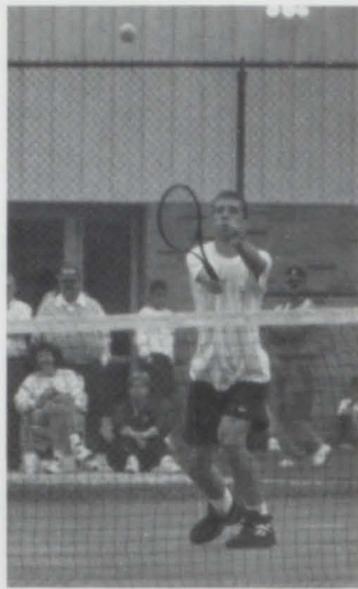


"I celebrate wins by going out to eat, and I mourn losses by hitting an extra 50 balls at practice the next day."

Landon Whetsel

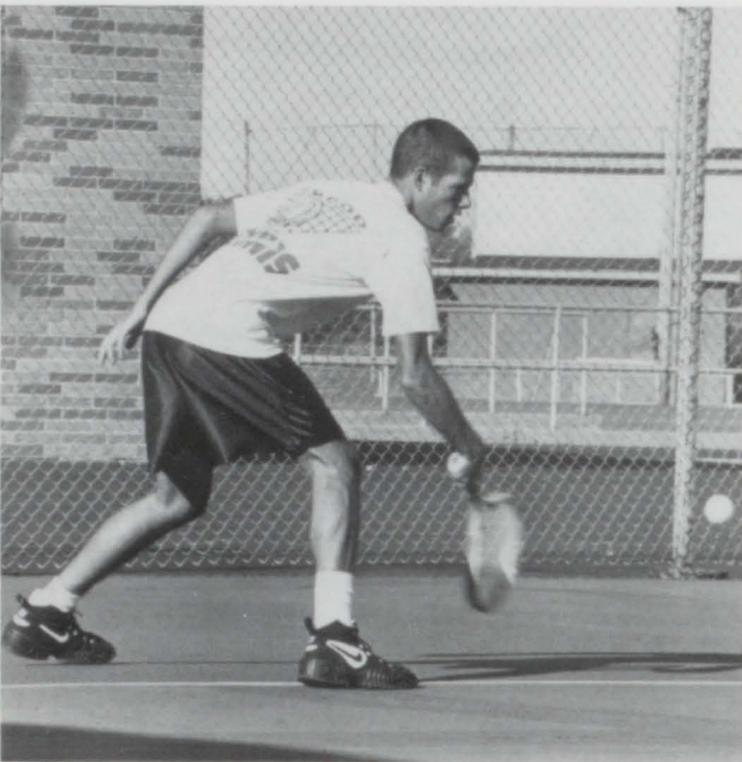
Returning crosscourt

Senior Mike Cogill returns a crosscourt shot to his Frankton opponent. He ended up winning the point and winning the match, 6-0, 6-0.



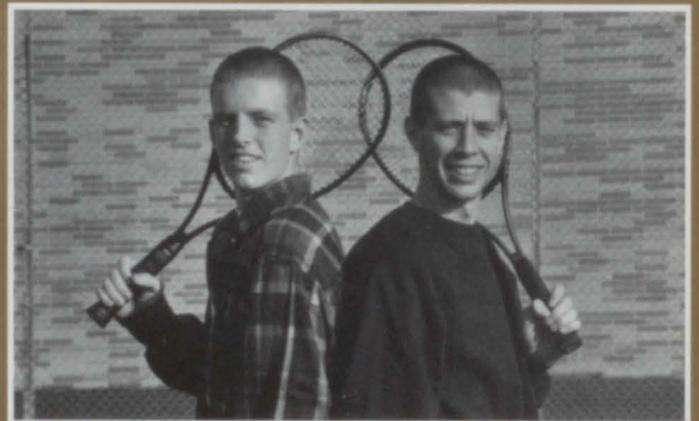
Reach for it

While bending down for a one handed back hand, Paul Richardson defeated his Madison Grant opponent, 6-0, 6-0.



Tennis Team

Front row: Nathan Hartman, Bryan Leisure, and Landon Whetsel. Row 2: Kabe Flanagan, Paul Richardson, and Jeremy Fremaux. Back row: Coach Rex Leavitt, Brent Robinson, Mike Cogill, Claude Leavell, Virgil Leavell, and Assistant Coach Briaan Courtney.

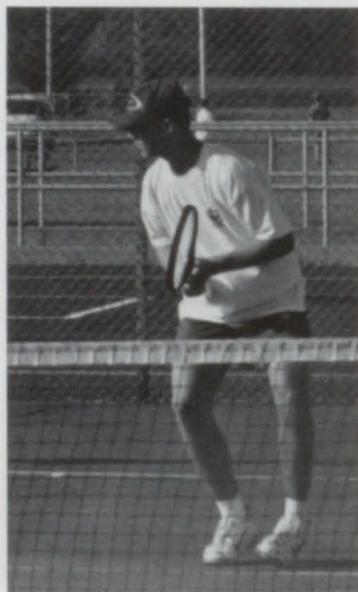


Standing Back to Back

Brent Robinson and Mike Cogill were the first male state finalists from Elwood. The two were defeated by Kyu Park and Sandy Rosen from Munster by the scores 6-4, 3-6, 2-6.

Watching the line

Waiting for the return from his partner Mike Cogill, sophomore Kabe Flanagan watches the line during a home meet against Alexandria. Both won the match, 6-1, 6-4.



*Tennis team benefits
from utilization of strong
areas to*

ADVANCE IN COMPETITION

The varsity tennis team ended with a winning season of 14 wins and 5 losses. They also won their third ever C. I. C. title. The varsity was led by four seniors: Mike Cogill, Brent Robinson, Paul Richardson, and foreign exchange student, Jeremy Fremaux. Mike and Brent teamed up to win the sectional and regional doubles championship and advanced to the state finals, a first in boys tennis. Mike finished the season with a 22 and 3 record and was all C. I. C. Brent completed the season with a record of 23 wins and 2 losses and was all C. I. C. Paul Richardson ended the season with a record of 15 wins and 5 losses and won C. I. C. for the second consecutive year. Sophomore Kabe Flanagan finished the season with a 17 and 3 record and was all C. I. C. Juniors Virgil Leavell and Nathan Hartman teamed up to play number two doubles and finished the season with 6 wins and 11 losses.



Swing for it

Number two doubles player Nathan Hartman returns crosscourt to his Alexandria opponent during a home meet. Although he won the point, he lost the match, 2-6, 1-6.

Concentrating on the shot

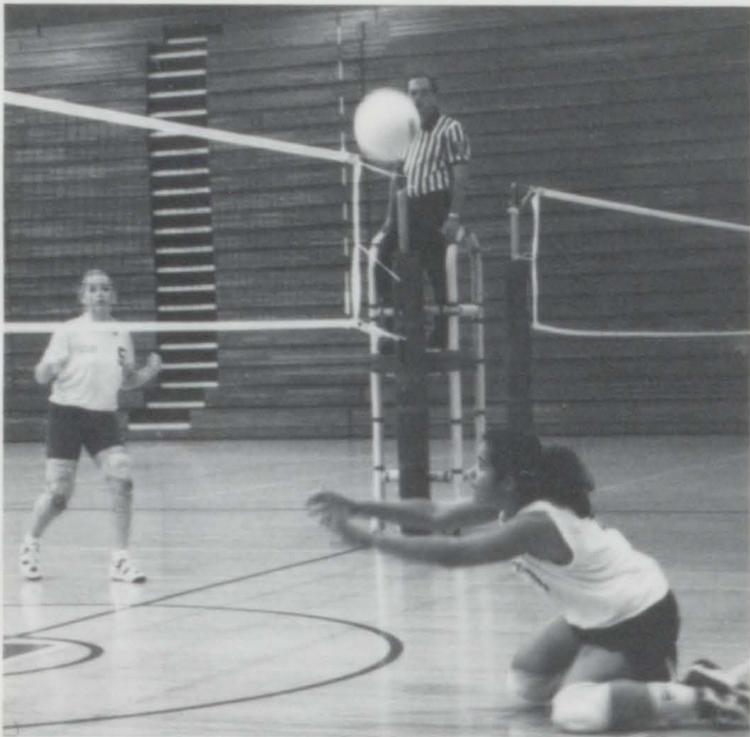
Senior Brent Robinson reaches out for a one handed back hand return to his Madison Grant opponent. He won the match, 6-0, 6-0.

Man Made Wind Currents

Darcie Courtney goes up with power and force as she prepares to slam the ball to her opponent while Kasey Peters and Kelly Everling prepare for the ball to be returned. That hit resulted in a kill which totaled 20 kills for the season. Darcie was named All Conference Honorable Mention.

Sacrificing The Body

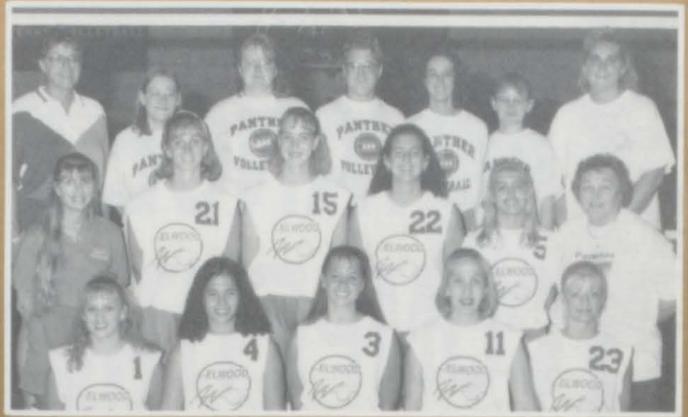
With extreme concentration, setter Tara Coston goes to her knees while playing a tip up. Captain Kelly Everling is waiting to slam the ball. Coston set up 160 kills this season, not counting the bump sets.



DONE THAT

Varsity Volleyball

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.	Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Highland	0	2	Mississinewa	1	2
Anderson	2	0	Blackford	0	2
Kokomo	0	2	Tipton	0	2
MuncieSouth	0	2	Alexandria	2	1
Daleville	0	2	Madison Heights	0	2
Westfield	0	2	Madison Grant	0	2
Madison County Tourney			Wabash	2	1
Madison Heights	2	0	Mt. Vernon	0	2
Highland	0	2	Lapel	0	2
Alexandria	1	2	Peru	0	2
Frankton	0	2	Sectional		
Oak Hill	1	2	Delta	0	2



Varsity Volleyball

Front row: Kylie Horseman, Tara Coston, Brooklyn Seastrand, Beth

Bombholt, and Kasey Peters. Row 2: Coach Angie O'Donnell, Jodi Shultz, Amy Satterfield, Kelly Everling, Darcie Courtney, and Coach June VanWagner. Back row: Coach Linda Personette, Jessica Gilliam, Susan Groover, Ray Gardner, Alyssa Watson, Heather Kennedy and Coach Angie Doan.



Junior Varsity

Front row: Elizabeth Sharp, Misty Peters, Kisha Wilson, and Kathy

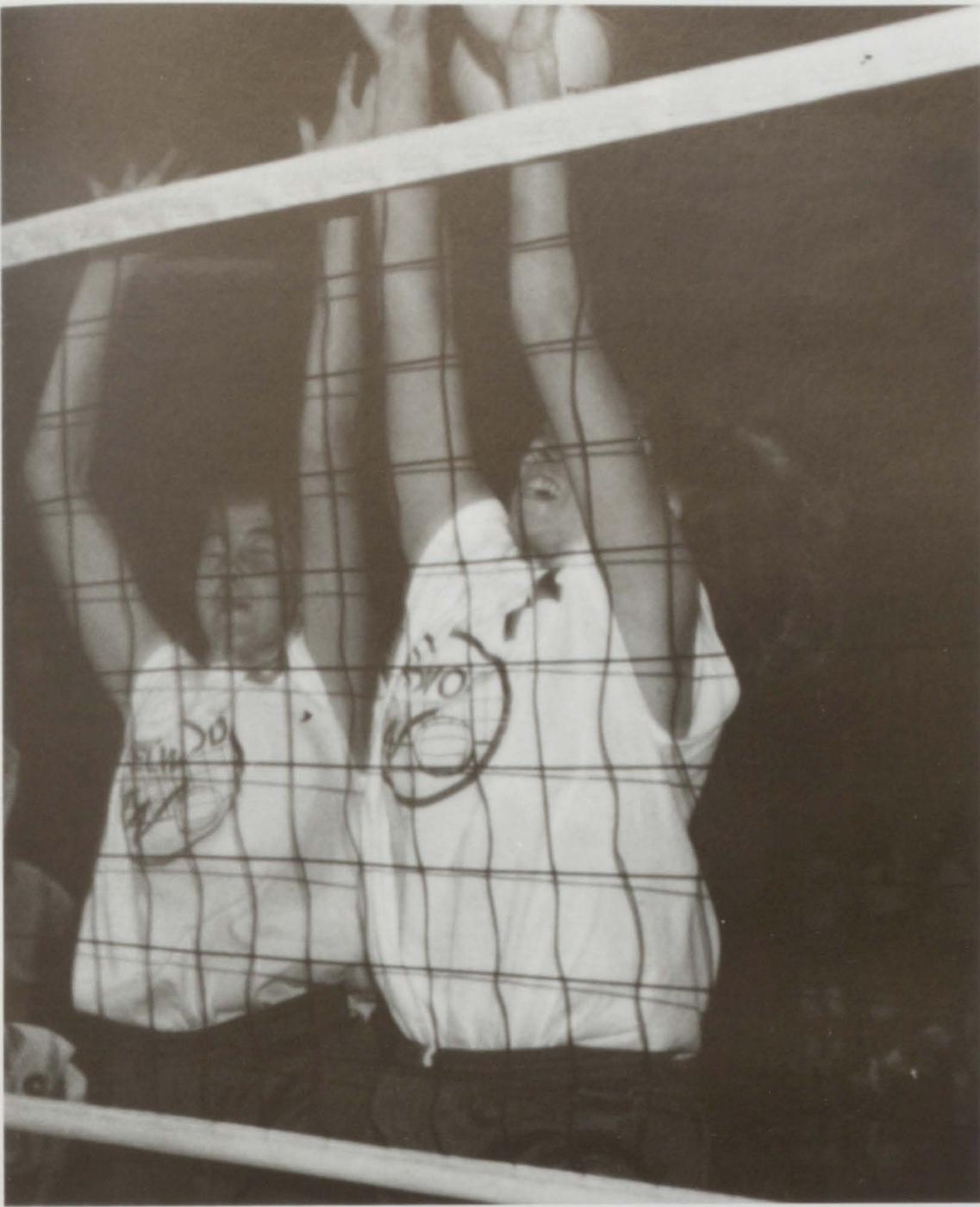
Robison. Row 2: Coach Angie O'Donnell, Jenny Sullivan, Stephanie Wilson, Brittany Seastrand, Leslie Fanning, Megan Riser, Adrienne McQuitty, and Coach June VanWagner. Back Row: Jessica Gilliam, Susan Groover, Ray Gardner, Alyssa Watson, and Heather Kennedy.



Team

Front row: Coach Angie O'Donnell, Ray Gardner, Susan Groover, Alyssa Watson, Jessica Gilliam, and

Heather Kennedy. Row 2: Coach June VanWagner, Jenny Blair, Emily Sharp, Adrienne Courtney, JoAnn Stewart, Shawna Stewart, and Coach Linda Personette. Back Row: Amber Cole.



Soaring Above

Amy Satterfield and Jodi Shultz use their jumping ability to soar above the net to block a spike from their opponent. Jodi Shultz was named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Serving Up Aces

Captain Kelly Everling serves with ease to her Alexandria opponents. With Everling's concentration and great form she was able to serve 14-16 on October 3 in Elwood's own John Ward Gymnasium. Everling scored 8 points, one of them being an ace.



BEEEN THERE

The junior varsity and varsity teams improved tremendously while undergoing

A SEASON OF CHANGE

The 1996 varsity volleyball team finished its season with a record of 4-19, and they placed fifth in the C.I.C. The ladies' defense was based on switches, double blocks, and coverages. The ladies started a weight program for the first time in five years which they continued throughout the season.

Leading the team this year were four seniors: Darcie Courtney, Jodie Shultz, Kelly Everling, and Amy Satterfield. Two seniors who were named All-Conference Honorable Mention were Darcie Courtney and Jodie Shultz. As for the future of the team, it is "looking fantastic!" according to Coach Linda Personette. Also the junior varsity team finished .500 with 11 wins and 11 losses. The junior varsity team had 251 kills, setting a new record for any junior varsity team at Elwood.

A season of injuries plagues the cross country team and makes it a hard life in the

FAST LANE!

The cross country team was successful even though they had a season of injuries. They finished the season with a final record of 6-8 in dual and triangular meets. Coach Brian Kirkwood felt that the best accomplishment of the season was the experience that they gained as a team. Adrienne Gough was the only senior on the team and continued to have a successful CIC career despite being off all summer. The team was young but will return seven, letter winners. The young runners learned how to run hard. Rachel Sanders, Laura Stout, and Heidi Murray will be the top runners returning next year. Coach Kirkwood stated, "The girls worked hard and have a great team personality. With a good spring and summer running program, they will be a much improved team next year."



Keeping the pace

Rachel Sanders runs hard as she turns the corner of the path during a meet against Northwestern. Elwood was defeated by Northwestern, 34-21.

Striving to Catch Up

On September 24 Tia Day raced against a Hamilton Heights runner. Hamilton Heights was defeated by Elwood in a score of Elwood 33, Hamilton Heights 22.



DONE THAT

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Arabian Roundup	14/16	
Wabash	39	16
Shenendoah/Knightstown	29	53/38
Blackford Invitational	14/20	
Northwestern	34	21
Alexandria/Blackford	72	50/23
Tipton	INC.	
Hamilton Heights	33	22
Oak Hill/ Mississinewa	44	32/49
Madison County	5/8	
Madison Grant/Frankton	33	23/64
Peru/Lewis Cass	42	48/22
Anderson	25	30
CIC	6th/8	
Sectional	8/14	



"It was difficult for me to reach my goals this year because of injuries, but when I did, it was an even greater satisfaction because I overcame my disability."



Cross Country Team Front row: Cheryl Simpson, Michelle Gough, Adrienne Gough, and Jessica Borders. Back row: Rachel Sanders, Elizabeth Hurd, Coach Brian Kirkwood, Tia Day, and Laura Stout.



Feel the Burn Jessica Borders, Laura Stout, and Michelle Gough stretch out their muscles before the meet begins. They feel stretching is very important and will help them in the race.



The Lone Senior

Adrienne Gough runs the distance to reach the finish. She placed third in the CIC championship. She also returned to the semi-state this year and placed 21st.

Start the Race

Rachel Sanders, Michelle Gough, Cheryl Simpson, Adrienne Gough, Elizabeth Hurd, and Tia Day are ready to race as they begin the meet against Northwestern. The team won this meet on September 17.



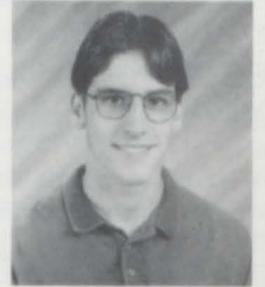
Against the Wind

Cheryl Simpson enjoys running during the Elwood vs. Hamilton Heights meet. Cheryl Simpson stated, "My first year of cross country was really fun because the older runners were really nice and accepted all the freshmen."

DONE THAT

Cross Country Scores

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Arabian Roundup	21/21	
Wabash	28	17
Shenandoah/ Knightstown	50	26/44
Northwestern	25	30
Blackford Invitational	18/18	
Blackford/Alexandria	97	17/39
Tipton Invitational	20/20	
Hamilton Heights	37	18
Oak Hill/Mississinewa	81	20/41
Madison County	8/8	
Madison Grant/ Frankton	54	15/43
Peru /Cass	85	28/29
Anderson	49	15
CIC	8/8	
Sectional	11/14	



"The most outstanding event of the season was the Lewis Cass Peru meet. By the time we ran, it was almost dark and freezing cold, but everyone on the team ran their best time of the season."
Philip Miller

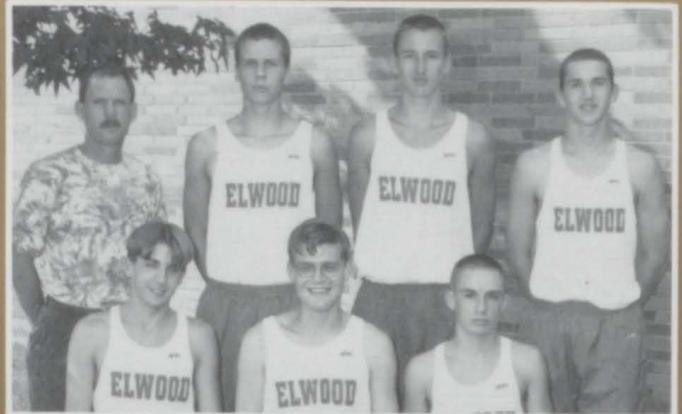
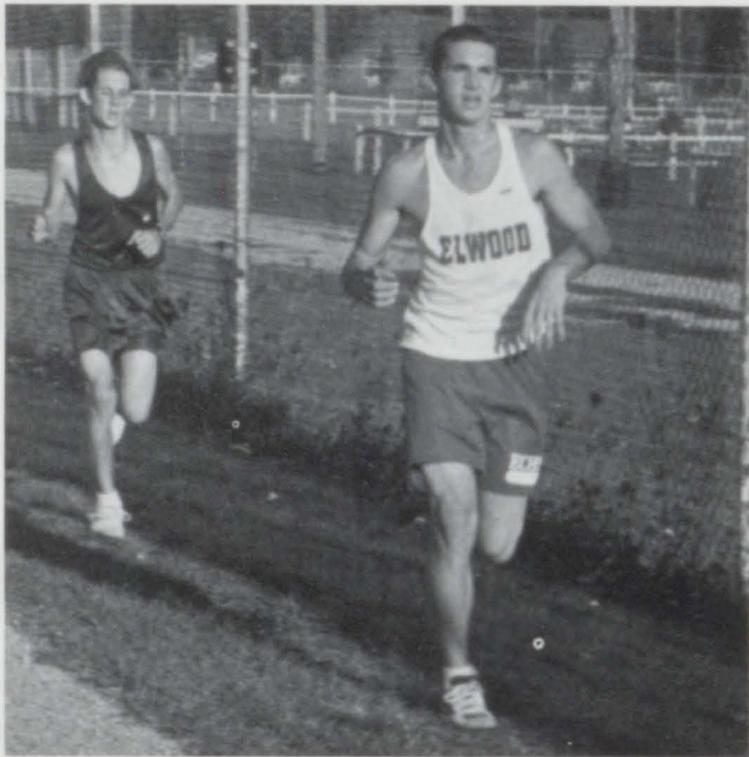


Against The Wind!

Freshman runner Michael Reynolds sprints the final leg. Reynolds finished 15th in the home meet against Northwestern.

Nearing The End!

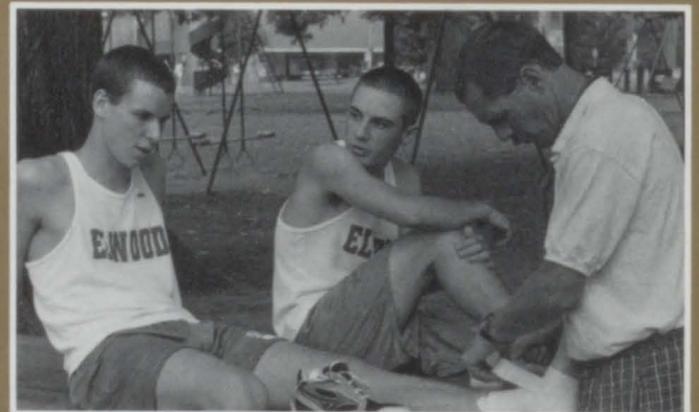
Coming down the backstretch is sophomore Brandon Kinney. He was the team's #8 runner.



Cross Country Team Front row: Michael Reynolds, Michael Marcrum, and Tyler Sutton. Back row: Brian Kirkwood, coach; Chris Hoose, Duston Nichols, and Brandon Kinney.

All Alone!

Paul Richardson finds himself alone. Paul was the team's number one runner when he did not have a tennis match.



Come On Coach! Coach Brian Kirkwood wraps and tapes senior Chris Hoose's ankle as sophomore Tyler Sutton watches. Hoose injured his ankle while participating in P.E. class.

BEEEN THERE

Lack of success was not proportionate to the efforts exhibited by the

YOUNG HARRIERS

The boys cross country team finisher the year 1-11, 18th out of 18 and 20th out of 20 in invitationals, 8th out of 8 in CIC, and 11th out of 14 in the sectional. There were only three seniors; two of them were first year runners. Chris Hoose ran fifth or sixth for the team but still did a great job of leading and helping the younger runners. Mike Marcum was a consistent and a hard working runner. Paul Richardson split his time with tennis to run first or second for the team. There will be eight runners returning next season. Coach Brian Kirkwood commented, "Tyler Sutton had a good season and hopefully he along with Phill Miller and Brian Crossmen will provide a strong nucleus for next season."

The team really came along this season and made some progress. This year they had a full team, and Coach Kirkwood believes that they enjoyed having the required number of runners and the team concept. When asked about the team's lack of success, Coach Kirkwood said, "It comes down to running in the off season."



Wait Up!

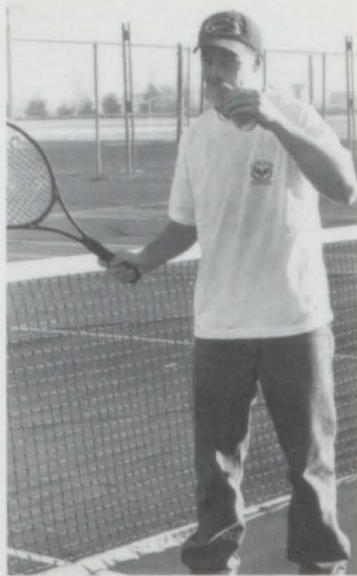
Phill Miller, a junior, tries to match the strides of his senior teammate Duston Nichols. Miller and Nichols both joined the team to prepare themselves for basketball.

How Much Farther?

Encouraging each other along the way, Kurt Scharff and Brent Leeever complete the last mile. The home meet was lost to Hamilton Heights by the score of 18-37.

Slamming a Sub

Eating a ham and cheese submarine sandwich before all home tennis meets is Kabe Flanagan's superstition. He also hits a tennis ball on the roof of the school prior to every meet.



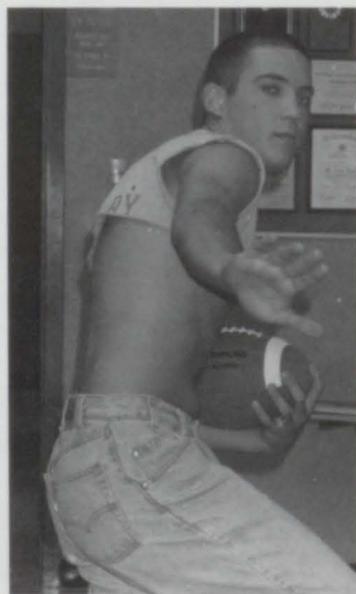
Panther Paw Tradition

Touching the Panther paw on the inside of the locker room wall is a superstition that the whole football team shares. Greg Cauble and Brandon Melvin demonstrate the ritual with their fists on the paw.



Under the Weather

At every football game Kyle Kaiser wears the same half-shirt under his shoulder pads. No matter what the weather, he would not wear anything other than his "lucky half-shirt."



DONE THAT

At every practice Adrienne Gough and I would wear knee-socks and clothes that would clash. The more the clothes didn't match, the better we performed.



Cheryl Simpson



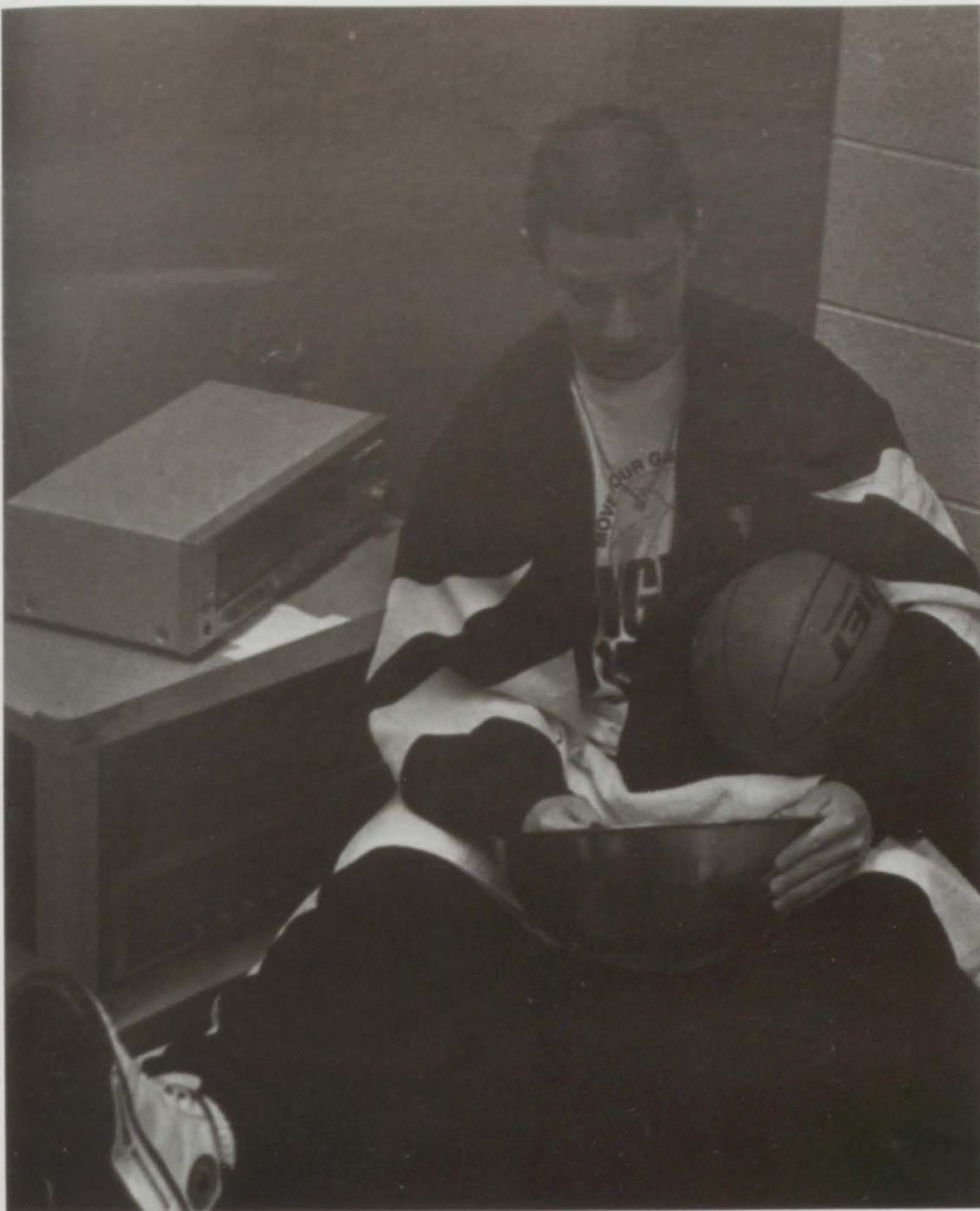
Crossing the Tracks

When the senior volleyball players, Jodi Shultz, Amy Satterfield, Kelly Everling, and Darcie Courtney, travel to away games, they raise their feet and touch a screw on the inside of an interior panel of the school bus when they cross a railroad track.



Burger King before Bowling

Before bowling tournaments, Scott Savage finds a Burger King in the nearby area of the bowling lanes and eats a ham croissant value meal for his lucky ritual.



Classical Basketball

Preceding all of his home basketball games, Nathan Hartman relaxes his mind by listening to classical music such as Beethoven and eating a bowl of homemade noodles prepared by his mom.

Superstitious Socks

Wearing the right color of socks to games is Tara Coston's superstition. At home games she wears blue and black socks, and at away games she selects blue and grey socks.



*Superstitions bring luck
to athletes and
help them*

**ACHIEVE
SUCCESS**

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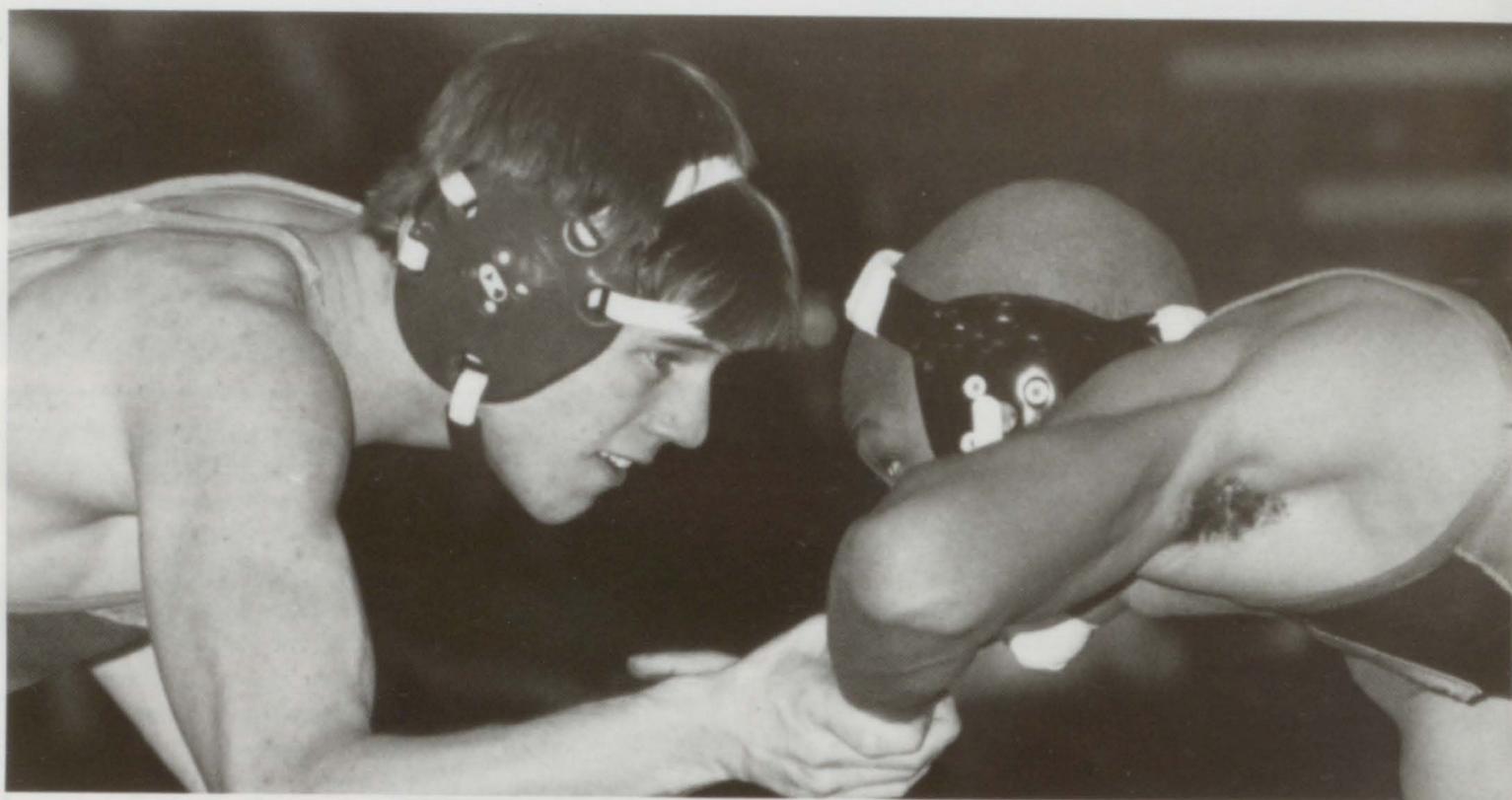
A superstition is "a belief or practice resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, trust in magic or chance, or false conception of causality." Many athletes have a ritual that they perform preceding an athletic event, but coaches sometimes have their own superstitions. Wrestling coach Rex Leavitt's superstition is that he refuses to buy a new winter coat because the wrestling team has won the CIC for the past seven years which is how long he has had his coat. His wife has altogether stopped proposing to buy a new coat because he says it is an item that isn't negotiable. Cheerleading sponsor Kay Marcuson has a ritual of waking up at 4 a.m. every Friday without an alarm clock without feeling tired because she thinks "It's game day!" Also, she believes for the sake of good luck that it is crucial for the cheerleaders to have a full run-through on the same day that the routine is to be performed.

BEEEN THERE

*Success was
the name of the
season as the
wrestlers win and
advance as*

STATE FINALISTS

The wrestlers once again had a winning season with a record of 24 wins and 6 losses. This season the wrestlers lost their head coach, Mr. Tony Boley, to Warsaw High School. Coach Boley had been head coach for 11 years. This by no means stopped the wrestlers from having another outstanding season with Assistant Coach Rex Leavitt assuming the head coach position. The wrestlers captured a championship at the Madison County tournament, and for the ninth consecutive year the Panthers captured the Central Indiana Conference championship. The individual CIC champs were Jeremy Yates, Jacob Rybecki, Bryan Watters, Justin Coston, and Scott Alexander. The Panthers were the sectional champs for the third year in a row which advanced them to the regionals where they were defeated in the second round by a tough Muncie South team. The Panthers had six individual sectional champs who advanced to regional: Jeremy Yates, Kevin Powell, Bryan Watters, Josh Kelich, Justin Coston, and Dustin Groover. The seniors made major contributions. Jeremy Yates finished the season with a record of 44 wins and 2 losses. Jeremy was ranked eighth in the state and was conference, sectional, regional, and semi-state champion. Bryan Watters had a record of 44 wins and 2 losses. He was ranked fifth in the state with county, conference, sectional, and regional championships. Bryan placed second at the semi-state which advanced him to the state tournament. Justin Coston had a record of 35 wins and 3 losses and earned county, conference, and sectional championships. Scott Alexander's season ended with a record of 36 wins and 6 losses and was county and conference champion. Justin Moore had a record of 8 wins and 18 losses for his first year of wrestling.



