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96
Fiftieth Edition

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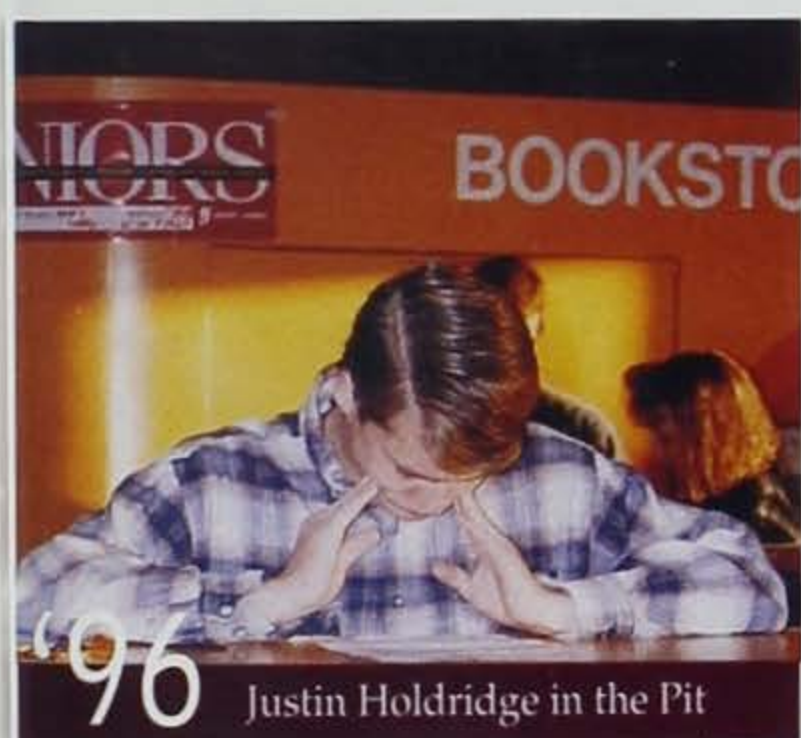
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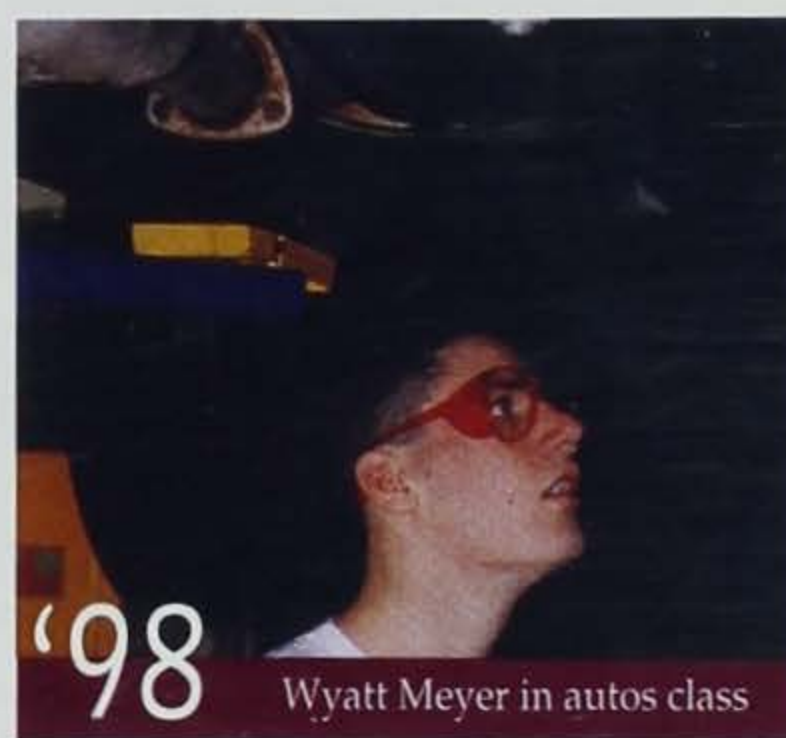
ACADEMICS. EXTRA-CURRICULAR. HERE **EVERYTHING'S BETTER.**



'96 Justin Holdridge in the Pit



'97 Danielle Strait in Social Studies



'98 Wyatt Meyer in autos class

Let NO ONE be fooled by this year's enrollment numbers--a high of 1,136, and a year-ending population of 1,040. That seems like a drastic dip from the overall 1,300 population mark AHS reached at one point, but keep in mind that this marked the first time in 10 years that Ankeny Senior High School included only students in grades 10-12. "I have two different ideas about it," said Assistant Principal Dr. Jan Beatty. "First of all, people feel better about it, about being in the building. It is noticeably less crowded and less tense. But I sometimes miss the energy and enthusiasm 9th graders have." • Of course, we still offered all the

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major sports throughout the year--from cross country to tennis. AHS did itself proud and was represented in state contests in almost every sporting event. •

Ankeny High's prowess in competition did not stop at sports. Clubs and organizations abounded this year, offering something for everyone. From student council to SADD to ecology club, whatever the interest, AHS had it. • And while we'll

never be able to cover all the major

events that occurred throughout the year - in the school, in the community, in the nation, and in the world - inside this 50th edition of *The Hawk* is captured the essence of life at Ankeny High School during the school year of 1995-1996.

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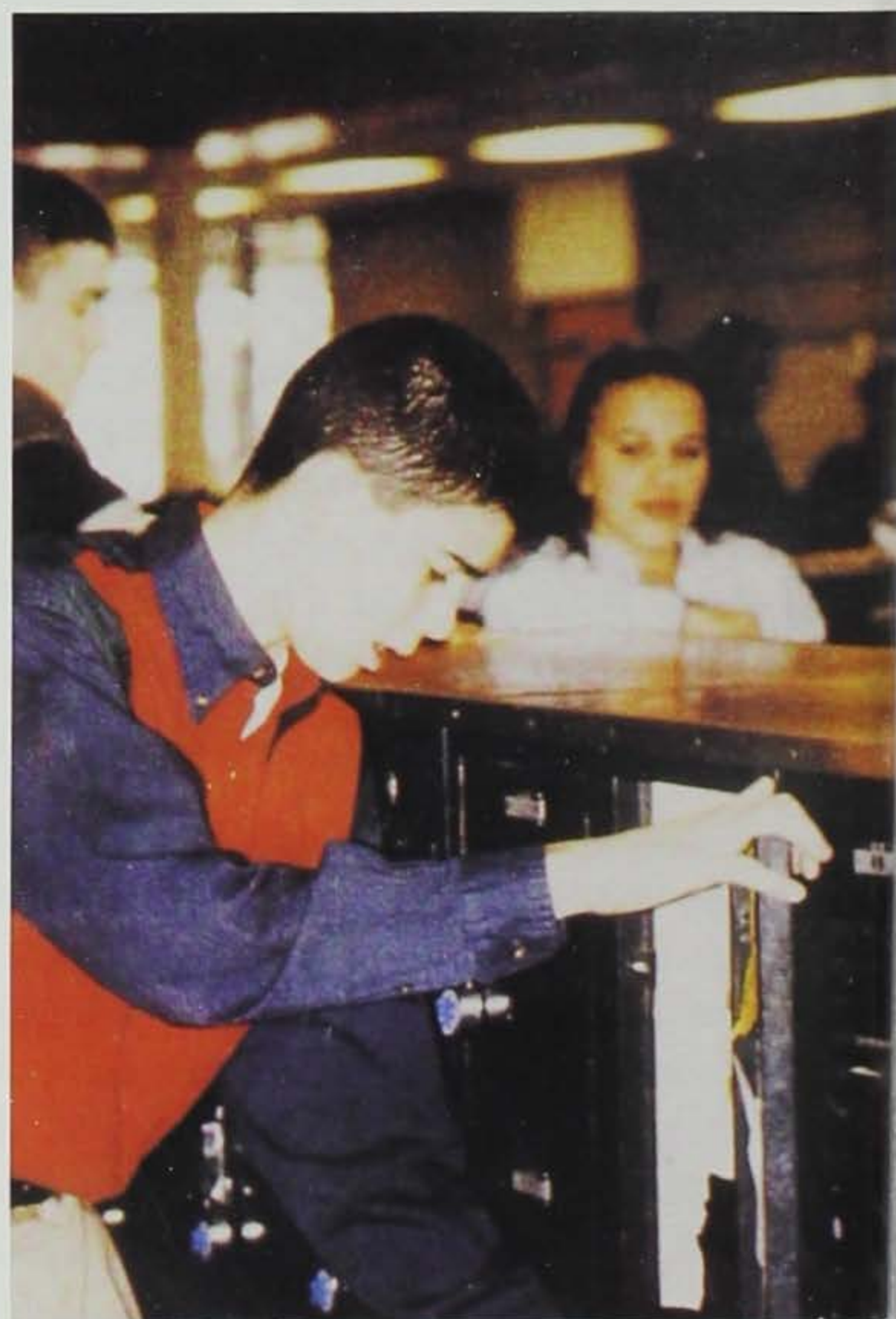
LARCED! Tim Schieb, '96, ends up serving some time in the LARC while Jay Williams, '96, and Matt Breitreutz, '96, look on. Students whose presence was requested in the (Language Arts Resource Center) often found themselves cleaning the boards.

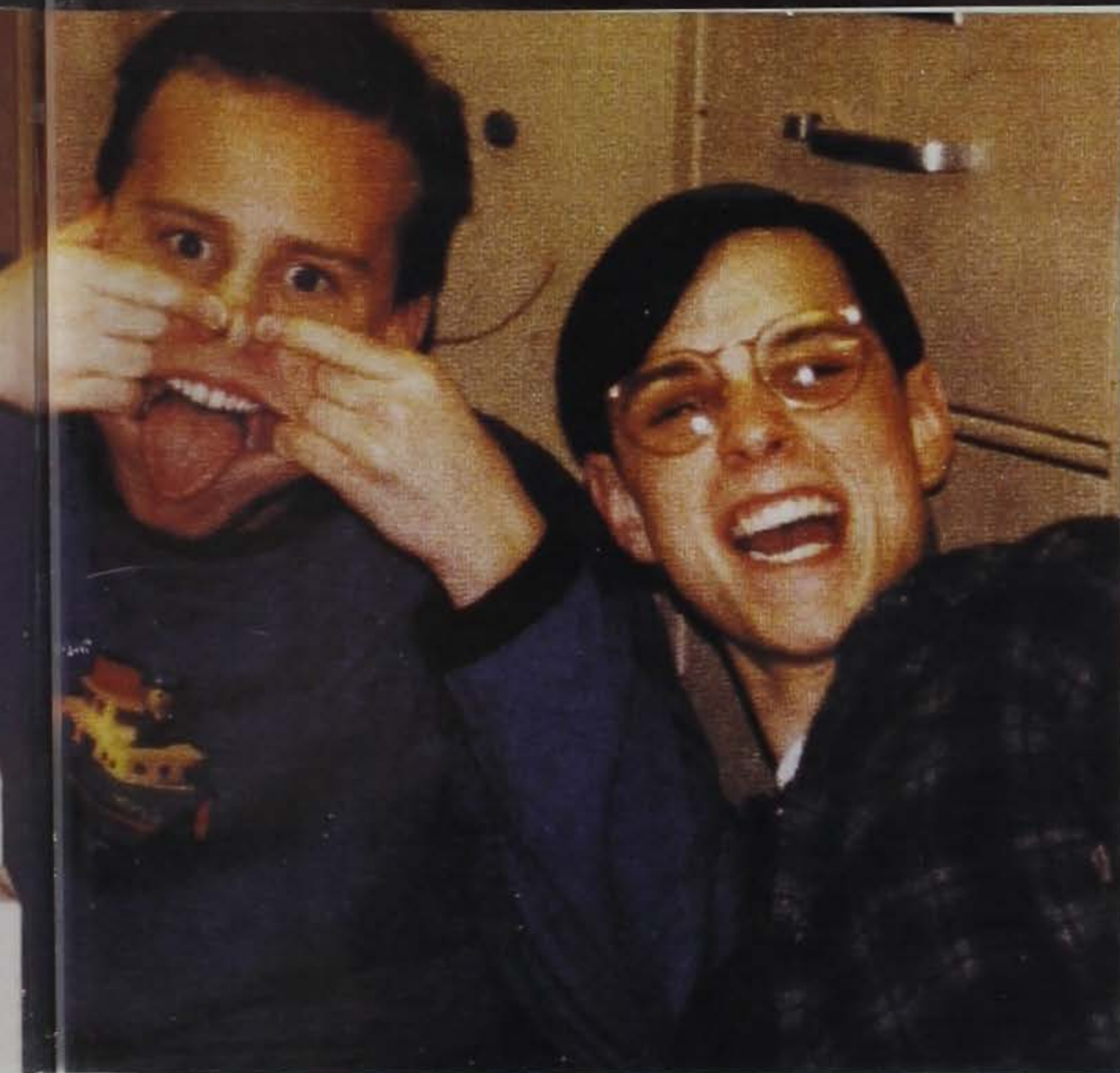
JUST CHILLING! Nate Miltenberger, '98, Joe Ferin, '9, and Bryce Good, '98, discuss plans for the weekends by their lockers. The Commons were a common place to find students in the morning, after school, and anytime throughout the day.



