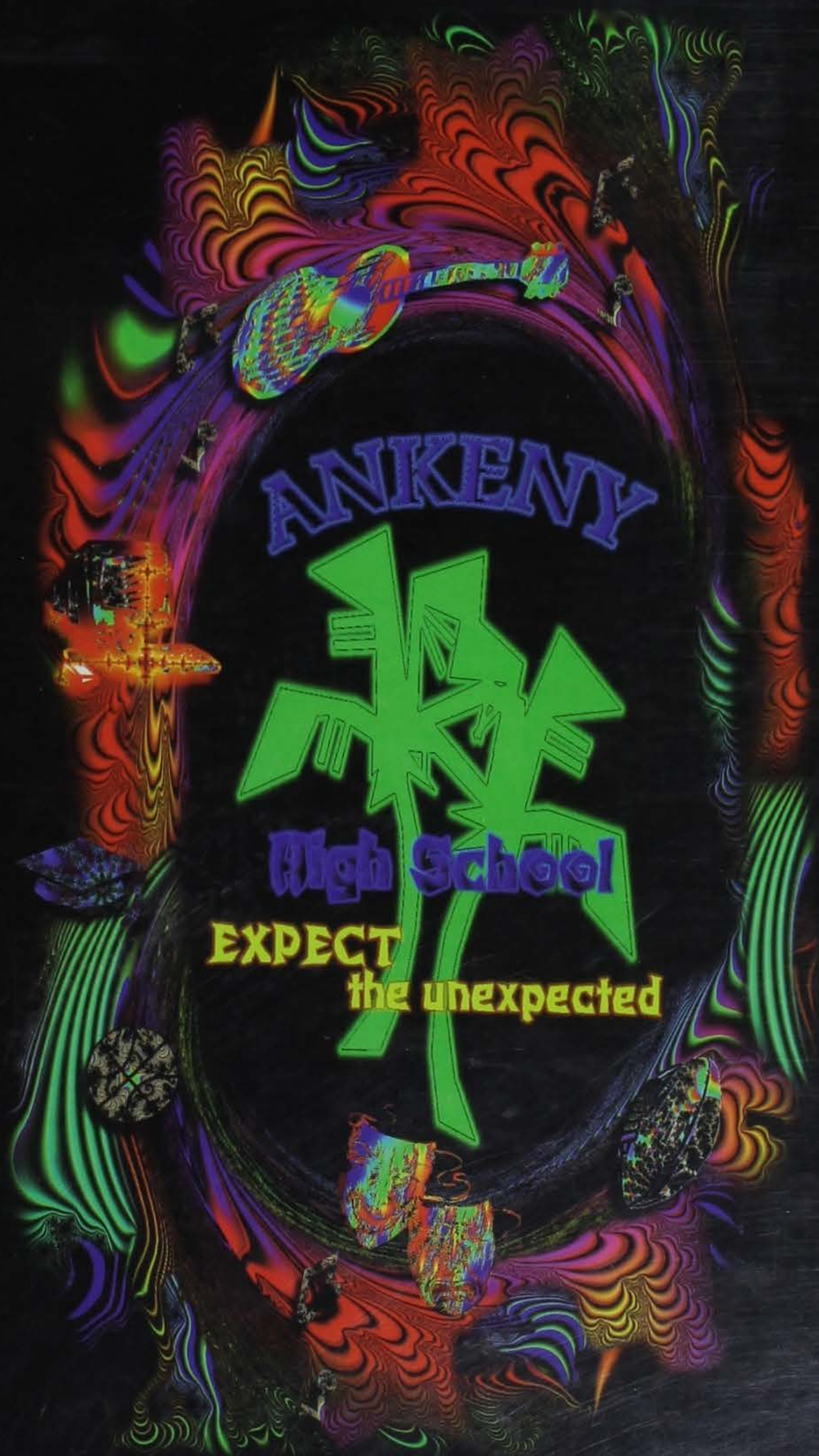




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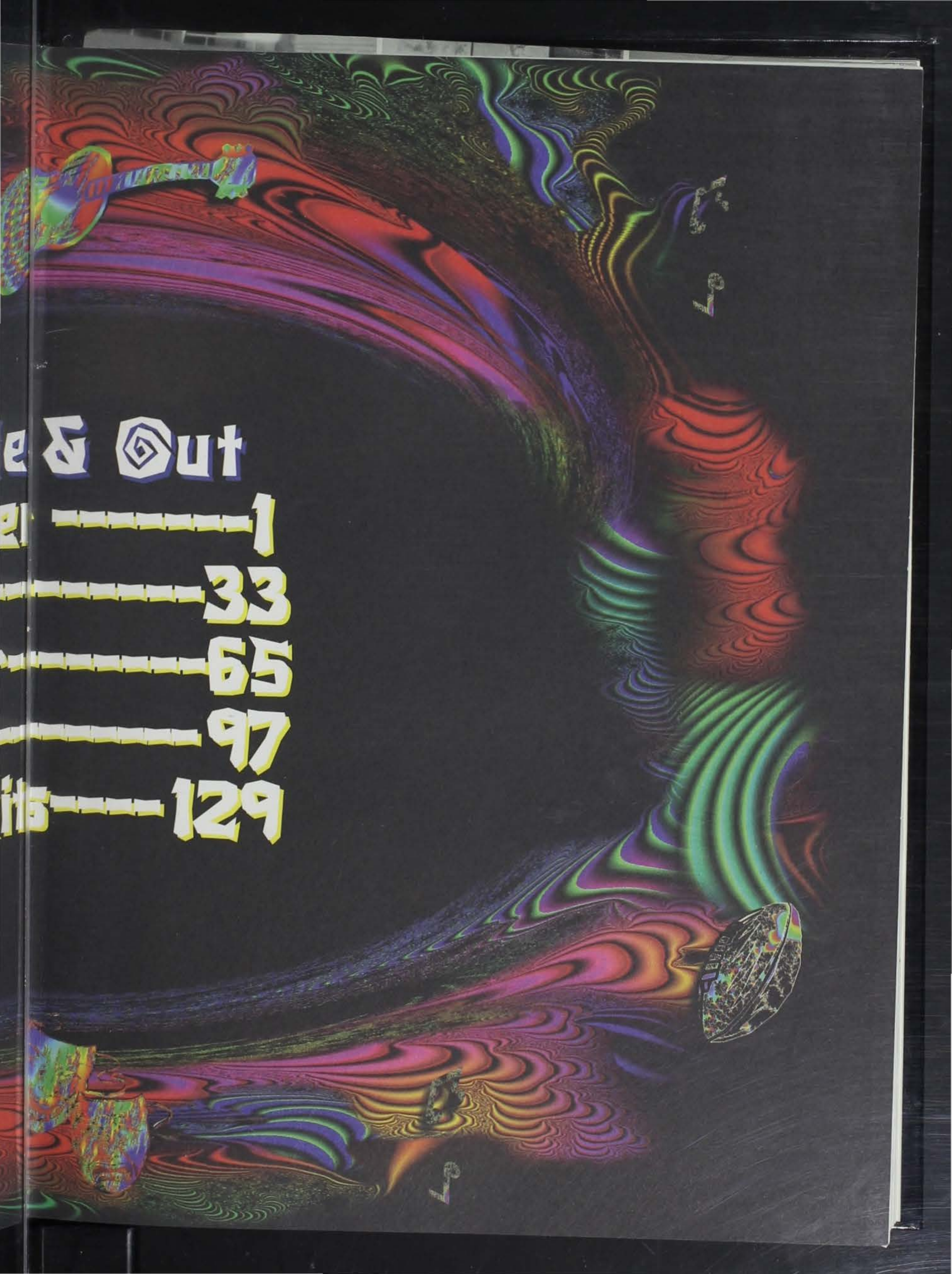
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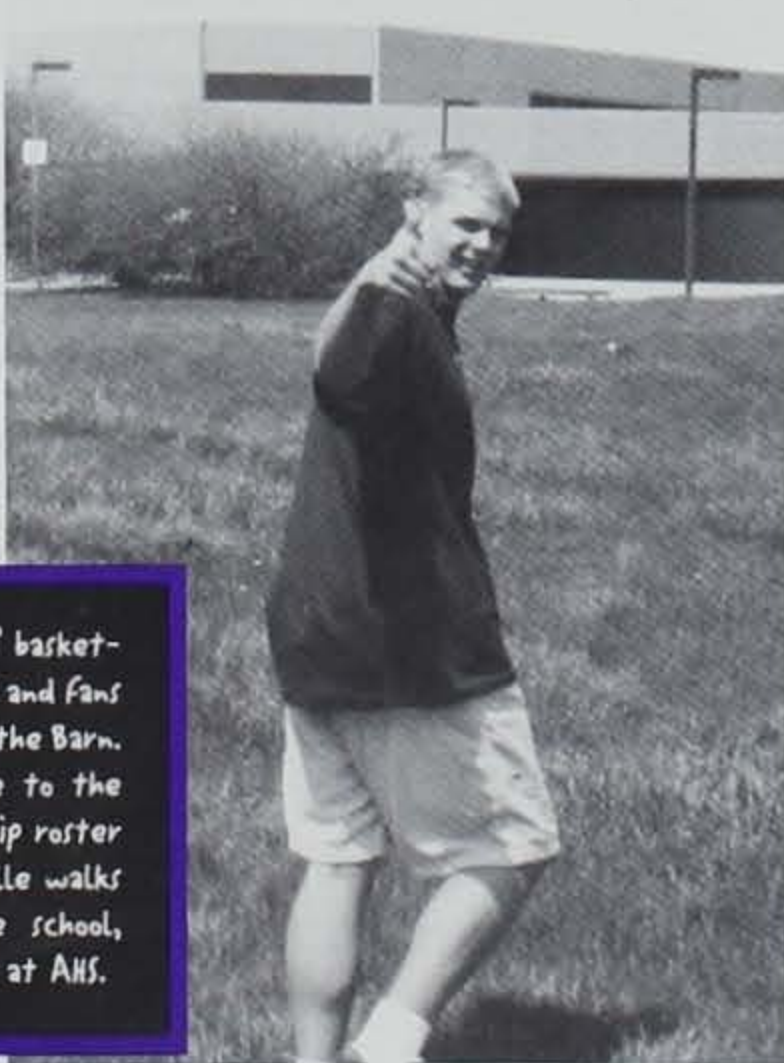
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Expect it. Ankeny High School was surprised with the number of successes experienced by the school during the year. From tops in sports to academics to extra-curricular events, AHS proved itself as a leader in the state. •Girls softball and basketball took the state championship titles. •Andrew Reich was named a National Merit Scholar. •The speech and debate teams trounced almost everyone in state and sent Sarah VanDort to a National Speech Competition. •Band marched all over the competition from around the nation, and the choir was so awesome they were asked to sing at Carnegie Hall during the summer of 1997. •Jo Lincoln and Matt Porath won a state-wide race in a Geo Metro because they earned the highest miles per gallon of fuel. •Even our administration won state and national honors. •But it wasn't just success that was unexpected. Guys showed up to school in dresses-including Mr. Wynn. •It snowed in April. •Cairns even had a date for the prom. •After awhile, we just began to expect the unexpected.



Students rallied around the girls' basketball team with over 500 students and fans attending the state play-offs in the Barn. Jeannie Morales signs her name to the National Honor Society membership roster as Dr. Beatty looks on. Josh Stille walks across the front lawn of the school, expressing the feelings of many at AHS.



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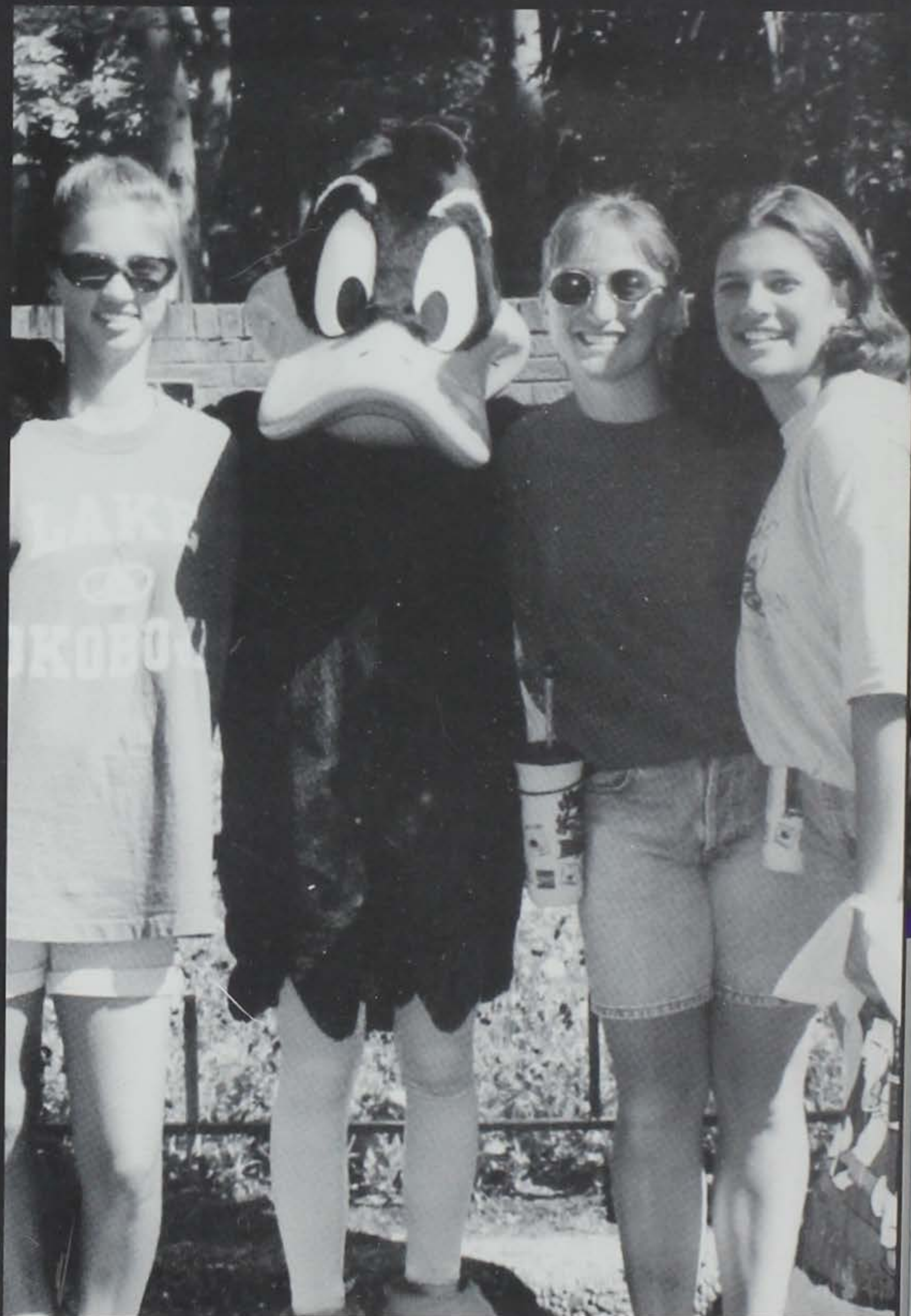


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ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL

JUST DAFFY!

PICK UP THE PACE.
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STATE WINNERS

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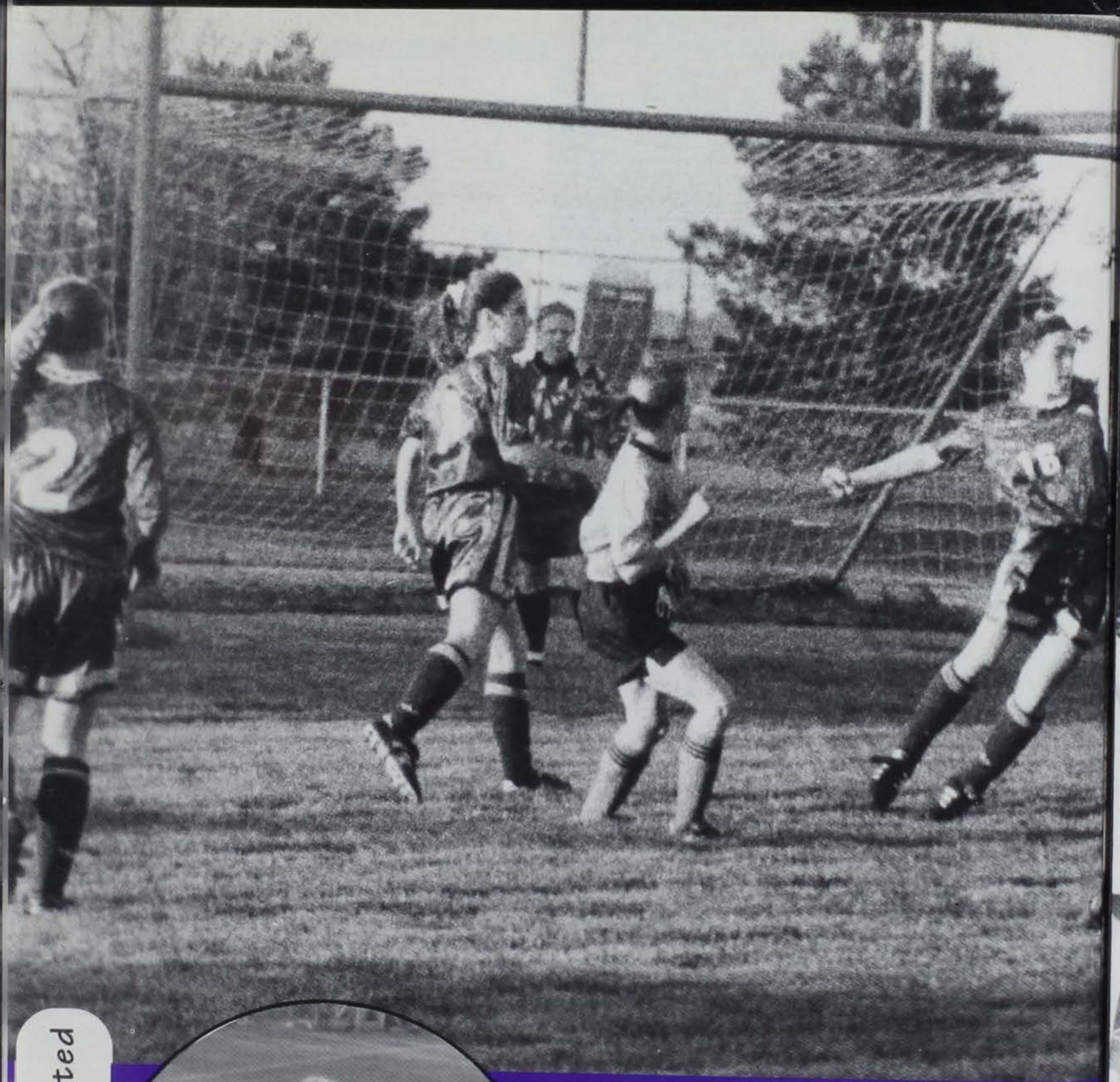


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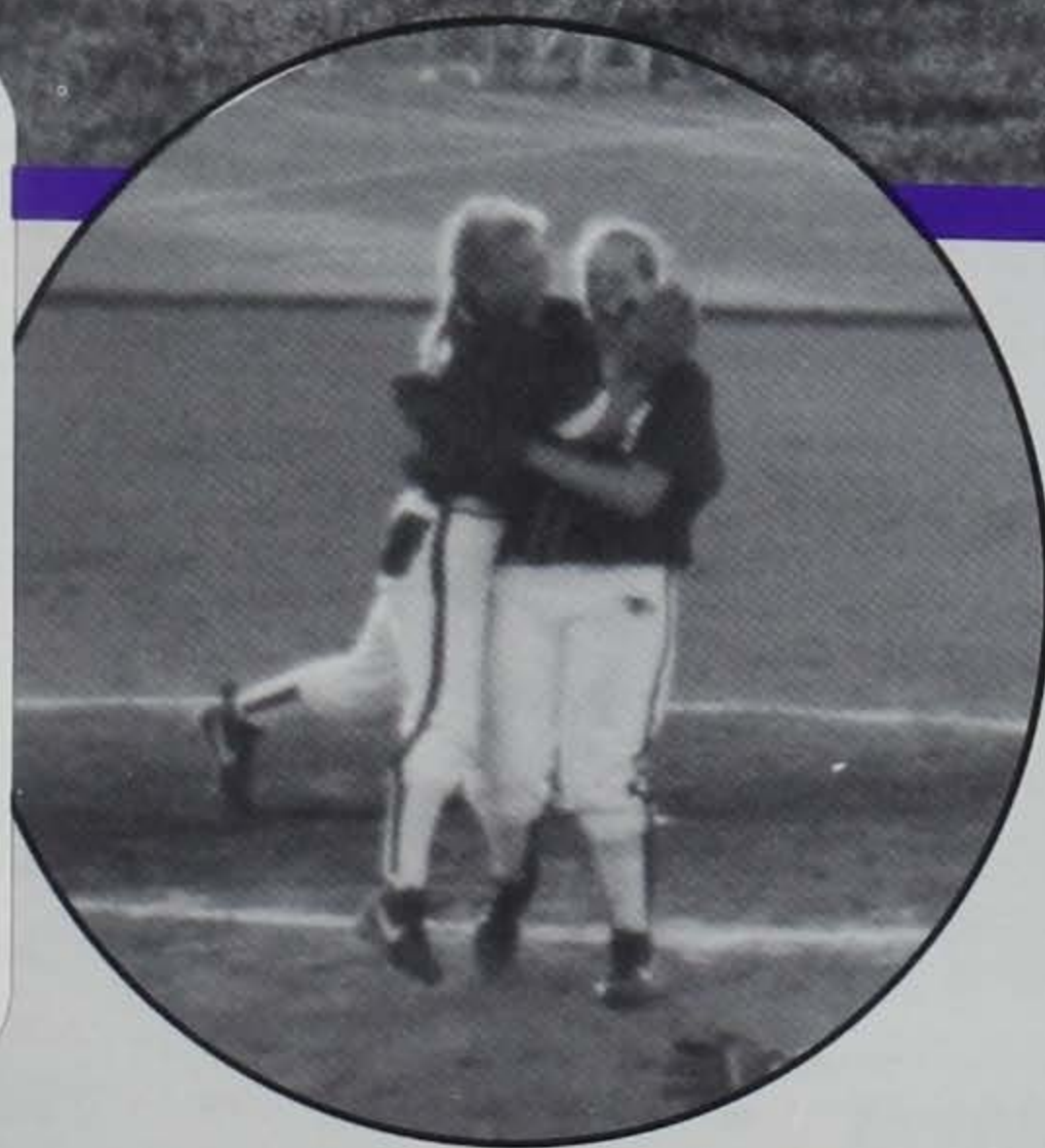
Counterclockwise from top left:

•Off to the races, **Bryce Good, Cory Grant, Brian Pauly, Joe Earp** and company begin a cross country race with vigor. •Always cheering around, **Sara Stone, Kelsey Fix, and Kristen Hamilton** pose for a picture at the festival of bands in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The band traveled a lot last summer going to Wisconsin, South Dakota and Illinois and taking away first place trophies at most events. •Over summer vacation, **Angie White, Jamie Benson, Jerry Doman and Bronwyn Howard** visited 6 Flags in Chicago. A mere 6 hour drive away, Chicago was a fav spot for weekend getaways. •Champs!! The Ankeny Hawkettes softball team celebrates a hard fought season and win in the Championship game last summer. •Members of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) gathered throughout the school year and the summer. Meeting at various times and places throughout the summer, the group was led by **Stephen Lloyd and Ryan Sears**. •The Hawk Cross Country team prepares physically and mentally to begin a race. The preparation paid off with a fourth place finish in the state. •Peeking into the huddle of a championship softball team shows that the Hawkettes worked long and hard to culminate the season with a State Title. •Poised to serve an ACE, **Pascale Bonnefil** nails one in the opponent's court. Tennis was a popular sport played during the spring and summer months and the courts around town were constantly filled. Here **Bonnefil** takes advantage of a nice day to play a few games. •"See You at the Pole" was a popular event at AHS, as well as around the entire nation. With no help or direction from any adults, students gathered around the school's flagpole from 7:00-7:45 a.m. one day at the very beginning of the school year to pray for a variety of needs and situations.





Expect the Unexpected



Champions!! The softball team won another state title during the summer of 1996. Here the Hawkettes rush the field after defeating Urbandale in the final game. The Boy's Cross Country team (at right) starts off a race. The Hawks finished the season, placing 5th in the state meet.





Girls Soccer became a sanctioned sport this summer, and Amy Franks takes full advantage here. The Hawkettes worked hard all season long and had a fruitfull season filled with highs and lows. Here, the Hawkettes are trying to defend their goal in a match against Ames.

During their last night in Switzerland, Mike McGuire gets his hair all done up by Kelsey Fix. Students in the French Club toured Europe last summer. While in Europe, the students toured France, Switzerland, and other surrounding countries, making Memories that will last a lifetime. 



SUMMER DAZE

A TIME OF UPS & DOWNS: It was destiny. It was fate. It was pure delirium. Ankeny High School has always had a history of state champion sports teams, the this season was no different. The Ankeny Hawkettes Softball team rocked the town with their state championship win. Another notch on the AHS Hawk win board.

■ Students spent the summer in a variety of ways. Some worked full-time baby-sitting, at fast food places, dry cleaners, auto shops, etc.; others simply used the time to relax, bum around, or travel. ■

Tragedy struck the student body twice this season. First, Brent Selby was killed in a freak car accident, and then a mere 5 days later, Matt Judge lost his life in another car accident. (See coverage on People Divider.) ■ The French Club flew to France within 24 hours of the Flight 800 crash that was also enroute to France. Since both flights originated from New York City, frantic parents and friends clogged the school's phone lines seeking information and confirmation that the French Club on Flight 800 was not the Ankeny French club. The airline tragedy that rocked the nation touched the lives of Ankeny residents as a result. Investigations into the cause the of crash could neither confirm nor deny rumors of missiles. "Thank God it wasn't United Airlines!" said **Jason Cairns**, whose mom is a Flight Attendant for UA. ■ Mission Impossible was the blockbuster hit of the summer. ■ The '96 Summer Olympics were held in Atlanta. Highlights included Kari Strug's courageous performance in women's gymnastics and the bombing in Olympic Park which claimed 2 lives and injured over 100 people.



PHOTO ALBUM

Counterclockwise from top left:

- **Corey Metzger** watches the ball go past a Marshalltown defender. The boys' Soccer team had a great season last summer.
- Students traveled to France this summer and visited many interesting, historical sites. **Corey Metzger, Elise Brodell, Kelsey Fix, Brian Thompson, Stephanie Bean, Darren Semrow, Nicole Taweel, Michelle Swanson, and Sharla Danielson** tour a Chateau in France.
- **Ryan Broich** finishes strong at a cross country meet. The Hawks also finished strong at state finishing fourth.
- **Nick Rohrer** shows his stuff in the pack of runners this season. The cross country team finished 4th overall, and looks strong for next season.
- During the hottest part of June and July, **Chris Degner, a parent, Scott Evans, Andrew Reich, Tom Kapasksa, Dwight Brown, Andy Fuchtmann, Mike Roth, and Michael Dahlstrom** find a unique way to cool off. All of these guys were on one of the many trips that the band took during the summer.
- The Hawk Cross Country team demonstrates unity as they huddle before a race. Members of the team bleached their hair white as another means of showing a unified front to the competition.
- The volleyball team was as successful as it was, partly due to the pre-school year practices. **Missy Voigt, Kim Kopacek, Michelle Cunningham, and Leah Heston** were just a few of the team members who showed up for "2-a-days" in early August.
- Marching to the beat of a different drummer-herself-is **Brooke Silliman**, a member of the Marching Hawks.
- Summer marked a time of just chillin'-precisely what **Jenny Crall, Sarah Woolever, Sarah VanOort, Rebecca Wetherill, and Amanda Scharf** take "fore" to do.



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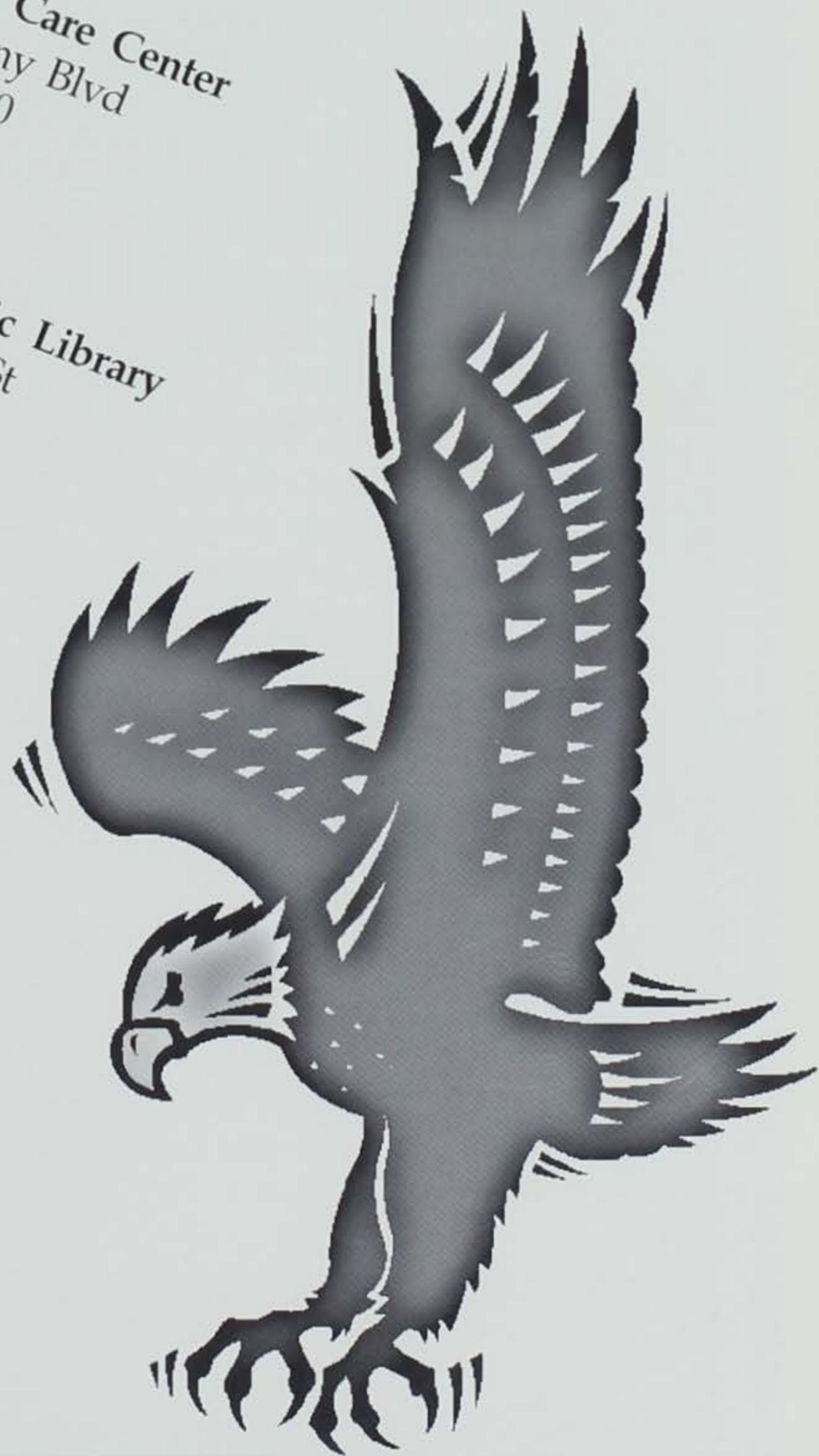
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Just Being Kids

Thinking back to sitting in that old kindergarten classroom makes it difficult to imagine we are young adults in high school with some of us ready to graduate. We sure had it good back in elementary school. We sat and played fun little games all day, then went home and played. As we moved into junior high everyone was thinking, "What? No recess?!" Junior high meant making new friends and more homework. About the time we adjusted to junior high life and were the oldest in the school, they moved us to the high school. After getting lost a few times and getting tortured on homecoming week, we each found our niche.



Patrice Jones

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD GAME OR TOY?

"Cabbage Patch Kids." Mary Thimmish
 "Hide-n-go seek." Audi Penniman
 "Hungry Hungry Hippos." Kelli Lichtenstein

"Pound Puppies." Angie Eichenseer
 "Imaginary friends." Emily Strabbing

"Raggedy Ann." Kristie Sanderson
 "Candyland." Melissa Thompson

"Hot Wheels." Revell Green
 "Big Wheel." Sarah Hill
 "Barbies." Amanda Waalk

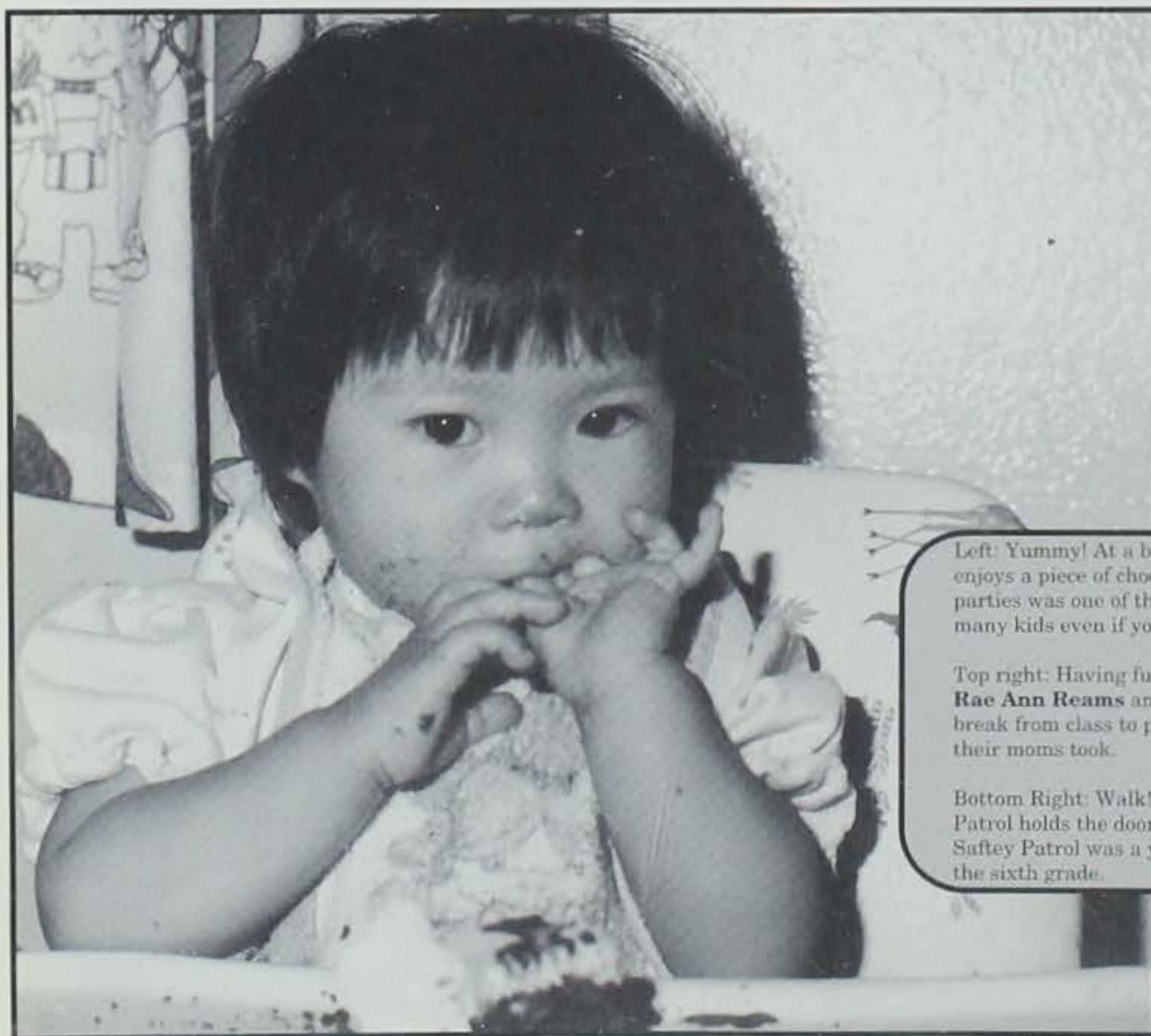
"GI Joe." Pete McPherson
 "Smurfs." Katie Wittrup

"Transformers." Greg Stamp
 "Cabbage Patch Kids." Jini Cox

1979: Jimmy Carter was president, Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series, Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize for peace, "Troy" won the Kentucky Derby, and the Carol Burnett show was on the air.

1980: Jimmy Carter was president, Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series, USC won the Rose Bowl, "Genuine Risk" won the Kentucky Derby, John Lennon was shot outside his Manhattan apartment, and the Olympics were held in Moscow.

1981: Ronald Reagan was president, Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series, biggest strike ever in baseball took place, space shuttle orbits the earth, Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer marry, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman Justice on the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. national debt reaches the trillion mark, and MTV gains huge following of teen-age viewers.



Left: Yummy! At a birthday party **Jini Cox** enjoys a piece of chocolate cake. Birthday parties was one of the favorite activities of many kids even if you were only one year old.

Top right: Having fun in elementary school, **Rae Ann Reams** and **Cynthia Kuhn** take a break from class to pose for a picture one of their moms took.

Bottom Right: Walk! **Caiya Lierman** on Safety Patrol holds the door open for the students. Safety Patrol was a year long activity during the sixth grade.



photo by Abby Friedmeyer



photo by Jini Cox



photo by Sarah Ellett

*What was the one thing
that you enjoyed about being a kid?*

"Lack of responsibility."
-Jennifer Abbott

"Recess."
-Natalie Berlau

"I could wet my pants without being
laughed at."
-Brian Loder

"Getting spoiled."
-Tracy Wood

"Playing with my viewfinder."
-Shanda Flippo



Mitch Reed



photo by Cory Hildreth



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LIKE A

Above left: Having fun in the sun, **Sarah Ellett** goes swimming in her baby swimming pool. Sarah was on the cheerleading squad, and also was a member of the tennis team.

Above right: Being cute is just about all you can do at this age, and **Cory Hildreth** (a member of the basketball and track teams) is doing just that.

Bottom left: On a rainy day, **Shawn Skelton, Greg Stamp, Sean Stadlman, Justin Dyar, Chaney Smith, Tyler Kruzich, Scott Young, Dan Bell, and Eric Lorenz** have some fun during indoor recess.

"I'm a good fellow, a fly guy." **R.J. Lindsay** 5

Weekend Mania

Students frequented a couple of places this year. Previously, a person could usually find his/her friends up at the local McDonalds, but Dairy Queen became the new location this year because the police did not run students out of the parking lot.

Another option for students who were kind of tired or who just wanted to sit down with a case of the munchies was the laser light show in Des Moines. A few students still went to the movies with groups of friends or boy-friends or girlfriends. Most weekend nights, however, were filled with people driving around and trying to find something to do.



Going to the Game

Weekend Fees

Movie Theaters: Ankeny or Des Moines
\$4-\$6 per ticket and extra money for food
Laser Light Shows in Des Moines:
\$5 plus money for food

Food: McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Burger King etc.
Average meal- \$3-\$5
Gas Money: High price when driving around for numerous hours on the weekend with nowhere to go

"I generally don't get out much on the weekends. My weekends are usually monopolized by work or debate. But when I do get out on the weekends, I usually like to go to a movie, play magic, or write," said **Alfred Moton**.

"You do not want to know what I do on the weekend," said **Michelle Cunningham**.

"I drink pop and study a lot," said **Lee Virchow**.

"I drive around and harass the elderly people and when I'm done I look for smaller children," said **Ryan Norgart** when asked how he spends his Friday and Saturday nights.

"During the weekend, when I'm not catching up on my homework, I like to raise a ruckus with my friends and cause some good natured bedlam," said **Michael Dahlstrom**.

"I spend approximately twenty to twenty-five dollars during the weekend hanging out with all of my buds," said **Reed Shippy**.

"I buy the cops donuts on the weekend," said **Brad Zorns**.

"It is none of your business what I do in the privacy of my own home," said **Bob Campbell**.

"A typical night at Ankeny is to meet at Dairy Queen and spend the rest of the night trying to find something to do. I don't really remember what I do during the weekends," said **Kristine Cox**.



Dancing the night away



Tailgating with friends



Left: **Danette Ott** invites a few friends over to watch some videos. **Heather Nelson, Erin Jagnandan, Kristine Cox, Amanda Beal, and Lisa Hale** spent the night checking out the flicks.

Top Right: Watching T.V. on the weekend is exactly what **Jake Moore** chooses to do. Many times people just stayed home with a couple of friends rather than trying to find something to do.

Bottom right: Slurpin' on a shake, **Nate Green** clowns with **Lindsay Pace** and **Elizabeth Murphy**. A person could always find his or her friends at the Dairy Queen on the weekends.

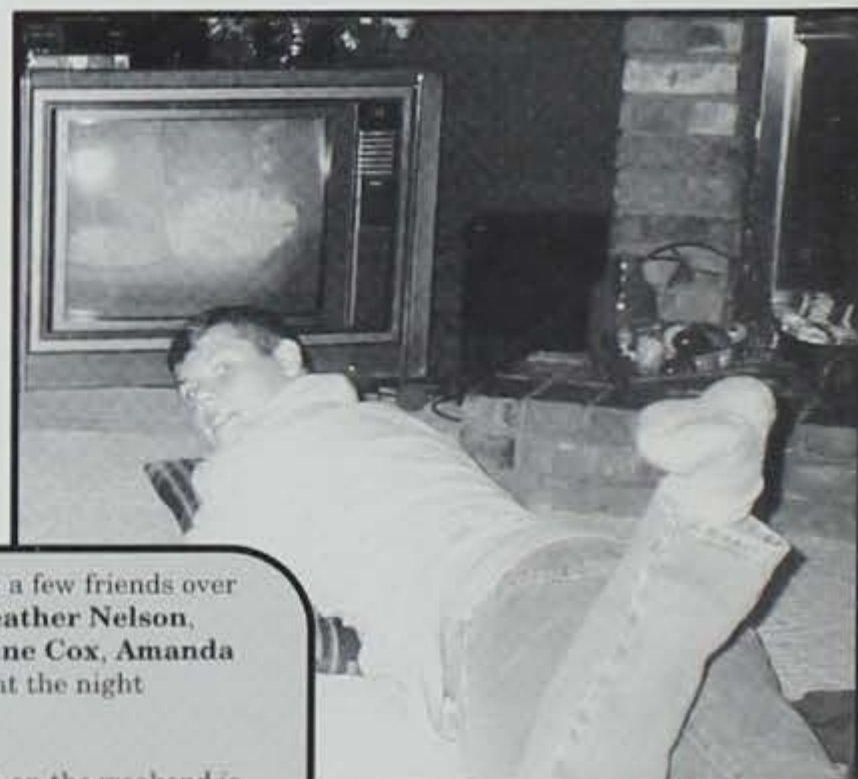


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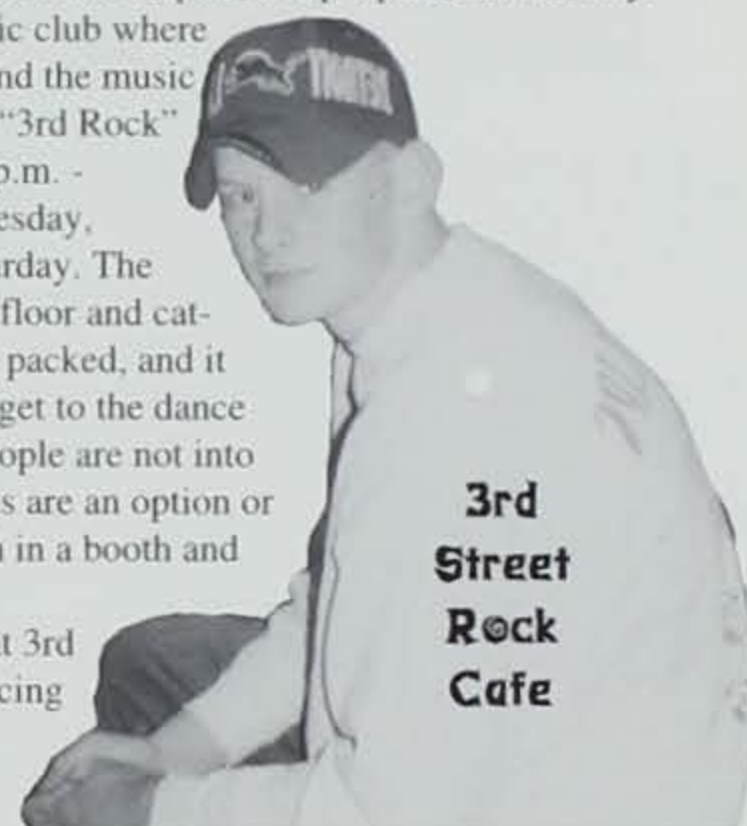


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Students who wanted to dance but couldn't get into night-clubs still had an option available to them-The 3rd Street Rock Cafe, located on 3rd Street in the Heart of Des Moines near Spaghetti Works & Java Joe's. At "3rd Rock", people 18 years and older could pay a \$5.00 cover charge and dance the night away or meet "new" people. Consequently, many AHS students frequented the club with the ironic result of knowing most of those in attendance because at least one third of the crowd was composed of people from Ankeny.

A nonalcoholic club where the pop is free and the music keeps spinning, "3rd Rock" is open from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The two level dance floor and cat-walk are always packed, and it takes forever to get to the dance floor. And if people are not into dancing, billiards are an option or people can crash in a booth and just talk.

"You know, at 3rd Rock, I'm a dancing machine," said Shane Frisk.



3rd
Street
Rock
Cafe



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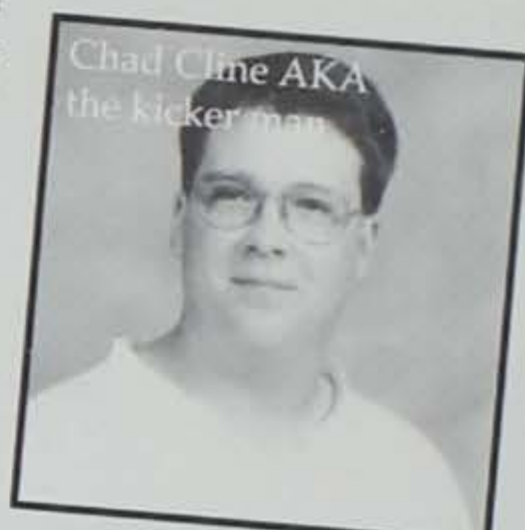
Above left: Braving the elements, **Heidi Kautza**, **Robert Lancaster**, and **Jaymi Frye** spent some of their weekends marching with the band. The never-ending practice schedule was the reason the Marching Hawks took home virtually every first place trophy.

Above right: A smart choice for anyone during the cold weather, **Anne Nixon** doesn't appear to be ready for anything else but a night at home. Pigging out was just one more weekend option for students.

Bottom left: One long week of school deserves one night of rest. So **Chaney Smith** relaxes at his friend's house, after a rough football practice. Chilling in the recliner was Chaney's chief means of entertainment.

It's all about BASS

"To many high school students, a car stereo consists of a tape deck and a couple of delco speakers. But to some it is a great hobby, more like an investment," said **Brad Wedeking**. A car stereo consists of a cd/tape player, an amp, some highs, some mids, and a pair of subs. The most popular brand of subs is Rockford Fosgate, while the most popular decks are Pioneer Premeir. But why would students put so much money into their car stereo? For two reasons: number one, they like to listen to their music loud, and number two, they like to be heard throughout the city of Ankeny.



Chad Cline AKA
the kicker man

Definitions

High's, Mid's, Low's -- your speakers that produce all kinds of music

Tweeter -- gives you high frequency music

Woofers -- produces the low frequency music that shakes mirrors

Amps -- power supply

Brian Witt has probably one of the best stereos in the school. Wait, hold on one second--the best stereo in the school. Witt's system consists of a Kenwood CD player, pioneer tweeters, pioneer highs and lows. He has Rockford Fosgate amps and three monstrous Fosgate subs. Also a monster cap for more power, 1 farad to be exact.

Kickers pound in! This is what **Chad Cline** in his car, he has Kicker all throughout his car, he also has an Alpine tape deck. Cline has been in to car stereos for years.

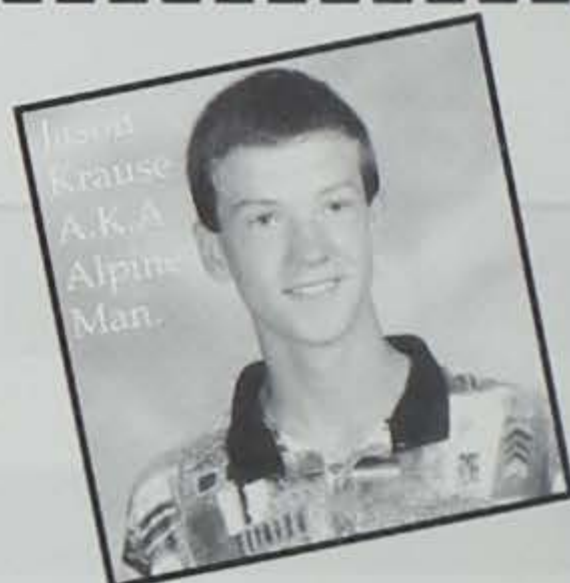
An Alpine CD player is the choice of **Jason Krause**; it connects to Alpine speakers with a Kenwood amp running to two Rockford Fosgate Punch subs.

An Eclipse CD player and changer that runs to Boston speakers and Orion Cobalt subs, with an Audio Control crossover, all powered by an Orion XTR Amp belongs to **Jeremiah Hamilton**.

Brad Wedeking owns an Alpine cd player that runs to all Kicker highs and mids and his subs are powered by a Kicker amp, with an Audio Control crossover.

A pioneer CD player running to all pioneer speakers and Fosgate subs which are powered by a Rockford Fosgate amp in **Brad Harris's** car.

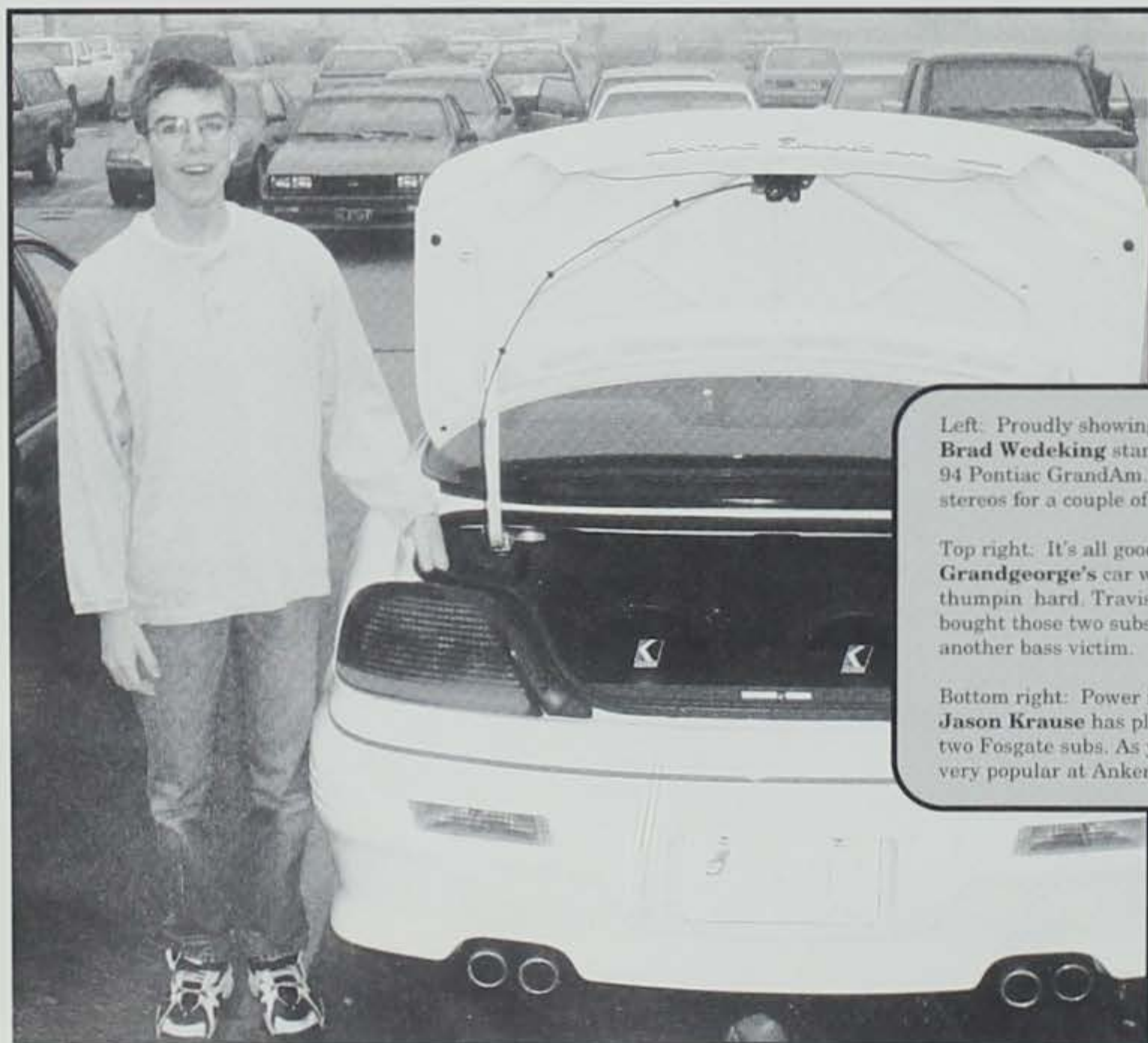
I like to listen to music loud, and on a great system it makes it all worth while," said **Travis Grandgeorge**



Jason
Krause
A.K.A
Alpine
Man.



Brian Witt AKA
Mr. Speaker



Left: Proudly showing off his Kicker subs **Brad Wedeking** stands in front of his sharp 94 Pontiac GrandAm. He has been into car stereos for a couple of years now.

Top right: It's all good in **Travis Grandgeorge's** car with his Fosgate subs thumpin' hard. Travis has just recently bought those two subs and now he's hooked, another bass victim.

Bottom right: Power is everything and **Jason Krause** has plenty of it going to his two Fosgate subs. As you can see Fosgate is very popular at Ankeny.

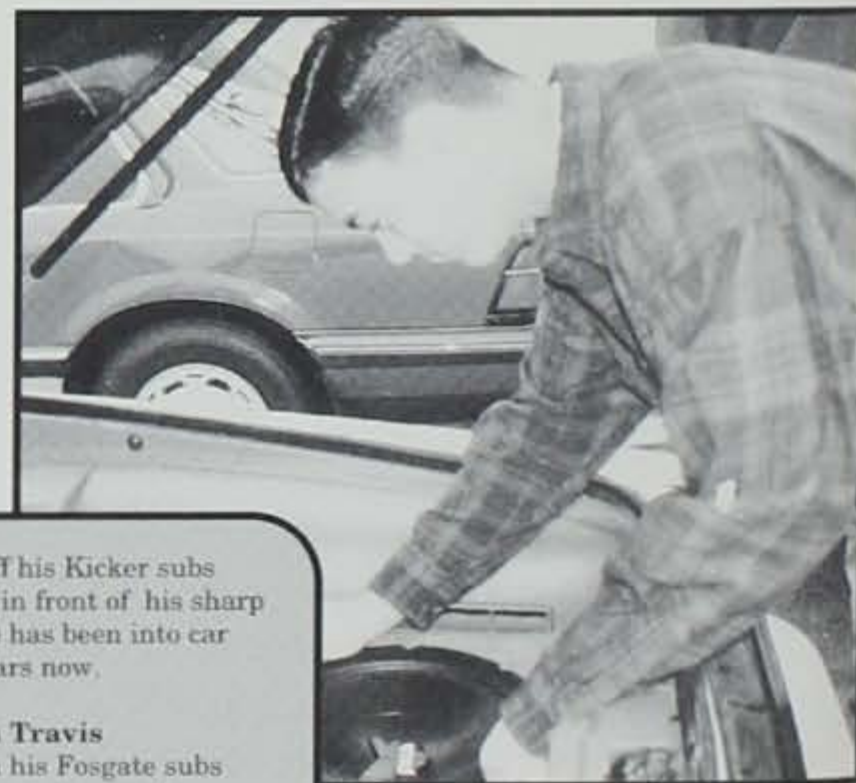


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Stereo equipment

IN A SURVEY PASSED OUT TO AHS STUDENTS, THE FOLLOWING BRANDS WERE MOST POPULAR.

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IN TO

Above left: Placement is everything when it comes to great sound from your subs, so **Justin Dyar** places his two Jensen subs to perfection. Justin enjoyed listening to all varieties of music, especially hard hitting bass.

Above right: Since reflective sound makes everything better, **TJ Duke** uses a box enclosure to help create the better sound. Some students had systems stolen from their cars while parked in the lot, but TJ didn't worry because his was bolted to the body itself.

Bottom left: Jamming to the tunes **Kyle McGraw** cruises in the school parking lot. Kyle enjoyed alternative, rock 'n' roll and rap, and he also liked cruising downtown in his chevy truck. Students kicked back, popped in a butt-kickin' CD, and enjoyed the ride.

"It's something that you can put your time and money into and it is something you can be proud of, plus I love heart stopping bass." **Lee Virchow** 9

May I take your ORDER

Some students ate lunch at school and some (mostly seniors) went out to eat or picked something up. The students who left ate anywhere from Arby's to McDonalds. Just about everybody hated Mondays, so in order to make things a little better, the a-la-cart line served Pizza Hut pizza for \$1.00 and on Tuesdays they served AHS pizza. All kinds of candy was also available, and later on in the year, the cafeteria even offered burritos from Taco Bell.

The biggest problem with lunch was getting served on time. Students at the end of the line sometimes didn't get their food until it was about time for the bell to ring.



Stephanie Day loves her yogurt

Of the students who ate here at school, 1,490 main lunches were bought and 737 salad bars were purchased each day. Since only about 1,100 people attended AHS (not including teachers), obviously some people bought 2 lunches. No count was kept for those who ate a la carte. Students who ate school lunch spend anywhere from \$0.50 to \$5.00, depending on what was served and how hungry they were.

Desirae Hargens just walks out the door when she skips lunch. She says "Don't try to sneak, you'll just get caught."

"Every day I eat a bagel, 2 cream cheeses and cheetos," says Jana Ballew (big worm).

"Green peppers put hair on your chest." -- KH

"Oreo brownies are definately the best!" -- JF

"The funniest thing I ever saw during lunch was that guy (who shall remain nameless) 'bong' that whole container of juice. That's dangerous when its from the AHS cafeteria." Matt Arend

MA says that the worst lunch item is the "chili with chips on top--yuck!"

When Karen White skipped lunch she went to Desirae's or her boyfriends house, and she got away with it once because she stole the attendance sheet.

"I really think they need to have open campus for everybody. I mean, why is it so important to keep the sophomores and juniors here? If they can drive, let 'em go." John Carroll



Kari Friest decides on a carri sun to drink



Adam Lewis and Denis Fogleman with their friends

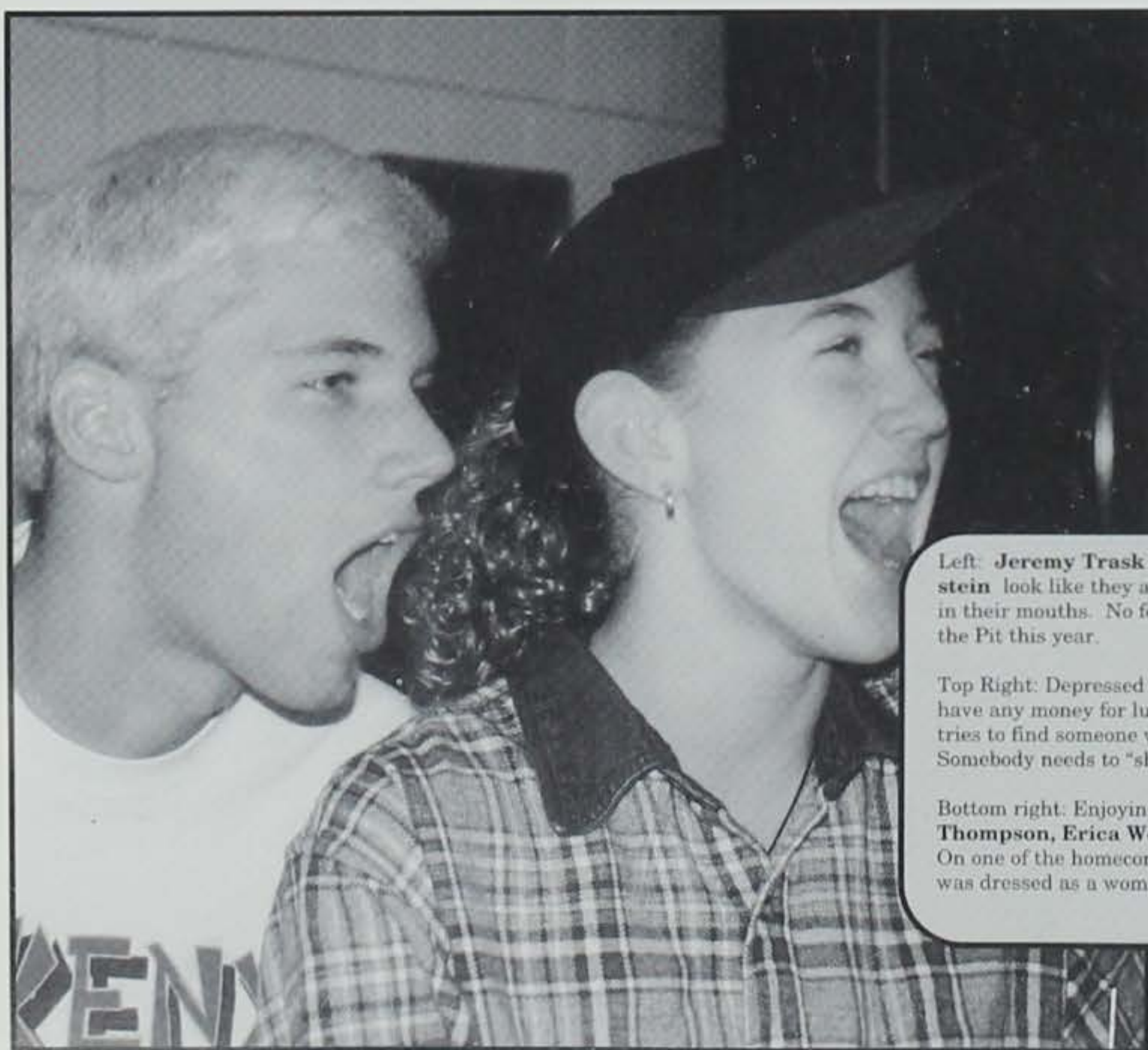


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Left: **Jeremy Trask** and **Kelly Lichenstein** look like they are trying to catch food in their mouths. No food fights erupted in the Pit this year.

Top Right: Depressed because she doesn't have any money for lunch **Darcy Leerhoff** tries to find someone who will lend her some. Somebody needs to "show her the money."

Bottom right: Enjoying their lunch are **Brian Thompson**, **Erica Wells** and **Eric Metzger**. On one of the homecoming days Eric Metzger was dressed as a woman.

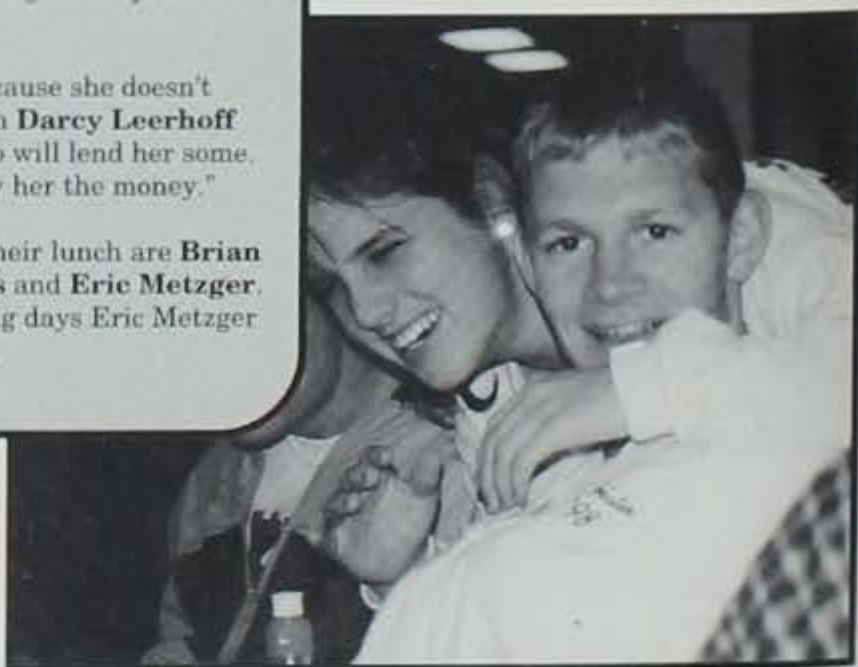


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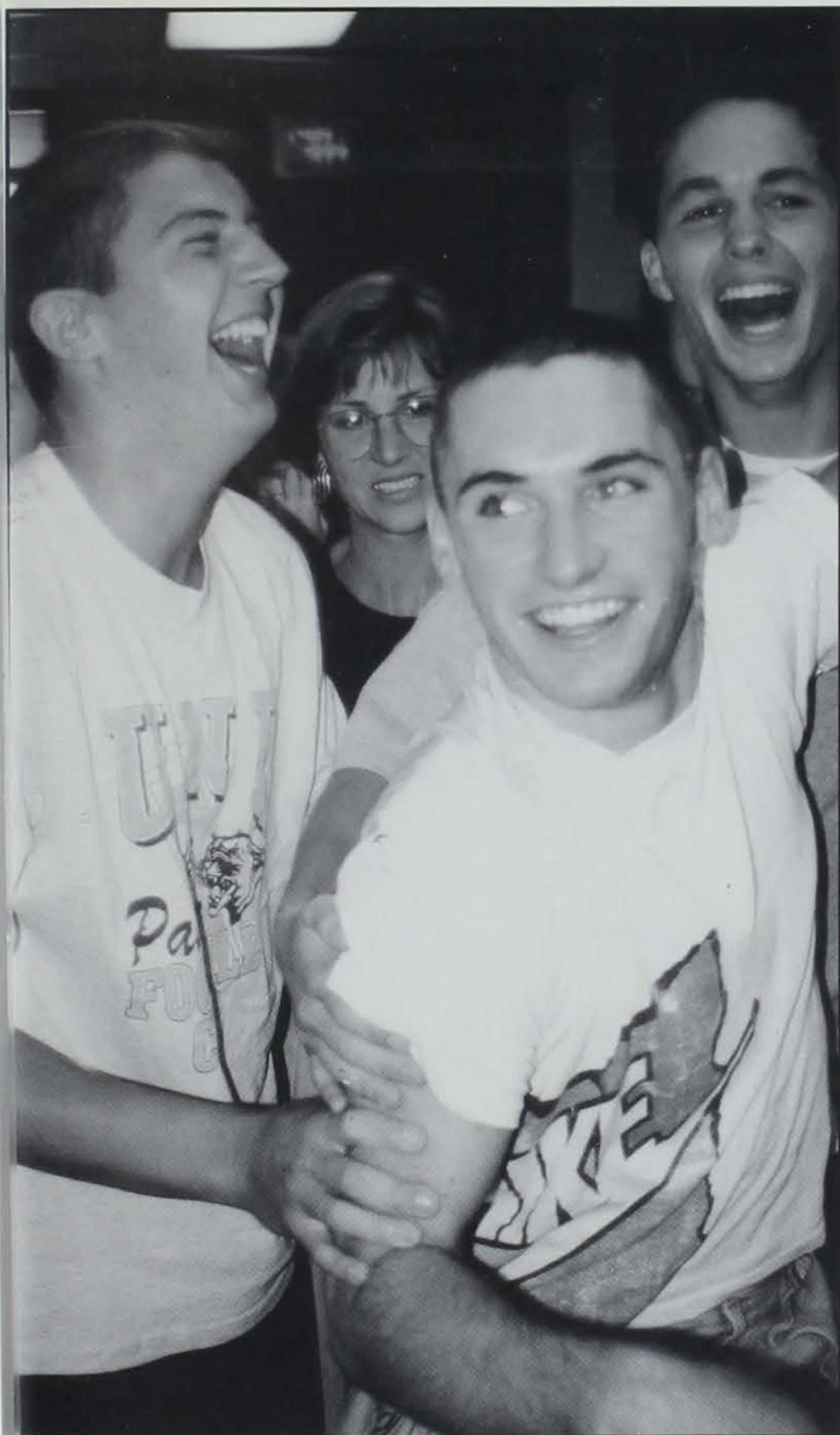
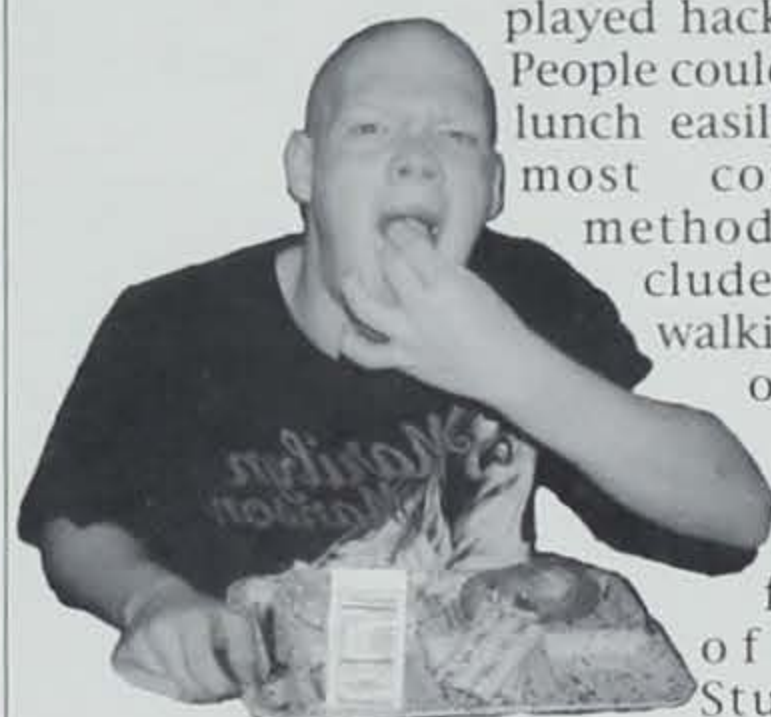


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Who says cafeteria food is that bad? Apparently it was good enough for **Jarrold Ellsworth**. Nonetheless, leaving school during lunch was somewhat common among students, even for underclassmen for whom it was not permitted. Some went home or to a friend's house; others hung around outside and

played hackysack. People could ditch lunch easily. The most common method included just walking out or making up "stories" for the office. Students



had to be careful, however, because Mr. Shaltanis was always on the prowl.



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LUNCH

Above left: Boys will be boys as demonstrated when **Marcus Pitts**, **Brian Eichenburger** and **Adam Benge** wrestle to get in line first. Sometimes the lunch lines snaked all the way back to the lockers.

Above right: Got milk? **Scott Cybal** pays for his milk because milk does a body good. The pop machines were turned off during lunch time, so the only beverage available to students was juice or milk.

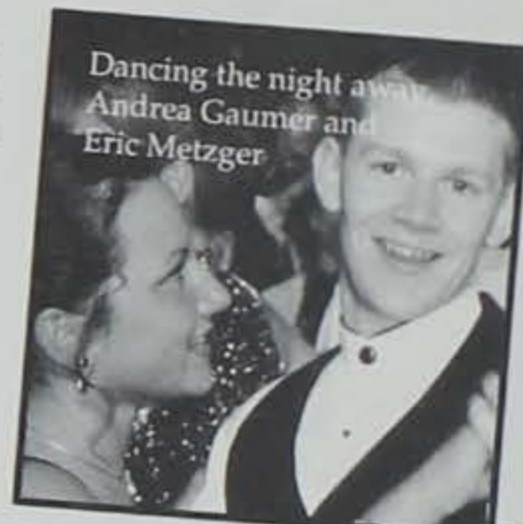
Bottom left: **Nicole Poland** and **Brianne Pressely** enjoy their lunch break along with the other sophomores. Even though the students complained about lunch, they still ate it.



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Dating in the '90's

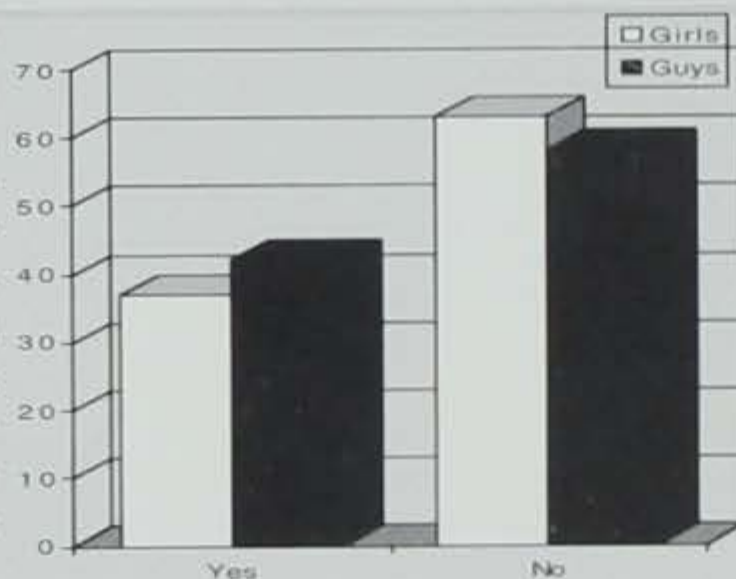
Dating is a big part of high school—just ask any AHS student, and chances are they have been on a date this year. Whether it is one on one or in a group, you can see dating going on just about anywhere. Sometimes dating brings on other pressures such as sex. According to a survey taken by some AHS students, the results were pretty even. However, some students thought this was a little personal and none of anyone's business. "I can understand how people thought it was personal, but their name wasn't on it," said Erik Bratten. Adam Orosco also said, "People felt it was very personal, but most answered it honestly."



Dancing the night away, Andrea Gaumer and Eric Metzger

In a survey passed out to all second hour classes, students answered questions regarding their sexual habits. However, not all students in all classes participated, and some were thrown out for flamboyant answers. Because of this, the results are not scientific.

The graph (right) illustrates the percentages of Ankeny High School males and females who, according to our survey, have and have not had sex. The average age for their first sexual experience for both males and females is 15-16, and the average student who has had sex has been with 1 or 2 people. Reasons given for not having sex included waiting until marriage, having religious beliefs, not meeting the right person, and fear of disease and pregnancy.



"Abstinence is the safest way to go, I follow it."

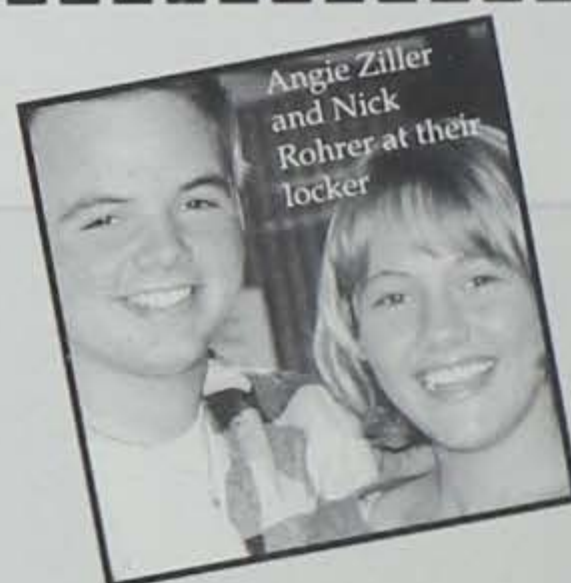
"I wish I could be a virgin again because we (partner) don't even talk anymore."

"Your virginity is something you can never get back; I really regret losing it."

"I regret losing my virginity because I could have been exposed to STD's because she cheated on me."

"I regret a couple (of experiences) because their (partners) views of our relationships were different than mine."

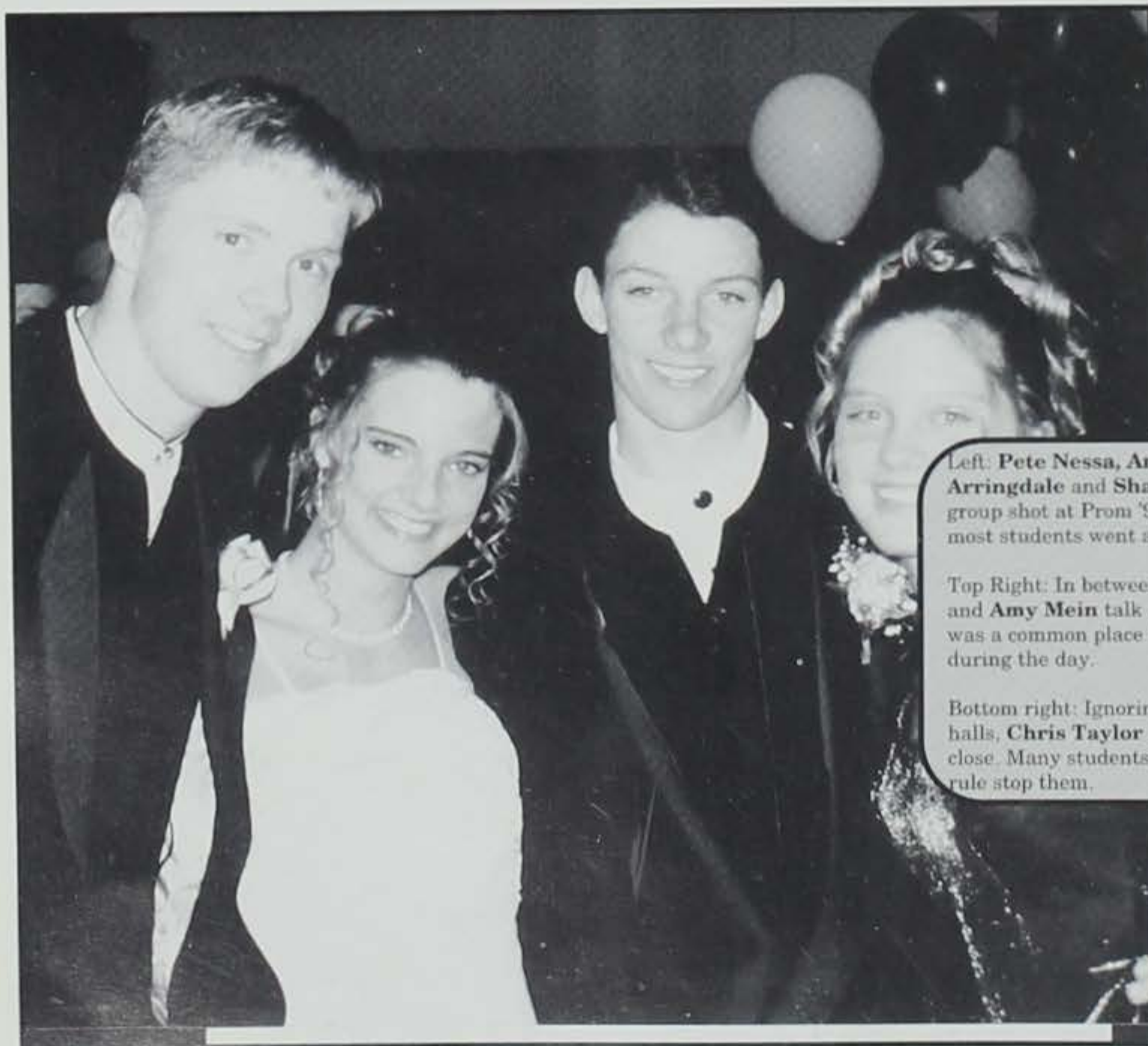
"I felt robbed when I lost my virginity."



Angie Ziller and Nick Rohrer at their locker



Nate Bræen and Kari Teeter



Left: Pete Nessa, Amber Berglund, Josh Arringdale and Shana Abel (Carlisle) take a group shot at Prom '97. This is one dance where most students went as couples.

Top Right: In between classes Chad Graham and Amy Mein talk at their lockers. The Pit was a common place for couples to see each other during the day.

Bottom right: Ignoring everyone else in the halls, Chris Taylor and Tosha Griffin get close. Many students didn't let the school's PDA rule stop them.

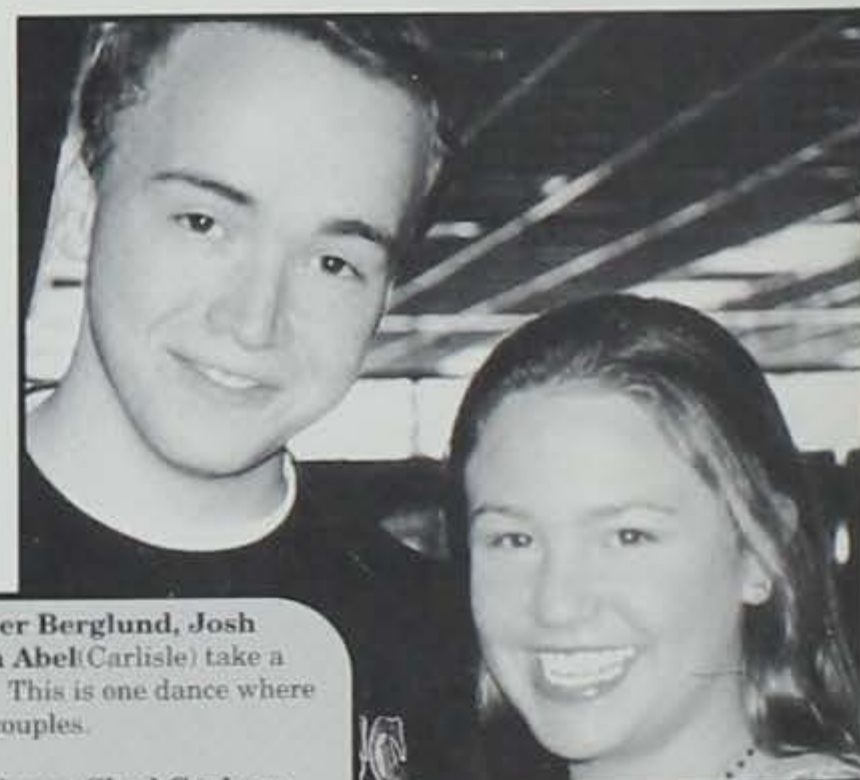


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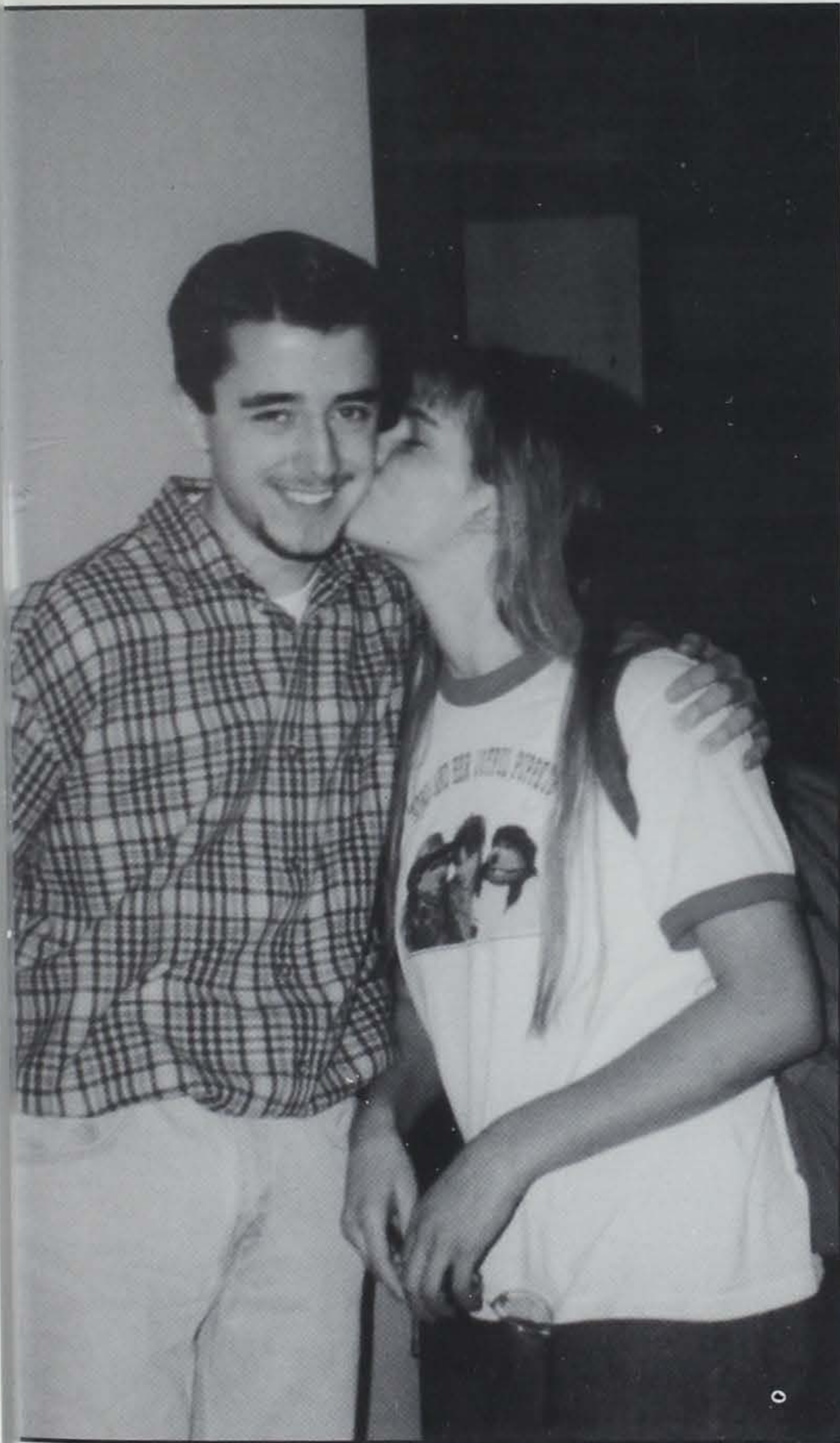


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Who am I going to go with???

There's nothing like needing to find a date for that special dance. For the women, the pressure of waiting for that guy to call and ask just about drives them crazy; of course, co-eds today don't really feel the need to wait for the guy to ask. They ask the guy themselves. In an informal survey of 25 girls and 25



guys, almost 33% of the girls said that they had asked a guy out. Just over half of the guys in the survey said they had been asked out by a girl. How did the guys feel about it? Most thought it was about time that the pressure was off them.



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IN OF

Above left: Sharing a moment in the hall **Dana Kelly** and **Rachel Linderman** spend the five minutes between classes kissing. Some couples have a hard time finding time together between classes.

Above right: **Kim Forrest**, a teen mom, gets help opening her locker from **Hannah**. "It (being a teen mom) is hard, but I have a lot of support from my family and friends which helps," said Kim.

Bottom left: **Christina Danielson** and **Kim Forrest** take time out to play with their daughters. Between school and work, playtime with their kids was hard for the two students to come by.

Dead PRESIDENTS

A survey was passed out to 100 AHS students, 50 girls and 50 guys from all grades, asking many different questions about money, such as do you have a job, how much money do you have with you right now, how do you earn money fast, etc. Two people surveyed had two jobs, and three had summer jobs. Working was the number one way students earned money, and borrowing was the second. Students spent most of their money on food. Entertainment and clothes were next, then gas.



COST EFFECTIVE

Of the students surveyed, 68% had a job. Most worked 10-20 hours a week, and their average paycheck was \$100-\$150.

"The best thing about working at a bank is that I get to act like I have money." -Kristen Wells

When asked how much money students had with them or in their locker, the average amount was \$12.43. Guys and girls had about the same, but seniors averaged the most, then juniors, and sophomores had the least.

Students spent the most money on food, followed by clothes, entertainment, and gas.

If you won the lottery, what would be the first two things you would buy? Of those polled 45% said a car, and 19% said a house. Only 2% would save or invest it, and another 2% said they would buy another lotto ticket!

"If I won the lottery, I would buy food, food, and more food!" -Nate Lohmeier

"If I won the lottery, I would probably save the money for college." -Nicki Evers

If you could get a lifetime of something for free, what would it be? 24% of AHS students would have food. The second highest answer was money, followed by clothes and gas.

The best-paying job for an Ankeny student is thought to be a waiter or waiterss. For an adult, doctor was the most common answer with 19%, wanting that position and lawyer was second with 17%.

"My ideal job would be anything helping people— that gives me a warm fuzzy feeling." -Sarah VanOort



Left: Putting in his time at Hy-Vee, **Brant Ausenhus** hands a customer her bag. Hy-Vee employed approximately 100 AHS students.

Above right: After scoping out her options, **Alicia Raymond** waits in line to pay for lunch. Food was the number one thing students spent their money on.

Bottom right: On this Saturday night, **Rollie Fors** is buying a ticket for the movies. The movie theater provided a popular hangout for students.

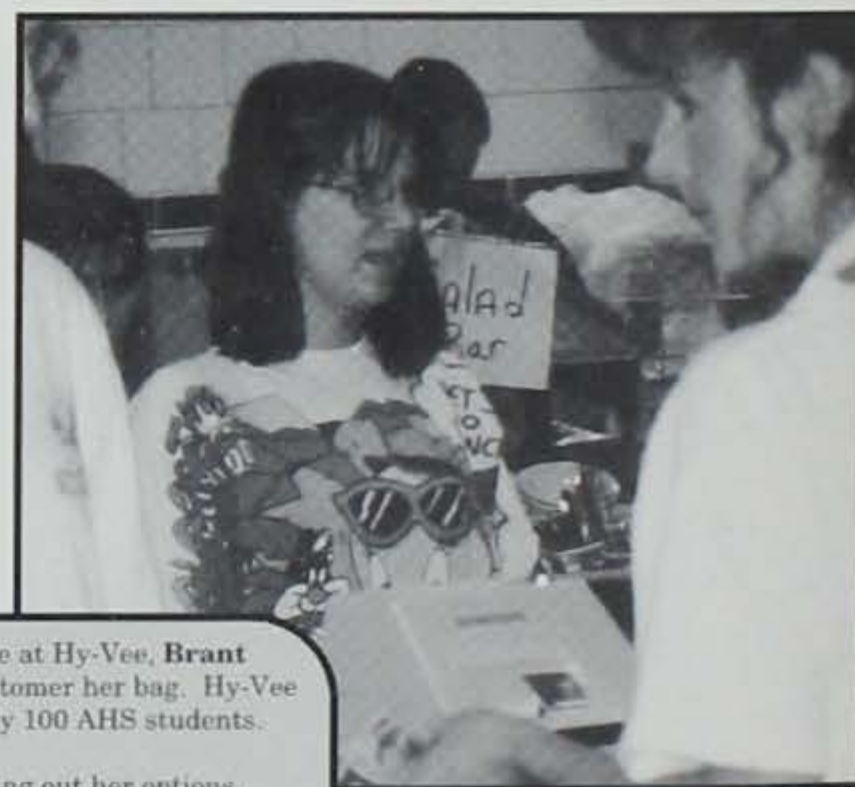


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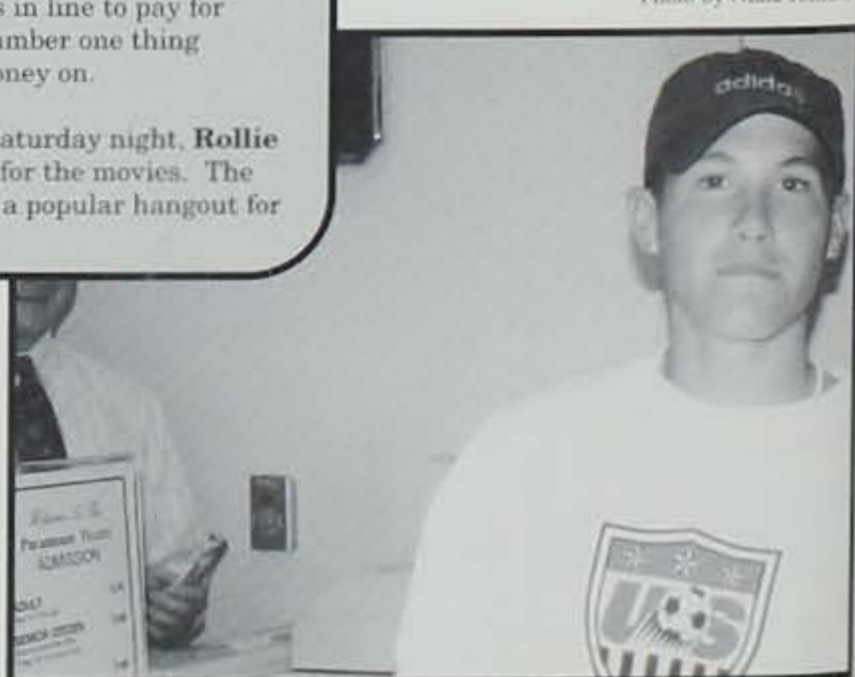


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Everyone knows that prices have gone up, but just how much? Here is a list of prices of some common things people buy now, and how much they cost in 1967. (Prices are approximate, and an average. For example, jeans now can cost from \$20-\$80 and more. \$40 is an average.)



	1997	1967
New car	\$20,000	\$4,000
New house	\$140,000	\$18,000
Jeans	\$40	\$10
One year instate tuition at ISU	\$2,566	\$336
Movie	\$4.50	\$1.25
Stamp	\$.32	\$.05
Gallon of gas	\$1.25	\$.30

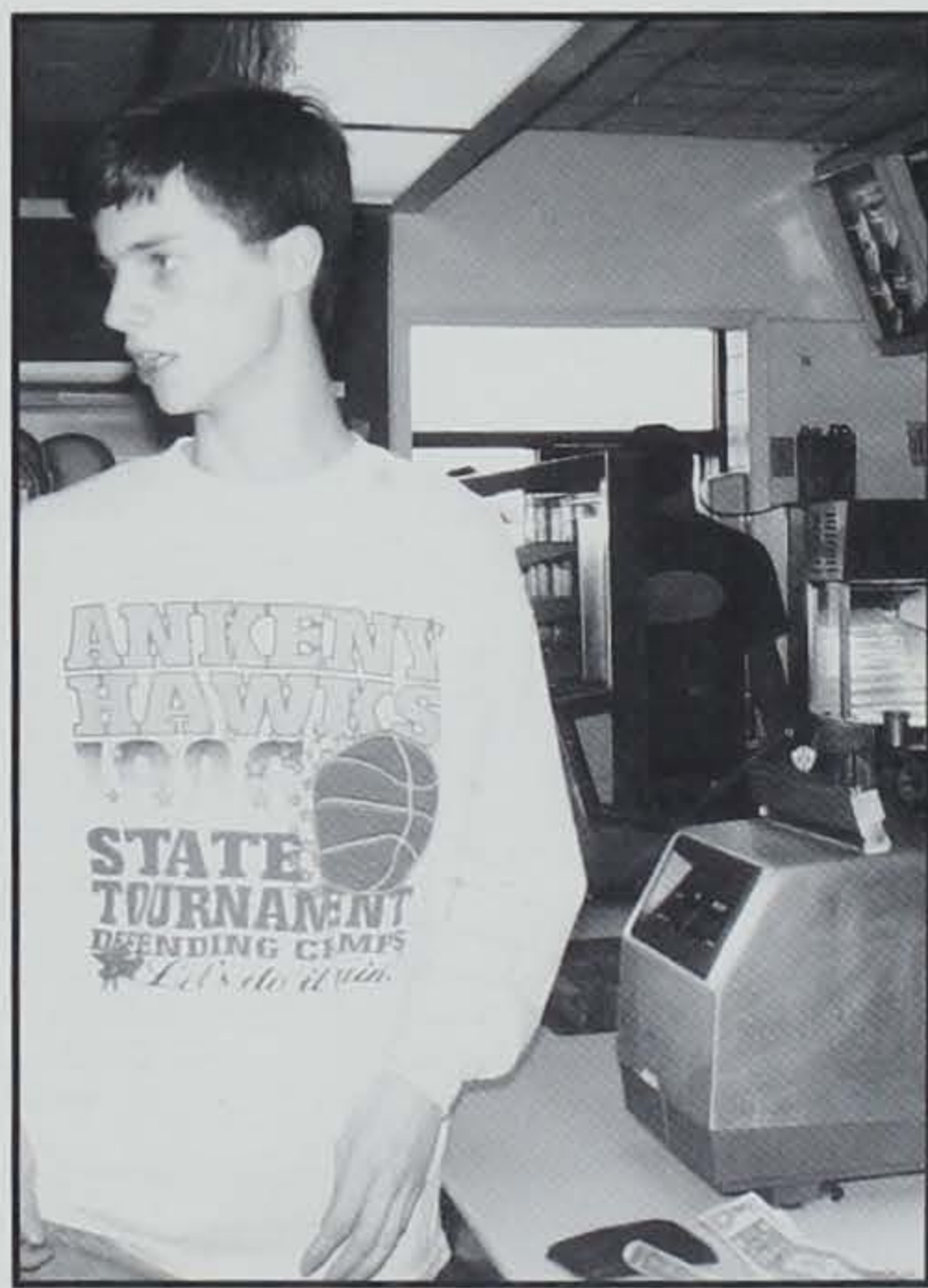


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IN THE

MONEY

Above left: Carefully watching the pump, **Justin Stone** fills up his gas tank. Many students were hard pressed to come up with gas money throughout the year.

Above right: At McDonald's, **Ben Taylor** lays down money for his lunch. McDonalds also employed many students.

Bottom left: Reluctantly, **Chris Beavers** hands over his money at MaidRite. Almost seventy percent of the student body had jobs and hated to give up their hard-earned money.



Photo by Nikie Johnson

"I really enjoyed being a cross country groupie. They really deserve more recognition AHH CC!" **Chrissy Beck** 15

Creating the pages of this book could be fun or frustrating (Cairns), depending on the situation.

MAKING

your book

Q What is a typical day in yearbook class like?

"It's like a jigsaw puzzle made up of different people, different ideas, and different personalities."

-Ryan Struve



"You have to work with everyone else, so sometimes it gets frustrating. I've stuck with it for four years, so it can't be that bad."

-Jason Hill



by Shawna Vuper

Making memories--that's what yearbook was all about. It was a group of students in one room, helping students, teachers, and friends remember the year. The class was about getting along with everyone else, making deadlines, and making financial ends meet. The yearbook staff, both first semester and second semester, worked as a team to type stories, finish layouts, take pictures, sell ads, and write captions.

Many participants in yearbook spent extra hours outside of class time to get the job done--whether it was before school, during free periods, after school, or even on a Saturday morning--for the dedicated people in yearbook wanted the yearbook to be delivered on time and just right. Many students had to rearrange their schedules to be able to take pictures to make their layouts or someone's complete.

Another part of being in yearbook was selling ads to raise money so that the yearbook staff had enough money to do the book, for book sales cover only about 2/3 the total cost of the book. Some people enjoyed selling ads and getting sponsors, although to others it was a horrible task. **Carisa Spain** said, "Yearbook class was fun but I hated selling those ads!"

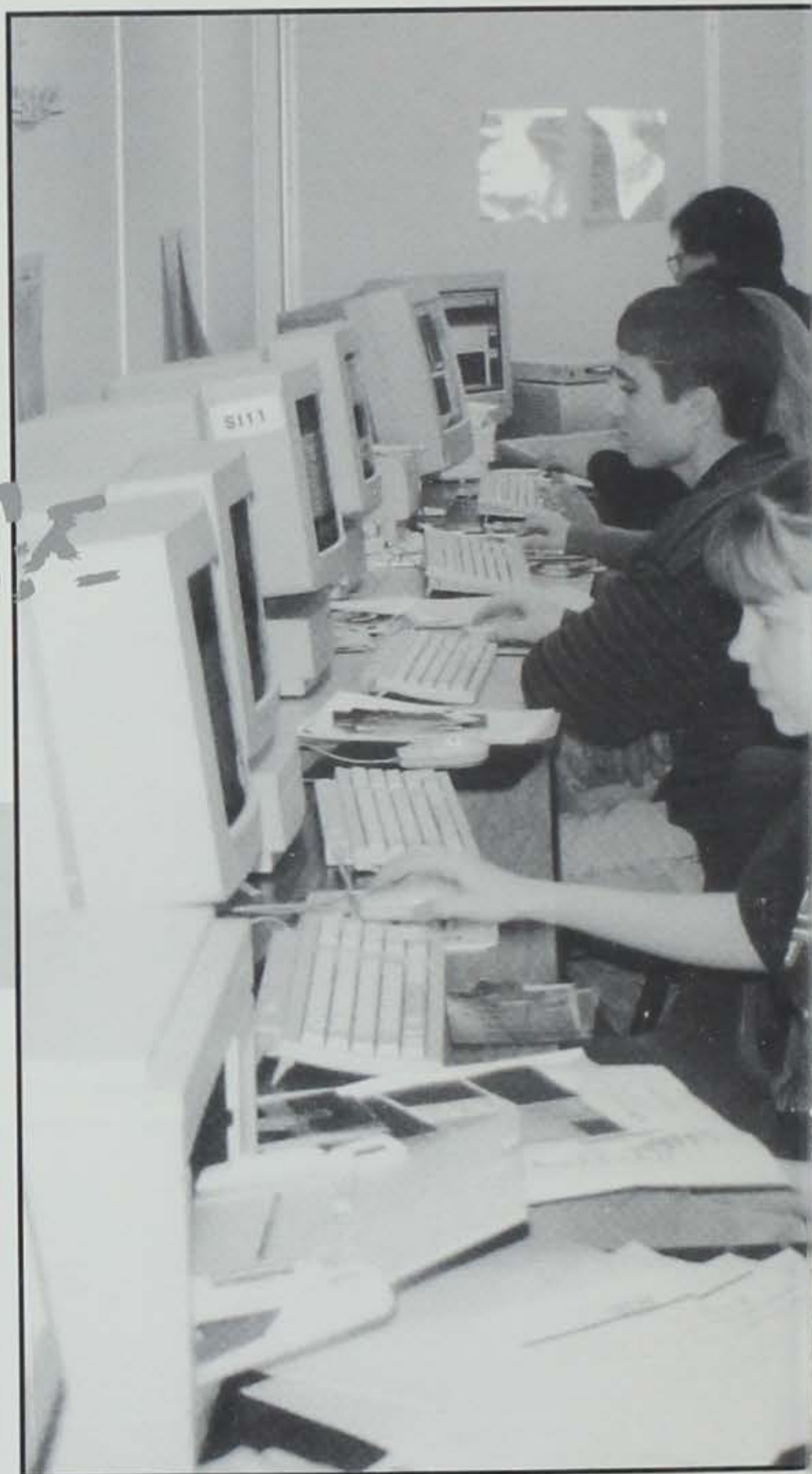
The staff did many new things with the book this year. For example, 40 actual pages were added, the paper weight was increased, and fold out dividers were designed. The cover was an added expense and the staff also created a unique, high-dollar cover. This has been the most expensive yearbook ever produced for AHS. Jostens Representative Tim Robson aided the class in providing the student body with some of the best stuff we could do.

GETTING THE JOB DONE,

Abby Friedmeyer and Ryan DeMey are busy working on their layouts. Each student worked on about four different double-page spreads per semester and worked many extra hours to finish them.

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS,

Tiff Weiler and Andrea Vuper work on their layouts. As seniors, these two women filled up a free period by taking yearbook. They came in every third hour to work on other layouts and help out the staff.



SHOWING FRUSTRATION,

Jason Cairns takes a break from proofing to explode. Cairns was the editor of the yearbook, and he stayed after school until midnight several times to finalize pages for deadline shipment to the plant.

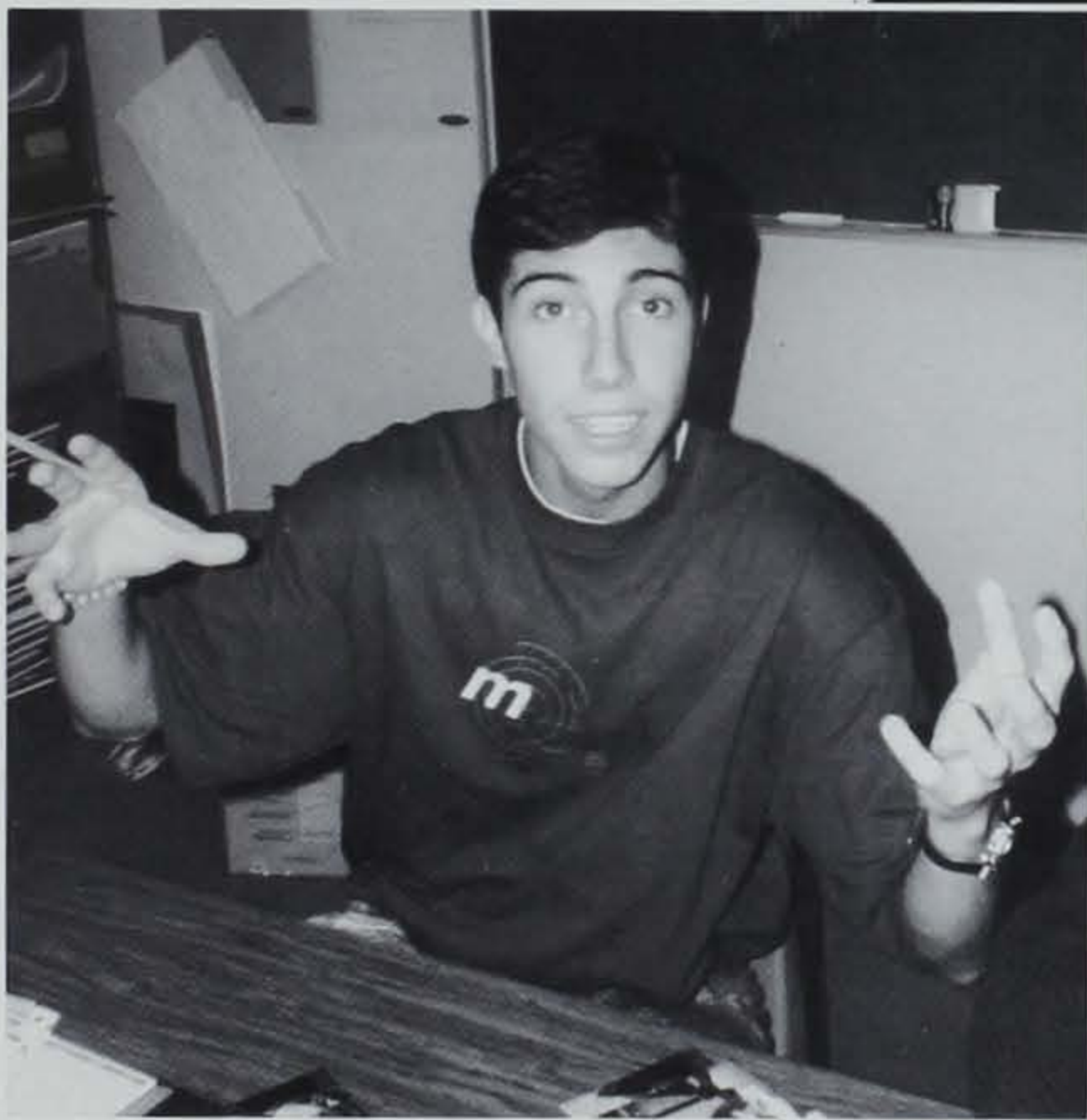


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YEARBOOK STAFF--2ND SEMESTER

Row 1: Abby Friedmeyer, Shawna Vuper, Luke Steinbach, Angelica Gonzales, Nikie Johnson, Alissa Anderson, Emily Stordahl, Row 2: Mrs. Kauffman, Ryan Struve, Carisa Spain, Nate Rawson, Ryan Tucci, Ryan DeMey, Mitch Reed, Danielle Rethmeier, Heather Gomez, Laura Aschoff, Climbing the tree: Justin Dyar and Jason Cairns



EDITORS:

Alissa Anderson (Portraits), Heather Gomez (Academics), Danielle Rethmeier (Co-Sports), Row 2: Jason Hill (Co-Sports, Proofs), Luke Steinbach (Organizations, Proofs), Jason Cairns (Senior Editor), and Justin Dyar (Student Life)
Not Pictured: Emily Stordahl (Co-Portraits)



Photo by Ryan Tucci



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ATTACHING PAGE STICKERS

to the backs of photographs is Heather Gomez. It was necessary to place numbered stickers on each picture, so that the pictures would be placed on the right page and in the correct location on the page.

PROOFING HER LAYOUT,

Kim Forrest makes sure that names were spelled right, information was correct, and there were no grammar errors. A lot of time was put into proofing layouts to double check for accuracy.

Students have a great time without drugs and alcohol and have a positive impact on the lives of others.

CARING

assistance

What prompted you to join SADD and/or Circle of Friends?

"SADD is a great experience--to be with people that feel the same way as I do."

-Shawna Abbott



"Being a member of COF is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. We all teach and learn from each other."

-Kim Kopacek



by Shawna Vuper

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Circle of Friends are two organizations that focus on helping others, whether it's by teaching each other not to drink and drive or just by helping each other out.

SADD is an organization that anyone in high school can join, and membership is encouraged. It's an organization that not only helps teens promote being alcohol free but also drug free. SADD takes part in numerous different activities such as dances, the blood drive, and Red Ribbon Week. "SADD is an organization which I believe in, and it is nice to know that there are others that feel the same way as I do," said Courtney Behrens.

Caiya Lierman, the president of SADD said, "I believe that SADD is a good organization that all students should take part in. You learn a lot and have a

lot of fun. Anyone can join SADD and what you get out of it is very rewarding!"

Circle of Friends is another organization of volunteer students at the high school. It's where everyone is a friend to everyone else and they all help each other out. Circle of Friends is also very active throughout the school year.

Mrs. Overton, who sponsors both organizations, said, "Circle of Friends is a unique program that young people participate in solely for the purpose of helping others. Students plan and participate in social activities with young people with disabilities. Students are always pleasantly surprised when they find out that they always get more out of these activities than they put into them."

COF member Kim Kopacek said, "Making someone else smile is the best feeling in the world."

HAVING A SPOOKFULLY

good time, Eric Paul, Kelly Dunbar, Melissa Beaman, Christine Melhop, Erin Hoffman, Cory Verbeski and Angie Nielson all help out at the Halloween Party put on by members of Circle of Friends.

IT'S THE DANCE CRAZE

of the year! The Macarena as it is performed by the members Erin Hoffman, Kim Kopacek, Caiya Lierman, and Katie Shannon, of Circle of Friends at On with Life. They took the dance to a whole new form.



CHILLING OUT IN THE SUN

many members of Circle of Friends spent their summer by going to the Rock and Roll Reunion at On With Life. The members participated in activities such as the famous dunk tank.



Photo by Mrs. Overton

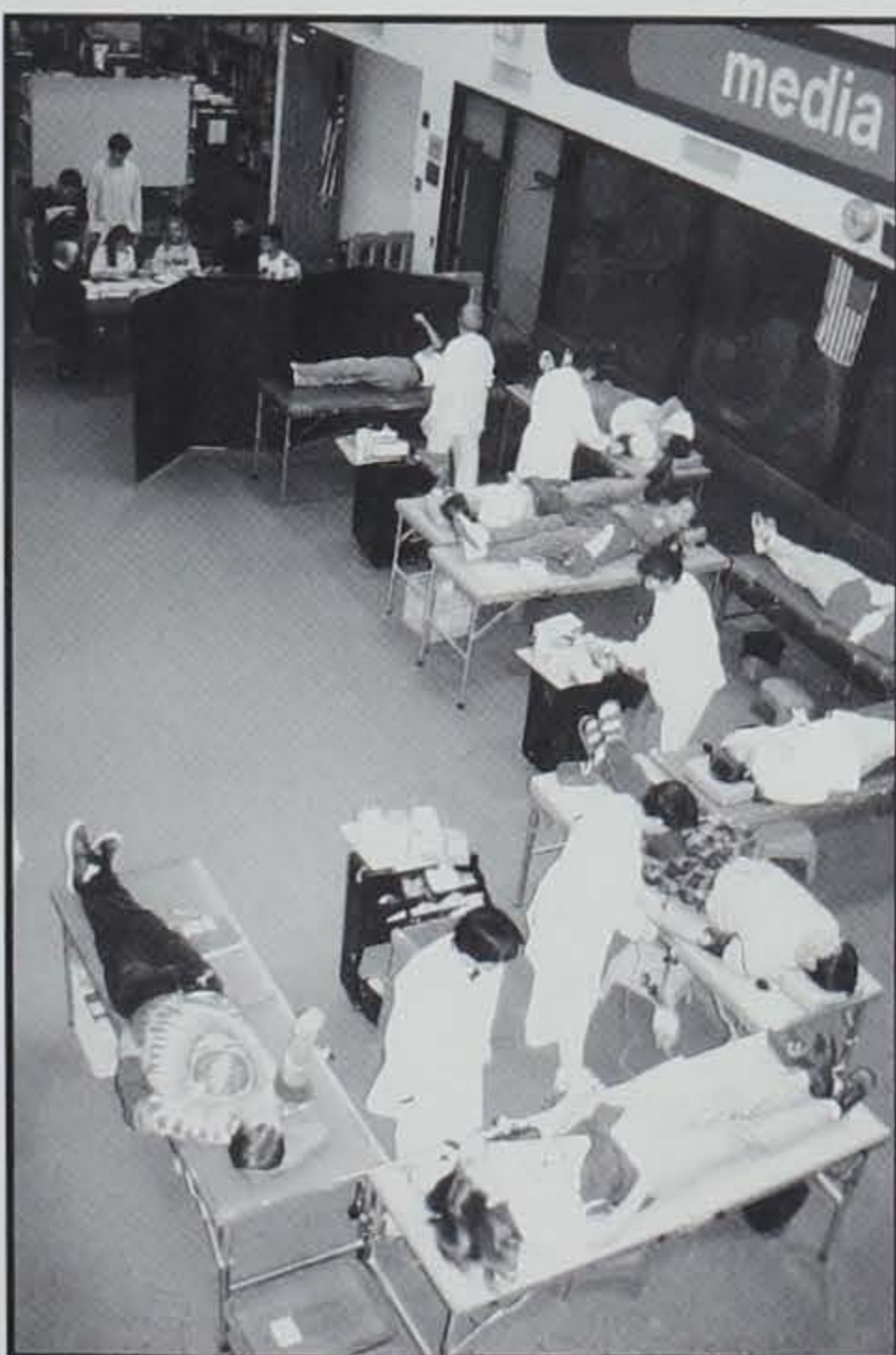


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SADD / COF



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MANY HIGH SCHOOL

students donate blood for the blood drive. Because of the large donor turnout, more than 90 pints were donated. Of the 119 people who donated blood, 86 were donating for the first time and provided 64 pints.