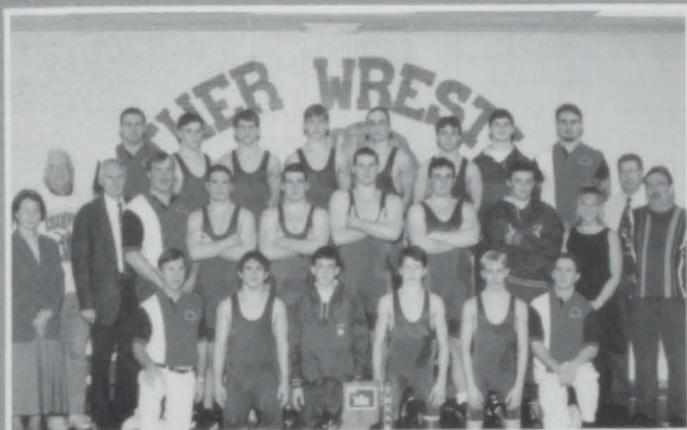
Undefeated Season!

Senior wrestler Jeremy Yates concentrates on a way to find inside control on his Broad Ripple opponent whom he pins to add another win to his undefeated record. Jeremy is currently ranked eighth in the state and was the county, CIC, sectional, regional, and semi-state champion in his weight class of 119 pounds. On Saturday, February 15 Jeremy advanced to the state wrestling tournament and returned with an eighth place state ranking.

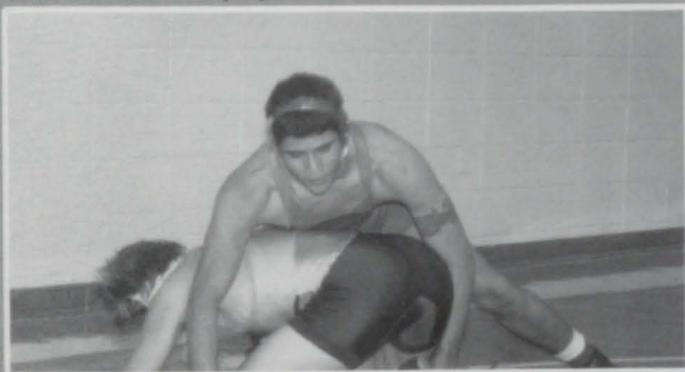
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Wrestling

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.	Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Southwood	56	22	Angola	46	21
Alexandria	41	33	Muncie South	31	37
Greenfield	27	39	Bishop Dwenger	44	30
Blackford	72	12	Adams Central	28	44
Marion	60	18	Frankton	42	29
Delta	51	22	Peru	48	18
Madison Heights	70	9	Wabash	57	14
Madison-Grant	60	15	Lewis Cass	59	18
Marion	66	9	Daleville	81	0
Winchester	50	14	Maconaquah	58	18
Highland	62	12	Kokomo	56	18
Muncie Central	33	34	Broad Ripple	32	38
Pendleton	45	29	Oak Hill	40	22
Mississinewa	69	12	Muncie South	24	38
Northfield	43	22			



Wrestling Team- Front row: Head Coach Rex Leavitt, David McCorkle, Craig Standridge, Dustin Groover, Jeff Walker, and Asst. Coach Robbie Leavitt. Row 2: Trainer Marianne Goshorn, Phil Brown, Principal Gordon Pacquin, Asst. Coach Scott Morris, Bryan Watters, Scott Alexander, Justin Moore, Mike Smedly, Roland Patton, Mgr. Amber Boston, Athletic Director Mike Bombholt, Asst. Principal Monte Stebbins. Back row: Asst. Coach Bennie LeCount, Derrik Elsworth, Jeremy Yates, Kevin Powell, Jacob Rybecki, David Atwood, Wade Kane, Asst. Coach Kenny Myers.



IC Victory!

At the CIC tournament held at Tipton High School, Justin Coston concentrates on a move to defeat his opponent to capture his CIC championship. To finish up his season Justin had a record of 35 wins and 3 losses.

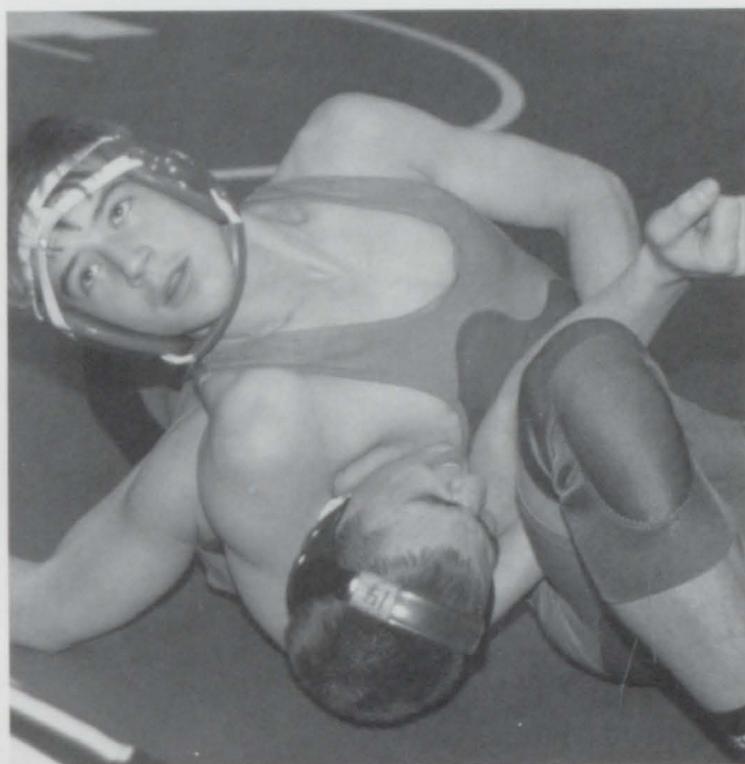


Pin to win!

To help his team to a CIC victory, Bryan Watters puts his opponent's shoulders to the mat for a pin to win. Bryan went undefeated up to the semi-state competition, winning a CIC, sectional, and regional championship and advancing to the state finals for a fifth state ranking.

Haven't I pinned him yet?

Sophomore Kevin Powell gives the referee a questionable look as to whether or not his opponent is pinned. Kevin finished his season 22 and 17 with a sectional championship.



Brother to brother

Getting ready for his match, David McCorkle pauses for some last minute advice from big brother Monte McCorkle. David finished his season with a record of 21 wins and 16 losses.



Finishing the lay-up

Freshman Tara Coston concentrates on making a fast break lay-up while her Alexandria defender watches. Coston ends the season leading the team with the most number of steals, 48.



Going up strong

At an away game held at Alexandria High School, Jodi Shultz puts in the shot while Marisa Hunter tries to defend her. Shultz had a total of 11 points and 4 rebounds in the game.



Block that shot!

Senior center, #22 Kelly Everling, raises her hands during a home game in an attempt to discourage a shot by her Madison Grant opponent. Everling was a co-captain, who displays outstanding leadership both on and off the court.



DONE THAT

Varsity Basketball

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Alexandria/Blackford	4/4	13
Eastern	29	41
Sheridan	54	59
Peru	52	40
Oak Hill	38	46
Madison Heights	46	55
Madison Grant	34	74
Tipton	43	47
Heritage Christian	49	30
Tri-Central	42	56
Wabash	64	41
Hamilton Heights	35	46
Lakeview Christian	38	51
Mississinewa	38	55
Lapel	58	43
Blackford	32	47
Westfield	57	37
Frankton	26	56
Alexandria	44	50
Sectional/Mississinewa	63	69



"I believe the highlight of the season was winning 'The Belle.' It was the greatest feeling to finally have an object to represent all of our hard work."

- Kelly Everling



Varsity Basketball Team- Front row: Joshua Rittenhouse, trainer. Row 2: Shelly Taylor, coach; Heidi Murray, Patricia Kelich, Tara Coston, Monica Abernathy, Brittney Smith, Amber Sullivan, Joe Holtselaw, asst. coach. Back row: Sunshine Durham, Brittany Seastrand, Jodi Shultz, Brooklyn Seastrand, and Kelly Everling.



Junior Varsity Basketball Team- Front row: Monica Abernathy, Brooklyn Seastrand, Elizabeth Hurd, Leslie Fanning, Tia Day. Row 2: Sarah Tyner, manager, Kylie Horseman, Laura Stout, Carrie Barr, Patricia Kelich, RaeAnn Cress, coach. Back row: Celia Carpenter, manager, Myriah Cannon, manager, and Stacy Carpenter, manager.

*Hard work and dedication
caused the
accomplishment of two*

MAJOR GOALS

Another season of girls basketball has passed and left the varsity players with a 5-14 record and a 13-5 record for the junior varsity. According to Coach Shelly Taylor the season began with many injuries, including senior Sunshine Durham, leaving only a handful of girls able to play. Coach Taylor said, "Our success came in the second half of the season." She believes most of this success was due to the conditioning of the players. There were several highlights of the season. The first one was winning the traveling Belle for the first time with the victory against Peru. Another exciting moment was the sectional game against Mississinewa that went into triple overtime even though it ended the girls' season. After seniors Kelly Everling and Jodi Shultz fouled out at the end of the fourth quarter, it gave the two juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen a chance to step up and fill their shoes in the three overtimes. Coach Taylor ended with saying, "Our lack of success because of our youth this year will be an advantage to us in the next few years."



Battle for the Belle

Freshman Heidi Murray tries to slip past her Peru Lady Tiger defender and drives toward the basket while fighting for the traveling trophy. Winning the Belle, according to Coach Shelly Taylor, was one of the biggest highlights of the season.

Eyeing the Pass

During a home game against Tri-Central, junior Amber Sullivan waits for a teammate to complete making a cut toward the basket. She is most recognized for her shooting ability off the pass. She qualified for the state Three Point Shoot Off held annually at Market Square Arena.

Get Up

After creating havoc on the defensive end, Kabe Flanagan explodes into the air to score two points for the junior varsity team. Kabe finishes with 11 points to aid in the balanced scoring attack.



Straight Butter

While Brad Cogill waits for the rebound, Brent Robinson attempts a spectacular full court lay-up. This score by Robinson is part of a 10 to 2 run that helped Elwood pull away from Blackford.



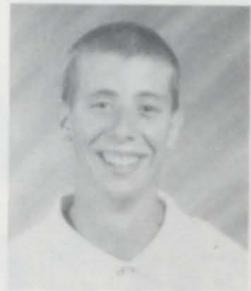
Freshmen Team

Front row: Billy Kessinger, Kyle Nichols, Justin Leavell, and Nick Croy. Row 2: Joel Mendenhall, Jimmy Milone, Coach Craig Brunnermer, Jason Durm, and Dale Retherford. Back row: G.P. Hollowell, Jesse Harmon, Jon Mort, and Brent Leever.

DONE THAT

Varsity Basketball

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Northwestern	53	66
Lapel	69	45
Pendelton Heights	65	68
Mississinewa	68	48
Tri-Central	71	72
Sheridan	56	85
Frankton	47	72
Highland	69	59
Madison-Grant	37	85
Lakeview-Christian	77	72
Madison Heights	56	59
Westfield	74	66
Alexandria	60	74
Blackford County	81	64
Taylor	67	42
Tipton	65	48
Hamilton Heights	54	57
Wabash	72	54
Eastbrook	80	66
Peru	82	66
Sectional: Alexandria	69	74



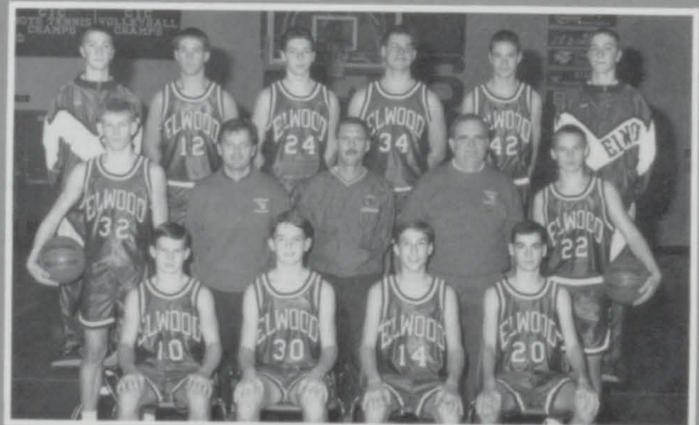
Basketball has been great to me throughout my high school career. It has enabled me to meet many new people and learn some aspects that will help later in my life.

- Mike Cogill



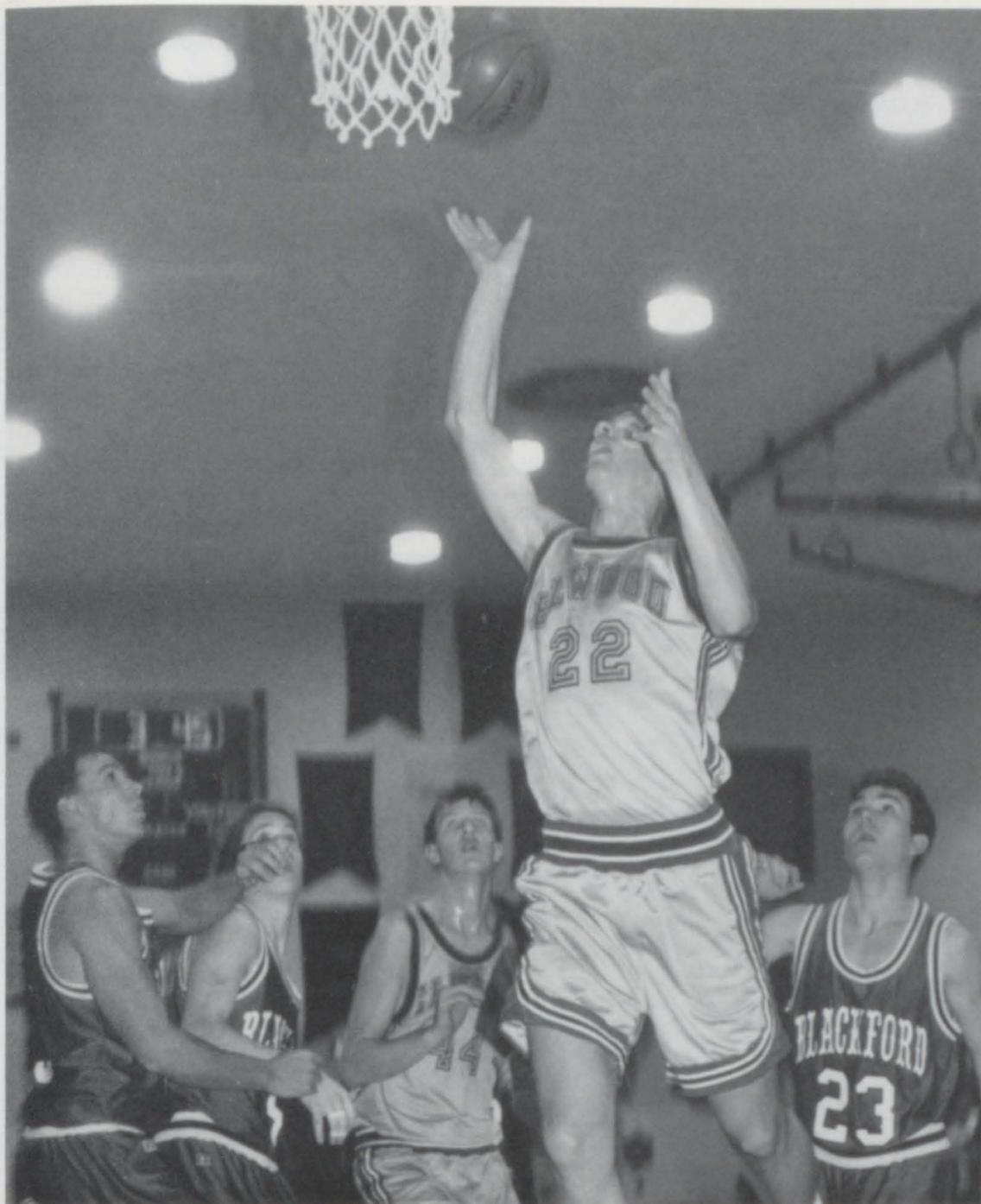
Varsity Team

Front row: Brent Robinson, Mike Peterson, Michael Cogill, and Greg Cauble. Row 2: Nathan Hartman, Brandon Melvin, Varsity Assistant Phillip Huffman, Varsity Coach Brad Lindsay, Junior Varsity Coach Brian Kirkwood, Kabe Flanagan, and Kris Kleinbub. Back row: Virgil Leavell, Duston Nichols, Bryan Crossman, Brad Cogill, Phillip Miller, and Claude Leavell.



Junior Varsity Team

Front row: James Debethune, Landon Whetsel, Craig Palmer, and Aaron Reynolds. Row 2: Mike Harris, Varsity Coach Brad Lindsay, Junior Varsity Coach Brian Kirkwood, Varsity Assistant Phillip Huffman, and Kurt Scharff. Back row: Virgil Leavell, Kabe Flanagan, J.P. Cannon, Mike Peterson, James Hardebeck, and Claude Leavell.



Aerial Acrobat

After making the acrobatic shot inside of the free throw lane, Mike Cogill dishes out two straight assists to his brother Brad Cogill, who waits for the rebound.

Going Up Strong

Taking the ball hard to the basket, Phillip Miller gets fouled in the process. After Phill makes this lay-up, he takes a trip to the free throw line to complete the three point play in route to beating Blackford County.



BEEEN THERE

Change in the offensive scheme proves to be a substantial factor in the success achieved by

PROVEN WINNERS

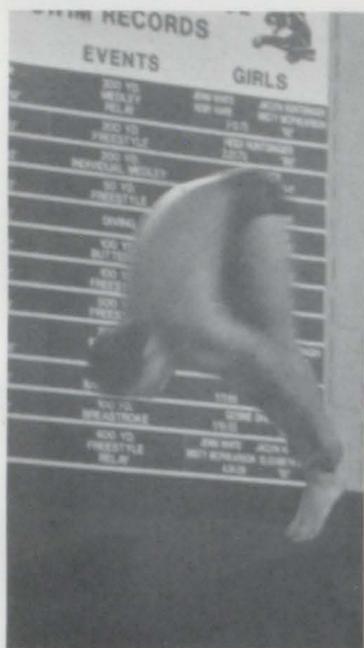
The basketball team's change in its offensive style was a big reason for the success enjoyed in the 1996-97 season. Last year the team ran a slow down, half-court offense, but this year the tempo was sped up into a full court attacking style of play. Seniors Mike Cogill led the team in scoring with a 20.3 average while Brent Robinson tore up the nets from the three point arc with 45% accuracy, and Kris Kleinbub led the defensive charge with his hard-nosed style of play. Great senior leadership carried the team throughout the season. The underclassmen followed closely behind their leaders which consisted of a deadly outside shooter, Nathan Hartman; a get-in-your-face defender, Virgil Leavell; an inside-outside player, Phillip Miller; the big man, Brad Cogill; and the good shooter, Bryan Crossman. The Panthers, although ending their season with a heartbreaking loss to Alexandria in the sectional, were on a roll, winning their last 6 out of 10 games. The team finished its season with a winning record of 11-10 while going 5-2 in the CIC competition.

BEEN THERE

Whether they are in the pool or on the deck, members of the boys swim team make

A BIG SPLASH!

The swim team finished the year with a 4-8 season. Coach Dana Shaver said, "The highlight of the year was winning the CIC against Tipton and Blackford." In this competition, which was hosted by Elwood, the team lost only three of the twelve events, receiving the CIC fin for the very first time. Assistant coach Kevin Stephens said that he felt the season was full of personal best times. The team had two seniors; one of the two was foreign exchange student, Mads Hoby. It was Mads' first time swimming, but he ended up doing very well in the breast stroke. Mike Marcrum has been on the team for three years, exhibiting leadership by serving as the swim captain this year. In sectional competition Randy Moore was the only individual to advance to the second day of competition by placing 9th in diving. The 400 free relay team placed 11th, and the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay teams placed 10th.

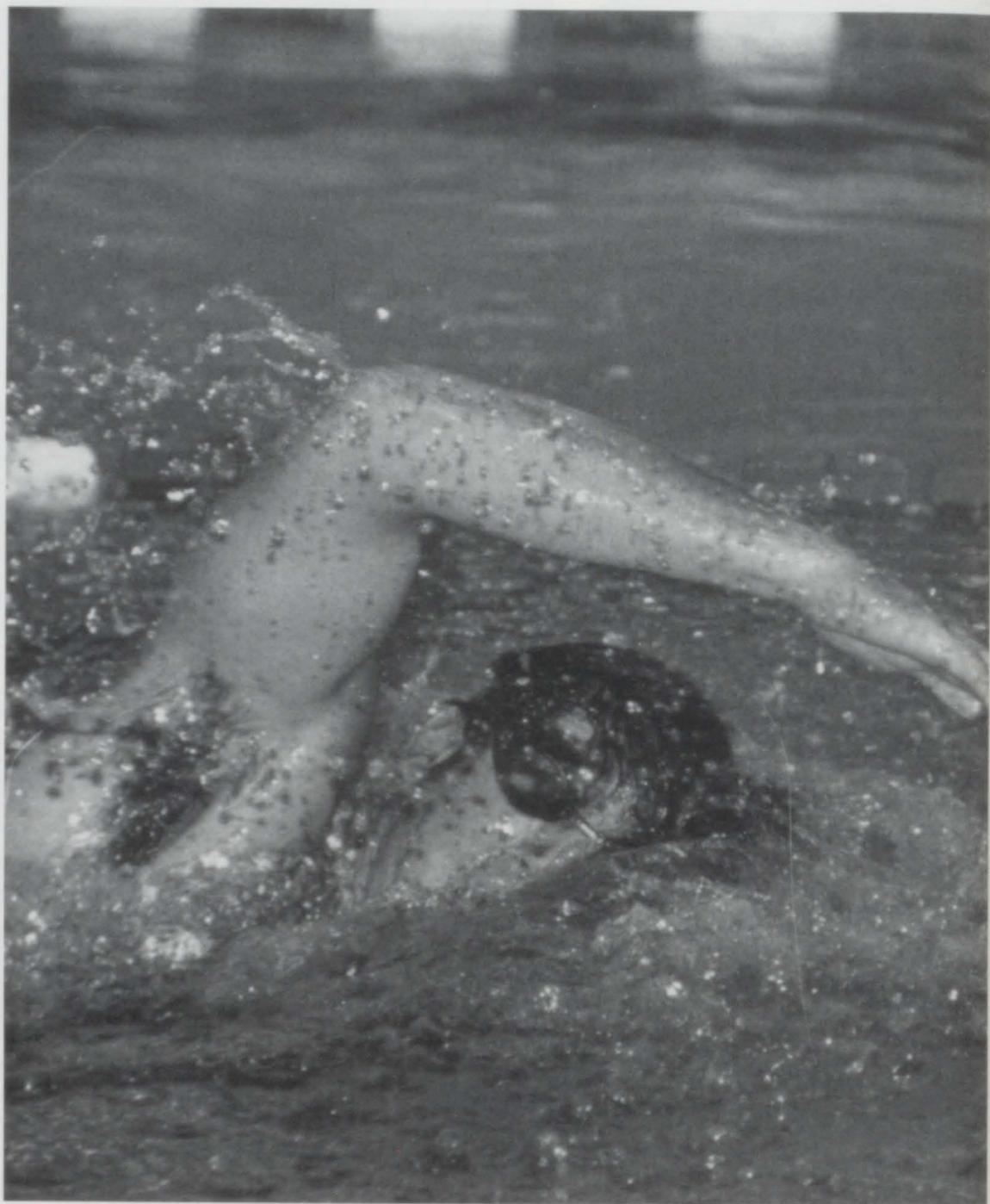


The Sky's the Limit!

Randy Moore shattered his old diving record when he scored 199.49 at the Westfield meet. Randy was the only individual to continue in sectional competition to finish 9th place.

Don't Stop Now!

Adam Fox strives to finish during the CIC in the 50 freestyle. In this competition Adam won both individual events and was on two winning relay teams.



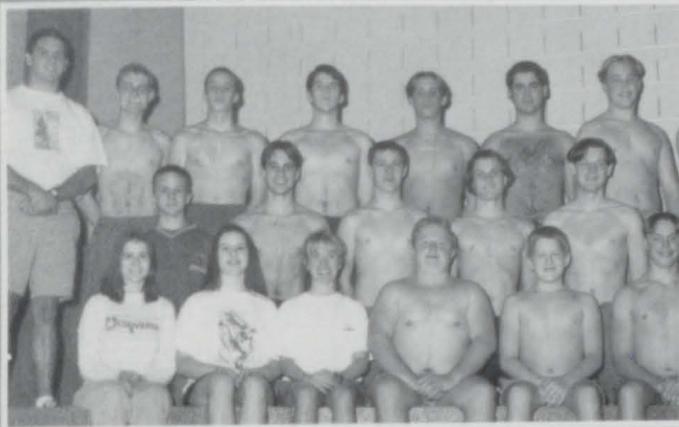
DONE THAT

Varsity Swimming

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Hamilton Heights	57	116
Muncie South	79	97
Western	69	110
Mt. Vernon	64	116
Blackford	117	47
Oak Hill	57	127
CIC	1st	
Eastern	78	107
Westfield	99	61
Northwestern	60	122
Madison Heights/ New Palestine	2nd of 3	
Sectional	10th/12	



"Most remembered about swimming is that every time we had a swim meet Coach Shaver would tell us to swim hard and to do the best of our ability." -Mike Marcrum



Swim Team - Front row: Kristy Childress, manager; Coach Dana Shaver, Jeffrey Robison, Jacob Guillemette, Randy Moore. Row 2: Josh Rittenhouse, manager; Jeremy Fremaux, Sean Bell, Greg Sherman, Seth Alexander. Back row: Coach Kevin Stephens, Michael Marcrum, Ryan Poe, Dan Armstrong, Ben Goins, Adam Fox, and Greg Linsmeyer.



Don't Turn Around! Jacob Guillemette finishes hard, swimming the backstroke at Blackford. Jacob is a strong freshman, finishing the season with a time of 1:14.30.



Pull Through Hard!

Ryan Poe propels himself to the finish. Ryan swims the breaststroke during the 3rd leg of the 200 individual medley.

Strive for the Finish!

Greg Sherman swims the 100 breast at the Mt. Vernon meet. Greg proved to be a strong butterfly swimmer for Elwood this year.



Keep on Going!

Seth Alexander came in first in the 100 breaststroke at the CIC meet. As co-captain, Seth is a strong leader for the team.



Swimmers Take your Mark!

Preparing for the race ahead, Kylee Wells takes her position on the starting block. Wells swam in the 100 yard butterfly and placed third.



Take My Breath Away!

Shannon Thompson comes up for a breath while swimming the 200 yard freestyle against Madison Heights. Elwood won the meet 120-65.



Racing Towards the Finish!

Sophomore Rachel Sanders participates in the 100 yard backstroke during a home meet against Mount Vernon. This was Rachel's first year on the swim team.



DONE THAT

Oarsity Swimming

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Hamilton Heights/ Oak Hill	50	126/151
Madison Heights	120	65
Northwestern	90	96
Hamilton Heights	53	133
Muncie South	132	46
Western	61	125
Mount Vernon	69	111
Blackford	118	67
Eastern	77	109
CIC	2nd	
Westfield	74	111
Sectional	8th/12	



"The swim season was different this year because swimming with the guys changed things a lot, but overall many of us swam well."

-Lacy Moser



Swim Team - Front row: Donita Downey, Sara Melvin, and Jacki White. Row 2: Marcie Beeman, Cindy Dodd, Natalie Rebeck, Amy Gregg, and Kylee Wells. Row 3: Amanda Wingrove, Kelly Luursemma, Rachel Johnson, Suzanne Stinnett, Rachel Sanders, Sarah Brunnermer, Lauren Fihe, and Kristy Childress, manager. Back row: Shannon Thompson, Lora Orbaugh, Jennifer Faulstich, Abbi Campbell, Merrilee Garner, Christy McDermitt, and Dottie Gillson.



Breaking the records!

Marcie Beeman, Sara Melvin, and Jacki White each set a new record for the school and themselves. Marcie and Sara broke the diving record, and Jacki broke the 500 freestyle record in swimming.

The swim team had a record breaking year but still had to get used to a

SEASON OF CHANGE!

The 1996-1997 swim team ended its season with a record of 3-8. The team had to deal with a big change this year. Instead of having separate seasons, the boys' and girls' seasons were combined. The practices were combined, and the meets were dual. Both teams had to adjust to this new change. Also, Coach Kevin Stephens was a new addition to the coaching staff. He along with Coach Dana Shaver coached the girls' and boys' teams. Although the team placed 8th out of 12 teams at the sectional, Jacki White advanced to the sectional finals in the 100 butterfly. The team also placed second at the CIC meet against Tipton and Blackford. Three records were broken during the season. Freshman Sara Melvin set a new school record in diving with a score of 183.05. Junior Marcie Beeman beat her old record of 167.15 with a new score of 170. Senior Jacki White broke the 500 freestyle record with a time of 6:24.44, five seconds faster than the old time. The team worked hard this season and produced several personal records throughout the year.



Dive on in!

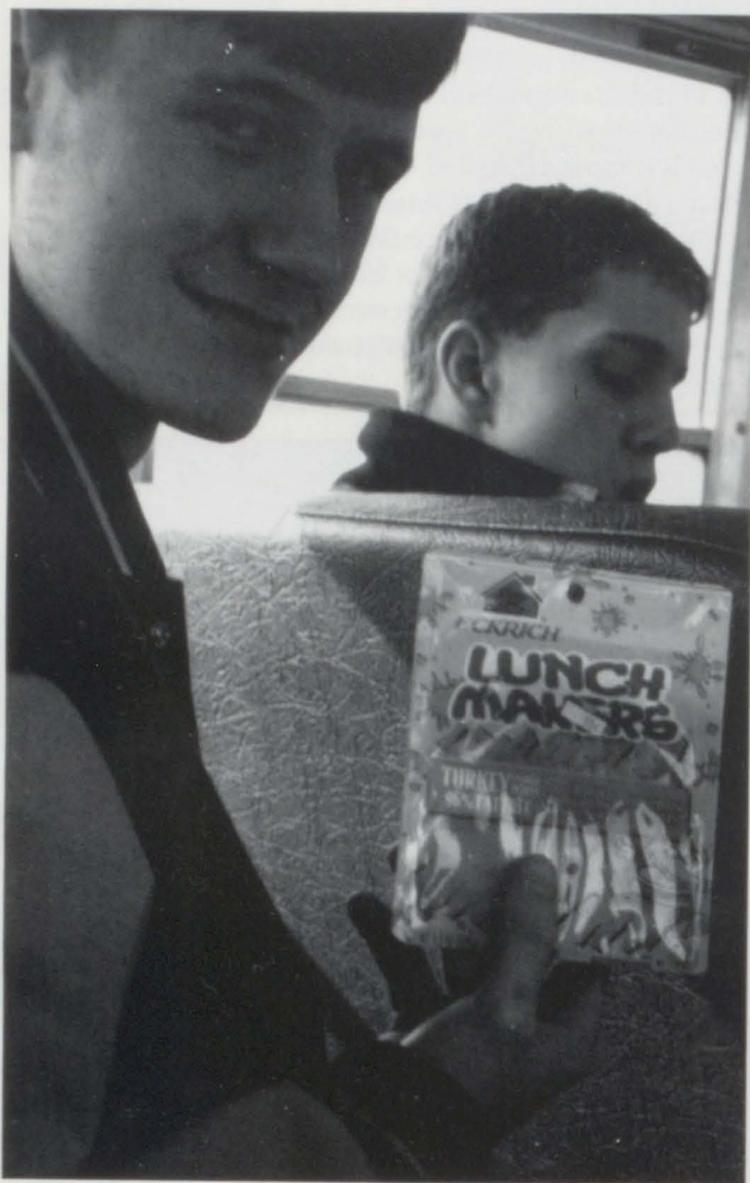
Sara Melvin attempts to do a reverse dive while the judges look on. Sara placed second in the diving event against Mount Vernon.

Pulling ahead!

During the home meet against Westfield Amanda Wingrove pulls her way toward the finish. Amanda swam in the 100 yard breaststroke this year.

A little snack

For a quick snack before a Saturday boys' varsity basketball practice at the Anderson Wigwam, Brad Cogill chooses Lunch Makers. The varsity boys' basketball team was preparing for their sectional game against Alexandria which was to take place the following evening.



What a blast!

During the fall season of volleyball Kelly Everling, Tara Coston, Misty Peters, Amy Satterfield, Leslie Fanning, Jodie Shultz, Kisha Wilson, and Stephanie Wilson all get together for a team cookout held at Brooklyn and Brittany Seastrand's house. During the season each team member took turns hosting a team dinner.



DONE THAT



Off to the Wigwam

On the bus ride to the Wigwam in Anderson for a practice before sectional, Audra Boyland, Brad Cogil, Brandon Melvin, and Greg Cauble prepare for the mental and physical aspects of their practice.



Eat it up!

The day before the girls' sectional game held at Mississinewa, Kylie Horseman enjoys dinner which was provided by Ponderosa Restaurant for the varsity girls' basketball team.



Get ready to rumble

At the boy's varsity basketball team dinner held at the Church of Jesus Christ and Latterday Saints, Kurt Scharff and Jamie Debuthune wrestle over the basketball during a game of tip-in twenty-one while James Hardebeck watches.



Enjoying the view!

Showing their support at the girls' varstiy sectional game held at Mississinewa, Phillip Miller, Nathan Hartman, Brent Robinson, and Kris Kleinbub enjoy viewing the game together. These four young men are members of the boys' varstiy basketball team.

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*Participation in athletics
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GOOD TIMES

Athletes work very hard at practice and at games. Each athlete must remain focused, determined, and serious throughout each season. Coaches emphasize that these attitudes will lead to a successful season. Athletes try to discipline themselves according to these expectations. To achieve a goal, one must put forth a lot of heart, time, and effort. Athletes prove this in practice and games. One must ask, do athletes ever just relax and have fun, or are they required to be serious all the time? Part of athletics is to realize that there is a time to be focused and a time to have fun. Their relaxation comes during bus rides, team dinners, and participation in other activities with team members. These activities not only provide enjoyment, they also draw players closer together. Many athletes will look back at these times with laughter, happiness, and maybe a little embarrassment. Sports need that balance in them. All work and no play would not allow the enjoyment that sports are meant to offer. That is why a little fun needs to be provided. Sports is not just about practices and games; it is also about new friendships, great memories, and good times.

BEEEN THERE

*A team filled with talent,
determination, and desire pull
together to*

"HOLD THE ROPE"

The 1996-97 varsity softball team finished its season with a winning record of 8 wins and 7 losses. The season was very different for the team. To begin their preparation, they worked on the mental aspect of the game and changed the batting style completely which for some was a huge adjustment. To sum up the season Coach Kim Kronk stated, "Triumph is just umph added to try. We had the try, but we lacked in the umph department. We played 4 ranked teams and lost by only one run to each of them. We needed just a little more umph on our bats to turn all four of these games around. Our goal for next year is to put it altogether for a complete triumph. The success that we achieved this year was due to the mental strength and determination of each of our players. Not only did we have a lot of success as a team, but each of the girls experienced a lot of individual success. I had a great time coaching this team. Everyday was filled with laughter that always managed to outweigh the sadness. I had lots of fun this year with the team, and I will deeply miss this year's seniors, Kelly Everling and Sunny Durham. I'm very proud of everyone who was a part of the varsity team and of everyone who did their part to "Hold the Rope."



Swing batter, batter!

Center fielder Amber Sullivan attempts to hit the ball to aid in the victory over Kokomo Taylor with an opening day score of 8-2.

DONE THAT

Varsity Softball

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Kokomo Taylor	8	2
Lapel	1	0
Blackford	3	4
Alexandria	7	3
Highland	3	4
Madison Grant	0	5
Pendleton Heights	4	5
Tipton	0	1
Muncie Central	10	0
Anderson	4	2
Lakeview Christian	15	0
Madison Heights	2	4
Hamilton Heights	5	1
Mississinewa	11	5
Peru	6	10
Sectional	0	3



"I will definitely miss softball next year. I will miss our team dinners and sleepovers, our late night practices, and most of all my teammates and Coach Kronk."

-Sunny Durham



Varsity Softball Team - Front row: Sarah Shuler, Kelly Everling, Sunny Durham, and Amber Sullivan. Row 2: Jessica Amick, Josh Rittenhouse, manager; Kasey Peters, Monica Abernathy, Randy Moore, manager; and Kisha Wilson. Back row: Coach Kim Kronk, Tara Coston, Laura Stout, Misty Peters and Assistant Coach Mike Peters.



Junior Varsity Softball Team - Front row: Roxie Beeman, Josie Gregg, Anna Peeper, and Myriah Cannon. Row 2: Kelly Sides, Carrie Barr, Susan Groover, Amanda Jones, and Casey Croy. Back row: Coach Kenny Myers, Amber Cole, Corin Quiring, Shana Stewart, Josh Rittenhouse, manager; and Assistant Coach Jamie Burris.



Out at third!

In the season opener against Kokomo Taylor third baseman Kelly Everling and short stop Sunny Durham tag an oncoming Kokomo Taylor runner who was trying to take third base. In the game Elwood defeated Taylor with a score of 8-2.

Song of the season!

As Spice Girls' song, "If You Wanna Be," plays in the background, the varsity team dances at a sleepover held at Kelly Everling's home. Prior to this event the team had a 15-0 victory over Lakeview.



Wild thing!

Junior pitcher Misty Peters winds up to throw a fast ball to an awaiting Lakeview opponent. In this game Misty finished with 12 strike-outs.

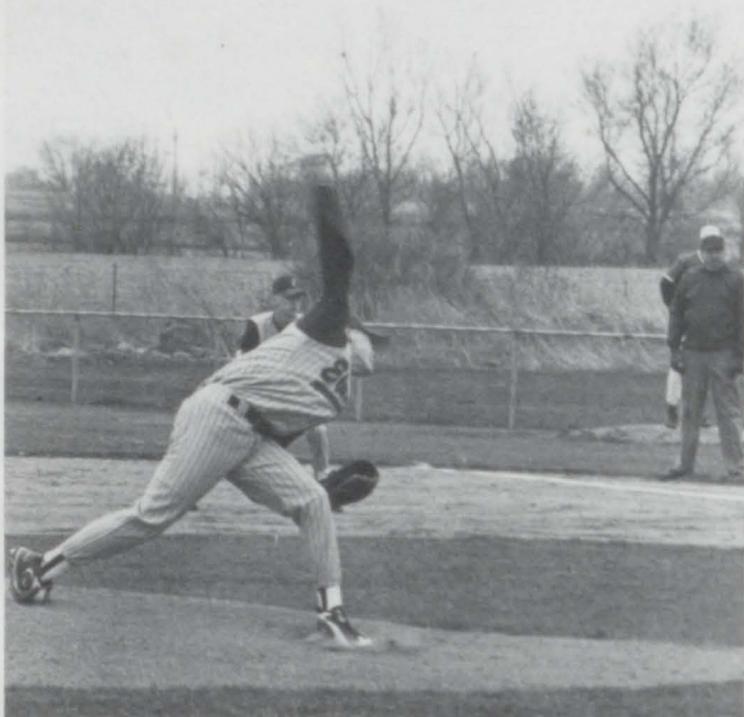
Watching the ball

Looking downward at the on coming pitch, #3 Kris Kleinbub takes a ball and gets ahead in the count. He finished the game by going 1 for 3.