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS? Sarah Van Oort, '97, and Audra Block, '97, funk out at Crystal Ball with the help of some of the table decorations. Students dressed in a variety of styles and enjoyed dancing at the gala sponsored by the NHS.

WHERE IS IT? With some students carrying a load of eight classes, students like Kem Saichaie, '98, visited their lockers after every period. The five minute passing periods did not allow a lot of time to search for books and assignments.





AUGH! Jeremy Marshall, '96, and Corey Giford, '97, wig out after selling candy bars for the *Talon*. The *Talon* earned enough money to help the yearbook class buy a new computer and lazer scanner for their programs.

IS IT CHRISTMAS YET? Assisting the Home Economics class with a fundraiser, Jenny Cox, '96, plays Santa by the Pit. Students could purchase a picture with Santa and "his" colorful presents for \$1.00.



PEP TIME! Students crowded into the gym for a pep assembly sponsored by the cheerleaders that saluted the winter sports. Even with the absence of the freshmen class, seating was still hard to come by and some students sat on the floor.

BUDDY SHOTS! Kristie Guthrie, '97, Shelli Swager, '97, J.J. Mortale, '97, and Amy White, '97, pause for a group hug during the 1995 Homecoming Dance. "Stairway to Heaven" was the theme, and the this year saw a record turn out for the event.

A LITTLE TO THE LEFT! Classes at Ankeny High School are more than just books and memorization. In fact, the classes were so rigorous that students in Mr. Brizzi's band class took time out to refresh themselves with a group back rub.



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Ignoring Mr. Brix during Spanish class, Jeremy Spillman, '98, dazed and confused, asks a question regarding the assignment.

Welcome Russians! Some students from both the U.S. and Russia participated in a foreign exchange program during the months of February and April.



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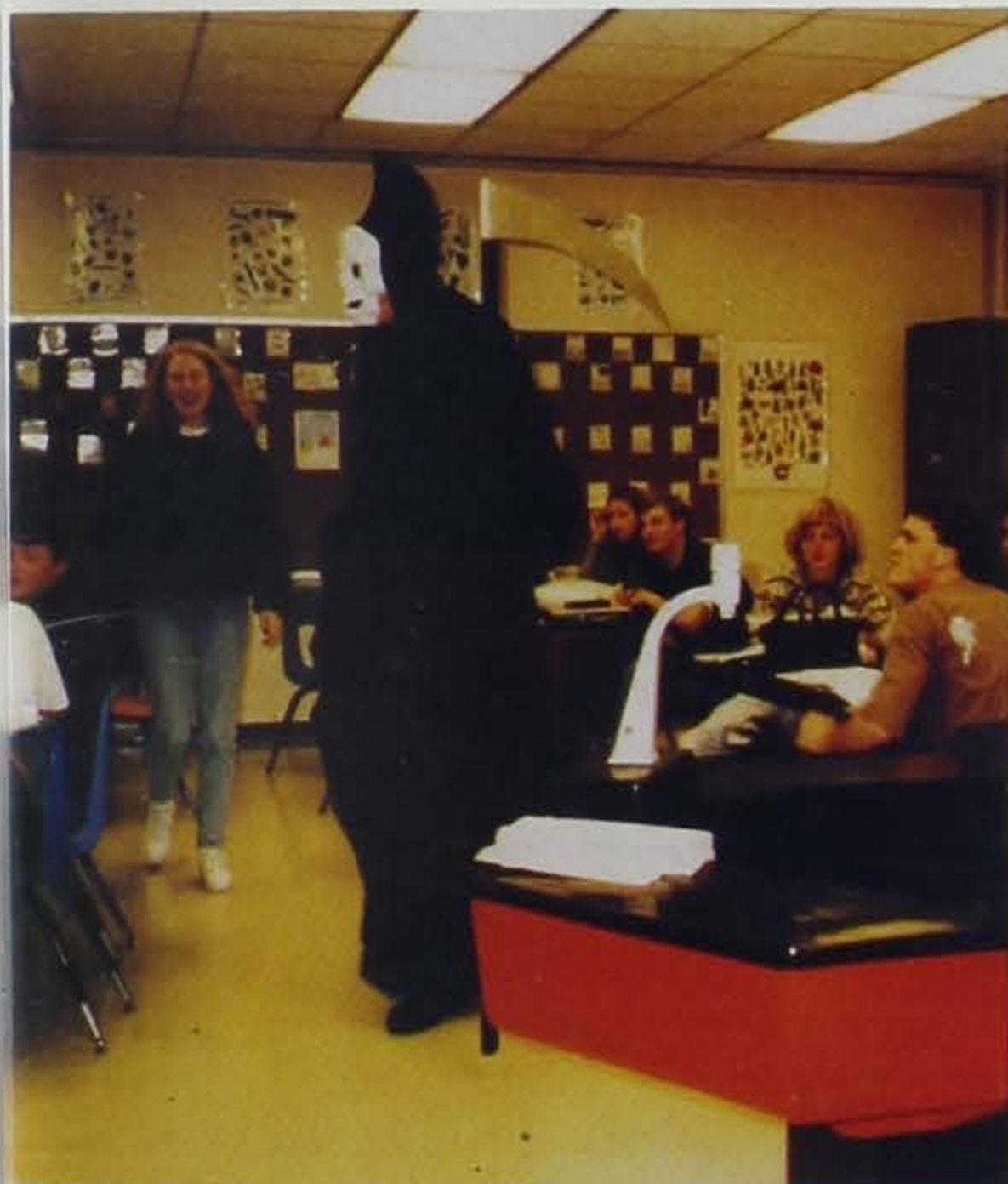
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Lurking the halls, the Grim Reaper takes the number of victims that are taken each day by drunken drivers. This activity was put on by the SADD club during Red Ribbon Week.

Playing musical chairs, French club members, Brain Thompson '97, Kristina Bennett '98, Betsy Ewald, '96, and Elise Brodill, '97 have fun at the French Club Pot Luck Dinner.



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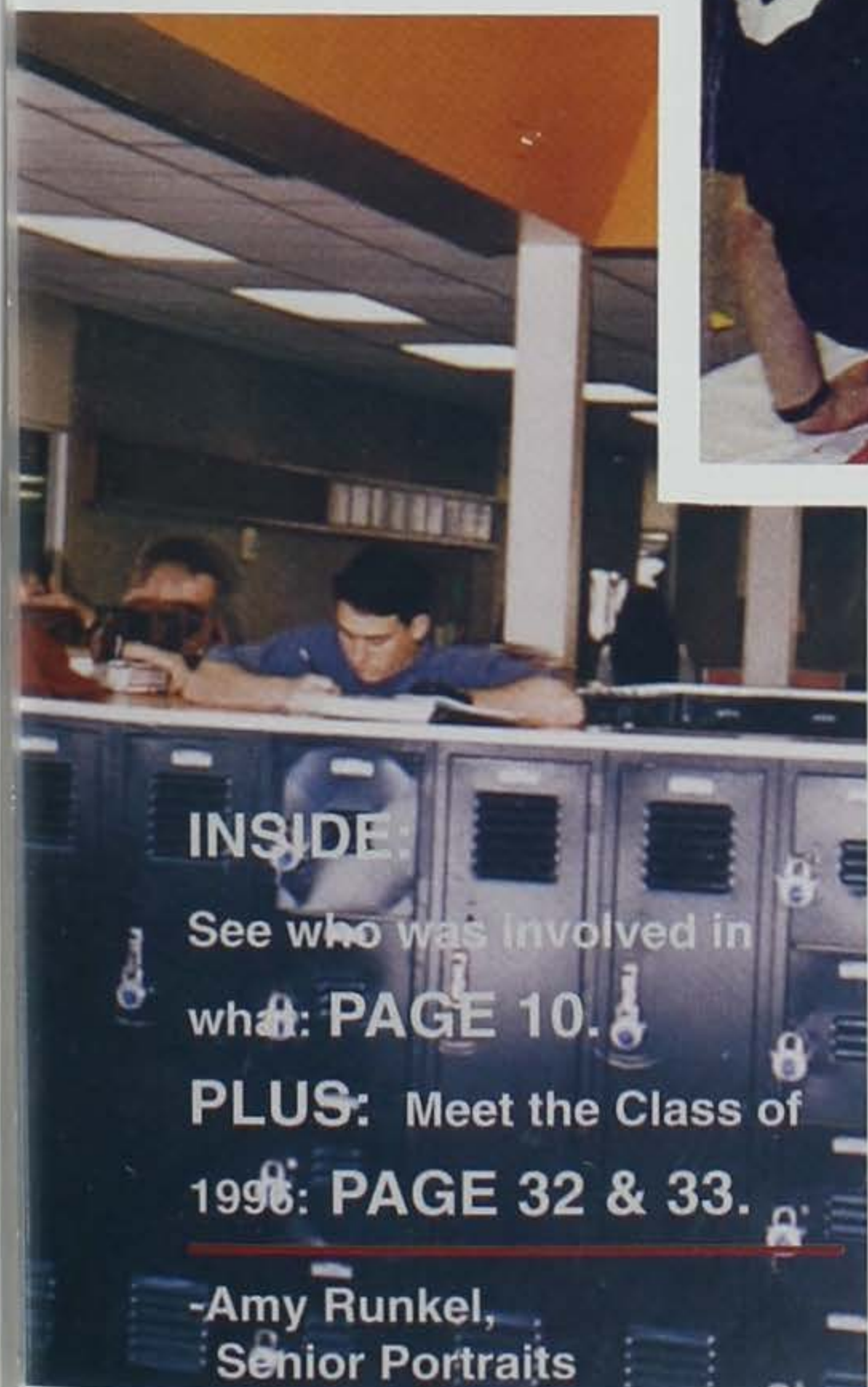
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HIGH SOCIETY



Senior buddies Pam Parker and Kelly McIlhon hang out together at the Homecoming dance. Seniors Mark Larson, Tiffany Ratzlaff, Kelly O'Brien and Kris Hochart play Twister in Mrs. Markos Molling's Advanced Composition class. (Above) Senior Mike Crowson spends time catching up on his homework for his next class. (Left)



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-Amy Runkel,
Senior Portraits

REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL, how it was scary yet really exciting! The first day of college will be the same way. During these past four years at Ankeny High School, the Class of '96 has grown from the "immature little freshman" into mature young adults.

The school year has been a time for seniors to spend with friends and have fun, so that the Class of '96 can look back on their four years in high school and say, "Those were some of the best times that we ever had!"

In the years to come, members of the Class of '96 will move in a variety of different directions; wherever their choices lead them, however, their years and memories of the great times shared at Ankeny High School may be revisited with a turn of the page.

Jessica Abeyta Cheerleading, French Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook. Iowa State.

Daniel Acheson Track. Iowa State.

Jeremy Akers VICA-Vice President. DMACC.

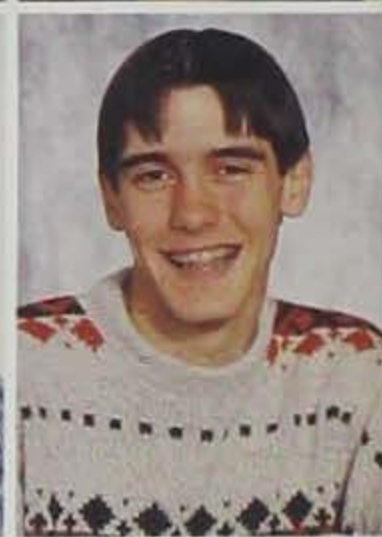
Carisa Albin Band, Softball, Track. Grandview.



Leigh Anne Aldridge Choir, Golden Highlights. DMACC.
Michelle Allison Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Kevin Amdahl Sci-Link III Russian Exchange, VICA. DMACC and Iowa State.

Christopher Anderson



Jennifer Anderson Color Guard, French Club, Journalism, SADD, Yearbook. Iowa State.

Leslie Anderson

Matthew Anderson

Matthew Arbuckle



Angela Aschoff

Erin Askvig Band, Business Professionals of America. DMACC.

Luong Banh Chess Club, Class Representative, Mock Trial, Model UN, National Honor Society, SADD, Science Bowl, Student Council. John Hopkins University.

Mark Bassett AGATE, Band. Iowa State.



Tony Battani Football, Track. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Justin Bauer

Jason Bender

Sarah Bennett



**"WE WERE HERE, BUT NOW WE'RE GONE.
I HOPE YOU'LL REMEMBER US FOREVER!"**

-JIM BUCHER



Jennifer Benson Band, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Track. Luther or Hastings.

Kristin Bernardy

Joshua Bertram

Karyn Best



Shawn Bleeker

Rebecca Bogle Basketball, Choir, Softball, Track, Volleyball. Drake Univ.

Brian Bookwalter Cross-Country, Track. Kansas State.

Jamie Bowers AIB.



Michele Brant Business Professionals of America, Mock Trial, Model UN, Track. Iowa State or Univ. of Iowa.

Thomas Brazelton Art Club, Broadcasting, Drama, Talon staff. Univ. of Iowa.

Kristi Breeding

Matthew Breitzkreutz Art Club, Choir, Model UN, Swimming, Swing Choir, Talon staff.



