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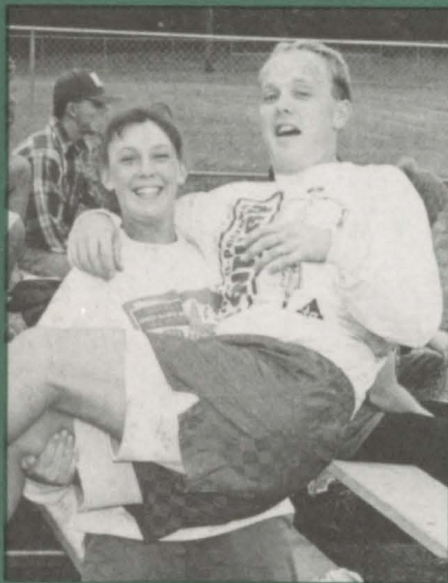
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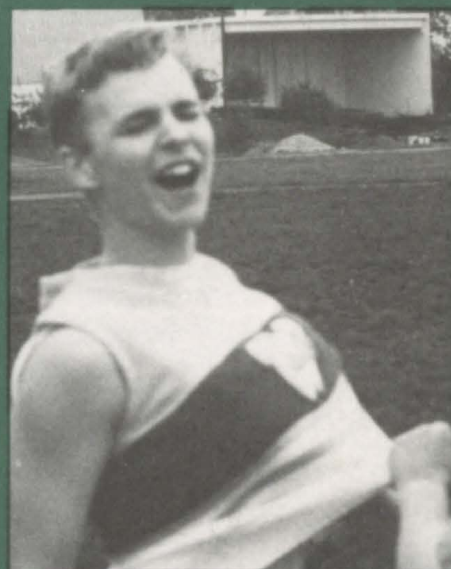
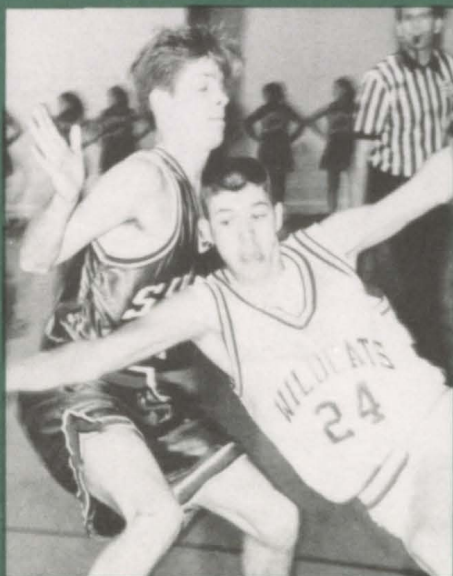
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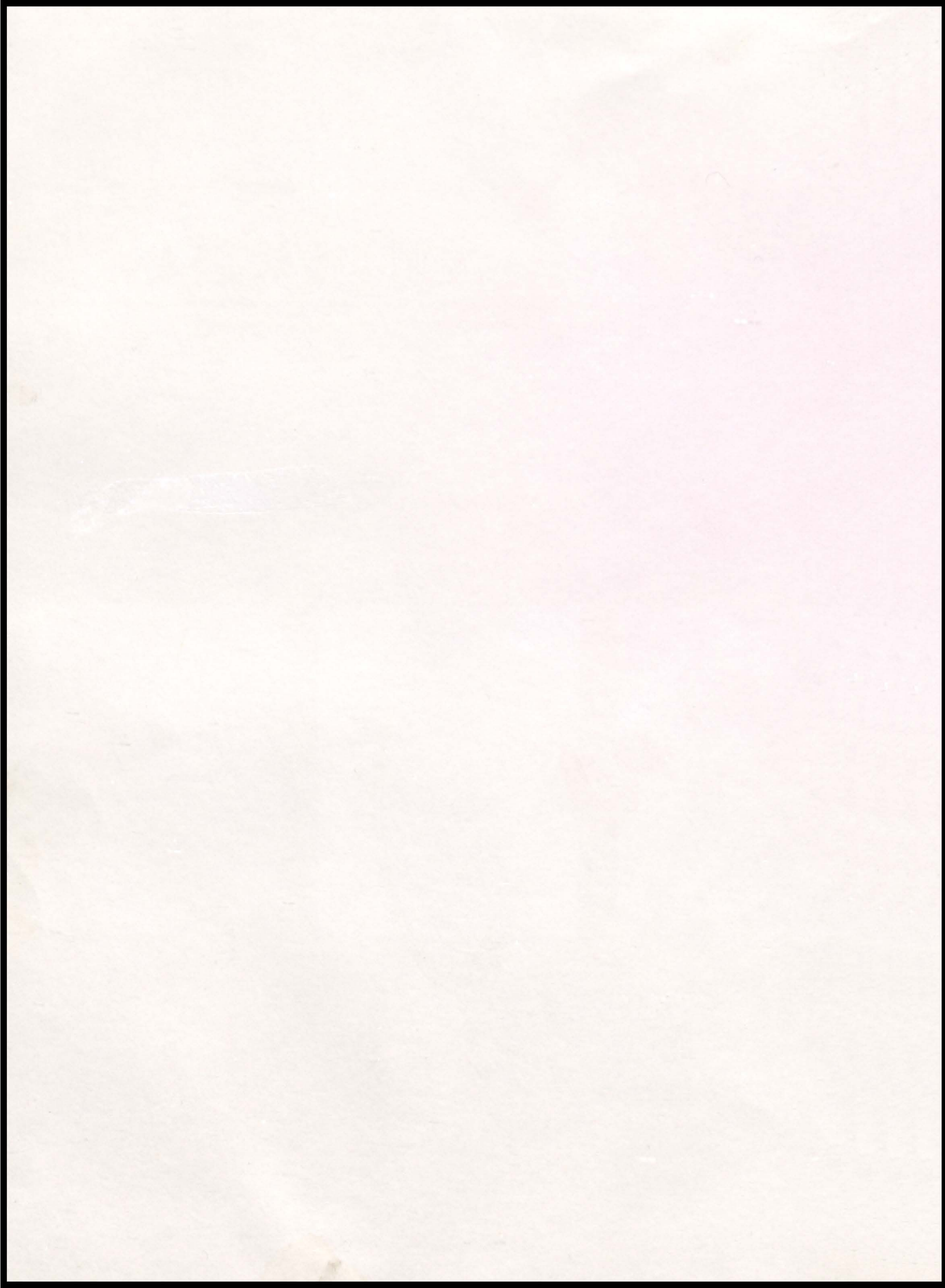
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In order to promote school spirit, junior Mike Brunson, senior Mike Cramberg, and junior Greg Schanuel decided to dress as cheerleaders to entertain the crowd during the First Annual Powderpuff Football Game on October 21. The three "cheerleaders" formed a pyramid in addition to performing many different cheers, including "J-A-M", in which they gyrated to the beat.



Katie Thorpe

Like you've *never* seen before

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Changes Like You've Never Seen Before

So here we go again, another year of changes, growing, and new experiences. Like any other year, students prepare for the future by working, studying, and trying to expand their horizons. This year, however, so many different changes took place it was beginning to become a place **Like you've never seen before.**

Ladycats win state championship again.

Winning the class 2A-3A State Championship brought the school together the second year in a row. The game, pitched by senior Jamie Lowry, was a no-hitter. Their opponents were the previously undefeated Putnum Midgets, who the Ladycats beat 1-0.

Incentive for taking hard classes, earn college credit.

Offering Advanced Placement courses gives students the opportunity to get ahead. AP European History, Chemistry, and English were offered for the first time this year.

Kids and teachers fear the passing of "Hancock II."

The passing of Amendment 7, or Hancock II, was openly opposed by the school faculty. Passage of this amendment would result in major cuts in education, welfare funding and Law Enforcement. The amendment failed at the polls.

Everything is different.

Students are older, the buildings are bigger, new teachers, better lunches. All these things and more add up to a year **Like you've never seen before.**

Yearbook Staff put on Sand Volleyball.

The Tournament was held for the first time this year. It was sponsored by the yearbook staff who was trying to raise money for more pages. Trying new things, **Like you've never seen before**, became the norm in yearbook class this year.

Ouch! The blood drive caused pain for a good cause.

Many people showed up to give blood when FFA and FHA sponsored the drive. Although not as much blood was collected as hoped for, what was collected will be helpful and was appreciated.

Unusual action on the soccer field- Girls playing football?

The first Powder Puff football game in many years was held this year, put on by the yearbook staff. The Senior/Sophomore team killed the Junior/Freshman team 21-0.

Visting from Colombia, Foreign Exchange student, Jackie Andon!

Although she is not the first Hispanic Foreign Exchange student the school has had, she is the first student from Colombia ever here. She graduated from a school in Colombia then came here to experience life in the USA.

Elementary Student Teacher Aids.

Three High School students go to the elementary school to help teachers with their students. They assist in teaching, grading papers, and instruction. These students are learning things **Like you've never seen before.**

*N*ew Uniforms for the Marching Band.

After working for over a year, the School Board was finally convinced of the need for new band uniforms. They voted YES! on October 24 to the delight of Band Director Mark Blackmore and his students.

*E*arly ACT Prep classes before school

For the first time ever, a course to help students prepare for the ACT test was offered. It was held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30. Several students took advantage of this opportunity.

*V*ent your frustrations, talk to New Counselor.

A new counselor, Lori Reiher, is here this year to help Janet Freeman with her ever-expanding responsibilities. The new counselor helped her out as well as being a place for many students to go to talk.

*E*veryone gets involved.

Many students got involved this year with numerous after school and extra-curricular activities. From softball to soccer, HiStep to FFA, students were getting involved in ways **Like you've never seen before.**

*R*evealing Dangers- Mandatory Drug Assembly warns students.

All athletes were required to attend a drug assembly held October 20. This was the first year this was ever done.



Second grader Edward Walker eagerly reads to attentive senior Angie Balkenbusch during her visit in Linda Lewis' class at the elementary school Nov. 22. Balkenbusch is one of three students from the High School that take trips to the Elementary every day to assist as an aide for a specific teacher.

Nichole Owens

Save the tears for Graduation.

Seniors this year were disappointed at the date chosen for graduation. May 28, the day before Memorial day, was picked by the School Board.

Extra time spent with students.

Because of the extra teachers hired, more one on one instruction was possible.

Energy is the only requirement left to play soccer.

No longer is the soccer team only boys. For the first time, a girl has joined. Chrissy Lemon, senior, played soccer, breaking all the rules.

Not enough time for everything.

Just ask the Yearbook Staff!

Band takes trophies at two out of three Marching Band Competitions.

The band competed in three competitions. They were held in Washington, MO, at Central Methodist State College in Fayette, MO in which we won 3rd place, and at Northwest Missouri State in Kirksville, MO, in which they also won third place.

Endings, Beginnings, and Changes.

This year has had more changes than many others. With all the new classes, activities, and facilities the school is **Like you've never seen before.**

Firefighters invade the school!

Two seniors this year are on the Wright City Fire Department. Wendy Helling and Paul Meyer have been active members of the Junior Firefighter Program for over a year. They assist the senior firefighters on fire calls, and they assist the ambulance on rescue calls.

Old age creeps up on Cinema Class.

Angela D'hanis, senior, was transformed from seventeen to seventy in a matter of minutes by make-up artist Chad Little, who is President of the Graduate Theatre Program at Lindenwood College. He visited the school to show the class what can be done with stage make-up.

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The breaking down of computers in the Library computer lab caused many problems for students and teachers this year. The Journalism classes were also annoyed by computer breakdowns.

End of the beginning, time to move on.

The end of the school year will signify different things for each person. For seniors, it means the end of High School, moving on to the "Real World." For Juniors, it means starting the last year before going out on their own. Others will be moving on in their own ways, changing, growing, expanding in ways **Like you've never seen before.**



Katie Thorpe

Diane Ward's 6th hour Chemistry class performed an experiment to determine how tough leaves are. Junior Derek Lagemann and junior Adam Krenski attempted the project by filling a paper cup with water supported by a leaf, Sept. 11.





Katie Thorpe

Student life

Like you've never seen before

Right before your very eyes

Surprise... You will never have this moment again. Everyday, every minute is priceless because **right before your very eyes**, It's gone.

So many things have happened over the year that it's hard to remember them all. The Fall Fest dance, the first ever Sand Volleyball Tournament, Powder Puff Football, Homecoming. These are just a few of the memories collected in each students life.

Right before your very eyes, you saw the girls ditch their dresses and put on warpaint to play football, while the boys cheered them on from the sidelines. Students then helped to build a sand volleyball pit and played their hearts out, and it all happened **right before your very eyes**.

Sophomore Trish Skorcz shows off her strength by sweeping social studies teacher Tad Savage off his feet. Both Savage and Skorcz were on teams at the sand volleyball tournament October 5.

Blood suckers

FFA, FHA sponsor annual Red Cross blood drive

By Chrissy Lemon

I want to suck your blood." But this was no vampire movie. It's the annual American Red Cross blood drive held in the high school cafeteria Sept. 9.

Once again the FFA and FHA sponsored the drive to bring both students and the community together for a good cause. The Red Cross set a predetermined goal of 50 pints. The total amount collected, however, was only 35, falling 15 pints short of their goal.

Senior Mike Cramberg was the first student to give blood.

"I figure I have to do something good to make up for all the bad things I've done or will do. I also like the attention you get after you donate. Everyone's like 'Are you O.K.... Are you O.K.?' " Cramberg said.

Senior Craig Brunson decided he was going to donate for the first time. After filling his bag with the pint of blood, he had to elevate his feet and relax because he turned pale. "I didn't eat all day and I only had four hours sleep the previous night. I really didn't have that much energy. I think that's why I turned the color I did," Brunson said.

Coming from gym class, all hot and sweaty, junior Mitchell Brown had to sit down and cool off before he was able to donate.

"I just came from gym class so I was hot. I had to cool down. After I did I was able to complete my mini physical and move on to donate. When they put the needle in you it burns, but after a minute you get used to it. The pain for that minute is well worth it," Brown said. The American Red Cross has standards for both students and the community. Diane Ward, science teacher, was denied the opportunity to do-

nate because her iron count was too low.

"This happened to me a few years ago, too. My iron count is normal for me, but too low for the Red Cross standards," Ward said. Dave Cook, FFA sponsor, wasn't able to donate because his time period wasn't expired yet.

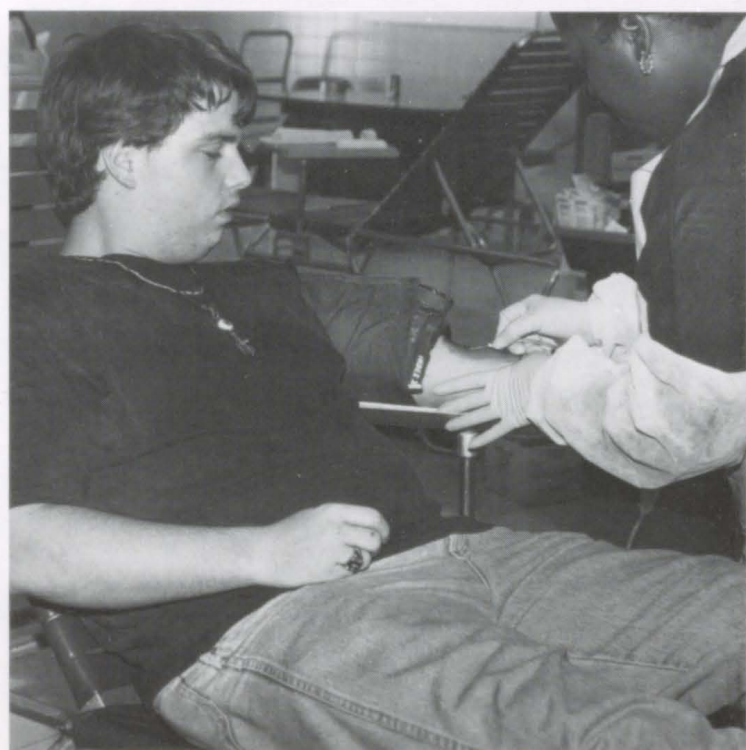
"I think the hepatitis A scare, blood drives in Warrenton, and the construction going on around the high school had an effect on the turnout," he said, "I was disappointed, but at the same time pleased with those who did come out and donate."



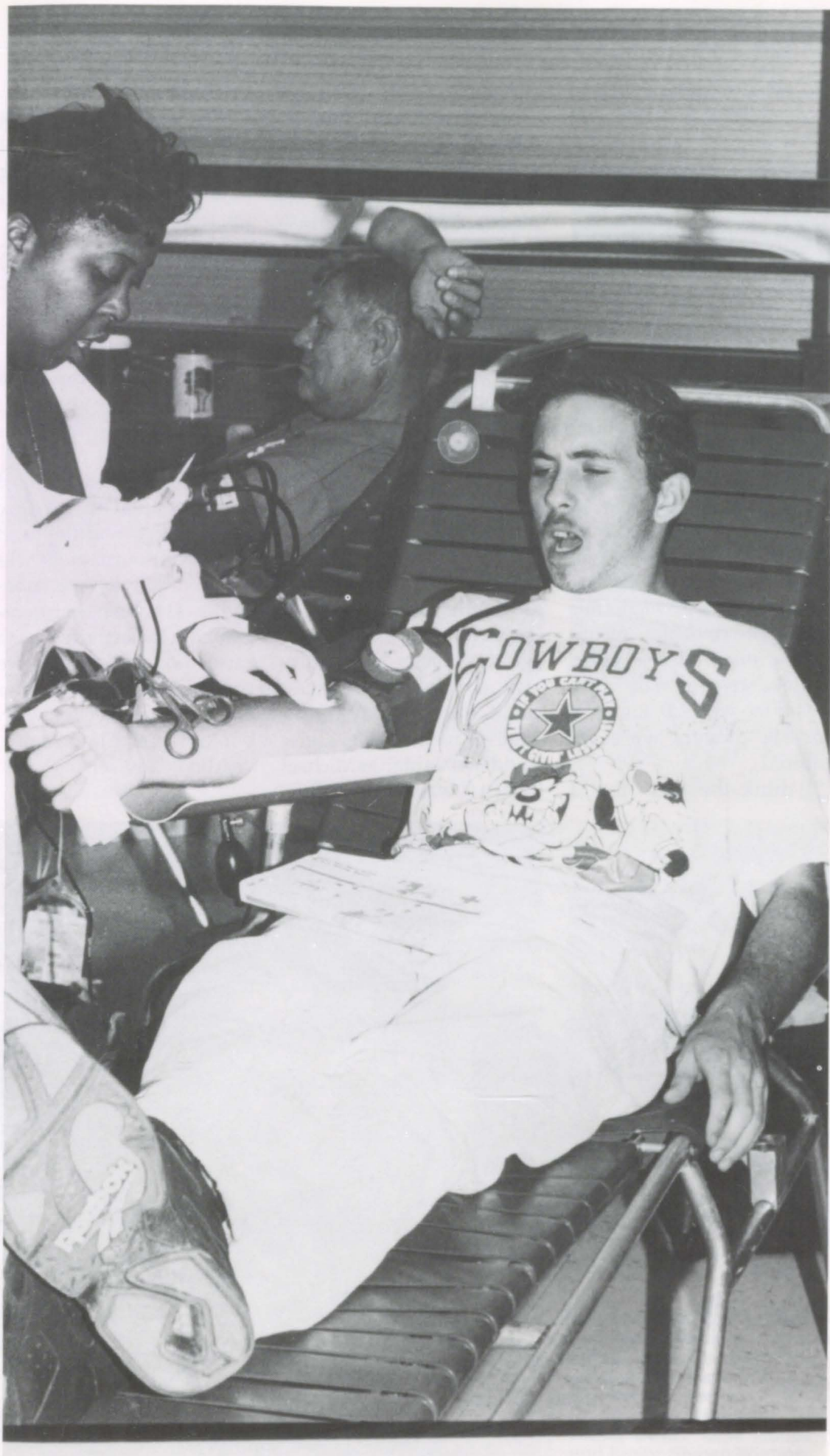
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Senior Craig Brunson recovering after giving a pint of his finest. Brunson was donating for the first time.

The first student to give blood, senior Mike Cramberg, gets prepared for the injection of the needle.



Chrissy Lemon



Volunteering

Junior Mitchell Brown expresses the pain he is feeling as he gives blood. Brown had just come from gym class, and he had to cool off before he was able to donate.



Chrissy Lemon

Mark "The Math Man" Taylor shows a sign of relief as the needle is being taken out of his arm. Taylor is one of several teachers that donated blood.

Chrissy Lemon

Volleyball tourney nets \$200 for fundraiser

By Katie Thorpe

They said it couldn't be done. Students and teachers didn't want to believe that the yearbook staff could pull something like this off, but it happened. Members of the staff needed to raise money, and what better way to do it than a sand volleyball tournament? Staff members made many calls, and thanks to many local businesses, donations were made. Senior Mike Schlipp, a member of the yearbook staff, arranged for thirty-seven tons of sand. Twenty tons were donated by Fred Weber of O'Fallon, and seventeen tons were donated by J&L Concrete.

"We needed a fundraiser and, everyone felt good about doing sand volleyball. A lot of people did their part

to get it together, such as donations of the sand, constructing the pit, advertising, and getting prizes. I think it was a success," Schlipp said.

Prizes were donated by V 1 0 0 , Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Wright Stop, and the Army Recruiters.

Twelve teams gathered to compete on the first day of autumn, September 23, in the cold, breezy weather. The tournament was double elimination, which meant that every team was guaranteed two games. The team fee was \$20, and five or six players were required.

"I think the team that I

played on did good. We worked together, but the main thing was that we had a lot of fun playing. We didn't really care how we placed, we were just there to

help make a better yearbook," said junior Molly Nienhaus.

Alumni, who came together to form a team for the tour-

namment, faced the faculty team. One of the players, Dominic DiFatta, attempted to spike the ball, but failed as faculty member Clay Zigler blocked it. Tad Savage, captain of the faculty team, couldn't believe Zigler could make the play.

"I never realized Mr. Zigler could soar as high as Michael Jordan, I was in awe," Sav-

age said.

The tournament concluded *October 5, to make it a two day event. Shawn Wilding, junior, was the captain of the team who won it all.

"It was fun. We were outnumbered when we played, and with four guys covering that space, it was pretty hard," Wilding said.

Although the yearbook staff had a hard time arranging the tournament, it was a success.

"The yearbook staff needed to come up with ways to raise money, and the sand volleyball tournament was the first activity we sponsored. The purpose for organizing the activity was to raise money so that we could increase the number of pages in this year's yearbook," said Clay Zigler, yearbook adviser.

"I never realized Mr. Zigler could soar as high as Michael Jordan,"

Tad Savage



Tina Hunt

Senior Nichole Owens returns a volley in an attempt to come from behind as her teammates look on.

Mark Blackmore, a member of the faculty team, makes the dive to save the game as Mark Taylor looks on. The faculty team placed third in the tournament.





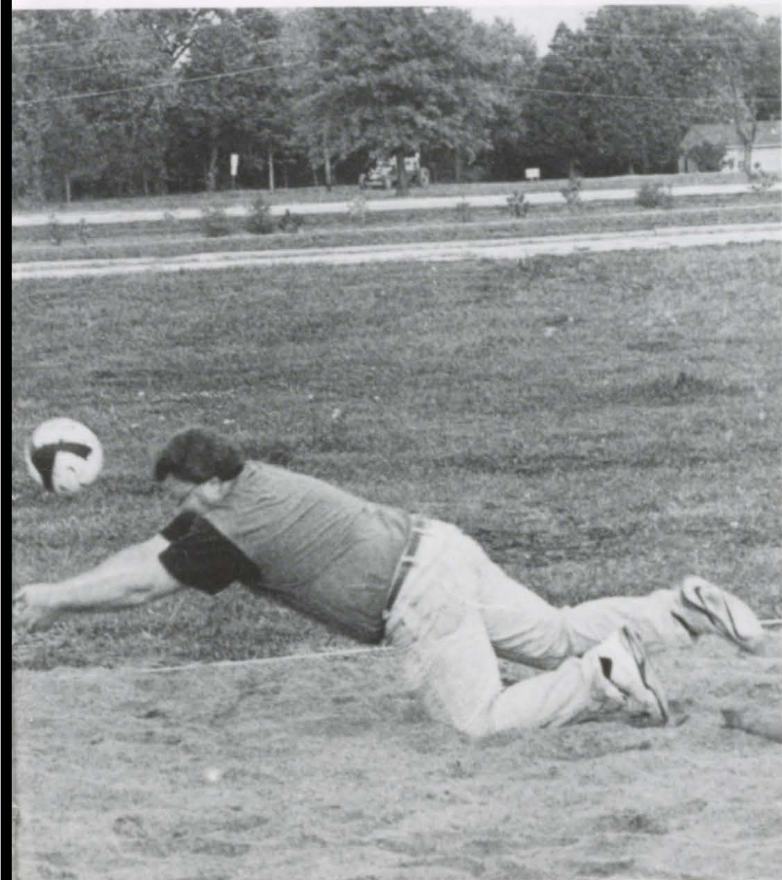
Adam Borreso

Matt Stout, junior, watches junior Lance Krueger put the ball over the net. This was one of the plays that helped the team win the championship.

Mike Ruppert, senior, keeps the game going as he sets up the ball for his teammates to send over the net.



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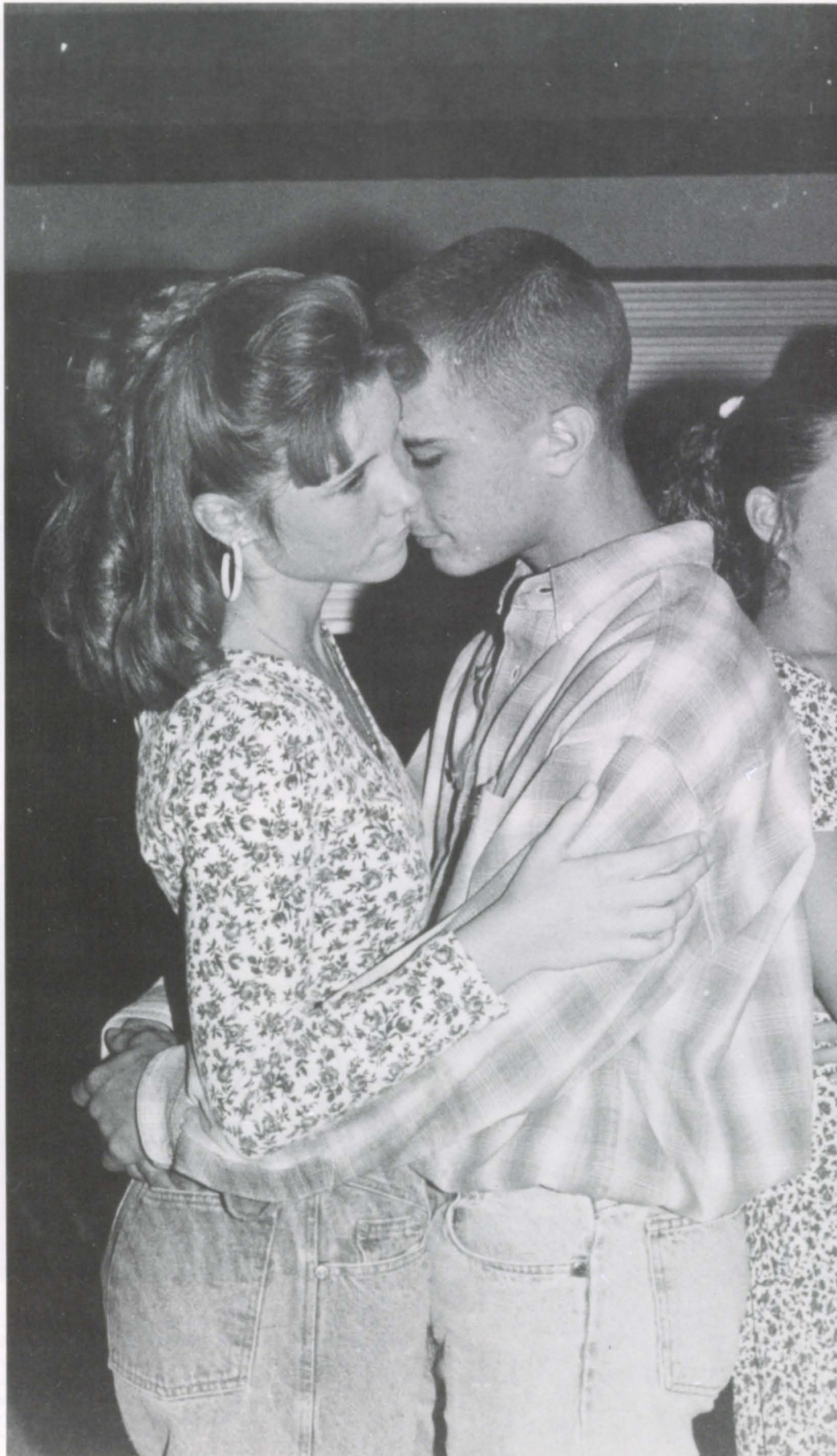
Champions of the first annual sand volleyball tournament showing off their first place trophy after winning, 15-11. Standing left to right are juniors Lance Krueger, Matt Stout, senior Mike Ruppert and junior Shawn Wilding.

7 Freshman Aimee Pettig and junior Keith Lucas slow dancing to "Wonderful Tonight".

9 Getting funky at the fall fest Dance is Christine Ramos. She was the senior Fall Fest candidate.



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First night of Autumn brings crowd to Fall Fest dance

By Nichole Owens

The first evening of Autumn... The lights are low, the music is loud, and students are dancing at the 1994 Fall Fest Dance. Over 120 students turned out to party with FFA and Student Council. FFA Sponsor, Dave Cook said, "It was enjoyable."

"Everyone there had a good time and it was a good turnout," Cook said

The dance was originally supposed to be outside in the parking lot, after the Sand Volleyball game, but due to the temperatures down in the 50s, the dance was moved into the cafeteria.

Music was provided by "All Around Sound." "They were great, we are going to try and get them

again for Homecoming," Janet Freeman said.

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David Cook
FFA sponsor

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The candidates this year were chosen by FFA. There were two candidates for each class, they collected money to determine the winner. The

proceeds went to FFA, and the door fee went to Student Council.

The winners were... the sophomores-Erin Gilmore and Robby Bote. Other candidates included: Stephanie Lawson and Paul Dutton, Jessica Lawson and Terry Roberts, Christine Ramos and David Mikus. The retiring Queen and King, Carrie McKee and Rodger Tucker, were also present.

Having the dance outside is going to be a goal for next years dance. "We are going to try again next year," Savage said. "But everything went well anyway. We could have taken the money at the door and let the students to themselves.



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Retiring Fall Fest Queen, senior Carrie McKee dutifully hands over the crown to sophomore Erin Gilmore. Remaining candidates stand back and watch, during the Fall Fest Dance, September 21.

Junior Terry Roberts takes a break between dances during the Fall Fest Dance. Roberts was junior Jessica Lawson's escort for the Fall Fest court.

Gals tackle gridiron in Powder Puff game

Seniors/Sophs team destroys Junior/Fresh squad 21-0 in blowout event

By Jamie Lowry

Hut! Hut! Hike! Those were the sounds that echoed across the field during the first annual Powder Puff football game. The game, sponsored by the yearbook staff, featured senior and sophomore girls against the juniors and freshmen. The seniors and sophomores, also known as the white team, coached by Clay Zigler, beat the juniors and freshmen, the blue team, coached by Tad Savage, with an outstanding score of 21-0. The game was very exciting from kick off to finish.

Seniors Amie Lowry, Shannon Skorcz, and

Robyn Cole each had a touchdown for the white. Cole put the first point on the board by tackling Kelly Polston in the end zone for a two point safety.

"My strategy was to stay away from the defensive players and run where they weren't," Cole said.

The best opportunity for the blue team to score was when quarterback Kelly Polston ran with the

ball and then passed to Jill Yager, who was wide open.

Yager made the reception and went in the end zone only to have it called back because Polston passed in front of the line of

scrimmage. The white team ran some well thought-out plays, including the double reverse, half-back option, and quarterback sneak. Quarterback Amy Lehmann said of all the plays she called, the double reverse

was her favorite.

"The double reverse was the best play we practiced. We gained the most yardage from that play and helped us to make a touchdown," Lehmann said. The blue team also had their fair share of plays which were made up of hail mary, flea flicker, and naked boot leg. Both teams were prepared for an honest to goodness grudge match. They had a week to practice before the game. The blue team's game plan was to try their hardest and try not to make too many mistakes. "The game was fun and good for our function and I would like to have another one next year," Polston said.

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Amy Lehmann

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Katie Thorpe



Dave Gerland

Going deep. Senior Amy Lehmann gets off a long pass late in the game as defenders, junior Jill Yager and freshman Tonya Sydnor, move in. Lehmann's pass was complete for a first down.

Senior Robyn Cole kicks off after the white team's second touchdown had been scored. Sophomore Tiffany Helling holds as teammate Trish Skorcz takes off.



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Running back, senior Amie Lowry avoids being tackled by junior Jill Yager as she streaks towards the endzone for a touchdown. Senior quarterback Amy Lehmann looks on.

Center, senior Leah Groeper hikes the ball to senior quarterback Amy Lehmann as team members get in blocking positions.



Dave Gerland



Dave Gerland

Seniors Mike Cramberg and Kristie Carner take their place as the first Powder Puff King and Queen at the 1st annual Powder Puff Football game. Remaining candidates were freshmen Earl Samson and Aimee Pettig, sophomores Adam Meyer and Teri Boschert, and juniors Terry Roberts and Katie Thorpe.

Homecoming event draws large crowd

Amie Lowry crowned '94 Queen; Terry Roberts named King

By Angela Balkenbusch

It's that time of year again! Excitement and nervousness fills the gym as everyone waits for Student Council vice-president Jamie Lowry to announce the new Homecoming king and queen. "The 1994 Homecoming king and queen are Terry Roberts and Amie Lowry!" The crowd goes wild as the new king takes his queen by the arm and presents her to the audience. Retiring king, Mike Schlipp, and queen Angela Balkenbusch, dutifully crown Roberts and Lowry.

The annual Homecoming festival took place Friday, December 10. A large crowd shuffled into the gym to watch both the girls and boys basketball

teams beat the Alumni (as usual). Between the boys game and the girls game, the 1994 Homecoming court walked down the middle of the basketball court to take their places for the king and queen announcement. Freshmen candidates Aimee Pettig and Landon Bond were first. Following were the sophomore candidates, Robby Bote and Christine Kurtzborn. Upperclassmen took their

places, starting with juniors Becky Cate and Terry Roberts, Shawna Morie and A.J. Girondo, then seniors Amie Lowry and Yancey Burgess,

Amanda Ellis and Adam Borrego. Following the candidates were crown bearers Cara Groeper and Greg Penrod, then retiring king and queen, Mike Schlipp and Angela Balkenbusch.