Throwing the heat

Junior pitcher Greg Cauble lunges forward to throw a fastball to a Muncie South batter. He won the game and ended the competition with 14 strikeouts and only 3 walks.



Jogging on in

Senior short stop Brent Robinson jogs in after an inning of defense. He goes in to the dug-out to get ready to hit. He went 2 for 4 on the day against Wabash.



DONE THAT

Varsity Baseball

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.	Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Muncie South	3	0	Peru	13	8
Northwestern	7	6	Alexandria	7	12
Anderson	13	11	Lapel	12	1
Anderson	14	4	Madison Grant	0	3
Muncie Burriss	13	11	Mount Vernon	8	0
Frankton	13	0	Mississinewa	14	0
Tri-Central	29	8	Highland	4	0
Madison Heights	5	4	Highland	8	4
Blackford County	14	6	Pendleton Heights	5	7
Marion	0	24	Sect./Anderson	1	6
Tipton	2	4			
Wabash	3	6			
Oak Hill	8	4			
Oak Hill	6	2			
Daleville	4	1			



Varsity Baseball Team - Front row: Rodger Borders; manager, Kris Robinson; manager, Jamie Galbreath; manager, Ray Gardner; and David Meyers. Row 2: David Cooper, Brent Robinson, Mike Peterson, Greg Cauble, Virgil Leavell, and Kabe Flanagan. Row 3: Kurt Scharf, Kyle Kaiser, Scott Townsend, Kris Kleinbub, and Shannon Huffman. Back row: Bryan Leisure, Coach Joe Holtsclaw, Assistant Coach Mike Davis, Assistant Coach Jason Wheeler, Assistant Coach Brian Cruz, and Jason Cornwell.

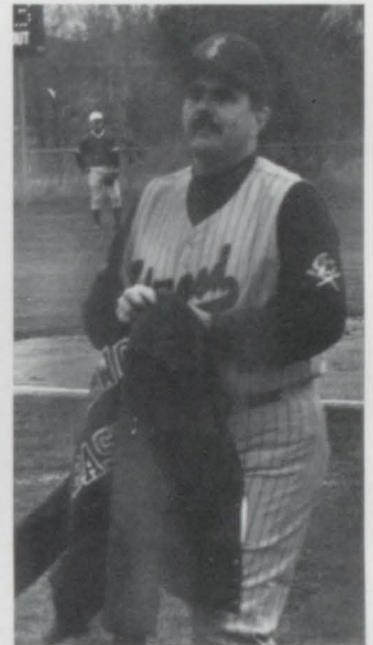


Junior Varsity Baseball Team - Front row: Jon Mort, Justin Leavell, Kabe Flanagan, Kyle Nichols, and Aaron Reynolds. Row 2: Billy Kessinger, Coach Brian Cruz, Assistant Coach Jason Wheeler, Assistant Coach Mike Davis, Assistant Coach Joe Holtsclaw, and Kurt Scharff. Back row: Tyler Sutton, Kyle Stephens, Jason Durham, Mike Peterson, David Cooper, Scott Townsend, and Bryan Leisure.

The baseball team finds success through strong defense, and

AGGRESSIVE OFFENSE

The 1997 varsity baseball team finished its season 18-6 and 3-4 in the CIC. This season's success was due to strength in pitching and aggressive batting. Junior Greg Cauble led the team in pitching with an earned run average of .171. Greg also led the team in hitting with a .474 batting average, 31 runs batted in, and 5 homeruns. The only weaknesses of this season were let downs, both mentally, and emotionally after the team would get a big lead or get down by a couple of runs. Greg Cauble and Kris Kleinbub were named all CIC. Brent Robinson and Duston Nichols were named honorable mention all CIC. Coach Holtsclaw commented, "This group of kids were a great group kids to coach. They worked hard at practice everyday, and they worked hard before the season even started. This is also a young group of kids, so they will be very strong next year and years to come."



Calling the pitch

Virgil Leavell #4 gives the sign to the pitcher Greg Cauble in an attempt to choose a pitch that baffles the batter.

Here comes the skipper

Varsity coach Joe Holtsclaw walks to the dugout to return a jacket during the Muncie South game. The team won the game 3-0.

Ready, set, go!

As first link in the 400 meter relay, Adrienne McQuitty leaves the block to begin the race. The relay team consists of Adrienne McQuitty, Brittany Seastrand, Leslie Fanning, and Laura Stout. The team finished third with a time of 56.88.



Up and over!

On April 29 sophomore Brittany Seastrand clears the opening height of 4 feet 2 inches during a home meet against Tipton.



Practice makes perfect!

During her warm-up Tia Day strides down the backstretch while preparing for the 800 meter race against Kokomo.



DONE THAT

Oarsity Track

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Alexandria	65	56
Madison County	7th/8	
Lapel/Frankton	59	21/77
Madison Grant/Oak Hill	33	75/48
Frankton/Burris	56	76/20
Tipton	38	85
Tipton Invitational	4th/5	
Pendleton Heights	48	74
Kokomo	29	94
Oak Hill Relays	4th/8	
Sectional	6th/12	
CIC	5th/8	



"My most rewarding meet this year was the Oak Hill relays. I ran my best time in the 4 by 4. We only missed the school record by 3 seconds." - Brittany Seastrand



Getting a head start

With the sound of the gun, competitors leave the starting blocks for the 100 meter dash in a three way meet against Oak Hill and Madison Grant. Leslie Fanning finished second with a time of 13.71.



Varsity Track Team

Front row: Heidi Murray. Row 2: Brooklyn Seastrand, Elizabeth Hurd, Leslie Fanning, and Brittany Seastrand. Row 3: Coach Angie O'Donnell, Laura Stout, Tia Day, Rachel Sanders, and Coach Brian Kirkwood. Back row: Adrienne Gough and Lacy Taylor.



T hrowing the shot

Shot-put thrower Abby Vehekite works on her throwing technique during her warm-up against Kokomo.

B ound to win!

Three hundred meter hurdle runner Brooklyn Seastrand bounds over her last set of hurdles to finish the race.



Despite lack of numbers and injuries, the team's success was due to motivation, concentration,

**DESIRE, AND
PRACTICE**

The girls track team finished with a record of 4-10. In the CIC, where the team finished 5th, the runners supplied 54 of the team's 81.5 points. The runners also led the team to strong finishes in the Oak Hill Relays (4th) and in the sectional (6th). Senior Adrienne Gough finished her high school career with tremendous results. She holds all three distance records, the 800, 1600, 3200, and a part in the 3200 meter relay. She won 13 CIC medals and a sectional championship. Coach Kirkwood states, "Not only was Adrienne a true team leader, she had a great personality followed by many academic accomplishments that helped to strengthen her athletic abilities." The only other senior on the team was Abby Vehekite who excelled in the field events. She helped to supply high points in the discus and shot-put. Injuries limited the number of runners eligible to run. "Sure, the injuries were frustrating for all, but we have a young team full of competitiveness, hard work, potential, improvement, and desire, and I look for future success in the years to come," stated Coach Brian Kirkwood.

BEEN THERE

BEEIN THERE

*Strong field events helped
make this young team
one of the*

BEST IN 20 YEARS

The track team finished the season with a record of 6 and 3, and 4th/12 in the sectional. The success of the season was partly due to the team's field events and very willing seniors according to Coach Kevin Frye. "Our field events were very important to our team's success! We could usually count on 6 or 8 points from 4 of the 5 events." The seniors this year were Paul Richardson, Mike Marcrum, and Mads Hoby. Paul Richardson was a four year letterman and will be missed. He ran with constant improvement and was willing to do whatever it took to score points. Mike Marcrum ran track for the first time this year. His times were always improving, and he was a positive addition to the team because of his great attitude. The last senior was foreign exchange student, Mads Hoby, from Denmark. He was very coachable and always willing to try new events. Qualifying for the regionals this season were Andy Gibson in the shot put, Jeremy Lane in the 300 meter low hurdles, Josh Kelich in the 10 meter high hurdles, and Paul Richardson in the 1600 meter and 3200 meter runs. The most outstanding event of the season from the coaches' point of view was seeing the team improve each week to a point where they could control their success by moving people into events that would make them stronger. Frye added, "This team's desire to get better runners is what they owe their success to. They ran with a lot of pride and heart this year."

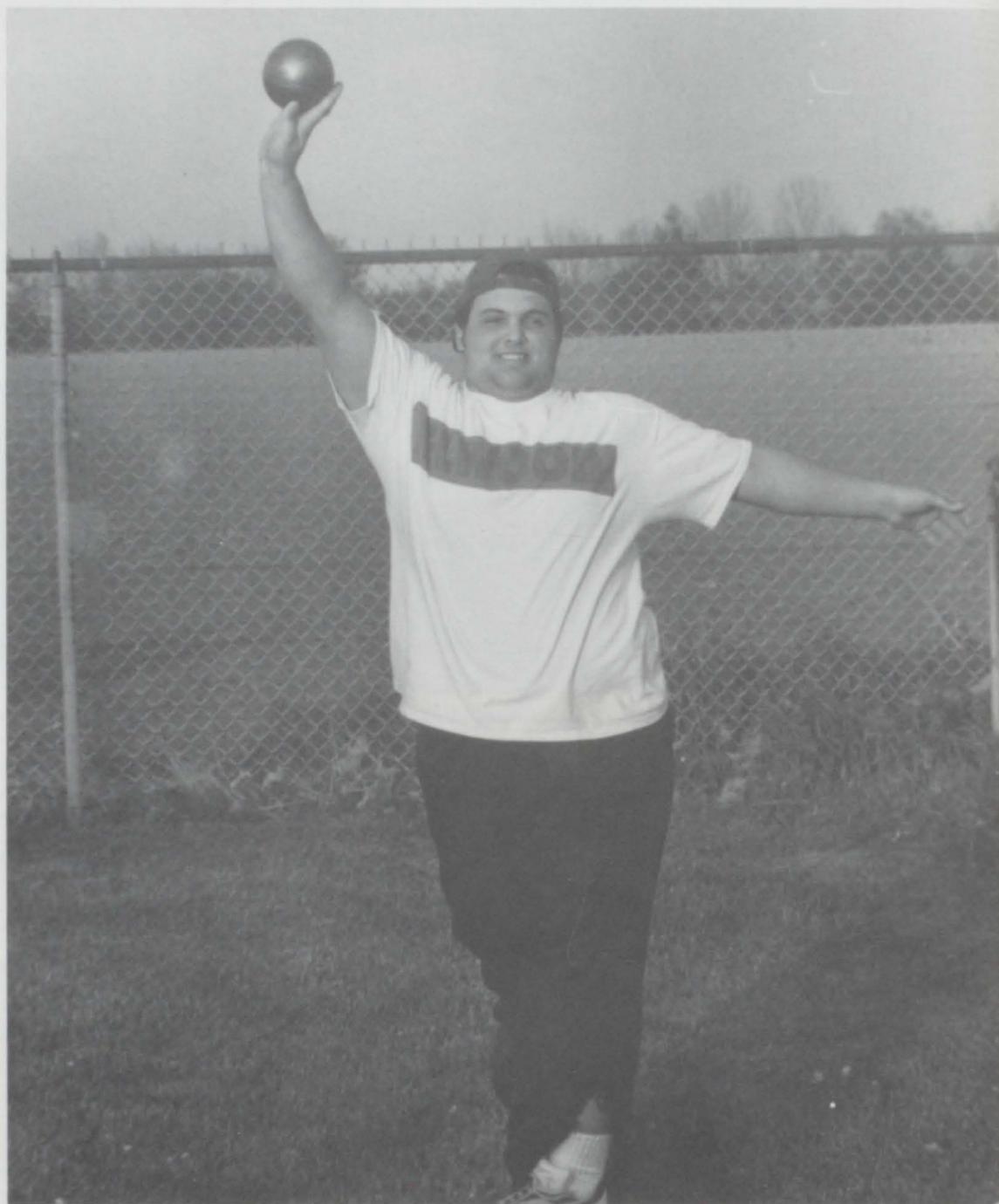


Carrying the baton

Junior distance runner Kenny Green runs the third leg of the 3200 meter relay. Paul Richardson watches from the infield and encourages his teammates.

Heaving the ball!

Before the conference meet which was held at Panther Stadium, sophomore Andy Gibson warms up his throwing arm prior to stepping into the shot put ring. Gibson scored 104 points for the team this year in the shot put and discus.



DONE THAT

Oarsity Track

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Madison Grant/Taylor	69	89/21
Madison County	6th/8	
Oak Hill/Wabash	36	57/72
Pendleton Invitational	4th/8	59/20
Frankton/Burris	72	
Peru	122	8
Tipton	73	59
Highland	89	43
CIC	6th/8	
Sectional	4th/12	



"I would encourage students to come out for the track team because it is a great chance to compete against people from other schools."

Mike Goens



Boys Track Team- Mike Goens, Justin Atwood, Luke Turner, and Nathan Hartman. Row 2: Rolland Patton, Ryan Poe, Jamie Jetty, Mike Harris, Mike Marcrum, and Brandon Melvin. Row 3: Coach Mike Goens, Kevin Powell, Jon Mort, Greg Sherman, Kyle Richards, Kenneth Green, Jamie DeBethune, Jeremy Lane, and Coach Kevin Frye. Back row: J.P. Cannon, Matt Blakely, Pat Hoose, Ryan Alley, Brandon Kenney, and Mads Hoby.



Push yourselves!

Giving it every bit of strength and energy, Justin Atwood and Jeremy Lane sprint toward the finish line. Lane just ahead of his Madison Grant and Taylor opponents and Atwood just behind. Elwood received 6 points for its performance in the JV 100 meter sprint.



Just one more lap!

Paul Richardson and Brad Cogill run one and two with one lap left in the 1600 meter run. Paul and Brad finished 1st and 3rd with times of 5:09 and 5:16 respectively.

1... 2...3... Kick!

Striding over the hurdle is Kevin Powell. He completed the 110 high hurdles with a time of 17.9 which was good enough to get him 3rd place.



Flying like an eagle!

Brandon Melvin attempts to defy gravity in the long jump. This jump netted 18 feet 7 inches which was his season best. He stopped long jumping after the third meet in order to concentrate on other events.



Serving up aces

Serving the ball cross-court to her Lapel opponent, Alecia Phenis won the point. She also won the match 6-1, 6-1.



Senior players

Senior tennis players Alyssa Watson and Amy Satterfield have completed four years of tennis. Amy has played varsity tennis for three straight years. Racheal Johnson played her first year this season.



Returning the serve

Awaiting the ball, junior #2 doubles player Misty Knotts returns the ball cross court to her Madison Grant opponent. The doubles team won the match 6-0, 6-0.



DONE THAT

Varsity Tennis

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Blackford County	5	0
Tipton	1	4
Lapel	4	1
Mississinewa	5	0
Peru Invitational	3 out of 8	
Wabash	4	1
Frankton	3	2
Madison Heights	4	1
Madison Grant	5	0
Hamilton Heights	4	1
CIC	3 out of 8	
Anderson	0	5
Sectional	2/5	



The most memorable after game experiences was taking a victory "L" through town with the team. We all put red and blue flags on our cars and drove very slowly, honking our horns. We then went to Dairy Queen to eat. -- Amy Satterfield



Varsity Tennis Team- Front row: Kristy Lair, Brandi Cosby, Sarah Brunnemer, and Kathy Robinson. Row 2: Andrea Green, Beth Bomholt, Amy Satterfield, Alicia Phenis, and Jennifer Cook. Back row: Coach Max Hoppel, Misty Knotts, Alyssa Watson, Jennifer Sullivan, Krista Kendall, and Assistant Coach Jim Pearson.



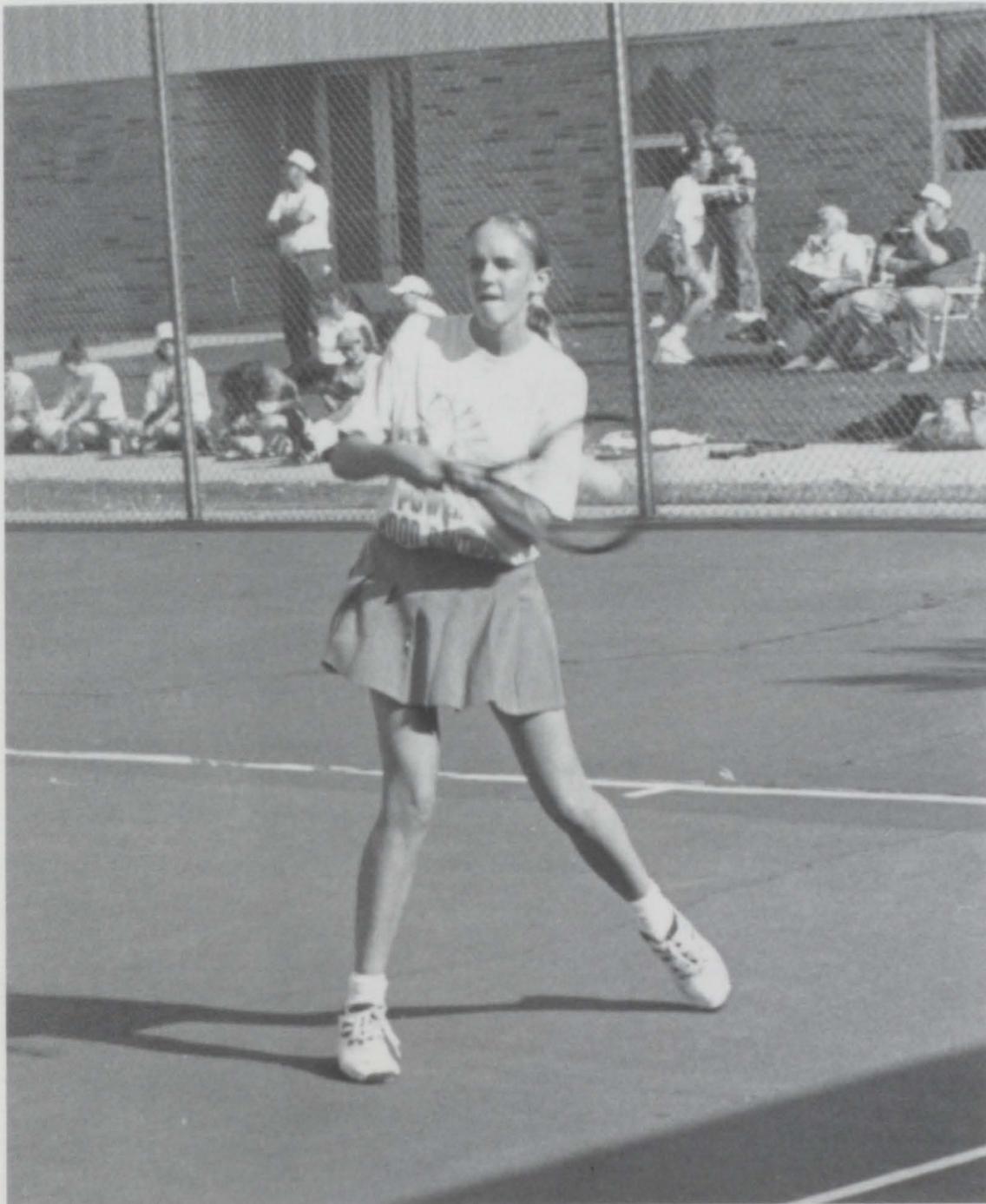
Junior Varsity Tennis Team- Front row: Jessica Borders, Shannah Murray, and Dawn Stewart. Row 2: Megan Gillam, Suzanne Stinnet, Racheal Johnson, and Lauren Fihe. Back row: Coach Max Hoppel, Sara Melvin, Cindy Lair, Chang Sanders, and Assistant Coach Jim Pearson.

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*Lady netters' winning season
due to hard work,
determination, and*

STRONG PERSEVERANCE

The 1997 girls tennis team ended the season with a winning record of 10-3. They placed third in the CIC and the Peru Invitational. They were also sectional runners-up. Coach Max Hoppel stated, "We were successful this year because of the time and hard work our ladies put in during the last summer and indoors this winter. I am very happy that they could be rewarded for their great effort. It was a very good year." Jennifer Cook played number one singles and finished the season with a record of 8-10. Junior Andrea Green was the number two singles player who finished the season with a record of 13-4. Kristi Lair filled the number three singles position and finished with a record of 12-5. Kristi also placed second at the CIC meet. Alicia Phenis and Amy Satterfield teamed up to play number one doubles. Together they completed the season, 12-7. Rounding out the varsity line-up was junior Beth Bomholt and sophomore Jenny Sullivan at number two doubles. They finished the season with an 11-7 record.



Over the top

Hitting a baseline forehand Andrea Green returns a serve from her Lapel opponent. She finished the match winning 6-2, 6-3.

Smacking a backhand

Number one singles player Jennifer Cook attempts a two handed backhand return to her Madison Grant opponent. She finished the match 6-2, 6-3.

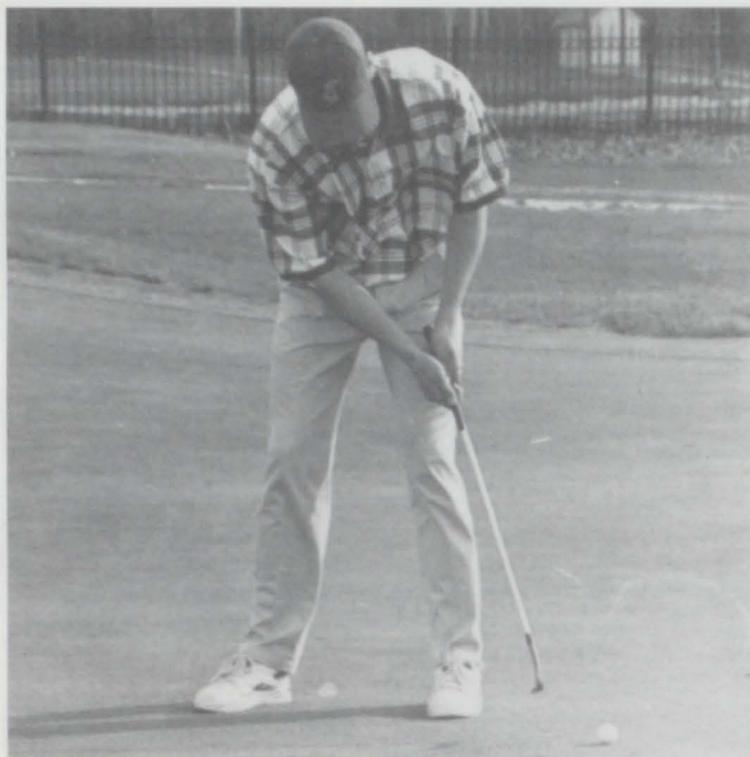
Out of the sand

Playing at Noblesville, Ben Sparks tries to put the ball on the green by chipping. Ben is a sophomore who played on the junior varsity team this year.



Look at it roll!

Number one man Phil Miller putts on hole #5 against Noblesville. Phil has had a lot of success this year, placing 5th at the Peru Invitational and keeping his scores in the low 40's.



Tee it up!

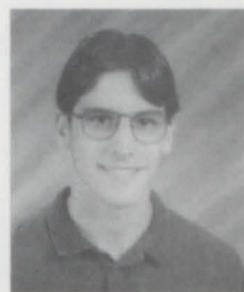
Teeing off from hole #4, Adam Fox drives the ball 240 yards. Adam is a sophomore on the junior varsity team with a best score of 44. Adam said, "The coach's pep talk before and after the meet was the most memorable thing."



DONE THAT

Varsity Golf

Opponent	Elwood	Opp.
Rochester	7th/12	
Tipton/Madison	182	154/199
Noblesville	175	155
Frankton/Alex	187	182/179
Miss./ Northfield	187	171/161
Highland	179	160
Lapel	190	172
Peru	192	183
Hamilton Heights	189	191
Oak Hill	166	179
Blackford/ Eastbrook	177	179/180
CIC	5th/8	
Madison Grant	186	176
Tri-Central	192	173
Sectional	8th/12	



"The most memorable aftergame experience was eating at Ponderosa after playing at Wabash when Greg Lindsmeier told the waitress that Coach was our dad."

Phil Miller



Golf Team

John Gaddis, Travis Daugherty,
Landon Whetsel, Eric Lambert,

Ben Sparks, and Mitch Herniak. Back row: Michael Cogill, Chris Hoose,
Coach Phil Huffman, Greg Lindsmeier, and Phillip Miller.



Putt it in

John Gaddis putts on hole #5 in a
home meet against Alexandria.

John is a senior who Coach Huffman was able to use in any position.

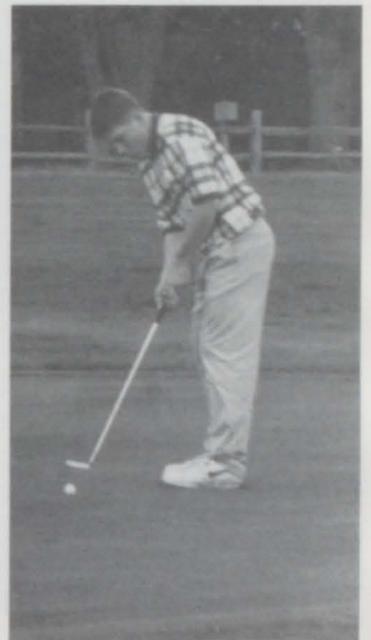


Putting around

Mitch Herniak, freshman on the team, putts in on hole #3, par 4. Mitch was playing at a home meet against Alexandria.

In the Hole!

Travis Daugherty tries to sink a putt on hole #3 against Alexandria. Travis is a junior who Coach Huffman feels will help lead the team next season.



Due to inclimate weather and inexperienced players, the golf team has had an

UP AND DOWN SEASON

BEEN THERE

The golf team wrapped up the season with a record of 20-27. The three seniors, John Gaddis, Mike Cogill, and Chris Hoose, helped the team with their leadership and willingness to help younger teammates. The most memorable meet was the Peru Invitational when the team shot their best 18 holes, and Phil Miller was fifth individually. Mr. Huffman stated, "We had a stretch during the season when we played some really tough teams, and we got down on ourselves. We snapped out of it the week of CIC and played much closer to our full potential." The future of this team looks bright with three of the top five players returning. The top five were Phil Miller, Travis Daugherty, John Gaddis, Greg Lindsmeier, and Michael Cogill. Mr. Huffman feels that in order to improve, the team must play more during the off-season. The team placed 8th in the sectional with 375 points, and John Gaddis advanced to the regional, scoring an 88.

Elwood cheerleaders' spirit shines as they show that they are proud to be

MIGHTY PANTHERS

The cheerleaders' season began this summer with 7 a.m. practices consisting of running, lifting, and perfecting competition routines. Each squad attended cheer camp at Ball State University where the varsity squad earned awards for sideline chant, cheer, and leadership. The j.v. squad earned awards for camp dance and cheer. The girls squad received the spirit award. A highlight of the summer was the j.v. squad placing 6th in the state cheerleading competition held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The cheerleaders sold Avon, held bake sales, and sponsored a car wash to order fill-in uniforms and for other cheerleading expenses. Cindy Dodd, a junior cheerleader, stated, "It was a great year. We had a lot of fun and we built stronger friendships throughout the year." Tryouts for the 97-98 season were held on March 7-8. Judging was based on a group dance, a group cheer, and an individual chant, an individual cheer, and two jumps.



Yea! Rah! Elwood!

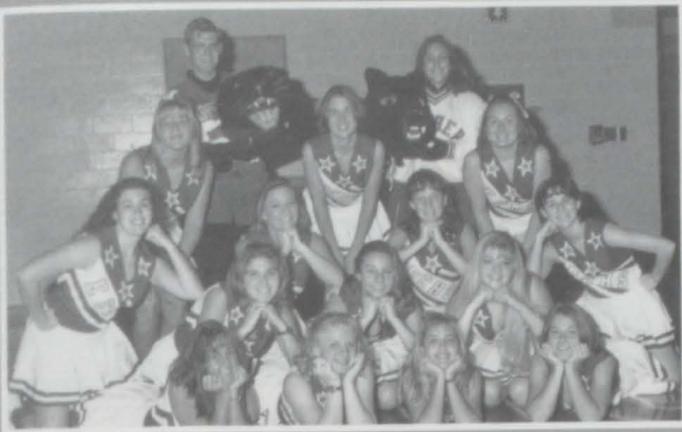
Hollie Sullivan flies in an extension held by Heidi Humphrey, Amber Boston, and Elizabeth Austin for the cheer "Two Bits." Hollie has been a cheerleader for the past four years.

D, D, D. Defense!

At the RCA Dome, Darcie Courtney, Jessica Amick, Brandey Ehman, Jenny Sullivan, Heidi Humphrey, and Cindy Dodd perform the chant "Defense" to encourage the Panthers to recover the fumble that was the result of a mix-up between the Blackford County quarterback and tailback.



DONE THAT



Varsity Cheerleaders Front row: Donita Downey, Brandey Ehman, Darcie Courtney, and Hollie Sullivan. Row 2: Heidi Humphrey, Jennifer Waymire, and Jennifer Faulstich. Row 3: Josie Gregg, Cindy Dodd, Adrienne Gough, and Brandi Cosby. Back row: Amber Boston, Michael Marcum, Elizabeth Austin, Casey Croy, and Amy Beeman.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders Front row: Sara Melvin and Kathy Robison. Row 2: Jessica Amick and Cheryl Simpson. Row 3: Lilly Ochoa, Adrienne Courtney, and Jennifer Sullivan. Back row: Jennifer Blair, Amber Cole, Lacy Taylor, Megan Riser, and Stephanie Wilson.



Girls Squad Front row: Holli Williams. Row 2: Brandey Phillips and LeAnn Jones. Back row: Casey Croy, Brooke Lawson, Tia Day, and Michael Marcum.

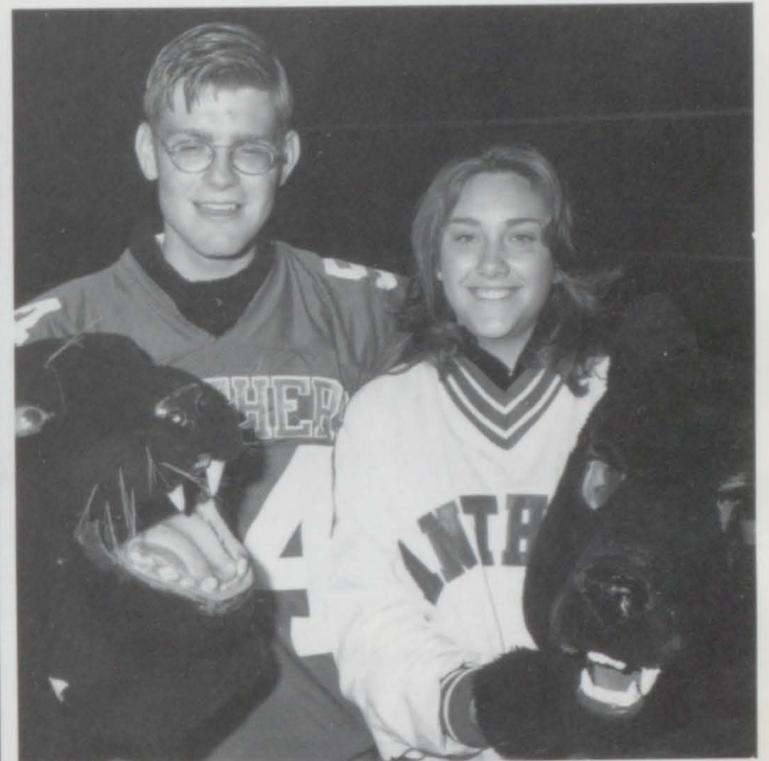


Yell with us!

When Elwood revisited the dome, Darcie Courtney helped lead the crowd in cheers to support the Panthers. Darcie was the co-captain of the varsity squad this year.

Hear us roar!

Mascots this year were Mike Marcum and Casey Croy. They took turns traveling to away games, and they both were on duty at home games. This was the third year to have both a male and female Panther.



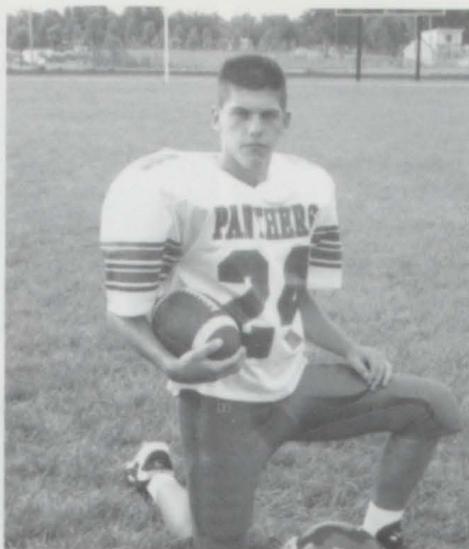
Outback bound!

Jennifer Faulstich and Jennifer Waymire traveled to Tampa, Florida, to perform in the pre-game show of the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day. They raised money by selling cookies at a middle school dance, working at the RCA dome concession stand, and from donations from the community members.

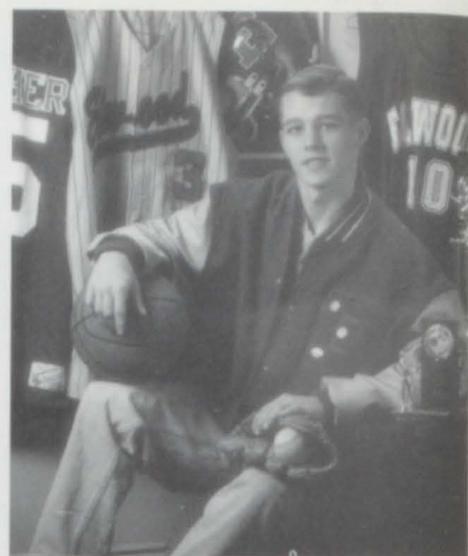




Jodi Shultz- Volleyball- Honorable Mention All-CIC, Honorable Mention All County, All Metro North Team. Basketball-All CIC, All County



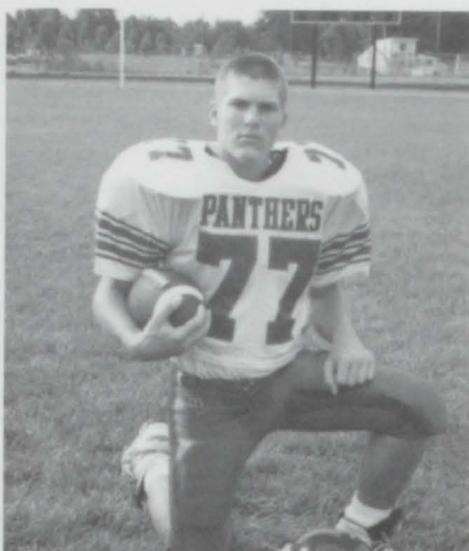
Brandon Melvin - Football - Honorable Mention All CIC, Honorable Mention All Area, Team Tri-Captain



Kris Kleinbub - Football -Honorable Mention All CIC, Honorable Mention All Area, Team Tri - Captain Baseball - All CIC



Amber Sullivan - Basketball - State Qualifier and Competitor for the three point contest at the RCA Dome



Travis Daugherty - Football - Honorable Mention All CIC, Honorable Mention All Area



Darcie Courtney - Volleyball - Honorable Mention All CIC, Honorable Mention All County, Team's Most outstanding Passer
Cheerleading -UCA Summer Camp Jump Champion, UCA All Star, Allen County Jump Champion, ICA All State, Co-Captain of the Team



Greg Cauble -Football - Honorable Mention All - Area Baseball - Hoosier Diamond Preseason All - State, All CIC **74** Sports Highlights
by Brandon Melvin



Michael Cogill - Tennis - All CIC, Sectional Champion, Regional Champion, State Qualifier at #1 Doubles Basketball - All CIC, All Metro North Team, All Sectional Team, Top 100 Player, Alternate to the Top 40 Players in the state, Honorable Mention Preseason All State, Honorable Mention All State



Adrienne Gough -Cross Country - All County, 3rd Straight CIC Victory, All Sectional, All Regional, Semi - State Qualifier Track - CIC Champion 1600 Meter Run, CIC Champion 3200 Meter Run, CIC Champion 3200 Meter Relay, CIC Champion 800 Meter Run, Red Haven Award Winner

BEEEN THERE

For excellence exhibited in their sporting events, athletes achieve their own

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

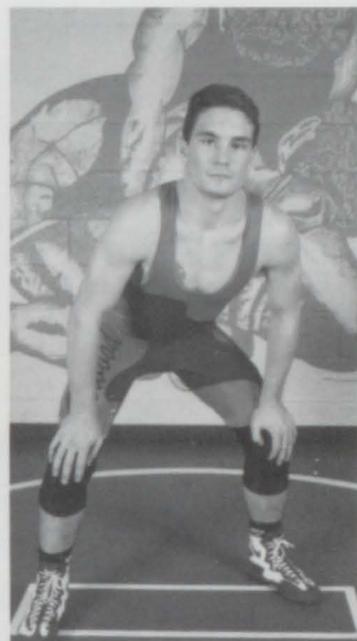


Brent Robinson

Tennis - All CIC, Sectional Champion, Regional Champion, State Qualifier at # 1 Doubles

Basketball - All CIC, Honorable Mention All Metro North Team, Qualifier for the three point contest at the RCA Dome

Baseball - Hoosier Diamond Preseason All State Honorable Mention, Second Team All CIC



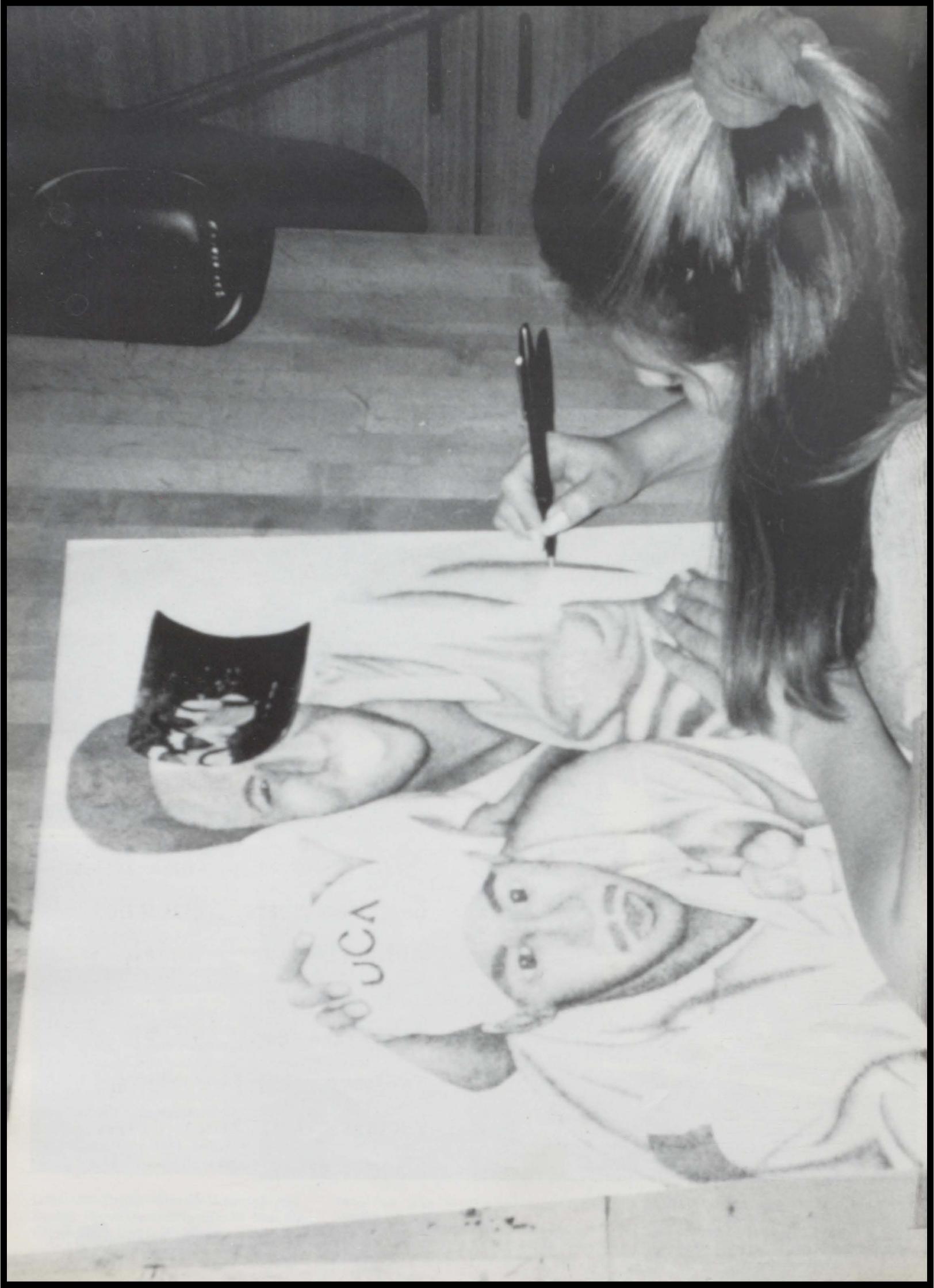
Bryan Watters

Wrestling - Madison County Champion, CIC Champion, Sectional Champion, Regional Champion, Semi-State Runner-up, 5th in the state, Most Pins per Season.