Jason Bremer Football, Wrestling. Undecided.

Sara Breniman Band-Pit Section Leader, Boys Basketball Manager, Choir, Jazz Band, Yearbook. Univ. of Iowa.

Robyn Brent Band, Swimming. Wartburg College.

Bree Bridgeman



Celeste Brighton Band, Choir, Debate, Drama, Forensics, Jazz Band, Junior Class Vice President, Pep Band. Univ. of Iowa.

Jared Brinkmeyer Art Club, Band, Golf, Swimming. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Stephanie Brock

Taran Broich Band, Choir, Swing Choir. Kirkwood College.

Darcie Brown Band, Cross-Country, Drama, National Honor Society, Track. Iowa State.

Jim Bucher Baseball, Basketball, Soccer. Iowa State.

Nate Buck

Jamin Buntenbach



Jeffrey Burright

Michelle Butcher Softball. Univ. of Iowa.

Jason Calder Band, Golf. Univ. of North Dakota.

Jennifer Carleton Choir, Golf, Homecoming Queen, National Honor Society-President, Swing Choir, Volleyball. Iowa State or Univ. of San Diego.



Michelle Carmody Choir, Golden Highlights, Journalism, National Honor Society, Swing Choir. Iowa State.

Patricia Carton DMACC.

Brandy Case Band-Commander, Ecology Club-President, SADD, Track. Drake or Univ. of Iowa.

Trent Casey Band, Choir, Drama, Student Council, Swing Choir. Univ. of N. Iowa.



Ananda Cheddie Pep Club, Peer Helping.

Kelli Christianson Art Club, Choir. DMACC.

Matthew Chumbley

Rebecca Clark Cheerleading, French Club, National Honor Society. Univ. of Iowa.



Adam Clarke Art Club, Broadcasting, Choir, Drama, National Art Honor Society, Swing Choir, Wrestling. Iowa State.

Elizabeth Clausen

Amber Coakley

Rachel Collins Circle of Friends, SADD. DMACC and Iowa State.



**"I'M EXCITED ABOUT GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE,
BUT IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO SAY GOOD-BYE!"**

-MICHELLE BUTCHER



Heather Combs

Jenny Comstock Art Club, DMACC.

Jenny Cox

Michael Cox National Honor Society, Student Council, Talon-Editor, Tennis. Iowa State.



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Jennifer Curtis DMACC.

Amy Czerwicz

Kelly Dannatt Golden Highlights.

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P.J. Dauterive Baseball, Basketball.

Joshua DeGroote

Adam Dickinson Art Club, Band, Drama, Jazz Band, Model UN, National Honor Society, Pep Band, Swimming. Univ. of Iowa.

Sandra Diehl

Carolyn Dillingham

Jessica Dirks Choir, Debate, Forensics, French Club, Golden Highlights, Golf, Knowledge Master, Mock Trial, Model Legislature, Model UN, National Honor Society, Swing Choir.

Rebecca Dirks Band, Golden Highlights, National Honor Society. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Jill Dougherty Basketball, Choir, Cross-Country, FCA, French Club, National Honor Society, Softball, Track, Volleyball. Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Anthony Eichenseer

Elizabeth Ewald

Robert Fagen

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Justin Farrell Baseball, Football, Soccer. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Ann Fausch Band, Choir, Drama, National Honor Society, Swing Choir. TCU of Univ. of N. Iowa.

Brandi Faux Choir, Circle of Friends, Drama, SADD, Swing Choir. Iowa State.

Rebecca Feldman Choir, Swing Choir. Cedarville College.

Brian Ferin Baseball, Football, Track. Iowa State.

Darren Fife

Kourtney Fink

Andrew Floerchinger

John Foddrill Football, Student Council, Wrestling. Art Institute.

Tracey Folks Univ. of N. Iowa.



**"MY SENIOR YEAR HAS BEEN COOL,
BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO COLLEGE."**

-BRAD GERHART



Matthew Forgy

Sundae Frisk Business Professionals of America, Student Council, Tennis.

Kristoffer Froehle Football, Soccer, Track. Univ. of N. Colorado.

Kari Froehlich Cheerleading, Cross-Country, FCA, National Honor Society, Pep Club, SADD, Senior Class President, Student Council-Secretary, Track. Undecided.



Jennifer Fugaccia Band, Choir, Drama National Honor Society, Swing Choir. Univ. of Iowa.

Sara Fugaccia Band, Choir, National Honor Society, Swing Choir. Univ. of Iowa.

Garth Gallagher Band, Choir, Cross-Country, Football, Track.

Matthew Gardner Football, Track, Wrestling. Iowa State.



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Janelle Garrels

Rachel Geisler Grandview College.

Michelle Gamar Cheerleading, Choir, Pep Club. Univ. of Iowa.



Susanne Geppert

Brad Gerhart DECA, Tennis. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Janine Germer

Cory Gifford Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Track. DMACC.



Michelle Gilbert Basketball, Golf.

Melanie Gnadke

Ryan Goodwin

Christopher Gottner Golf. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Jessica Graves Choir, Golden Highlights-Lieutenant, Spanish Club, Swing Choir. Univ. of N. Iowa.

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Amanda Harlow Journalism, Peer Helping. Univ. of Iowa.

Greg Hart Band, Choir, Drama, Soccer, Swing Choir. Iowa State.

Mark Hartwig

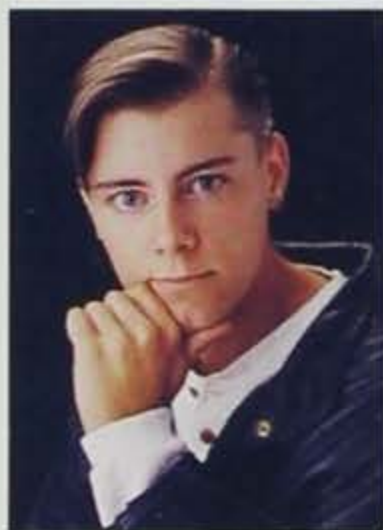
Laura Heinauer Choir, National Honor Society, Swing Choir, Talon-Editor, Tennis. Univ. of Iowa.

Katherine Heston

Nicole Heston Cheerleading, Pep Club, Senior Class Vice President, Track.

Patrice Hillerts Band. DMACC.

Joe Hintzsche Band, Choir, Color Guard, French Club, Knowledge Master, Quiz Bowl, Swing Choir. Univ. of N. Dakota.



"MY SENIOR YEAR WENT BY SO FAST. I'LL MISS MY FRIENDS AND THE FUN TIMES THAT WE'VE HAD!"

-LAURA HEINAUER



Kris Hochart Cheerleading, Choir, Debate, DECA-President, SADD, Wrestling.

Heather Hoff

Christi Hogan Basketball, Softball, Track, Volleyball, Drake University.

Shannon Hokel DMACC.



Justin Holdridge Broadcasting, Chess Club, Choir, Mock Trial, Model UN, Office Runner, Swing Choir, Youth Symposium, Univ. of Iowa.

Stephanie Hope Cheerleading, Choir, National Honor Society, Senior Class Secretary, Swimming, Swing Choir, Univ. of Iowa.

Thomas Hopkins Art Club, Band, Golf, National Honor Society, Swimming, Wrestling, Cornell.

Jacalyn Hopp Art Club, Ecology Club, Forensics, French Club, Model UN, Swimming, Yearbook, Undecided.



Vanessa Hoss Basketball, Choir, Volleyball, Undecided

Kenneth Houser Baseball, Cross-Country, Football, Track, DMACC and Iowa State.

Bronwyn Howard Art Club, Band, Choir, Swing Choir, Luther College.

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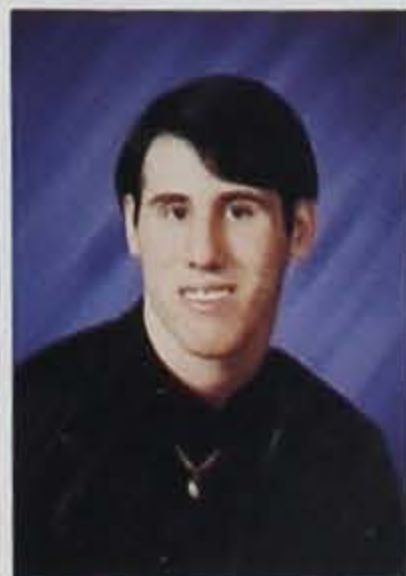


Krista Hylbak Track, NW Missouri State.

Joshua Ingle Football, DMACC.

Thomas Jackovin Tennis, Univ. of Iowa.

Raegan Jackson



Chrissy Jenkins Iowa State.

Jefflyn Jensen Office Runner, Yearbook, NIACC or DMACC.

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Tricia Johnson Debate, Yearbook.

Jason Jorgensen

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Chris Kennedy Baseball, Basketball, Football. Undecided.

John Kingery

Robert Kirby

Rebecka Klassen Cheerleading, Choir, DECA, Drama, FFA, Swing Choir, Yearbook. NIACC or DMACC.



Christopher Koch DECA, Talon staff.

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Ester Kristensson

Bridget Kurtt Band, Color Guard-Captain, Ecology Club, Forensics, French Club, Knowledge Master, Mock Trial, Model UN, National Honor Society, Sci-Link III Russian Exchange, Senior Class Representative. Undecided.



Carrie Lande Cheerleading, Golden Highlights-Captain, Softball. Iowa State.

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Mark Larson Baseball, Basketball, Football, National Honor Society, Student Council, Track. Iowa State.

Bryan Lathrop Baseball, Basketball, DECA-Vice President, Football, Track. Univ. of Iowa.

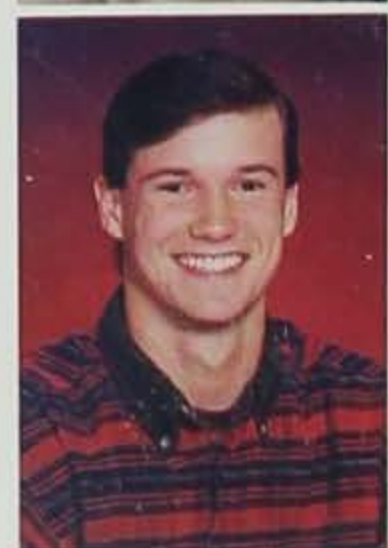


Jason Leer

Chad Leonard

Paul Lepert Business Professionals of America, Soccer. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Kendra Lerdal SADD, Swimming.



"I'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO MY SENIOR YEAR FOR A LONG TIME; I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALMOST OVER."

-RACHEL LINK



Nathan Lewis Basketball, Golf. DMACC.

Kara Lichtenstein Band, Choir, Tennis, Swing Choir. Iowa State.

Melissa Lickteig Drama, Ecology Club. Iowa State.

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Erin Lindner Basketball, Choir, Cross-Country, Golden Highlights, Track. Univ. of Iowa.

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Timothy McDermott Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Soccer, Track. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Timothy McDonough Wrestling. Iowa State.

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Kelly McIlhon Pep Club, Student Council, Volleyball. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Stephanie McIntosh

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Chris Mease Wrestling. DMACC.



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Nicole Meredith Forensics, French Club.

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Amanda Miller Choir, Softball, Swing Choir. Univ. of Iowa.

Eric Miller Band, Choir, Citizen Bee, Ecology Club, Knowledge Master, Model UN, Quiz Bowl, Science Bowl, Swing Choir. Univ. of Iowa.

Jacob Miller Basketball, Football, Golf, Tennis. Univ. of Iowa.

Joe Miller Univ. of N. Iowa.



Corey Milner Circle of Friends, FCA, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, SADD, Soccer. Undecided.

Adam Monaghan

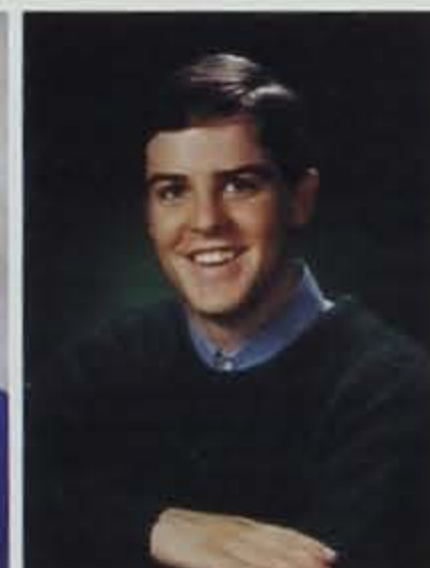
Michael Murray

Mark Neely



"YOUR SENIOR YEAR IS THE TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY HIGH SCHOOL."

-COREY MILNER



Melissa Nelson National Honor Society, SADD, Student Ambassador, Student Council, Volleyball. Univ. of Iowa.

Jennifer Newswander Band, DMACC.

Thien Nguyen Soccer. DMACC and Iowa State.

Jeffrey O'Brien Baseball, Choir, Swing Choir. Univ. of Iowa.



Kelly O'Brien

Kyle O'Brien

Amber O'Neel Tennis, Volleyball, Yearbook.

Anna Olson



Lisa Ostring

Heather Overton Band, Choir, Swing Choir, Track. Univ. of Iowa.