After Balkenbusch crowned

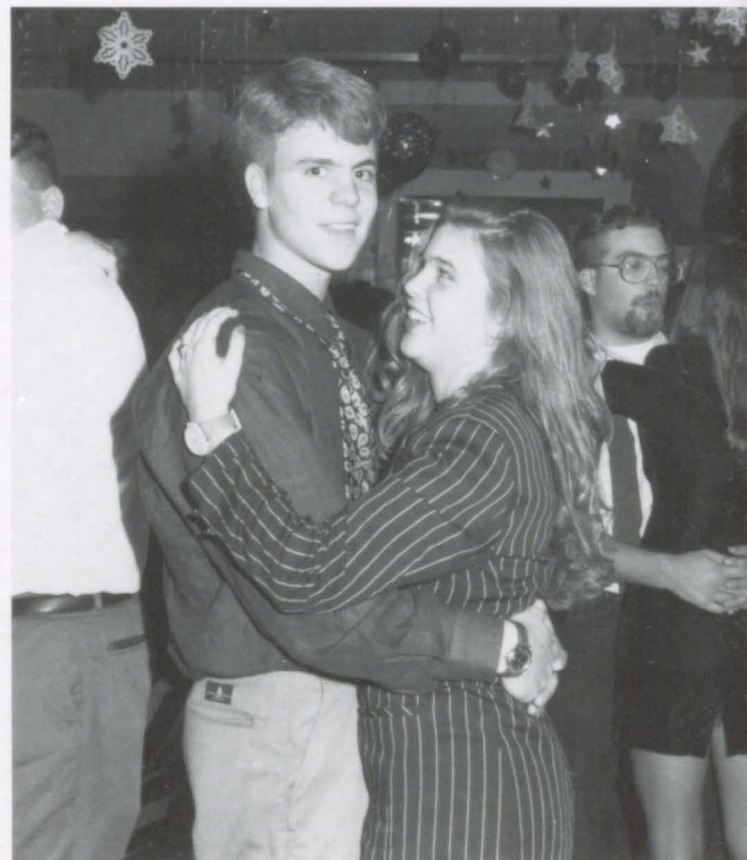
Lowry as the 1994 queen, applause filled the auditorium. "I was very happy to win it because I've always wanted to be Homecoming queen. I'm also glad I won it my senior year," said Lowry. Roberts comments, "I was proud, yet surprised to be crowned king."

After the basketball games were over, a dance was held in the cafeteria for students and their dates. C&C All Around Sound provided the music and there were people everywhere dancing, mingling, and having fun. "Overall I had a great time. I was very pleased to hand my position over to Amie. She deserved it," said Balkenbusch.

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Amie Lowry

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Students vote during school who they want to represent their class. The people above were the chosen candidates for this year's annual Homecoming.

Retiring Queen, Angela Balkenbusch dancing with date Yancey Burgess who was one of the candidates for Homecoming King.



After dancing with Amie Lowry, Queen, Terry Roberts was finally able to dance with his girlfriend Kristie Carner to a slow song.

Monique Larocque, Beth Blanton, Eileen Bittle, and Terry Roberts doing the *Electric Slide*.



Junior Terry Roberts and senior Amie Lowry were crowned King and Queen between the girls and guys Alumni game.

Spirit week a success despite changes

By Nichole Owens

"We will, we will rock you, stomp you, pick you up and drop you!" These words echo throughout the gymnasium, pumping up the students. The team runs up and down the court, the crowd gets restless, the band prepares to play. All this and more describes the feeling of Spirit Week.

The festivities lasted the week of December 13, following Homecoming which was held December 10. Hall decorations, games, a pep rally, and a food drive were just part of the activities. The pep rally is a favorite of many of the students. "I thought that the pep assembly got everybody really excited. It got me and my friends school spirit up and

going," junior Jason Abramovitz said.

Many changes took place this year when it came to tradition. In the years past, the excitement was always targeted toward the Homecoming game at the conclusion of Spirit week. This year the festivities were centered on games against Montgomery and St. Francis Borgia. Reactions toward this change were mixed. "I think it was unorganized. It should have been targeted toward more than two games," said sophomore Wendy Adams.

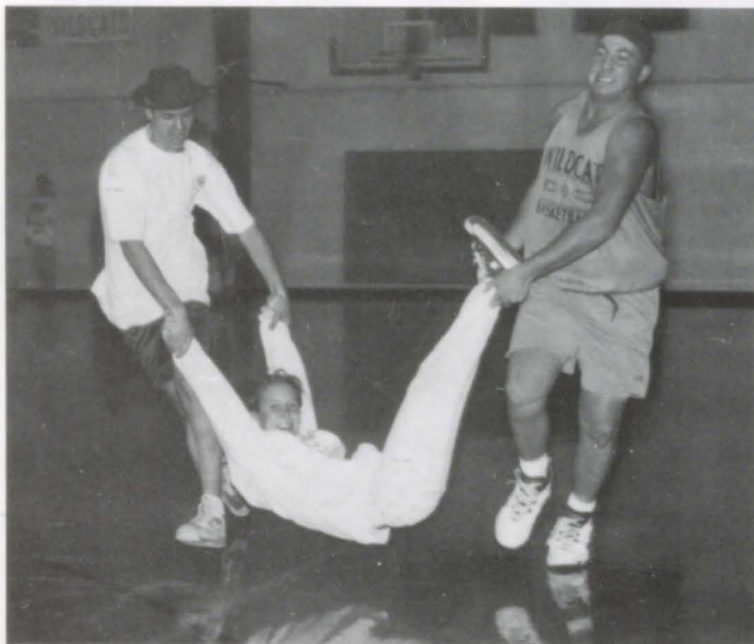
Another change was in that of the canned food drive sponsored by NHS. In previous years, the classes competed to bring in the most food. This year the rivalry was taken out, and school spirit and good will

were relied on to bring in the goods. NHS sponsor Diane Ward had mixed feelings on this adjustment. "It was hard to get the kids to bring in as many canned goods now that we don't put competition in the drive. On the other hand, I like the fact that it breaks down the hard core class rivalry," Ward said.

"I thought the games were fun, and for the most part spirit week was fun," said sophomore Lesley Held.

Although many changes were made, spirit week was considered an enjoyable experience by many.

"I think a week was better because last year, when it was a month long, it seemed too drawn out," said sophomore Teri Boschert.



Chrissy Lemon

Seniors Kenny Kohr, Amie Lowry, and David Mikus participating in the dead man carry. The senior class won this event.

Junior Stacey Taylor showing her spirit at the pep rally. Taylor was part of the cheerleading squad.



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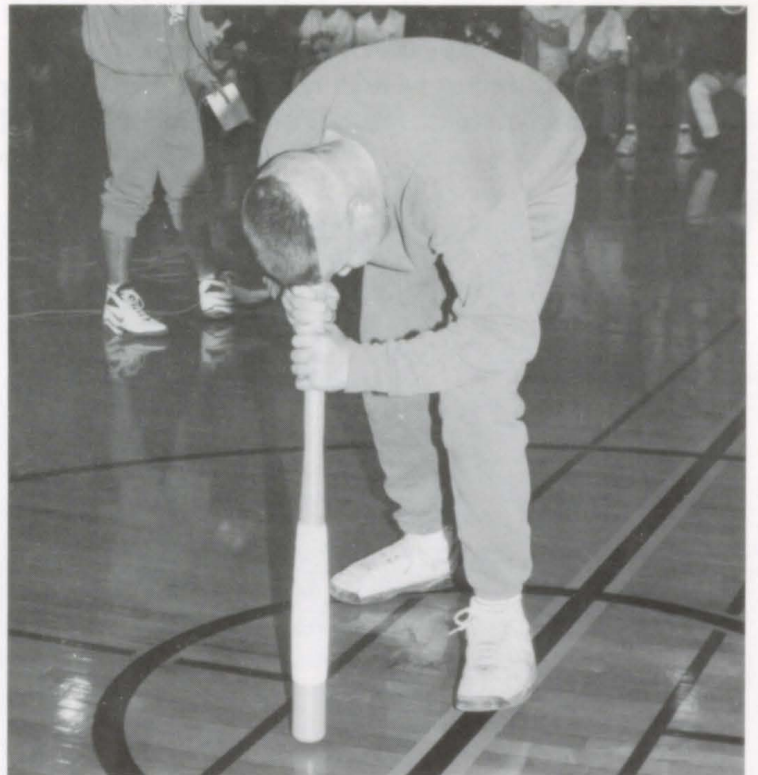


Freshman Amy Rook and class sponsor Tad Savage stretching their lung capacity for the decorations on the freshman hall.

Seniors Mike Cramberg and Amy DiFatta after winning the Cherry in the Pie event. The duo has won this event for the past four years.



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Freshman Adam Williams showing his school spirit by participating in an event during the spirit assembly.

Chrissy Lemon

Dance, dance, dance!

Music, song makes for good times

By Nichole Owens

Love and luck. These are two things that everyone wants, and few people get. Two dances this year may have helped someone in these areas. The Sweetheart dance, held on February 24, was sponsored by the sophomore class. In honor of Valentines Day, this dance was enjoyed by sophomores Joey Maestas and Amy Tinsley. "That was the first dance we ever went to as a couple," Amy said. "We had a fun time. Of course, he was acting like an idiot, showing his own style of dancing."

"I think it is very neat that we have so many diversified dances," thought sophomore Lesley Held. "Especially the sweetheart dance because it improves the loving spirit of Valentines Day," agreed junior Amber Borrego.

The candidates for the Sweetheart king and queen competed by carrying cans around for money. The winners, senior Leah Groeper and junior Matt Cramberg raised over \$150. A new addition to the royal court were Princess Aimee Pettig and Prince Adam Borrego.

This dance has been a tradition in the school for many years. It started out as a way for the sophomore class to raise money for prom, and has evolved into an evening that many have enjoyed. Another enjoyable dance held this year was the First Annual St. Patricks Day Dance. This dance was held by Future Homemakers of America, March 17. "It was kind of exciting to be queen because that showed me that I was accepted here, and also because in Columbia we watch a lot of movies about the United States, and their dances. I never thought I would bcome a queen," said senior foreign exchange student Jackie Andon. The St. Patricks Dance King was senior Mike Cramberg.

Senior George Adams thought the dance was a success. "Everyone seemed to have a good time. They all seemed shiny and happy," he said when asked what he thought about the dance.

This dance raised much needed money for FHA. The "Luck o' the Irish" must have been with them.

Seniors Jackie Andon and Mike Cramberg after winning the title of King and Queen of the St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 17.



David Gerland



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Chrissy Lemon

Senior Adam Borrego, junior Matt Cramberg, and senior George Adams at the St. Patrick's Day Dance.

Junior Matt Cramberg and senior Leah Groeper swaying to the music as the new Sweetheart Dance King and Queen.

Project Graduation holds Bar-B-Que

By Nichole Owens

Project Graduation

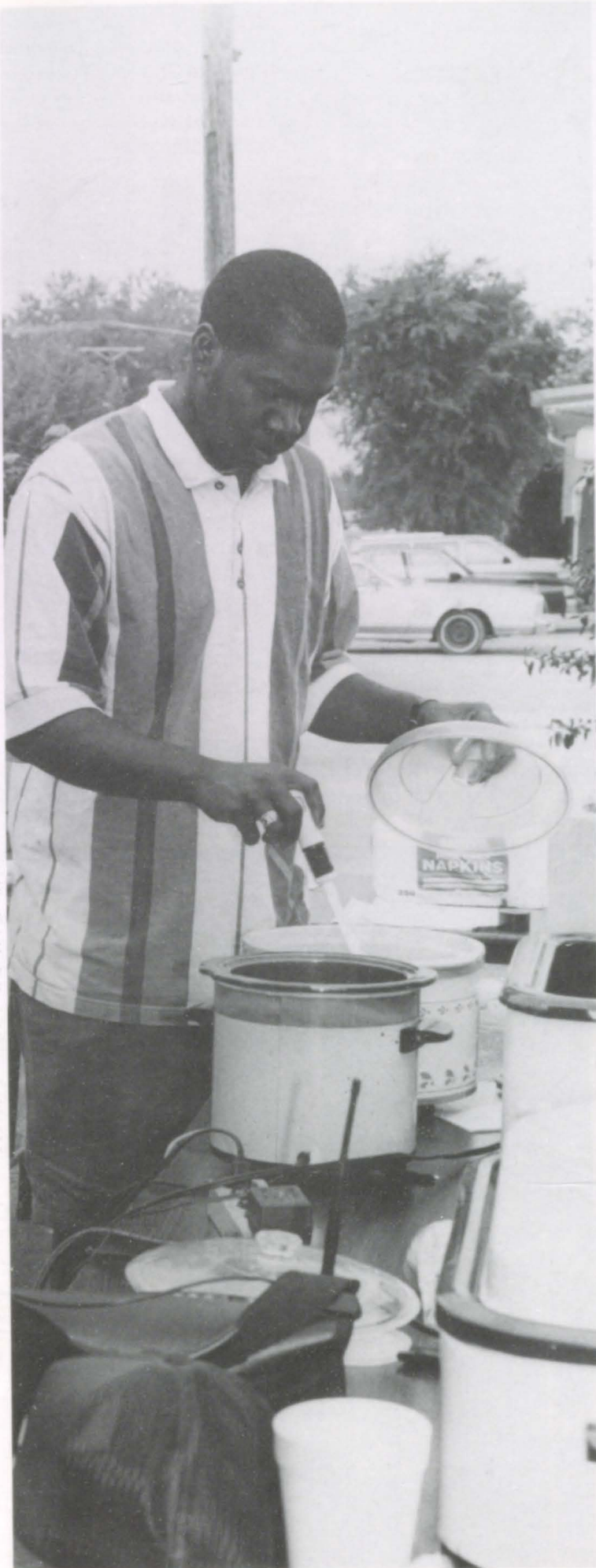
All work and no play... that was the feeling of the students on the Project committee trying to raise money for the after-graduation celebration. The committee had many fundraisers, including booths at the Strassenbash, a car wash, and a barbeque at the four-way. The barbeque, held on May 5, was the main moneymaker for the year.

Starting work at seven thirty in the morning, the volunteers set up the barbeque, ran errands, and took orders from the nearby factories. An unexpected rush at eleven o'clock left the workers in a bind. "I never thought that we would be so busy. We should make a lot of

money though," said senior class president Kristie Carner.

Several seniors volunteered to work the barbeque. Different shifts were worked, lasting all the way up till 7:00. The car wash was held the same day, after school let out at three o'clock. There were two teams, boys against girls. The teams competed for who washed the most cars the fastest.

All this work did lead up to play. On May 28, Project Graduation was held at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. This years seniors worked extra hard to rent out the more luxurious Rec-Plex vs. the YMCA, which was normally used. As a fairwell, the seniors of '95' decided to go out in style.



Katie Thorpe

Senior Kerry Mozee preparing the food for the Bar-B-Que in the morning of May 12. The event was held to raise money for Project Graduation.

Senior Nichole Owens cutting an onion at the Bar-B-Que, May 12.

Concert promotes drug awareness

By Nichole Owens

Drugs and Rock-n-Roll. How many times have you heard these two words associated with each other? Addison Steel, former back-up singer for such acts as Elton John and Three Dog Night, took a different twist on these words and came up with a Rock-n-Roll Drug Awareness program.

Addison Steel and his partner Bill Bruce, guitarist for singer Ozzy Osbourne, played a medley of songs including "Come as you are" by Nirvana, "Chattahoochie" by Alan Jackson, as well as the theme to "The Beverley Hillbillies" in which seniors Mike Schlipp played keyboards and Yancey Burgess played drums. They also performed "Enter Sandman" by Metallica, in which seniors

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"I thought it would be fun to get down there in front of everyone,"

Kristie Carner

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and junior Terry Roberts helped sing.

"I thought it would be fun to get down there in front of everyone and do that, but when I got down there I got nervous and forgot the words. It was still fun. Metallica Rules!" said Kristie Carner when asked about her experience.

The two musicians tour over 100 schools every year in the United States promoting drug awareness and prevention. Touring eight to nine months out of the year, they began with the help of the D.A.R.E. program and their record company.

"A lot of teenagers tell me that they do drugs because there is nothing else to do," Steel said. That helped give them the idea to use the money they raise to sponsor drug free activities for teenagers. The effort has raised over \$200,000 which goes toward the activities as well as other programs to prevent drug usage.

"I don't feel we're fighting a losing battle, and I know that the war isn't over," Steel said.



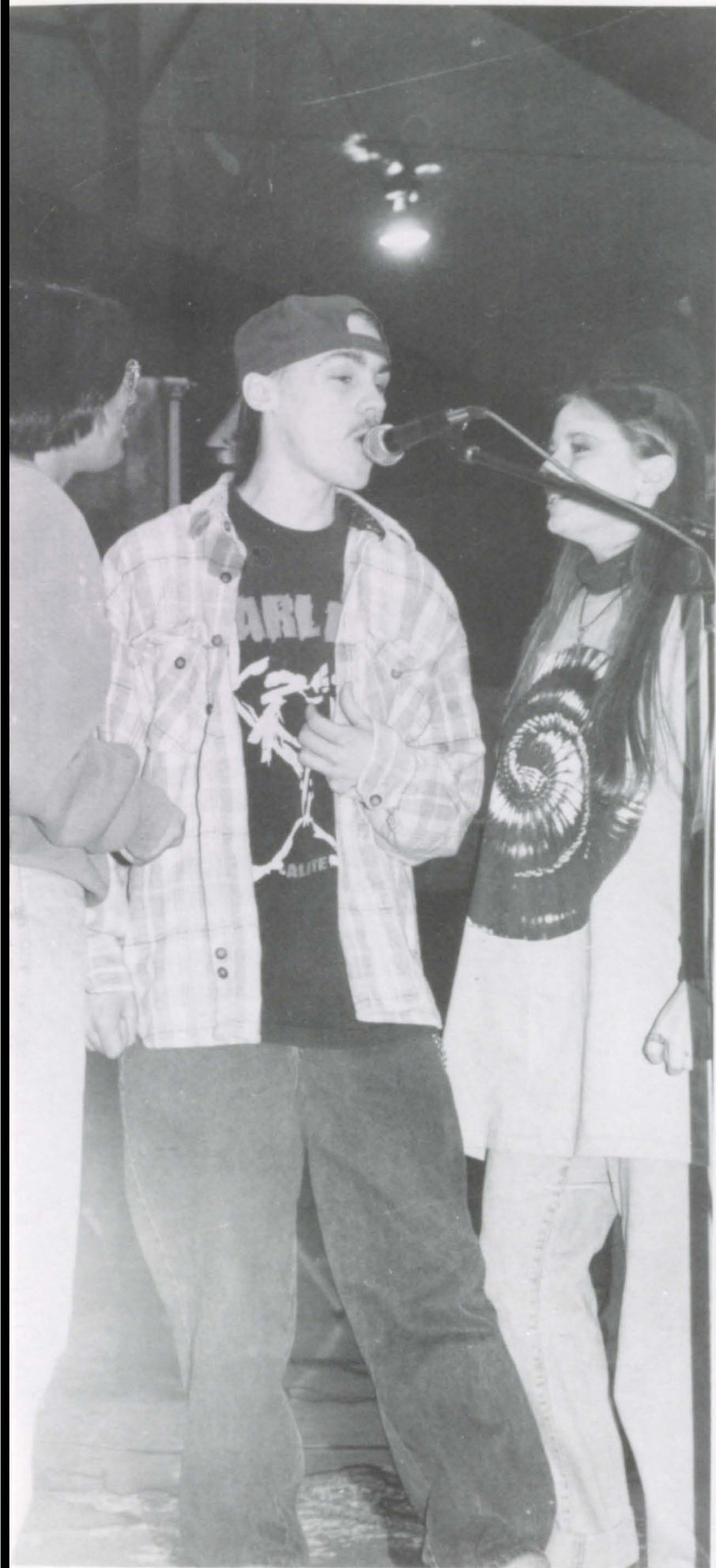
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Senior Yancey Burgess jams with Addison Steel on the drums. Steel put on a drug awareness concert Feb. 16.

Bill Bruce, guitarist, plays a solo in front of the student body. Bruce recorded hits with big name artists Ozzy Osbourne and Lita Ford.



Junior Terry Roberts singing "Enter Sandman" by Metallica along with seniors Kristie Carner and Christine Ramos.

Students and Mrs. Freeman participating in the wave during the drug awareness concert.



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Senior Mike Schlipp playing the keyboard. Schlipp was part of the Wright City tour.

Students share unusual hobbies

By Teri Boschert

Hobbies come in a wide range of varieties. From stamp collecting to bungee jumping, the possibilities never end. Almost everyone has something they enjoy doing and could be called a hobby. WCHS students are not an exception.

Freshman Adam Williams collects knives, and has been since he was eight years old. His collection consists of 132 knives total. "I collect pocket knives, charade, case, buck, barlow and keen

cutters," he said. "I do it because my grandpa did."

Sophomore Jeremy Jaspering collects tractors. He has eight tractors, and of those, five work. He's been collecting them since he was six years old and says he does it for fun.

Junior Kelley Winfrey says she collects Mc

Donalds paraphernalia. She started her collection

when she started working at Wentzville Mc Donalds in April of 1994, and it consists of name tags, uniforms, hats, Ronald Mc Donald rings and cups. "I hate the place, so I like stealing stuff from them," she said. Senior Kristie Carner

collects four different series of comic books. They are "Books of Magic," "Vamps," "Faust," and her favorite, "Sandman." "They're cool and interesting. The artwork is intense and some of the stories are kind of real," she said.

Hobbies aren't always just collections. They can be physical activities too but no matter what a person's hobby is, it is a very important part of his or her life.

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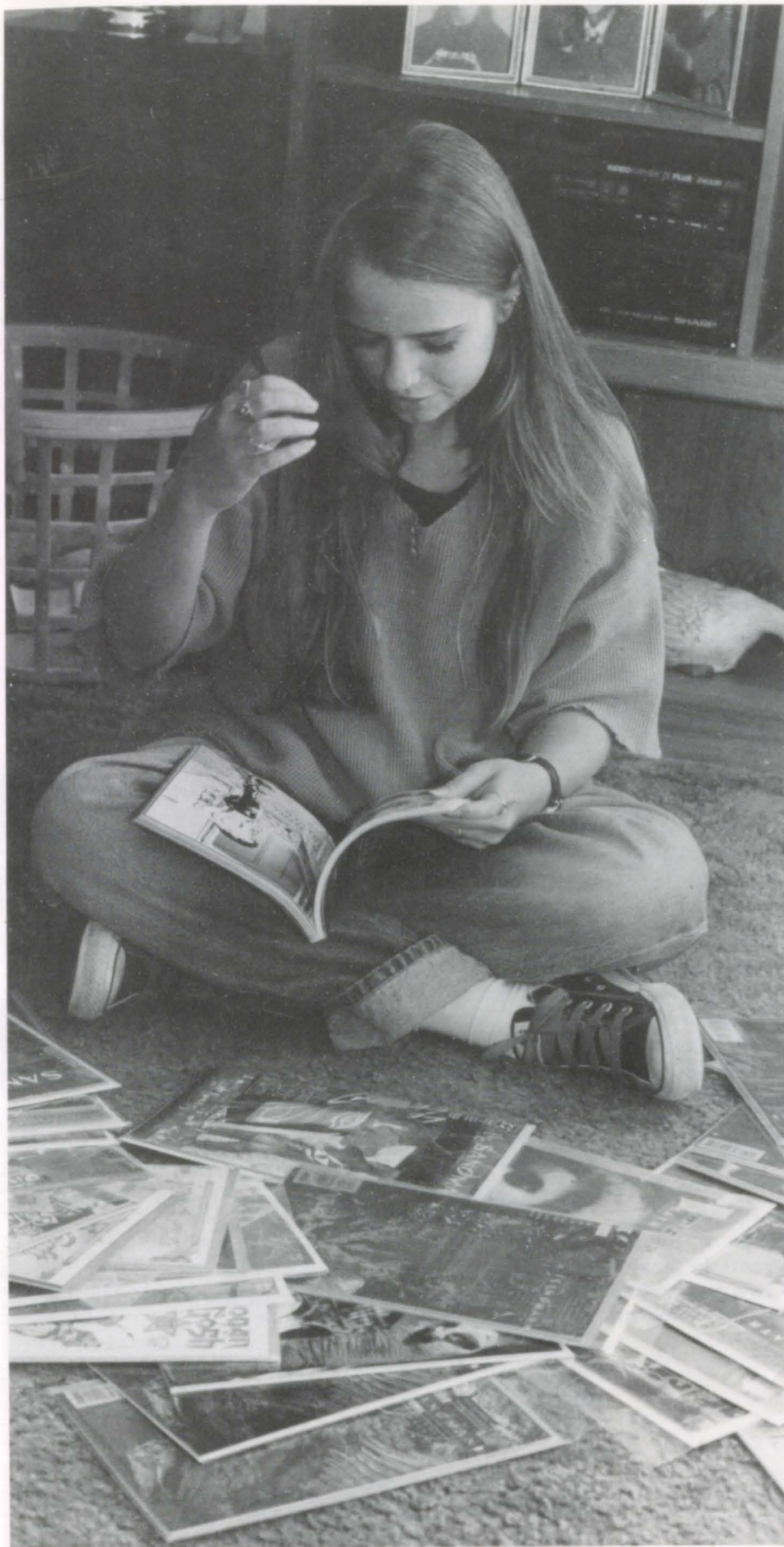
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Junior Kelly Winfrey is showing her collection of McDonald's toys in the High School parking lot.

Freshman Adam Williams displaying his knife collection, which consist of over a hundred knives. Williams favorite knife is one he got in Silver Dollar City.



Chrissy Lemon



Senior Kristie Carner reading a "Sandman" comic book. Carner's favorite character is *Death*.



Adam Borrego

Sophomore Jeremy Jaspering collects John Deere tractors as a hobby. Jaspering personally likes the older models better.

Katie Thorpe

A year to remember

Foreign exchange student learns American lifestyles

By Teri Boschert

A Colombian foreign exchange student, Jackeline Andon, 17, is attending school for the 1994-95 school year. She is staying with Kay and Larry Janish.

Andon arrived in the United States August 23 and she will be going back to Colombia June 7.

"I like it here. There are a lot of organizations.

People here are more independent and school is easier. The tests are very easy," Andon said.

Andon said she is adjusting to America just fine. "My host family is helping me a lot. Some friends are helping, and the teachers are being nice," she said. Although she says she is adjusting fine, that doesn't mean she doesn't miss her

friends and family back in Colombia.

Andon said she sometimes looks forward to going back to Colombia. She wants to see how things have changed since she's been gone, and she feels her friends will appreciate her more.

"It's good to be separated from people you know because they will appreciate me more and

I will appreciate them more," she said.

When she returns to Colombia, Andon will have many things to share with her friends and family, and many memories of the United States. "It's been a dream of mine since I was little to graduate in the United States," she said.

"And I like to show to myself that I can do it."



Senior foreign exchange student Jackie Andon with Chrissy Lemon, Nichole Owens and Chuckie Cheese at Chuckie Cheese's March 20, for Andon's 18th birthday.

During the Spanish Club ski trip March 19 Jackie Andon attempts to master the slopes. This was the first time Andon was ever on skis.



FFA members participate in Barnyard Day

By Wendy Helling

Old Mac Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O... Friday May 19, 10 FFA members participated in the FFA Barnyard Day at the elementary school. There was a large variety of animals on display for the students. Among those were sheep, lambs, chickens, ducks with duck-

lings, pigs, cattle, a rabbit and a pony. Children ranging in grades from kindergarten to fifth grade saw the animals one class at a time.

"The little kids were really interested. We held some of the smaller animals for them so they could pet them. We had

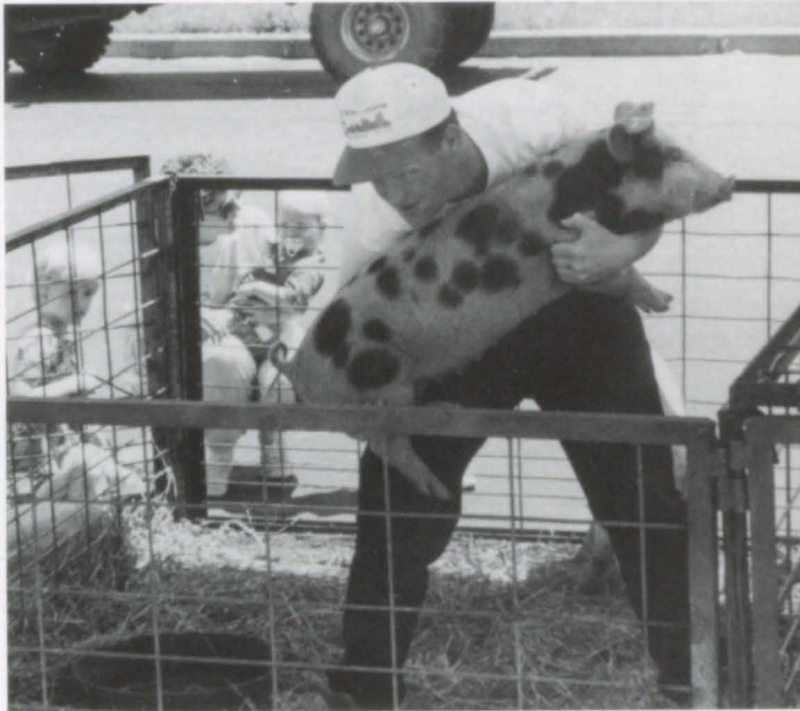
a good turnout," said senior Carrie McKee.

Around noon, some of the FFA members had to construct a shaded area out of tarps to keep the animals out of the sun and to protect them from overheating.

There was a bit of excitement for the FFA

members, especially for sophomore Erin Gilmore who had to chase one of the animals across a muddy field.

Overall, everything went well for both the FFA members and the elementary students. Both groups look forward to next year's event.



Adam Borrego

Junior Matt Hepperman holding a calf for elementary students during Barnyard Day.

Sophomore Jeremy Jaspering holding a pig for the elementary students to pet.

Play ball

Students discover ways to stay active

By Craig Brunson

Wright City offers few sports compared to many other high schools. As a result many students start teams or join leagues outside school.

Senior Mike Schlipp joined a bowling league early this year said that it was his way passing time and relieving stress.

"Tuesday is my stress break durring the week, and bowling is something I enjoy doing." Schlipp said. Sports outside school help students to get rid of

anxieties and stress from school work.

Some students start playing sports from being exposed to a sport for a long period of time. For example Yancy Burgess, a senior who plays golf off and on, is currently employed at Innsbrook Estates and learned to play from other employees.

"Working at Innsbrook for three years and being around a golf course tends to be addictive, I like golf because you never really compete against another person you compete against the course," Burgess said.

Senior George Adams, a loyal ping pong player,

likes to challenge his employers and friends at Innsbrook during his breaks. Adams would also like to learn how to scuba dive when he gets the chance.

"I enjoy playing all sports as long as they aren't overly competitive. They are a good way to kill time and relieve stress," Adams said.

There are many places you would find the students playing sports. Some of them are Blue Bird Lanes, Innsbrook Golf Course, and Skatebarn.

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Jamie Lowry

Whenever he has extra time on his hands senior George Adams gets involved with a game of ping pong.

Freshman Kevin Mitchell participating in the Hockey Tournament held in the upper level of the gym, March 7.



Jackie Andon



Using a wedge to get out of a sand trap May 5 at Innsbrook Estates, senior Yancey Burgess spends most of his free time on the golf course.



Angie Balkenbusch

7o escape from schoolwork and find a way of relaxing, senior Mike Schlipp bowls every Tuesday on a bowling league in Warrenton.

Adam Borrego

Journalism students bring home the gold

By Nichole Owens

And the envelope please... Although its not the Oscars, the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) Awards make many students hold their breath. These awards go to the top high school journalists across the state.

Held on April 18, at the University of Missouri-Columbia, the 26th Annual MIPA Awards was attended by over 400 students from across Missouri. The Journalism staff won many awards, including the rating of

"Superior" to the Informer. This award is the second highest, after "All-Missouri."

Both the newspaper staff and the yearbook staff competed for awards. In newspaper, Sophomore Teri Boschert took three first place awards. A second place award was won by Kristie Carrner, and third place awards were won by Yancey Burgess and by Jeremy Johnson, Christine Kurtzborn, Tiffany Helling, Lesley Held, Teri Boschert, and Sarah North for their In-Depth

article. The article written by Adam Borrego, Yancey Burgess, Tiffany Helling, Wendy Helling, and Erin Gilmore won an Honorable Mention.

Teri Boschert also took a first place in the yearbook competition. Second place awards were taken by Jamie Lowry, Nichole Owens and collectively by Chrissy Lemon, Jackie Andon, and Mike Schlipp for their yearbook cover design. Thirds were taken by Jamie Lowry for her story on the softball state championship, as well as by Katie

Thorpe and Tina Hunt for their sand volleyball story, and for the softball layout by Dave Gerland, Jamie Lowry and Katie Thorpe. Two Honorable Mentions were also won, one by Nichole Owens and one by Wendy Helling.

The day came to an end as the triumphant group boarded the bus to return to Wright City. After a satisfying stop at McDonalds and Taco Bell, the two classes, Yearbook and Newspaper, settled back and returned to school.



Student journalists at MIPA Awards, April 18. Erin Gilmore, Nichole Owens, Sara North, Tonya Sydnor, Katie Filson, Aimey Paul, Tina Hunt, Teri Boschert, Lesley Held, Mike Schlipp, Yancey Burgess Tiffany Helling, Jeremy Johnson, Josh Rittinger, Wendy Helling, Chrissy Lemon, Jamie Lowry, Dave Gerland, Mike Brunson, Kati Boyd, Angie Balkenbusch, Clay Zigler, Lance Krueger, Adam Borrego, and Craig Brunson.

Sophomore Tiffany Helling, senior Yancey Burgess, and junior Lance Krueger being congratulated by a MIPA official during Awards Day.



Katie Thorpe

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Students receive local scholarships

By *Chrissy Lemon*

"I want money, lots and lots of money," that's the feeling from most of the seniors during Awards Night. College costs a lot of money, so students try for such things as scholarships, grants and student loans. Twenty-nine local businesses gave scholarships to graduating seniors. Jamie Ostmann received Blue Choice Scholarship, Jamie Lowry Burke's Cabinet/Niemann Tax Service, Karey Gilmore Chad Jones Memorial Scholarship, Kristie Carner Charleswood Corporation, Jamie Ostmann Educational Employees Credit Union, Jamie Ostmann GTE College Scholarship Program, David Mikus Golden Travel, Shannon Skorcz Heel Rite Corporation, Mike Cramberg Innsbrook Corporation, Carrie McKee MFA Foundation Scholarship, Jaime Ostmann and David Gerland Mercan-

tile Bank of East Central Missouri, Kristie Carner Missouri Independent Bankers Association, Mike Cramberg Missouri School Boards Association, David Mikus Pualdingville Masonic Lodge #11, Kristie Carner Corwin S. Ruge Memorial Scholarship, Nichole Owens Schowengerdt Family Scholarship, Scott Overlander Shield of Shelter Insurance company, Adam Borrego Smith and Davis Manufacturing, Leah Groeper W.C. Alumni Association, Jaime Ostmann W.C. Chamber of Commerce, Chrissy Lemon W.C. Education Association, David Mikus and Paul Meyer W.C. FFA Alumni, Mike Cramberg, Robyn Cole, and Wendy Helling W.C.H.S.-Class of 1995, Jaime Ostmann W.C.H.S. NHS, Jaime Ostmann and Yancey Burgess W.C.H.S. Stu-Co., David

Mikus W.C. Lions Club, Chrissy Lemon W.C. PTO, Robyn Cole W.C. Volunteer Fire Department, and David Gerland Garnet Zuhone Memorial Scholarship.

Students also received scholarships from colleges for their academics achievements and talents. Mike Cramberg received a Pre-Med Department Scholarship and a talent scholarship in music at Central Methodist. Jason King received an athletic scholarship for soccer at Central Methodist. Leah Groeper received a President's Scholarship and a talent scholarship in art at Central Missouri State. Chrissy Lemon received a Regents Scholarship at Central Missouri. Crystal Simpson received a high school recognition award for Central State. David Gerland received the Presidents Scholarship at East Central College. Mike Ruppert received an athletic

scholarship for basketball at Missouri Valley. Amie Lowry received an athletic scholarship for softball. Mike Schlipp and Yancey Burgess both received a talent scholarship in music at Missouri Western State College. Scott Overlander received the Board of Governors Scholarship at Northeast Missouri. Robyn Cole received an athletic scholarship in softball at Pasco-Hernando. Kristie Carner received the Missouri leadership award at Southeast Missouri. Jamie Lowry received an athletic scholarship in softball at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Nichole Owens received the Curators Scholarship at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Jaime Ostmann received an athletic scholarship for softball at the University of Missouri-Rolla. Adam Borrego received the United States Military Academy Scholarship at West Point.



Chrissy Lemon



Clay Zigler

Senior Mike Schlipp receives the John Phillip Sousa Award for his music talent. Band Director Mark Blackmore presents the award to Schlipp.