Jeremy Yates

Wrestling - Madison County Champion, CIC Champion, Sectional Champion, Regional Champion, 8th In the state, Most Wins in School History, 100 Win Club, MVP of two tournaments, Kenny Green Attitude Award, King of the Mat, Triple Crown Champion.

Football- MVP of the Team, Academic All-State.





ACADEMICS

Done THAT Learned THAT

Graduation... research papers...
Shakespeare scenes... ten minute
final speeches... Rome trip...
Certomen meets... dissection...
National Honors Society Tap
Day... Mexico City trip... qua-
dratic equations... academic com-
petitions... oral presentations...
Project XL... final exams...
plays... essay tests... computer
lab assignments.

Students enhance
their education with the aid
of academic

PROJECTS

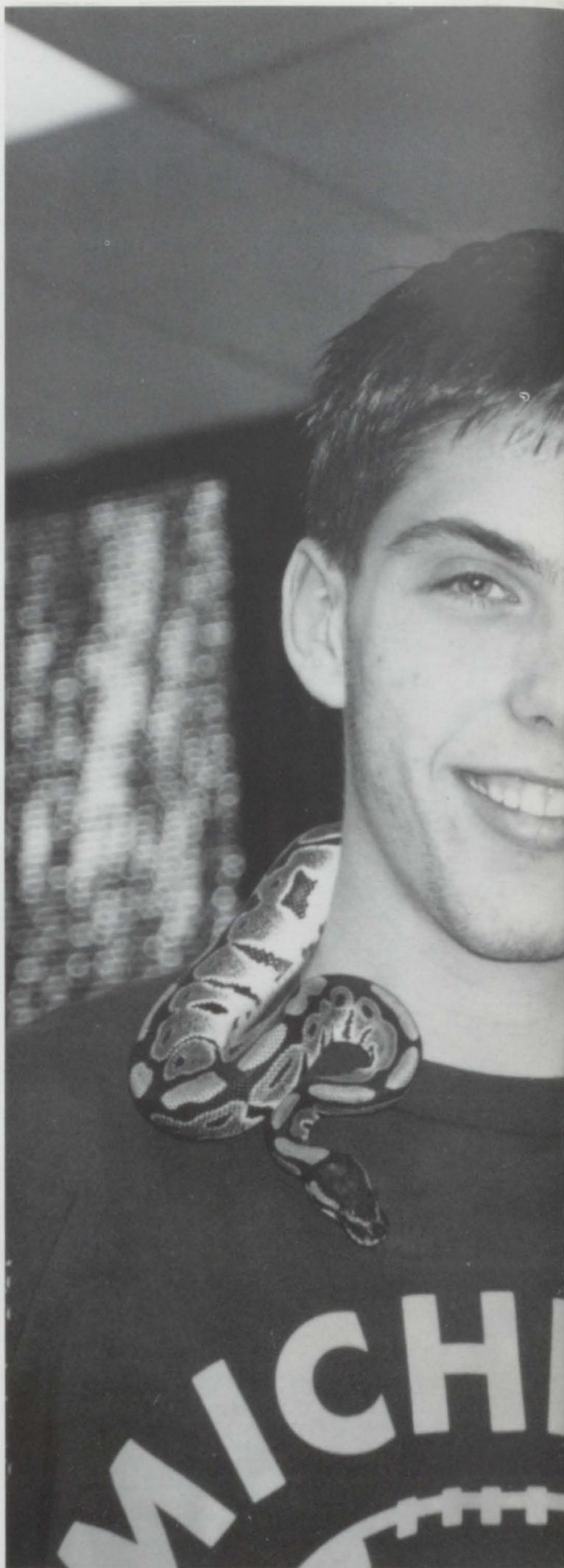
Since moving to block scheduling, teachers have put more academic projects into their curriculum. Many students are in computer labs typing reports or in the library doing research for projects. Academic projects that took place

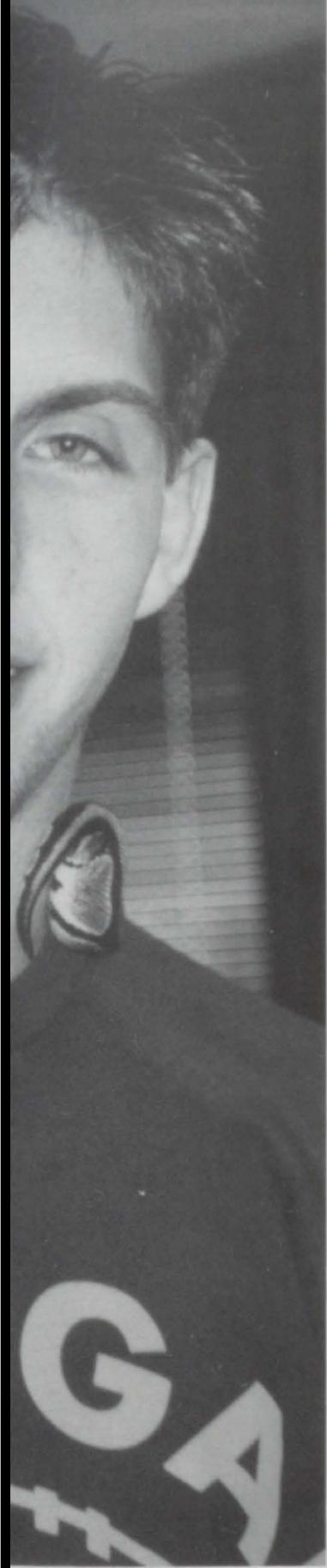
throughout the year consisted of students constructing Latin houses in first year Latin, demonstrations or skits of Medieval times in Mrs. Drummond's English II

classes, and a tea party to reenact the 18th Century in honor of the novel Sense and Sensibility in Mrs. Holaday's English 5 and 6 classes. Several other alternative forms of group work involved skits in Mr. Hoffman's history class, Spanish commercials in Mrs. Tracy's third and fourth year classes, demonstration speeches and commercials in Mrs. Paquin's speech class, and projects using the Internet. All of these helped make learning more exciting and educational.



Jeff Robinson gives his 3 to 5 minute demonstration speech on the mechanics of how to play the trumpet. Jeff performed his speech in Mrs. Darren Paquin's first semester speech class.





Brandon Melvin wraps his pet snake Rasputin around his neck during his demonstration speech on how to charm a snake.

The Introduction to Journalism class conducted by Mrs. Tracy Holaday consists of Front row: B. Spicer, L. Fanning, K. Kleinbub, and S. Tyner. Row

2: C. Simpson, C. Gardner, R. Noel, and C. McDermit. Row 3: A. Cole, L. Taylor, and H. Murray. Back row: M. Gillam, N. Croy, J. Blackford, N. Brown, and T. Updegraff.



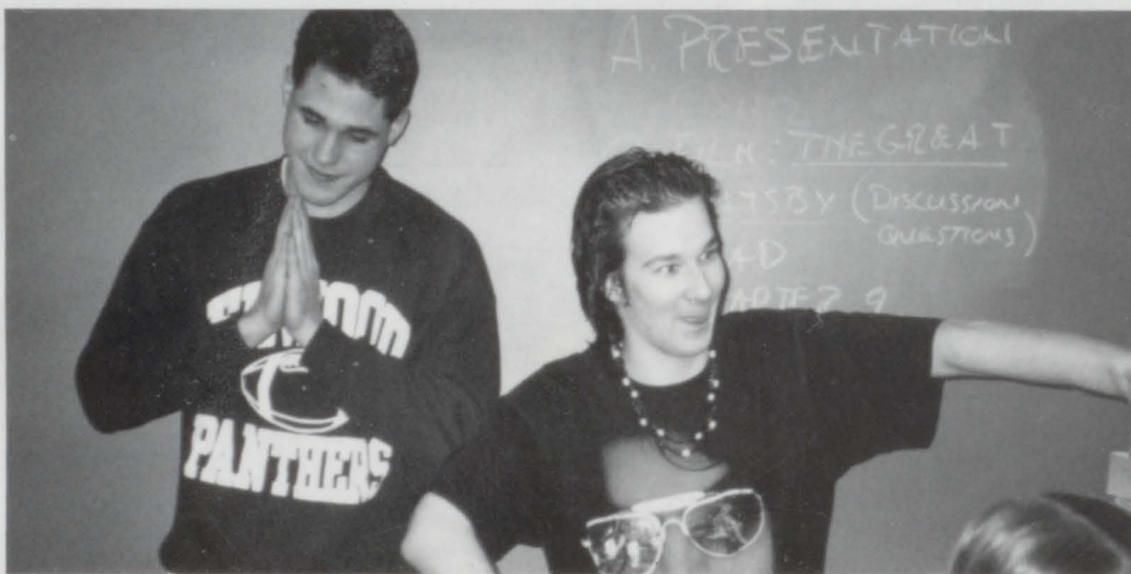
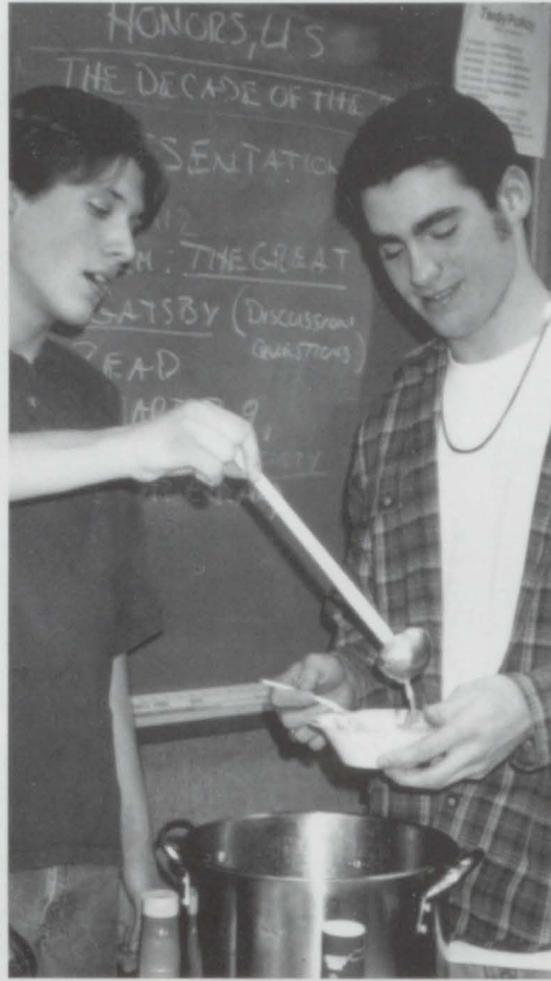
While in Mr. Don Garner's first hour computer programming class, Mads Hoby and Derrick Harris program data from the Pascal advanced programming unit.

In Mrs. McQuitty's gifted and talented art class Brandee Gordon produces sidewalk chalk art. The designs were displayed throughout homecoming week at the Panther stadium.

Brandon Kinney and Stephanie Creekmore knight Clint Davidson as "Sir Clint the Courageous." During the knighting ceremonies in Mrs. Sherry Drummond's literature class, students became a knight for the remainder of the week.

During the Renaissance unit Jeremy Hicks serves Adam Fox a bowl of golden soup which consists of strawberry and custards.

While in Mrs. Sherry Drummond's fifth hour English class, David Cooper and Kelly Jarrell give a presentation on costumes for their projects on the Medieval unit.



Ryan Alley and Kyle Pettijohn perform an interpretive dance of the 1920's entitled, "Butterfly Trapped in a Cage." This enabled students to earn extra credit in Mr. Hoffman's honors U.S. history class.



While giving her demonstration speech in Mrs. Darren Paquin's seventh hour speech class, Alicia Phenix explains step by step how to change a baby's diaper.

Using their knowledge of the Spanish language, Kurt Scharff and Pat Hoose perform a skit using the setting of a restaurant in a Spanish speaking country.

Cultural experiences expand students' knowledge of foreign...

LANGUAGES

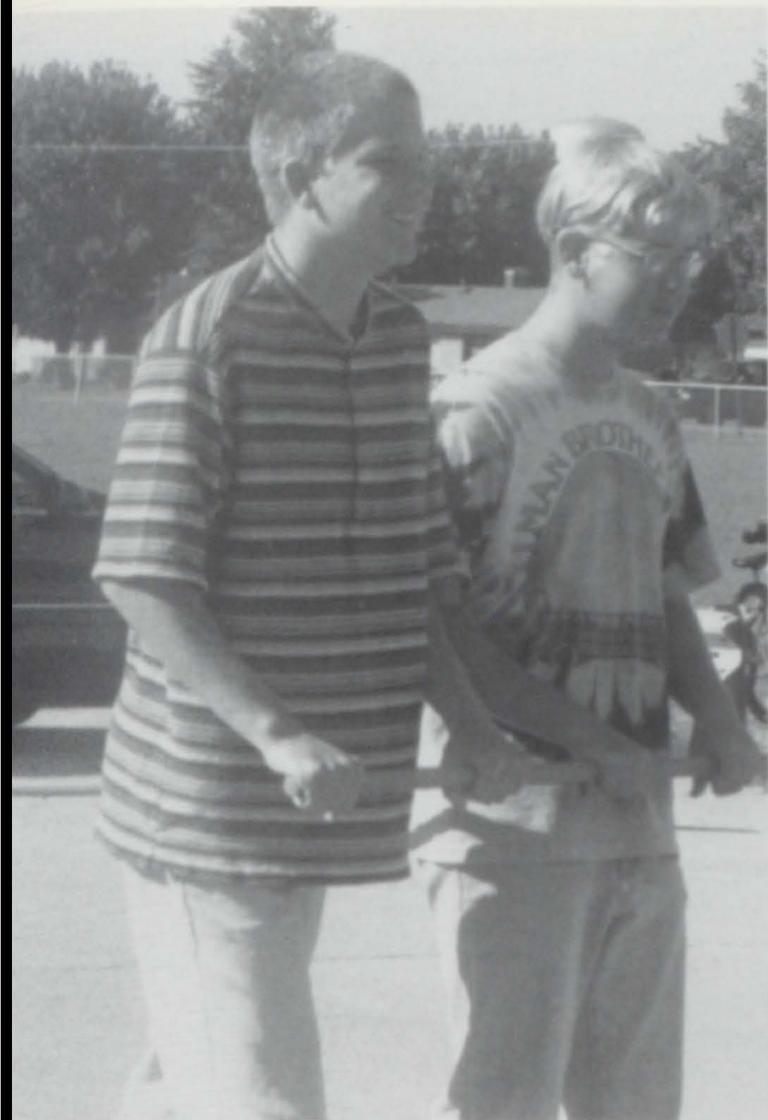
Latin club, sponsored by Mrs. Diana Garner, and Spanish club, sponsored by Mrs. Jane Tracy, make up two large organizations in the school which sponsor various club and school activities. The Latin club hosted a fall party at the Goins' in October, and in January members of the Latin club hosted a Certamen meet and celebrated National Latin week during January 27-31. In February they traveled to Owen Valley High School for another Certamen meet. In April members attended the State Latin Convention at Purdue University. Spanish club members dined at Don Pablo's and Chi-Chi's to eat authentic Mexican food. They also visited Circle Centre Mall in the fall and the Indiana State Fairgrounds to view the Christmas light display. The two clubs participated in some of the same activities throughout the year. In August the two clubs sponsored a fund raiser to raise money for their yearly expenses. Both clubs also visited the International Festival in Indianapolis in October, went shopping at the Fort Wayne Mall in December, and during the month of March traveled to the Circle Centre Mall in Indianapolis and attended the Indianapolis Ice hockey game. Latin club sponsored the Fall Fantasy Dance in November with the theme "A Walk in the Park," and the Spanish club sponsored the Belles and Beau's Valentines dance in February.



During the Spanish club's Christmas party Misty Knotts and Darcie Courtney participate in one of the games which involved passing a lifesaver from toothpick to toothpick.

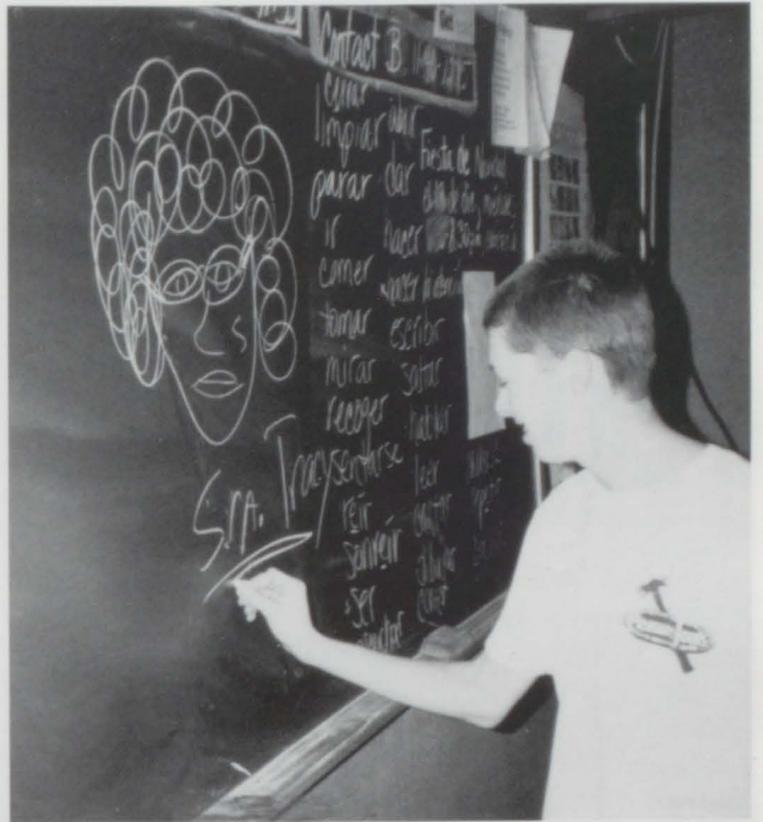


Latin Club members Joshua Rittenhouse and Greg Sherman dress in togas and pull a chariot as the Latin club entry in the homecoming parade.



Freshman Latin students Nick Croy, Joel Mendenhall, and Mitchell Herniack participate in the chariot races during Mrs. Diana Garner's 5th hour Latin class.

While in Mrs. Jane Tracy's 7th hour Spanish class, Chad Leever draws a picture of Senora Tracy as a part of a class activity.



For Mads Hoby, Kurt Sharff, Chris Werline and Aaron Reynolds, eating at Don Pablos is just one of the many exciting activities that the members of the Spanish club takes part in.

With dough in hand and eating in mind, Latin students Julie Robinson, Amy Bucci, Stephanie Creekmore, and Jessica Amick make pizzas in honor of Saturnalea: an early Sun god.

Transition year allows
for the planing of
upcoming

PERFORMANCES

The drama club, sponsored by Mrs. Sherry Drummond, produced two productions, "Love Letters" and "Father of the Bride." The club consisted of 21 members who participated in several events during the year. The group traveled to Clowes Hall for the performance of "Stomp," traveled to Franklin Central High School for the Educational Theater Association, and visited the Circle Centre Mall with members of the Spanish and art clubs. They also dined at Chi Chi's with the Spanish club. Mrs. Drummond felt that this year was a transition year as they allowed time for the planning of performances for the upcoming year.

A drama class was introduced into the curriculum this year. Mrs. Drummond, the instructor of this class, stated, "Having this drama class is great. The kids are getting to work on the techniques of acting as well as performing a play." The class performed "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" for the Tri Kappa Associates. Mrs. Drummond will be very sad to see the seniors go but enjoyed having them be a part of the program.

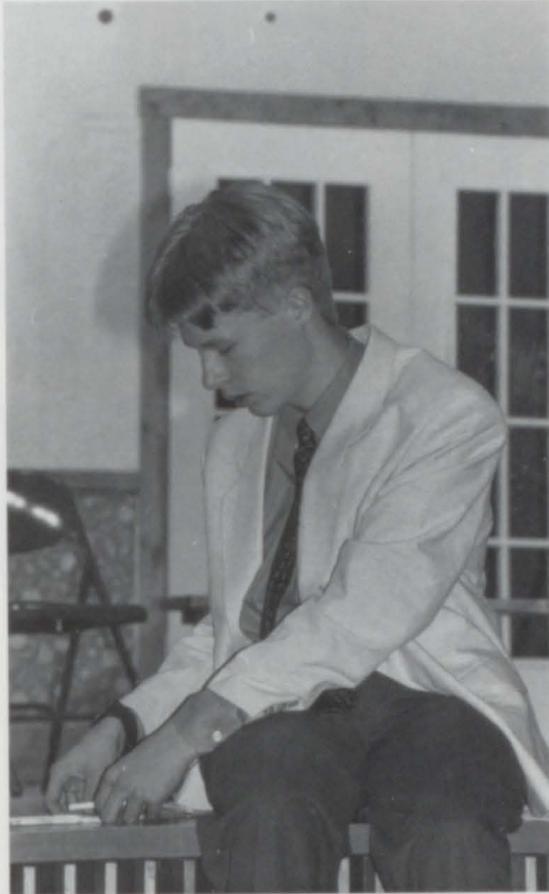


Prior to the performance, Shannon Thompson ties a bow into Tammy Banks' hair. Tammy was played by Jasmine Gill, and Shannon played the part of Mrs. Pulitzki.



In preparation for their fall production Mads Hoby is highlighting the lines in yellow for the part of the groom, Buckley Duston, in "Father of the Bride."

Andrea Baer was selected to play a dual role. She was Miss Bellamy as well as the flower coordinator for the wedding in "Father of the Bride."



Mr. Banks, played by Mike Peterson, hands the phone to the bride, Kay Banks, played by Hillary Hobbs.

Mindy Clark and Kelly Luurtsema assist with stage changes by moving props into their proper positions.

Playing at high school pep sessions is just one of the ways that the band gets students excited for upcoming games. The band also plays at home variety basketball and football games.

Mike Peterson marches at the Dome Day halftime show while playing his saxophone. Mike is first chair junior and has played in the band for three years.

Drum major Kyle Coffman directs the band at a home football game. Kyle is a four year band member and has been the drum major for two of those four years.



ISSMA band is made up of students from different schools. This year Elwood hosted the ISSMA band competition which is made up of students from different schools. Representing Elwood were Christy McDermit, Josh Christie, and Sarah Tyner.

Playing the xylophone on the sidelines during the Dome Day halftime is Kelly Hobbs. Kelly is a sophomore and has been a member of the band for two years.

The music does not
stop here with the
competitive spirit of this

GREAT BAND

The Elwood Community High School Panther Band, under the leadership of Paula Simmons, did extremely well in class C competition this fall, earning a Division I rating at the ISSMA district contest. This rating allowed the band

to move on to the regional contest where they received a Division II rating, missing a first by only 4/10 of a point. Miss Simmons has been the head of the music department since 1982. This year's band consisted of 50 members. The



Band director Paula Simmons keeps the beat on the drums with Dusty Laub and Shawn Ball as they entertain the crowd at one of the home varsity basketball games.

responsibility of student leadership was delegated to Kyle Coffman, drum major; Jeremy Luyet, captain; Linda Armstrong, lieutenant; and Scott Townsend and Krista Stafford, secretaries.

The Heart of Hoosierland Contest, which was hosted by the Panther Band, was highlighted with the selection entitled "Disney's Pocahontas," which was performed in exhibition. Class winners were A-Ben Davis High School, B-Highland High School, C-Macqonaqua High School, D-Tri-Central High School, and the grand-champion was Ben Davis High School.

The band added to Elwood's athletic excitement by performing a halftime show at all home football games, and the pep band performed at all home basketball games. The band also marched in the Glass Festival and homecoming parades and presented several selections in the annual Christmas concert and spring variety show.

Sing! Sing! Sing!
Music makes the world go

ROUND

"Awesome" is only one word that describes the music department this year! The year began with the Crimson Suite and show choir performing at the alumni banquet. The Crimson Suite, show choir, and concert choir then began to work on Christmas music such as "Bell Choir" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" for the Paramount performance and the Christmas show. The Crimson Suite and show choir performed for the Tri Kappa's December meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. Darren Paquin, and for the Optimist Club's Christmas party at Mr. Tom Pantos' house. Both groups participated in the ISSMA contest that was held at Pendleton Middle School. They came home with fifteen first places and five second places. The concert choir had a sextet enter the contest, and they received a division II rating. The groups also gave a public recital. The Crimson Suite and show choir advanced to state competition and received three first places and two second places.



Miss Paula Simmons is the director for the Crimson Suite, show choir, concert choir, band, and guard.



The concert choir, Crimson Suite, and show choir had a great day at Madison County Choir Festival. The group picked up their festival T-shirts during free time to wear to dinner and to dance.



Madison County Choral Festival was hosted by Lapel High School. There were eight schools that attended: Lapel, Elwood, Highland, Anderson, Madison Heights, Madison Grant, Pendleton, and Alexandria.

Kelly Hobbs, Andrea Baer, and Kasey Croy concentrate on singing the Hallelujah chorus from the "Mount of Olives." This was one of the numbers sung at The Chorus Festival.



The Crimson Suite, show choir, and concert choir gave a Christmas performance at the Arts Garden at Circle Centre. "Big Band Santa" was performed by the Crimson Suite and show choir.

Students express creativity through photography, drawings, sculptures, and ...

PAINTINGS

The art department, led by Anna May McQuitty and Kim Kronk, accomplished many challenging projects: ceramics, silk screening, 3-D projects, black and white photography, painting, and drawing. Each of these projects took time, patience, and creativity. Mrs. McQuitty and Miss Kronk educated their students on the importance of neatness and craftsmanship when creating each project. The art students do not always create art for the classroom. They also participated in Project XL. The contest was open to all art students, and participation was mandatory for the gifted and talented and basic design classes. The art department was also pleased to have two students, Jennifer Waymire and Erin Cook, receive the Silver Key Award for Scholastic Art. Members of the gifted and talented art class designed wooden shapes which are displayed in the public library. Learning about art history and well known painters of the past and present and taking field trips to learn about past styles that are used in present times are other aspects that broadened art students' horizons. The art club which consisted of 10 members enhanced their knowledge by investigating other aspects of the art world.



In her last year of education at Elwood High School, Mrs. Anna May McQuitty continues to emphasize to her students the importance of knowing important information concerning the periods of art.





Hands on activities

The other aspect of creating art is appreciating past and present artists. During her drawing class, Kristy Childress takes a quiz, testing her recollection of these famous artists.

After creating plaster sculptures, Phillip Miller and Brooklyn Seastrand smooth the edges for perfection. This idealized Claude Monet's work which the class was studying.



Preparing to develop a black and white photograph in the photo lab during a GT art class photography unit, Kurt Scharff examines his negatives. Black and white photography is a difficult process that takes practice and several attempts for perfection.

Adhering liquid to their silk screen, Michelle Ramirez and Ryan Alley complete the final steps of the long and time consuming process. Silk screening is used to make several prints in a short period of time..

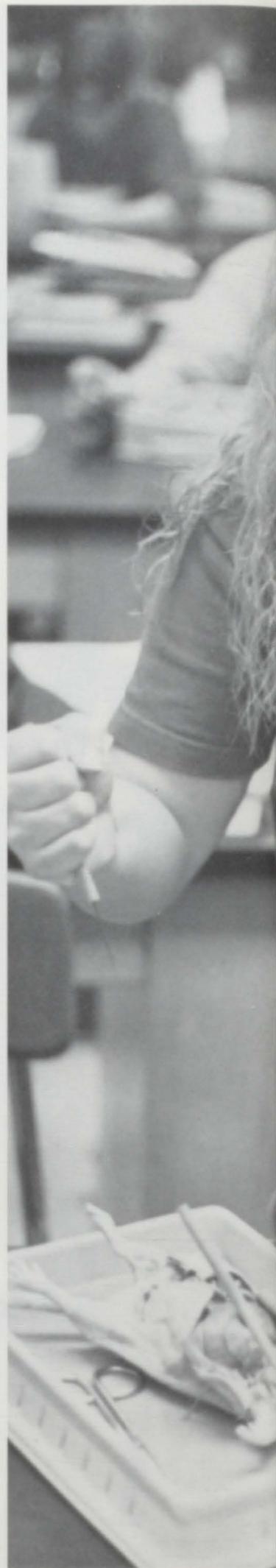
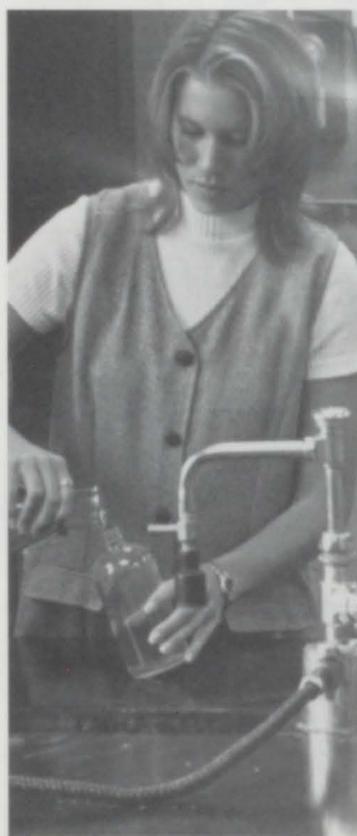
With a paintbrush in hand, Dama Beach demonstrates her artistic ability in her painting which was modeled after a female artist. The class, taught by Mrs. McQuitty, was studying great women artists

Ready to begin dissecting her rat, Kylie Horseman picks up her tweezers, scissors, scalpel, and probe and places her rat in the tray for Mrs. Yates' 3rd hour advanced biology class during 1st semester.



In Mrs. Burt's 5th hour chemistry class, Jasmine Gill and Andrea Baer burn magnesium in their crucibles. The element magnesium can reach an extremely high temperature before igniting which is what Andrea and Jasmine are trying to produce.

The first step in the development of Troy Robertson's pictures is mixing chemical D-76 which is used for the development of black and white film. His photos were used in the February 14th issue of *The Megaphone*.



Studying the internal structure of a white rat, Misty Knotts and Donita Downey prepare for the quiz presented by Mrs. Yates in her 3rd hour advanced biology class.

Putting the finishing touches on her experiment, Miss Burt completes the final step of pouring the hydrochloric acid into a different beaker in order to study the results of a penny that was in the acid. The experiment was done to constitute the principles of corrosion.

Hands on activities
allow students to learn
extensively through...

LABS

A lab is defined as a place providing opportunity for experiment and observation. Many such labs have existed throughout the year that could be applied to this definition. Mrs. Yates' advanced biology classes have taken

part in the dissection and study of the white rat, the cat, the dog shark, and the pig. The computer labs are always open to teachers who would like their stu-



Completing a typing assignment in Mr. Hoppel's 1st hour computer applications class, Amber Rickelman concentrates on her assignment on the computer monitor. She is typing a timed writing assignment to ascertain the number of words that she can type in one minute.

dents to either learn about computers, compose a written assignment, or take advantage of the vast knowledge through computer programs. The *Megaphone* and *Crescent* staff, along with some of Mrs. McQuitty's art classes, use photography labs to develop film and print photos for assignments, the school newspaper, or the yearbook. Mrs. Burt's chemistry and physics classes learn about the properties and chemical make-up of certain substances through lab work. The new generation of students learn in many new ways from those of the past. Labs are one of those in which it is a proven fact that students learn better working with three-dimensional objects rather than from a textbook.



The occupations pursued by males and females today are no longer decided by ...

GENDER

Gender roles have changed drastically, not only in society, but also in the classroom. Typically thought of as a male's class, female students are enrolled in classes such as energy power transportation (EPT), production machines, auto body, machine shop, electricity, printing, and auto mechanics. These classes prepare females for jobs in the field of architecture, mechanics, heating and cooling, and many other fields that are considered to be male labor. Typically thought of as a



female's class, male students are currently enrolled in classes such as clothing, foods, child development, interpersonal relations, and Future Homemakers of America. These classes prepare men to pursue careers in designer fashion, nursing, child daycare, counseling, or just staying home and playing "Mr. Mom." It is very typical to see in families today that both the mother and the father have jobs where the gender role is switched. Therefore, in today's world the jobs or classes that were long ago given the label "male only" are no longer for one specific gender but are offered to and taken advantage of by all.

While in Mrs. Wittkamper's first hour foods class, senior Shane Leavell fills a pan with the first ingredient of potato soup, water. The class also presented demonstrations on how to prepare various dishes.

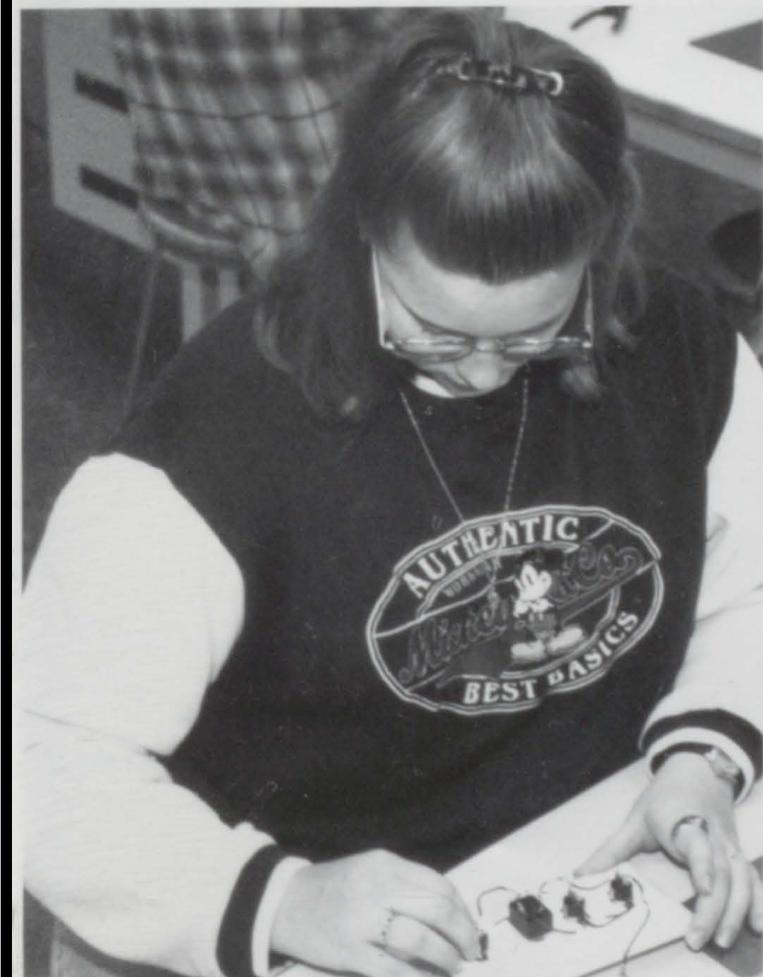


During Mrs. Wittkamper's foods class, Ryan Noel rolls the dough to begin making a pie. For Thanksgiving, the class prepared a feast of mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, turkey, hot rolls, and pumpkin pie.



Brandee Gordon, a student in first semester auto mechanics, works on the engine of a car to improve her technique.