Katharine Pace Cheerleading, Choir, Pep Club, Student Council, Swimming, Swing Choir, Yearbook.

Pamela Parker Basketball, Softball, Student Council, Volleyball. Florida.



Mark Pederson Band, Baseball, Football, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Track. NW Missouri State.

Jack Pennington Baseball, Football-Co-Captain, Track. Univ. of Iowa.

Soren Peterson Swimming.

Angie Pickett



Steffani Pieart Cheerleading, Debate, Drama, Ecology Club, Forensics, Golden Highlights, Junior Class Secretary, Mock Trial, Pep Club, Quiz Bowl, Senior Class Representative, Track. Univ. of Iowa.

Aaron Pilcher

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April Plummer

Karl Pothast
Kelli Rae Powell
Matt Pries
Julie Puhr



Joseph Quinlin Baseball, Circle of Friends, Football, Student Advisory Council, Student Council.
Sarah Quinn DMACC and Iowa State.
Lee Rafdal Basketball, Tennis. Iowa State.
Brian Ratcliff Band, Choir, French Club, Knowledge Master, Pep Band, Swimming, Tennis. Univ. of N. Dakota or Iowa State.



Jonathan Rathje Band, Cross-Country, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Pep Band, Track. Undecided.
Tiffany Ratzlaff Cross-Country, French Club, Track. Univ. of Iowa.
Stacey Reams Choir, Golden Highlights, Swing Choir, Talon staff. Univ. of N. Iowa.
Michael Reed



Brett Rewerts Football, VICA, Wrestling. DMACC.
Lisa Rhoades French Club, Golden Highlights. Iowa State.
Warren Rogers
Jarrold Routh Band, National Honor Society.



Amy Runkel Color Guard, Debate, Forensics, Mock Trial, Model UN, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Sci-Link III, Russian Exchange, Volleyball, Yearbook. Iowa State.
Heather Runkel Cross-Country, Soccer, Track, Yearbook-Editor-In-Chief. Iowa State.
Sara Rupe
Nicole Rusch



"THE BEST PART OF OUR SENIOR YEAR WAS DEFINATELY OPEN CAMPUS."

-JENNIFER SPIVEY



Bo Sauerbrei
Timothy Scheib
Phillip Schomer Basketball, Choir, Swing Choir. Nebraska Christian College.
Ryan Schweers



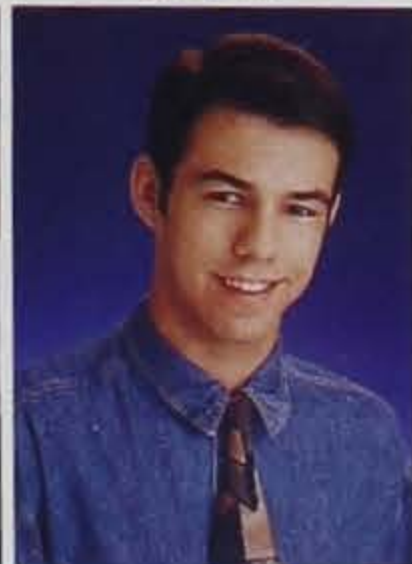
Kate Segin Choir, Cross-Country, Debate, Forensics, Model UN, National Honor Society, Swimming, Swing Choir, Track. Univ. of Iowa.
Elisha Sheer
Karen Simmer Choir, Peer Helping. Faith Baptist Bible College.
Christopher Skelton Basketball, Football, Soccer. Univ. of Iowa.



Teresita Smeader Cheerleading, Pep Club, Track, Yearbook. Undecided.
Jason Smith
Julie Smith Business Professionals of America-Secretary, Softball, Yearbook. Iowa State.
Kimberly Smith



Zachary Smith Iowa State.
Shawn Snyder Band, Choir, Drama, Soccer, Swing Choir. North Arizona State.
Justin South Talon staff. NIACC.
Benjamin Spies



Jennifer Spivey
Joseph Stacy VICA. AIB.
Jessica Stamp Art Club, Peer Helping, Talon staff, Tennis. Undecided.
Justin Strahan

Ricky Strawn

Derek Stuart Football, Wrestling. Undecided.

Chad Sturgeon Iowa State.

Sommer Sullivan Band, Choir. Univ. of Iowa.

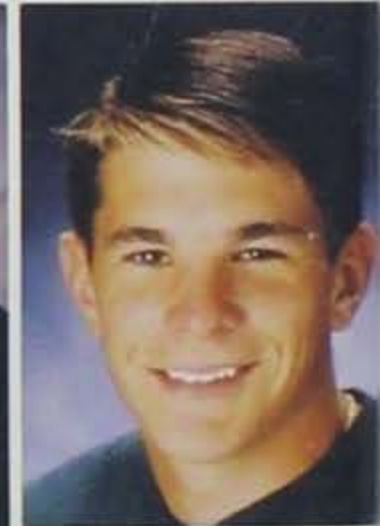


Stephanie Sykes Choir, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, Swing Choir, Yearbook. Univ. of Iowa.

Bruno Tavares

Matthew Taylor

Trevor Taylor Basketball, Football, Golf. Undecided.



Montse Tesorero

Bryan Thornburg Cross-Country, Track.

Amy Tiefenthaler Band, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Matt Towey



Kyle Trusty

Cami Tyler Band, Choir, Drama, Large Group Speech, National Honor Society, Swing Choir. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Alicia Van Cleve Band-Commander, Ecology Club, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, SADD-President, Track. Iowa State.

Jami Van Den Bosch



Susan Van Wyhe Band, Mock Trial, Swimming, Track, Volleyball. Iowa State or Univ. of N. Iowa.

Mindy Vanderah

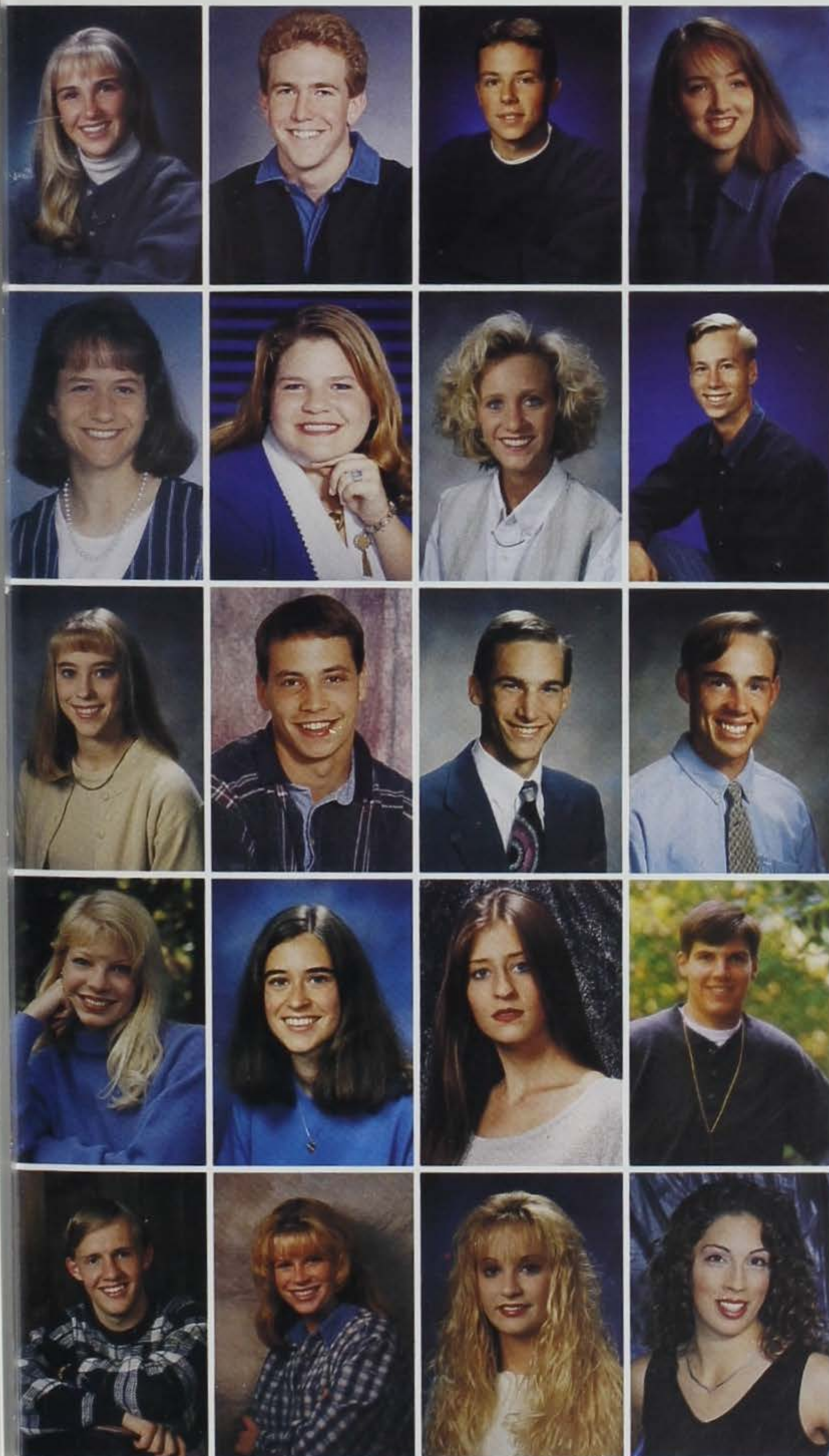
Christopher Vessely Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf. Iowa State.

Ryan Vestal Basketball, Cross-Country, Swimming, Track. Drake Univ.



**"I'VE DEPENDED ON PEOPLE MY WHOLE LIFE; I'LL
BE ALL ALONE NEXT YEAR, AND THAT'S SCARY!"**

-BEN WILDMAN



Jennifer Voss Basketball, Circle of Friends, FCA, Softball, Track, Volleyball. Univ. of Nebraska.

Nicholas Wallace Baseball, Football, Track. DMACC.

Andrew Walter

Melissa Webber Cheerleading, Track. DMACC.

Ara Weckman Band, Cross-Country, National Honor Society, Track, Softball. Iowa State.

Paula Wehmas Band, Choir, Circle of Friends, Color Guard, SADD. DMACC.

Dawn Wheeler

Anthony Whitaker Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track.

Jill Whitaker Business Professionals of America-Treasurer, Cheerleading, Pep Club, Senior Class Treasurer. Univ. of N. Iowa.

David White

Tom Wierzbicki

Benjamin Wildman Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, National Honor Society, SADD, Track. Univ. of N. Iowa.

Kelly Wilkening Art Club, Ecology Club, French Club, National Honor Society, Office Runner, Pep Club, Tennis, Volleyball. Univ. of Iowa.

Amy Williams Band, Boys Basketball Manager, Choir, National Honor Society. Wartburg.

Anne Williams

Jay Williams Band, Baseball, Basketball, FCA, Football, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Tennis.

Mark Williams Choir, Football, National Honor Society, Swimming, Swing Choir, Tennis. Undecided.

Melissa Williams Band, Golden Highlights, Wrestling Manager. Iowa State.

Jennifer Wisecup Iowa State.

Nicole Wisneski Band, National Honor Society, Soccer.

Michelle Witt Cheerleading, Class Representative, French Club, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Track. Ohio State.
June Wittayaponitchakorn
Jayson Wittrup
Benjamin Wiuff Basketball, Physics Club. Iowa State.

Adam Wood Golf. DMACC.
Shannon Yeager
Jennifer Young
Joshua Zinn Basketball, Golf. Iowa State.