Kristie Carner, Robyn Cole, Chrissy Lemon, Jamie Lowry, Nichole Owens, Karey Gilmore, Carrie McKee, Shannon Skorcz, Jaime Ostmann, Mike Schlipp, Mike Cramberg, Scott Overlander, David Gerland, Adam Borrego, Yancey Burgess, David Mikus, and Leah Groeper.

Talent Show brings good reviews

By Teri Boschert

For the first time in many years a talent show was held at the high school. There were six acts and a first and second place award was given.

There were four singing acts. Junior Kerry Lewis sang "Wishing you were here" from Phantom of the Opera. Junior Alicia Dothage performed "Miss you Like Crazy." Junior Jenny Scoggin and her sister, sophomore Tara, sang "Oh my backseat" and acted like a couple of little kids fighting in the backseat of a car. Senior April Simms and sophomores Lisa Hopson and Zebrina Sharp performed "Living in Maine" by Acapello.

Seniors Mike Cramberg and Mike Schlipp, juniors Jason Abramovitz and Keith Lucas, and sophomore Tiffany Helling (The Brass Quintet) performed "Fair and Warmer."

Freshmen Nickie Browne and Anna Braun did a dance routine to "Hot Stepper." After Browne and Braun did their dance, senior Mike Schlipp and English and Drama teacher Eileen Bittle did a little dance of their own.

The winners of the talent show were the Brass Quintet, winning first place, and Simms, Hopson and Sharp winning second place.

"We didn't have enough time so we picked a song we knew," Hopson said. "I feel good about getting second place."

Sophomore Stacey Huskey was at the talent show and liked what she saw.

"There was a lot of talent involved," she said. "My favorite was Lisa, April and Zebrina. They have good voices and I liked the song they sang."



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Stacey Huskey



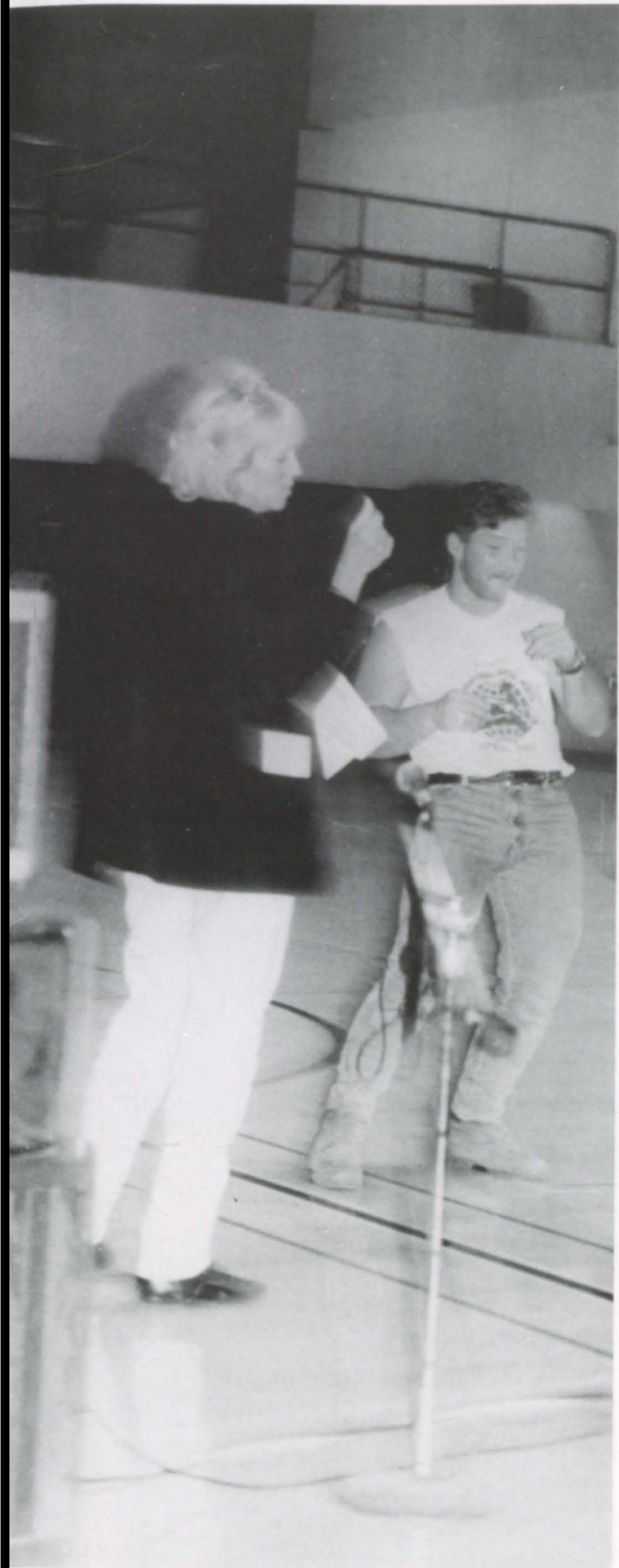
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Jason Abramovitz, Tiffany Helling, Mike Cramberg, Mike Schlipp, and Keith Lucas playing before the student body. The Brass Quintet won first place in the talent show.

Junior Kerry Lewis singing "Wishing You Were Here" from Phantom of the Opera, April 14.



Senior Mike Schlipp, sound engineer, dancing with teacher Eileen Bittle at the Talent Show, April 14.

Freshmen Anna Braun and Nikkie Browne doing a dance routine in the talent show.



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Trio Lisa Hopson, Zabrina Sharp, and April Simms singing "Living in Maine." The three placed second in the Talent Show.

Katie Thorpe

On Bended Knee

Borrego and Lowry named Prom King and Queen

By Wendy Helling and Nichole Owens

Prom. This word inspires different thoughts for everyone. Long dresses, romantic dinners, friends, as well as lots of money. This year's prom, held on May 6, was no exception. Many students came decked out in their finest to dance.

Although prom is the reason for all this excitement, the before and after was the most memorable for many people. Senior Angie Balkenbusch attended Dennis Clancey's wedding before prom and the reception afterwards.

"I was very rushed and it was really weird being dressed up in my prom dress at the reception. But, I got a lot of compliments!" Balkenbusch said.

Vicky Venneman, senior, went with her friends to the Howard Johnson after prom for

a party. "It was a lot better staying in the hotel after prom. That way we could do what we wanted and not worry about our parents," Venneman said.

During prom, the four

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"I felt as if I was an emperor, Julius Caesar even. My kingdom worshipped me."

Adam Borrego

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queen candidates and four king candidates walked through the coronation. The candidates were, seniors Angie Balkenbusch, Jamie Lowry, Jaime Ostmann, Shannon Skorcz, Adam Borrego, Seth

Boyd, Yancey Burgess, and Rodger Tucker. When the king, Adam Borrego and queen, Jamie Lowry were crowned, a cheer rose from the crowd.

When asked about how he felt when he was crowned, Borrego stated, "I felt as if I was an emperor, Julius Caesar even. My kingdom worshipped me." His more modest queen, Lowry, said that she was, "shocked but happy at the same time."

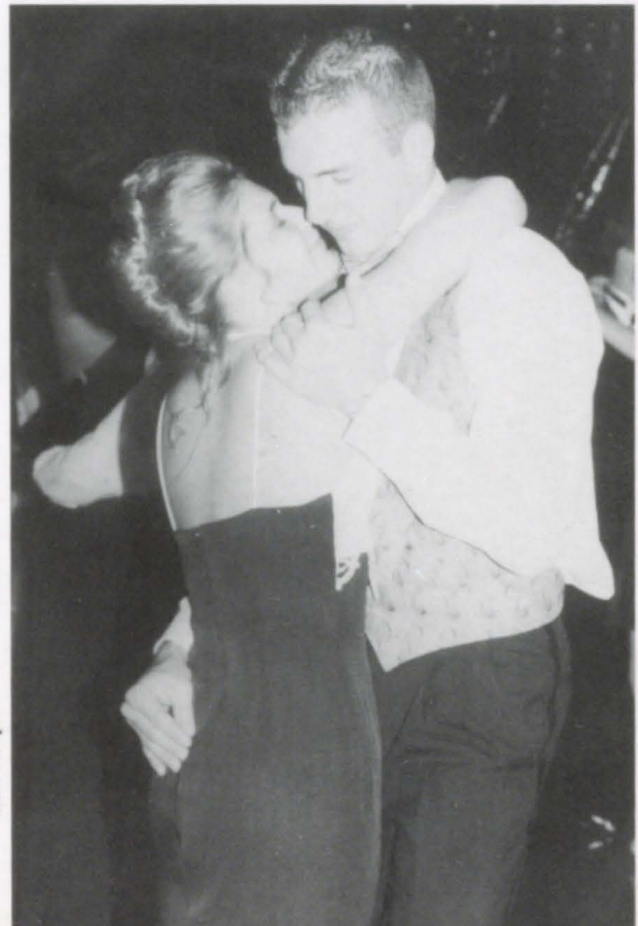
Neither king nor queen anticipated their victory. However Borrego felt it almost spiritually. "I felt as if God didn't bless me with his almighty power," he stated when asked why he didn't think he would win.

Although prom was filled with many surprises, many enjoyed the prom and look forward to it next year.



Members of the 1995 Prom Court shortly after Adam Borrego and Jamie Lowry were named Prom King and Queen.

Senior Carrie McKee dancing with 1994 graduate Andy Schaefer, May 6.



Katie Thorpe



Seniors Adam Borrego and Jamie Lowry gliding across the dance floor after becoming 1995 prom king and queen.

Junior Molly Nienhaus and date Jason Love swaying to the song "On Bended Knee" by Boyz II Men.



Katie Thorpe



Senior Chrissy Wells taking a break with her boyfriend between songs, May 6.





Teri Boschert

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Like you've never seen before

Seeing Double Vision

Over 64,000 blue jackets packed the halls in Kansas City as FFA members attended the 70th annual National Convention Oct. 21-24. The members laughed and talked as they walked through the halls. One had a feeling of **double vision**, of unity at the similarly dressed students.

Waiting patiently at parade rest, over 60 marching band members stood in silence waiting to begin the parade. The scrutiny of other schools watching didn't faze any of them, and if you glance at the band, you wonder if you have **double vision**. Holding a candle, each NHS member realizes their importance as the induction ceremony draws to a close. A feeling of **double vision**, or *deja vu*, takes over as the old members remember taking their vows just a short year earlier.

Members of the Marching Band performing "Bravio" during the Annual Strassenbash parade Sat. Sept. 17.

During an ice cream party sponsored by Stu-Co, junior Jason Abramovitz chows down on his share of the treat, Feb. 10.



Jamie Lowry



Janet Freeman

Student Council members cheer on a speaker at the St. Charles West Civic Center. 20 students from Wright City went to the Tri-County conference, Feb. 3.

Student Council helps with a number of groups

By Jamie Lowry

The 1994-95 Student Council started its first season activity off by sponsoring the 1994 annual Homecoming dance Dec. 9 in the cafeteria. Then the Student Council participated in the Tri-County Student Council convention at the St. Charles West Civics Center, where thousands of schools participate. Guidance Counselor and Stu-co rep Janet Freeman said,

"The more we participate with other schools the more we do. This years Student Council was great, their willing to work with each other."

The organization helped with the ice cream party for many students for their good behavior for the first semester. They donated the ice cream and soda for the students appetite.

The members also held a Senior Citizens Prom for the older people in their community April 20, in the cafeteria, and held this years Fall Fest dance with the help of the FFA club.



Student Council

(First row) Amie Lowry, A.J. Girondo, Jamie Lowry, Jaime Ostmann, Kristie Carner

(Second row) Tonya Sydnor, Christine Kurtzborn, Tiffany Helling, Trish Skorcz, Shannon Skorcz, Nichole Owens, Angie Balkenbusch

(Third row) Amy Lehmann, Adam Meyer, Aimee Pettig, Amy Rook, Janet Freeman, Tad Savage

(Fourth row) Nick Girondo, Lance Krueger, Keith Lucas, Terry Roberts, Mike Cramberg

NHS adds 11 new members

By Adam Borrego

The ranks of the National Honors Society are now 20. The 11 new members along with the 9 old members lit their candles with the eternal flame, October 25, indicating their membership in NHS. NHS is an organization which promotes academic excellence, good character, leadership, and service. In order to be considered for NHS, students must first have a GPA of 3.4 or greater. Then, teachers rate the candidates on things such as leadership, academics, and character. If the candidate qualifies, a panel of three teachers will review the candidates qualifications and decide whether or not the candidate will become a member. This year, the members will be participating in a can food drive, raising money for St. Judes childrens hospital, and the Senior Citizens Prom. NHS has also taken over Awards Night.



NHS

(First row) Chrissy Lemon, Nichole Owens, Jaime Ostmann, Mike Cramberg, Scott Overlander

(Second row) Amber Borrego, Adam Borrego, Leah Groeper, Carrie McKee, Shannon Skorcz, Kristie Carner, Diane Ward

(Third row) Adam Krenski, Angie D'Hanis, John Gripentrog, Kris Ault, Kerry Lewis

(Fourth row) Derek Lagemann, A.J. Girondo



Spectrum

(First row) Tiffany Helling, Kris Ault, Kerry Lewis, Jessica Key

(Second row) Tad Savage, Scott Overlander, Diane Ward

Present National Honors Society members gather to induct eleven new members to the group. The ceremony was held in the new band room at the high school, Oct. 25.



Tiffany Helling



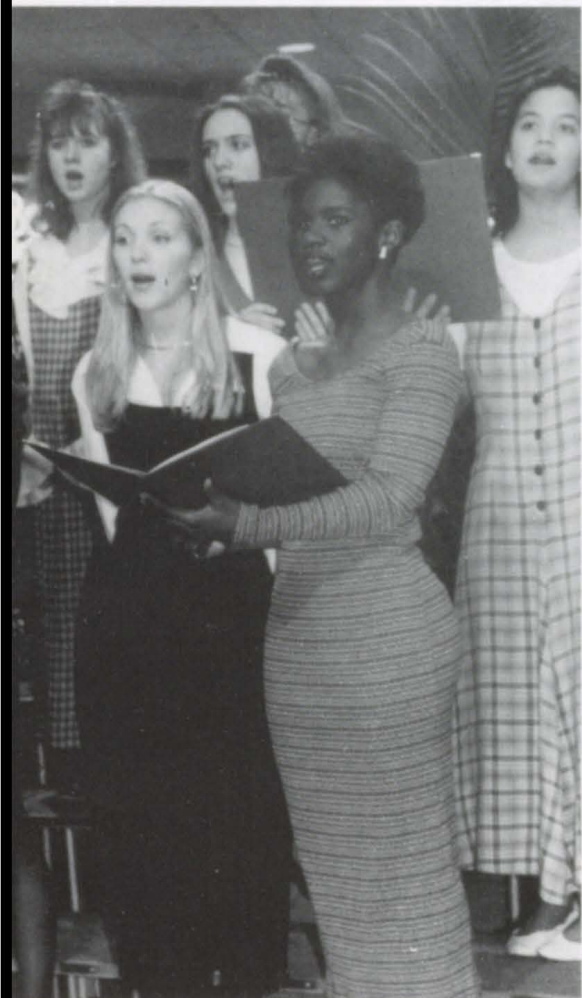
Tiffany Helling

The lighting of the "Candle of Knowledge" represents the eternal flame for NHS members. The flame is symbolic to members in that each time it is lit, the candle carries knowledge to the next member. Senior Angie D'Hanis holds the candle while senior Shannon Skorcz receives the flame.

Select Chorus performing a Christmas concert at Mid Rivers Mall Dec. 15.



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Members of the Select Chorus, junior Shawna Morie and sophomore Lisa Hopson entertain shoppers at Mid Rivers Mall, Dec. 15.

Select Chorus goes on the road

By Tina Hunt

Do... Re... Mi... are the sounds being heard everywhere from the Select Chorus. This year the chorus has been very busy and performing everywhere. They performed an Old Fashioned Christmas concert in the gym, December 13, next they sang with the middle school at Mid Rivers Mall, December 15.

They also sang Disney songs for the disabled children at Childrens Hospital, in May.

The Chorus also entertained the elderly at the Warrenton Nursing Home, in April.

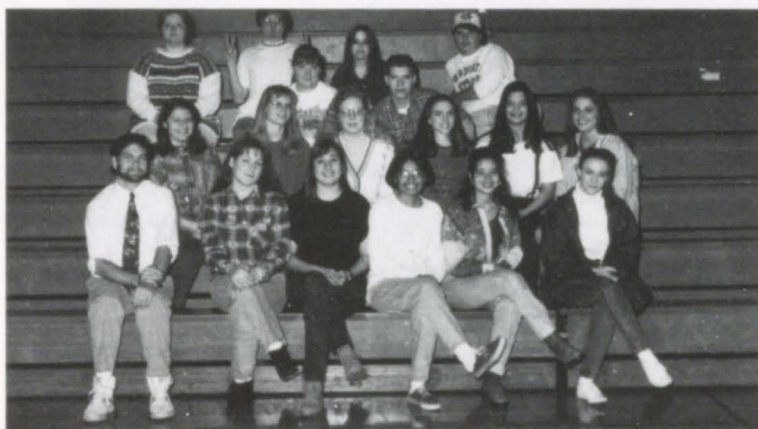
"Everything looked great the kids did alot of nice blends. They are the best group I've ever had," Janet Clarke said.

"I think this year's select chorus sounds very good even though there are not any guys," said Christine Ramos, senior.



Chorus

(First row) Jessica Lawson, Molly Nienhaus, Kelley Winfrey, Lisa Hopson, Janet Clarke
 (Second row) Christine Ramos, Robyn Cole, Shawna Morie, Amie Lowry, Kerry Lewis
 (Third row) Amy Rook, Aimee Pettig, Melissa Nelson, Amy Hale, Angie Duckworth
 (Fourth row) Tahnya Kersting, Jennifer Williams, Stacey Huskey, Alicia Dothage
 (Fifth row) Angel Bounds, Monique Larocque, Crystal Heap, Leah Brown



Jazz Band

(First row) Tara Scoggin, Tahnya Kersting, Jessica Lawson, Robby Vaughn
 (Second row) Chrissy Vrabel, George Adams
 (Third row) Mike Schlipp, Wendy Helling, Sean Kehoe, Brian Mohr, Mike Cramberg
 (Fourth row) Adam Krenski, Keith Lucas, Jason Abramovitz, Randy Deatherage
 (Fifth row) Yancey Burgess, Jacob Boyd

Successful year for band members

By Mike Schlipp

At the beginning of every school year, the marching band gears up for another season of competition. The accomplishments of this year's marching band were many and substantial. There were competitions held in Fayette, Kirksville, and Washington, and not once did Wright City march away without an award.

"Marching band puts less influence on individual performance and more on unity and doing your part to make the whole band sound better," sophomore Joey Maestas said.

This year the band also participated in the annual Strassenbash parade to be followed by a performance in the park here at home.

This year's concert band is also very accomplished, with a concert held in Christmas and a performance at the Mexico Mo. district competition this April. The concert band saw the class of 95 off as they performed at the graduation ceremony.

"Concert band is a lot of fun. It's never boring because we always have places to go and different music to play. Our concerts always draw a large audience," said sophomore Darnisha Gurley.

The pep band has attended over one half of all home basketball games this year. They show their school spirit and take pride in their performance. Pep band gets everyone psyched up and the spectators really enjoy the music they perform. Not only does the Pep band pump up the spectators, but the players enjoy it as well.

Jazz band is made up of 14 musicians who performed with the concert band at the Christmas concert and also performed at the high school honors ceremony.



Concert, Marching, and Pep Band

- (First row) Leah Groeper, Jamie Lowry, Jaime Ostmann, Amie Lowry, Tasha Kauble
 (Second row) Gina McDaniels, Becky Cate, Jessica Gerber, Angie Balkenbusch, Nichole Owens, Brandy Watkins, Shelly Merz, Mark Blackmore
 (Third row) Lisa Hopson, Jill Yager, Lesley Held, Katie Filson, Wendy Martin, Monique Larocque, Jeremy Johnson, Jennifer Burks, Kelley Winfrey, Chrissy Lemon
 (Fourth row) Amy Tinsley, Tiffany Helling, Erin Gilmore, Robby Vaughn, George Adams, Brook Hertzler, Paul Bersheid, Adam Meyer, Jul Deuser
 (Fifth row) Daniel Neill, Kyle Koehler, Piper Chilson, Jesse Jaeger, Matt Cramberg, Keith Lucas, Jason Abramovitz, Randy Deatherage, Ryan Thornton, Clinton Krause
 (Sixth row) Jeremy Jaspering, Brian Mohr, Paul Dutton, Sean Kehoe, Tonya Sydnor, Kenneth Cain, Kerry Mozee, Mike Schlipp, Wendy Helling, Nick Girondo
 (Seventh row) A.J. Girondo, Mike Cramberg, Jeremy Lancaster, Matt Stout, Shawn Wilding, Stephanie Lawson, Terry Roberts, Kati Boyd, Yancey Burgess, Scott Overlander, David Venneman, Joey Meastas
 (Eighth row) Flag girls: Jessica Lawson, Stacey Taylor, April Simms, Christine Kurtzborn, Katie Yager, Stephanie Lemon, Angie Duckworth, Chrissy Vrabel, Anna Braun

Band Director Mark Blackmore leads the Pep Band for the crowd during a basketball time out, Feb. 16.



Adam Borrego



Adam Borrego

Leading the Pep Band with a solo of *Louie Louie*, senior George Adams plays during the girls varsity game against Winfield Feb. 16.

? in the spirit of FFA week, senior Paul Meyer stands on his John Deere during the annual Tractor Day Feb. 23. Throughout the nation students in FFA celebrate FFA week to show their pride.



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Senior Paul Meyer driving sophomore Jeremy Jaspering across the campus parking lot in a John Deere Feb. 23.

FFA program continues to grow

By Wendy Helling

Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, the FFA has been involved in many activities throughout the school year. There are 74 members enrolled in the club who participate in activities.

These activities include things such as working the blood drives, working at Deutsch Country Days and the Strassenbash, selling home made rootbeer, and campus beautification. The fifth hour FFA welding class constructed a trailer for the school's use. Students can choose to be on contest teams also. Both the Forestry and Field Crops teams will be going to State in competition. Many members also attended the National and State FFA conventions.

National FFA week was another activity the club members participated in. The students drove their tractors to school, wore blue and gold, dressed up for western day, went bowling, wore official dress and served teachers and fellow members at the FFA breakfast.

The FFA sponsored the March Madness Basketball tournament in which other clubs and organizations could enter their team or teams. A total of eight teams were entered in the competition. The Senior class team won the tournament.



FFA

(First row) Robbie Vaughn, Brian Schulte, Christine Ramos, Paul Meyer, Dustin Ridder, David Mikus, Carrie McKee, John Gripenrog, Jeremy Johnson, David Cook

(Second row) Lesley Held, Dan Gripenrog, Jeremy Lancaster, Candy Robison, Kerry Lewis, Molly Nienhaus, Kelley Winfrey, Jeremy Ebert

(Third row) Amy Lehmann, Tiffany Helling, Adam Meyer, Kerry Mozee, Angela Jolly, Bobby Kramer, Paul Dutton, Stephanie Lawson, Adam Williams, Stacey Taylor

(Fourth row) Erin Gilmore, Stephanie Lemon, Chrissy Raines, Jul Deuser, Todd Reckamp, Jessica Lawson, Matt Hepperman, Chris Stamm, Travis Borrego

(Fifth row) Kris Ault, Wendy Helling, Mintrel Hoffman, Daniel Neill, Jimmy Polston, Eric Creech

(Sixth row) Amy Beard, Melany Hubbard, Ryan Thornton, Terry Roberts, Jacob Sewell, Jeremy Johnson, Clinton Krause

Future Homemakers of America

By Angie Balkenbusch

Future Homemakers of America, better known as FHA, is a national organization at school. Sponsored by Home Economics teacher Benita Springman, the program helps students learn a little something about homemaking.

FHA is involved with many different activities. They take part in the blood drives that take place at school by helping people get ready for giving blood, and help them out after they have given blood. They do peer tutoring at the Middle School. They are also involved with the Senior Citizen's Prom that is usually held in February.

Along with the events FHA is involved with, they also have a few activities they do on their own as fundraisers for the organization. They hold the St. Patrick's Day Dance, hold barbeques, sell cookies and candy. This year they made lolligrams, (a little card with a sucker) for Valentine's Day.

There are about twenty student participating in FHA this year. The girls outweigh the guys, of course, but there is a national push right now to change the name so more guys get involved. There are always two or three guys in the program each year.

"I'd like to have a couple of regional officers and eventually a state officer. There is a lot of work involved. I have many expectations for the program in the future. Right now we are trying to get the middle school program going. I would like to see more people get involved, and those involved more enthused," said Springman.



FHA

(First row) Benita Springman, Brandy Anderson, Frank Klocke, Chad White, Kristie Carner, Vicky Venneman, Jessica Key
 (Second row) Carmita McRoberts, April Simms, Tonya Grace, Toni Schamma, Brian Balkenbusch
 (Third row) Zebrina Sharp, Michelle King, Amy Lehmann, Piper Chilson
 (Fourth row) Michelle Lato, Tammy Stuart, Danielle Pomeroy

Junior A.J. Girono dancing with one of the guests at the Senior Citizens Prom, April 20.



Jamie Lowry



Jamie Lowry

FHA members Toni Schamma, Brandy Anderson, and April Simms performing Karaoke at the Senior Citizens Prom, April 20.

Sophomore Teri Boschert with a 3rd place award she received during the MIPA awards, April 18. Boschert also won four first place awards.



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Senior Jamie Lowry carefully catches a water balloon during an exercise to come up with a yearbook theme Sept. 9.

Publication staffs rush to meet deadlines

By Jackie Andon

The school newspaper, the *Informer*, recently became nationally recognized. The newspaper was awarded a first place ranking by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York.

According to news editor Yancey Burgess, the *Informer* staff stays busy.

"It stays interesting in newspaper because even though we are a small school, we always have a big story and changes are taking place," Burgess said.

The yearbook staff, having doubled its size, has been working hard so they can meet deadlines, and at the same time do their best for everyone to enjoy it. This year has brought some changes to the yearbook. Even though the price went up dramatically, the staff has worked hard to add more pages.

Managing editor Katie Thorpe feels that this year was an improvement. "I think that this year has gone better than last year because of the fact that we have a larger staff. We had to work harder than ever because we added pages, but I think the yearbook will be good," Thorpe said.



Informer

(First row) Vicky Venneman, Kristie Carner, Teri Boschert, Tiffany Helling
(Second row) Wendy Helling, Kisha Gurley, Lesley Held, Erin Gilmore
(Third row) Scott Overlander, Yancey Burgess, Jeremy Johnson
(Fourth row) Clay Zigler



Echo

(First row) Tina Hunt, Vicky Venneman, Teri Boschert, Chrissy Lemon
(Second row) Jackie Andon, Wendy Helling, Nichole Owens
(Third row) Mike Schlipp, Clay Zigler, Angie Balkenbusch, Jamie Lowry
(Fourth row) Mike Brunson, Adam Borrego, David Gerland

Lights...Camera...Action!

By Wendy Holling

This year the Forensics and Drama class has participated in many activities. The team has attended six meets and they were also able to compete in district competition. The students can choose to compete in many different categories such as impromptu, duet improvisations, poetry, prose speaking, and extemporaneous speaking. Of all the competitions the class participated in throughout the year, for Kelley Winfrey one act stuck out.

"My favorite performance was when Molly (Nienhaus) and I were Bubba and Slick robbing a 7-Eleven. We didn't go to finals, but it was the best one we did," Winfrey said.

Winfrey and Nienhaus performed duet improvisations, and they placed fourth at Warrenton.



Forensics and Drama

(First row) April Simms, Brandy Anderson, Erin Gilmore, Tonya Sydnor, Amy Lehmann

(Second row) Kelley Winfrey, Molly Nienhaus, Stacey Taylor, Eileen Bittle



Quill and Scroll

(First row) Jaime Ostmann, Chrissy Lemon, Vicky Venneman

(Second row) Scott Overlander, Yancey Burgess, Adam Borrego

(Third row) Clay Zigler



Katie Thorpe

Juniors Kelley Winfrey and Molly Nienhaus acting out a duet improvisation at a Warrenton speech meet. The duo placed fourth at the meet.

Art club sponsors fundraisers

By Nichole Owens

Senior Leah Groeper paints a paw on her cheek to promote school spirit during Spirit Week. Face painting was sponsored by Art Club.



Adam Borrego



Adam Borrego

Nearly 1000 cans were used to build the Canned Food Castle that Art Club members Robyn Cole, Leah Groeper, Sara North, and Trish Skorcz constructed for the Tri County Stu-Co Canned Food Drive and Competition.

"Life imitates art." Well, in the Art Club, students work to make art a part of life. This club, sponsored by art teacher Donna Demarcantonio, meets once a month. They meet to vote on artist of the month, and to discuss such thing as possible fundraisers and field trips.

The main goal of the art club this year is to raise money for a display area for art work.

"The space we have now in the glass case is very limiting," Demarcantonio said.

Art club also provided the decorations at the St. Patricks Dance, March 17.

"I think that our accomplishments this year will be a good base to get a lot of work done next year," senior Vicky Venneman said.



Art Club

(First row) Leah Groeper, Chrissy Vrabel, Sara North, Vicky Venneman
 (Second row) Donna Demarcantonio, Robyn Cole, Kris Ault, Andrea Furness, Becky Riley
 (Third row) Shannon Skorcz, Tiffany Helling, Matt Cramberg, George Adams, Kristie Carner
 (Forth row) Trish Skorcz, Greg Sutter, Terry Roberts



Spanish Club

(First row) Robert Hanna, Amy Tinsley, Amber Borrego, Christine Ramos, Jackie Andon, Tonya Grace
 (Second row) Chrissy Vrabel, Kris Ault, Kerry Lewis, Angie Duckworth, Stacey Huskey, Teri Boschert
 (Third row) Tina Lashley, Kenneth Cain
 (Forth row) Kelley Winfrey, Josh Ritinger, Kristie Carner, Mike Cramberg

High school taught elementary program

By: Angie Balkenbusch

Hi-Step is a school program where high school students take a trip to the elementary to give lessons to students in grades kindergarten through third grade. To get into this program you need to apply and then the teachers select the students they feel will be best for this position. Then the students are trained to go into elementary classrooms and talk about self-esteem and peer pressure to the youngsters.

"I only did it once. It was fun playing with the little kids," said sophomore Erin Gilmore, a member of the program. "I hope we taught them something."

The idea of the program is for the little kids to get a better understanding of peer pressure and self-esteem by being told by older students.

"I work at Economy and I see a lot of the kids, so when I go there [elementary] I feel it's more effective when we talk to the kids than when someone older does," said senior Chrissy Lemon.

Is the program effective? Who knows? But Keith Lucas has his opinion. "You can tell by the way they acted when we left that they enjoyed us, but we weren't sure if it was because of us, or because they didn't have to do any work," said Lucas.



Hi-Step

(First row) Chrissy Lemon, April Simms, Yancey Burgess, Jaime Ostmann, Shannon Skorcz, Carrie McKee, Scott Overlander
 (Second row) Kerry Lewis, Carmita McRoberts, Shawna Morie, Janet Freeman
 (Third row) Adam Krenski, Amy Rook, Erin Gilmore, Stacey Taylor
 (Fourth row) Keith Lucas, A.J. Gironde

Susan Sydnor reads nursery rhymes to senior Hi-Stepper Chrissy Lemon. Lemon has been involved in the Hi-Step program for three years.



Adam Borrego



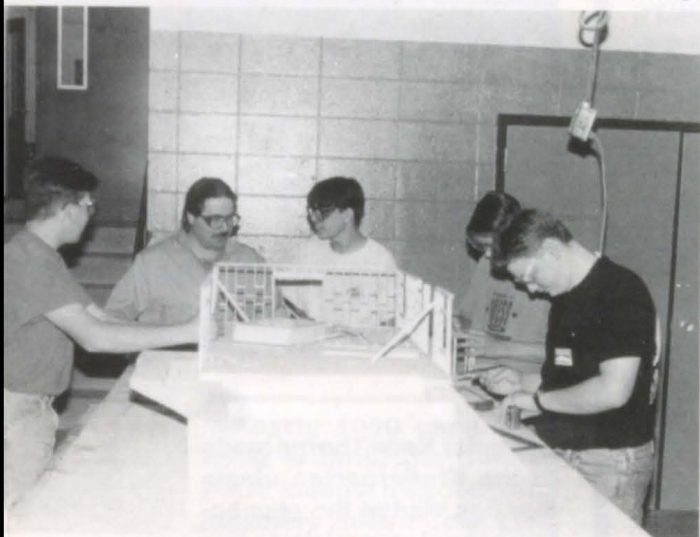
Adam Borrego

Junior Katie Thorpe reads to the Kindergarten class. She has visited the elementary school several times this year.

Carpentry student Chris Delgado sanding one of the sections of a model house he is building along with the other members of TSA.



Adam Borrego



Adam Borrego

Industrial Arts teacher Randy Scipioni aides students Mike Wells, Chris Delgado, Josh Redmond, and Mike Pennock build a model house building in carpentry on March 21.

Technology Student Association

By Craig Brunson

TSA is a group of students that have interests in studying the developments of today's technology.

This year, the group held a CO2 car competition for anyone to enter. They also took a trip to the science center. This trip was funded by TSA's soda machine in the Ag building and candy sales.

"This years group was hard working and serious about what they did," senior and TSA Jason Sickler said.



TSA

(First row) Greg Schanuel, Sean Kehoe, Wendy Helling, Mike Pennock, Cory Rickard, Jason Sickler

(Second row) Frank Klocke, Chad Thompson, Jul Dueser, Jeremy Jaspering, Kenneth Cain

(Third row) Josh Rittinger, Adam Meyer, Robby Bote, Clinton Krause

(Forth row) Randy Scipioni



Vo-Tech

(First row) Crystal Walker, Nickie Baxter, Tonya Nolting, Tina Lashley, Stacy Coghlan, Andrea Furness

(Second row) David Menne, Shoy Drews, Jessie Reed, John Booth, David West

(Third row) Joey Novelli

Students make money by working

By Jackie Andon

It's not every day you can come to school for an education and earn \$6 an hour. But that's just what's happening at the school store located in the resource center. The store, which is open 10 minutes before and after school, sells everything from candy, potato chips, granola bars, and snacks.

The idea of making a school store was of Dory Davidson when she began teaching at this school. The school store has been selling items for 3 years. They have improved the store by expanding it.

The funds that the staff earns is used for buying equipment for the class. Sometimes they use it for field trips and to buy their lunch. Last year they made enough money to purchase a computer. This year they bought a TV and a VCR. Now they are saving money to buy a stereo.

The students that work in the school store are in charge of taking the inventory and keeping track of the money.

"It's okay, it is not hard," Jeremy Stoechner said.

They work 10 minutes a week, they have a schedule, so they are in charge of certain days.

"I work on Fridays and every other day when the other students don't show up," Steven Bates said.



School Store

(First row) Jeremy Stoechner, Scott Donze, Jeremy Meador, Jason Odom, Steven Bates



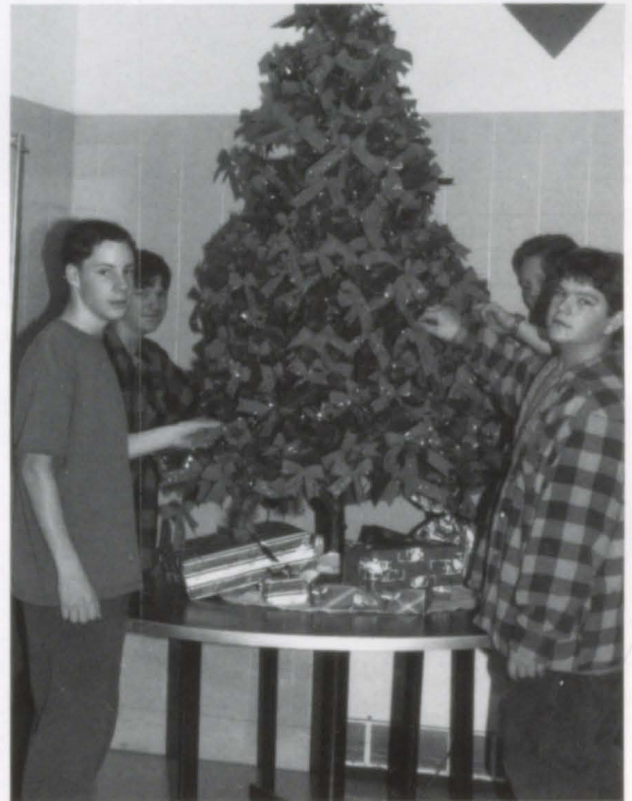
Prom Committee

(First row) Stacey Taylor, Jessica Lawson, Amber Borrego, Terry Roberts
(Second row) Shawna Morie, Piper Chilson, Jessica Key, Jill Yager, Katie Yager, Kelly Polston

7reshman Amy Rook making a selection at the school store May 5, while substitute teacher Kris Lewis awaits her decision.