During first hour auto mechanics Sabrina Salee works diligently on sanding a truck to strengthen her auto body skills.



While in electricity class first semester, Amber Lynn connects wires to complete a class assignment. Amber also learns to wire circuits and the intricacies of electricity.

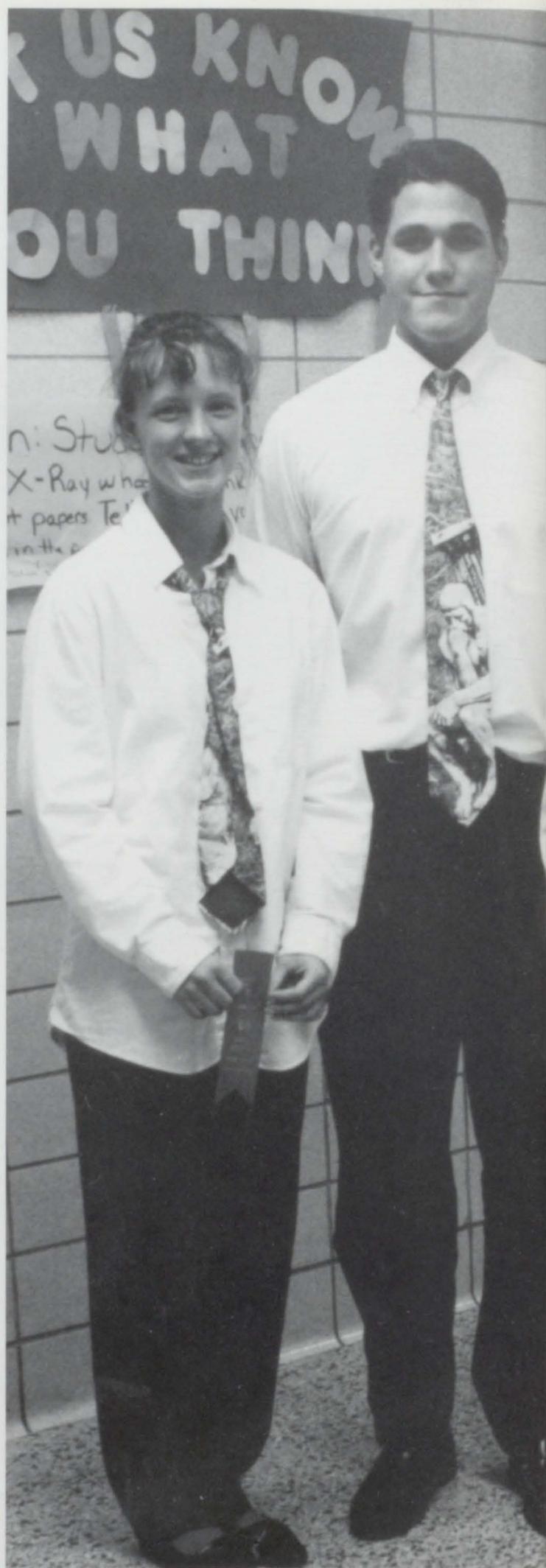
Hardwork, time, and
dedication all contribute to
the Academic Super Bowl
team's

SUCCESS

The theme for the 1997 Ameritech Hoosier Academic Super Bowl competition was "Asia." The English outline covered literature by or about Asians and the role of English in India. The science outline addressed scientific concerns of special interest in Asia at large, including geology, technology, and agriculture. The social studies outline focused on Japan's geographic, religious, and philosophical background as well as three of its significant historical periods. The art outline led students to investigate Japan's visual, musical, and dramatic expressions. The math outline concentrated on specific areas of math such as logic and probability. The interdisciplinary round combined information from the five subject matter rounds.

The Super Bowl coordinator for the 1997 academic teams was Mrs. Ronda Smuck. Coaches for teams were Mrs. Rhonda Luurtsema, Mrs. Beverly Austin, Mr. Jack Mason, Mrs. Anna May McQuitty, and Mr. David Hoffman.

The Elwood Community High School Academic Super Bowl placings were as follows: math placed first in the Elwood meet, second in the Western meet, and second in the Anderson meet. The English team received third at the Elwood meet, second at the Western meet, and second at the Anderson meet. The science team received third at the Elwood meet, third at the Western meet, and fourth at the Anderson meet. The social studies team placed first in the Elwood meet, third at the Western meet, and third at the Anderson meet. The interdisciplinary team placed second at the Elwood meet, second at the Western meet, and first at the Anderson meet. The fine arts team placed first at the Elwood meet, first at the Western meet, and first at the Anderson meet, scoring more points (22) than all of the competing schools in the state of Indiana.





The strength behind the Super Bowl team lies in the hands of Mrs. Ronda Smuck, Academic Super Bowl coordinator, Mrs. Anna May McQuitty, the fine arts team coach, Mrs. Rhonda Luurtsema, the math team coach, and Mrs. Beverly Austin, the English team coach, as they watch the other competing teams.

Time, dedication, and hard work are the essentials for success for the 1997 Elwood Community High School Academic Super Bowl team. These students and teachers were separated into six other teams: math, English, science, fine arts, social studies, and interdisciplinary teams.



Adrienne Gough, Ryan Alley, and Heather Towle, who are members of the fine arts academic team, coached by Mrs. McQuitty, display their blue ribbon. This fine arts team advanced to the state meet held at Pike High School on Saturday, May 3 and placed third out of six other competing teams.

With an intent look of concentration on his face, Johnny Evans tries to solve a problem concerning the agriculture of Asia. He is coached by Mr. Mason.

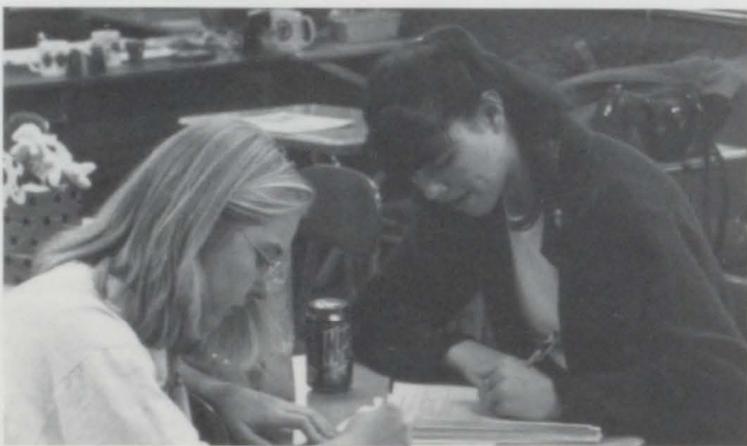
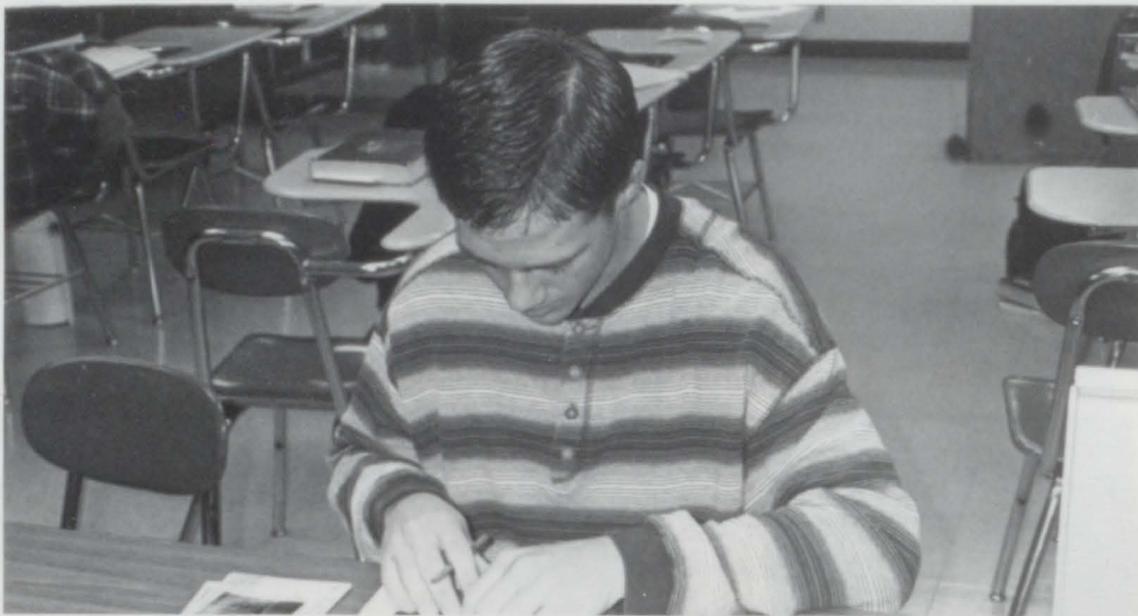
Concentrating on a science problem addressing the geology of Asia at large, Scott Savage and David Goodknight think diligently for a possible answer.

Amy Gregg checks her negatives for selections to be printed for an issue of the *Megaphone*. This was Amy's first year as a staff member.



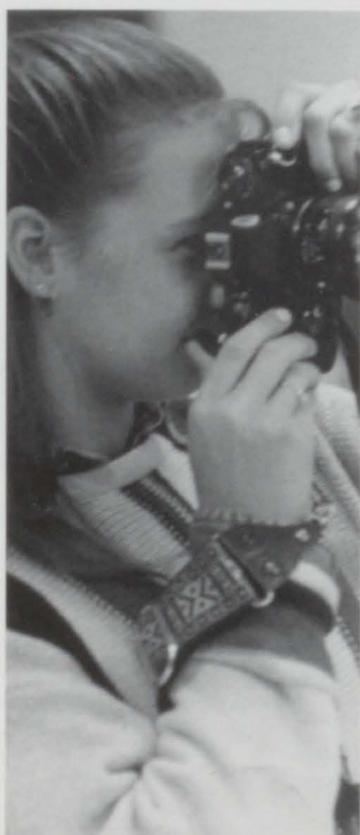
Second year staffer Kabe Flanagan crops a boys tennis picture to finish the tennis page for the first deadline of the yearbook.

Alisha Emberton, news editor, inputs her story for the deadline of the January issue of the *Megaphone*.



Melissa Heiney helps new staffer Leslie Fanning on a girls basketball spread for the February 28 issue of the *Megaphone*.

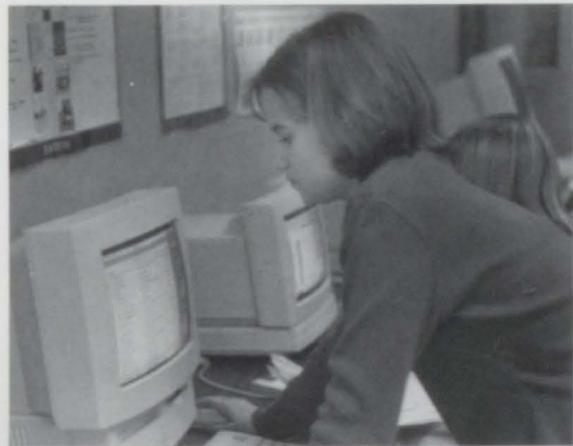
Brooklyn Seastrand, photographer for the yearbook, snaps photos at the Super Six wrestling meet at Elwood for the yearbook's wrestling spread. This was Brooklyn's first year on the yearbook staff.



Megaphone and Crescent
staffs produce quality
publications throughout the

YEAR

The Crescent staff, sponsored by Mrs. Darren Paquin, and the *Megaphone* staff, sponsored by Mrs. Tracy Holaday, were both busy this year publishing issues of the newspaper and the 96-97 yearbook. The *Megaphone* staff sent Amy Gregg and Troy Robertson



to photography camp at Indiana University in the summer to develop their photography skills. A new aspect of the *Megaphone* this year was that every two weeks a *Megaphone* was published

Computer editor Sarah Brunnemer opens up a page to print out for a staff member. Sarah has been an asset to the yearbook staff for the past three years.

which divided this class into two separate staffs. The *Megaphone* also held several fundraisers such as a car wash and bake sales.

The yearbook staff sent Ryan Alley, Elizabeth Austin, Beth Bomholt, Sarah Brunnemer, Krista Kendall, Scott Savage, and Stephanie Wilson to Josten's Yearbook Camp at DePauw University. They were in charge of creating layouts, the cover, and a theme for the '97 book. Brooklyn Seastrand, Brittany Seastrand, and Dustin Collins attended a photography camp at Ball State University to get instruction in photo taking and darkroom procedures. The yearbook also held its annual yearbook dance to distribute the '96 yearbooks. Both staffs published quality work as a result of the dedication by both journalism staffs.

Economics proves to be a valuable lesson in the students'

LIVES

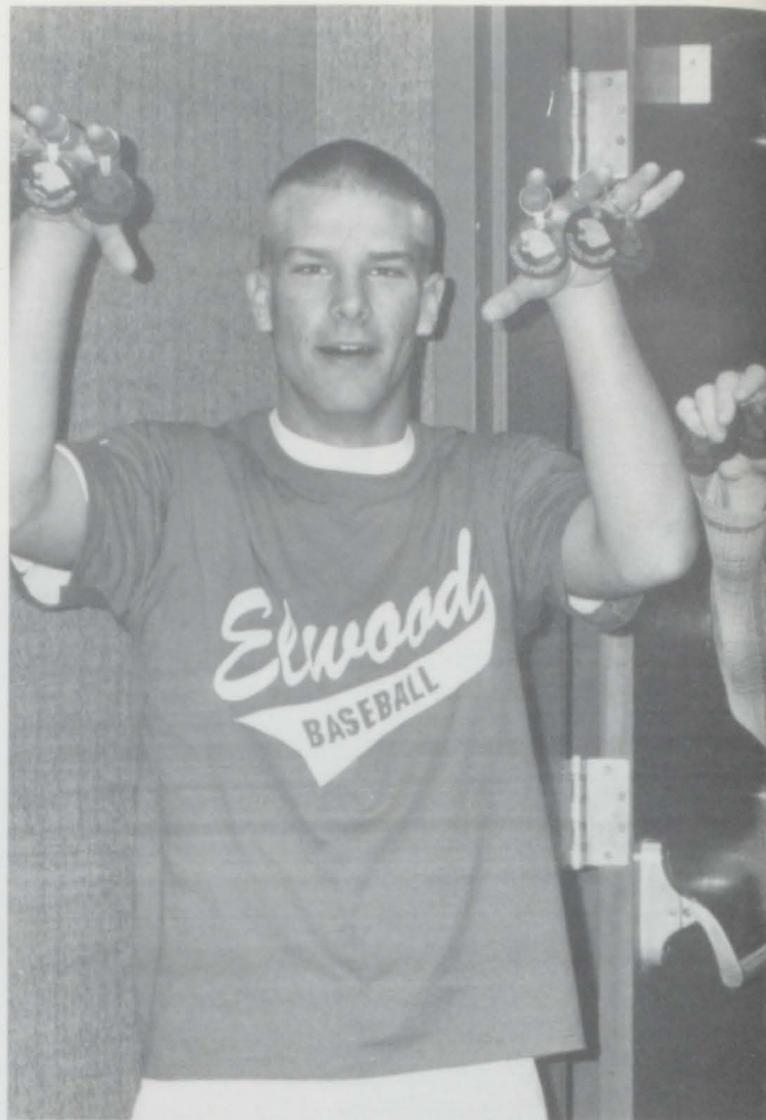
The first semester applied economics class, Shout Enterprises, had one main goal to make its company's existence the greatest in the history of Elwood High School. They felt that they met their goal by selling 471 keychains at \$2.50 each. Red keychains with a blue Panther head on them that read "Elwood Pan-

thers" were offered for sale along with blue keychains with a red Panther paw and the design of "Panther Pride." Proceeds from the sales were divided up: stockholders, \$153; Kyle Rodriguez, \$100; and Riley's Hospital for Children,

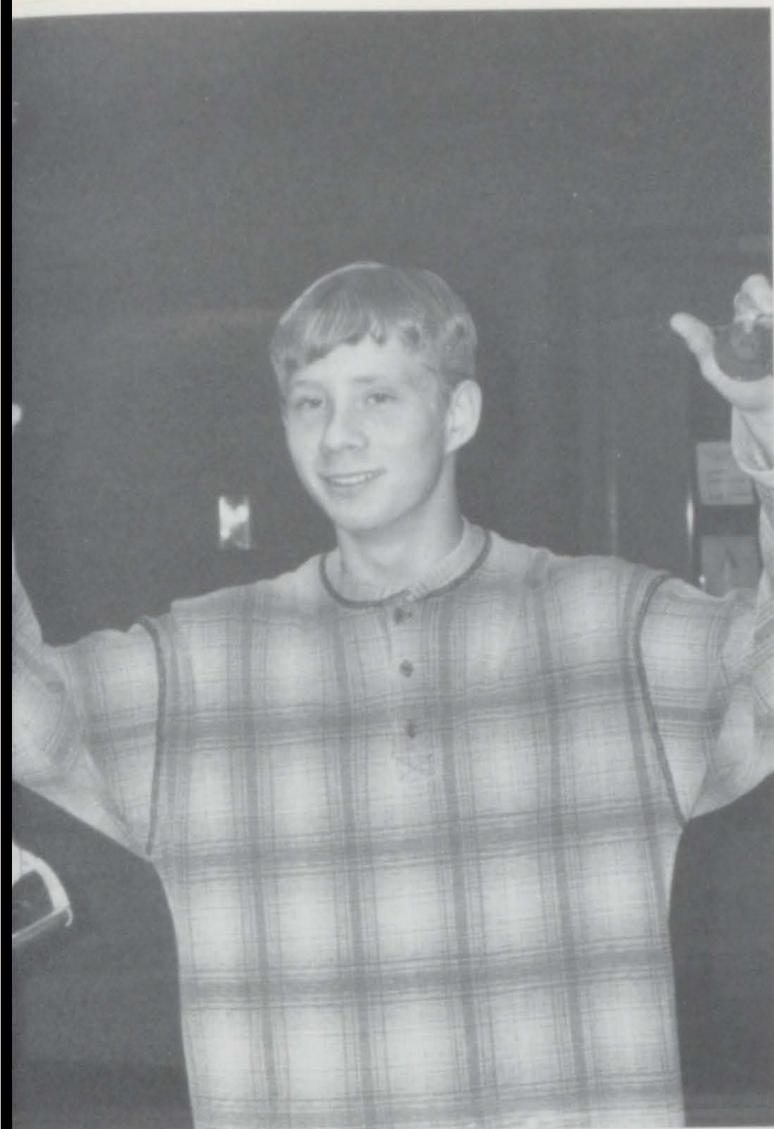


\$78.95. Quest Enterprises, the second semester class, produced two different types of notebooks to sell. One notebook had a cover with assorted newspaper clippings; the other was the more traditional Panther notebook. The profit from the 387 notebooks sold was given to Kyle Rodriguez. The notebooks were advertised by numerous flyers, posters, and three commercials. The notebooks were sold for \$1.50 each, and the goal to sell 400 notebooks was nearly met. Quest Enterprises was a success to everyone in the class. Jeremy Yates best summed it up by saying, "I feel this company was very beneficial to the whole class and that everyone pulled together to complete the production of our notebooks."

Discussing the successful campaign of their product, Jodi Shultz and Rachel Johnson look over the finished notebooks during Mr. Bomholt's 5th period economics class. Mr. Bomholt was pleased because everyone in the class did everything possible to help assemble the notebooks.

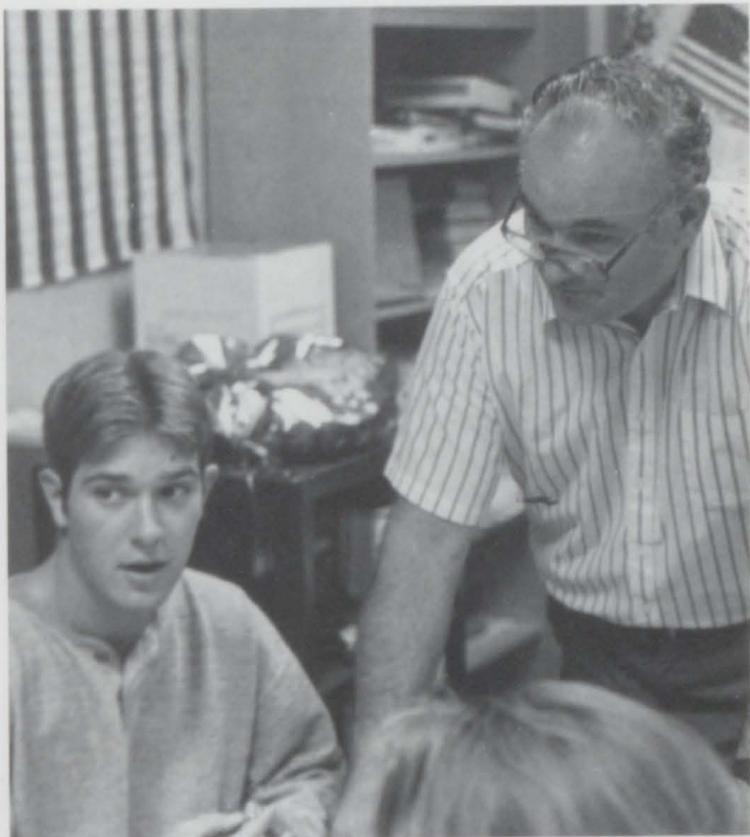


Quest Enterprises - Kris Kleibub. Row 2: Merrilee Garner, Jacki White, Donita Downey, Adrienne Gough, Jennifer Waymire, Heather Towle, Kristy Childress, Carrie Blackford, and Ashley Walker. Back row: Justin Coston, Trent Driver, Justin Moore, Cassie Carter, Erin Cook, Jodi Shultz, Scott Alexander, Chris Hoose, Melissa Jones, and Rachel Johnson.



Because they like Shout Enterprises so much, Greg Cauble and Eric Carpenter buy seven Panther keychains each to support the first semester economics class. All of the proceeds from the sale of the keychains were donated to Kyle Rodriguez.

Mr. Dick Morris discusses selling strategies with Josh Waymire and the rest of Shout Enterprise members during the first semester of Mr. Bomholt's economics class. Mr. Dick Morris helped Shout Enterprises as their Junior Achievement consultant.



Amy Horn is a very satisfied customer concerning the purchase of her Panther notebook from a Quest enterprise student. Amy was quick to buy another notebook since she used her first one up in one week.

Shout Enterprises - Front row: A. Emberton, S. Thompson, H. Sullivan, P. Richardson, J. Collis, A. Satterfield, B. Ehman, J. Gill, A. Rittenhouse, and K. Everling. Row 2: J. Waymire, C. Dockery, H. Hobbs, S. Durham, Mr. Michael Bomholt, B. Robinson, K. Coffman, A. Boston, S. Leavell, K. Stafford, and A. Lynn. Back row: D. Courtney, A. Watson, A. Beeman, D. Morrisett, J. Cannell, J. Cooper, and A. Wingrove.

"Dreams to the Future" turns out to be a gigantic

HIT

The theme for variety show 1997 was "Dreams to the Future." It was once again held in the John Ward Gymnasium. The music ranged from Pocahontas' theme song to African music. There was quite a variety of music in the show.

The practices for the show ran smoothly and were scheduled every night of the week before the show. The actual shows took place on Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 and Sunday, May 17, at 3:00. The groups who contributed in the



actual performance were the band, jazz band, guard, concert choir, Crimson Suite, and show choir. Miss Paula Simmons directed the entire production. Parents of students gave up much of their time to set up the stage, to take care of the props used in the show, and to measure students for costumes. Miss Simmons was presented with a scholarship in honor of her mother, Molly Simmons. The variety show was a success enjoyed by the public and students. Thank you, Miss Simmons, for your time, talent, and effort.

Concert choir members Audra Boyland and Tiffany Hendershot practice the last move of "O Sifuni Mungu." This number was performed by the concert choir, Crimson Suite, and show choir. Jada Cannell was the soloist for this selection.





Students strive for perfect

Brandey Ehman and Kyle Coffman perform a lift during the song "Whatever You Imagine" as Adrienne Courtney and Lacy Moser perform from the front row.

Guard members Tia Day, Vicki Angell, and Holli Williams bring the flags into the center as the band plays behind. The guard performed using the flags throughout the entire song.



Christy McDermit, Dan Armstrong, and Josh Christie practice for the "Pocahontas" theme during variety show rehearsal. The guard also performed this number.

"Reach" was the theme for the 1996 Olympics and was also performed by the Crimson Suite and swing choir. Kyle Coffman holds Kyle Wells in a lift on the ending note of the song.

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was performed by Hillary Hobbs. Hillary has sung a solo every year of her high school career, and this was her last time to perform a solo in a high school.

Amber Sullivan takes advantage of the variety of pizza and pasta at Pizza Hut.



Jessica Amick, Brandi Cosby, Misty Knotts, Alicia Phenis, Andrea Green, and Jennifer Cook were the first ones on the bus to go out to eat on a designated day planned for the perfect attendance students.

Enjoying lunch together at Pizza Hut as a reward for perfect attendance during a six week period are G.P. Holloway, Justin Rumbler, and Jessica Gilliam.



Dustin Groover traveled to Ceal's for his choice of a restaurant for having perfect attendance during the second six weeks.

Traveling to Subway on the bus, Landon Whetsel and Greg Sherman decide on what to eat as they arrive at the restaurant.



Students strive for perfect attendance which results in

REWARDS

A reward is given to someone in return for positive behavior. There are rewards given at our school for many different accomplishments as well as for attending school on a daily basis every day. Students are rewarded

for perfect attendance every six weeks, individual semesters as well as for the entire school year. At the end of every six weeks, a list is posted of each student

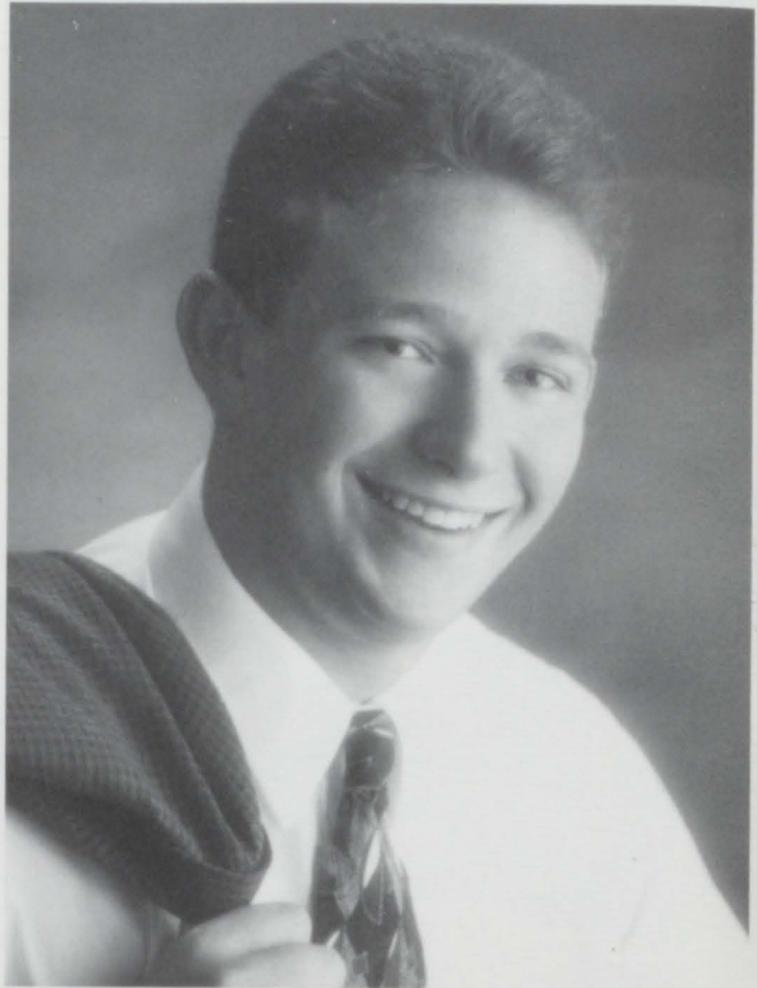


who has had perfect attendance for that particular six weeks. Those students may then choose a restaurant of their choice, a bus is provided, and a teacher serves as a chaperone. If a student has perfect attendance for one semester and has missed less than seven periods of the next semester or had perfect attendance the entire year, then he or she is rewarded with a trip to Kings Island at the end of the school year. Two hundred ninety students were eligible to attend Kings Island on May 27, and approximately 120 - 180 students were eligible to eat out each six week period.

Years of hard work, dedication, and determination enabled these students to become successful in

ACADEMICS

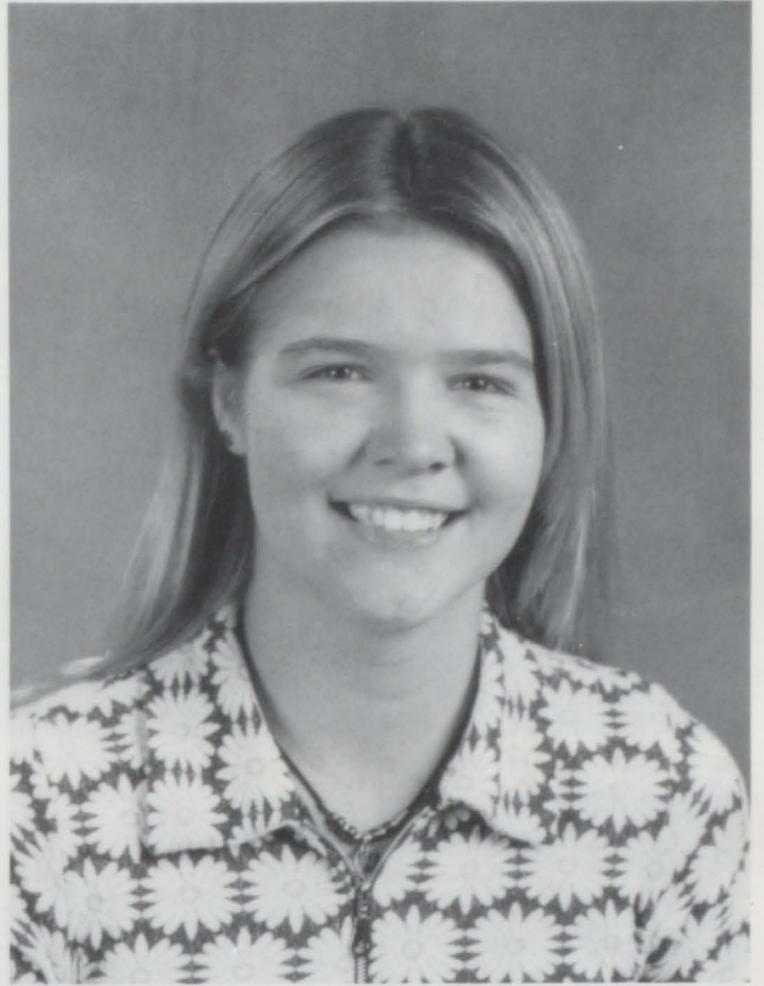
Kyle Coffman-Salutatorian



Amy Beeman-Salutatorian



Shannon Thompson-Salutatorian



Adrienne Gough-Validictorian

Graduation Speakers-Jeremy Yates, Kelly Everling, Amy Beeman, Bennie Hobbs, and Heather Towle.

Clubs and Organizations
formed within the school
present an educational...

ENVIRONMENT



In auto mechanics Chester Bronnenberg uses skills learned to check under the hood of a car for any complications.



David Stout welds a piece of metal to the correct measurement in Mr. Blanchard's afternoon welding technology class.



A.M. Building Trades - Front row: James McConnell, Justin Parker, Nick McCormick, and Todd Maggart. Back row: Corey Sanders, David Hobbs, Mr. Glen Eaton, Robert Ford, and Josh Knopp.



P.M. Auto body - Mr. Kidwell, Troy Creamer, Gary McElfresh, Danett Frazier, Matthew Sigler, Sabrina Sallee, Chris Updegraff, Kurtis White, and Richard Shepard.



P.M. Building Trades - Front row: David Abbott, Randy Portell and Chad Moss. Row 2: John Ganmon, Jeremy Lane, Mike Beher, and Beau Cresay. Back row: Dameon Friend, Nathan Rasmussen, Mr. Eaton, Josh Frazee, and Paul Bivens.



Senior National Honor Society - Front row: M. Garner, J. Gill, and S. Durham. Row 2: A. Gough, J. Waymire, J. Faulstich, A. Beeman, K. Coffman, H. Towle, S. Thompson, J. White, and J. Moore. Back row: D. Courtney, K. Everling, and A. Boston.



Junior National Honor Society: Front row: K. Peters, S. Savage, and H. Ryan. Row 2: S. Brunner, K. Pettijohn, A. Green, J. Cook, T. Daugherty, P. Miller, and C. Walling. 3rd row: M. Beeman, L. Moser, A. McQuitty, R. Alley, M. Knotts, A. Phenix, J. Gregg, and A. Duffitt. Back row: K. Kaiser, M. Peterson, J. Heflin, U. Richmudler, H. Deavers, and K. Stafford.



A.M. Welding Technology - Front row: Matt Leffert, Carla Horrigan, Mike Gross, and Pat Howe. Row 2: A.J. Blackburn, Jim Slate, Don Williams, Bryan Watters, and Brad Metzger. Back row: Mr. Blanchard, Joe Rodgers, Mike Bell, Chad Kelich, Jacob Marcrum, and Donald Gaines.



P.M. Welding Technology - Front row: Adam Haulk, David Stout, Mr. Blanchard, Brandon Petty, Jason McKinney, and Buddy Camp. Back row: Chad Jones, Jeremy Julian, Damien Gmurk, and Mike Southard.



A.M. Auto Mechanics - Front row: Brandee Gordon, Shaun Murray, Andy Garcia, Nathan Trueblood, and T.J. Wilkey. Row 2: Lucas Turner, Robbie Wilkey, Jose Diaz, and Nathan Frantz. Back row: Chester Bronnenberg, Kris Bailey, Matt Blakeley, Mike Baker, and Danny Shirey.



P.M. Auto Mechanics - Front row: John Mengelt, Jason McCartney, Jimmie Holland, John Gaddis, and Lisa Richardson. Back row: Nathan Rhea, Bronc Jones, Brad Bartlett, James Jetty, Kris Bailey, and Jeremy Sanders.



FBLA - Front row: Casey Croy, Mrs. Wylie, and Billy Hampton. Back row: Amanda Simmons, Felicia Gmurk, Kathy Cunningham, and Jamie Alexander.



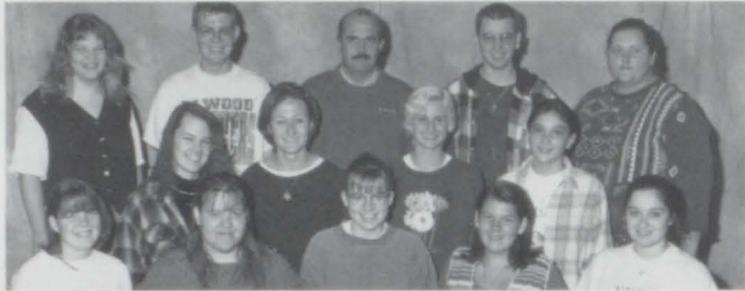
Youth Alive - Front row: Holly Stout, Stephanie Morrisett, Andrea Baer, Jasmine Gill, and Kelladawn Durham. Row 2: Jessica Gill, Nicole Cooper, Laura Stout, and Craig Palmer. Back row: Josh Cooper, Scott Coryell, Jay Davis, Phillip Miller, and Desiree Morrisett.



Senior Deca- Front row: Jamie Perkins, Stacie Cole, Sarah Pearson, and Nicole Hatfield 2nd row: Patricia Heaton, Adrienne Gough, and Danett Frazier. Back row: Ms. Anthony, Tiffanie Moss, Kyle Coffman, Nancy Jetty, Amy Wylie, and Missy Jones.



Euchre Club- Front row: Mike Cogill, Kelly Luurtsema, Dusty Laub, Josie Gregg, Scott Townsend, and Will Gavin. Back Row: Chris Hoose, Darlene McDermit, Mike Peterson, Dan Armstrong, Christy McDermit, and Mrs. Luurtsema.



IPC front row: Jennifer Jessi, April Dowler, Heather Hampton, Linda Armstrong, and Stephanie Morrisett. 2nd row: Jenny Pearson, Alicia Smith, Courtney Wideman, and Lisa Beeman. Back row: Brandy Faulstich, Mike Marcurm, Mr. Holtsclaw, Kris Robison, and Sherrie Renner.



Future Homemakers of America - Front row: Cherri White, Candra Chase, Crystal Burgan, and Kellie Christian. Back row: Wendy Hiday, Mrs. Smuck, Mindy Clark, and Megan Gillam.



Junior Deca - Front row: Crystal Burgan, January Fowler, Peggy Stewart, Melissa Hiday, Roxie Harting, and Crystal Harless. 2nd row: Jason Cornwell, Greg Laub, Christy Gerard, Lesly Whitenack, Ryan Noel, Carina Abbott, and Katie Horine. Back row: Ms. Anthony, Amber Young, Jeremy Fremaux, Matt Griffey, Luke Jackson, Kenny Green, and Gayle Grondin.



Student Council - Front row: K.Coffman, J. Waymire, J. Faulstich, A. Beeman, D.Downey, D.Courtney, A. Satterfield, K. Everling, J. Shultz, J. Collis, H. Humphrey, H. Sullivan, and B. Ehman. Row 2: J. Yates, T. Driver, B. Phillips, B. Lawson, L. Ochoa, J. Amick, J. Gregg, B. Cosby, M. Beeman, K. Horseman, C. Simpson, H. Murray, C. Barr, M. Abernathy, and J. Borders. Row 3: C. Hoose, M. Marcurm, L. Jones, K. Kendall, S. Brunner, J. Rittenhouse, L. Whetsel, B. Kinney, J. Cook, A. Green, M. Knotts, K. Wilson, L. Fanning, and A. Cole. Row 4: A. Gough, A. Gregg, C. Dodd, K. Wells, B. McCartney, S. Melvin, R. Sanders, B. Goins, M. Gough, B. Seastrand, A. Bucci, B. Seastrand, M. Riser, and L. Taylor. Row 5: P. Richardson, S. Alexander, S. Tunis, D. Collins, S. Wilson, J. Mort, A. Courtney, T. Coston, A. Peeper, J. Crull, D. Arehart, L. Orbaugh, E. Austin, and K. Peters. Back row: Justin Moore, S. Alexander, J. Coston, M. Cogill, B. Robinson, K. Kleinbub, A. Vehikete, A. Emberton, A. Watson, H. Towle, A. Boston, and E. Cook.