HELPING OTHERS OUT,

Mrs. Battles, Mrs. Thrasher, Mrs. Overton, and Mr. Wunn, pose to display their shirts to say that they are really against drinking and driving. Well over 27 SADD shirts were sold this year.

Students incorporate church groups both before and after school.

SPIRITUAL

Leadership

What is a benefit of having spiritual leadership in school?

"It helps you focus through the week."

-Brad Bach



"If people have problems it's easy to find someone that your able to talk to and they'll always listen."

-Melissa Bleeker



by Alissa Anderson

FCA and Hey Now were two developing groups that allowed students to express themselves spiritually.

Steven Lloyd and Ryan Sears, two seniors, lead FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), and the group consisted of about 20-25 teens who met each Monday 7-8:15 p.m. in the lecture room. To attend or be a member you needed to participate in at least one sport. The meetings open with prayer followed by a discussion period over a scripture or "hot teen topic." Another part of FCA was going places as a group. The FCA attended sporting events such as ISU football and basketball games. FCA is a nation wide group and many young adults desiring Christian leadership participate

in it.

Hey Now, an on campus ministry group which has met weekly for the past two years, helped students who wished to proclaim their faith in Christ to develop a stronger relationship in their daily walk. Started by Phil Schomer and Matt Nuese, this nondenominational group has expanded from Ankeny to several other schools around the Midwest. During last summer Hey Now won the Hero's In Action award from another organization called Christ In Youth. Like FCA, meetings consisted of prayer and devotions.

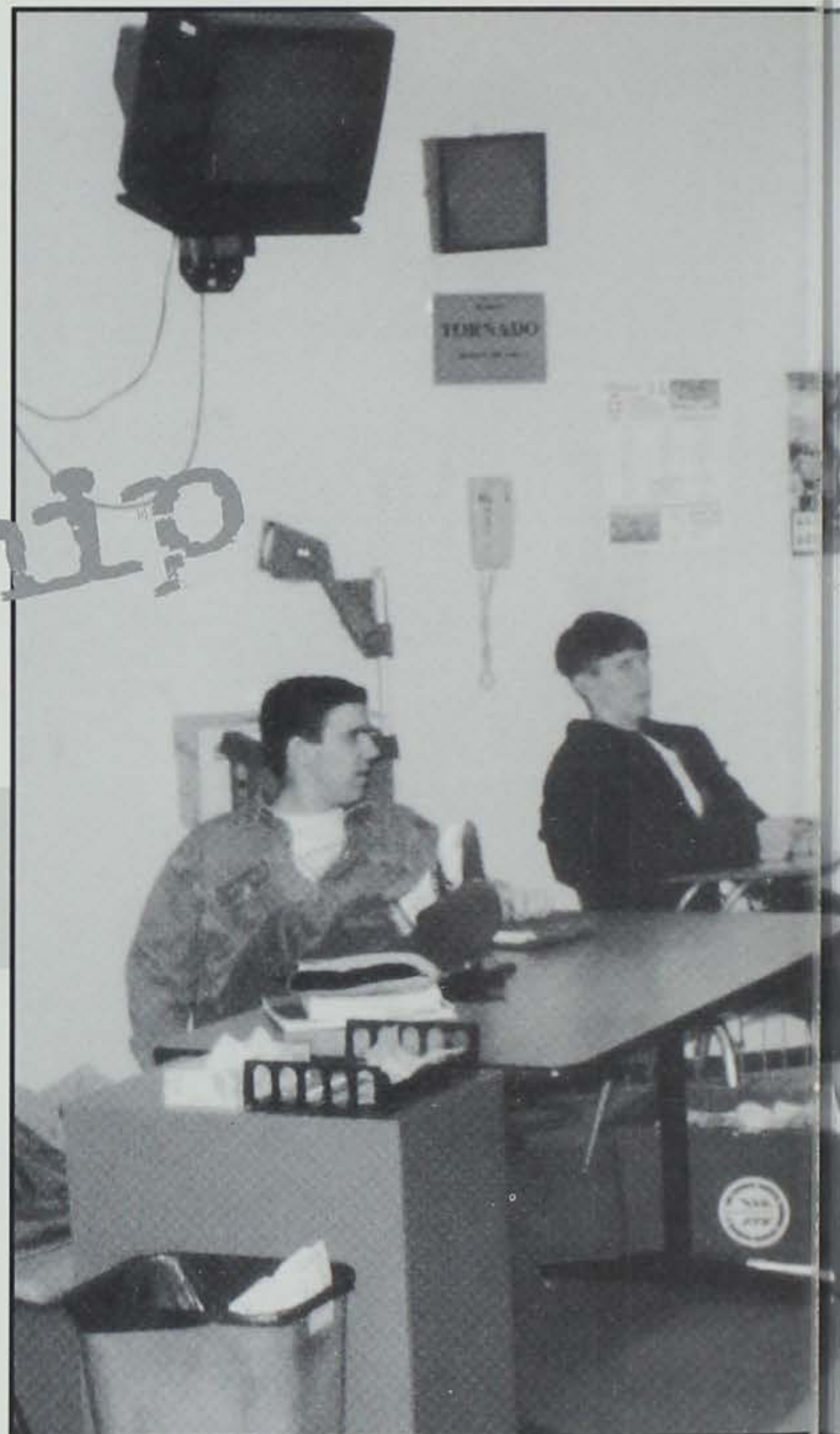
Neither of these groups can meet during the school hours, but this is no problem they can't work out. They still have their spiritual needs met.

THE LEADERS OF FCA

Ryan Sears and Steven Lloyd discussed group problems. The group opened meetings with discussion and prayer requests. They then conversed about upcoming events and opportunities.

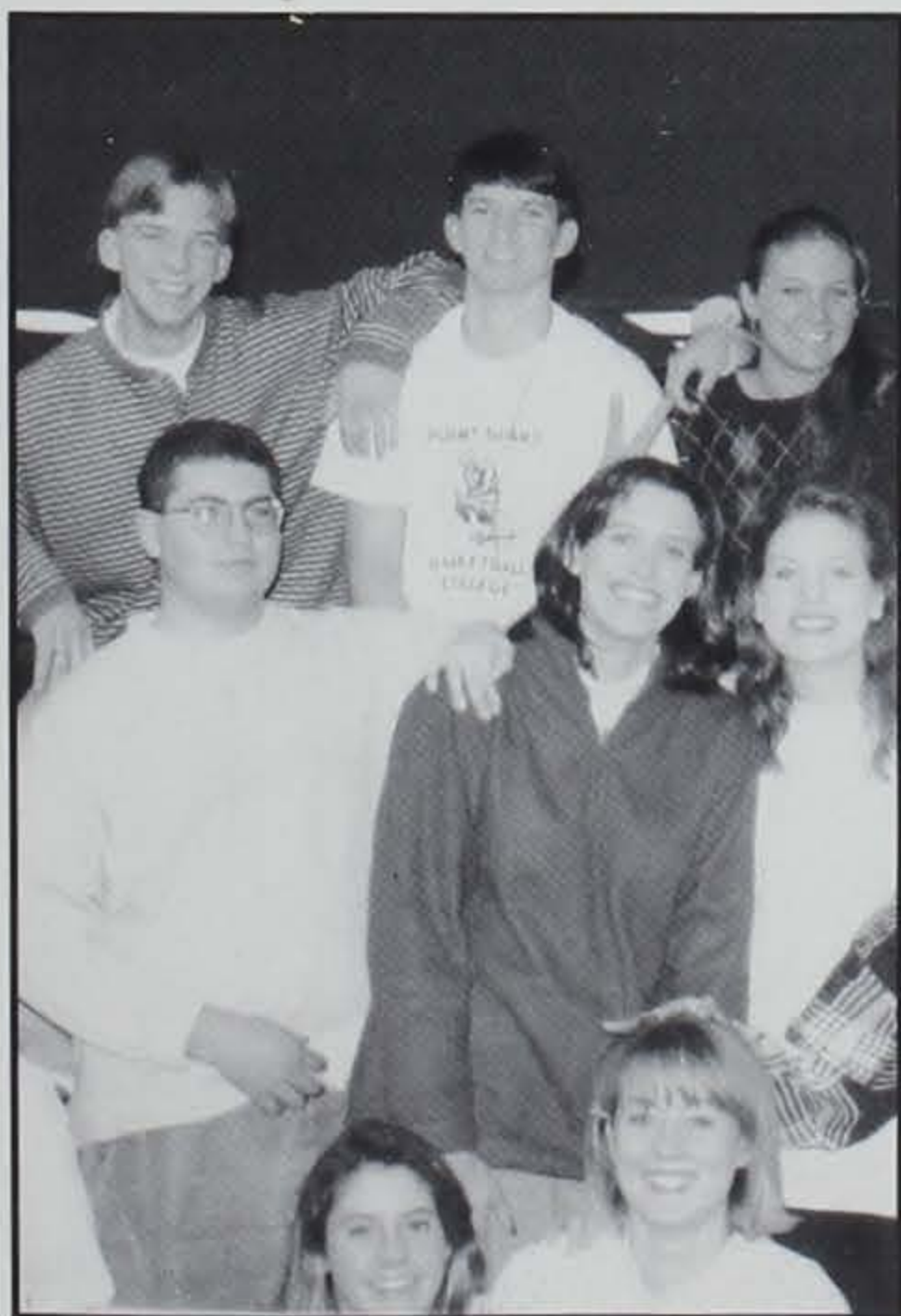
REGULAR PARTICIPANTS

Mike Naylor, Lindsey Leonard, Angie Nielsen, and Cori Verbeski attend FCA meetings regularly. The participants all seemed to share common interests and relate well to each other.



FCA

Lindsey Leonard, Angie Nielsen, Scott Nelson, and Cori Verbeski take time out to pray. The group opened every meeting with joys and concerns. That's when the group shares good and bad thoughts and feelings.



MEMBERS OF FCA

ROW:1 Scott Sibbel, Sarah Murray, Pachel Johnson, Amanda Cross, Jamie Townsend, Sarah VanOort ROW:2 Jeff Sullivan, Lucas Gorz, Amy Gebauer, Melissa Bleeker, Julie Cross, Troy Stites, Joni McNew, Brad Bach ROW:3 Scott Evans, Ryan Sears, Cori Verbeski, Missy Voigt, Lindsey Leonard, Kim Kopacek, Angie Nielsen, and Mike Naylor.



HEY NOW MEMBERS

ROW:1 Lucas Gorz, Ryan Sears, Seth Johnson, Matt Nuese Row:2 Joni McNew, Sarah Murray, Mindy Shea, and Tracee Rusch



FCA DISPLAYS THEIR

togetherness and close friendships as they chill with their friends in the pit: Sarah Murray, Rachel Johnson, Lucas Gorz, Amy Gebauer, Melissa Bleeker, Scott Evans, Ryan Sears, and Cori Verbeski.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN

athletes always closes every meeting with prayer. Praying are Cori Verbeski, Steven Lloyd, Ryan Sears, Mike Naylor, Lucas Gorz, Lindsey Leonard, Angie Nielsen, and Scott Nelson.

FCA/HEY NOW



A look to the Future

The Hawks work towards a winning season, but for the second year in a row, they lost in the first round of districts. In the future they look stronger with the return of several key players.

By: Danielle Rethmeier

The Hawks looked toward a 1996 championship, but hopes fell short in the first round at districts, ending the season with a record of 14 wins and 24 losses. "The games were either blow-outs or very close. Sometimes the score was close, and we just couldn't make up the difference in the end," said **Jeremy Taylor**.

In the last home game, sparks flew. During the last inning, **Mark Larson** hit a line drive at the pitcher, which advanced him to first. With two outs, **Brian Ferin** was up at the plate and hit what appeared to be a homerun, but it fell short in center field. Another highlight during the season were **Jack Pennington's** homeruns. The season had many unforgettable moments. "The best moment in the season was when Brian Ferin ran for a pop fly in left field, and he slid underneath the fence. His leg was stuck for a long time. Maybe that wouldn't have happened if he was back behind home plate catching," said **Mark Larson**.

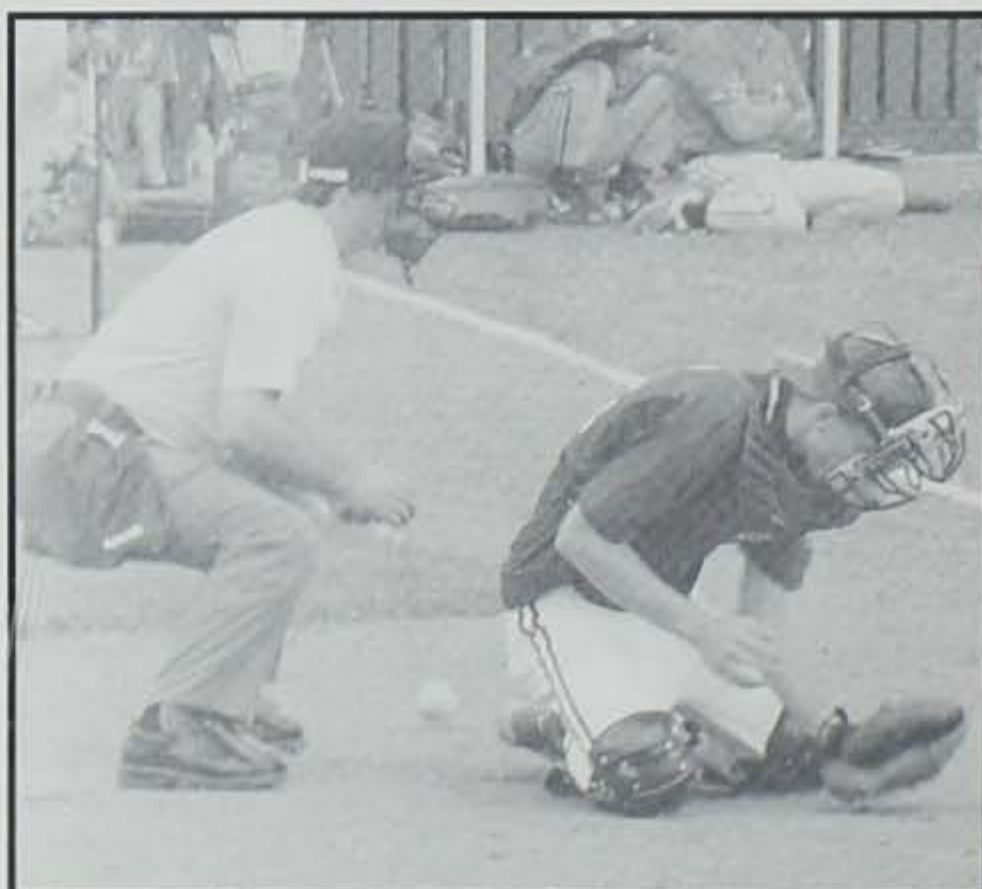


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No Stats were available to the Yearbook staff.

Quick W rap-up

Moments of humor and grace made up the '96 season for the baseball team.

J. Starr cannot find the ball after one of the pitches from **Brian Lathrop** on the opposite page bottom left. **Starr** was one of the varsity catchers who started many games for the baseball team.

Jack Pennington passes his bat to the side as he takes his run around the bases on the opposite page bottom right. This was just one of the many home runs that **Jack** made for the baseball team.

Ready to tag the player out at first base on the bottom of this page, **Mark Larson** squares up for the strong arm of **Brad Zorns**, who was one of the varsity pitchers. It was close, but the player from Valley was safe.



Photo by Jackie Frisk



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Brian Ferin connects with the pitch in one of the home games for his final year of baseball.

Shane Frisk is down and ready for a strike. Frisk was one of the five catchers for the baseball season.

ALL STARS



Always a baseball fan, this sport is nothing new to **Brian Ferin** as shown here in his little league baseball card. He played for years, and his senior year he started in left field.



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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Reed Shippy, Ryan Blahauvietz, Andy George, Ryan Larson, Rob Fagen, Nate Adamson, Ryan DeMey, Curt Long, Kenny Houser. Row 2: Brian Lathrop, Joey White, Nate Buck, Brett Lee, J. Starr, Shane Frisk, Drew Purcell, Tony Whitaker, Jack Pennington, Daryl Rauser. Row 3: J.T. Sampson, Travis Grandgeorge, Chris Vessley, Coach Clark, Coach Murken, Coach Hey, Coach Sharp, Tom Wierzbicki, Brad Zorns, Cory Gifford. Row 4: Brett Adams, Ryan Justice, Bob Stein, Mark Larson, Jeremy Taylor.



Another Title At State

The Hawkettes make a final run for the State Championship for head coach Dick Rassmussen. In his final season at head coach, Rassmussen leaves his team with another successful season.

by Jeremiah Hamilton

The man, the myth, the legend. One man has managed to win yet another state title in his illustrious career with a season record of 45-3. But he did not capture this feat alone. Mr. Dick Rassmussen nabbed his final state title with the help of the Ankeny Hawkettes.

A very significant season filled with many highs and few lows, the team not only won state, but also paid tribute to the greatest softball coach ever at Ankeny.

"The leadership that the eight seniors gave to the team was an asset for the rest of the team. Working with them was something that we will never forget," said Erica Junod.

Many of the players will miss Coach Rassmussen, but by winning the state title, they brought to an end the greatest softball dynasty at Ankeny. "Having Coach Ras retire will be like losing a tradition at Ankeny. Hopefully it will continue this year," said Sarah Schreurs.



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STATS

Us	Opponent	Them
11	Saydel	0
0	Clear Creek	4
5	DM Hoover	0
6	Carlisle	3
9	Harlan	1
4	DM Hoover	0
12-12	Mason City	0-1
5	Ames	0
5	CR LaSalle	0
4	Burlington	2
1	DM Lincoln	0
7	Newton	2
6-5	M'town	4-12
5	DM East	4
10	Chariton	0
10	Pella	0
0	Carlisle	1
4-4	WDM Valley	2-0
13	Mason City	0
4	E. Marshall	1
2	W. Delaware	0
1	N. Scott	0
10	Harlan	0
3-2	Urbandale	2-1
8-11	Ft. Dodge	3-0
2	M'town	1
6	Webster City	0
2	E. Sioux City	0
6-3	Ames	3-1
2	Ft. Dodge	1
1	WDM Valley	0
12-1	Newton	2-0
2	Urbandale	1
1	DM Lincoln	0
5	Atlantic	0
2	WDM Dowling	0
1	CB Lincoln	0
3	WDM Dowling	0
2	SC Heelan	0
6	Indianola	2
3	Urbandale	0

Quick W rap-up

This was a season filled with hope, pain and joy. There were many close calls too. On the opposite page, bottom left, **Carisa Albin** reaches first base just before the throw. Albin, one of the eight seniors last season, helped lead the team with a .244 batting average.

Defense played a key role in the Hawkettes success. On the opposite page, bottom right, **Kristi Breeding** runs to assist **Steph Brock** as she makes a play to first. Brock and Breeding lead the Hawkettes defense that helped them to a 20-1 conference mark.

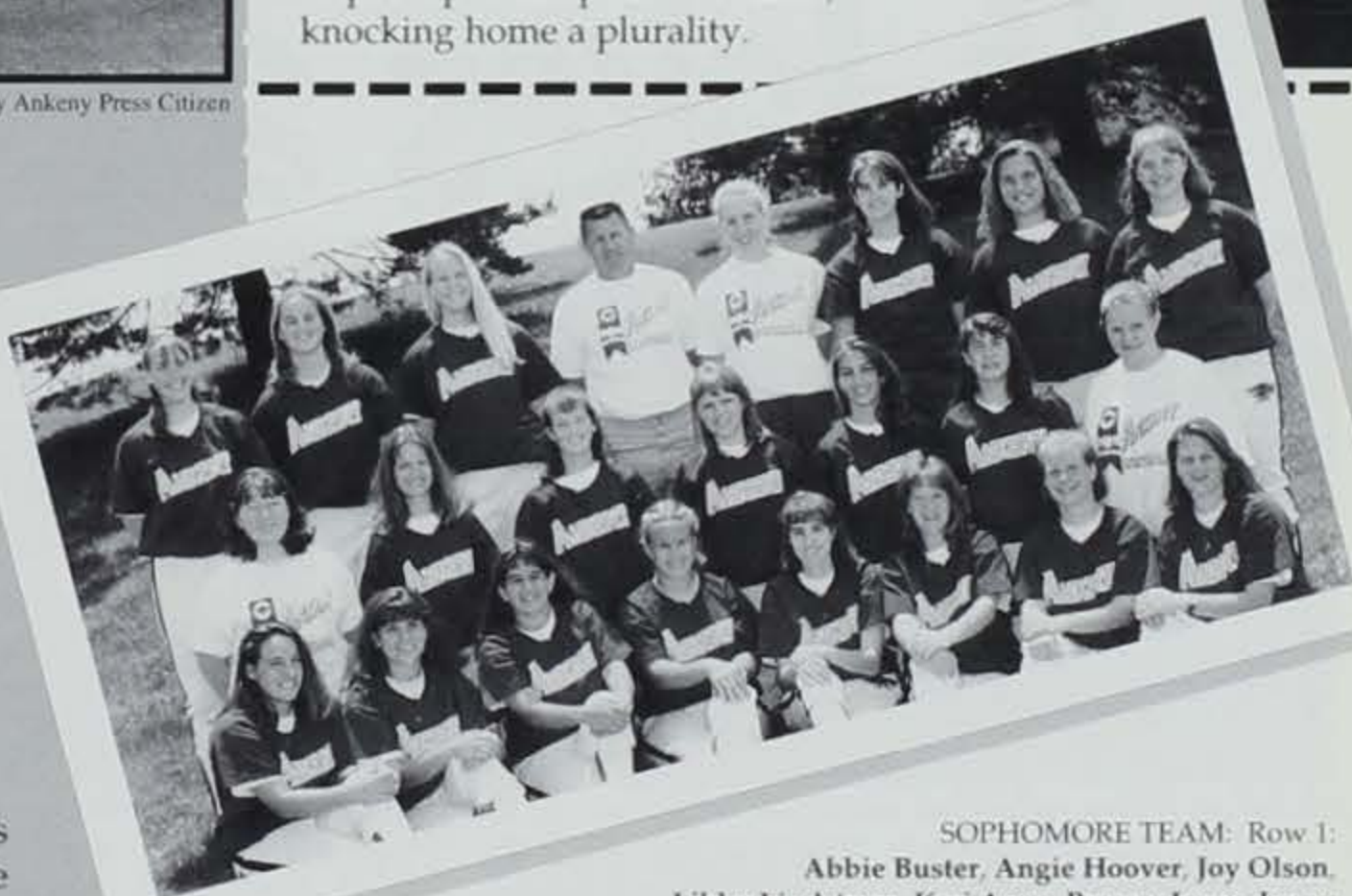
The Hawkettes strength was also at the plate. As the pitch comes in, **Julie Smith** (bottom left) decides to bunt the ball. As a senior, Smith stepped up to the plate 101 times, knocking home a plurality.



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At Top: All-State pitcher **Jenny Voss**, pitches the ball to a defenseless opponent. Voss, aided by the rest of the team, proved themselves to be the best by denying most of their opponents a run.

Above: Sliding into second base, **Julie Smith** makes it safely to the bag before the ball. Smith accumulated a total of eight runs and 20 hits in the last season.



SOPHOMORE TEAM: Row 1:

Abbie Buster, Angie Hoover, Joy Olson, Libby Lindstrom, Kari Agan, Bryony Jones, Jenny Blair, Shawna Frisk. Row 2: Mgr. Lorianne Hughes, Julie Metheney, Julie Loven, Kristen Lied, Mandy Dowd, Mgr. Kara Berg. Row 3: Angie Eicheenseer, Mindy Nowak, Sarah Gilbert, Coach Taylor, Tara Buzzell, Kelly Gebauer, Alicia Ashby, Angie Miller.



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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Julie Smith, Steph Brock, Michelle Junod, Amy Farmer, Jenny Voss, Kristi Breeding, Michelle Butcher, Carissa Albin. Row 2: Kristen Kahn, Meghan Block, Laura Aschoff, Missy Voigt, Mandy Peter, Lynette Heinauer, Melissa Beaman. Row 3: Sarah Schreurs, Shelley McQuinn, Erica Junod, Abbie Schreurs, Coach Rassmussen, Coach Olsen, Ann Miller, Sara Nicklin, Angie Agena, Leah Heston. Row 4: Mgr. Lori Whitlatch, Mgr. Jini Cox, Mgr. Caiya Lierman, Mgr. Laura Junod. "It was really fun because everyone got along really well," said Shelley McQuinn.



It Takes a Little Finesse

Ankeny students turn to other sports that aren't offered by the school. Dancing, sky-diving, skiing, and indoor soccer top the list of favorite alternative sports at AHS.

By Abby Friedmeyer

Roller blading, roller hockey, and indoor soccer were three different but fun sports played by AHS students. The first, roller blading was very common at AHS. "I roller blade for fun and the exercise," said **Shanda Flippo**. For the past few years students were given the choice to roller blade in their gym class, and many said they enjoyed it.

Another challenging sport, roller hockey was described by **Jeremy Betlach** as "rough and tough, and full of buff." Many students put their own teams together and play in their free time.

Indoor Soccer was very popular among students as well. Two girls soccer teams were The Clashers and The Pink Ladies; the Americanos was the name of the boys' team. The indoor soccer teams were not sponsored by the school, and many of the teams were put together by the players.

Whether it was roller blading, roller hockey, or indoor soccer, students at AHS were always having fun on wheels or on the field!

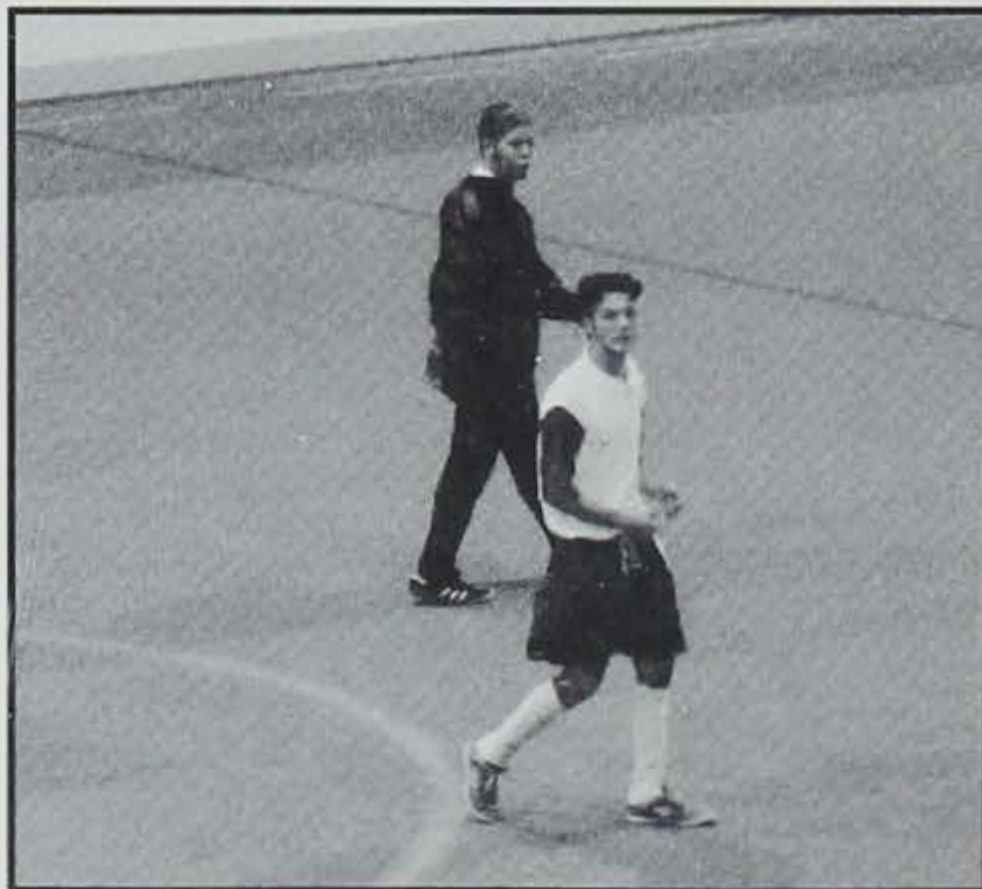


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Quick W rap-up

Senior **Ben Nuss** and junior **Nate Green** get ready for an indoor soccer game (opposite page, bottom left). Nuss and Green belonged to the *Americanos*, an indoor soccer team put together by the players. The games were played weekly at the Johnston soccer house.

Dance! Senior **Angie Spooner** (opposite page, bottom right) rehearses her pointe routine, "Pomp and Circumstance" for a recital that was held in early June. Angie has been taking dance for many years and belongs to a competition group that competes regularly.

Hang on! **Matt Lauer** (bottom left) goes skiing on a weekend trip. Matt and his friends went to Lakeview, Iowa, for a skiing and tubing trip in early August.



Photo by Caiya Lierman

At top: **Nicki Underbakke** went sky diving in Winterset. "It was a big rush, and worth every cent," said Nicki.

Above: **Caiya Lierman** and **Nick Ballard** go waterskiing in Lakeview, where the Lierman family owns a lake cottage.



Dancing is nothing new to **Kim Forrest**, who has been dancing and competing for 15 years. Her hard work has paid off with many awards at competitions.



Photo by Caiya Lierman



Photo by Jennifer Friedmeyer

Above: **Katy Shelquist** performs her jazz routine, "100% Pure Love" at the Covered Bridge Festival in October. Katy has taken dance for 12 years, and has been competing since she was in fifth grade. She still dances today and belongs to a competition group that competes regularly throughout the year.

work raters

Many exemplary students were elected to represent AHS in both VICA and DECA. Students in the DECA program met in one of two classes; therefore, two officers were elected for each position, one from each class.

DECA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Lindsay Robinson

VICE PRESIDENT
Matt Ryherd

SECRETARY
Kristin Kahn

TREASURER
Mackenzie Willey

VICA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Alex Warden
Jill Young

VICE PRESIDENT
Chance Chestnut
Kari Engh

SECRETARY
Mark Looney
Tyler Moeckley

TREASURER
Joel Jenkins
Jason Norman



"I really love to work when I am supposed to be in school."

JJ Ouversen

"VICA is a good way to get work experience."

Chance Chesnut

"It looks good on your resume."

Ryan Larson

"You just deal with it. You go through with it!"

JJ Mortale and Shelly Swager

"You just don't get out of school. There is work to be done."

Erik Bratten

"Mr. Senne is the best VICA teacher I've ever had."

Chad Cline

While other students slaved away at school all day, **Amy White** (left) got by her school day by knowing she would be leaving for work while the rest of the student body stayed in classes.



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ABOVE. Smiling DECA students **MacKenzie Willey**, **Lindsay Robinson**, **Kristin Kahn**, **Shelli Swager**, **Jodie Clark**, and **JJ Mortale** are clowning around before going off to work to their individual jobs.

RIGHT. VICA teacher **Mr. Senne** passes out some homework assignments to **Ryan Larson** and **Ben Sheeler**. Students had to take a class at AHS as well as work at jobs.

BELOW. Seniors **Alex Warden**, **Sean Harmon**, and **Erik Bratten** talk about their experiences in the work field while working on some class work in VICA class.



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Working Class

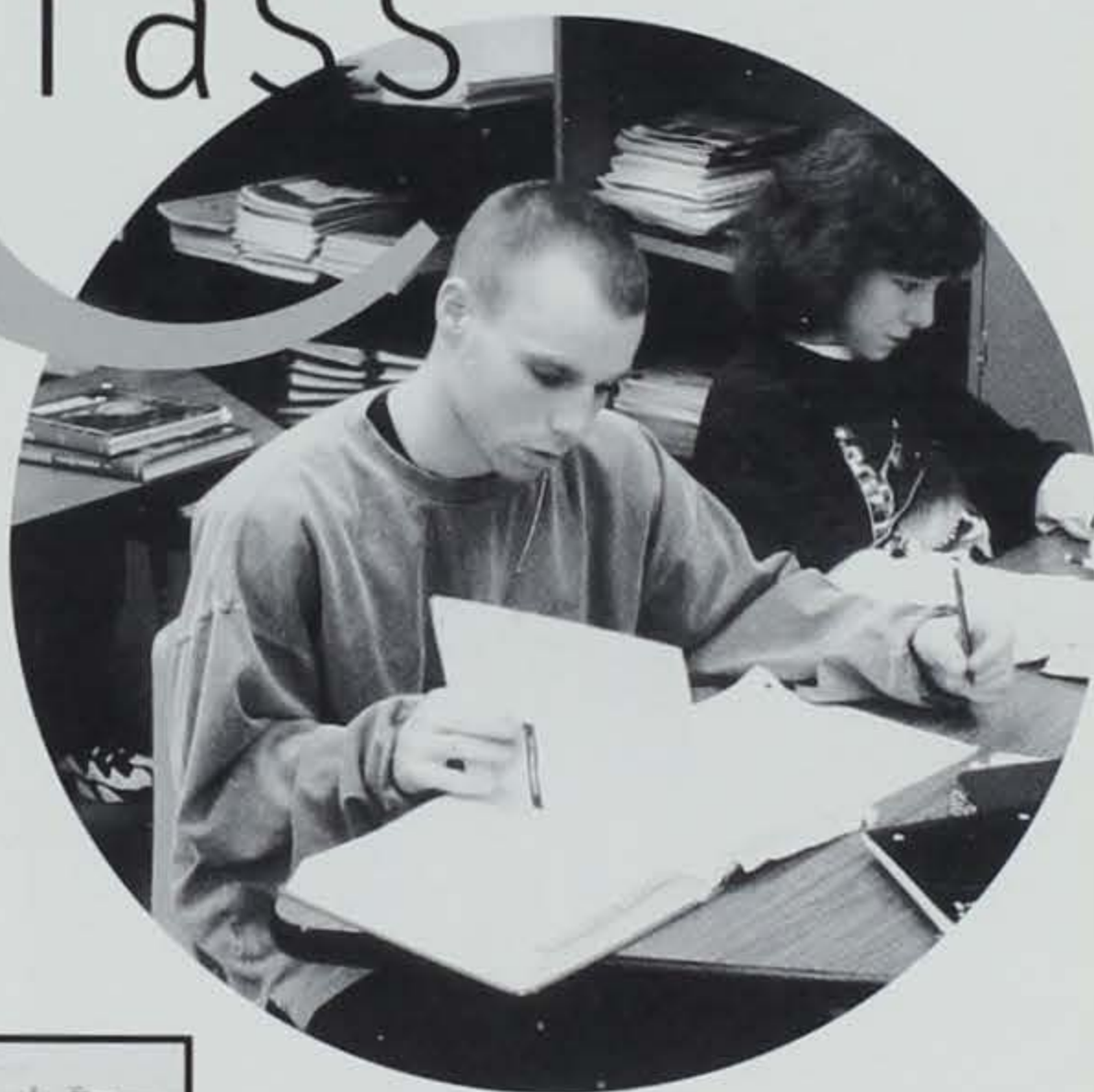


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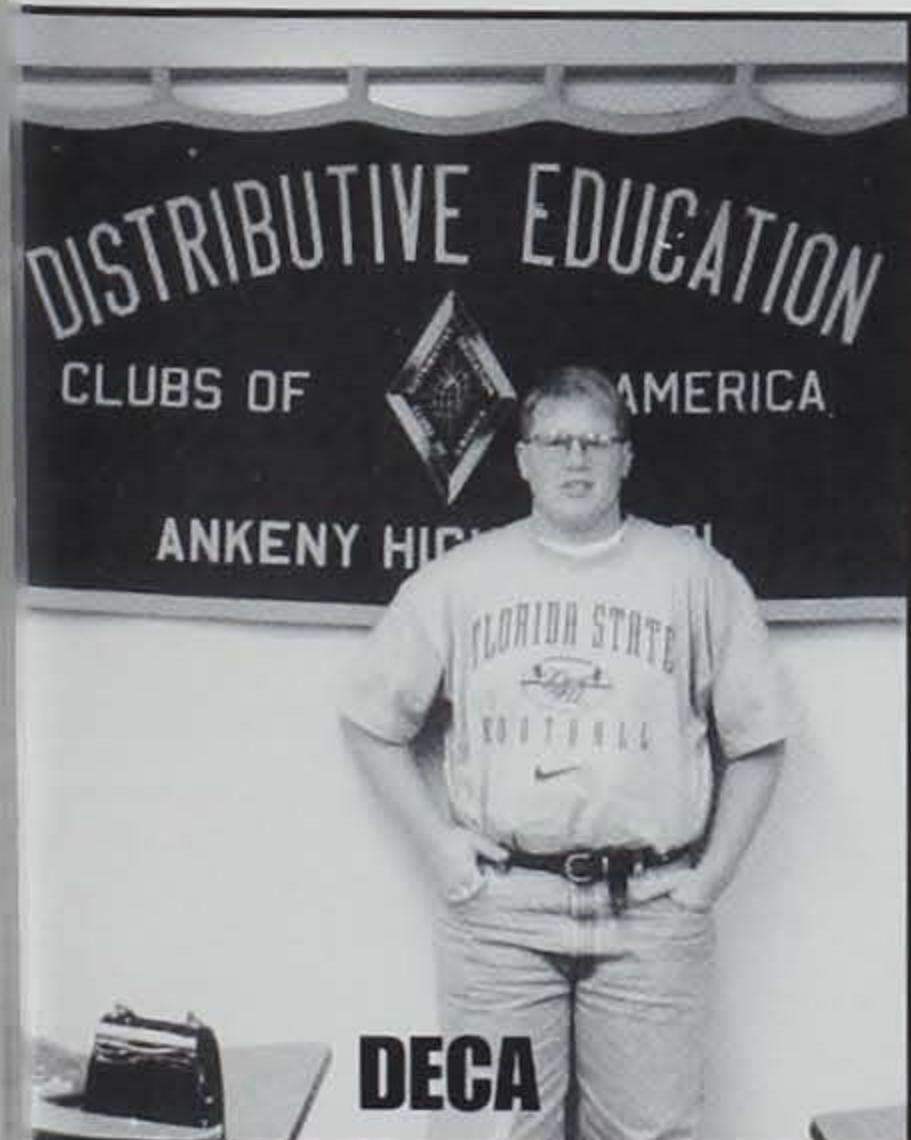


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Students of all different paths in high school come together in classes known as VICA and DECA. These organizations which stand for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Distributive Educational Clubs of America teach many skills which are important for the work place both now and for jobs in the future. The classes are advised by **Mr. Cunningham** and **Mr. Senne**. This year in Vica, Amy White was elected for the state office of President at the VICA Conference in Des Moines, while Class Presidents for AHS included **Jill Young** and **Alex Warden** for VICA and **Lindsay Robinson** for DECA.

These classes gave students a chance to get jobs, and furthermore, get out of school early to go to their jobs. Teachers would help students find jobs if they were not successful. At the work site, students were evaluated by their bosses and later given a grade by the teacher of the class. The classes also taught about such things in the workplace as drug and alcohol abuse and sexual harassment. Students also paid a membership fee as well as participated in fundraisers to get money for trips. Learning marketing skills along with the work experience was a very good opportunity in which many students participated.

VICA President **Alex Warden** and VP **Chance Chestnut** strike a pose after a meeting. Knowing he is "the man," **Matt Ryherd** distinguishes himself as a gentlemen in his DECA class. Thinking of a strategy, **Ryan Larson** and **Chance Chestnut** develop the WILL to find the answer. With the right **EXPERIENCE**, **Jared Beard** applies the knowledge learned from Vica Deca.

"Pearl Jam will live forever" Shawn Skelton 29



math raters

Miss Hannasch's second hour calculus class spent many hours at homework hotline this past year. They gathered at the math resource center to study for tests, work on homework, and figure out take-home quizzes. Trying to get ahead, or at least stay caught up, in class, they worked together and with the help of teachers to conquer derivatives, limits, integrals, and other complicated and confusing calculus concepts. They shared the top 10 reasons to come to homework hotline.

Homework Hotline Top 10

10. SNACKS
9. DISCUSSION
8. STAY UNTIL TEN
7. FIGHT FOR MISS HANNASCH'S HELP
6. DREAM MATH DREAMS THAT NIGHT
5. FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET HAIR LIKE BINH'S
4. SEE MR. CAREY'S CHILDREN
3. LAST MINUTE CRAM FOR TESTS
2. FOOD, FOLKS, AND FUN
1. TO PASS MATH



When I don't want the confinement and frustrating solitude of my own home, I go to homework hotline for hands on help from knowledgeable teachers and memories to last a lifetime.
Rachel Johnson

I think it's very beneficial to the students as it provides an opportunity to bond with the teachers while learning.
Kirsten Greenough

Homework hotline helps me because I'm in calculus and if I have any questions, there's always someone there to help me.
Kenny Sledge

Math hotline is a great opportunity to get one on one help from a teacher.
Alissa Tollakson

Homework hotline is really helpful, especially with take-home quizzes because we can come and work together and also get help from a teacher (left).
Angie Krug

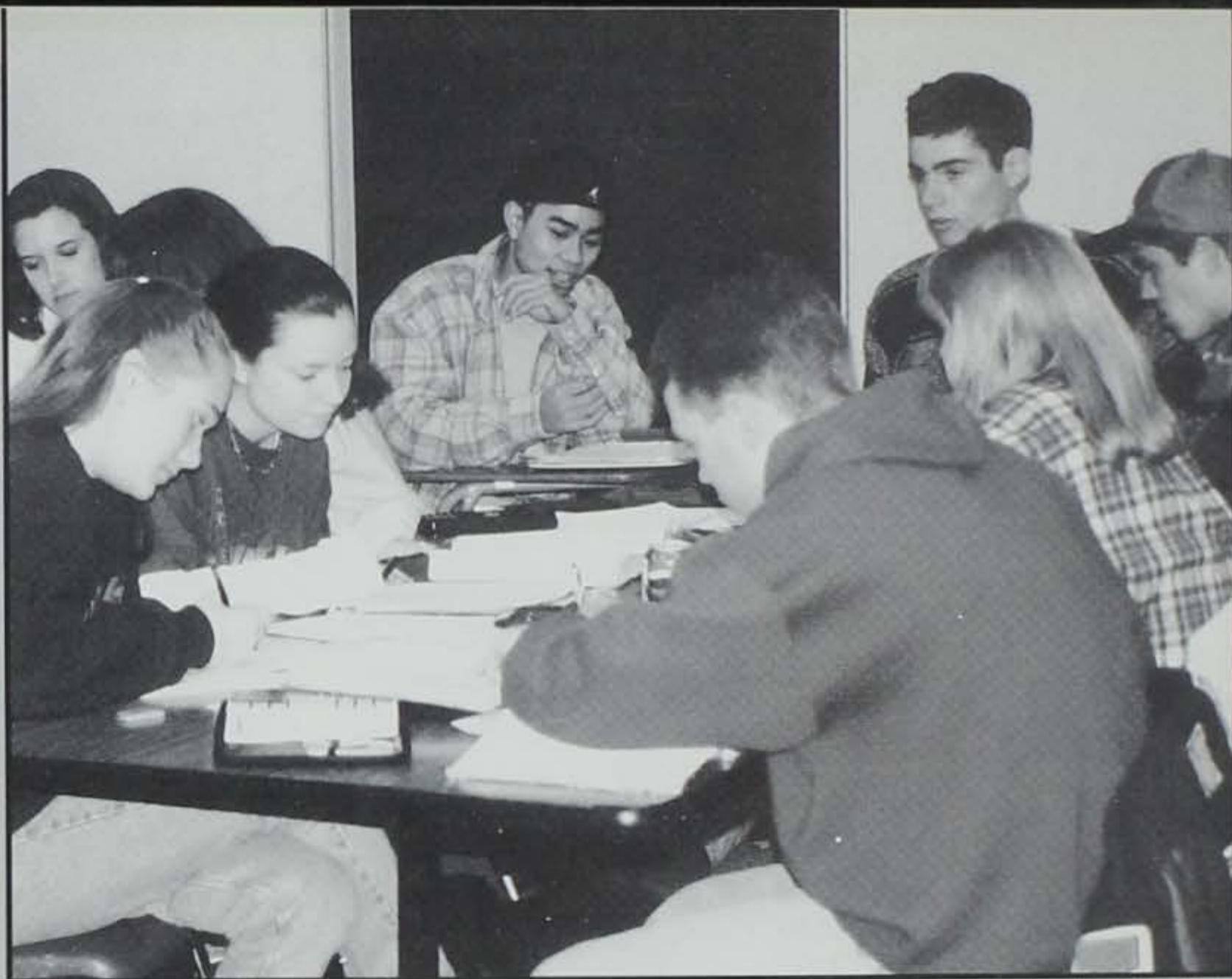


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ABOVE: Heather Colvin, Sarah Vinje, Binh Lam, Chris Hutchinson, and Kenny Sledge try to figure out a problem. Students could work in large groups to discuss problems and solutions.

RIGHT: Brad Harris tries to figure out a problem from his math assignment. Many students took advantage of homework hotline and came to receive help on tests, homework, and projects.

BELOW: Mrs. Johnson helps Brad Zorns with his homework. Most students felt that the one on one attention and help from teachers was one of the most positive aspects of homework hotline.



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Parallel Lines

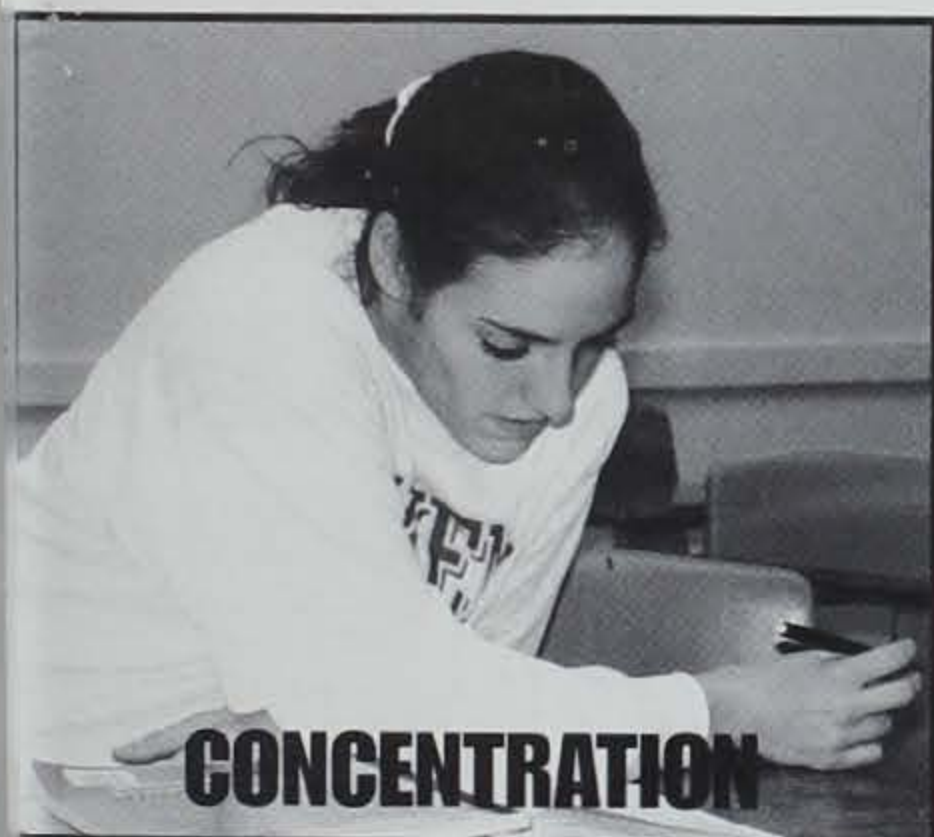


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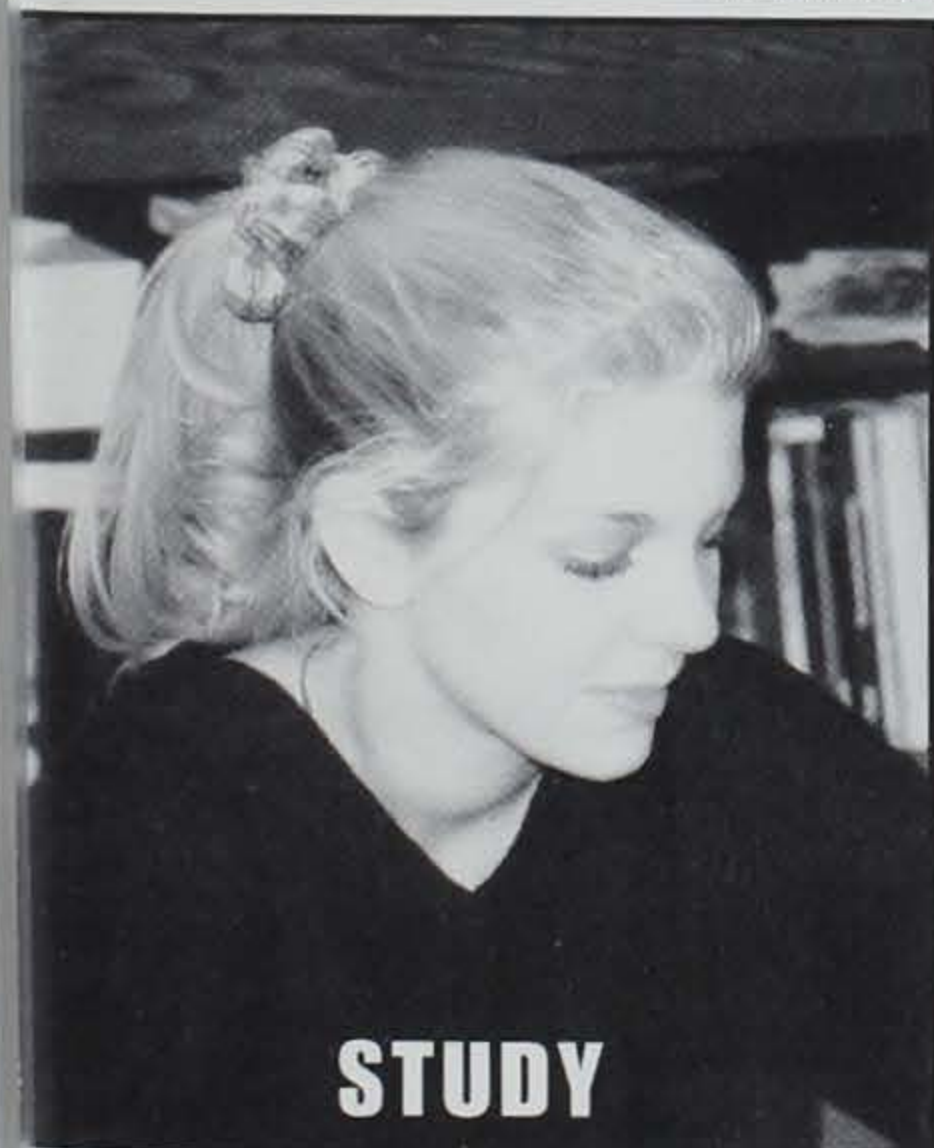


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Math class. Stress. Almost any student who has taken a math class has felt the stress and frustration associated with tests and difficult homework assignments. Fortunately for AHS students, the math department provided an opportunity for students to receive after school help and maybe to reduce some math class stress.

Homework hotline was the math department's solution for students who needed after school help. One teacher volunteered each night, helping everyone with questions. The atmosphere was much more informal than regular class, as students could work in large groups, bring snacks, and enjoy themselves while still working on math. "I like going to get help, but I end up just talking to everyone," said **Meghan Dickson**, commenting on the lack of formality.

For most students, including **Traci Jones**, math requires a lot of **CONCENTRATION**. Teacher **Mr. Carey** tries to **HELP Steve Lloyd** concentrate and figure out his math assignment. According to senior **Amy Gebauer**, homework hotline is the reason for her **SUCCESS** in math class—"I'd be failing if we didn't have math hotline." Many other students felt the same way, especially **Rachel Johnson**, who's a little stressed over her math homework (circle photo). **Sarah Clawson** didn't let stress get to her as she tries to **STUDY** for a test.

"Can seniors leave?" Matt Halbach 31



art raters

Mr. George Parkinson has been at Ankeny High School for 27 years. He teaches photography, computer graphics, drawing, and painting. Mr. Parkinson enjoys teaching and being with the students. In his spare time, he enjoys canoeing. Students of Mr. Parkinson's had many interesting comments to say about him. If you ever see the man in the hall with the Eddie Bauer clothes on, you'll know it is Mr. Parkinson!

"Mr. Parkinson is a man of many talents." Jenn Hamblin

- Top 10 Parkinson's**
10. CREATIVE
 9. QUIET
 8. TALKATIVE
 7. DIFFERENT
 6. ALWAYS THERE TO HELP
 5. NICER THAN MOST
 4. LETS US DO OUR OWN THING
 3. HAS POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO EVERY PROBLEM
 2. ENCOURAGES INDEPENDANCE AMONG STUDENTS
 1. ALL AROUND GOOD GUY



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ABOVE. **Jeremy Betlach** expresses himself through his pottery. Jeremy along with many other students enjoyed the very popular class.

RIGHT. **Bryce Good** selects his best picture for evaluation. Students participated in a variety of projects, including a depth of field presentation.

BELOW. Working hard on his pottery project, **Joe Blunck** makes some final touch ups on his design. Almost 1/4 of students are enrolled in art.

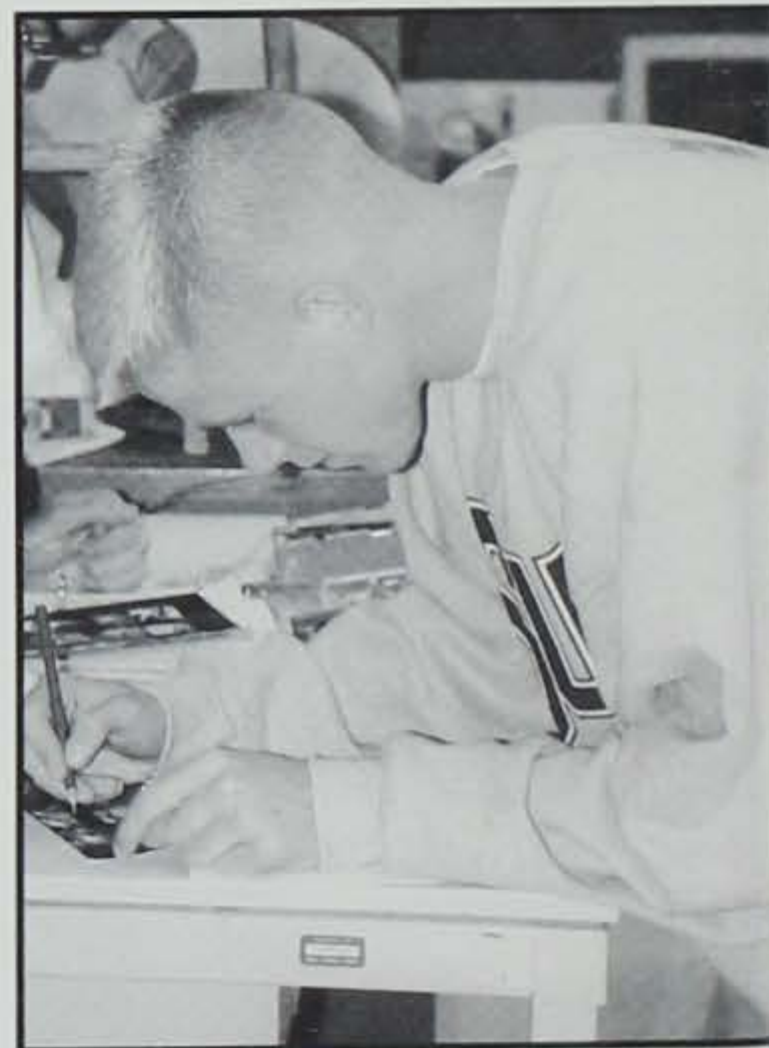


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"All of the teachers in the Art department are very helpful and ready for new ideas at any time!" **Heather Nelson**

"Being in art classes all through high school, I've learned many new skills!" **Heather Foell**

"Art is a good class to express yourself in." **Michelle Cunningham**

"Clay feels cool between my fingers!" **Jeremy Betlach**

"I never knew the difference between point and shoot and manual camaras until I took photography." **Lisa Arterburn**

"Pottery gives me a chance to create interesting and beautiful things." **Karly Dunlap**

"First hour pottery is awesome especially with Ms Klaus." **Kris Swihart**

Express Yourself



IN THE DARK

Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton



FROM THE START

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DETERMINATION

Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton



by Heather Gomez

AHS art department, servicing about 320 students, offers a variety of art classes, including pottery, drawing, jewelry making, and photography, and **Mr. Parkinson, Ms. Klaus, and Mrs. Leuders** are always willing to help out in the process.

Throughout the years, technology has been the biggest change in art. A new tool which enables the students to go further than before, art instructors now teach students computer graphics.

The school's media center displays much of the students' artwork, and they also enter many contests throughout the year, such as the yearly conference show and a scholastic show in Ames. If students win at one of these events, they may participate in the national competition in New York.

For students who are really interested in art, the department sponsors an art club. About 35 students belong to club.

"I enjoy art club because I love the field trips," said **Cory Ingle**. Last year the art club went to the KC Art Institute, and this year there is even more planned.

Nate Brennan looks over his pictures IN THE DARK. **FROM THE START** **Aaron Rinard** does it right by rinsing his film properly. **DETERMINATION** shows on **Kyle Moon's** face as he throws his pottery. Glazing pots takes **TIME** as **Julie Metheny** and **Jon Zuber** demonstrate!



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A U T

*cross country
team
members*



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ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFIED FRONT

GET IN THE GROOVE.
MAKE
THE CONNECTION.

NEW CLOTHES

SELF-SCHEDULE

FIND YOUR LOCKER

GET YOUR YEARBOOK

EXPECT THE
UNFORGETTABLE

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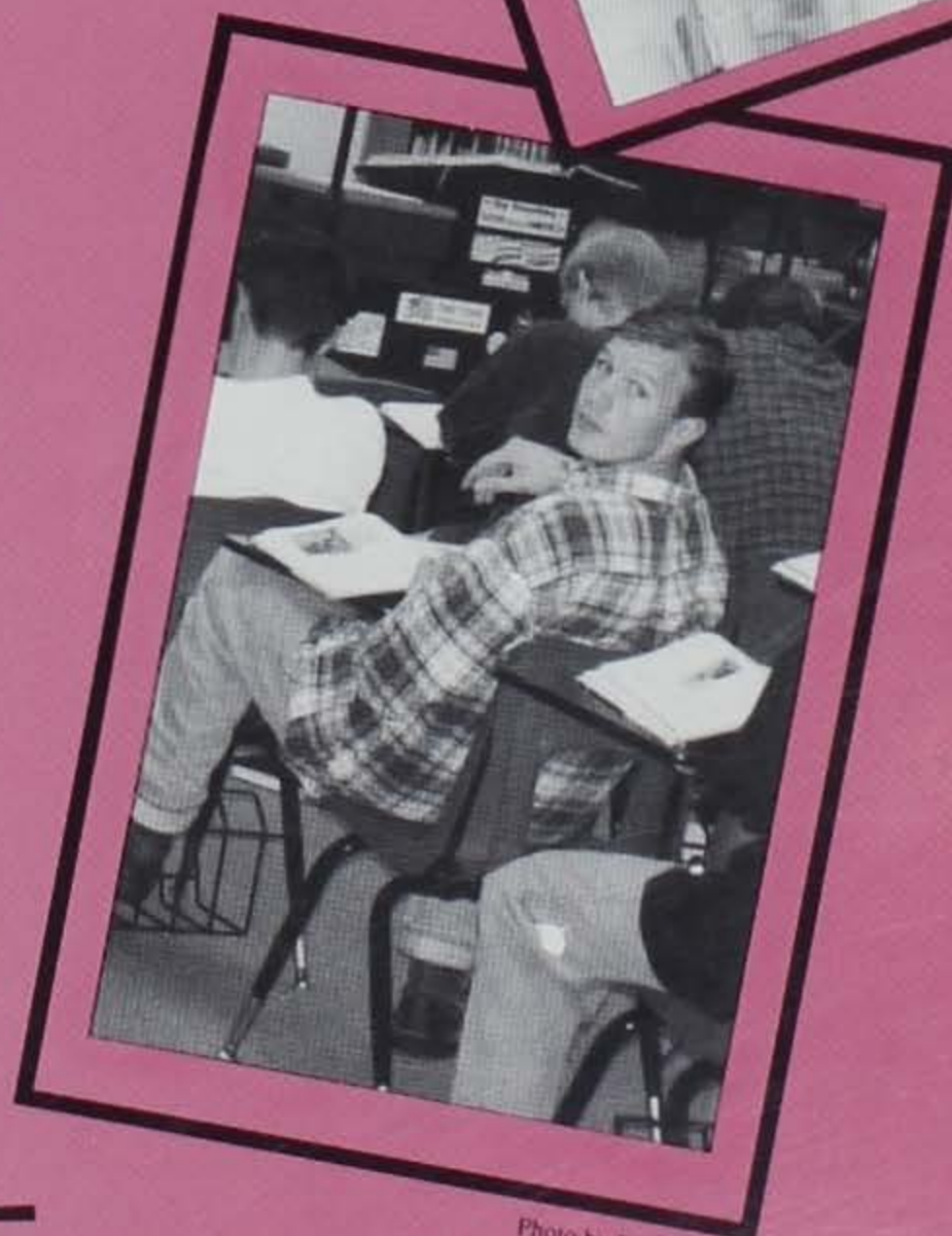
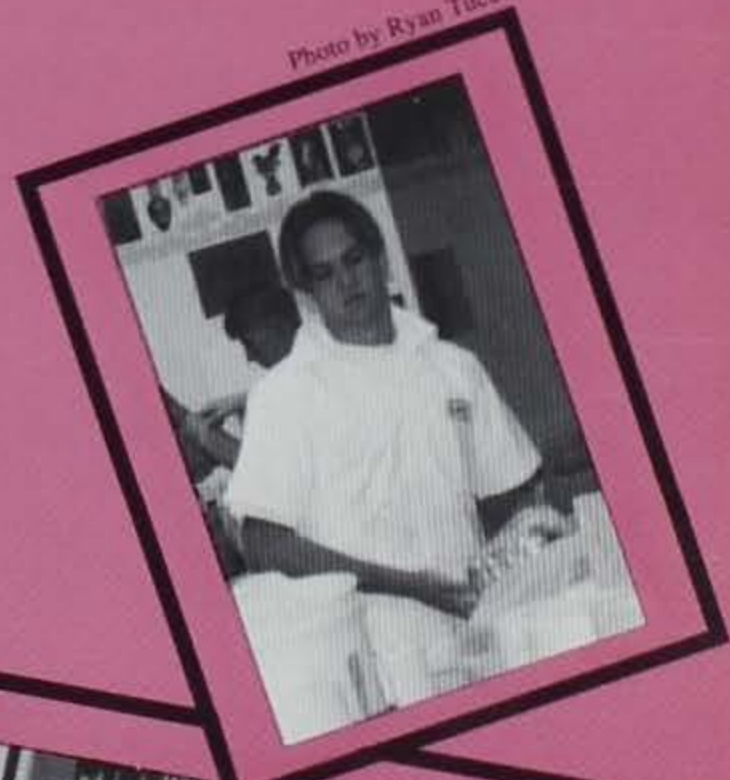
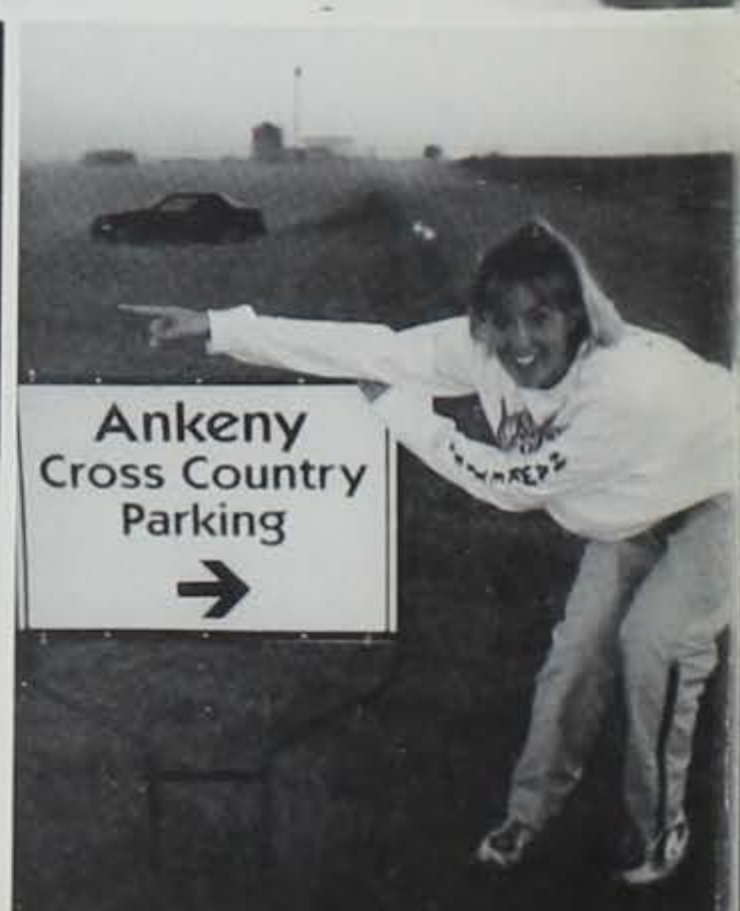


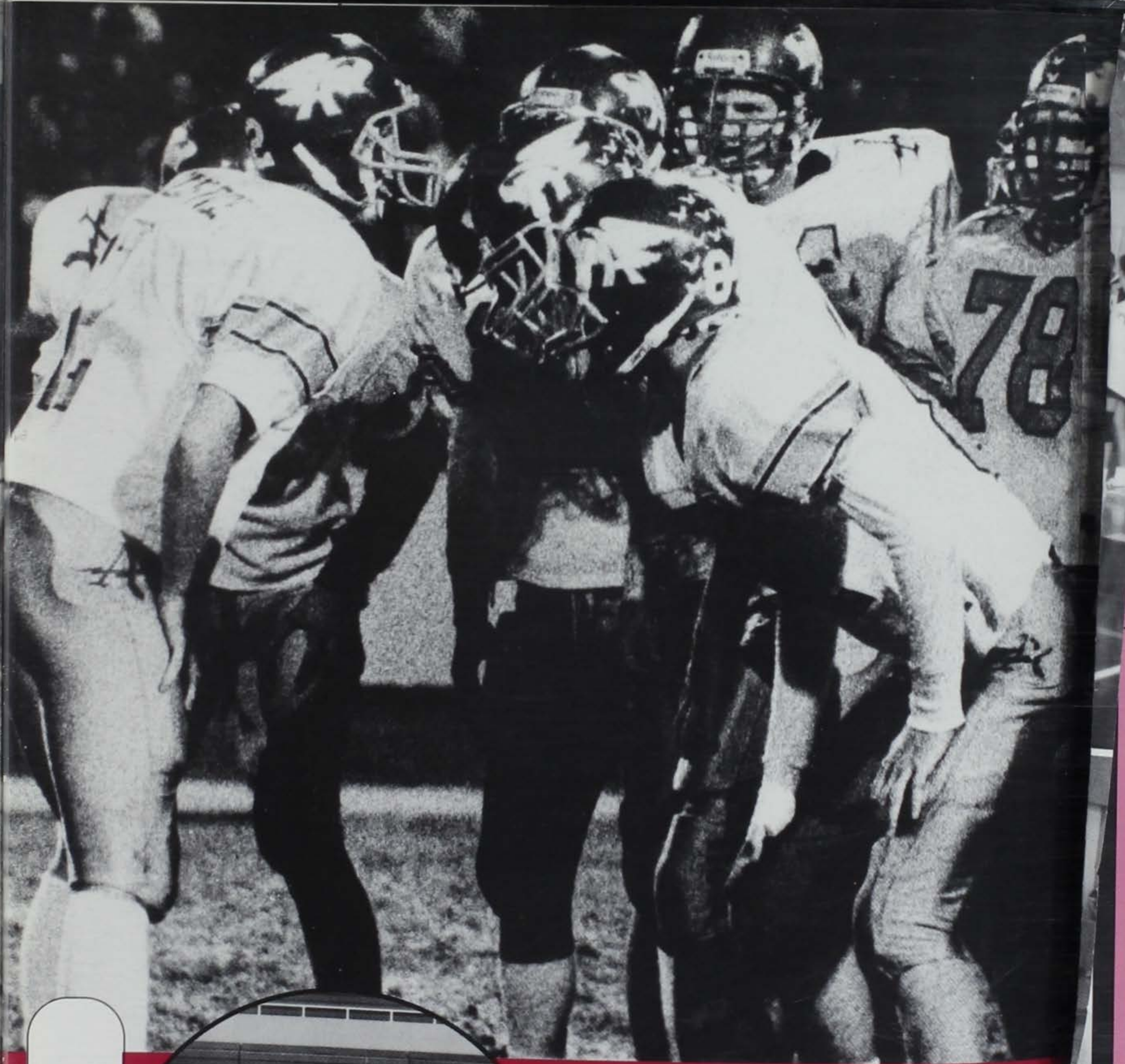
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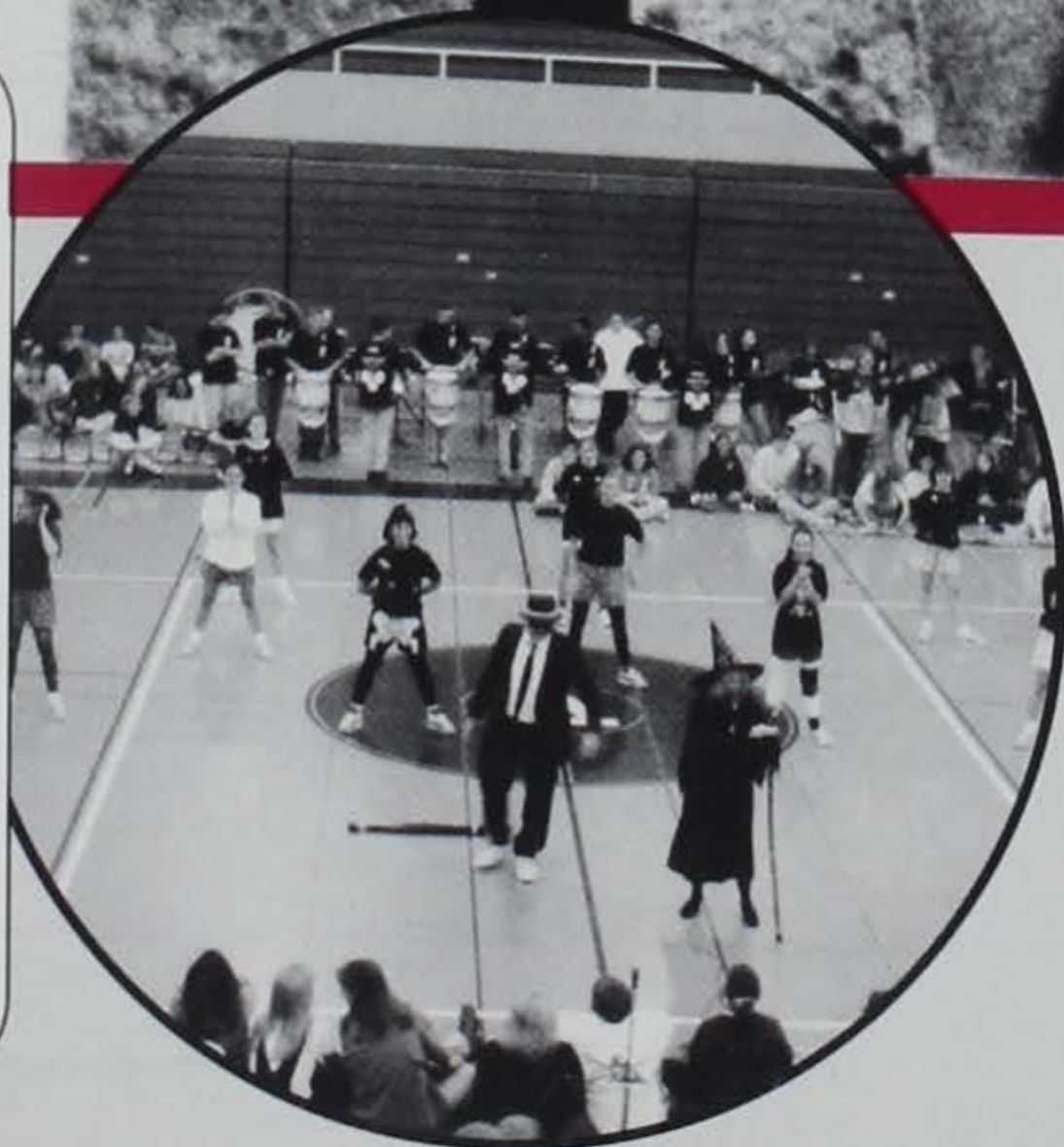
PHOTO ALBUM

Counterclockwise from top left:
 •It's not just normal pep stuff for cheerleaders **Mandy Long, Jodie Harms, and Jenny Spooner**. During the Halloween pep assembly, the cheers were dressed in Halloween gear. •Up against the wall, **Ryan Hallenbeck** and **Bryce Good** show off their feminine side. These cupcakes definately took the cake on cross-dress day. •"I love you, man!" It's obvious that **Nate Miltenberger** and **Bryan Eichenberger** have taken this slogan just a little too far. •A wham, bam, slam follows this ace serve by **Lindsay Robinson**. •Staggers **Marcus Pitts, Pete McPherson, Ryan Hallenbeck, and Aaron Whitaker**, hang out at the homecoming dance. Most people went stag to the Homecoming dance. •Since most cross-country races are held in out of the way places, **Rachel Johnson** helps assist fans find the starting line. In Ankeny, the races were held out by the aviation field. •During the math department's homework hotline study sessions, students like **Ben Spies, Chris Hutchinson, Kenny Sludge, and Angie Krug** did more than study - they chowed down on brownies. •"I could have danced all night." "I could have danced all...uh, day?" **Nate Miltenberger** floats through the hallways on cross-dress day. •During the day, students could be found in any learning center doing "group work." Yeah, right. Here **Joe Ferin, Andy Hoffman, Matt Fredericksen, and Cory Grant** study, er, work on a group project--something like that.



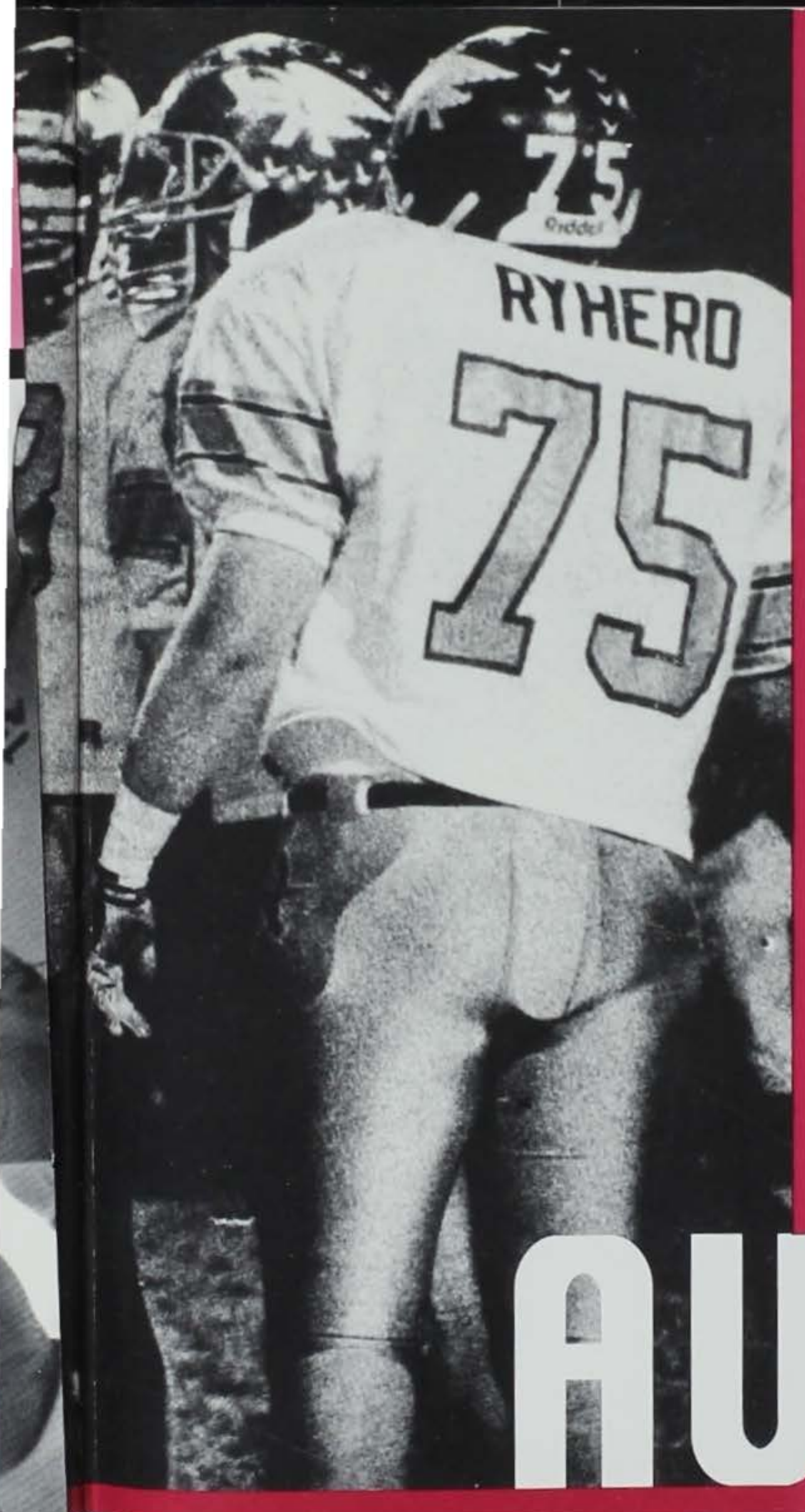


Expect the Unexpected



Left: Ms. Markos, the Witch, and Mr. Maffet, the Blues Bro., add a spooky Halloween touch to the pep assembly before the Newton game. Right: All dressed up with nowhere to go, Nate Green hangs out in the hallway, trying to scam a date for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night.





Power split right, 35 blast! Matt Ryherd, JT Sampson, Ryan Justice, Josh Happe, and David Northwick, and Darryl Rauser discuss the next play in a huddle. The team playbook was fifty-some pages long, and players had to memorize each and every play in it in order for the team to synthesize on the field.

Jesse Saathoff, Jack Leverenz, Brad Peterson, Jake Moore, Jeff McDermott, and Bob Campbell huddle up. But before the performance came the practice, which began right after school, starting with calisthenics; then moving on to special teams; followed by kicking, defense, offense; and then running like dogs. 



AUTUMN BLAZE

IT HAPPENED ONE FALL: ■ A new multimedia lab complete with MAC PC's, and a new "public domain," lab set up in the library with Power PC's, were available for students' use at the beginning of the school year. Along the technological lines, an ICN (Iowa Communications Network) room that allowed classrooms to be hooked up to each other from all over Iowa was operating at AHS by mid-October. ■ The administration instituted a new "No Tolerance" policy aimed at curbing the fighting problem at AHS. The penalty for a first fight was up to five days of ISS; second fights resulted in suspension out of school and/or recommendation to the school board for "exclusion or expulsion." Furthermore, any student involved in a fight where two or more students ganged up on one student would be recommended to be excluded or expelled. Instances of fighting at AHS were drastically reduced this past year. ■ This past Fall saw a rash of school robberies and car break-ins. Over 10 cars were broken into in the school parking lot and money disappeared from student lockers at an alarming rate. ■ Softball Coach **Dick Rasmussen** retires from coaching after taking his softball team to the state championship. Rasmussen was also named District Coach of the Year and National Conference Coach of the Year. ■ Students were upset when they learn that Crystal Ball was being held on Thanksgiving weekend. ■ The Juice Tiger, created by **Jon Reberry** and **Drew Harrington**, became a big hit after appearing on several Channel ONE "commercials."

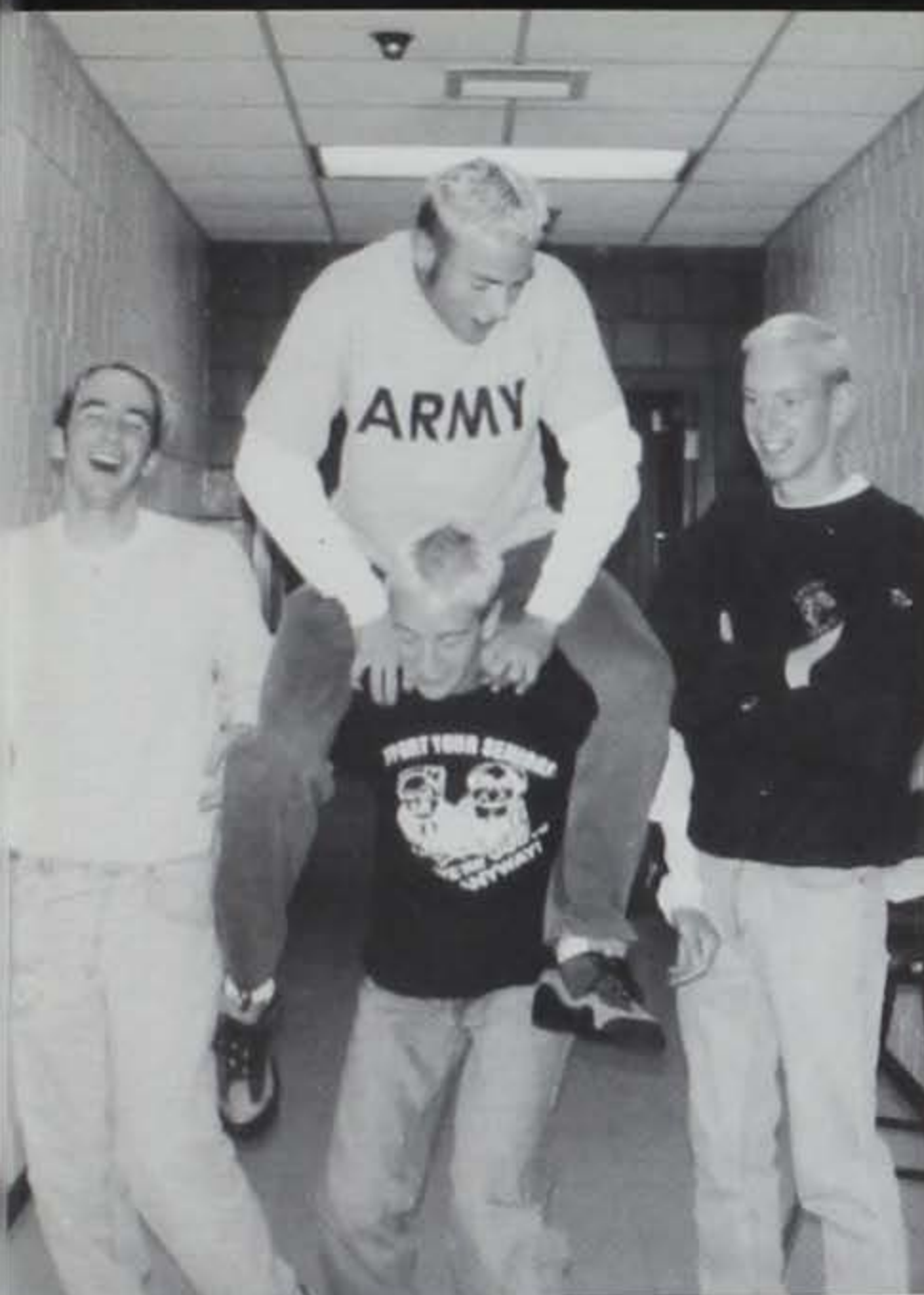
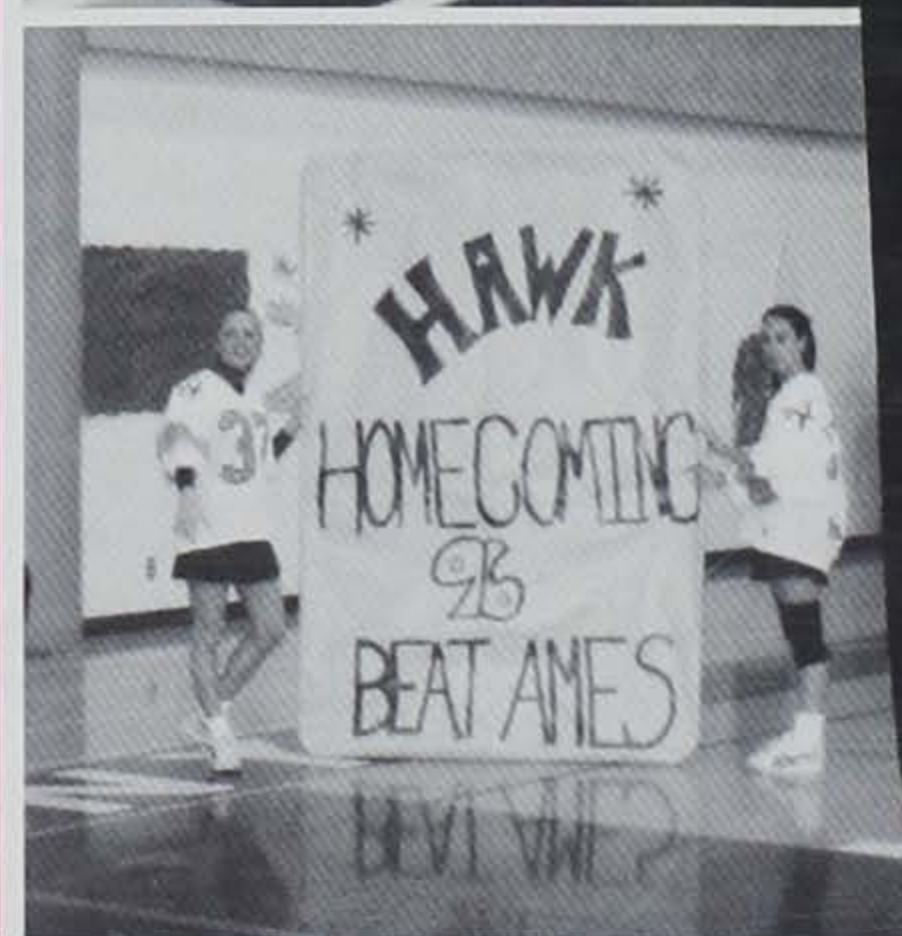
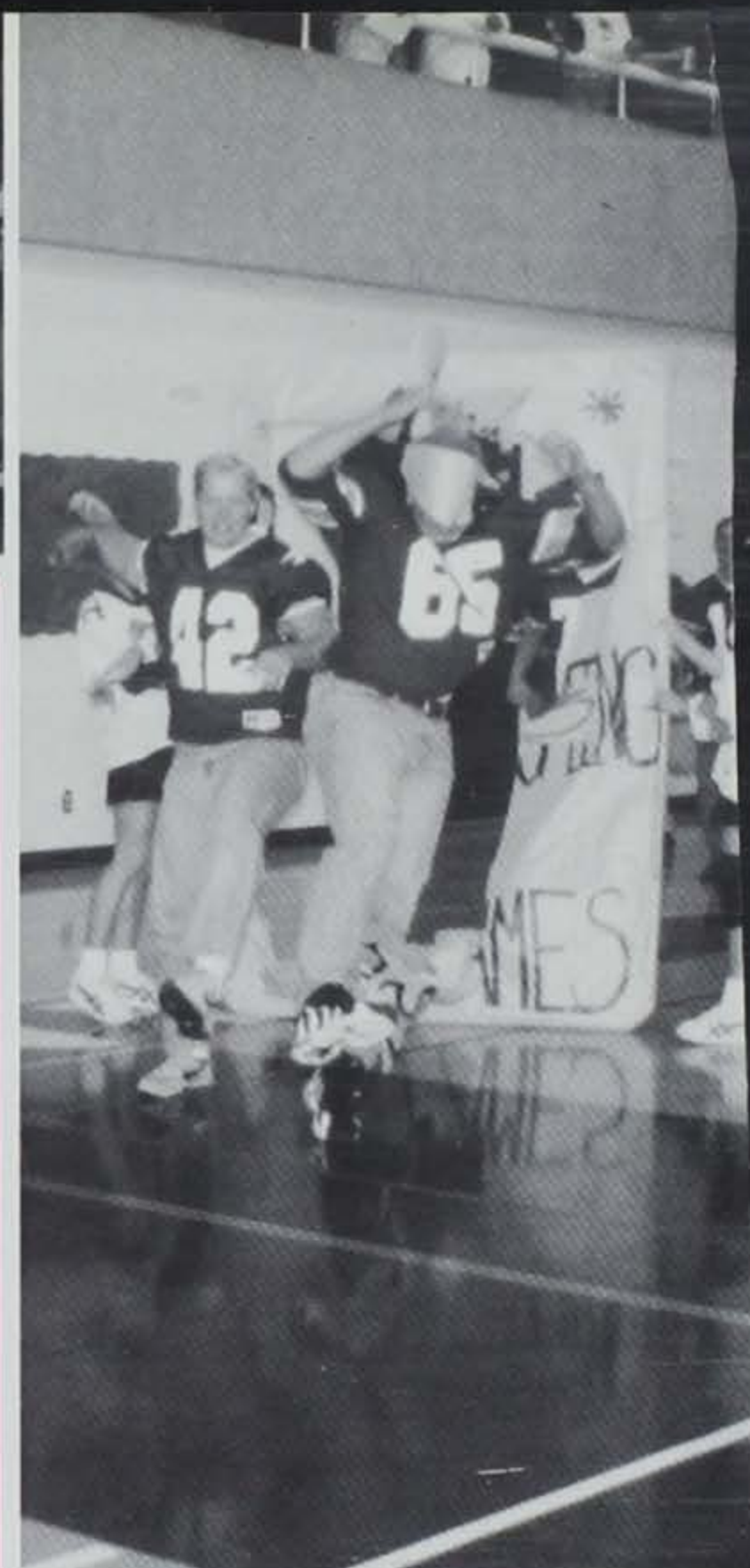


PHOTO ALBUM

Counterclockwise from top left:

- Students found a variety of ways to amuse themselves in the hallways in between classes. **Jason Baedke, Ryan Broich, Joey Beveridge, and Chris Slania** goof off in the science/auditorium hallway.
- For most people, the football season is a harbinger of Autumn and Valley is the rival to beat. On the line against our foe, **David Northwick, Darryl Rauser, and Ryan Justice** get set to face the Tigers.
- "I miss my momma!" says **JT Sampson**, as he clings to his surrogate, **TJ Duke**. A lot of weird things happened during homecoming week.
- Speaking at the homecoming pep assembly, one of the highlights of the Fall season, **Mandy Long and Megan Jennings** psych up the crowd for the big game.
- Tired football players **Matt Arend, Shane Frisk, and John Carroll** walk to the locker rooms after a particularly grueling 48 minutes.
- The Hawkette Volleyball team huddles during a time-out to discuss strategy. The first few games of the season were played in sweat-box-like conditions in the gym.
- Before: The cheers get ready for the football players to officially begin the pep assembly for homecoming.
- After: **Jason Gassman and Darryl Rauser** bust through the Ames banner. Unfortunately, Ames was the victor Friday night.
- The Marshalltown Bobcats faced a sound beating by the Hawks (49-13) this Fall. **Chaney Smith (#44)** was one of the many Ankeny Hawks struggling for possession at the bottom of the pile.



Students get PUMPED

Students showed off their enthusiasm and support and in general, got very pumped up for homecoming. But most of all they represented their school spirit. This year more students than ever before participated in Spirit Week and got rowdy at one of the best pep assemblies in recent history. Overall, Homecoming '96 was one of the most involved ever.



Josh Johnson & Nick Rauser - crazy hair day

A DIARY OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

by Heather Anderson

Sunday- Got up and came to school at 8:00 a.m. to start decorating the halls. The halls were finally finished by 5:00 p.m. Everybody worked hard all day, we finally picked our jerseys.

Monday- Came to school to see the halls and brought a locker sign for my player.

Tuesday- Got up and dressed in my parents clothes from their high school days. Arrived at school to find a blast from the past. Football players started getting candy from their secret pals.

Wednesday- It's crazy hair day! I put my hair up as high as it could go and spray painted it many different colors. Many people participated in this crazy day. Football players received more candy and more locker signs.

Thursday- I came to school and boys were girls and girls were boys. What's going on? It's cross-dress day. Many guys participated in this by wearing dresses, high heel shoes, pantyhose, and even makeup. Girls dressed as the opposite sex by wearing suits, hats, or even just a tie. Football players received cookies, cakes, poems, and more candy. At night the cheerleaders teepeed the football players houses. The players did likewise for the cheerleaders.

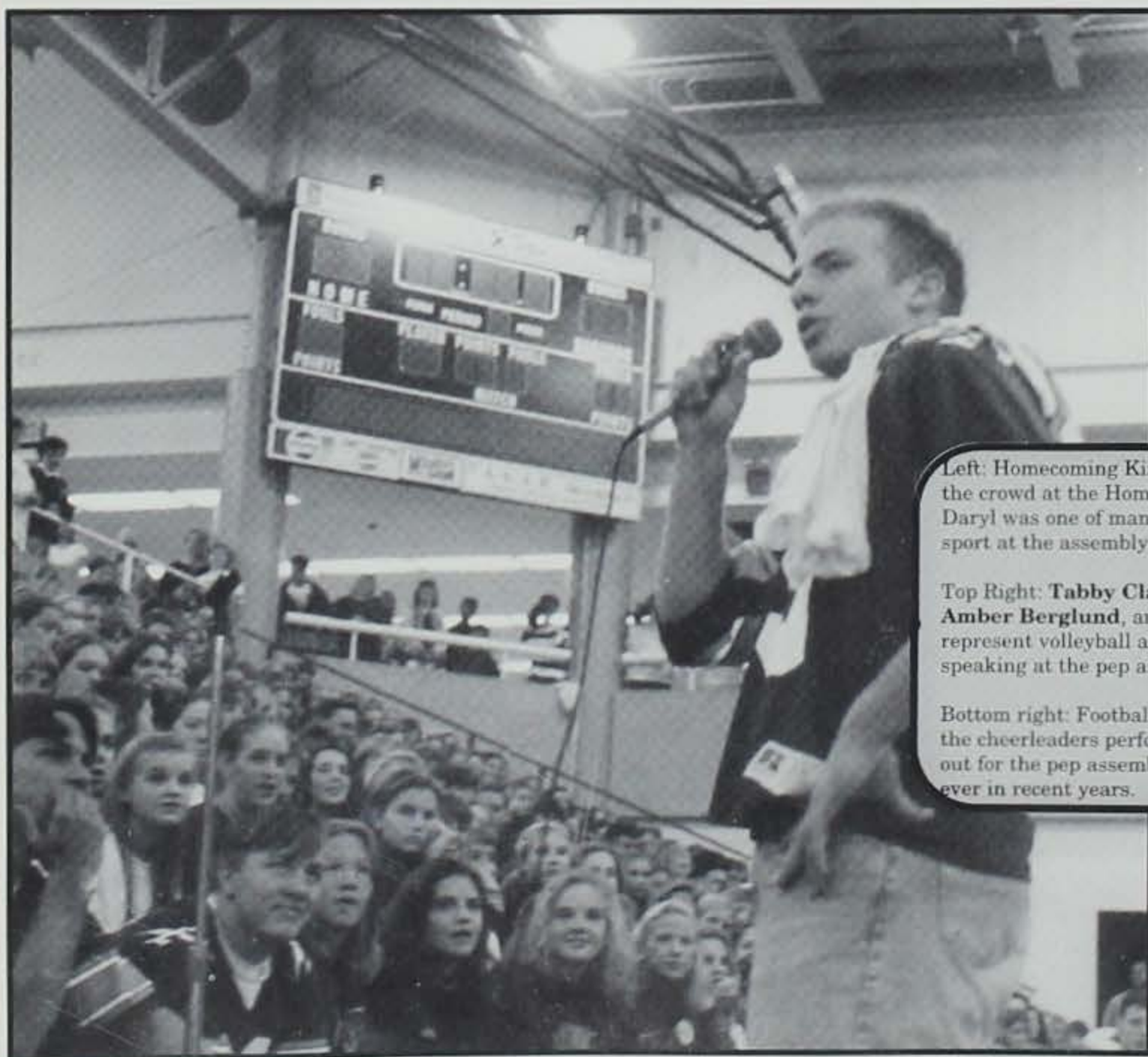
Friday- Today is the day of the big game. Everybody was getting pumped up at the pep assembly. Girls were wearing the football players jerseys in support of the team. Guys received balloons, more food, and good luck charms. The student body was ecstatic, hoping for a victory over Ames.



TJ Duke caught on a bad hair day



Jane Ann Jensen & Jessie Jones show school spirit



Left: Homecoming King Daryl Rauser pumps up the crowd at the Homecoming pep assembly. Daryl was one of many who spoke about a fall sport at the assembly.

Top Right: Tabby Clawson, Cori Verbeski, Amber Berglund, and Rachel Linderman represent volleyball and cross-country by speaking at the pep assembly.

Bottom right: Football players watch intently as the cheerleaders perform on the floor. The turnout for the pep assembly was one of the largest ever in recent years.

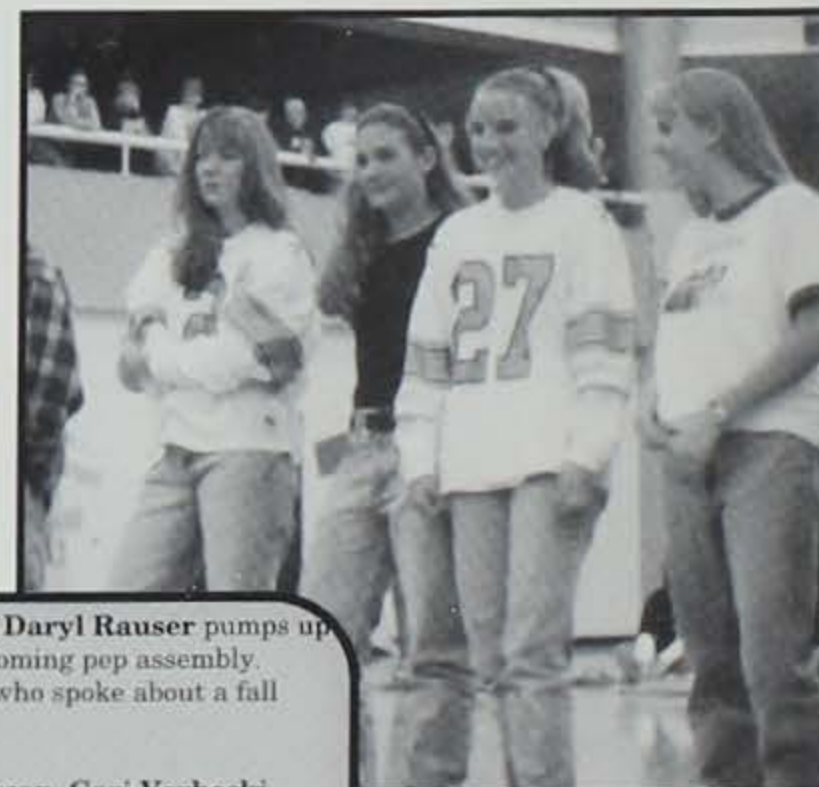


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The Week in

Homecoming week started out on Sunday, September 22 with students decorating the halls. Many people put in hours of hard work participating in this AHS tradition.

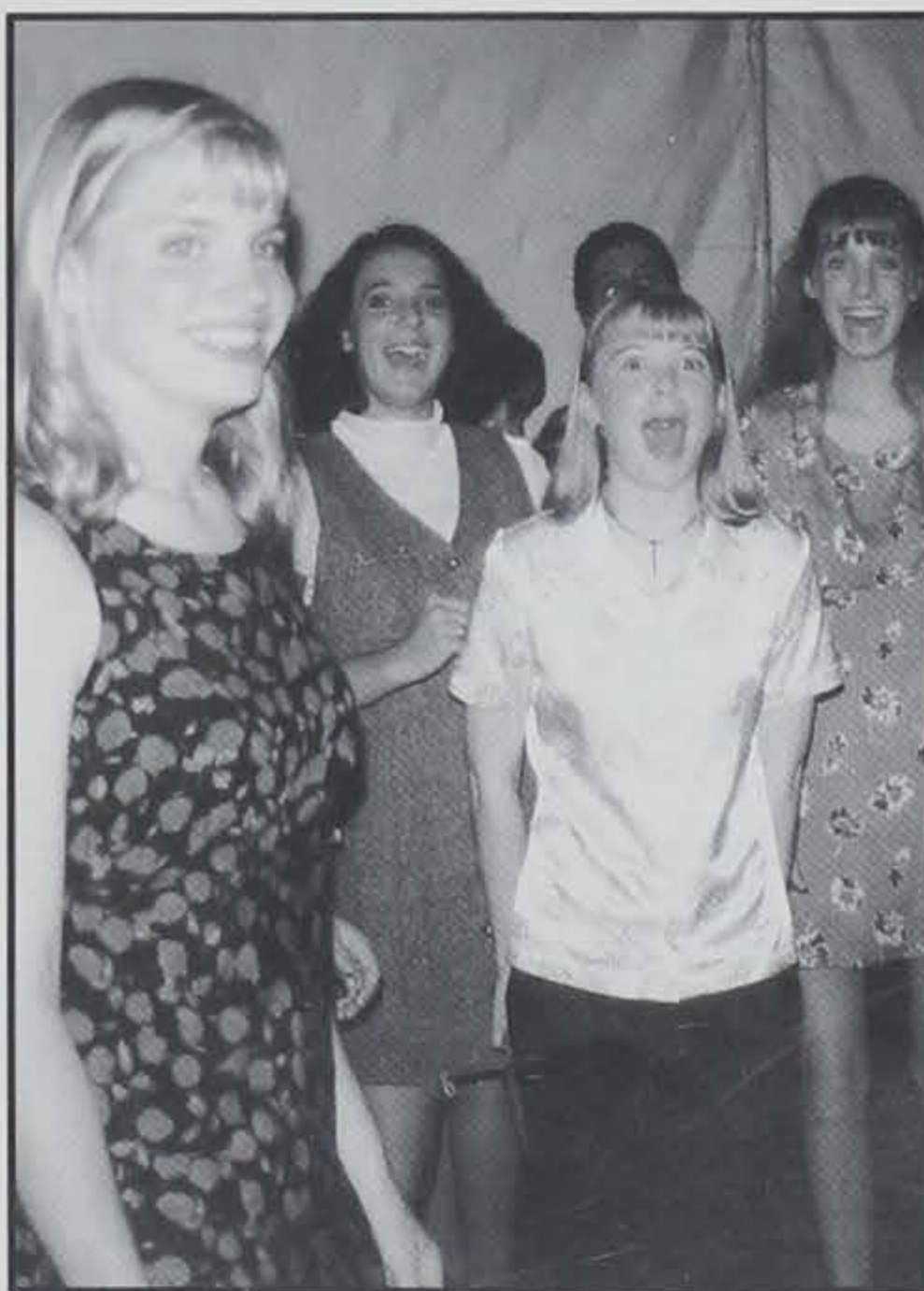
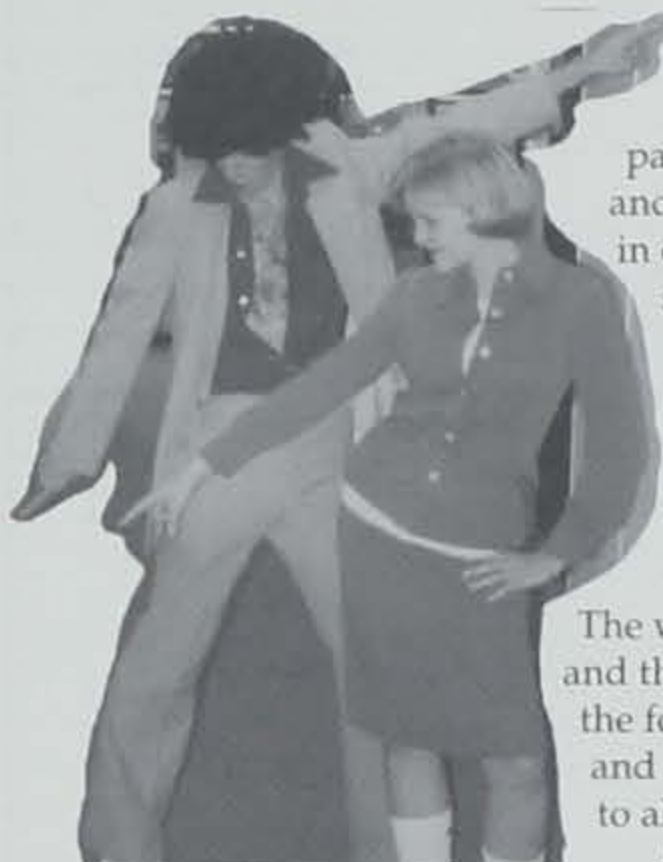
But the spirit did not stop there. Throughout the entire week of Homecoming the student body helped pump up the football team in anticipation for the big game against Ames on Friday night. The spirited fun began with flair on Tuesday when the student body participated in '50's

'60's day. On Wednesday, funky hair

day, studentparticipated by spray painting and putting their hair up in crazy do's. Guys soon sympathized with the ladies on Thursday,

Cross Gender Day, because they took off their high heels and pantyhose half-way through the day.

The week ended on Friday and the student body wore the football players jerseys and showed their support to all fall sports as well as top the foot ball team.



OUT OF

Above left: **Travis Grandgeorge** shows his true personality and school spirit by participating in cross dress day. Heather Anderson was able to wear a hat in school because it was a spirit day activity.

Above right: Laughing at some of the antics at the dance, **Gail Kollbinger, Shannon Copp, Maggie VanderLeest, and Cherry Willardson** enjoy a break. It was common to see groups of friends, considering many went stag.

Bottom left: Homecoming queen candidates pose with their escorts at the Homecoming pep assembly. Candidates included **Sarah Woolever, Sara VanOort, Sarah Clawson, Pascale Bonnefil, and Gina Gelatti.**



Living It Up!

The Hawks fought an intense homecoming battle against Ames on Friday, September 27th, but Ankeny ended up in the deficit. The defense just could not stop the Little Cyclones run, and the final buzzer sounded with a posting of 18-26. "They were more experienced, and they, uh, worked well as a team," said **Pete McPherson**.

Despite the football loss, everyone turned out for the dance. The theme was Time Warp, and over 800 people attended the dance, the largest turn-out in recent history for any type of dance. **Carmen Killiam** said, "It was fun because all my friends were there."



Matt McDermott & Dane Merry
50's-60's day

"It's a good thing to leave early!"
-Cory Grant

"We played hard but we lost."
-Matthew Paul Fredericksen

"It was one of the best dances we have ever had."
-Michelle Cunningham

"The music was really good."
-Melissa Thompson

"We played hard but we came up short."
-Adam Bengt

"The candid's were the best part. They were fun to pose for."
-Aimee Owens

"I think the decorations were exceptional this year, overall, it was a great time."
-Kim Kopacek

"The game was disappointing, the guys played hard, but the dance made up for it. It was a blast."
-Angie Nielsen & Melissa Beaman

"It was a good game and everybody had a lot of school spirit. It was a great homecoming for the seniors."
-Jill Andrews

"Our defense did a good job in the second half, our offense was getting it done, too. It just didn't fall our way in the end."
-Daryl Rauser (Homecoming King)

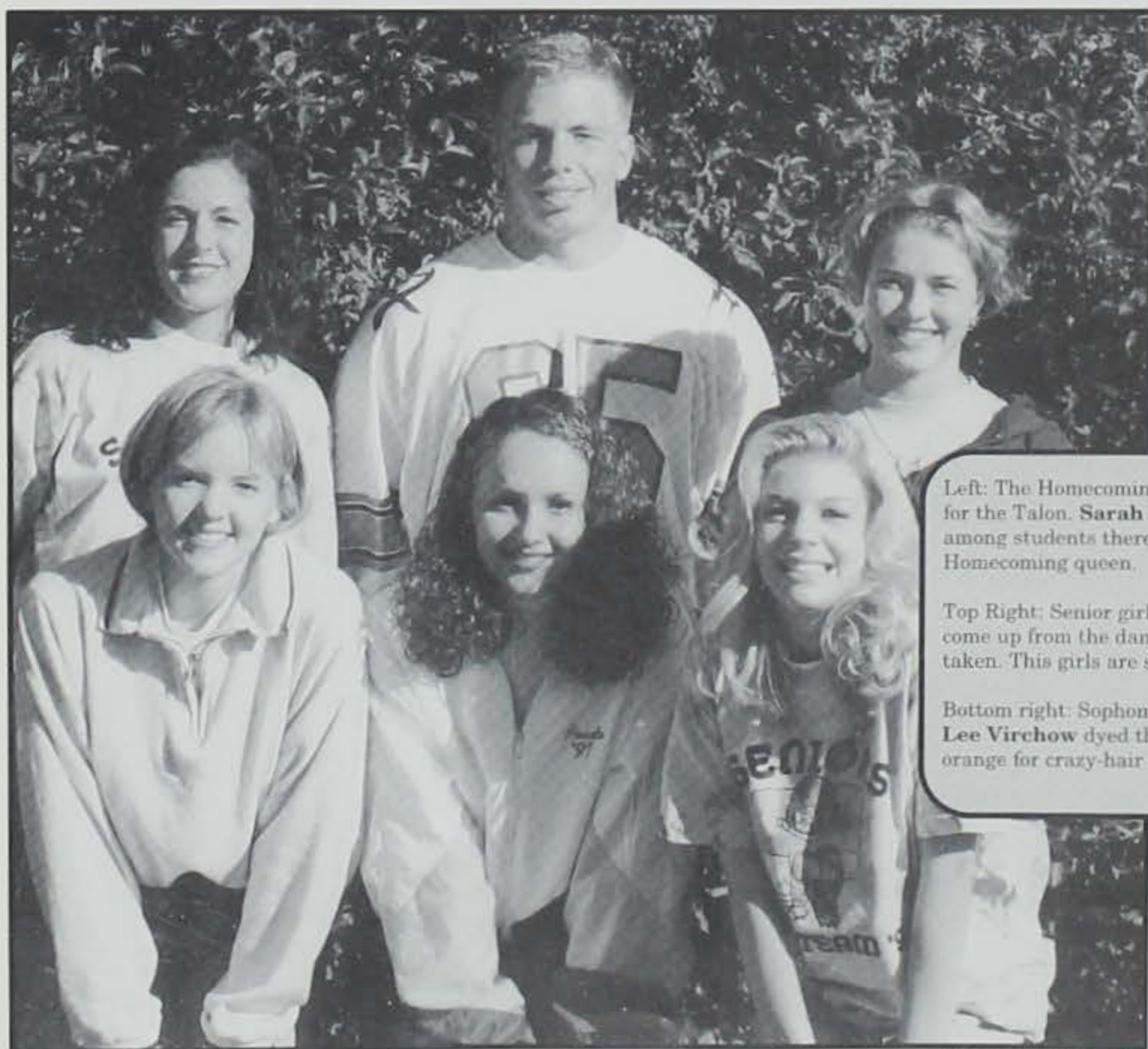
"Even though we lost, it was a good feeling to know that we could play with a good team."
-Ryan Blahauvitz



Kim Shields
shows off her hippy apparel



Joe Ferin and Jason Daniel



Left: The Homecoming court poses for a picture for the Talon. **Sarah Woolever** was the favorite among students therefore she was crowned Homecoming queen.

Top Right: Senior girls attending Homecoming come up from the dance floor to get a formal taken. This girls are shown having a good time.

Bottom right: Sophomores **Cory Hansen** and **Lee Virchow** dyed their hair half pink and half orange for crazy-hair day.



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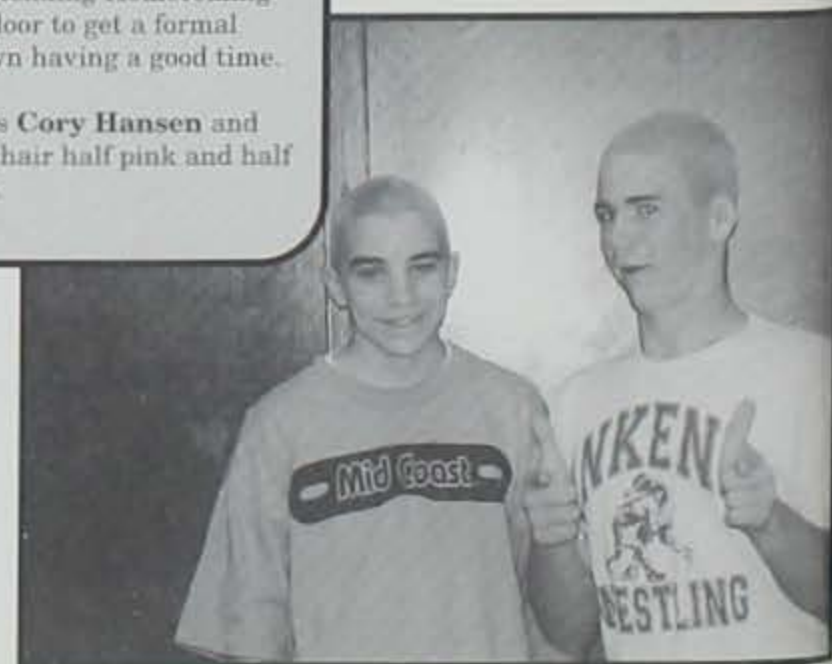


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The homecoming dance was held on September 28, 1996. Many students chose to go to the dance stag with a bunch of friends, and over 800 students attended. One tradition that many students followed, is that of going out to eat before the dance. Jade Garden, Okoboji Bar & Grill, Garcias, and Chips, were a few of the restaurants where students ate.

Many people chose to dress casual, cool, and comfortable, but a few chose to dress up. The trend was noticeable, however: the homecoming dance seems to be getting more and more casual each year.

On average, girls spent 1.5 hours getting ready for the dance (including shopping, etc.) while guys spent only about 35 minutes.

Most students felt that a good variety of music was played, after 3 hours of non-stop dancing, the night ended and so did Homecoming '96.