Not Pictured

Joel Alcott
 Jessica Bohnet
 John Burke
 Ross Charlton
 Cynthia Crossett
 Angela Davis
 William Edmondson
 Julie Freeman
 Elizabeth Gerhart
 Jamie Grady
 Tamika Greene
 Mike Hale
 Cheryl Hall
 Marissa Ites

Thomas Kauzlarich
 Christina Kelding
 Andrew Kent
 Brian Koehler
 Matthew Law
 Brady Mishler
 Tammy Nelson
 Kendra Palmer
 Brandon Rinehart
 Matthew Roland
 David Roush
 Parinya Sae-Heng
 Lea Sapp
 Matt Vinje



Always time for friendship! Sara Fuggaccia, Sommer Sullivan and Jenny Fuggaccia take a break from dancing the night away at Homecoming. (Above right)

Naomi Linderman and Nicole Wisneski share their Christmas wish lists with Santa (Jon Reberry). The student council sponsored pictures with Santa as one of their yearly fundraisers. (Right)

Work before play, senior Kelly Wilkening finishes up on her homework. (Far right)



SENIOR MEMORIES



Senior girls Heather Grieve, Jaime Garland and Laura Heinauer traveled to Chicago together. Here, they are shown sizing up to the Chicago skyline. (Left)

Several seniors took part in Mr. John Mesicek's Broadcasting class. Jim Bucher and Matt Gardner edit their film clips for the morning announcements. (Below)



Senior buddies Jenny Benson and Jill Whitaker show off their funny sides. (Left)

Softball team members, seniors Amy Farmer, Steph Brock and Kristi Breeding decorate teammate Lindsay Robinson's, '97, hair before the state tournament. (Bottom left)

Here come the Hawks! Football players, including seniors Brian Koehler, Justin Farrell, Brett Rewerts, Jake Miller, Derek Stuart and Chris Skelton, make their way to the bleachers during a pep assembly. (Bottom)



Senior Calender

AUGUST

Self-scheduling

Registration

Senior pictures

First day of classes

SEPTEMBER

Homecoming

Start applying to colleges

Start on scholarship applications

OCTOBER

Senior Class picture

Order AHS Yearbook

NOVEMBER

Order announcements

Get fitted for cap & gown

DECEMBER

Crystal Ball

Self-scheduling

JANUARY

Start on financial aid forms

Semester tests

FEBRUARY

Make sure transcript is correct

Narrow down list of college choices

MARCH

State Tournaments

Spring Break

APRIL

Career Day

MAY

Prom

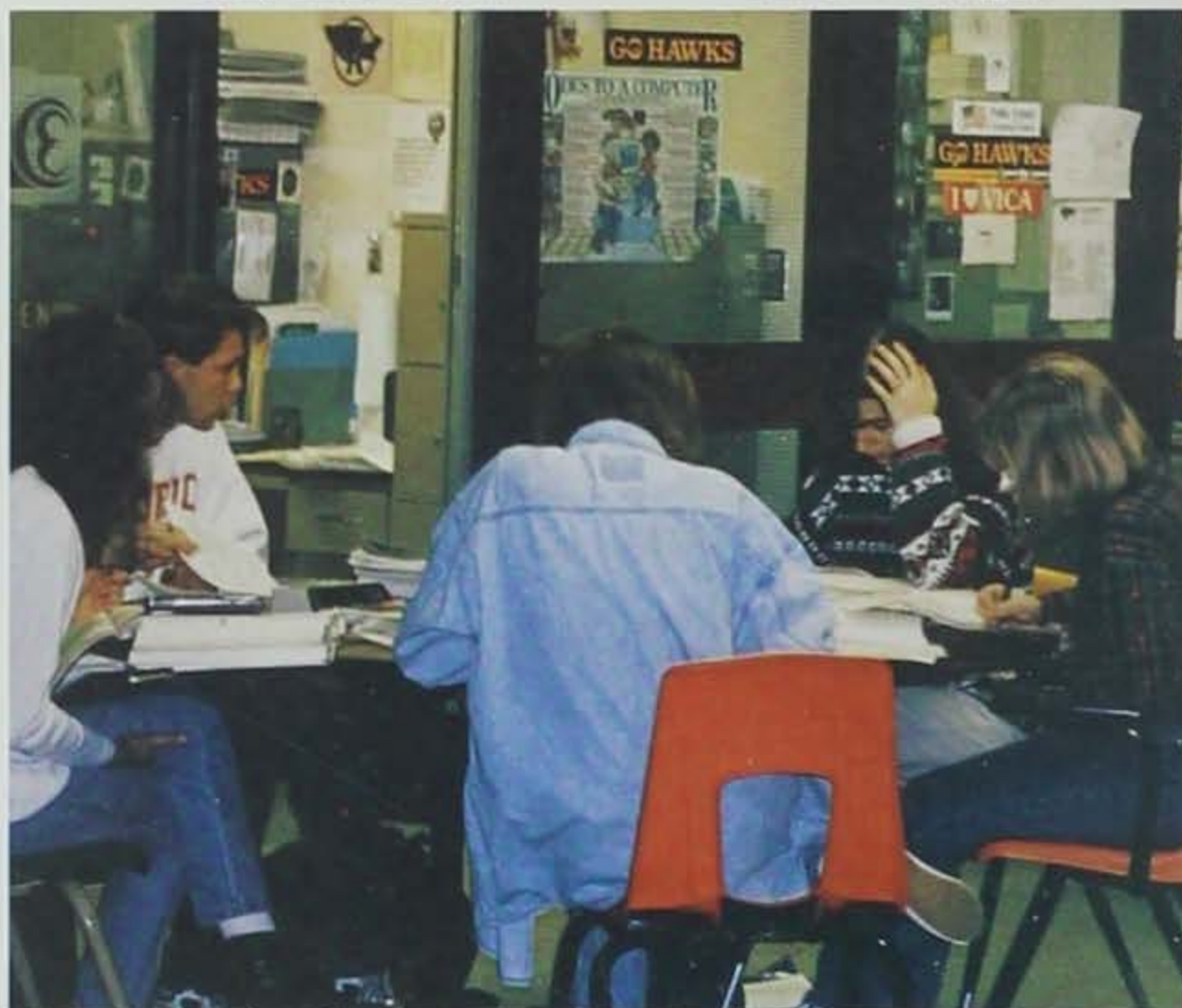
Senior Awards Night

Last day of high school

Senior Slide Show

Graduation

Working hard are seniors Angie Hammond, Ryan Vestal, Mandy Miller and Meggon McGlynn. These seniors found that group studying immensely helped their study skills. (Below)



He's alive! Senior Trent Casey tries to revive Kyle Albertson, '97, in the spring play *Lend Me a Tenor*. The play also starred seniors Ann Fausch and Kelli Rae Powell. (Right)



Aaaall righty then. Seniors Corey Milner and Tim Scheib show that everything is swell in their Introduction to Foods class. (Above)

Full of spirit! Michelle Witt cheers on the crowd at an AHS pep assembly. Football players Mike Hale and Jason Leer held up Witt. (Right)



SENIOR MEMORIES



Many memories were made by the Class of 1996 throughout the school year. After seniors spent hours self-scheduling, the school year was finally ready to begin.

The year started off with a bang when the football team won the Conference title for the first time since joining the CIML, and a majority of AHS's other sports teams were ranked as some of the top teams in the state throughout their seasons. The girls' track team even won the State Indoor Track title.

Several events occurred throughout year for seniors. School spirit was at its peak during Homecoming Week; brightly colored banners and posters created by the Pep Club filled the school. The Homecoming Dance was brought back to the Pit for the first time in three years; however, the Pit proved to be too small, and Crystal Ball, which was sponsored by the National Honor Society, was held in the gym.

In January came a heavily dreaded finals week at AHS, and the start of the final semester together for the Class of '96. When March rolled around, it was time for Spring Break, and seniors took off for warm locations. In April, the student council sponsored their annual blood drive and many seniors donated their blood to help those in need.

In May, Prom and After-Prom came and went. Then, after our four years together at Ankeny High School, our final days closed in, and then we were out in the real world.



Senior girls Steph Hope, Julie Smith, Jamie Garland, Jessie Abeyta, Becky Clark, Heather Grieve, Laura Heinauer and Jill Whitaker show a little leg before Homecoming. (Above)

Details, details, details. Seniors Rebecca Dirks, Chris Logli, Jessie Dirks and Brian Ratcliff receive their tassels from the Herff Jones representative. (Left)

Advice to Underclassmen

"You only go through high school once; experience all that you can, but most of all have fun."

-Bronwyn Howard

"Take as many college credits as you can."

-Heather Grieve

"Do everything you want before your senior year, because once it is here, you are too busy to do what you want."

-Tiffany Ratzlaff

"Party, have fun, and don't take anything too seriously."

-P.J. Dauterive

"Don't put too much pressure on yourself."

-Kristi Breeding

"Your senior year is your last year with all of your friends, take advantage of it!"

-Jill Whitaker

"Have fun, but don't forget to go to your classes."

-Angie Aschoff

"Have as much fun as you can, because it goes by fast!"

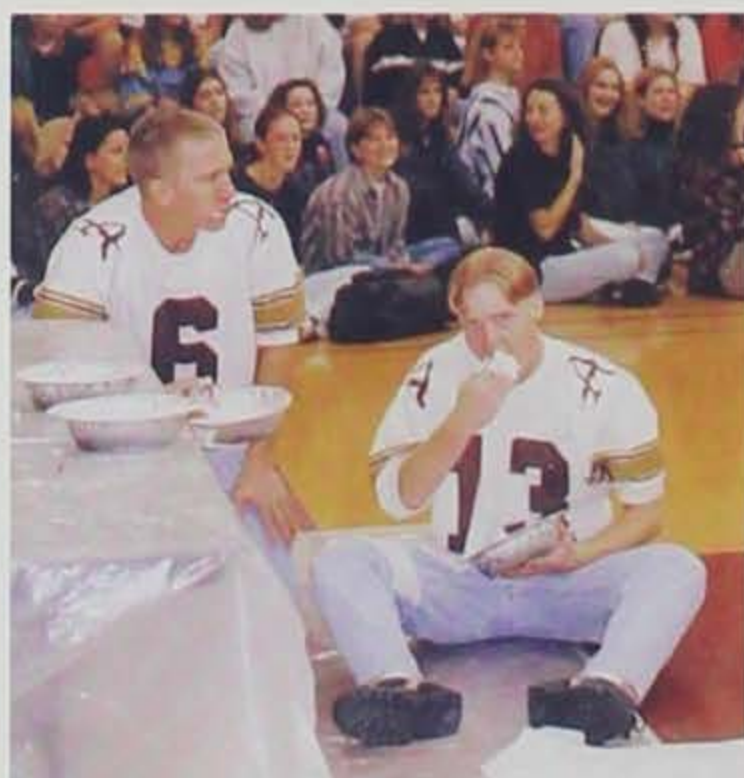
-Sara Fugaccia

"Sit back and have fun!"

-Michelle Junod

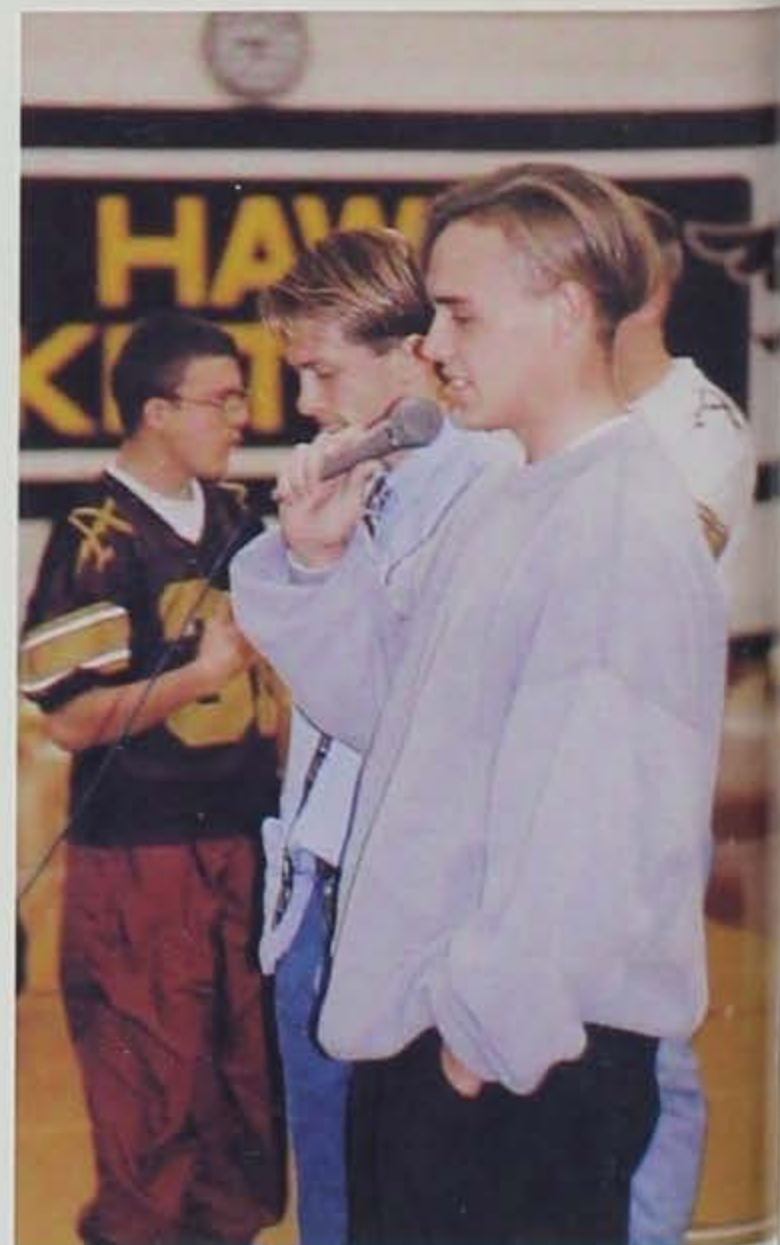
Girls track stand-outs Tiffany Ratzlaff and Jenny Benson take a moment at the Drake Relays to pose for a picture with a member of the Santa Monica Track Club. (Below)

Proud Hawk! Senior Derek Stuart celebrates with a teammate after one of their plays. The Hawks went 7-1 in the Conference, which won them the Conference crown. (Right)



Eating their way to victory, seniors Joe Quinlin and Mark Larson polish off their snacks at a pep assembly. (Above)

Cross-Country runner Ben Wildman pumps up the crowd and encourages fans to come support the Hawks at a fall pep assembly. (Right)



SENIOR MEMORIES



Beginning after Christmas vacation, AHS seniors begin counting down the days. What are these students looking forward to? No, not semester tests (who would look forward to semester tests?). The answer is Spring Break.