Printing - Front row: Kelly Sandefur, Amanda Ashby, Vicki Angell, and Heather Hartwell. 2nd row: Tabitha Hoots, Jason Gilliam, Greg Rogers, Fred Walden, Adrienne Gough, and Heather Cline. Back row: Necole Retherford, Louisa Janke, Seth Alexander, Mike Cogill, Nancy Jetty, Mike Goens, and Mr. Fortner.



Pep club members Brooklyn Seastrand, Laura Stout, and Jodi Shultz sold chances to be a "Couch Potato" at a home game. Two people were drawn every home game and received a pizza from Pizza Junction and a courtside seat for the whole game.



Junior/Senior Spanish Club



Junior/Senior Science Club



Freshmen/Sophomore Spanish Club



Freshman/Sophomore Science Club



Junior/Senior Latin Club



Freshmen/Sophomore Latin Club



A favorite outing of the science club is the annual trip to Turkey Run. Carrie Barr, Monica Abernathy, Craig Scott, Shawn Leever, and Heidi Murray push their canoes in the lake on the September 15th trip.



PEOPLE



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We are a very unique student body with many individualistic personalities. We have students who are very dedicated to the vocational school, who are preparing for a college education, who are preparing for the military, who have lived in Indiana or Elwood all of their lives, and students who hail from other countries such as Tonga, France, and Germany. We are extraordinary individuals in that we value the educational system, care and support each other, and are all in this together at E.C.H.S

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"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."



Scotty Ray Alexander



Vicki Rayna Angell



Linda Marie Armstrong



Amy Renee Beeman



Lisa Ann Beeman



Michael Jacob Bell



Carolyn Marie Blackford



Amber Lynn Boston



Dawn Renee Brumbaugh



The senior class displays its Panther pride and class sheet during the Homecoming parade. Their sheet won second place in the annual contest.



Melanie Rae Bryan



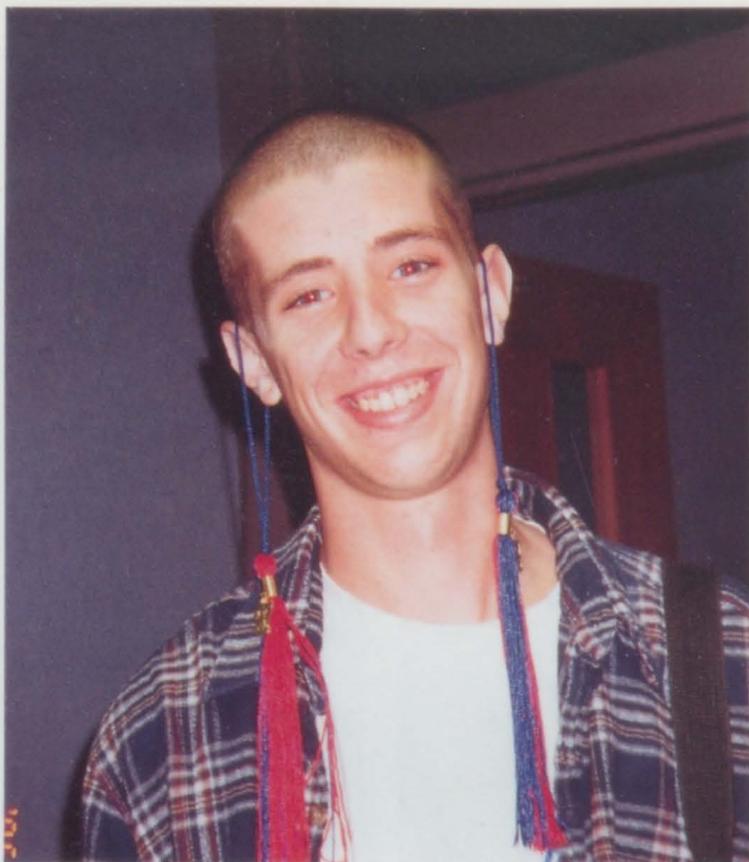
Jada Nicole Cannell



Cassandra Eryn Carter



Eduardo Casas



After picking up his graduation packet from the Herff Jones' representative, Michael Cogill displays his tassels in anticipation of graduation day!



Kristy Jeanette Childress



Heather Jahree Cline



Lindsay Renee Cline



Kyle Wayne Coffman



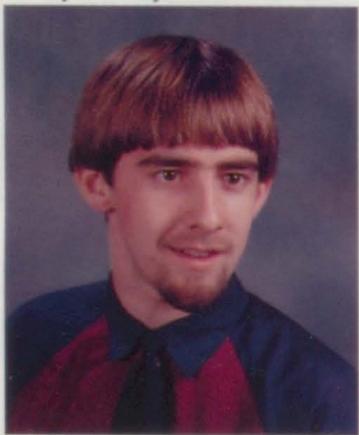
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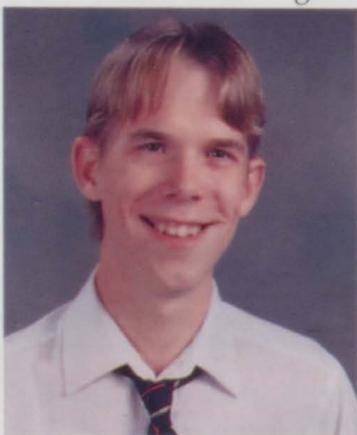
Stacie Renee Cole



Jacqueline Suzanne Collis



Joshua Allen Cooper



Gregory Scott Coryell



Darcie Lyn Courtney



Jason Andrew Davis



Angela Sue Dean



"S-E-N-I-O-R-S! Seniors!" is the chant that everyone heard during the homecoming pep session on October 4.



Jose Sabino Diaz



Sherman Everette Dickey



Carrie Lynn Dockery



Donita Jean Downey



Trent Allen Driver



Sunshine Renea Durham



Brandey Lee Ehman



Alisha Ann Emberton



Kelly Beth Everling



Brandy Rose Faulstich



Jennifer Beth Faulstich



January Amanda Fowler



Danett Dawn Frazier



Jeremy Patrick Fremaux



Merrilee Sue Garner



Jessica Julene Gill



Brandee Lynn Gordon



Adrienne Klorese Gough



Heather Audrey Hampton



Nicole Lynn Hatfield



"Oh, say can you see?" Kyle Coffman began the annual powder puff game by singing the national anthem. Coffman has sung the national anthem six times before football and basketball games during his high school career.



Patricia Leann Heaton



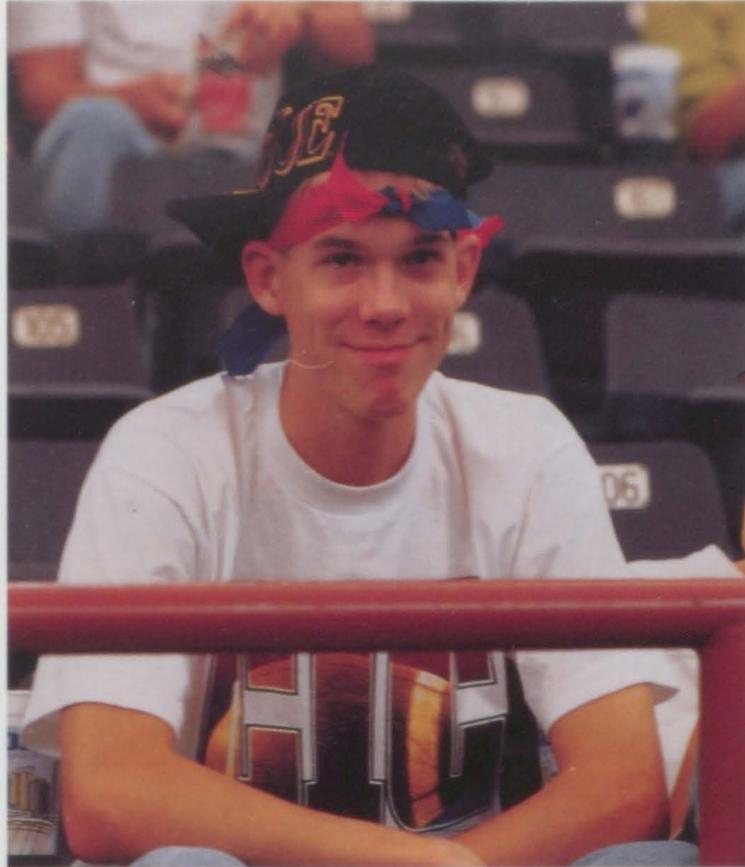
Stephanie Ann Hershey



Crystal Ellen Hobbs



Hillary Anne Hobbs



Scott Coryell shows his Panther pride at the RCA Dome on September 14. The Panthers lost Dome Day '96 to CIC rival Blackford County by a score of 31 to 23.



Mads Hoby



Christopher Michael Hoose



Tabitha Lynn Hoots



Heidi Nicole Humphrey



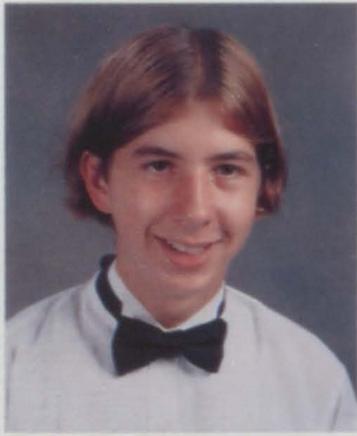
Louisa Katharina Janke



Nancy Elizabeth Jetty



Rachel Marie Johnson



Bronc Stephen Jones



Melissa Marie Jones



Chad Robert Kelich



Sun-Hye Kim



Michael Kristofer Kleinbub



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Amber Michelle Longenecker



Jeremy Todd Luyet



Amber Marie Lynn



Michael Brian Marcrum



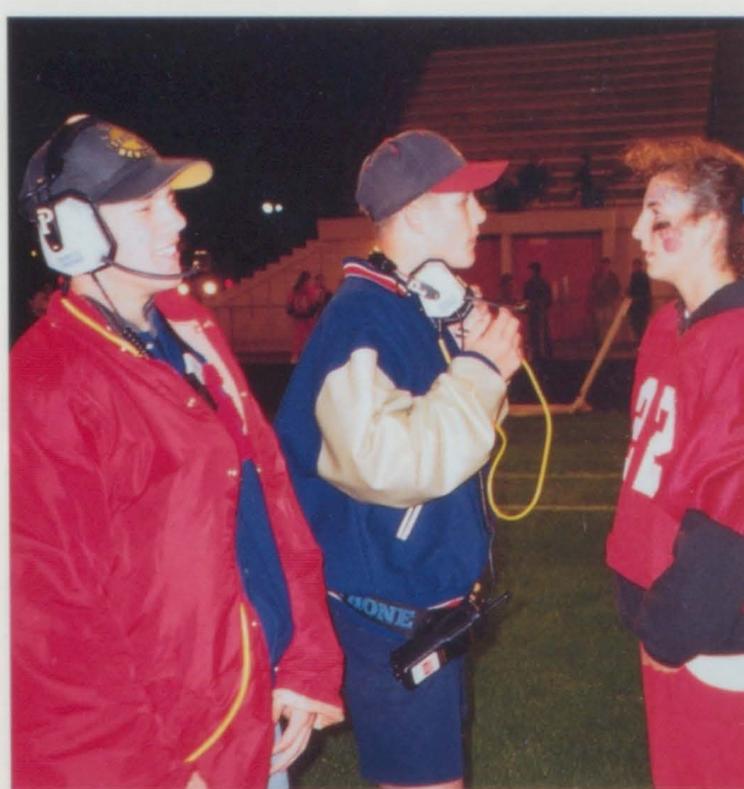
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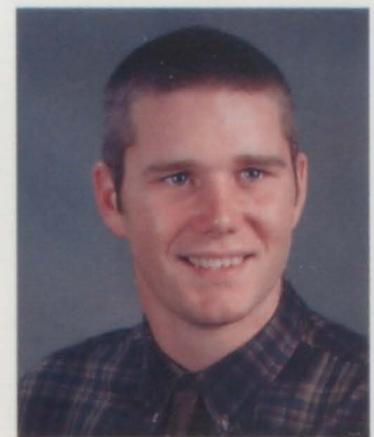
Randall Joseph Martin



John Christian Mengelt



Kelly Everling discusses the last play by the junior offense with Coach Kris Kleinbub while Coach Jeremy Yates watches the game from the sidelines. The seniors squeaked by with a score of 38 to 36.



Justin Wayne Moore



Desiree Sue Morrisett



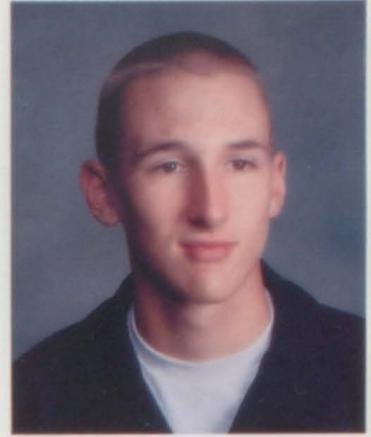
Stephanie Michelle Morrisett



Tiffiane Michelle Moss



Senior class sponsor Barbara Yates decorates the Christmas tree with some of her steering committee members, Donita Downey, Amber Boston, Michael Cogill, and Kelly Everling.



Duston Howard Nichols



Kyle Patrick Patton



Sarah Marie Pearson



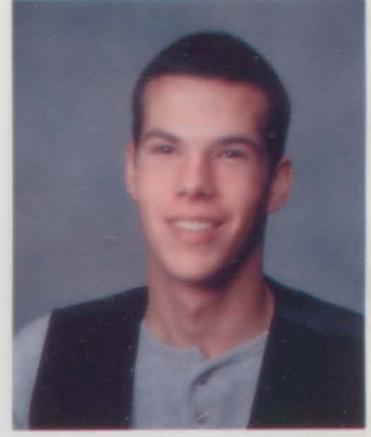
Jamie Lee Perkins



Billy Russel Ploughe



Necole Renna Retherford



Paul Clifton Richardson



Ulrike Riethmeuller



Amanda Suzette Rittenhouse



Brent Michael Robinson



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Seniors



Gregory Allen Rogers



Amy Lynn Satterfield



Jodi Mae Shultz



Alicia Dawn Smith



Britney Page Spicer



Krista Nichole Stafford



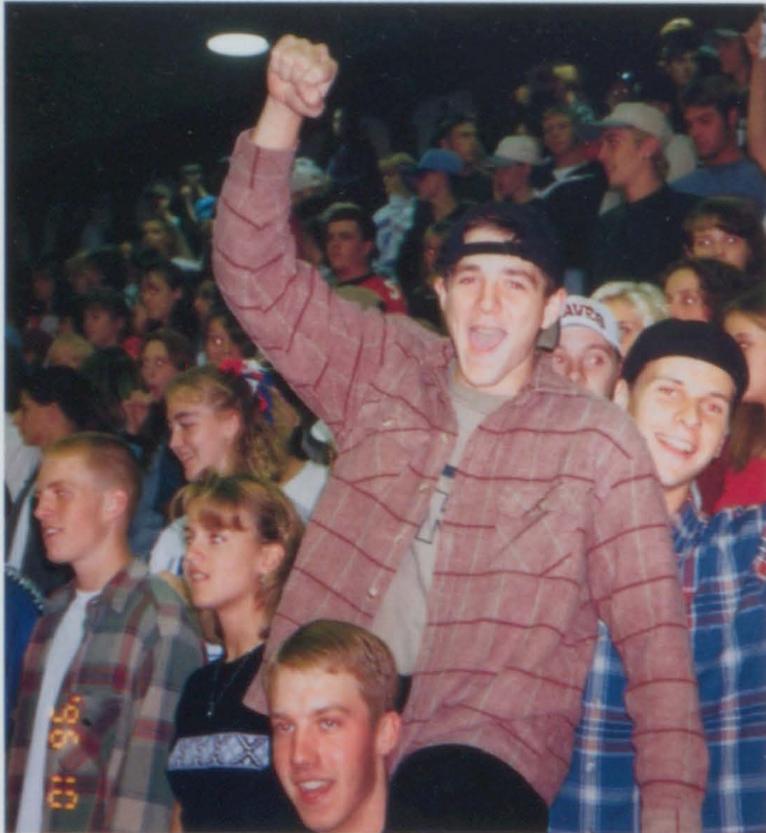
Holly Lynn Stout



Amy Lynn Sullivan



Hollie Renee Sullivan



At the first pep session, Michael Bell gets a better look at the action by climbing on Chad Kelich's shoulders. This is only one of the many ways the seniors got involved in the activities.



Shannon Kathleen Thompson



Heather Ann Marie Towle



Nathan Clay Trueblood



Christopher Allen Updegraff



Abigail Christine Vehikite



Frederick James Walden



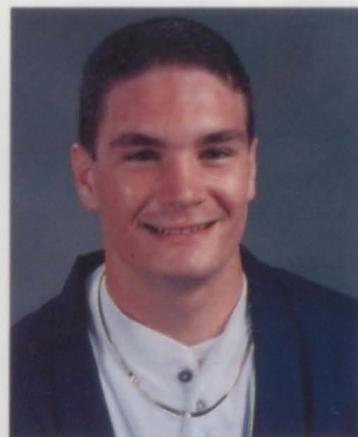
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Alyssa Kate Watson



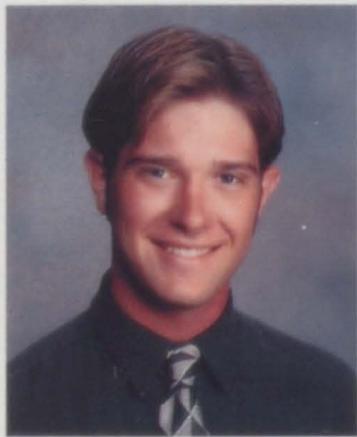
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Bryan James Watters



Jennifer Lee Waymire



Joshua David Waymire



Jacki Rene White



Kurtis David White



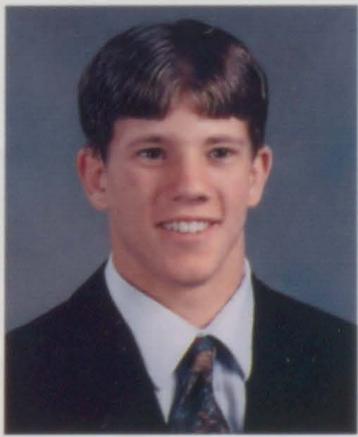
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Amanda Daniela Wingrove



Amy Irene Wylie



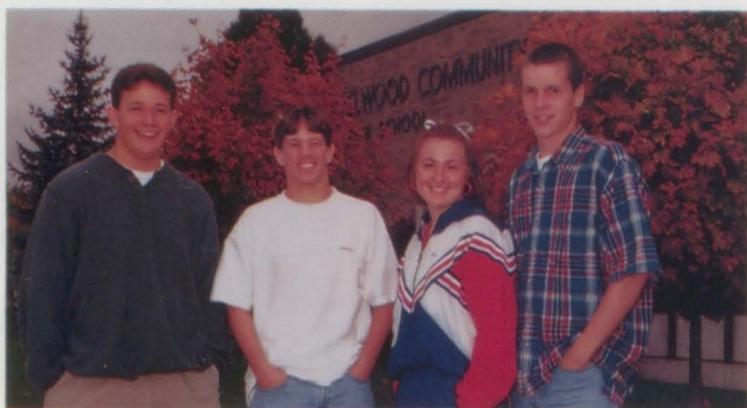
Jeremy Christopher Yates



Barbara Yates

The senior class of 1997 would like to thank you for all that you have done. The past four years have been filled with fun times and wonderful memories. All of which are a little more special because of you. We will never forget you or the opportunities you have made possible.

Love,
The Class of 1997



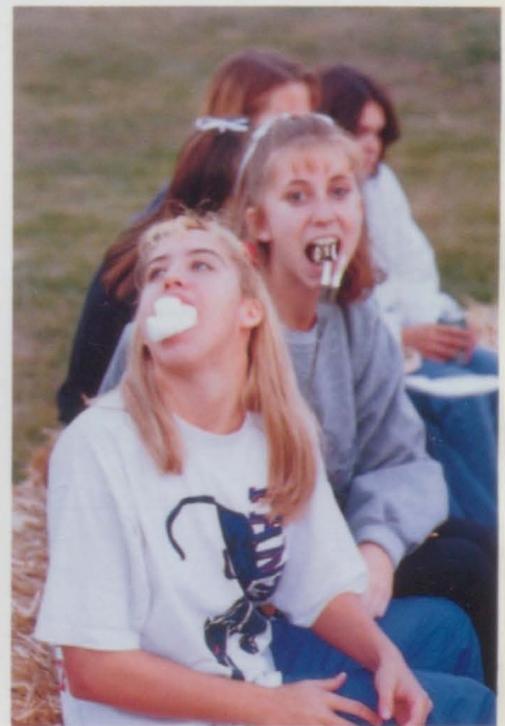
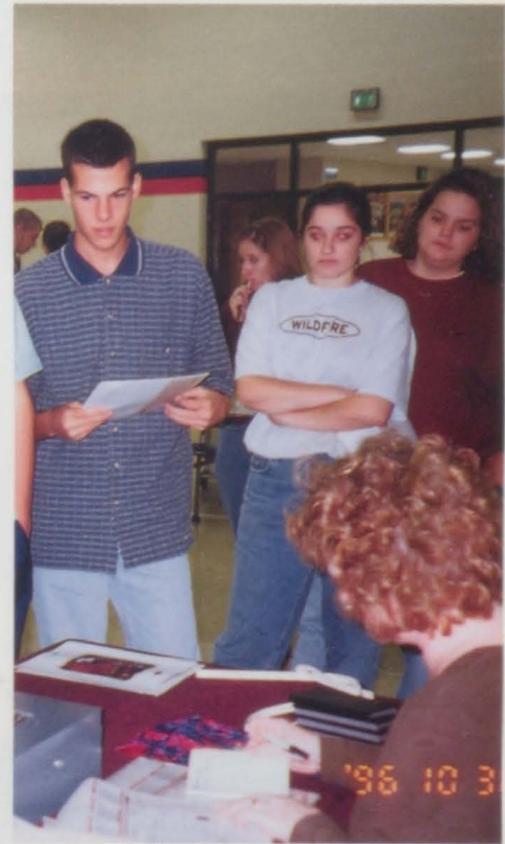
The 1997 Senior Class Steering Committee.

The 1997 senior class officers are Kyle Coffman, vice-president; Jeremy Yates, treasurer; Amy Beeman, secretary; Chris Hoose, president.

Andy Garcia, Nathan Trueblood, and Scott Coryell display their spirit as the 1997 senior powder puff cheerleaders.

Elwood High School was fortunate to have four foreign exchange students visit this year: Jeremy Fremaux, France; Ulrike Riemueller, Germany; Sun-Hye Kim, Korea; Mads Hoby, Denmark.

Paul Richardson, Stephanie Morrisett, and Erin Cook order their graduation announcements, tassels, and caps and gowns from the sales representative from Herff Jones Company.

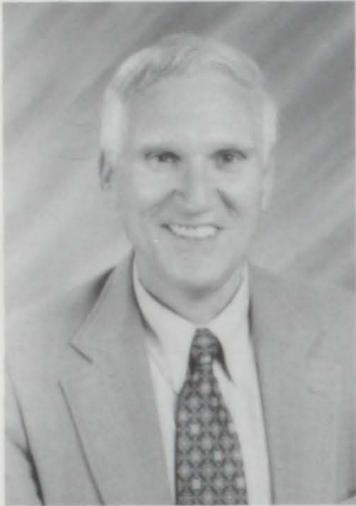


The Elks and Optimist Teens of the Month: Front row: Heidi Humphrey, Stephanie Morrisett, Adrienne Gough, Amy Beeman, and Heather Towle. Row 2: Kelly Everling, Michael Cogill, Christopher Hoose, and Michael Marcrum. Back row: Jacki White, Merrilee Garner, Kyle Coffman, Amy Satterfield, Chad Kelich, Jessica Gill, and Darcie Courtney.

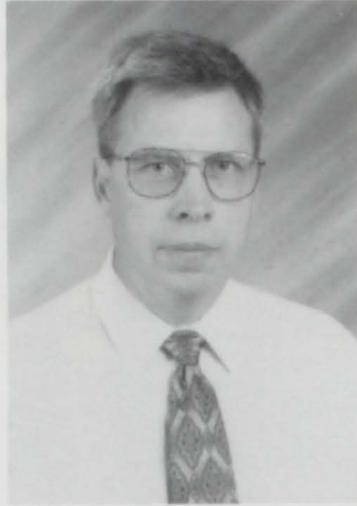
Merrilee Garner and Carrie Dockery attended the canoe trip sponsored by the science club on September 15.

At the volleyball bonfire, Darcie Courtney and Jodi Shultz devour their marshmallows at a cook-out at the home of Brittney and Brooklyn Seastrand after practice during the volleyball season.

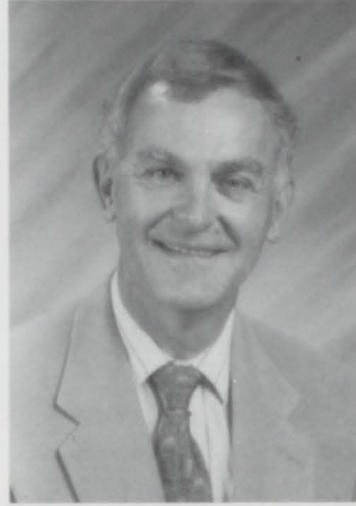
Administration



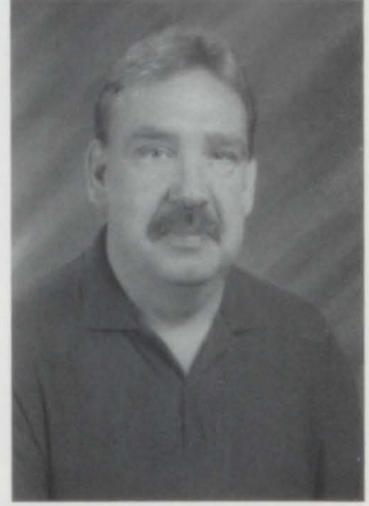
Mr. Gordon Paquin
Principal



Mr. Monte Stebbins
Assistant Principal



Mr. Gary Linder
Vocational School Director



Mr. Michael Bomholt
Athletic Director



At the end of every school day Mr. Paquin changes the flag so that students know whether it is a blue day or a red day.



One of Principal Gordon Paquin's early morning responsibilities is to schedule substitute teachers for faculty members who are ill or out for conference leave.



Mr. Bomholt relies on his computer to reschedule postponed events and to prepare for all home and away events.



Assistant principal Monte Stebbins spends most of his mornings processing the day's attendance. Mr. Stebbins is in his 7th year as vice principal.

Central Office



Mr. Thomas Austin
Superintendent



Dr. Kathy Griffey
Assistant Superintendent



Mrs. Janice Kaye
Director of Special Services



Elwood Community
School Corporation
School Board - Front
row: Mr. Bob Savage,
Mr. David Abernathy,
and Mr. Richard
Herndon. Back Row:
Mr. Gary Jones, and
Mr. Bud Badger.



Nina Huntsinger
Technology Coordinator



Regina Collins
Payroll Manager



Jane Davis
Maintenance



Jo Greenlee
Transportation Secy.



Emily Leavell
Corporation Treas.



Karen Tunis
Accounts Payable

Faculty



Chaperone Mrs. Kandie Courtney and sponsor of the Fall Fantasy Dance, Diana Garner, carry on a conversation while Baron Weaver and Lisa Harting take a break for punch and cookies.

Miss Julie Johnson, Miss Dana Shaver, and Mrs. Barbara Yates row their canoe down the river during the science club's yearly trip to Turkey Run on September 15.



Karen Abel-Mathematics
 Celeste Anthony-Business
 Beverly Austin-Librarian
 Vicki Blair-Mathematics
 Michelle Burnett-Mathematics
 Renee Burt-Science

Shannon Carson-Machine Trades
 Michelle Cramer-Special Education
 Sherry Drummond-English
 Kevin Frye-Physical Education
 Donald Fortner-Printing
 Diana Garner-Latin

Donald Garner-Mathematics
 Elizabeth Herndon-English
 Rachel Hiatt-Social Science
 David Hoffman-Social Studies
 Tracy Holaday-English
 Joe Holtsclaw-Info. Processing



and Staff



Max Hoppel-Business
Phillip Huffman-Guidance
Julie Johnson-Health/Drivers Ed.
Lorraine Knotts-Preschool
Kimberly Kronk-Art
Bradley Lindsay-Health

Rhonda Luurtsema-Mathematics
Jack Mason-Science
Anna May McQuitty-Art
Joan Mercer-English
Patricia Murray-Preschool
Darren Paquin-English

James Pearson-Industrial Education
Linda Personette-Physical Education
D. Keith Price-Science
Wendi Riser-Social Science
Dana Shaver-Aquatics
Paula Simmons-Choir/Band Director



During homecoming week Miss Karen Abel shows her spirit by dressing in unmatched clothing for clash day.

The new health and physical education teacher, Mr. Brad Lindsay, prepares to race against Paul Richardson in the jello eating contest held at a recent pep session.





Rhonda Smuck-Home Economics
 Janet Southern-Special Education
 Jane Tracy-Spanish
 Janet Trowbridge-Special Education
 June Van Wagner-Guidance Director
 Roberta Welker-English

Helen Wittkamper-Home Economics
 Marva Ann Wylie-Business
 Barbara Yates-Science
 Marianne Blackburn-Secy.-Asst. Prin.
 Anna Brunnemer-Audio Visual Secy.
 Kandie Courtney-Secy.-Principal

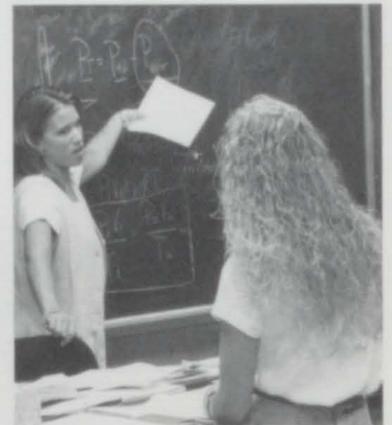
Joanna Etchison-Student Management
 Denise Grim-Vocational Aide
 Nancy Mitchell-ABE Secretary
 Cathy Ogden-Vocational Treasurer



On twin day during homecoming spirit week, Mr. Donald Garner and Mrs. Diana Garner, show their spirit by dressing as twins.



While finishing the December display, Miss Mercer faces difficulties locking the display case. Mrs. Trowbridge steps in and gives friendly and helpful advice.

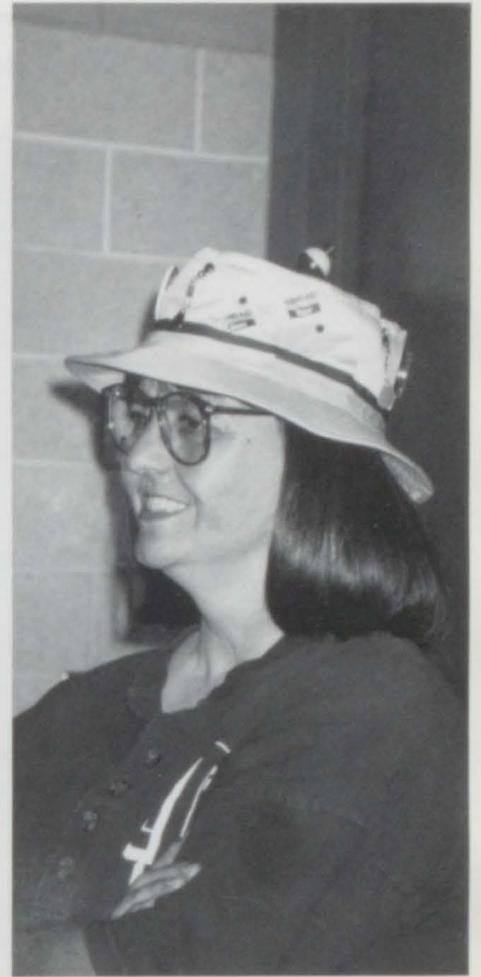


During Miss Renee Burt's second hour advanced chemistry class Melisha Rudd asks for help with a difficult chemistry equation.



As "Macarena" plays in the background, Jay Davis, Scott Coryell, Jane Tracy, Darren Paquin, and Barbara Yates entertain the crowd during a break at the Powder Puff game.

Miss Linda Personette received a "Gone Fishin" plaque from the varsity volleyball team on November 14 during the volleyball banquet in recognition of her dedication to the season.



During the homecoming pep session on October 4, Mrs. Rhonda Luurtsema shows her spirit by wearing a hat for hat and shades day.

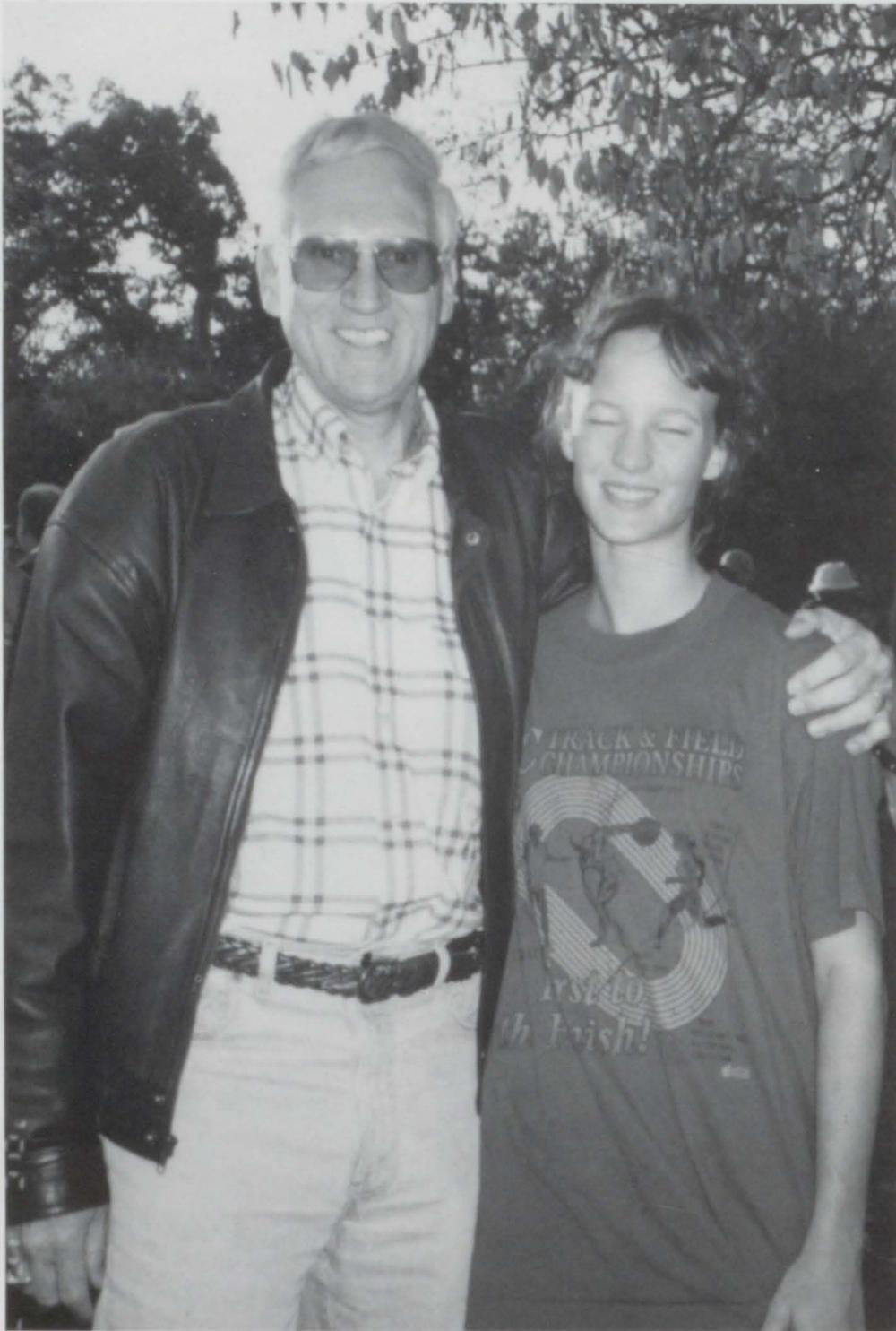


Librarian Mrs. Beverly Austin demonstrates and provides information on the use of the Infotrac to a freshmen English class. All freshmen experience a two day seminar on library procedures.



Barbara and Tom Yates enjoy a pizza donated by Pizza Junction as the "couch potato" winners.

After 35 years of service and dedication in the field of education PAQUIN RETIRES



On October 24 at Mounds State Park in Anderson, Indiana, Mr. Paquin congratulates Adrienne Gough for placing 15th in the cross country regionals. As principal Mr. Paquin made a concentrated effort to support his students in athletic and academic extracurricular activities.

"May I have your attention please?" Mr. Gordon Paquin has read his last announcement. Most of his life has been devoted to education, and it has been time well spent. After receiving his Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and a sixth year in administration from Ball State University in preparation for his ten years of teaching, four years as a high school assistant principal, and twenty-one years as a high school principal, Gordon Paquin has chosen retirement and relaxation.

His teaching career began at Northwest Henry County School Corporation where he taught for five years at Middletown High School and then five additional years at Shenandoah High School after a school consolidation. At these schools he taught eighth grade science, physical education, general business law, accounting, and in the summer, driver's education. He also was the head track and cross country coach. He spent his assistant principal tenure and his first four years as principal at Hanover Central Junior-Senior High School in Cedar Lake, Indiana. In 1980 he came to Elwood Community High School for his final seventeen years as principal.

Many changes have taken place at ECHS during Mr. Paquin's tenure. He doesn't feel that any of these changes were solely his own accomplishments. He believes that the staff formed a team to reach all of its goals. This team effort successfully raised the number of participants in academic competitions and in Project XL. The school day was changed from a six day period to a seven period day to block eight. He was happy that the curriculum committee abandoned phased electives in English in the early 1980's. Many courses have been added and eliminated over the years as state requirements changed and as needs for students changed. There are no regrets about any of the amendments because he believes the school has always progressed and changed for

Senior wrestlers Justin Moore, Scott Alexander, Bryan Watters, Jeremy Yates, and Justin Coston present Mr. Paquin with the Madison County Championship and Elwood Super Dual trophies during halftime of a home varsity basketball game.