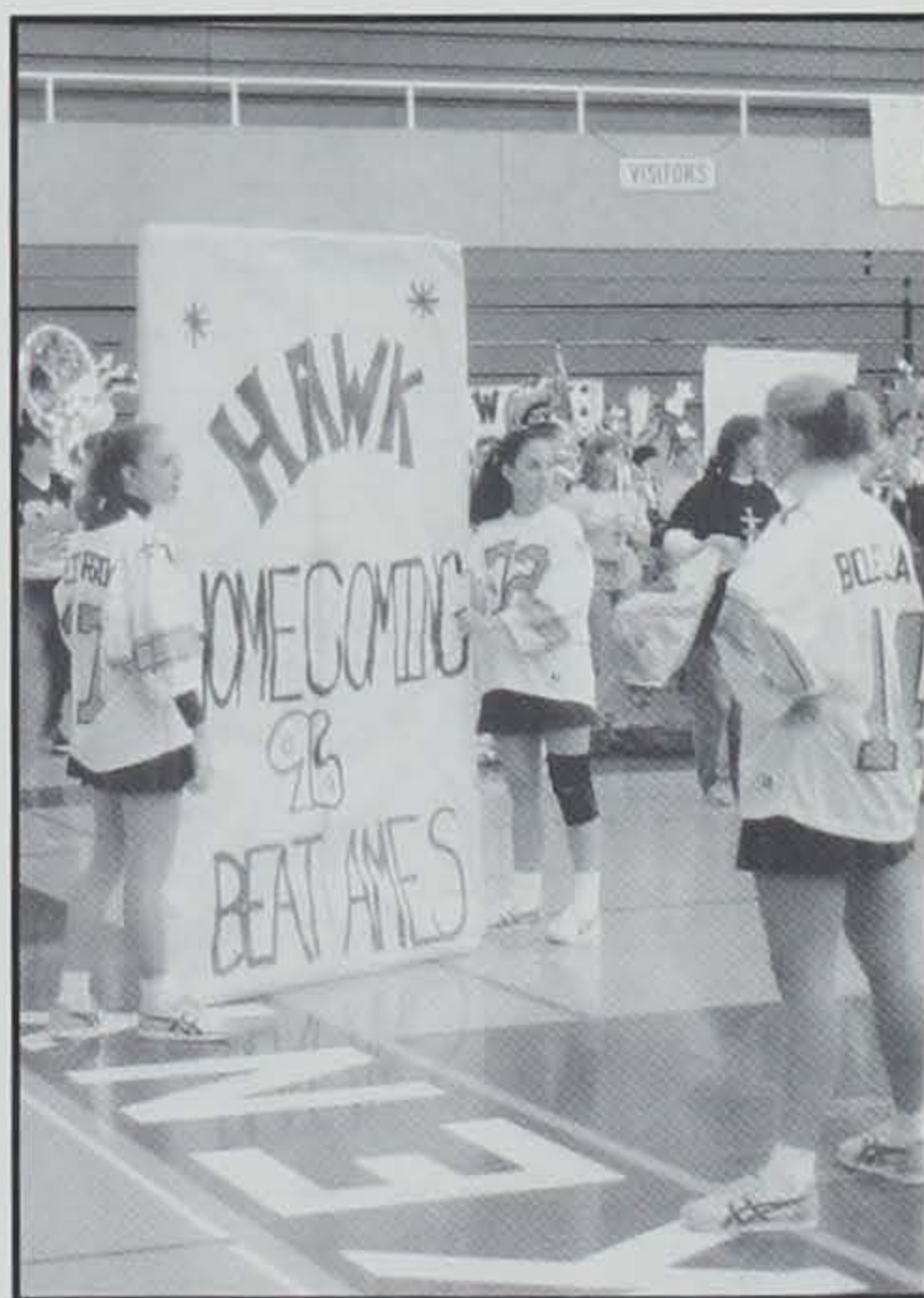


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IN THE

Above left: **Tom Kapaska, Joe Henderson, Ryan Tucci and Ben Ratcliff** strut their stuff on 50's-60's day. On this day many chose to dress up in their parents old clothes, and some students went to DAV or even goodwill for their hippy outfits.

Above right: **Jodie Harms, Jessica Brejcha, and Mandy Long** cheer on the football team as they walk out on the floor. The pep assembly was a huge success; it got the student body pumped up for the big game against Ames.

Bottom left: **Matt McDermott, Kristen Wells**, and others show how to have a fun and exciting time at the homecoming dance by participating in "The Train." Many students attended the dance and had a blast dancing the night away.



Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton

"I hit a pool ball into a wall of mirrors, shattering them." **AJ Fink** 35

Wake up sleepy Head

Waking up is hard to do early in the mornings to get ready for school. After a fun-filled weekend of sleeping in, it's hard to get back to the same routine that you go through everyday during the week. While many people choose to wake up early to get ready for school, others prefer to get a few extra minutes of sleep and go to school "as is." Still others choose to get to school early, so they will be able to park close to the school or to get some help on their homework. Whatever the reason is, everyone has a different morning routine and everyone spends their mornings at school in a different way.



What do you do before school?

"I go to my early bird class." **Matt Porath**

"I like to surf the net." **Kristen Schultz**

"I talk to my friends." **Abby Buster**

"I get ready for school." **Sarah Ellett**

"I sleep before school." **Angela Carpenter**

"I sit in the pit and talk." **Tim Burns**

"Today I ate a bagel with peanut butter, rasins, and carrots." **Maren Anderson**

"I try to do my homework, but I usually end up talking." **Kelsi Marsh**

"I go to the library and talk with friends." **Amanda Gibbons**

"Nothing." **Kim Lorence**

"Homework." **Eric Metzger**

"I go to early bird class." **Amy Reiff**

"I talk with my friends in the commons." **Abbey Tolander**

"Sit in the pit and talk with my friends." **Shelly McQuinn**

"I had to go to band all this week." **Carmen Killman**

"I do homework." **Mindy Nowak**

"Study." **Angie Agena**

"I usually get here at around 8:00 so I don't have much to do except for walking around the halls." **Mindy Shea**

"Talk." **Darren Semrow**

"I'll be honest, I smoke before school." **Katy Harmon**

"I just stand at my locker and talk." **Mandy Dowd**

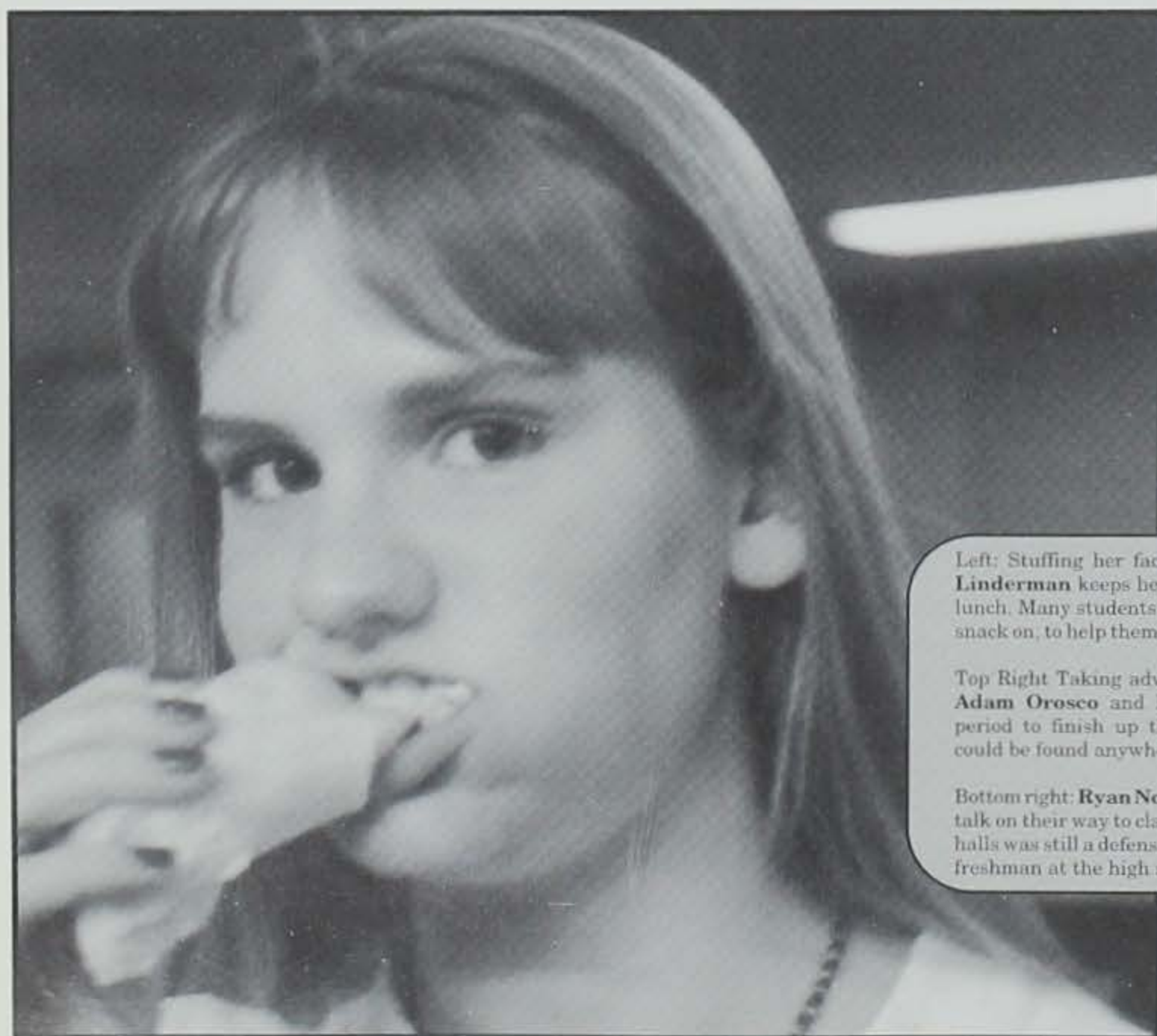
"I eat breakfast, get ready, then take my brother to school." **Genny Borich**

"I visit the local library, study for an hour and a half and then I'm ready to go to school." **Brent Harlow**

"I get in my car and I have a cigarette." **Dan Bell**

"I get to school, put my books away then go to class." **Caiya Lierman**

"I have to go to early bird chemistry from 7:10 until 7:50 P.M." **Carisa Spain**



Left: Stuffing her face with a bagel, **Rachel Linderman** keeps her stomach satisfied until lunch. Many students brought food to school to snack on, to help them make it through the day.

Top Right Taking advantage of being seniors, **Adam Orosco** and **Matt Porath**, use first period to finish up their homework. Seniors could be found anywhere during free periods.

Bottom right: **Ryan Norgat** and **Jenny Doman** talk on their way to class. Walking through the halls was still a defensive task even without the freshman at the high school.

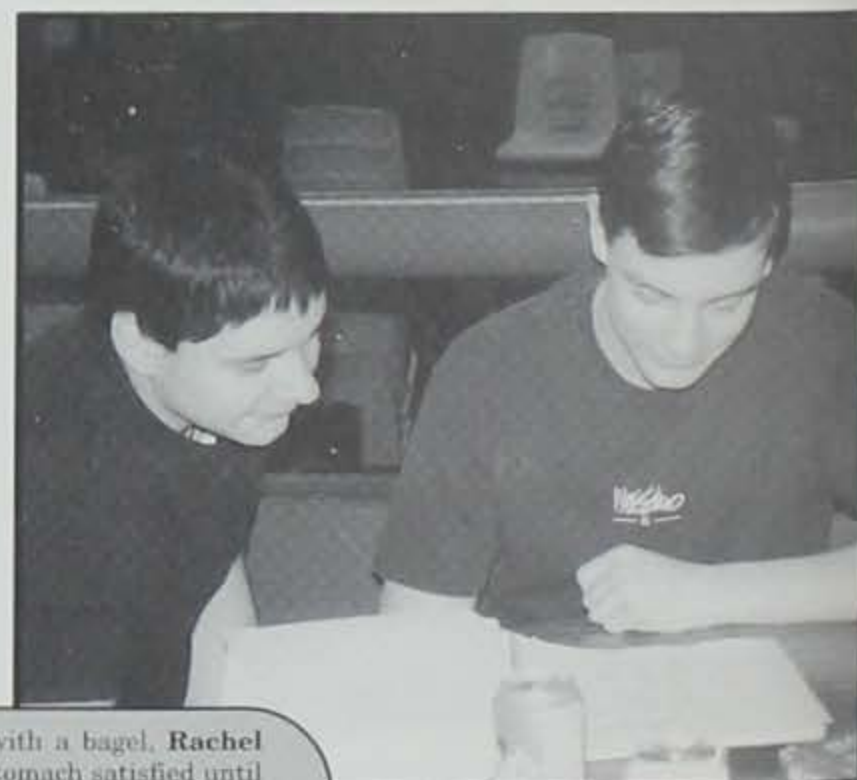


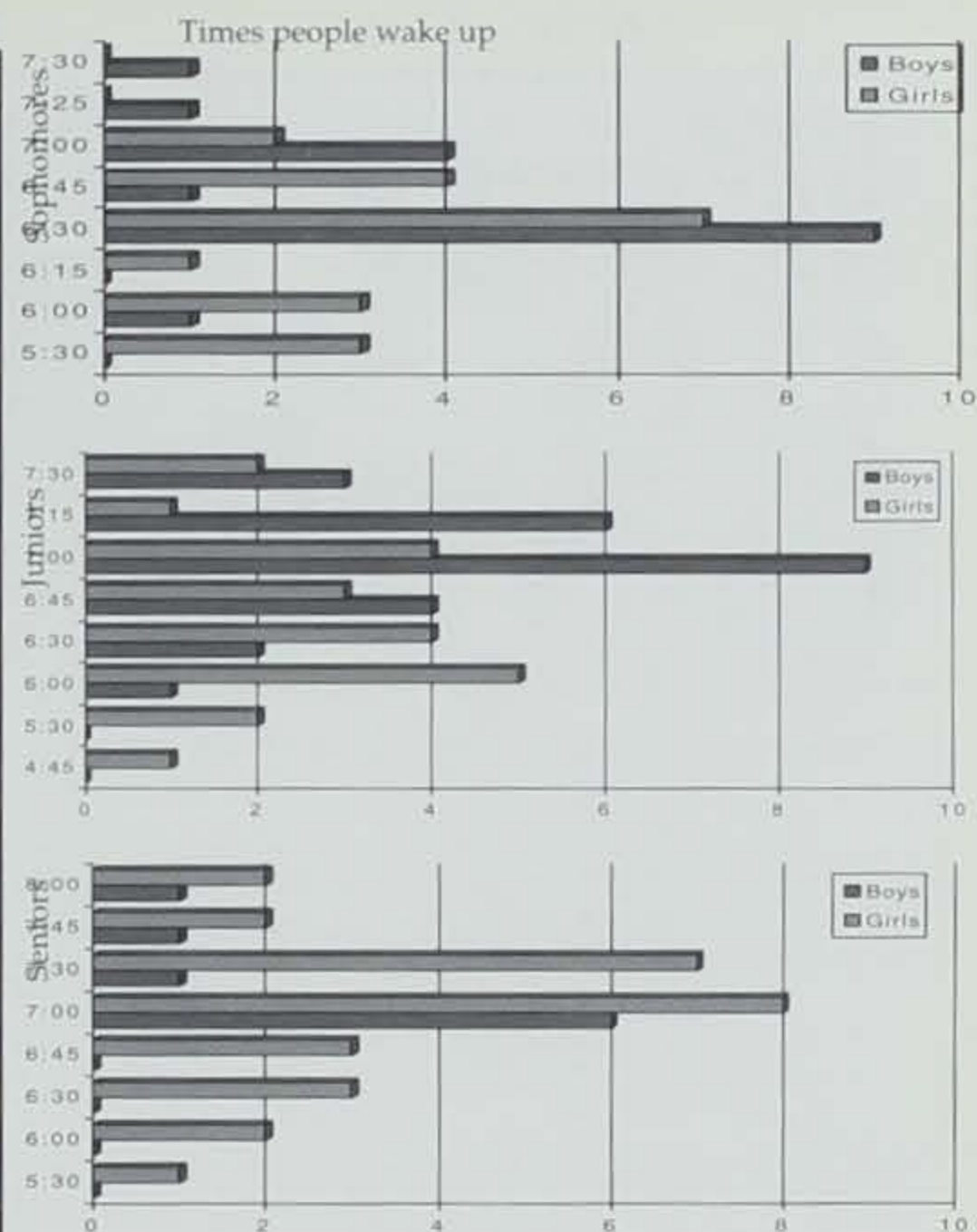
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Survey based on 120 students

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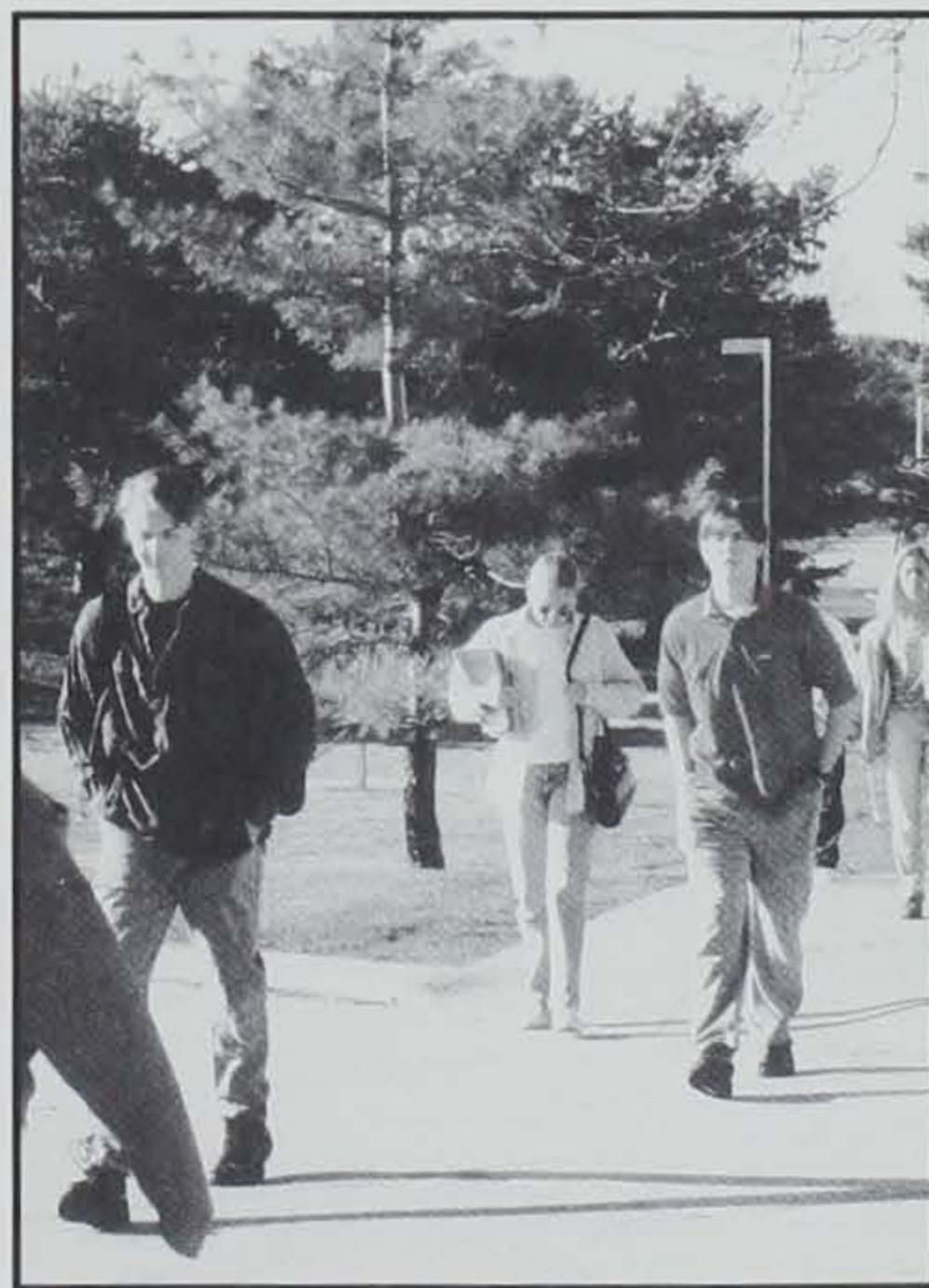


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BEFORE

Above left: Debating what to get from the vending machine, **Eric Lorenz**, like many other students, grabbed candy to eat before school and on the way to first hour even though students weren't supposed to take food out of the Pit.

Above right: Picking up to pace, **Greg Stamp, Zach Hamilton, Mandy Long** and **Laura Ashoff**, hike up to school, so they aren't late for first hour. Entering in the east doors could definitely be a work-out.

Bottom Left: Taking time out from talking and studying, **Brittany Lutes** and **JaneAnn Jenson** grin at flaunting the "no food in the commons" rule. The commons was a popular place for everyone to hang out and chat before school.



photo by Heather Gomez

TAIL GATE

During the football season it was not unusual to see students in the parking lot talking, hanging out, and starting fires. Starting fires?! Yes, for it was tailgating season, and what's a tailgating party without the grill, food, friends, and fun?

When finally full, everybody attended the game. School official rulings caused tailgating to be held off school grounds this year due to lack of room in the school parking lots. While this caused the number of students tailgating to drop this year, despite the cold weather and lack of reasonable fires, tailgating was considered a success by those involved.



"Tailgating before games was always a great party. We got extremely full real fast, then we buzzed over to the game and had a memorable time." **Jessica Blake**

"Hanging out with my friends before the games was always a fun time. By the time we got to the game, it was hard to focus on the social aspect." **Lynette Heinauer**

"The tailgating experience was fun and fulfilling. It taught me a lot about myself and others. It also taught me that fire is not a toy, and cars explode quite violently." **Mike McGuire**

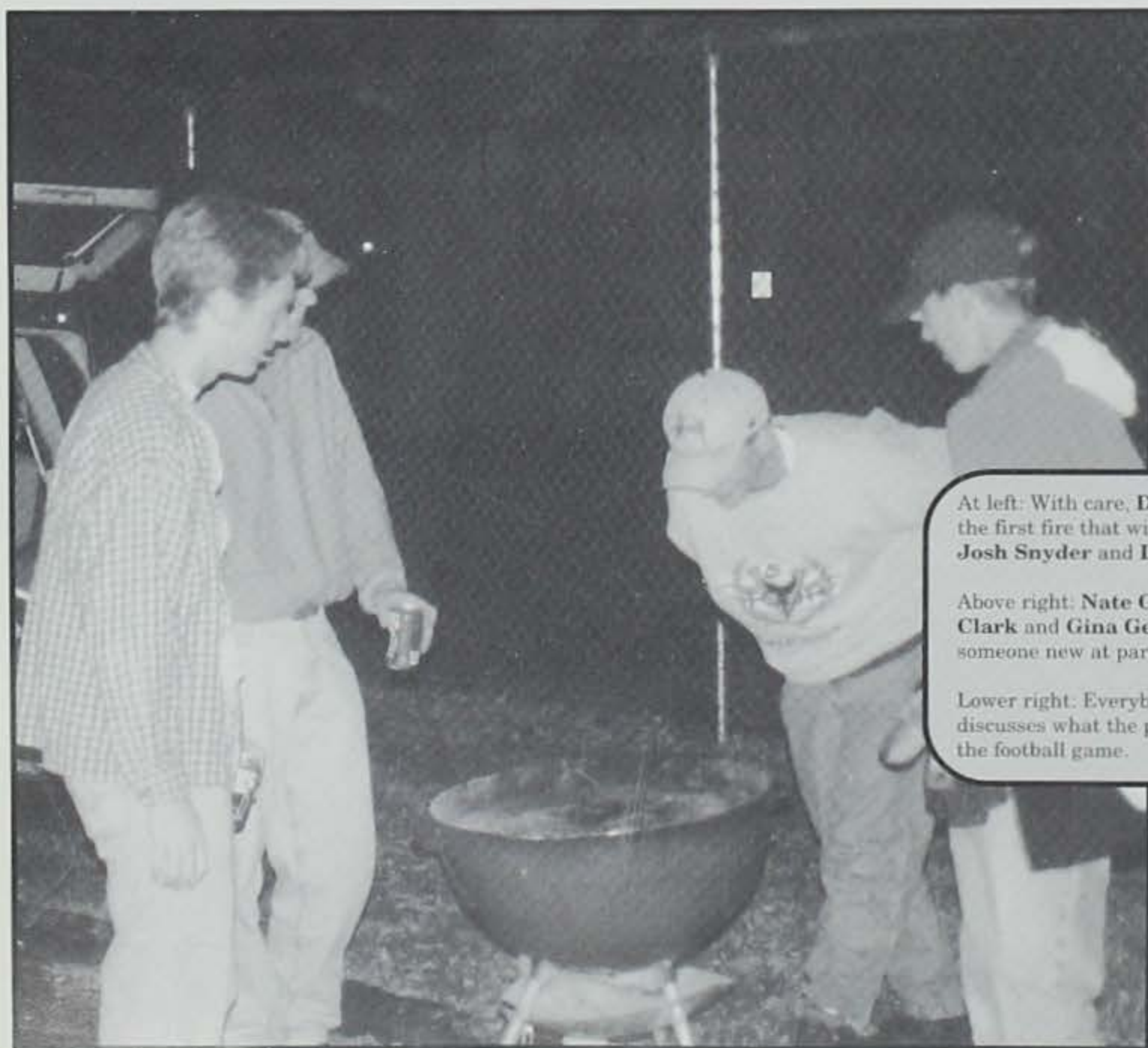
"I like eating brats and socializing before the games." **Matt McDermott**

"It meant the world to me!" **Eric Metscer**

"It was a good way to meet up with our friends before a game instead of going to the game and spending an hour or so trying to find people. But, oh, watch out for food poisoning." **Dane Merry**

"Tailgating before the game makes it much more fun." **Grant Barkley**

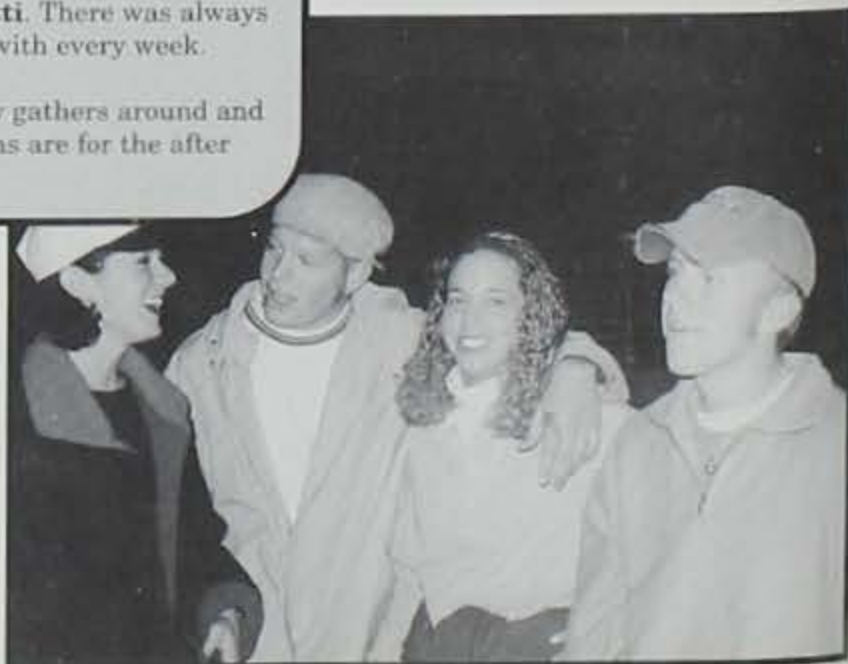
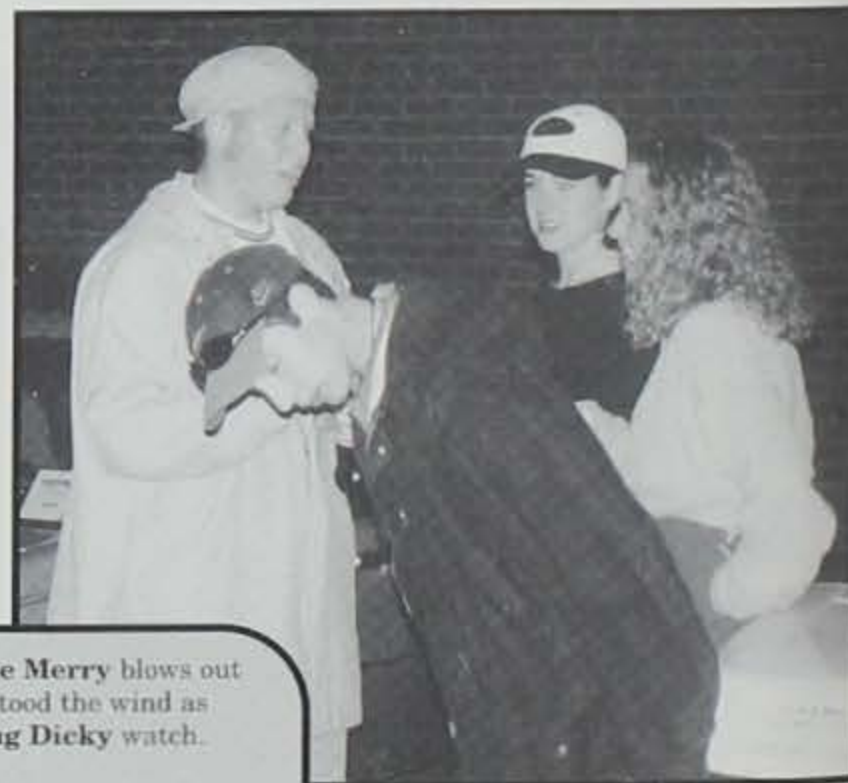
"It was fun. I tailgated every chance I could get. I couldn't get enough of it. What will I do next year without tailgate time???" **Nate Green**

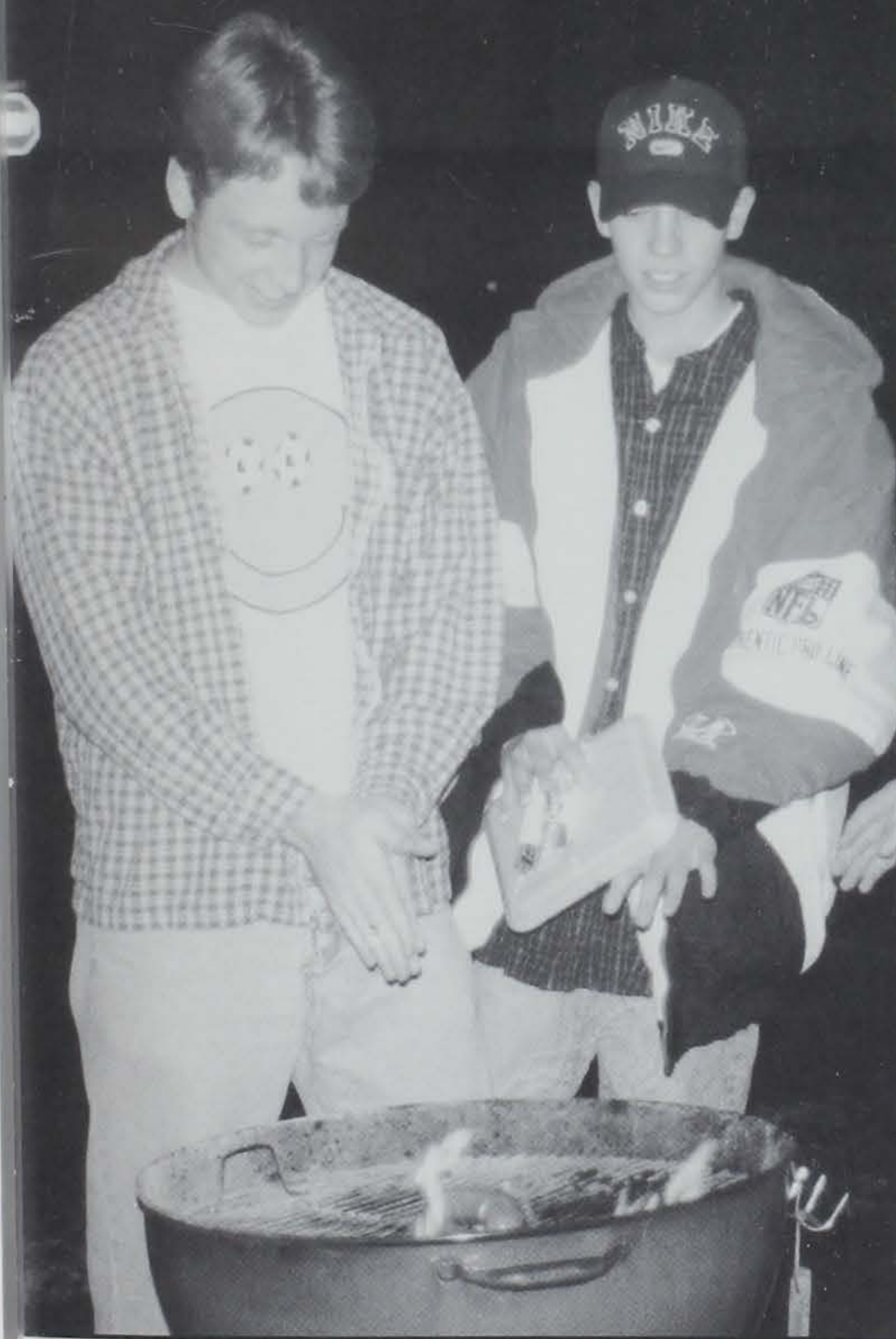


At left: With care, **Dane Merry** blows out the first fire that withstood the wind as **Josh Snyder** and **Doug Dicky** watch.

Above right: **Nate Green** chats with **Jodie Clark** and **Gina Gelatti**. There was always someone new at party with every week.

Lower right: Everybody gathers around and discusses what the plans are for the after the football game.





"The" Sweatshirt

To show spirit for our teams and the school in general, many female football fans wore tailgating sweatshirts. The design for tailgating sweatshirts was picked out by the upcoming senior girls. On the front were the Greek letters "Alpha," "Tau," and "Gamma," for they represented Ankeny TailGating; on the back the students picked a number and had it placed on the shirt. Numbers ranged from 00 to fractions to those with decimal points, each significant in meaning to its owner. Over 300 girls bought the tailgating sweatshirts, and the people in charge collected well over \$10,000 dollars to pay for them. These sweatshirts were so popular they were worn throughout the entire school year.



ON THE

Top left (before): **Josh Snyder** and **Doug Dickey** warm themselves by what was one of the most controlled fires of the year. One could always see students grilling out before the games; it was like a huge barbeque.

Top right (after): **Josh Snyder** roasts a bratwurst to a most likely well done stage. Since football season was extremely windy and cold, it was hard to start a fire, but the wind also made it hard to control once it got going.

Bottom Left: Ah, to tailgate and just hang out before the game, that's the life. After grilling for a while, **Dane Merry, Amber Berglund, Josh Snyder, Jodie Clark, Nate Green, Gina Gelatti, and Matt McDermott** walked over to the game and continued their partying there.



"I was fishing once and got caught in the line." **Matt Fredericksen** 39

Beep me, BABY.

In recent years Ankeny High School has seen a growing trend sweeping through the high school: that of students carrying beepers and cellular phones. Most students agreed that these devices were used for emergencies, chit-chatting, or just taking care of "business," regardless of why, the fact is that these items were creeping out of pockets and purses of students while in school. This year more than ever, it was more common for a student to give a buddy their beeper or cell phone number than their home telephone number. And while some students needed them, most students just wanted them.



General Cellular Phone Rates

Basic Package Plan	.45/min.	\$24.95
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Includes first 30 minutes of local airtime and Custom Calling Package

General Beeper Rates

Basic Cost of Beeper	\$75.00
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Average Cost for Use	\$36.00/3mo.
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"I wish I had a beeper, then people might think I'm cool."—Brett Lee

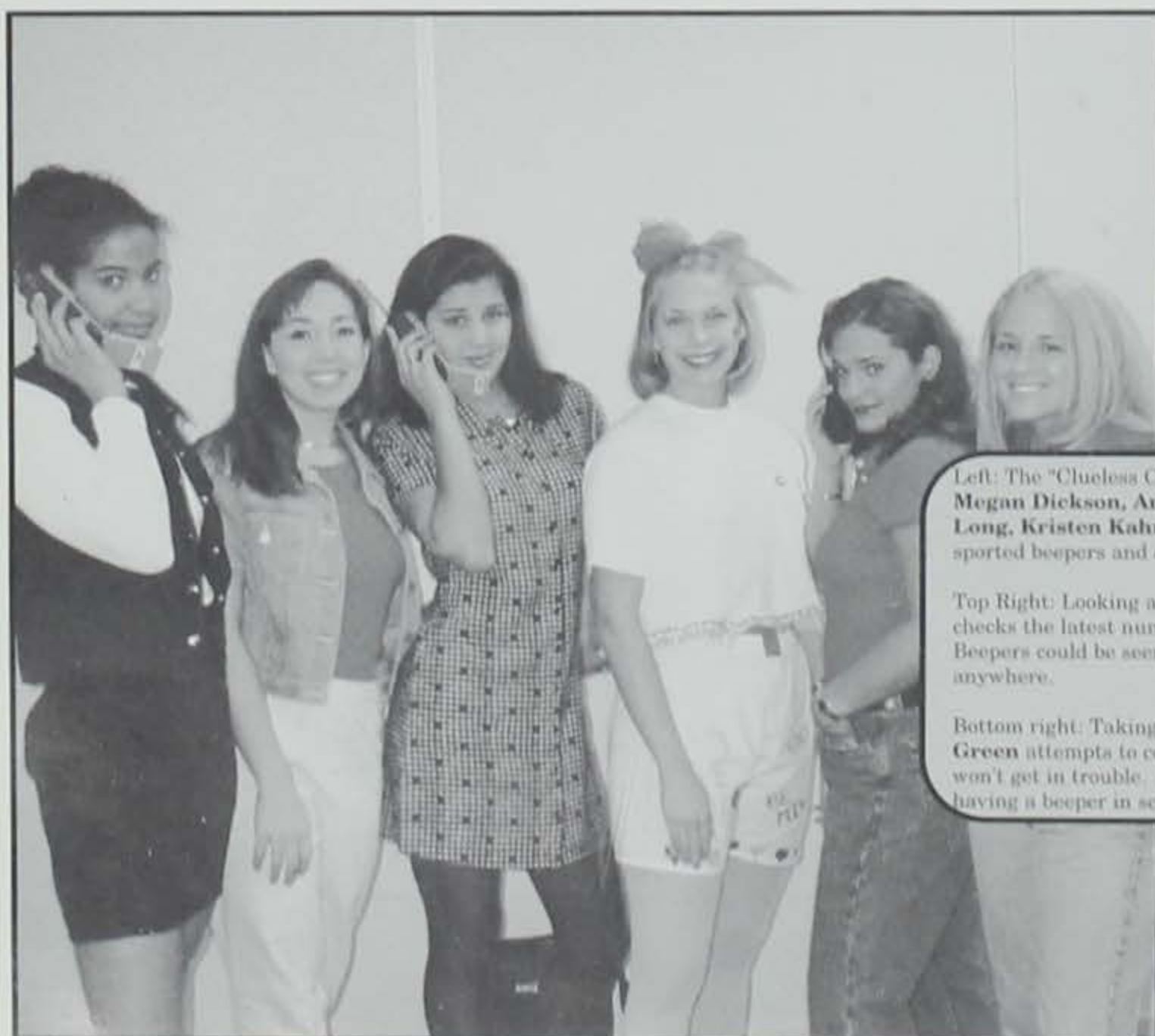
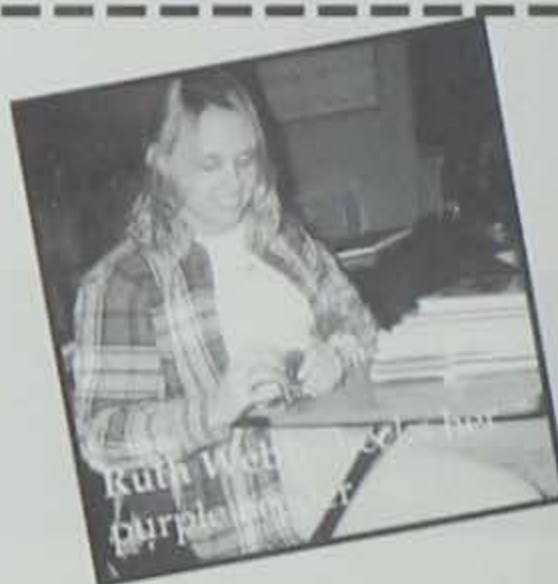
"Just as long as someone's beeper doesn't 'beep' in school, who cares? Anyway, that's what the vibrator button is for."—Ryan Norgart

"I don't see why you need them in school. Who the h... is going to call you? But when I'm not in school, my cell phone helps me take care of business."—Cory Grant

"I don't want one because everyone else has one. I don't know if I even want one."—Lindsay Egli

"I have a cell phone, so my boyfriends can call me any time."—Erin Jagandan

"I wish I had one; then I could bring it to school just to break the rules."—Stacey Wierzbiki



Left: The "Clueless Clique" (Lindsay Robinson, Megan Dickson, Angie Spooner, Mandy Long, Kristen Kahn, and Jenny Anderson) sported beepers and cell phones.

Top Right: Looking a bit too happy, Joe Blunck checks the latest number to appear on his beeper. Beepers could be seen just about anytime, anywhere.

Bottom right: Taking a peep at his beeper, Nate Green attempts to conceal it from others, so he won't get in trouble. ISS was the reward for having a beeper in school.



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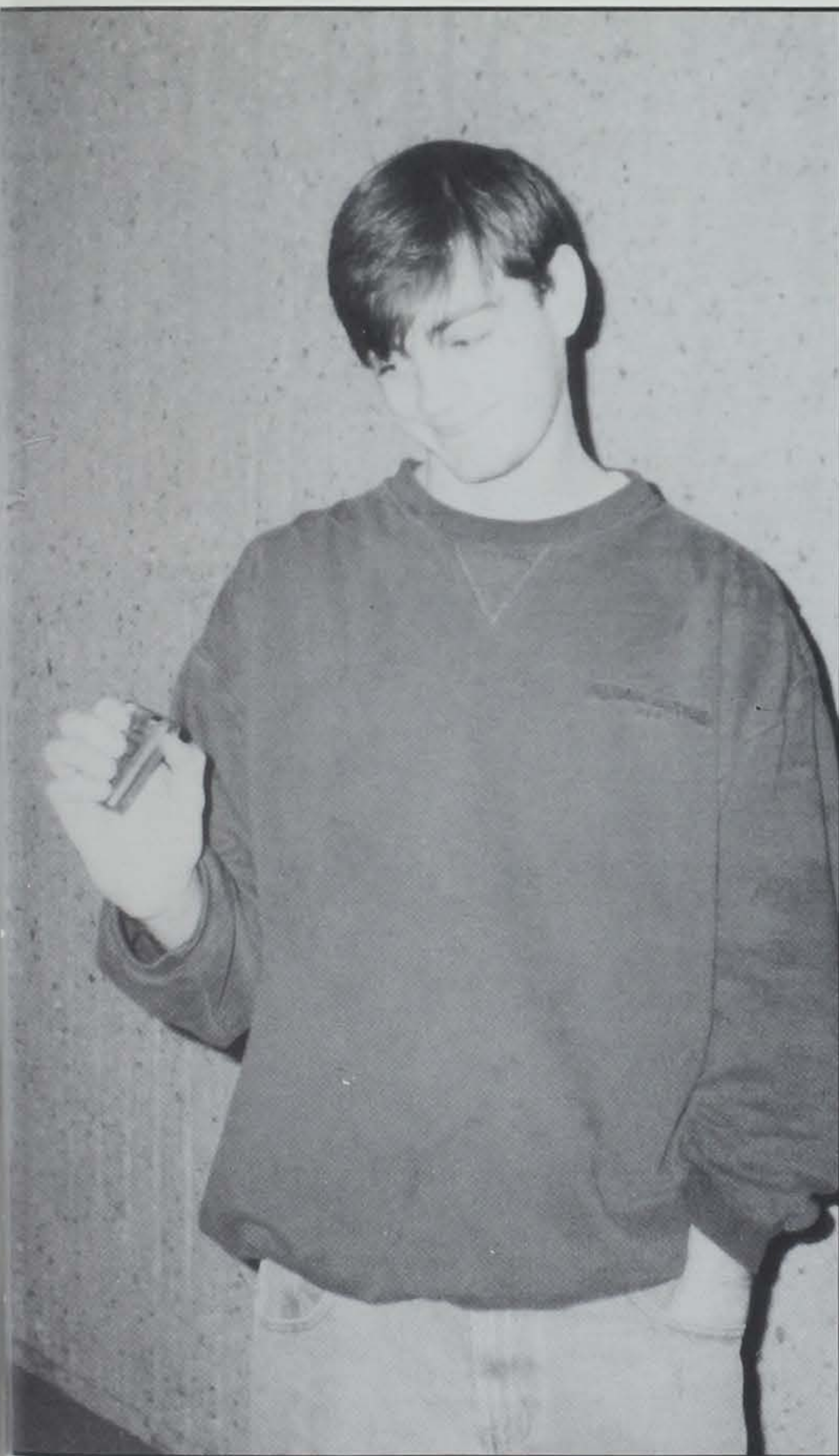


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The school does not permit beepers or cell phones due to the distraction it can impose on other students during class and in the hallways. This rule has stopped some people from bringing either one to school but not many. Most of the students would rather have taken the risk of getting in trouble than miss that important message they had been waiting for. Just ask the

"Clueless Klick," who recognize the need to stay on top of the current



all the most trends, ranging from fashion to cell phones to beepers.

"Our friends are so busy that if we did not have cell phones, we couldn't get a hold of each other," said Jenny Anderson.

Should the school administration crack down on students who are in the possession of a beeper or cell phone? Or will AHS eventually become *Clueless*, like some schools in Beverly Hills? Only time (and fads) will tell.



photo by Ryan DeMey

ON THE LINE

Above left: Things must be going well by look at the grin on Shawn Hammersly's face; he takes a break in the halls to check and see who paged him. With a beeper someone could contact you anytime, anywhere.

Above right: Kimma Lee strikes a pose with her cellular phone between classes. Cellular phones could also be used as a fashion statement wherever you wanted to go.

Bottom left: Look Mom, no hands! Alf displays his no-handed version of chatting on his cell-phone. Students had to keep their hands and eyes on their cell-phones and beepers or the administration would.



Photo by Ryan DeMey

"After school one day I drove off with my cellular phone on top of my Blazer. Luckily, I still found it on top when I stopped." Kristin Kahn 41

They took first place everywhere this year, and then just kept going, and going, and going...

SYNCOATED

movement

Q In what ways has band made an impact on your life?

"Band has been one of the best experiences in my entire high school career because of the wonderful music and the family-like atmosphere."

-Tom Kapaska



"Being in band has taught me the values and the discipline necessary for the real world."

-Jon Duke



By Shawna Vuper

Under the direction of Mr. Brizzi and Mr. Poppin, a group of nearly 200 students dedicated a good part of their lives to participate in the school band known as the Marching Hawks. Band members were very active throughout the year. Many days in the summer, they all got up early and spent most of their day at school practicing for competition. The band took a trip to Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, where they took the title of overall Grand Champion.

Throughout the fall the band played at halftime at every home football game and they also played at the pep assemblies. Some of the fall competitions included ones in Marshalltown, Sioux Falls, Valley Fest, and Mid-Iowa Band Championships; at all of them the Hawks placed first. They also won a Divi-

sion I racing at State. While in Sioux Falls, South Dakota the band received the Spirit Band Award which signified that our band had great sportsmanship and spirit.

Something new started this year called Ankeny Band Ambassador Week designed to recognize what the band has done for the community. The rest of the school year the Marching Hawks took part in rigorous rehearsals for the many competitions in which they competed, including the State Large Group, Perry, and even a gig at Adventureland.

"The band program at the high school is one of the neatest things I've been involved in," said Lindsay Harrison. "The hard work and time commitment really is worth it because of the feeling you get when you're around the people in band."



PRACTICING BEFORE A

game, all of the band members make sure that they are all in line and ready to take the field. The band participated in many competitions throughout the year.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The brass section practices a difficult movement during first hour. The band members rehearsed before eight o'clock each morning for many upcoming concert band performances.



BAND/ALL-STATE

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Andrea Corbett and Amber Lukenbill stand up and play their instruments. These two, along with the rest of the band, played at all of the home football games during halftime.



Band The band stood for a formal portrait, posing nearly 200 students, making it the largest organization at the school. "I will really miss band and all the fun we had together," said Andy Futchman.

All-State: Katie Elsbecker, Lindsay Harrison, Janelle Haack, Michael Haselhuhn, and Kendra Van Schaumburg are all involved in All State Band. Janelle, Michael and Lindsay were selected for All-State Orchestra and Kendra and Katie were in All-State Band. All-State is comprised of the best band members in the state. The All-Staters were all good friend and Janelle Haack remarked that, "I have made most of my friends through band."



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CONCENTRATE ON MUSIC

Brandi Hammerly, Jenny Abbott, Courtney Behrens, Gina Pighetti, Andy Duin, Amanda Eimers, Amanda Sharf, Tim Quick, Katie Elsbecker, and Jon Saggau.

MAKING A GREAT SOUND

The drumline takes a step forward to show the entire school what they are made of at a pep assembly. Drumline practiced with the band every morning.

**Colorguard members,
the banner bearers of the
band, display finesse and
dedication to detail.**

VISIBLE

spectrum

Q What do you like the most about
being a member of Colorguard?

"Mmm, gotta be the somersaults on
the football field."

-Kirsten Hamilton



"I got to know lots of people better,
and all the practices paid off."

-Mindy Shea



by Abby Friedmeyer

Being a member of the Colorguard requires a lot of hard work and commitment. The guard attends guard camp for a week in the summer and also a week of band camp. Colorguard also gets up with the sun every fall morning to practice with the marching band, and then performs at halftime with the marching band. While Colorguard marches with the band, it does n't compete with the it, but instead, the guard competes in separate guard competitions.

Colorguard is not only hard work, but it can also be very expensive. Uniforms cost nearly one hundred dollars in addition to the cost of two camps.

Colorguard has gone through a lot of changes the past few years, including adding two male colorguard members, making An-

keny the second ever in the state to have male colorguard members.

Last year Colorguard introduced the sabre, making our colorguard the first ever in Iowa to use the sabre. This year Colorguard ordered new uniforms, something the members were very excited about.

Colorguard only lasts during the marching season, but some members continue their training and join Winterguard. Winterguard starts right after marching season is over and runs until the end of February. Winterguard practices in the gym in the mornings, and although it was a lot of work to come in early in the mornings it gave the members of Winterguard a chance to keep working on their skills and participate in various competitions around the Midwest. Colorguard and Winterguard are very challenging and fun!



HARD WORK PAYS OFF

T.J. Schafer and Mindy Shea show off the routine they have been working on for the Homecoming pep assembly. Routines took lots of time and hard work, and the members do a great job!

ALWAYS TIME FOR FUN,

Colorguard members Kirsten Hamilton, Elizabeth Tometich, Mindy Shea, and Libby Lindstrom have a good time cheering on the football team after halftime.



PREPARING THE ASSEMBLY

Heather Franks, Sara Stone, Kelsey Fix, Danielle Butts, and Kirsten Hamilton get all the flags and equipment in place for the Homecoming pep assembly.



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Photo by Shawna Vuper



(Winter Guard Group was unavailable)

color guard



Photo by Shawna Vuper

CHEERING ON THE HAWKS

Kirsten Hamilton and her fellow Colorguard members yell for the Hawks during the Homecoming game. The colorguard proved to be some of the best of fans.

UP WITH THE SUN

Colorguard members practice their routines for the upcoming football games an hour before school starts. The guard twirled, dipped, and summer-saulted at rehearsals.

The Ecology Club set up garbage cans in the Pit for nonrefundable cans to be recycled.

RESCUE

treatment

What would you do to save the Earth?

"I'll turn lights off or something"
-Alicia Raymond



"I'd recycle. And I'd flush a lot
less often than I do now."
-Libby Lindstrom



by Ben Taylor

What can we do to save the earth? The students and teachers of Ankeny High School had a few good ideas. Lead by teachers Marilyn Sand and Lori Bing, the 2nd year Ecology Club with nearly 20 members helped save the earth in a variety of ways.

One of their ideas was to adopt part of Highway 69 south of Huxley. Another thing they did was save the rainforest by selling T-shirts. They saved a total of 8 acres by selling 80 T-shirts, for each shirt saved 1/10 of acre.

The students also entertained children with some animals that are all part of ecology by going to the preschool at Holy Trinity and Northeast Elementary for their presentation. They also helped the elderly by donating live Christmas trees to the Sunnyview Care Center.

The teachers helped out by teaching students about the environment. Some classes, such as Environmental Issues and Plant Science taught by Marilyn Sand and Lori Bing, respectively, helped students understand more about the importance of a healthy environment. In Environmental Issues, the main topics dealt with the soil, water, and the earth in general. In Plant Science, the main topics were rainforests and the Everglades.

"Anything that can be done to make students more environmentally aware is important. Hopefully it will foster life-long attitudes towards conservation and preservation," said Lori Bing when asked about her thoughts on teaching ecology in the high school. This view is also shared by others in the school as well. The earth is an important thing, don't waste it.



PHOTO FINISH

Maren Anderson and Stacey Wierzbicki have some fun after a hard day of highway cleanup. The Ecology Club did many things to help the earth such as educating others about it.

WATCH THE BIRDIES KIDS

Liz Blair watches a pair of birds along with some children at Holy Trinity Preschool. Students visited the preschool as a way of educating others about the environment.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

Ecology Club

TEACH THE CHILDREN

Brooke Silliman and Jenny Doman show preschoolers how to make bird-feeders. The students did other things in the area, both around campus and in the community.



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ECOLOGY CLUB MEMBERS

Left to Right Front row: Danette Ott, Kirsten Greenough, Mike Lincicum, Brooke Silliman. Row 2: Courtney Behrens, Laura Rogers, Stacey Wierzbicki, Angela Marshall, Ben Ratcliff, Maren Anderson, Amber Racine.



TOO THE ZOO...

Angela Marshall, Jessica Sand, Amy Frank, Brian Pauly, Kirsten Greenough, and Tom Kapaska show us the elephants at the Henry Doory Zoo in Omaha. The Ecology Club went there last April.

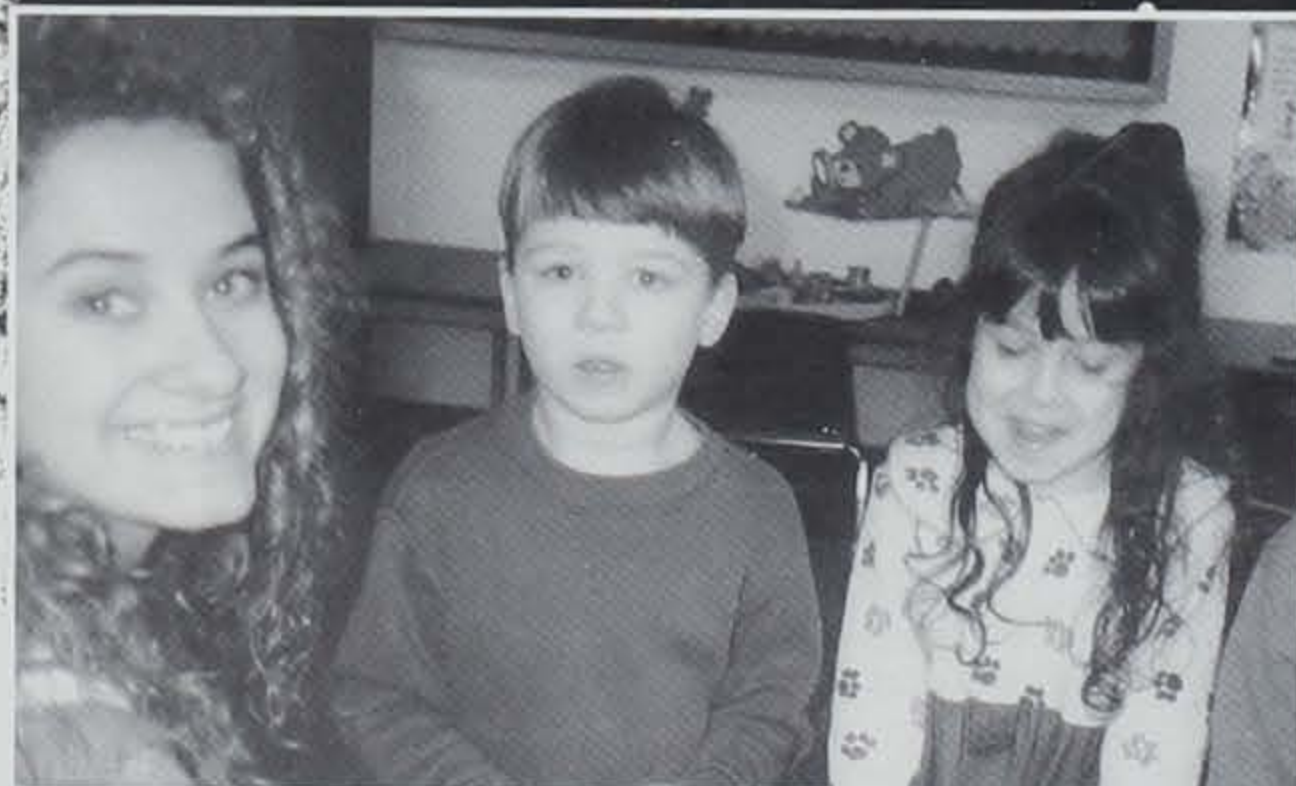


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ENDANGERED ANIMALS

The kids at Holy Trinity Pre-school learn about endangered birds from Brooke Silliman. The children had a very interesting time with the Ecology Club.

SSSSSLIPERY CRITTERS

Danette Ott shows some children at Holy Trinity Pre-school that some snakes aren't that bad. The children seemed very interested but refused to touch the reptile.

Every three weeks, the members of the *Talon* tried to finish each edition.

AHS

enquirer

How far would you go to get a good story for the *Talon*?

"I would join chorus."
-JaneAnn Jensen



"Ames."
-Ryan Struve



by Angelica Gonzales

Forming a new look, the *Talon* started the year with a brand new volume and a new mast. The *Talon* covered issues from a variety of subjects and topics, everything from sports to the student opinions. It even had a calender and a puzzle in each issue. Making an issue involved a great deal of work and running around.

With about fifty dollars in developing pictures and three weeks to put each issue together, the *Talon* staff finally got to see the outcome of their work. "Some of the most positive moments came when we finished an issue and felt really good about what we did," said Maggie VanderLeest.

The *Talon* staff really enjoyed all of

the positive feedback that they got after the students saw the issue. "The most exciting moments on the *Talon* was when we'd pass it out to the student body and we got positive feedback on the paper," said Alissa Tollakson.

Sometimes working on the *Talon* could be very stressful, however. Lisa Arterburn, Photography Editor, said, "Sometimes it gets really stressful when deadlines come around, but we were always pleased when the issue came out." Even when things were stressful the staff still got things done. "You realize that everything was going best when Mrs. Fields was screaming the loudest. I really enjoyed the process and the final product," said Curt Long.



COME AND GET 'EM

Mrs. Robin Fields is about to open a box of the new *Talon* shirts. Helping her is JaneAnne Jensen. They are looking off to the side at Brett Lee showing off his moves.

TIME FOR A STORY

Carrie Johnson helps Amber Danner with her story. The two were the Paradigm editors, which was comprised of feature stories that differed with each edition of the paper.



Recycled clothes: Is this the new fad?

By KATIE WITTRUP

Forget about that \$50 shirt you saw at the Limited! Lately many AHS students have passed up the local Maurices and the Gap for hand-me-downs from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Salvation Army and Goodwill.

Second-hand stores can be found all over Des Moines and plans are being made for a Goodwill to come to Ankeny. The companies began as relief centers for veterans from WWII. Since then, proceeds from the sales took on the task of rehabilitation programs for a variety of groups such as the elderly, mentally challenged, and troubled teens. They use the money to help place them in job programs and teach them skills to be successful. All merchandise comes from donations only. Donations can be made by taking them directly to the stores or calling their pick-up service. Many families donate everything in their house that they don't want anymore. Most of the items donated are clothing that no longer fits the owner or that he or she simply doesn't want it anymore.

These stores sell more than jeans and shirts though. Items such as furniture, jewelry, dishes, books, toys and electronics can also be found. Some even still work. Items that are not usable are either repaired or taken apart to be recycled.

Clothing that either doesn't sell or isn't able to be worn is recycled into new clothing. Most clothing costs on average \$2 per item at second-hand stores. Goodwill said that the most popular items of clothing are jeans and corduroys and that flannels are also very popular. Julie DeMoss said, "I buy my jeans and shirts from DAV. It's a heap and I like my jeans to look worn. I'm glad that there is somewhere other than the mall to shop for cool clothes."

Alternative grunge style clothing wasn't always popular though. Just within the last two years, the sale of second-hand clothing has gone up drastically. Kids just want to be comfortable and the style right from DAV. Magazines, music videos, and the television have all had a major impact on the styles.

Second-hand stores are a great way to get rid of things you don't want anymore. The next time you think about throwing away those old jeans, remember that someone else may need or want them. You never know who you could see walking down the hall wearing your old shirt.

On the subject of P.E. equality



"Girls are always in the south gym while the boys are always in the big gym."

- Erin Jagnandon, junior



"Girls do the same stuff as the boys do."

- Jason Happe, sophomore

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Entertainment Edge: Special Edition

By ALFRED MOTON

What up, y'all. This is D-Macsimus Prime, coming to you straight from the *Talon* dungeon to give you what I consider to be the best of my column. What's more, I'm giving you the uncut disco versions of my paragraphs. So, kick back, grab some Pez, make some Kool-Aid, pop *Desperado* in the VCR and blast Los Lobos from the stereo, 'cuz there's only one way to read me....three chords, loud and fast.

Anybody catch *Barb Wire* when it hit video stores? I know I didn't. I was too busy watching *From Dusk Till Dawn*. The flick featured killer direction by Robert (Desperado, El Mariachi) Rodriguez, a mega-cool Quentin Tarantino script and Cheech Marin not once, not twice, but three times. I don't even need to mention Juliette Lewis and Salma Hayek, but that's never stopped me before.....

And now, a moment of silence for *Ice Age*. The relatively popular spin-off to the *Magic: The Gathering* card game has been unfortunately discontinued.

Speaking of *From Dusk Till Dawn*, be sure to grab the soundtrack. With butt-kickin' bands like ZZ Top and the extremely cool Tito & Tarantula, for lack of a more articulate term, it rocks. Three words: *Las Cucarachas Enojadas*. Also, Robert Rodriguez is reported to be working on a prequel to this awesome film, while Quentin Tarantino is supposed to be working on a sequel. I will be there.

Martin Campbell has replaced Robert Rodriguez (there's that name again!!!!) as director of the new Antonio Banderas action film *Zorro*. Campbell's last directorial outing was the pathetic *Goldeneye*, so don't expect anything good to come of this.

And now, a moment of silence for the Spin Doctors. Remember them? The guys that did that *Two Princes* song? No? Okay. Just go on to the next paragraph.

Now, for some (groan) COMICS NEWS!!!!!! (Big fanfare, fanboys rejoice): SPIDER-MAN IS BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!! In response to the overwhelming Spidey boycott (writers brought upon the bad plot twist that the Spidey we'd known for twenty years was actually a clone of the original), Marvel Comics decided to bring back the Spider-Man we know and love. Ahhhhhh, I feel refreshed!

Kevin (Mallrats, Clerks) Smith has been asked to re-write the new *Superman* movie, which is set to premiere next summer. Can you imagine that? A cross between *Superman* and *Clerks*. Oh, yeah! And now, a moment of silence for Jenny McCarthy. No, she's not dead, but the flamboyant star of MTV's dating game *Singled Out* is leaving the show to make her own. Watch for a catfight between her and fellow MTV sociopath Dennis Rodman. Despite Rodman's obvious toughness, McCarthy kickboxes, so my money's on her.

Sheryl Crow's new album exploded into stores the week of September 23rd. Wal-Mart has decided not to carry it, so I bought a gun there instead.

That'll do it for me this year. But, never fear, I'll be around next time. I can never die, for I am the Macs. And now, a moment of silence for Big Earl.

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On the subject of **climate control**....



"I always dress inappropriately:
hot on cold days and cold on hot
days...it's only suitable for rats."
- Mitch Reed, senior



"I think it's hot in here."
- Bryce Eichenberger, sophomore

Rasmussen retires after 13 titles

By Kelly Krause

The Hawkettes won their second state title in three years as they beat Urbandale, 3-0.

The Hawkettes wrapped up their season with a 45-3 record. Their only losses came from Clear Creek (Tiffin)-Amana, Marshalltown, and Carlisle.

Coach Dick Rasmussen was named District Coach of the Year and National Conference Coach of the Year. He ends his career with a mark of 1,165-314. This record puts him fifth in the state in career victories.

Erica Junod, the only returning starter, is a sophomore who batted .283 with one home run and 20 R.B.I.'s. Erica was named to the National Conference second team after leading the Hawkettes with 19 walks and 28 stolen bases. Junod was also named to the Class 3-A all-tournament team.

Returning non-starters who saw varsity action during the 1996 season include Missy Voigt, Angie Agena, Lynette Heinauer, Leah Heston, and Kristin Kahn.

Coach Rasmussen said, "I think Ankeny will always be competitive. I don't think it will change just because we change coaches."

Unfortunately, Coach Dick Rasmussen will never take the field again as the Ankeny Hawkettes softball coach. He will certainly be missed, on and off, the field. So, as the sun sets on Coach Rasmussen's career, a new era dawns with his successors.

"It's really hard to say
enough good about Coach
Rasmussen...he is some-
one you really look up to
and remember."
-Judy Hayes, mother of
Karlin Hayes



Some legal lines can't be crossed

By CARRIE JOHNSTON

An old saying goes, "A polite conversation never involves politics or religion." Ankeny High School has become rather familiar with the religious segment of this proverb. In the last few months religious scriptures have made an entrance and an exit at AHS, sparking unintentional conflicts and leaving a trail of unanswered questions behind.

These scriptures of the day are small squares of paper with a passage from the Bible photocopied on to one side. The scriptures originated from the youth group of the Ankeny United Methodist Church. The members are a very closely knit group of people, and when they are together they feel a very strong sense of faith and unity. **Joni McNew**, a junior and member of the Methodist youth group, said, "Our youth group has a very strong bond. We try to spend a lot of time together in and out of school." At school, some members felt alone, so the idea of a scripture of the day was formed. The literature was designed as a support system to give confidence and strength to the recipients. Other students began to notice these scriptures, and that is where the situation began to change.

Members of other youth groups liked the idea and wanted to help distribute the readings. Widespread distribution began, and it became a disruption, noticed by students and teachers. "Passing scriptures is just like passing notes in class- it distracts from the learning environment," said **Mrs. Markos-Molling**, an English and Foreign Language teacher here at AHS. Some students strongly opposed the presence of these writings in school and felt their personal space was being invaded when a scripture was offered to them. "I don't like being made to feel like I am a bad person if I don't feel comfortable taking a scripture," said junior **Cynthia Kuhn**. Rumors of derogatory comments directed toward those who did not accept a scripture were started and the distributors disrupt classes and receive unwanted attention from instructors. "I noticed that scriptures were being passed out in class, which I interpreted as a violation of school policy or etiquette," said **Mr. Wunn**, an English teacher at AHS. Passing out a scripture of the day became a sort of fad, which was a far cry from the original intent. "It is a matter of personal beliefs and views if a student wants to participate or accept a scripture. If a student feels there is a problem, they should come to the administration and we will take care of it," said **Dr. Jan Beatty**, assistant principal of AHS. Complaints began to reach the administration, and more rumors began, this time about serious repercussions if one was caught passing out literature because no one was sure of the exact rules.

Religion in school is a confusing situation clouded by emotions, beliefs, and personal rights without a clear legal line drawn. Taking a look at the law on a national level, the Supreme court has ruled as early as 1943 (in *Martin v. Struthers*) that the right of free speech includes the right to distribute literature. However, a student's freedom of expression does not give them the right to disrupt class, cause harm, or infringe upon the rights of others. Court decisions continually reinforce these restrictions.

The story twists when it is taken down to a local level, such as at Ankeny High School. Although Ankeny Community Schools

do not have an explicit policy in regards to the passing out of daily scriptures, it has been decided that it is to be allowed at AHS for the time being by **Dr. Norman**, **Dr. Ratigan**, **Dr. Beatty**, **Mr. Shaltanis**, and other administrators. School officials' control of what is distributed on a public school campus is actually limited. They may not stop the distribution of literature on a public school campus if two people are engaged in voluntary conversation, and the exchange happens to be in word or print. Mass distribution, which was occurring at AHS, is not allowed. "Any individual, group, or organization who wishes to distribute literature is required to submit all materials in writing intended to be passed out to the Ankeny Community Education offices," said **Dr. Ben Norman**, superintendent of Ankeny Schools. If the Community Education offices see fit, the group will be issued a permit. People under the age of 18 must fill out an application and have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. The Community Education director, **Mr. Kevin Koester**, said, "The school district has no specific policy that disallows this practice."

The minister at the Ankeny United Methodist Church, **Chris StClair**, has spoken to the administration about the situation. "It is a false belief that the separation of church and state means that religion can't be in the schools," said **StClair**. Cooperation with the Community Education offices will take place to resolve this. One possible solution is to make a table available with religious material from any group who wishes to set out material on it, and whoever wishes to take something will have the opportunity to do so in the commons area possibly in the future.

The American Civil Liberties Union is an organization which make sure the rights of citizens are not infringed. **Ben Stone**, the executive director of the Des Moines chapter of the ACLU said, "The school cannot promote or discourage the distribution of religious literature under the Establishment Clause." **Stone** also said that the schools have the right to decide what is or isn't allowed to be distributed to the student body, whatever the literature might pertain to.

The pending decision of the Community Education Center will determine whether or not religious material will be made available to AHS students in the future. Any other organization or group would also have to go through this process if distribution of materials was desired.

"I hope everyone realizes that the scriptures were intended to help people," said **Sarah Murray**, a junior and member of the Methodist youth group. "We never intended to cause a problem."

On the subject of P.D.A.



"As long as people aren't having sex in the middle of the hallways, or needlessly groping each other, I think it's okay."
- Joe Henderson, senior

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AN INSIDE LOOK:

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Talon staff searches for new ideas in exchange papers.



Carrie Johnston and Amber Danner search for just the "write" words.

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BY JENNY WALDSCHMITT AND NICKI EVERS

Stop the presses! The Ankeny High School Talon is on the way...coming straight from room 432 to you. And, with Mrs. Fields, Talon advisor, in charge, it's better than ever. If you've ever wondered what all the noise during second hour actually is, read on.

First things first

The day starts out with someone being sent to get a hard copy of the announcements because, hey, who has time to listen to them...we have deadlines to meet. As soon as that important detail is out of the way, we start the upcoming issue. First and foremost, we (Jenny and Nicki) attempt to lead the brainstorming session. When there are enough stories to fill the pages, they're assigned to various reporters. Then the three cabelleros (Brett, Mitch, and Cory) head out to Ankeny businesses, with a pit stop to get ads. Without ads, we would have to "push" candy bars and spirit cards a lot more.

About now, Angie and Katie usually discover they have a deadline and need to conduct an interview. Over all this commotion, we hear Mrs. Fields bellowing for Chaggie (Maggie and Cheri-she still refers to them as one person).

Always time to play

Of course, the day wouldn't be com-

plete without Ryan and Alfred working on their pages on January and February (FYI: those are computers) in the corner of the room. And, looking over at the line of computers to see Kem and Noble typing away on those sports stories is an every day occurrence.

Deadlines are key

About a week after stories are assigned, McGuire searches for an acceptable sob story to get an extension on his story. With layout deadline nearing, Jeremiah and Amber can be found roaming the halls for a last minute photo op, and Nicki screams at Alfred, "JUSTIFY!" As for Jane Ann and Joe, they 'stuff-it' on their page. Then, Jenny and Nicki feel the pressure (literally hours to deadline) and decide maybe they should start THEIR assignments...NOT! Nicki has calculus to do... priorities people! (Yes, you guessed it, Jenny's the calm one.) This is also when we find ourselves at school at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings for work sessions. Hey, whatever it takes to produce a quality newspaper.

Whistle while you work

As many notice, it is not at all unusual to walk by the LARC and find Carrie on the phone, an editorial board meeting in the works, or Lisa taking or sorting pictures. And that's only during second hour. In order to accommodate for the students



Reporter Mike McGuire types his story at one of the Talon's computers.



Editor Jenny Waldschmitt assigns pages to sections.



Lisa Arterburn sizes photos before sending them off to the printshop.



THE MAKING OF A NEWSPAPER

IS IT THE STORIES? THE GRAPHICS, PHOTOS, OR CARTOONS? MAYBE IT'S THE ADVERTISEMENTS. WHATEVER IT IS THAT MAKES SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS SO POPULAR ASSURES THAT THEY WILL BE AROUND FOR A LONG TIME TO COME, EVEN WITH ELECTRONIC MEDIA.

wanting to be a part of publications, a second class was added for the second semester. This class is definitely the quieter, more organized group. Here we find Alissa and Genny at the front table talking, Amy diligently working on encore, and the kick-butt freshman Rachel writing away. Kelly's always busy putting last minute stories together, and Nuese is concurring up yet another original idea for the front page.

Finally, we're finished

The final day: everyone scrambles around to find their photos to have the

sized, Jenny, Nicki, and Mrs. Fields edit pages spelling and grammar errors, and screens and color is decided. Then, it goes to the printshop. Yes! One more issue put to bed.

When the *Talons* arrive, they are passed out, and we *Talon* staffers anxiously await feedback. While we deem feedback very important to our future decisions, we don't put everything on it. Sometimes just knowing we did the best job we could with that page or story and seeing the finished product is enough to keep us going. Now, "Who's not doing anything...Kem?"



Talon staff takes time out to pose for a quick group shot.

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A faculty member reads the "wunn" derful issue of the *Talon*.



Angie Spooner looks over the latest issue of AHS's newspaper.



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Administration draws lines between grey areas

By AMBER DANNER

Crossing the line. The imaginary boundary that divides what is acceptable and fair from what is not. At AHS, there have been issues that could be placed in this category. Recently, there have been situations that cause many to ask this question of just what does cross the line. Some of these situations may cross the line, but are still permissible. Others are just plain unconstitutional.

Wearing religious T-shirts seems to be one of the biggest issues. Because of the First Amendment, shirts portraying one's religious preferences are acceptable. However, if the shirt attacks another group, it is not allowed.

Dr. Ben Norman, superintendent of Ankeny Schools, said, "Any shirt is allowed as long as it doesn't show alcohol, drug and tobacco advertisement, sexual innuendo, obscenities, or attacks another group." Although some shirts may seem questionable, any religious shirt is permitted.

Along with shirts promoting one's religion, there have been a few speeches given during class pertaining to religion. These speeches are allowed only if the teacher is not encouraging the student to promote certain beliefs. Also, the student may give his or her opinion on a religion, but may not attack another religion or force their beliefs on their class. Speeches such as these are unconstitutional. The Iowa Court System's handbook on court rulings has found "that a school may prohibit a student from giving an oral presentation on his or her religion."

Also ruled unconstitutional is student-initiated prayer during

school. However, "See You at the Pole", a prayer event that occurs nationwide, does not fall into this category because it occurs before school and no adults are leading the prayer.

Many religious events are held at the school and many clubs use the school's facilities to meet. Religious events can be held at the school without question outside of school hours, such as the 3 Crosses concert which was held on September 8. According to this law, Baccalaureate can also be held at the school. All clubs can hold their meetings at school providing that the school gives equal use to all clubs. According to the Equal Access Law, any religious club may meet, Christian or not, as long as students initiate the meetings and the participation is voluntary.

Reverend Samuel Massey, vice-chairperson of the Interfaith Alliance said, "All groups whether they are Christian or Atheist must be given the same right as long as the groups don't cause disruption."

Another question that is often raised in school is, "Why can't we celebrate religious holidays in school?" According to the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, it is fully constitutional to be able to observe and celebrate religious holidays in school. This law basically says that if a school wanted to have a Christmas party or dance, they could call it a Christmas Dance and not a Winter Celebration.

All in all, schools need to be aware of the opportunities for student religious expression in school. Because of society's diverse religious beliefs, school authorities need to provide equal access to all groups. However, student expression must take place during free time and may not interfere with a student's education. Although there are opportunities for expression, others are unconstitutional. Students and Administrators need to be aware of what really does cross the line.

'Inspired' Hawks take cross country conference title

By ANDREA GAUMER

The varsity Hawks cross country team raced through the cold to win their second consecutive CIML National Conference Championship in Ames on Thursday, Oct. 17.

"After seeing J.V. run so well, it inspired the varsity team to rise above the rest and take conference," said senior **Joey Beveridge**. With five of the finishing top ten runners and a score of 29, Ankeny won over Ames who came in second with a score of 55 and Mason City which scored 104 points, placing third.

Junior **Bryce Good**, the first Hawk to cross the finish line, placed second with a time of 16:57.

Sophomore **T.J. Tollakson** placed fourth in 17:20, senior **Aaron Ruff** came in fifth in 17:23, freshman **Justin Schlicher** eighth in 17:37, junior **Cory Grant** came in tenth in 17:39, senior **Ryan Broich** came in fourteenth in 17:51, and senior **Joey Beveridge** placed thirtieth in 18:25.

Despite the rough terrain on the fields, the Hawks were able to win the race by concentrating on running at their own pace.

"We started out slowly at the beginning of the year, but now we've practiced hard and the team has come together," said senior **Ryan Broich**.

Hawkette cross country team soars into state

By KELSIE MARSH

The girls cross country season has flown by, just as the Hawkette runners did at their Conference meet on October 18.

Varsity and Junior Varsity are Conference champions. This was the first time that coach **Craig Doocy** has ever taken his team to a victory at the Conference meet.

Hawkette runner **Gina Gelatti** placed second overall with a time of 12 minutes and 48 seconds. Not far behind came **Bryony Jones**, a sophomore, in fourth place. Finishing third for Ankeny was Senior **Rachel Johnson**.

The Hawkette runners have had their best season ever. "It's amazing how much our team has improved this year," said Hawkette runner **Megan Block**. "Our team has confident, positive, and determined attitudes which is why we have been so successful this year."

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King tradition should stay with football

By JANE ANN JENSEN

As homecoming is once again approaching Ankeny High, I often notice students gazing up at the homecoming queen candidates pictures hanging on the office window. We all know who the homecoming candidates are for the queen, but choosing the king is a whole different story.

The homecoming king is selected by the football team at the start of the season.

Many students have questioned the way the king is selected. Some think it should be done exactly like the queen, but I question that. The football team has always selected the king. I believe the king should be a football player because everything linked to homecoming;

like the dance and decorating the halls has to do with "the big game" which is the football game. I mean, come on, it's the one weekend out of the year that is completely dedicated to the football team; therefore, the "king" should be a football player. If the king wasn't a football player and happened to be, say, an average student or a chorus boy, then why would the queen and king be crowned at halftime of a football game? Why not crown them at intermission of a swing show or something?

The king and queen are a traditional halftime event that the student body and the town of Ankeny expect to see at the game; The king wearing his Ankeny football jersey, looking proud with his helmet in one hand and the queen next to him.

This year's king is Daryl "Big Daddy" Rauser who was selected by the football team. As far as traditions go I believe this is one that Ankeny High could keep for good. It's something that the school and the citizens expect to see. So at least for Homecoming '96, the tradition stands secure and I hope will keep up for many years to come.

Discrimination not justified by tradition

By MIKE MCGUIRE

If one were to think of the traditions in our society today, they wouldn't think of much. Tradition in America basically consists of turkey on Thanksgiving and fireworks on the Fourth of July, yet some at Ankeny High School seem to think that tradition means something more to us in our society. They justify something that is so obviously wrong with one justification: "It's tradition." Well,

I have news for all those who think that the Homecoming King should be only a football player, and that is that most students at Ankeny High School couldn't care less about the precious tradition.

It isn't much of a tradition when such a small amount of the student body believe in the practice of it. If only two percent of the people in the United States were to eat turkey on Thanksgiving, would it really be an American tradition? No, it wouldn't, so why is it when only a small percent of the Ankeny High School student body is represented in the election of the Homecoming King, is it all of a sudden an enforced tradition on the rest of the school? It makes absolutely no sense.

It also used to be tradition for fathers to sell their daughters like property to another family for marital purposes. This doesn't mean it wasn't wrong. A tradition doesn't defend discrimination, it is still wrong with or without a tradition.

The selection of homecoming king is very discriminatory. I am not saying I envy the homecoming king or want to be homecoming king, but to be honest, I feel that just because I don't play the game of football gives no one any excuse to segregate me, or anyone else in my situation, from anything that a football player has a right to participate in, except the game itself.

The homecoming queen is selected in such a process that any girl in the senior class can be elected. It is a fair process where the girl with the most "popular" appeal is elected to represent the high school as homecoming queen.

The counterpart to the queen, (the queen, I remind you is the girl with the most popular appeal in the high school) is the king, who is selected by the football team. Now, to me, it sounds as if the selection process is insinuating that the most popular male can only be found on the football team, meaning the most popular guys are football players.

The homecoming king represents Ankeny High School and the student body. The majority of the student body should be content with the decision of homecoming king. Nothing against the king or the football team personally, but it is completely moronic to suggest that it is okay, and not discriminatory, to only have a football players in the running for homecoming king just because of this so-called "tradition."

Homecoming is not only a football game and a celebration for the football team, it is a celebration for the entire school and there is no reason that anyone should be left out of our celebration. Homecoming royalty is part of this celebration and it is unfortunate that people are left out. Ankeny High School should take the responsible stand against the old times and let everyone have a chance to in this part of our high school experiences.



A look at two sides of a relevant issue

On the subject of Crystal Ball



"Turkey and mashed potatoes don't go well with Crystal Ball."
- Jennifer Hamblin, junior



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New policy aims to curb fighting

By MATT NUSE

Due to the large number of fights involving AHS students last year, a new policy aimed at curbing the number of altercations was instituted by the administration, effective immediately.

The new policy creates penalty guidelines that follow a step-by-step discipline process. In the past, each situation was disciplined on an individual basis. The new policy allows for consistent penalties for those actually involved in or simulating fighting.

The new policy states that, "Fighting is not an acceptable way to deal with difficulties at Ankeny High School and will not be tolerated. The penalty for the first fight will be up to five days in school suspension... any student who receives a second suspension for fighting during their high school career, depending upon the degree of involvement, will be suspended for out of school suspension and recommended for review by the Board of Education for either exclusion or expulsion."

Exclusion or expulsion is the process in which the school has suspended a person from school. All of that person's AHS credits for that semester would be lost. Credits earned at DMACC or an alternative school cannot be transferable back to AHS. The difference for the words exclusion and expulsion according to **Mr. Dennis Shaltanis**, assistant principal, is exclusion is thought to be less harsh for the students records.

The policy has stipulations for other fight-related infraction. Any student who is involved in a fight in which two or more students attack another student will be suspended out of school and recommended to the Board of Education for exclusion or expulsion. Also, anyone who pretends to fight in school will be suspended for a day or more.

There were approximately 60 incidents where students were involved in fights last year. One brought media attention to AHS because it was videotaped on school equipment.

Mr. Shaltanis said that he believes this policy, along with other new discipline policies, will help the everyday running of the school. "It's going to keep it (school discipline) a little more restrained."

AHS students express their own style

By ANGIE SPOONER

We have a diverse group of people here at AHS and when looking around the halls, different styles and trends can definitely be seen. From preppy to alternative and dressy to casual, no matter what style you have, it all can be considered fashionable.

Doc Martens, overalls, tie-dyes, Tommy Hilfiger, and Birkenstocks seem to be some of the favorites. Other new trends besides clothing include tattoos, body-piercing, and toe rings.

Senior **Gina Gelatti** likes to dress up for school. "It gives me a change from jeans and makes me feel better about myself."

Sophomore **Nikki Vaughn** doesn't care what she wears to school as long as she is comfortable, and junior **Leah Heston** usually has to wear

Hawkette volleyball CIML champs

By BRETT NOBLE

The Ankeny Hawkette volleyball team just keeps rolling with the number 11 ranking in the state and a 28-5-2 record. The team tied a school record for wins in a season with 28, in the process of winning the Mason City Invitational.

The Mason City tournament offered competition from not only 16 rated Charles City, but from Mason City, St. Ansgar, and out of state Albert Lea, MN. The Hawkettes opened the Saturday tourney with a quick disposing of Osage 15-4, 15-3.

The victory gave the ladies confidence, and from that moment on, the only question was when the Hawkettes would be traveling home with another tournament win under their belts. The answer was very soon.

After dominating Osage, the Hawkettes bid good-bye to Charles City 15-3, 15-8. The Hawkettes then convincingly beat St. Ansgar, and pounded conference foe Mason City 15-13, 14-16, and 15-0.

Then the spikers were in the championship game against Albert Lea. The Hawkettes sent the team back to Minnesota colder than when they entered Iowa. With a deliberate and controlled offense that would make any team envious, the Hawkettes soundly won the match 15-10, 15-9.

Ankeny had many elite performances, including 5 people with 20 or more kills. **Leah Heston** and **Lindsey Leonard** also had nine blocks each, while **Cori Verbeski** had 35 digs, **Lindsay Robinson** had 12 ace serves, and **Angie Nielsen** also had 94 ace sets.

"We really played well," said assistant coach **Kim Florke**, "This team is very strong and has been playing very well."

The Hawkettes clinched at least a share for the conference title when they defeated Fort Dodge 15-9, 15-8, 15-7 on Tuesday Oct. 15. The victory notched the Hawkettes the school record for victories, with 29.

The Hawkettes are rolling into the playoffs with a head full of steam and will be challenged early, the Hawkettes will be hunted this year, not hunting. "We are capable of beating some good teams, if we play up to our capabilities," said **Florke**.

her various sports related clothing to school.

The time students take to get ready for school also varies. **Cory Grant**, junior, said "I usually get up at 7:30 a.m. and leave my house by 8:00."

Senior **Jenny Anderson** takes a little more time to get ready in the morning. "I usually get up around 6:30 a.m. and leave my house in time for second hour."

Some of the Des Moines area trendy clothing stores include Limited, Youngers, Gap, American Eagle, Footlocker, Structure, and Goodwill.

Students at AHS get their fashion knowledge from many different sources. Magazines, movies, and music video stations, are very influential to teenagers. *Seventeen*, *YM*, and *Sports Illustrated* are a few of the magazines, and shows such as MTV's *House of Style* and VH1's fashion show keep young adults updated on the fashion world. Clothes from recent movies such as *Clueless*, *Empire Records*, and *Reality Bites* can be seen all over the mall.

Even though students can be influenced by movies and magazines, everyone has their own style, and fashion is in the eyes of the beholder.

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GOOD TEAM WORK

Angie Spooner asks Curt Long for help on her layout. Curt Long was one of three columnists, along with Alfred Moton and Mike Dahlstrom.



Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton

THE TALON STAFF

Left to Right Front row: Kelly Krause, Amber Danner, Carrie Johnson, Michael Dahlstrom, Jeremiah Hamilton, Lisa Arterburn, Mrs. Fields.

Back row: Genny Borich, Alissa Tolkakson, Angie Spooner, Katie Wittup, Matt Nuese, Nicki Evers, Alfred Moton, Jenny Waldschmitt, Ryan Struve, Maggie Vander Leest, Cheri Willardson.



EDITORS

Jenny Waldschmitt and Nicki Evers loved being editors for the *Talon*. It was tough, however, editing the work of their own peers and making decisions that affected others.



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MANY HIGH SCHOOL

Maggie Vander Leest works hard to make her work just right. Maggie was of the *Encore* and *Backside* editors along with co-editor Cheri Willardson.

DOING IT RIGHT

JaneAnne Jensen watches to make sure that Ryan Struve knows what he is doing while Cheri Willardson looks on. The two were the opinions page editors.



Run for the Ribbon

With the aid of Gina Gelatti, the Hawkette Cross country team surpassed their eighth place ranking; TJ Tollakson helped the Hawk runners hold on to a fourth place ranking in the state.

By Katie Shannon

Placing 1st at districts proved just how good both the Hawk and Hawkette teams were this year.

The Hawkettes began their season at midnight on August 1st. Regular practice followed, with the team running up to five miles some days. "The worst practice was the 15 downhill sprints," said Jill Nelson. But the hard practices paid off, for the Hawkettes placed first in most meets. With new runners like Rachel Johnson, varsity spots became an intense competition, and J.V. posted times just seconds below that of the lowest varsity.

On the flip side, the team of 43 runners for the Hawks set out to keep their fourth place ranking. With many returning runners and some new faces, the team kept up in the changing weather conditions and had a great season. "The worst thing about cross country was running in the rain, wind, and freezing cold," remarked Neal Schuett. Due to off-season training, many of the runners set personal records this season.



Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton



Photo by Katie Shannon

STATS

GIRLS MEET

Varsity Place		J.V. Place
1st	Ames Invit.	1st
1st	Hoover Invit.	1st
2nd	Marshalltown	2nd
2nd	Cedar Falls	1st
1st	Newton	1st
2nd	Urbandale	1st
1st	Ankeny	2nd
1st	CIML in Ames	1st
-	Ames	2nd
1st	District	-

BOYS MEET

Varsity Place		J.V. Place
2nd	Ames	3rd
2nd	Marshalltown	2nd
3rd	Cedar Falls	3rd
1st	Ankeny	2nd
1st	Eagle Grove	2nd
1st	CIML in Ames	1st
N/A	Ames	1st
1st	District	N/A

Quick W

rap-up



Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen

Off with a bang, the members of the boys cross country team ran with zest despite the cold weather and new course. On the opposite page, bottom left, **Bryce Good, Cory Grant, and Joe Earp** led the eleventh grade race and the team to a second place finish.

Keeping a steady pace is the key to finishing a race in good time. On the opposite page, bottom right, **Katie Egli** looks toward the end of the course. With warm temperatures and a repeatative course, the race at Hoover was easily won by Ankeny runners.

Friendships formed in cross country are one of the best things about being on the team. Giving **Rachel Johnson** a hug, **Kenna Rasmussen** wishes her teammate good-luck.



Photo by Katie Shannon

At top: Stretching after a meet is a key to preventing injuries. **Nate Esser, Marcus Murphy, Jeremy Trask, and Brian Pauly** finish cooling down after a race.

Above: Preparing mentally and physically for the toughest meet of the season, **Jill Nelson, '97, and Megan Block, '98,** stretch and think about the race ahead.



TEAM PHOTO GIRLS:

Jenny Anderson, Kirsten Greenough, Meghan Van Auwelaer, Jill Nelson, Gina Gelatti, Angie Spooner, Rachel Johnson, Meghan Dickson. Middle Row: Krissy Bennett, Abby Dwyer, Windy Clark, Kelly Lichtenstein, Rachel Linderman, Bryony Jones, Jenny Blair, Katy Shequist, Kelsey Singletary, Chrissy Hendricks, Melissa Beaman, Katie Shannon. Top Row: Katie Frank, Nicole Anderson, Rachel Dierenfield, Katie VanderLinden, Jenny Doman, Kelsey Marsh, Jenny Abbott, Kirsten Buck, Katie Egli, Amber Berglund, Kenna Rasmussen, Michelle Kaiser, Mandy Willey, Lindsay Pace, Meghan Block.



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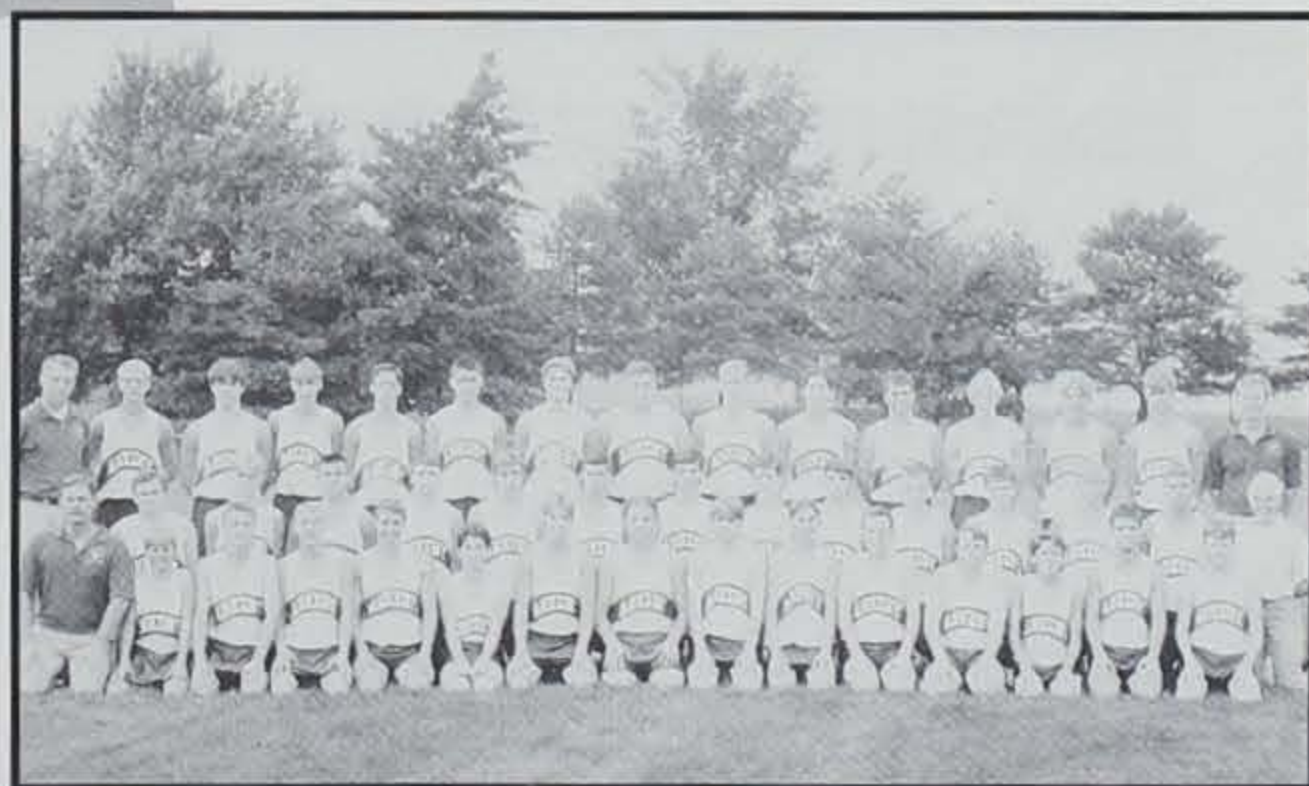


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TEAM PHOTO BOYS: Coach Max Corely, Marcus Murphy, Jacob Anderson, Justin Schlicher, TJ Tollakson, Curtis Simmons, Aaron Wilson, Nick Rohrer, Corey Metzger, Nate Esser, Josh Shaver, Brian Thompson, Nate Breman, Scott Demstetter, Aaron Pitts. Middle Row: Erick Hayes, Dan Henderson, Corey Grant, Nate Carrington, Heath Ruth, Jeremy Trask, Neal Schuett, Adam Strand, Jason Baedke, Bryce Good, Aaron Ruff, Scott Crawford, Ryan Broich, Christy Spalding (mgr). Top Row: Coach Kyle Benna, Joe Beveridge, Pat Wells, David Spalding, Joe Earp, Jason Peppers, Matt McDermott, Ben Jones, Chris Slania, Andy Lynch, Brian Pauly, Mike Naylor, Brett Wiuff, Sean McClure, Coach Steve Arneson.

"I swim, run, and canoe everyday to prepare for cross country," **Brain Pauly** 51.



STATS

Us	Opponent	Them
49	Marshalltown	13
10	WDM Valley	28
17	Indianola	21
28	Urbandale	27
18	Ames	26
28	Fort Dodge	14
35	Ottumwa	12
31	Mason City	16
14	Newton	39

Best Passing Team 1,530:
Ryan Justice 1,471 yds.

Punting:
Todd Sievers 1332 yds
37.8 avg.

Rushing:
Adam Bengt 121-756 yds.

Pass Interceptions:
Curt Long (3)

Bandit Points:
Jason Gassmann 123 pts.

Most Tackles:
Jason Gassmann (97)

Leading Receivers:
Kyle Bolejack 31- 542 yds.
Brett Adams 21- 308 yds.
Matt Fredericksen 16- 206
Adam Bengt 16-178 yds.

Scoring Leaders:
Kyle Bolejack 9 TD (56)
Todd Sievers 30 XP 4FG

It's more than The Score

The Hawks were close to winning all of their losses, but they came up a few points and a few minutes short. The most emotional win of the season came at Urbandale with the Hawks coming out on top 28-27 in overtime.

By Danielle Rethmeier

Although a state trophy was not brought home to AHS, many other records were set this season. With the arm of **Ryan Justice** throwing for 1,469 yards, the team set the record for Best Passing Team in Ankeny history with a total of 1,530 yards.

The Hawks had a great amount of talent, and this was proven when the all-conference teams were chosen at the end of the season. **Darby Rauser**, guard, and **Todd Sievers**, kicker, were both selected to 1st Team Offense. **Jason Gassmann**, linebacker, was chosen for 1st Team Defense. 2nd Team Offense included **Kyle Bolejack**, end, **Matt Ryherd**, tackle, **Ryan Justice**, quarterback, and **Adam Bengt**, running back. A place on 2nd team Defense was decided for **Chaney Smith**, lineman, and **Curt Long**, defensive back. Five players received honorable mention from Ankeny. They were **Joe Ferin**, **Clay Newman**, **Nate Miltenberger**, **Ryan Blahauvietz**, and **Brett Adams**.

Although the season did not end in a trophy at the state championships, it will still be remembered.



Photo by Jackie Frisk



Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen

52 "Next time I go to the Dave Matthews Band concert, I'll grab the tickets before I make it to Ames and realized I don't have them." **Jenny Waldschmitt**

Quick W

rap-up

Shane Frisk, Bob Campbell, and other players huddle up on the opposite page bottom left. "Not one game in your senior year is taken for granted, because you realize that it is the last time you will step on the field in competition," said Campbell.

Running the ball against Marshalltown, Adam Benge makes his way through the Bobcats defense on the opposite page bottom left. Benge was one of the Hawks leading receivers for the 1996 season, scoring six touchdowns for the running for 756 yards.

Despite defensive efforts, Joe Ferin was not able to intercept the pass from the Fort Dodge player on the bottom of this page. With a very productive season for Ferin, he had an interception against Ottumwa.

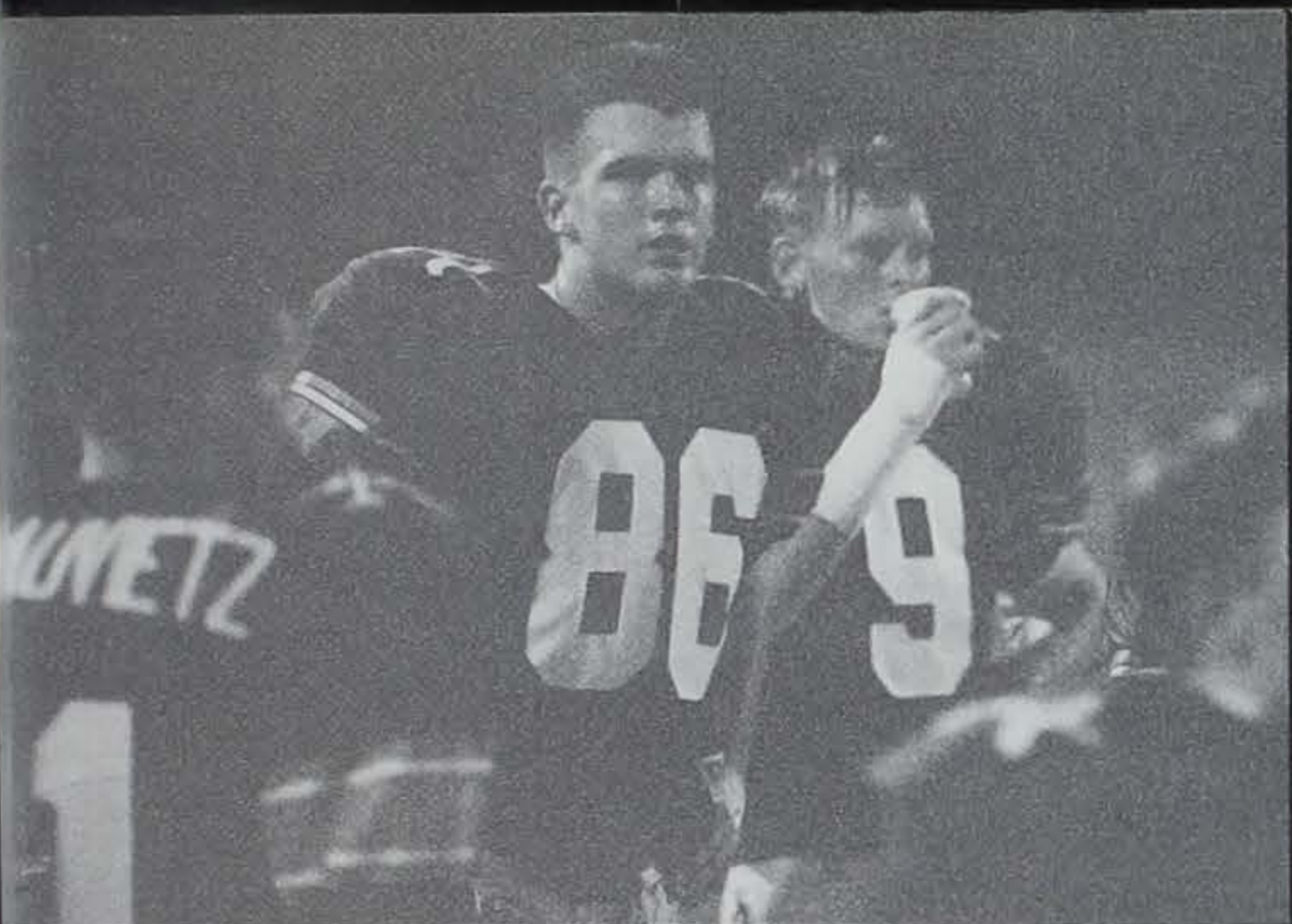


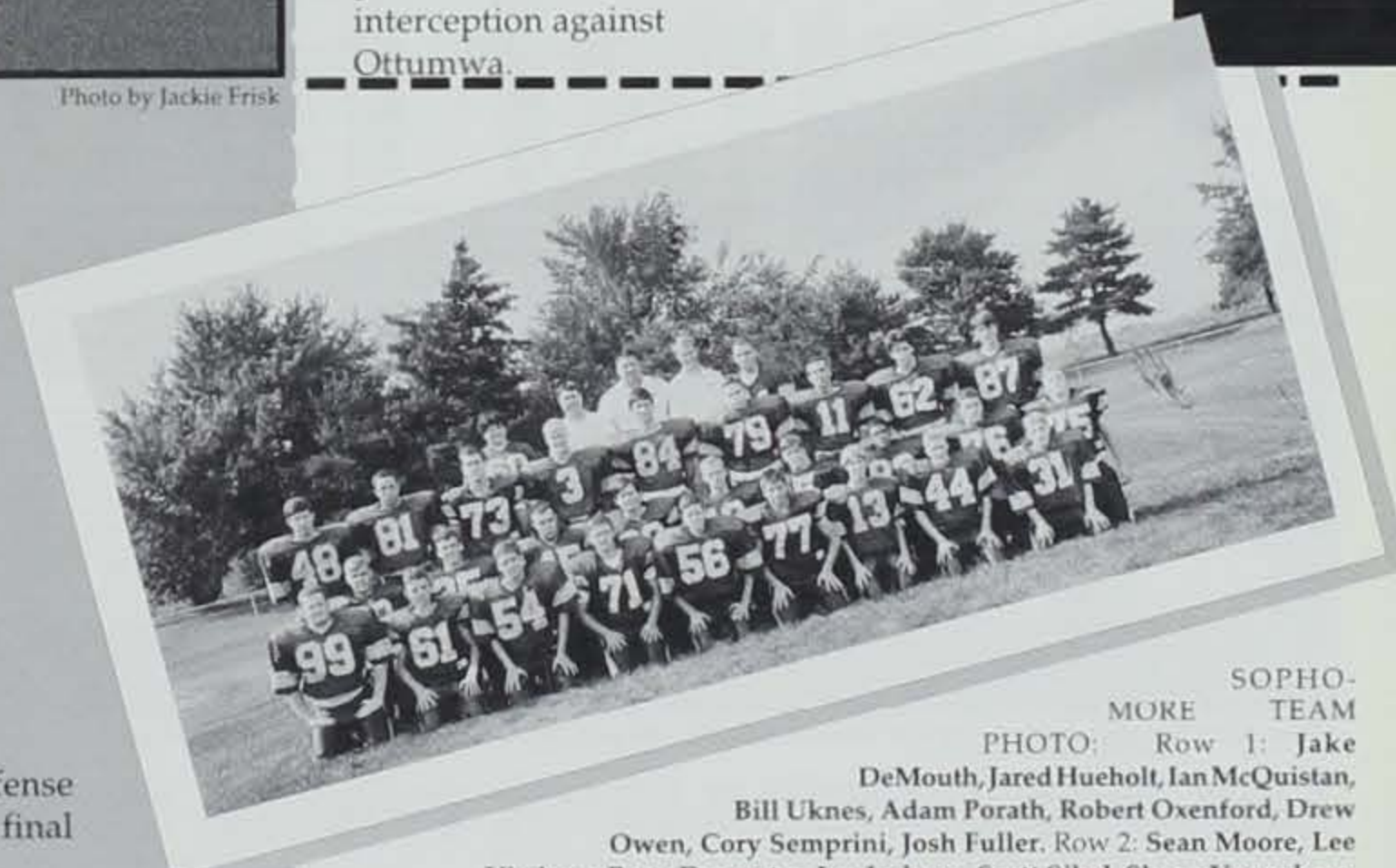
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At Top: Time out for Shane Frisk and Clay Newman. These two defense players did their job, and now it was just up to the offense to get the final score that wins.

Above: Shane Frisk follows Todd Sievers at kickoff time. Todd had 43 kickoffs for a total of 2,383 yards. Todd also attempted 8 field goals and he scored on 4.



SOPHO-

MORE TEAM

PHOTO: Row 1: Jake

DeMouth, Jared Hueholt, Ian McQuistan,

Bill Uknes, Adam Porath, Robert Oxenford, Drew

Owen, Cory Semprini, Josh Fuller. Row 2: Sean Moore, Lee

Virchow, Ryan Dempster, Jon Jackson, Scott Sibel, Shane Vonnahme,

Jake Bagby, Rick Stradley, Jon Burright. Row 3: Ryan Guldenpfennig, B.J. Brent,

Joe Mentzer, Jason Happe, Eric Boyles, Tim Waldschmitt, Jason Schomer, Dave

Wisnosky, Casey Presnal. Row 4: Mary Foster, Coach Sharp, Coach Fontana, Coach

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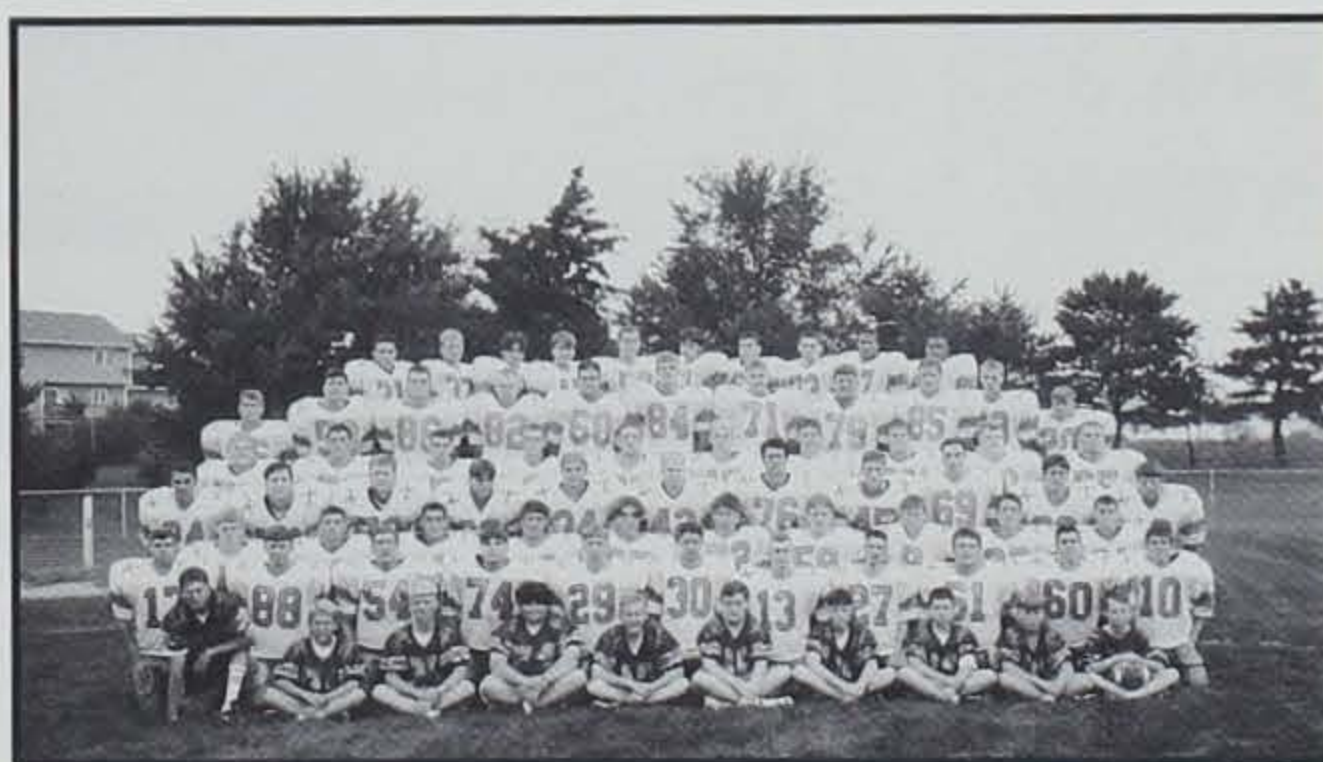
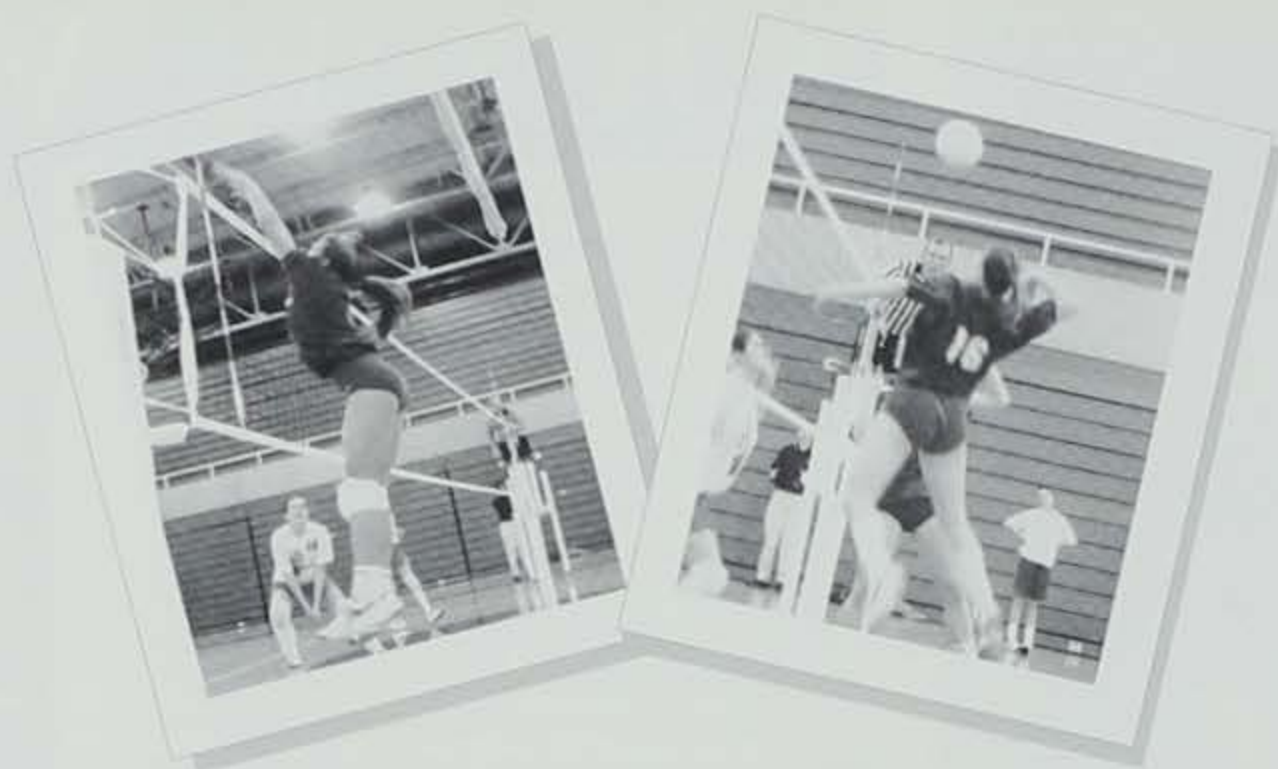


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Kyle Goodmanson, Bubba Pitts, Dan Presler, Mary Foster, Cody Cooper, Josh Drummond, Andy Becker, Ryan Sharp, Ryan Burright, and Bryan Adams. Row 2: Jake Moore, Chris Roberts, Marcus Pitts, David Selken, Jeremy Spillman, Josh Arringdale, Jeff McDermott, Wyatt Meyer, Adam Matson, Ken Abbott, A.J. Fink. Row 3: Ryan Keifer, Curt Long, Kyle Bolejack, Scott McQuistan, Jesse Saathoff, Brad Fremming, Josh Madden, Shane Frisk, Adam Benge, Ryan Blahauvietz. Row 4: Ryan Mulhall, Tim Whitaker, J.T. Sampson, Charlie Cain, Scott Phillips, Jason Gassmann, Ross Bierl, Ryan Hallenbeck, Jason Millican, Nate Johnson, Brant Ausenhus. Row 5: Matt Ryherd, Nate Miltenberger, Brett Adams, Ryan Justice, Matt Arend, Todd Seivers, Justin Loutsch, Josh Lukenbill, Andy McGuire, Darly Rauser. Row 6: Bob Campbell, Pete McPherson, Clay Newman, Jason Buschow, Jason Hill, Josh Happe, David Northwick, Alan Bush, Luke Wilson, Matt Fredericksen, Jared Beard. Row 7: Jeremy Bellach, Brad Pederson, John Carroll, Jack Leverenz, Aaron Rosenberger, Kris Swihart, Joe Ferin, Bryan Eichenberger, Nate Bagby, Chaney Smith.



First Time Around

The Hawkettes first trip to the State Tournament at the Five Seasons Center netted them a first round victory. To get there took lots of work and with that work came a CIML national conference championship.

by Danielle Rethmeier

The Ankeny Hawkettes Volleyball season started off with a bang and never stopped. With a three game sweep of S.E. Polk 15-2, 15-11, 15-4, the Hawkettes stated a point of dominance for the season to come.

The Hawkettes drew arch rival Urbandale in the second round of districts. They had defeated Urbandale earlier in the season in a grueling 5 set match. The dominance of the Hawkettes was no match for the J-Hawks this time however, Ankeny pulled out the win 15-9, 15-4, 15-13. The Hawkettes blew past their next opponent to win the first ever trip to the state tournament in AHS history.