David Gerland



Katie Thorpe

School store workers Kyle Koehler, Jeremy Stoechner, Jason Odom, and Jeremy Meador decorate a Christmas tree with ribbons of students names.



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Strike three, you're out!

These words were just the beginning for senior Jamie Lowry. The star pitcher then went on to try out for the 1994-95 Pan-American Olympic Softball team. No one thought it would happen, but **seeing is believing**.

Hearing can also be believing. Three students participated in the Voice of Democracy contest. Junior Stacey Taylor received first place. The contest was held by the National Association of Secondary Schools. It is held to encourage youths to think about the problems in this country, and how to solve them, just one way of **seeing is believing**.

Band director Mark Blackmore went to Europe this summer for an international tour. He went with the Brentwood Symphony to France and Austria. They played at Fontainebleau Castle, Chambord Castle, at the Omaha Beach Memorial at Coan and at Salzburg. He also performed as a soloist in front of the orchestra, after all, **seeing is believing**.

One of five Strassenbash Queen Contestants, senior Liz Reynolds, during the annual Strassenbash parade Sept. 17. Reynolds, along with the other contestants, rides in the Corvette fleet.

Senior Class Officers

Crystal Simpson,
Secretary

Robyn Cole,
Class Rep.

Kristie Carner,
President

Amy Lehmann,
Vice President

Angela Balkenbusch,
Class Rep.

Brandy Watkins,
Treasurer
(not pictured)



George Adams: Art Club, Concert, Jazz, Marching, Pep band, Hi-Step, Soccer, Spectrum, TEAMS, Track

Karen Ambrose: Chorus

Brandy Anderson: Art Club, FHA, Spanish Club, Speech & Drama

Jackie Andon: Spanish Club, Yearbook, Girls Basketball Mgr.

Angela Balkenbusch: Concert, Marching, Pep Band Elementary Aide, Spectrum, Stu-Co Class Rep., Stu-Co-Secretary, Yearbook

John Booth: Vo-tech

Adam Borrego: Hi-Step, NHS, Spanish Club, Track, TSA, Quill and Scroll, Yearbook

Seth Boyd: Basketball, FFA

Craig Brunson: Teams, TSA

Yancey Burgess: Concert, Jazz, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, FFA, Hi-Step, Missouri Boys State, Newspaper, Quill and Scroll, Stu-Co

Kristie Carner: Art Club, Class Officer, Concert, Jazz, Marching, Pep band, Connection, FHA, Hi-Step, Newspaper, NHS, Spanish Club, Softball Mgr., Stu-Co, Teams, Track Mgr.

Stacy Coghlan:





Robyn Cole: Art Club, Basketball, Baseball Mgr., Chorus, Hi-Step, Softball, Spanish Club, Stu-Co
Mike Cramberg: Art Club, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pep Band, Hi-Step, Newspaper, NHS, Spanish Club, Spectrum, Stu-Co, TEAMS, Track, Yearbook
Angie D'Hanis: NHS
Amy DiFatta: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, Softball

Brad Eckhoff: FFA, Spanish Club, Art Club
Amanda Ellis: Spanish Club, Art Club
David Gerland: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Baseball, Soccer, Track Yearbook
Leah Groeper: Softball, Basketball, Track, NHS, Art Club

W hat did you look forward to most about being a senior?

Being a senior is an overwhelming feeling for most seniors. Feelings of excitement, happiness, sadness, and maybe even a little timidness. Every senior has a few different goals for their last year in school. Barbara Peterson and Paul Meyer were asked what they looked forward to the most out of their senior year.

"I looked forward to doing my work the

best I can and getting on the honor roll. I am also going to try to make it my best year ever by trying to meet all of my goals that I didn't meet in the past." Awww... right from Peterson's heart!

"I look forward to ruling over all the underclassmen," states Meyer. This is a big expectation for many of the seniors. Feel the power!

"I'm going to make it my best year ever by meeting my goals"

Barbara Peterson



"I look forward to ruling over all the underclassmen"

Paul Meyer

Mall mania: Seniors spell relief C•A•\$•H

By Adam Borrego

Let's go to the mall! That's what a lot of seniors will say to their friends when they want to go shopping for anything from shoes and clothes, to CD's and perfume.

The mall is a very popular place to go shopping, to eat, or just hang out. Some seniors go with their friends, some with their honey, and some with both.

The choices of malls are not limited, and neither are the choices of stores at the malls. Some seniors might like to go to Mid Rivers and others might prefer Chesterfield. Whichever mall, seniors like to go just to have fun.

Senior Jamie Lowry goes shopping about once a week, on the weekends. She'll go shopping at any number of stores including 5-7-9, Famous Barr, Dillard's, Vanity, Express, Limited, and

American Eagle, for anything such as clothes, shoes, CD's, jewelry, and even candy. She usually goes with her friends and her boyfriend. "I like going to the mall because of the better variety of clothes and stores. I can usually find what I want," Lowry said.

George Adams also likes to go the mall. His favorite stores to go to are Kay-bee Toys, and Taco Bell at Mid Rivers. He likes to go to the mall, "just to chill, cause trouble, and make fun of people. The mall is fun, until you get lost," Adams said. George usually goes to the mall with the Crew, who are a group of his friends.

Senior Leah Groeper goes to the mall once a week. Her favorite stores to go to are The Gap, Express, The Limited, Dillard's, Famous Barr, and Timberland.

"I can go to the mall and do all my shopping at once," Groeper said.

Senior David Gerland likes to go to Mid Rivers mall and go into Spencer's to look around.

"I like to go to the mall to get away from home and chill with the Crew," Gerland said.

Another senior, Amie Lowry, enjoys going to County Seat, Foot Locker, Champs, and Famous Barr at Chesterfield mall. She likes to shop with her boyfriend and friends at least once a week. "Malls have better clothes that I can choose from," Amie said.

Senior Adam Borrego likes to go to the mall and just chill with the Crew. He also likes to watch movies, go to Tilt, and look for women at the mall.

"There are a lot of awesome looking women at the mall. The best part about the mall is doing things to get kicked out by the security guards," Borrego said.



Adam Borrego

Senior Robyn Cole working hard waiting on a customer Feb. 2. Cole works at the clothing store, Chaus, located at the Warrenton Outlet Mall.



Jamie Lowry

Three members of "The Crew" enjoying a day at the food court at the mall. Seniors Adam Borrego, George Adams, and Dave Gerland stop for a bite to eat.



Amie Lowry gives her sister Amie advice on an outfit while shopping at Chaus in the Warrenton Outlet Mall.



Adam Borrego

Leah Groeper checking the price tag on a shirt before purchasing it at the Geoffrey Beene store in Warrenton at the Outlet Mall.

Adam Borrego

Senior spirit soaring high

By: Mike Schlipp

Whether its people dipping their bodies in blue and gold paint, or beefing themselves up for a hardcore wheelbarrow race, its all a show of senior spirit.

Every year the senior class here at Wright City proves to everyone else that just because they've been here for four years doesn't mean that any of the spirit and enthusiasm that was had as freshmen has been lost.

"Spirit is not only pride in your school, but also pride in your class...You have to have pride in yourself to have pride in anything else..." As senior Mike Cramberg puts it.

The class of '95, like every other senior class, has their own way of showing their spirit. During spirit week, the class promoted Wright City sports all the way from blue and gold streamers in the halls to running the basketball team through decorated paper walls.

School spirit is thought of in different perspectives but in the same respect means one thing to everybody. Stand by your school, stand by your class, and cherish the friends and times that you've had here at Wright City High School because the memories will always be with you.

"Spirit is not only pride in your school, but also pride in your class."

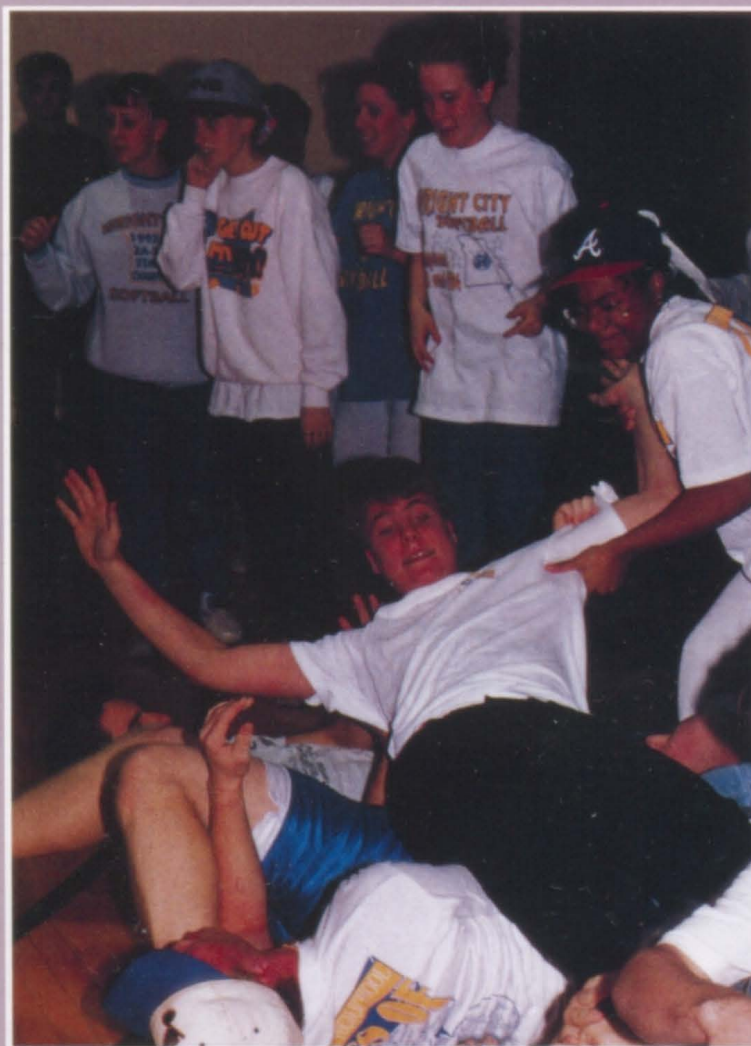
Mike Cramberg



Chrissy Lemon

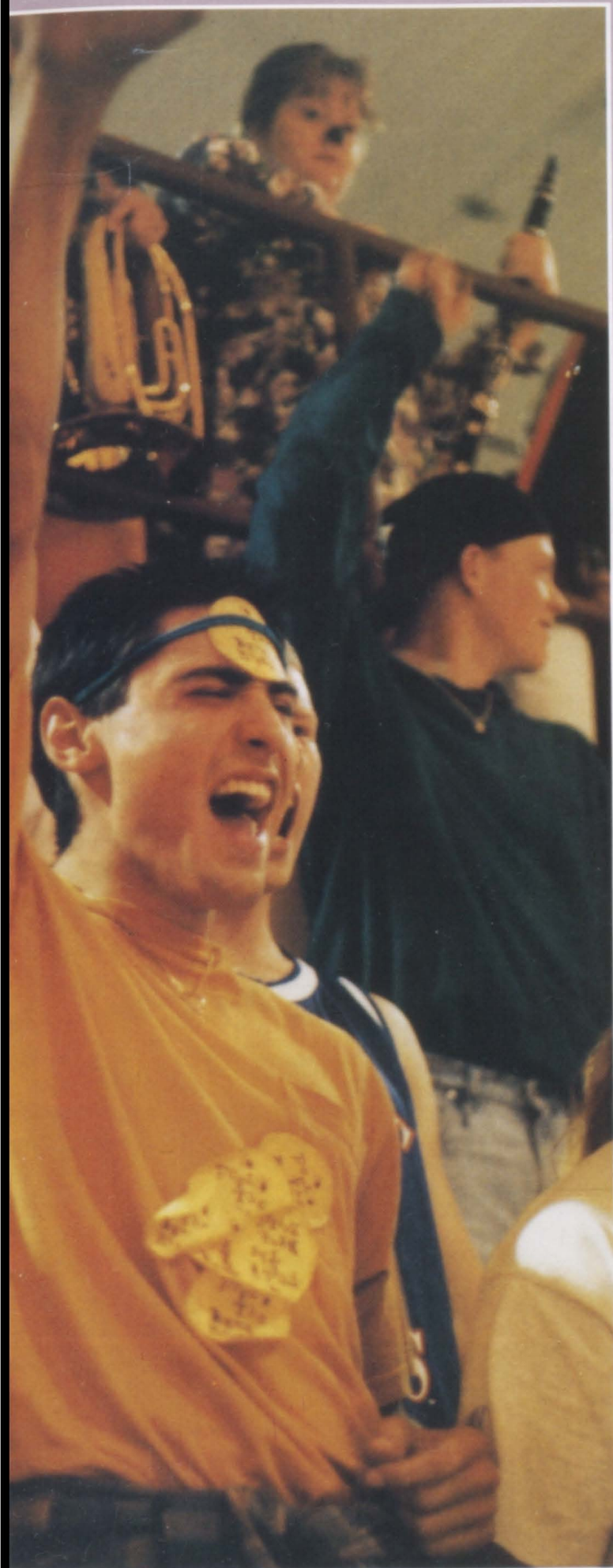
Seniors, Carrie McKee, Yancey Burgess, Brandy Watkins, and Justin Merz cheering on seniors during pep rally, Dec. 15

Yancey Burgess moving along with the help of April Simms in the caterpillar relay with David Gerland next in line, Dec. 15.



Chrissy Lemon





a dam Borrego lets out a loud cheer as members of the varsity softball team are announced to the crowd at the Oct. 13 pep assembly.

a my Lehmann and a group of seniors trying to break free from a paper towel wrap which was one of many events during Spirit Week.



Chrissy Lemon



Chrissy Lemon

mike Cramberg and other band members played at the Oct. 13, pep rally, showing support for the girls' softball team.

Chrissy Lemon

If you could change one thing about high school what would it be and why?

No matter how perfect a school is, there are always a few flaws that students would love to change. Seniors find many things that they wish would have gotten changed before graduation.

Mike Schlipp spoke on behalf the student body. "I think students would appreciate a 'leave or stay' type lunch hour. Also just one more minute

between classes." Many discussions have involved a free lunch hour and any school could use one more minute between classes.

Karen Ambrose gives a personal opinion. "I think there should be more picnic tables out in the commons area so people can sit outside and eat. There is only one table in the commons area and the lunch trays aren't allowed outside."

"I think students would appreciate a 'leave or stay' type lunch hour"

Mike Schlipp



"I think there should be more picnic tables in the commons area."

Karen Ambrose

Kisha Gurley: Newspaper
Amy Hale
Tina Heinen: Art Club
Robin Held



Wendy Helling: Concert, Jazz, Marching, Pep Band, Cheerleading, FFA, Newspaper, Spanish Club, TSA, Yearbook

Johnna Hermann: Spanish Club, Art Club

Jason King: Soccer

Clint Koenig



Kenneth Kohr: Basketball, FFA

Tina Lashley: Art Club, FHA, Mascot, Spanish Club

Michelle Lato: FHA

Amy Lehmann: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Chorus, Class Officer, FFA, FHA, Speech and Drama, Stu-Co rep





Robbie Lehmann: FFA

Chrissy Lemon: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, Connection, Hi-Step, MO Girls State, Newspaper, NHS, Quill and Scroll, Spanish Club, Soccer, Track, Yearbook.

Sparkle Lewis: Chorus, Spanish Club

Amie Lowry: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, Chorus, Class Officer, Softball, Stu-Co, Track

Jamie Lowry: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, Softball, Stu-Co, Track, Yearbook

Pepper Maass: Art Club

Gina McDaniels: Softball Mgr., Baseball Mgr., Basketball, FFA, NHS, Quill and Scroll, Stu-Co,

Carrie McKee: Class Officer, FFA, Hi-Step, NHS, Spanish Club, Track

What was your most awkward moment in school?

Being a new student in school is never easy, especially if you enter a new school as a senior. That's what happened to seniors Jackie Andon and Steve Williams. Andon, the foreign exchange student this year, is from Barranquilla, Colombia. "The first day of school was awkward because I was the exchange student and I didn't know anyone."

Williams moved here from St. Charles West and started at the beginning of the school

year. "The first two weeks were weird, but after that it was okay. It was real awkward my first day here."

Anyone hates to leave a school they have gone to for a long time, and growing up and graduating with high school friends is very important to most teenagers. Being a senior and transferring to some place new is probably one of the hardest things to do because this is the time your friends mean the most.



"The first day of school, because I was the exchange student and I didn't know anyone."

Jackie Andon



"It was real awkward my first day here."

Steve Williams

Senior summer: sun, fun, guns

By Adam Borrego

Summer vacation is something that everyone likes to hear, and everyone looks forward to. For most, it's a time when students can sleep in, and not worry about tests or homework. For Seniors, it's a time that they can spend time with their friends before their final year of high school. Some seniors did something special, or took a special trip somewhere.

May 26 to June 28, senior Adam Borrego went to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for the Basic Training course for the Army. Everyone that enlists in the Army has to attend this course. "Sometimes I got tired of waking up at four o'clock in the morning and exercising for two hours, then doing my training and running five miles before going to bed," Borrego said. "The discipline part really got on my nerves too."

Another senior, Wendy Helling, spent eight days in Cancun, Mexico. She went to the ocean, saw Mayan Ruins, and shopped in the Mexican marketplace in Merida, with her family. "The ocean is so beautiful. The booze cruise to Isla De Mujeres was pretty neat. They don't have a drinking age so I was living it up. After the

cruise, we went snorkeling. It was cool swimming with the tropical fish because you could just reach out and touch them," Helling said.

Shannon Skorcz, another senior, went to Colorado during her summer vacation. She left June 4 with her boyfriend, Robie Lucas, and his family, to Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountain National Park, Seven Falls, The Cliff Dwelling Museum, and the Garden of Gods.

"This was the first time I visited Colorado, and I had a great time. I plan to go back there someday," Skorcz said.

Senior Mike Cramberg attended the Missouri Lions Club All State Band during his summer vacation. The band was composed of high school students that were chosen from around the state by local Lions Club chapters to attend an International Competition at the Lions Club convention in Phoenix, Arizona on July 12, 1994. The band competed against groups from around the U.S. and several foreign countries. "I really felt honored to have been chosen to attend this competition. I was really surprised and glad that our group won the competition," Cramberg said.



On vacation, Wendy Helling visits a sacrificial pit in Tulum, Mexico July 9. Helling, along with her family spent part of her summer in the sun of Can Cun, Mexico.





While on maneuvers during his basic training for National Guard duty, Adam Borrego practices his marksmanship while at BIVOUAC in Fort Leonard Wood MO, July 12.

Relaxing in the hot tub Shannon Skorcz and her boyfriend Robbie Lucas enjoy their stay in Colorado, June 6.



Wright City representative, Mike Cramberg traveled to Phoenix, Arizona on July 12, to compete in the International Band Competition.

April Menne: Art Club

Justen Merz: Baseball, Basketball, FFA, Soccer

Paul Meyer: FFA

David Mikus: Art club, Baseball, Basketball, FFA, Hi-Step, Missouri Agri business academy,

Chris Mintner

Tonya Nolting: Health Related Occupations

Jaime Ostmann: Art Club, Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Basketball, FFA, Hi-Step, Newspaper, NHS, Softball, Stu-Co President, Quill and Scroll, TEAMS

Scott Overlander: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Boys Basketball Mgr., Girls Basketball Mgr., FFA, Hi-Step, Newspaper, NHS, Spectrum, Quill and Scoll

Nichole Owens: Art Club, Concert, Marching, Pep band, Hi-Step, NHS, Spanish Club, Speech and Drama, Stu-Co, Yearbook

Jason Peckron: Track, Basketball, FFA

Barbara Peterson: Basketball

Kara Pickett:

Danielle Pomeroy: FHA

Christine Ramos: Chorus, FFA, Spanish Club, Speech and Drama

Jessie Reed:

Liz Reynolds: Newspaper, Yearbook

Cory Rickard: TSA

Dustin Ridder: FFA, TSA, Basketball

Mike Ruppert: Baseball, Basketball

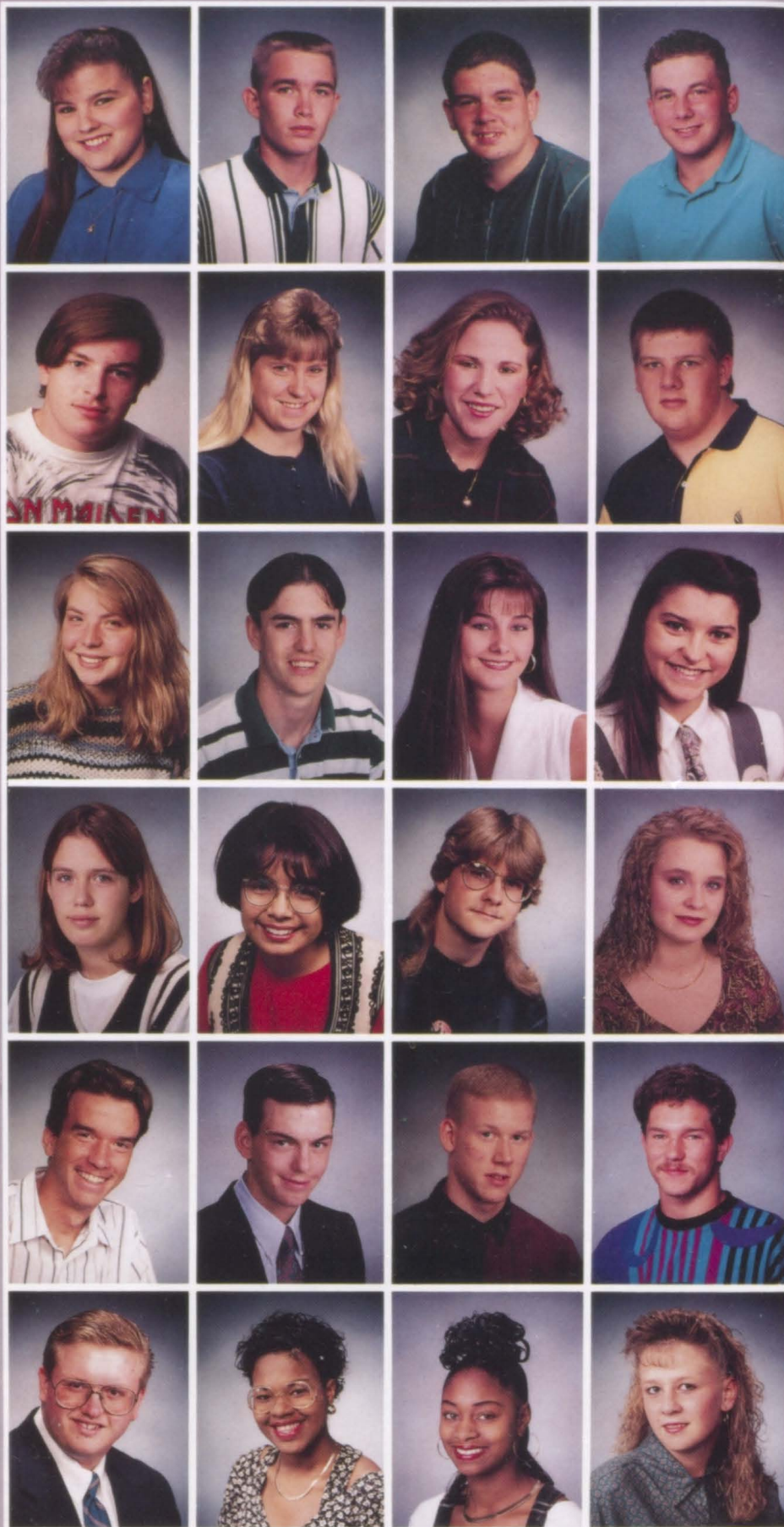
Mike Schlipp: Art Club, Concert, Jazz, Marching, Pep Band, Track, Yearbook

Jason Sickler: TSA, FFA

April Simms: Concert, Marching, Pep Band, Cheerleading, Chorus, FHA, Flag Corp., Hi-Step, Spanish Club, Speech and Drama,

Crystal Simpson: Spanish Club, Basketball, Track, NHS, Band, Flag Corp

Shannon Skorcz: Art Club, Basketball Mgr, Hi-Step, NHS, Softball, Stu-Co





Tammy Stuart: FHA
 Bill Talley: Art Club, Mascot
 Nate Taylor
 Kristin Tomes: FHA

Rodger Tucker: FFA, TSA, Soccer, Track
 Brian Umbright
 Vicky Venneman: Art Club, FHA, Newspaper,
 Speech and Drama, Yearbook
 Brandy Watkins: Concert Band, Marching Band,
 Pep Band, CLass Treasure, Drum Major

Cristina Wells: TSA, FFA, Art Club, Cheer-
 leader, Spanish Club
 David West:
 Tracy Yager: Concert Band, Marching Band,
 Pep Band, Softball Manager
 Not pictured:
 Robert Cruse
 Kerry Mozee
 Steven Williams

What teacher has had the biggest impact on you?

Of all the important things in school, teachers are probably the most important. They are the ones that teach us. Whether it's through their words or through their actions, every teacher has a certain impact on a certain student, especially seniors.

"I think Toll is God. He works in mysterious ways," comments Adams.

"Mrs. Freeman has an impact on me because she always pushes me to do better in academics," says Cole.

"Toll is God. He works in mysterious ways"

George Adams



"Mrs. Freeman pushed me to do better in my academics"

Robyn Cole

Calling card blues

seniors pay toll in long distance romances

By Wendy Helling

Seniors often have long distance relationships. Either a boyfriend or girlfriend goes off to college, or perhaps a sweetheart may go to a different school, or they could also be on an entirely different continent. Whatever the reason for the miles apart there is still an understanding between the couple that they belong with each other.

Foreign exchange student Jackie Andon has the longest distanced relationship of all. Andon, who lives in Berranquilla, Colombia, came to Wright City Aug. 23.

"We fought a lot before I left, but now we miss each other a lot. It has brought us closer," Andon said.

Andon's boyfriend lives about 2,000 miles away so she stated they try to stay in touch as often as they can.

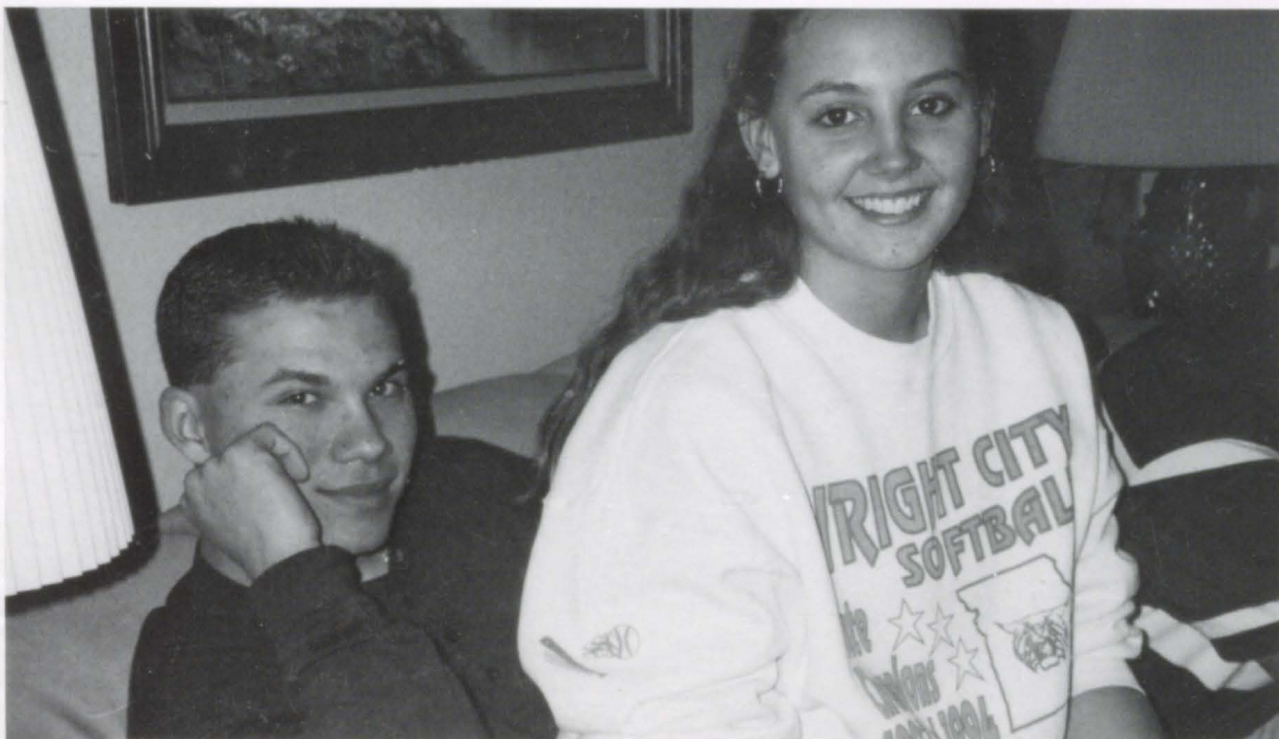
Amy Lehmann's boyfriend lives in Montgomery, she doesn't get to see him very often.

"I get to see him every weekend, maybe once a week." Lehmann said.

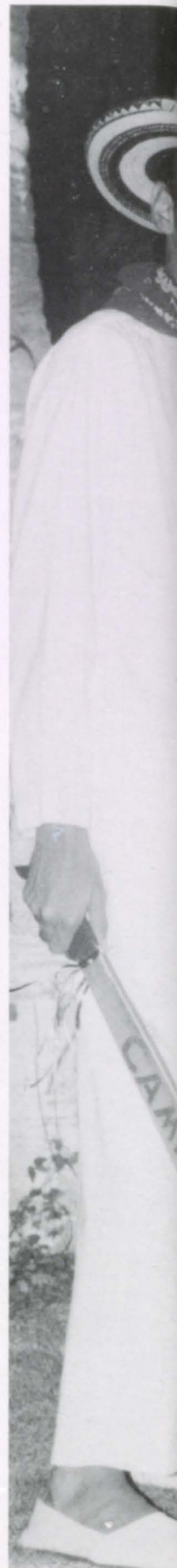
Amy DiFatta is another senior that has to spend time away from her boyfriend, Travis Schulte. Schulte, who graduated last year is attending Missouri Valley College in Marshall. DiFatta stated that it's hard not being able to see him except on the weekends.

"It's hard after having his baby being apart, but our relationship is still strong," DiFatta said. "He comes back every weekend and we get together then."

If it's by writing or talking on the phone, these seniors find time to stay in touch with those who are close to their heart.



Staying in touch as often as they can, Amy DiFatta along with her boyfriend Travis Schulte. DiFatta's boyfriend now attends Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri, a two hour drive.





Montgomery City romance! Senior Amy Lehmann takes time out along with her date Ryan Burton shortly before the '94 prom.

Exchange student Jackie Andon along with her boyfriend, Adolfo Santiago, during a carnival parade in the streets of Barranquilla, Colombia. While staying in the United States, Andon has only seen Santiago once due to the fact that they are about 2,000 miles apart.

It's over!

Seniors celebrate one last time

By Adam Borrego

In a hot gym, filled with friends and relatives of the graduating class, the 1995 graduating class' high school career came to an end as 75 caps flew into the air simultaneously. The ceremony was held at 3 p.m. on May 28. The opening was given by Principal Dale Ridder, followed by a slide show of seniors' baby pictures and senior pictures. Then, Senior class president Kristie Carner gave a speech, and presented Senior sponsors Robyn Gray, and Benita Springman with roses, on behalf of the entire senior class. Salutato-

rian Chrissy Lemon was then presented

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"I felt relieved to finally get my diploma,"

Senior Craig Brunson

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with her medal, and gave a speech, followed by Valedictorian Jaime Ostmann. After Director of Curriculum Shirley Case gave a speech, diplomas were handed out by Superintendent Dr. Maurice

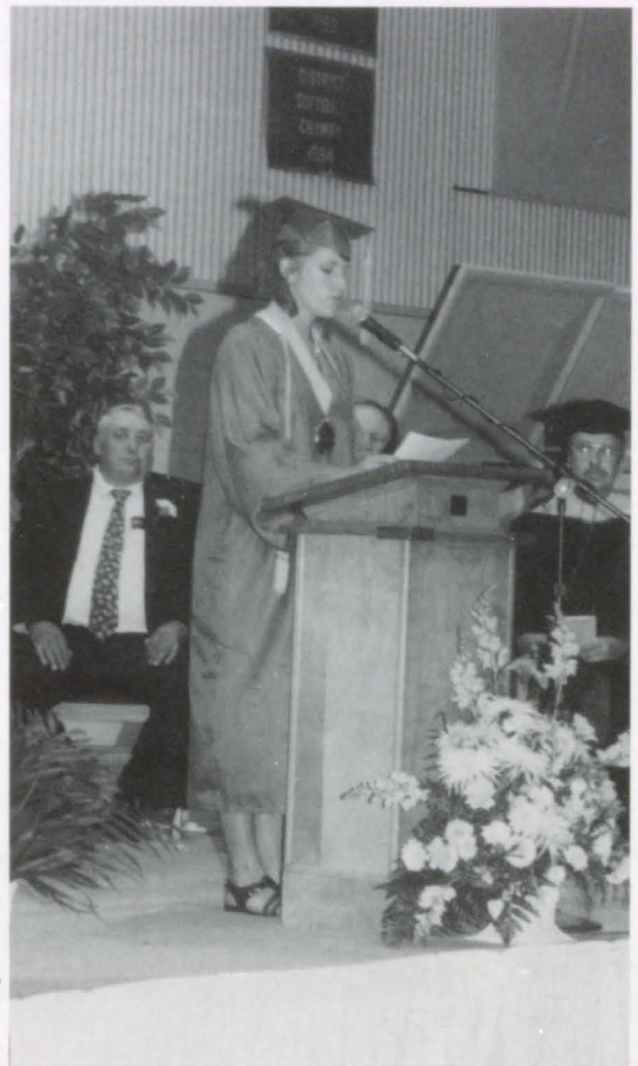
Overlander and School Board President Mr. Larry Zuhone. Some seniors said they were glad to be out of school finally, while some said they will be sad to leave their friends. "I felt relieved to finally get my diploma, that was a good thing. I will miss my friends, but I'm glad I'm out of school," senior Craig Brunson said.

"I wanted to graduate really bad at first, but as it came closer and closer, I started to realize that I'm going to miss all my friends, and I'll probably never see them again," senior David Gerland said.