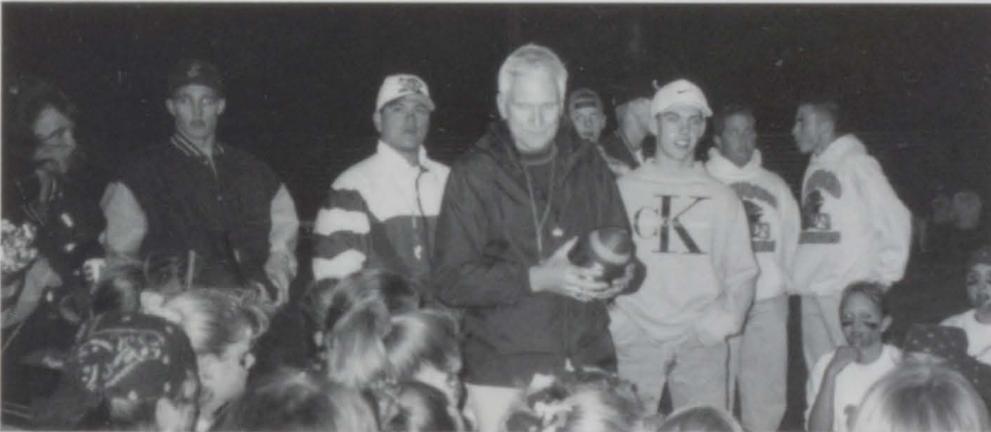
the better.

After seventeen years the memories are plentiful. The greatest memories are of working with and watching students excel, not only in athletics, but in music, art, Project XL, and academic competitions as well. He always enjoyed watching his students succeed. It was impossible to attend every competition and performance, but he made it to almost all of them. He said, "It was a matter of being genuinely interested. I feel it is important to be there and support the kids. Working with the students and staff at ECHS will be missed the most."

Mr. Paquin has enjoyed both the staff and the students. He describes the staff as very strong with many excellent teachers. He stated, "Any student can receive a good edu-

cation here if he or she wants to do so." He believes the students are a "mixed bag." "It is disappointing that so many students don't respect or value themselves enough to value education." On the other side, he thinks there are a lot who are academically talented and are hard workers. He feels the students are split, and he has a message for both. For the group that cares, he says, "Keep working hard and strive to reach your goals." To the group that is struggling, he says, "Re-evaluate what is important to your future and go after it." He hopes that re-engaging in the education process is part of that effort.

During his years as an administrator, he has served as a conference president four times (three times as Central Indiana Conference president). He has served on several state



Each year before the powder puff football game Mr. Paquin explains the rules and expectations to all the players and coaches. He was an official in every competition between the girls.

Mr. Paquin practices his retirement plans which include golfing, relaxing, and traveling by lounging off the coast of St. Thomas during spring break.



principal committees including the executive committee of the Indiana Secondary School Administrators (now IASP). He has served on seven North Central visitation teams which evaluate schools in Indiana. As a coach his teams won several track and cross country conference championships, and he was voted cross country district coach of the year in 1969.

After retirement Mr. Paquin would like to see much in his future and in the future of the school. He would like to see Indiana State Road 37 develop. As Indianapolis comes this way, he wants the school to expand to around 800, 900, or 1000 students. He doesn't plan to pursue a second career. His basic goal for retirement is to have more opportunities to do what he chooses. He wants to be able to go in different directions. He would like to become a consistent bogey golfer among other things.

On behalf of the yearbook staff and the entire student body, I wish Mr. Paquin best wishes and the greatest luck in all that he attempts. The familiar, "This concludes this morning's announcement for the best students and best faculty in the state of Indiana," will be missed.

After thirty years of teaching art at ECHS, Mrs. Anna McQuitty bids FAREWELL AS SHE RETIRES

The youthful age of seven brings back memories for Mrs. McQuitty.



Conscientious, dependable, energetic, caring, excited, firm, and committed would describe Mrs. Anna May McQuitty. She became an art teacher because she believes teaching is an honorable profession. She stated, "There is nothing more important than helping young people learn and develop into good, productive adults. I wanted to be a part of that." She enjoys the never ending surprises, openness, and joy of young people. She was influenced to go into the field of art by her elementary art teacher, Mrs. Sowers, and her high school teacher, Mr. Blair Sullivan. To achieve her dream of teaching, Mrs. McQuitty attended Ball State University and received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Art degrees.

While teaching at ECHS, Mrs. McQuitty has been involved and led the pep club and the art club. She also has been involved in the curriculum committee, prom decorating, and float production, and has served as the head of the art department for several years. Mrs. McQuitty is proud of her involvement in these organizations, her willingness to

take students on field trips to broaden their horizon of art, the work her students have created and displayed, the collection of professional artists works, and the growth of the art department and the courses geared for all levels of art students. The one thing she would change about the way she taught would be to relax and to not let rudeness and apathy bother her so much. During her retirement Mrs. McQuitty plans to enjoy traveling with her husband, create and market her art work, be a good grandmother, relax, and enjoy life. Mrs. McQuitty would like to leave us with these six steps to insure a satisfying and enjoyable life.

1. Young people, realize that life goes fast, but you have all the tools to make it a good one. You are healthy, bright enough, and have many opportunities. Add to that good, old, hard labor, a desire to succeed, and you can do nearly anything.

2. We must all revere to nature. Our earth is being damaged too quickly. Take care of it.

3. We must think kindly of those around us. Be kind, forgive those who hurt you, and kindness will come back to you.

4. Keep things clean and as beautiful as you can.

5. And, yes, we must all follow a few rules so that we don't live like wild animals. There are opportunities out there for freedom and creativity too.

6. Take a deep breath, laugh, and be happy! And above all, be good to old retired teachers!



At the age of eighteen Mrs. McQuitty is forced to start thinking about her future which led to a career in art education.



All decked out and ready for the prom, Darrell McQuitty and Anna May Helping anxiously await that special event, prom. Darrel and Anna May were high school sweethearts and eventually married.

Mrs. McQuitty's diversity in teaching is shown in her basic design class with her art student Lane Diko. Mrs. McQuitty not only lectures her students, she also uses the one-on-one style of teaching.



At her retirement party held at the vocational school, Gretchen Watson is honored on behalf of her eighteen years of service as an extracurricular accounts treasurer.

WATSON RETIRES



Mrs. McQuitty's involvement with her students is shown as she explains the style that Michelle Ramirez should paint her wooden cutout while Ryan Alley, and Heather Ryan continue working.

After eighteen years of service with the Elwood Community School Corporation., Gretchen Watson walked out the doors of John H.Hinds Vocational School as extracurricular accounts treasurer. Mrs. Watson originally went to work in the vocational building as a secretary, and after two months she was promoted to treasurer. Her job included handling the funds collected from vocational school fund-raisers as well payments from the public for outside work done by students. Before coming to the school, Watson worked at Muncie's Delco Battery in the accounting department for five years. She also worked for H&R Block, processing tax returns. Watson stated enjoyably, "I think we have one of the greatest staffs in the whole corporation at the vocational school, and it has just been fun working with them. I'm going to miss the people and students tremendously even though I will still be a member of the community." Those she will leave will certainly miss Mrs. Watson's friendliness and professionalism.

SPECIAL PEOPLE



Beth Ebbert, one of our cafeteria personnel, is working hard while preparing one of the lunches served to the students every day.



On October 31 Beth Ebbert, Martha Bennett, Ida Cheney, Denise Mosbaugh, Rebecca Taylor, and Patsy Lawson show their Halloween spirit by dressing up for the holiday.



Custodians - Front row: Matt Davis, Barbara Reeves, Brian Brown, and Steve Savage. Back row: Rick Coleman, and Scott Leavell.



Every day students are transported to and from school safely by Kevin Kelich, Otto Barrett, and Ron Huffman who are just three of our many bus drivers.



Marsha Leever works diligently to keep a supply of towels for the athletic department. She has been employed at the high school for eight years.



One of the many duties of custodian Rick Coleman is to keep the cafeteria in excellent condition.

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Junior Class Officers: Kasey Peters, vice-president; Sarah Brunner, secretary; Elizabeth Austin, treasurer; and Bobby McCartney, president.

Junior Steering Committee- Front row: S. Brunner, B. McCartney, K. Peters, and E. Austin. Row 2: R. Alley, J. Ochoa, K. Wells, A. Gregg, K. Horseman, M. Beeman, B. Cosby, L. Smith, R. Harting, and P. Miller. Row 3: K. Kaiser, N. Hartman, J. Weaver, M. Knotts, J. Cook, A. Green, J. Gregg, M. Peters, B. Bomholt, S. Shuler, and J. Headley. Row 4: M. Goens, B. Melvin, C. Dodd, L. Moser, A. McQuitty, E. Sharp, A. Sullivan, P. Kelich, S. Savage, and A. Horn. Back Row: Mrs. B. Austin-head sponsor, T. Robertson, K. Kendall, S. Tunis, S. Barnett, J. Shallenberger, S. Haley, A. Lee, H. Ryan, and S. Abel.



Carina Abbott
Rex Abbott
Jamie Alexander
Seth Alexander
Ryan Alley
David Amos



Amber Arehart
Jacquelyn Arnold
David Atwood
Steven Atwood
Elizabeth Austin
Stephanie Barnett



Dama Beach
Marcie Beeman
Mathew Blakely
Elizabeth Bomholt
Rodger Borders
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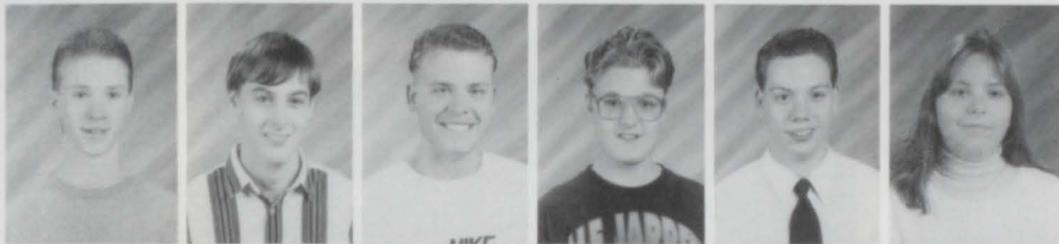
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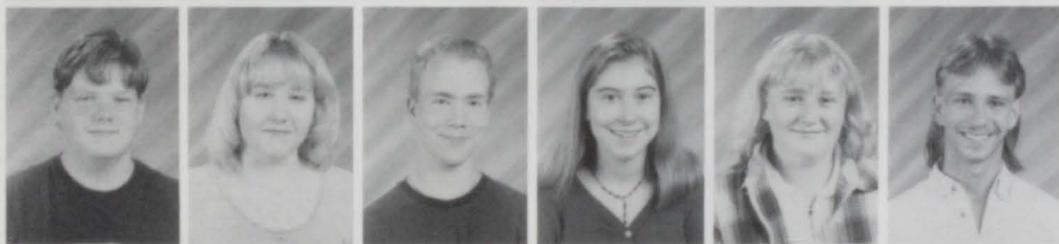
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 Amy Gregg
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Matthew Griffey
 Gayle Grondin
 Michael Gross
 Shay Haley
 Yolanda Harless
 Derrick Harris



Amber Harting
 Nathan Hartman
 Tuesday Head
 Joselyn Headley
 Richard Heaton
 John Heflin

Melissa Heiney
 Melissa Hiday
 Joshua Hinson
 David Hobbs
 Katie Horine
 Amy Horn



Kylie Horseman
 Shannon Huffman
 James Jetty
 Kyle Kaiser
 Joshua Kelich
 Nathaniel Kelich



Patricia Kelich
 Krista Kendall
 Amber Knopp
 Joshua Knopp
 Misty Knotts
 Kristina Lair



Jeremy Lane
 Gregory Laub



Claude Leavell
 Virgil Leavell



April Lee
 Matthew Leffert



April Lilly
 Robert McCartney



The junior class participates in the Homecoming pep session by spelling out juniors during the sound-off chant.

Powder puff defensive coach, Brandon Melvin, helps his linebacker Jackie Arnold understand the play being performed out on the field.



Darlene McDermit
Adrianne McQuitty

Brandon Melvin
Timothy Merritt

Phillip Miller
Randal Moore

Jessica Morrisett
Lacy Moser



Shaun Murray
Onda Neil
Ryan Noel
Juanita Ochoa
Justin Parker
Christopher Parry



Brooke Perry
Kasey Peters
Misty Peters
David Peterson
Kyle Pettijohn
Alicia Phenis



Michelle Rameriz
Stephanie Richardson
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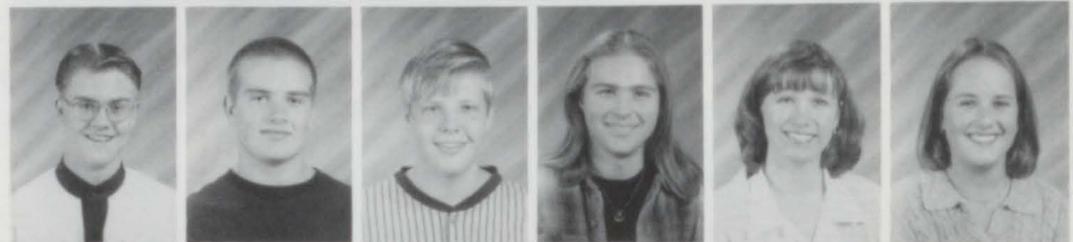
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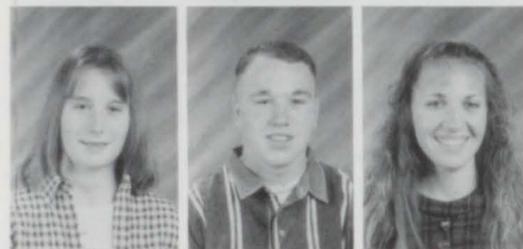
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Peggy Stewart, Dama Beach, Juanita Ochoa, and Lacy Moser as part of the junior powder puff team were psyched for the big game in October. The junior girls pulled together to be strong for a close game.



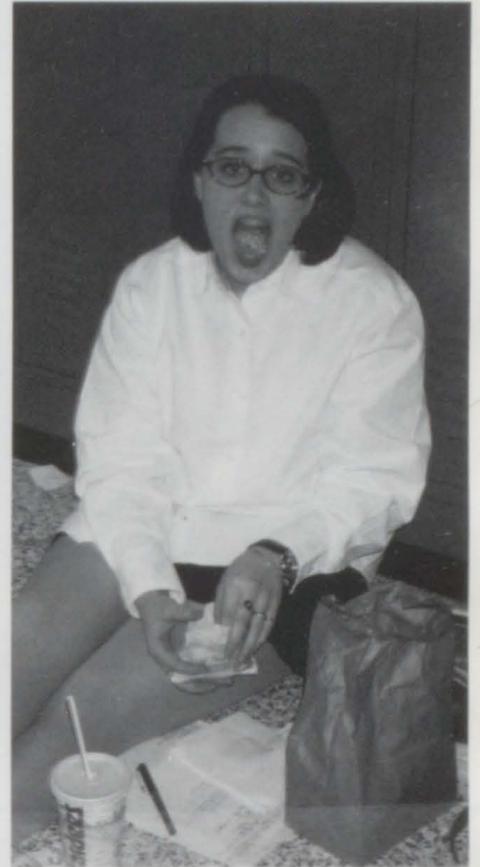
Junior class members rode bikes in the homecoming parade this year to show their school spirit for the festivities.

Junior class sponsors Janet Towbridge and Beverly Austin were busy this year preparing their class for the junior prom.

Brittney Smith, Krista Kendall, Elizabeth Austin, Kylie Horseman, and Amber Sullivan stand outside the junior hall on the judging day for hall decorations. The junior class placed 2nd in the hall decorating contest.



After a hard morning swim practice, Lacy Moser enjoys some hash browns and sprite from Hardee's before school begins.



Supporting their junior class as powder puff cheerleaders were Bob McCartney, Scott Savage, Phillip Miller, Nathan Hartman, and Troy Robertson. The cheerleaders led the crowd in chants and built stunts.



Kyle Kaiser, Mike Goens, Greg Cauble, and Justin Atwood were the junior powder puff coaches for the 1996 powder puff game. They helped the girls learn the basics of powder puff.

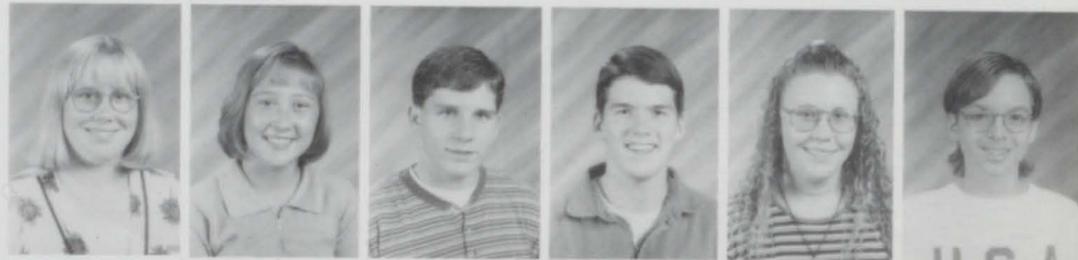
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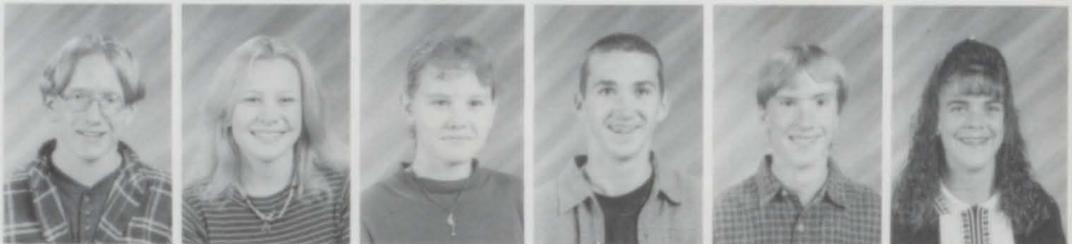
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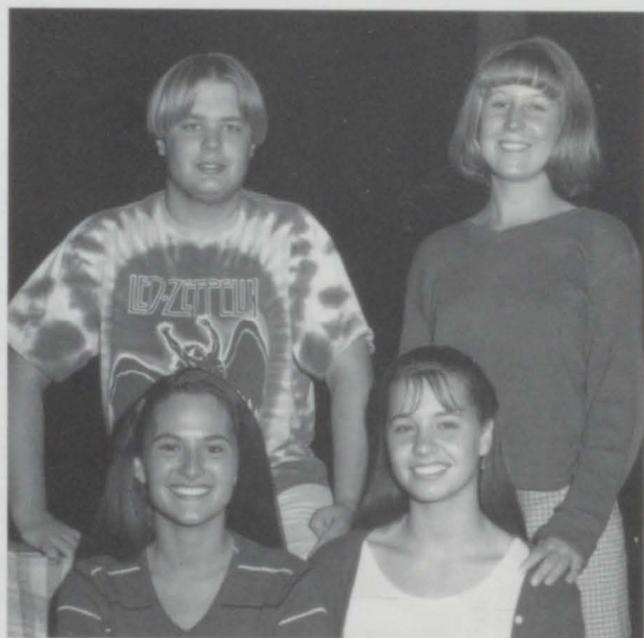
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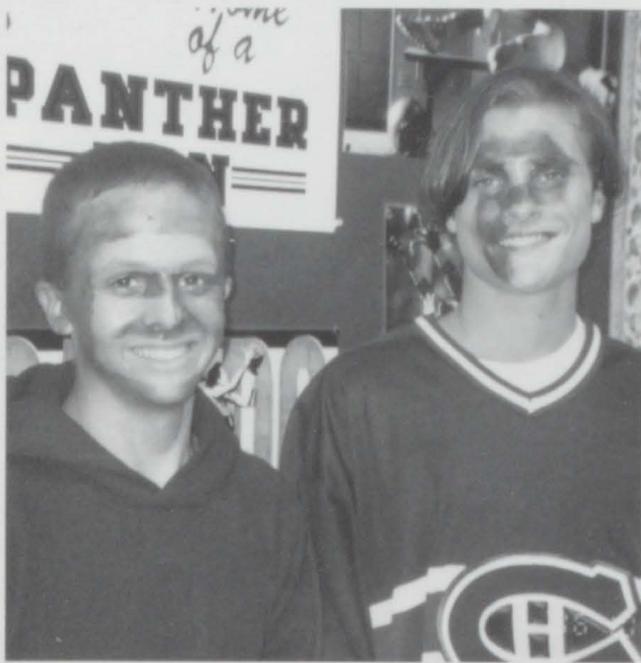


Brandy McCord
 Gary McElfresh



Sophomore Class Officers: Rachel Sanders, secretary; Brooklyn Seastrand, treasurer; Robert Hancher, president; Amy Bucci, vice-president.

Joshua Rittenhouse and Greg Sherman show their spirit by painting their faces to support the football team during the homecoming activities.



Donald Miller II
Gabriel Miller

Douglas Mitchell
Sara Monroe

Eric Moss
Heather Murray



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Lilliana Ochoa
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During homecoming week the classes decorated sheets for their hallways, and a competition was held for the best sheet. Sophomores placed second in the contest.

Gregory Sherman
Rachel Shuler



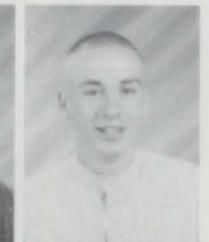
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Landon Whetsel
Jennifer Whisler



Holli Williams



While practicing for "The Father of the Bride," Jasmine Gill, who played Tammy, played her part well as she pretends to read the Sunday comics.



Members of the sophomore class show spirit while riding in the homecoming parade on October 4th prior to the football game played later that evening.



After the homecoming parade, Ben Goins lifts a bail of hay from the sophomore float to his truck.



During the week of homecoming Khelladawn Durham wears a great looking hat for hat and shades day.



During the powder puff game Holli Williams, Audra Boyland, Roxie Beeman, and Amber Sovern show school spirit by supporting both teams during the game.

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Freshman Steering Committee-Front Row: Cheryl Simpson, Adrienne Courtney, Carrie Barr, Lora Orbaugh, Mrs. Michelle Burnette, Sara Melvin, Heidi Murray, Cheryl Hobbs, Shanna Stewart, and Joann Stewart. Row 2: Natalie Rebeck, Kara Hunt, Heather Evans, Mindy Clark, Kelly Luurtsema, Dustin Collins, Michael Reynolds, and Lacy Taylor. Row 3: Monica Abernathy, Elizabeth Hurd, Rollie Patton, Jesse Jackson, Steven Abernathy, Leslie Fanning, Emily Sharp, Amber Cole, and Stephanie Wilson. Back Row: Dustin Robling, Wendy Hiday, Megan Gillam, Brandy Phillips, Leann Jones, Amanda Simmons, Kisha Wilson, and Jenny Blair.

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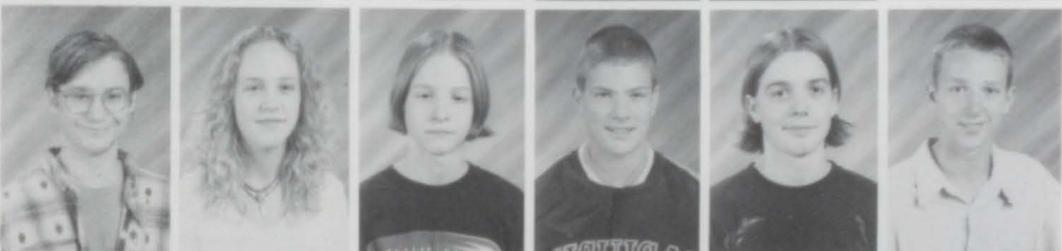
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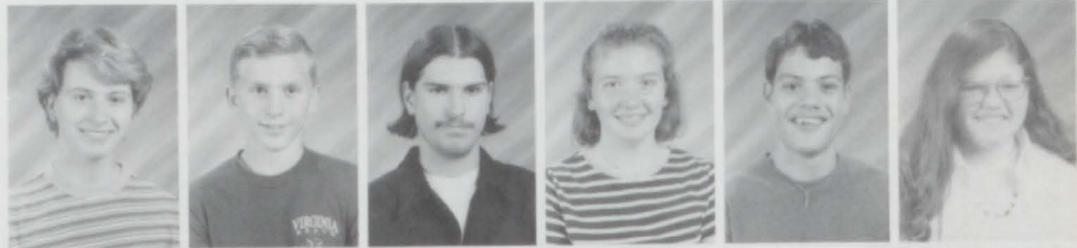


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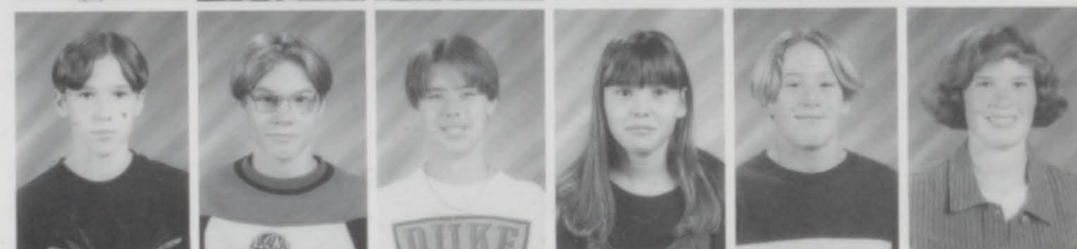
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Each year the freshmen are given the opportunity to purchase class jackets from Bell School Services' representative Bev Orlando. Josh Crow tries on a sample jacket.

The freshman class sheet is displayed at the end of the freshman hall before the Homecoming football game. The sheet placed fourth in the annual contest between classes.



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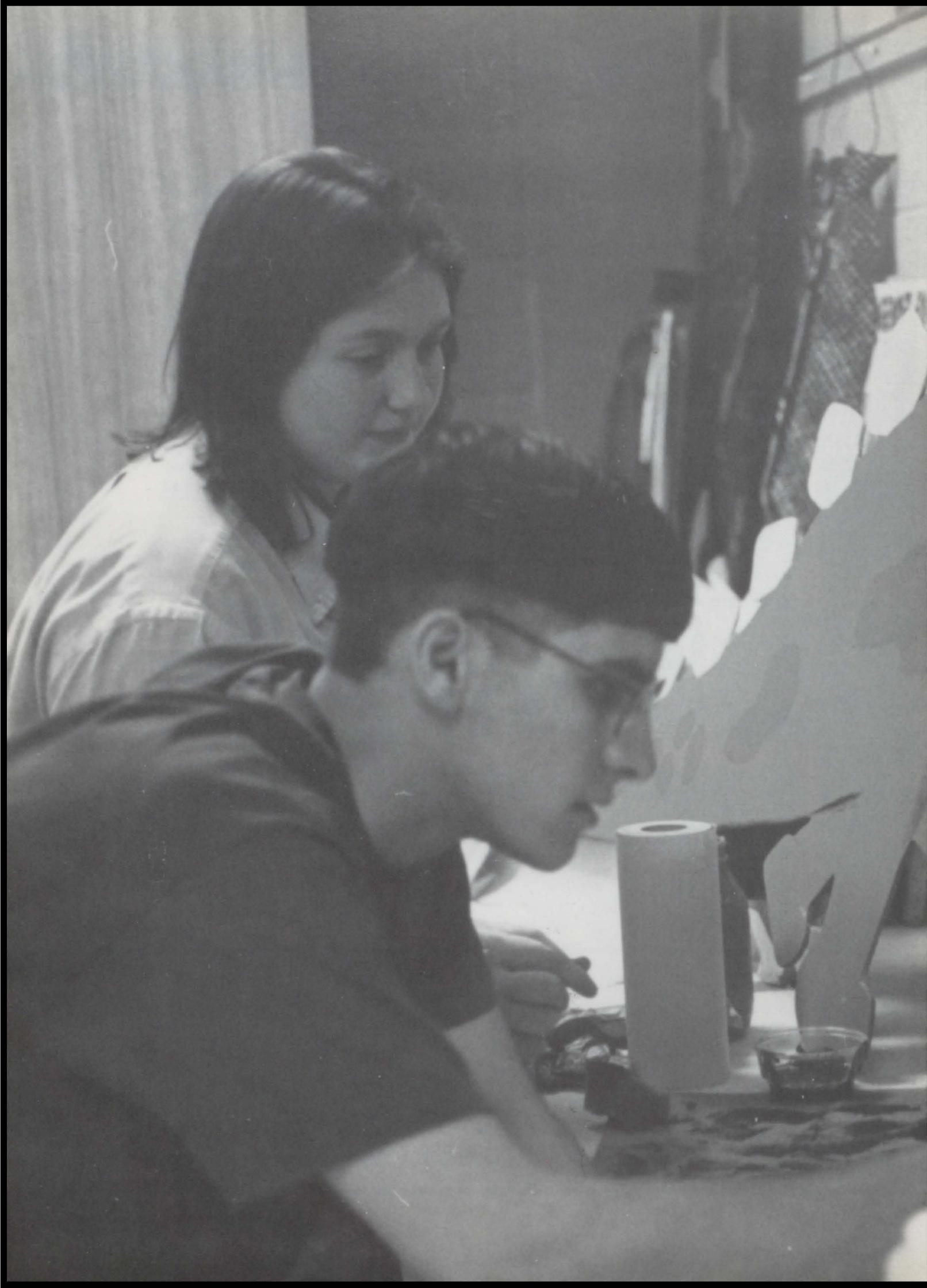
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in all of us today.



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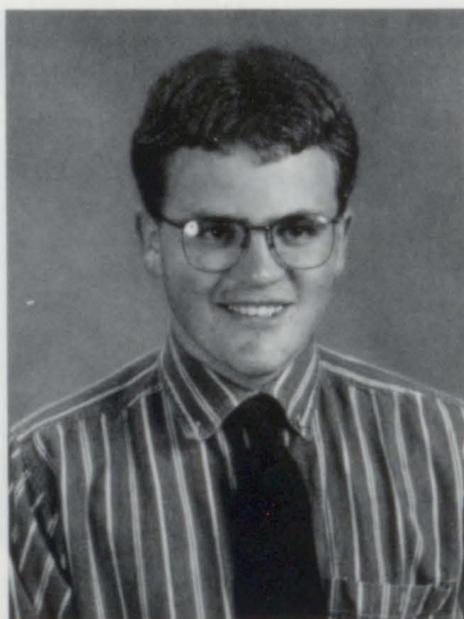
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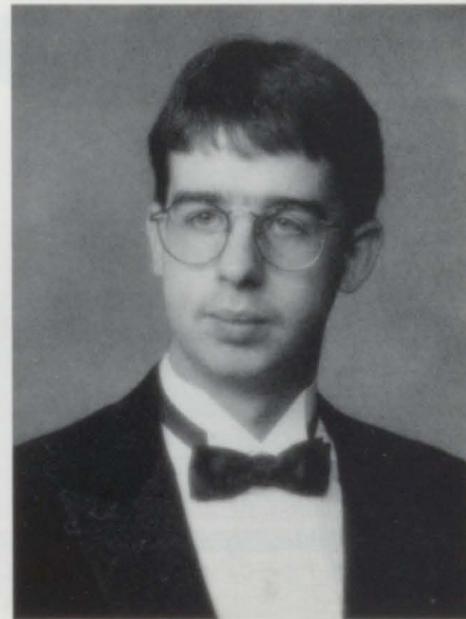
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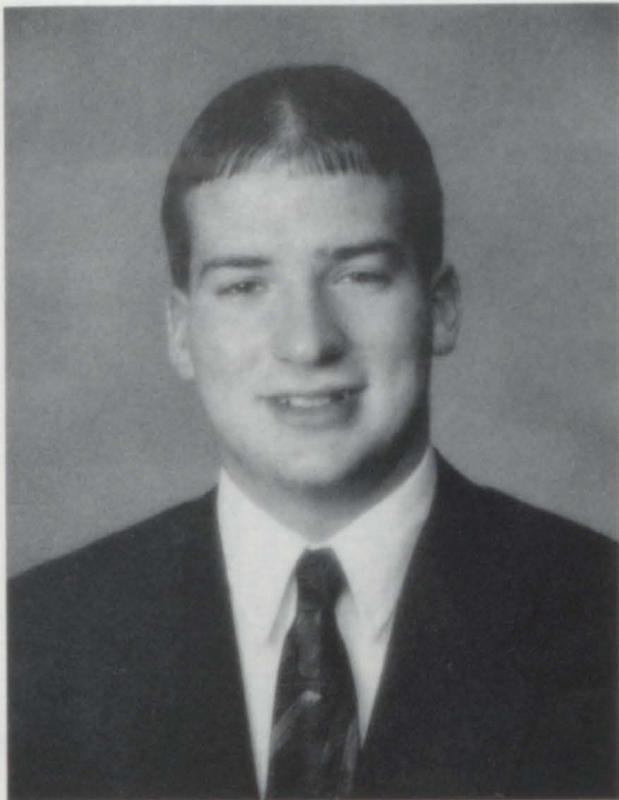


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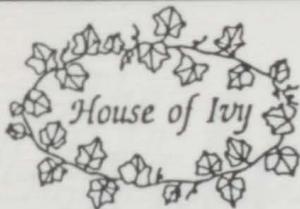
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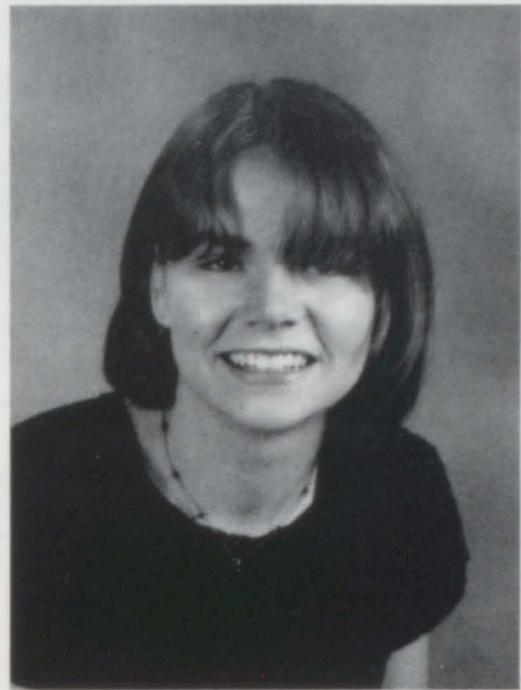
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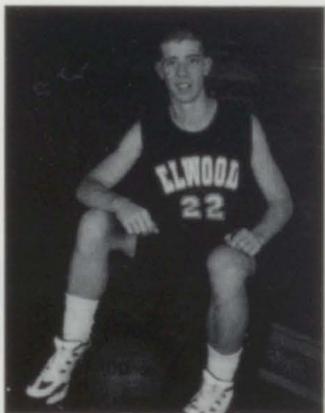
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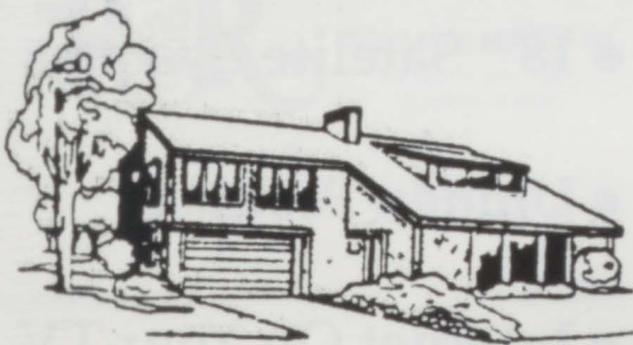
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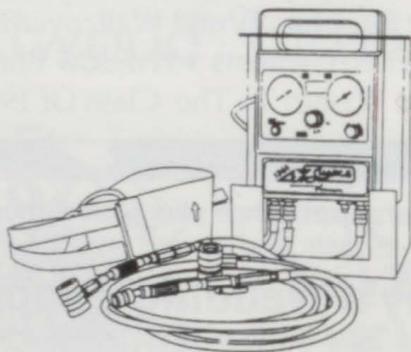
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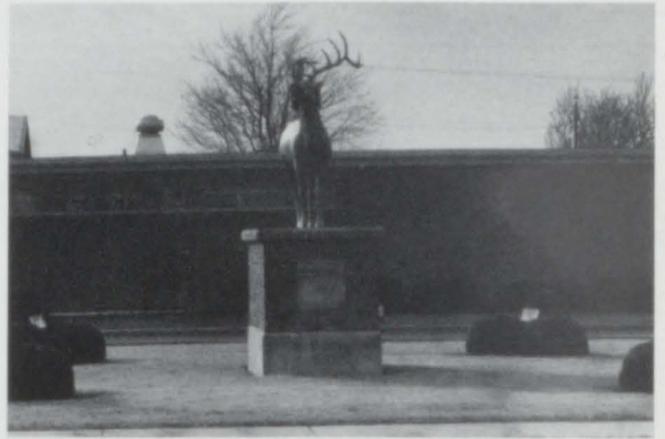
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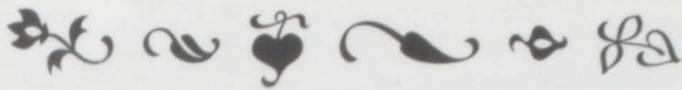
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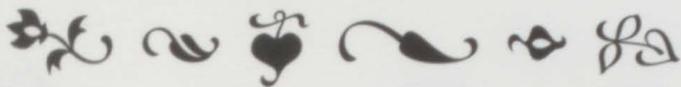
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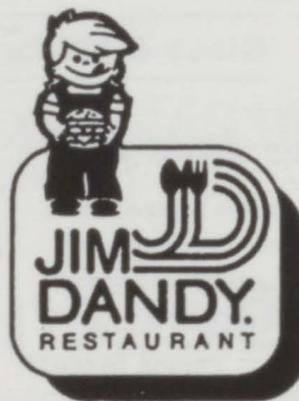
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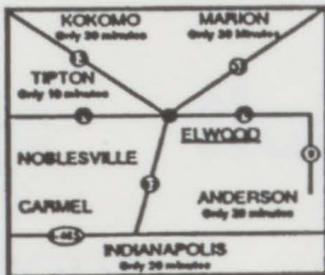