For seniors, Spring Break is the last vacation and time to party before graduation, which means it is one of the most important events throughout the school year. For most students, Spring Break is a time to relax and enjoy themselves; however, it is also a time for AHS students to work and make some hard earned money, which is a necessity for students who like to be able to do things.

Spring Break '96 took AHS seniors to many exciting places including Mexico, Florida, Arizona, Minnesota, Missouri or, for the "lucky" ones, little old Ankeny, Iowa.

Of the students who ventured out of Ankeny for Spring Break, Jessie Abeyta said, "Kansas City was a fun place to go because it is close and there are a lot of fun things to do there."

For those seniors who were stuck in Ankeny, the weather was a beautiful 32 degrees with snow flurries. "If I would have more money, I would have went somewhere with my friends, but I had a relaxing time here in Ankeny where it was cold," said Julie Smith.

On the other hand, those students who ventured elsewhere experienced a wonderful 85 degrees along with the sun and the beach.

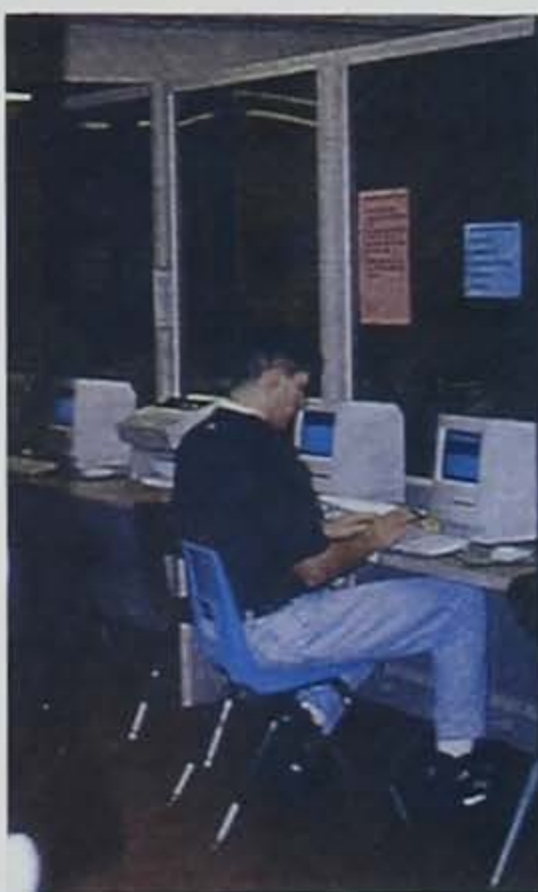
Spring Break, no matter where it is spent, is always a great time to get away from the stress of school, homework and parents. Senior Jenny Benson said, "Spring Break '96 was one of the best times of my life, and I wouldn't give it up for the world!"



Activities played a major role in many seniors' lives. Here John Saggau, '97, and seniors Greg Hart and Zach Lincicum perform with the drumline. (Above)

Seniors Jessica Graves and Lisa Rhoades dance to the music as they perform one of their routines in the Golden Highlights.

Hard at work. Jay Williams spends his time in the computer lab finishing up an assignment. (Left)





Class Moto

"When you reach for your dreams,
no matter what they may be,
you grow from the reaching;
you learn from the trying;
you win from the doing."

Class Flower

Yellow Rose

Class Colors

Maroon and White

Class Officers

President: Kari Froehlich

Vice President: Nicky Heston

Secretary: Steph Hope

Treasurer: Jill Whitaker

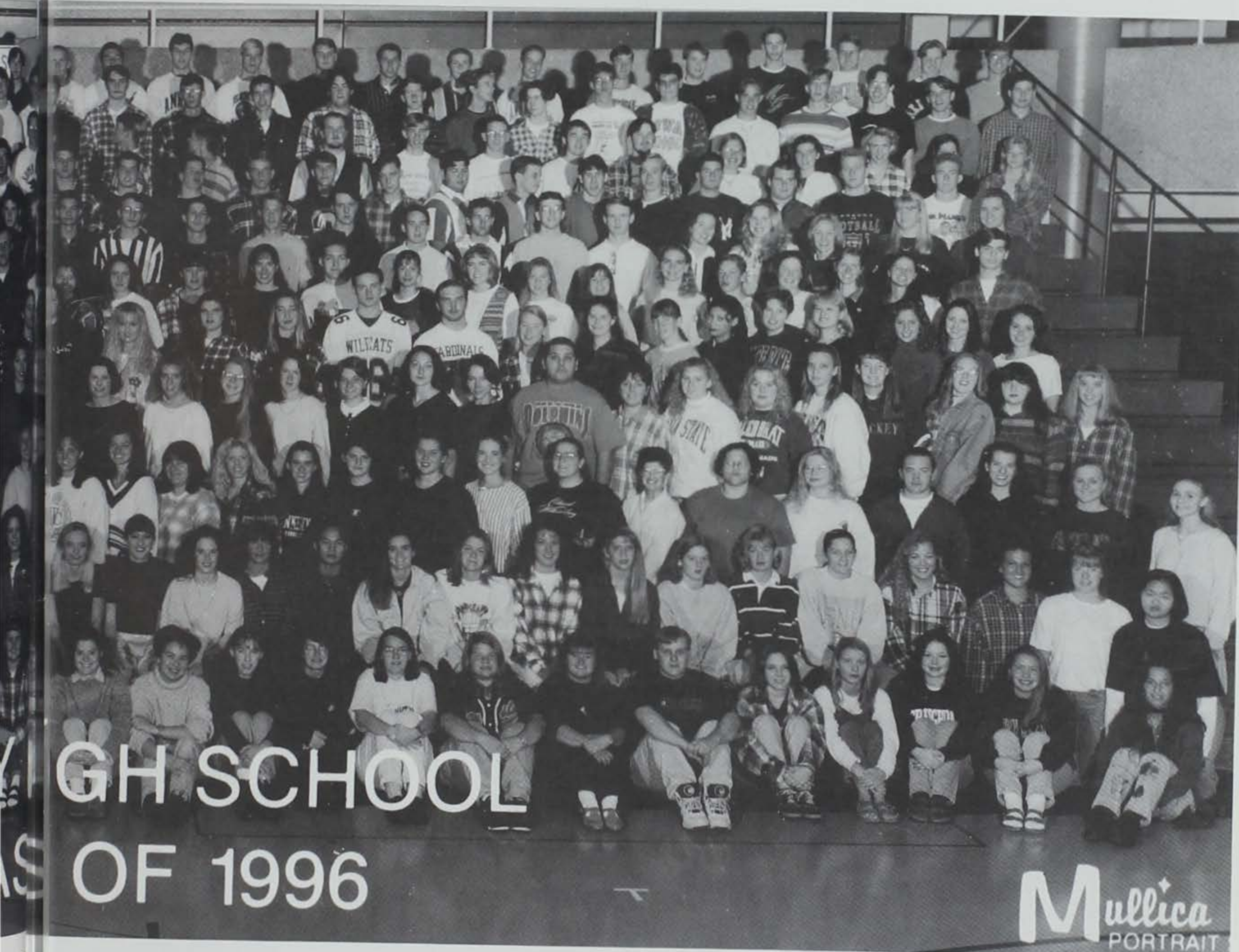
Representatives: Bridget Kurtt

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Heather Grieve

Steffani Pieart



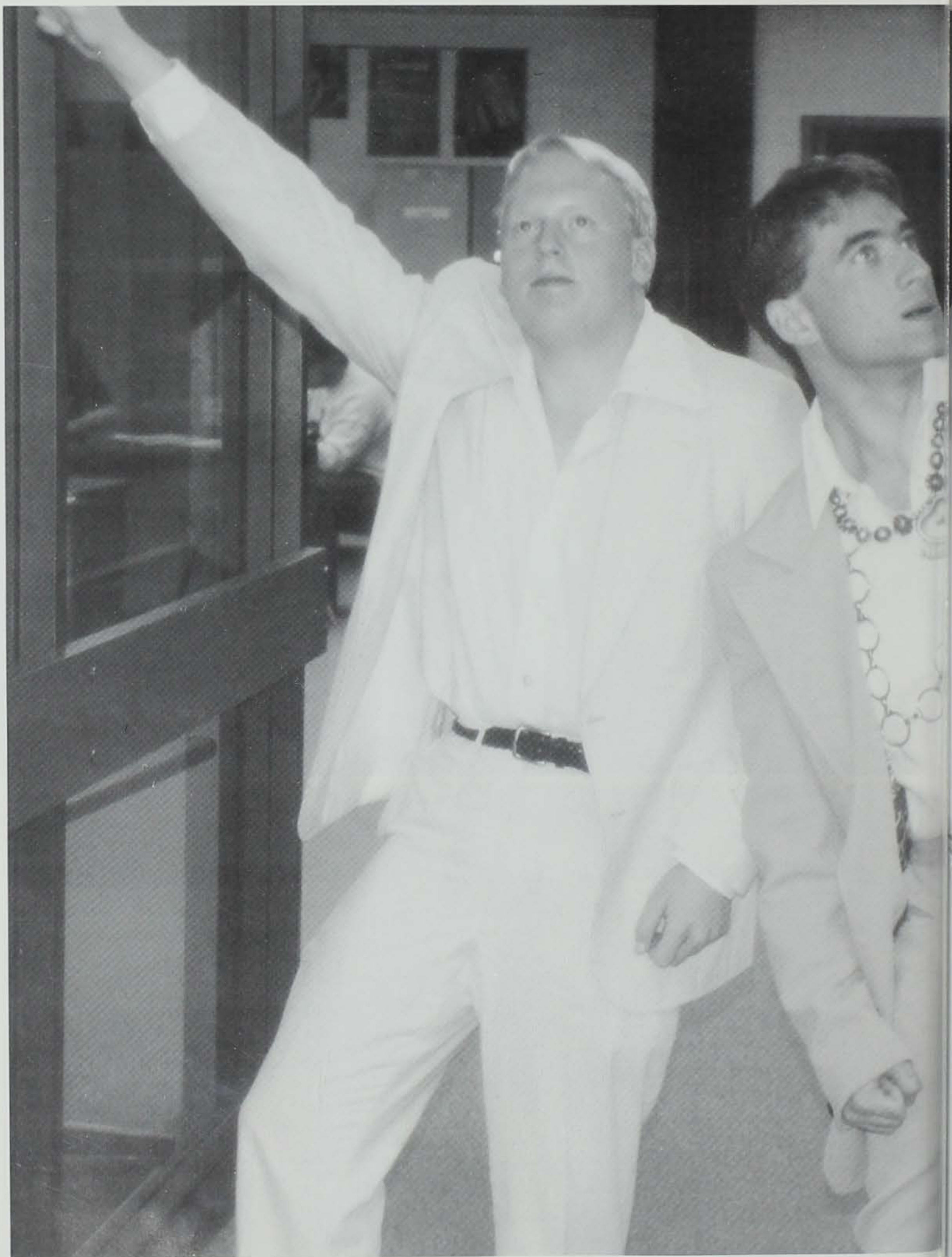


Presenting the Ankeny High School Class of 1996

These seniors set foot into the real world after O.J. Simpson was acquitted on murder charges, *Brave Heart* starring Mel Gibson brought home Best Picture at the 68th Academy Awards, the Olympic Summer Games came home to America, Bob Dole won the Republican Presidential nomination and actor/comedian George Burns died just weeks after celebrating his 100th birthday.

CLASS OF 1996 MOTTO

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Becky Klassen
Student Life Editor

LIVING IT UP



School Spirit! The AHS student body cheers on fall sports teams as they prepare for State. (above) Matt Breitreutz, '96, and Mike Dahlstrom, '97, have a taste for the wild side. The two dressed in 1970's apparel before they competed in All-State competition. (left)

NO MATTER IF IT IS A MONDAY OR A FRIDAY, students at AHS partake in an array of events outside of school activities. Whether they are working out while listening to the latest tunes, talking to a friend about the latest dance, bragging about the vacation they just finished, or simply telling the amazing tricks their pets can perform-- Ankeny High School students lives are much more complex than they appear.

In this section, one will find various activities not normally included with school. "Cheerleading for Ankeny, the Iowa Barn Stormers, and the Iowa State Cyclones takes up a lot of my time outside of school." Michelle Witt '96. Many students at AHS are involved with activities outside of school. Kelly Krause '97 is also very involved, "Other than Circle of Friends, S.A.D.D., Swing Choir, and Cheerleading, I'm involved at WHO as an intern and participate in many church activities. -Rebecka Klassen

While on vacation in Montana, Amy Runkel, '96, shoots the rapids. One of their major attractions was rounding House Rock on the Gallatin River near Bozeman. With the river near floodstage, she faced class 4 rapids.

Jenny Klassen, '97, and Becky Klassen, '96, spend their vacation in Mexico. While they were in Mexico they spent their time shopping, having fun in the sun looking for some new shoes with their family.



TAKE A BREAK FROM IT ALL

RELAX - SIT BACK - VACATION

Relax, sit back, and have some fun. Vacations are a time to get away from the every day world. Some people spend a lot of time researching the variety of vacation options, while other people simply hop in their car and head out for destinations unknown. Whether you plan and organize or simply act impulsively, vacations are a great way to meet new people and learn something new.