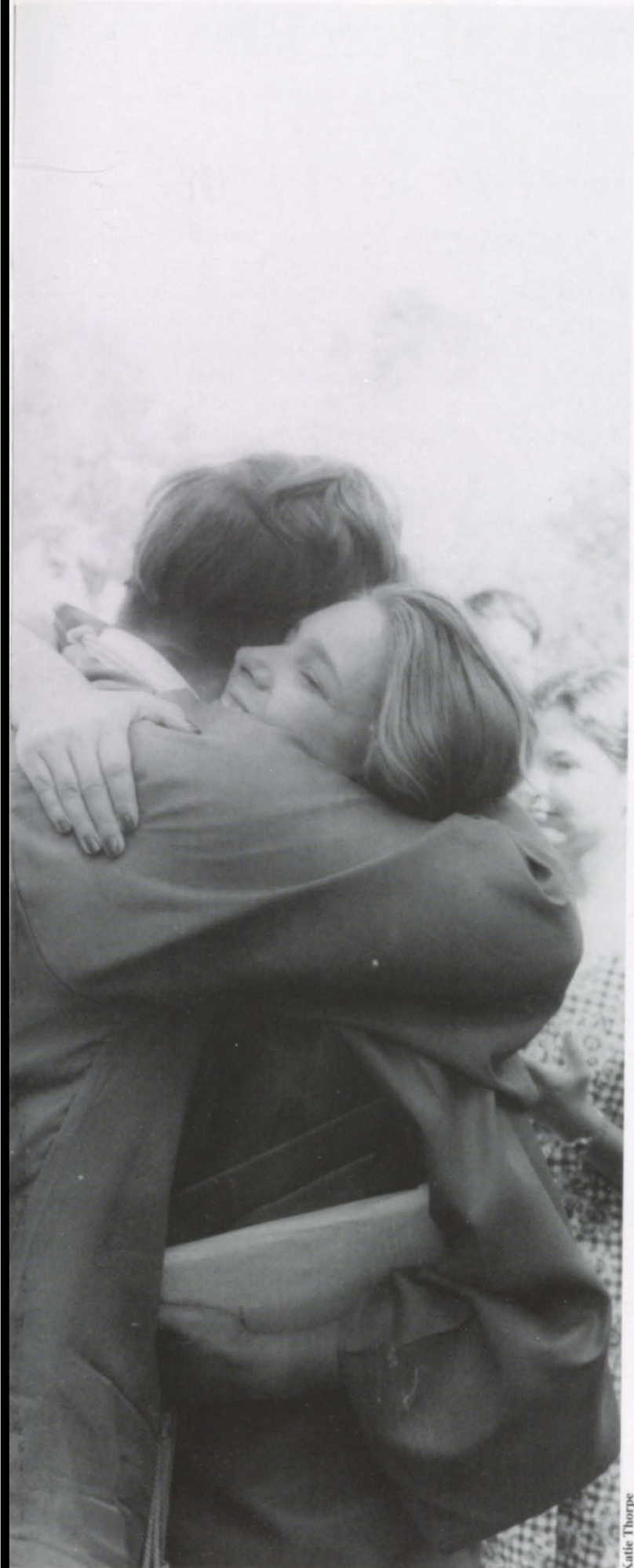


Stacy Huskey, Shawna Morie, Lisa Hopson, Jenny Scoggin, and Alan Massingill, members of the select chorus singing at the graduation ceremony, May 28.

Valedictorian Jaime Ostmann giving her speech to the graduating class. Ostmann spoke of the past, while salutarian Chrissy Lemon spoke of the future.



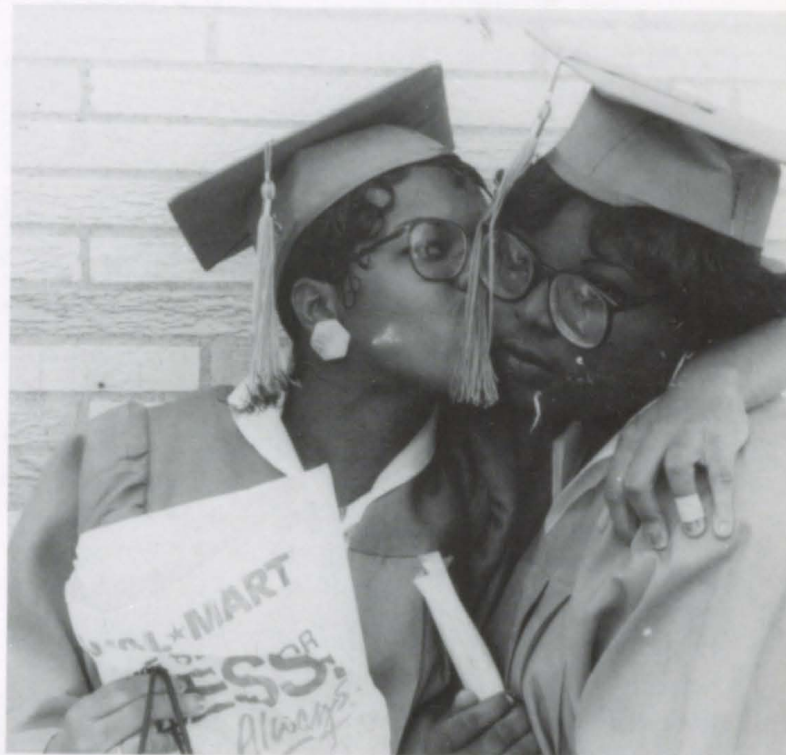
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Graduates Mike Cramberg and Carrie McKee saying good-bye as they go their separate ways.

April Simms and Brandy Anderson embrace after receiving their diplomas.



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Dustin Ridder awaits with other seniors shortly before the ceremony began.

Project Graduation held at RecPlex

By Katie Thorpe

It's not Nancy Kerrigan, or Greg Louganis, but they could one day become Olympic medalists. Project Graduation was held from 10p.m. until 4:30 the next morning in the Olympic size RecPlex in St. Peters May 28. Many students went ice skating for the first time, or climbed a rock wall as they never had before.

Senior Jackie Andon said she enjoyed Project Graduation.

"It was a lot of fun because we got to do all this different stuff," Andon said.

Along with all the activities in the RecPlex, the chaperones held games with money as prizes.

"I played the drawing on the ice, and I won first place. We won first place in the relays on the ice,"

Andon says, "I was really broke, so I was glad I won money."

After the games on the ice, the rink was shut down for the night.



"I have become proficient at the art of underwater basket weaving,"

Senior David Gerland



Games were then held in the pool. The first game had the seniors diving for coins.

"It was simp. One reason is because I have become proficient at the art of underwater basket weaving,

which allows me to hold my breath forever. And I brought some goggles so I could see better. And another reason is that I'm just better than everyone I was swimming against," said David Gerland.

Sophomore Aimey Paul attended the event with senior Brad Eckhoff.

"I thought it was very exciting, but it was too long," Paul says, "I tried ice skating, but I fell on my butt and it hurt, so I quit."

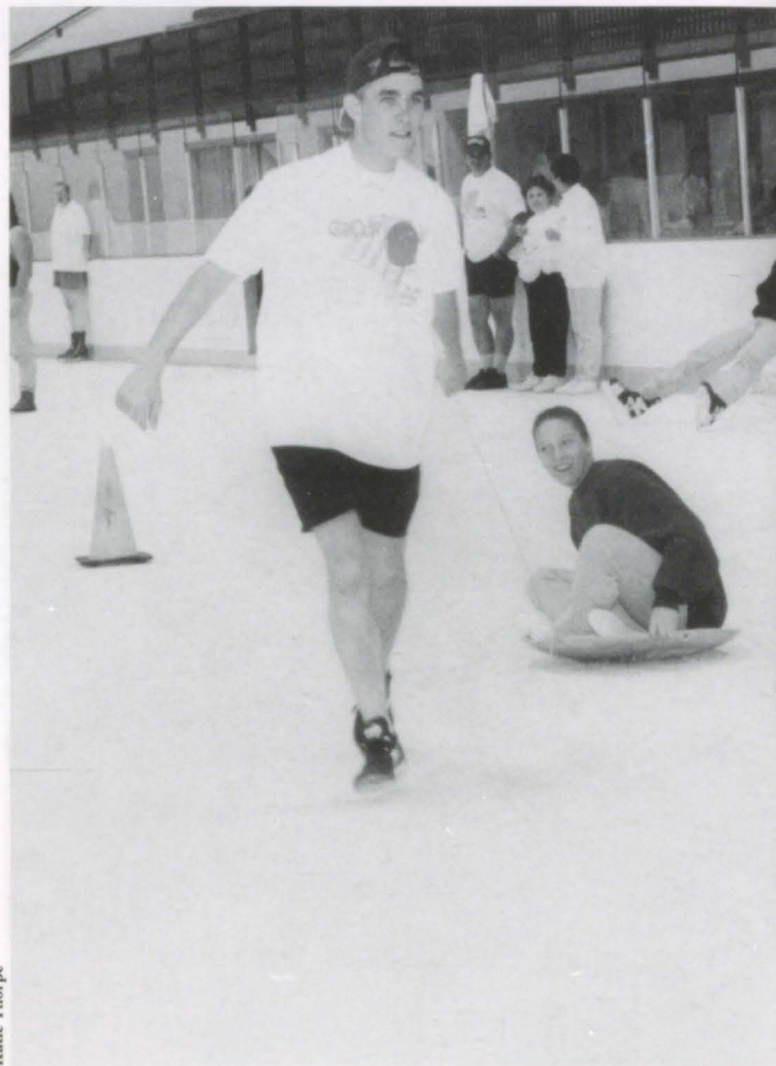
Snacks were provided throughout the night, which included pizza, nachos, soda, and doughnuts. After the games were concluded, everyone met in the cafeteria for the final words. More prizes were given out, and the students were loaded onto the buses. The buses returned at around 5 a.m., where their beds were awaiting.



Katie Thorpe

Amanda Ellis taking a break from the activities. Many snacks were provided throughout the night.

Graduates Justen Merz and Chrissy Lemon participating in a relay on the ice. Merz and Lemon's team placed first in the event.



Katie Thorpe



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Taking a break from swimming, senior Amy Lehmann snacks on a piece of cake before the next event.

Guest Greg Sutter skating past Jamie and Amie Lowry. Many students tried ice skating for the first time.



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Guest Michelle Hakala experiencing the sport of rock climbing at the RecPlex. Rock climbing was one of many activities available at Project Graduation.

Male seniors scrambling to pop the balloons in order to collect money inside the balloons.

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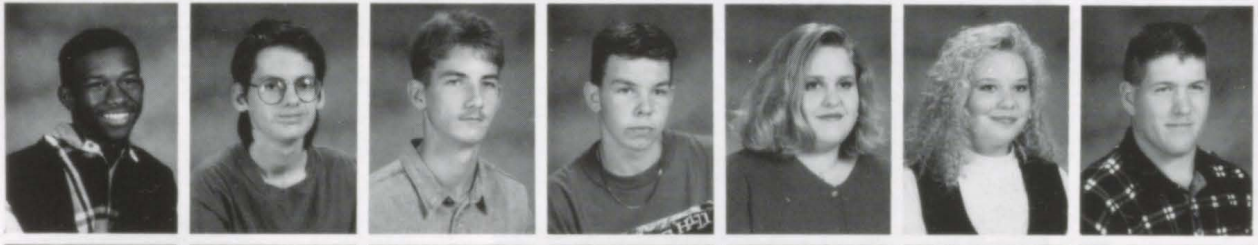
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Andrea Furness
Jessica Gerber
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Jessica Key



Lockers reflect on students personality

By Mike Schlipp

To some a locker gives them a home away from home, complete with a garden of unidentified plantlife area full of empty soda cans and chip bags, and a library of school books both owned and borrowed. The only thing missing is the master bedroom, but most students prefer sleeping in class.

Like students' own houses, their lockers are also personalized with decorations and pictures that each mean something different to everyone.

Most lockers display fa-

vorite sports or athletes. Pictures of friends, pets, beverages or pets and friends drinking the beverages are also proudly posted.

Even though some of the things displayed on locker doors are about the same, all lockers are not created equal. A good example of this is senior Jamie Lowry, who has

spent all year collecting all the clips and pieces to complete her college. Her locker is full of pictures showing favorite movies,

cars, softball, diamonds, and her boyfriend, Lee.

"My locker represents my personality and all the things that I like," Lowry said.

Sophomore Teri

Boschert also has a locker loaded with personality. Resembling a bookstore that went through Hurricane Hugo, Boscherts locker is anything but tidy. Stuck between the leaves of wrinkled papers and notes lie all the homework assignments that never got turned in, and the books she pays for at the end of the year for being lost.

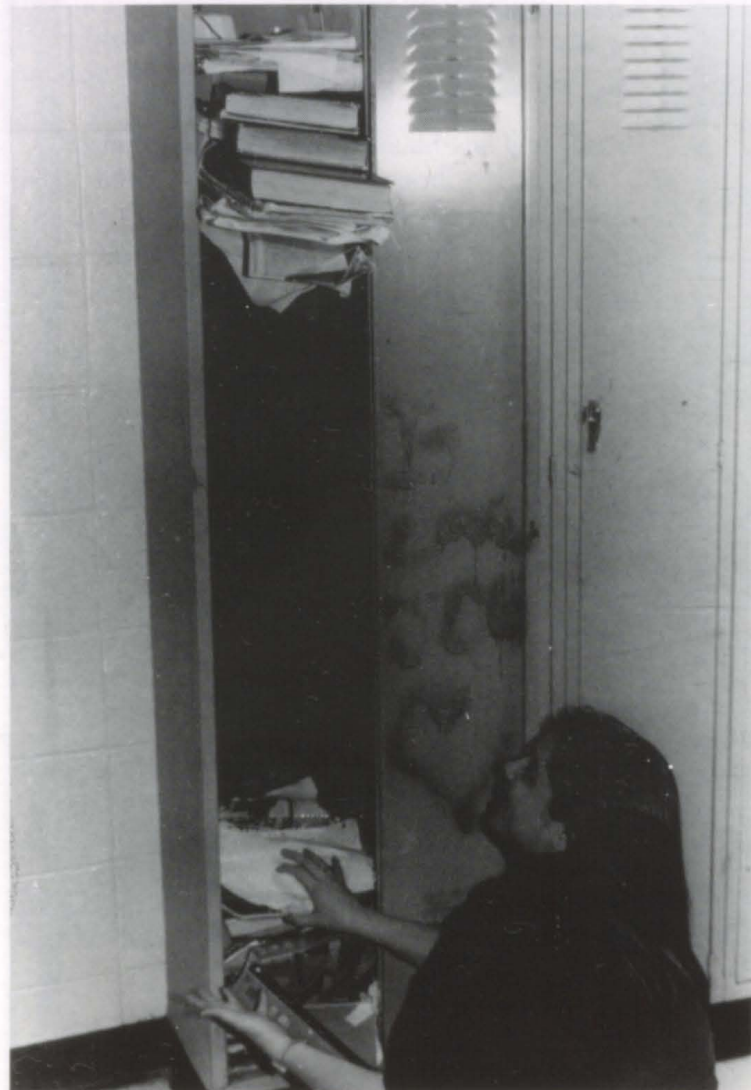
No one is the same as another even though the outsiders are alike, but you can't judge "a book" by its cover.



"My locker represents my personality"

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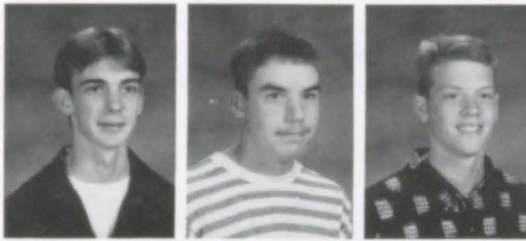


David Gerland

Sophomore Teri Boschert in an avalanche of books due to a messy locker. Boschert shares this disastrous locker with sophomore Kelly Tomes.

Senior Jamie Lowry looks for a notebook from her organized and decorated locker May 24.

Adam Krenski
Lance Krueger
Derek Lagemann



Jessica Lawson
Kerry Lewis
Keith Lucas



Robert McGee
Carmita McRoberts
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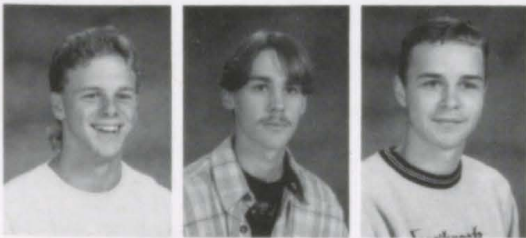
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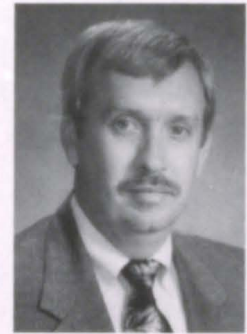
Jeanette Scoggin
Clem Sharp
Tessa Stonebarger



Where is your favorite fast food place to eat at?

"Fazzoli's because it's fast and I like pasta food."

*Superintendent
Maurice
Overlander*



"Lion's Choice because the wafer thin roast beef is delicious."

*Journalism
Teacher
Clay Figler*



"Long John Silver because it is cheap for seafood, I really don't know why I like it."

*Senior
Jamie Lowry*



"Burger King because the flame-broiled Whopper beat the Big Mac 2 to 1 in a taste test."

*Junior
Lance Krueger*



Life in the fast lane

By Tori Boschert

What do you do when you're practically starving, but you can't find anything to eat? Well, some people might turn to cannibalism, but most usually go out and find some fast food restaurant to eat at.

Whether it's McDonald's, Taco Bell, Hardee's or Jack in the Box, students have no problem finding someplace to eat. With such a wide variety of fast food restaurants, the real dilemma arises when the time comes to decide exactly where and what to eat. There are those predictable students who always go to the same restaurant and order the same meal, and then there are those more impulsive students who try something new on each outing. But whether they're predictable or impulsive, everyone has a fast food restaurant that they prefer over the rest.

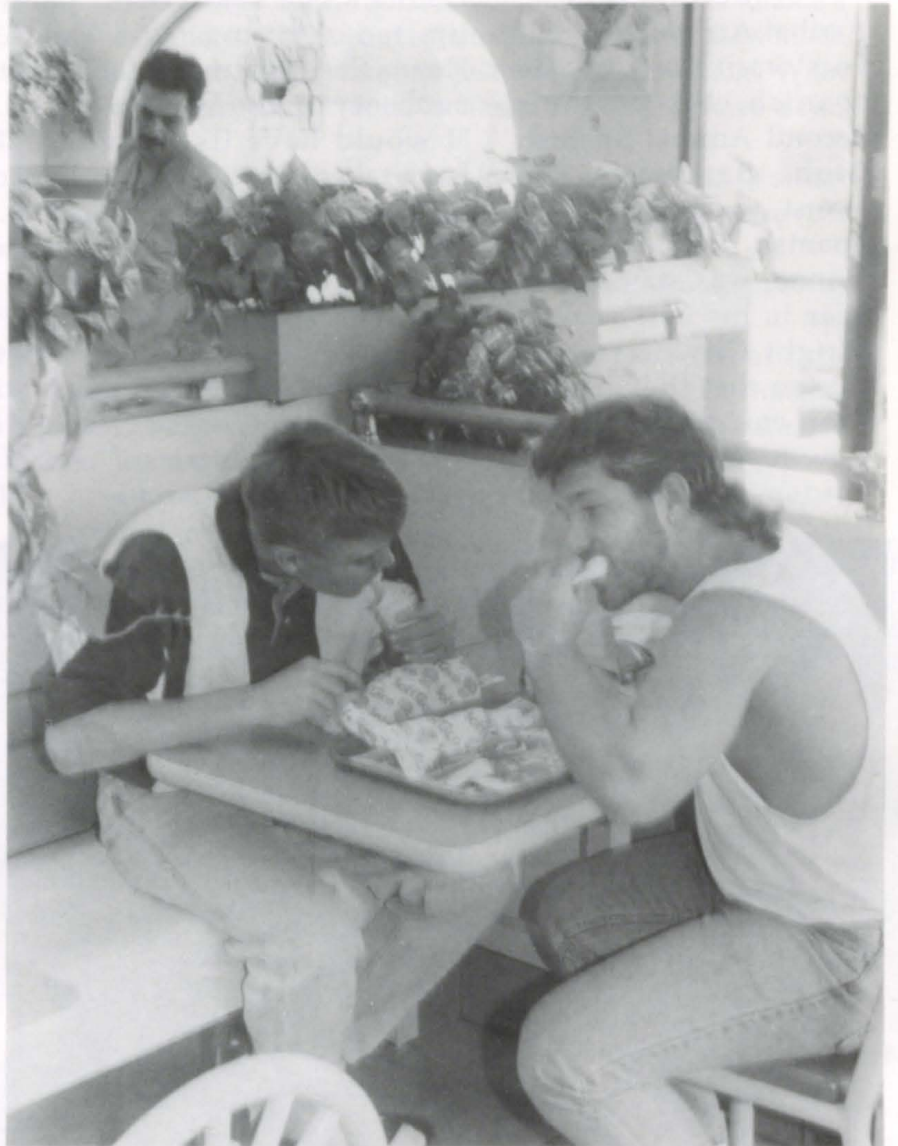
Sophomore Misty Alvis picks Subway and Taco Bell over the rest. "I like Subway because they don't stick to just meat on their sandwiches. They have all varieties. I like Taco Bell because nobody else sells tacos and it's all good," she said.

Freshman Crystal Tinsley said she likes Jack in the Box just because "it's good."

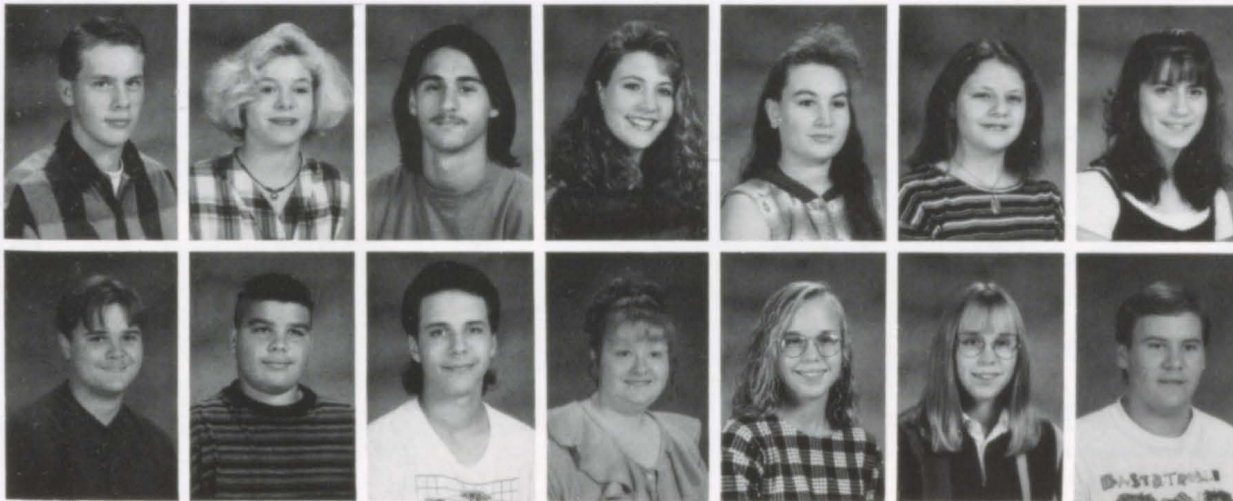
Junior Chad White prefers to eat at McDonald's. "That's where we always eat. We have food fights and stuff in there and they won't throw us out," he said.

Senior Brian Umbright likes to go to Taco Bell. "Everyone needs to make a run for the border every now and then," he said.

Seniors Yancey Burgess and Mike Schlipp eating soft tacos at Taco Bell after school, May 19.



Jamie Lowry



Matthew Stout
Evelyn Stuart
Greg Sutter
Stacey Taylor
Katie Thorpe
Christina Vrabel
Crystal Walker

Chad White
Shawn Wilding
Bradley Willoughby
Kelley Winfrey
Jill Yager
Kathleen Yager
Micah Zimmerle

Spanish Club escapes school lunch

By Jackie Andon

Andele! Andele! Arriba! Arriba! Hurry if you want to join the spanish club on their Second Annual Spanish Club Banquet. The event, sponsored by Spanish Teacher Robert Hanna, was started last year in his first year at Wright City. "I started this so that the Spanish Club could spend some time together in a non-academic setting," said

Hanna. The space was limited, giving Mr. Hanna the opportunity to be choosy in who he took. "I would have liked to have taken more people, but I only felt safe with ten."

This did not go over well with some rejected Spanish club members. Senior Nichole Owens injected her feelings. "I don't think it was fair (of him) to choose some

people over others. It should have been the first to sign up, the first to go."

However, those allowed to go had a good time. Senior Michael Cramberg enjoyed his food. "I ordered the Macho Plate, which had a variety of foods on it. I also like watching Jackie sing along with all the spanish songs."

Josh Rittinger,

sophomore, thought very highly of his meal. "The food was good. It tasted like real mexican food, not like that crappy stuff they have at Chevy's," he said.

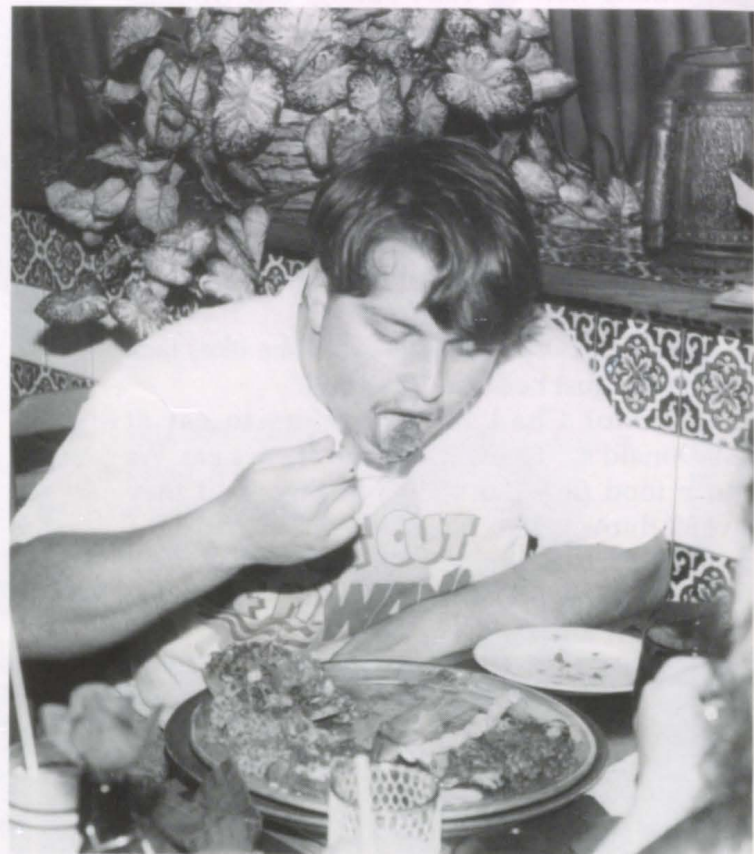
This trip, held on May 17, was one to remember. The mexican food, music, ant atmosphere were a welcome break to the normal school day. Hasta Luego!



Jackie Andon

Spanish Club sponsor Robert Hanna along with club members during their annual trip to Ruiz Castillo, a local Mexican restaurant.

Senior Mike Cramberg taking a bite of his macho plate at Ruiz Castillo's Mexican Restaurant, May 17.



Jackie Andon

Senior Carrie McKee eating enchiladas at Ruiz Castillo's. McKee and nine other members of Spanish Club were allowed to go on the annual trip.



Jackie Andon

What do you do when you have a bad hair day?



"I've never had a bad hair day"
Custodian
Ed Boehler



"I have a bad hair day every day, that's why I always have it in a bun."
Senior
Crissy Lemon



"I slick my hair back and wear a hat."
Sophomore
Darnisha Gurley



"I wear a hat."
Freshman
Jim Byrd

Hats on to bad hair days

By Angela Balkentusch

Oh No! Your late for school, you don't have time to take a shower, and you've ran out of hairspray. No matter how much you comb or brush, your hair just won't do anything. What are you going to do? It looks like your going to have a bad hair day.

What is the easiest way to take care of this kind of situation? Leave it down, wear it up, wet it, or maybe just leave it as it is.

Students who have had bad hair days stated what their solution to the problem is.

"I have to use almost half a can of gel and hair spray a day to control the frizz. I have naturally curly hair. I tried a straightener, but it lasted only one day. I guess I was meant to have this fro," Lemon said.

Sophomore Darnisha Gurley gets to the point without wasting any time. "I slick the hair back and wear a hat!" said Gurley.

On the other hand, however, some people do not have any problem with their hair. School janitor, Ed Boehler thinks his hair looks fine. "I've never had a bad hair day!"

So if you ever find yourself in a hurry, things just aren't going right, or your hair won't cooperate, maybe these solutions will work for you!



Katie Thorpe

Senior Crissy Lemon after brushing her hair on a bad hair day, May 5.

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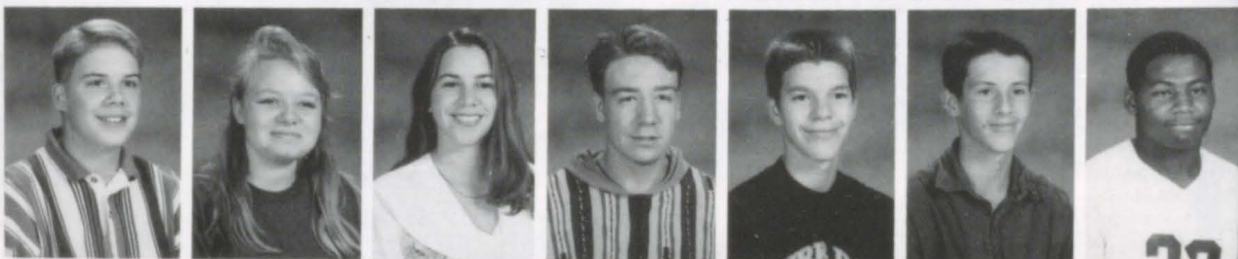
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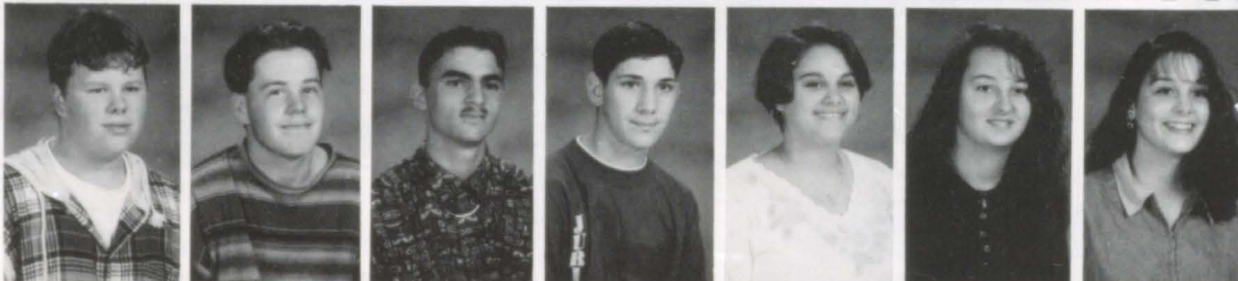
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Joshua Cole
Terrill Cotton



Christopher Curd
John Davidson
Randy Deatherage
Julius Deuser
Trisha Eversole
Katie Filson
Erin Gilmore



Sweet 16!

A new driver's license can be a teenager's best friend

By Teri Boschert

"Get your motor running. Head out on the highway. Looking for adventure, and whatever comes my way! Born to be wild!"

Steppenwolf's hit, "Born to be Wild," says it all. All that's in the minds of those who don't already have their drivers' licenses, that is. But before you gain your "freedom," everyone knows you have to pass a driver's exam.

And anyone who has taken the exam will tell you it's nerve-racking, but well worth it.

Junior Stacey Taylor is just one of the many students at WCHS who have "hit the road."

"Since I've had

my license, I've had more opportunities to be in more activities and my parents don't have to be my ride everywhere," Taylor said.

She also said that she doesn't think it should be based on a test. "It should be

based more on maturity and responsibility," she said. "Anybody can study and pass a test, but it's something you have to do."

Well, it's not something you have to do if you plan on calling a cab or catching a bus for the rest of your life. But if you want to drive now, you're required to have your license. And to get that, you've got to pass the test.



"Since I've had my license, I've had more opportunities,"

Junior Stacey Taylor



Shelly Merz

Sophomore Teri Boschert receiving her license, May 4. Boschert passed her driving test on the first try.

Tonya Grace
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Darnisha Gurley



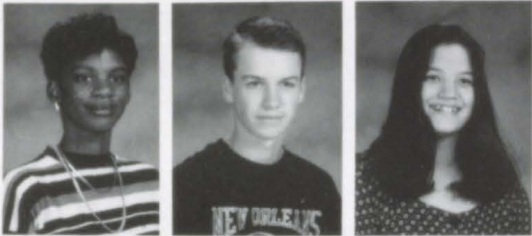
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Bradley House
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Colby Jennings



Jamie Johnson
Jeremy Johnson
Sean Kehoe



Amanda Key
Michelle King
Franklin Klocke



What chores are you responsible for around the house?

"I sweep the floor, burn the trash, and I clean up the room,"

*April Simms
Senior*



"Washing the dishes, laundry, basically all the housework there is,"

*Piper Chilson
Junior*



"Picking up after my brothers since they can't do it themselves,"

*Kate Boyd
Sophomore*



"Making the ice cubes, vacumming, folding clothes, and that's about it,"

*Chris Campise
Freshman*



Students help out with household chores

By Nichole Owens

Most every student has duties to fulfill in their house. Cleaning, cooking, taking out the trash, and babysitting are normal jobs that parents give to their children. However, some people have more unusual chores and sometimes, more disgusting.

Senior Michelle Lato has one of the more gross chores. "I have to pick up dog poop, and also I have to clean my room and the bathroom." Many other people have similar chores. Amber Borrego has to rotate chores with her brothers Adam and Travis.

"We trade off doing the dishes and taking out the trash. I have to clean my room myself." said Amber.

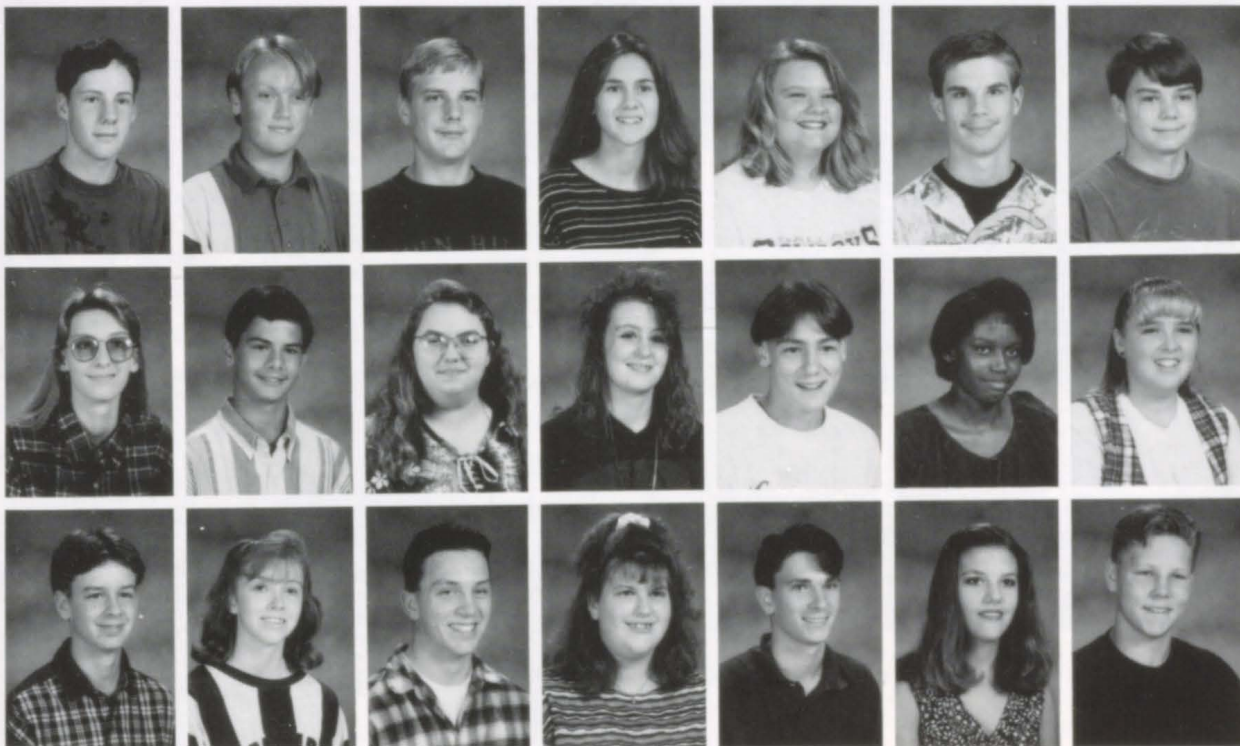
Senior Kristie Carner has different kind of chores than normal. "I have no house, therefore I have no chores. However, I have to keep my room at Terry's clean and pick up beer bottle caps after Jimmy has parties." Kristie said.