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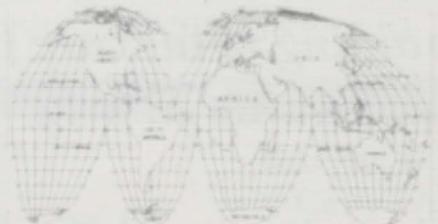
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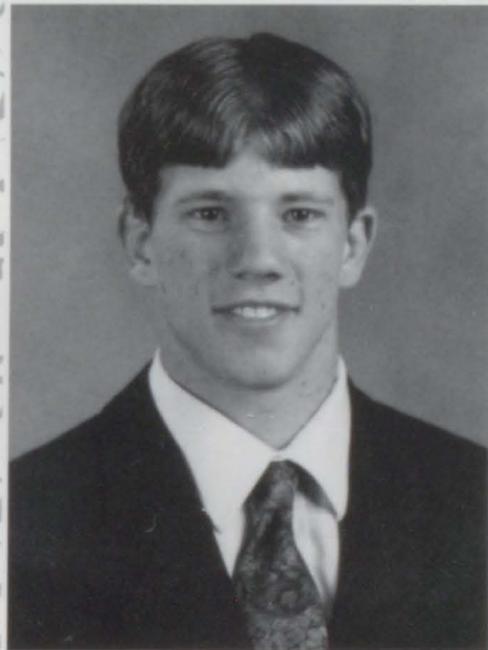
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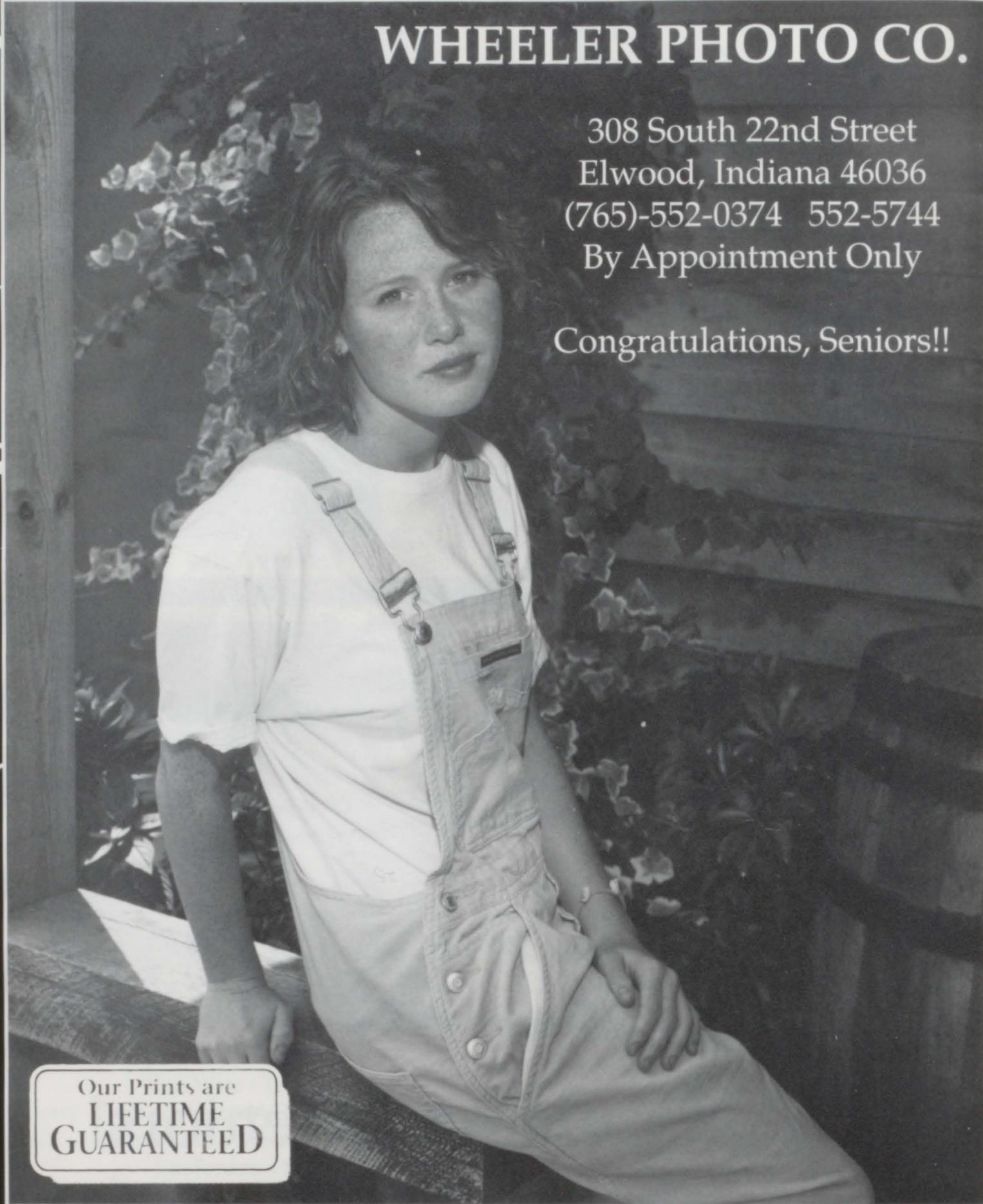
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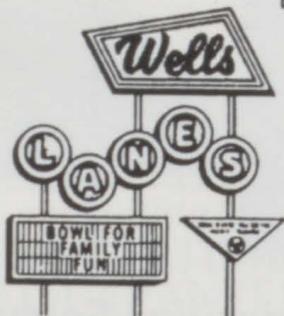
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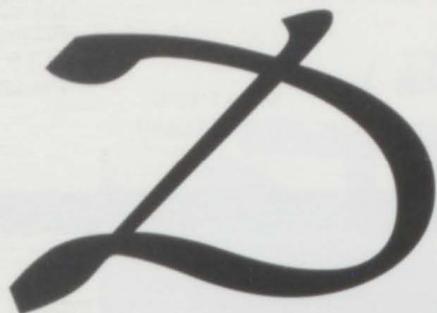
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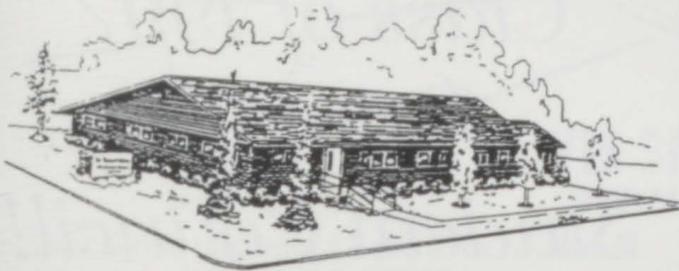
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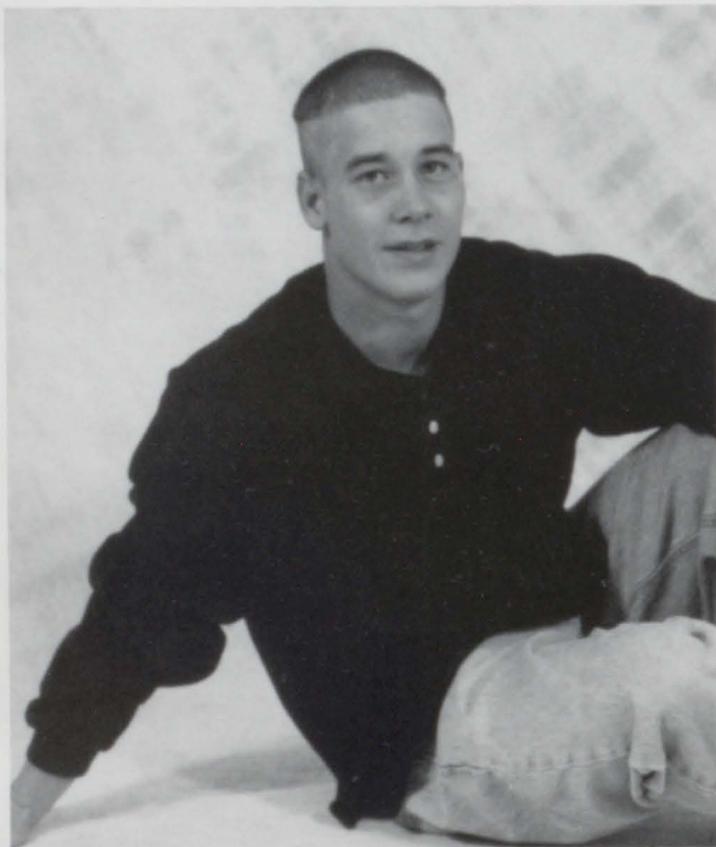
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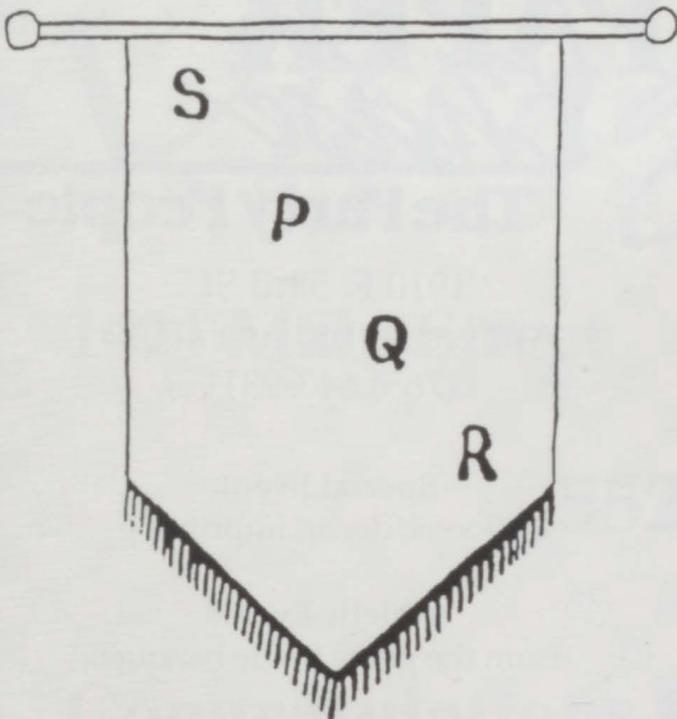
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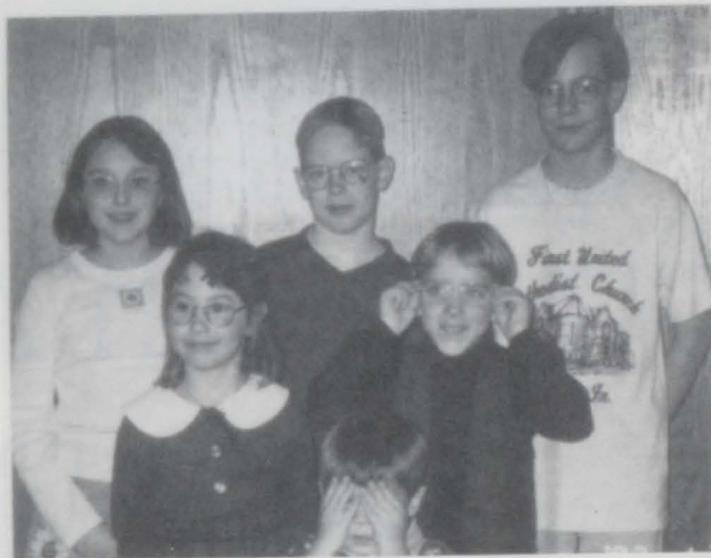
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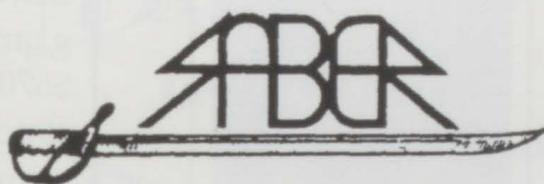


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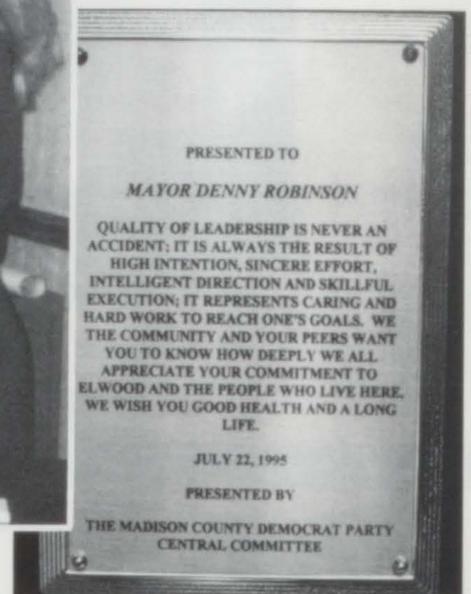


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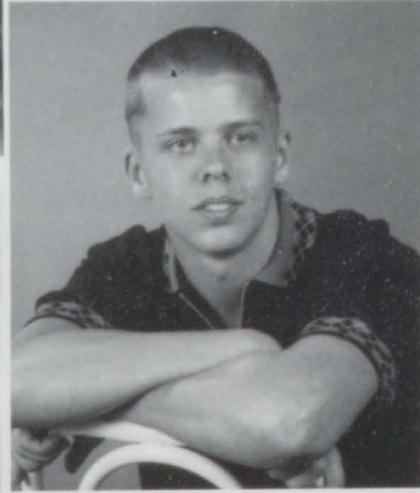
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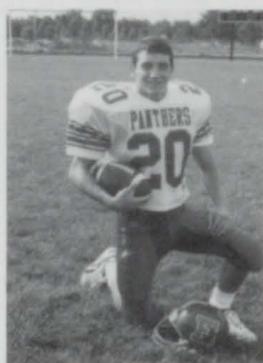
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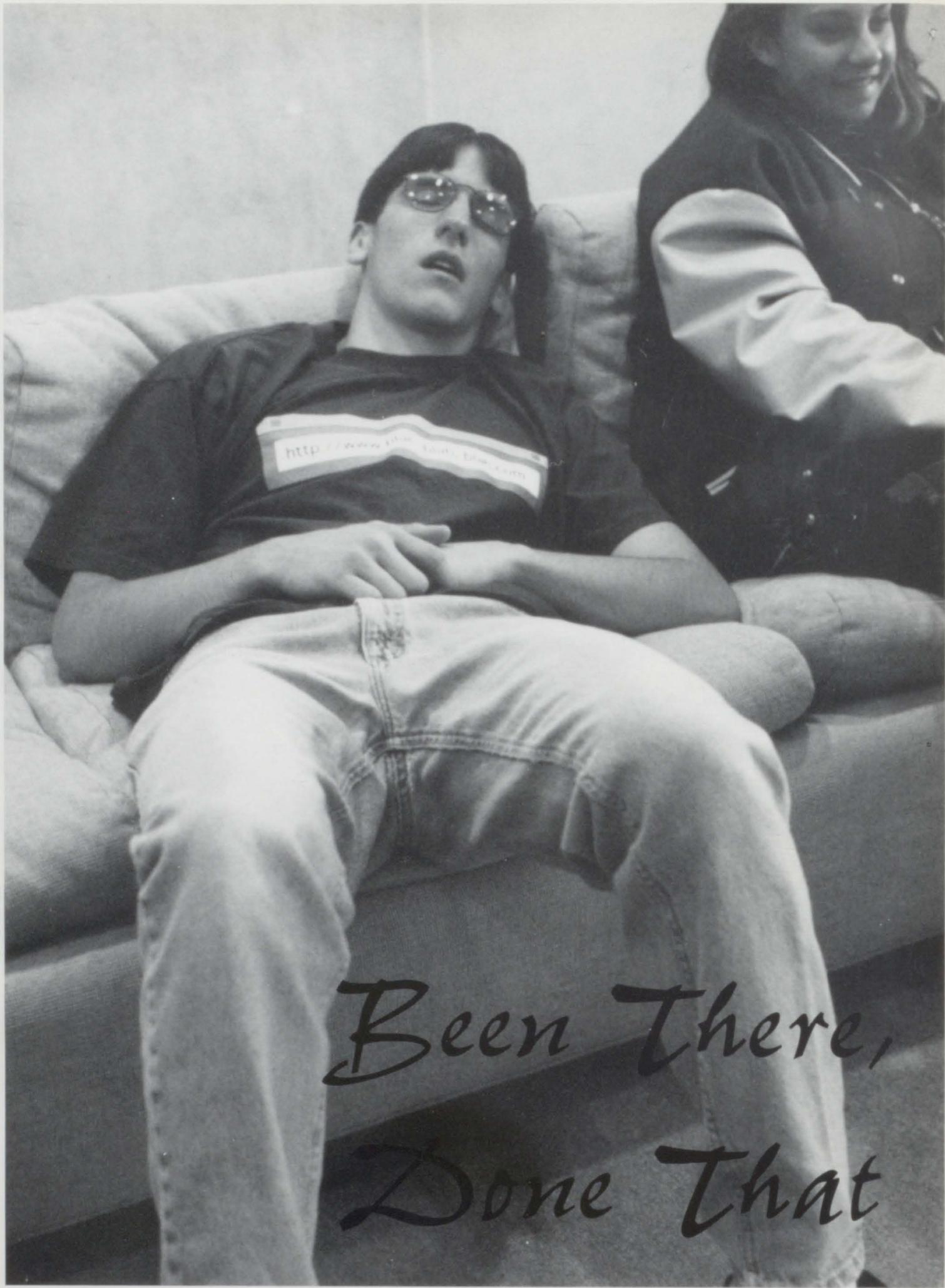
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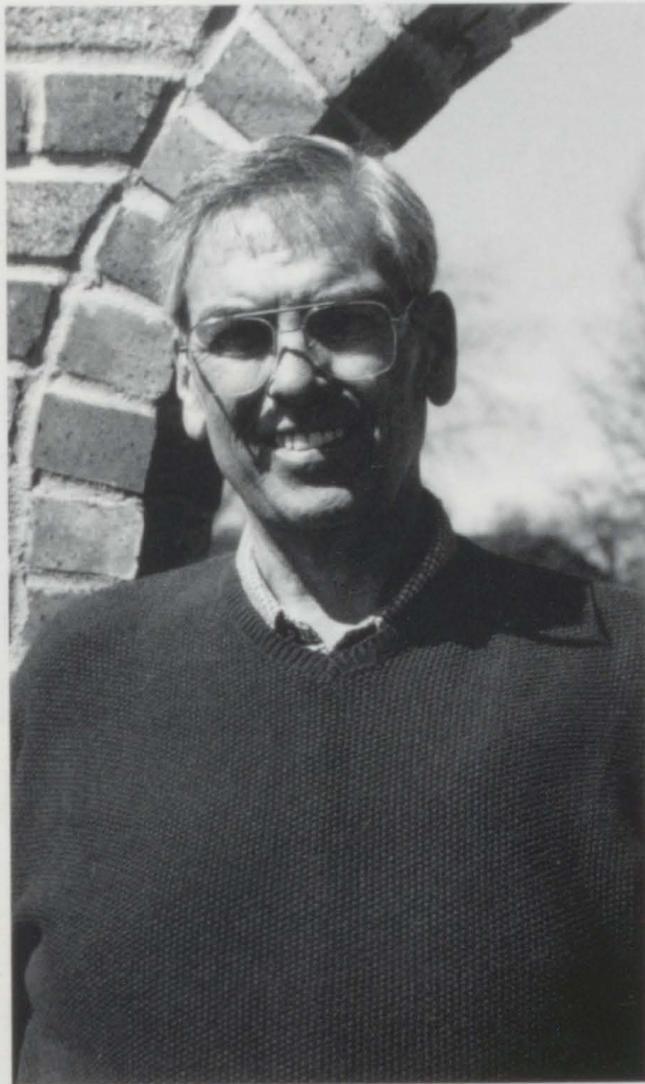
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The Fifth Season

In the spring of life,
In the flower of youth,
Everything is bright and new.

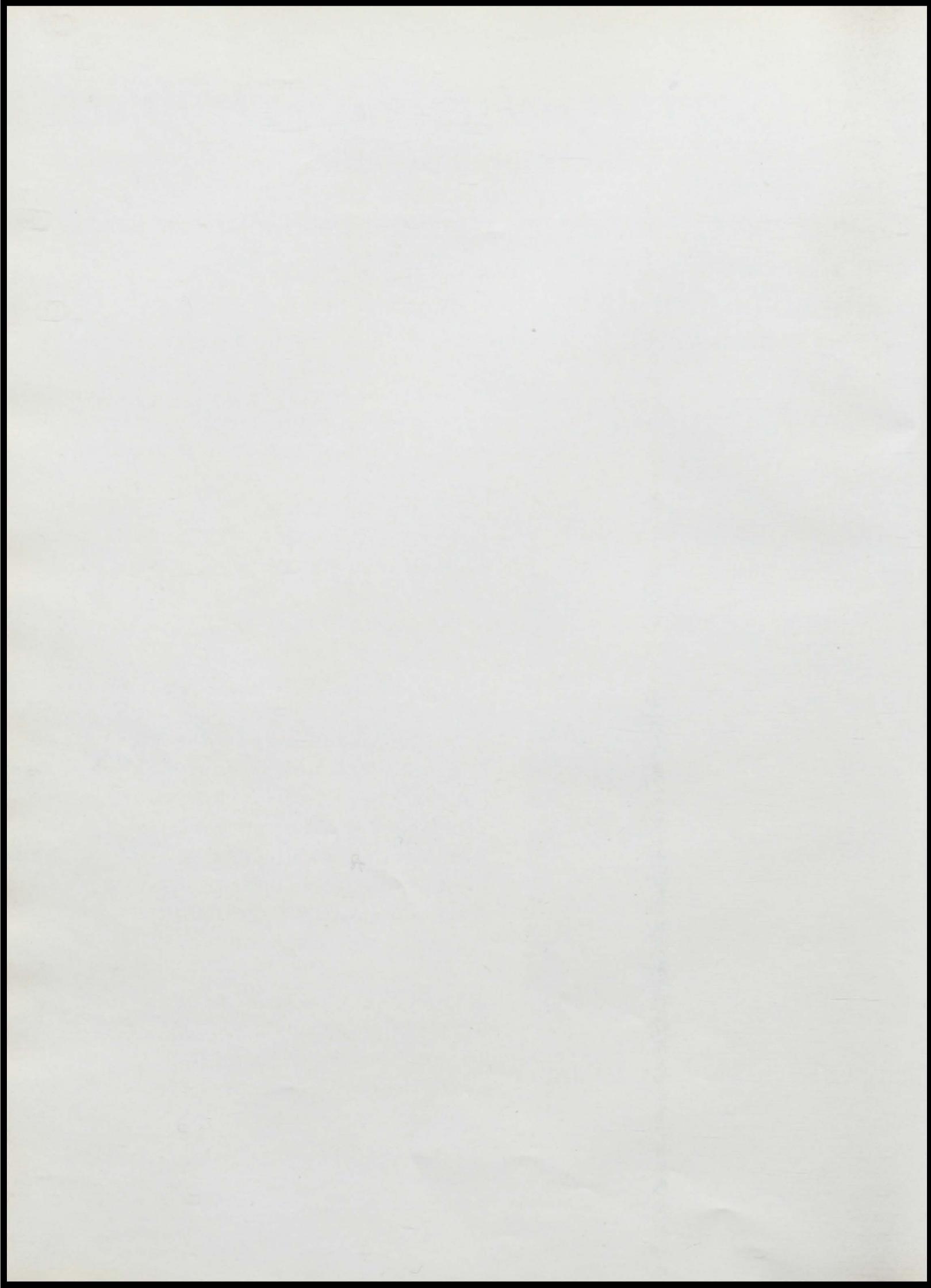
In the Summer of life,
Time of growth and change,
Each day brings new dreams to pursue.

In the autumn of life,
There's a settling down-
Contentment and sureness in what we do

In the winter of life,
Comes peace and wisdom,
Time to relax and reminisce, too...

But with the passing of these seasons,
Life is still not done, not through,
For there is yet another season,
When each spirit is renewed.
And it is in this calm, fifth season,
In this hopeful, second spring,
A time of cleansing and rebirth,
A time of new awakening.

Each person's life will come full circle,
Even as the seasons do,
To start another, different life,
Much better than the one he knew.



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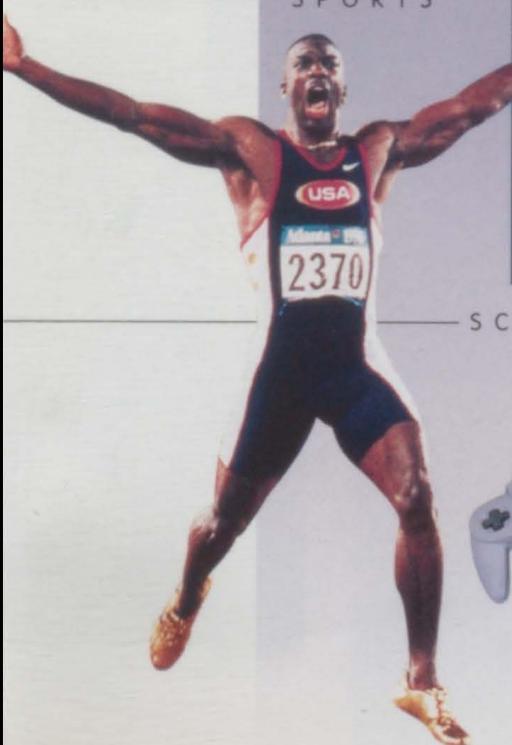
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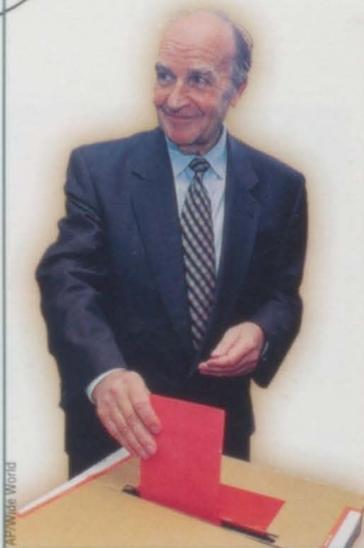
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

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The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



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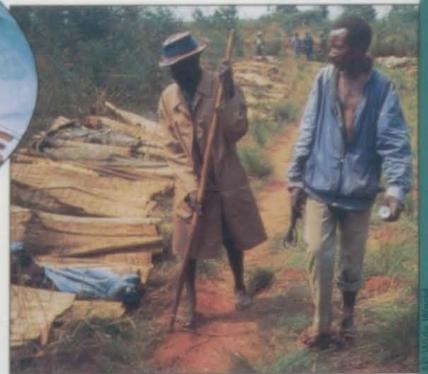
In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



AP/Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

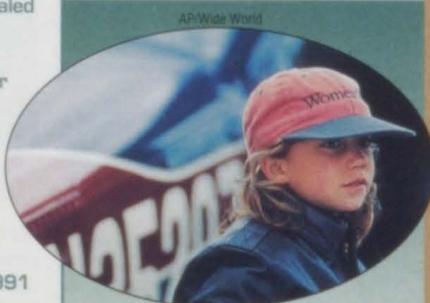
Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



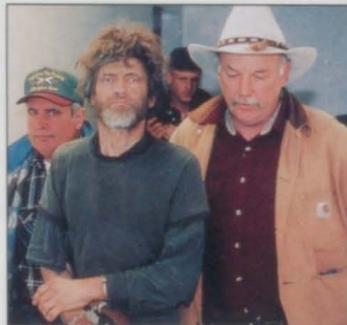
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Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma Liaison

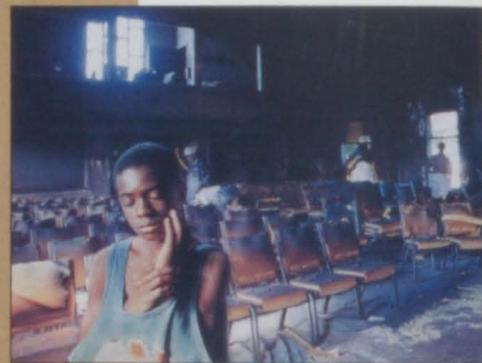
Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



AP/Wide World

 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits two women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



AP/Wide World

 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



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Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevet is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevet is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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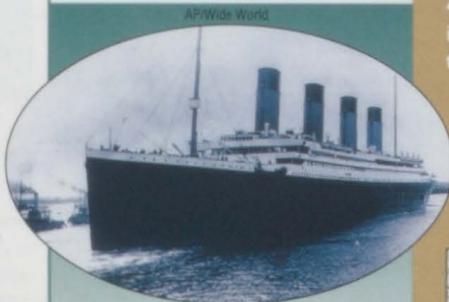
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

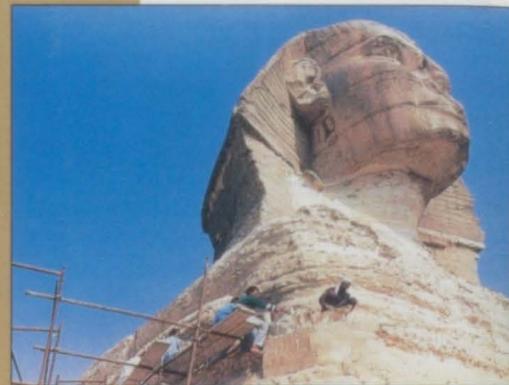


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granitz, Retna

flash

Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

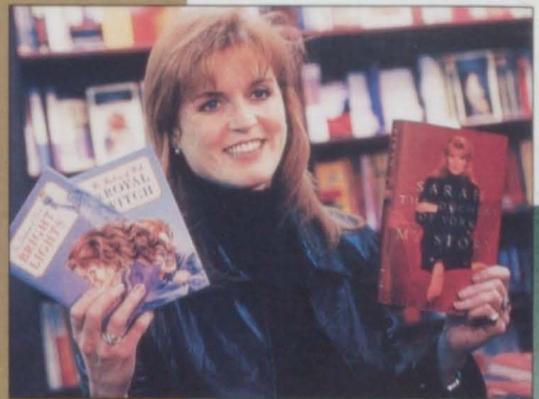
Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.



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 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



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 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



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Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



John F. Kennedy Library

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

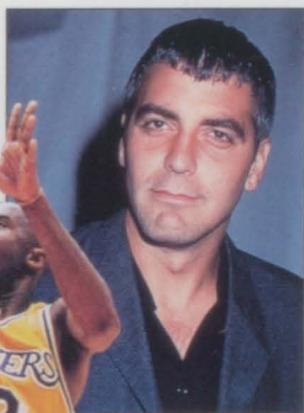


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Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.

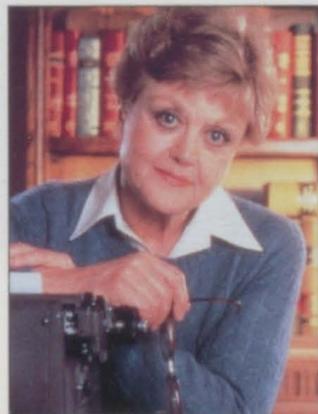
Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.

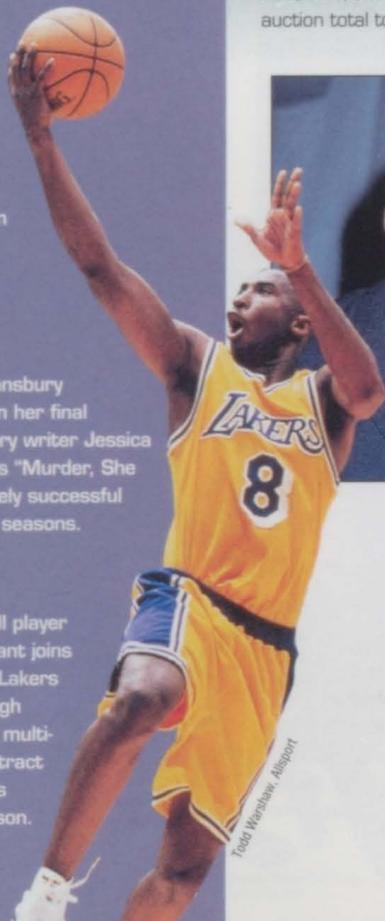


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As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.



Universal City from Shooting Star



Todd Warshaw, Allsport

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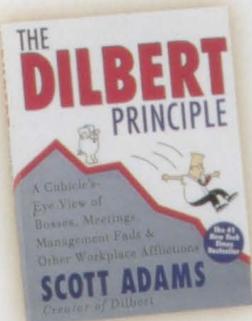
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

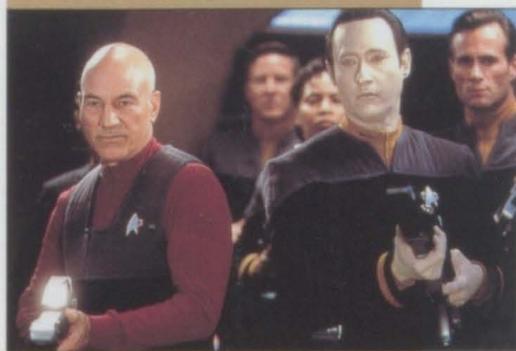
20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



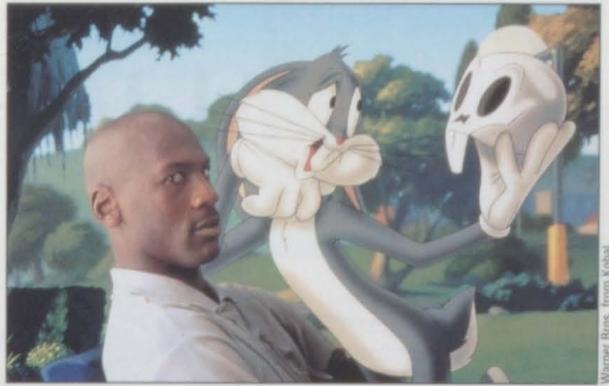
NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.



Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



Paramount from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mesentfeller, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



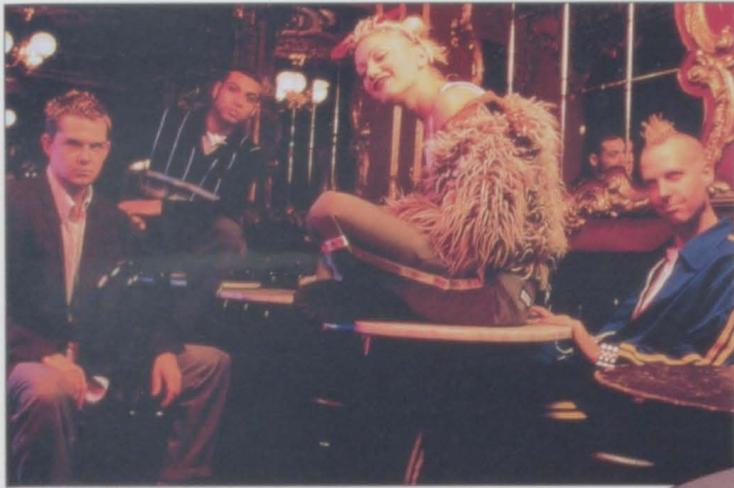
Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



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After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

➤ No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

➤ Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adelle Starr, LGI

➤ George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.

➤ The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Tim Mosdefelder, LGI



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➤ Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Neil Preston, Rediff

➤ Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of gangsta" rap, begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

➤ R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

➤ The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



James L. Lance, LGI



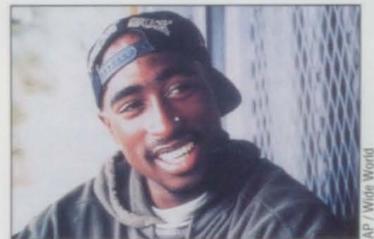
Adelle Starr, LGI

➤ Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Lisa Leone, LGI

➤ Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



AP / Wide World

➤ The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



Beck, LGI

MUSIC

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Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



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Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.

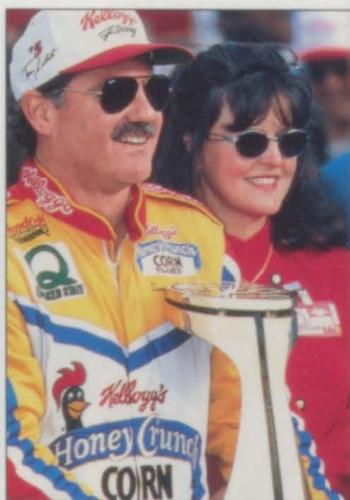


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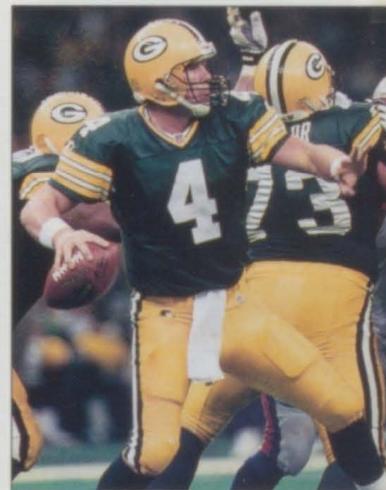
Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.



Craig Jones, Allsport

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



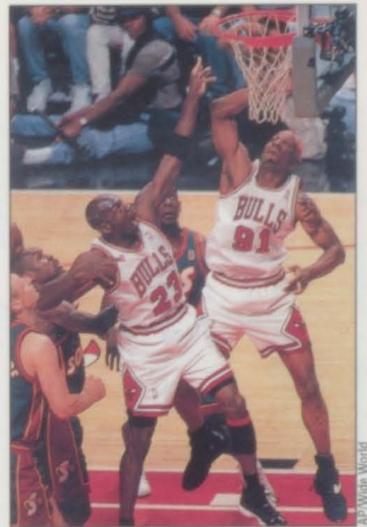
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 The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

 U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



AP/Wide World

 The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



AP/Wide World

 U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.



Al Bello, Allsport

 April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



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 Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

 Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

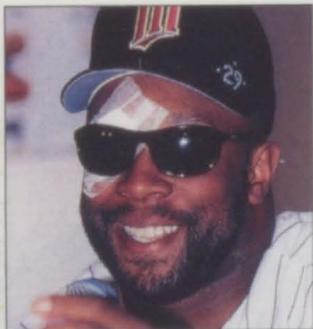


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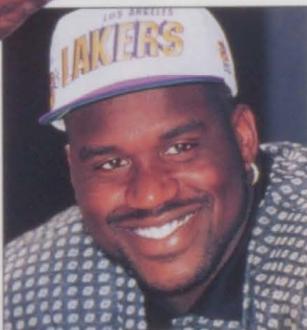
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 U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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 Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



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 Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

LIFESTYLE

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

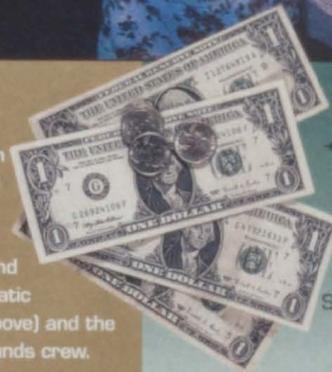


Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Merica Almeida, NY1 Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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