During the school year many vacations are taken not only during the notorious spring break, but also in the winter and summer. Those who can bare the cold go to northern destinations such as Colorado, Canada, and Minnesota. Those

who prefer the warmer climates often travel to Florida, Texas, and Arizona.

Vacations can be expensive or simple and affordable. During 1995 airline price wars, the price of flying was made more reasonable. Flying used to be considered a rare treat, but today people can obtain a weekend ticket special and head off to Las Vegas or some other locations for a quick weekend excursion.

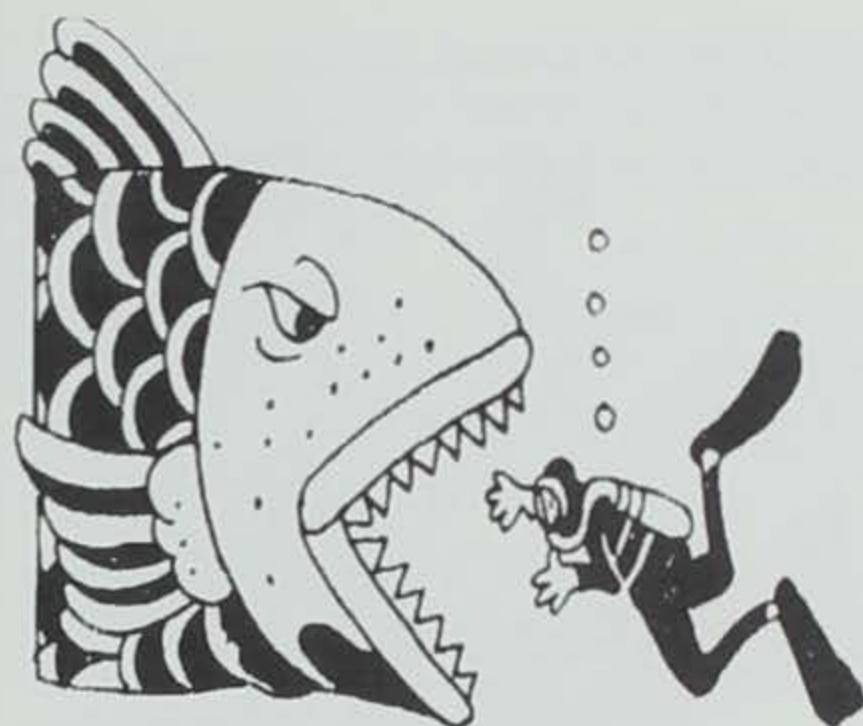
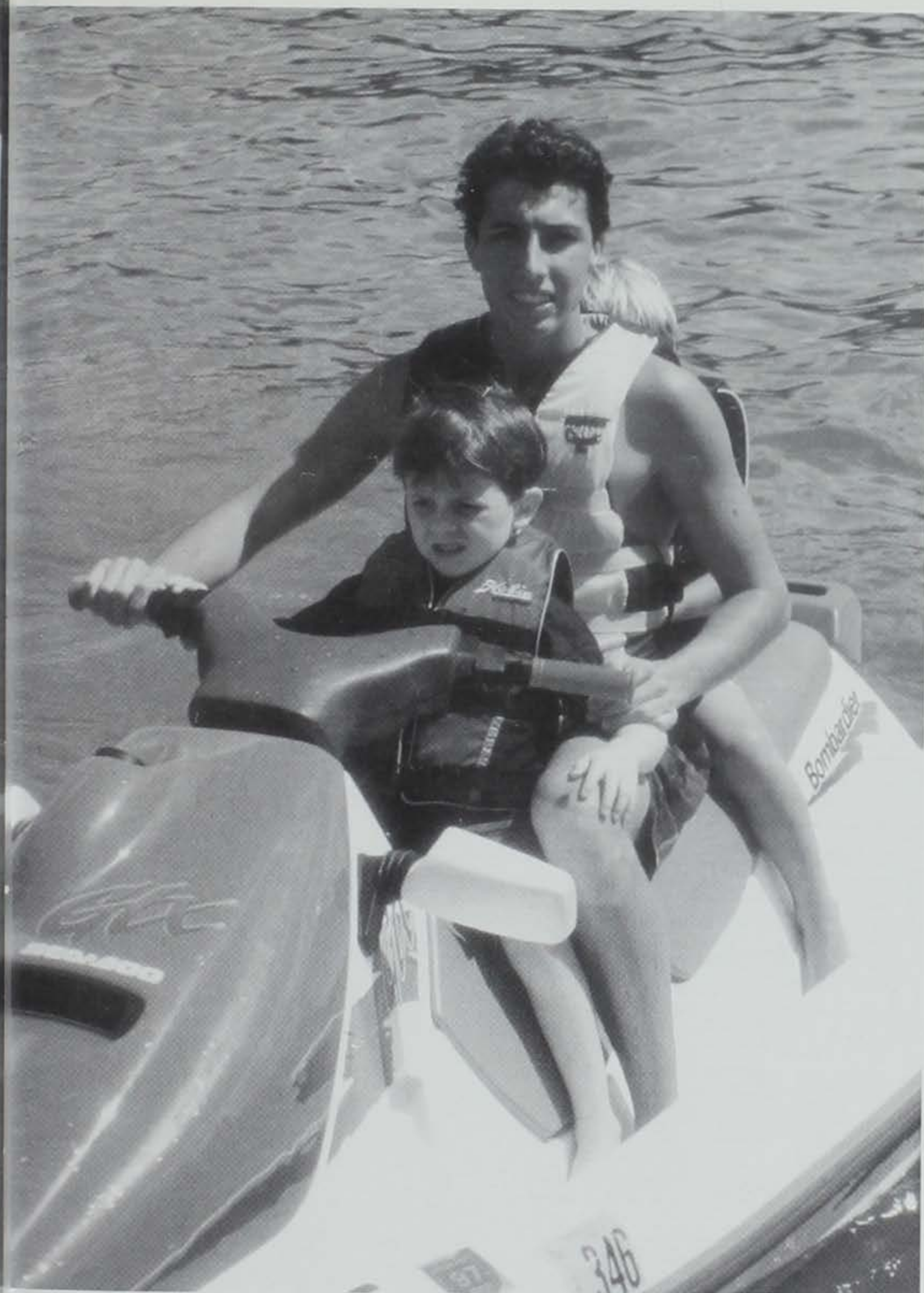
According to Melissa Nelson, '96, "Vacations are the biggest party times." Melissa and other anxious Ankeny High students enjoyed the biggest vacation of their high school careers... **SPRING BREAK!!!** Some headed to Cancun,



South Padre Island, Florida, or Bahamas, and some even head to cooler destinations, such as Colorado or Montana for their senior year spring break. Those who go on vacations with their families tended to go to more of the family-oriented places to vacation. The number one family vacation site tended to be Orlando, Florida for spring break. The best place to go for the summer seemed like Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Whatever one's vacation dreams were, whether it was the tropical islands or the rockiest mountains one thing was for sure; vacations created memories never forgotten.

-By Michelle Witt and Steph Sykes



Watch out!! Jason Cairnes, '97, makes waves on his jet ski. While he enjoyed the sun with his two brothers, Cairns rode, jumped, and crashed through the waves made by other boats and jet skis.

Taking a different view of the world in Puerto Rico, Bronwyn Howard, '96, and Jenny Benson, '96, take a moment to show everyone how much fun they had on their vacation. They also shopped and rode horses along the beach.

Taking a rest in the sun by lounging around in Key West, Florida, Becky Clark, '96, and Jessie Abeyta, '96, enjoy what the beach has to offer. They spent their vacation in Florida for a week of relaxation and fun in the sun.





Ananda Cheddie '96, Nate Hamersley, '96, Becky Klassen, '96, and Amber O'Neal, '96, take time out of the annual soap game to pose for a quick picture. The soap game is held every year to kick off the football season.

Jeremy Hamann, '96, and a bunch of other Ankeny High School students spend their weekend cheering on the basketball team at a big game. Many students cheered on their basketball teams to a terrific season.

What? Brian Witt, '98, studying on a Saturday afternoon?! Usually Brian spends his time with friends on the weekends, but on that particular Monday he had a big exam for which he needed to get prepared.





Eat it up. Jill Whitaker, '96, Becky Clark, '96, Heather Greive, '96, Jessie Abeyta, '96, Steph Hope, '96, and Julie Smith, '96, enjoy themselves while eating out and catching up on the latest girl talk.

Just Chillin, Mark Larson, '96, sits "comfy" while sucking on his favorite sucker after eating a hearty meal made by the football cheerleaders. Cheers had many such fundraisers over the year.

Stunned, John Foddrill, '96, expresses his enthusiasm while taking fun pictures with friends on a Saturday afternoon in the school parking lot. Weekends found many students roaming the school grounds.



"OUT FOR THE WEEKEND HAVIN' FUN" "PARTY TIME"

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

From partying to time spent alone at home, weekends can always be exciting in Ankeny, Iowa. Partying with friends or going out with your boyfriend or girlfriend were voted as the most popular things to do on the weekends.

"I go out with my friends to clubs and I spend time with my girlfriend. We either go to a movie or to the Science Center." - Alan Bush, '97.

Dancing at a dance club, or just chillin' at home makes the weekends so exciting. I go to parties and spend time with my friends." - Shawn Hamersley, '97.

"I go out to dinner and to the movies with either my boyfriend or friends," said Anne

Nixon, '98.

Another alternative is to leave Ankeny. Some students cruise to Des Moines to go dancing at the clubs or to hit the malls. And when popular singing groups are in the area, students attend concerts.

"I like to go to Valley West Mall at least once every other week, because they have a better selection of clothes." - Cristi Hogan, '96.

There are even a few who do not go out at all, and just rest at home. Students who enjoy staying at home do so because they work all day and want to rest at night or they need to get homework done for school.

Yes, another alternative is to go to the sport events on Friday and Saturday nights, or to go to the wrestling meets all day Saturday. Many people who have jobs may also work on the weekends during their free time.

Sometimes people may think that there are not enough weekends during the school year. Some even feel that there are too many weekends during the year. Mostly, however we mostly all think the same. . . we just all wish that the weekends would go by a little bit slower. If that one problem could be solved, there would be no complaining towards the end of the weekend.

By Michelle Witt

J.R. Reeves, '98, works the counter at Burger King. Fast food restaurants comprised a large percentage of teen-age employment; making food, doing drive-up, and cleaning floors were other duties employers assigned.

Jim Bucher, '96, demonstrates his skill cutting the food before he shelves it. Another task that grocery store employees performed was unloading and washing the produce before stocking.

This young girl will hopefully find what she is looking for with the help of Dillows employee Sara Stone, '97. Helping customers find items was common procedure for store employees.





IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO

DOIN' MORE THAN JUST 9 TO 5

"Can I help you?" Most students have uttered these words at their many jobs. From serving spaghetti, to selling clothes, to radio broadcasting, many Ankeny students work.

Where do students work? Restaurants make up 42% of student employers. Grocery stores, retail stores, and day care centers make up the rest. What do these hard working students spend their money on? A survey of students says 26% goes toward the purchase of new clothes and 21% is used to buy food. Another 12% is spent on gas. Five percent is spent on other

people, with their boyfriend/girlfriend the most named recipient. Only 7% of students polled are saving for the future.

Not every student has a job and the reasons vary. Elizabeth Wisnosky, '97, quit her job to have more time to herself. "I don't have a job," says Tamika Green, '96, "but its not because there aren't any, there are." Of students who do work, experience and money are major reasons.

Despite long hours, annoying customers, and mediocre pay, many students enter the wild world of work.

-By Heather Combs



One of the jobs most given to high school students is that of cashier, so Janelle Garrels, '96, and Melissa Beaman, '98, bag and check groceries. A knowledge of cash registers and people skills are needed for this job.

Nicole Taweel, '97, sorts and counts money. Keeping track of a business's finances was a big responsibility for her, and with big amounts of cash involved, the duty became even more vital.

TOO HOT TO HANDLE NOW

FASHION HITS THE RUNWAYS AT AHS

A blast from the past. Old fashioned shoes were back in style this year--everything from canvas converses and airwalks, to Doc Martins, Birkenstocks and platforms. Natural was the way to go with many styles this year. Natural nail polish, earthtones and dark maroons were also sported.

Hair was natural on both guys and girls. Many girls at Ankeny wore their hair up to school. Straight hair was in and the perms were out. The underclassmen girls surveyed took more time to get ready for school while most of the seniors hardly ever got ready for school or wore makeup. "Why bother?" asked Sundae Frisk, '96. "Who do we have to impress?"