The state tournament was a new experience for the Hawkettes, but what they did in their first round match was not. They took Waterloo West into a five set match that ended in a Hawkettes victory 15-13, 5-15, 16-14, 6-15, 15-11. The Hawkettes then lost in the second round to the eventual state champion Dubuque Wahlert.

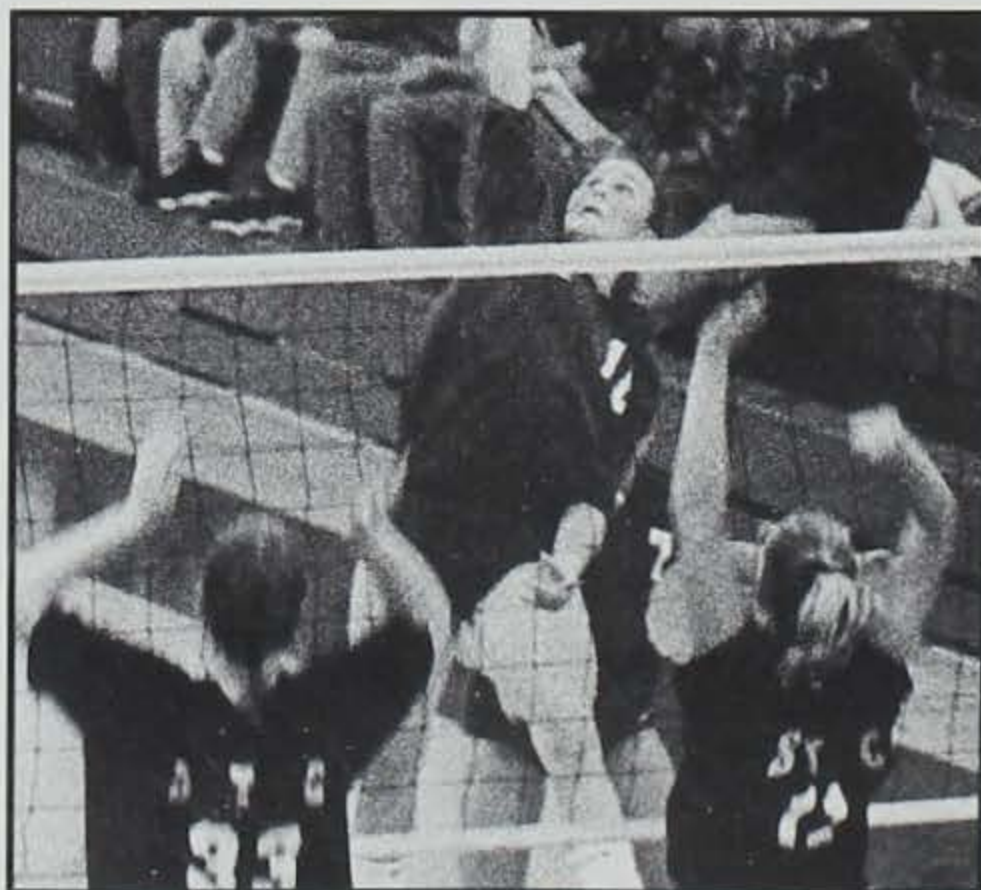


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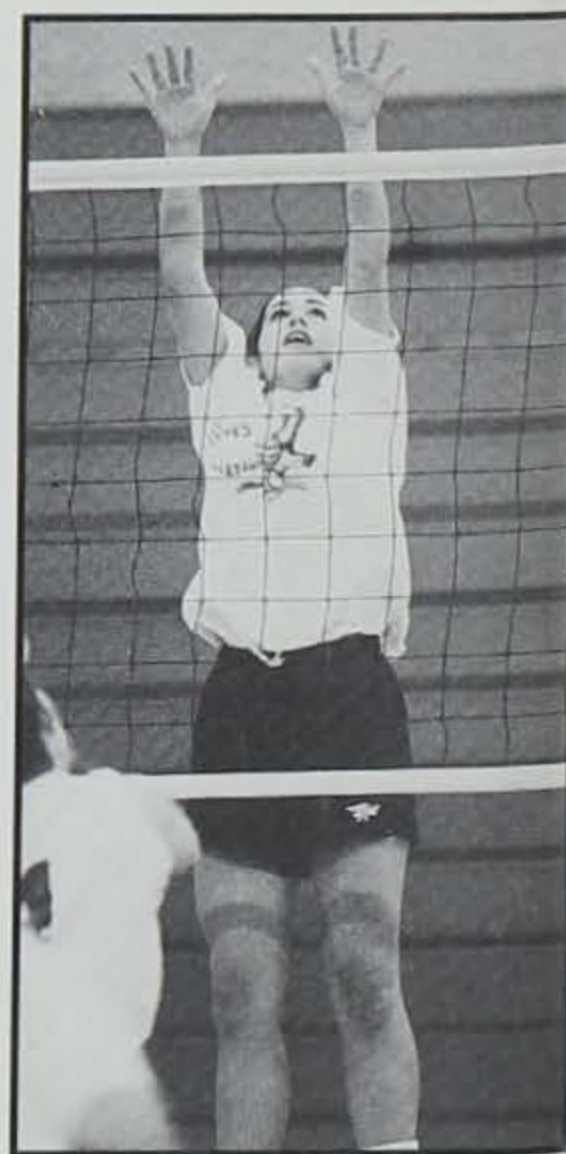


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SE Polk 15-2,15-11,15-4
Winterset 15-1,15-3
G.P.B. 5-15,12-15
Indianola 15-5,15-10
Roosevelt 11-3,11-0
Dowling 11-1,11-0
Clarion-Goldfield 11-5,11-5
Valley 13-12,5-11
Hoover 12-10,11-0
Lincoln 11-0,11-0
Forest City 11-8,11-2
Hoover 11-1,11-3
Roosevelt 11-5,11-2
Lincoln 15-2,15-8
Ames 15-10,15-12,15-5
Belle Plain 15-7,15-3
Clear Lake 15-4,15-10
Cedar Falls 17-15,15-7
Clear Lake 15-4,15-4
Dike 15-12,9-15,15-12
Urbandale 16-18,15-12,12-15,15-7,15-11
Valley 15-7,15-7,13-15,15-9
S. Tama 15-7,15-6,13-15,15-3
Marshalltown 15-7,15-7,15-9
North Scott 15-0,15-6
Dub. Hempstead 11-15,7-15
IC High 3-15,15-10
Bettendorf 12-15,13-15
Madison 15-10,11-15,13-15
Newton 10-15,15-10,15-8,12-15,15-20
Osage 15-4,15-3
Charles City 15-3,15-8
St. Ansgar 15-3,15-8
Mason City 15-0,15-8,15-6
Albert Lea 15-10,15-9
Fort Dodge 15-9,15-7,15-8
Hoover 15-9,15-0,15-10
Urbandale 15-9,15-4,15-13
C.Bluffs AL 15-7,15-4,15-7
Waterloo 15-13,5-15,16-14,6-15,15-11
Dubuque 6-15,9-15,3-15

Quick W rap-up

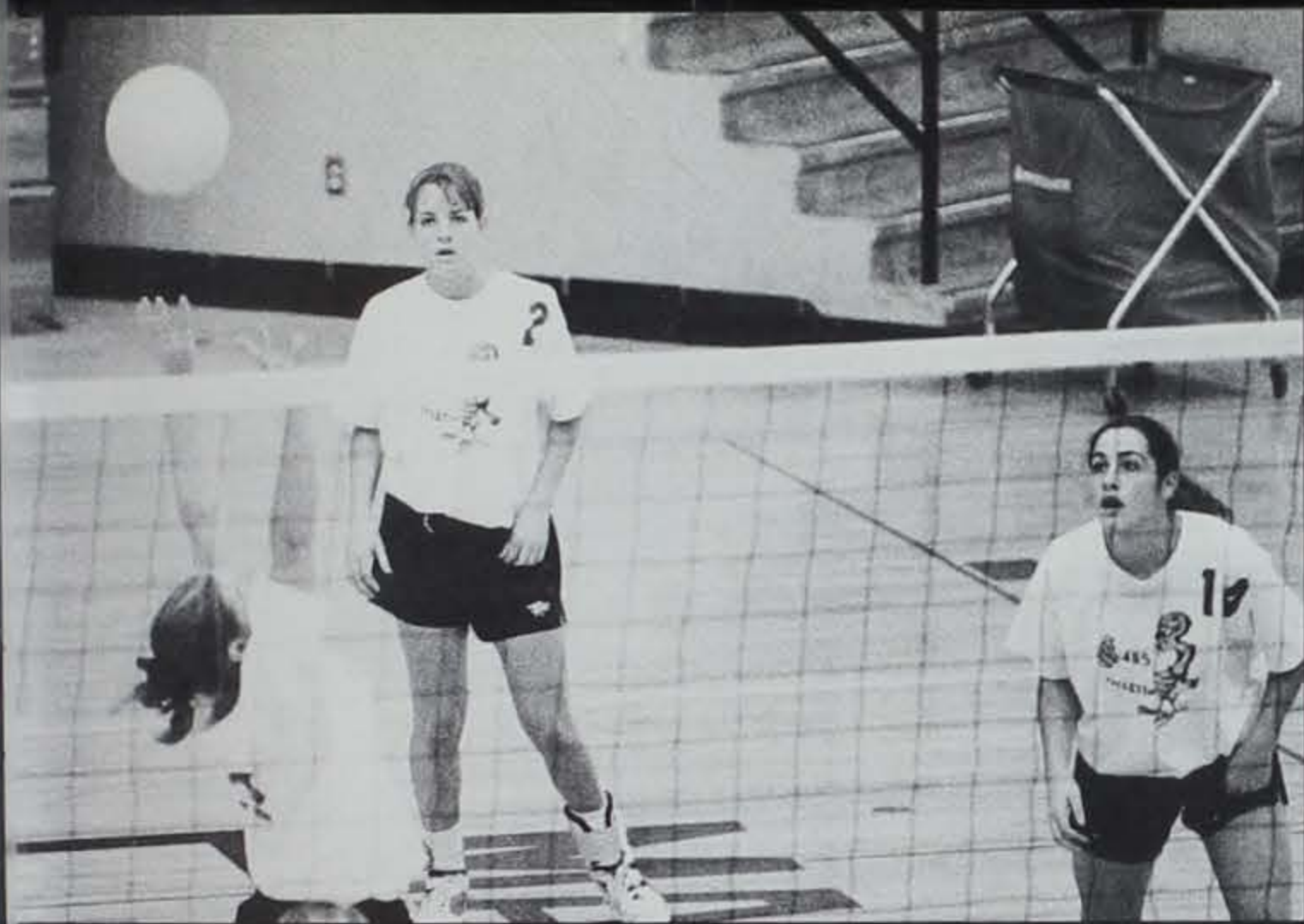


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At Top: Setting the ball up for Heather Duncan or T.C. Clawson is Shauna Frisk. Frisk and Elizabeth Murphy were the two setters to play for the sophomore team.

Above: Emily Schneider is in serve receive position, while behind her the other two front row hitters are ready to switch positions. This was a common procedure, because different players were stronger in certain hitting positions than others.



SOPHO-

MORE TEAM

PHOTO: Row 1: Elizebeth

Murphy, Kirsten Leib, Amanda

Trosper, Julie Albright, Angie Eicheenseer,

Kristel Judas, Amy Pitts, Wendy Johnson, Alison Esser.

Row 2: Nikki Rude, Emily Schreiter, Heather Duncan, Aecia Ashby,

T.C. Clawson, Trina Belzog, Kelly Lansbach. Row 3: Roxanne

Powell, Rachael Roland, Shauna Frisk, Nicole Roland, Julie Loven,

Misty Wilson, Patrice Jones, Kari Friest.

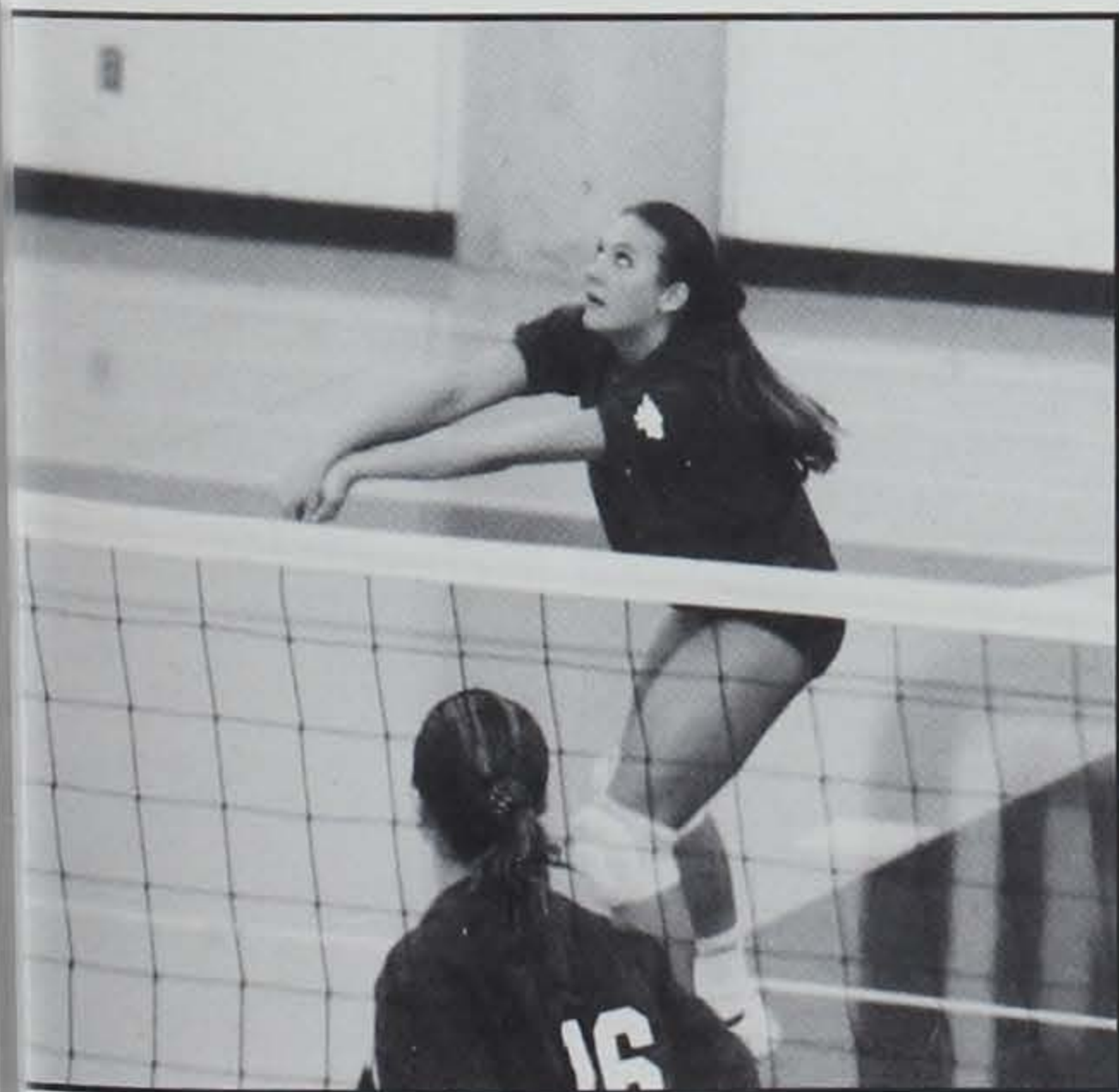


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Tiffany Schmidt, Laura Aschoff, Missy Voigt, Michelle Cunningham Row 2: Sarah Schreurs, Alia Moya, Angie Nielsen, Kim Kopacek, Abbie Schreurs, Cori Verbeski Row 3: Coach Carlson, Amanda Waalk, Tracy Jones, Tabby Clawson, Lindsay Leonard, Lindsay Robinson, Coach Florke



Swimming To Success

With the most successful season in school history, the Hawkette swimming team broke nine records. If that wasn't enough, the Hawkettes finished the season 7-2, and finished in the top two in their invites as well as third at districts.

By: Nikie Johnson

Why was this year so successful for the Hawkette swim team? There were many reasons, according to team members. The team not only practiced every day after school from 3:15 to 5:45, they also had practice two mornings a week from 6-7:30 a.m. and had optional practices on two other mornings. As Marla Ballard put it, "The teamwork this year was great! It wasn't an individual thing; we were working together as a team, for the team."

All their hard work paid off. They had a 7-2 record, plus their second place finish at the Marshalltown invite, their first place finish at the Urbandale invite, and the third place they earned at Districts. Also, nine team records were set by Kelsey McCarville, Rachel Roth, Alissa Tollakson, Sarah VanOort, Erin Schwendinger, Amanda Gibbons, and all three relay teams.



Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen



Photo by Lisa Arterburn

STATS

Us	Opponent	Them
93	Ames	77
114	Urbandale	56
63	Valley	120
75	Marshalltown	95
75	Newtown	49
117	Ft. Dodge	63
134	Spencer	36
51	Ottumwa	43
78	Keokuk	17
121	Mason City	49

Marshalltown Invitational
2nd place of 8

Urbandale Invitational
1st place of 8

Districts
3rd place of 9

State Meet
32nd place

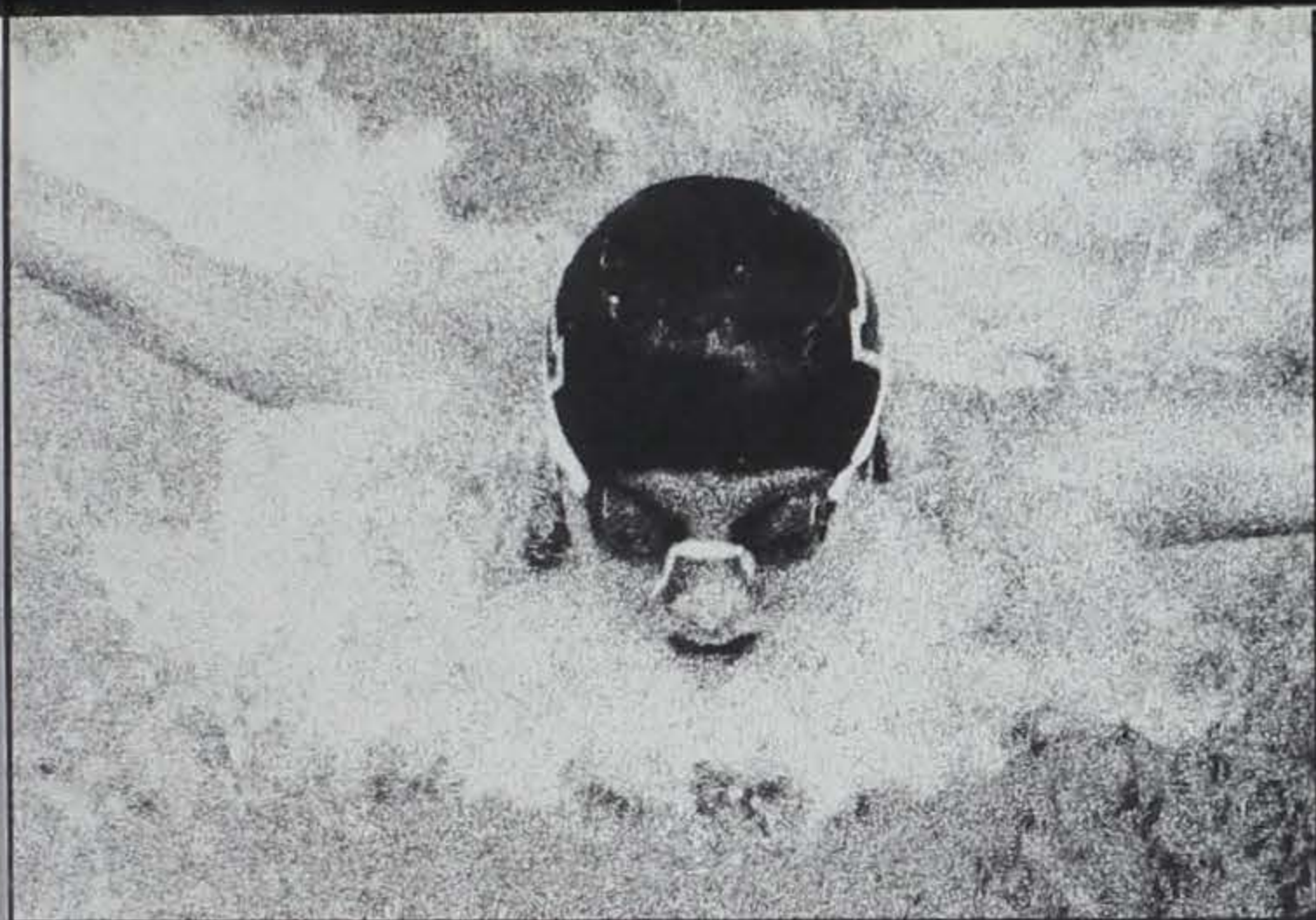


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Quick W

rap-up

Doing the backstroke on the opposite page bottom left is **Tabitha Norgaard**. In the meet against Mason City, she came in second, with her personal best time of 2:37.60 in the 200 IM. The team set a whopping five records at the Mason City meet.

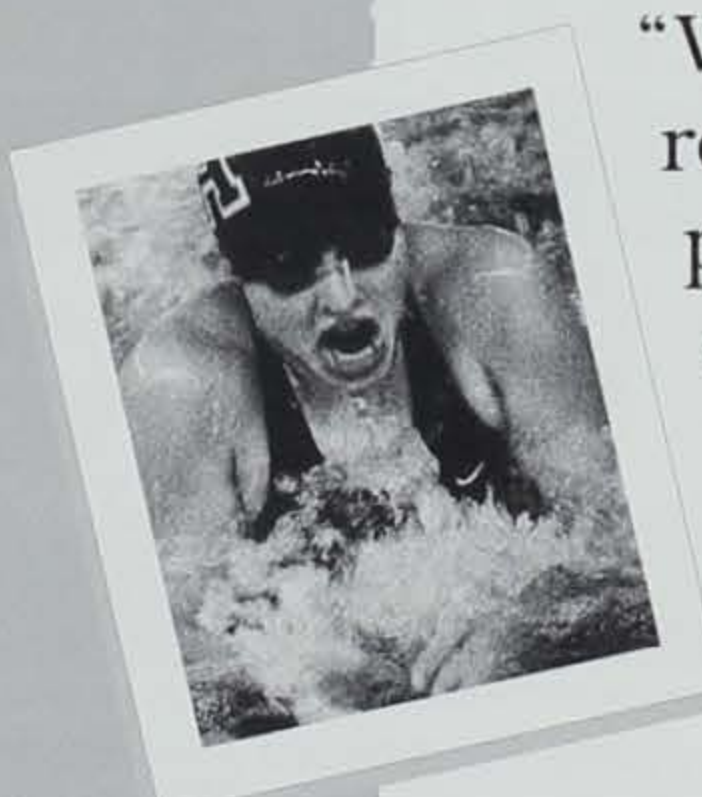
Lined up here and ready for the whistle, **Marla Ballard**, opposite page bottom right, is prepared to jump in. **Ballard** swam in the 50 m freestyle and the 100 m breaststroke.

Leaning on each other for moral support, **Rachel Roth** and **Alissa Tollakson** mentally prepare themselves to swim. They helped each other get ready for their last relay of the season-the state meet.



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Top: In this medley relay, **Amanda Cross** digs in for the win. She helped the medley team set a new school record at the state meet. Bottom: The 200 m medley team of **Allisa Tollakson**, **Sarah Van Oort**, **Marla Ballard**, and **Ginny Borich** are lined up nervously. They came in first in this meet against Ames.



"We improved our record drastically, and proved ourselves to be one of the top ten teams in the state. I couldn't have asked for a better year!" -

Sarah Van Oort



Photo by Lisa Arterburn



Photo by Tom Brown Photography

TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Coach Nordby, Kelsey McCarville, Rachel Roth, Libby Berg, Libby Lindstrom, Coach Meyers. Row 2: Lindsey Grieve, Michelle Anderson, Sarah Decker, Rachel Norgaard, Alissa Tollakson, Erin Schwendinger, Nikki Gordinier, Leigh Ann Lange. Row 3: Amanda Cross, Sarah Van Oort, Jamie Townsend, Ginny Borich, Shelley McQuinn, Marla Ballard, Sara Magnuson, Tabitha Norgard, Amanda Gibbons. Not Pictured: Sarah Duncan, Eye Onamool, May Leelakajornkij.



Par for the Course

Playing with only one senior on varsity, the boy's golf team had to find a way to win their meets. With leaders Mike La Bounty and Sean McCalley, the Hawks never gave up and made an outstanding showing in their conference.

By Heather Gomez

"This was a very young team. Most of them will be returning next season. We would like to take our game to the next level," said coach Marlan Cunningham regarding the 1996 golf season. "It was, indeed, full of twists and turns with this young team."

By the fourth meet of the year the team was faring well. Greg Eckles led the Hawks shoot in a 34 along with Jeff Webb firing a 36. Brett Lee and Chance Chestnut were the only seniors on this team, and helped lead the Junior Varsity team to a successful season.

At the end of the season, there were nine letterwinners with six averaging at least a 40 stroke round. The team had come a long way by this time. They ended fifth in the conference and were only one stroke from qualifying for state. "Golf's great, we get to miss the most school of any sport," said Greg Eckles.



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Quick W

rap-up

"Golf my senior year was like no other season. It was the most fun but I played the worst."

Chance Chestnut expresses how the season went for many players.

On the opposite page bottom left, **Jason Krause** works on his stroke in practice, helping the Hawks to a fifth place finish in the conference.

On the opposite page bottom left, **Mike LaBounty** concentrates on his swing during one of the meets this season.

Greg Eckles putts his way to a 41 against Marshalltown at the bottom of the page. Eckles will return to help lead the Hawks next season.



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At Top: Returning Letterwinner **Greg Eckles** tests out his stroke at practice. "If our fan attendance reaches the double didgets, it could get us over the hump!"

Above: Firing from the tee, **Zach Hamilton** starts his 1996-97 golf season out right with a 39 in his first meet.



FRESH-
MAN-SOPHO-
MORE TEAM PHOTO: Row 1:

Matt Carmody, Luke Struther, Adam Nihart, Marc Biga, Andy Fausch, Jeff Webb, Mark Fuchtmann, Mike La Bounty, Row 2: Alan Pothast, Nick Marler, Matt McCollaugh, Brandon Miller, Matt Schreurs, Jordan Carleton, Brian Teeter, Row 3: Mike Morr, Brian Lorenz, Jon Shaw, Adam Meilike, Ben Schreurs, Matt May, Chris Nicol.

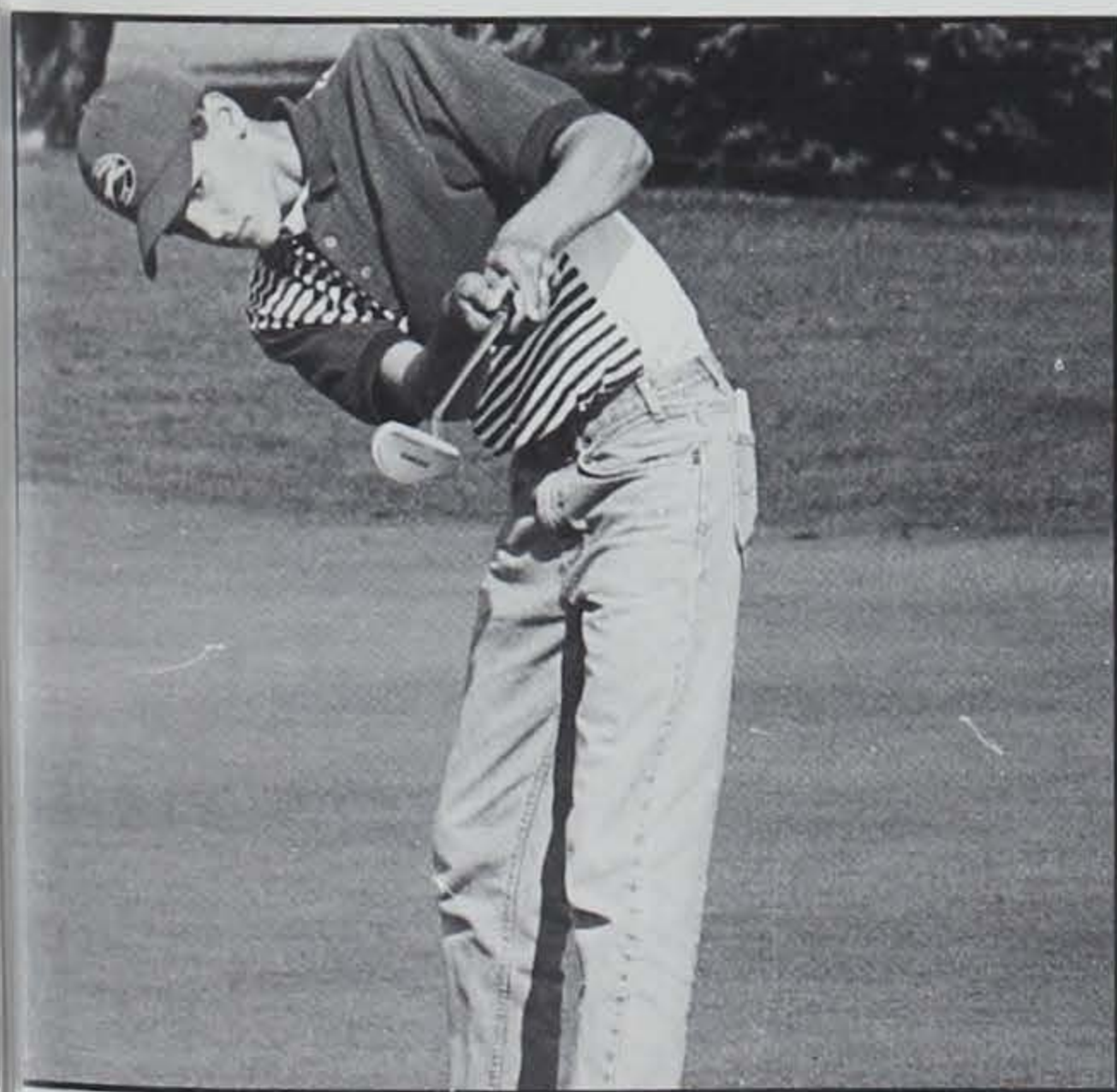


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VARSITY TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Zach Hamilton, Justin Dyar, Nate Adamson, Kem Saichaie, Greg Eckles, Row 2: Scott Canfield, Breet Lee, Johnathon Linder, Ben Hendricks, Eric Clabaugh, Row 3: Shawn Stadlerman, Chance Chestnut, Jason Krause, Travis Grandgeorge, Peter Nessa, Sean McCauley

auto raters

Mr. Rains has been working for Ankeny High School for 22 years. He is the auto lab teacher, and helps teach driver's ed. In his spare time, he drag races at Eddyville Speedway. His favorite cars are Corvettes and Camaros. Students of Mr. Rains's had many interesting comments to say about him.

"Mr. Rains is a great teacher. He's really good at relating things in terms kids can understand." Cori Kuhn

In auto maintenance, students learn the basics of taking care of their cars, such as changing flat tires and changing their oil.

Auto Classes

The auto engines class learns how to take an engine apart, then measure and clean the parts and put it back together.

Students who take the tune-up class learn how to diagnose problems in the car's computer system. They also learn a little maintenance.

Chassis and suspension class is where students learn about the brakes and steering system of a car. They learn how to align the wheels and balance tires.



Photo by Nikie Johnson

ABOVE Hard at work, **Jeremy Trask** and **Jeremy Davis** fix the air filter in their auto shop car. Students worked on all parts of engines.

RIGHT Reaching for his tool, **Wyatt Kilgore** makes his adjustments. When not working on cars, students work on separate engine parts.

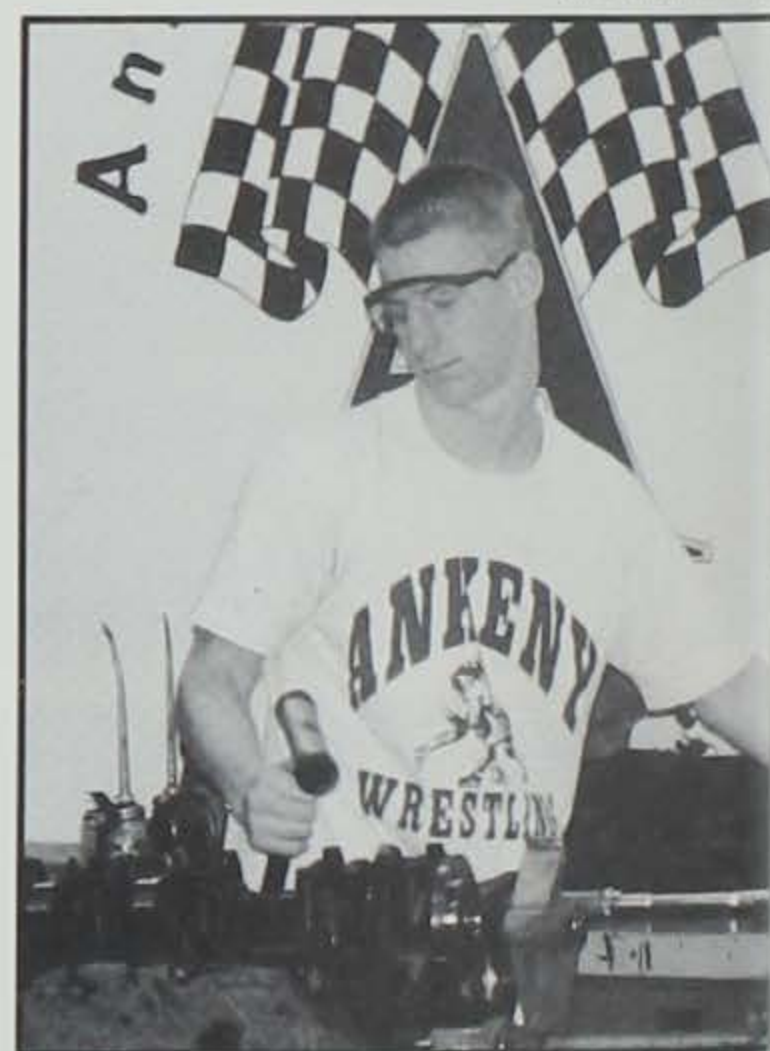


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BELOW After seeing what is wrong, **Jesse Saathoff** and **Terry Stober** can decide how to fix the truck. Students often worked together in class.



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"I took Auto Mechanics to learn more about the way a car runs so I can avoid getting screwed over when I need repairs done. That, and I like to work on cars."
Joanna Lincoln

"The reason I took this class was to learn more about the inside and outside of my car."
Charlie Cain

"I took this class so I can fix my car and save money instead of paying a mechanic and I did!"
Ryan Tucci

"In class, we work on engines and check that the cars are running right."
Drew Purcell

"I wish I could have had time in my schedule to take this class. I would have learned a lot about my car. I do think that this is a class that any girl in school could take."
Kari Engh

Manual Shift

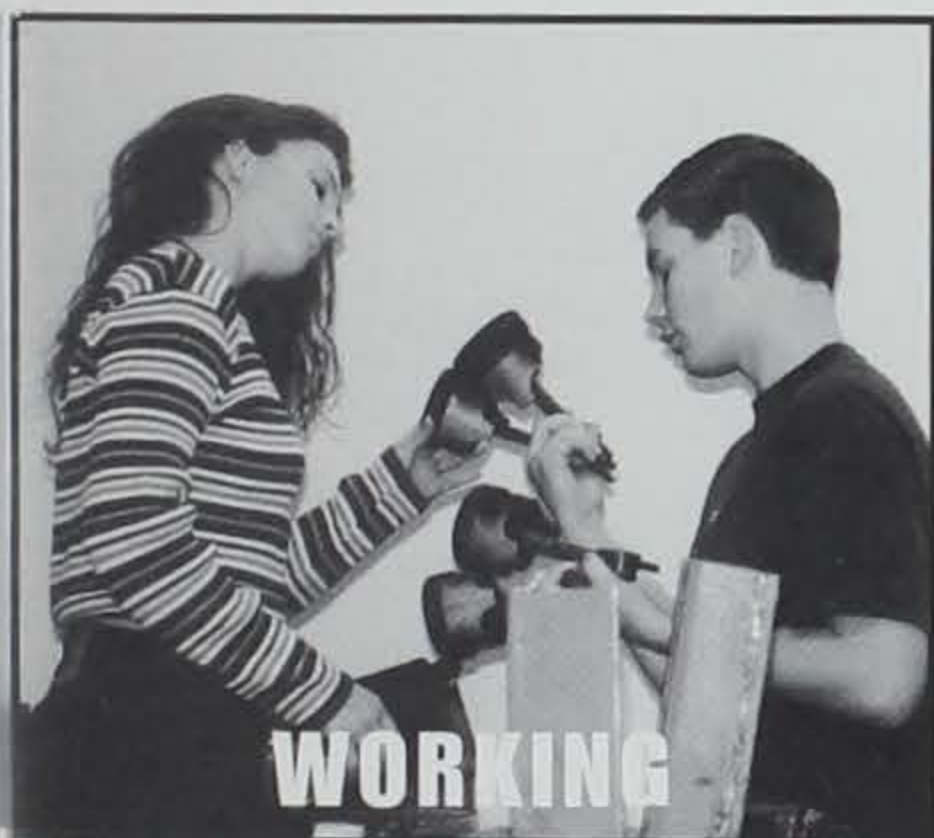


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Last October 23, **Joanna Lincoln** and **Matt Porath** competed in the sixth annual Iowa Geo Metro Ethanol Challenge, a hundred mile race that measured not speed, but who earned the best gas mileage at the end of the race.

High schools throughout Iowa entered teams of two students, which were provided by a local Chevy dealership with a new car filled with Ethanol-blend fuel.

Starting at 10 a.m. in the Valley West Mall parking lot, teams raced to Pella, the halfway point, obeying all traffic laws and going over the minimum speed limit. **Lincoln** used many techniques to keep the gas mileage down, such as not playing the radio and using the wipers as little as possible, even though it was raining. "It didn't save gas, but it worked the engine less," said Lincoln.

The teams returned after lunch. Porath was driving into a head wind, so he stayed directly behind Ames's car to break the wind.

When they got back, a "Victory Party" was held at McDonalds, while judges tallied the results. The winners were Lincoln and Porath with an average of 48.75 miles per gallon. Each received a \$75 gift certificate for Ethanol fuel, a mountain bike, and \$1,000 for Ankeny's auto lab.

WORKING in class, **Matt Porath** and **Jo Lincoln** examine some pistons. **Kyle McGraw** is being extra CAREFUL, since he's working on his own truck. CONCENTRATING on his work, **Brian Witt** makes one last adjustment. After working together for so long, this Auto Engines class is like a TEAM.



Photo by Nikie Johnson

top raters

Students spent many hours in PE class this past year. Everyone developed a favorite sport or way to exercise. When students were asked what their favorite activity was many had no trouble picking one out.

"Why is it that the girls never get the gym unless the guys don't want it." Brook Silliman

Top Ten Activities

1. SWIMMING
2. VOLLEYBALL
3. BOWLING
4. ROLLER BLADING
5. WEIGHT TRAINING
6. SOCCER
7. HOCKEY
8. BASKETBALL
9. PING PONG
10. TENNIS



"Some of the games we play are fun and some are really boring."

Tracy Wood

"People PE is a really good and fun experience."

Shanda Flippo

"It is very unfair that the guys always get the big gym."

Melissa Thompson

"There never seems to be enough time to do anything really fun."

Jennifer Abbott

"People PE is a good experience for everyone in the class, I really enjoy it."

Caiya Lierman

Taking time for fun during swimming class **James Mardock** and some of his classmates play water basketball. Swimming was taken for two or three weeks opposite of badmitten, ping pong, and soccer.

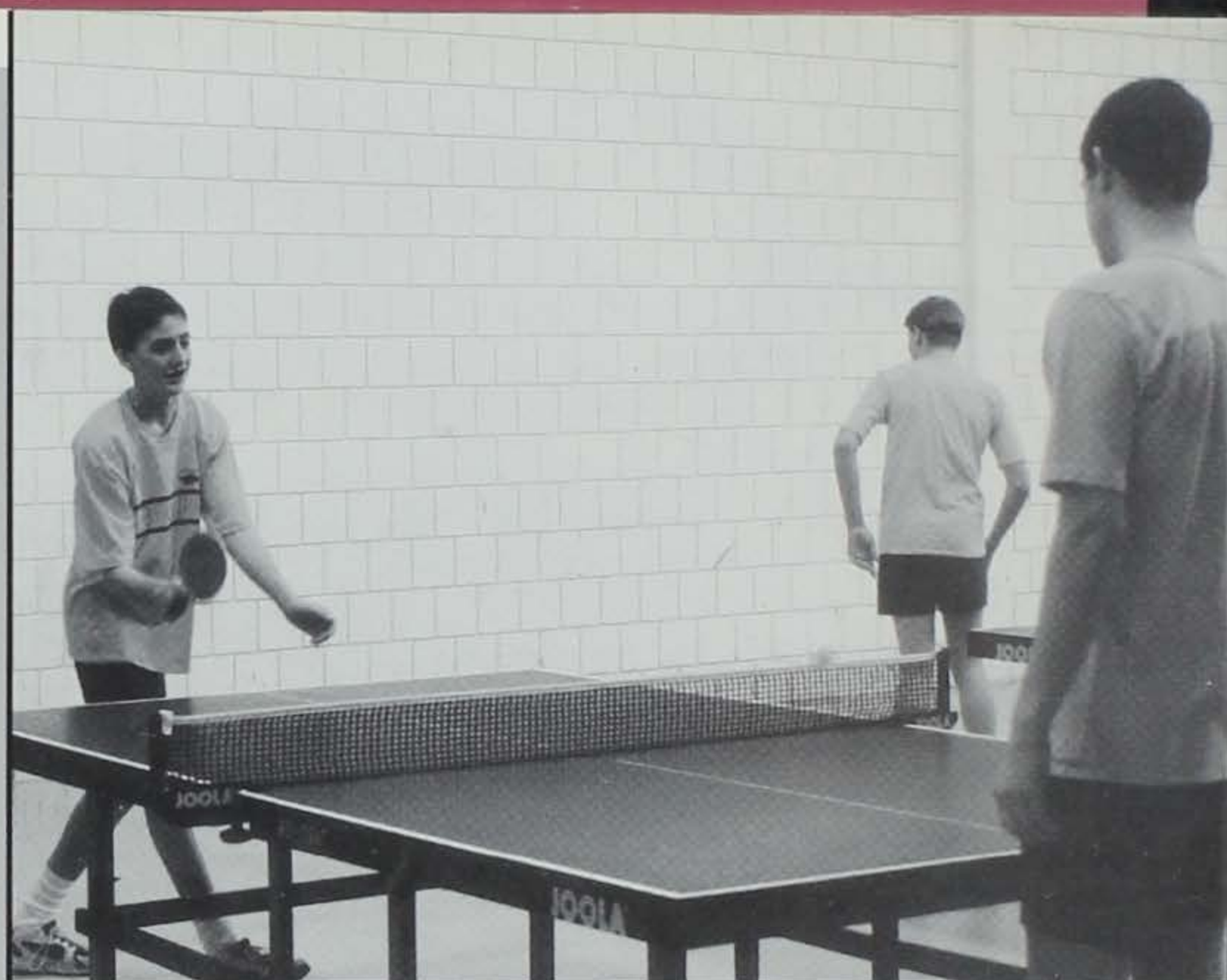


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ABOVE. **Nick Brennan** attempts to defeat his opponent in a ping pong tournament. Ping pong was played for three weeks, opposite of badmitten and swimming.

RIGHT. During swimming class **Sean McCauly, James Mardock, Jake Orsland, and Nik Chandler** take some time to play basketball after working on their strokes.



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BELOW. **Mr. Schneider's** gym class participates in a ping pong tournament. Ping pong was played for two or three weeks opposite of badmitten, swimming, and soccer.



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Shaping Up

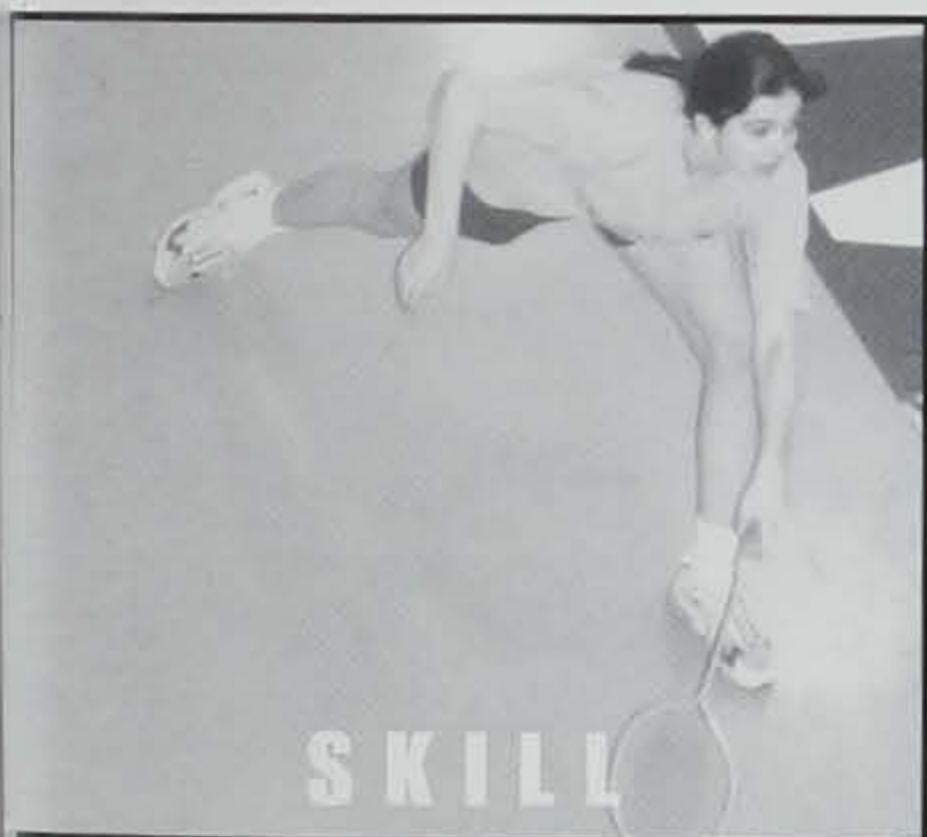


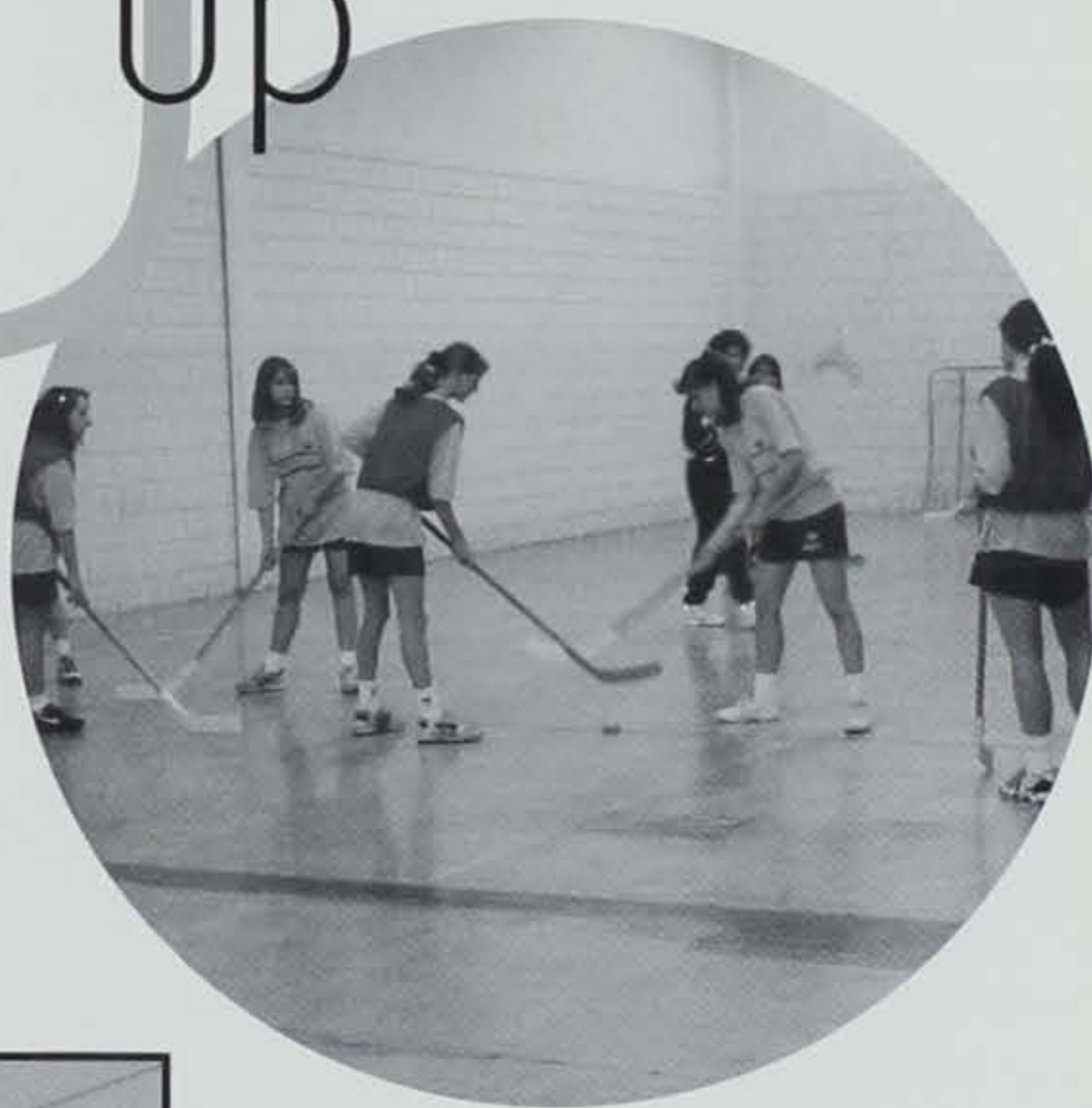
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by **Heather Gomez**

Physical fitness is part of almost everyone's life. The maroon and gold uniforms are a familiar sight around the school, are but maybe not so popular with students, "I would like it better if we could choose are own gym clothes," said **Audi Penniman**.

Since the YMCA was added to the school building, students have had access to the swimming pool, weight rooms, cardiovascular room, gym, and the raquetball courts. This gives students a chance to learn how to use the different types of exercise equipment and learn new and different ways to keep healthy. All the new activities added in the past years has made gym class much more enjoyable for the students.

This year during first hour there is a special program called People PE. People PE allowed students to help students with difficulties learn how to play all kinds of sports. For Junior **Jini Cox** helping these students was very rewarding, "It's great to watch them improve throughout the year."

Using her badmitten **SKILLS** **Libby Berg** attempts to keep the birdie in play. **Katie Strachan** **BATTLES** to gain control of the soccer ball. **Angie Eichenseer**, **Libby Berg**, and **Maren Anderson** use their **WILL** power to keep up with the class practicing the strokes. **Ryan Rawson** shows off his serving **TECHNIQUE** during a badmitten tournament.



techno raters

When Mrs. Knox first came to AHS, there were only around 12 computers in the whole school. Now there are over 300!

USES FOR COMPUTERS

RESEARCH...

Students can use the internet to research topics.

TEACHING...

Teachers can take trips to the labs for a different type of education.

REPORTS...

Word processing is widely used by students to type up reports.

AHS Morning Show...

NEWS ANCHOR
Andy Duin

PRODUCER
Jon Reberry

COORDINATOR
Mike Dahlstrom

CAMERAMAN
Drew Harrington



Technology... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"It helps us with our homework."
Jena Wiley

"Technology in this school needs help. We need AOL."
Jaymi Frye

"Pretty good, but we need to get more advanced."
Aaron Acheson

"Internet is very helpful with debate and speech."
Missy Eick

"It's confusing."
Holly Karlen

"Free Internet."
E.J. Cowie

Al Moton helps **Brandon Pinney** find his way around a Macintosh in one of the many computer labs in AHS. Macintoshes were the most commonly used computers in the school.

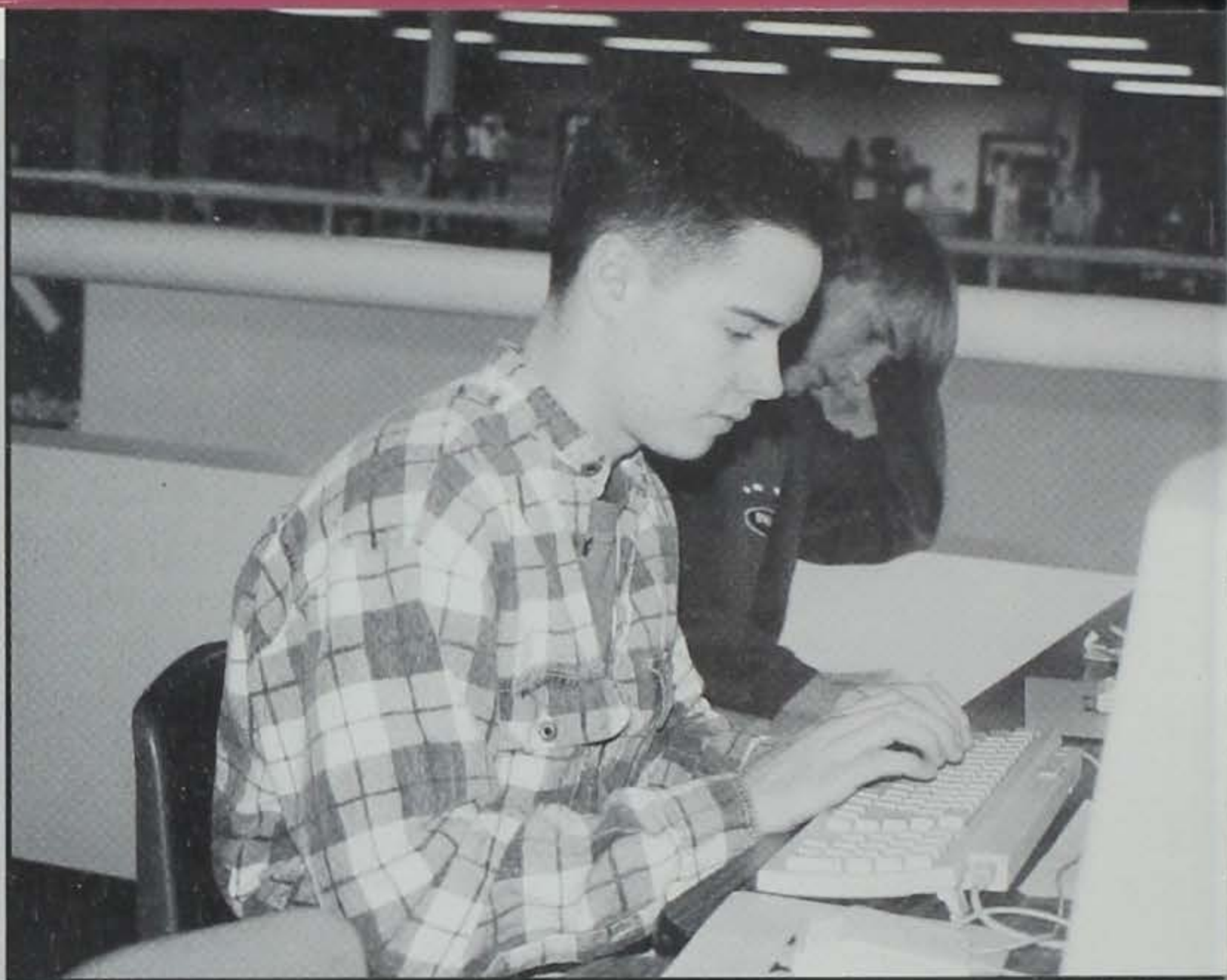


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ABOVE. While some students were more than comfortable, others showed frustration with learning new technology. **Andrew Bauer** seems to be working fine on his paper, but **Joe Blunck** displays the aforementioned angst.

RIGHT. The ICN Lab, currently unoccupied in the picture, is a new addition to the school this year. It is used for communicating with other schools across Iowa. Including DMACC, North Polk, and Johnston.

BELOW. Surfs up, dudes! **Jack Rivers** uses the internet to find information for a school project. The internet helped countless students on reports for a variety of classes.



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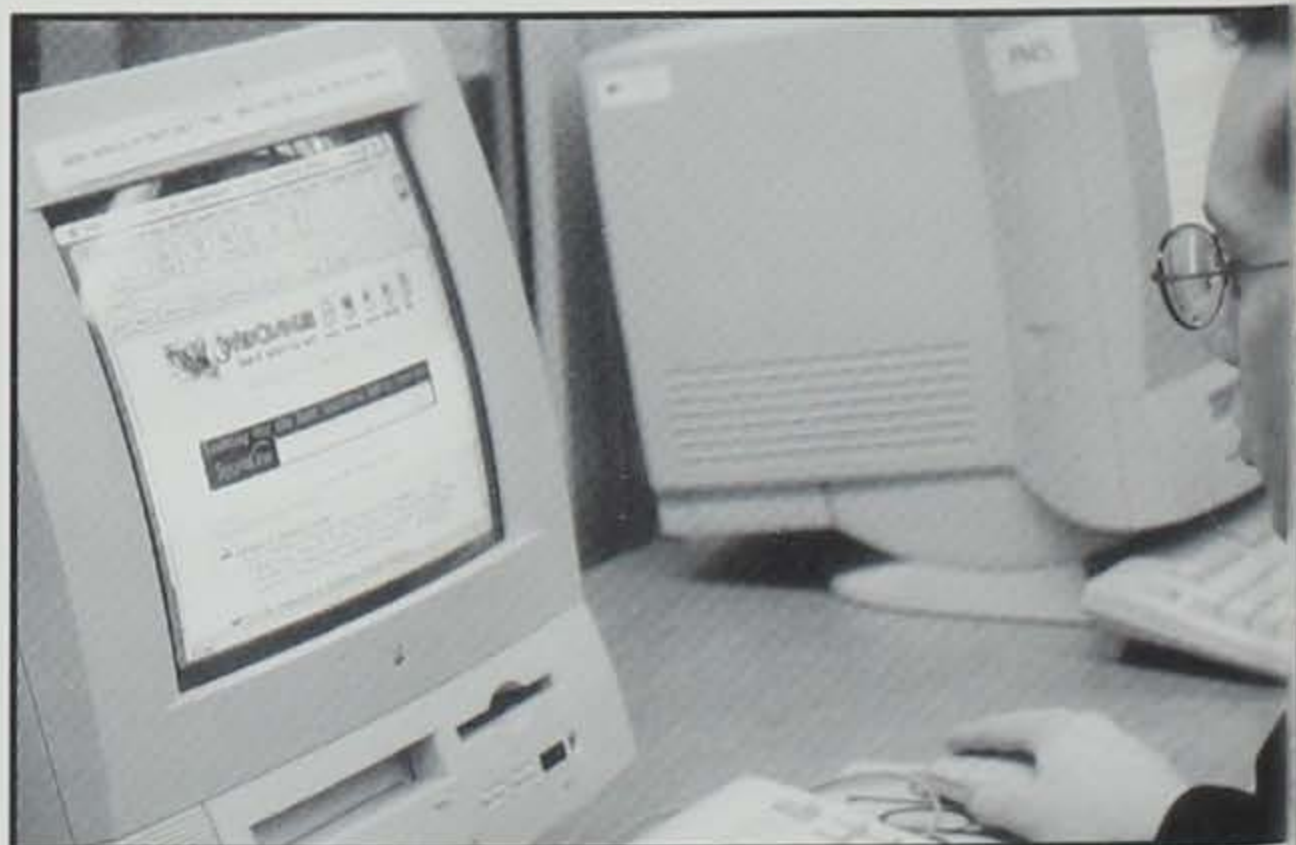


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Surf's Up

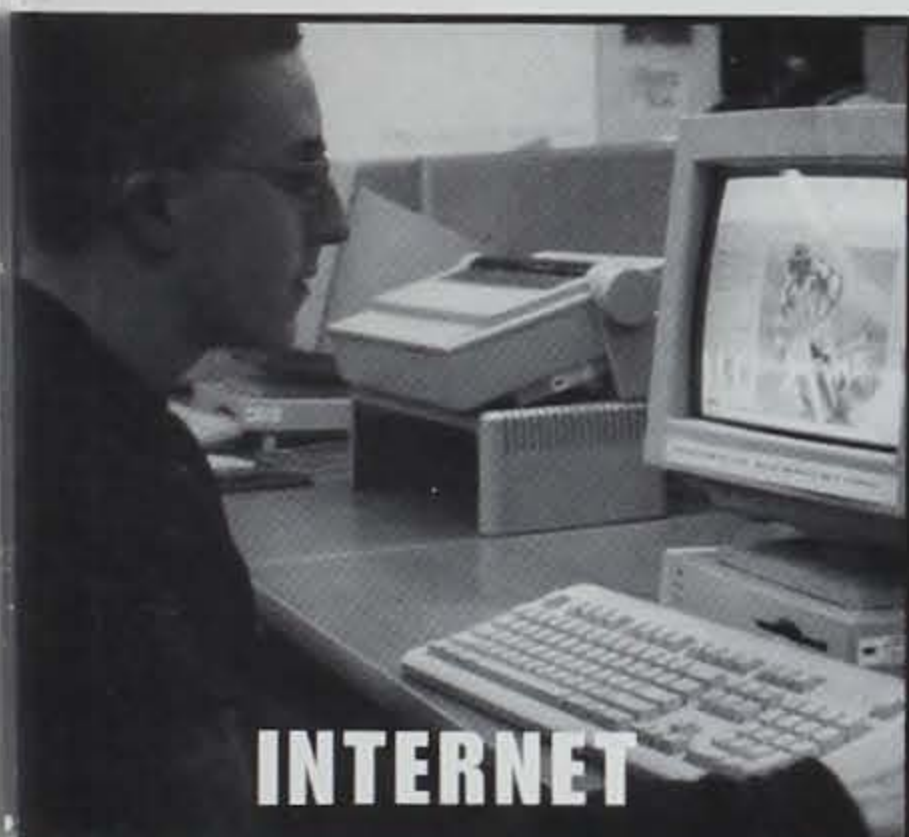


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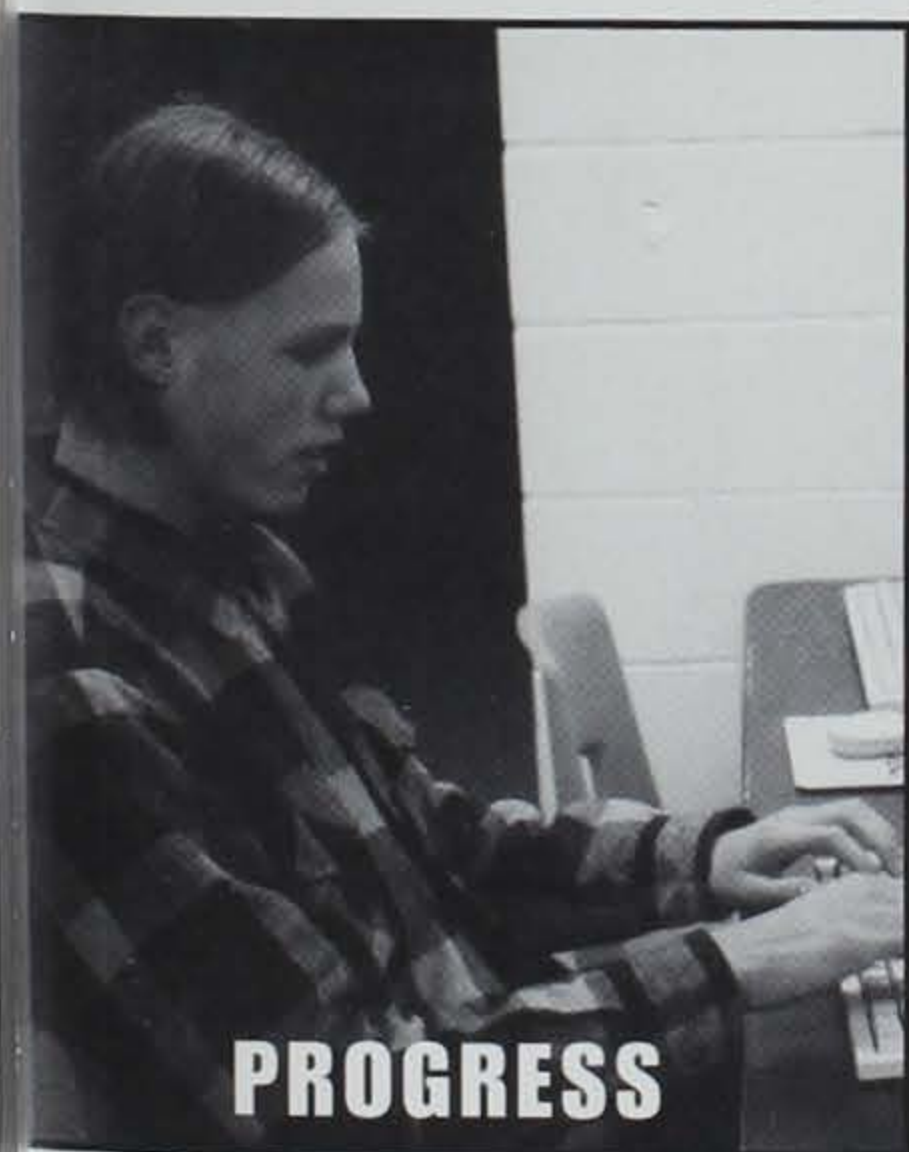


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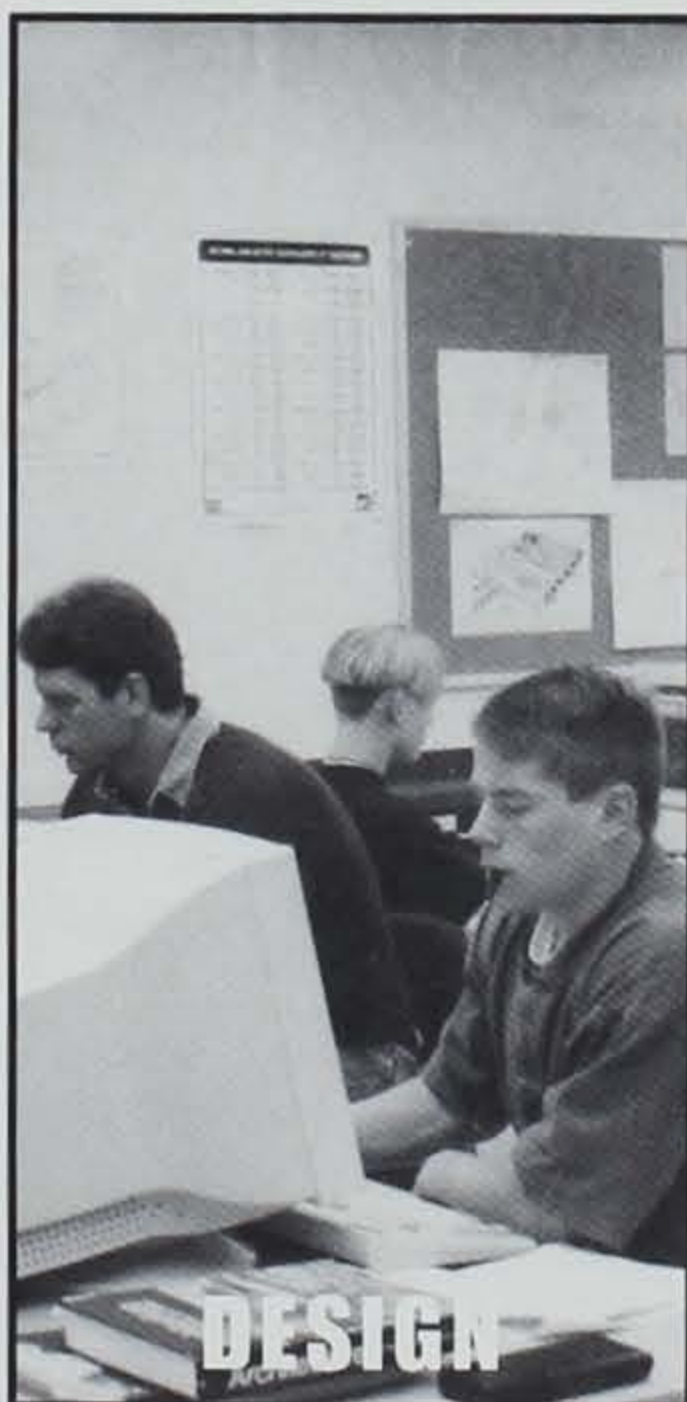


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by Ben Taylor

"We've come a long way." Those words, spoken by Mrs. Hinshaw, show how technology has advanced rapidly over the past 10 years. This has become possible through funding from committees that support the technological advancement at Ankeny High School.

The ICN, or the Iowa Cable Network allows different schools throughout Iowa to communicate quickly through something that is similar to teleconferencing but isn't always used for the same thing. Mr. Cunningham said, "The ICN is a great thing to have. I can talk with teachers from schools that are halfway across the state."

When it comes to plain and simple teaching, computers definitely are "very convenient," as Mrs. Metheny said. They are used for many things, including tutoring, vocabulary practice, and grammar. Technology has helped many students throughout all of AHS to become better students.

Cory Semprini rides the waves of the INTERNET. **Justin Rullestad** uses a Mac to make PROGRESS in typing up a report. **Bob Campbell, Dan Henderson, and Shannon Brown** use computers to DESIGN houses while **Mark Block** helps **Brett Wiuff**. **Sarah Barclay** HELPS **Angelica Gonzales** in designing this year's school yearbook.

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T E R

ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL

ON TOP OF IT ALL

SHIFT YOUR GEAR
DOWN LOAD
FOR THE LONG HAUL

SNOW DAYS

MTV RIOTS IN DM

2 WEEK WINTER BREAK

STATE WINNERS AGAIN

TOO MUCH
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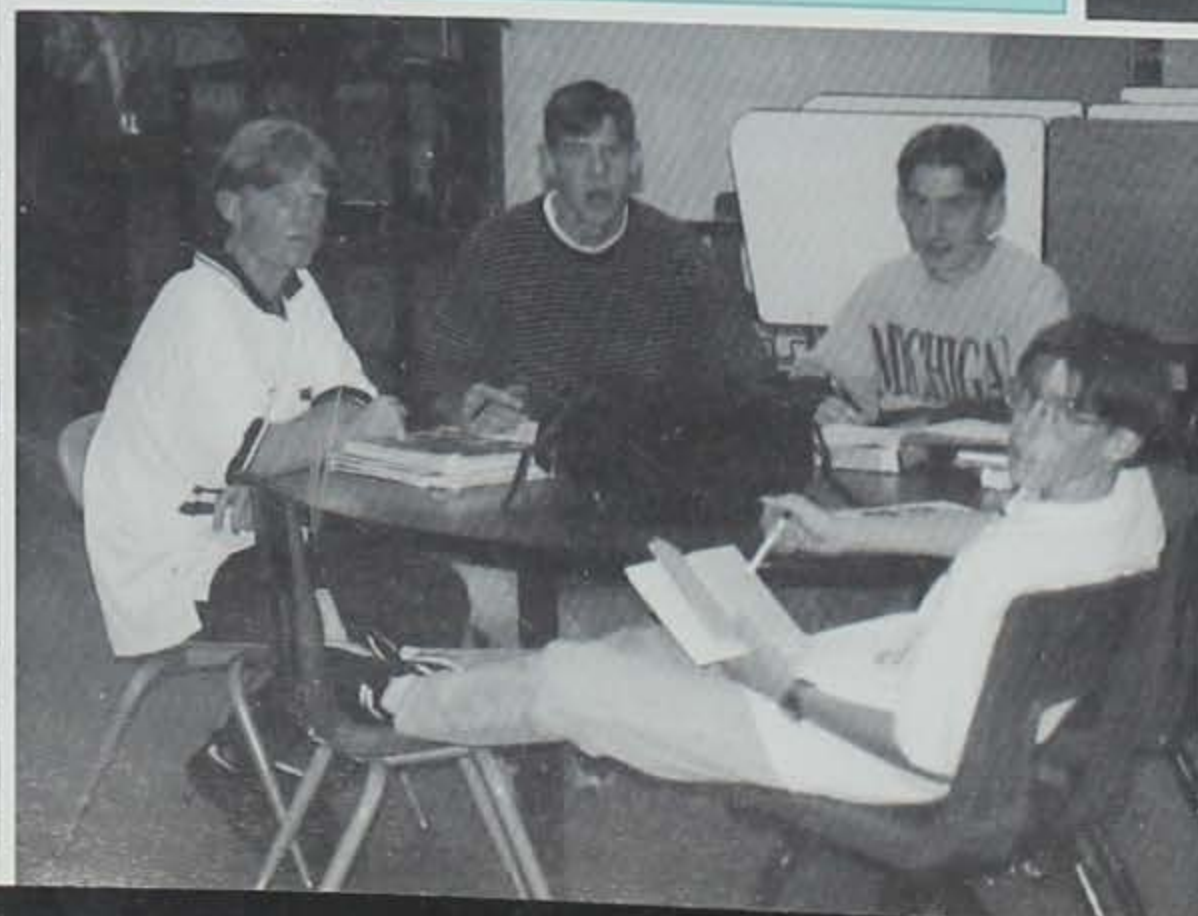
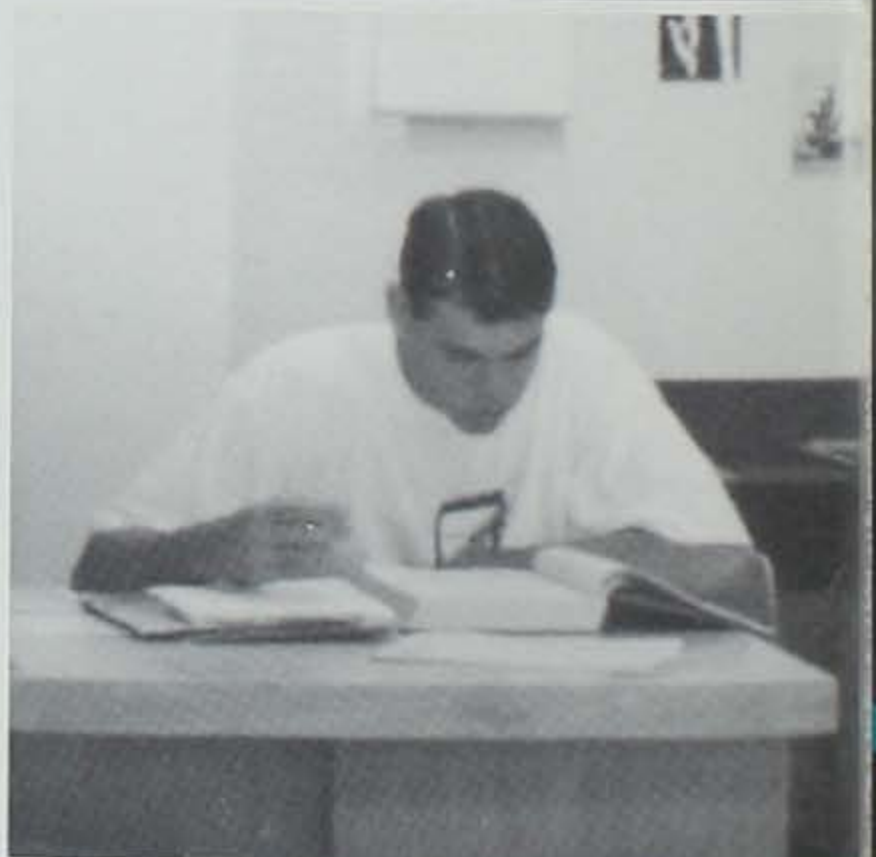
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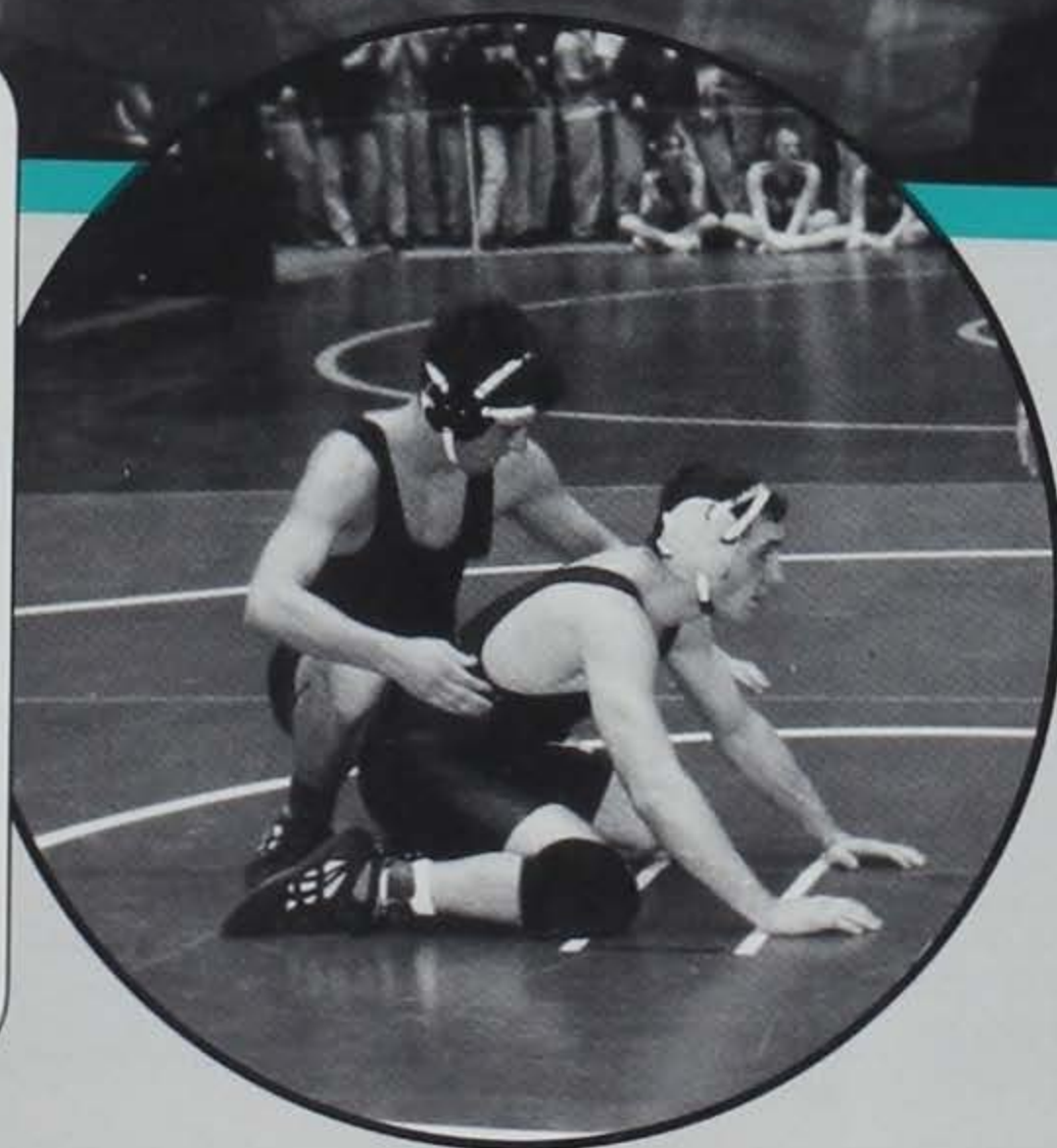
Counterclockwise from top left:

• Taking a quick stop at her locker, **Rachel Linderman** grabs some books for her next class. The hallways were crowded with students during the passing period, frequently causing unavoidable tardies. • Before a wrestling meet, **Jared Beard** and **Kyle Moon** practice some wrestling moves to limber up. The wrestling team sent 7 guys to state. • Mixing it up, **Brad Bach** carefully eyes his measurement of *Ilfotec*, a chemical used to develop film. Photography/development was offered by the art department. • Wow, it stinks in here! **Erin Jagnandan** covers up her nose while walking through the commons. Stink bombs went off occasionally and their odiferous scent often lingered for hours before dissipating. • Caught in the act, **Chris Miller**, **Chris Wilson**, **Nate Esser** and a **Tyler Koch** actually study in the LARC. Most students just hung out under the pretense of doing school work. • Getting in scoring position, **Tabby Claswon** shoots and makes it, helping to spur the Hawkettes to yet another victory. Tabby was one of only 2 seniors on the squad. • It's always something, as **Brian Tiernan** finds has discovered. There was always another test to study for, in this case, a science test. • Wrestling coaches **Fontana**, **Sharp**, and **Ewing** congratulate **Ben Snyder** as he comes off the mat with a win. • **Julie Loven**, **Lindsay Pace**, **Liz Elseman**, **Nate Esser**, and **Erica Junod** (back) complete some group work in Mrs. Fields sophomore English class.





Expect the Unexpected



Getting ready to rip up on the rival, Brian Eichenberger gets set to go. Brian was one of seven Hawk wrestlers who made it to the state play-offs. "Oh captain, my captain...seize the day!" Terry Stober stands on a table in art class amid the supplies to expansively express himself.



I'm on the top of the world, lookin' down on creation...



Mr. Rains instructs students Joe Hinche, Jason Norman, Matt Porath, and John Flynn in the art of oiling down parts of an engine. The vocational education classes had big work areas, so students were not forced to work outside during the freezing winter conditions.

The jazz band often opened up the pep assemblies during the winter months and here Lindsay Harrison and Nick Rohrer, guitarists in the jazz band, leave first period early to get ready for the assembly. The jazz band even played some of their own gigs on the weekends at various places in the area.



WINTER BLUES

KEEPIN' THE FIRE ALIVE: ■ Once again, a severe winter season hit us when we were expecting a milder season. Record low temperatures (wind chills of -65°) and record high snow falls (13 inches in one 24 hour period) caused the district to cancel school 4 times, often enough that we ran out of snow days and tacked on make-up days at the end of the year. ■ While it seemed like the world would remain forever frozen, several organizations were heating things up. The speech & debate teams won just about every tournament they entered and ran over everyone at the state competition. ■ And basketball? The boys were robbed of a position in the state tournament, but the girls team, underdogs from the word go, railroaded their way to a state championship. Yes, we saw the blue ribbon. ■ The wrestling program was nothing to sneer at either. Seven wrestlers went to state and the team saw improvements in every aspect of the program. ■ When *Star Wars* hit the big screen for a revival showing, the student body caught the fever--er, the force--and on opening day came dressed up in *Star Wars* gear and costumes. ■ Winter break lasted 2 weeks. ■ The boys swim team won the Newton Invitational swim meet again which allowed them to keep the trophy they've "owned" over the last few years. ■ In February, Jostens Rep Tim Robson surprised the student body by sponsoring motivational speaker John Crudele who spoke to the study body about personal morality and a variety of other issues. ■ The Drama department wowed audiences with its version of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.



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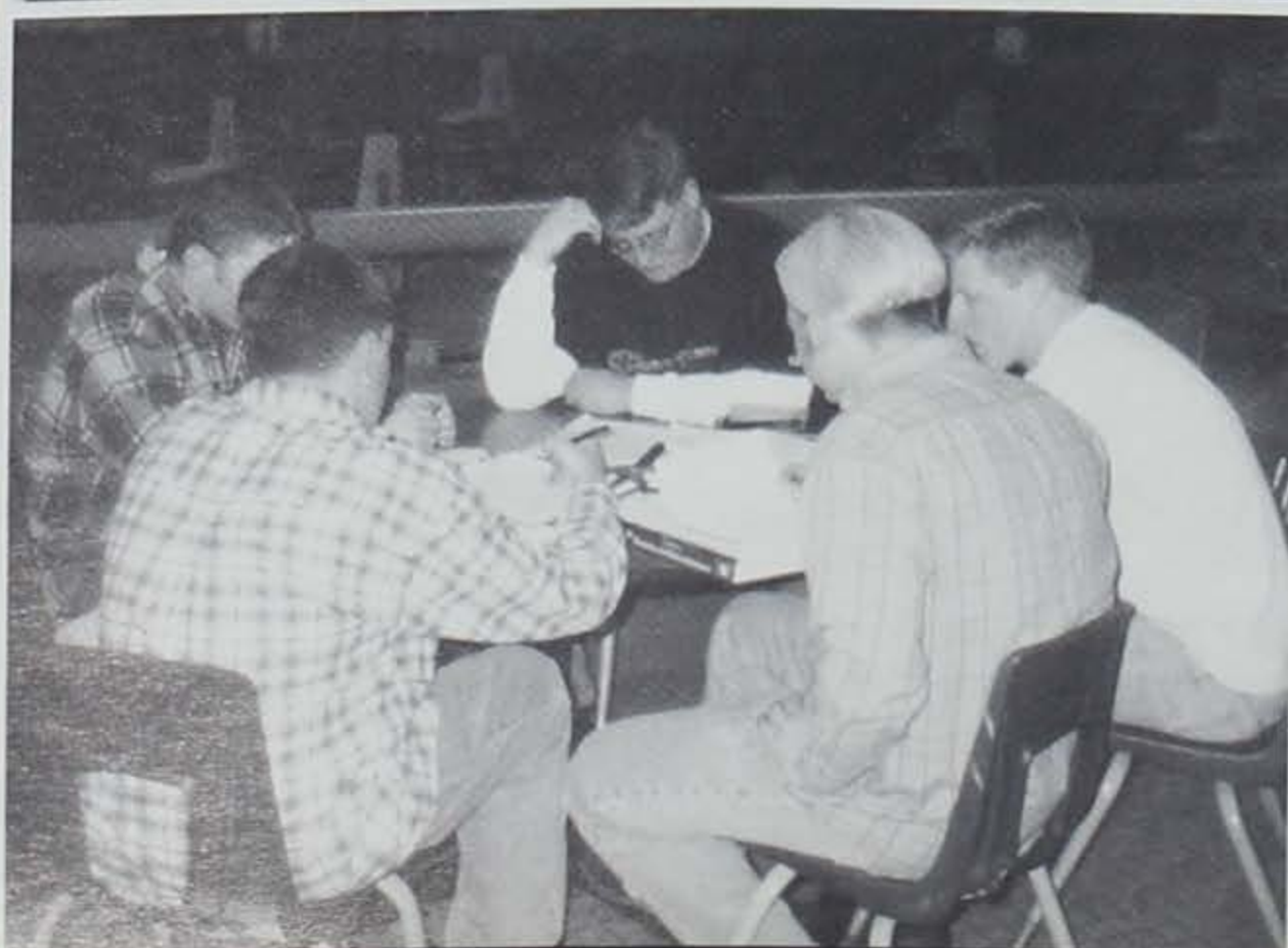
• Always ready with a helping hand, Mr. Steffen assists Jessica Blake with an assignment in American Literature. The man always had a smile on his face.

• Mrs. Fields assists LARC groupie Shauna Frisk and her friend Anne Benje with a classroom project in English 10. • In-class and out, Mr. Ewing was always ready to help a student out with class work or with developing a strategy for an upcoming wrestling meet like he does here with Jake Bagby. Teachers came early and stayed late, and some performed double duty as a coach of an athletic team or extracurricular sponsor.

• With her eyes wide open, Kristen Wells throws a look in the hallways. Kristen took classes at AHS as well as a Marine Biology class at DMACC. • The Pit was a favorite hangout for seniors who didn't have a class--if they stayed at school. Students studied, as these guys did, or just shot the breeze.

• Acting out a cliché in Public Speaking, Justin Dyar, Alissa Anderson, and Laura Aschoff pantomime their way to a better grade. • "You go, girls!" The Hawkette basketball cheerleaders perform a stunt during a state tourney game to rev up the crowd.

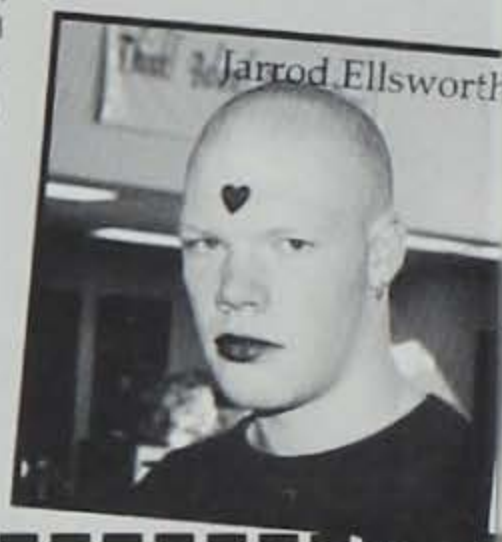
• In preparation for the SADD candlelight vigil, Meghan Dickson, Sarah Clawson, and Stacy Wierzbicki light their candles. The vigil was held to commemorate those who suffered from destructive decisions. • Putting in some overtime, Jason Krause works on an Algebra assignment.



Dancin' Nights the A Way

Crystal Ball - Thanksgiving weekend? Who would have combined the two? The reason for this was due to the unavailability of the weekends in December, but this did not keep the students from the gym on November 30th. Sponsored by National Honor Society, the theme for this year's Crystal Ball was "Enchanted Forest," and the colors were purple and teal. After the dance students engaged in a lot of different activities. Going to hotels or other parties is what most students preferred.

This is the first year since 1994 AHS has had the Valentines Day Dance; it was taken away several years ago due to the acts of previous AHS students. Valentines, one of the more popular dances, was informal, fun, and everyone went. This dance was a test this year for the students to prove they were ready for more dances again. In the meantime AHS had been having informal dances sponsored by SADD after basketball games. Student Council has been negotiating with the administration regarding the more formal dances, and we should see more dances within the next year and a half.



Dr. Ratigan: "We were ready to let the students try again and see if they can handle it."

"After the dance I rode around in our Limo and went to my boyfriends house to associate with my friends," said Michelle Cunningham.

"As usual," said Jodie Harms, "the music was bad."

"I am very excited about it (V-day) tis year because of the dance and because it's my senior year," said Mandy Long.

"The Cystal Ball decorations were really good, but the Valentine's decorations were just a bunch of hearts with glitter on them," said Rachel Roland.

"The Valentines Dance was one of the best dances overall at AHS," said Aaron Witaker.

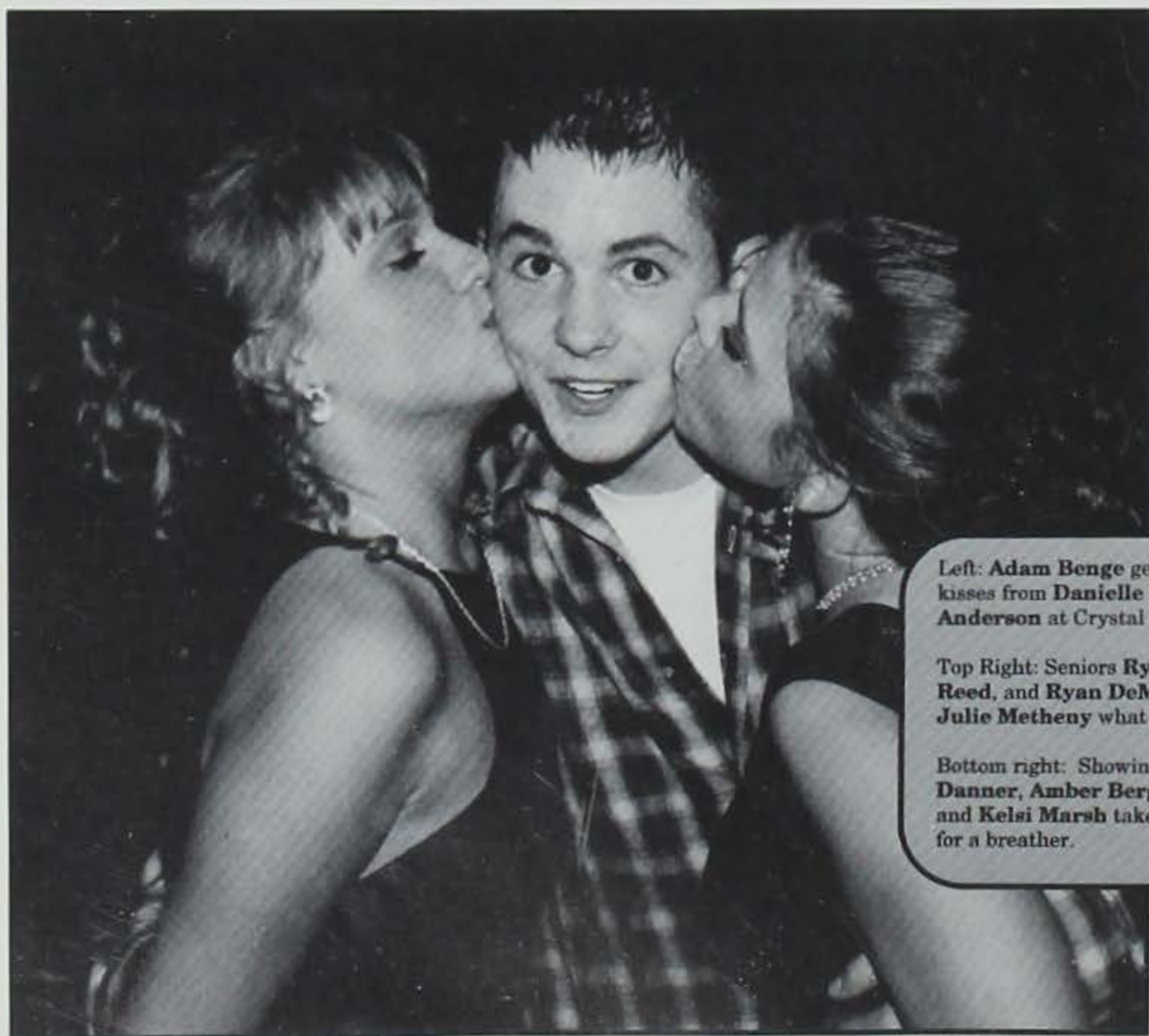
"I've never had any problems with student behavior at one of my dances," said Mr. Wunn, after game dance sponsor.

"I think the informal dances are more fun and wish we had more of them," said Melissa Bleeker.

"I think Ankeny needs to find a new D.J. for every dance so we can experience all different kinds of music," said Aaron Ruff.

"The money earned from the Valentine's Day Dance goes to the pep club," said Mrs. Raasch.

"I like the casual dances because you don't go with any particular date, you go with a bunch of people," said Danette Ott.



Left: Adam Benge gets lucky as he receives kisses from Danielle Rethmeier and Alissa Anderson at Crystal Ball.

Top Right: Seniors Ryan Norgart, Mitch Reed, and Ryan DeMey show sophomore Julie Metheny what seniority is really about.

Bottom right: Showing a little leg, Amber Danner, Amber Berglund, Jenny Doman, and Kelsi Marsh take time out from the dance for a breather.



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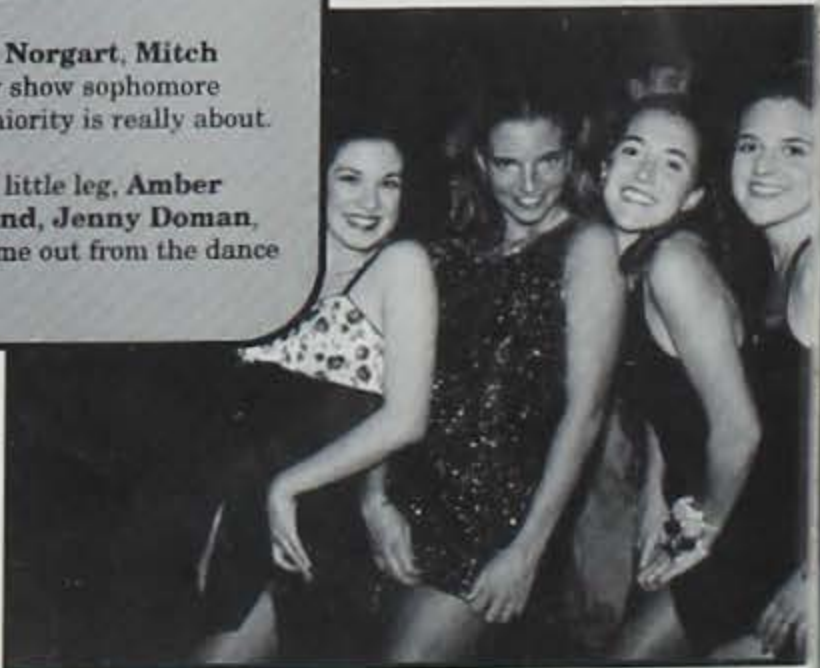


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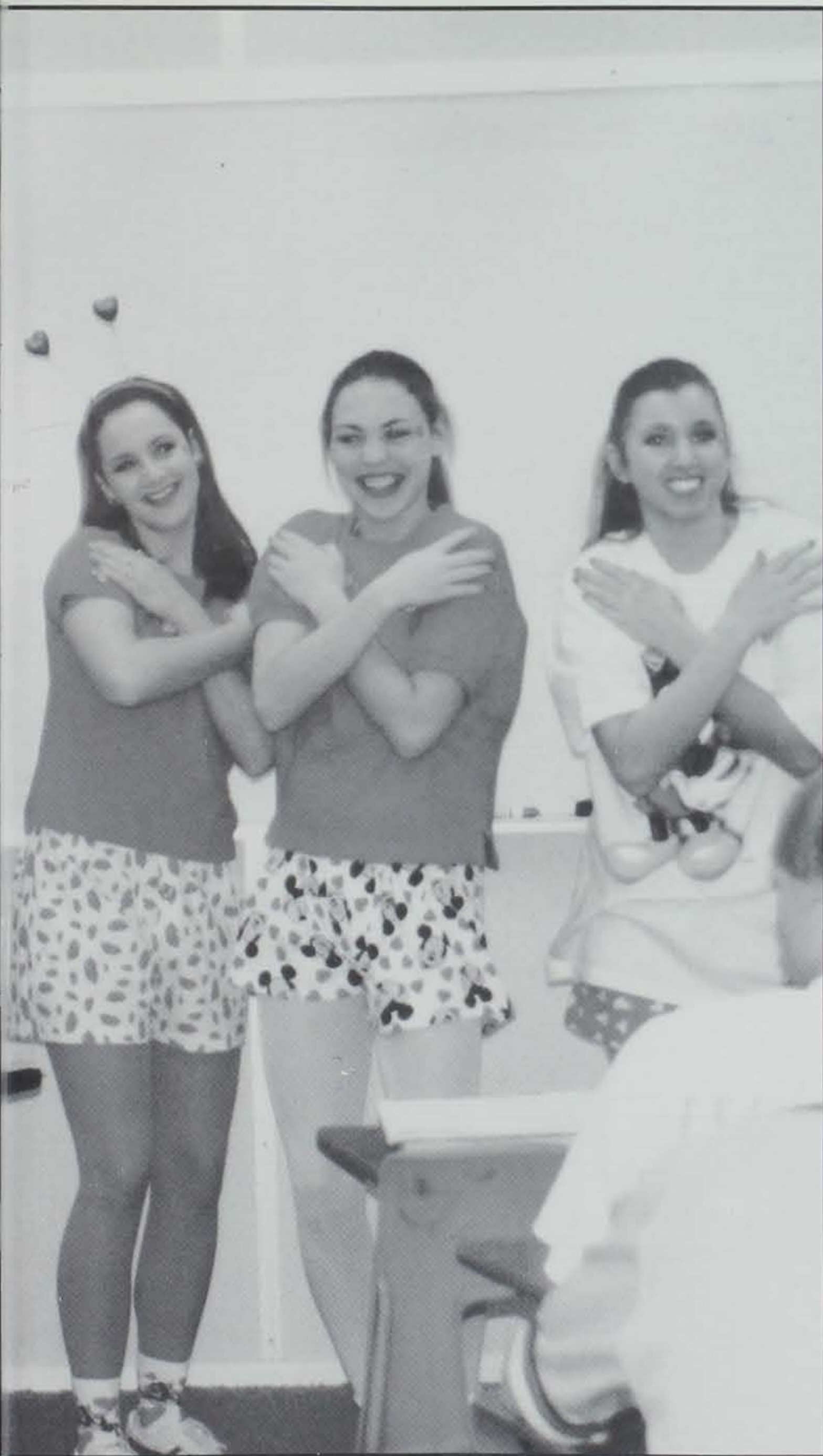


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Havin' a ball.....

Morp and Valentines--two of the more popular dances at AHS--were informal, fun, and everyone went. Up until this year students had lost the privilege for these dances.

Morp (Prom spelled backwards) is the exact opposite of Prom. It was held by National Honor Society with the intent of having another dance for freshman and sophmores and to raise money for Prom. This dance was last seen in March of 1993 and was taken away because of amount of "horseplay" from the students. "When this usually happens we take the dances away for a few years," said Vice Principal **Mr. Shaltanis**. There is a great possibility for having Morp next year.

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Student Council has been negotiating with the administration regarding these dances and permission will be granted within the next year to year and a half.



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IN THE

Above left: Dressed in their red and white Valentine's Day costumes, Kristine Cox, Kenna Rasmussen, and Lisa Hale sing a Val-o-gram to Mrs. Johnson's Advanced Algebra class.

Above right: Making a memorable moment at Crystal ball Cori Verbeski and Jane Ann Jensen smile as they dance. Crystal Ball saw record attendance despite the bad weekend for a dance.

Bottom left: The varsity cheerleaders spent V-day going to different classes and singing and performing Val-o-grams to students lucky enough to receive one. The proceeds went to help the cheerleaders buy new uniforms.

Making a M^ARK.

One way of individualizing oneself is by body piercing. Piercing can be done on many of the body parts, ext to the usual earring pierce, one of the more popular places to get pierced is near the belly button. The price of a piercing can range from \$35 and up, and piercing can take up to six months to heal. Before considering a tattoo or body piercing a person need to think twice about whether or not the cost and pain will be worth while. Apparently, it is worth it because more and more people, especially teens, are piercing their parts.



The Little Dolphin

Average Prices of Body Enhancement

Tonge Piercing-- \$45
Eyebrow Piercing -- \$30
Belly Piercing - \$30

Nose Piercing -- \$30
Neck Piercing - \$50
Tattoos - \$50 and up

"Personally I love tattoos. I'm getting one as soon as possible. Body piercing's are all right but it just depends on where it is." **Liz Dutcher**

"It's great do whatever you want." **Kim Cheney**

"I think it is up to the person who wants them. You shouldn't look at people any different just because they have a tattoo or body piercing." **Kevin LaRonde**

"I think its stupid that you have to be 18 to get a tattoo because its your own body." **Eric Hogerwuf**

"It's cool to a point, but its got to stop somewhere." **Kim Shields**

"Body piercing is a way to show individualism." **Corey Hildreth**

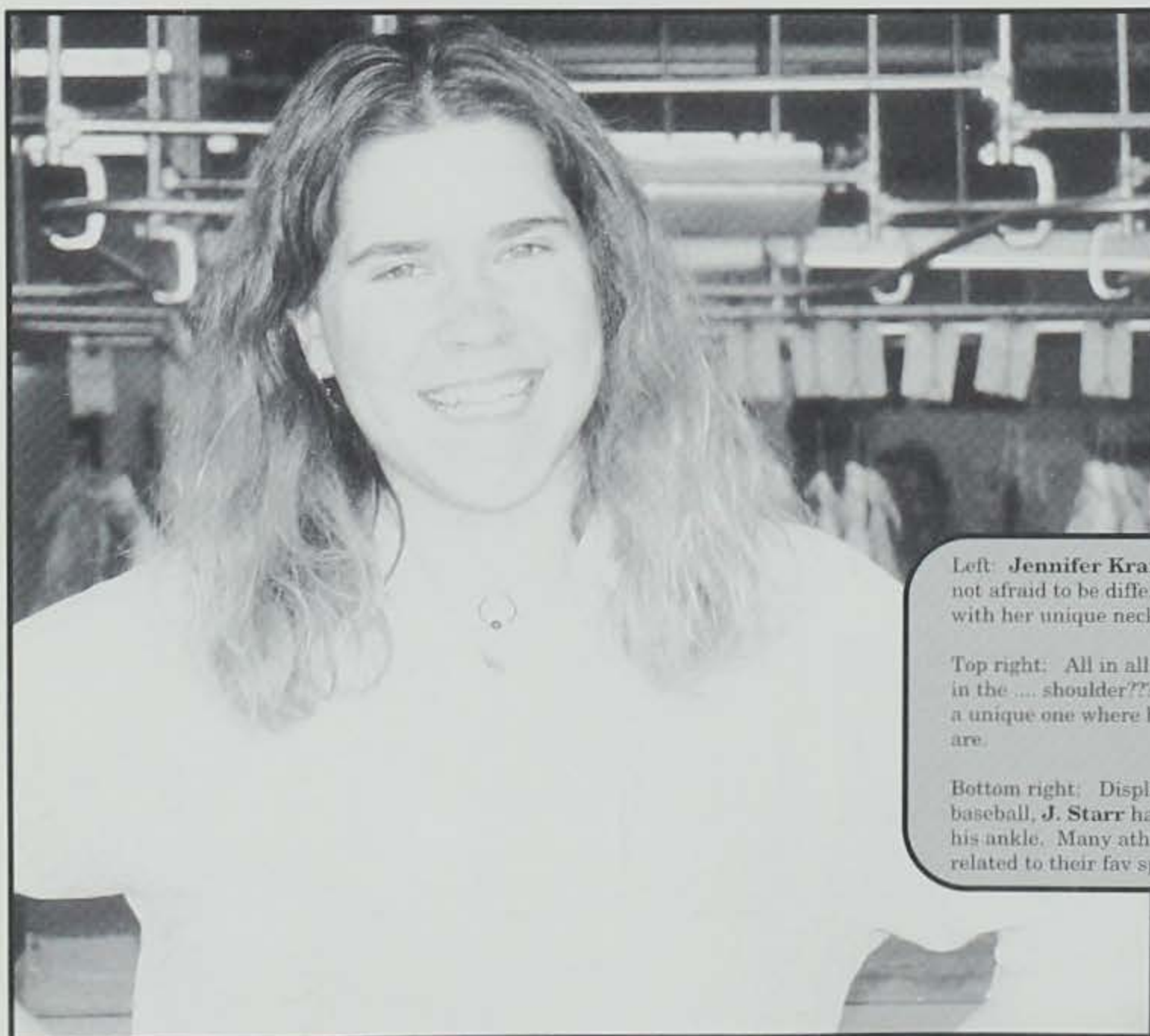
"I want to get my eyebrow pierced, but my mom won't let me get it done while I'm living in the house." **Lyndsey Egli**



The Shining Sun



The Brilliant Moon



Left: **Jennifer Krame** shows that she is not afraid to be different from anyone else with her unique neck piercing.

Top right: All in all its just another brick in the ... shoulder??? **Jared Beard** tattooed a unique one where his "rock-hard" muscles are.

Bottom right: Displaying his love for baseball, **J. Starr** has a baseball tattooed on his ankle. Many athletes got a tattoo related to their fav sport.



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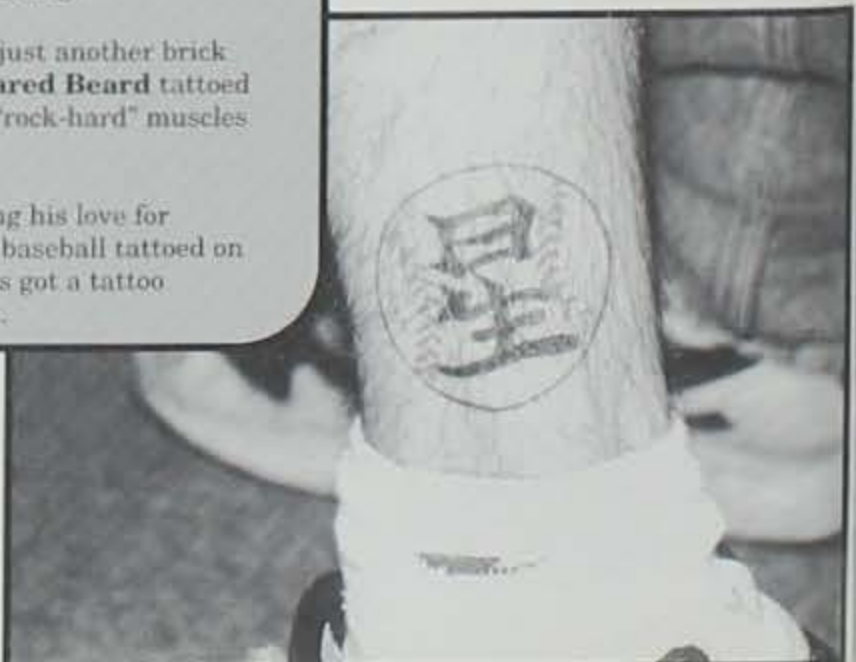


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TATOO THIS!

Every year more and more teenagers are getting tattoos and body piercing. This seems to be a every growing fad. And while tattoos can be placed almost anywhere on the body, some areas of the body are more tender than others, namely the navel, tongue, and nipple areas. Some of the more popular places for girls to sport tatoos are their ankles, hip and the lower back area, or as in **Kristin Kahn's** case, near the navel. Guys like to have their tattoos placed on their shoulder blades, upper arms, and/or on their back. Tattoos come in a variety of designs and colors. You can pick out a design from a book that the tatoo parlor has or you can customize and design your own tattoos. The price of a tattoo can range anywhere from \$50 on up, but a \$50 tatoo is small and lacking in color. It is important to remember that tattoos are permanent and the cost of removal will far exceed the cost of getting one.

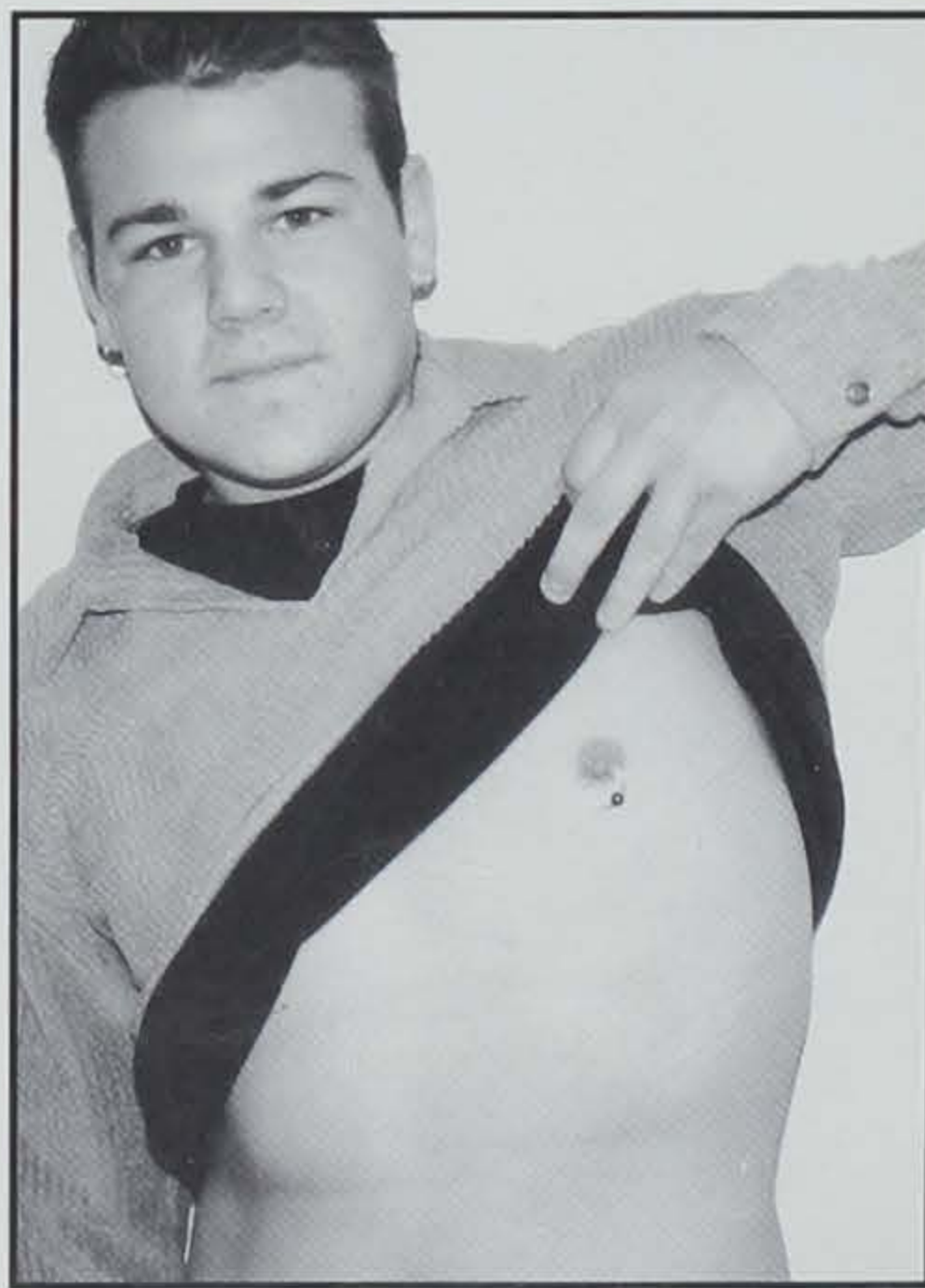


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ON THE

Above left: Being one of a kind, **Aimee Ashmore** shows off her pierced tongue. Although it may look like it hurts, it really does not--now, that is. And yes, she still can talk, even if her words are a bit muffled at times.

Above right: **Josh Johnson** shows off his latest body piercing--his nipple ring. Body piercings used to be a turn-off to most people, but in recent years they have become more accepted by society.

Bottom left: When people go to get their ears pierced, usually it stops at one hole in each ear, but not for **Stephanie Bean** who has numerous piercings in her ears. Approximately 35% of those who pierce ears sport mutiple-piercings.

Tune into This

Many students listen to various types of music such as alternative, country, rock and roll, rap and even those good old' oldies. When asked the question, "Why do you listen to music?" many students responded by saying that it helps them study for that big test, while others said they use it to make their parents mad after an argument. No matter what the reason is for listening to music, everyone listens to it. Everyone dances to it. Everyone expresses themselves through it.