Although everyone's chores differ, most have a common theme. The responsibilities of living at home can be trying at times, but are worth it. Whatever happens after you graduate, whether it is going to college, out on your own, or going into the military, it is very different out there.

Armed with her pooper scooper, senior Michelle Lato performs her weekly chore. Her dog, Bruiser, supervises her work.



Nichole Owens



Kyle Koehler
Robert Kramer
Clinton Krause
Christine Kurtzeborn
Monique Larocque
Chad Lebeau
Justin Lytle

Krista Maass
Joseph Maestas
Wendy Martin
Heather Maschmidt
Michael McKinney
Grace McRoberts
Shelly Merz

Adam Meyer
Sheila Mintner
Brian Mohr
Melissa Nelson
Dale Nicolas
Sara North
Jason Odom

Circle of gold

Sophomores receive class rings

By Nichole Owens

Buying a class ring is an experience to remember. It symbolizes the accomplishments that a student has made over the years, and what was important to them. To parents, it may symbolize another step away from them, or it might just represent about \$200.

"I feel like an old man. Kids grow up fast," said Richard Adams, father of Wendy Adams

Two years ago, starting in 1993, Jostens decided to hold a ring

ceremony for the sophomores when the rings are delivered. They do this to try to make it a more special time, since it represents so much.

"We do this to try to make it more of a fun and memorable experience for the students. Also because so many parents complain about not being involved in their child's high school experiences. This gives them a chance to be in on the fun," said Greg Jones, Jostens representative.

The ceremony started with a presentation by Greg Jones, and the handing out of the rings. Each sophomore picked someone to put the ring on their finger as it was presented. Some students chose to have their parents do the honor, and others had a friend do it. After the rings were distributed, Jostens ordered pizza and soda for everyone.

Most people were very happy with their rings. However, one student was extremely un-

happy. Alesha...or Shelly Merz, received a ring intended for a girl from Henry Sidling school.

"It makes me mad. I wanted my ring tonight!" exclaimed Merz.

Others were satisfied with the long awaited rings. Tiffany Helling was extremely anxious. "I've been waiting to get my class ring ever since Wendy got hers. She would leave it in the bathroom and when she wasn't looking I'd slip it on," she said.



Chrissy Lemon

Sophomore Erin Gilmore chowing down on sausage pizza after the ring ceremony.

Sophomore Tiffany Helling receives her class ring from her mother Connie Helling, May 16.



Chrissy Lemon

What is your favorite way to spend your free time?



"I spend time with my boyfriend. We play pool and just hang out,"

*Kristin Tomas
Senior*



"I like to play basketball and spend time with my cousins Jaime and Scott,"

*Jason Copeland
Junior*



"I like to spend my time with my friends doing things like golf, bowling,"

*Brian Mohr
Sophomore*



"I like listening to my radio and talking on the phone. I also like to hang out with my cousin Angie,"

*Beth Blanton
Freshman*

Kick back and relax!

Students manage their free time

By Angie Balkenbusch

Despite schoolwork, athletics and jobs, students still manage to find free time. Free time is spent in many different ways. Some like to hang out with friends, some like to play out of school sports, and some like to spend time at home with family. Freshman Beth Blanton stated that she enjoys listening to music at home.

"I like spending time in my room listening to my radio and talking on the phone. I also like to hang out with my cousin Angie," Blanton said.

Sophomore Brian Mohr, another student that enjoys free time outside of school, likes to do a number of things. "I like to spend my free time with my friends and doing things like playing golf and bowling, and I also like to kick back by myself," Mohr said.

Free time is scarce for many students so that time is taken advantage of by doing many different things that are enjoyable to them.



Aimey Paul
David Peterson
Amanda Pickett



Todd Reckamp
Rebecca Riley
Joshua Rittinger



Danny Rygelski
Toni Schamma
Tara Scoggin

Students give creative excuses

By Nichole Owens

Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, its off to work we go. Over half of high school students today have jobs to make money. All though everyone wants hours, the time always comes when they need time off. Many bosses don't want to let their employee's off, making it necessary to make up excuses to get out of work.

"I tell them that my mom has a migraine headache, and basically I have to drive her to the hospital because she gets drugs and can't drive back," said McDonalds employee Adam Borrego.

"I wrecked my car, my car broke down and once I said my dog died, said Terry Roberts who works in the kitchen at Innsbrook.

Although many excuses sound like lies, don't always assume that they are.

Jacob Sewell
Zabrina Sharp
Patricia Skorcz



James Snider
Scot Stufflebean
Chad Thompson



Ryan Thornton
Jessica Tinker
Amy Tinsley



Kelly Tomes
David Venneman
Michael Wells

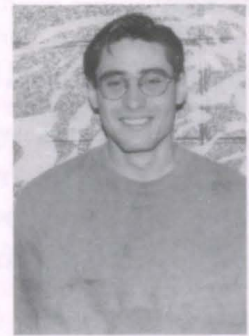


Not Pictured:
Steven Bates
Shelly Beal
Toby Beeny
Amy Butler
Bryan Crump
William Denson
Jamie Mendez
Robert Secord

What is your excuse for asking off of work?

"I tell them my mom has a migraine headache and I have to drive her to the hospital."

Senior
Adam Borrego



"I've got an urgent student council meeting."

Junior
Jason Abramovitz



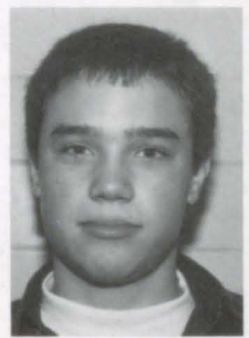
"There was an emergency in Iowa and I have to visit my family."

Sophomore
Misty Alvis



"I tell them my car broke down, even though they know I'm not 16."

Freshman
Paul Dutton



Turning back the clock

Recalling memories becomes a 'pastime'

By Yancy Burgess

Throughout one's life you are faced with many highs and lows, ups and downs. For most there are those few moments that stick out in our minds more than others. Some of the fondest memories might have been an embarrassing moment that has since turned into a funny memory. Fond memories are success in academics, athletics or your first trip to an amusement park. Whatever the memory, they are part's of someone's past that will never be forgotten.

"My fondest memory would be August, 1982, at the drive-in in my El

Camino" said Journalism teacher Clay Zigler. "I love that car, it was the kind of car that when you drove by even the guys would look and they would nod."

High School is commonly referred to as the best time of one's life, even though that is rarely agreed by present students. High school is a place that provides many long lasting memories for most students.

Senior Shannon Skorcz recalls her fondest memory in softball, "My fondest memory is winning the state champion-

ship in softball two years in a row, it's one of the things that I will never forget because I will never have the chance to do it again. Even when I am eighty years old I will still have the medals to remind me" Skorcz said.

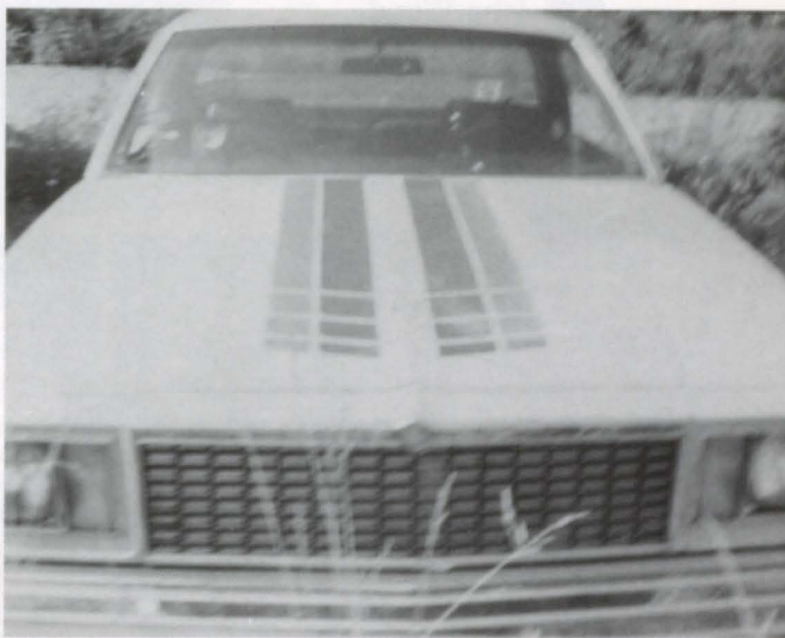
Athletics are obviously a past in many student's lives, athletics provide many disappointing times but in most cases there are more fond memories.

"My fondest memory would be when our soccer team finally won a game, even though I broke my collar bone," said junior Keith Lucas. "Because I

wanted to be part of the win I stayed in the game, at the time I didn't know it was broke, I felt good for the seniors because they had played so many games and they finally won."

Fond memories may also be of times with your family, or of your childhood. Sophomore Tiffany Helling recalls a day of shopping when she was very young.

"My fondest memory is of going shopping with my mom and getting to ride in the carousel, especially when I got to ride the red horse and Wendy would cry," Helling said.



Clay Zigler

One-year-old Tiffany Helling riding the red horse at Wal-Mart as three year old Wendy Helling jealously watches. Wendy cried because she wanted to ride the red horse.

Clay Zigler's 1978 Chevy El Camino. The sky blue car with racing stripes was a trademark for Zigler during the early 1980s.

Freshmen Class Officers

T onya Sydnor,
President

a nna Braun,
Secretary

n ick Girondo,
Class Rep.

a my Rook,
Vice President

T isha Wood,
Treasurer

a imee Pettig,
Class Rep.



Nichole Owens

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Jackie Baskett
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Brandon Boegeman



Landon Bond
Travis Borrego
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Jennifer Burks



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Christopher Campise
Jennifer Carper
Dennis Collier
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Christopher Delgado



No hands!

Hackey sackers invade campus despite 'no hack rule'

By Teri Boschert

Students at W.C. High School have discovered a new love in sports. It's the act of hackey sacking. Some people might not consider "hacking" a sport, but it really is. The definition of "sport" is: the playing of games or participation in competitive pastimes involving physical exertion and skill, especially those played outdoors. Hackey sack is usually played outdoors, it is a game, and it definitely requires physical exertion and skill.

Junior Greg Sutter is one of the many students who has taken up hackey sacking.

He enjoys kicking the hackey sack and performing all the "cool" tricks you can do with it. That's not the only reason he has for hackey sacking.

"Wright City's so boring we have to kick a bean bag around," he said.

Junior Shawn Fincher is also a "hacker." He says he enjoys hackey sacking be-

cause it's fun and challenging. He says he does it any-

where, like at the mall or at home, and has been doing it for about a year.

Hacking isn't only for males. Many females have recently begun to take up the sport.

Freshman Jennifer Carter is only one of them.

"It's just cool. Everybody else does it, so I just kind of got into it," Carter said. "It was never popular when I was in middle school, but

when I came up here everybody was doing it and I was like 'all right!' so I started doing it too."

Not everyone enjoys this sport. Sophomore Kelly Tomes is one person who doesn't like hackey sacking. "I think it's stupid because there's really no point to it. They just stand around and kick the ball," Tomes said.

Although hackey sacking has been prohibited on school grounds, students still find the time and place to participate in this popular sport, and no matter what people say, if they want to do it, they're going to do it.

"It's just cool. Everybody else does it, so I just kind of got into it."

Jennifer Carter



Vicky Venneman

Junior Greg Sutter shows off his hackey sack skill while other hackers observe.

Junior Nate Bueneman balancing gracefully on one foot to keep the hackey sack in play.

Teri Boschert

Paul Dutton
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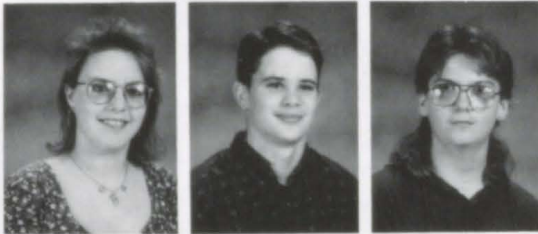
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Maurice Johnson
Angela Jolly
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Tasha Kauble
Christopher Lacy
Jeremy Lancaster



Stephanie Lawson
Stephanie Lemon
Eric Martin



Holly Maschmidt
Jeremy Meador
Robert Meadows



What is your biggest pet peeve?

"Smokers, I just hate that second-hand smoke,"
Resource Teacher
Vicki Sayers



"When people ask me questions to put in the yearbook,"
Senior
Kristie Carner



"People who do 45 on the highway in the passing lane and they don't even notice that they're doing it,"
Junior
Kelley Winfrey



"Arrogant people, people who think they're better than everyone else,"
Freshmen
Travis Borrego



Students express their pet peeves

By Adam Borrego

Is there anything that really bothers you? Some people say that slow drivers really urk them, while others say its picky eaters. Whatever the bother, almost everyone has a pet peeve.

Senior Angie Balkenbusch gets perturbed by other drivers. "I really hate it when I'm driving on the highway, and there is a car behind me, and a car in front of me. I don't know why it bothers me so much, it just does." Sometimes, even your friends can really get to you when they do the littlest thing, even if they dont mean to. "I hate it when you spend the night at someone's house, and they snore. I can't go to sleep because there's nothing you can do about the noise," Senior Nichole Owens said. This years foriegn exchange student from Colombia, senior Jackie Andon, says she's tired of people saying negative things about Colombia. "It really gets to me when poeple say stuff about my country, and they don't have any idea of what they're talking about. I wish they would stop it, because I would hate to destroy them."

Senior Nichole Owens strangling senior Wendy Helling at a slumber party turned bad because of Helling's snoring.



Angie Balkenbusch



Stacie Mosblech
Daniel Neill
Aimee Pettig
James Polston
Alexis Pomeroy
Jacqueline Pomeroy
T.J. Pugh

Christina Raines
Tammy Rampani
Jonathon Redmond
Joshua Redmond
Candy Robison
Joshua Robison
Stephen Rohan

James Romans
Amy Rook
Steven Ruth
Earl Samson
Brian Schulte
Angela Scissors
Christopher Stamm

In-school suspension: not a positive experience

By Katie Thorpe

"My parents will be gone tomorrow, we can go to my house."

Two students make plans to meet early the next morning, but it's not the weekend yet. The next day the school secretary calls the homes of the students who haven't showed up for school, and she finds out that the parents of the students say they're supposed to be at school. But they're not. They're skipping.

What will the students get as punishment? According to school policy, each student will receive three days of P.A.S., a program that is designed as a form of in school suspension. P.A.S. stands for positive action suspension, but according to sophomore Teri M. Boschert, it's not so positive.

"It doesn't exactly live up to what the name implies,"

Boschert said.

Boschert was assigned to three days in P.A.S. for truancy.

"It's not very positive. All you do is the work that your teachers assign to you. I guess they're supposed to give you more work than usual to keep you busy, but that's dumb because you can't learn anything when you're doing all these assignments that you know nothing about," Boschert said.

The usual day in P.A.S. starts out with the bell to start classes. Everyone in the P.A.S. classroom has their own desk, most of them are isolated. The students' books are at their desks, so they don't need to leave the room for any reason. The morning P.A.S. supervisor, Frank Lake, makes sure everyone knows the rules. Everyone

gets to work, and there is absolutely no talking. The students get one break during the morning, when they can use the restroom and get a drink. Then it's right back to the books!

Lunch comes next. The P.A.S. students can only mingle within the P.A.S. table. The students can only get food when they first come in, and they can only take their trays up when instructed to do so by the afternoon supervisor, Dale Kelly.

Kelly feels that this form of discipline is effective and positive.

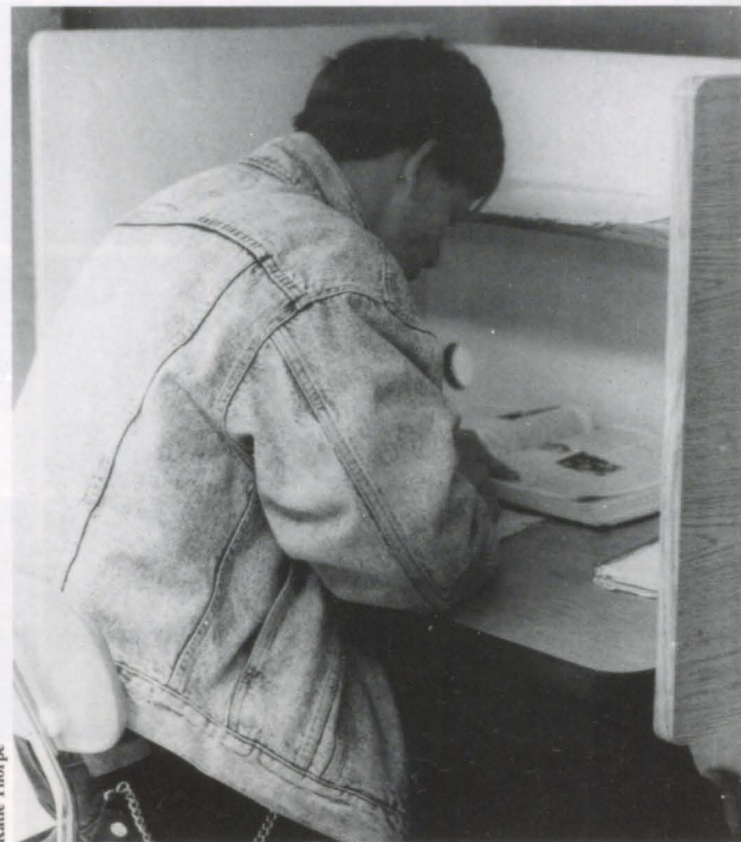
"P.A.S. is a positive way of disciplining kids without kicking them out of school, and the kids still get credit for their work. I think for many students this is effective, but for some it's not," Kelly said.

After lunch, it's back to the P.A.S. room they go. They get one more break in the afternoon, and then they're there until the final bell rings. Some students take their books with them when they leave, but only because they have served their time. The students are assigned more work than usual to keep them busy, so there is no homework.

For many students, P.A.S. is an experience they will never forget, but others don't have to remember because they keep going back. *"I don't plan on going back because I would much rather be in my regular classes,"* Boschert says, *"Not just because I get to talk to my friends, but I can learn stuff instead of trying to figure it out on my own like I did when I was in jail."*



Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Junior Crystal Walker was assigned to P.A.S. for work in the P.A.S. classroom April 6. Walker was assigned to P.A.S. for assault.

Senior James Byrd was assigned to P.A.S. for writing a research paper on AIDS for his Health class April 6. Byrd was sentenced to P.A.S. for excessive eighth hours.

What excuse do you give when you don't do your homework?



"It goes against my principles. I don't believe in it or I have something better to do."

*Senior
Nichole Owens*



"I forgot."

*Junior
Kris Ault*



"I stayed up all night doing it when I woke up I was so tired I forgot it."

*Sophomore
Brian
Balkenbusch*



"I didn't understand it."

*Freshman
Amy Rook*

Students make excuses

*By Mike Schlipp and
Angie Balkenbusch*

What happens when your homework doesn't get done or somehow gets left at home? Do you try and make an excuse to get by the teacher?

My dog ate it, my mom washed it, I had it in my locker and now it's not there! These are all lines you have used at one time or another to dodge that inevitable "goose egg." Do you really think teachers, or anyone else for that matter, buy this stuff? Well some people seem to think so. Here are four students who gave us their own

inventive excuses for not having their homework. Senior Nichole Owens gives her explanation. "It's against my principles-I don't believe in it!"

Junior Krissy Ault prefers the more simple and straight to the point method by saying, "I forgot!"

Whether or not these clever lines work, they make the rigorous pursuit of academic excellence a bit more entertaining.



**Jeremy Stoechner
Alanna Stonebarger
Tonya Sydnor**



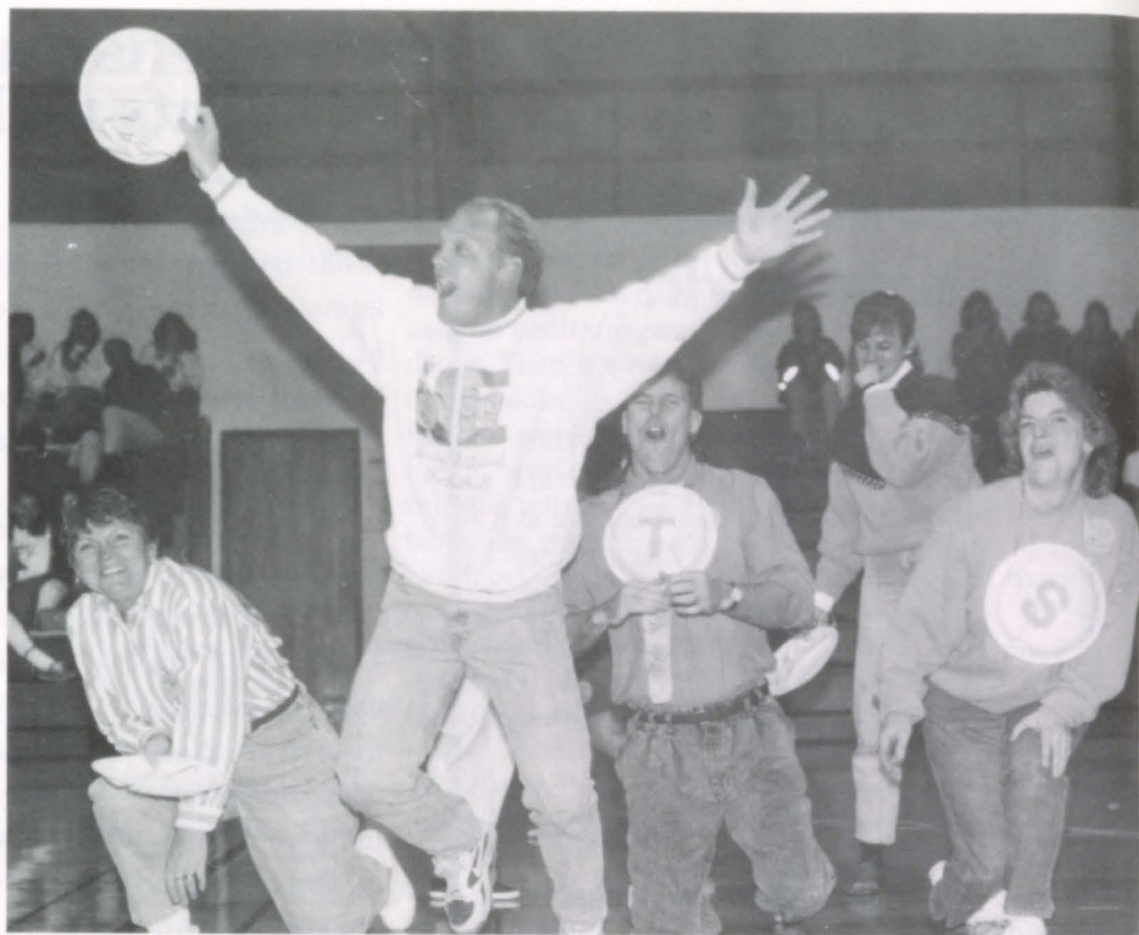
**Crystal Tinsley
Robert Vaughn
Adam Williams**



**Daniel Wilson
Tisha Wood**

**Not Pictured:
Johndrea Jefferson
Sarah Lytle
Kevin Mitchell
Landon Smith
Jennifer Williams**

Faculty



During a pep assembly, teachers Diane Ward, Tad Savage, Mark Taylor, Mary Beth Muenks, and Vicky Sayers demonstrate their enthusiasm for the softball teams victory.

Eileen Bittle: University of Missouri-St. Louis, BS Education; Sponsor of Cheerleading, Speech and Drama

Mark Blackmore: University of MO, BS Music Education, Masters Curriculum and Instruction-Music; Marching, Pep, Jazz, and Concert Band Director

Dan Charlton: Murray State University, BS Business Education

Janet Clarke: Pittsburgh State University, BME Voice and Instrumental; Choir Director

David Cook: University of Missouri, BS Agriculture, M-Ed Education; FFA Adviser

Dorry Davidson: University of Missouri-St. Louis, MA School Administration

Donna Demarcantonio: Carroll College, BS Art Education; Art Club Sponsor

Janet Freeman: Eastern Illinois University, University of MO-St. Louis, BSEd English, MSED Secondary School Guidance and Counseling; Student Council and HiSTEP Sponsor

Janet Gerdeman: Mineral Area College

K. David Gerdeman: SIU-Edwardsville, BSEd Physical Education

Robyn Gray: Southeast MO State University, BS Secondary Education Mathematics; Senior Class Sponsor

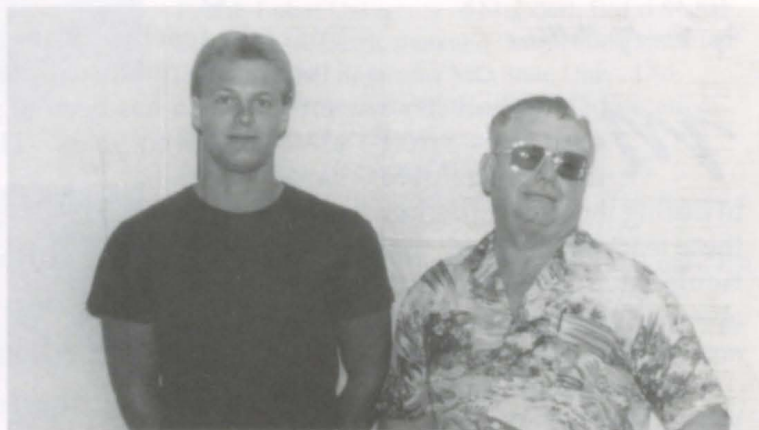
Robert Hanna: University of Missouri, BS Education, Minor Spanish; Spanish Club Sponsor





Cafeteria workers, left to right: Virginia Tomschin, Gladys Eversmeyer, Karen Huster, Peggy Fleighman

Custodians David Rohan and Ed Bohler



School board members, (front row) left to right: Dr. Maurice Overlander, Larry Zuhone, Wendell Meyer, Florence Blanks, (second row): Elaine Kumm, Sherry Hollenbeck, Leroy Mikus, Jim Lowry, Mary Groeper, Cheri Joyce



Principal Dale Ridder



Treasurer Lila Brandes



Secretary Billie Arnett

What do you do for fun?

Teachers enjoy a variety of pastimes

By Wendy Helling

Most teachers have activities that they participate in during their free time, but these teachers do extra curricular activities that are above and beyond the usual, and are out of the ordinary.

Math teacher Priscilla Wobbe goes to the St. Charles County YMCA every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday night and keeps fit by participating in their step aerobic program.

"I do aerobics to keep up with all of the students," Wobbe said.

Spanish teacher Robert Hanna has an unusual pastime. Hanna has been juggling for seven years. He said he took up juggling because at the time there were many influential jugglers in his life.

"Life without juggling is no life at all," Hanna said.

Hanna not only juggles, but he also plays his bass guitar. He plays with a band and on

his own time for personal enjoyment. Eileen Bittle, English, Speech, and Drama teacher, likes to travel. She has been to every state ex-

cluding Alaska.

"My dream is to go to Ireland because that is where my roots are," said Bittle.

Bittle also likes to read. Her favorite kind of books are nonfiction or have a realistic storyline and end in a moral. She also likes fiction.

"It has to be really bizarre fiction for me to read it and get into it," Bittle said.

History Teacher Tad Savage enjoys biking, swimming, running, softball, and many other outdoor activities.

Exercising and participating in outdoor sports and similar activities is how he keeps fit.

"Summertime is the greatest time of year because that is when I get to be outdoors and do what I enjoy," Savage said.

All of these teachers participate in activities that are stepped up considerably compared to the hum drum activities of old.

"I do aerobics to keep up with all of the students,"

**Priscilla Wobbe
Math Instructor**

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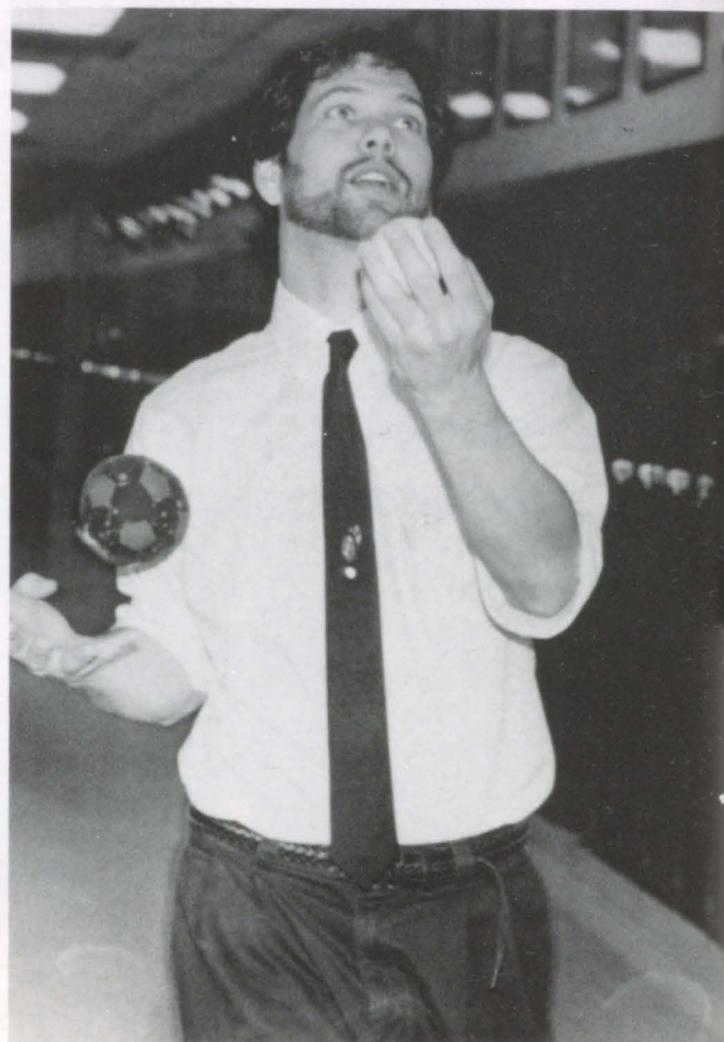
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Erin Gilmore

Cought in the act. History teacher Tad Savage cut out for a little run before the basketball game.

Momentarily dazed by the camera's flash, Spanish teacher Robert Hanna continues juggling outside his classroom door.



Jamie Lowry



Jean Kimpling: Washington Univ., Lindenwood College, BSEd Health and Physical Education, Library Certification

Frank Lake: University of Missouri, BSEd Social Studies, MA Curriculum and Instruction-Education

Jeanne Lane: Southeast MO State Univ., Old Dominion University, BS English, MS Education; Sophomore Class Sponsor

John Leara: Southeast MO State Univ., BS Business Adm., BS Education; Senior Class Sponsor

Courtney Mertens: University of MO St. Louis, BA Communications

Mary Beth Muenks: Univ. of MO, Univ. of MO-St. Louis, BSEd Elementary, MEd Special Education-LD, BD, EMH; Freshmen Class Sponsor

Nancee Rippetto: St. Lukes School of Nursing, RN, School nurse since 1978

Tad Savage: Drake University, BSE Social Science; Sponsor of Girls Basketball Team, Student Council, and Spectrum

Vicki Sayers: University of MO

Randy Scipioni: Lincoln University, BS Education and Industrial Technology; TSA Sponsor

Benita Springman: NMSU, BSE Vocational Home Economics; FHA Sponsor

Dan Springman: University of MO, BSE Social Studies; Softball Coach and Baseball Coach

Mark Taylor: Westminster University, University of MO, BA, MST Math; Junior Class Sponsor

Diane Ward: Eastern Illinois University, BS Zoology, Certified in Chemistry Education

Edward Weishaar: University of MO, BS, BA Political Science

Priscilla Wobbe: SIU-Edwardsville, University of MO-St. Louis, BS Mathematics, MEd Counseling; Freshmen Class Sponsor

Sue Wright: Southern MO State University, BSE Physical Education/Biology; Track Coach, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

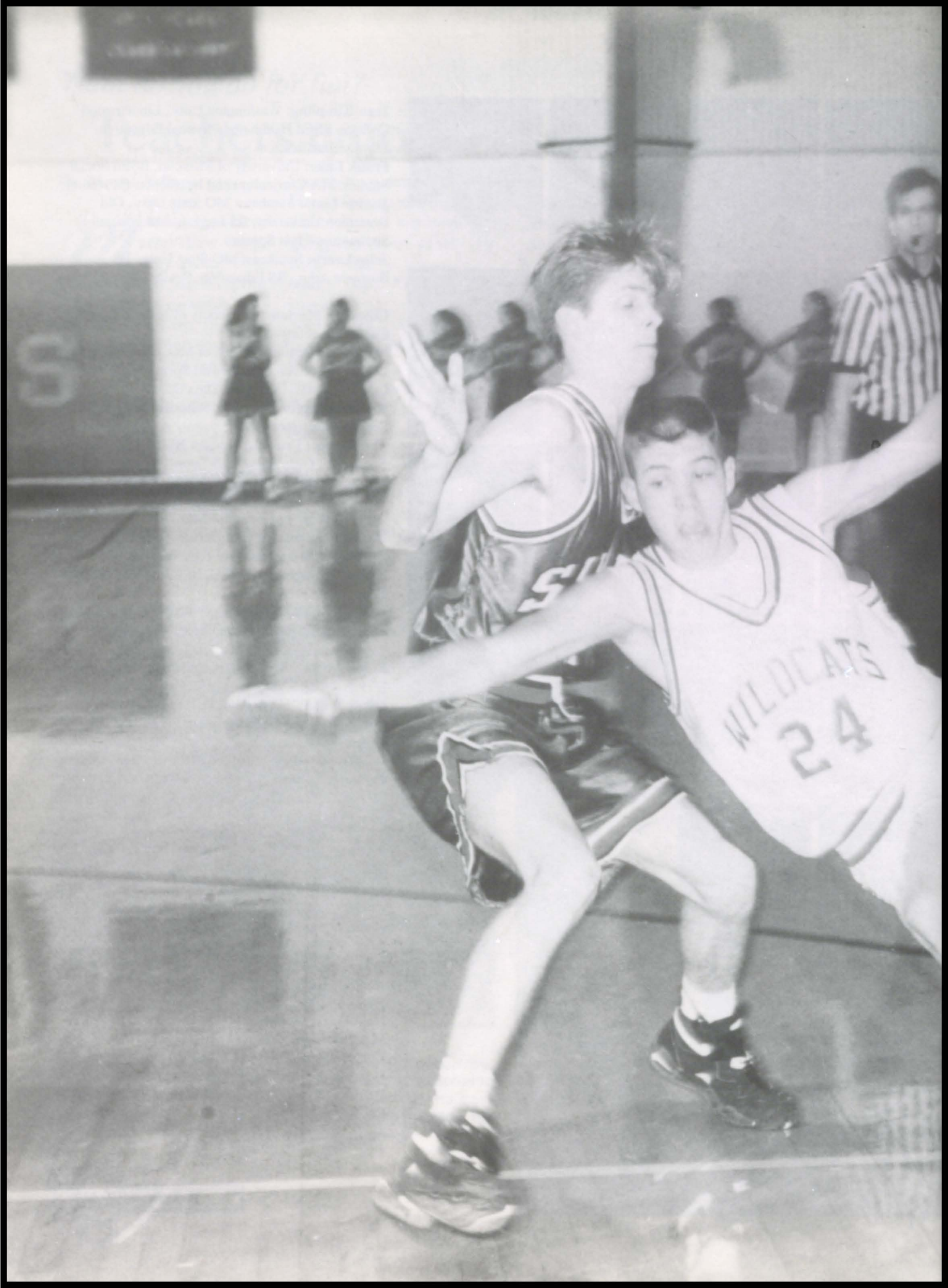
Clay Zigler: Lindenwood College, Fontbonne College, BS Mass Communications, BA English Literature; Journalism Department Head

Not Pictured:

Dale Kelly: Southeast MO State Univ., BS Biology, MA Secondary Administration

Lori Reiher: Illinois State Univ., University of Houston, BA Social Work, MA Sociology

Debbie Veitmeier: MO Bapstist School of Nursing, RN Nursing





Katie Thorpe

SPORTS

Like you've never seen before

Instant replay

Sports are a major part of many students lives. Whether you cheer the team on from the sidelines or lead the team as the star player, every student makes a valuable contribution to the **Instant replay** of sports.