Popular Artists/Groups:

Bush, Tool, Live, Bone, Spice Girls, Cake, The Guffs, Sublime, The Doors, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Alanis Morissette, Tupac, Dave Matthews Band, Metallica, Alice in Chains, Dena Carter, Faith Hill, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, LeAnn Rymes

"It is somethin' I can bump in my hoo-ride." -- **James Boswell**

"I like to dance at night to oldies." -- **Julie Metheny**

"When I listen to country music, it brings me back to the days when I had to milk my fat cow, Betsy." -- **Jerrica Keenan**

"Rap has nice rhymes and beats that you can get down to. I started the group the Fugees, I signed a contract, but they burned it." -- **Michael Fujinaka**

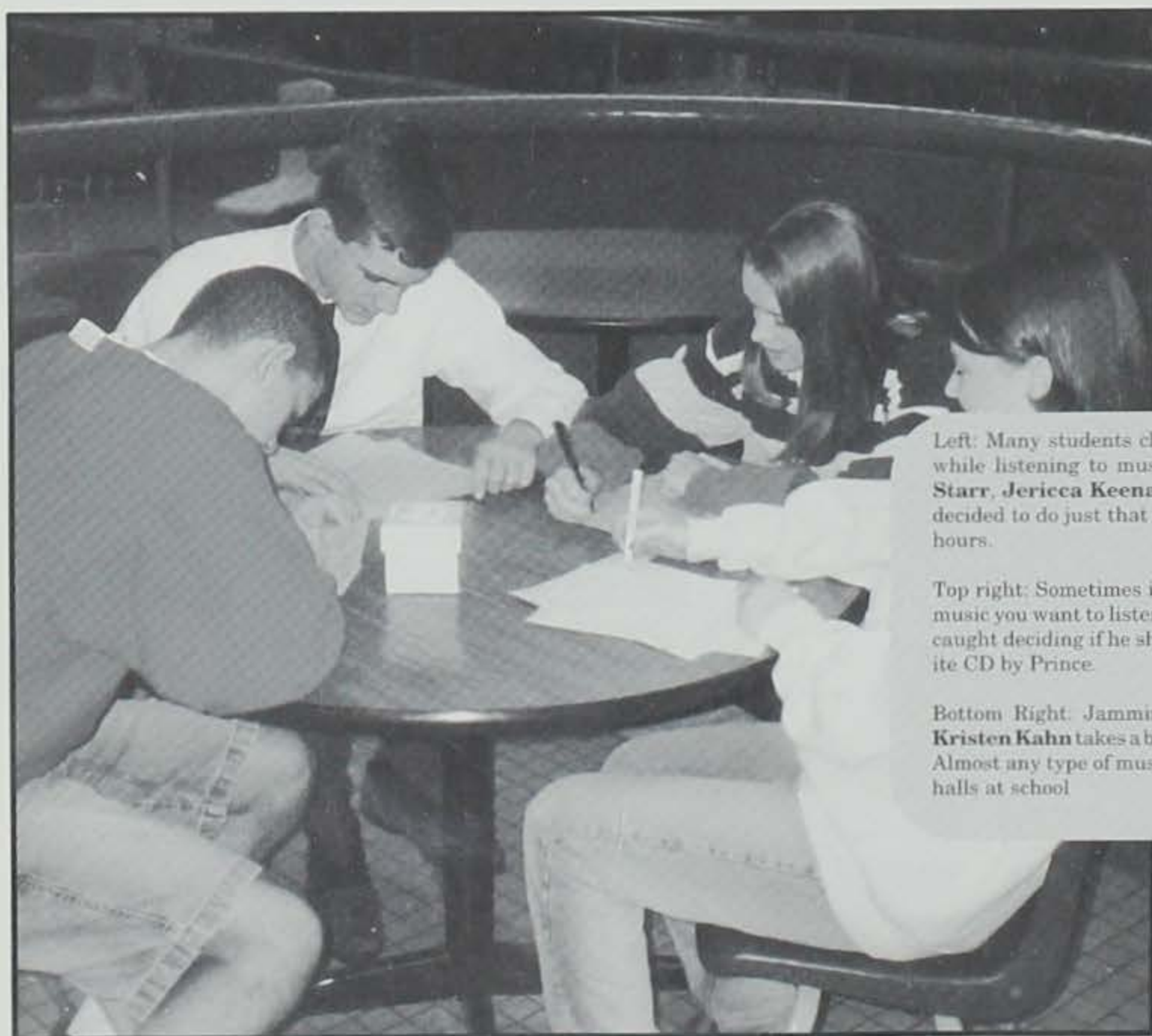
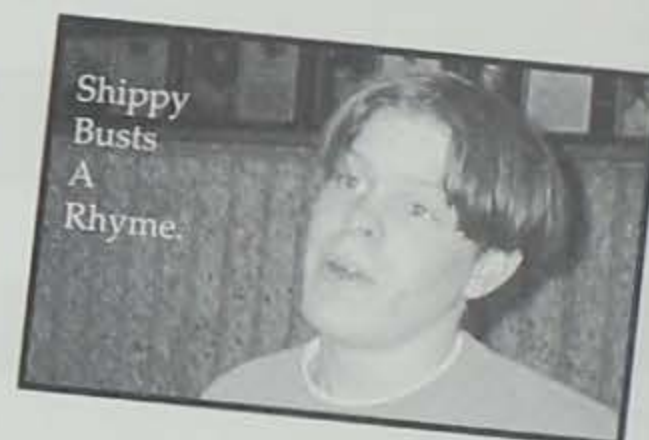
"Rock and Roll makes me run around like a chicken with my head cut off." -- **Derrick Miller**

"I love Country music because I raise cattle and listening to music helps me pass the time in between herds." -- **Rachel Roland**

"Whenever I listen to Oldies I have to get up and dance, even when I'm by myself. I don't care, I'll get up and dance for hours." -- **Curt Long**

"Music is cool as long as it is not band or chorus." -- **J Starr**

"Music makes me laugh because only one speaker works in my car when I tune into 1040 WHO." -- **Jane Ann Jensen**



Left: Many students chose to study in the pit while listening to music. **Cory Hildreth, J. Starr, Jericca Keenan and Julie Metheny** decided to do just that during one of their free hours.

Top right: Sometimes it's hard to choose what music you want to listen to. **Jason Cochran** is caught deciding if he should listen to his favorite CD by Prince.

Bottom Right: Jamming to the Beach Boys, **Kristen Kahn** takes a break in between classes. Almost any type of music could be heard in the halls at school.

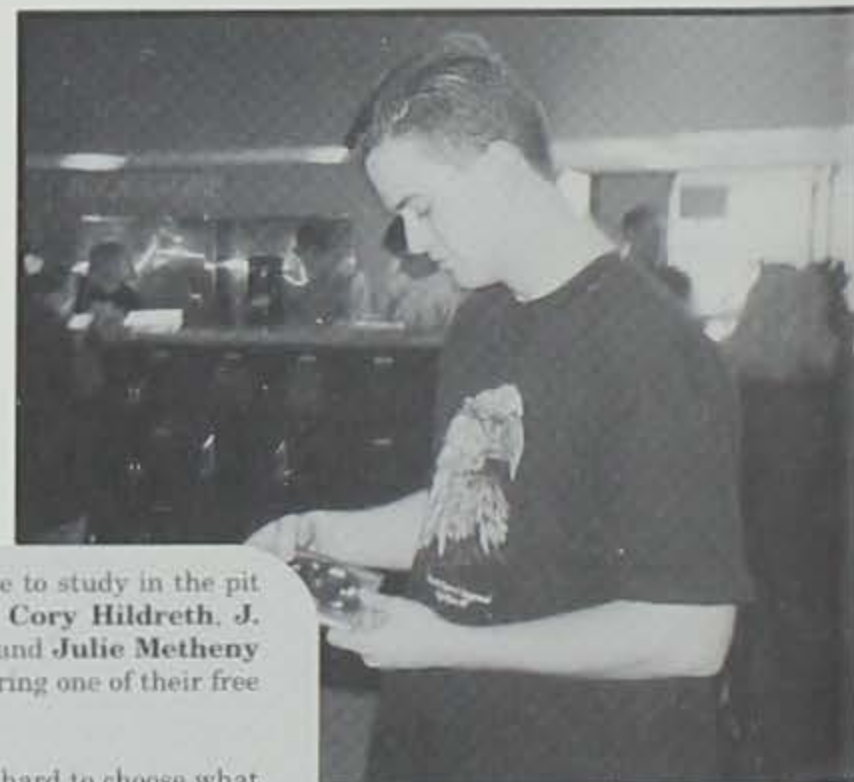


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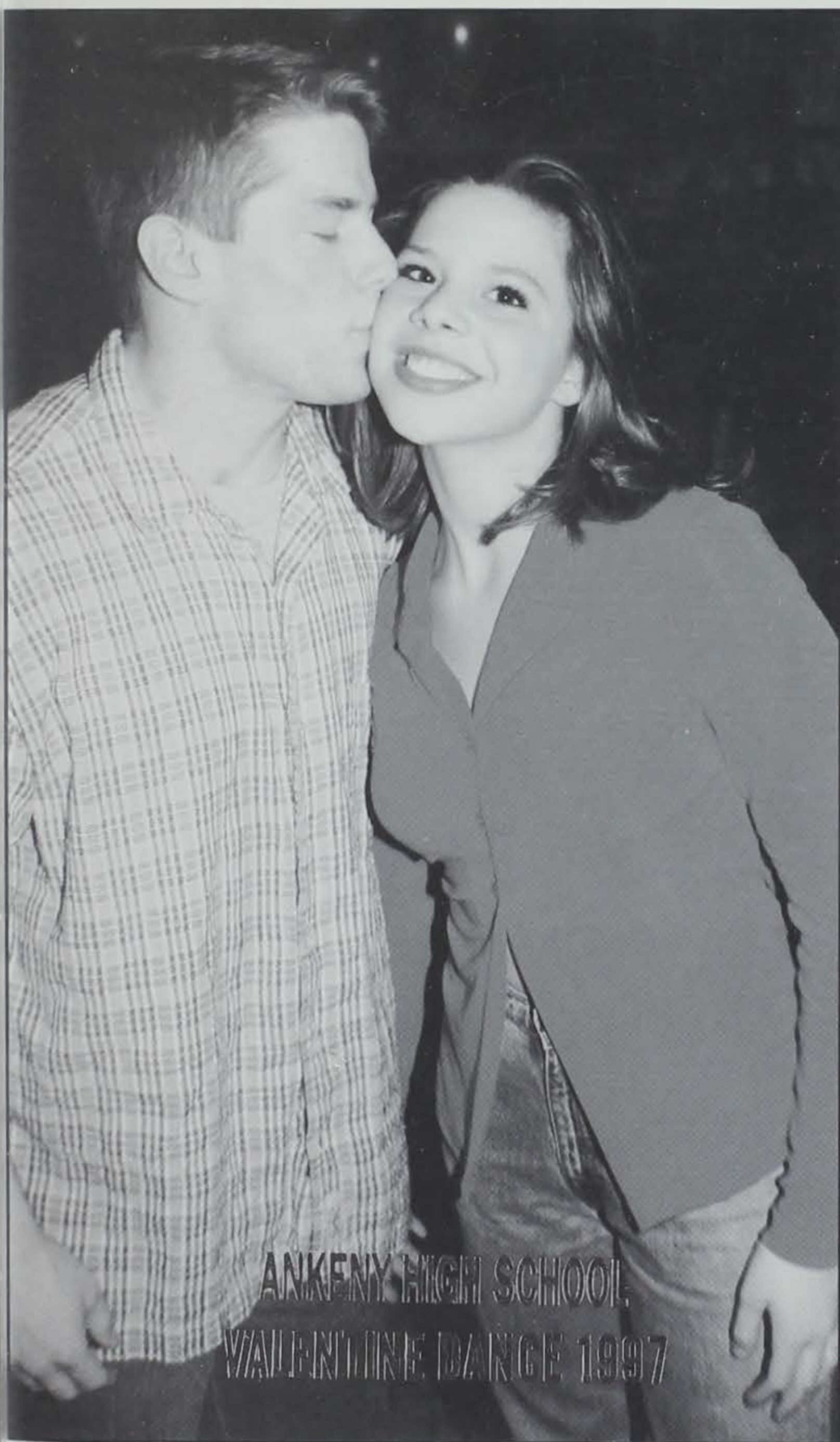


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This year there was a variety of concerts that were held around the Ankeny area. For those line dancin' chew spittin', boot skootn' boogyn' country fans, Garth Brooks was in town. For the more mellow, laid back, alternative music lovers, Bush was in Ames. And if you wanted to travel to the Quad Cities, you could have seen Bone in concert. If you like the loud, head-banging music, you could choose from Metallica or Marilyn Manson. "I waited in line for 2 hours," said **Cory Grant**, a junior, who bought tickets for him and his girlfriend to go to the Metallica concert. "It was a late night, but it was worth it to see Metallica live." **Ryan Tucci** said that "at the Marilyn Manson concert, you would just look around and wonder what kind of drug each person was on."

"I went to quite a few concerts this year, but the Dave Matthews Band concert was the best one I heard. It was very hot and smoky way up in the balcony, but he played my favorite songs so I didn't mind it so much," said **Danielle Rethmeier**.

Regardless of what kind of music you listened to there was usually at least one concert that you could attend. If not, you could have just bought the CD.

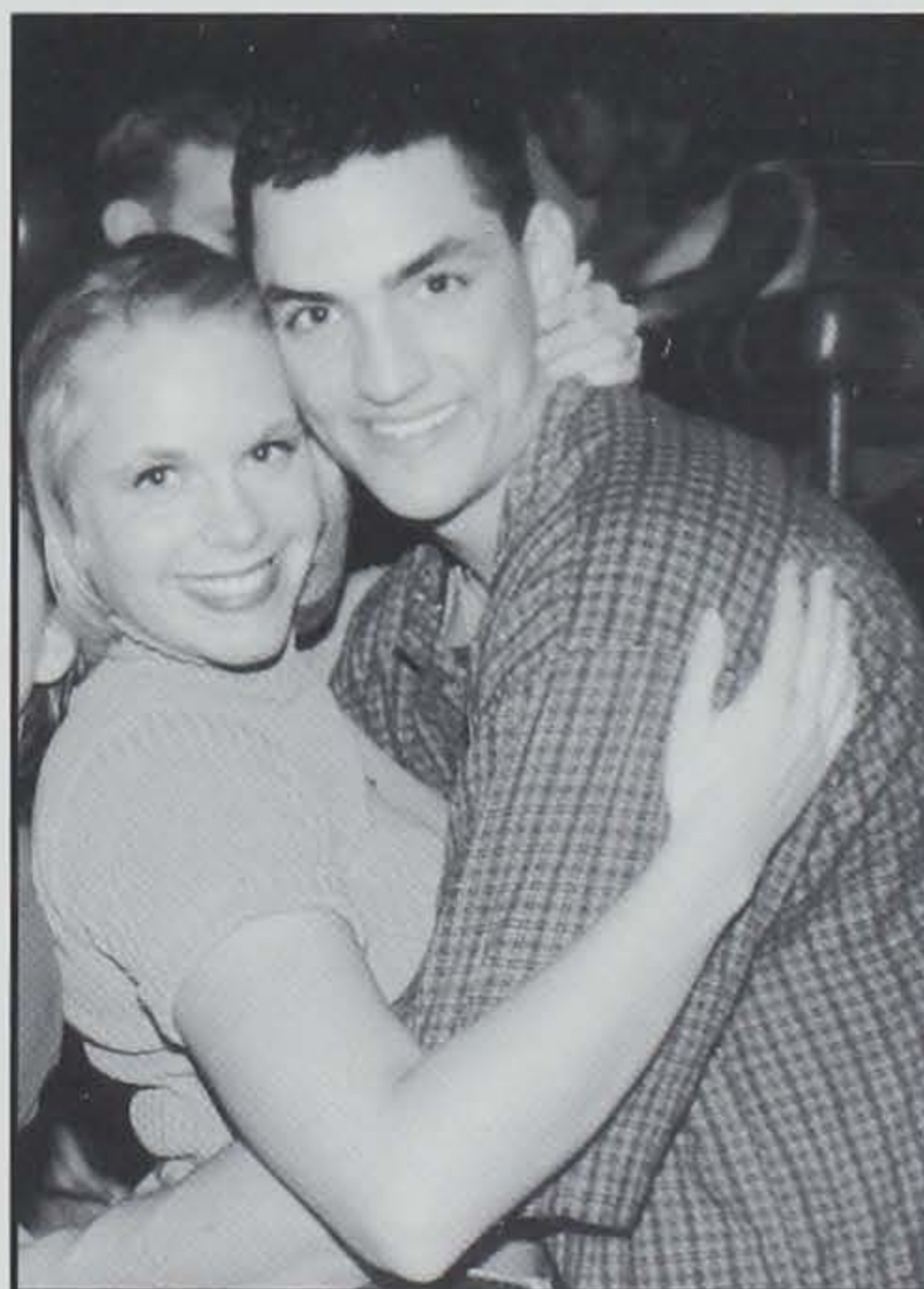
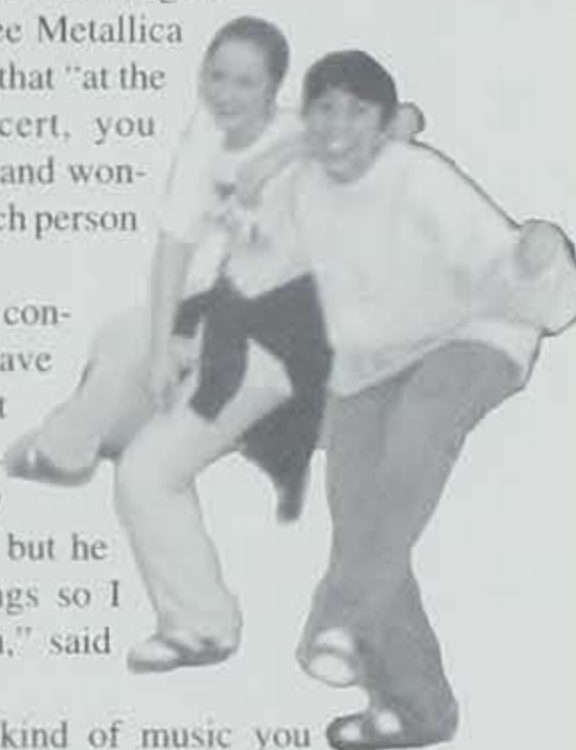


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photo by Danielle Rethmeier

LOSE THE

Above left: Obviously music is a key element to all school dances. **Bob Campbell** and **Danielle Rethmeier** danced all night to their favorite songs and were now ready to go home.

Above right: **Mandy Long** and **Kyle Bolejack** take a break from a wild time on the dance floor. Although the music selection at the Valentine's Day Dance was not very popular among the students, it still did not stop them from dancing.

Bottom left: Taking a break from the hectic day in the classrooms, **Mitch Reed** and **Ryan DeMey** decide to listen to a little "opera in their cars." Blasting music was one thing a person was guaranteed to hear in the parking lot.

A Helping Hand

High school students are some of the busiest people there are. They have to make time for school, jobs, and homework, while still having a social life. But some students still manage to make extra time in their lives for helping others and volunteer their time. Students do volunteer work at many places around Ankeny and Des Moines; the main places where students volunteer are hospitals, shelters, and church. Many students have to do volunteer work for organizations they are involved in, and some do it for scholarships; still others do it just because they want to. But whatever the reason, the work they do makes a big difference and is appreciated by many.

Many Ankeny students volunteer their time and have a variety of experiences to talk about as a result of all their hard work.

"I've been volunteering at On With Life for about a year. I think it is a really good experience, because I get to help with the music therapy, which is what I might want to do someday."
-Holly Karlen

"I like going up to On With Life. I go there to help every few weeks. It takes a lot of patience, but I really like the feeling that I've helped out."
-Matt Hoss

"I work at the bowling alley, but just for the fun of it I sometimes go there and teach the little kids how to bowl. It's really fun."
-Jim Schafer

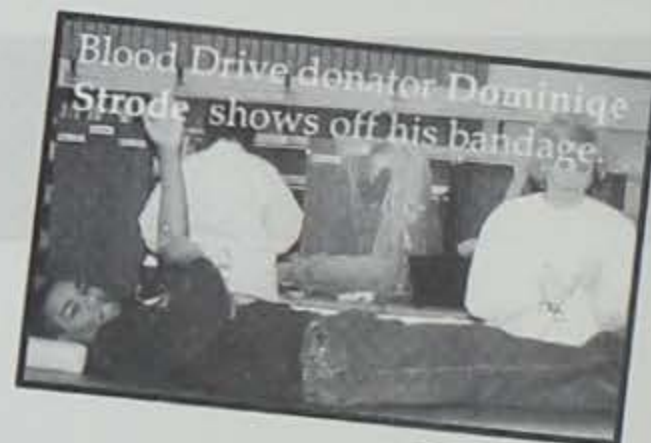
"Last summer I volunteered at the animal shelter. I had to feed over 160 cats and clean out their cages every day! It was disgusting, but I loved working with all those animals."
-Alicia Raymond



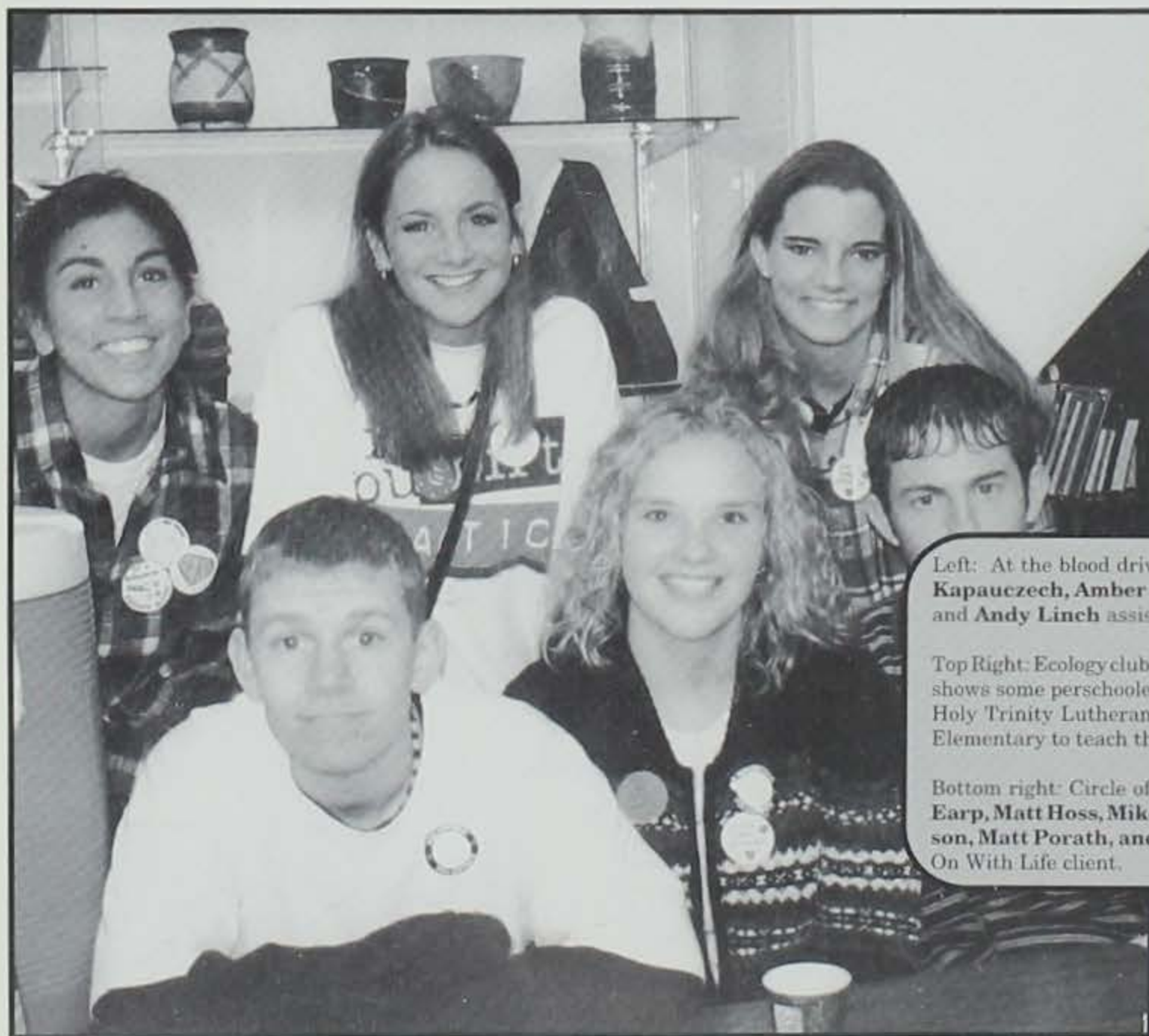
Jena Willey volunteers at her church



Holly Karlen has worked at On With Life for a year



Blood Drive donator Dominique Strobe shows off his bandage.



Left: At the blood drive Erin Jagnandan, Kim Kapauczech, Amber Berglund, Eric Metzger, and Andy Linch assist.



photo by Mrs. Sand

Top Right: Ecology club member Brooke Silliman shows some preschoolers doves. The club went to Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Northwest Elementary to teach the kids about animals.

Bottom right: Circle of Friends members Jackie Earp, Matt Hoss, Mike Doling, Christy Anderson, Matt Porath, and Brian Pauly help out an On With Life client.



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HELP WANTED!!

If you are interested in doing volunteer work, there are many places to go. Here are some of the places around town that have volunteer workers, and the phone numbers to contact them.

Blank Children's Hospital - Call 241-5437

On With Life - Call 965-1339

Mercy Hospital - Call 247-3246

There are also many ways to get involved at the school. Here are some of the things to do:

- Donate to the Blood Drive or help pass out cookies

- Help with the PEOPLE P.E. class

- Join the Ecology Club, which has many volunteer activities

- Get involved in French Club



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photo by Ryan Tucci

ON THE SIDE

Above left: Over spring break, **Jaymi Frye** went on a two-week missions trip to Mexico. She is standing with a little girl from the village she visited. Many students do volunteer work through their churches.

Above right: PEOPLE PE helps **Caiya Lierman, Nicole Underbakke, Holly Brazelton, and Kari Vogt** stand blindfolded in the gym. PEOPLE PE met first hour every day for the special needs students who were unable to participate in regular PE.

Bottom left: The Ankeny High School Ecology Club cleaned up a stretch of the highway. They are in charge of two miles of the highway near Ankeny and used their personal time after school to help keep the area clean.

BPA give students the opportunity to apply their skills to the work force.

OPPORTUNITIES unlimited

What was your most memorable time while being part of Office Education?

"When we helped out the needy family at Christmas."

-Angie Erickson



"My students planned and prepared a coffee brunch for the Ankeny District Secretaries."

-Linda Rasmussen



by Angelica Gonzales

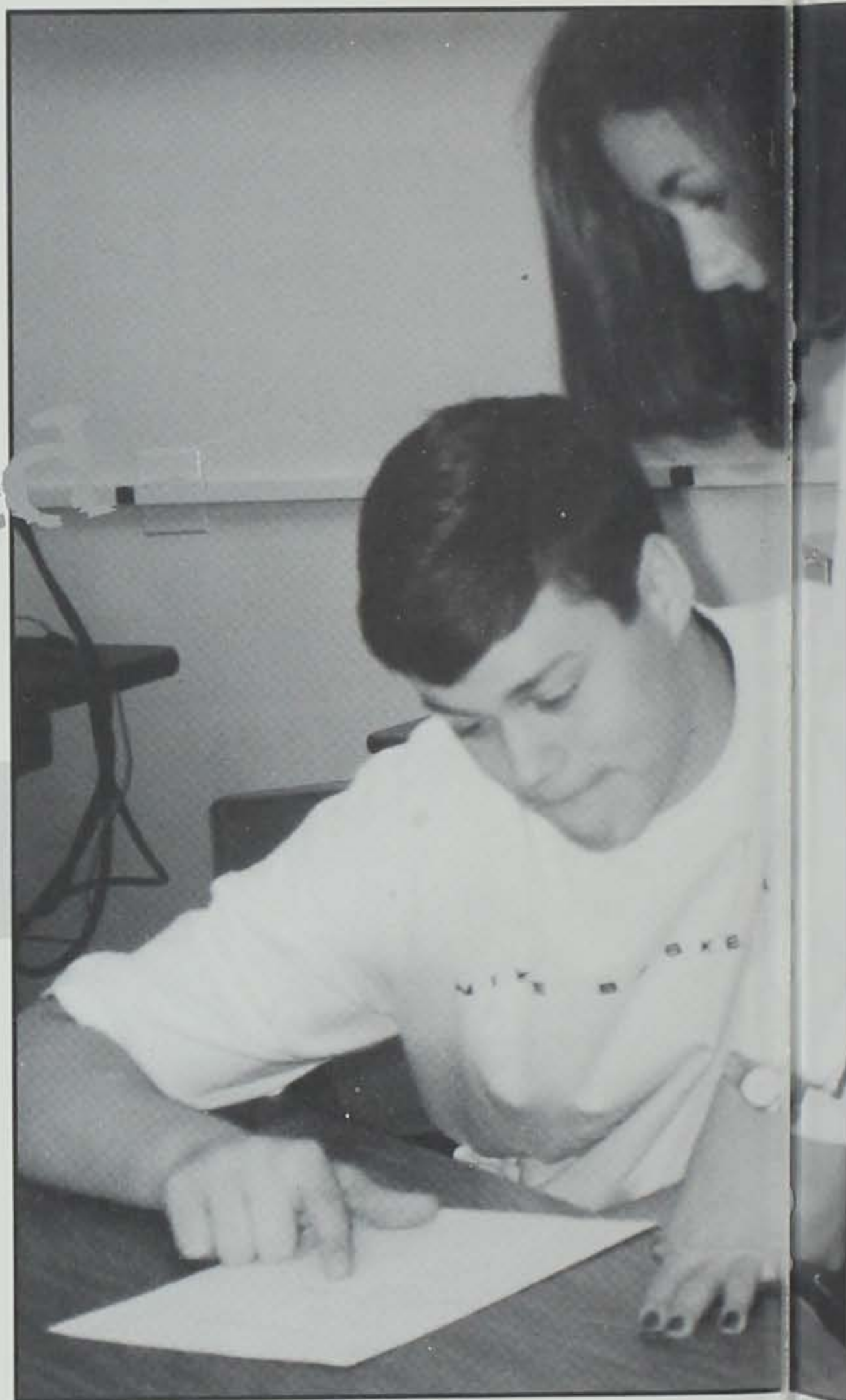
Business Professionals of America offered students a great opportunity for employment in the real world. Business Professionals of America (BPA) was a club for those students involved in Office Education. Office Education (OE) was a school program that works together with the business community to give students experience in a variety of office occupations.

Those students who were involved in OE got a chance to make a little extra money and get credits for High School. The morning was spent in school taking classes to graduate, and the afternoon was spent in the work field or getting training while receiving two credits.

BPA and OE got involved in many

activities. Some of the activities they participated in included hosting a secretary coffee for the secretaries in the Ankeny School District, raising money for Special Olympics, and donating gifts for a needy family at Christmas. OE students also went to a district leadership conference at AIB and were tested in many complete events.

If you seem interested in being part of OE here are some of the requirements: you have to be entering your senior year in school, a good background in computers, one year informational technology course along with a part-time job. Another few things that are considered are English grades, attendance, attitude, and personal appearance.



TEAM WORK

Gina Gelatti helps Kevin Immel out with a paper he is working on. Team work takes a big part in OE.

ONE MORE TIME

Angie Erickson works on one of the many projects they had to do. This was one of her last projects because she graduated.



Photo by Angelica Gonzales

CHATTIN' AWAY

Angie Erickson, Gina Gelotti, Pascale Bonnifil and Amber Watson Talk and enjoy the food served at the Secretary Coffee held in the AHS media center.



Photo by K Kauffman

OE REPRESENTATIVES

Left to Right Front row: Angie Erickson, Amber Watson. Second Row: Tiffany Hill, Kristi Bruckman, Pascale Bonnefil, Gina Gilatti. Back row: Kevin Immel, Jason Cochran, Karl Krapf



OFFICERS

Historian: Tiffany Hill, Secretary/Treasurer: Kristi Bruckman, President: Pascale Bonnefil, Vice President: Gina Gelatti.



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JUST CHILLIN'

Seniors Kristi Bruckman and Tiffany Hill sit on the stairs and chat while eating fruit and cake at the Secretary Coffee they helped host.

COFFEE BREAK

Left-Right: Jeanni Spain (AHS), Reka Hinshaw (Parkview), Therese Biga (AHS) and Lisa Nalson (AHS) discuss school issues.

The speech and debate teams earned a reputation as the teams to beat.

IT'S

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Why do you participate in speech and/or debate?

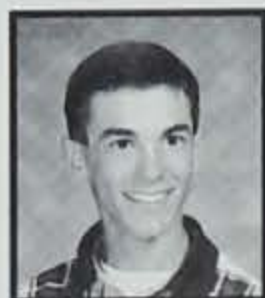
"It's a life skill that will benefit no matter what I choose as a career."

-Liz Blair



"Because I like to do for fun what most people fear worse than death."

-Adam Thimmesch



by Jason Cairns

Speech and debate teams ruled this year—literally. They ran away with the #1 spot in virtually every competition.

From December through April, the speech team competed at various meets. At ANITA, where students compete individually and then a team trophy is awarded, the speech team took 1st for the second year in a row. **Al Moton** scored top honors in 2 categories, and **Sarah Van Oort** also walked away with the blue ribbon in 2 categories.

By season's end, the speech team had the top number of entrants at the state competition with 36 Division I ratings. The team also had the second highest number of entrants (10) to proceed on to All-State competition, among them senior **Chad Graham**.

The speech program has grown considerably in the last several years, enabling AHS to host the district large

group competition. Two AHS groups received All-State recognition: a one act play "Cagebirds" (with **Erica Rose**, **Natalie Rose**, **Elise Brodell**, **Stephanie Kasper**, **Rachel Johnson**, **Stacy Lane**, **Janelle Haack**, and **Abby Dwyer**) and ensemble acting piece "The Rainmaker" (with **Chad Graham** and **Janelle Haack**).

The 65-member debate team traveled to 9 meets this year, dominating the competition. By the end of the several month long season, the team had amassed over 40 trophies. Debate standouts included **Dani Strait** and National Qualifiers **Al Moton** and **Sarah Van Oort**.

The team never traveled without its mascot—a hoagie sandwich. The *SAME* hoagie sandwich. The group chose the hoagie as their mascot because a debator, like a hoagie, gets its flavor from a variety of substances, putting different items together for one powerful product.

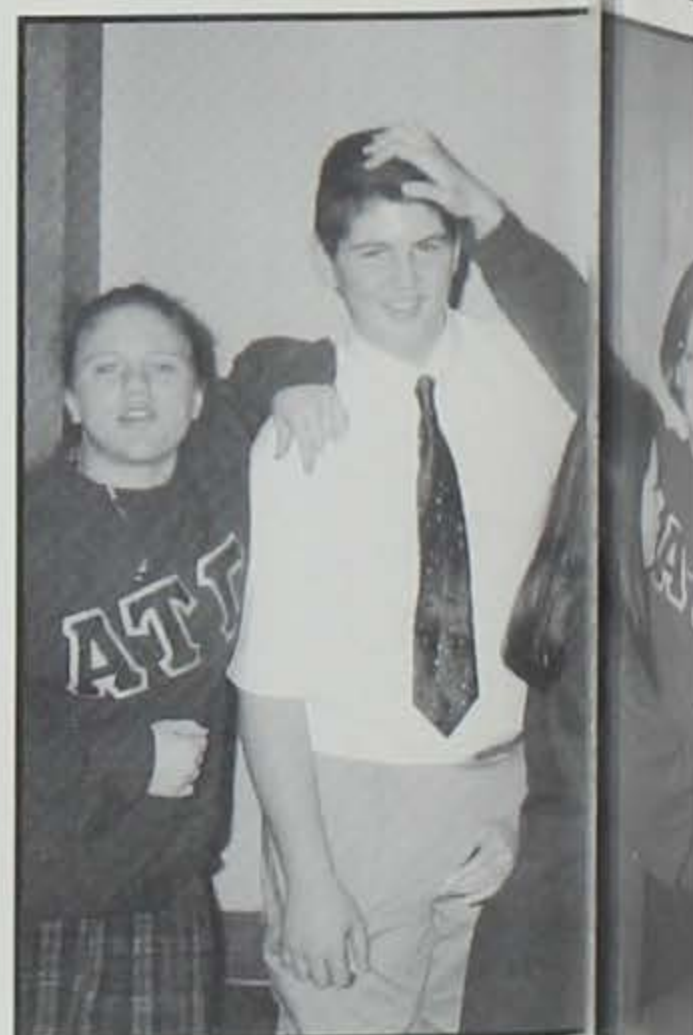


DISCOVERY & RESEARCH

is the name of the game as **Missy Eick** discovers as a member of the debate team. One had to research both sides of the issue and be prepared to debate either side when competing in order to be successful.

REGULAR PARTICIPANTS

Taking a break from a particularly grueling day, **Jenny Meyers**, **John Crall**, **Amber Danner**, **Liz Blair** clown around to relieve some of the stress speech competition brings on.



SPEECH TEAM VICTORS

The speech team poses for a group photo after their blowout win at ANITA. The speech team has grown from 17 members to over 60 in just 2 years and rapidly became the team to contend with in IA.



SPEECH

Head Forensics/Debate Coach: Mr. Scott Wunn
Asst. Forensics/Debate Coach: Ms. Kim Bell
Large Group Coach: Mr. Cary Shapiro

STATE CHAMP WINNER

Sarah Van Oort is flanked by her number one supporters, her parents, when presented with the American Legion's State Oratory Contest award. Mr. Wunn is the dude on the right.



ALL STATE SPEECH

L to R: Bill McCarty, Mr. Wunn, Jenny Domain, Lisa Arterburn, Adam Thimmesch, Missy Eick, Cori Kuhn, Sarah Van Oort, Chad Graham, Kendra Vonschaumburg, Ms. Bell



IT'S ANOTHER ROAD TRIP!

Johanna Russell and Grant Dickinson find time to sleep. On 9 different weekends, the debate team traveled for competition, often leaving before 6:00 a.m. on a Saturday in order to reach their destination in time.

WANTED: AHS DEBATERS

The team sported T-shirts to demonstrated unity. The requirements? "No crying," ability to "write 100 briefs in an hour," and a love of "frozen hoagies." The Reward? Time with that Wacky Wunn Guy.

Every day, Ankeny High School and it's teachers within are assisted with checking homework and running messages.

TEACHER

caretakers



What are some things that you like about officerunning/TA?

"When picking up attendance I get to say 'Hi' to my friends."

-Julie Metheny



"Being a teacher's assistant is a lot better than sitting in study hall."

-Genny Borich



by Carisa Spain

Officerunning or being a teachers assistant? Which one would you rather want to do? They both seem like pretty easy jobs, but then again you might want to think twice. Officerunning it isn't very difficult, but it's not easy either. It's more like a challenge.

"Before becoming an office runner you have to meet some qualifications," said Mrs. Hamersley, the attendance secretary in the office. Some of those qualifications include having more than one study hall and getting good grades. Mrs. Hamersley usually has two office runners per hour, but different people are on A and B days. However, sometimes these people are mainstays.

As an office runner you have to take on some duties, like picking up attendance and delivering messages to students and teachers. Taking on these duties call for some difficult times. Look-

ing students up on the computer so they can receive their messages takes up the majority of first hour. Eighth hour is mainly trying to get all of the messages taken out to the students and teachers and filing the attendance sheets in the teachers boxes. "My office runners do an excellent job. I don't know what I'd do without them," says Mrs. Hamersley.

An office runner doesn't receive a credit, unlike a teacher's assistant which does receive a credit. Mrs. Fields, a Language Arts teacher, says some of the duties that she gives her teacher's assistants are putting grades in the grade book, and organizing and grading papers. Genny Borich says, "sometimes there won't be anything to do for the teacher so I'll just sit at the table in the Language Arts Resource Center. It is better than sitting in study hall." Either way, these people are indispensable.



PUTTING IT ON DISK

Melissa Bleeker sits down in front of the computer to put some students' scores on the computer. Teacher's assistants used a program called MacSchool as a electronic gradebook this year.

FIGURING IT OUT

Michelle Cunningham looks through various students' incentive credit records. Michelle was a teacher's assistant for Mr. Steffen. Incentive credit was the form of extra credit that he used.



tail runners

Wow, A GREAT SCORE!

Liz Blair finds one of the best of the bunch while checking tests as a teacher's assistant. Liz was a teacher's assistant for Mr. Wunn second semester.

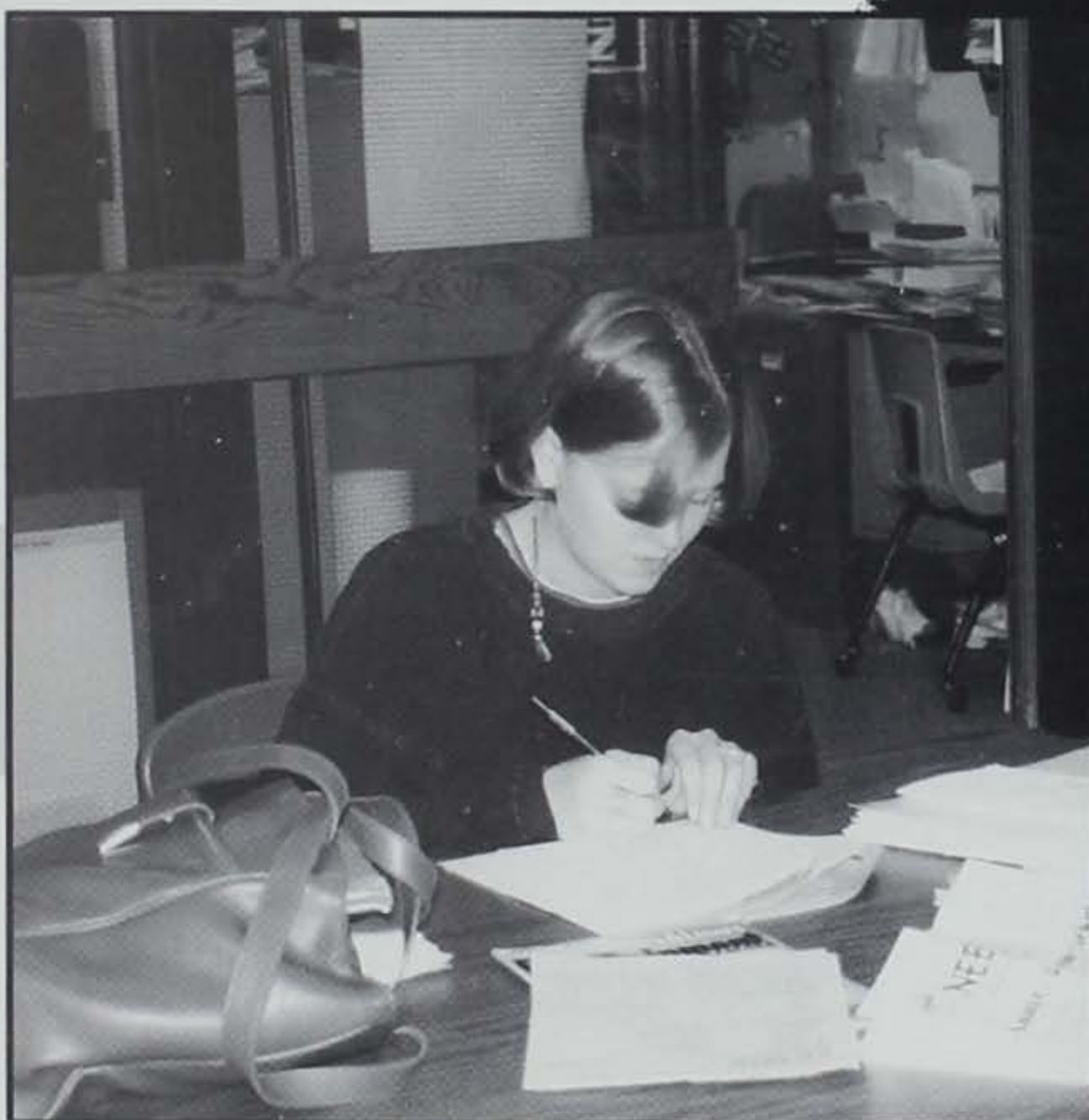


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Office Runners: Row 1: Lana Starr. Row 2: Cory Hildreth, Melissa Bleeker, Emily Stordahl, Brian Witt, Julie Metheny. Row 3: Becky Hamann, Carisa Spain, Alecia Ashby, Judd Schira.



Jerica Keenan and Rachel Roland, both office runners for Mrs. Hammersly, pick up the attendance in the Language Arts rooms. To make things more smooth, they take messages to students at the same time. Jerica is ready to drop a few off.



Photo by Shawna Vuper



Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton

WHERE ARE THEY?

Dawn Whitlach, office runner for Mrs. Hammersly, uses the computer to find the location of many students. Not only did office runners find students, but they had to deliver notes to them throughout the day.

DOUBLE CHECK

Cathy Crum and Holly Goernt make sure that all grades are correct by double checking the answers. Using this method ensures that nobody would have an incorrect grade on their paper.

**From the blood drive
to preparing for Home-
coming, Student Council
provides students with an
opportunity to serve.**

MAKING Decisions

Q What do you think about your experience with student council?

"I believe student council is a good thing. It gets you involved with students and the administration."

-Ryan Justice



"Student council was a fun experience. If I could, I would definitely do it again."

-Sarah VanOort



By **Ryan DeMey**

The student council was extremely busy during the 1997 school year. Working under the direction of **Mr. Shaltanis**, Student Council Advisor of the Year for the State of Iowa, the main job of the student council was to represent AHS students involving decisions made by student council and the administration.

Each class or grade nominated ten people as class representatives. Overseeing the class reps was an executive board consisting of Committee Manager **Tom Kapaska**, Treasurer **Kyle Albertson**, Secretary **Natalie Rose**, Vice President **Adam Thimmesch**, and Student Council President **Mike Dahlstrom**.

Student council met about once a week to discuss activities it would hold and participate in throughout the year. The first big event student council was responsible for was Homecoming, especially the school decoration and the home-

coming dance.

"I had a good time setting up and organizing the Homecoming Dance," said **Joe Beveridge**.

A look at the year provides a general idea of some of the other activities student council was involved in: Powder Puff game, can drive, student exchange with Iowa Falls and Lincoln, and the blood drive, just to name a few.

"The student exchange with Iowa Falls was great! It was fun to visit their school and compare it to how our school does things," said **Lindsay Pace**.

Melissa Beaman added that "helping with the blood drive made me feel like we were doing something worthwhile."

In order to be in student council you have to be a leader, role model, and give up a lot of time to help make AHS a better place for everyone. That's just what this year's student council accomplished.



STUDENT COUNCIL

members **Erin Jagnandan**, **Eric Metzger**, **Kristine Cox**, **Kim Kopacek**, **Amber Berglund**, and **Andy Lynch** take time for a group photo at the blood drive. It was hard work, even though you can't tell by the smiles on their faces.

INTERACTING WITH LHS,

Nicole Roland shows her new friends from Lincoln High School around AHS. She and other student council members hosted the Lincoln students for a day of school in what was called a student exchange.



LINCOLN AND ANKENY

High School student council members gather for a group photo. The student exchange with Lincoln and Iowa Falls gave students a chance to meet new people and see how things were run at other schools.



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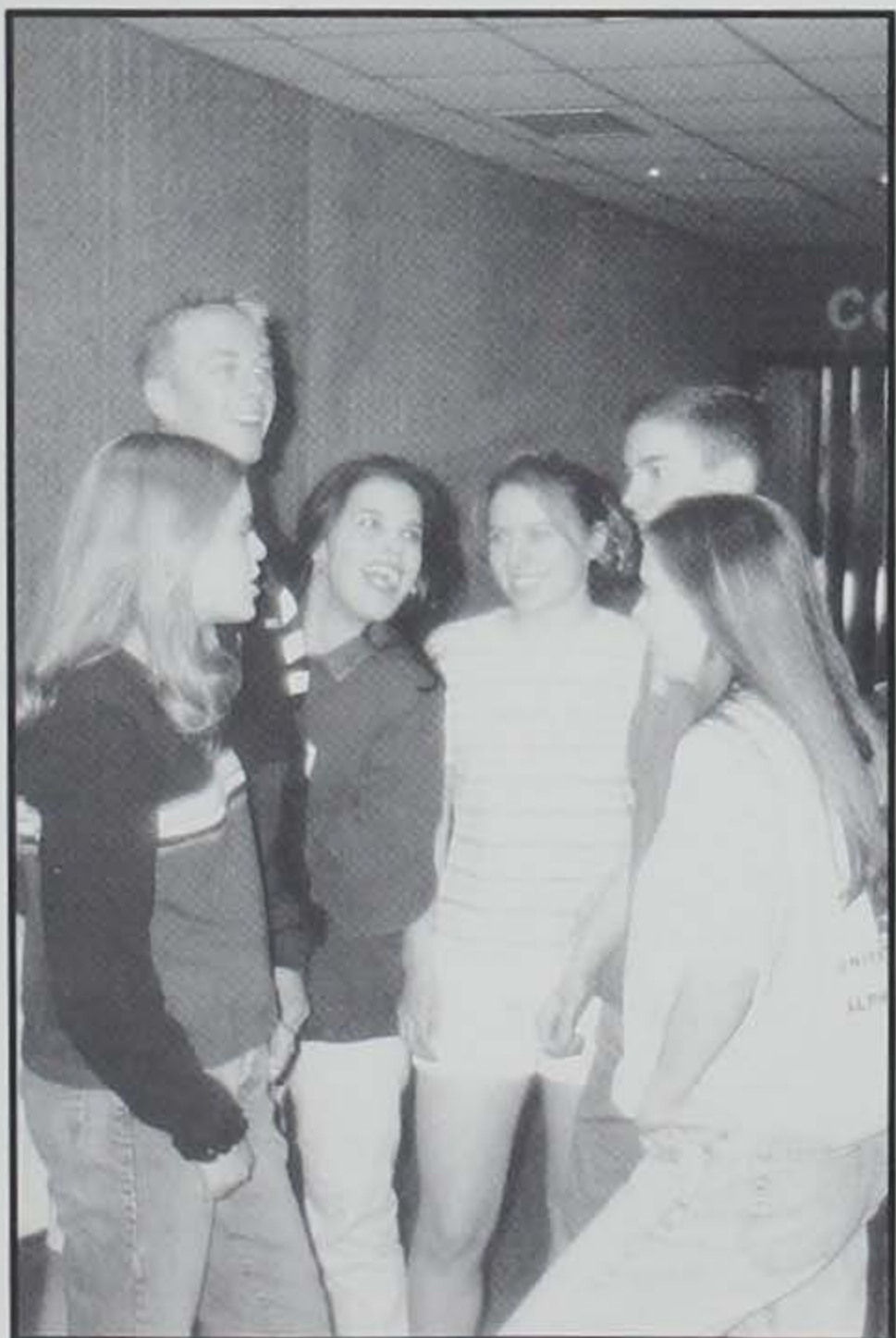


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COUNCIL

Student council: Melissa Beaman, Amber Berglund, Janelle Haack, Erin Jagnandan, Emily Schneider, Rachel Roland, Erica Rose, Natalie Rose, Sarah VanOort, Kim Kopacek, Kristine Cox, Angie Nielsen, James Boswell, Liz Elseman, Lindsay Pace, Bryony Jones, Andrew Reich, Ryan Justice, Tom Kopaska, Joe Henderson, Adam Thimmesch, Ben Jones, Eric Metzger, Mike Dahlstrom, Pat Wells, Joe Beveridge, Andy Lynch, Sean McClure, Mike Reed, T.C. Clawson. Not pictured: Kyle Albertson, Marla Ballard, Michael Hasslhuhn, Ben Jones, Scott Phillips, Nicole Roland.



Student council officers: (L to R) Committe Manager: Tom Kopaska, Treasurer: Kyle Albertson, President: Mike Dahlstrom, Vice President: Adam Thimmesch, Secretary: Natalie Rose



Photo by Ryan Tucci

GROUP COOPERATION

is the key to success in student council, as demonstrated by Lindsay Pace, Joe Beveridge, Liz Elseman, Marla Ballard, Adam Thimmesch, and Nicole Roland as they meet briefly in the hall between classes.

WANT A COOKIE?

Kim Kopacek, Andy Lynch, Shawn McClure, and Ben Jones help hand out treats to students (including Scott Michaelson) at the blood drive. People had to eat before leaving the site.



Defeat the **Elite**

Lead by ten State Qualifiers, the Hawk swimmers posted the only perfect CIVL dual meet record of 8-0, winning the National conference dual meet title for the first time ever, and went into state with high expectations.

by Heather Gomez

With MVP Chris George leading the way, the Hawk swimmers went undefeated during the 1996-1997 dual meet season. "Chris was our go-to guy," said head coach Mark Nordby. "I knew I could switch him around wherever we needed him. He's a versatile swimmer, and he's such a competitor, too." T.J. Tollakson and B.J. Brent also won conference individual titles, Tollakson in the 100 Butterfly and Brent in the 100 backstroke.

Opening the season on December 7th, the Hawks won the Newton Invitational and placed second at the Marshalltown Relays. Then the Hawks had a hard fought victory at Mason City, and then travelled to Ames and ended the Little Cyclones' 40 consecutive meet winning streak. And by February 4th, the Hawks had the Conference dual meet title wrapped up with a victory at Ft. Dodge.

With sixteen swimmers returning next season including MVP Chris George and Conference Champions Brent and Tollakson, the Hawks look to make a run at the state title next year.



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REWIND

On February 22, 1997, Chris George, T.J. Tollakson, Kellen Huston, Aaron Betlach, Mike Fujinaka, Mickey Barrey, B.J. Brent, Ryan Hallenbeck, Matt McDermott, and Andy Schwendiger went to Iowa City for the State meet.

With a strong performance the hawks placed 8th with 51 points.

Brent also posted a 56.12 time in the backstroke in a regular season meet with Valley; and was the second fastest in AHS history!!

In the 500 Freestyle, the second fastest time in AHS history was set by Chris George; in a time of 4:49.69!!!

At the state meet, the 200 free relay team of Ryan Hallenbeck, Kellen Huston, T.J. Tollakson, and Chris George got 4th place and set a record which qualified them for All-American Consideration.

Quick W

rap-up

What's my time? **Chris George** looks at the clock after winning the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:07.47 (opposite page bottom left). George earned all-state honors while placing fifth in the 500 freestyle at state with the second fastest time in AHS history: 4:49.69.

The winning face of **T.J. Tollakson** checks the clock after placing second in the 200 freestyle against WDM Valley with a time of 1:50.06. Tollakson finished sixth in the butterfly at state with a time of 54.86 (opposite page bottom right).

Party Time! The AHS swim team celebrates after winning districts and qualifying ten swimmers for the state meet. Partying in the pool are **Aaron Betlach** and Assistant coach **John Meyers** (bottom).

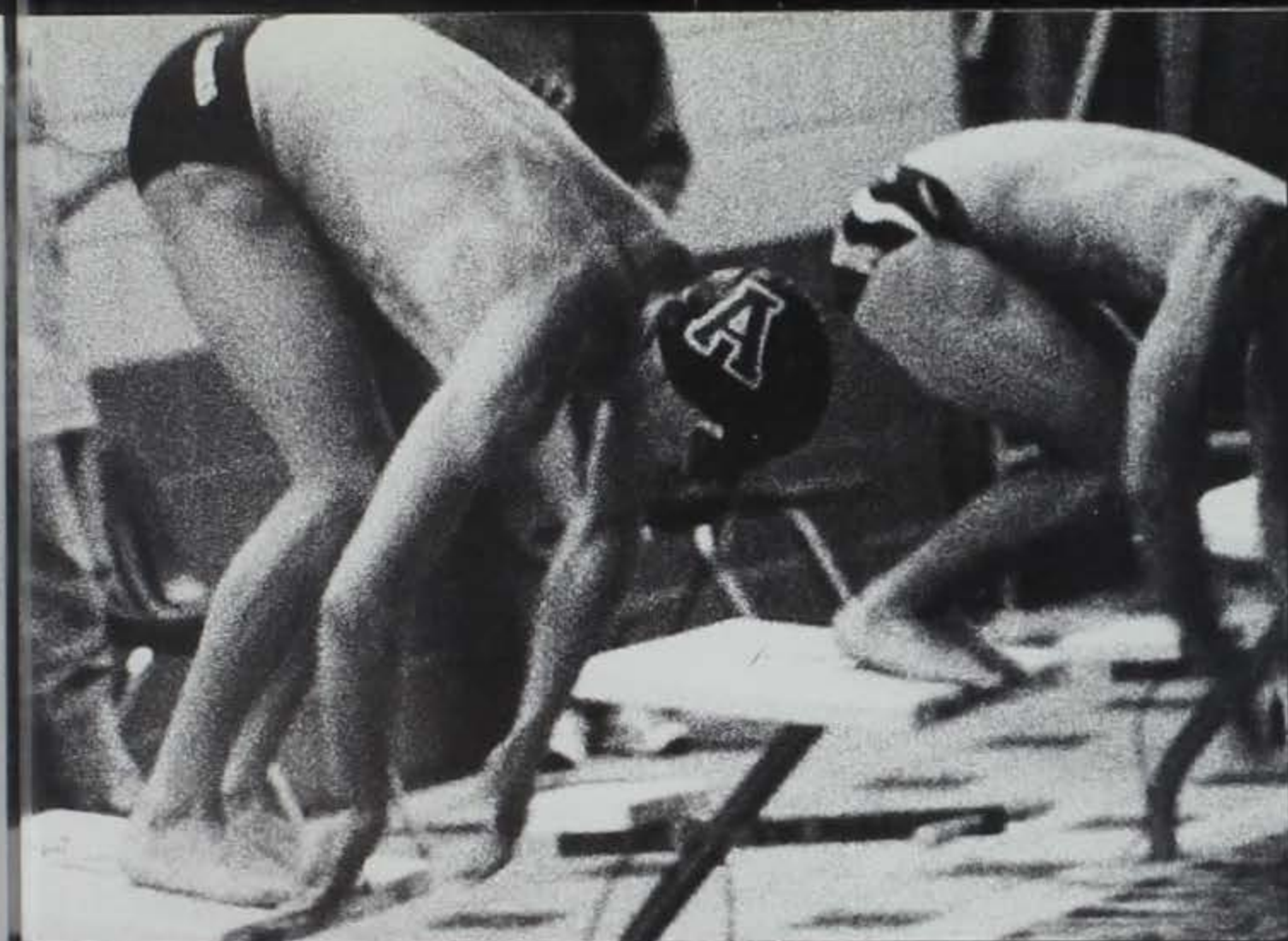
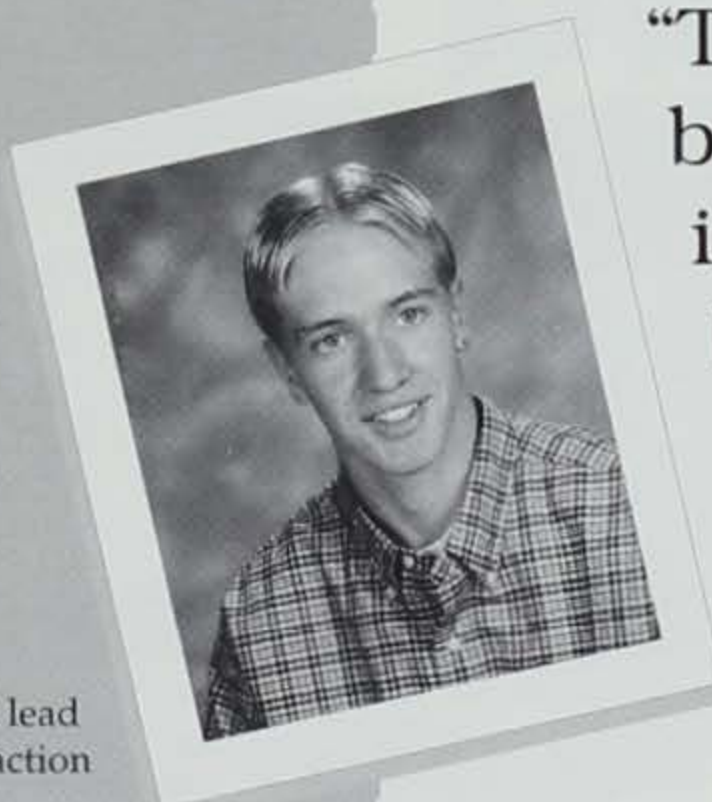


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"The Ames meet was a big one for us. Beating a team who hasn't lost in 40 meets set the tone for our season! Next year we hope to finish in the top 5 at state."

Chris George.

At Top: Jumping out of the blocks is **Ryan Hallenbeck**. Hallenbeck leads the way this season as one of ten state qualifiers, and will return to action next season.

Above: Leigh Smith competes in a meet during action from this season. Smith, a freshman, competed for the Hawks in the individual medley this season.

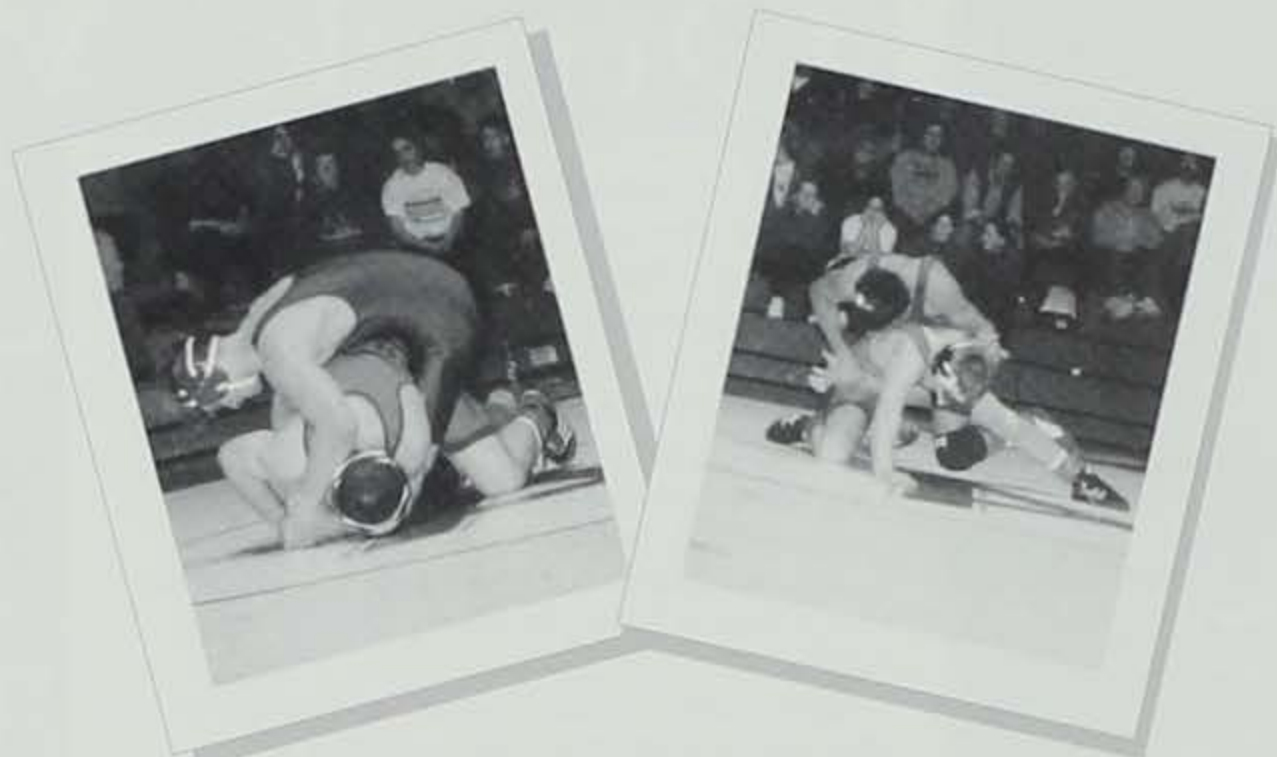


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Aaron Betlach, Kelly Huston, Jeremy Betlach, Aaron Carter, Andy Schwinedger, Amanda Gibbons, Row 2: Coach John Meyers, Dave Lloyd, Steven Lloyd, Colin Peterson, Scott Gramh, Mike Fujinaka, T.J. Tollakson, Coach Mark Nordby, Row 3: C.T. Verhuel, Matt McDermott, Lee Smith, Chris George, B.J. Brent, Andy Duin, Mickey Barry, Not Pictured Ron Fuller and Ryan Hallenbeck.



Hard To Handle

With seven returning starters, five of them state qualifiers, the Hawks will definately have a team to boast about. With one good season behind them, the Ankeny wrestlers will only accept another successful season next year.

by Danielle Rethmeier

"This year's season was the best season that I have wrestled here at Ankeny. We wrestled as a team; everything came together. We didn't end on a good note, but next year is still ahead for many. We will have six starting seniors back along with my brother Jake Bagby. It's Hawk Time," said Nate Bagby when asked about his 1996-1997 wrestling season. That was the general feeling among most of the team when asked about their season.

The season also had its memorable moments as well. Last year the team was only able to tie the Marshalltown Bobcats, which was the closest that Ankeny has ever got to them under the coaching of Mr. Ewing. Obviously, tying the Bobcats was not good enough for the Hawks. This year the team responded back to that tie with a victory of 44-15.

The season's all time high was the turn out for the barn-7 people. Next year could very well bring some state titles home with 5 of these state qualifiers returning.

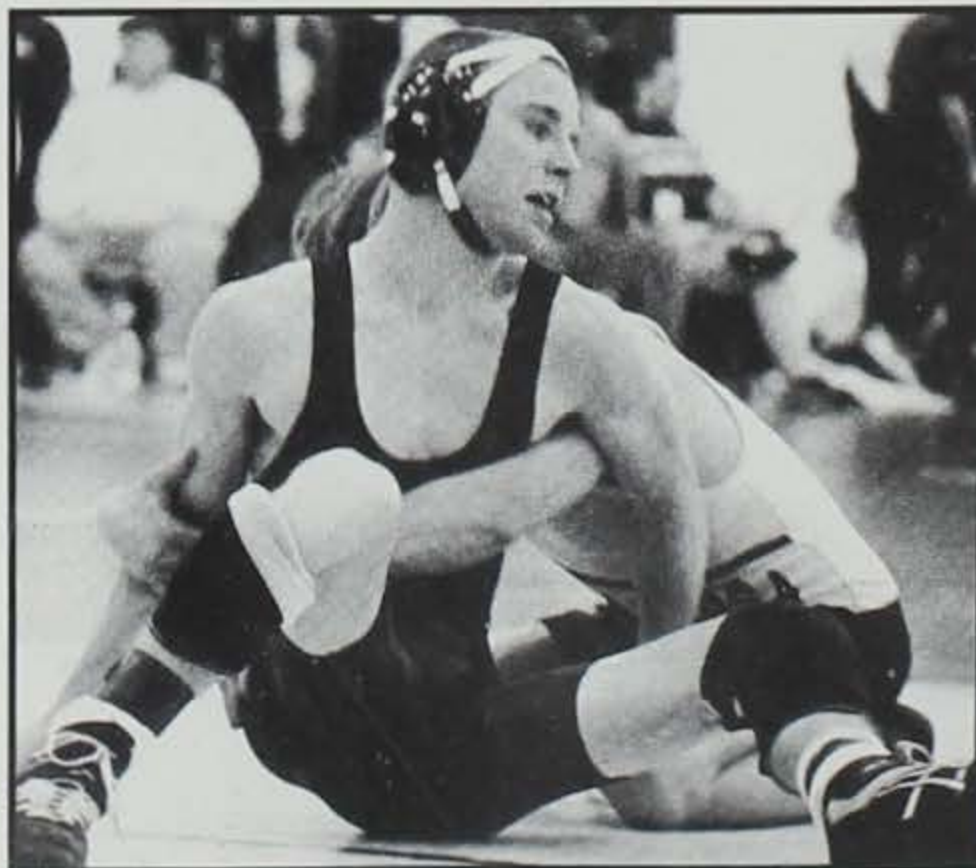


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STATS

Us	Opponent	Them
41	South Tama	18
33	Mason City	30
30	Ames	20
19	Urbandale	41
39	Valley	20
44	Marshalltown	15
44	Boone	15
32	Spencer	27
49	Harlan	24
22	Independence	34
50	S.E. Polk	18
34	Newton	33
36	Muscatine	31
45	Lincoln	18
72	Hoover	06
44	Roosevelt	18
63	Johnston	12
26	Fort Dodge	36
19	Lemars	46

Tournaments

Eagle Grove Invitational- 2nd
Lincoln Dual Invitational- 1st
Valley Invitational- 1st
Fort Dodge Invitational- 4th
Bob Sharp Invitational- 1st
Ankeny Dual Invitational- 2nd
Conference- 4th
Districts- 1st

State Qualifiers

Jake Bagby
Nate Bagby
Jared Beard
Bryan Eichenberger
Pete McPherson
Nate Miltenberger
Kyle Moon

Mr. Takedown: Jared Beard 53
Mr. Pin: Nate Bagby 23

Quick W

rap-up

Receiving points for an escape or receiving points for a reversal is the only decision that **Ben Snyder** can make during his match at the Ankeny Dual Invitational on the opposite page, bottom left.

In their warm-up sweats, **Kyle Moon** and **Jared Beard** (opposite page, bottom right) prepare for their matches against the Marshalltown Bobcats. Both westlers pushed each other and kept each other going when things got hard, people got tired, or if a one of the two wrestlers felt that all of his energy was gone.

Going from underneath, **Nate Bagby** makes a move on his Marshalltown opponent (bottom left). Bagby will be one of six returning starters for the Hawks during the 1997-1998 season.



Photo by Danielle Rethmeier



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At Top: Another takedown for **Nate Bagby** as he and his opponent fall to the mat. Nate Bagby was the runner-up for the title of Mr. Takedown this season. Nate racked up 51 pins, but **Jared Beard** had 53.

Above: The clock is running as **Bryan Eichenberger** and his opponent from South Tama are at a stand still. Bryan Eichenberger was one of the state qualifiers, and he finished his season with a record of 29-10

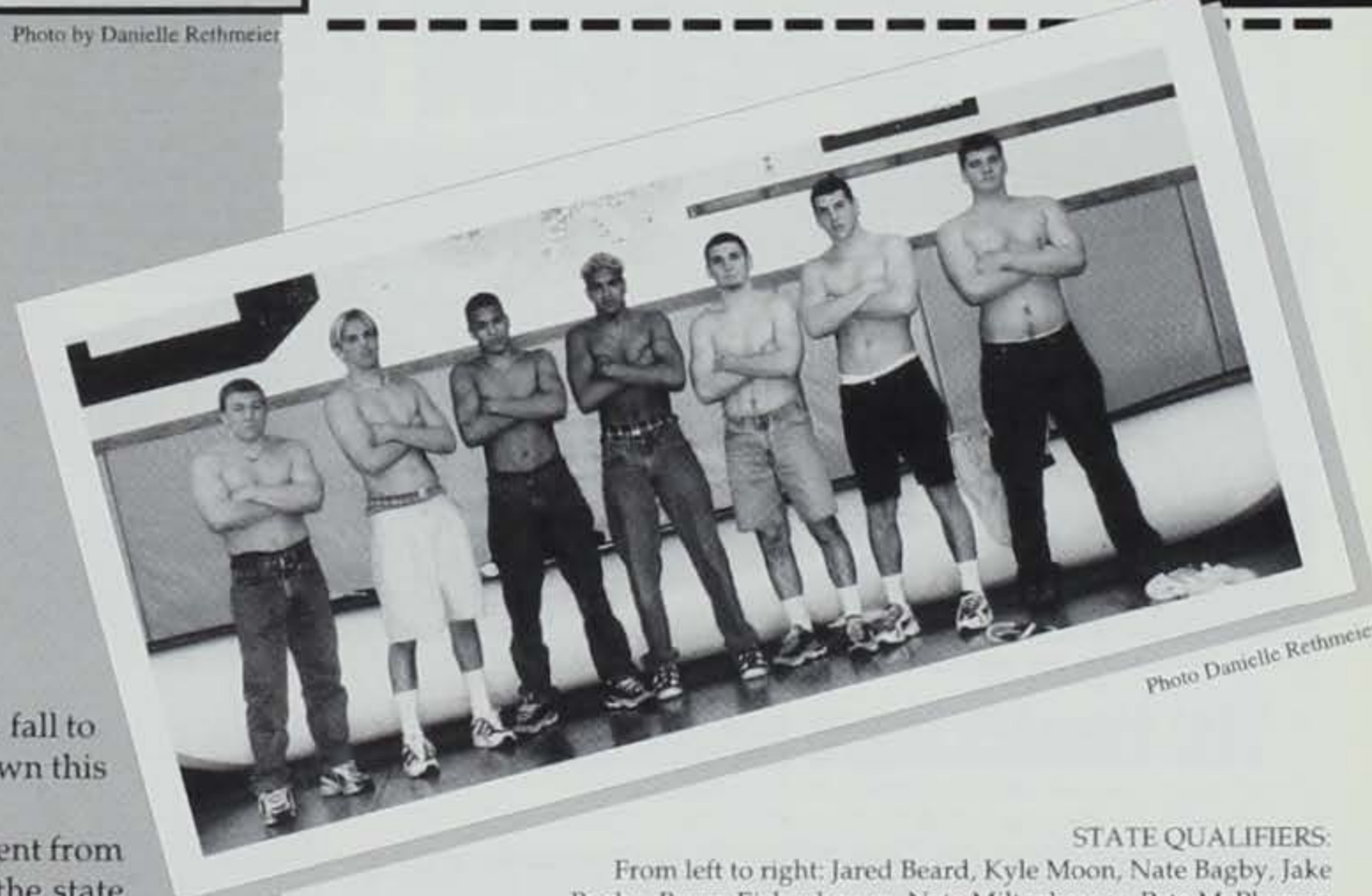


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STATE QUALIFIERS:

From left to right: Jared Beard, Kyle Moon, Nate Bagby, Jake Bagby, Bryan Eichenberger, Nate Miltenberger, Pete McPherson

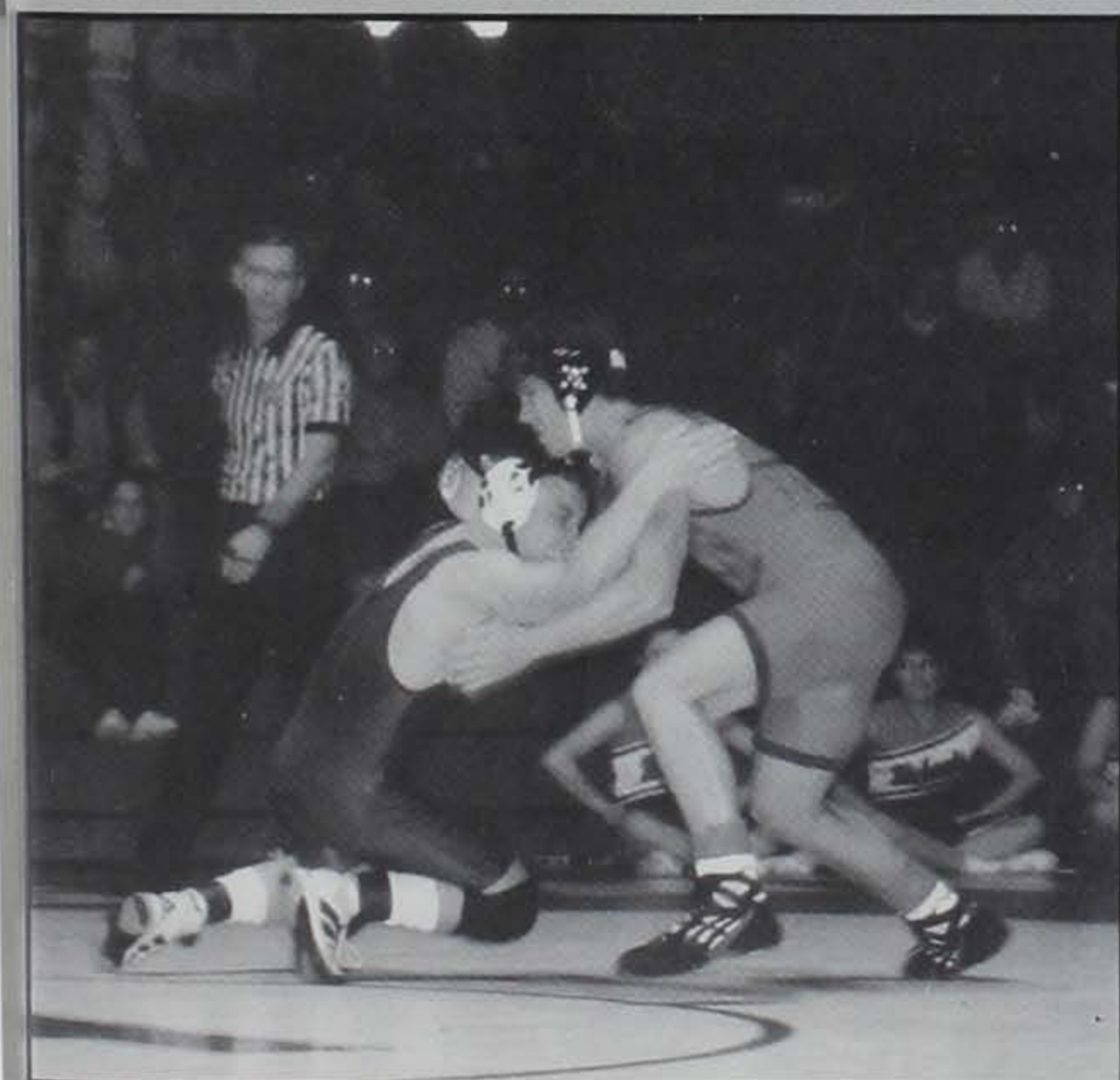


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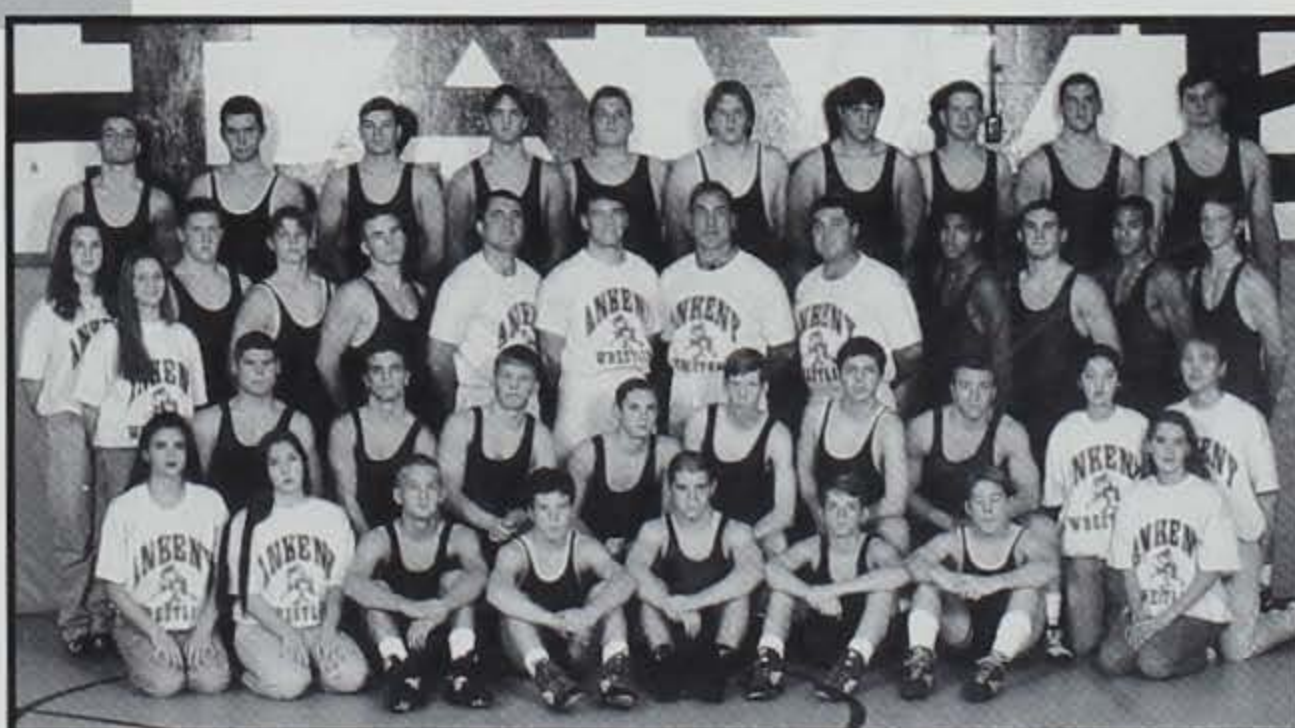
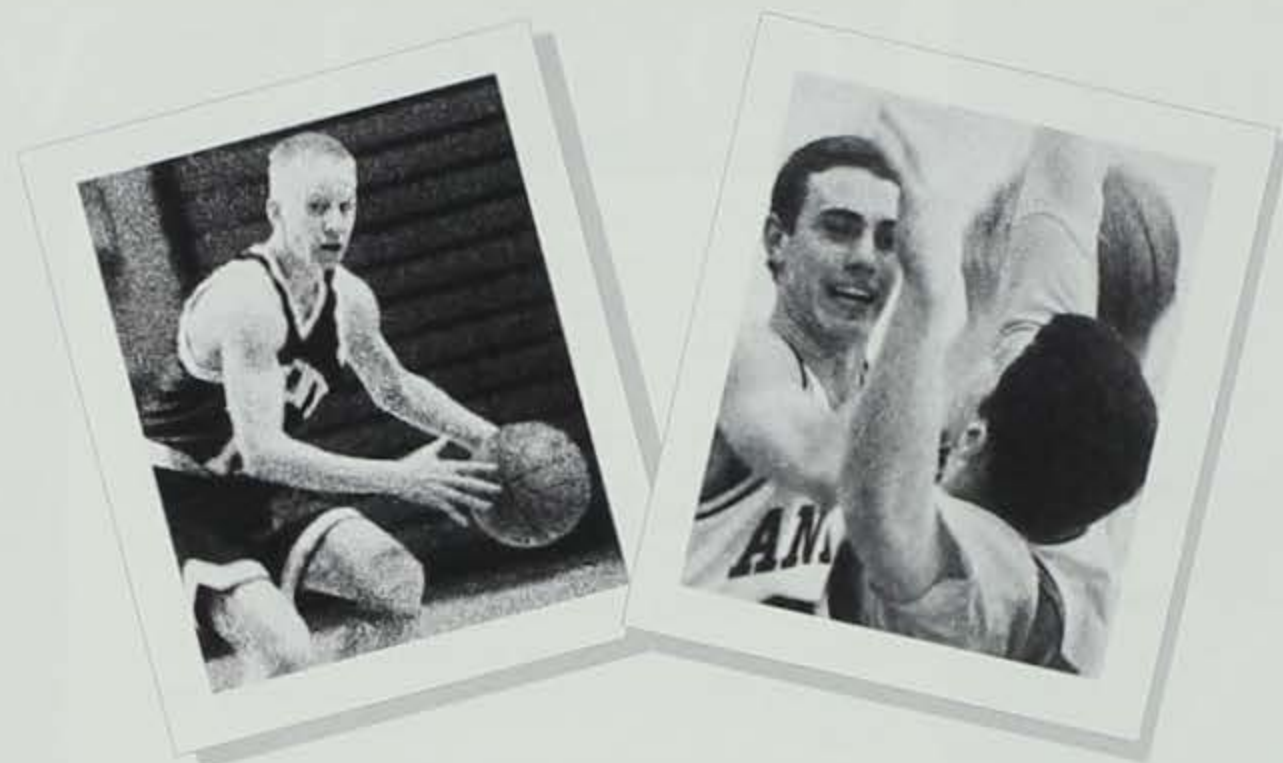


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Ben Snyder, James Houghton, Matt Porath, Kyle Moon, Adam Matson, Ryan Archer, Charlie Kain, Ryan Guldenpfennig, Nate Miltenberger, Pete McPherson Row 2: Joanna Lincoln, Nicole Roland, Nate Lohmeier, Jon Carrington, Lee Virchow, Coach Porter, Coach Lundquist, Coach Ewing, Coach Sharp, Jake Bagby, Bryan Eichenberger, Nate Bagby, Nick Breeden Row 3: Jake Moore, T.J. Duke, Andy Fuctman, Dan Bell, Paul Dolezal, Tom Sergio, Jared Beard, Jenny Spooner, Jenny Wehage Row 4: Jill Nelson, Ginger Van Gorp, Nate Garvey, Scott Von Hagen, Ryan Tucci, Chad Adams, Josh Fuller, Nikki Vaughn



Balanced Attack

The Hawks have several players score in double figures to lead the team on the tournament trail. With hopes of returning to state for the fifth time in a row, the Hawks continued the winning ways and tradition of AHS basketball.

by Jason Hill

The expectations for the Ankeny Hawk basketball team were high. After a state title two years ago and a early exit from the state tournament last season, the Hawks looked to return to state.

They won three of their first four games, including Jeremy Taylor's 37 points in a win against Urbandale. A gallant effort against #1 ranked Mason City left the Hawks with a 3-2 record at the Christmas Break.

After break, the Hawks, winners of their last two games, played rival WDM Valley in a game that would determine second place in the Conference. The Hawks again fell short. After a second loss to Mason City the Hawks went on a nine game winning streak. With the conference championship out of the picture, the Hawks faced Valley again, prevailing 68-65 for second place in the conference. Tourney Time and the Hawks won their first game powered by Jeremy Taylor's 35 points. The streak ended with a substate final loss to Urbandale.

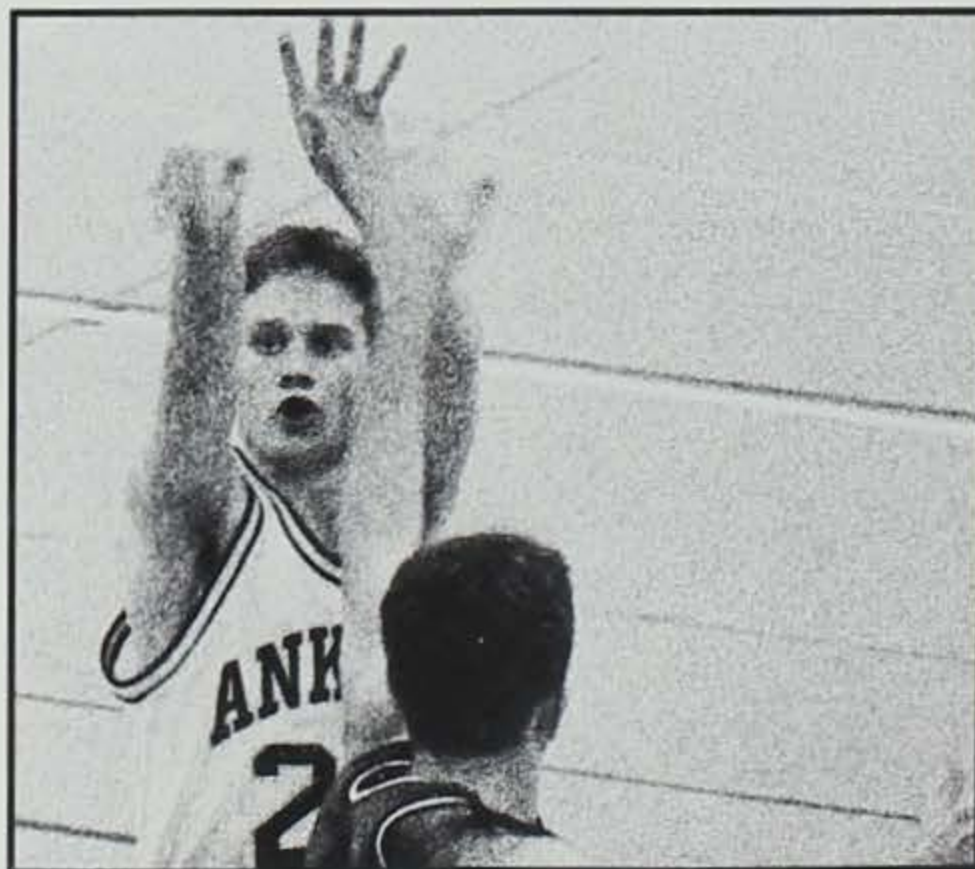


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Us	Opponent	Them
78	Hoover	66
57	Linn-Marr	47
68	Urbandale	56
69	Indianola	77
67	Mason City	92
79	Ames	65
78	Marshalltown	59
55	WDM Valley	64
72	Newton	35
70	Johnston	37
72	Urbandale	58
63	Mason City	83
55	Ft. Dodge	54
82	Ames	69
79	DM Lincoln	50
68	WDM Valley	65
83	Boone	61
80	Marshalltown	49
56	Ft. Dodge	52
64	Newton	39
<u>District Tournament</u>		
97	Hoover	77
<u>Substate Tournament</u>		
68	Urbandale	79
<u>Overall Record</u>		
17-5		
<u>First Team All Conference</u>		
• Ryan Sears-senior		
• Jeremy Taylor-senior		
<u>All Conference Honorable Mention</u>		
• Ryan Blahauvietz-senior		
• Scott Evans-senior		
• Drew Purcell-senior		
<u>First Team All-State</u>		
• Ryan Sears-senior		
<u>Hawk Seniors</u>		
• Ryan Blahauvietz		
• Ryan Sears		
• Aaron Ruff		
• Kevin Immel		
• Alex Montes		
• Drew Purcell		
• Scott Evans		
• Jeremy Taylor		
• Jason Hill		

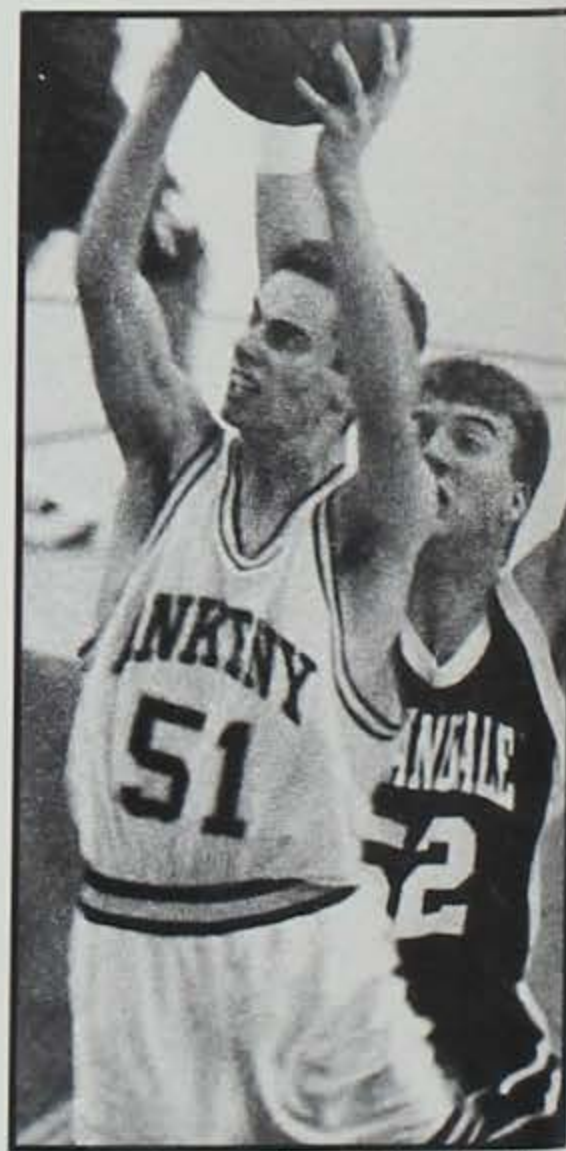


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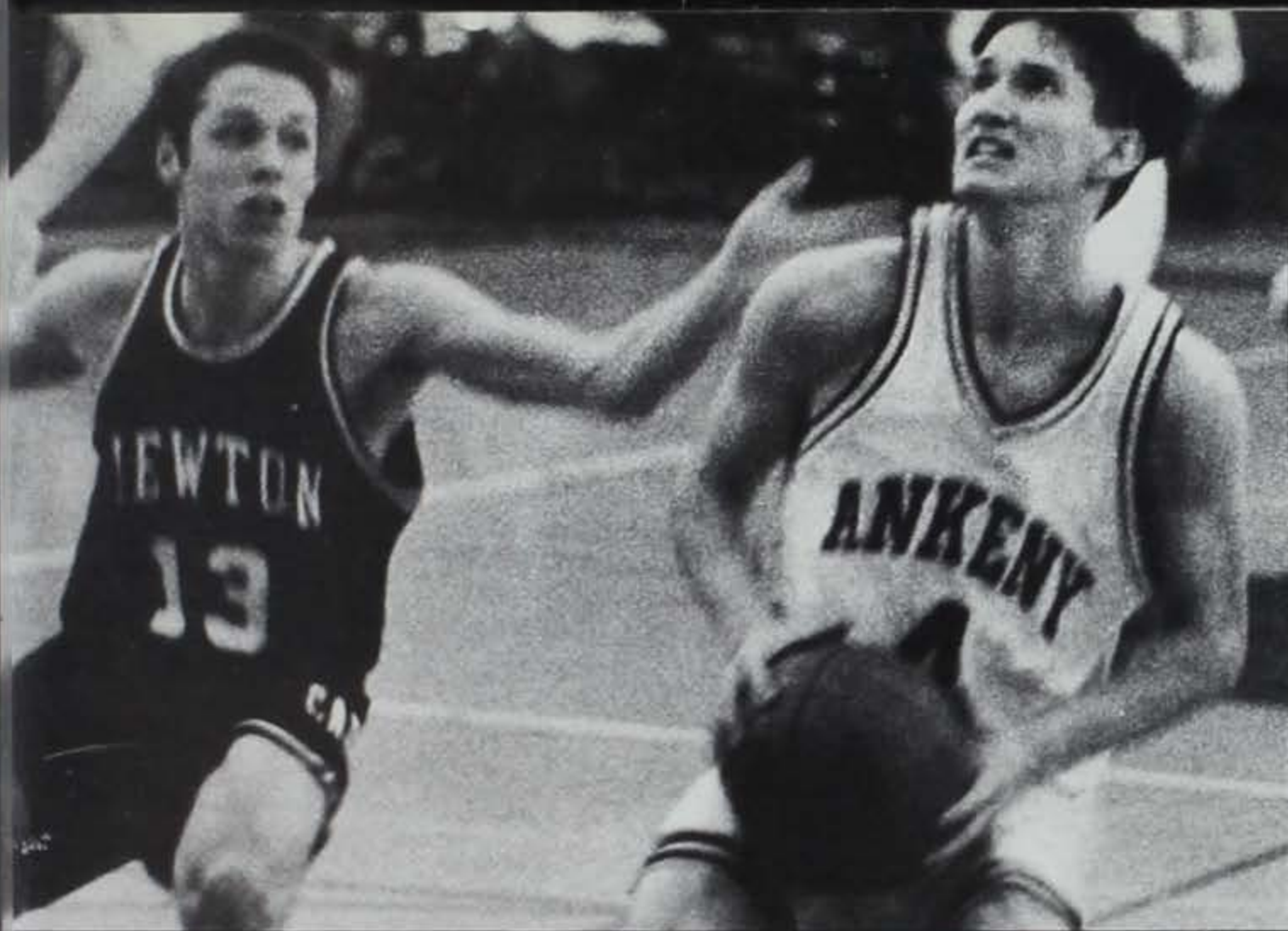


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At Top: All State guard **Ryan Sears** jump stops to shoot over a Newton defender. Sears, was a four year starter for the Hawks and will be missed next season at the point guard position.

Above: Driving to the basket in a substate game against Hoover is **Ryan Blahauvietz**. Blahauvietz was a starter for the Hawks and helped lead the way into the substate final game against Urbandale.

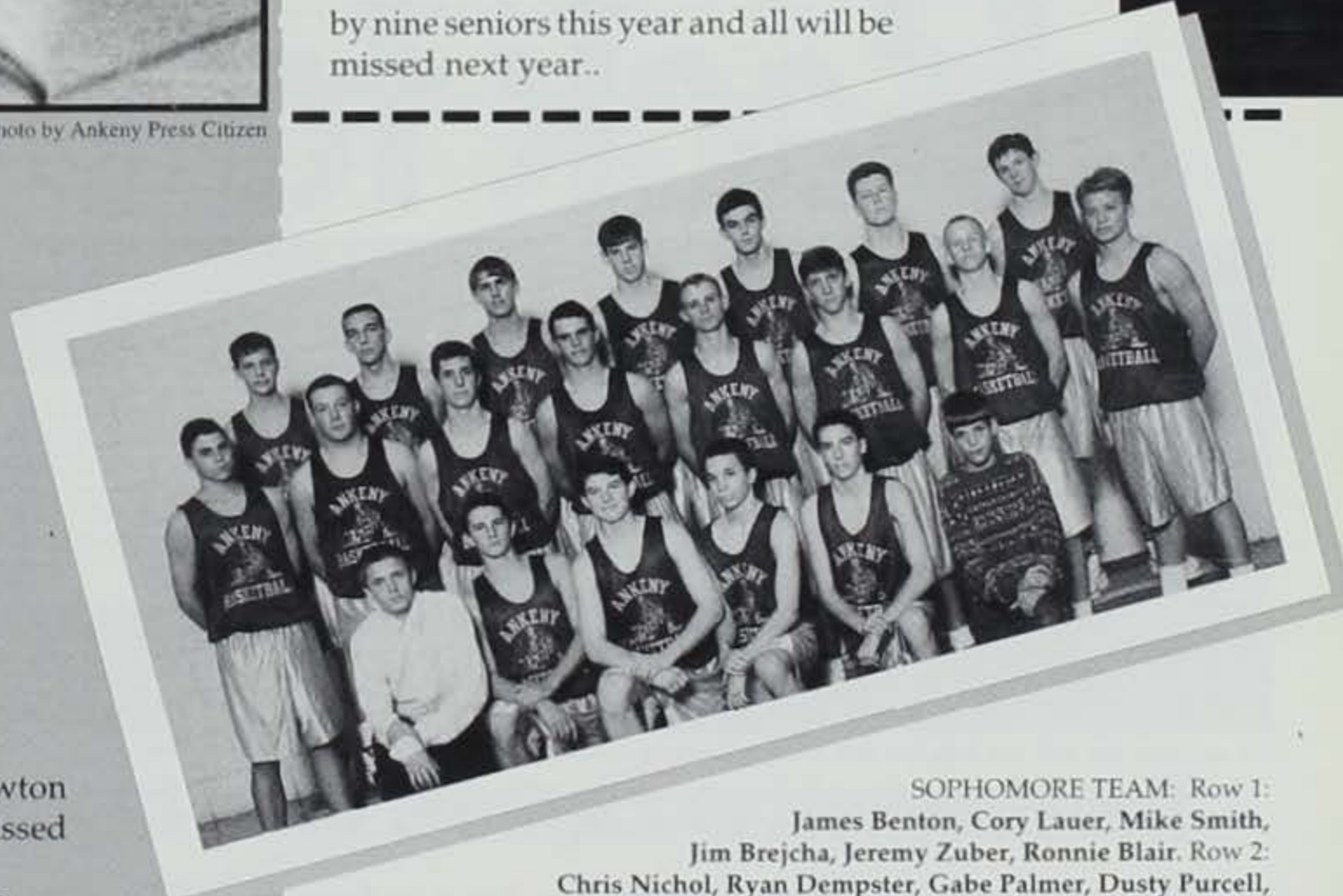
Quick W

rap-up

Aaron Ruff, may not have played many games, but his role as a substitute was very important. On the bottom left of this page he shoots a three pointer over a Ft. Dodge defender.

This season was filled with expectations, hope, and heartbreak. On the opposite page bottom left, **Jeremy Taylor** steps around an Urbandale defender and goes up for the shot. Taylor was selected to the All conference first team.

Ryan Sears led the Hawks on the tournament trail. As a senior, Sears was an integral part of the offense and transition for the Hawks and he played tenacious defense as well. The Hawks were lead by nine seniors this year and all will be missed next year..



SOPHOMORE TEAM: Row 1:

James Benton, Cory Lauer, Mike Smith,

Jim Brejcha, Jeremy Zuber, Ronnie Blair. Row 2:

Chris Nichol, Ryan Dempster, Gabe Palmer, Dusty Purcell,

Scott Sibbel, Shane Vonhame, Brad Bach, Jason Simplot. Row 3: Zach

Schmidt, Jason Schomer, David Reinsch, Chris Wilson, Matt Housman, Troy

Stites, Brian Lorenz.



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TEAMPHOTO: Row 1: Dave Feldman, Todd Grams, Alex Montes, Aaron Ruff, Ryan Blahauvietz, Brad Bach, Josh Drummond. Row 2: Katie Roupe, Ryan Sears, Aaron Whitaker, Scott Evans, Cory Hildreth, Brian Witt, Drew Purcell, Teri Schafer. Row 3: Jeff Sullivan, Jason Hill, Jeremy Taylor, Kevin Immel, Chris Wilson, Matt Fredricksen, Ryan Justice.



Back to the Barn

The Hawkettes capture their first five-player State championship by playing tough and tenacious defense and a using a potent offense that led the league in scoring. Five starters with the strong support from a deep bench led to the title.

by Jason Hill

The Ankeny Hawkette Basketball team came into this season looking to rebuild with a very young lineup. What happened after that first game was amazing. The Hawkettes went on a roll that had only two losses to WDM Valley, and included a trip to the state tournament, ending up in a state championship title.

In the title game the Hawkettes faced defending champion WDM Dowling who defeated Valley in the second round. The Hawkettes had just come off a record FIVE OVERTIME victory over Waterloo West. After that game few people thought that the Hawkettes would have the energy to battle with the defending champions.

But then something happened again. The Hawkettes battled and fought, played tough defense, and with 5 seconds remaining, were up by four points. A three pointer by Dowling at the buzzer produced the final victory margin, 44-43.



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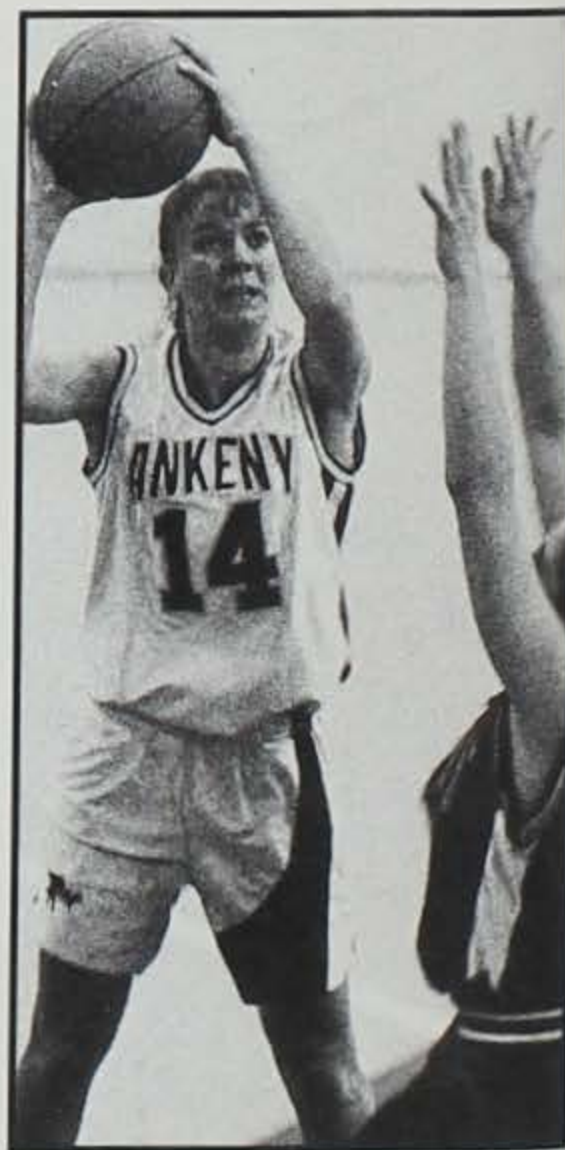


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46	Ft. Dodge	34
47	Ames	42
57	DM Lincoln	50
41	WDM Valley	48
48	Ames	38
70	Marshalltown	33
49	Mason City	47
54	Ft. Madison	39
85	Waterloo West	81
44	WDM Dowling	43

- 1997 4-A State Champions (23-2)
- Ranked in the USA Today's Super 25 Basketball Rankings (9th in the midwest)
- Beat the USA Today's 15th ranked team in route to the state title
- Set a record for overtimes in the state tournament with five against Waterloo West

Quick W rap-up

This season was one filled with trials and tribulations. On the opposite page bottom left **Tabby Clawson** shoots over a defender. Clawson played a major part in the Hawkettes winning the State Championship.

On the opposite page bottom right, **Traci Jones** drives to the basket. Jones played a pivotal role in the State Championship game, playing tenacious defense and hustling well on offense.

The "one in the middle," **Leah Heston** was a rebounding machine through the season, and played a key role in the Hawkettes five-overtime win against Waterloo West. Heston guarded West's 6-5 center before fouling out in the fourth quarter.



Photo by Lisa Arterburn



Photo by Lisa Arterburn

At Top: All-State guard **Erica Junod** runs the offense in a victory against Fort Madison. Junod, a sophomore, will be a strong returning asset next season. Above: **Tabby Clawson** defends a player from Indianola. Clawson, a force on defense and down low in the post, will be missed next season, even though the Hawkettes have a strong returning class of juniors and seniors.

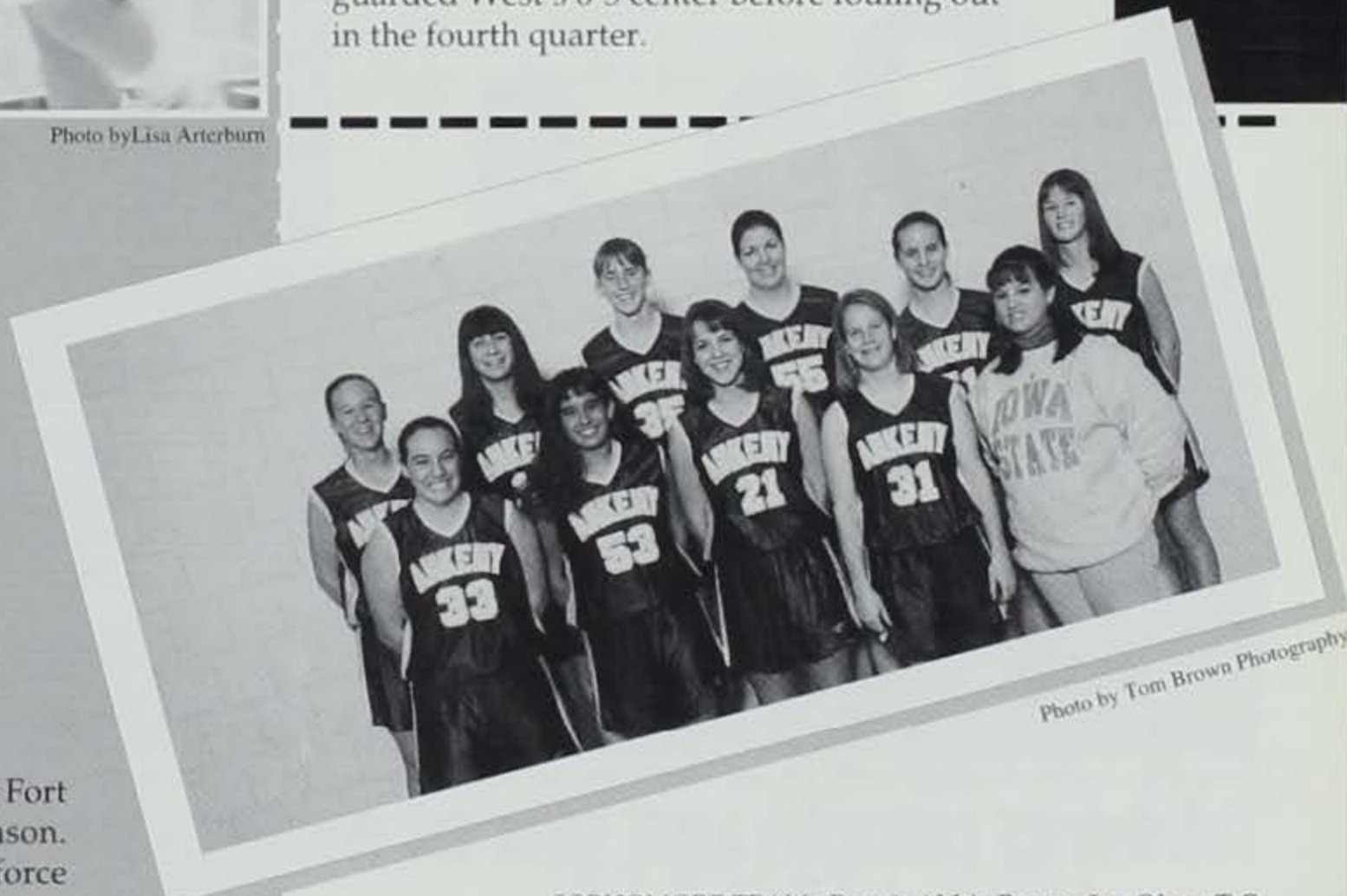


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SOPHOMORE TEAM: Row 1: Abbie Buster, Joy Olson, T.C. Clawson, Jenny Blair, mgr. Amanda Miller. Row 2: Bryony Jones, Mandy Dowd, Katie Egli, Sarah Hill, Mindy Nowak, Julie Metheney.

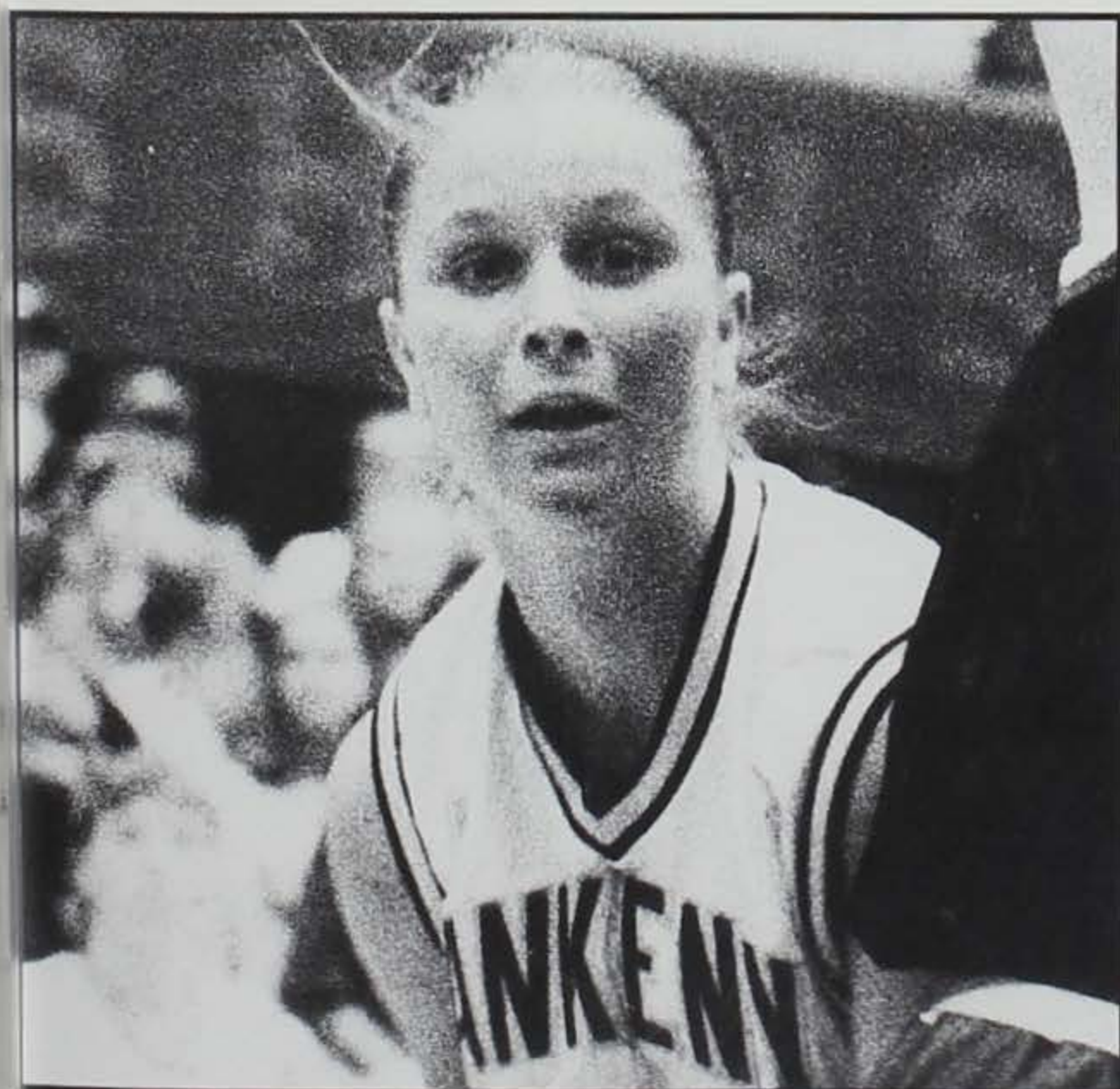


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: mgr. Amy Heinen, mgr. Melissa Thompson, mgr. Nicole Winders. Row 2: Julie Metheney, Lynette Heinauer, Laura Junod, Angie Agena, Erica Junod, Lyndsay Egli, Bryony Jones. Row 3: Asst. Coach Dennis Albertson, Sarah Gilbert, Traci Jones, Leah Heston, Jennifer Abbot, Katie Egli, Tabby Clawson, Coach Scott DeJong.



Do a little Dance

Making people get out of their seats and cheer is part of being a Golden Highlight. As they danced to fast paced music and made people get out of their seats, the Highlights got down every time they hit the floor for a performance.

by Laura Aschoff

This year's Golden Highlights proved that they were not just another drill team. They competed and performed just like any other sport, and their season consisted of practices every day after school, performing at football and basketball games, and also competing at numerous events.

The Highlights started off the year with a team camp at S.E. Polk. Eventually, the squad went from 19 to 10 members, but "We were just like a family and everyone got along really well," said Highlight JaneAnn Jensen.

On April 5 the Highlights held the '97 anual Spring Show. At this gala the team performed the famous coed dance, the light dance, and many other favorites.

State for the Golden Highlights was held on Dec. 2 at Vets Auditorium. They received a Division I rating on their Pom (which is the highest), and both Amee Ashmore and Steph Ferraro also received individual Division I ratings.



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**STATE
COMPETITION**
December 2, 1996

Received Division I
Rating for Pom Dance

Individual Awards:

Amee Ashmore
Division I Rating

Steph Ferraro
Division I Rating
Top Ten Finalist

SPRING SHOW
April 5, 1997

Starred:
Golden Highlights

Featured:
Jazz Band
Color Guard
AHS Cheerleaders

Quick W rap-up

One of the biggest performances was the spring show on April 5, which featured the Ankeny cheerleaders, Jazz Band, colorguard, and starred the AHS Golden Highlights.

On the opposite page, bottom left, Jeremy Betlach, Angie Erikson, Chris Roberts, Cathy Patterson, and B.J. Brent join hands at a pep assembly during the song "Start a Love Train."

On the opposite page, bottom right, Amee Ashmore gets down during the infamous coed dance. This dance took many hours of work and patience with the guys.

Kristen Wells, Jessie Jones, Kari Agen, Meggen Kitten, and Chrissy Beck (bottom left) do their dance before a varsity football game. Performing before the game gave the Highlights a chance to show the fans their stuff.



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At Top: Lana Starr and Eric Metzger do a little dance 70's style. This dance included songs like Stayin' Alive, Start a Love Train, and many others.

Above: Pleased with the way they performed, Kari Agen, Jane Ann Jensen, and Jessie Jones put on big smiles for the student body. Dancing at pep assemblies was an important part of the Golden Highlights.



"This year was a lot of fun. We had some new people and everything worked out great." *-Steph Ferraro*



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Photo by Tom Brown Photography

TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Lana Starr, Chrissy Beck, Angie Erikson, Jenni Adams, Kari Agen Row 2: Jessie Jones, Steph Ferraro, Kristen Wells, Amee Ashmore, Jane Ann Jensen, Cathy Patterson Not pictured: Meggen Kitten



Stand up and Cheer

The cheerleaders are a focal point for any sporting event at AHS. They get the crowd involved and encourage the players. Their dedication and commitment are second to none, and their efforts are commended.

by Danielle Rethmeier

In the year of 1997, 36 cheerleaders cheered for basketball, wrestling and football. Cheerleaders energetically kept a smile on their faces, even when the situations were not so great. This sport requires flexibility, strength and a good attitude.

Homecoming week is the highlight of the year for the football cheerleaders. The picture at the bottom left of this page includes Lisa Hale, Anne Nixon, Erin Jagnandan, Jodie Harms, and Heather Anderson as the Hawk's mascot. The girls were ready for the big game in their football jerseys. The climax of the girls basketball squad was the honor of cheering on their team in the state championship game. And the wrestling cheerleaders were excited about the opportunity to cheer on the seven guys who advanced to the Barn.

After all is said and done, sports would not be complete without the cheerleaders. Not everyone can do it, and only 36 people do.



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A Cheerleader's Nightmare

The Week of Tryouts

Unlike the rest of the sports, cheerleading only accepts a select few. It is not a team where whoever wants to join can join. It takes skill to win a position on any squad.

With each new year of tryouts, it is more difficult to make the squad of choice. A select few who double-sporters, or cheerleader for two sports. The number of cheerleaders accepted drastically decreases the higher the grade level in high school.

The week of tryouts consumed all of the girls' spare time. Each day after school, the hopefuls were taught new cheers and the school song. The jumps and kicks practiced again and again were enough work out for anyone. These girls practiced hard for days, and all hoped that their hard work would eventually pay off on the final day of tryouts.

The judging system consisted of three teacher evaluations, an essay, attendance during practice, and of course, the actual performance during the tryouts.

On the final day, all of the girls dressed in plain black shorts and plain white t-shirts—they all looked identical. And then tryouts began. The judges were from a different town, in order to disallow bias. Afterwards, all the girls went home and waited. The phone eventually rang, and if everything had gone just right, it was good news.



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Soph Football—Nikki Vaughn, Melissa Nord, Elizabeth Elsmann, Amanda Smith, Jennifer Spooner, Jenny Throckmorton



GBB—Melissa Beman, Amber Danner, Michelle Cunningham, Courtney Behrens, Amanda Scharf, Kenna Rassmussen, Kelly Krause



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Football—R1: Meghan Jennings, Pascale Bonnefil, R2: Jessica Brejcha, Jodie Harms, R3: Lisa Hale, Erin Jagnandan, Mandy Long



Football—R1: Meghan Jennings, Pascale Bonnefil, R2: Jessica Brejcha, Jodie Harms, R3: Lisa Hale, Erin Jagnandan, Mandy Long



Soph GBB/BBB/Wrestling—R1: Katie Kessler, Rachael Roland, Mary Buck, Danielle Berg, R2: Brianne Pressley, Missy Eich, Kimalee Runde, R3: Abby Ferraro, Amy Larsen, Angela Betcher



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Photo by David Williams

Bottom left: Anne Nixon, Erin Jagnandan, Lisa Hale, and Jodie Harms drop to the ground with exhaustion after teepeeing the football players' houses the night before the Homecoming game against Ames. Teepeeing was just one of the cheerleader's duties, as well as the locker signs for each player, hallway posters, decorations for the homecoming week, and their cheers throughout each different sport.

Bottom right: Dancing away at the Homecoming pep assembly are Pascale Bonnefil, Megan Jennings, and Jessica Brejcha. During Homecoming week, the halls were filled with decorations, and the boy's lockers were full of food and presents. The reward the cheerleaders got for all their hard work was the honor of wearing an Ankeny Hawk football jersey during the school day and the night of the big homecoming game.

lab raters

Labwork at AHS was an important part of learning in the science department. From biology to anatomy, labs were a different way of learning for the students.

LABS

BIOLOGY

Fetal Pig Dissection- This lab was used to help students to get a better grasp on what the human anatomy might look like.

CHEMISTRY

Sucker Lab- This lab was used to show how different chemicals reacted with each other. The result was a tasty/not so tasty substance.

PHYSICS

Circuits Lab- This lab helped students to better understand circuits. They learned how to use resistors and make closed circuits, among other things.

ANATOMY

Cat Dissection- This lab was used to show how a cat's anatomy is laid out. It included more detailed dissection than that of the fetal pig.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

ABOVE. Very carefully, **Amanda Gibbons** and **Jason Cairns** cut through a cat in Anatomy. The cat dissection was an important part of the class's learning experience.

RIGHT. Biology teacher, **Mitzi Pilcher**, helps students **Jared Ellsworth**, **Matt Hayden**, and **Dusty Purcell** with their fetal pig dissection. Teachers were very important to the students when it came to answering questions.

BELOW. Hacking away, the anatomy class explores the brain of a cat. A hacksaw was found to be the best way to open the skull of the feline.



Ryan Tucci



Photo by Ryan Tucci

"I think dissecting the pigs is fun. It's the coolest thing I've done."

Libby Lindstrom

"Hands on work is more fun than listening to boring lectures."

Katie Strachan

"I'm getting so sick of the smell!"

Amy Warren

"These are the worst tasting things I've ever had!"

Heather Gravey

"I'll never eat pork again!"

Michelle Anderson

"Labwork is the best!"

Sam Spies

Striving for a good grade, **Audra Block** and **Ben Nuss** (left) work efficiently in dissecting their cat for anatomy. The cat dissection was similar to the fetal pig dissection but it went into more detail.

Mad Science

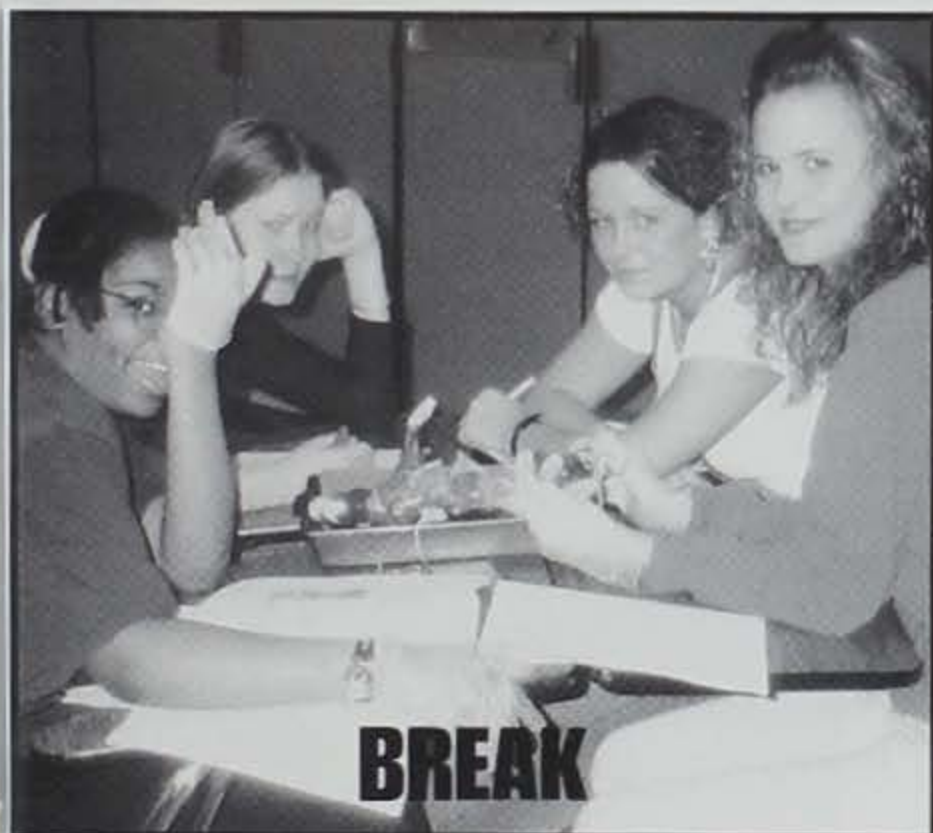


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by **Ben Taylor**

The science department at Ankeny High School did many things to make information about different subjects "sink into" students' minds. One of the best ways to do this was through labwork. Labs such as fetal pig dissection and sucker-making made the lessons more memorable for the students.

The fetal pig dissection was a different experience for biology students. Due to the generous donation from an anonymous person, the school had enough money to buy the pigs for the lab. Of course, some people, such as **Michelle Anderson** said, "When I get gloves, then I'll touch it!" Perhaps she was hoping that the school wouldn't end up getting the pigs.

The suckers that were made in chemistry got many different reactions. Some people said that they tasted great, but other people, like **Heather Garvey**, said, "those things tasted so gross!" The popularity of the suckers was greatly varied throughout the students.

Labwork at AHS was definitely a big part of learning for the students and, occasionally, for the teachers. Without labs, classes would have been much more boring for the students and teachers. And classes wouldn't have been as fun.

Keanna White, **Kate Fodrill**, and **Teresa Young** take a short BREAK from the pig. Doing "hands-on" WORK, **Julie Loven**, **Angela Betcher**, **Nicki Rude**, and **Mary Timmesch** curiously explore the fetal pig's anatomy. Learning by looking, **Kelly Launspach** and **Rod Ross** explore their pig by SIGHT. DONE for the day, **Kelli Lichtenstein** puts her cut up cat into a bag for storage.

ap TESTS

More students took the AP calculus exam than ever before—52 to be exact. So many that there wasn't a room big enough in the high school to hold the test in, and the school was forced to hold the test in a local church building. And that's just the calculus test. Other classes that offered students the opportunity to take AP tests were Honors Government, Honors European History, Honors History, Honors Biology, Honors Physics and Honors Chemistry.

Top 10 Reasons To Take AP Classes

10. LOTS OF EXTRA WORK
9. MORE CHALLENGING
8. GET OUT OF A COLLEGE CLASS
7. OTHER KIDS WILL THINK YOU'RE SMART
6. TO GET READY FOR A COLLEGE WORK LOAD
5. PARENTS MAKE YOU
4. DOC
3. YOU HAVE TO TAKE A CLASS ANYWAY
2. THOUGHT I SIGNED UP FOR SOMETHING ELSE
1. AS IF KRUSE ISN'T ALREADY HARD ENOUGH



Other classes tend to be boring so I took AP European History. Next year I'm taking AP Chemistry and Honors Calculus. I know it's my senior year, but maybe I can skip out on those in college.

Luke Steinbach

I took AP Physics and Calc because I'm a student achiever. Plus, they fit in my schedule this year and they prepare me for my field of mechanical engineering that I'm going into at college.

Dwight Brown

AP chemistry is a great class because you never know when chemicals get mixed up and explode.

Tom Kapaska

Since Ankeny High doesn't offer marine biology, I had to take it somewhere else. It got me out of a couple periods of classes at the high school.

Kristen Wells



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ABOVE. It wasn't always all fun and games in "Doc" Savage's classes, but that's why he made such a great teacher, especially of AP classes. Here Doc helps out at a lab station.

RIGHT. Students who took AP classes always seemed to have something to study for like Audra Block does in the Math Resource Center. Groups of studying students could be seen everywhere.

BELOW. Mrs. Johnson's Honors English class enters the lab. The media center was always full of students trying to do some research or, as in this case, use one of the two computer labs.

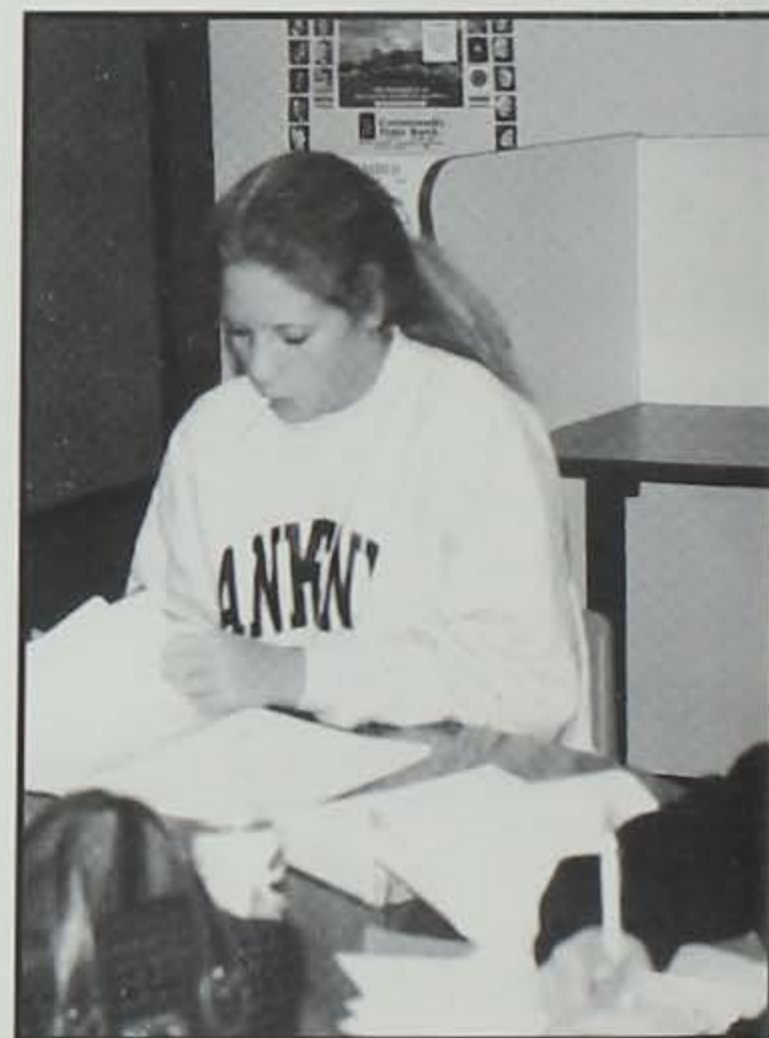


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Head Start



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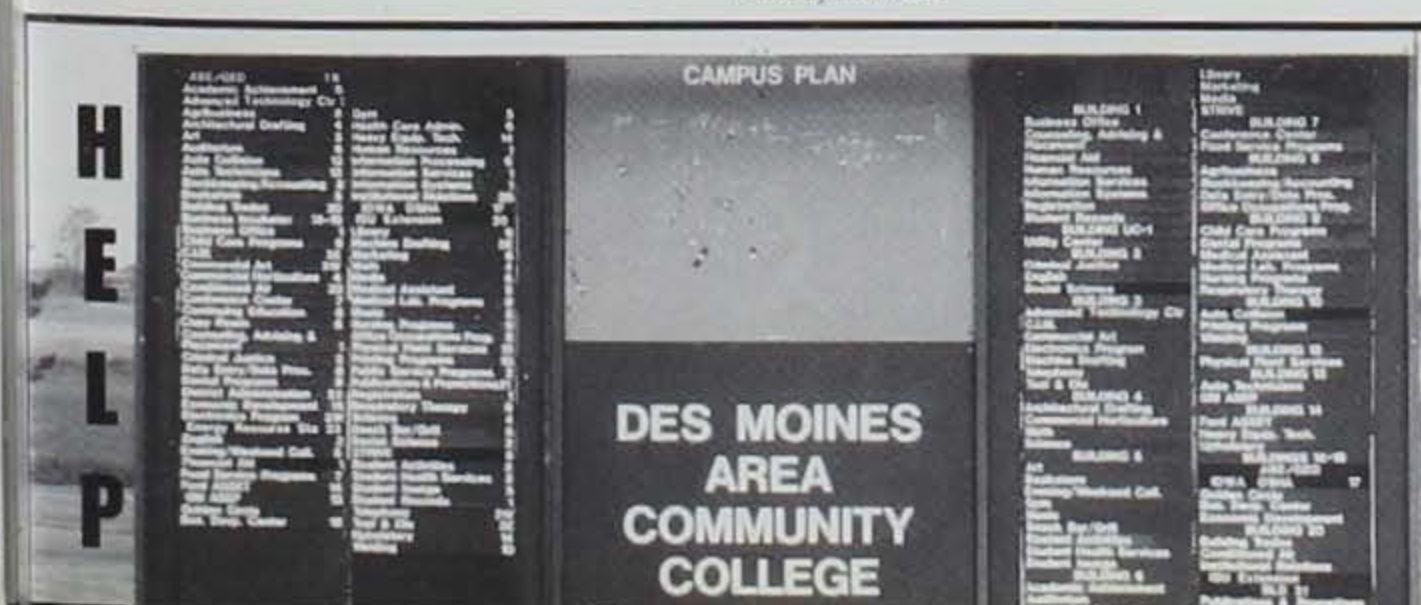
While attending school here 268 students chose to broaden their learning experience by taking AP or college level classes. Advanced Placement classes were usually more challenging than the regular classes, and they offered a more detailed perspective of the material covered in the semester.

Ankeny also offered three college level classes at the high school: DMACC Speech, Psychology and Sociology. Students could also elect to take classes at DMACC campus or any other post secondary institution, and sometimes these classes were paid for by the school district. For all college level classes, students received one credit for high school and one credit for college; consequently, 95 students took courses for DMACC credit, and 86 students actually attended DMACC classes this year. Students have earned up to 12 college credits during high school by using this option.

If one wanted to get a head start on a college career, taking these classes was the first step.

In PREPARING to go to into a post-secondary program, first talk to an advisor at DMACC. The student center is for students to STUDY as **Jenna Fleming** does in an afternoon. The post-secondary program is especially helpful to people PLANNING to attend a university in the Des Moines area. Never fear, campus plans at DMACC HELP find locations.

"K-dog rules." Luke Steinback 95



tv raters

From the early days of his junior high years, making Spanish films with **Jason Gassmann** and friends you could see the talent was *there* for this man. Now in broadcasting with his sidekick **Jason Cochran**, **Ryan Norgart** is taking the broadcasting class as a senior and produced more "Emmy-winning" material than ever before.

"Mr. Parkinson is a man of many talents." Jenn Hamblin

- 10**
- 10. HAVE GOOD TIME**
- 9. MR. MESICEK'S STORIES**
- 8. EVERYONE'S DOING IT**
- 7. PLAY WITH NEAT THINGS ON THE INTERNET**
- 6. HYVEE BREAKFAST EVERYDAY**
- 5. MAKE AUBREY CRY**
- 4. WATCH MOVIES**
- 3. TEACH MESICEK HOW TO USE THE EQUIPMENT**
- 2. MAKE FUN OF ALFRED**
- 1. NORGART IS IN IT. NUFF SAID**



96 Jason Hill "Picking up a chocolate fix?"

"Well, I plan to go to the marines and be in the secret service."

Ryan Norgart

"We enjoy leaving class everyday and annoying people in the halls."

Jemiah Ludemann

"You just want to go squeeze the cuddly, lovable, warm guy, (Ryan Norgart)."

Jason Cochran

"Jason has a very strong will power to excel in life along with being the nicest gentlemen around."

Ryan Norgart

"Class would be better without Norgart!"

Alfred Moton

"I learned how to use the scanners while putting together clips from a computer."

Lyndsay Egli

"(The class) gives us a chance to see what real broadcasting is like."

Aubrey Benton



Photo by Jeremiah Hamblin

ABOVE. **Andy Duin** and his side kick get ready for another day of The AHS Morning Show. Unfortunately, the show was cancelled due to several conflicts.

RIGHT. **Travis Grandgeorge** is working hard on the computers in the broadcasting room. Students enjoy making movies and working on school projects.

BELOW. Working on the editing **Mike Hanson** uses the screens to make his project work out. The editing machine is just one of the many tools there are to use.



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Take One

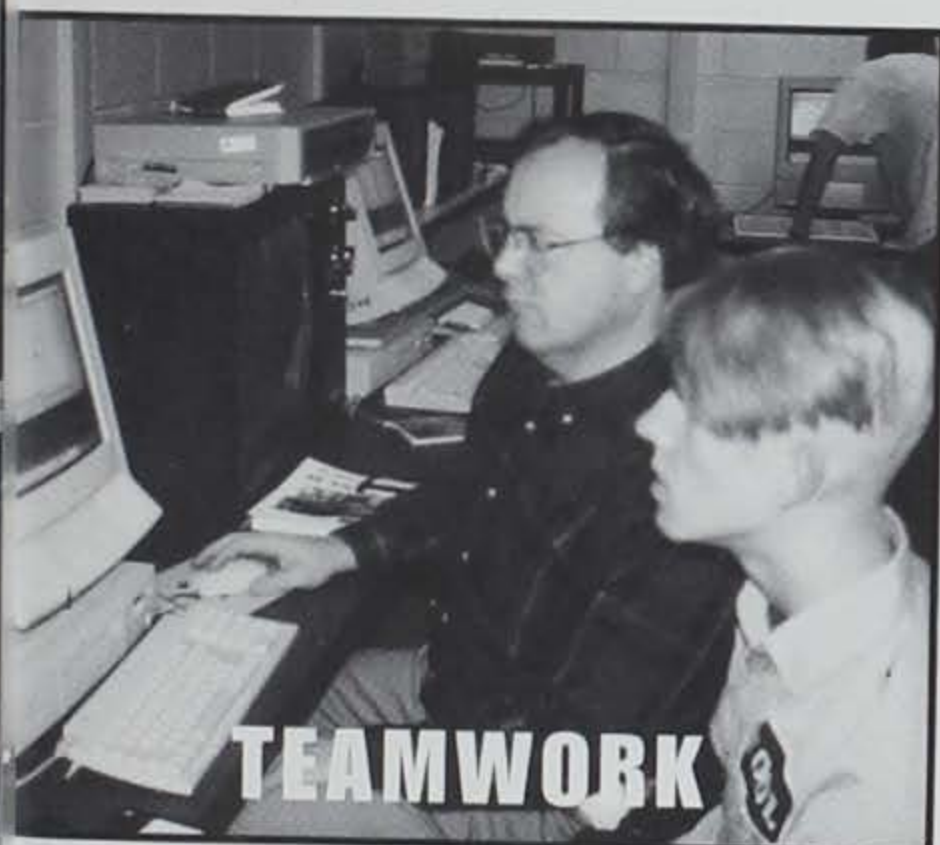


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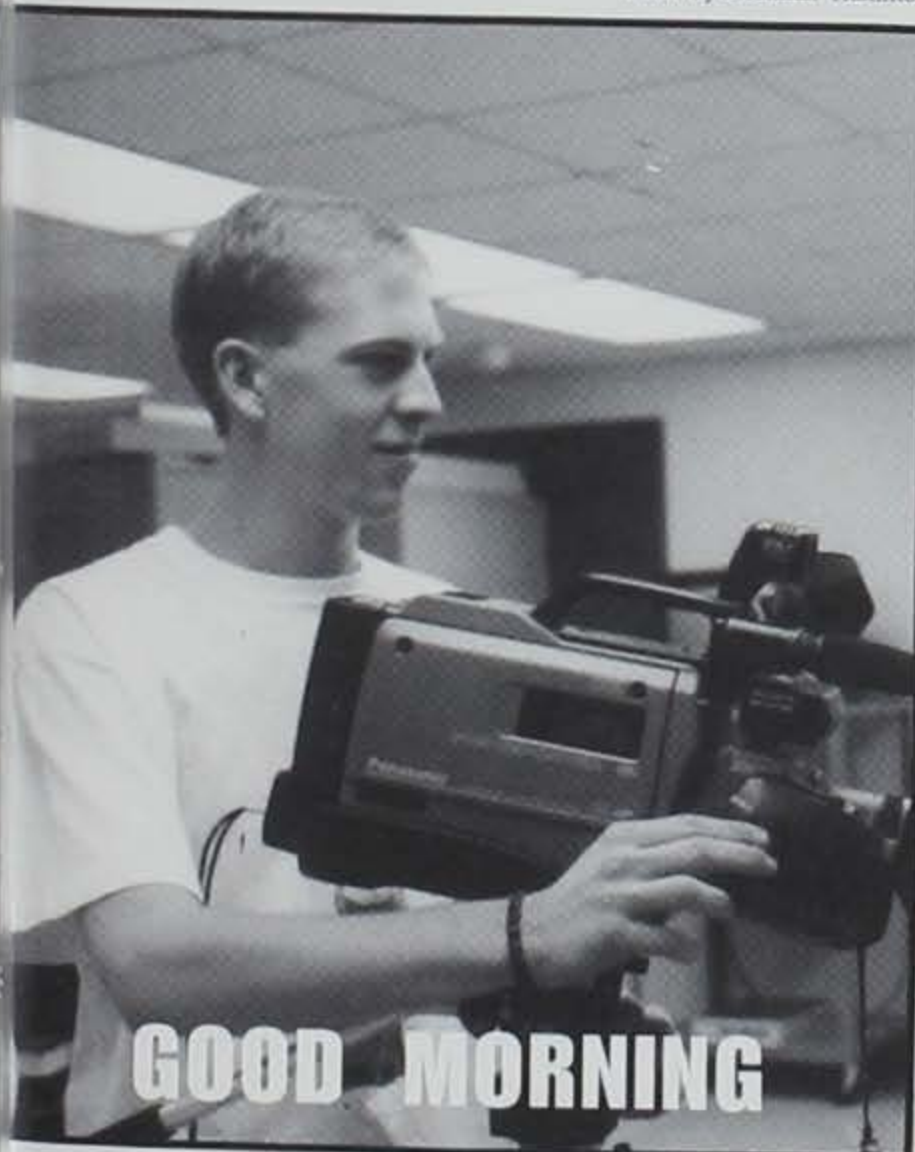


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by Heather Gomez

Waking up to the sound of **Jon Reberry**, **Michael Dahlstrom**, **Drew Harrington**, and **Andy Duin** of the AHS Morning show is only a little taste of what **Mr. Mesicek** and AHS have built up out of broadcasting class.

In '96 the broadcasting class was in charge of announcements, and aired about every other week. It showcased such segments as "Dancing with Dahlstrom" and the famous "Wall of Shame," which included pictures from many different students.

The show provided a vehicle to display a lot of talent. Along with being the producer of the Morning Show, **Jon Rebury** was one of the three finalists in the Channel One contest for student produced week.

Eventually, after many run-ins with the office, along with teachers not approving of some of the materials which the students chose to produce, the broadcasting class was taken off the job and the show was off the air.

TEAMWORK is a big part of broadcasting as **Mr. Mesicek** and **Wade Elvins** demonstrate by working on editing a movie. **Andy Duin** records the announcements. Students took turns wishing AHS GOOD MORNING. Talking it over, **Ryan Norgart** and **Jason Cochran** PLAN on what to do with the camera. While RECORDING **Al Moton** focuses the camera. **Moton** demonstrated his camera abilities frequently for AHS.

"Meso gives us alot of cool toys to play with." **Al Moton 96G**

S P R

*emily strabbing
julie lorence
angie white
tim quick*



Photo by Ryan Tucci

I N G

ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL

BACK FROM MEXICO

TIME DRAGS.
YEAR - END
EXCITEMENT RISES.

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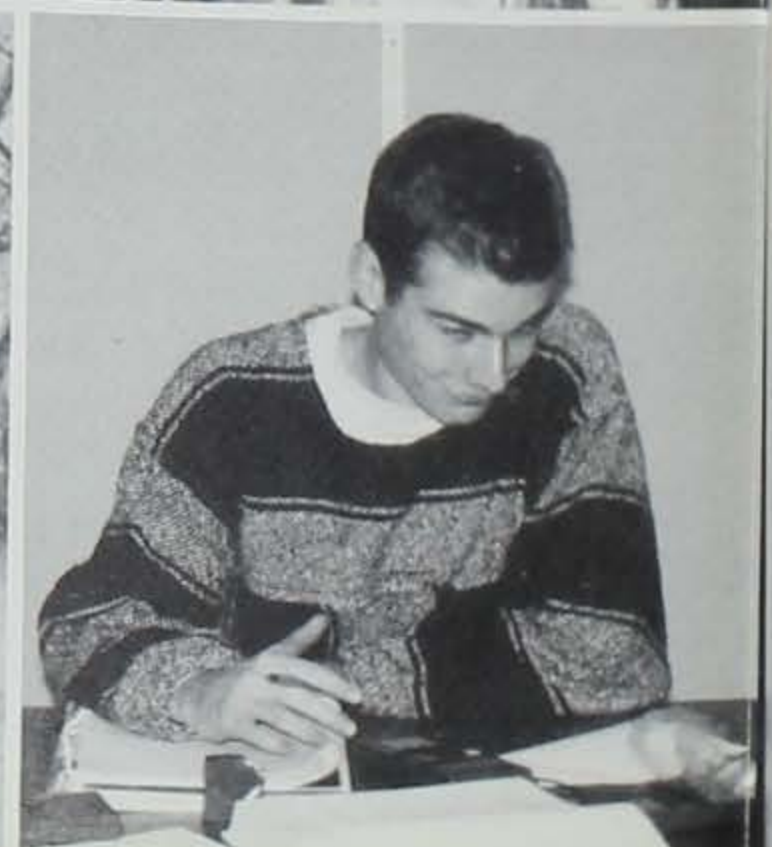




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PHOTO ALBUM

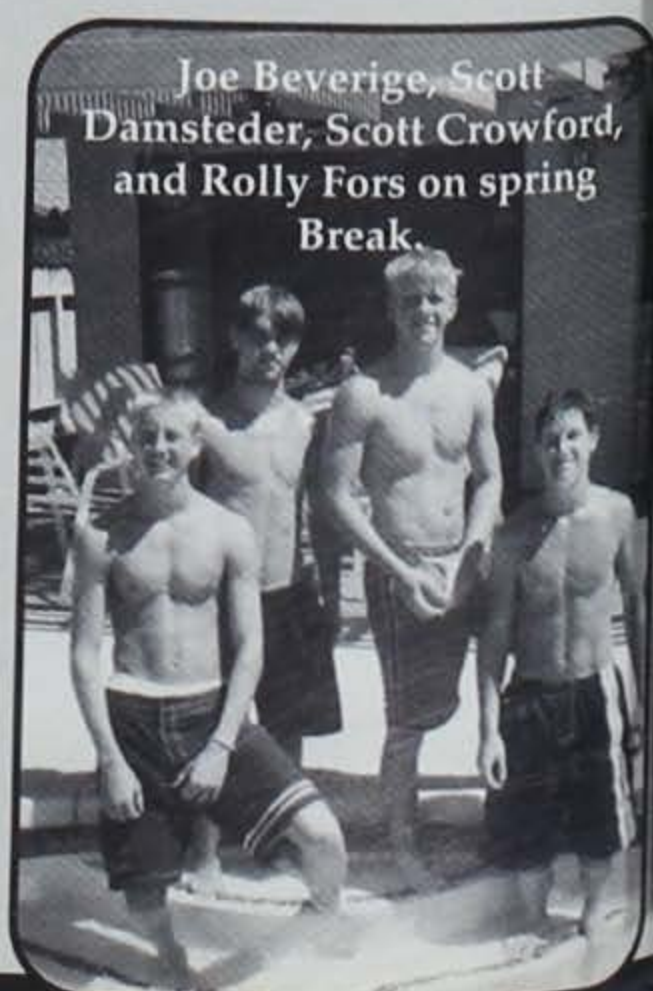
Counterclockwise from top left:
 •Beef, beef and more beef. Decked out in her designer shades, **Stacy Lane** stops to ride a cow at the famous Mary Moo Mooos. •During spring break **Andrea Paton** and **Danette Ott** run into LL Cool J. He was doing some shopping before the mall opened and was more than happy to pose with the co-eds. How lucky can ya be? •Cheering at the girls state basketball tournament, **Amanda Scharf** goes crazy as the Ankeny Hawkettes take state and win it all. •Are they crazy or what? **Mike McGuire** and **Tom Kapaska** are jumping for joy for no apparent reason. But then, they always did things for no apparent reason. •Out in Colorado **Andy Duin** and **Drew Harington** hop in the back of an old wagon that they found while on a hike. Too bad for **Jon Reberry**, as he had to pull them around in it, although they didn't get very far. •What's going on in **Chris Hutchins'** mind is unknown to anyone but him as he studies for class. He became annoyed when others in the Math Resource area began playing jokes. •Looking over some papers, **Mr. Taylor**, best known as Saturday School teacher, finishes up some paperwork before going home for the day. •**Andy Duin** runs into some problems trying to rock climb in Colorado during spring break. He eventually made it up the small hill. •"Band is Grand" was the band motto--for some. During band season this banner was displayed in the hallway with the signatures of the band students.



Expect the Unexpected



With feet up, Rachel Marrel and Mike Lincicum teach the class how to slalom ski. This was in a public speaking class, which is required by the Language Arts Department. Mike and Rachel received an A on their project and passed the class. "I'd have to say that the class was a challenge, but I had a lot of fun," said Mike Lincicum.



Joe Beverige, Scott Damsteder, Scott Crowford, and Rolly Fors on spring Break.





While on a cruise in the Caribbean, Emily Schneider, Shauna Frisk, Sundae Frisk, Shane Frisk, and Julie Metheny and family groove with a local in Jamaica. He called this his "dollar position." The group came back to Iowa with some of the best tans that spring breaker money could buy.

What a coincidence. While in Las Vegas, Tabby Clawson and Sara Clawson accidentally ran into counselor Mr. Kissinger. The group decided to have lunch in down town Vegas and spent a good amount of time together. Students went all over the United States for their spring break get-aways. 



SPRING AHEAD

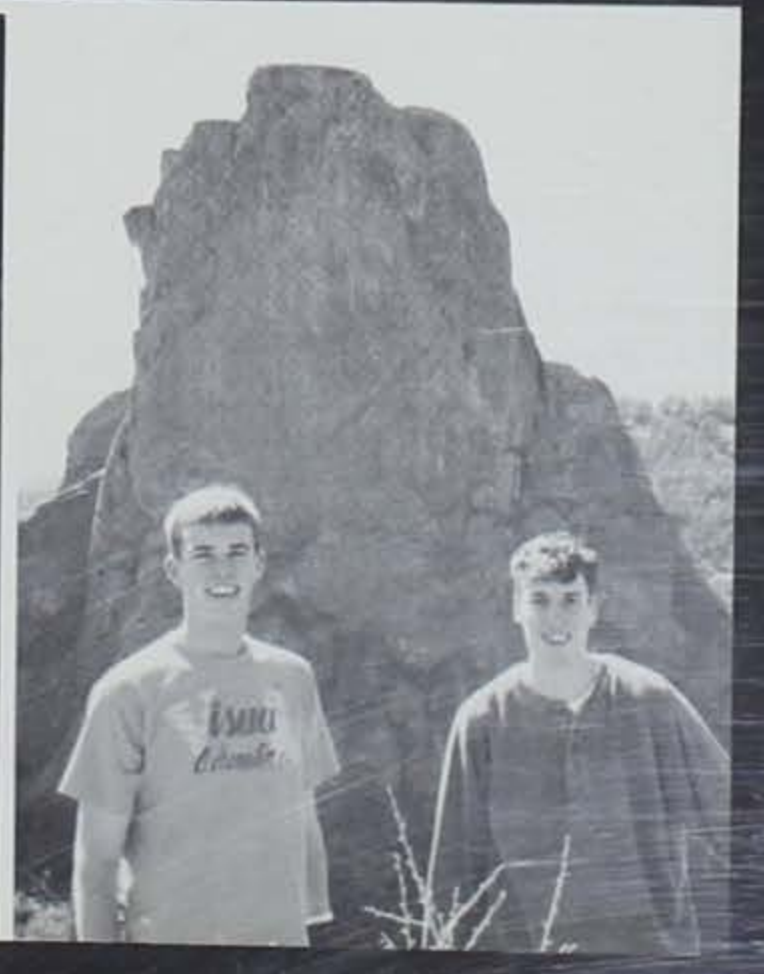
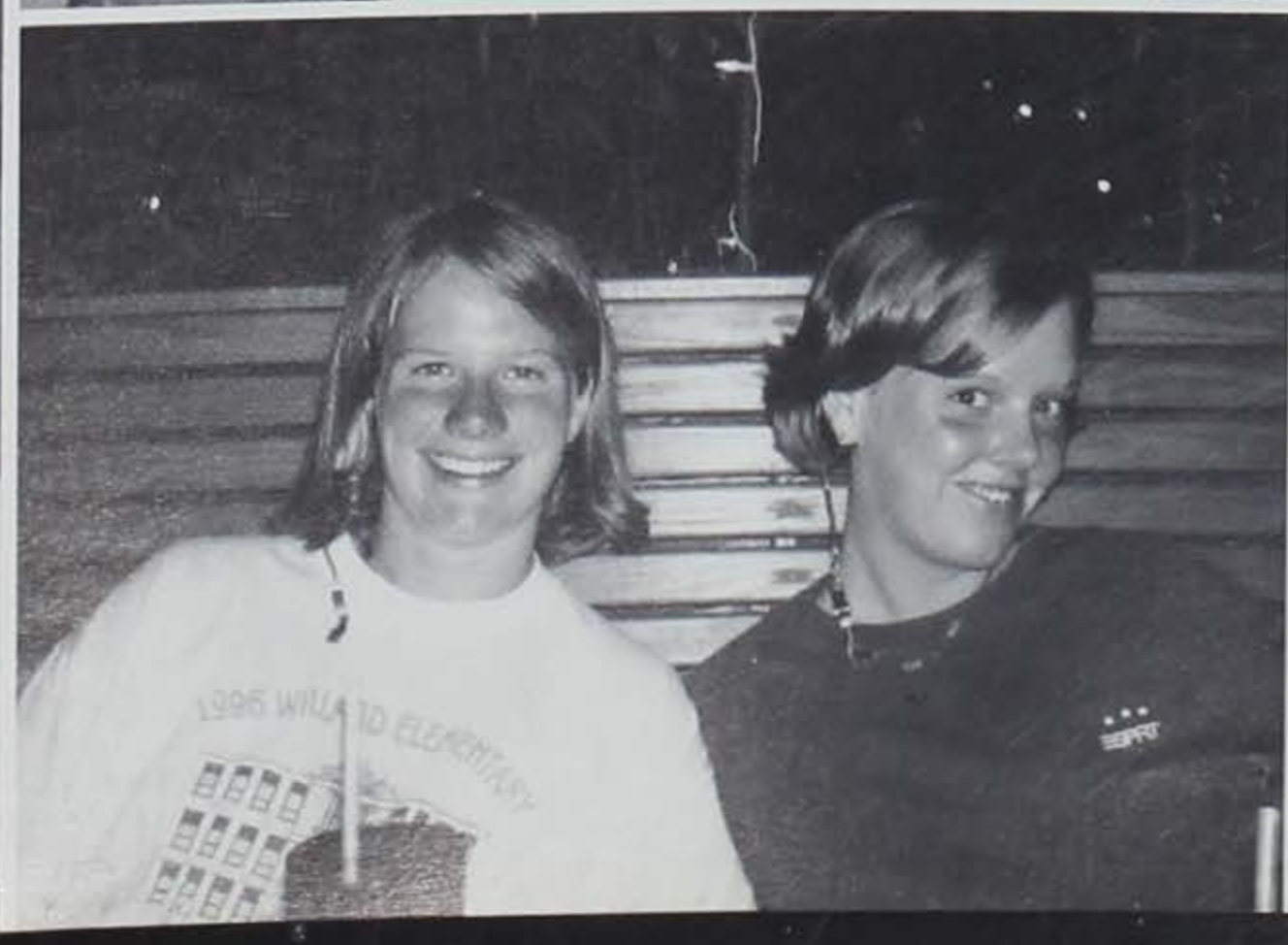
THE BEGINNING OF THE END: The girls 4 x 100 relay team finally beat Ames (after five years of losses) and took 1st place at the Drake Relays in April. ■ Prom plans changed after a early spring/late winter snow storm dumped 4 inches of snow (10 total inches of precipitation) just days before the big event. Despite fears to the contrary, Prom went off without a hitch. ■ AHS Speech Team took first place at ANITA, beating out several other top Iowa speech teams for the first place trophy. The team saw a record 60+ members, up from about 40 last year. ■ Spanish students, accompanied by Spanish teacher Mr. Brix, visited host families in Mexico the week before spring break. Tim Quick and other students spoke in various high school classrooms. "It was a good time had by all," said Quick. ■ The AHS Morning Show is yanked after complaints by teachers regarding the show's length. *The Des Moines Register* picked up the story with coverage in an article and the *Around the Town* question. ■ Sarah VanOort advanced to the national level in the "Voice of Democracy" speech contest sponsored by the American Legion. ■ CJ's rules! Bruegger's Bagels closed its doors in Ankeny after about only a year of business. ■ Concerned with the rising problem of substance abuse, parents, students, administration, and teachers form a drug intervention committee to study and address the problem at AHS. ■ This marked the first year that "graduates with distinction" replaced the former "valedictorian" spot. ■ Dr. Beatty and Mr. Shaltanis were honored by SAI for their outstanding work with students and faculty.



PHOTO ALBUM

Counterclockwise from top left:

•Burrerrrrr, Kim Lorence, Steph Bean, and Bobbi Buckner cover up in their mexican blankets. They decided to take a trip back to Mexico for their spring break trip, I'm sure they had a blast. •Does this feel good or what. From front to back Heidi Kautza, Ben Ratcliff, Sarah Woolever, Andy Duin, Ryal Brier, and Amanda Scharf get a massage train going. I wonder how long it lasted for? •Go Go power rangers! What a party as Jon Reberry and Drew Harrington dress up as, well you can see. •Andrea Dencklau awoke and sneaked off to go to the bathroom while sleeping in a gym at a band competition. They did win the competition. •Sun-kissed babes Liz and Jenny Blair show off their sun burns and hair wraps that they got on the beach down in Key West. They already have plans to go again during Thanksgiving. •Mountainneers Tom Kapaska and Ryal Brier pose at the Valley of the Gods. During spring Break they decided to do a little hiking and what better place than Colorado? •I'm so hungry! Andrea Dencklau, Janelle Haack and Amanda Scharf can hardly wait to eat-just look at their faces. •While others sunned, Sarah Woolever and Amanda Scharf could not get enough of the white stuff and decided to go skiing out in Colorado over spring break. The one thing they didn't do was come back with a tan, except for their faces. •What the...Jon Reberry and Andy Duin went rock climbing in Colorado over spring break.



Student Vices

Vices--everybody's got them, and students are no exceptions. Sometimes it's merely a bad habit based on nerves, like twirling hair or biting nails. Other times students exhibit annoying habits brought on by stress, such as tapping a pencil during a particularly tough exam. Unfortunately, some people's bad habits are more serious in nature. From smoking cigarettes--even drinking and drug abuse--some students have a tough time licking a bad habit. Consequently, AHS has established an Intervention Committee whose purpose is to determine if such problems exist in the student population, and, if so, determine a means by which to deal with it.



Yellow nails are common among smokers.

TOP TEN LIST

MOST ANNOYING BAD HABITS :

10. Sleeping in class
9. Someone coughing continually during a semester exam.
8. Girls (or guys) who pick their nail polish.
7. People who bite their nails and spit it on the floor.
6. Too many rules, like no open campus lunch hour.
5. When your date is late...again.
4. Boring Channel One Announcements.
3. Smoke in the bathrooms.
2. Teachers who speak in monotone.
1. Athletes who scratch where it itches.



Putting out a cigarette with her foot.

A survey was constructed and passed out to students at the beginning of the year. Since the rise in teen smoking has been cause for alarm this year for the surgeon general, the survey asked students at Ankeny High about their own personal smoking habits. According to the survey, 32% of the students responding to the survey smoke. The following responses were comprised from the 400 students who responded to the survey.

Packs smoked per mo. by girls
1-3: 25.3%
4-7: 33.8%
8 & up: 28.3%

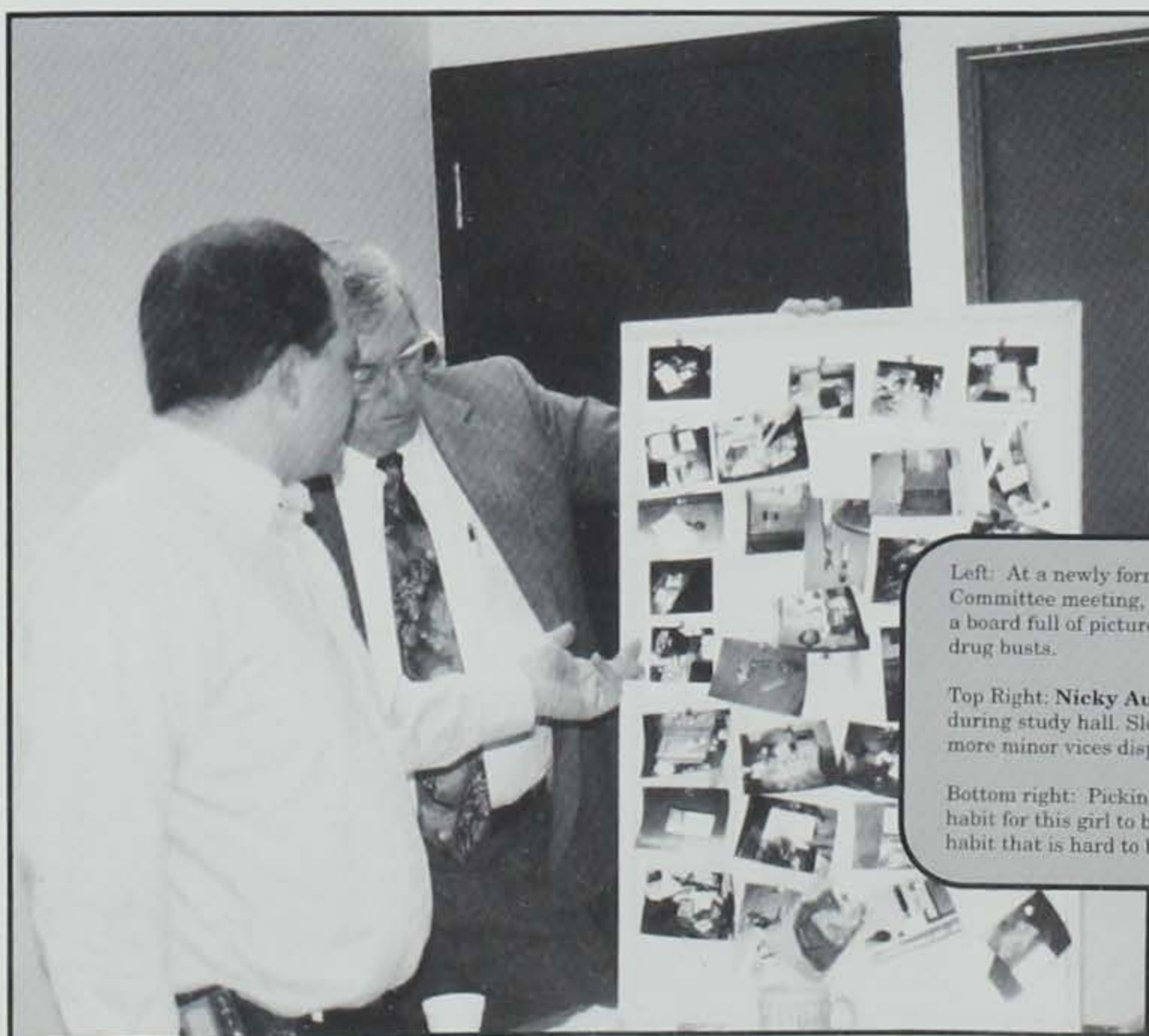
Packs smoked per mo. by guys
1-3: 19.6%
4-7: 8.1%
8 & up: 45.9%

Amount spent per mo. by girls
guys
\$2-8: 22.3%
\$10-20: 43.2%
\$30 & up: 17.9%

Amount spent per mo. by girls
\$2-8: 16.3%
\$10-20: 16.3%
\$30 & up: 34.4%



Alex Loch plays games on his calculator



Left: At a newly formed Intervention Committee meeting, Officer Wempen shows a board full of pictures taken from various drug busts.

Top Right: Nicky Aunderbauchy sleeps during study hall. Sleeping was one of the more minor vices displayed by students.

Bottom right: Picking her nails was a tough habit for this girl to break, just a persistent habit that is hard to break.



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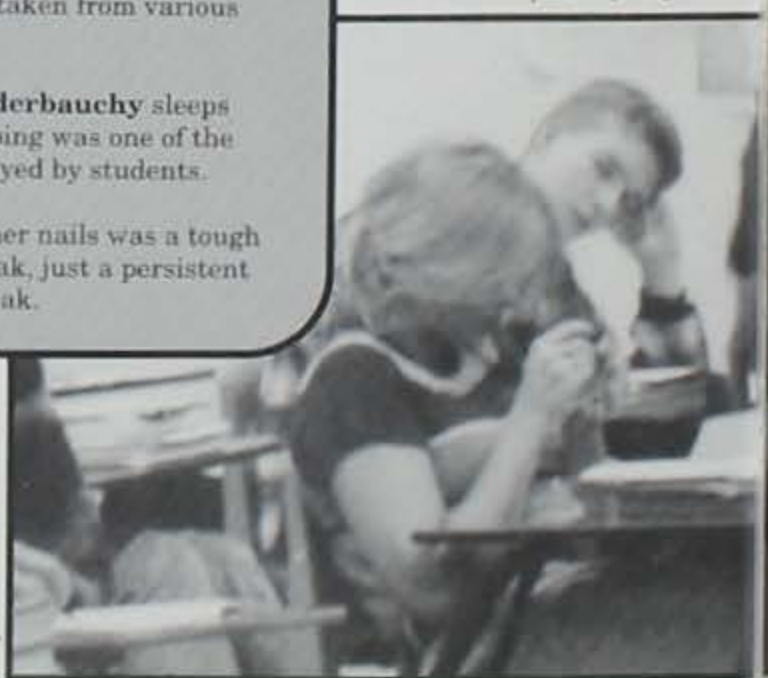


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Chronic Behaviors

Students had very bad habits, or vices to be perfectly frank—anything ranging from playing with hair to smoking. Why did students have these little habits? Was it stress, boredom, or just plain nervousness? Who knows, it all depended on the person.

Some habits were not that bad, but others were either disgustingly gross or “merely” risky to a person’s health. Biting nails, for instance, is a bad habit that is really hard to break, and it grossed people out to hear someone in study hall bite and “pft.” Just think about all the things a person touches throughout the day. The bathroom stalls, handles, lockers, pens. They all have some kind of germs, then people put fingers in their mouths. EWWWE!

Smoking was another bad habit; not really a habit but an addiction, and a risky one at that. We’ve all heard it before, that smoking causes lung cancer, yellow teeth and nails and it makes a person smell bad. But it’s true. To some people it mattered; to others they just didn’t care. (More young people have started smoking and one tobacco company finally admitted it targets teenagers with its advertising.) People would just have to be squirrely to fall for a slick camel and start smoking.




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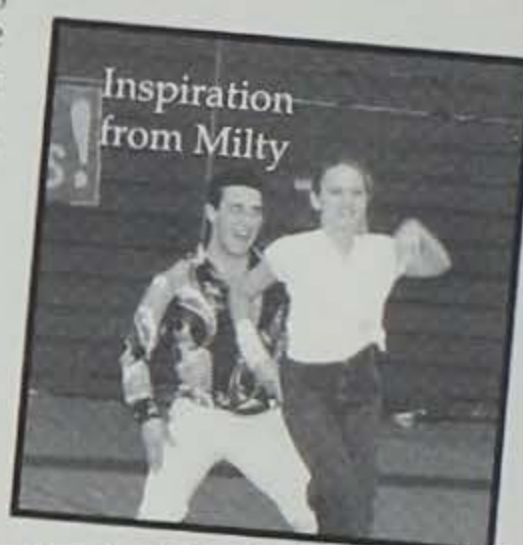
Above left: In the Intervention Committee meetings faculty, students, and parents listen to **Officer Wempen** discuss ways to help keep kids from smoking and drugs.

Above right: A pack of cigarettes was found on the ground outside of school. Teens hid their cigarette packs any where from their pockets to their coats or cars.

Bottom left: Relaxing in class **Tonya Jacobe** ignores her what’s going on. Many students had the bad habit of spacing off in class, and consequently, were lost when the teacher called upon them.

Student HyDE

For many highschool students, school spirit is something that they have never heard of. For other students, they are pepped up for every class and every event. If you have trouble finding your school spirit, like so many of us do, then maybe it takes one of the several pep assemblies that the school cheerleaders provide every year. These assemblies are filled with cheerleaders and team leaders doing their best to pump you up. Dancing, inspirational speeches, and an occasional surprise are all something that you can count on seeing at these assemblies. If a pep assembly couldn't help pep you up, then maybe school spirit just wasn't made for you.



Inspiration
from Milt

Opinions on Pep Assemblies

"I think that pep-assemblies are a waste of time." **A.J. Fink**

"I would like pep-assemblies more if we could miss more class, but don't get me wrong-- I love to show my support." **Mitch Reed**

"I like going to pep-assemblies because we get to miss ChannelOne." **Laura Aschoff**

"Pep-assemblies are usually lame and lack enthusiasm." **Jason Daniel**

"Pep-assemblies are fun to have, especially if everyone is participating." **Jodie Harms**

"I like the assemblies because I get to show my support and it helps the teams get pumped up for a victory." **Lynette Heinauer**

"I would much rather be allowed to go home or do whatever I want to do during the time. I don't think it's fair that seniors don't have to go but everyone else is forced to go." **Matt Arend**



Cline

Brett Lee
Funk



The
Cheers



Left: While showing off his electric piano skills, **Matt Halbach** keeps beat with the rest of the band. The band's catchy pep-music was used to pep up the crowd.

Top Right: **Nate Miltenburger** shows his school spirit to **Ryan Hallenbeck**. This after pep assembly mood was sometimes hard to come by among students.

Bottom right: Girls basketball players **Angie Agena** and **Joy Olson** celebrate their state basketball tournament championship with the rest of the students.

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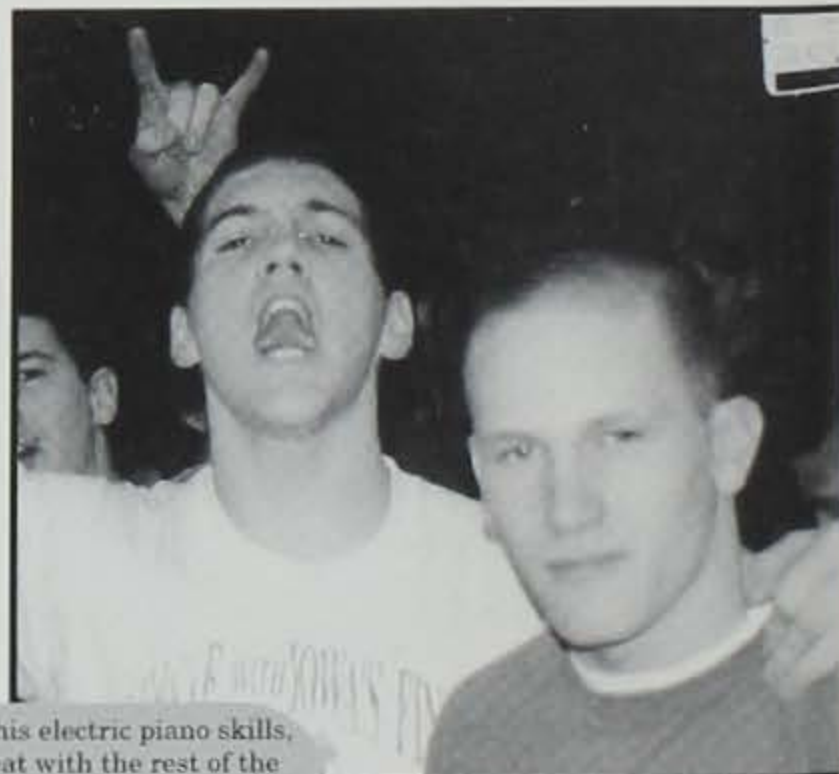


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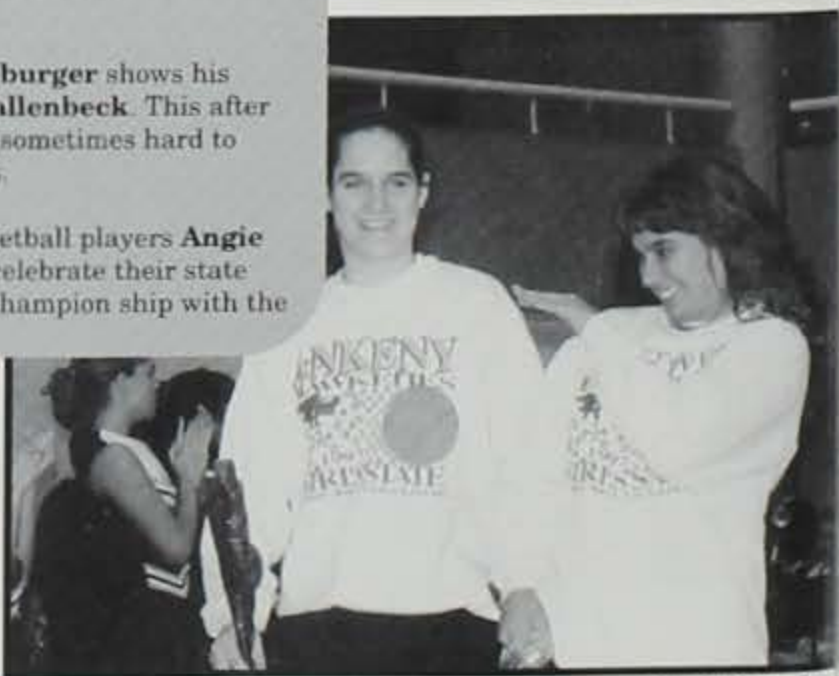


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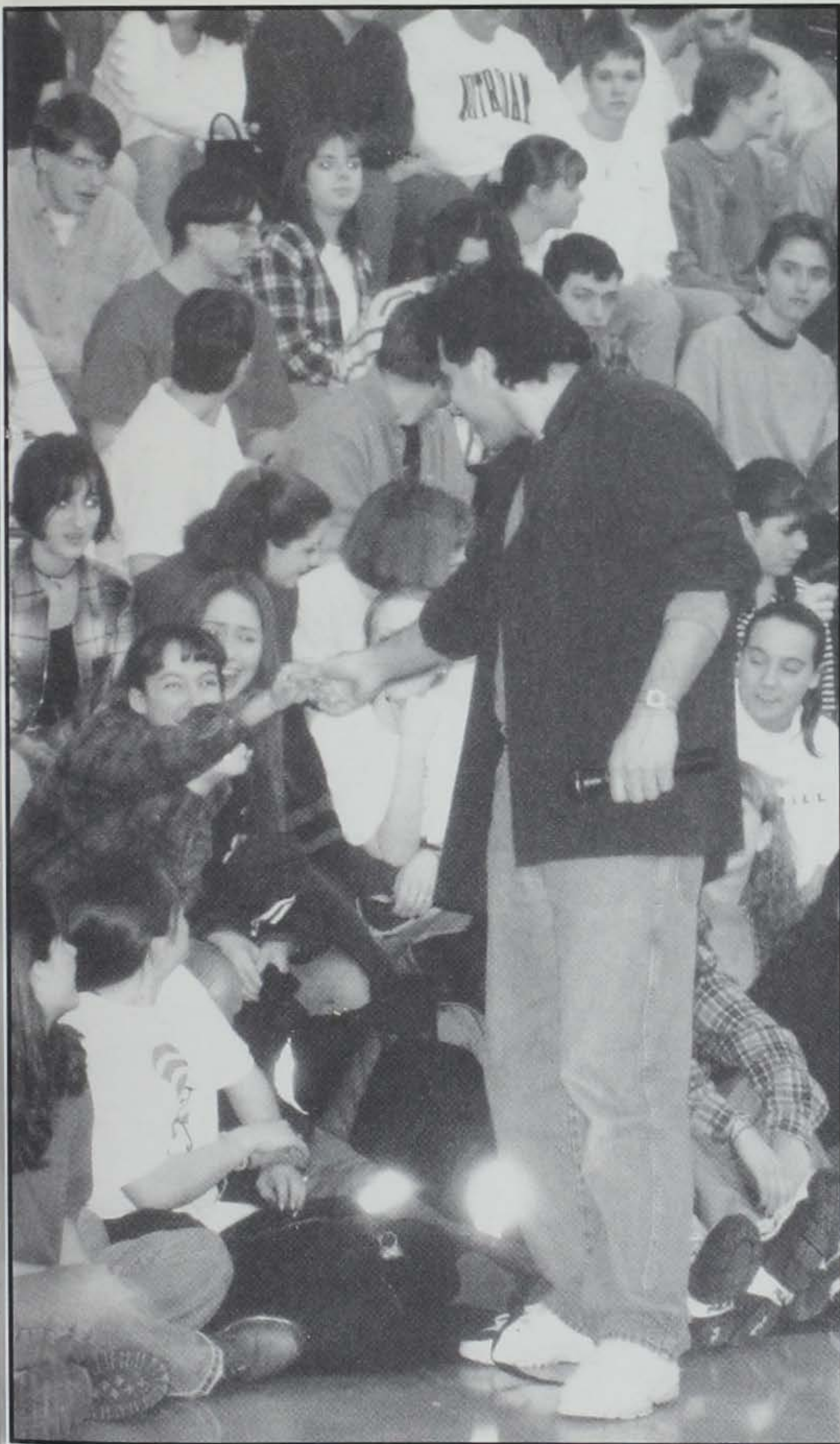


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Pump Up the Jam!

*In a survey passed out to AHS students about whether they think pep-assemblies are necessary, the following results were reached. *Of those surveyed, 81% of the students feel that pep assemblies are necessary to improve school spirit, and they successfully serve their purposes, while 19% of the students think that pep-assemblies are not necessary. *Among the students who said that the assemblies are a good way to boost school spirit, many said that they wish the assemblies would be at a later time in the day because people would be in a much better mood and more "alive" in the afternoon than in the early morning. *Among the students who feel that pep assemblies are not necessary, many say they wish they could have a free-period to do whatever they want instead of being forced to attend. *The results from this survey show that pep-assemblies are supported by the majority of the students at AHS, and they are a useful and necessary tool for some students in boosting their school spirit.



Pep band members warm up.



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IN THE

Above left: Jostens sponsored an inspirational speaker for the students. He told of real life events that happened to students, and he offered skills to help deal with teenage stresses. He also threw in plenty of humor to his speech.

Above right: Soccer player **Ben Nuss** attempts to pump up the crowd in one of his inspirational speeches. Ben clearly took a more laid back approach than most, but he seemed to accomplish his goal.

Bottom left: **Reed Shippy, J Starr, and Nick Breeden** support the boys soccer team with their cheers and gestures. Soccer fans like these were hard to come by, and they were deeply appreciated by the team members.

"Together at LAST"

It's something that everyone remembers for the rest of her or his life. Whether it was the worst night of your life or the best night of your life, it's Prom.

Not only is it the biggest dance of the year, it is by far the most expensive. Ask any guy how much he paid for his tux and you'll probably get an answer of around \$100. Ask any girl what she paid for her dress and you'll get an answer of around \$200. This doesn't even include tickets, dinner, flowers and pictures.

While it may be the most expensive dance of the year, it is also the one that creates fondest and most lasting memories.



Julie DeMoss enjoys after prom

After Prom Activities

-Velcro Jump

-Jousting

-Sumo Wrestling

-Eating

-Prize winning

-Rubberband race

-Toilet paper toss

-Gambling

"The music was not from our era, it was from the '80's. I couldn't even dance to it, but I can't dance anyway."
--Jenny Anderson

"After Prom was a blast from the past. I did everything at least once, but I lost all my money in the casino cause I stink. I'm not really good at anything and my parents hate me."--Brett Lee

"Don't go to G-- before Prom; it costs too much money and you can't even eat all of your food."--Kyle Moon

"I liked dinner because some psycho man paid for it, so it was free."--Stacey Wierzbicki

"The decorations were beautiful because I helped put them up, but I thought the dance was boring."--JaneAnn Jensen

"I loved the punch--who took care of it? After Prom was fun, too."--Amber Danner

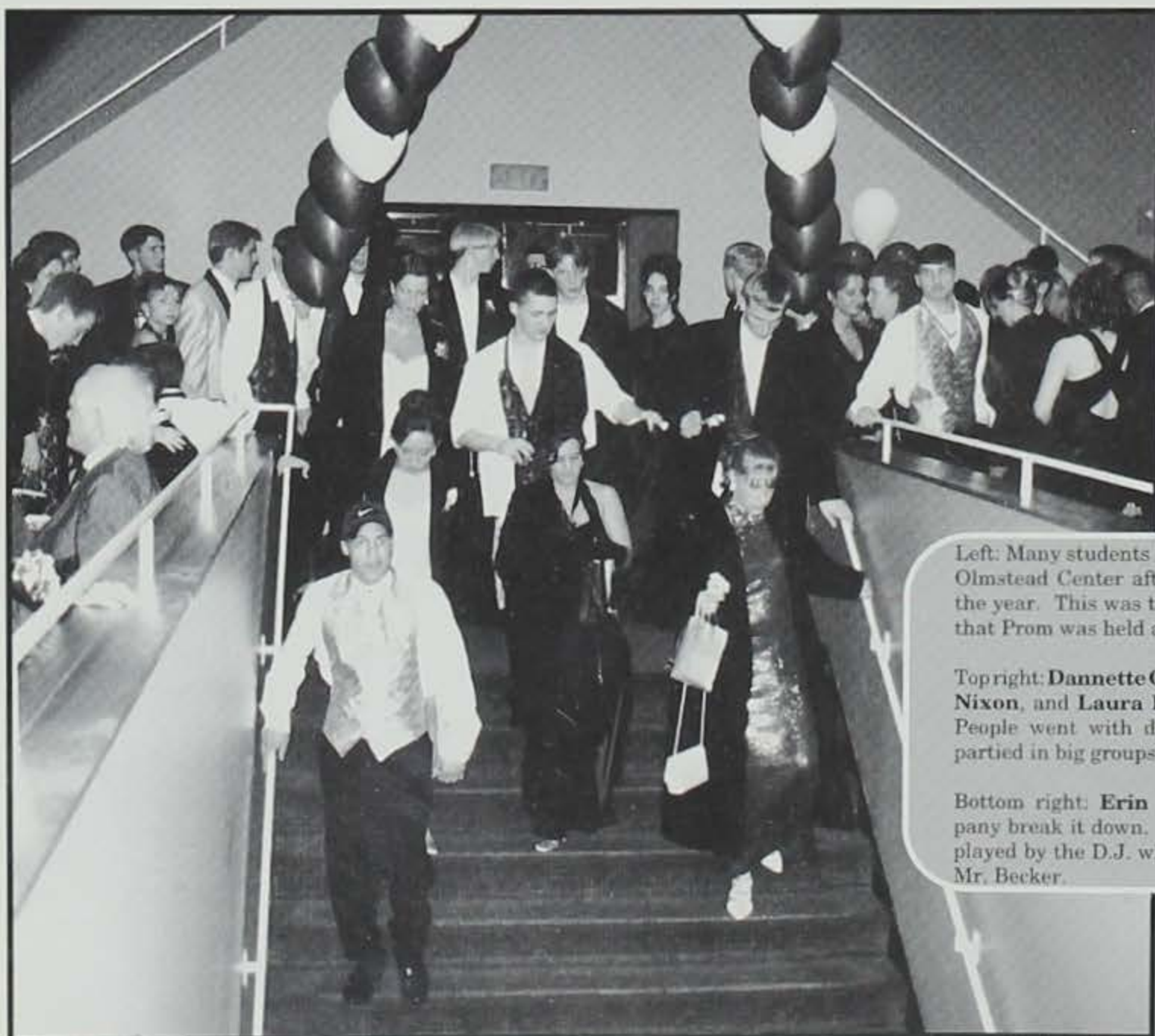
"When I was at after prom, I became very lonely, my date left me and I spent the rest of the night hunched over the toilet weeping in the boys restroom."--Mitch Reed



What a mess!



Come On!! Ride The Train



Left: Many students head for the doors of the Olmstead Center after the biggest dance of the year. This was the second year in a row that Prom was held at Drake.

Topright: Dannette Ott, Kristine Cox, Anne Nixon, and Laura Rogers dance at Prom. People went with dates but gathered and partied in big groups.

Bottom right: Erin Jagnandan and company break it down. A variety of music was played by the D.J. who was given a hand by Mr. Becker.

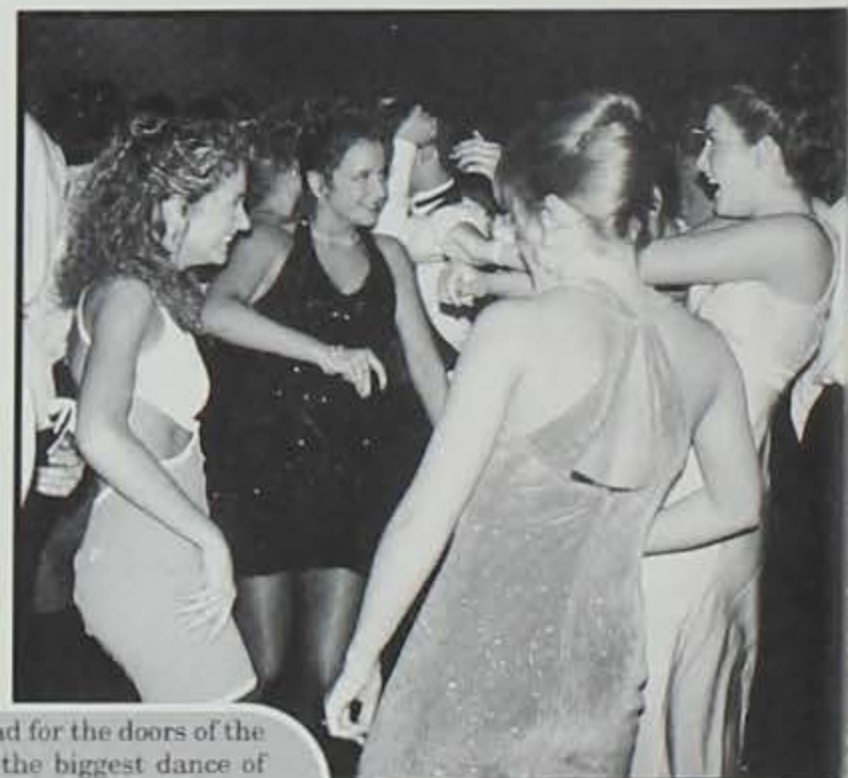


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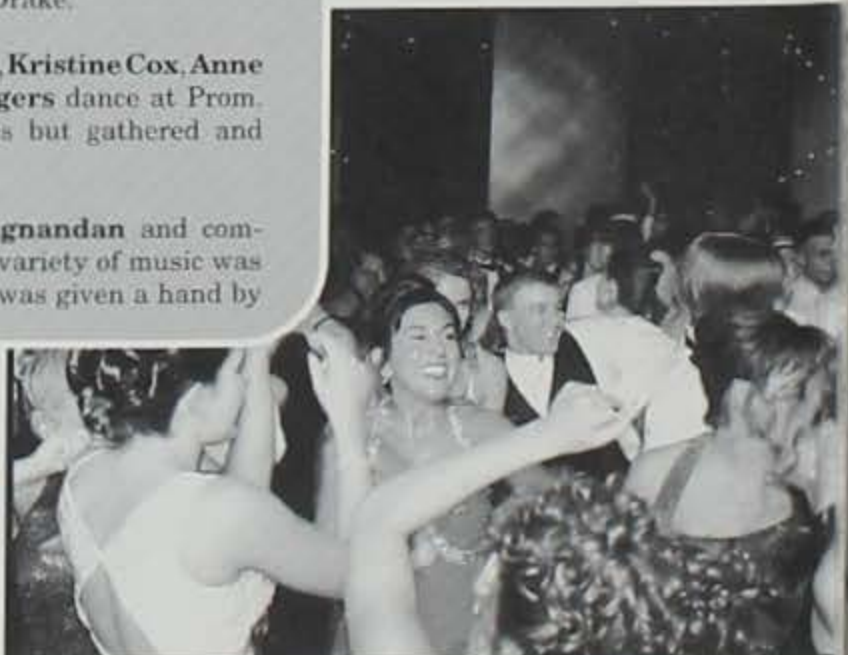


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Fun Abounds at After Prom for All those who

stayed awake all night and got involved in the activities!

*This year's after prom was a huge success. If you were to enter the gym anytime from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m., you would have found many students enjoying all of the activities that were set up. Some of the activities included jousting, sumo wrestling, toilet paper tossing, gambling, rubberband racing, velcro jumping and eating. *Around 2:30 a.m. the big excitement came to the Ankeny gym. The hypnotist chose about twenty volunteers from the audience and made them do some hilarious and embarrassing stunts. The girls were made to pretend that they were boys and vice versa for the boys. The hypnotist even made the boys pretend they were having babies and also took them on a wild Star Wars voyage. *Names were called out throughout the evening in order to allow students to claim door prizes. Also, at the end of the whole action-packed night, or actually morning, the big prizes were given away: CD players, rollerblades, bikes, TVs, money, refrigerators, VCRs, and a microwave. If it were possible to get bored of all of these activities, plenty of food was available for everyone to stuff down their mouths. *The purpose of after prom is to help keep kids out of trouble; this year's was a big success.



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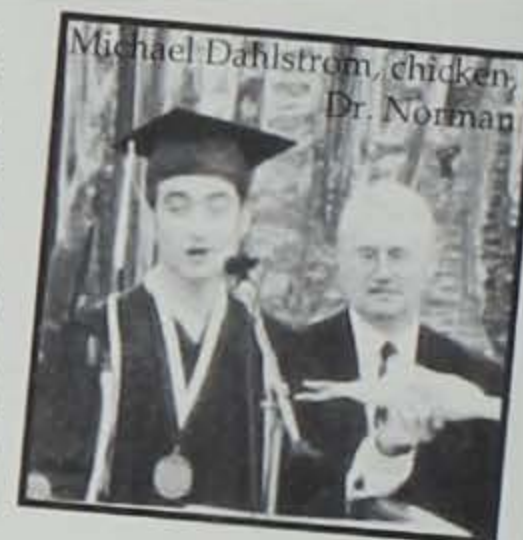
Above left: Professional sumo wrestlers, **Lindsay Egli** and **Jake Moore**, try to flatten each other at after prom. Over 500 students attended the after-prom activities in the gym.

Above right: Left alone after the dance, **Adam Benge** is left asking the question, "where's my date?" Benge was just one of many students to freak out at prom as the evening wore on.

Bottom left: American Gladiators, **Josh Madden** and **Josh Hiedeman** try to knock each other to the mat. Parents and community members worked for weeks to make the event a success.

Looking Ahead:

It was a circumstance where pomp is appropriate: graduation. On June 1st, 1997, the graduates and their friends and family gathered at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 1997. Addresses were made by superintendent Dr. Ben Norman; Class President Michael Dahlstrom (who used a fluorescent fish, rubber chicken, and "talking" plant as illustrating points in his address); and 4.0 student representatives Chris Degner, Amanda Eimers, Scott Evans, and Andrew Reich. The concert choir and band performed, and the senior choir sang, and the 2 hour ceremony culminated with Dr. Ratigan's presentation of the Class of 1997.



Class Officers:
Michael Dahlstrom - President
Tom Kapaska - Vice President
Sarah Van Oort - Secretary
Chris Degner - Treasurer

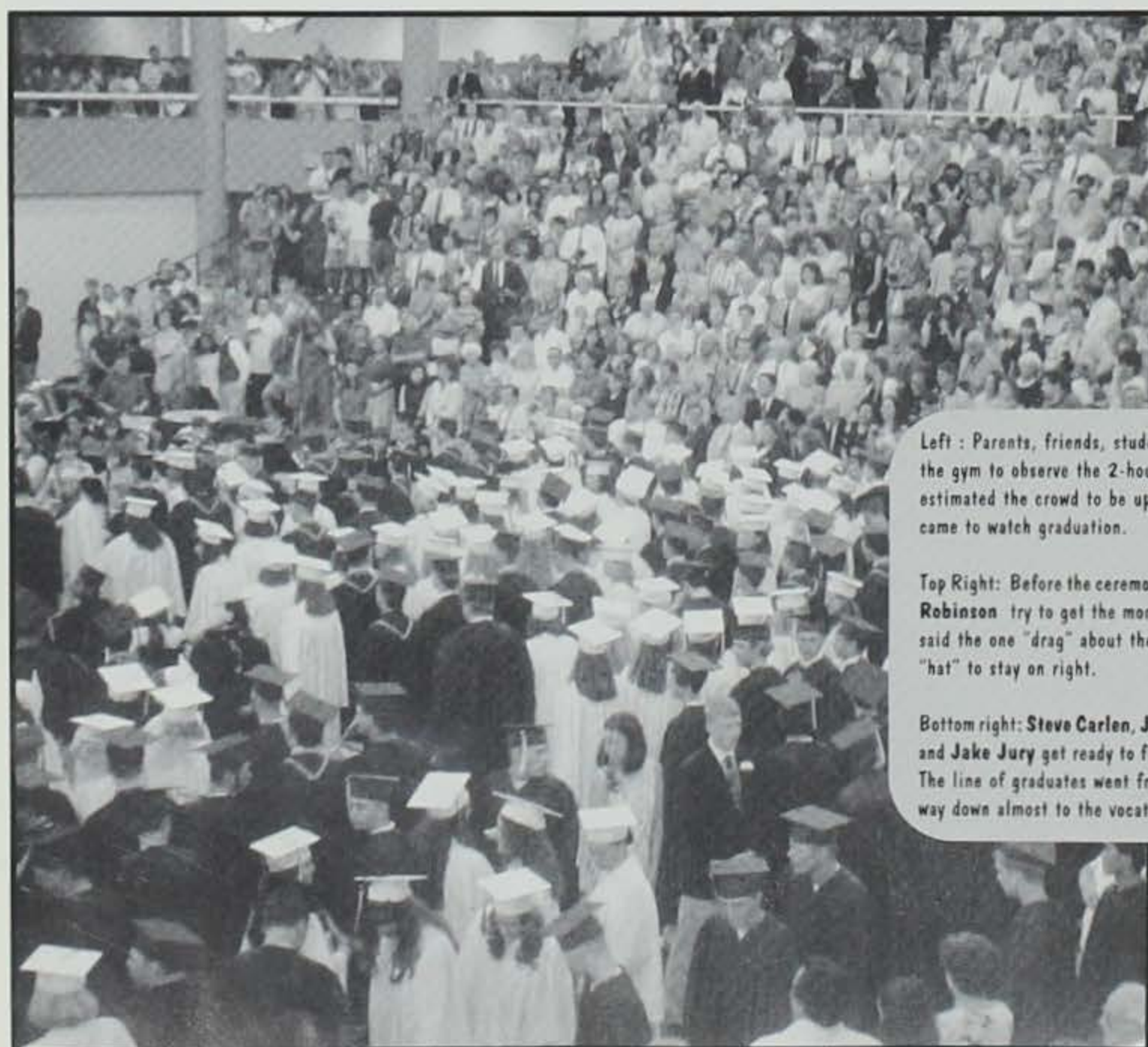
Class Motto
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Class Flower: Red Rose
Class Colors: Maroon & Gold

Class Representatives:
Joe Henderson
Dwight Brown
Amy Gebauer
Stacy Wierzbicki



Graduation Program	
Processional	Ankeny High School Band
"America, The Beautiful"	Concert Choir & Concert Band
Introduction of Speakers	Dr. Ben Norman, Superintendent of Schools
Class President's Address	Michael Dahlstrom
Commencement Address	Chris Degner, Amanda Eimers, Scott Evans, Andrew Reich
Introduction of "Graduates with Distinction"	Dr. Gary Ratigan, Principal
"Dare to Dream"	Senior Choir
Presentation of Class	Dr. Gary Ratigan, Principal
	Dr. Jan Beatty & Mr. Dennis Shaltanis, Assistant Principals
	Concert Choir & Concert Band
	Ankeny High School Band
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	
Recessional	

Graduates with Distinction: Brett A. Adams, Jennifer J. Adams, Kyle Dennis Albertson, Jason Christopher Baedke, Sarah Lyn Barclay, Joseph Todd Beveridge II, Ryand David Blahavietz, Audra Megan Block, Kyle James Bolejack, Jessica Marie Brejcha, Ryal Casey Brier, Elise Marie Brodell, Ryan T. Broich, Dwight D. Brown, Bobbi Lynne Buckner, Jason William Cairns, Robert David Campbell, Scott R. Canfield, Jodie Lynn Clark, Michael Field Dahlstrom, Sharla Marie Danielson, Christopher Michael Degner, Ryan John DeMey, Meghan J. Dickson, Todd Otis Diehl, Andrew Warren Duin, Abby Noel Dyar, Amanda Ann Eimers, Kathryn Therese Elsbecker, Benjamin Scott Evans, Nicole Marie Evers, Michael Megumi Fujinaka, Amy Nicole Gebauer, Gina Ray Gelatti, Chad Clifford Graham, Kirsten Solveig Greenough, Janelle Elizabeth Haack, Andrew Fuller, Drew Harrington, Joseph Hayes Henderson, Tiffany Paige Hill, Christopher Louis Hutchinson, Kevin J. Immel, Megan Rae Jennings, Rachel M. Johnson, Ben R. Jones, Laura Leigh Junod, Thomas Laurence Kapaska, Heidi Marie Kautza, Lance Evan Kellow, Erin Michele Koester, Kelly J. Krause, Angela Michelle Krug, Binh T. Lam, Lindsay Marie Lang, Amanda Sue Long, Joshua Cole Lukenbill, Andrew D. Lynch, Angela Marie Marshall, Whitney Leigh Maxwell, Sean Michael McClure, Michael T. McGuire, Corey Benton Metzger, Derek Lee Miller, Matthew R. Morris, Kenneth A. Parker, Tammy Lyn Pringle, Daryl Craig Rauser, Jonathan Edward, Jon Reberry, Zachary E. Reed, Andrew Michael Reich, Lindsay N. Robinson, Erica Nicole Rose, Natalie Erin Rose, Michael James Roth, Amanda Beth Scharf, Ryan T. Sears, Brooke Nicole Silliman, Robert M. Steim, Danielle Anne Strait, Michelle Lynn Swanson, Jeremy William Taylor, Kari Lynn Teeter, Elizabeth Marie Tometich, Deann L. Tupy, Sarah Marie Van Oort, Margaret Amy Vander Leest, Sarah Marie Vinje, Kari B. Vogt, Jennifer Ann Waldschmitt, Patrick Daniel Wells, Lori Lee Whitlatch, Stacy L. Wierzbicki, Mackenzie Ryan Willey, Melanie Joy Williams, Elizabeth Rae Wisnosky, Sarah Kathleen Woollever



Left: Parents, friends, students, and faculty crowded into the gym to observe the 2-hour ceremony. Those attending estimated the crowd to be upwards of 2,500 people who came to watch graduation.

Top Right: Before the ceremony, Laura Junod and Lindsay Robinson try to get the mortar board on straight. Students said the one "drag" about the whole deal was getting the "hat" to stay on right.

Bottom right: Steve Carlen, Jill Andrews, Mike Mothershed, and Jake Jury get ready to file in during the processional. The line of graduates went from the door of the gym all the way down almost to the vocational area.

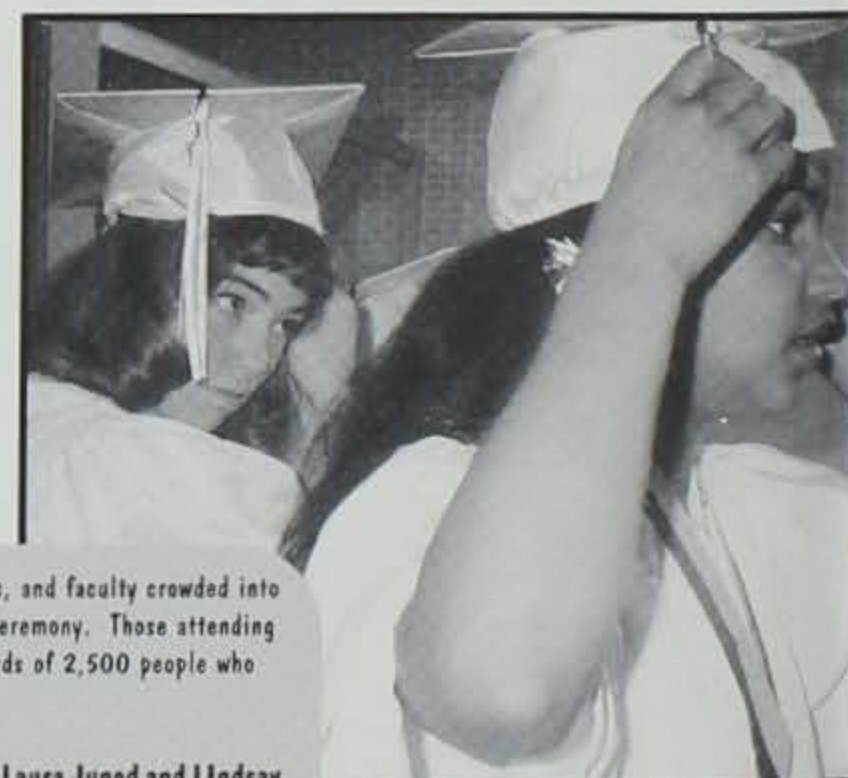


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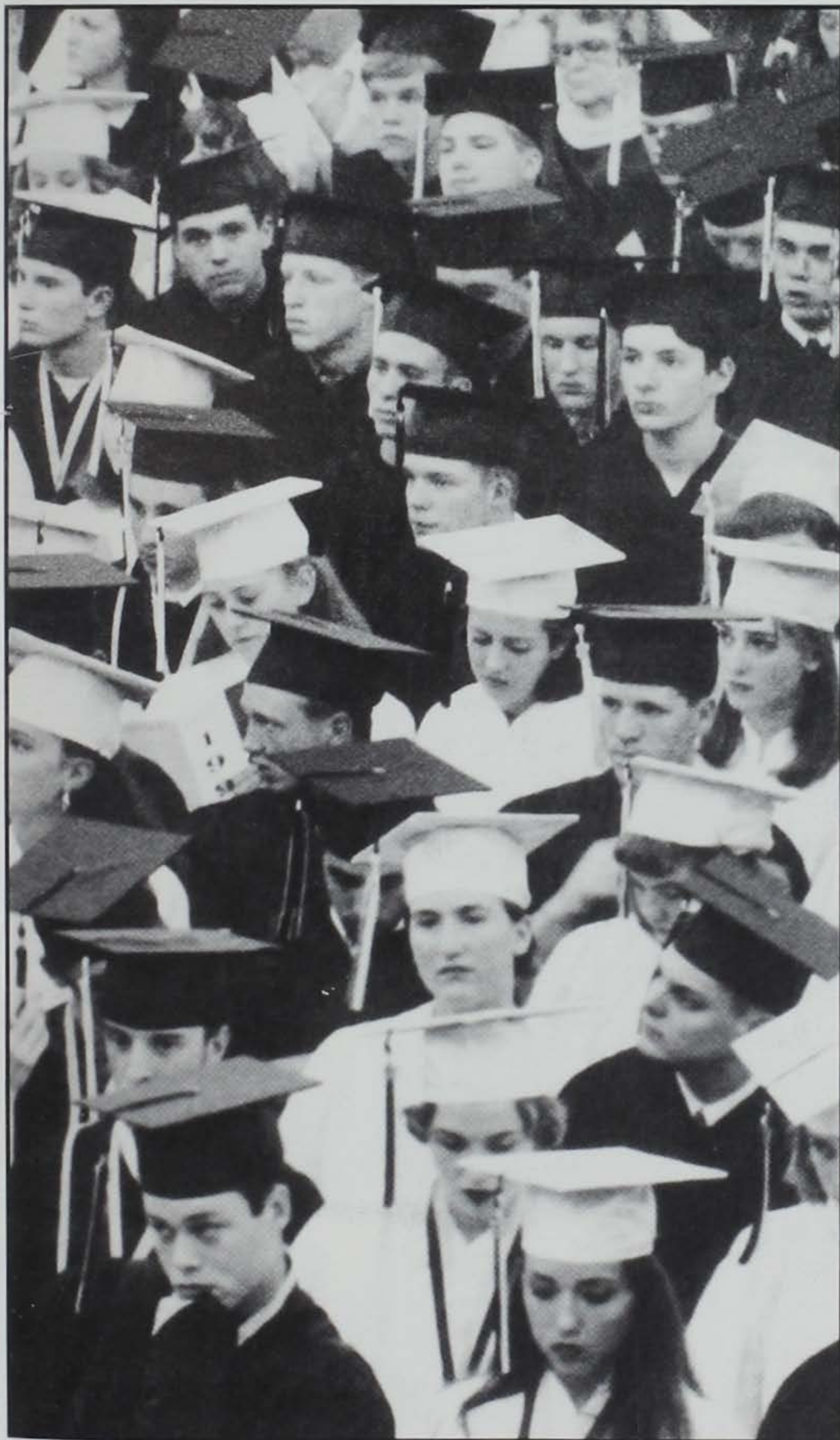


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It's not just the graduation ceremony that commands attendance—it's the graduation "celebrations" that are most popular. It seems that this year, every senior hosted a graduation party, and attenders could party hop from 10:00 a.m. until the wee hours of the next morning. Graduation Open Houses were held the weeks before, during, and after the actual graduation ceremony.

The type of celebration was as varied as the student body. Some, like Cori Verbeski, hosted brunches before the ceremony; others like Christa Ledin, had afternoon open houses; still others had major blow-out bashes that lasted all afternoon (Brett Lee's Hog Roast) or from evening until early morning (Ryan Broich's 7 P.M. - 1 A.M. affair). Some students even went together with friends and co-hosted an even bigger gala. Jared Beard and Kyle Moon pooled their resources and sponsored a big bonfire to celebrate their achievements, and Scott Damstetter and Aaron Ruffheld theirs at the Country Club. All in all, the seniors knew how to celebrate their graduation.



Photo by K Kauffman

ON YOUR OWN

Above left: Graduates from the class of 1997 listen to the various commencement speakers with a mixture of expressions on the first sunny weekend out of four. The 85 degree day did not create unbearable conditions in the gym due to huge rented floor fans.

Above right: One of four commencement speakers, Chris Degner was one of the nine students who graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Other commencement speakers are pictured in the gray box on page 102.

Bottom left: Flanked by underclassmen, the seniors clustered in the center of the chorus during "America, the Beautiful." Over 250 comprised the concert band and choir that performed during the ceremony.



Photo by K Kauffman

"We made sandwiches in Business Law. I was full." Kem Saichaie **103**

**Choir members
practiced a lot in an
attempt to be
the best in the
state.**

TONAL quality

Q What does it take to be a good swing choir member?

**"You have to have dedication and commitment to practice."
-Sarah Woolever**



**"Stamina, strong arms."
-Scott Mickelson**



by Nathan Rawson

Swing choir was competitive this year, and in attempt to be the best in the state, choir members practiced a lot. Practices lasted all year, and usually took place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Along with practices during school. They would practice for hours at a time. Working out every last glitch in their routines that they could so that they could have a great show when show time came.

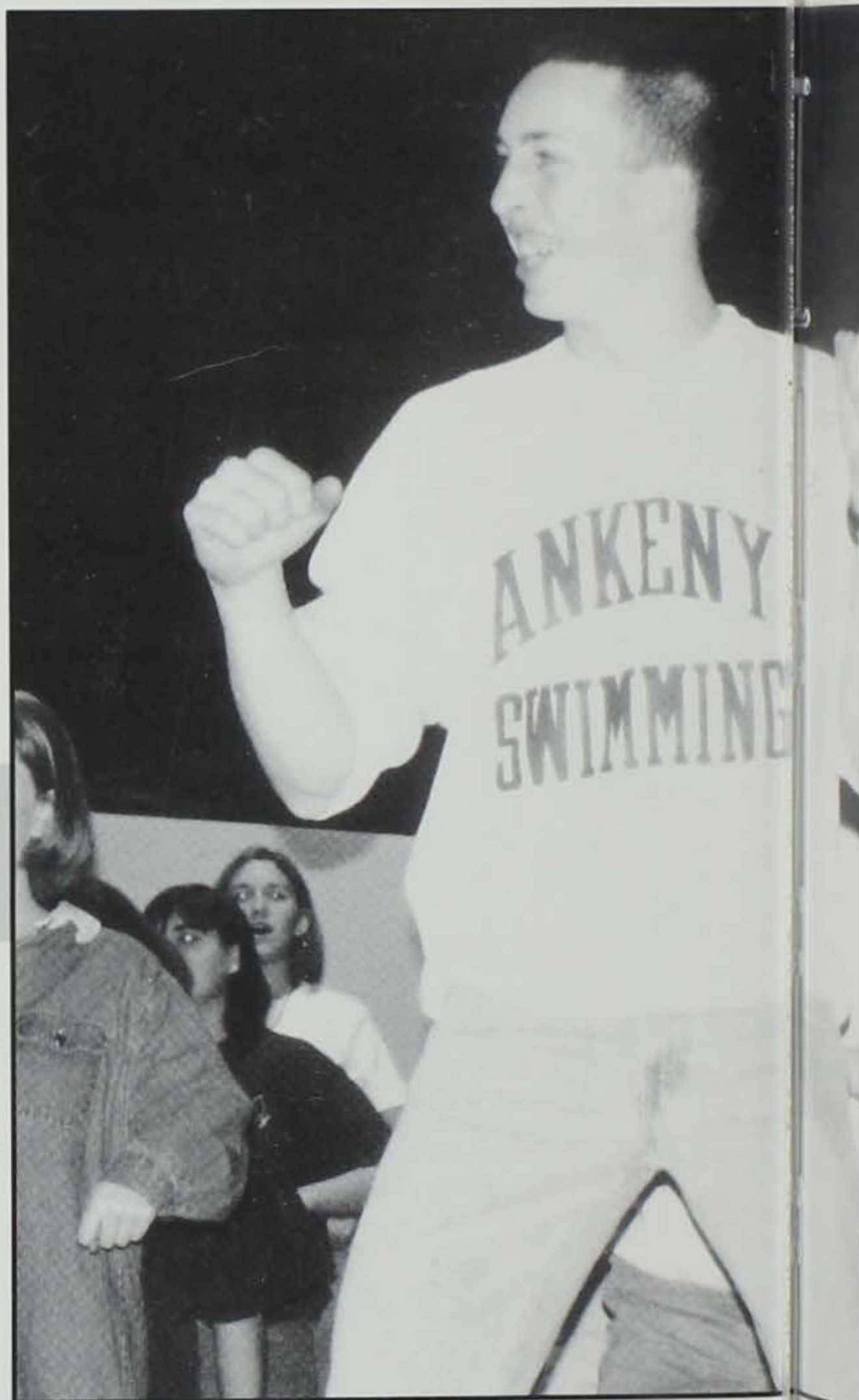
The swing choirs had two shows. One of the shows in the fall and one in the spring. Then, in between shows they would have competitions with other swing choirs from all over the state.

There were three swing choirs that you could be a part of. The sophomore swing choir, "Intensity," the junior swing choir, "Perpetual Motion," and the senior swing choir, "Visual Adrenaline."

The senior swing choir also had ten juniors in it. Five girls and five guys. They made it there because of their extraordinary talent.

This year the sophomore swing choir had their work cut out for them. They were working hard to make their show the best ever so that they could make enough money to buy new costumes. And work they have, they are practicing more than ever to make their show the best. Hopefully, after their spring show, they will have enough money to buy those new costumes.

All in all, though, this year was a great one for swing choir. Students made new friends that they might have never met if they hadn't joined swing choir, and they found a great way to have fun in their spare time.



BUMPIN' AND GRINDIN'

A smiling BJ Brent jams with everyone else during 8th period class. "Swing choir was a fun way to work off stress in my spare time," BJ said.

BUSTA MOVE!

Excuse me, while I "touch" the sky! Emily Strabbing, Bri Presley, and Chris George along with a score of others perform another great move.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

show choirs

CELEBRATE!

Lindsay Lang struts her stuff in a song called "Celebrate." Celebrate, the opening song for their 1997 Spring Show, was a rousing number.



Photo by Ryan Tucci



Photo by Ryan Tucci

"PERPETUAL MOTION"



"VISUAL ADRENALINE"



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Josh Heidiman gets down with his bad self in another swing choir practice. The swing choir practiced often, sometimes well into the evening hours.

"INTENSITY"

The four above group shots are all different members of the "jv" show choir. Visual Adrenaline was considered the "senior level" of the three.

Each year, Ankeny High School students vie for acceptance into National Honor Society.

PUPIL perfection

What was your initial response to being accepted?

"Awesome! I was excited."
-Greg Eckels



"I did the macarena right there in the hall."
-Jack Leverenz



By Ryan Struve

Character, leadership, service, and honor. These are the four virtues that every member of the National Honor Society tries to live their life by. National Honor Society, sponsored by **Rich Kruse**, is an organization dedicated to the well-rounded student. National Honor Society involves itself with several activities throughout they year. The largest, and most well known of these, is Crystal Ball.

Crystal Ball, traditionally thought of as a winter dance, was moved back into November for this year. But this was only one change for Crystal Ball. Another was to bring back the tradition of royalty. Intense preparation and planning was needed to complete the mammoth task of putting together a dance of this magnitude.

In the spring of the year, applications

were issued to all students at Ankeny High School who wanted one. First, however, a prerequisite for even being considered was having a 3.5 grade point average. The application asked students to list activities they are involved with, both in school and out; leadership positions that they have held; and volunteer functions that they have participated in. A panel of faculty members combed through each application to determine who they felt met the criteria for NHS membership.

National Honor Society is meant as an organization that rewards students that have been very well rounded during their high school career. Students involved in National Honor Society represent the best of our class; the students who show leadership, honor, character, and service.



HUDDLE 'ROUND

Advisor **Rich Kruse** informs **Michael Dahlstrom**, **Adam Thimmesch**, **Sarah VanOort**, and **Joe Henderson** about some finishing touches for that night's presentation.

READING ALOUD

Scott Sibbel reads along with other new inductees into NHS. The entire presentation for the night was practiced by all new members in order to look polished.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

LIGHTING IT UP

Sarah VanOort lights the fourth of five candles during the procession. Each of the student officials lit one, and they each represented a different virtue of NHS members.



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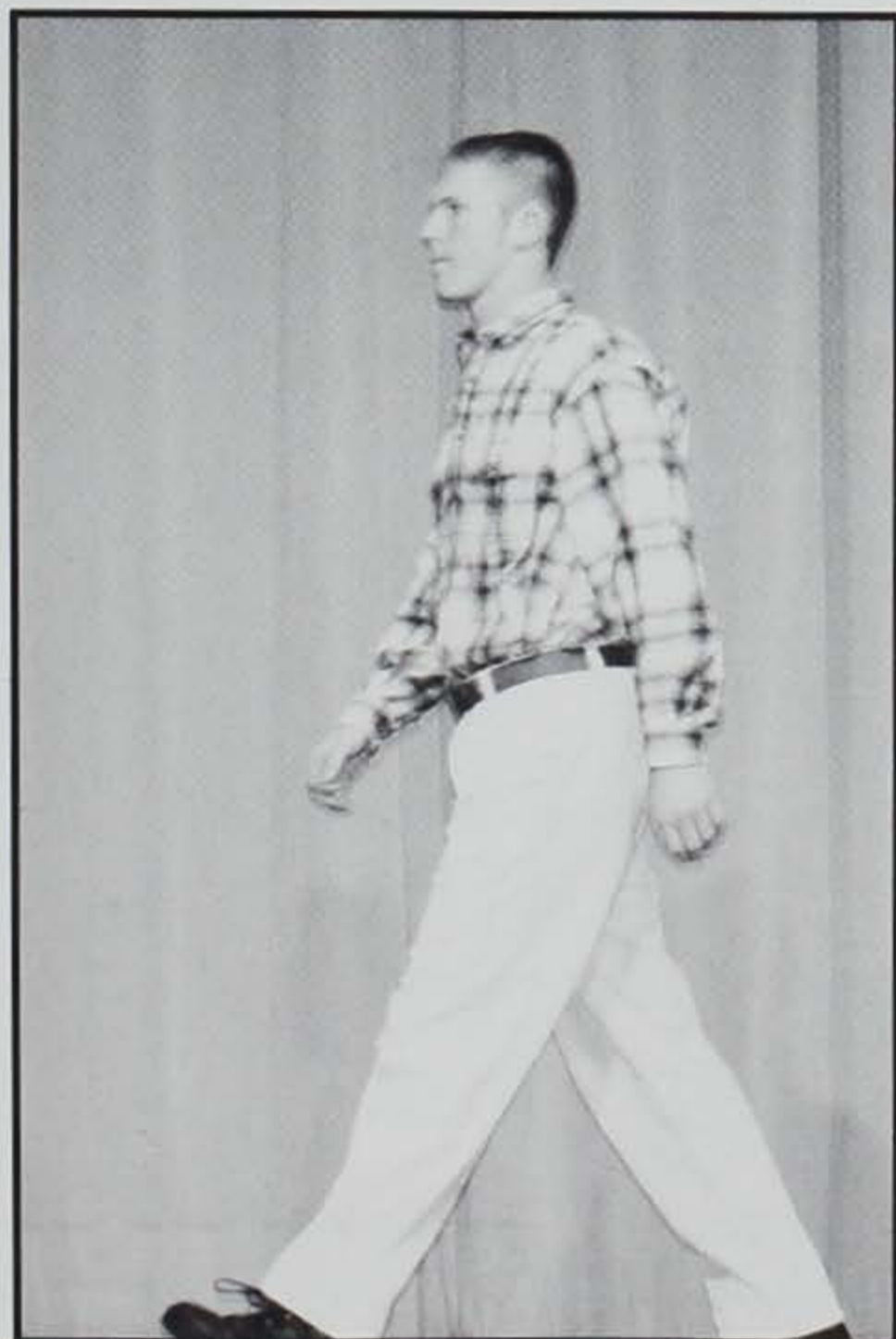


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NEW INDUCTEES

Left to right front row: Jack Leverenz; Second row: Laura Smith, Amy Larsen, Amy Licktieg, Brian Pauly, Angie Eichenseer, Leah Goodmanson, Kateri Routh; Third Row: Tim Swanson, Katie Frohm, Patrice Jones, Grant Dickinson, Amy Frank, Ann Miller, T.J. Tollakson, Heather Nelson, Tracy Wood, Caiya Lierman, Gina Pighetti, Johanna Russell; Fourth Row: Greg Eckels, Cori Kuhn, Amy Reiff, Aaron Pitts, Chris George, Traci Jones, Mandy Peter, Erin Hoffman



OFFICERS

The four NHS officers this year pictured are (from left to right) Adam Thimmesch, Michael Dahlstrom, Sarah Van Oort, and Joe Henderson.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

SWEET REWARDS

Ryan Justice, looking eager to achieve official membership into NHS, walks across the stage to receive his pin. Ryan was only one of many new members into NHS.

CROSS THOSE T'S

Jack Leverenz, watched by Dr. Jan Beatty, carefully signs his name into the NHS membership book. A panel of faculty members decided who else would get this honor with Jack.

NHS

Standing up in front of the school was made to look easy when members of drama stood on stage while having the times of their lives.

STAGE fright

Q What was your most memorable moment from drama?

"I remember the drama contests. They took a lot of hard work but it was a lot of fun."

-Kelsi Marsh



"I think that drama was a lot of fun. I mean, where else can you walk around wearing a bra?"

-Amanda Gibbons



by Shawna Vuper

Drama had a very busy and productive year, putting on a total of three plays, all of which were a big success.

Hard work and a lot of dedication was needed to be part of this group. Practice for each play lasted for about six to eight weeks for two hours or more each night after school. Many extra hours were spent on Saturdays and in the evenings getting the set ready for the big day when the curtains parted.

The three plays that were performed by the drama team were *Don't Drink the Water* put on in the fall, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which was the Spring musical, and "Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz," the children's play.

A funny moment that Mr. Shapiro will never forget was during *Don't Drink the Water* "when the boys had to wear

tunics. I thought that this was funny because the tunics were very short on the guys and they had difficulty sitting during dress rehearsals."

The main purpose of the plays was to make people laugh. Ann Miller said, "I really enjoyed the plays and I thought that they were really funny. I even noticed that Mr. Shaltanis laughed!"

Numerous people helped in making these productions perfect by using their spare time to make costumes, work the lights, help out backstage and work on the backgrounds.

Being in drama was also an opportunity for many to make new friends. Angie Eichenseer said, "I really enjoyed being in drama. I made some new friends and got closer with the ones I already knew. Being in drama is one experience that I will never forget!"

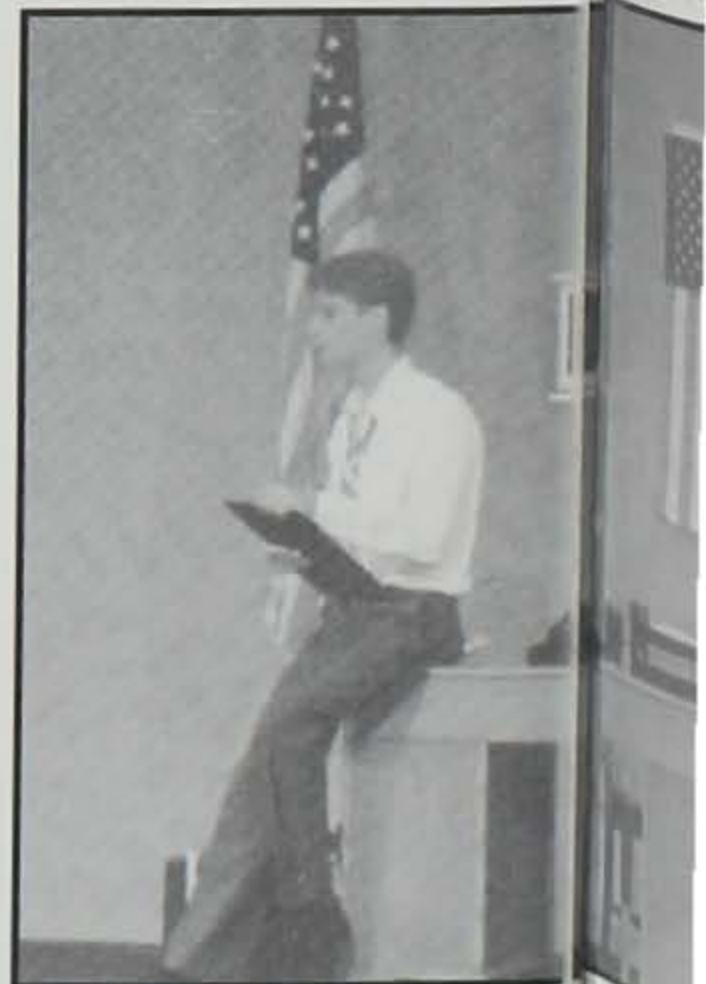


TAKING CENTER STAGE,

Michael Dahlstrom sings his heart out. He opened *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* with a solo. Dahlstrom was known for his way of entertaining the crowd.

ASKING A FEW QUESTIONS,

Mike Haselhun's, easy going stage presence makes it look like he had been in plays forever. Mike is shown here from the play *Don't Drink the Water* which was performed during the fall.



PUCKER UP, BABY-CAKES,

because here I am is what Elise Brodell seems to be saying as she lays a big kiss on Aaron Rosenberger's cheek during the spring musical play. Judging from his expression, it looks like he was taken by surprise.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED...

A quick group photo after the play *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Aaron Rosenberger, Melissa Beaman, Amanda Gibbons, Kyle Albertson, Janelle Haack, Ben Jones, Scott Phillips, Chad Graham, and Dwight Brown.



SEDUCTIVE WOMEN:

Amy Reiff, Amber Berglund, Melissa Beaman, Amanda Gibbons, Adam Thimmesch, Stephanie Kasper, Janelle Haack, Mindy Shea and Mary Thimmesch.



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TAKING THE SPOTLIGHT,

Chad Graham and Amanda Gibbons stand to show that they mean business. Both were seniors who put in a lot of time and effort for each school play. They contributed a lot to each play and will be greatly missed.

GETTING READY TO PLANT,

a huge kiss on Adam Thimmesch, Ben Jones leans over to lay a big one on him. Adam's part required him to dress up as a girl and Ben's character fell "in love" with him. It was unforgettable.

Photo by Ryan Tucci

Photo by Jeremiah Hamilton

Students learned about the judicial and diplomatic systems of our country's government.

PLAYING politics

What was the best part about being in Mock Trial/Model UN?

"The best part of Mock Trial this year was winning and getting the chance to go on to the next level."

-Chris Degner



"Model UN wasn't just a learning experience, it was about the friends you made along the way."

-Kristi Kieffer



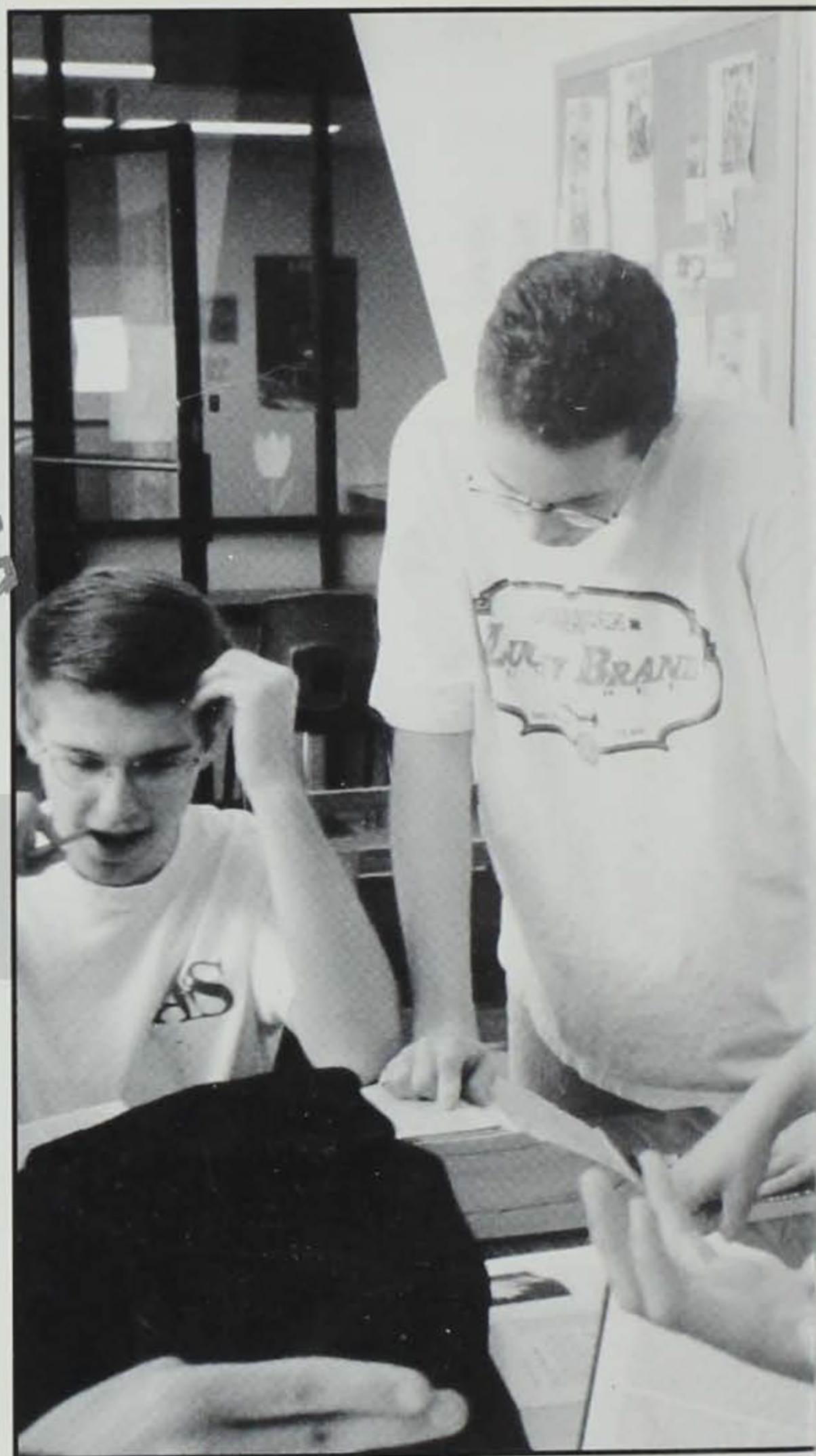
by Nikie Johnson

Students could get involved in many organizations at Ankeny High School, everything from football and tennis for the athletes, to *Talon* and debate for people who liked getting involved in academic activities. And for people who were interested in how our government works, Model UN and Mock Trial was just the thing.

In Model UN, members were assigned a country, and researched this country's foreign policies. Then they got together with students from other schools who were assigned to other countries and actually worked with them as UN ambassadors would. They discussed the social, humanitarian, and cultural aspects of the countries' foreign policies at Model UN conferences where schools from all over the area got together. This year the trips were to Kirksville, Missouri and the University of Northern Iowa. "We were a little disappointed that we couldn't go to the

Chicago conference, but the trips we *did* go on this year were really fun," said Model UN member **Andy Lynch**.

Mock Trial gave students a chance to see what an actual trial was like, and what it would take to prepare a case. The case this year? A political refugee from Brazil was charged with conspiring to smuggle cocaine into the U.S. Each of the teams had to prepare a prosecution case and a defense. Each team had four lawyers and three witnesses, who prepared with each other, wrote out questions for direct examination, and practiced cross examinations. The lawyers also had to do opening and closing arguments. The teams got points for how well the lawyers and witnesses did, not whether or not they won the case. One of Ankeny's teams went on to the next competition, but barely lost to Johnston's best team. As **Kelly Launsbach** put it, "I learned a lot this year from the upperclassmen. It was a great opportunity."



BEFORE THE COMPETITION

Jack Rivers and Kristi Kieffer work in the library. For Model UN, students had to do lots of research, writing briefs and opinion papers to prepare for competition.

AT THE DRESS REHEARSAL

Kelly Launsbach and Brett Haugen discuss a point in the closing argument. Before competing, the teams went over everything they are going to say and do carefully.



ON THE BUS RIDE HOME,

Doug Fuller, Jack Rivers, and Julie Cross went over their teams' scores. Their team scored enough points to advance to the next competition.