Twice as sweet when you repeat...that was the softball teams slogan when they won the Class 2a-3a State Championship for the second year in a row. Without a doubt the girls pulled off an **instant replay**.

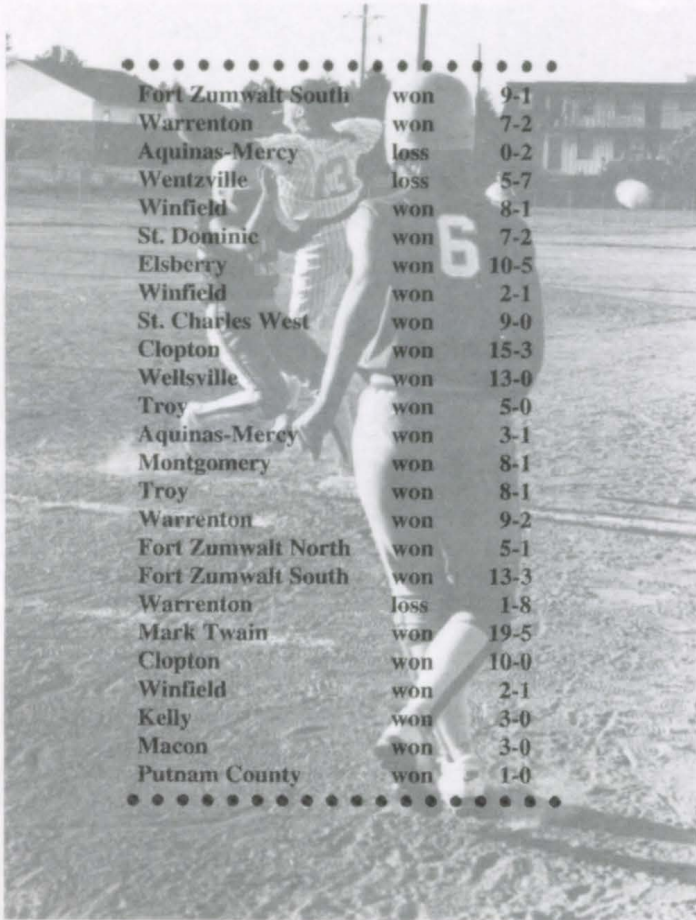
The boys soccer team broke all the rules by allowing a female player on its team. Both fans and other players had to take an **instant replay**.

Both the boys and girls basketball teams wished for a stronger season after losing in the opening round of District play. Each team would grab at the chance for an **instant replay**.

Driving towards the basket, senior Kenny Kohr breaks through the Silex defense for a shot at the basket Nov. 29.

Jaime Ostmann
 beats out a throw at first base
 in the final four against
 Putnam County.

Season Records...



Fort Zumwalt South	won	9-1
Warrenton	won	7-2
Aquinas-Mercy	loss	0-2
Wentzville	loss	5-7
Winfield	won	8-1
St. Dominic	won	7-2
Elsberry	won	10-5
Winfield	won	2-1
St. Charles West	won	9-0
Clopton	won	15-3
Wellsville	won	13-0
Troy	won	5-0
Aquinas-Mercy	won	3-1
Montgomery	won	8-1
Troy	won	8-1
Warrenton	won	9-2
Fort Zumwalt North	won	5-1
Fort Zumwalt South	won	13-3
Warrenton	loss	1-8
Mark Twain	won	19-5
Clopton	won	10-0
Winfield	won	2-1
Kelly	won	3-0
Macon	won	3-0
Putnam County	won	1-0

Katie Thorpe



Front row, left to right; Jill Yager, Heather Engelage, Leah Groeper, Shannon Skorcz, Amie Lowry, Jaime Ostmann, Jamie Lowry, Robyn Cole, Amy DiFatta, Tisha Wood

Second row; Coach Dan Springman, Jessica Key, Becky Riley, Tiffany Helling, Trish Skorcz, Kati Boyd, Shawna Morie, Katie Yager, Aimee Pettig, Heather Jarvis, Asst. Coach Rusty Elifritz

Ladycats win second state title

By Jamie Lowry

The Ladycats softball team had another tremendous season, winning their second straight State Championship title with a record of 23-3. The season started with the team winning their first game against Fort Zumwalt South, 9-1.

In the middle of the season the girls headed to the Elsberry tournament, capturing the first place trophy in the championship game against their rival, Warrenton, 9-2. It all came down to the District Tournament to see if the Ladycats would qualify for state again. In order to get to state, the Ladycats would have to win another District title and a sectional game. They beat the Winfield Warriors 2-1 to capture another win and a fourth straight District title.

"We accomplished something more than any other team could ever have," said senior Robyn Cole.

In October, at the Bell Fountaine softball complex, the Ladycats played their sectional game against the Kelly Benton Hawks and defeating them by a score of 3-0.

It wasn't over for the Ladycats. The team then headed into the final four 2A-3A State Tournament in Columbia, MO at the Rainbow Softball Complex. The girls beat their first state finalist, the Macon Tigers, by a score of 3-0. It then came down to the last and final game for the Ladycats. The Ladycats faced the Putnam County Midgets for the State Championship. In a close game that went down to the final out, senior Jamie Lowry pitched a no-hitter that enabled the Ladycats to

a second consecutive state championship by a score of 1-0.

"It was my senior year and it is a special memory to remember for the rest of our lives," said senior Amie Lowry.

Six Ladycats were named to the All-District team; Robyn Cole, Amie Lowry, Jamie Lowry, Jaime Ostmann, and Shannon Skorcz for 3 years in a row and Trish Skorcz for 2 years in a row. Four were named to the All-State team; Robyn Cole, Amie Lowry, Jamie Lowry for 2 straight years I and Jaime Ostmann for her first year. Two of the following were named to the All-American team; Jamie Lowry for two straight years and Jaime Ostmann for her first year. The Ladycats had accomplished many goals and memories.



Scott Overlander



Chrissy Lemon

J amie Lowry delivers a fastball in the game against the Wentzville Indians at home.

R obyn Cole tagging out a Wentzville player at home plate. The Ladycats lost, 5-7.

Soccer improves on old record

By: Chrissy Lemon

The Varsity soccer team continued to improve with a record of 3-5-1. From the reputation of a losing season in the previous years, the new coach, Ed Wiegert expectations were realistic. He wanted to set a goal for the team that they could accomplish a .500 season. The team started the season off right with a win in the opening game against the Borgia Knights. Roby Farek led the team with two goals. Josh Cole contributed one. Sean Kehoe had 15 saves. The final score was 3-2.

"The opening game against Borgia was a great confidence builder. It showed hard work can pay off," Wiegert said. Wright City met up once again with Borgia. T.J. Pugh had his first goal of the season. Sean Kehoe had 15 saves and David Gerland had three saves. When Kehoe was taken out of goal because of a foot injury Gerland stepped into the goal.

"This game brought the team together. Sean

got out of goal and Dave went in. It was a situation you don't see often. Everybody adjusted and played hard," Wiegert said.

"It was kind of crazy because I wanted to be goalie and I never had the chance. I was great as always, nothing passed me," Gerland said.

The second win came early in the season against Elsberry. Jason Abramovitz and Roby Farek

had a goal. The score was 2-1. W.C. met the .500 mark and had their third victory against Winfield. The players waited two hours for the Warriors to show but they never did resulting in a forfeit and a win for the Wildcats.

The last game of the season was against Warrenton. It was a fight to the end in which Warrenton

outscored Wright City 3-2. David Gerland made his first goal in his four years of playing. Josh Cole also scored a goal.

"I was pleased overall with the effort. I hope that generates more interest in this sport," Wiegert said.

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"It was kind of crazy because I wanted to be goalie and I never had the chance, I was great as always."

David Gerland
 senior

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Katie Thorpe

Senior Jason King fakes out the opponent in the home opening game against Borgia.

Senior Dave Gerland fights to keep control of the ball in the game against Union.



Jamie Lowry





Katie Thorpe

Season Records...

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<u>Us</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Them</u>
3	Borgia	2
0	Union	3
2	Elsberry	1
1	Borgia	2
2	St. Dominic	2
0	Washington	3
0	Winfield	0
0	Troy	5
2	Warrenton	3

3-5-1

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Katie Thorpe



Front row left to right: T.J. Pugh, Randy Deatherage, Terry Roberts, Sean Kehoe, David Venneman, Chrissy Lemon.
 Second row: Keith Lucas, George Adams, Josh Cole, Jacob Boyd, Jason King, Jason Abramovitz.
 Third row: Joey Maestas, David Gerland, Jessie Jaeger, Roby Farek, Matt Cramberg, Greg Sutter, Coach Ed Wiegert.

Junior Greg Sutter attempts to get control of the ball as a Borgia player kicks it out of bounds.

J.V. Team struggles throughout the season

By: Jackie Andon

The girls JV basketball team had a rough year winning only three games, one of which was a forfeit. The girls, coached by Tad Savage, lost their first eight games before winning against Luthern 27-18 on January 13. The girls then played against Wellsville getting their second win of the year.

Savage compares the end of the season with the beginning and stated that the girls performed much better, due to improved playing skills. Savage described the season as frustrating because the team lost a lot of close games, games lost by 3 or 5 points. "The girls played hard nearly all the time," Savage said.

The highlights of the season, described by Savage, were their first victory against Luthern; and when the team beat Winfield 21-8 on February 16 after Winfield won the first time they played against the wildcats.

On the other hand one of Savage's disappointment was losing against the teams they should have beaten. "Our team had a few tough breaks and let a few games slip away that we could have won. Experience should solve that problem

next year," Savage said.

Freshman forward Stephanie Lemon stated that the practices were hard at the beginning and that the team members did not always get along but she said things worked out at the end.

"We played good as a team, and had a few fight, it was a long season so you start getting onto each other nerves," Lemon said.

About the season, sophomore Amy Pettig stated they could have

been a lot better. "I was disappointed because we were a much better team than we played. Every team has their nights and we didn't have very many, as the scores shows."

"I'm looking forward to next season but a lot of work will have to be done," Pettig said.

Looking back to the scores, "I think we could have a better season, and next year we will definitely win more games. The players were great, all of them did a wonderful job, I wouldn't trade any of them for the world," Savage said.

"The players were great, I wouldn't trade any of them"

*Tad Savage
Coach*



David Gerland

Junior Varsity players huddle during a timeout to discuss their defense against Wentzville.

Sophomore Lisa Hopson searches the floor for an open teammate against Wentzville, Jan. 23.



David Gerland



Season Records...

<u>Us</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Them</u>
11	Duchesne	45
21	Montgomery County	37
40	Warrenton	44
11	St. Francis Borgia	46
22	Hermann	29
7	St. Domine	35
21	Clopton	59
1	Wellsville	18
27	Lutheran	0
13	Wentzville	29
21	Winfield	26
16	Elsberry	21
21	Winfield	8
19	Clopton	30
25	Orchard Farm	30

David Gerland



(Front row) Manager Kati Boyd, Jamey Justice, Stephanie Lemon, Tiffany Helling, Trish Skorcz, Aimee Pettig, Lisa Hopson, Manager Tonya Sydnor; (Back row) Coach Sue Wright, Darnisha Gurley, Amy Tinsley, Erin Gilmore, Tisha Wood, Coach Tad Savage.

David Gerland

Sophomore Erin Gilmore struggles for an opening against Wentzville to receive a pass from her teammate.

Season Records...

<u>Us</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Them</u>
59	Silex	44
31	Francis Howell N	77
48	Elsberry	38
37	Winfield	53
50	Clopton	55
37	Montgomery	48
35	Hermann	70
44	Whitfield	28
47	Lutheran	64
32	St. Dominic	58
49	Winfield	35
26	Troy	75
31	Warrenton	42
27	Wentzville	44
30	Louisiana	47
36	Elsberry	40
42	Winfield	41
41	Wellsville	65
42	Wentzville	57
37	Wellsville	46
39	St. Dominic	54
46	Orchard Farm	41

Chrissy Lemon



(Front Row) Brian Schulte, Adam Williams, Josh Cole, Chris Lacy
 (Second Row) Adam Meyer, Nick Girondo, Jimmy Polston, Jeremy Ebert, Jacob Boyd



7reshman Nick Girondo takes the ball to the net in the game against Elsberry, Dec. 6.

Young J.V. team striving to make mark

By Yancey Burgess

This season was an interesting one for the boy's J.V. basketball team. Their season ending record of 6-14 may make it seem like an unsuccessful season. The team was actually involved in some close games and played pretty well throughout the course of the season. The team, a very young team, had to overcome a lack of sophomore leadership with only a few players returning from last season's squad. With a similar problem on the varsity team, three sophomores saw varsity playing time which limited the amount of playing time they

were eligible for during J.V. games.

"We really played pretty good, considering having so many freshman on the team" said sophomore Josh Cole. According to Cole the team got off to a bad start by losing to Silex, who they expected to beat, and the team never consistently found the winning track.

On the J.V. level success is not judged by your record but by the way the players on the team improve, the main goal is to prepare the team for the varsity level.

"This season was pretty successful, everybody got a

lot of playing time and I think that every player improved over the year" said coach Dale Kelly.

According to Cole the team's best performance of the season came against the rival Warrenton Warriors, oddly enough the team lost the game but it was the best team effort the team put together in the season.

"I think that we did a really good job this year, I wasn't sure coming into the season of how we would do with so many freshman. I think some of the freshman really stepped up and picked up the slack," Cole said.



Chrissy Lemon



David Gerland

Coach Dale Kelly gives the team a pep talk while discussing strategies, Feb. 10.

Freshman Jacob Boyd dribbles the ball while working his way to the net, Dec. 6.

Ladycats fall short despite high hopes

By David Gerland and Jamie Lowry

The girls varsity basketball team had a rough season with a record of 8-12. There were several close games that could have gone either way. The highlight of the season for the Ladycats was taking second in the Elsberry Tournament after defeating Clopton 56-41 and receiving the sportsmanship trophy. In doing this they advanced to the championship game against St. Dominic. It was a close game from the beginning to the end. When the buzzer sounded to end the game the Ladycats had lost by the score of 33-44. Although they lost the game, it was a great accomplishment be-

cause some people did not expect them to do as good as they did.

"We came into the Elsberry tournament seeded sixth and ended up taking second. It felt great to receive the Sportsmanship Trophy," Coach Sue Wright said.

The Ladycats ended their season with a loss to Orchard farm 44-52. It was a close game that could have been won by the Ladycats, but their shooting was less

than perfect. It was an emotional game, not only because they lost their last game, but because seven se-

niors had realized that this would be their last season game of their High School career.

"I was sad because it was the last

season game I played in High School Basketball and I will miss playing for Coach Sue Wright and friends," said Senior Jamie Lowry.

The Ladycats headed for Districts seeded sixth, and

lost their first game. Their season had come to an abrupt end.

"The girls worked hard and had very good work ethics. Overall I think we had a pretty good season," Wright said.

Although the season had many mishaps, one of the brightspots was when Senior Jaime Ostmann was selected for second team All-State. When asked what her reactions were when she heard the news, she stated,

"I was surprised, I never thought I would be selected for All-State in basketball. Especially since we didn't even win in districts."

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"The girls worked hard and had very good work ethics"

Sue Wright
coach

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David Gerland

Senior Carmita McRoberts dribbles around a Wentzville defender with her ball handling skills.



David Gerland

Ladycats huddle for a time-out to perfect their play against Montgomery.

Season Records...

Us	Opponent	Them
31	Duchesne	56
51	Montgomery County	55
46	Warrenton	59
47	St. Francis Borgia	49
39	Hermann	38
39	St. Dominic	47
43	Clopton	60
57	Wellsville	31
68	Lutheran	41
<i>Elsberry Tournament</i>		
2nd place		
37	Wentzville	60
39	Winfield	37
<i>W.C. Tournament</i>		
38	Elsberry	40
53	Winfield	45
50	Clopton	43
44	Orchard Farm	52
<i>Districts</i>		
45	Linn	57

Dave Gerland



David Gerland



Row Two: Coach Sue Wright, Mgr. Scott Overlander, Jill Yager, Jaime Ostmann, Leah Groeper, Kelly Polston, Amy Difatta, Asst. Coach Tad Savage. Row One: Mgr. Kati Boyd, Amie Lowry, Crystal Simpson, Jamie Lowry, Robyn Cole, Katie Yager, Chrissy Lemon, Mgr. Jackie Andon.

Senior Leah Groeper shoots over a Wentzville defender for two points.

Mike Ruppert lays it over the heads of the South Calliway Bulldogs March 3.

Season Records...

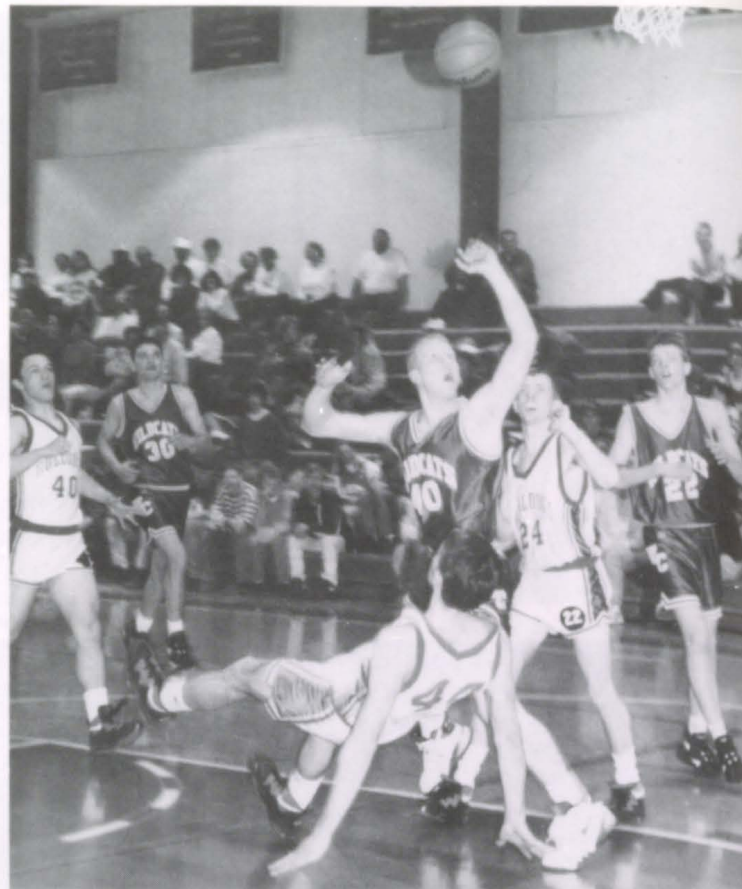
Us	Opponent	Them
81	Silex	82
65	Francis Howell N	85
63	Elsberry	43
63	Clopton	57
64	Montgomery County	48
52	Hermann	67
75	Whitfield	25
	<i>St. Dominic Tourney</i>	
70	Lutheran	64
47	St. Dominic	53
71	Winfield	41
55	Warrenton	52
60	Elsberry	51
52	Wellsville	55
84	Winfield	59
80	Wentzville	75
58	St. Dominic	79
83	Orchard Farm	70
	<i>Districts</i>	
51	South Calliway	81

Chrissy Lemon



Front row, left to right: Lance Krueger, Matt Stout, Kenny Kohr, A.J. Girondo
 Second row: Brian Mohr, David Mikus, Ike Donnelly, Derek Lagemann, Mike Ruppert

Teammates fight to gain control of the loose ball, Dec. 6. The Wildcats were victorious over Elsberry, 63-43.



Chrissy Lemon



David Gerland



Boys varsity finish .500 on rebuilding season

By Yancy Burgess

The boys varsity basketball team finished the season with a 12-12 record. The season was filled with many very close games that could have gone either way. The boys got off to a very disappointing start, losing their opener to Silex, as well an opening 2-5 record. The team faced many challenges throughout the season, mostly sickness and a line-up that was constantly changing. According to the head coach, Richard Lagemann, the season was filled with the unexpected. "This year was disappointing in some ways, mostly because we lost about four games that we shouldn't have, we had our periods when we didn't play well," Lagemann said. As difficult as it may have been, the team found a character to play well and win some games. The players were

forced to pick up the slack throughout the year due to sickness and losing players.

"We had a period around Christmas where we were playing really good basketball," Lagemann said.

Like the baseball team, the basketball team had to replace many seniors. Only one starter, Mike Ruppert, returned from the previous season. Senior Kenny Kohr had played a lot of varsity time as a junior, as well as Derek Lagemann, who moved from Hannibal, Missouri.

"For the most part, the season was exciting and fun to be a part of. We had some ups and downs, but we got through them and kept playing hard," Derek Lagemann said.

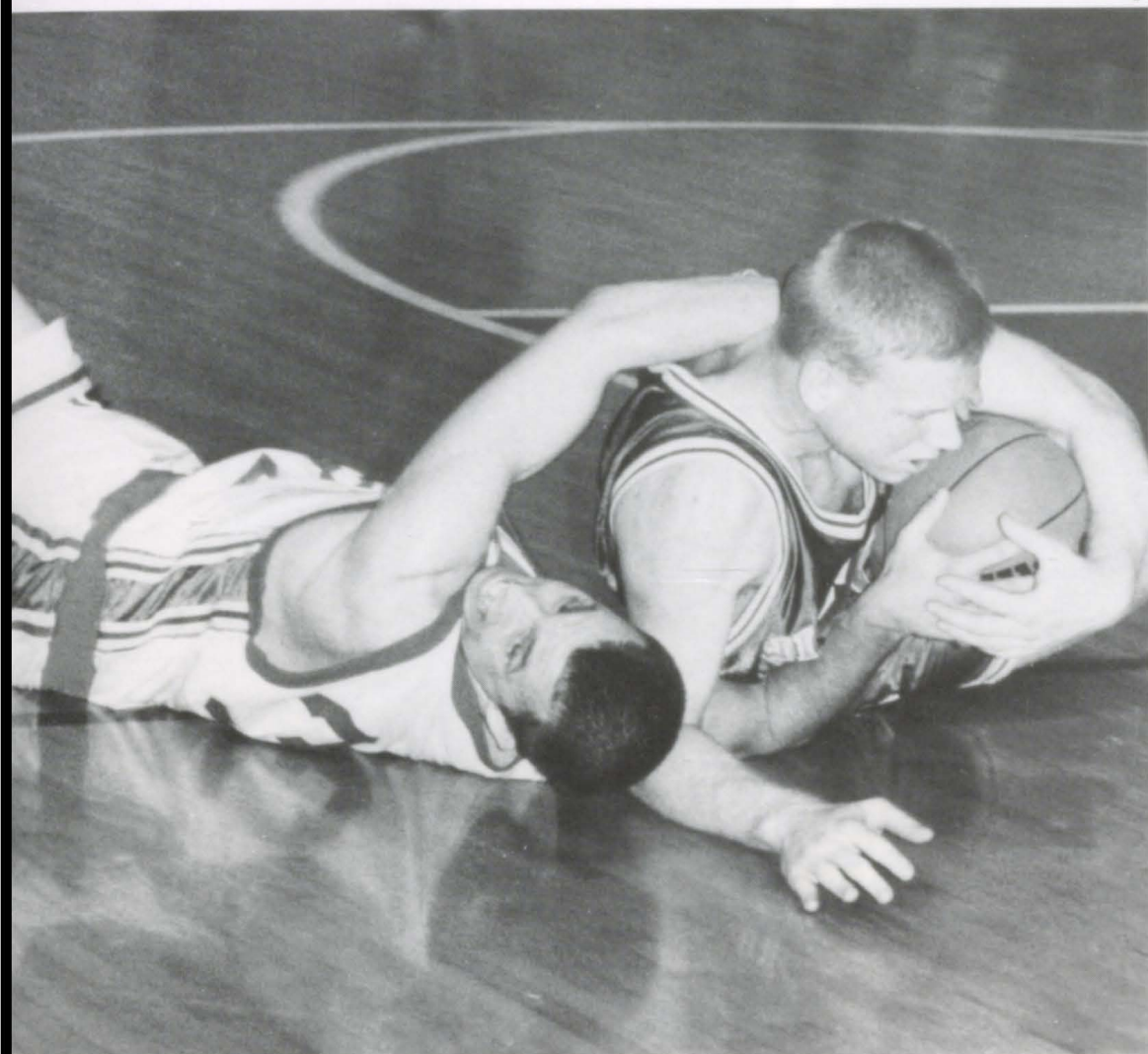
The team played some of its best

basketball during the St. Dominic Christmas tournament where they played bigger schools.

"That was the high point of the season, we didn't win all of the games in the tournament but we were very competitive against the bigger 4-A schools," Derek Lagemann said.

Senior Mike Ruppert finished a very successful high school basketball career. He finished averaging 24 point and nearly 9 rebounds a game. Ruppert was named the All District second team and the St. Louis Area Independant schools All Star team. Junior Derek Lagemann was also selected to the All Star team.

"Mike was the main reason for our success this year, he worked hard all year. The teams we played keyed in on stopping him," Lagemann said.



David Gerland

Junior Ike Donelly shoots the ball over an Elsberry player with an 8-0 lead.

Senior Mike Ruppert hustles for a loose ball in District play against South Calliway March 3.

Chrissy Lemon

Cheerleaders take second

By Jackie Andon

Ra-Ra-Ra!, The cheerleader squad finished their season on a positive note by taking second place in a competition held in Kansas City on April 2. Freshman Anna Braun stated that after looking at the other school cheerleaders they had a lot of hopes for winning something.

"I thought it was exciting to compete against other school, and just see how good we are" Braun said.

The cheerleader's season started at the beginning of November and ended in March. The girls practiced after school until 4:30 everyday, except Fridays.

The squad did not only cheer all the basketball games but they had a cheerleader clinic for the elementary students. The cheerleaders taught them various dances. The elemen-

tary cheerleader squad along with the varsity cheerleaders put on a show during the KSHE basketball game.

"I think we did a lot better this year because in this squad we were more of a family than just a squad, we are kind of like sisters," Braun said.

The cheerleader squad, made up of eight girls, is sponsored by Eileen Bittle. This is her first and last year doing this because she is leaving school. She stated that enjoyed the experience a lot.

"I like watching the girls mature," Bittle said. As a cheerleader sponsor she allowed them to make their own decisions.

"I made them responsible for their own squad. They had to answer to each other. They did a great job," Bittle said.

Cheerleaders



(Front row) Amy Rook, Angie Scissors, Erin Gilmore, Nikkie Browne, Anna Braun

(Back row) Tara Scoggin, Stacey Taylor, Jessica Lawson, April Simms





Senior April Simms leads a cheer during the pep assembly for the girls softball team before the state tournament.

Freshman Nikkie Browne and Amy Rook jumping after the boys scored two points.



David Gerland



Katie Thorpe

Angie Scissors, Amy Rook, Anna Braun, April Simms, Stacey Taylor, Tara Scoggin, Nikkie Browne, and Eileen Bittle after their competition in Kansas City.

Chrissy Lemon

Track stars improve on times and distances

By Adam Borrego

Runner to your mark, set, go! The 1995 Track season got off to a good start for the Wright City team. This year, the team attended nine track meets, including six medal, and three non-medal meets.

Several events stood out the most this year. One of these was the 300 low hurdles. Senior David Gerland was the only track member this year to run the men's hurdles. Nevertheless, Gerland received one third place medal, and two second place medals. Also, his best time was 45.6, only 3.3 seconds away from the school record, set by Jason Gerber last year.

"I feel that being the

greatest hurdler in the history of Wright City track, besides Jason Gerber, I was cheated out of state, because someone put a curse on me," Gerland said.

Junior Jason Abramovitz was the only team member to jump the triple jump for the boys this year. Abramovitz improved his jumping length from 35'5 at the beginning of the year to his 40'9, almost a six foot increase, set at districts at Orchard Farm.

"This year, I received my first first place medal in the triple jump, which was an accomplishment I didn't expect until next year. I hope to jump further, and hopefully compete in state next

year," Abramovitz said.

This year's men's 800m relay was run by seniors Adam Borrego, David Gerland, junior Jason Abramovitz, and freshman Travis Borrego. With Travis starting out of the blocks, and Jason as the Anchor, the team received medals at every medal track meet, except for districts. The team improved their time from 1:46.6 to 1:39.8, a seven increase, by the end of the track season.

"I thought that our performance in the 800m relay was good, considering we received a medal at every meet," T. Borrego said.

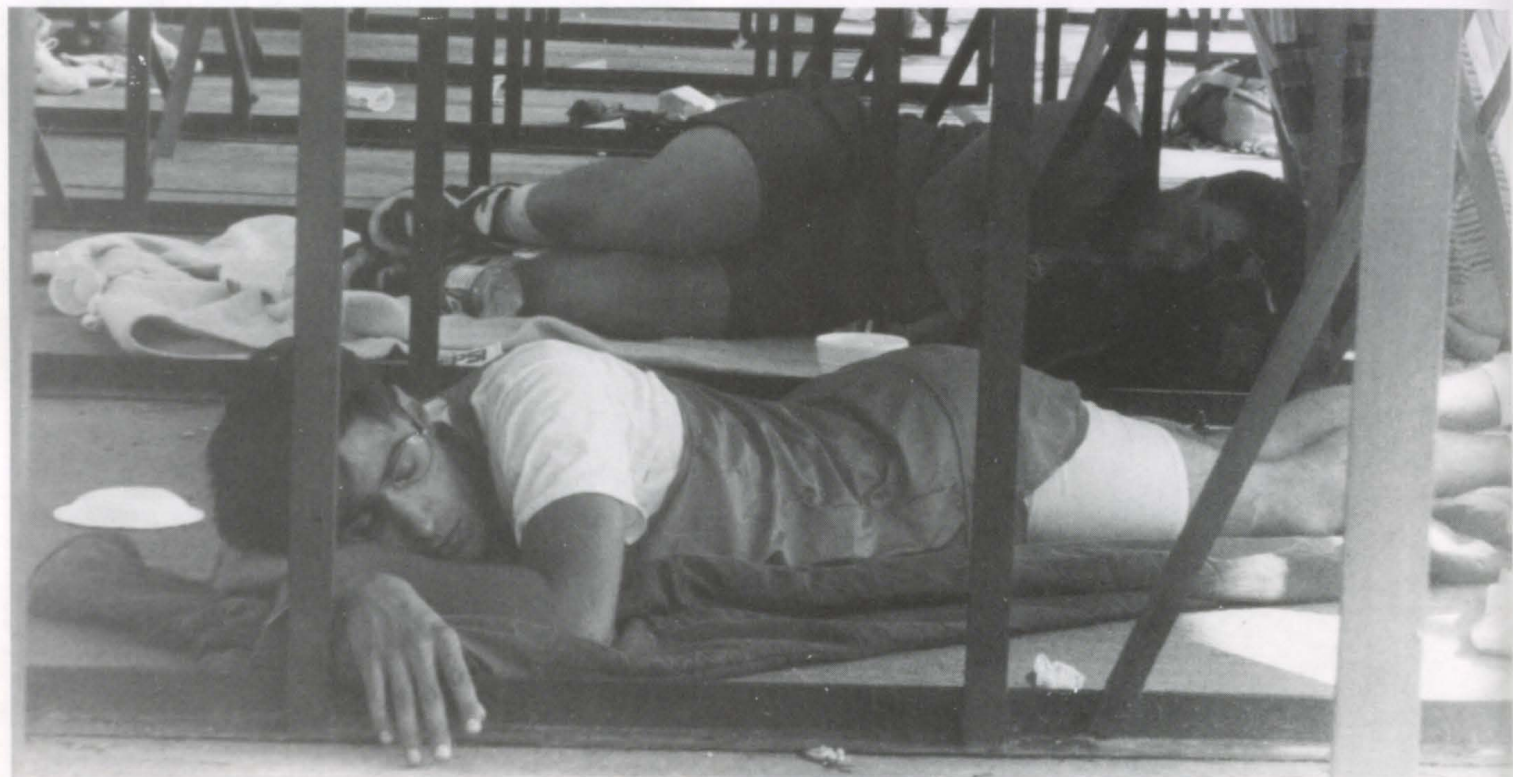
The most outstanding event for the track team this year is the girls shot put. Se-

nior Jamie Lowry threw a 30'11 at districts to give her a second place, and send her to state. Jamie's performance was evident by the three second place medals, and the one third medal she received in shot put this year.

"I felt pretty good about my performance. I was determined to go to state my senior year, since I didn't go last year," Lowry said.

Track coach, Sue Wright, felt this year's track team did pretty well overall.

"I feel that the track team was very successful this year. They bettered their times, and distances, and most of the athletes medaled," Coach Wright said.



David Gerland

Senior Adam Borrego and Mike Cramberg taking a break before their next event at the District meet held at Orchard Farm.

Freshman Anna Braun defies gravity for a brief moment as she jumps 28 ft. in the triple jump at the District meet.



David Gerland

Track meets...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
3/22	St. Dominic
3/25	Montgomery County
3/30	Winfield
4/18	Winfield
4/22	Lousiana
4/25	Elsberry
4/28	Orchard Farm <i>Districts</i>
5/13	<i>Orchard Farm</i>

David Gerland



(Row One) Jamie Lowry, Amie Lowry, Anna Braun
 (Row Two) Jessie Jaeger, Tiffany Helling, Leah Groeper, Amber Borrego, Lisa Hopson, Chrissy Vrabel, George Adams
 (Row Three) Sue Wright, Jason Abramovitz, Matt Cramberg, Steve Williams, Adam Borrego, Mike Brunson, Travis Borrego, Greg Schanuel, David Gerland, Mike Cramberg, Jill Yager

Freshman Travis Borrego is determined to make it to the finish line while running the mile relay.

Jamie Lowry

Baseball team rebuilding; returns to Districts

By Lance Kneeger

This year's baseball season came to an end during the second round of the District Tournament in Hermann, a few rounds earlier than in previous years.

Although the team didn't have a winning record or win Districts, the season wasn't a total loss. Many of the freshmen and sophomores saw action at the varsity level. Overall the team held together up until their loss in the District Tournament.

"It was a little disappointing not to win Districts because Districts were our goal," junior Derek Lagemann said.

The team went into Districts with high expectations after winning the season's final home game against Warrenton 12-2. Junior A.J. Girono, who

also pitched that game, had two homeruns, including the game winner which scored the ten run rule.

"It was a good game. We played hard and were hoping to go into Districts with a winning attitude," Girono said. The Wildcats did have a winning attitude for the first District game. The team defeated Winfield 5-3 and then waited for their chance against Hermann. But that would have to wait due to bad weather. Finally the Wildcats were able to finish the season after the game site was changed to New Haven, due to flood waters in Hermann. The team, however, was not able to hold on and lost to Hermann by the score of 11-5.

In addition to being the final game of the season, it was also the final game for the team's only two seniors; Mike Ruppert and Justen Merz.

"We will miss them. They are fine young men," stated Coach Dan Springman.

This season got off to a bad start with a loss to Warrenton in their first game of the year. The team ended up with a total record of 7-9 and missed six games because of rainouts. According to some players, the season's weak points were inexperience and youthfulness. Springman added that although the team was young, the season went fairly well.

"I felt good about the season, we were young and I am pleased with the season,"

Springman said.