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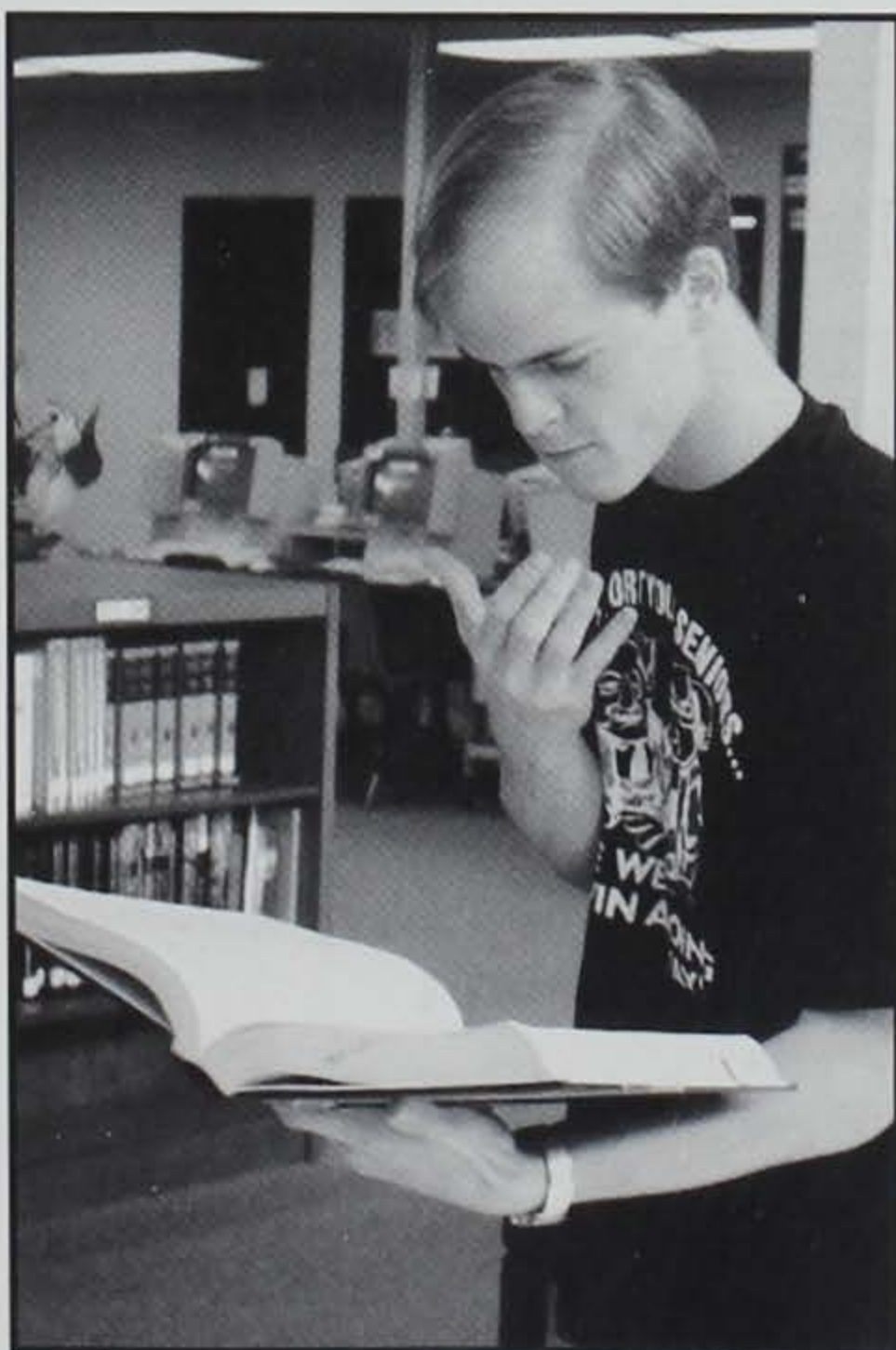


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Mock Trial Back Row: Todd Diehl, Chris Degner, Jared Feuerhelm, Nick Page. Middle Row: Brett Haugen, Eric Hayes, Jack Rivers, Kelly Launspach. Front Row: Jessica Brejcha, Julie Cross, Patrice Jones, Amy Lickteig, Nikie Johnson. Not Pictured: Bill McCarty, Doug Fuller, Dan Henderson. Coach: Dennis Adamson



Model UN: TJ Tollakson, Michael Roth, Matt Nuese, Brian Thompson, Darren Semrow, Joe Henderson, Nate Carrington, Amy Reiff, Sean McClure, Andy Lynch, Kristi Kieffer, Chris Degner, Laura Barclay, Grant Dickinson, Ben Jones, Doug Fuller. Coach: Chuck Lierman



MOCK TRIAL/MODEL UN



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THINGS THAT MAKE YA GO

Hmmm... Joe Henderson looks up data in a resource book in the library after school for his research on the country he was to represent.

TALKING WITH MEMBERS

of Model UN are Chris Degner and Andy Lynch. They all put in lots of extra hours before they were ready to go to perform at competition.



Hawks Take Districts

The boy's tennis team qualified and took districts by storm, and then travelled on to substate for the fifth consecutive year. As a team the Hawks moved on to substate, but failed to qualify any individual performers for the State tournament.

by Mitch Reed

It's beginning to be automatic. For the fifth consecutive year, the boy's tennis team qualified for substate.

This year, though, there was one minor difference—they qualified as district champions. The Hawks defeated Ames 21-20 to claim their first district championship, but unfortunately, they didn't qualify anyone for the state tournament.

The Hawks finished the season on a 6-4 record with a big victory at Ames right before districts. "I feel that the win against Ames was a major reason why we won districts," said Matt Ryherd. They also ended the year with a 3-4 record in the CIML National Conference. "Overall the season was successful one. It's too bad that we couldn't send anyone to state, but we did win districts, which was a big thrill," said Zach Reed.

The Hawks were lead by seniors, Zach Reed, Matt Ryherd and Ryal Brier. These three will be hard to replace, but the next team will be filled with depth.

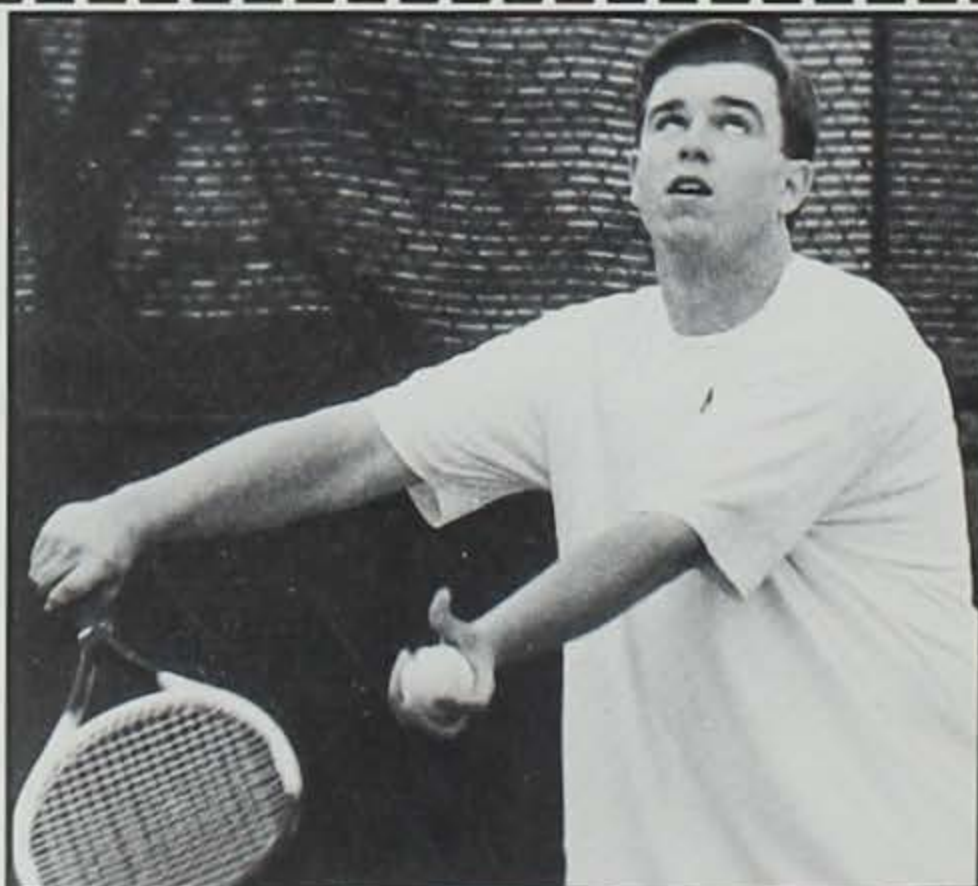


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STATS		
Us	Opponent	Them
9	Johnston	2
8	DM Hoover	3
10	SE Polk	1
11	DM East	0
9	Ankeny Invit.	2
2	WDM Valley	9
11	Mason City	0
11	Newton	0
5	Marshalltown	6
4	Ft. Dodge	7
3	Urbandale	8
6	Ames	5
Dist. Tourn.		
Substate		
Coach: Dennis Niedermeier		
Record: 6-4		
Assistant coach: Max Corley		
CIML Record: 3-4		



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Quick W rap-up

Ready or not, here it comes. On the opposite page, bottom left, **Zach Reed** is in the process of serving during action from a meet late in the season against Urbandale. Zach held the number 1 position all year for the Hawks.

A strong backhand goes a long way as, on the opposite page, bottom right, **Matt Fausch** strikes the ball smoothly on the Ankeny tennis courts in practice. The average practice lasted about 2 hours, starting with drills and warming up and ending with one on one matches.

Even during practice **Ryal Brier** doesn't take it easy on anyone. Ryal had one of the best serves on the team all year and held the number five position for the majority of the year, not to mention being the jokester on the team.

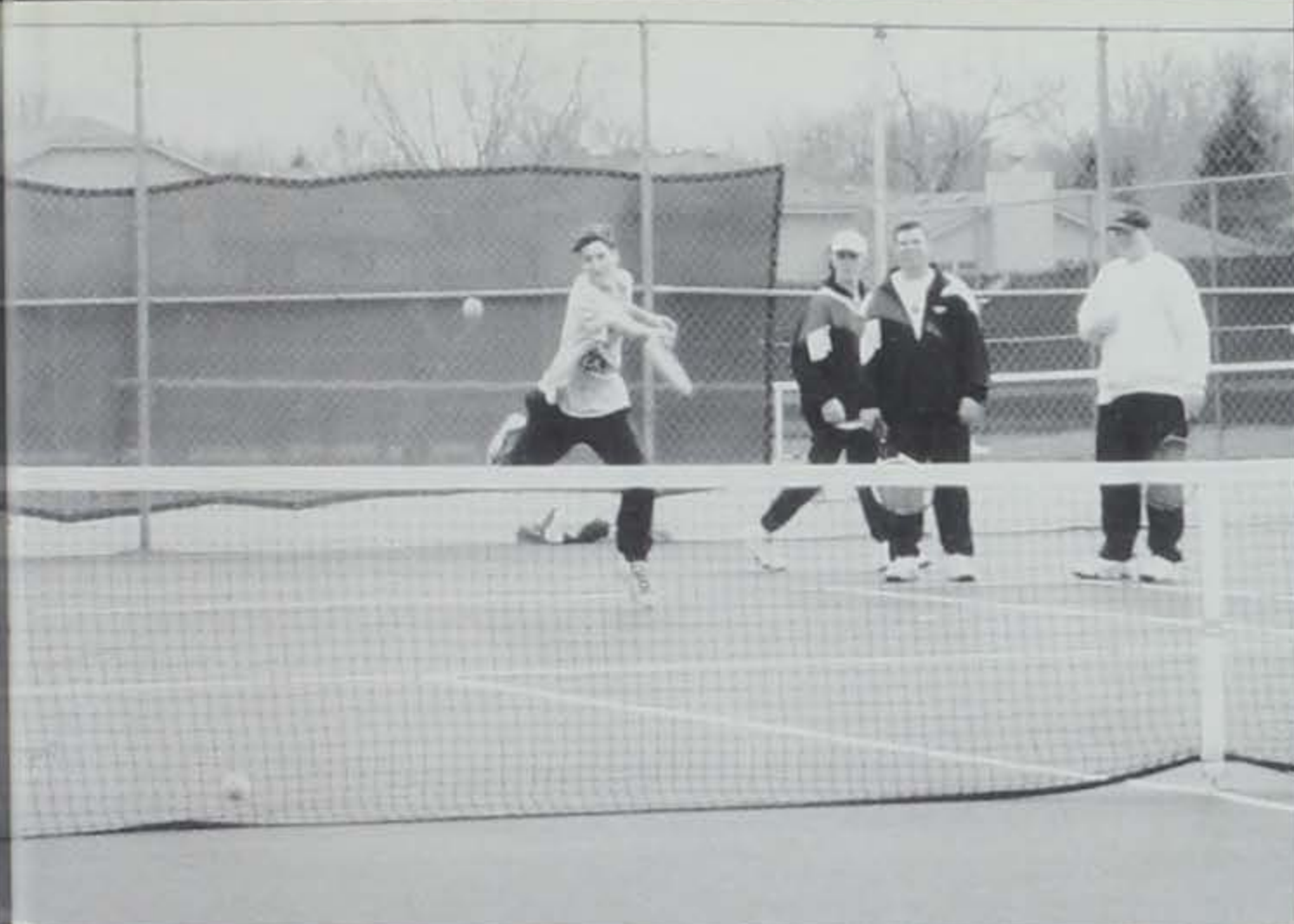


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At Top: While being watched carefully by his teammates, **Ryal Brier** rockets the ball cross court. Ryal was often asked to demonstrate the proper form for various strokes used in tennis.

Above: Watching intensely through the fence, **Matt Fausch** shows off his powerful serve. Fausch played a valuable role in both singles and doubles for the Hawks.



"I thought that the tennis team this year carried on the great tennis tradition here at AHS. It was a successful season that was full of hilarious moments."

Ryal Brier.



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Photo by Tom Brown Photography

TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Asst. Coach Max Corley, Matt Ryherd, Zach Reed, Karl Krapf, Ryal Brier. Row 2: Ben Ratcliff, Kem Sachie, Tim Swanson, Ryan Mulhall, Matt Fausch. row 3: David Rue, Sonny Buddy, Tim Smith, Zach Smith, Jonathan Lindner, Clint Grahm.



Exchange brings Success

SCHEDULE of OPPONENTS

DM Hoover
SE Polk
DM East
Indianola Inv
WDM Valley
Mason City
Newton
Marshalltown
Ft. Dodge
Urbandale
Ames

Reg. Tourn.

State Team &
Individual Tourn.

Coach:
Mike Mullins

Ass't:
Jennie Gates

(Scores were unavailable.)

With the help of two foreign exchange students, the Hawkettes turn in one of the best seasons under head coach Mike Mullins. Lead by a good class of seniors, the Hawkettes had a strong showing at districts, despite only qualifying one for state.

by Ryan DeMey

The Ankeny Hawkette Tennis team had a very competitive season with many highs and few lows. Lead by two foreign exchange students, the Hawkettes had one of the most successful season in history. "We just told the girls to win as many games as they could," said coach Mike Mullins.

In the number one singles spot Jura-pat On-lamool, who was a state qualifier, led the Hawkettes on the season. Ana Maria Duque, who placed third at districts, was in the number two singles spot on the Hawkettes roster. A four year player, Pascale Bonnefil, was in the number three spot and had a fine finish at districts but failed to qualify for state.

The Hawkettes had a strong doubles team as well, lead by the number one team on the roster made up of Brandi Hammerly and Kristen Greenough, who blazed the way on the winning trail.

The Hawkettes had a great season, but the only players who placed at districts were On-lamool, who placed first, and Duque, who placed third.



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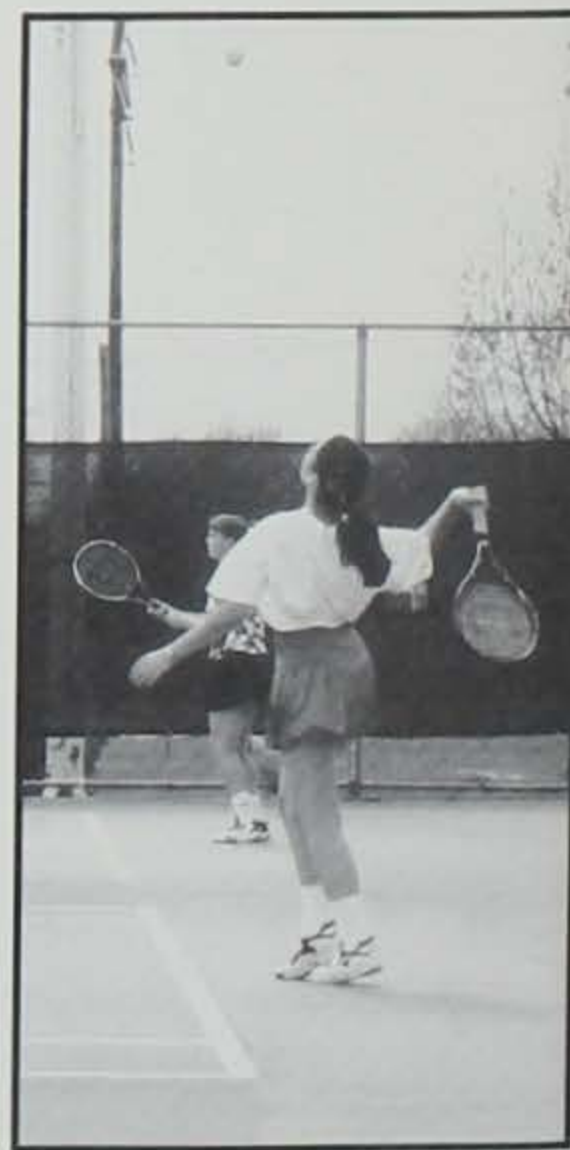


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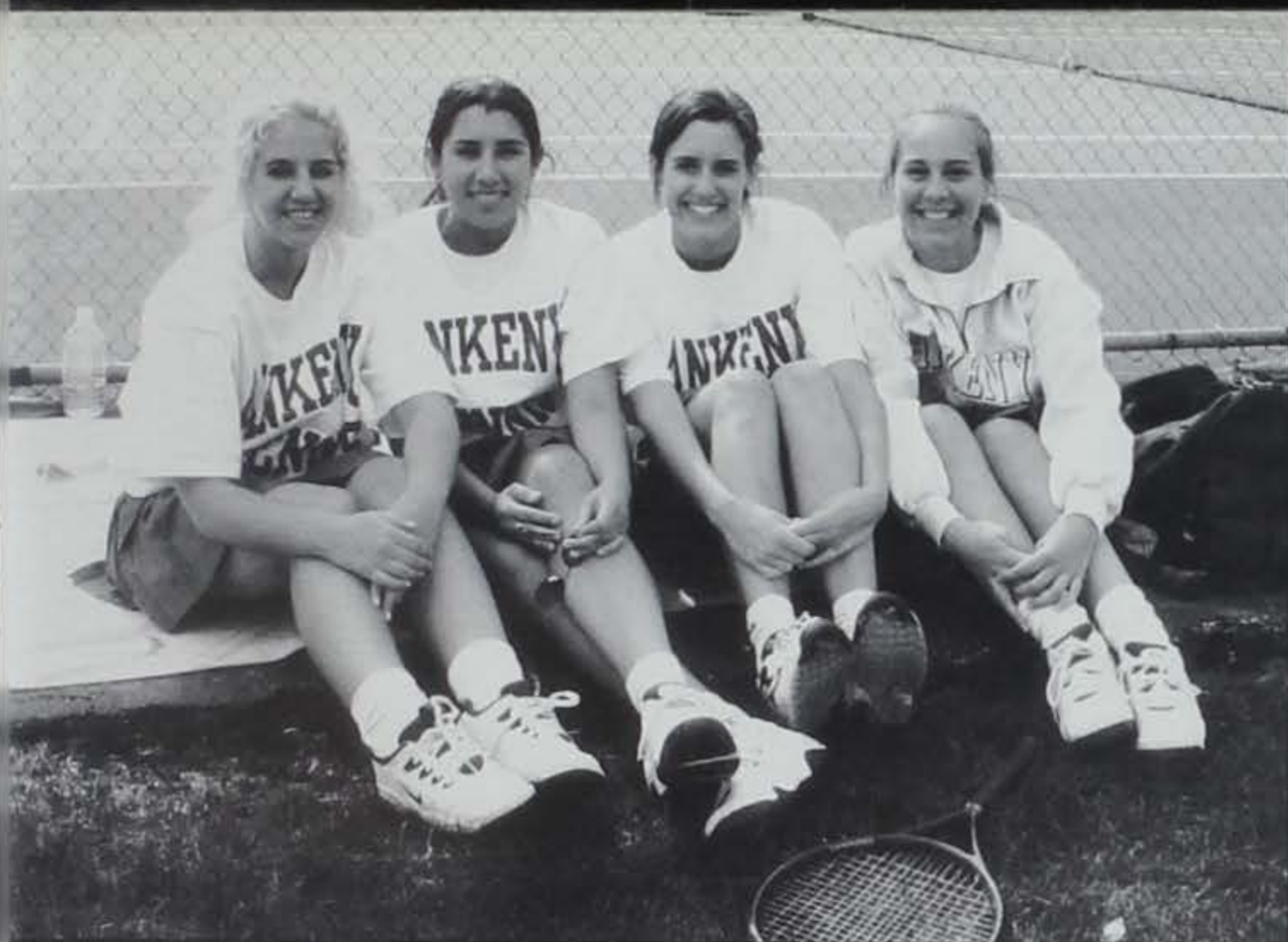


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Tennis is a game of technique. On the opposite page, bottom left, **Brandi Hammerly** displays her technique by serving to an opponent during a tennis meet. The tennis meets were held at Hawkeye Park.

Foreign exchange students proved to be an asset to the Hawkettes this year. On the opposite page, bottom right, **Ana Maria Duque** tosses the tennis ball up in the air as she prepares to serve to an opponent at one of the Hawkettes local tennis meets.

Varsity Coach **Mike Mullins** (bottom left) gives instructions to his tennis players at practice. This practice was held at the high school tennis court. The girl's and boy's teams had to take turns rotating every other day between Hawkeye Park and the high school.

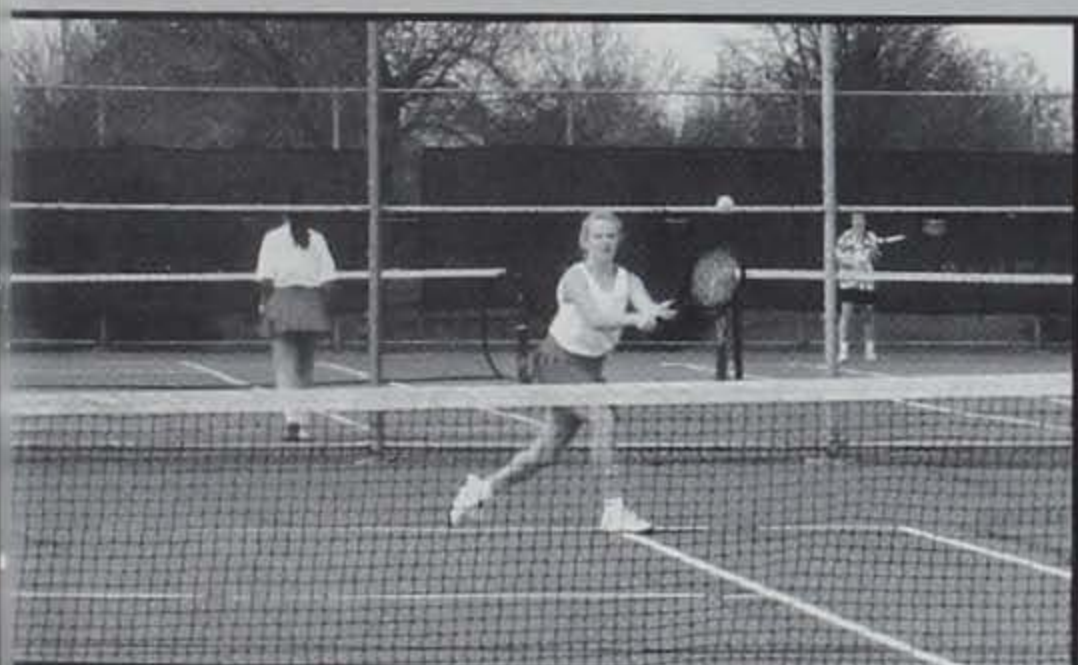


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At Top: Team unity is a big part of success. **Wendy Chumbley**, **Heather Gomez**, **Amy Gebauer**, and **Jamie Townsend** not only played together, but also rested together during a tennis meet. Tennis wasn't just an individual game; there was also had doubles competition.

Above: Right back at 'cha, baby! Junior tennis ace **Kim Kopacek** stretches to return a serve using a two-handed backhand. **Kopacek** played both singles and doubles in competition.



"I thought that **Phi** and **Maria** helped our team out a lot this year. I had a lot of fun, especially as a senior. I encourage everyone to go out, it's a great experience. - *Pascale Boonefil*



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Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen

Pascale Bonnefil swings at the tennis ball. **Bonnefil**, a senior, participated in tennis for four years, and was a team leader and was in the number three singles spot.



Race to the Finish

The Hawks finished 3rd in the state last year and looked to improve on a great performance. One highlight of the season, Kyle Bolejack won the 400 meter hurdles at the Drake Relays and helped make this a season to remember.

by Justin Dyar

After a strong performance at State last season, the Hawk Boys Track Team looked like one of the many contenders to knock off City High for the State title.

As the season started everyone had high hopes, but with the graduation of a strong senior class from the previous year and the suspensions of key athletes, the Hawks had their work cut out for them. The team responded well, placing in the top two in all of their meets with the exception of the Ames Invitational in which they placed third.

Lead by MVP Kyle Bolejack and captains Ryan Blahauvietz, Daryl Rauser, and Ryan Sears, the Hawks went to state and placed second behind eventual champion Iowa City High. At the Drake Relays the Hawks qualified for 15 of the 17 events held at Drake Stadium on Friday May 30, and Saturday May 31. Bolejack repeated his Drake Relays performance, winning the 400 meter low hurdles in a time of 53.29 seconds after running in the 4 x 800 meter relay and placing second.



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STATS	
Meet	Place
Early Bird Invitational	2nd
Urbandale Invitational (#1)	2nd
Lincoln Invitational	1st
Urbandale Invitational (#2)	1st
Ames Invitational	3rd
Valley Invitational	No Score
Newton Invitational	1st
Hawk Relays	2nd
S.E. Polk Invitational	2nd
Conference	2nd
State	2nd

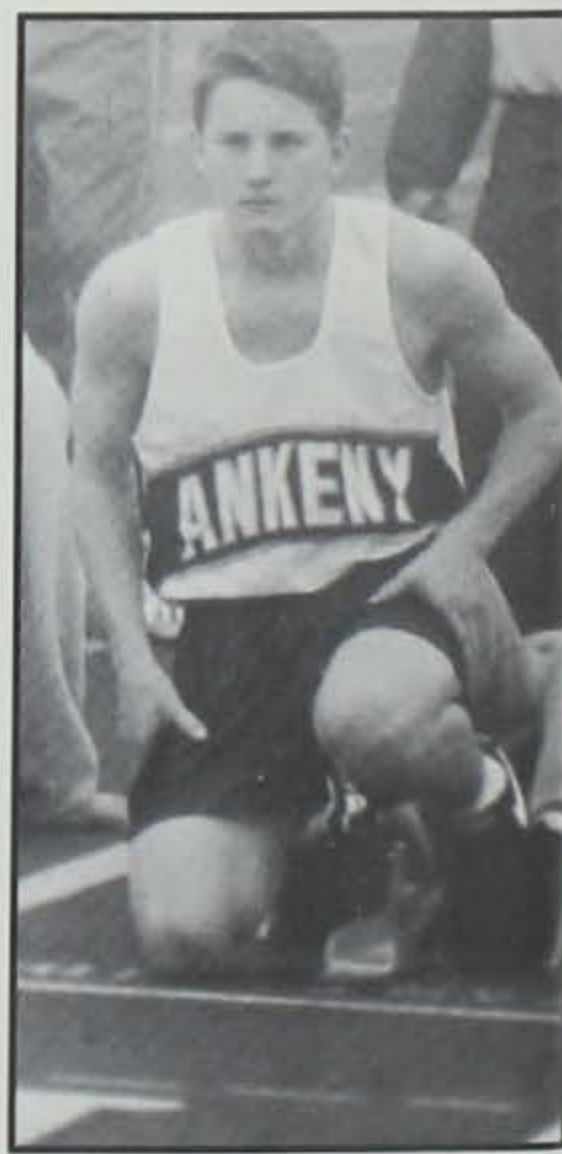


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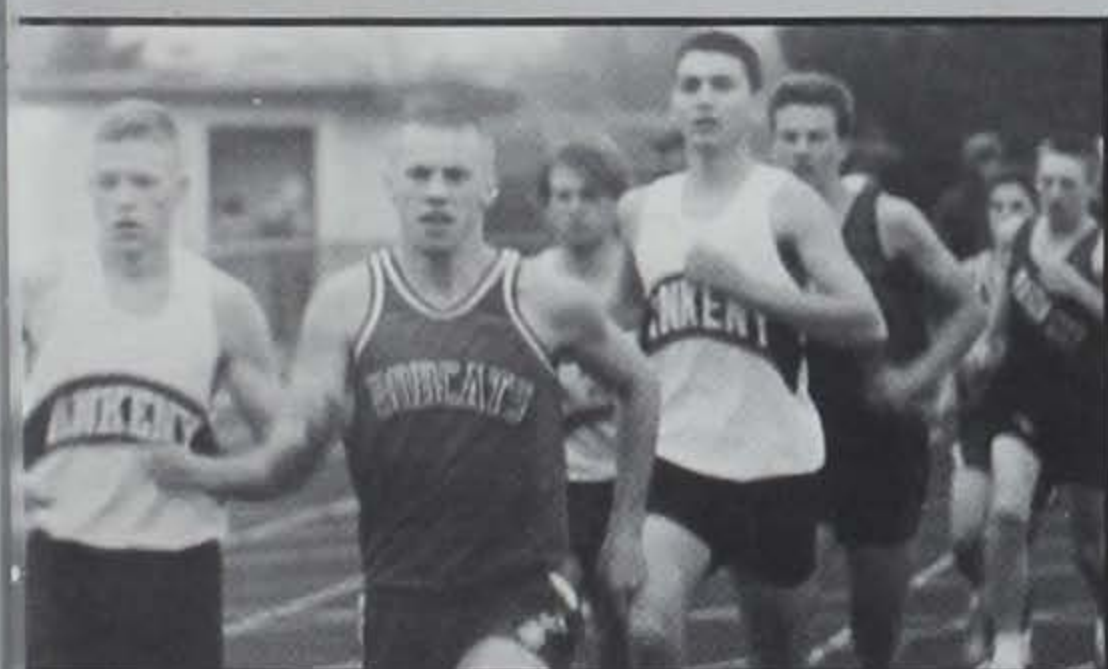


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At Top: At the Drake Relays Adam Benge passes the baton to Brett Adams during the 4 x 100 meter relay. The Foursome of Adams, Benge, Seth Moulton, and Matt Fredricksen had a good showing at Drake and placed eighth at State.

Above: Leading the pack is Bryce Good, and closely behind is Jason Peppers. Good qualified for the Drake relays in the 1600 meters run and for the state meet in the 3200 and 1600 meters.



Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen

Quick W rap-up

The sure-footed Hawks had the high ambition of taking state. While the title remained elusive, many individuals had a great season.

Aaron Rosenberger clears another hurdle on his way to placing in the 110 meter high hurdles in the Hawk Relays. The points scored by Rosenberger helped the Hawks to a third place finish out of seven teams.

Preparation is the key. Cory Lauer gets ready to run the 100 meters in the Hawk Relays. Lauer, a sophomore, had a very successful season, and will return next year for the Hawks.

Determination was the foundation for Mario Bennett's senior track season. Bennett improved his time in all of his wheelchair events, which helped make him one of the top competitors in the state.



"This season was a great one for us. Schneider pushed us hard all season and it paid off with our second place finish at state," said Adam Benge.

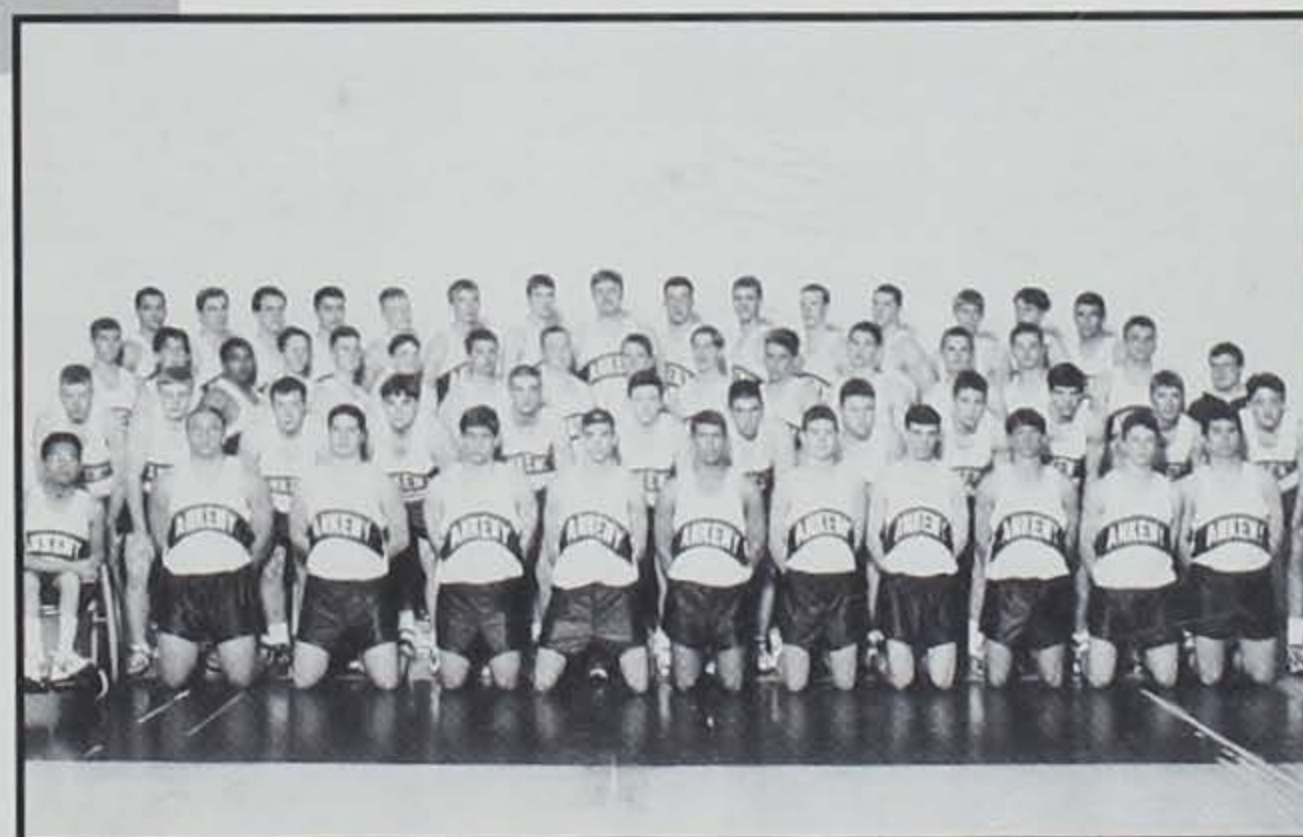


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TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Mario Bennet, Daryl Rauser, Nate Johnson, Brad Fremming, Josh Hoff, Scott McQuistan, Mike Hanson, Brett Adams, Ryan Sears, Seth Moulton, Brian Pauly. Row 2: Bryce Good, Ryan Kiefer, Ryan Dempster, Dave Selken, Kenny Sledge, Adam Porath, Kenny Abbot, Rick Stradley, Adam Benge, Eric O'Brien, Justin Schlicher, Nate Brennan. Row 3: Ryan Blahauvietz, Curtis Simons, Cheney Smith, Nick Brennan, Matt Crowson, Jeremy Zuber, Jack Levernz, Jake Demouth, Cory Lauer, Nate Esser, Ian McQuistan, Aaron Rosenberger, Josh Shaver, Robert Dyer, Mike Stevens, Josh Drummond. Row 4: Kyle Bolejack, Scott Phillips, Joe Menzer, Jason Peppers, Andy McGuire, Matt Fredricksen, Jeff Sullivan, David Northwick, Matt Arend, Cory Hildreth, Chris Slania, Nate Miltenberger, Brett Wiuff, Casey Presnall, Ben Hendricks.



Breaking the Stride

As the Hawkettes take a runner up trophy for the second year in a row, they are everything but disappointed. Everyone performed their best to score points, and it was definately a total team effort.

by Laura Aschoff

After last year's defeat by Ames for the state title, the Ankeny Hawkettes were out for revenge. Only this year it was not Ames, but Iowa City High who ran away with the first place trophy.

The season started out with the Hawkettes trying to defend the state indoor title. Leading in points the whole day, the team, nevertheless failed to score in the last race (4x400). Pleasant Valley ended up 1st and Ankeny 3rd.

While preparing the team for state with several returnees from last year's state runner up team, including senior Cori Verbeski, juniors Laura Aschoff, Lynette Heinauer, Traci Jones, Lindsey Leonard, and sophomore Windy Clark, the girls track team had many wins along the way, including the Hawkette Invitational, and Cardinal Relays.

"We spend the whole season getting the girls ready for state. That's what we work for," said Coach Dennis Adamson. It came close to paying off, but the girls track team took a runner up trophy for the second year. "We have the second place thing down," said Adamson.



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STATS

Meet Results

State Indoor	3rd
Wilkinson Inv.	2nd
Bobcat Inv.	3rd
Hawkette Inv.	1st
Cardinal Relays	1st
Conference	2nd
Districts	2nd
State	2nd

School Records

100 meter dash - 12.00
Laura Aschoff

200 meter dash - 25.30
Laura Aschoff

4x100 Relay - 48.69*
Steph Pearce
Cori Verbeski
Erica Junod
Laura Aschoff

4x200 Relay - 1:43.58
Ambre Moton
Steph Pearce
Cori Verbeski
Erica Junod

4x800 Relay - 9:42.61
Windy Clark
Kelsey Singletary
Lindsey Leonard
Michelle Kaiser

Quick W

rap-up



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At Top: At the State Meet **Rachel Johnson** keeps on truckin' during the 1500. Johnson finished 9th overall.
Above: After the 4x100 the team of **Steph Pearce**, **Cori Verbeski**, **Erica Junod**, and **Laura Aschoff** celebrate their victory. They set a new state record of 48.69 beating the old one set in 1978 of 48.8.



"We were more balanced than last year. It was like everyone did their part at the State Meet and performed well. We should have taken it all."

Cori Verbeski



Photo by Ankeny Press Citizen



Photo by David Williams

TEAMPHOTO: Row 1: C. Hendricks, S. Pearce, M. Block, K. Frank, K. Buck, C. Chesnut, L. Grieve, K. Shelquist, K. Case, J. Gathercole, W. Clark, K. Singletary. Row 2: M. Willey, N. Rieken, M. Kaiser, E. Junod, L. Heinauer, K. Fix, B. Buford, L. Aschoff, L. Churchill, K. VanderLinden, R. Smith. Row 3: J. Blair, R. Linderman, Coach Telleen, Coach DeJong, Coach Adamson, Coach Doocy, Coach Bell, Coach Jones, J. McCarty, N. Anderson. Row 4: B. Mijdzic, R. Dierenfield, N. Rose, J. Lincoln, R. Johnson, T. Clawson, G. Gelatti, W. Maxwell, C. Verbeski, S. Bremer, L. Berg. Row 5: J. Doman, A. Ashby, A. Becker, T. Jones, K. Egli, L. Heston, L. Leonard, A. Moton, S. Feldman, A. Nielsen.

"You know, people need to realize that Ankeny is not Shangrila...we have problems here, too." Cori Kuhn 119



Back in the

Habit

The Boy's Soccer team was back and ready to challenge for the State Title. The Hawks had many letter-winners leading them into the sub-state final against Roosevelt, where a penalty kick sank their dreams of a state championship.

by Emily Stordahl

The fans, the coaches, the players, the opposing team. What a rush! Just think, you are standing on the sidelines ready to play the biggest game of the year and your name is called to run out on the field. Your adrenaline is pumping and the game begins. You start running down the field defending the ball and the next thing you know you are on the ground with a broken leg. This is what happened to TJ Tollakson this year at the substate game. Without TJ, the team lost, but they played an amazing game.

The boys' soccer season started in March and they played through May. The team had a successful season, even though they had to play in rain, sleet, snow, etc. Because of the weather conditions, many games were postponed and/or rescheduled.

The sport of soccer is not as popular as others, but no one should even comment unless they have played the sport themselves. It was fun to watch, fun to play, and fun to remember.

As Michelle Cunningham said, "Hawk soccer chicks rule, bunk soccer chicks don't."

120 Caiya Lierman "I got lost on the way to Valley West Mall."



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SCHEDULE of OPPONENTS

Jamboree
Indianola
DM Lincoln
DM North
Urban. Invit.
Urban. Invit.
Ames
Urbandale
Urban. Invit.
Johnston
Marshalltown
Newton
Mason City
Nat'l conf.
WDM Valley
Dist. Tournament
Dist. Tournament
Sub-State
Tournament

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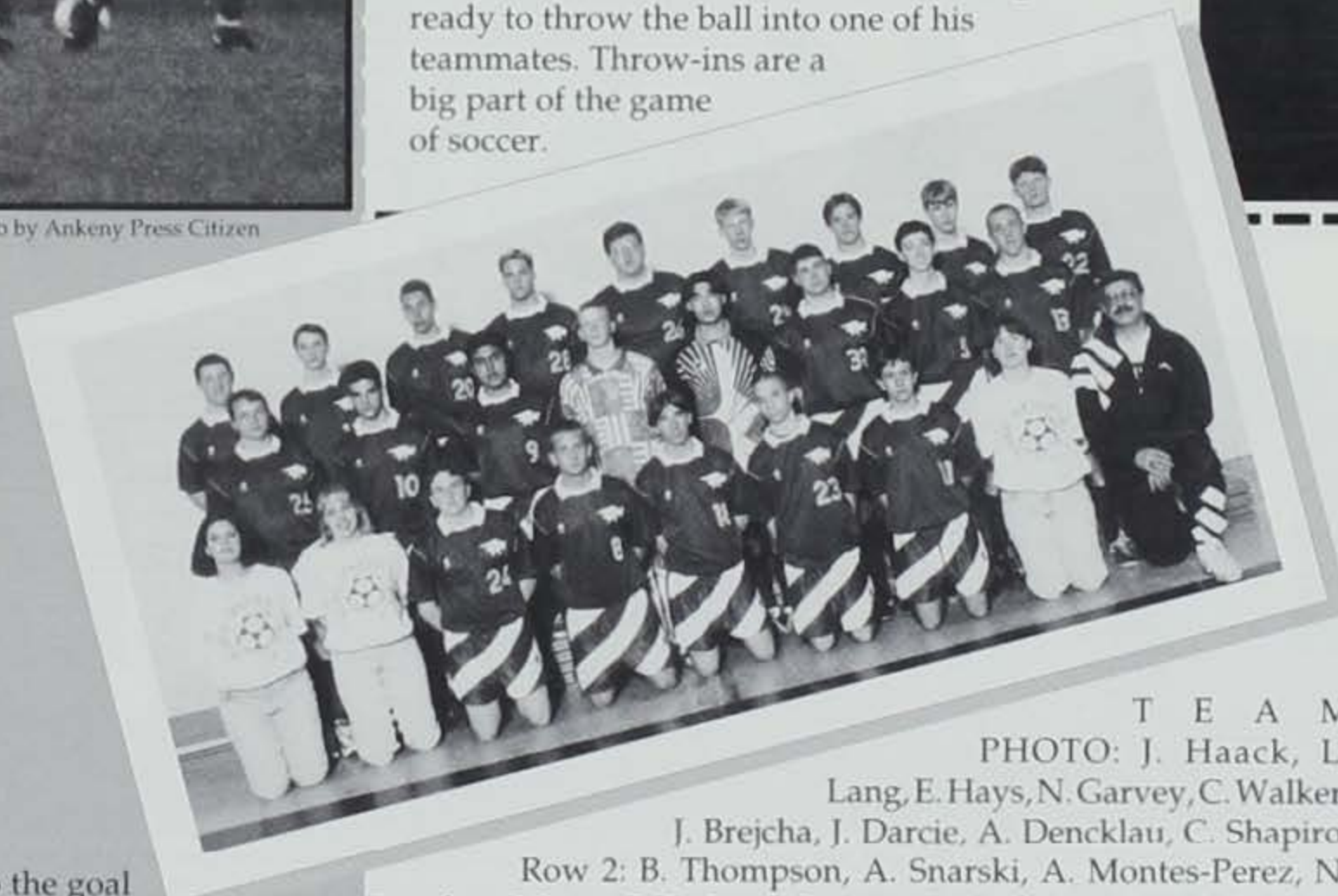
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At Top: Senior starter **Ben Nuss** gets ready to head the ball into the goal during a game. Heading the ball is a difficult concept and if you don't do it right you can get a awful headache.

Above: Sophomore **Mike Naylor** gets ready to head the ball also. It looks as though he has got the concept down pat.



T E A M

PHOTO: J. Haack, L.

Lang, E. Hays, N. Garvey, C. Walker,

J. Brejcha, J. Darcie, A. Dencklau, C. Shapiro.

Row 2: B. Thompson, A. Snarski, A. Montes-Perez, N. Breeden, S. Spies, S. Karlen, J. Sayre, A. Betlach. Row 3: N. Lohmeier, M. Gemar, M. Brock, M. McDermott, B. Jones, M. Naylor, A. Wilson, D. Loeb, C. Miller.



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TEAM PHOTO AT TOP: Row 1: T. Tollakson, R. Fors, A. Dencklau, J. Haack, L. Lang, C. Metzger, J. Snyder. Row 2: S. Damstetter, A. Ruff, B. Nuss, C. Roberts, N. Yenck, R. Broich, S. Crawford, E. Metzger, C. Shapiro, J. Beveridge, P. Wells, A. Reich, N. Green, S. Michelson, S. Skelton, M. Roth, C. Romey.



Keep On Kickin'

As the girls soccer team headed into their second season of existence, no one knew what to expect. But as the team grew stronger as a unit, the winning ways that are a tradition of Ankeny began and never stopped.

By: Alissa Anderson

The Hawkette soccer team came along way this season. The girls not only earned respect but got treated as athletes of an recognized sport.

The team was supported by many new fans throughout the season and also had their game schedule increased by at least five games.

At press time only two games had been played. The Hawkettes defeated Lincoln, but were later defeated by Roosevelt.

Many students had something to say in support of the season.

"I think it's the best thing Ankeny High School has done in a long time." Justin Loutsch

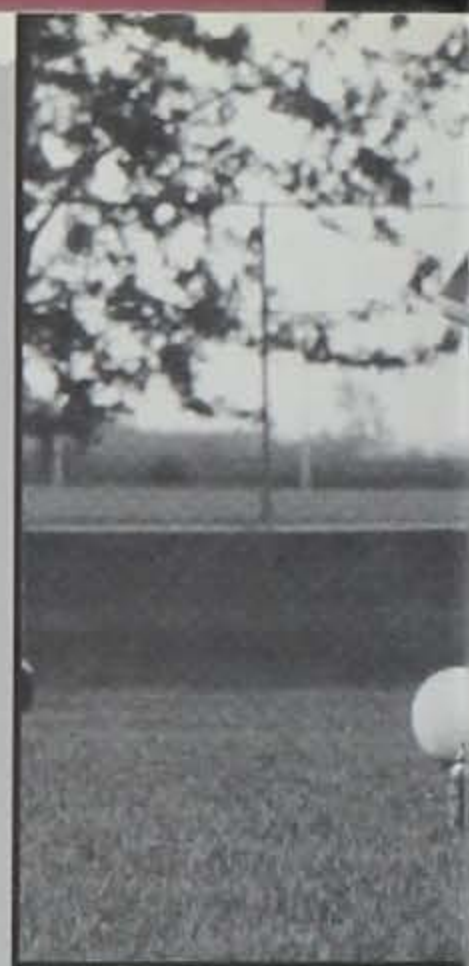
"It's great and fun to watch." Clay Newman

"I am really glad girls soccer came, it gave girls a chance to prove themselves in a sport." Chaney Smith

"I think girls soccer is underrated, but it's fun to watch." Matt Fredericksen



Photo by Ryan Tucci



Since the season had just begun at press time, stats were unavailable.



Photo by Ryan Tucci

Quick W rap-up

Members of the Ankeny girls soccer team huddle-up during a time out. As a second year sport soccer became one of the more fun and challenging sports offered by the athletic department at Ankeny High School.

Members of the AHS soccer shake hands at the end of a game against Newton. A hard fought game against Newton paid off as the Hawkettes brought home another victory, one among many for the girls soccer team during their season.

The Hawkettes take a little time to regroup during half time in a game against Newton. Strategy was the key to victory as the Hawkettes battled their way through their second season.

Photo by Ryan Tucci

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Elizabeth Steinbach battles with a Johnston defender in a non-conference game. The Hawkettes had struggled in their first season, and came out with a goal to do better this year.

In a game against Johnston, Maia Block, moves the ball up the field.



Row 1:
Vania Gabriela
Antelo-Salvador, Nikki
Vaughn, Anne Marsh, Shana Grieve,
Andrea Gaumer. Row 2: Becca Wood, Cynthia
Kuhn, Steph Lynch, Abby Ferraro, Monica Crow, Sarah
Wadsworth. Row 3: Lyndsay Egli, Alicia Moya, Angela Betcher,
Libby Berg, Maia Block, Kari Friest.



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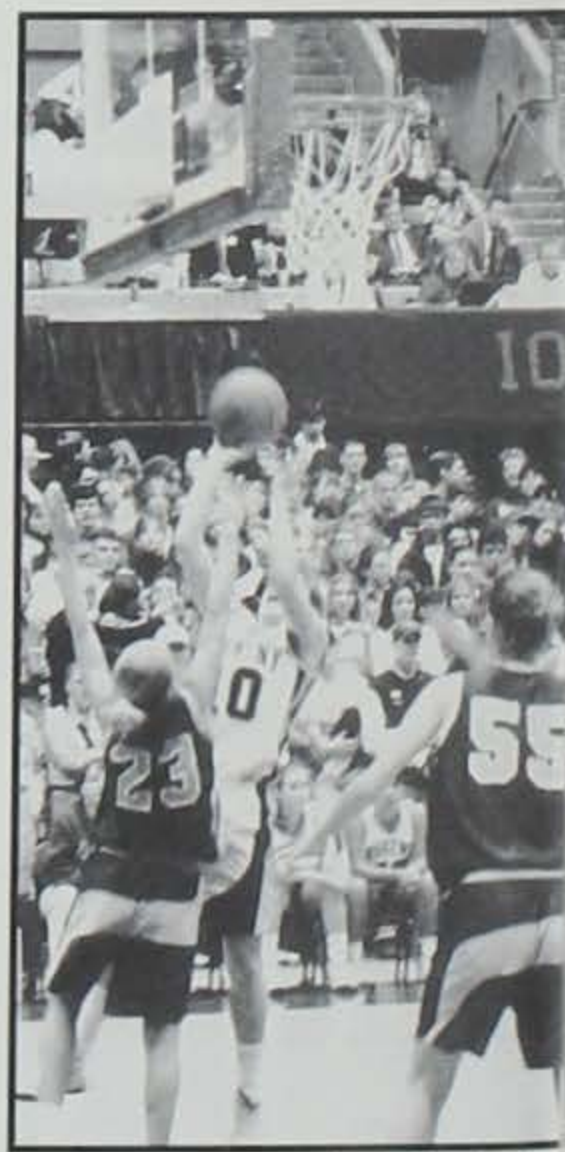
TEAM PHOTO: Row 1: Megan Boyers-Liechty, Amanda Cross, Jessica Brejcha, Michelle Cunningham, JaneAnn Jensen, Jamie Townsend, Jenny Myers. Row 2: Heather Gomez, Rachel Linderman, Joanna Lincoln, Amy Frank, Angie White, Kim Shields, Christa Ledin. Row 3: Cori Verbeski, Sara McDermott, Kristen Wells, Tabby Clawson, Alissa Anderson, Emily Smith, Heidi Kautza, Amber Berglund.

Photo by Ryan Tucci



We are the... Champs!

It was a year like none other. If we didn't win state we came close. But we won it often enough to be considered one of the best schools in the state. And many individuals took state honors even if the team was edged out of the running.



Quick W rap-up

Card Left: **Erica Junod**, Girls Basketball; MVP State Basketball Team

Card Right: **Rollie Fors**, Soccer; Soccer Team Substate Final

Far Page Bottom Left: **Nate Miltenberger**, Wrestling; State Qualifier

Far Page Bottom Right: Girls State Basketball Team

Dominate Photo: Girls State Basketball Team

Card Bottom: **Laura Aschoff**, Girls Track; Drake Relay Winner, State Track Qualifier

Bottom Left: Girls Softball State Champs

Far Bottom: **Jared Beard**, Wrestling; State Qualifier



Photo by Lisa Arterburn



"It was really incredible. I can't think of another year when we've had a broader range of success."

-Fred Smith
Athletic Director



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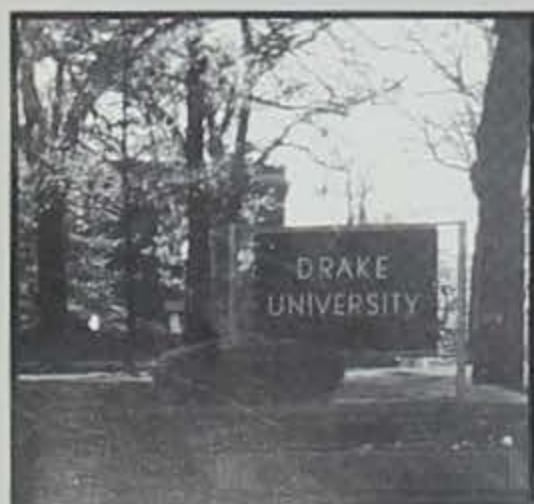
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info sources

The guidance center does a great job in helping students explore their options when preparing for college. All of the sources are informative and easily accessible. When planning on going to college, students should visit the guidance center prior to making any final decisions.

Higher Learning Info Sources

1. Computer Programs
2. Video Tapes
3. College Catalogs
4. Reference Books
5. College Visits From
6. College Representatives
7. Scholarship File
8. Entrance Exam Information
9. Guidance Counselors



I really love to work when I am supposed to be in school
JJ Ouversen

VICA is a good way to get work experience
Chance Chesnut

"It looks good on your resume."
Ryan Larson

You just deal with it. You go through with it!
JJ Mortale
and **Shelly Swager**

You just don't get out of school. There is work to be done.
Erik Bratten

"Mr. Senne is the best VICA teacher I've ever had."
Chad Cline

While other students slaved away at school all day, **Amy White** got by her school day by knowing she would be leaving for work while the rest of the student body stayed in classes.



Photo by Andrea Vupe

ABOVE. Mrs. Bair gives a student advice on college. In addition to family, friends, and teachers, guidance counselors can lead you to the right direction for you college destination.

RIGHT. DMACC has a limited number of apartments on campus because most students commute. An alternative to either is to live in college dorms or rent an apartment.

BELOW. Another alternative to living at home or in a dorm is fraternity or sorority living. Greek living offers a chance to meet new people with interests similar to your own.

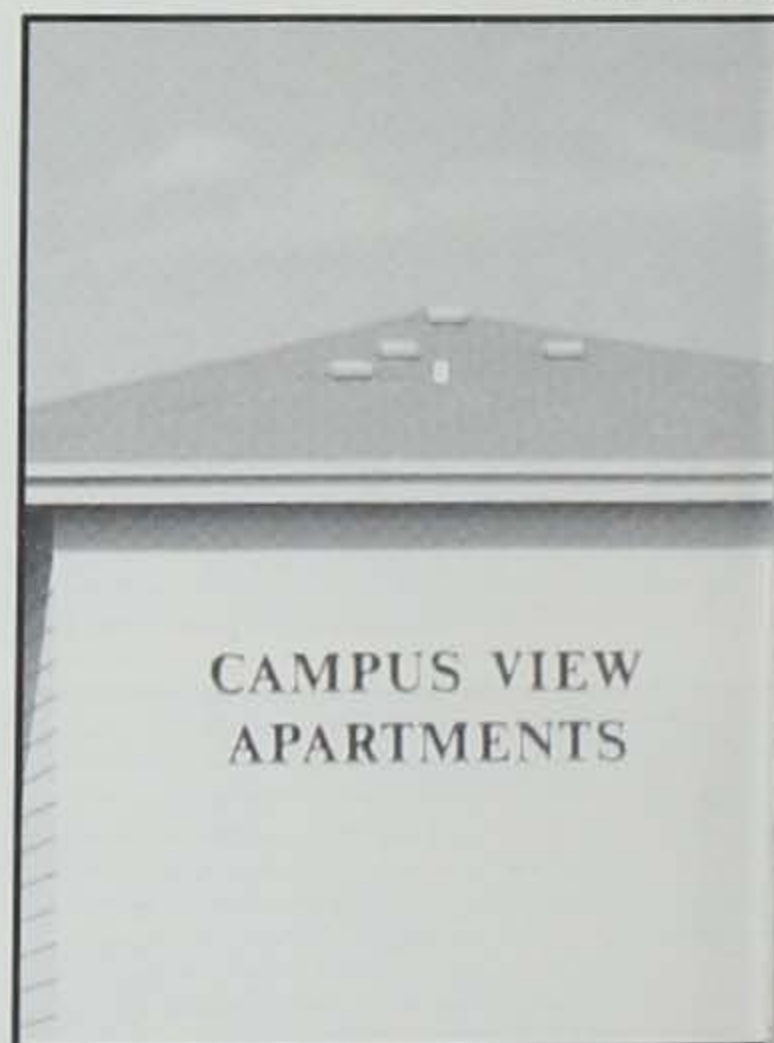


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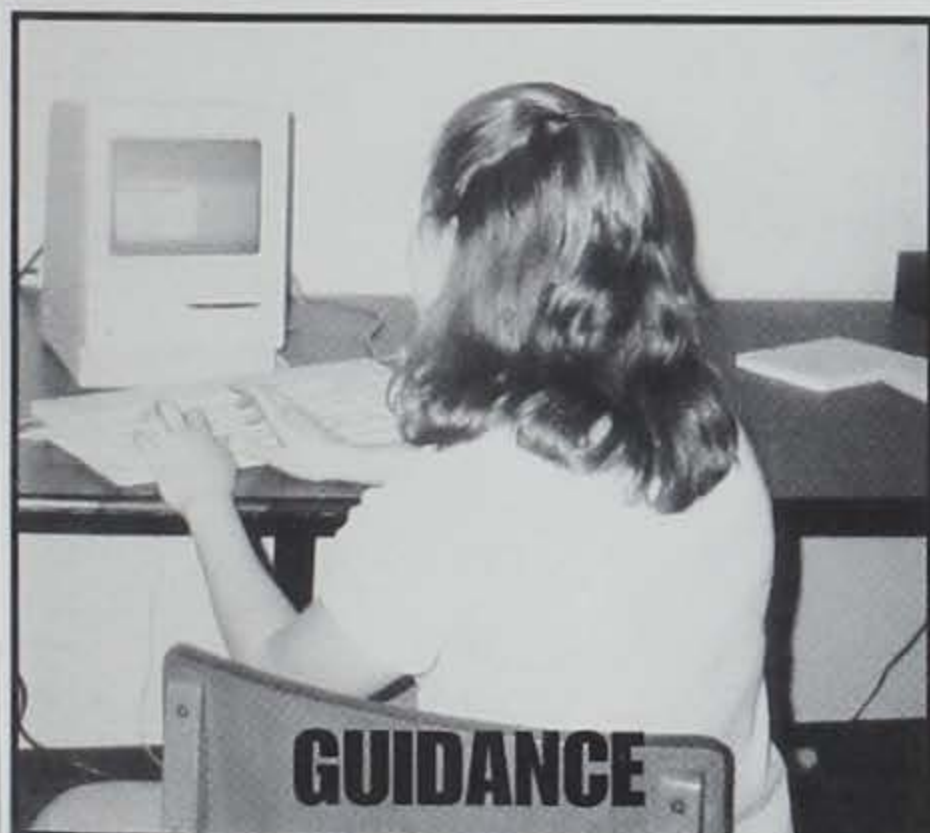


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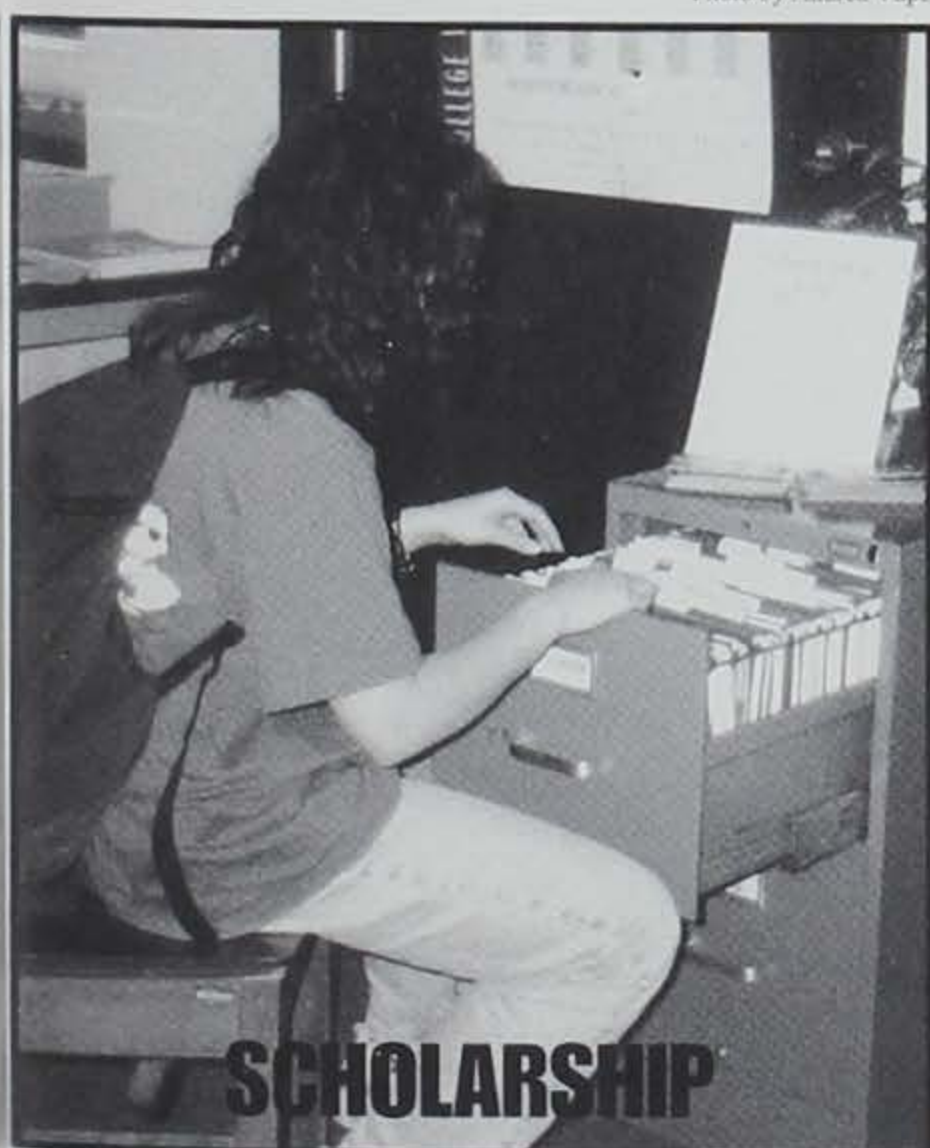


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by **Andrea Vuper**

Deciding to go to college is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. A lot of planning and decision making is involved when you decide what you want to major in, and where you want to go to school.

The best way to start out is to answer the personal assessment questions in the guidance area, which will reveal facts about what you are looking for in a school. These things might include a large or a small school, sports and academic activities, location, cost, and what you want to major in. From those answers, you will be able to compile a list of colleges that meet your criteria.

The guidance area also has a number of sources on almost any college, so you can further research your initial choices. In addition to the counselors, teachers often times aid students in making a decision. When you make your final decision, remember to make the decision with yourself in mind. Too often, a person will choose a college based on where their friends are planning to attend.

One of the many sources available to students planning to attend college is the computer program in the GUIDANCE as **Genny Borich** finds out. The student services building at DMACC meets a variety of student needs (circle photo). **Jessica Brejcha** takes a look in the SCHOLARSHIP files for opportunities. **Ryal Brier** looks up information regarding SAT, ACT, and other ENTRANCE EXAMS. Students spent their senior year filling out college entrance APS.

"Can seniors leave?" **Matt Halbach** 127

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ADMISSIONS



Food raters

Three foreign exchange students O, May, and Pye came to us from Thailand. Imagine living there, traveling to America, then having to change all of your eating habits. From experience, these girls know how to cook good food from Thailand, and they often travelled to Des Moines to a little Thaiwanesse store, where they purchased groceries to make their homeland food in Ankeny. The students also loved American food a lot, despite their concerns that it happens to be very high in fat content compared to the food eaten in Thailand.

Favorites of America

Here is a list of the favorite foods in America from these foreign exchange students.

10. Macaroni & Cheese
9. Barbaque
8. Pizza
7. McDonalds
6. Ribs
5. Turkey & Gravy
4. Chicken & Noodles
3. Taco's & Nachos
2. Spagetti
1. Steak

Here is a compiled list of the Thai girls' favorite deserts.

1. Ice Cream
2. Cake
3. Cookies
4. Cinnamon Rolls
5. Pies

Below: Columbian **Ana Marie Duque** lived here for a semester.

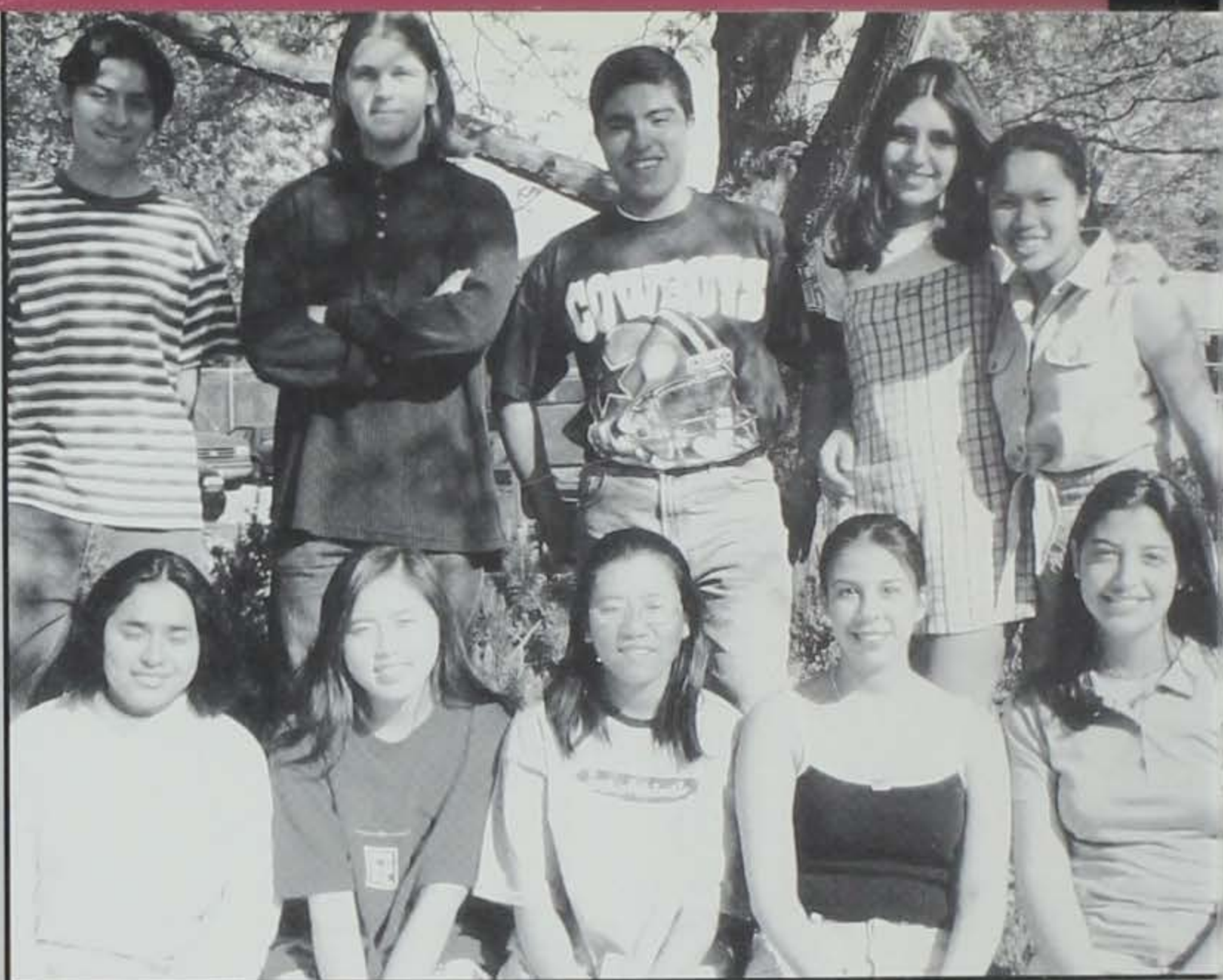


Photo by Heather Gorn

"School is a lot easier here than in Mexico!"

-Alejandro Fuentes Perez

"When I first got here, people were too shy to talk to me. After a while, everyone was really nice."

-Wannapa "O" Tumpaktrakul

"I hope to come back to the United States and go to Des Moines Christian next year!"

-Parinda "May" Leelakajornkit

"My favorite thing I did while I was here was being on the tennis team."

-Jarupat "Fye" On-Lamool

"Ankeny is a lot smaller than my town in Argentina."

-Ana Maria Duque

"I like it here a lot. I hope to someday move here to be with my sister."

-Alejandro Fuentes Perez

ABOVE: Top left: Alejandro Montes Perez, Alexander Laeck, Alejandro Fuentes Perez, Alicia Margaritia Moya, Jarupat "Fye" On-Lamool. Bottom Left: Vania Antelo, Parinda "May" Leelakajornkit, Wannapa "O" Tumpaktrakul, Carolina Delgado Gomez, Ana Maria Duque.

RIGHT: Work it girls. Heather Nelson and Alicia Moya meet in the hall for a brief talk. Alicia enjoyed playing soccer and volleyball at AHS.

BELOW: Friends forever. A group of girls join together for a USA picture. They said it was a lot colder in Ankeny then in their home countries.



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Foreign Class



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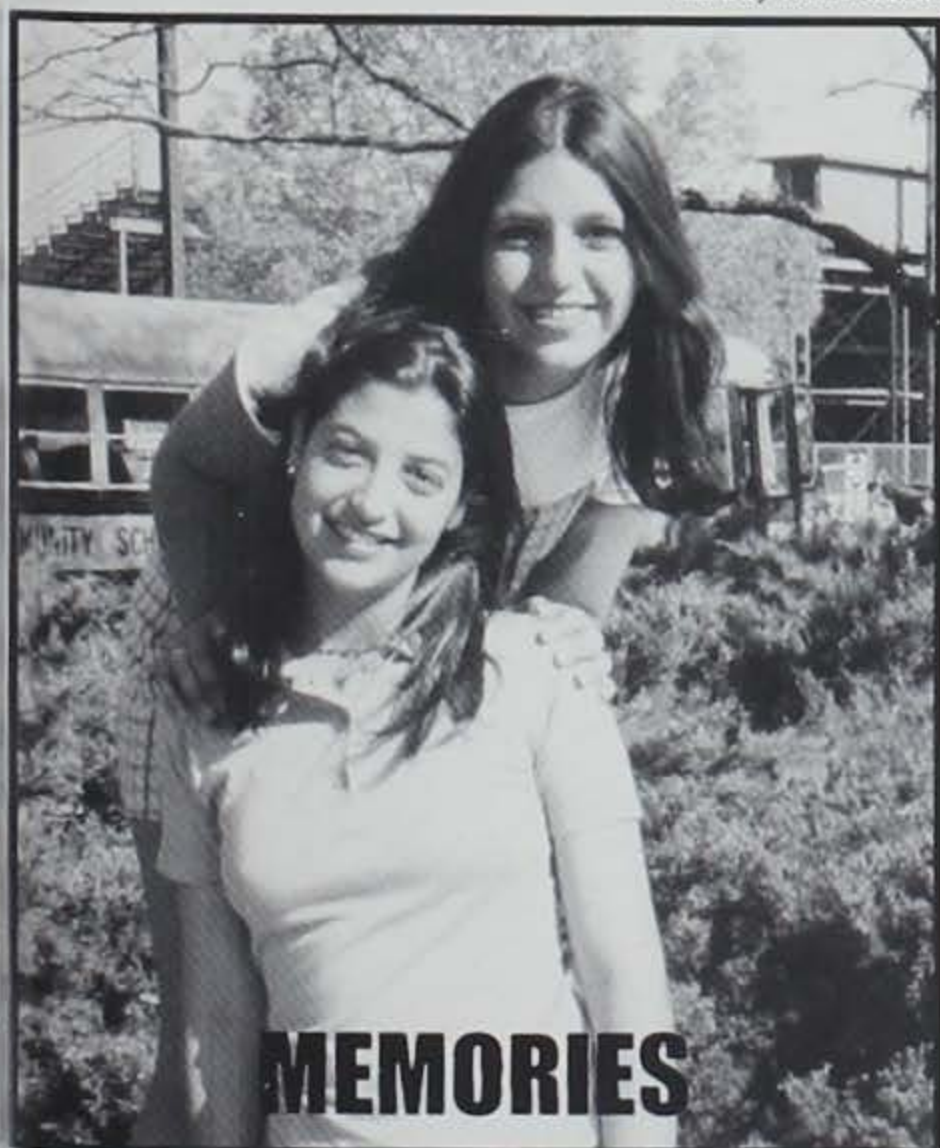
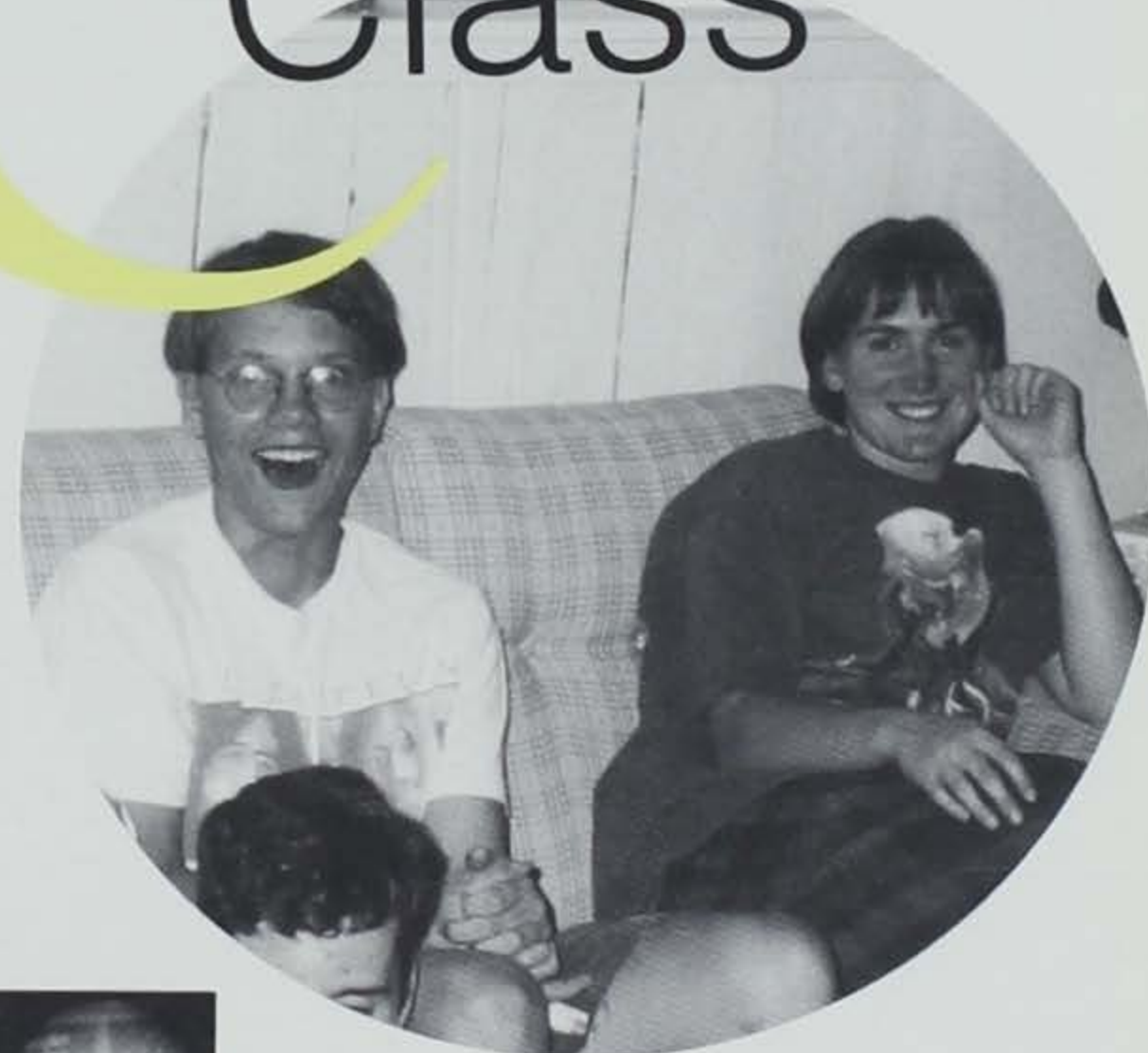


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By Heather Gomez

Can you imagine going to a new school, having to meet new people, and not even speaking the same language? This year AHS had the privilege of having 10 Foreign Exchange students come to live in Ankeny. They came from Thailand, Mexico, Columbia, Sweden, and Argentina.

Most of them arrived in America last fall and were then transported to Ankeny. Many of the girls say when they first arrived here everyone was scared to talk to them. Soon, however, they met a lot of new people and love it here.

On the down side, many of the exchange students gained up to 20 pounds since coming to Ankeny because of our high fat diets. But they all enjoyed hanging out with friends, spending money, shopping, and, yes, even eating. They also enjoyed listening to American music, including Pop/Dance, Techno, and Hip Hop.

Many said that they someday hope to come back and live in America! They all said that they enjoyed coming to Ankeny and learning a new way of life. They would like to thank everyone in Ankeny who helped them out and made their trip a memorable one.

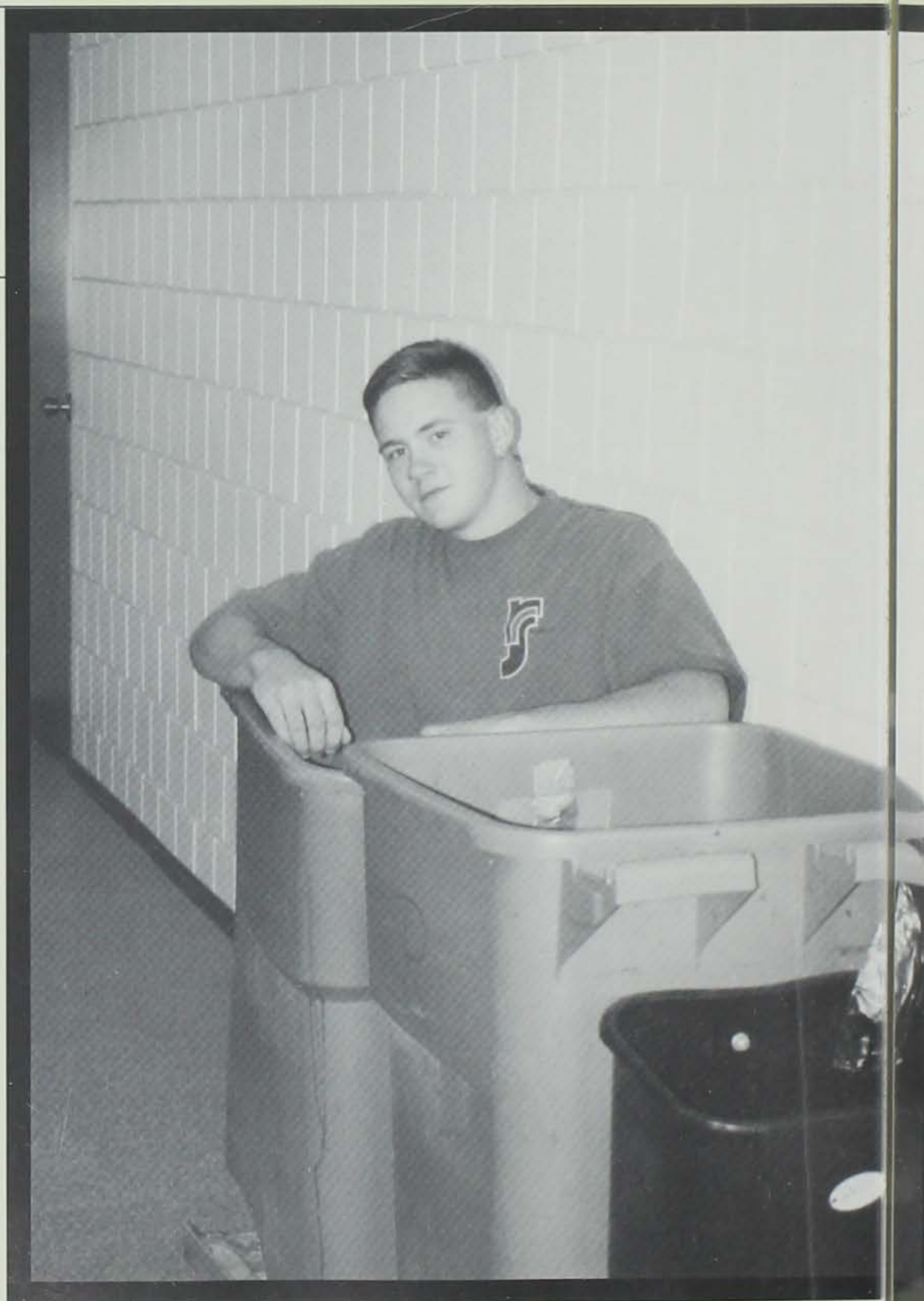
Fye is **TOUGH ENOUGH** for anyone. Fye played the number one tennis position for AHS and was the first girl to go to state in 9 years. **Alicia, May, Fye, and O** gather around in the pit. These girls will forever have **MEMORIES** of meeting each other. The **BOYS** show their pearly whites on a sunny day: the two **Alex's** from Mexico along with **Alexander** from Sweden. **WELCOME Alicia.** We enjoyed each one of you.

P E O

Favorite of America

josh seymour

Photo by Nikie Johnson



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THE ANNUAL RITUAL.
EXPRESS YOUR
INDIVIDUALITY.

SAY CHEESE

LOOK AT THE CAMERA
TILT YOUR HEAD A BIT
QUIT PICKING YOUR NOSE

EXPECT
YOURSELF

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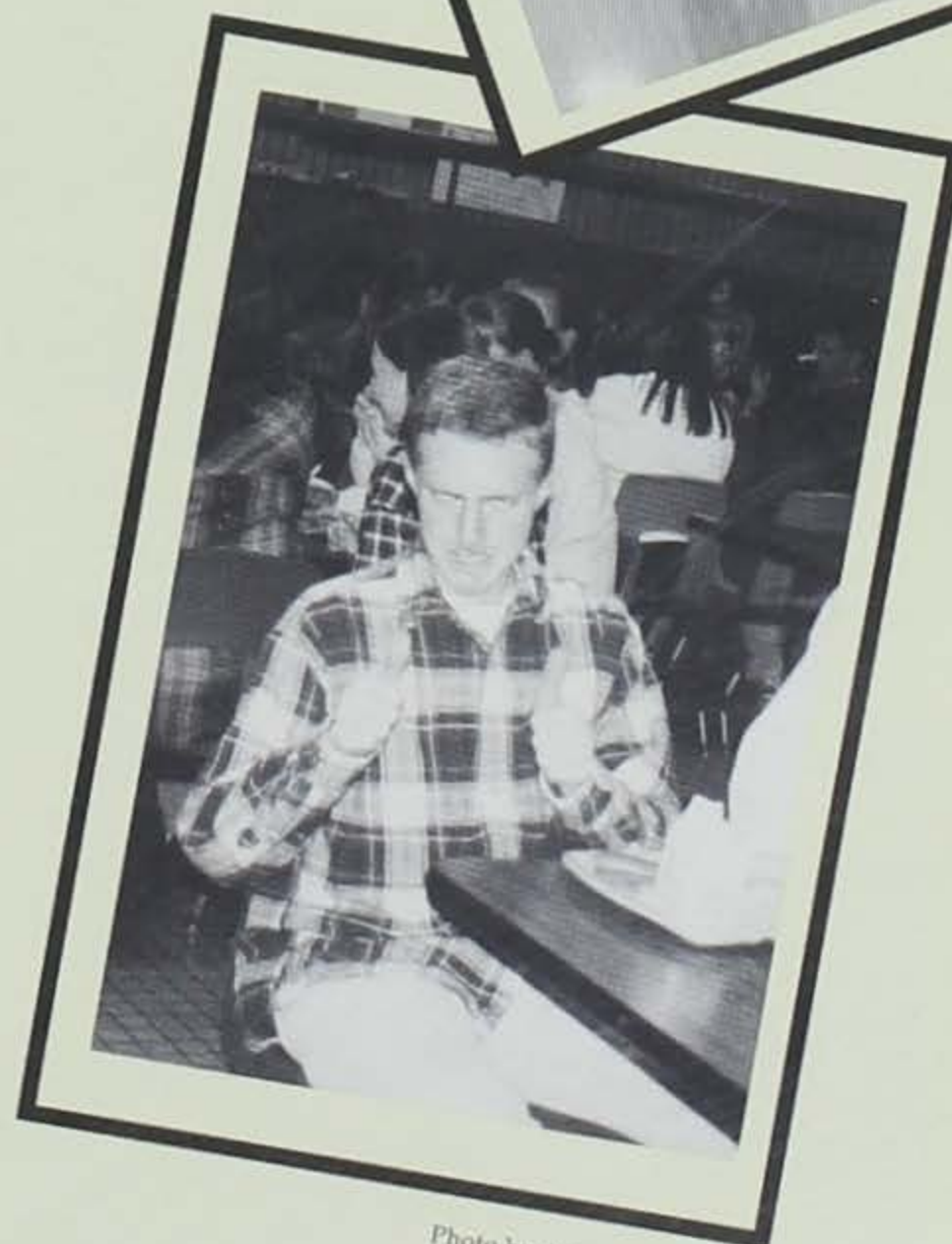
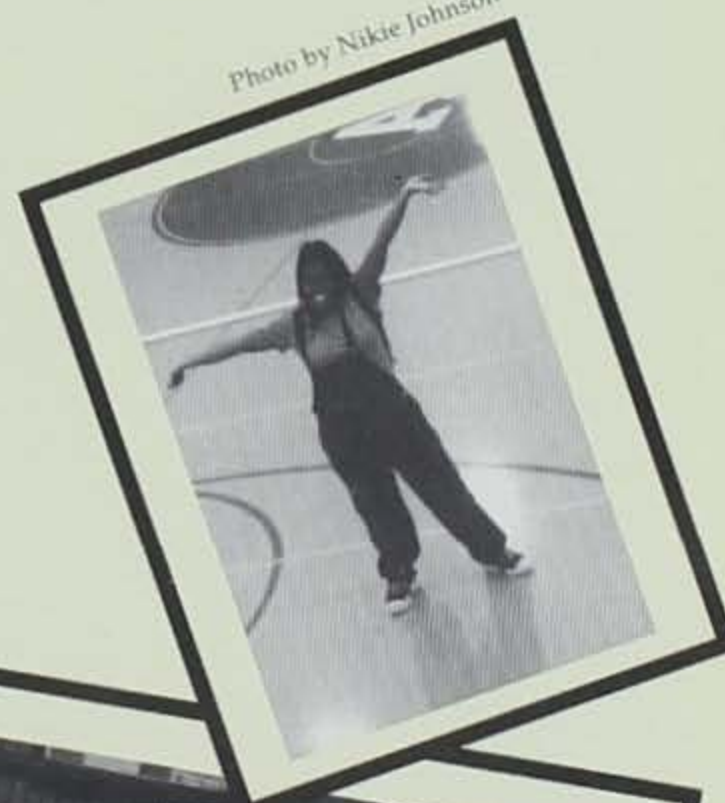
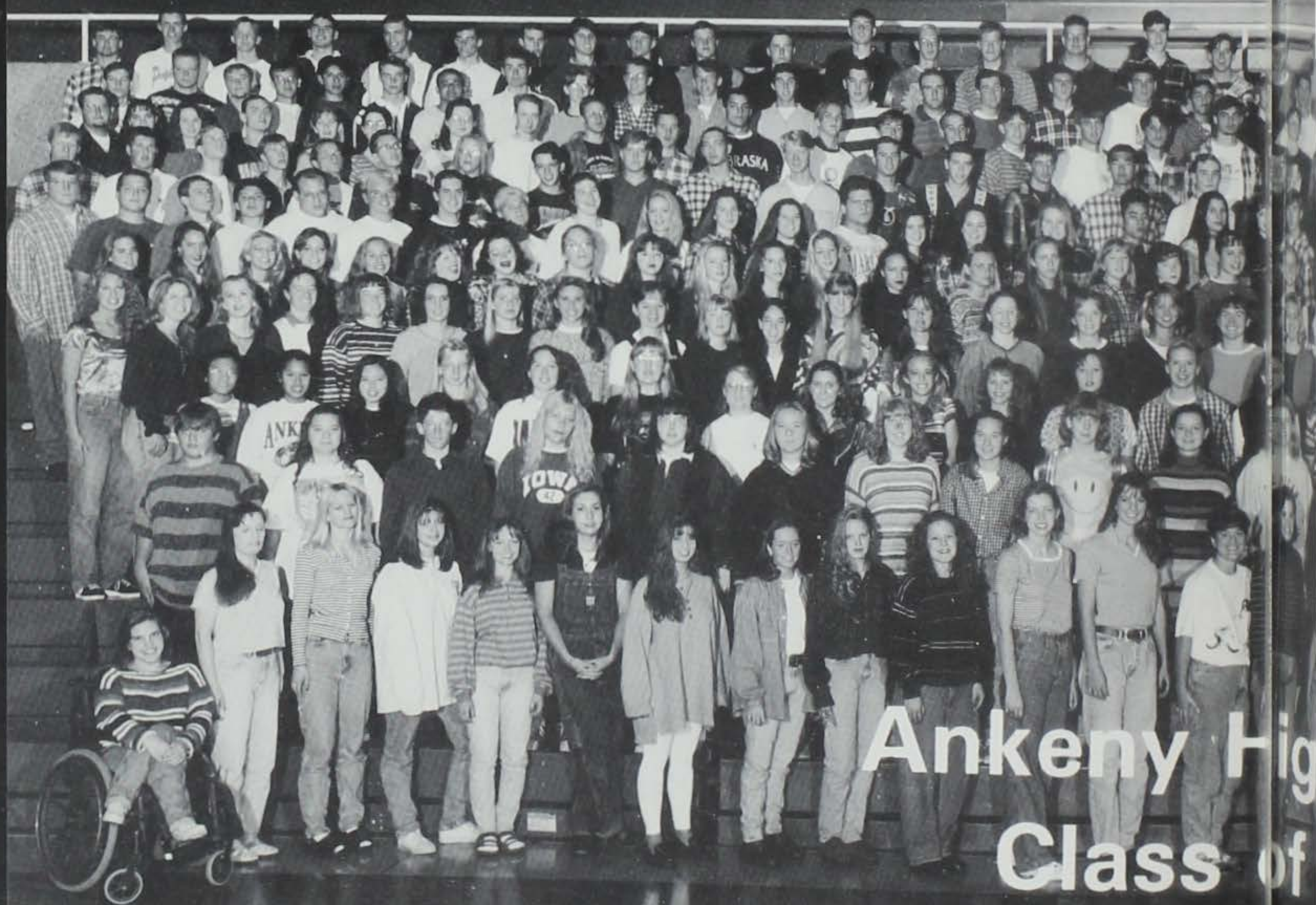


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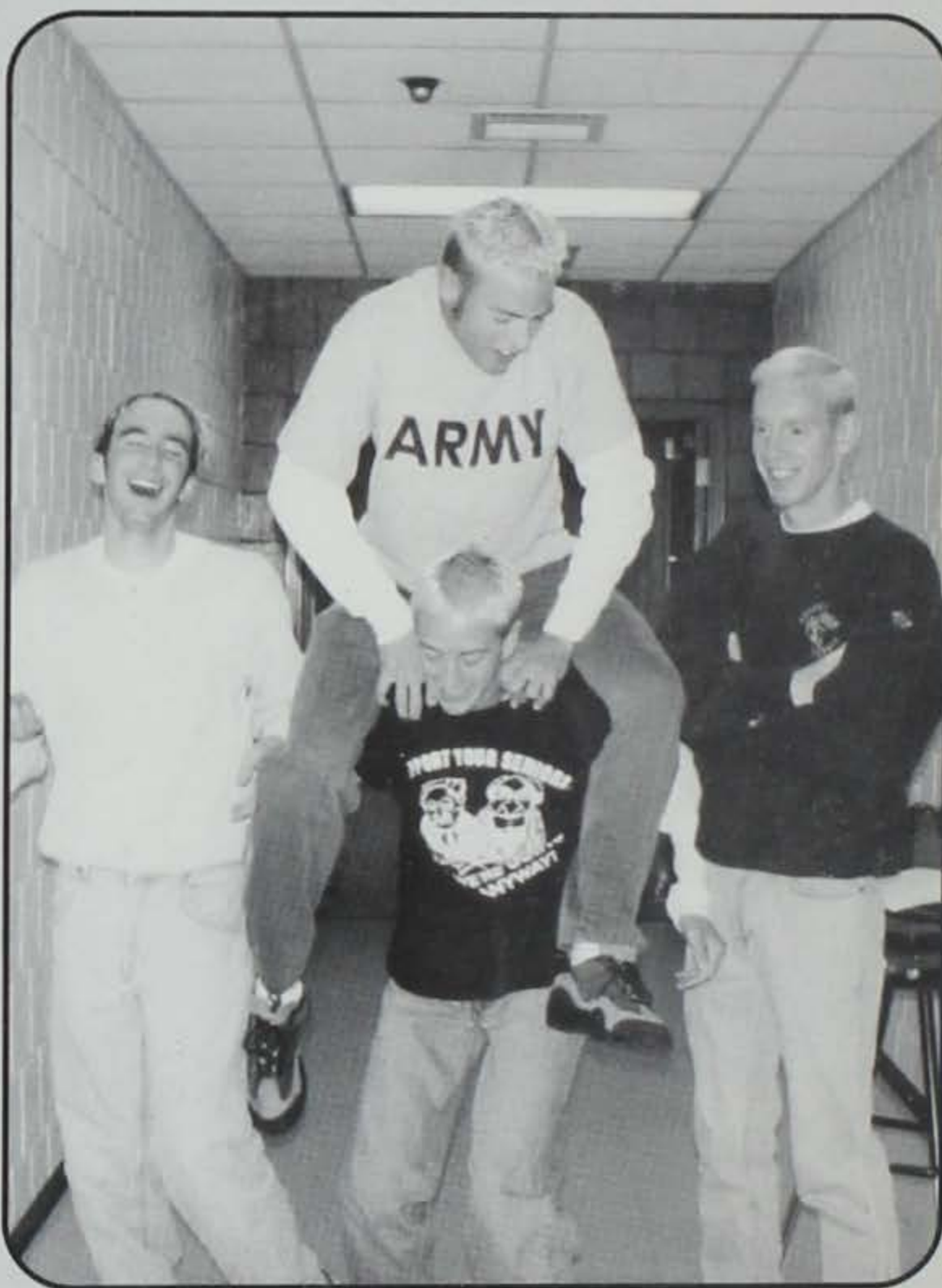
Ankeny High School
Class of 1984



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Halls and corridors abounded with students from all walks of life and at any time of the day. No one was afraid to express his or her individuality. During the five minute passing period between classes Jason Baedke, Joe Beveridge, Ryan Broich, and Chris Slania clown around.

Even before school starts, school stuff starts. The annual ritual of "picture day" occurs during registration but continues with picture re-takes during the first few weeks of school. Josh Drummond sits, tilts his head just so, smiles, and...blink. It's a retake moment again.



EVERYONE FITS

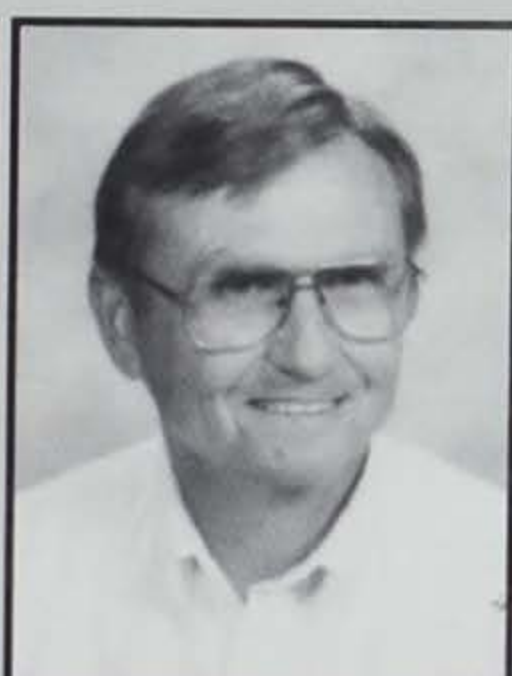
ONE IS ENOUGH: It's the school for the individual. It's the school for the groupie. Whichever your chosen path, everyone found a place at AHS. ■ **Jeremiah Ludemann** could be found with his skating buddies anywhere a new skate shop opened. He wasn't there to shop; he was there to perform. **Ludemann, Brandon Pinney, Wade Eivins, Josh Johnson, and Cory Hanson** not only put on skating demonstrations throughout the Des Moines area, they also produced a professional skating video demonstrating aggressive in-line skating tricks and jumps. "I skate for advancements I can make in the sport to better myself and to compete against other skaters to see who's the best," said **Ludemann**. ■ And who was it who was caught streaking across Ankeny Boulevard in front of Hy-Vee? No one knows for sure, but Conventional Wisdom says the person's initials are **J. Starr**. And he only got twenty bucks for that? ■ And the new no-tolerance fighting policy sure changed the hallway activities. You never saw students climbing on top of their lockers to watch their peers duke it out like students used to do in the past. Some people thought the new policy was great and worked well, but others did not like the change. "It works, but fighting is part of everyday life. Now people just fight off of school grounds," said **Cory Hildreth**. ■ From an administrative perspective, **Dr. Beatty** won the title of Assistant Principal of the Year for the State of Iowa, **Mr. Shaltanis** was named Student Council Advisor of the Year, and **Dr. Ratigan** served on the board for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Clockwise from
Foster

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■ **Larry Senne**
For 23 years
Industrial Tech
teacher here at
Mr. Senne bega
educational car
student teaching
Ellendal, Minne
Senne has three

rites & Passages



Clockwise from top left: Mr. Senne, Mr. Ernie Foster, Matt Judge, Brent Selby

Rites and Passages--the one consistent inconsistency in life. While the former is anticipated and celebrated, the latter shocks and is mourned. It is always appropriate, however, to pause and remember those who have touched our lives.

• Larry Senne

For 23 years an Industrial Tech teacher here at AHS, Mr. Senne began his educational career student teaching in Ellendal, Minnesota. Senne has three

daughters, who are AHS graduates. Said Senne, "I think the most valuable lesson I learned is that every student comes to school with different abilities and we have to find out where they start at and nurture them along."

• Ernie Foster

A counselor for 22 years at Ankeny High School, Mr. Foster began his career in education after serving a stint in the armed services. His first position was as a history teacher at Manson. After 2

years, Foster opted to move and teach at Nevada. He came to Ankeny as a counselor in 1962 and has been here ever since.

• Matt Judge 1978-1996

During the summer of 1996, the junior class at Ankeny High School lost one of two classmates. Matt Judge died shortly after his 17th birthday when a gravel truck hit the pickup Judge was driving. A quiet student, Judge was scheduled to make the rank of Eagle Scout during the 1996-1997 school year. He was also an active member of the Debate club. "Matt Judge was one of the hardest working kids I've worked with in the debate program here at AHS. Everyone thought highly of him," said Debate Coach Mr. Wunn. In order to

honor his memory, the speech and debate teams have established the Matt Judge Scholarship Fund. He will be missed at Ankeny High School.

• Brent Selby 1978-1996

Brent Selby died on July 2, 1996, when he was thrown from a jeep after losing control. He was very involved in football and basketball, and he helped umpire for the Ankeny Little League. Selby was the class clown who could always make a person laugh. And although he teased the girls soccer team, he was the 1st to be in the stands at their games. "I don't think he ever missed a game. Everybody liked him," said Alissa Anderson. Selby touched the lives of many at AHS; he will be greatly missed.

• Memorial Efforts

It began as a grass roots movement. Erin Jagnandan initiated a fund raising drive to purchase and plant two trees in memory of Brent Selby and Matt Judge, and students contributed to a fund that within a few days had raised over \$500. With increased efforts and support from the community, students managed to raise over \$1200. Earl May nurseries donated two 10-foot maple trees for the dedication, allowing the students buy plaques commemorating the two young men with the raised funds. At a ceremony held after school on May 21, 1997, one tree, the 1997 tree of the year, was planted near the varsity football field in memory of Brent Selby, and the other, the 1996 tree of the year, was dedicated to Matt Judge near the softball field.





Muggin' around!

Seniors, teachers, juniors, sophomores

An unexpected snowfall didn't stop Chance Chestnut and his date from going to prom. Got a visitor's pass for that critter? Andy McGuire brought a new friend to school with him. He used the little lamb in a demo speech.



We are as varied and unique as any student body population could be. Students at AHS participate in a wide variety of activities and show their uniqueness from their senior pictures (Jon Reberry's lotus position in front of a spiral of lights) to Andy "Sheepdog" McGuire's demonstration speech for public speaking (showing a sheep) to Greg Stamp's windsurfing hobby. Each student contributes to the AHS body, and a synergistic effect occurs. That's why the individuals at Ankeny have achieved what they have, both individually and collectively. Each person is important in and of his/her ownself; that's why Ankeny is as fine a school and community as it is. Because as the old saying goes, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." Based on the individual student, Ankeny High School expects success as a whole.



↑↑ Seniors hang out on the front sign at the end of the year. ↑ Sarah and Abbie Schreurs and friend Elizabeth Tometich head for warmer weather on a DC-10. They went to Florida over spring break.



Jon M. Zuber
Iowa State University
Brad Eugene Zorns
Neil Young
Jill K. Young



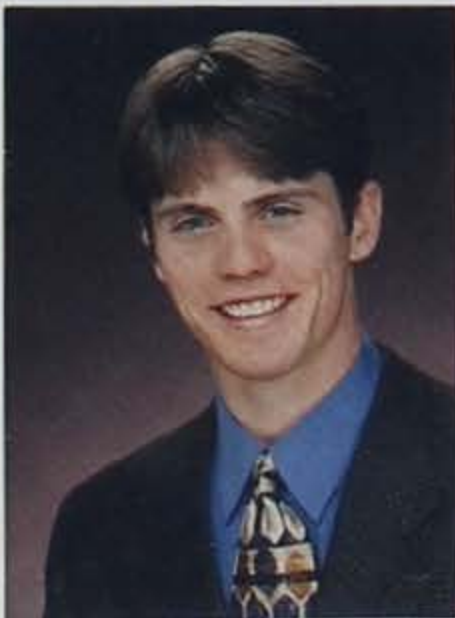
Erin Michelle Yates
Sarah Kathleen Woolever
Elizabeth Rae Wisnosky
Art club, NHS, debate, speech, band, University of Iowa
Richard Kelly Williams II



Melanie Joy Williams
Volleyball, track, college undecided
Mackenzie Ryan Willey
Cross country, basketball, DECA, Iowa State University
Cheri Marie Willardson
Band, publications, SADD, University of Northern Iowa
Stacey L. Wierzbicki
Tennis, cheerleading, senior class rep, ecology club, SADD, drama, peer helping, *Hawk* yearbook, University of Northern Iowa



Lori Lee Whitlatch
Cross-country, chorus, students council, NHS, varsity softball & track manager, pep club, French club, college choice undecided
Karen Elizabeth White
Amy Hope White
Rebecca Lynn Wetherill
Tennis, swing choir, chorus, University of Iowa



Heather Wendt
Patrick Daniel Wells
Student council, NHS, soccer, cross-country, swing choir, National Council on Youth Leadership, mountain biking, track, football, club volleyball, SADD, Circle of Friends, Iowa State University
Tiffany Weiler
Hawk yearbook, Yearbook, volleyball manager, University of Northern Iowa
Ruth Sue Ann Webb
DMACC & Iowa State University

"My boyfriend (Ben) took me out for my birthday, but showed up w/o money for dinner, gas, and no gift."
Lindsay Lang

"A guy (who shall remain nameless) showed up and took me out with no money. I had to pay for it all."
Meg Blair

"I almost drowned in a hot tub. Enough said."
Sarah VanDort

"Woody Marsh, Beaver Ridge, Mike/Ryal, bus #4, and Don Johnson. These are my memories from Band 96/97." **Amanda Scharf** 129

WHAT WAS THE
WORST DATE
YOU HAVE EVER
BEEN ON

Amber Marie Watson
Wrestling manager, DMACC & Grand View
Alexander H. Warden
Brian G. Walsh
Academic Decathlon, Drake Knowledge Master,
Knowledge Master Open, Sci-Link III, Chess Club,
Iowa State University
Jennifer Ann Waldschmitt
Band, Talon, NHS, Chorus, University of Northern
Iowa



Andrea Fayre Vuper
Yearbook, Volleyball Manager, Undecided
Kari B. Vogt
Volleyball, art club, NHS, Iowa State University
Corissa Marie Verbeski
Track, volleyball, soccer, FCA, Circle of Friends,
University of South Dakota
Nathan A. Vaughn



Margaret Amy VanderLeest
Band, SADD, NHS, Talon, French club, University of
Northern Iowa
Emily Katherine Vander Vegte
Sarah Marie Van Oort
Senior class secretary, NHS secretary, forensics,
swim team, choir, French club, swing choir, student
council, college undecided
Meghann Elizabeth Van Auwelaer
Cross-country, track, Iowa State University



Deann L. Tupy
Wannapa Tumpaktrakul
Karen Dawn Tscherter
Color guard, debate, SADD, college undecided
Amy Lynn Trigg



Jamie Marie Townsend
Swim team, soccer, water polo team, Young Life,
Student Venture, youth group, Interact, SADD,
FCA, University of Auburn
Elizabeth Marie Tometich
Choir, color guard captain, French club, mock trial,
drama, NHS, college undecided
Alissa Ann Tollakson
Swimming, SADD, youth group, Iowa State
University
Brian T. Tiernan



WHAT WAS THE MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED

"I was in study hall my
junior year when someone
farted and blamed it on me,
and everyone thought it was
me." **Amber Watson**

"I was at a skating rink when I was young and I
saw a lady with the same shirt as my mom! I
ran up to hug her from behind and asked her
for money and when she turned around it
wasn't her." **Pat Wells**

"Every time I get a brand new
car I have this weird impulse to
wreck it. I'm on car number 4."
Lyndsay Robinson

**Brian Thompson**

Soccer, marching band, concert band, Model U.N., drama contest, French club, jazz band, drama, cross-country, University of Iowa

Kari Teeter

Volleyball, basketball, swimming, University of Northern Iowa/University of Colorado

Jeremy William Taylor

Christopher Ryan Taylor

**Nicole Renee Taweel**

Long Island University

Kris Swihart

Michelle Lynn Swanson

Colorguard, NHS, French club, South Dakota Tech

Julie Alecia Struve

Circle of friends, Special Olympics

**Danielle Anne Strait**

Debate, individual speech team, Marching Hawks, concert band, NHS, college undecided

Jonathan E. Stractan

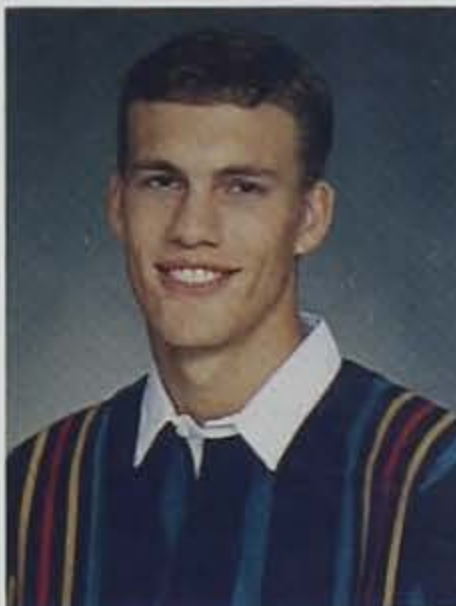
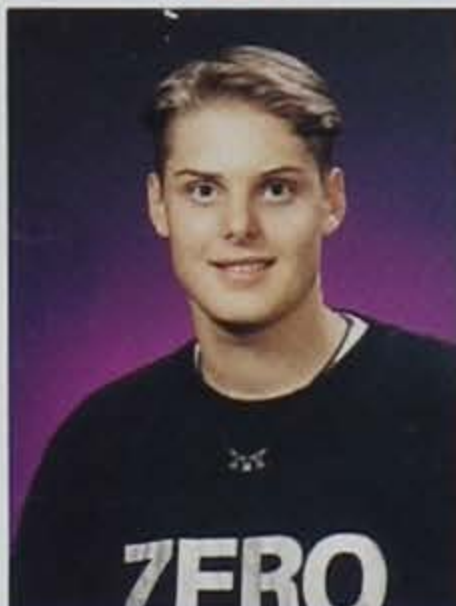
Boy scouts, eagle scout, Iowa State University

Shaun Martin Stone

Band, drumline, DMACC, University of Iowa

Sara Janet Stone

Colorguard, winterguard, French club, University of Kansas

**Terry James Stober****Joshua David Stille**

Choir, swing choir, band, University of Iowa

Amanda Linnea Steinick

Golf, choir, swing choir, VICA, DMACC, nursing

Robert M. Steim

Baseball, basketball, college undecided

**Jeremiah A. Starr**

Basketball, baseball, track, college undecided

Angela Maria Spooner**Christina Jean Spalding**

Cheerleading, cross-country manager, colorguard, band, choir, swing, choir, tennis, Iowa State University

Joshua Michael Snyder

Soccer, cross-country, Simpson

WHAT WAS THE MOST
EMBARRASSING
MOMENT YOU HAVE
EVER EXPERIENCED

"My 6th hour analysis class
snuck out on Mr. Peterson
and got caught. He wasn't
too happy." Rochelle Rodd

"When I was cheerleading at
a pep assembly, I was
thrown forward doing a
stunt and landed on my
head." Jenny
Anderson

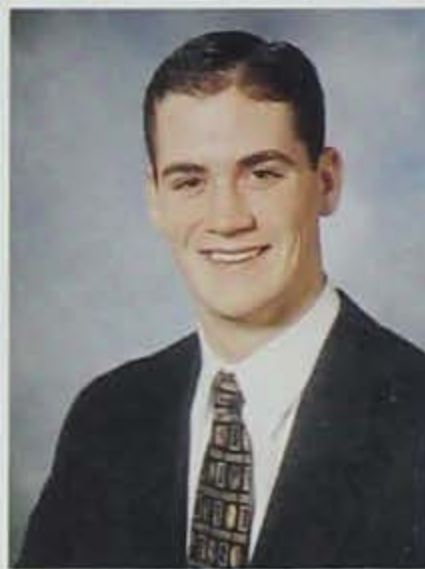
"Last year, Brett Lee tripped
me in the hall and I fell flat
and my books flew every-
where." Pascale Bonnefil

"I bet that this senior class will go far in life. We are UNREAL! We've got THE LOVE." Ryal Brier 131

Ben E. Snyder
Christopher David Slania
 Cross-country, basketball, tennis, track, Iowa State University
Brooke Nicole Silliman
 Marching/concert band, drumline, ecology club, SADD, NHS, DMACC/University of Northern Iowa
Reed A. Shippy
 Baseball, football, basketball, University of Iowa



Kimberly Lyn Shields
 Soccer, softball, Grandview
Benjamin Austin Sheeler
 High power rifle shooting, wrestling, football, Iowa State University
Ann Marie Shaklee
Holly Michelle Shafer



Phillip Samuel Sevedge
Ryan T. Sears
Sarah Lee Schreurs
 Softball, volleyball, basketball, choir, college undecided
Abbie Jean Schreurs
 Softball, volleyball, basketball, choir, college undecided



Amanda Beth Scharf
 Cheerleading, band, NHS, pep club, University of Iowa
Terri Jo Schafer
 Colorguard, DECA, boys basketball manager, DMACC, Iowa State University
Jonathan Arthur Saggau
 Marching, concert, jazz, and pep band
Sean E. Saffells



Matthew R. Ryherd
 Football, tennis, DECA, college undecided
Aaron L. Ruff
 Basketball, soccer, cross-country, college undecided
Michael James Roth
 Art club, band, soccer, NHS, Model UN, Iowa State University
Natalie Erin Rose
 Choir, swing choir, band, track, cross-country, student council, mock trial, class rep, NHS, drama, large group speech, National Thespians Society, French club, University of Northern Iowa



WHAT WAS THE ODDEST THING YOU EVER SAW AT SCHOOL

"A men's bathroom with stall doors." **Kyle Albertson**

"The pseudo-prom we had in the pit during English class." **Kirsten Greenough**

"The dumbest thing I've ever seen worn to school was all the guys who wore that lipstick stuff." **Curt Long**



Erica Nicole Rose

Choir, swing choir, band, track, soccer, NHS, student council, mock trial, drama, cheerleading, french club, National Thespians Society, Iowa State University

John Nickolas Rohrer

Choir, swing choir, concert/marching/jazz band, cross-country, track, baseball, indoor soccer, drama, DECA, Armed Forces

Rochelle Renee Rodd

Iowa State University

Lindsay N. Robinson

Volleyball, softball, track DECA, Iowa State University



Christopher Kyle Roberts

Football, soccer, track, SADD, circle of friends, drama, Iowa State University

Jack Robinson Rivers

Model UN, debate, speech, sci-link III, Moscow exchange, knowledge bowl team, model legislature, University of Iowa

Andrew Michael Reich

Band, soccer, ISU

Zachary E. Reed



Mitchell L. Reed

Wrestling, Hawk yearbook Iowa State University

Jonathan Edward Reberry

Marching, concert, jazz band, broadcasting, choir, NHS, tennis, golf, SADD, ecology club, University of Iowa

Daryl Craig Rauser

Marching, and concert band, football, track, baseball, college undecided

Timothy Ryan Quick



Andrea Nicole Putzier

Drew R. Purcell

Tammy Lynn Pringle

Job at Drug Town, Drake

Matthew Cameron Porath

Wrestling, swing choir, choir, circle of friends, SADD, DMACC, Iowa State University



Courtney Beth Pendleton

Ryan Wesley Parks

Kenneth A. Parker

Art club, science bowl, knowledge bowl, Milwaukee School of Engineering

John J. Oувerson

"The thunderstorms we experienced inside the school on rainy days."
Rebecca Wetherill

"The strange animal sacrifices every Tuesday in the teachers' lounge. Poor hamsters." Joe Henderson

"I've seen Ben Jones dressed up as a woman one too many times." Janelle Haack

"I picked up a sleep walking kid, and he peed down the front of me." Jill Andrews

WHAT WAS THE
ODDEST THING
YOU EVER SAW
AT SCHOOL

Sara Jane Oswald
Volleyball, track, ISU, Mercy School of Nursing
Adam Lee Orosco
Wrestling, football, band, Iowa State University
Jarupat On-Lamool
Swimming, tennis team
Jason M. G. O'Leary
Art club, Iowa State University



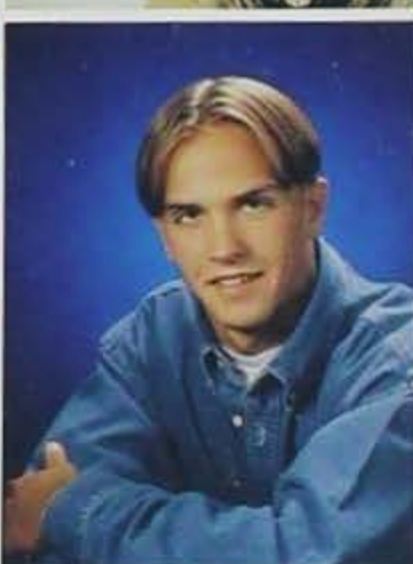
Benjamin Eli Nuss
Bradley James Nurnberg
Scouts, DMACC/Iowa State University
Matthew Douglas Nuese
Band, jazz band, Talon, Model UN, Hey Now
Jason Norman



Jill Elizabeth Nelson
Alicia Margarita Moya
Michael John Mothershed
Concert, swing choir, band, University of Iowa
Jessica Joy Mortale



Matthew R. Morris
Kyle C. Moon
Baseball, wrestling, college undecided
Alejandro Montes-Perez
Basketball, foreign exchange student, University of Iowa
Tyler L. Moeckly



Natalie L. Miltenberger
Volleyball, Track, VICA, TA, DMACC/University of Iowa
Michelle Dawn Miller
Office runner, journalism, DMACC, AIB
James R. Miller
Derek Lee Miller
Knowledge master, NHS, circle of friends, tennis, SADD, Iowa State University



WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR ABOUT LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

"I'm afraid I will flunk out of college and end up living at home and going to DMACC."
Matt Ryherd

"My biggest fear about life after high school is that I will end up partying when I should be studying."
Chance

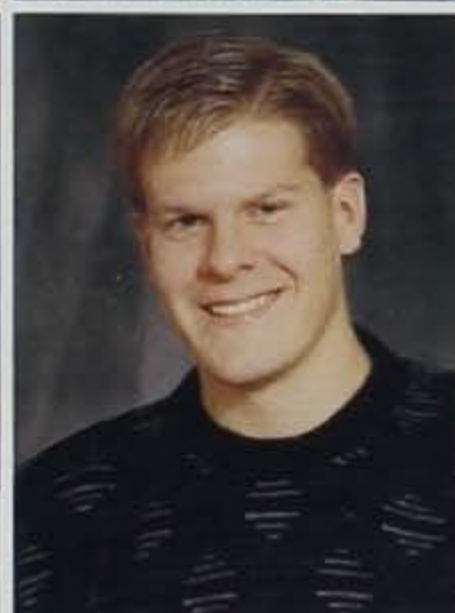
"I'm afraid I will get stuck with a psychotic dorm-mate and that I will find college very hard."
Sean Saffeeles



Scott B. Mickelson
Corey Benton Metzger
Jeremy S. L. McNew
Michael T. McGuire
Instrumental music, marching band, *Talon*, NHS,
french club, Loras college



Sean Michael McClure
Model UN, NHS, student council, mock trial, cross-
country, jazz band, college undecided
Whitney Leigh Maxwell
Band, choir, swing choir, drama, SADD, Iowa State
University
Adam J. Matson
Football, wrestling, State Patrol Academy
Angela Marie Marshall



Jaime Lynn Mann
Soccer, volleyball, Iowa State University
Andrew D. Lynch
Joshua Cole Lukenbill
Kimberly Kay Lorence



Julie A. Lorence
Matt John Looney
Mark Thomas Looney
Curt M. Long



Andy J. Long
Amanda Sue Long
Cheerleading, tennis, pep club, NHS, all-American
cheerleader, all-star cheerleader, French club,
yearbook, University of Iowa
Stephen Nathaniel Lloyd
Dan T. Little

"I will not be able to balance
grades, a sport, and my
social life all at once." Cori
Verberki

"I'm afraid all the chicks will
be ugly and have bad
personalities." Aaron Ruff

"I'm afraid I won't get a good
job and I'll be poor and have to
live in a box." Scott Hollman

"At a baseball game in Centerville Brad Zorns, Jeremy Taylor and I took J Starr's car and drove to KC and back overnight." Bob Steim 135

WHAT IS YOUR
BIGGEST FEAR
ABOUT LIFE AFTER
HIGH SCHOOL

Joanna Marie Lincoln
Cross country, track, softball, wrestling manager,
soccer, chorus, swing choir, University of Northern
Iowa

Lisette Nicole Lenninger

Brett G. Lee

Golf, Baseball, Basketball, Track, *Talon*, college
undecided

Christa Ann Ledin

Track, cheerleading, cross-country, soccer, college
undecided

Ryan D. Larson

Kevin Paul LaRonde

Soccer, choir, swing choir, football, U.S. Navy

Lindsay Marie Lang

Choir, swing choir, soccer manager, wrestling
manager, drama, French club, NHS, University of
Iowa

Angela Michelle Krug

Colorguard, individual speech team, NHS, AGATE,
college undecided

Kelly J. Krause

Visual Adrenaline, cheerleading, drama club, NHS,
SADD, circle of friends, *Talon* sports editor,
University of Iowa

Karl James Krapf

Jennifer Ann Kramme

Adria Monique Kornegay

Lindsay Rae Koopmans

Gail Marie Kolbinger

Band, NHS, Iowa State University

Erin Michele Koester

Hawk yearbook, Circle of Friends, VICA, DMACC

Jennifer L. Klassen

Kristina Marie Kieffer

Debate, model UN, Youth symposium, choir,
individual events, Beloit

Lori Marie Kephart

Lance Evan Kellow

Iowa State University

Heidi Marie Kautza

Band, soccer, softball, volleyball, track, chorus,
swing choir, ecology club, NHS



WHAT WAS YOUR
BEST "DAY OFF"
YOU EVER TOOK
FROM HIGH SCHOOL

"Any day away from school
when you're supposed to be
there is a good day." Joe
Blunck

"I know that I've skipped but
I can't remember a specific
time or event. It just
wasn't that fun." Ben Nuss

"We once had a sub in chemistry
lab and in choir, which overlap,
so I went to my house and had
cereal." Sarah Woolever



Steven Karlen

Soccer, chess club, Iowa State University

Thomas Kapaska

Band, chorus, swing choir, track, Circle of Friends (President), SADD (Vice-President) tennis, All-State Chorus, ecology club, French club, NHS, student council, Vice-President Senior Class, basketball, Catholic Church choir and youth group, Air Force Academy

Kristin Kahn

Track, softball, volleyball, student council, peer helping, cheerleading, DECA officer, *Hawk* yearbook, Iowa State University

Jacob Jury



Laura Leigh Junod

Basketball, French club, softball, college undecided

Jennifer Mae Jorgenson

Ben R. Jones

Student council, swing choir, model UN, soccer, NHS, Iowa State University

Rachel M. Johnson

NHS, choir, speech, band, FCA, ecology club, SADD, circle of friends, basketball, softball, track, cross-country, youth group, student council, college undecided



Joshua Dean Johnson

Chad Everett Johnson

Band, Basketball, DMACC

Megan Rae Jennings

Cheerleading, dance, SADD, soccer manager, On With Life, NHS, marching/concert band, choir, pep club, school play, indoor soccer, Central College

Joel E. Jenkins



Kevin J. Immel

Tennis, basketball, Iowa State University

Christopher Louis Hutchinson

Band, football, Iowa State University

Lindsay Jane Hommer

Band, DMACC & Iowa State University

Tiffany Paige Hill

Chorus, swing choir, band, tennis, NHS, Latin Percussion, Central College (Pella)



Jason James Hill

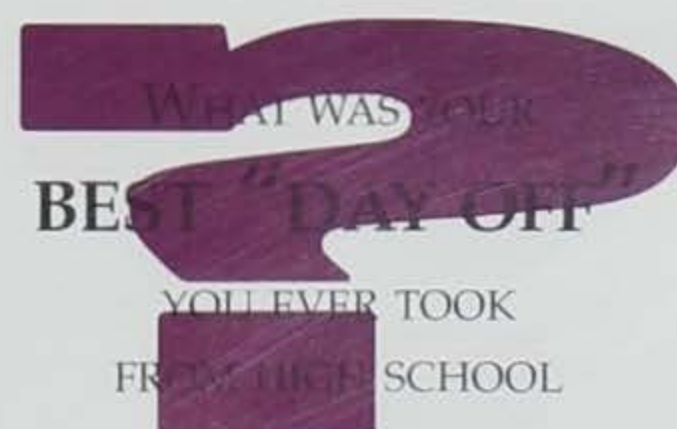
Football, basketball, yearbook, concert choir, show choir, track, Iowa State University

Bradley C. Hill

Football, basketball, track, tennis, University of Iowa or Brigham Young University

Marie Elizabeth Hickman

John B. Heston



"Once Kyle Albertson and I went to get donuts, but it wasn't during school." Tom Kapaska

"We skipped P.E. 'cause we didn't want to go and went to Sarah Woolever's house and ate Frosty Santas!" Lindsay Lang

"I skipped P.E. one day by myself and slept 'cause I was tired. Boring, huh?" Andrea Dencklau

"I tucked my skirt into my pantyhose and walked out in front of my whole P.E. class." Melanie Williams

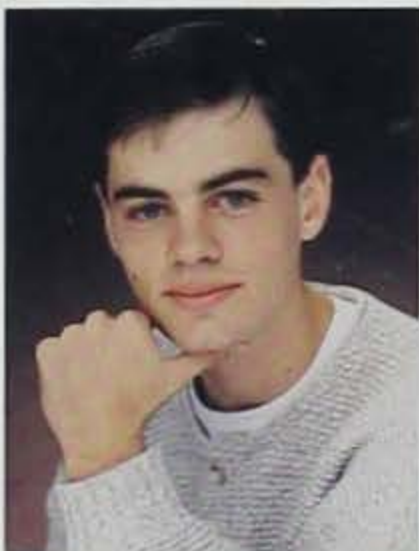
Joseph Hayes Henderson
Kris B. Hayward
 Band, VICA, drag racing, DMACC
Andrew Fuller Harrington
 SADD, Circle of Friends, swing choir, band, chorus,
 tennis, pep band, University of Iowa
Sean D. Harmon
 VICA, DMACC



Desirae Denise Hargens
 Peer helping, peer practicum, DECA,
 DMACC & Iowa State University
Sara Harden
Joshua J. Happe
 Track, football, basketball
Brandi Jo Hammerly



Shawn Steven Hamersley
 Track, cross country, golf, University of Northern
 Iowa
Chris N. Hall
Matthew William Halbach
 Band, jazz band, wrestling, pop band, Drake Honor
 Jazz Band, University of Iowa
Janelle Elizabeth Haack
 Band, choir, swing choir, NHS, student council,
 drama, soccer manager, University of Northern
 Iowa



Dennis Lee Griffin
 Band, baseball, track, Iowa State University
Kirsten Solveig Greenough
 Band, choir, swing choir, speech, drama, tennis,
 cross country, Luther College
Chad Clifford Graham
 Chorus, swing choir, drama, NHS, baseball, track,
 Model UN, University of Iowa
Lucas J. Gorz
 Hey Now, FCA



Heather April Gomez
 Soccer, yearbook, tennis, ecology club, University of
 Kansas Valparaiso
Amanda Sue Gibbons
 Swimming, color guard, swing choir, chorus, NHS
Andrew M. George
Brooke R. Gentz
 Chorus, college undecided



WHO WILL BE THE
ONE PERSON
 YOU'LL STAY IN TOUCH
 WITH AFTER SCHOOL

"I'll stay in touch with a
 few of the educators
 because they have taught
 me so much." **Ryal Brier**

"Mr. Shaltanis, because after
 spending so much time in his
 office, we became very
 close." **Chad Graham**

"Jenni Adams because we have
 been friends for a long time. I
 don't think we could go a week
 without talking." **Christy
 Spalding**

**Gina Ray Gelatti**

Basketball, volleyball, student council, track, cross country, NHS, French club, Homecoming candidate, pep club, SADD, Circle of Friends, college undecided

Amy Nicole Gebauer

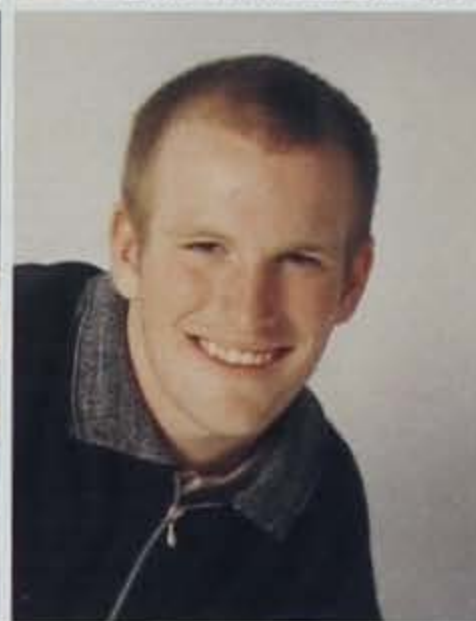
Tennis, NHS, SADD, FCA, chorus, swing choir, student council, class representative, Iowa State University or Creighton

Jason Michael Gassmann

Football, track, weight-lifting, basketball, teacher assistant, college undecided

Luke Jonathan Garvey

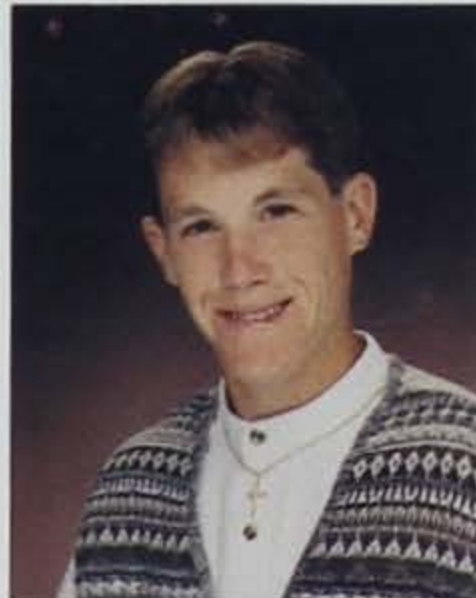
Chess, baseball, Iowa State University

**Michael Megumi Fujinaka****Andy N. Fuchtmann**

Knowledge Bowl, wrestling, band, jazz band, Drake

Jodie Lynn Frye

Girls basketball manager, *Talon*, Circle of Friends, Northwestern in Orange City

Justin Fricke**Shane Ryan Frisk**

Football, baseball, basketball, University of Iowa

Heather Lynn Franks

Color guard, winter guard, concert band, French club, speech, wrestling manager, Iowa State University

Kimberly Natasha Forrest

Golden Highlights, *Hawk* yearbook, Iowa State University

Rollie Dean Fors

Soccer, swing choir, choir, girls soccer manager, investment club, Circle of Friends, cross country

**Johnathan Robert Flynn**

Football, basketball, FFA, *Talon*, USMC Delayed Entry Program, Iowa Democratic Party, Marine Corps Boot Camp senior year (2nd semester)

Jennifer LeAnn Fleming

Volleyball, basketball, art club, concert choir, DMACC/University of Northern Iowa

Gabriel Dana Fleming**Gary R. Fisk**

DMACC

**Kelsey Dawn Fix**

Chorus, swing choir, Marching Hawks, winter guard, French club, *Talon*, University of Iowa

Nicole Marie Evers

Talon (asst. editor), NHS, chorus, individual speech, French club, University of Northern Iowa

Benjamin Scott Evans

Basketball, band, track, NHS, FCA, Brigham Young University

Angela Sue Erickson

Golden Highlights, ISIwa State UniversityU

WHO WILL BE THE
ONE PERSON
YOU'LL STAY IN TOUCH
WITH AFTER SCHOOL

"Mrs. Knox, because she knows that the AHS Morning Show was the best thing to hit AHS since Velveeta Cheese." Andy Duin

"I'll stay in touch with my rat friend Ryan deMey, because we're roomin' together next year. We're going to run an illegal gambling ring from our room." Kevin Immel

"Lindsay Lang, because I've shared just about every experience since 5th grade with her. She's my best friend." Andrea Dencklau

"Can I go down to the Ala Carte line really fast?" Nikki Brock 139

Kari J. Engh
VICA (Vice-president), wrestling manager, Hawk
yearbook, Iowa State University
Kathryn Therese Elsbecker
Band, jazz band, NHS, church, SADD
Amanda Ann Eimers
Band, jazz band, SADD French club, college
undecided
Jacquelyn Marie Earp
Circle of Friends, SADD, youth group, people
physical education, "Just Say No" club, DMACC



Abby Noel Dyar
Track, volleyball, Iowa State University
Chad A. Dutler
University of Iowa
Elizabeth Ann Dutcher
Ana Duque



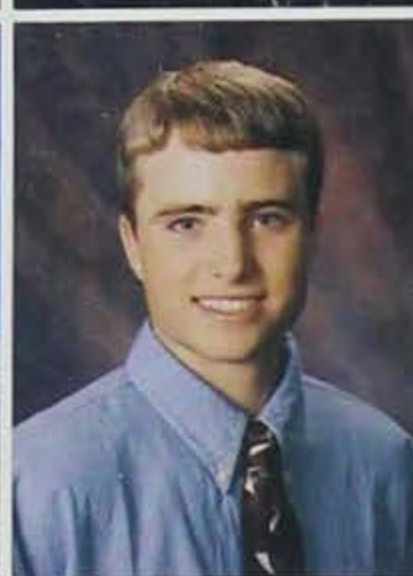
Karlie H. Dunlap
Sara Joanne Duncan
Swimming, Tennis, SADD, Circle of Friends, chrous,
DMACC
Angela Marie Duncan
Track, DMACC/Iowa State University
Andrew Warren Duin
Basketball, swimming, jazz band, mountain biking,
skiing, concert band, hiking, NHS, Colorado
University of Boulder



Jenae Anne Dittmar
Todd Otis Diehl
Meghan J. Dickson
Cheerleading, cross-country, pep club, SADD,
Circle of Friends, French club, University of Iowa
Brandy Michele Denton



Andrea Paige Dencklau
Choir, band, softball, basketball, Junior Class Vice-
president, ecology club, University of Northern
Iowa
Ryan John DeMey
Christopher Michael Degner
SADD, mock trial, student legislature, baseball,
NHS, model UN, class treasurer, knowledge bowl,
Vanderbilt University
Sharla Marie Danielson
Chorus, drama, French club



WHAT IS THE ONE
"DO OVER"
YOU WOULD CHOOSE
TO REDO IN LIFE

"I would not have gotten in
trouble that day and gotten
5 days ISS." Kyle Moon

"I would have stayed out of
trouble during football
season." Kris Swihart

"I would liked to have moved to
Ankeny earlier than I did." Jared Beard



Christina Marie Danielson

Scott T. Damstetter

Soccer, track, cross-country, Model UN, Fort Lewis University

Michael Field Dahlstrom

Student council (president), NHS (president), Senior Class President, Drama All-State, Speech All-State, band, chours, swing choir, drama, *Talon* cartoonist

Amanda Dawn Cross

Swimming, cheerleading, soccer, pep club, chorus, swing choir, band, FCA



Scott A. Crawford

Soccer, cross-country, football, wrestling, Model UN, student council, class representative, marching band, architecture club, investment club, mock trial, NHS, concert band, jazz band, Iowa State University

Jennifer Ann Crall

Shannon E. Copp

Cheerleading, Cochise College

Heather Elizabeth Colvin

Band, SADD, ASAP, tennis, chorus, college undecided



Jason D. Cochran

Basketball, golf, baseball, Iowa State University

Chad M. Cline

Tabatha Ann Clawson

Band, chorus, track, softball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, pep club, Northern Colorado University

Sarah Ruth Clawson

Basketball, volleyball, pep club, student council, class secretatry, junior representative for Superintendent's Advisory Council, Circle of Friends, SADD, A.S.A.P. board member, Iowa State University



Jodie Lynn Clark

Basektball, cross-country, track, DECA (class secretary), speech, University of Iowa

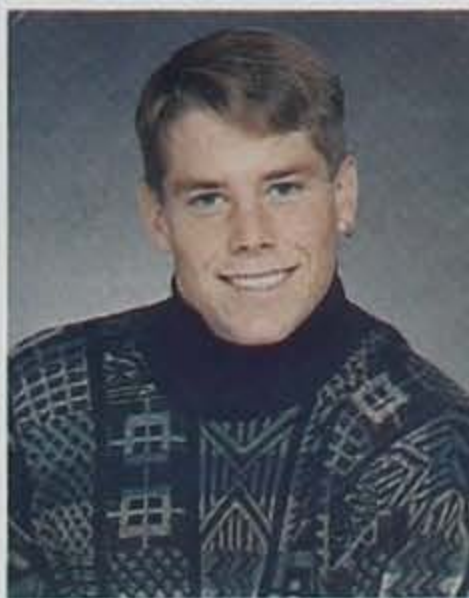
Chance A. Chestnut

Kimberly Michelle Cheney

Volleyball, *Hawk* yearbook, University of Northern Iowa

Brandi M. Carter

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Tressa Gayle Carroll

Nathan David Carrington

Model UN, cross-country, mock trial, soccer, tennis, basketball, track, chess club, University of Iowa

Scott R. Canfield

Robert David Campbell

"I wish I never would have played baseball. It was a waste of time for me."
Jason Cochran

"I wish I would have stayed on the tennis team. I guess skirts aren't sooo bad."
Nikki Brock

"I wish I could have gone to Las Vegas for my senior trip instead of staying home."
Adria Kornegay

"I'm a dentist's worst nightmare; I'm 18 and I've never had a cavity!" Deann Tupy

WHAT IS THE ONE
"DO OVER"

YOU WOULD CHOOSE
TO REDO IN LIFE

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Jason William Cairns

Literary Magazine editor, *Hawk* yearbook editor,
Talon dates editor, *Talon* Press Citizen editor,
 chemistry club, ecology club, SADD, art club,
 Circle of Friends, geography club, Model UN,
 French club, NHS, Mock Trial, Debate, Drama,
 youth group, A.S.A.P., University of Iowa

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Football, wrestling, honor roll, choir, swing choir,
 DMACC/University of Iowa

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 ecology club, University of Iowa

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 Exchange

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Elise Marie Brodell

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 cheerleading, University of Iowa

Kristin Amanda Brockman



Nikki S. Brock

Ryal Casey Brier

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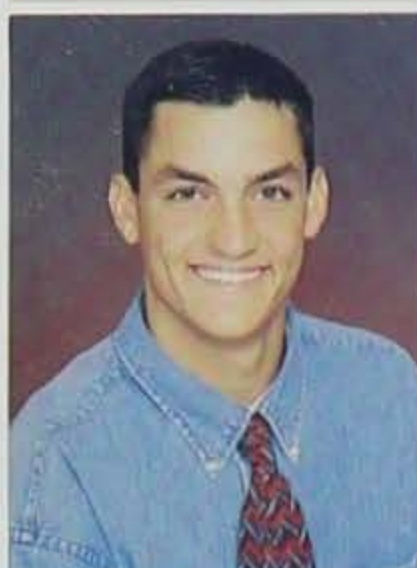
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 With Life, Circle of Friends, St. Ambrose University

Kyle James Bolejack

Joseph Kirk Blunck

basketball, golf, Iowa State University

Audra Megan Block



WHAT WAS THE
TOUGHEST BREAK
 YOU THINK YOUR
 CLASS GOT.

142 Sara Duncan "I can't believe we (seniors) have to come back to school after Memorial Day!"

"We just missed out on
 Northview." Christa Ledin

"The grading scale by far!
 We're the first class to
 graduate under that dumb
 plus/minus thing." Brooke
 Silliman

"How about sixth grade at
 Nevin or Parkview with all
 that construction going on. Oh
 yeah, that was fun." Rollie
 Fors



Aaron Michael Blass
Circle of Friends, golf, Student government, mock trial, University of Iowa
Nicole Dawn Blaskovich
Meghan A. Blair
Ryan David Blahauvietz
Football, basketball, track, baseball, college undecided



Ross E. Bierl
Football, chorus, Visual Adrenalin, University of Northern Iowa
Joseph Todd Beveridge II
Class president (1994 & 1995), student council representative, All-State Choir, NHS, Circle of Friends, cross-country, soccer, swing choir, marching band, University of Iowa
Jeremy Stephen Bettlach
Jared G. Beard



Stephanie Lynn Bean
Chorus, swing choir (Visual Adrenaline), French club, SADD, Color guard, Northern Arizona University
Andrew James Baugher
Football, swimming, Circle of Friends, Private Pilot License, Youth Group Leader, University of North Dakota
Sarah Lyn Barclay
Grant M. Barclay
Soccer, University of Northern Iowa



Jason Christopher Baedke
Cross-country, soccer, chorus, swing choir, band, jazz band, Model UN, NHS, wrestling, college undecided
Amee Elizabeth Ashmore
Golden Highlights, wrestling manager, SADD, pep club, soccer manager, choir, band, color guard, swing choir, peer helping, band, University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Lisa Nichole Arterburn
Tennis, swing choir, *Talon*, drama club, SADD, ecology club, choir, color guard, speech, Buena Vista University
Vania Antelo



Jill R. Andrews
Volleyball, track and field, *Talon*, Iowa State University
Teresa Elizabeth Anderson
Jennifer Lynn Anderson
Cross-country, cheerleading, volleyball, student council, pep club, University of Iowa
Erik K. Anderson

"The freshman being moved back to NV when we were sophomores made us like freshman for 2 years straight." Sarah Schreurs

"I don't know. Pretty much everything. We're the class that got dumped on." Jason Mitch Reed

"No more valedictorians. Why'd that start with us?" Tim Quick

"I'm ready to get out of here and get on my own--for real." Kari Engh 143

WHAT WAS THE
TOUGHEST BREAK
YOU THINK YOUR
CLASS GOT.

Kyle Dennis Albertson
Chorus, swing choir, band, marching band,
student council
Matthew A. Agena
Nathan James Adamson
Jennifer J. Adams
Cheerleading, Color guard, Grandview College



Brett A. Adams
Football, track, baseball, basketball, University of
Iowa



Class Motto:

*The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.*

Class Colors:

Maroon and Gold

Class Flower:

Red Rose

Graduation Date:

June 1, 1997

PHOTOGRAPHS UNAVAILABLE

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Ryan Carter
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Charles Edrington
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Alexandro Fuentes-Gomez

Jaclyn Gustafson
Dana Heston
J. J. Hoffman
Scott Holman
Aric Hoogerwerf
Mandy Huebner
Jason Jones
Chad Kirstein

Scott Knight
Joachim Lack
Binh Lam
Roy Lindsay
Corey Metzger
Amy Neal
Ryan Norgart
Drew Purcell

Tabatha Reeves
Kenny Sledge
Tony Smith
Sam Spies
Domingue Strode
Sarah Vingie
Nathan Walter
Jesse Wambold
Joshua Wright

HOW WILL AHS
BE DIFFERENT
BY YOUR FIFTEEN
YEAR REUNION

"There will be all computers
in the classroom. No
teachers. Just computers."
Neil Young

"I think it'll be totally done
by computers, but every-
thing else will stay the
same." Chad Cline

"The kids will be a lot rougher.
Stuff I would never dream of
doing, kids are doing when
they're in 7th and 8th grades."
Aimee Ashmore

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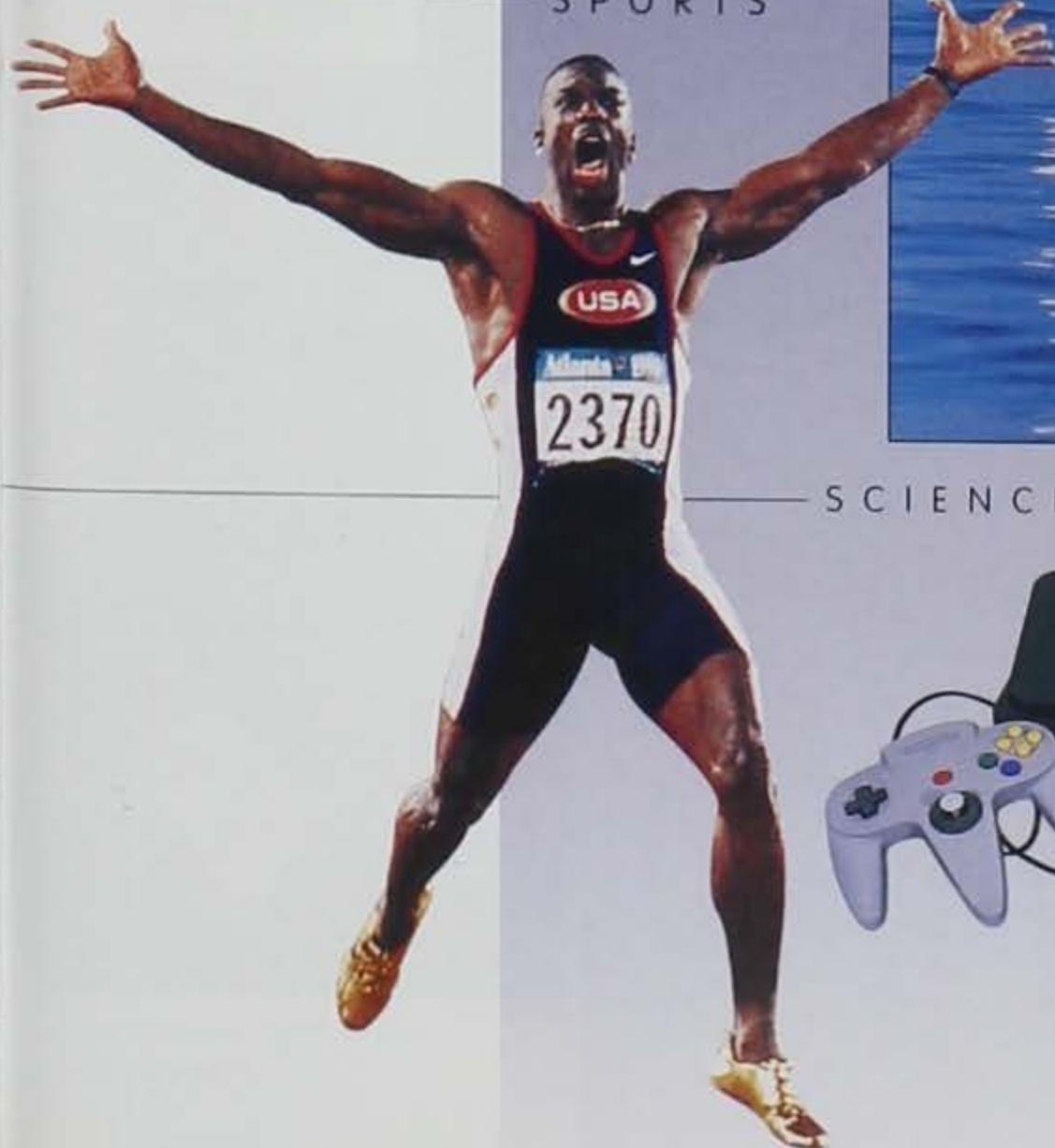
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

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

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

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



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

AP/Wide World



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



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

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



AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos

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

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



AP/Wide World

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



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

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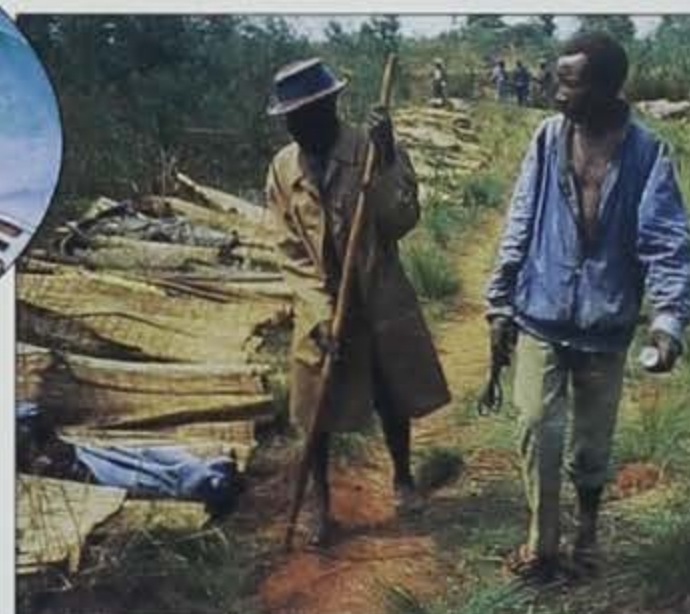


Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



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

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



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



Agence France-Presse



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

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



Tim Graham, Sygma

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



Tim Graham, Sygma

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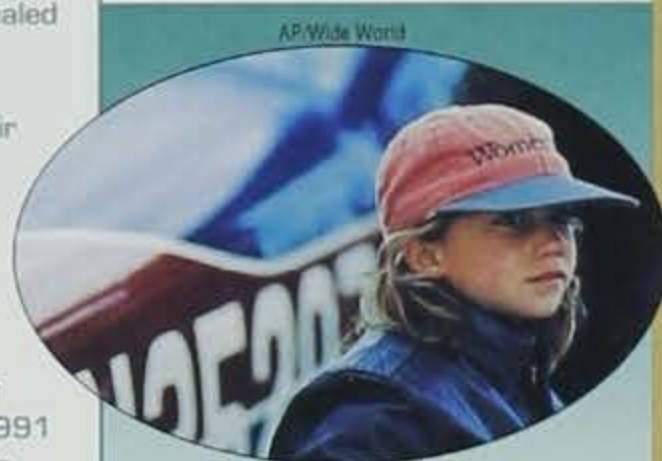
The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

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

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

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

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



AP/Wide World

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



Derek Pruit, Gamma Liaison

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



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

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

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



AP/Wide World



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

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



AP/Wide World



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

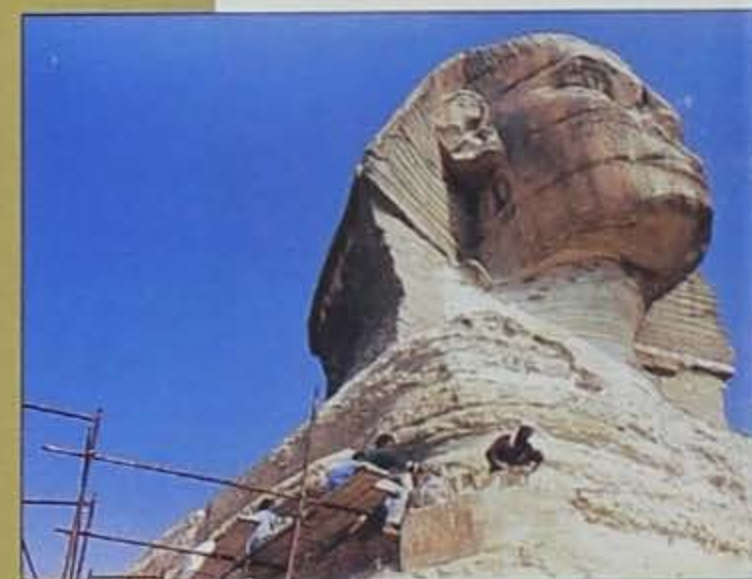


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



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

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



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

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





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J. Bakshi (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) and NASA

California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



O. Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



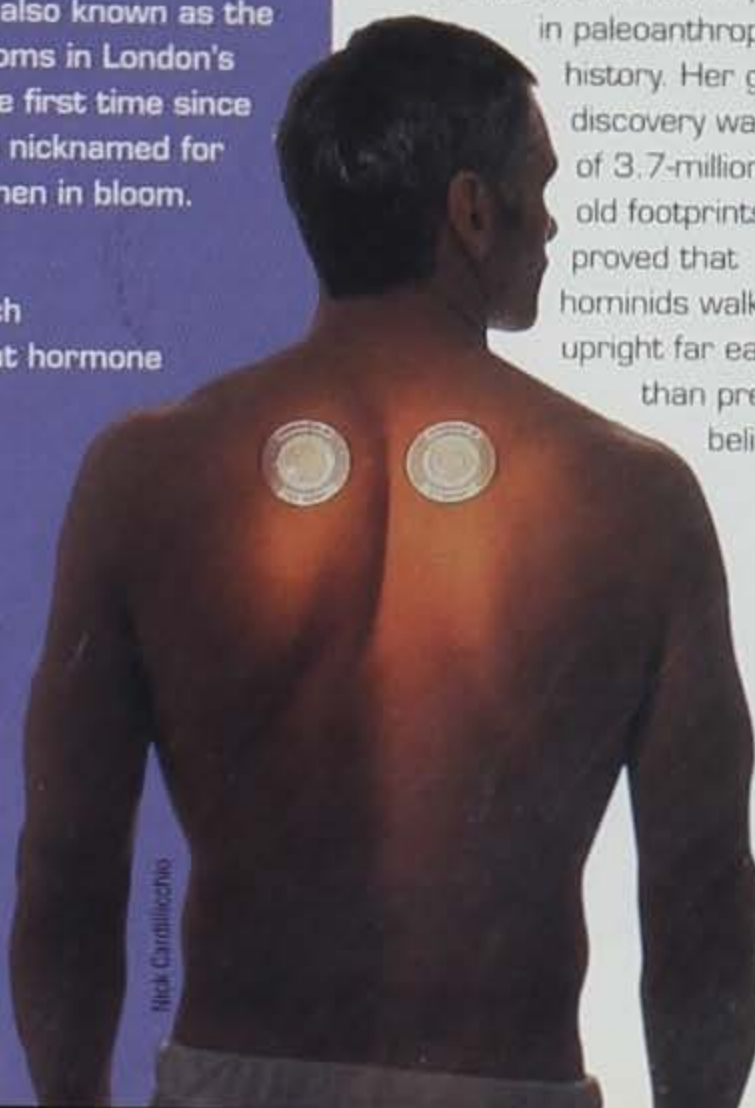
UPI/Corbis-Bettmann

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



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Nick Carroll/Corbis

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Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

flash

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

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

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

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

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

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



AP/Wide World

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



Steve Granitz, Retna



AP/Wide World

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

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



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

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

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



AP/Wide World



Stephane Cardinale; Sygma

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



AP/Wide World

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



AP/Wide World

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



John F. Kennedy Library

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



AP/Wide World

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



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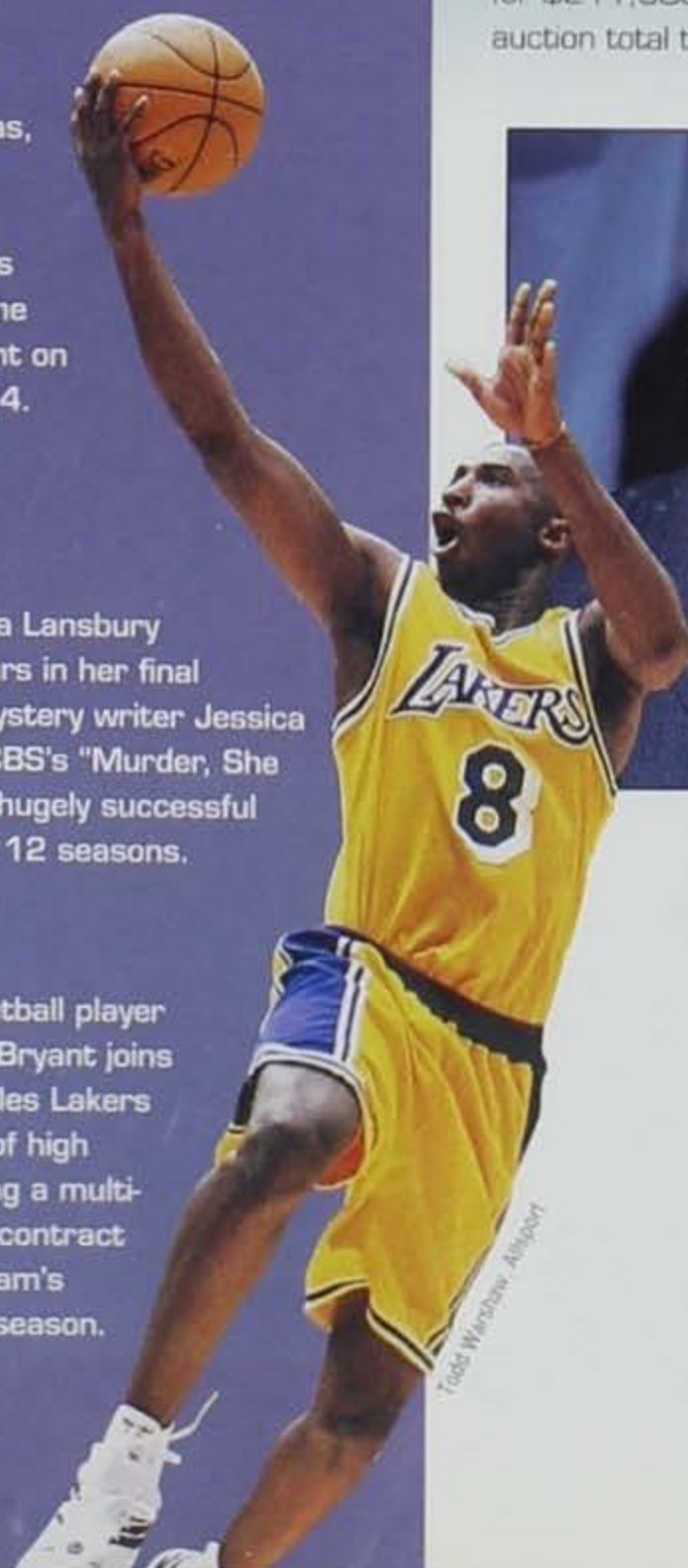
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



Universal City from Shooting Star

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

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



Todd Winnow; Allsport

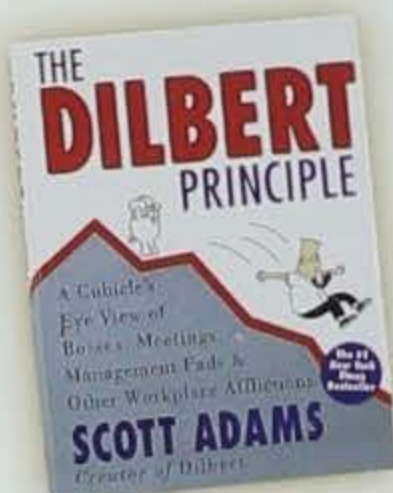


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As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



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



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

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

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

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

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



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

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

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



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

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

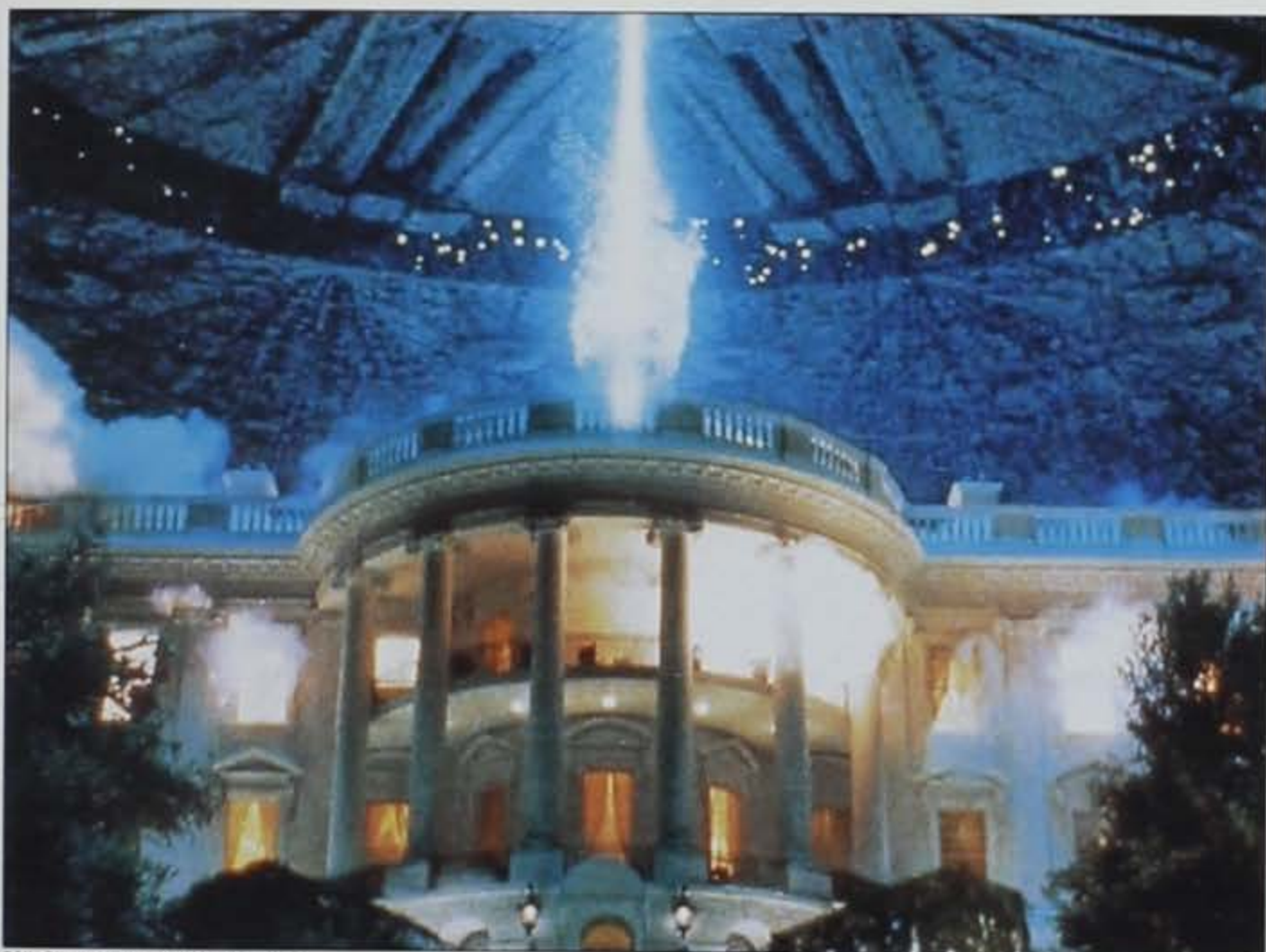
Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



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



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

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

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



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

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

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



NBC from Shooting Star

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

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



CBS from Shooting Star

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



Warner Bros. from Kobal

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

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



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

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

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



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

Gary Malerba, LGI



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



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



Kipa, LGI

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



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

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



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



Reuters/Archive Photos

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



Steve Jennings, LGI

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

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



Adelle Starr, LGI

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



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

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



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

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



Reuters/Archive Photos

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



Neil Preston, Retna

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



Adelle Starr, LGI

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



AP/Wide World

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



James L. Lance, LGI

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

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



Beck, LGI

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

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

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

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

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

AP/Wide World



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



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

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



Al Bello, Allsport



Reuters/Archive Photos

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

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

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



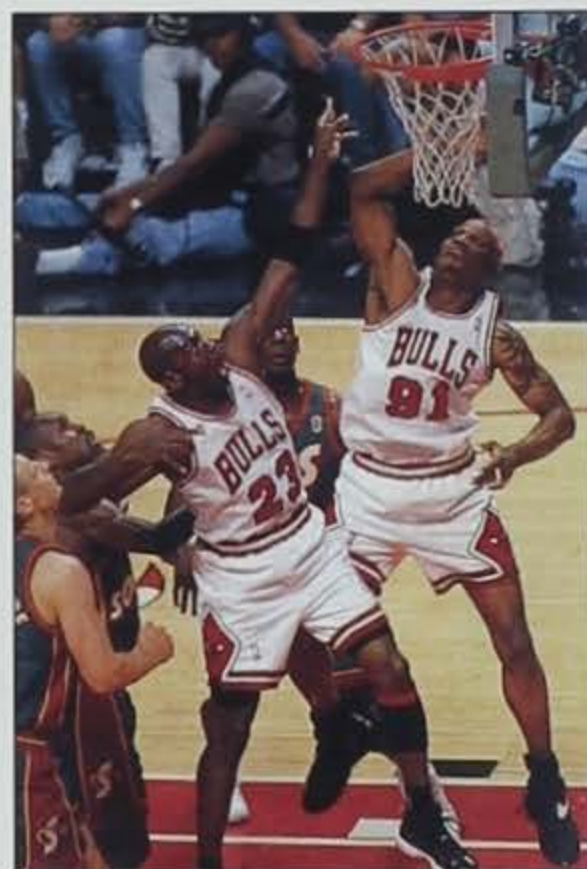
AP/Wide World

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

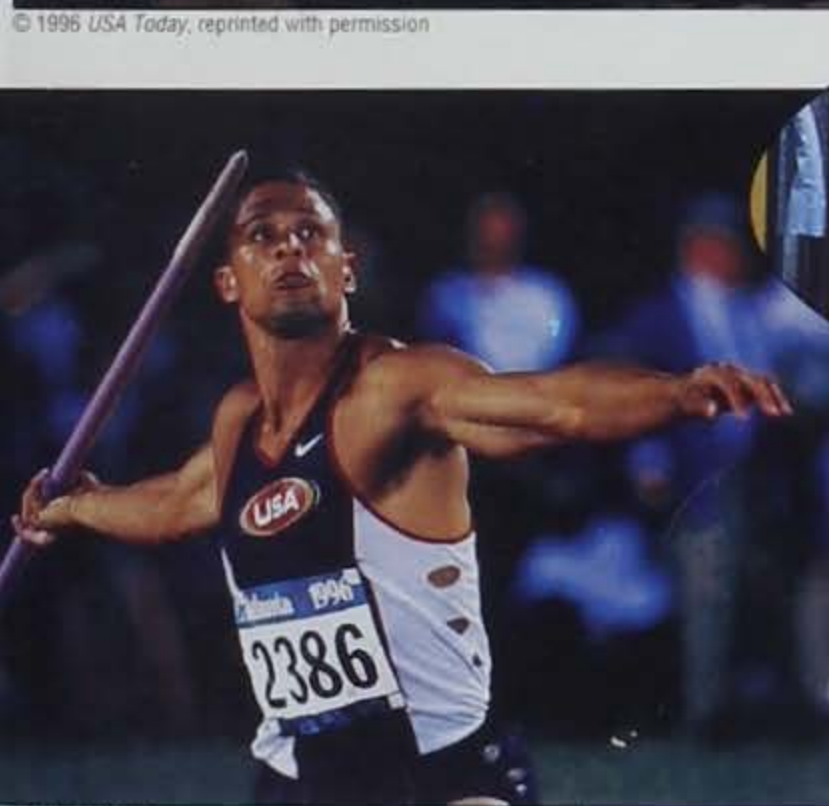


The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

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



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



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

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



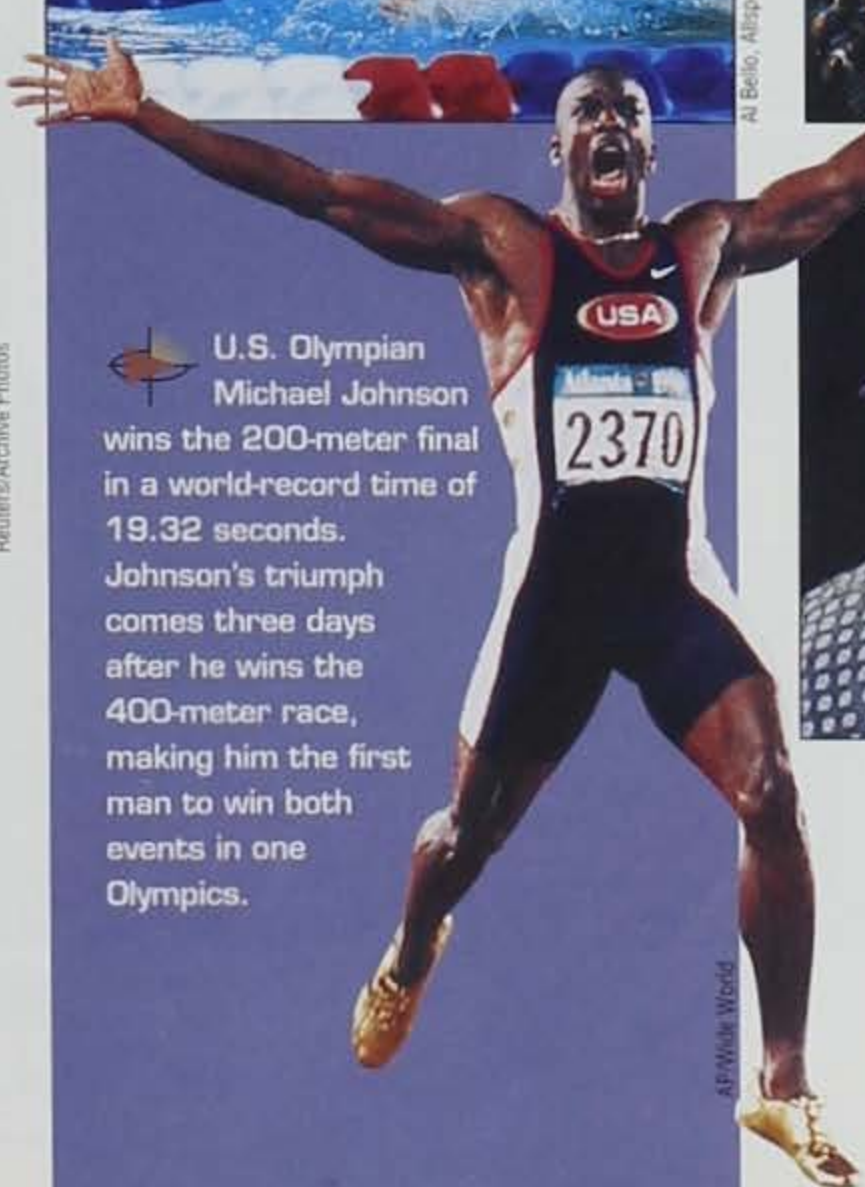
Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

My Twinn Doll Company



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



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



Motica Almeida, NYT Pictures

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



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



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

Disney's 101

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



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Maintenance and custodial engineers Dennis Carzoli, Sharon Hunziker, Jan Walker, and Tom Kochheiser keep the school clean and repair damaged lockers.

S Faculty

With nine lunch ladies, the lines go faster this year. The lunch ladies served students a variety of food during the noon hour from Taco Bell burritos to school pizza.



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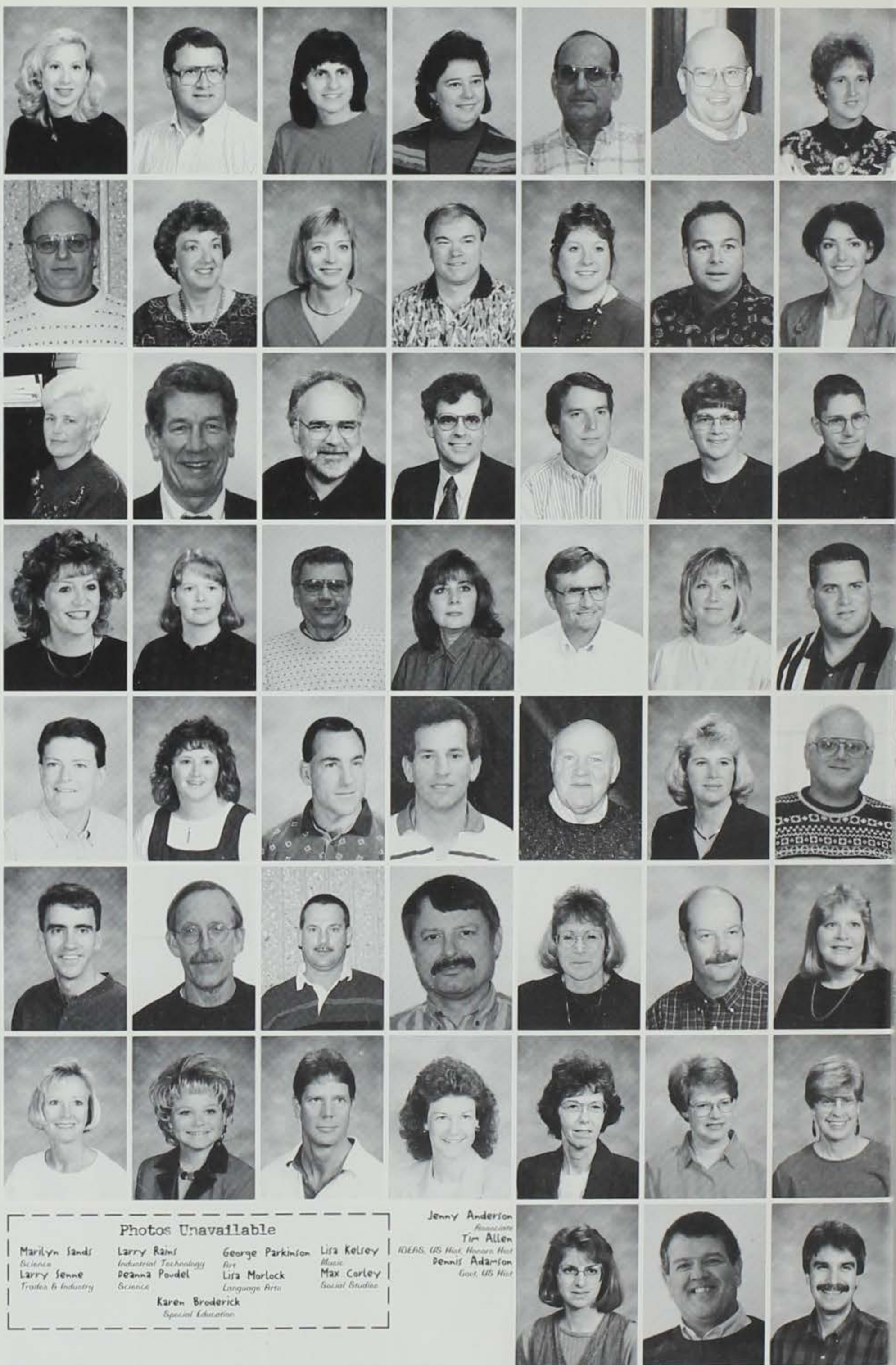
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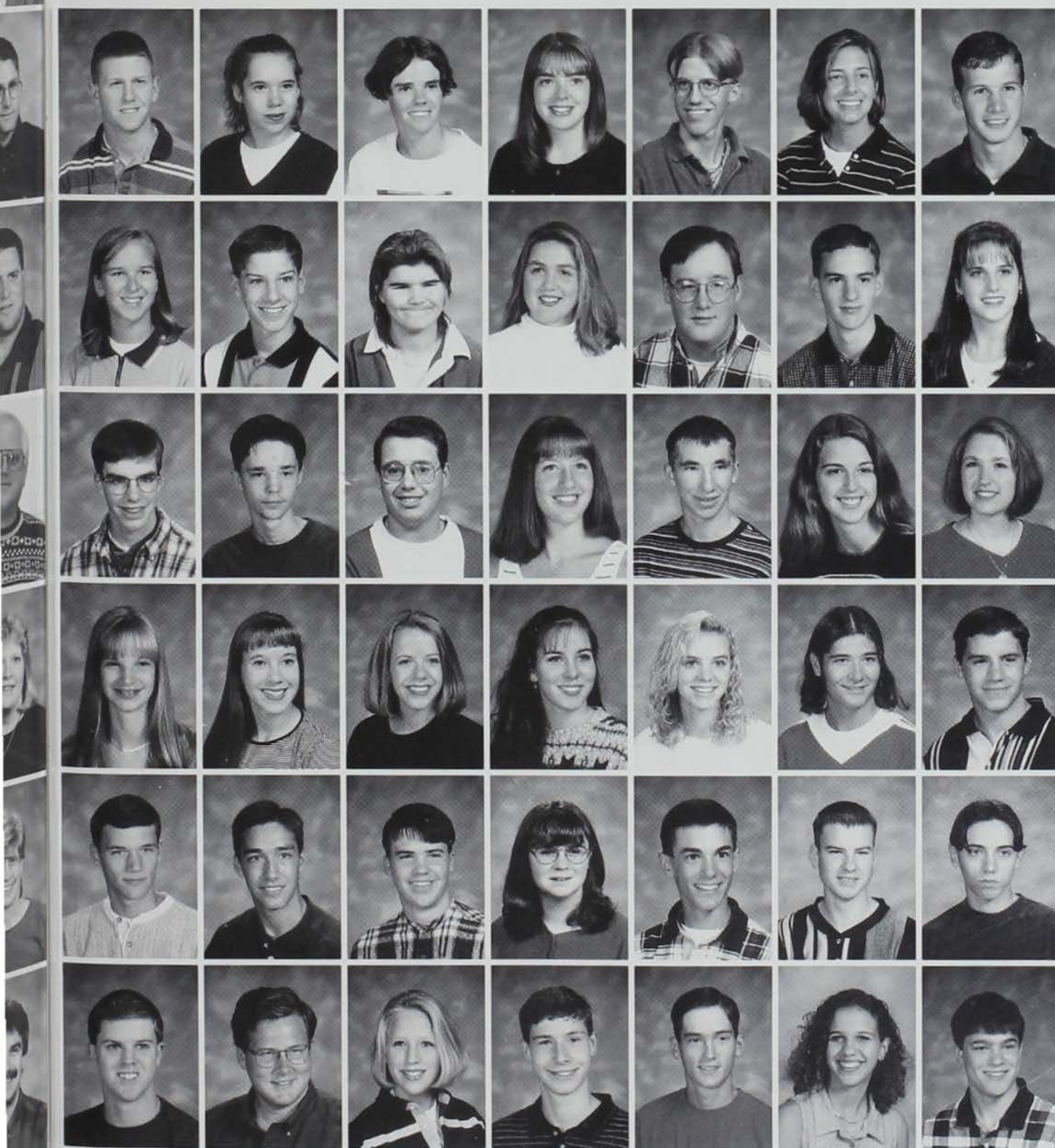
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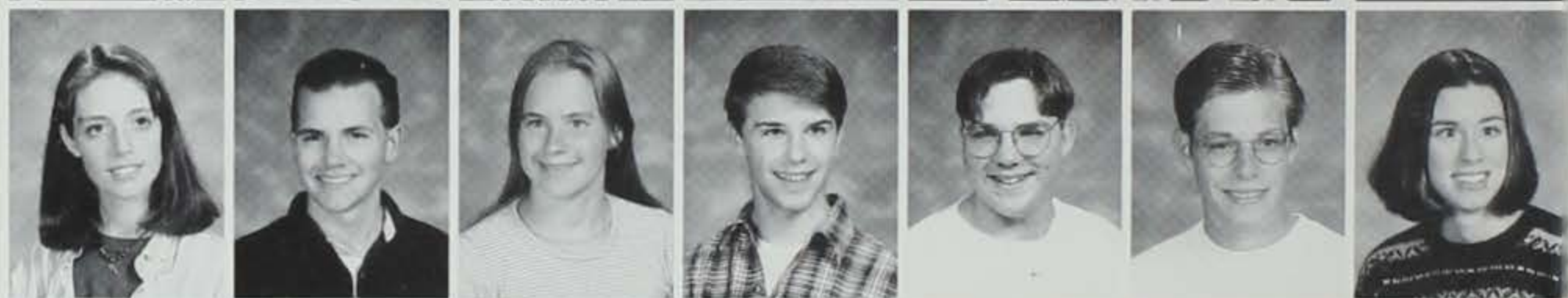
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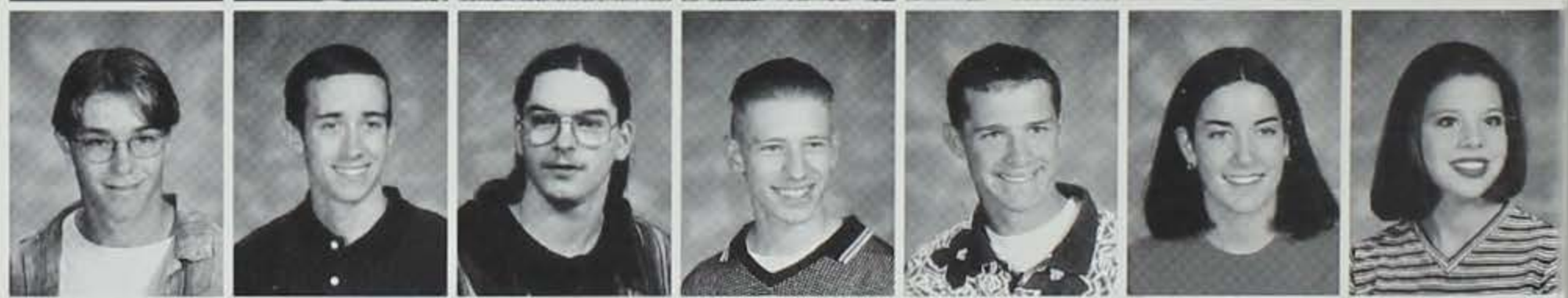
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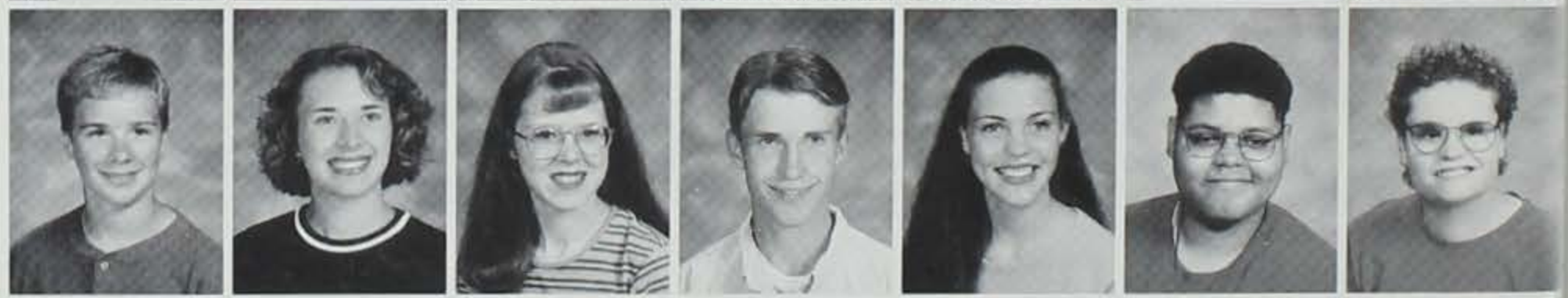
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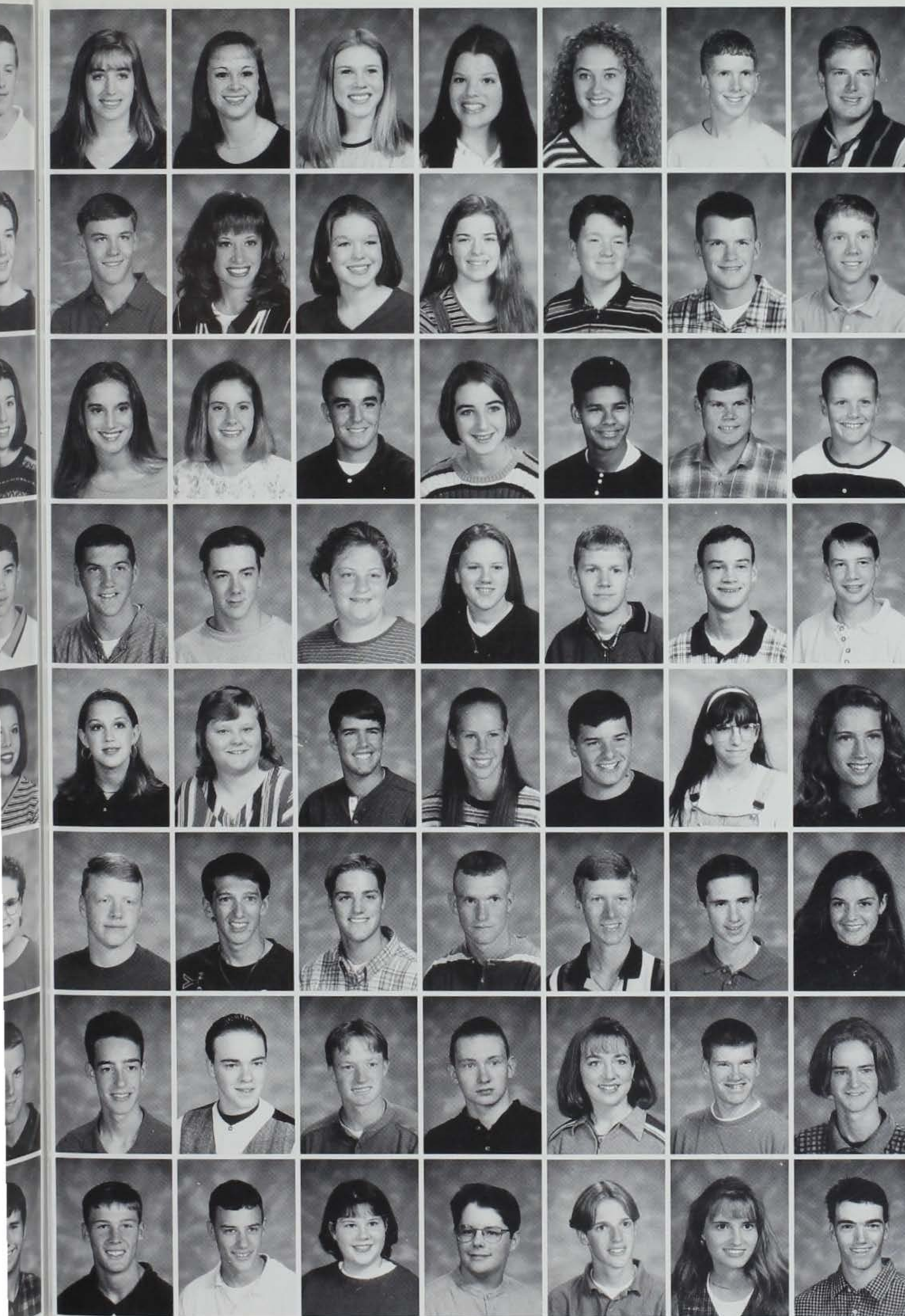


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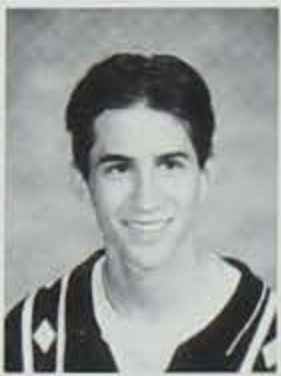
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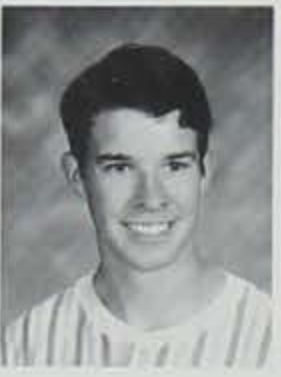
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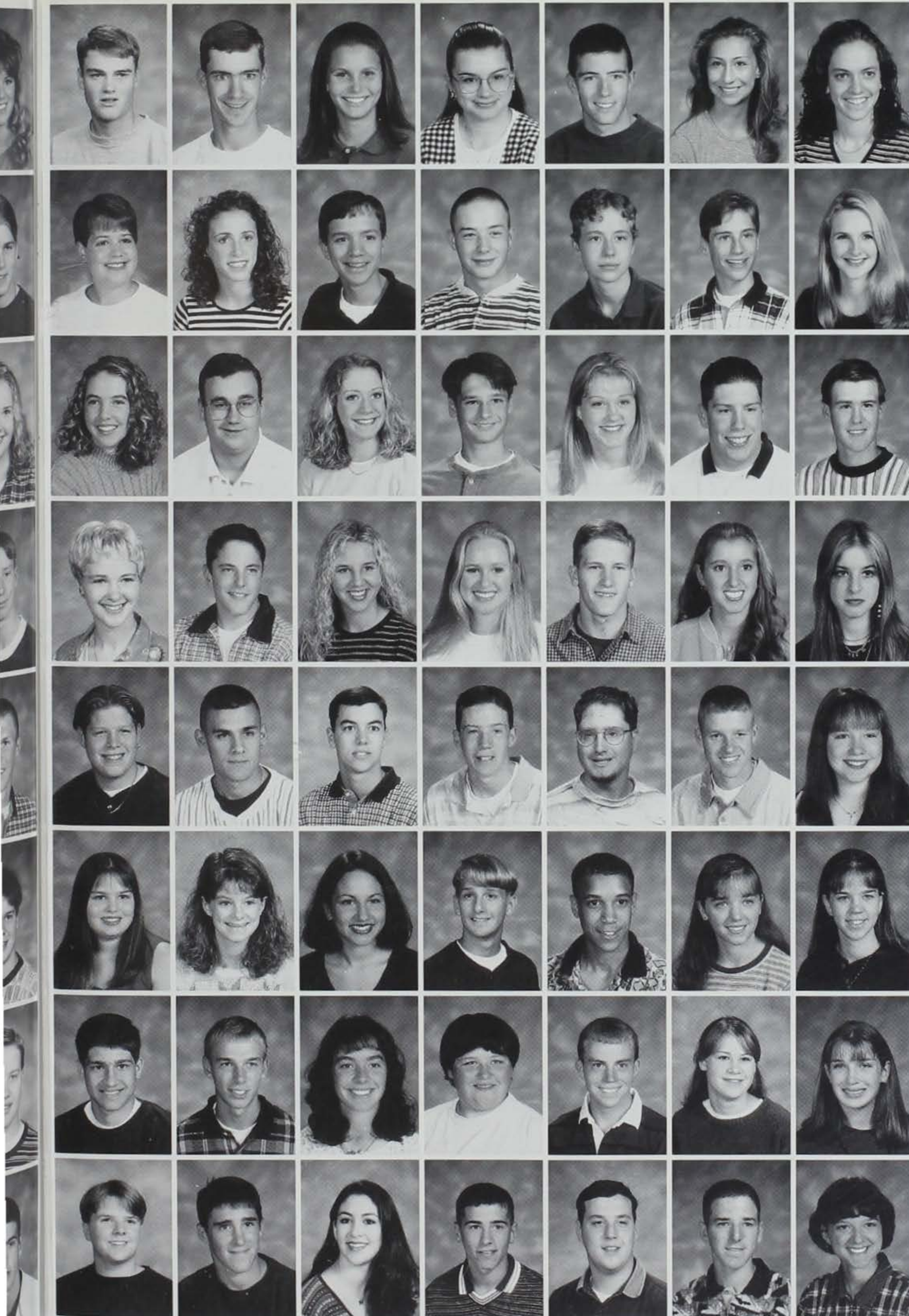


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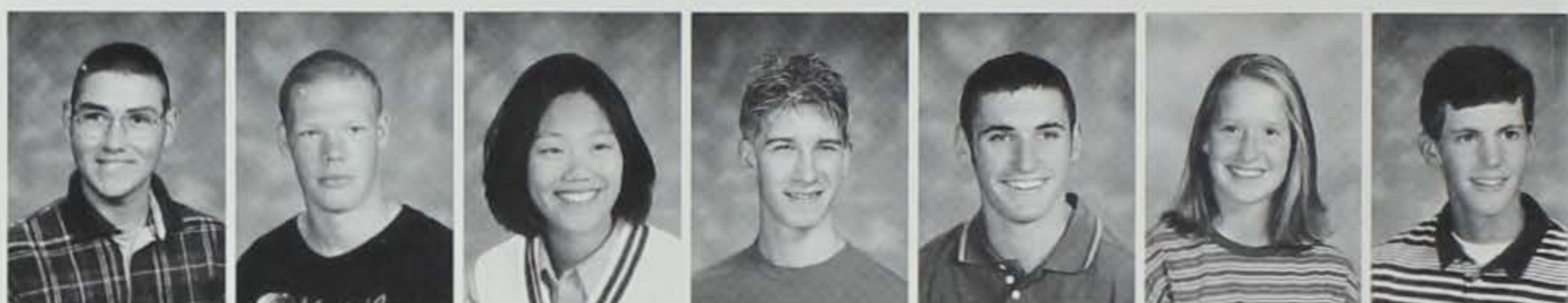
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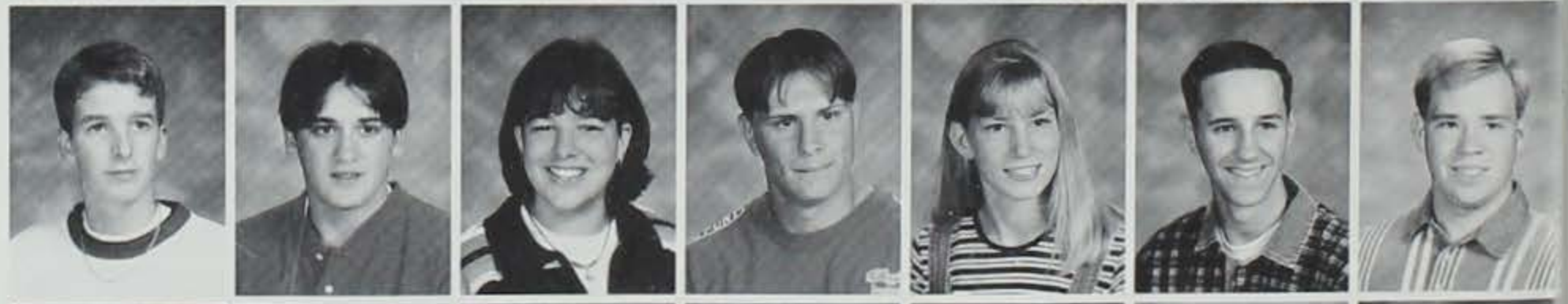
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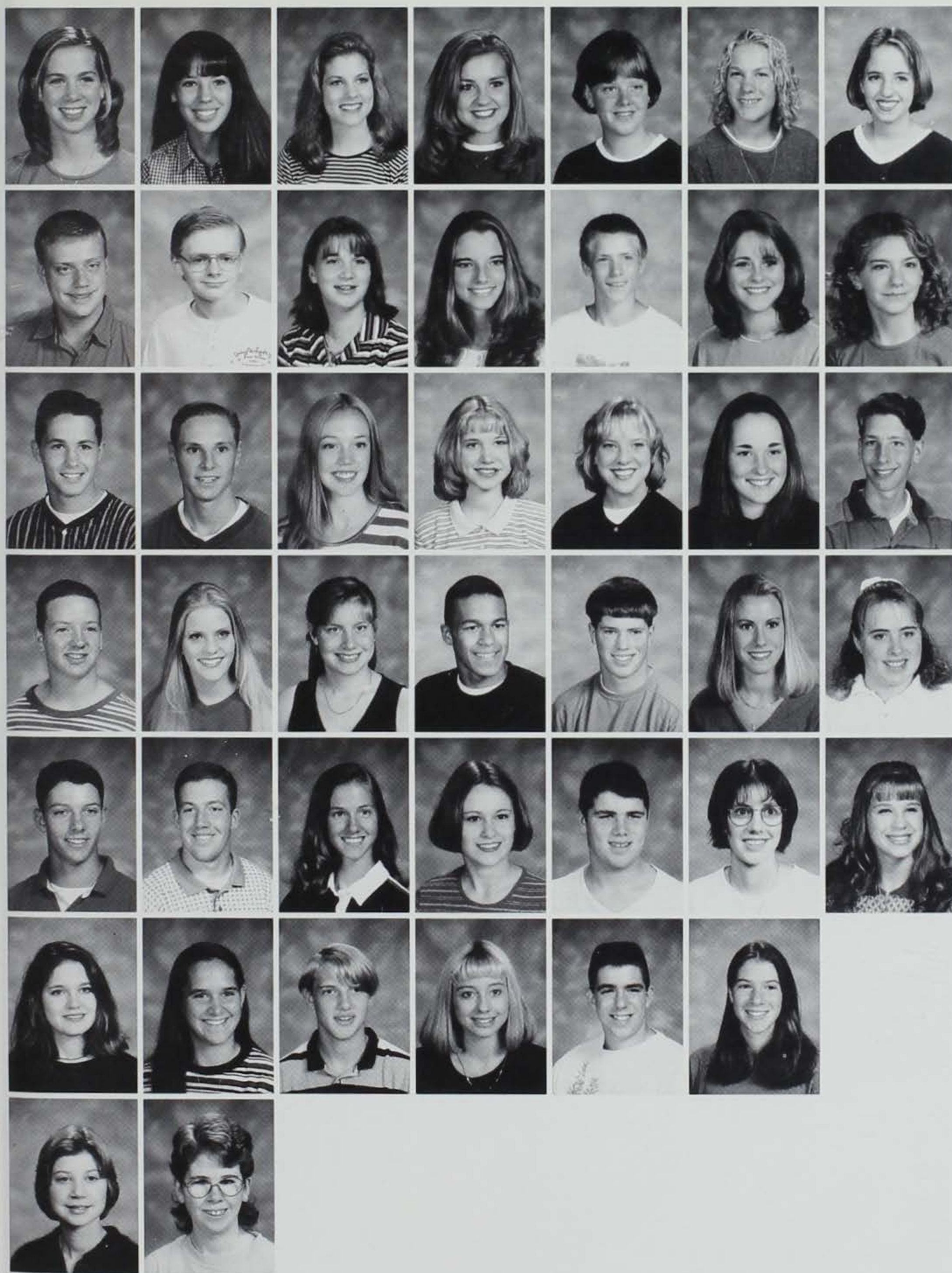


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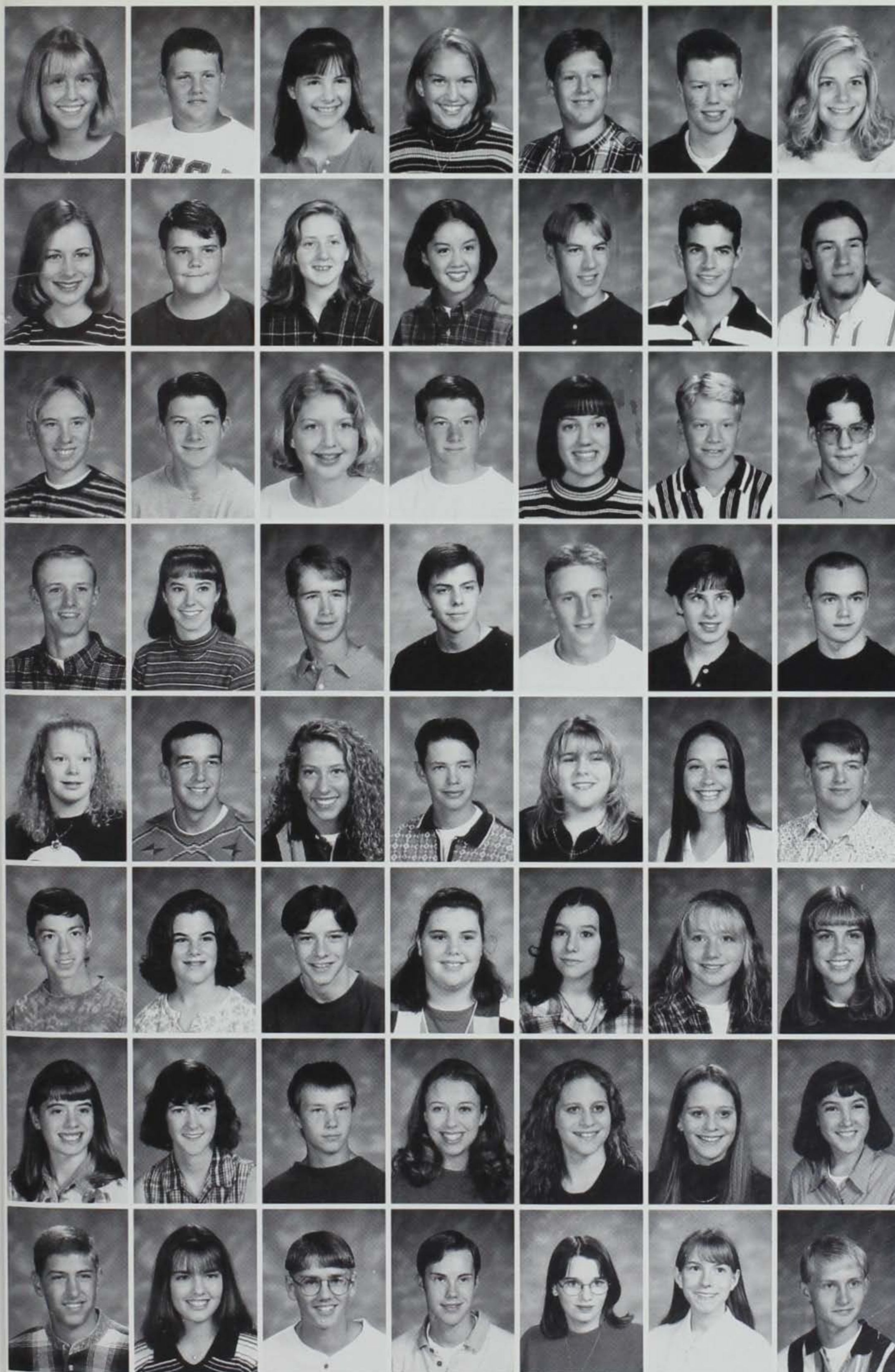


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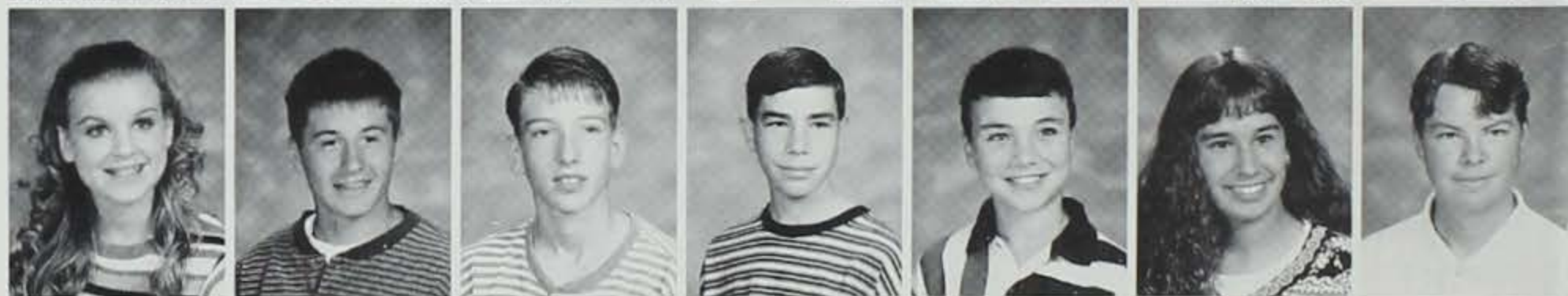
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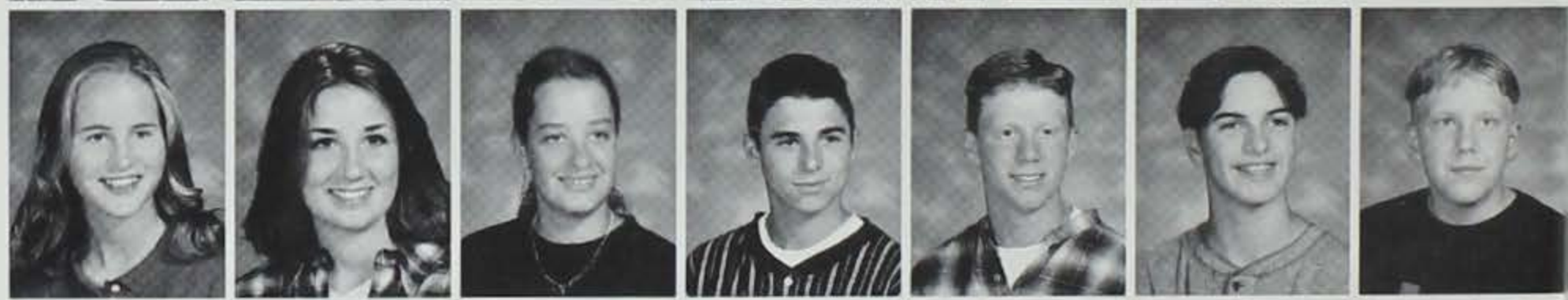
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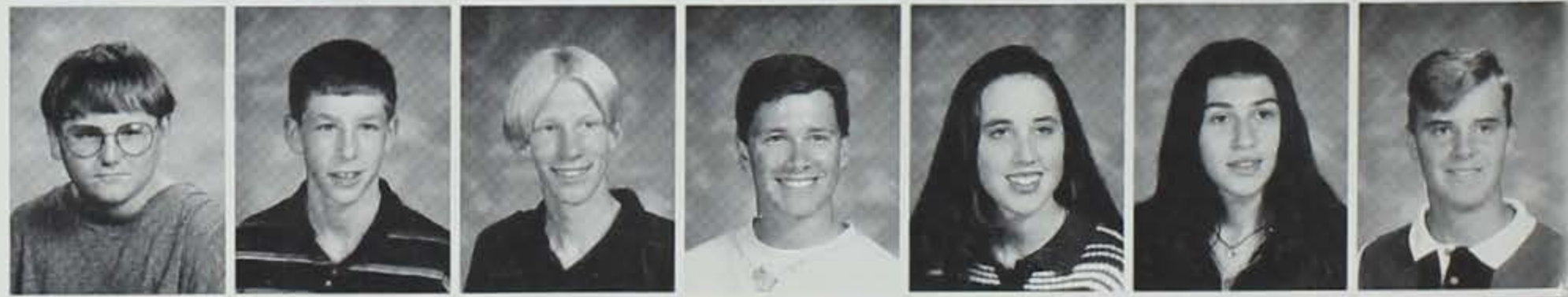
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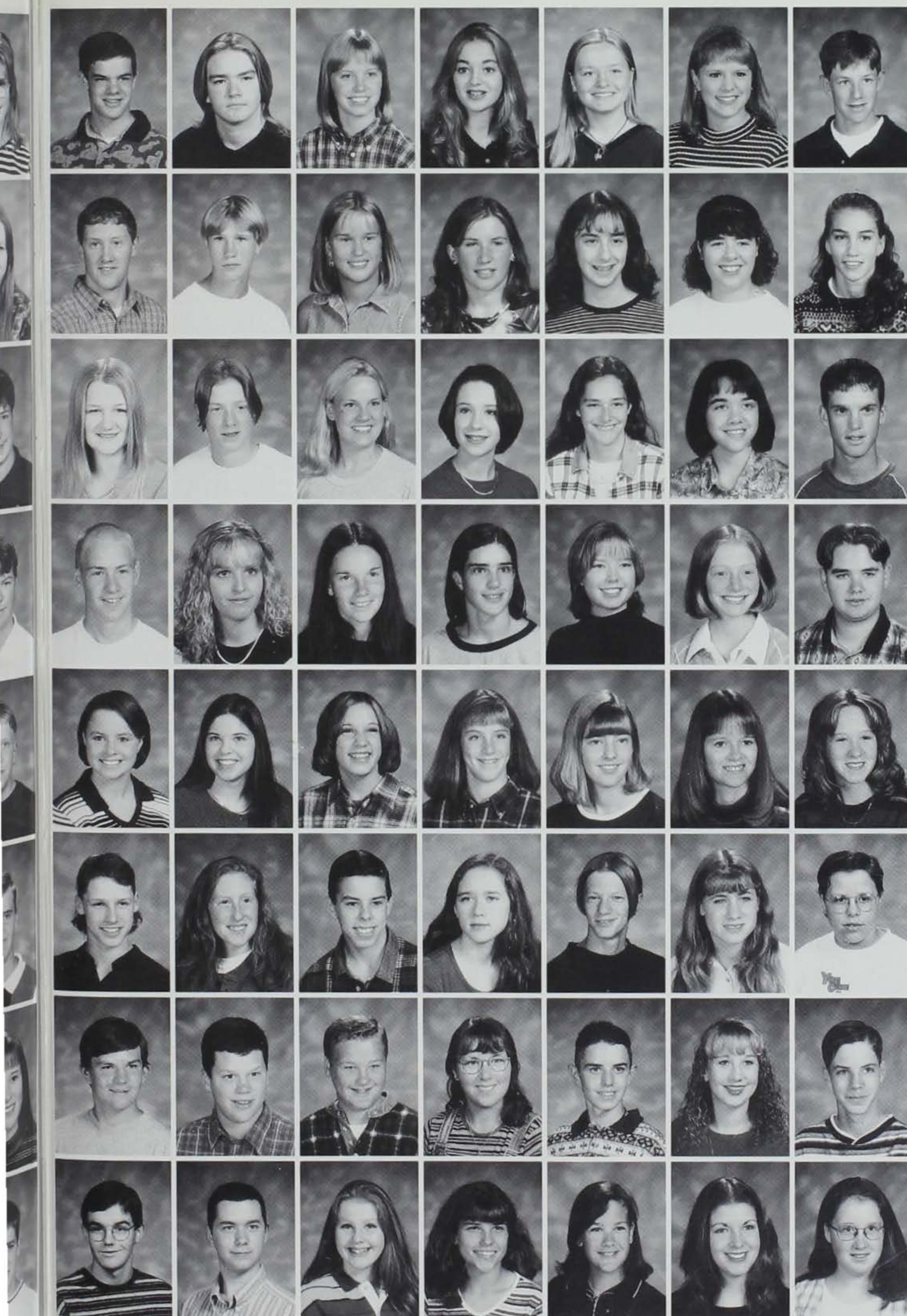


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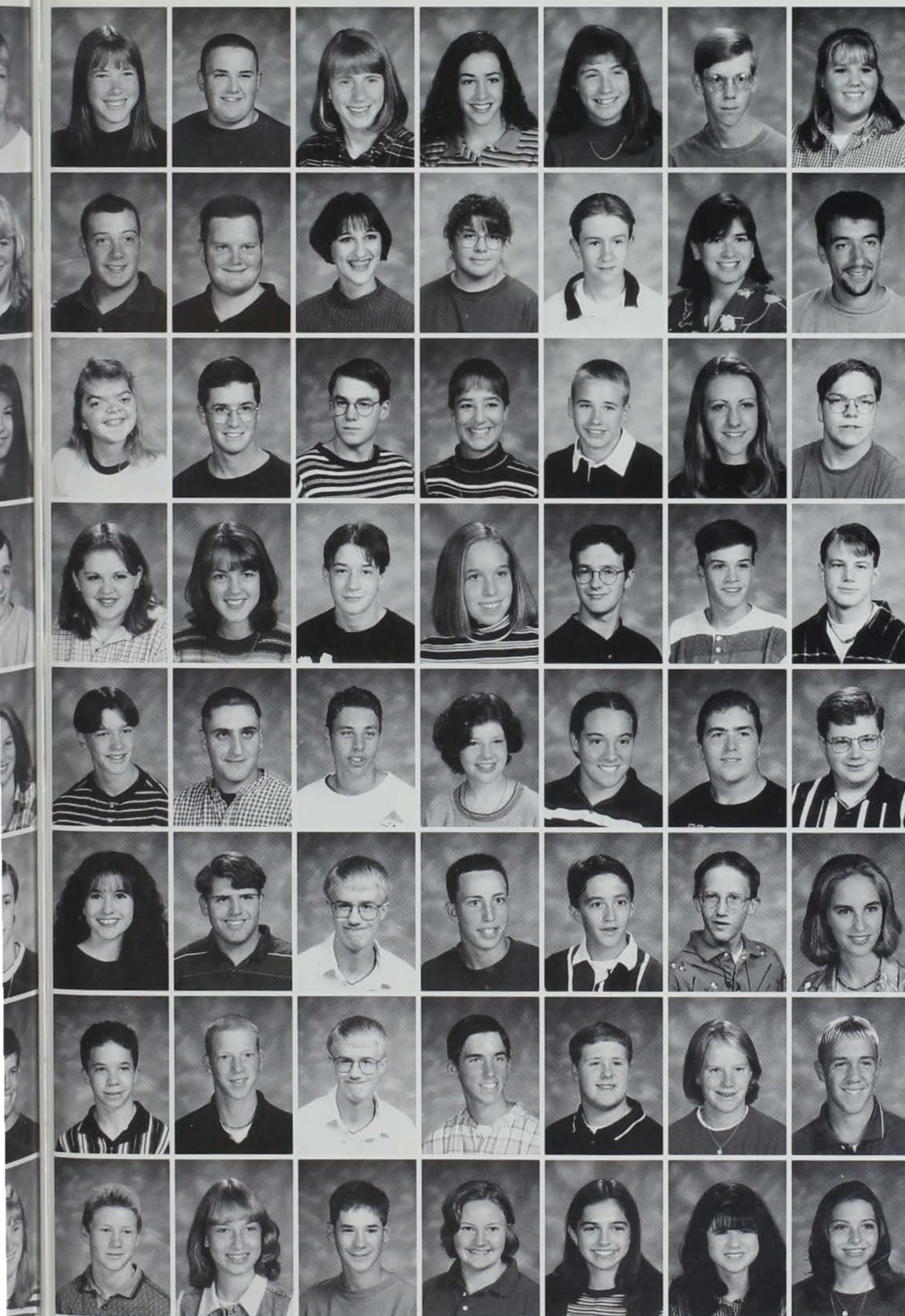


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Above left: Sophomores Joe Butchey, and Tim Schmee share a snack in the pit during lunch. **Above right:** one of Mrs. Fields' students reviews her notes during study hall in the lecture room. **Bottom right:** Students take a test during Mrs. Fields' sophomore English class.



Tom Kapaska

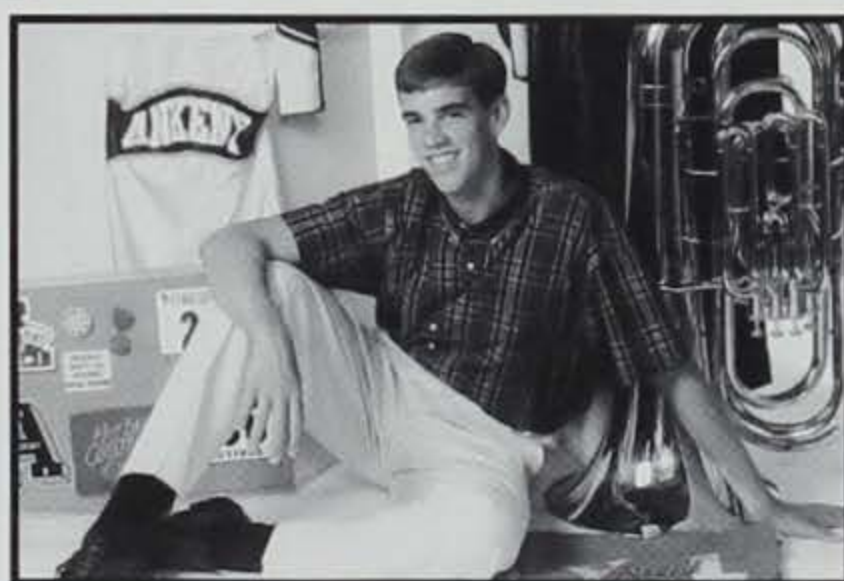


Tom,

*At times these hearts
are full of memories
with the common thread
being the joy you have
brought to our lives.
From this smiling baby
to this smiling, accom-
plished man, you have
filled our lives with
happiness.*

*You have discovered that life's
limitations are only those we place
upon ourselves. Therefore, Tom,
there are none. The future is yours
and it is bright. We are forever
great admirers.*

*With love and respect,
Mom, Dad, Carolyn, and Kate*



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Josh Snyder



*Achieving goals has always been
important to you. You've accom-
plished many, but have a lot more
ahead. You're such a special
person. We wish you success and
happiness in everything you do.*

We're gonna miss you!

We love you so much!

Mom, Steve, Shane and Travis

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Meghan Dickson



Meghan,

*You have given us so much
joy these past eighteen years.
You have truly been a gift
from God. Your great atti-
tude and work ethic are your
allies. Remember, your most
important future task is to be.*

Love,

Mom & Dad



Laura Junod



Congratulations Laura!

You are a wonderful daughter, and we are so proud of your hard work, determination, and positive attitude. The great qualities will lead you to many successes in life! We admire you and love you lots.

Love,

*Mom and Dad
Michelle and Erica*

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*Michael
Bright, Creative
Silly, Sensitive, Inquisitive
Loving, Caring, Kind
Positive, Intuitive
Loved*

*We are so proud of you. You
make our lives complete.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lizzy*

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Scott Crawford

Congratulations Scott Alexander Crawford



You've been a joy from the day you were born, even when you got your foot (complete with white leather high tops) caught in your Aunt Linda's toilet. •Scott's first day of kindergarten and now... a GRADUATE! •Scott started practicing his driving skill at an early age but found the SPEED LIMIT concept

hard to grasp. •We've enjoyed watching you grow into a fine young gentleman and are proud of all of your accomplishments. GOOD LUCK at ISU. You'll make a great little cyclone.



*Love,
Mom & Dad, Jenny, Natalie, Nicholas*

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Shannon Copp



Shannon:

*We wish you happiness always as
you strive to meet your goals.
You have brought us much joy,
and we are extremely proud of
you! May all of your dreams
come true,*

*We love you Missy,
Mom and Dad*

Sara Duncan

Sara,

**It seems like only
yesterday we were
sending you off to
kindergarten. We
are proud of what
you've accom-
plished and the ob-
stacles you've**

over come. Good luck in your life ahead. We love you!

Mom & Dad



Jon Reberry



Jon,

**Congratulations! Once again,
we're very proud of you. May your
many talents, strong faith, and love
of life continue to make a difference
to the people around you. No matter
where you go and what you do,
never forget how much we love you!**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, and Megan**



Angie Spooner



**Angie,
You are the sunshine of
our lives!
We love you.
Mom, Dad and Jenny**



Tiff Weiler



Tiff,

Our wish for you is that you receive all the happiness and success you deserve. We are very proud of the beautiful and thoughtful person you have grown up to be. Our love will always be with you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, and T.J.



Julie Struve



Julie,

You bring sunshine and happiness everyday to our lives. You continue to teach us and the world around you, about love and what is most important in life. You have worked very hard for your successes and have many friends because of your smile and warm personality.

Congratulations on your high school graduation!

*We love you very much,
Dad, Mom & Ryan*

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Andrew Lynch



Andy,

We knew you had special qualities from day one! Over the years you've brought us much joy and excitement in sharing the experiences of your many successes. Your commitment and dedication along with your brand of charm

and personality have you poised now for even greater achievements. We know you'll be a great success in whatever you take on, and we want you to know our support for you is unwavering and you can count on your family to be here for you.

May God bless you in all that you do.

Love,

*Dad, Mom,
Stefanie &
Misty*



Christopher Degner

CHRIS,

From East Elementary to AHS it's been



13 years of pride and pleasure watching you grow to be a special young man with un-

limited potential. Keep working hard and striving to do your best-your dreams will come true. Best of luck as you continue your education.

*WE LOVE YOU,
Mom and Dad*

Lori Whitlatch

Lori,

*It seems
like only
yesterday
you were*



going off to your first day of kindergarten, and now you are going off to college. We are very proud of you and love you very much.



*Mom & Dad
Crystal
& Dawn*

Tressa Carroll



*"Growing into quite a beautiful young lady"
From Mom and Dad*





Kim Cheney

Kim,

1997 is a special year for you!



I am very proud of you. You have always been a strong and independent person. May you always find happiness and peace of mind on your journey through life. Remember: "Don't ever give up." You have a lot going for you.

*Your Best Friend,
Mom*

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Pascale Bonnefil

Pascale,

Since you were a baby, you have always entertained everyone and made them laugh! We love you a lot as your



are a very special person. We are proud of the kind heart you possess and the young lady you are!

Mom, Dad, and Natalie



Cheri Willardson



Cheri,

You have brought great joy to our lives. May all your dreams come true.

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Mom & Tom*

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Jeremy,

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Aaron,

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Jenny,

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Dad and Mom



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Angela Krug



Angie,

How did we get to this point in time so quickly? We watched you grow through silliness, tears, sulks and laughter, always feeling tremendous joy and pride that you were ours. You've become a young woman with outstanding potential, and now, though reluctant, it is time we let you go to find your dreams. We love you more than you can ever know!

Mom, Dad, & Amy



Jenni Adams

Dear Jennifer,

A little girl, a little small for her age
 A little to slow for the filed day race
 Momma's waiting at the finish line
 And wipes the tear drops from her eyes
 She says, "You did just fine honey", that's okay
 Sometimes life's just that way
 You're gonna lose the race from time to time
 But you're always gonna find
 You can't lose me
 Bet your life
 I am here and I will always be
 Just a wish away
 Wherever you go
 No matter how far
 My love is where you are
 You can't be lost if you believe
 You can't lose me.



We are so proud of all that you are and all that you will become.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Nick

Gina Gelatti



Dear Gina,

What a joy! What a delight! From sweet little baby to grown-up graduate. You have made us proud in so many ways. Your outstanding goals and achievements are a sign of your determination to be successful in life. We'll always be here for you - to cheer you on and to give you love and support in all your dreams.

All Our Love,
Mom and Dad

Amea Ashmore



Yeah,
Amea!



Love you Always-Forever,
Mom, Dad, & Stephanie

Sharla Danielson



Sharla,

Living with you for the past 16 years
has been... interesting. Just remember,
when you go you will be missed.

Love,

Melissa

Kristin Kahn



Kristin,

Wherever you are it is your own family and friends who make your world! May your world be as happy as it was these last four years.

Love,

Dad, Ma,
Kari & Bobby

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Josh Stille



Joshua,

Congratulations! Remember, you're a great kid who will go far in whatever you decide to do. We're very proud of you and your accomplishments-and we know there's even greater things to come.

**We love you,
Mom and Dad**



Jon Zuber



Jon,

We thank the Lord for giving you to us and trust you will accomplish great things! Just as you have challenged us, may you challenge life and succeed. We are proud of you for all your hard work.

**Our Love Always,
Mom, Dad and Jeremy**



Kimberly Forrest

Kim,

We're so proud of the woman you've become,



but you'll always be our beautiful baby!

*We love you,
Mom, Dad, Andy, and
Hannah*



Brooke Gentz

Brooke,

So many times in so many ways, you've made us



proud! May your future be filled with happiness and success.

*Love you always,
Dad, Mom and Mikaela*

Kevin Immel



Kevin,

It seems like only a moment ago you were graduating from preschool, and now you are graduating from high school! Through the years you and your friends have provided our family with much joy. It has truly been a pleasure watching you grow into such a wonderful young man. We love you and are so very proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Brett, Molly and Kyle

Benjamin Jones



Ben,

We are so proud of you and of all you've accomplished. You have the talent and drive to succeed. Thank you for the gift you have been to us. We will miss you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Bry and Britt



Amanda Gibbons



Congratulations!

You've worked hard to achieve your goals and you're ready for the next big step in your life. Remember the lessons you've learned about hard work and setting goals in your studies, colorguard, swimming and singing. May success and happiness be yours.

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Sean

Sara Oswald

Sara,

It seems like just yesterday that I watched you take your first steps. I blinked and you became a young woman, ready to take your first steps once again. We have been through a lot together, you and I. I am so proud of you and know you can reach your goals. Just remember we will always be here for you when you need us.

We love you, Scoots.

Mom, Lindsey, and Chelsey



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J Starr

“ J ”

Such big ideas for such a little boy! Life hasn't been dull since you introduced us to parenthood.



We are very proud of you!
 Good luck in all of your adventures!

Love,
 Dad, Mom and Lana



Shawn Hamersley

Shawn

The years have passed by so quickly. We're proud of your determination and achievements, including track. As you begin college, we wish you the best of luck. Thanks for so many great memories. We're looking forward to the new ones you will give us.



Love,
 Mom and Dad



Meghann VanAuwelaer

Dear Meghann,



God bless you on
 your way.

Love,
 Dad & Mom

Jennifer Waldschmitt



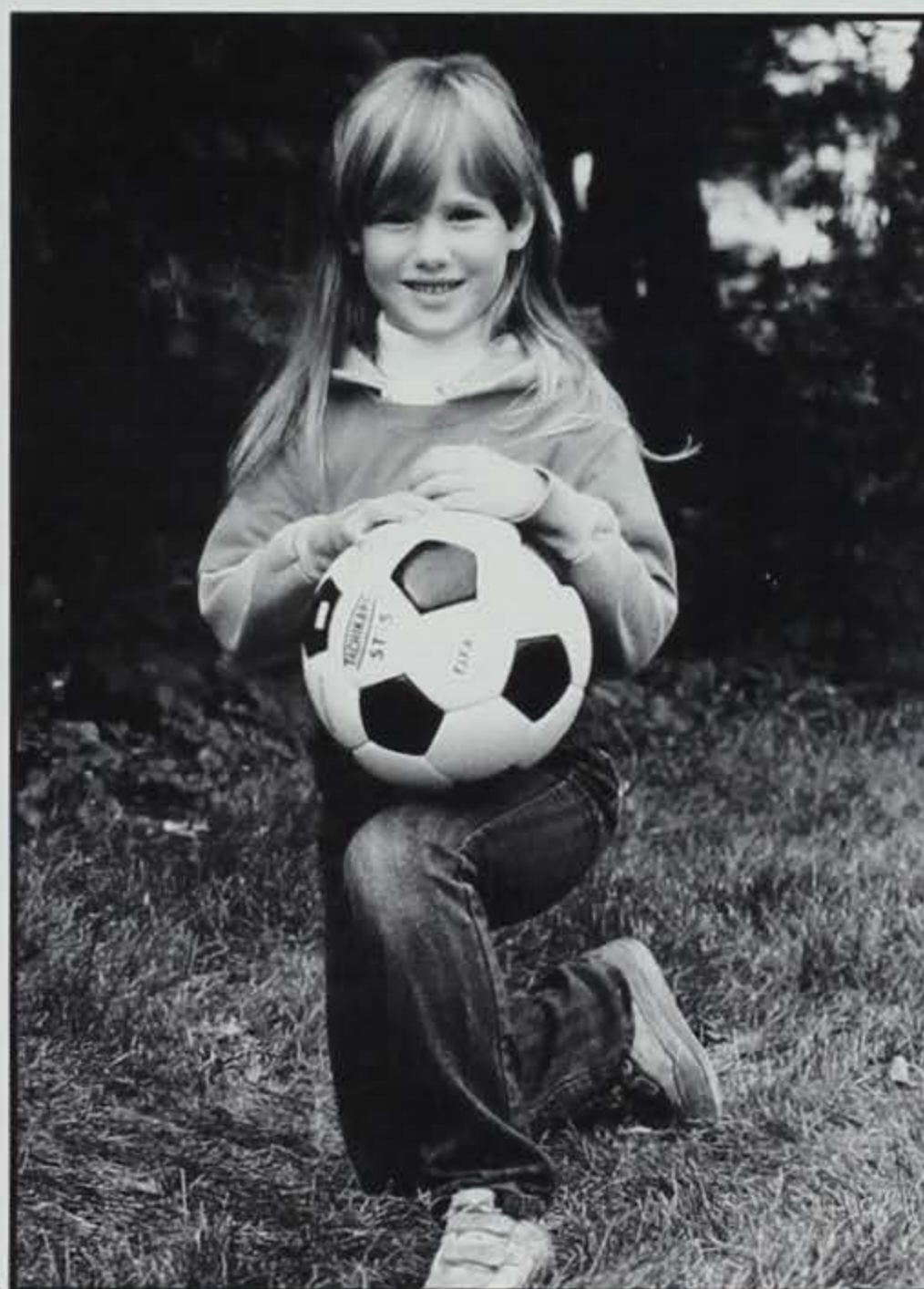
*Dearest
Jennifer,*

*The same heart melting smile,
The same sparkle in her eyes.
Turning in her crayons for
computers,
And coloring books for Account-
ing Ledgers.
Best of luck in
whatever you
do!*

*Mom, Dad,
Tim, Jeff, and
Matthew*



Heidi Kautza



HEIDI,

**REMEMBER,
"OBSTACLES ARE
THOSE FRIGHTFUL
THINGS YOU SEE
WHEN YOU TAKE
YOUR EYES OFF
YOUR GOAL!"
FEAR NOT, STAY
FOCUSED, AND
YOU'LL ACHIEVE
YOUR GOALS.
WE'RE YOUR NUM-
BER 1 FANS!!!**

**LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM, DAD,
ANDREA, & BEN**

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Maggie,

From kindergarten to graduation, you have truly been our pride and joy. As you go on to meet new



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remember, "He'll never let you down, and He'll never let you go."

Love,

Mom and Dad

Brandi, Shannon, Jenny, Cheri, Jessica, Gail, Maggie

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Dad, Mom, and Matt

Brooke Silliman

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You've come
a long way!

Love,
Dad & Mom



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To: Jared Beard
From: Your Family



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Sarah,

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Love you,
Mom, Bryan, Laura, & Ben

Mackenzie Willey



Mackenzie,

We are very proud of you. Congratulations on all you have accomplished.

Kenzie- Thanks for being you.

Love,

Mom, Randy, Dad and Joy,
Chris, Matt, Meagan, and Brooke



POSITIVE

EXPECTATIONS



Life may get better,
but it is hard to
conceive. Ankeny

High School experienced the worst and best life has to offer—from the deaths of classmates to the sweet, delicious exultation of KNOWING we were the best. In the microcosm of this society, we developed, we changed, we grew. And now we're ready.

As the class of 1997 we're ready to venture forth into a new chapter in our lives, and we go with a proven track record of excellence, perseverance, and creativity that will assist us in whatever path we choose to follow. As underclassmen, we're ready to take over the leadership roles that have been left vacant; we're ready to pick up the mantle and traditions of Ankeny High School and take this school to an even higher level of excellence. We aren't worried about how to fill the shoes that walked the hallways before us; we're ready to run with the baton farther and faster than any who ran the race ahead of us.

As faculty, administration, and staff, we deal with a myriad of emotions, from melancholy with the end of the year wrap-ups and the farewells to those students with whom we've shared our lives over the past years to the eager anticipation for what lies ahead with the coming school year. Life. Each year it's the same, and yet it's not. Whatever the case, we're ready for what lies ahead. We expect the unexpected.

Expect the Unexpected



IT WAS THE YEAR OF THE
UNEXPECTED, BUT WE
LIVED WITH IT; WE SUR-
VIVED IT; WE EVEN GREW
FROM IT. NOW, WE JUST
EXPECT IT.



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