Lagemann added that despite the losses the team never called it quits.

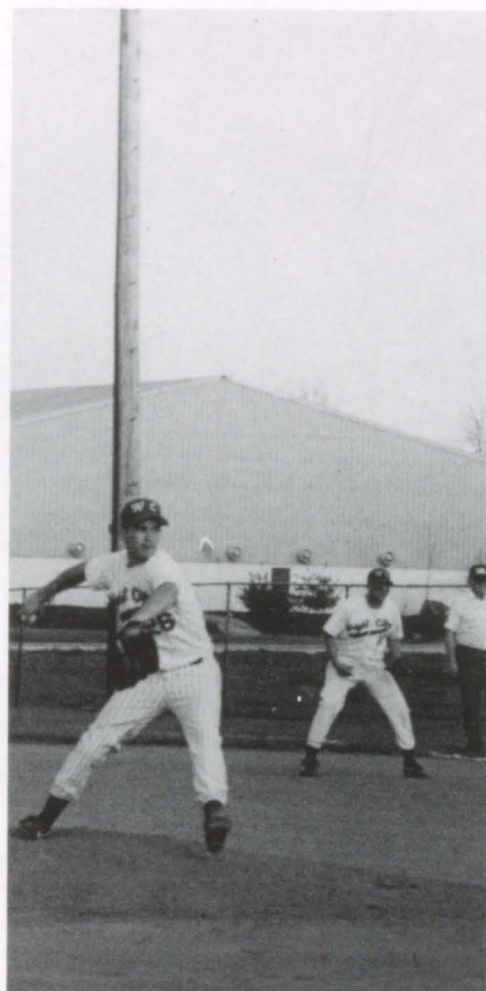
"I thought we played hard all year and never gave up, and a lot of freshmen came up and helped out," Lagemann said.

There are some high expectations for next year's baseball team. According to Springman, the team will be much better because it will be more experienced.

"We will do well next year because we have the top three hitters coming back, and a lot of underclassmen got experience this year. Next year's team has some high expectations, we'll have to wait and see how far they will go," Springman said.



Katie Thorpe

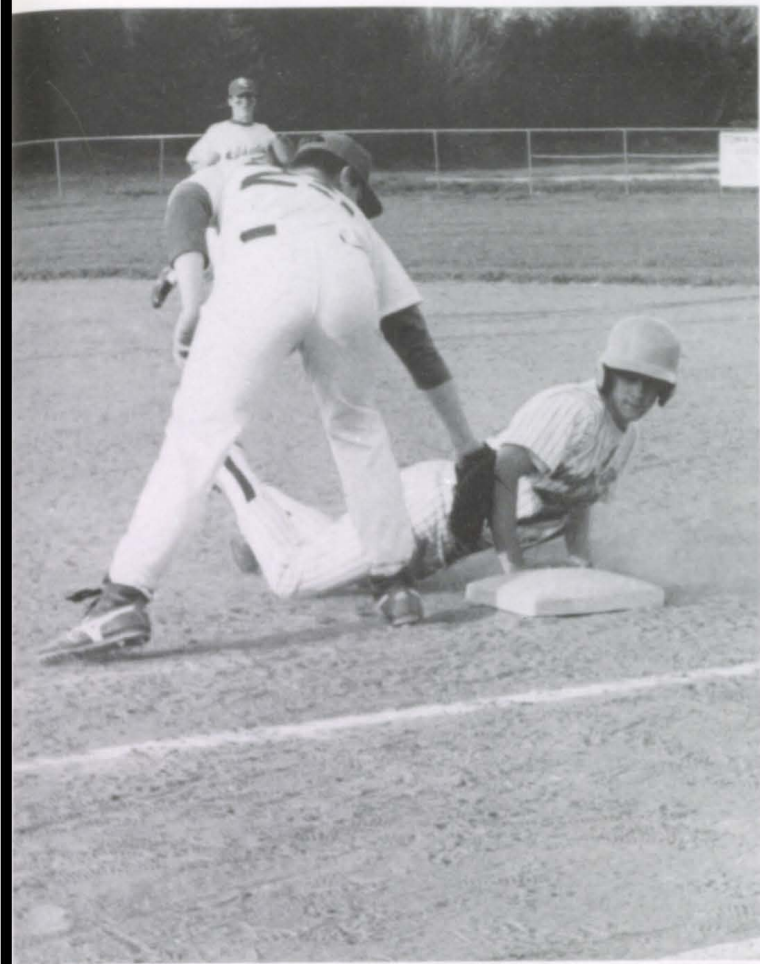


Katie Thorpe



Freshman Nick Girono slides safe across homeplate against Warrenton May 11.

Senior Justen Merz prepares to deliver a fastball against Montgomery April 6.



Katie Thorpe

Sophomore Jul Deuser safe after a pickoff play against Montgomery April 6.

Season Records...

<u>Us</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Them</u>
9	Warrenton	11
5	John F. Kennedy	10
6	Elsberry	4
3	Lutheran	0
6	Clopton	9
4	Montgomery	3
0	Troy	11
2	Whitfield	7
3	Clopton	9
10	Silex	0
<u>Orchard Farm Tourney</u>		
3	Rosary	13
10	Jennings	0
5	Wentzville	3
12	Warrenton	2
<u>Districts</u>		
5	Winfield	3
5	Herman	11

Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Senior Mike Ruppert dives safe across homeplate against Warrenton May 11.



(Front Row) Jaime Ostmann, Jacob Boyd, Brian Schulte, Jeremy Stoechner, Jul Deuser, Paul Dutton. (Second Row) Terry Roberts, Adam Meyer, Justen Merz, Jeremy Ebert, Daniel Neill, Adam Williams, Chris Lacy. (Third Row) Coach Dan Springman, Josh Cole, Joey Maestas, Brian Mohr, A.J. Girondo, Nick Girondo, Derek Lagemann, Mike Ruppert, Matt Stout, Sean Kehoe, Coach Mike Twiehaus.



Academics

Like you've never seen before

Nichole Owens

Blinded by the light

Have you ever dreamed of making a fortune in the stock market? Four students in Tad Savages American Government class made over \$28,000 in a ten week period. The game, called Stock Market, sponsored by Rockhurst College, gives students \$100,000 to invest in the stock market. Freshmen Eric Martin, Jennifer Burks, John Redmond, and Landon Bond finished Second in the North East Division. These students must have been **blinded by the light.**

Paying for college is a major concern in many high schoolers lives. It's now possible to earn college credit while still in high school. Three classes were offered this year for the first time. AP European Hist., taught by Frank Lake, AP Chem., taught by Diane Ward, and an advanced English Class taught by Jean Lane. Looking towards the future, watch out or be **blinded by the light.**

Diane Ward's Advanced Placement Chemistry class did a lab determining the formula of a compound, November 8. Senior George Adams does the experiment using many of his own personal items.

Activities in English classes get students involved

By Angie Balkenbusch

There's been a transformation of sorts going on in some of the classrooms this year. Students have been turning into monsters or growing old right before your very eyes.

In Eleen Bittle's Film Communications class, senior, Angie d'Hanis, was transformed from a seventeen year old teenager to a seventy-five year old woman in just over thirty minutes.

Bittle arranged for Chad Little, president of the Graduate Theater program, at Lindenwood College, to visit her class. "I invited him here because I wanted to show the Film and Drama students the

physical metamorphosis that takes place when you change from young to old, on stage and on film." Bittle said.

During the process seemed a bit embarrassed but excited. It was more in fun than in learning. It tickled so bad!" D'Hanis said.

Getting old isn't the only change going on in the classrooms. Monsters have been terrorizing Clay Zigler's English IV class! "Beowulf", an Anglo-Saxon

poem written by an unknown author, was performed by a group of students in Zigler's class. Performers were, seniors, Amy DiFatta, Amy Lehman, Amie Lowry, Jamie Lowry, Angie Balkenbusch, Amanda Ellis, Gina McDaniel and Robyn Cole.

Brad Eckhoff, senior, was sitting in the audience watching the play. "It showed lots of imagination and creativity, and it was interesting to watch." Eckhoff said.

The two main characters of the poem were played by DiFatta and Lehmann. Beowulf, the hero of the poem, is played by Lehmann. She gives her opinion about the acting. "I understood the play a lot more after acting it out. I had a lot of fun doing it. It wasn't just work, it was fun, too."

Grendel, the monster of the poem, is played by DiFatta. She had similar views on the subject. "We had a lot of fun. It was a lot better than doing a written assignment. I actually enjoyed doing the work."

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Amy DiFatta

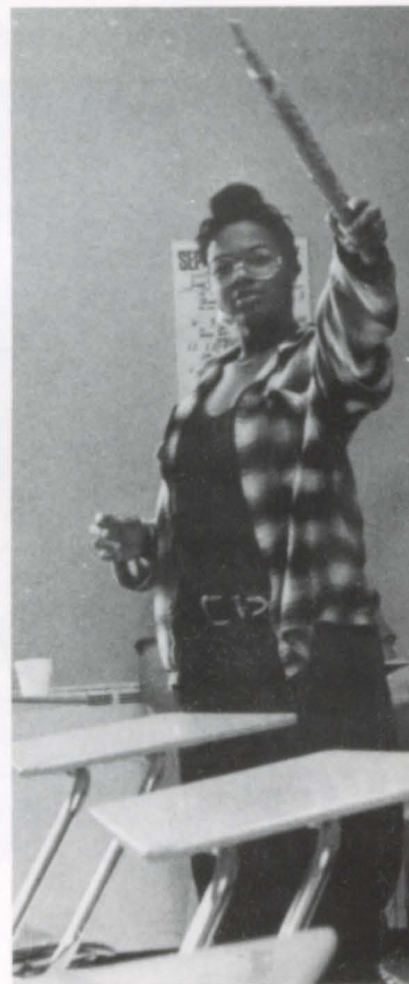


Chrissy Lemon

Senior Amie Lowry and senior Amy Lehmann, the monster, act out a scene in an old Anglo-Saxon poem. The acting took place in Clay Zigler's 6th hour English IV class.



Film and Drama classes experienced the performance of Chad Little's work on Senior Angie d'Hanis, Sept. 28. Little, president of the Graduate Theater program at Lindenwood college, does face painting. He transformed D'Hanis from a 17 year-old into a 70 year-old.



Chrissy Lemon

Senior April Simms acting out a scene from the Anglo-Saxon poem, Beowulf in her English IV class.

Angie Balkenbusch

Science wizards discover life's secrets

By Craig Brunson
and Chrissy Lemon

Biology I, II, Physiology, and AP Chemistry are just a few science subjects offered to students. AP Chemistry is a class based on a college course. "This attribute provides students with insight that will help prepare students (especially seniors) for

college. AP Chemistry will run more and more like a college course every year and more equipment will become available, but will require a little time before AP Chemistry is finally on its feet," Ward said.

Could you make it every day in a wheel chair, on crutches, not being able to see, or un-

able to use your hands? Well, Sue Wright's Biology class did a little experiment putting themselves in the shoes of a handicapped person. There were several stations which included a wheel chair, crutches, goggles, and gloves.

"The wheel chair was real fun, but I couldn't be in one

my whole life," sophomore Brian Mohr said.

"I had fun, but I'm glad I'm healthy. The experiments really made me understand how the disabled feel," sophomore Katie Filson said. No matter if it's a college prep. course, or a needed credit, students have fun experimenting.



Nichole Owens

Senior Carrie McKee pauses between notes during Diane Ward's AP Chem class Nov. 9.

Injunior Katie Filson has a hard time picking up objects while wearing gloves. Filson was involved with an experiment in Sue Wright's Bio I class May 11.



Jackie Andon



Jackie Andon



Jackie Andon

Sophomore Brian Mohr gets a chance to see what it's like to use a wheelchair during an experiment in Sue Wright's Bio I class May 11.

Seniors Chrissy Lemon and Christine Ramos perform a dissection on a fetal pig in Sue Wright's Anatomy class May 15.



Nichole Owens

Seniors Robyn Cole and Jaime Ostmann discover what happens to a flame when gas is added during Diane Ward's AP Chem class Nov. 9.

Map making, cavalry spark student interest

By Angie Balkenbusch,
Adam Borrogo, Jamie Lowry

There have been some pretty creative things going on in Mark Taylor's Tech Math class. Recently, students have experimented with vectors. A vector represents direction and distance and it looks like an arrow. For example, Taylor used a vector as the spinner for a game. The Tech Math class made a map, like a treasure hunt map, so that another group would have to use their map to find the destination. They find the destination by using the vectors on the map.

"The goal was for the class to have fun while applying mathematical concepts," said Mark Taylor, former teacher of the Tech Math class. That was Taylor's in-

tentions, but senior Steve Williams gives his advice. "It could have been better if it was shorter. The lines didn't come out right like they should've because the route was too long," senior Steve Williams said.

On March 6, the First Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment, from Ft Hood TX, visited the school to demonstrate how the cavalry of the 1870's and 1880's operated and to tell students about the differences and

similarities between the Army of yesterday and today.

Sgt. Martinez, Sgt.

Sparke, and Corporal Peters, put on a mounted weapons demonstration using equip-

ment such as an 1873 carbine, an 1873 Colt pistol, an 1860 light sabre, and an 1885 McClellan saddle. They demonstrated weapon tactics used by the 1870 cavalry, using procedures from the 1860 Mounted Cavalry

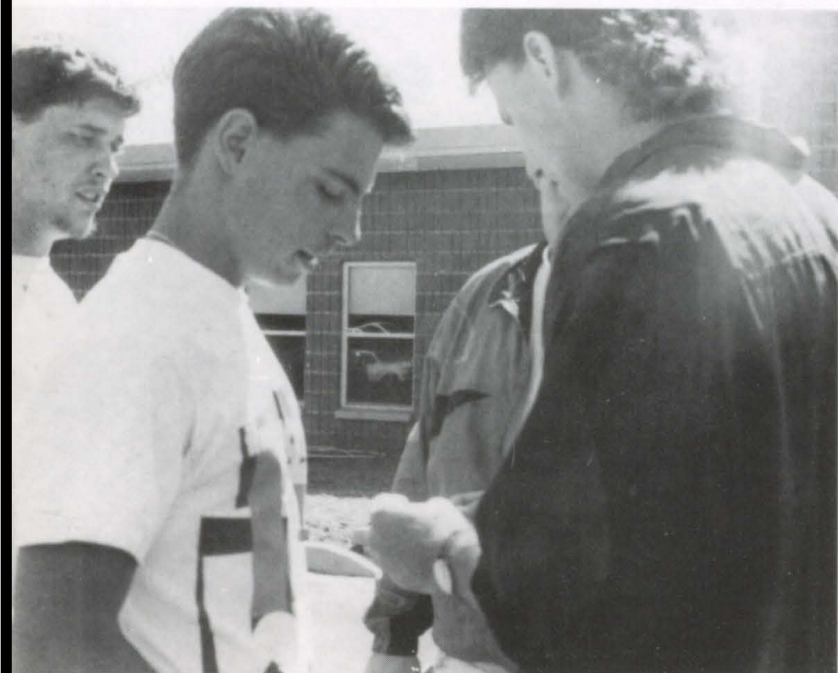
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The Mounted Cavalry Detachment, which consists of only 28 people, also perform in parades and ceremonies, besides giving demonstrations at schools. The detachment, which is the only mounted cavalry division left in the Army, still rides their total of 47 horses and 10 mules. They have performed in two presidential and inaugural parades for President Ronald Reagan, and ceremonies for the Chief of Staff of the Army.

"Our most important mission is to work for the U.S. Army in public relations and recruiting efforts" said Sgt. Martinez.

"The goal was for the class to have fun."

Mark Taylor



Mike Schlipp

Seniors Steve Williams, Rodger Tucker, and Paul Meyer, watch as math teacher Mark Taylor demonstrates to his Tech Math class how vectors are used with a compass on Oct. 12.

Corporal Peters shows Dan Springman's American History class the rank and division insignia the 1870 and 1880 Mounted Cavalry March 6.



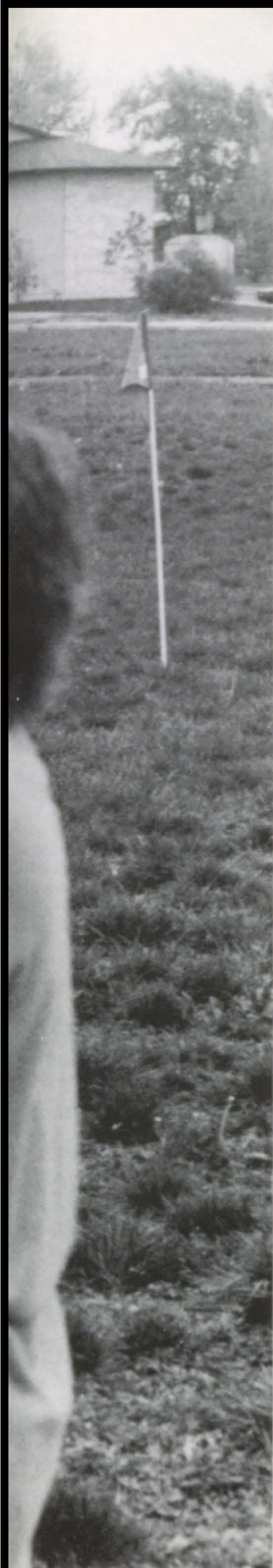
Jamie Lowry



Mike Schlipp

Senior Brandy Watkins yells as she discovers "the treasure" in an experiment using vectors in Mark Taylor's Tech Math class on Oct. 12.





David Gerland

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Like you've never seen before

I can see clearly now

At the beginning of the year, the yearbook staff was faced with many challenges. Meeting deadlines, dealing with the student body, and selling ads were the main concerns. Now, three weeks before graduation, a lone student journalist looks back in retrospect at the past year. The deadlines have been a pain, the student body has at times been hilarious and at times hideous. All the businesses have been great (to which the staff would like to thank.)

Now that the book is almost done, **I can see clearly now.** The yearbook is almost done, and there are many things to be proud of. Winning awards, finishing stories on time, and those few and far between "great photos" make it all worthwhile. So to all of the Student body, to our sponsors, and everyone else, Thank you.

Science teacher Diane Ward lending a helping hand to junior Greg Schannuel's bra. Schannuel showed his school spirit by participating in the powderpuff football game, Oct. 20.

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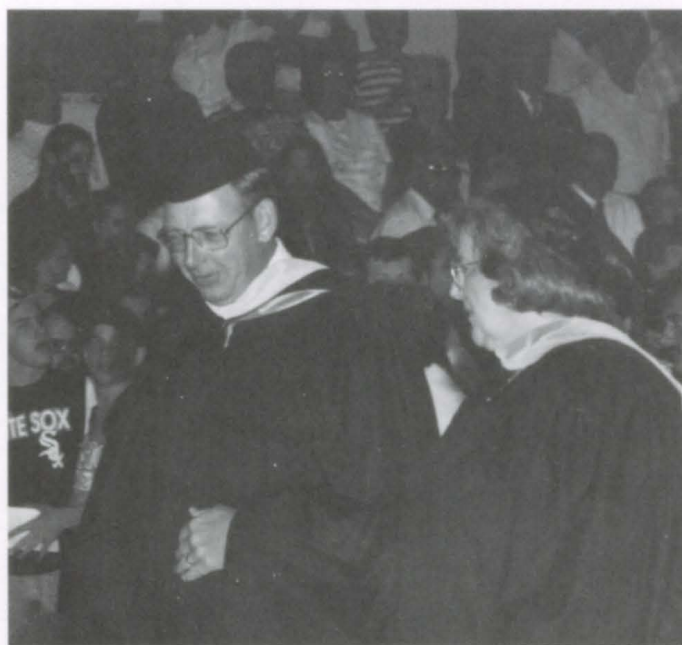
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Farewells Like You've Never Seen Before

The Senior Class moves on.

As the seniors walk down the isle, reminising of the previous years, some feel sad, some happy, some confused. **Through the years**, they have shared so much. Now it is time to move on.

Homework is replaced by freetime.

When school ends for the year, many things change. Many students pass the summer time swimming, going on vacations, or others work during the summer for extra money.

Relive your youth.

Growing up is an important part of high school. But so is being a kid for as long as possible. Field day allows students to have a day to “play” as a treat for “being good.”

Open the doors.

Leave nothing unturned. This is the time to challenge the rules, and to make statements. High School is a time to define yourself and what you believe in.

Underestimate Nothing.

This is the time to take nothing for granted. High School isn't always what it seems. Ask questions, make inferences, find things out for yourself.

Getting better all the time.

The past year has been one of triumphs and victories. The softball teams championship, the baseball and soccer teams records, scholarships and awards won have all improved **Through the years**, making this year a great one.

Happy days are here again.

Many students will go on from this day better off than they were before. High school prepares students for the future, as well as day to day learning.



Amie Lowry

Seniors Shannon Skorcz and Jamie Lowry participate in a game of horseshoes at Barbara Peterson's house during the "unofficial" Senior Skip Day May 22.



Katie Thorpe

Rival to Lisa Simpson, sophomore Tara Scoggin plays her tenor saxophone in the Jazz band. They play many songs, including "Lady Madonna," "Sesame Street," and "Free Ride."

Thanks to all.

Many of us don't think to appreciate the many things that our teachers have done for us **Through the years.**

Hang on to the memories.

Your experiences during school will be with you until the day you die. Do your best to make them the best you can.

Elegance is bliss.

Prom gave students the chance to dress up and be a different person for a day, May 6. Each year prom is different, but **Through the years** one thing has stayed the same... fun.



Tiffany Helling

Junior Jill Yager demonstrating the art of how to make double bubbles. Yager was one of many students who volunteered to work at the Science Fun Fair Night, May 18.

You can do it!

Everyone knows that practice makes perfect, and it is especially true in high school. Homework, studying, and reviewing are all a part of school. But it is well worth it, **Through the years.**

Everyone has potential.

Each person has special talents that aren't always easily seen. Trying hard to look past others faults and deeper into them is a quality that will get you far in life.

Always and forever.

The times of high school will stay with you forever. **Through the years** you will look back and smile.

Reading and 'Riting and 'Rithmetic.

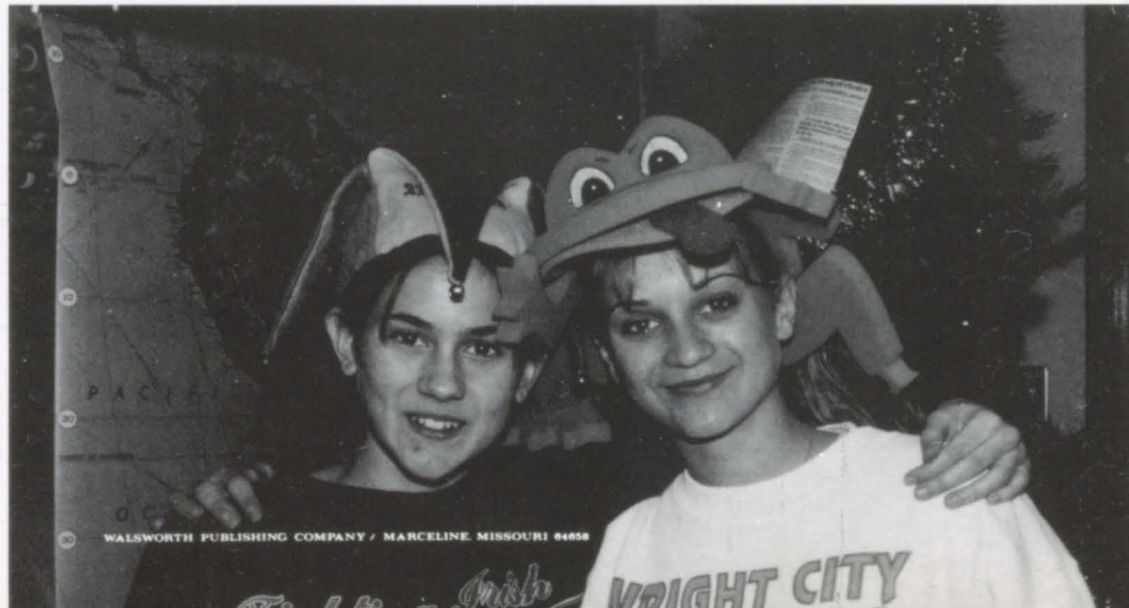
Classes get harder as high school goes on, but students grow and learn to work harder. These classes will help prepare students for college, jobs, or whatever they choose to do.

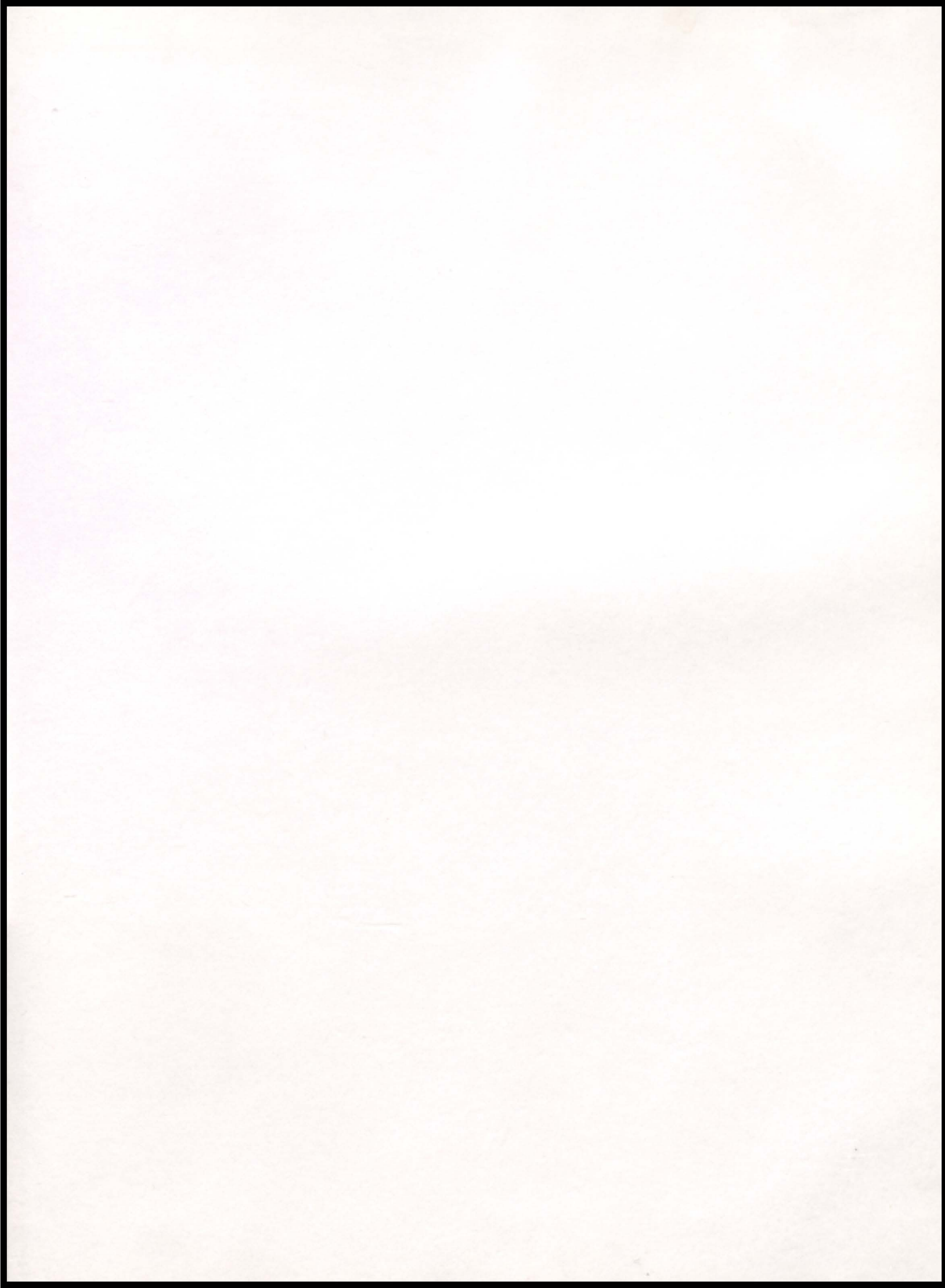
Share the good times.

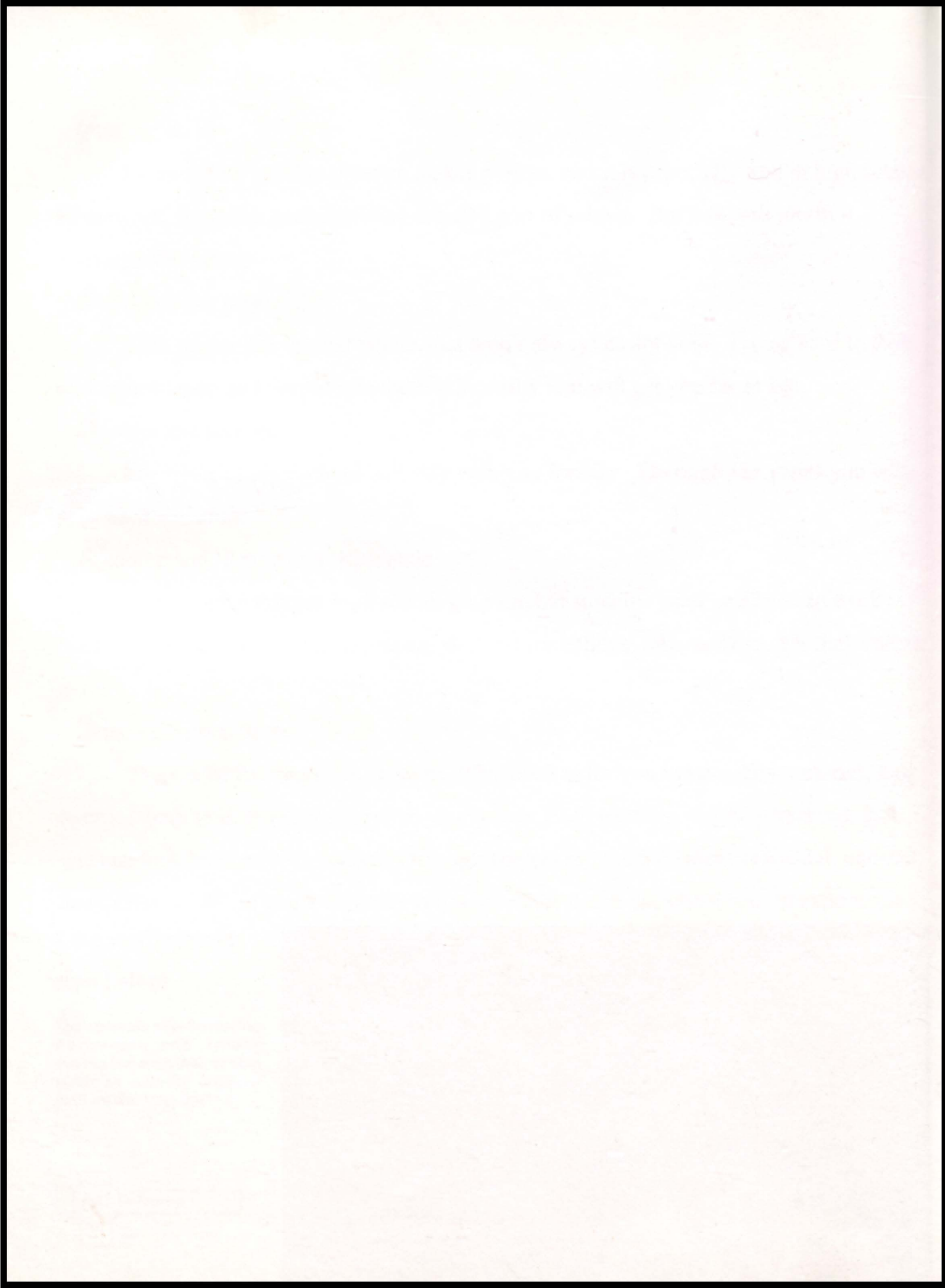
That's what the yearbook is about. This book is for you to save the memories, and to share them in later years and relive your youth. Each memory will be preserved, and you can look back on high school, **Through the years.** Each memory is special, unusual and different. When you look back, you will realize that high school was an experience

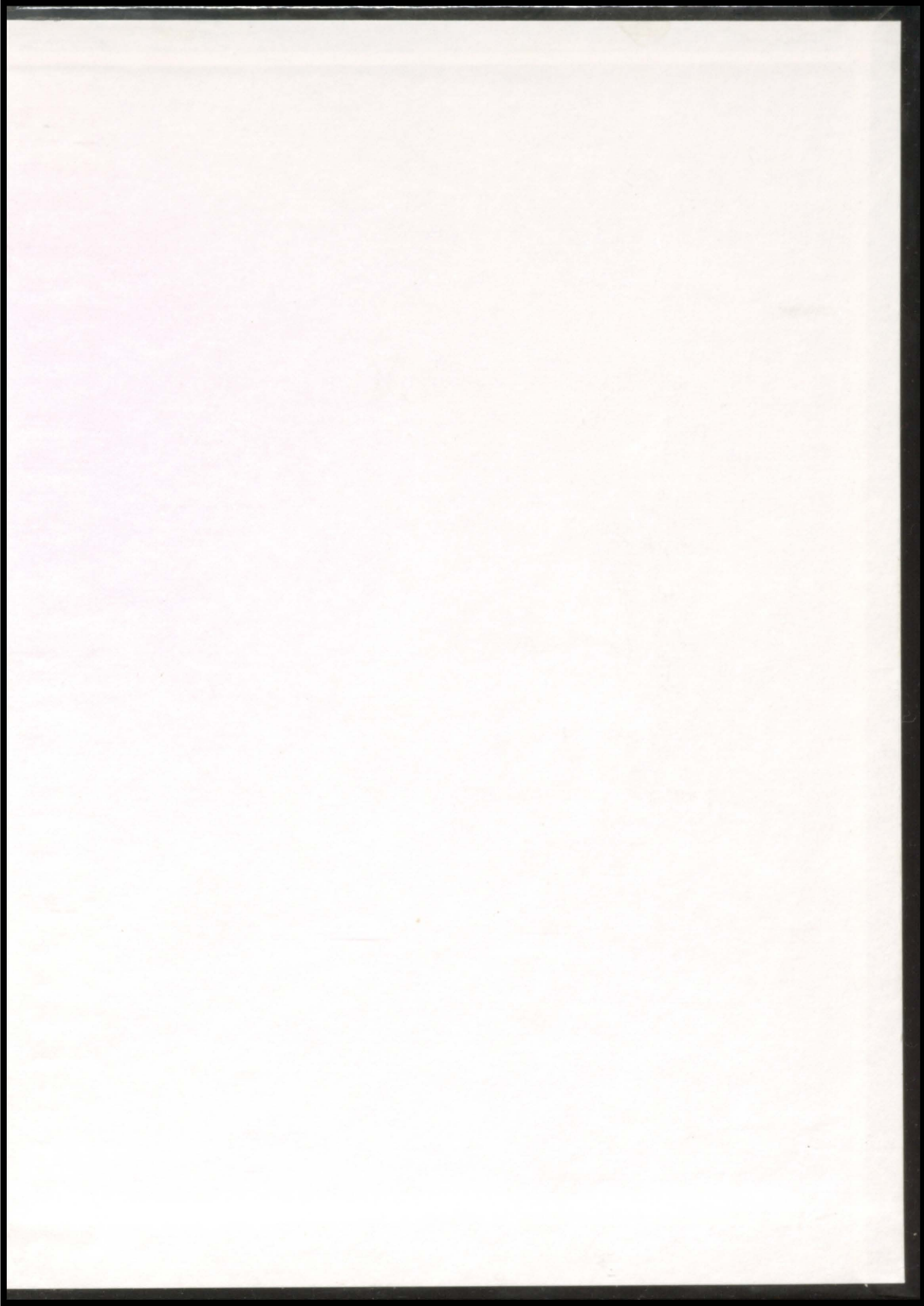
Like you've never seen before.

Sophomores Christine Kurtzeborn and Tiffany Helling showing their school spirit by wearing unusual hats on Hat Day, Dec. 14.











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