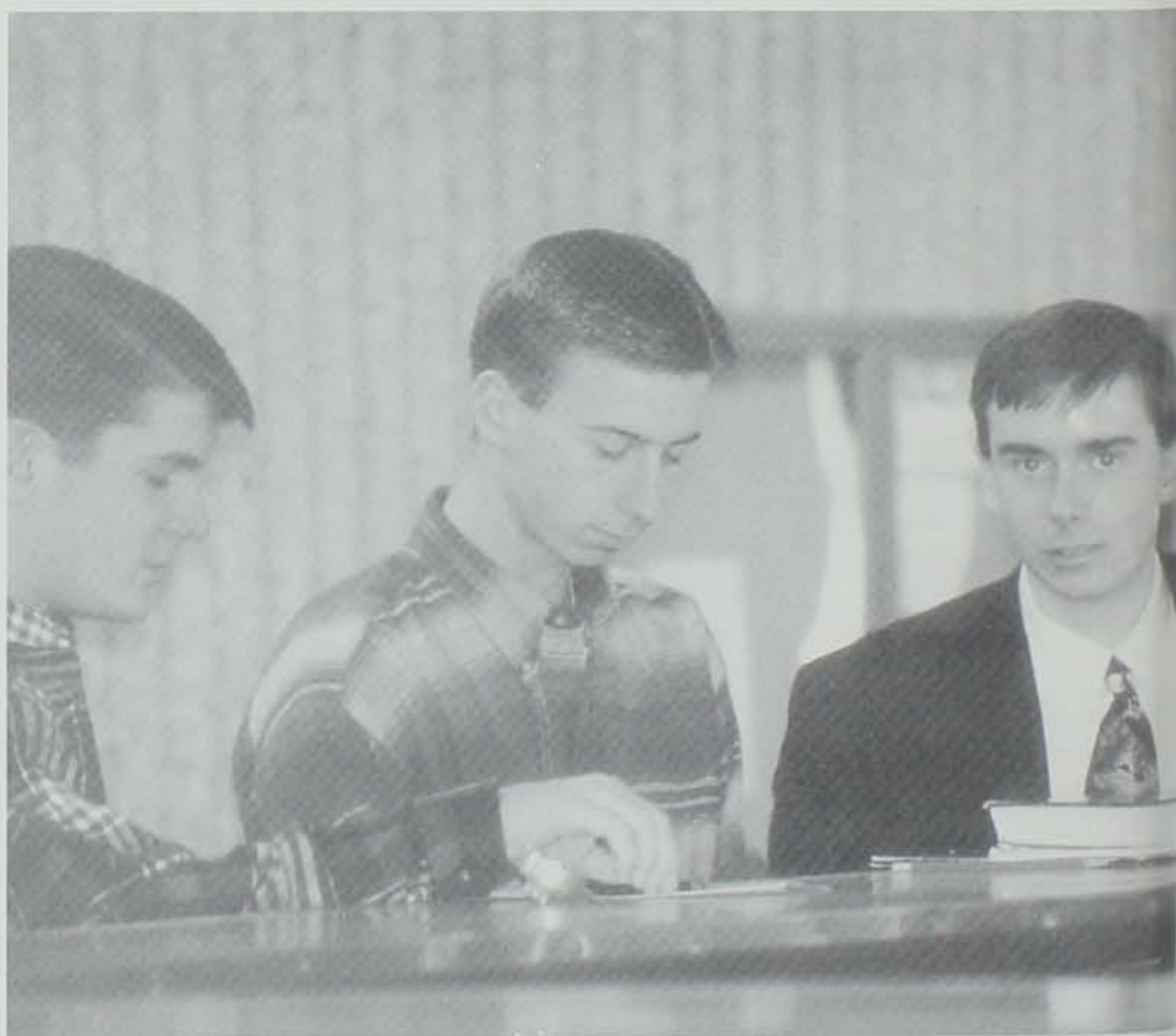
Short was the style when it came to earrings;

the dangly ones were out of there. And many backpacks were seen on students. Since most of the students carried their books or jackets in them, if they used backpacks they would not have to go back to their lockers during the day.

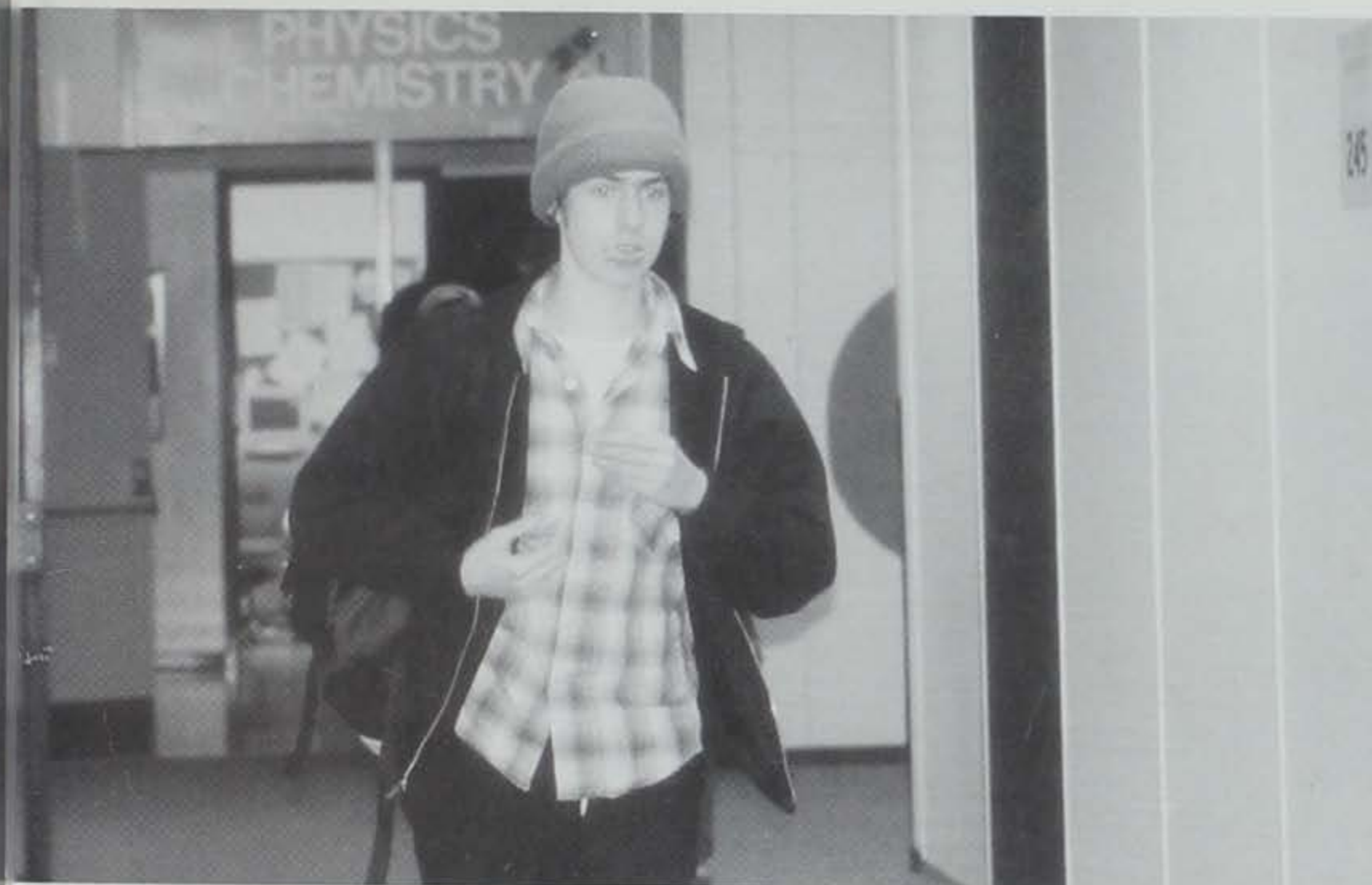
The baggier, the better was the popular slogan this year for the guys and girls dress codes. Baggy jeans, corduroys, and overalls were popularly seen on both sexes. Plaid flannels roamed the halls as a major clothing staple this year, and a variety of colors and patterns kept this style unique. Layering was a must do this year. The longer sleeved shirts were mostly seen under short-sleeved shirts. Angora sweaters, polar fleece, and tie-dyes were another of the must haves this year at Ankeny. By Michelle Witt



Ouch! How does he get his hair to do that? Justin Rullestad, '98, loved wearing his hair in a spike to make his fashion statement. Gel, hairspray, and a lot of mouse went into making this great do.



The great trio Trevor Taylor, '96, Justin Bauer, '96, and Josh Zinn, '96 get together between classes. Trevor and Justin sported the ever-so-popular flannel shirts, while Josh went in style with his suit for basketball.



What is in his mouth? No one will ever know with Matt Arbuckle, '96. Always filled with humor, Matt walked down the halls sporting his flannel, his hat, and the ever-so-popular back pack.

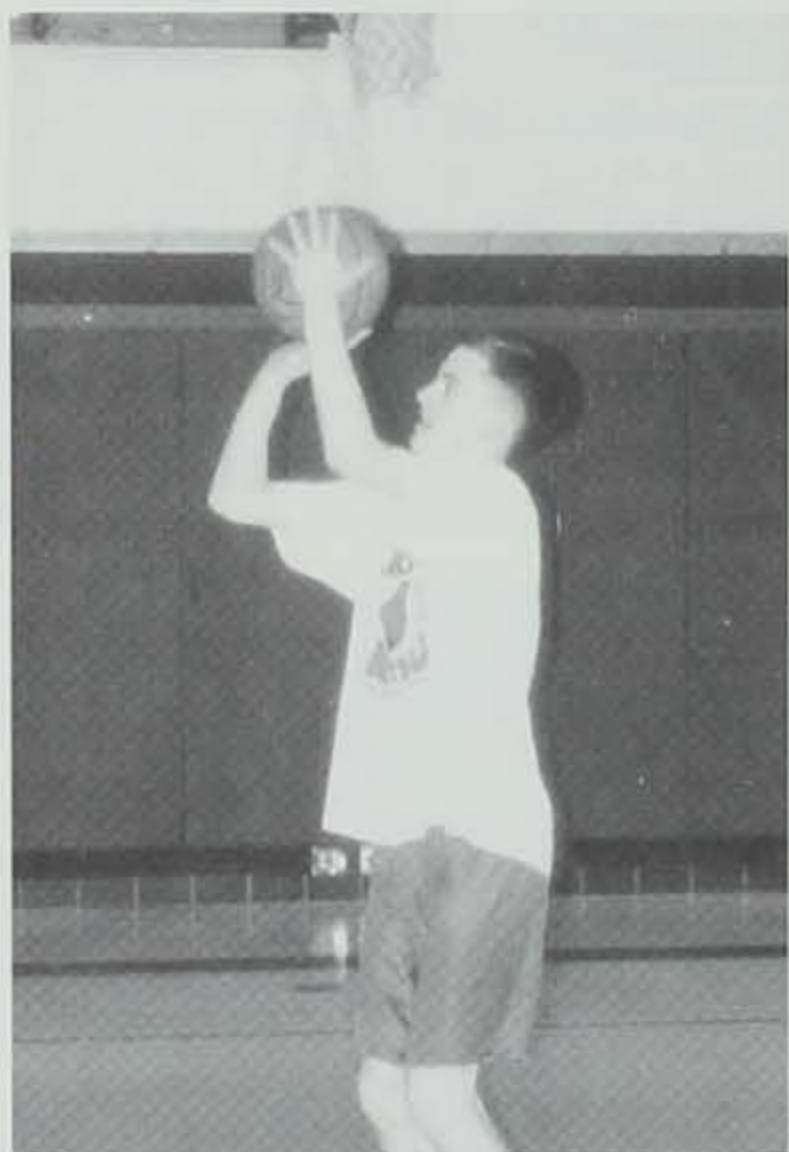
"Limited girl", Jenny Andersen, '97, sails through the year in style as she walks through the halls of AHS wearing only Limited apparel. Since she worked at the Limited, the clothes were not hard to get.

A classy look for Ryan Justice, '97. Dressing up was not done a lot in AHS, but since Ryan was a basketball player he had to wear his suit on game days. Needless to say the look was not bad at all.



Travis Duke steps up to take the shot at the local YMCA. Travis liked to play a little basketball in his freetime, and he also enjoyed lifting weights in the free-weight room. Shooting hoops helped him get away from classes.

Aaron Whitaker aims to make a shot. Aaron often came to the YMCA to improve his performance in basketball, and during the off season, the YMCA is where Aaron spent most of his time.



WORK THAT BODY HARDER

STEPPING UP TO PHYSICAL FITNESS

Pump it up. Building up that body, whether it is for health reasons or just to look good, for many AHS students is a daily event. As one walks through the YMCA after school hours, it is clear to see just how many students work out. Approximately 57% of students at AHS exercise every day. When asked why she worked out, Melissa Williams, '96, commented, "Have you seen my trainer?" Whether someone works out to impress others or for athletic training, the results are very clear... fitness.

Getting buff, trim, or fit is not just a simple little task. Students lift, swim, run, bike, and get involved in many different activities outside of

school to achieve this goal. As the old saying goes, "No pain, no gain." In order to build those muscles, firm those abs, and lose that fat, students spend strenuous hours working up a sweat and burning off those calories.

Many students at AHS also diet to get in shape. Although cutting back on fatty foods and cutting down on the calorie intake every day can be good, many people go too far and encounter the serious problem of eating disorders. So when one tries to get trim, s/he must remember to be careful and not over do it. Two of the most common eating disorders, bulimia and anorexia, affect thousands of high school students every

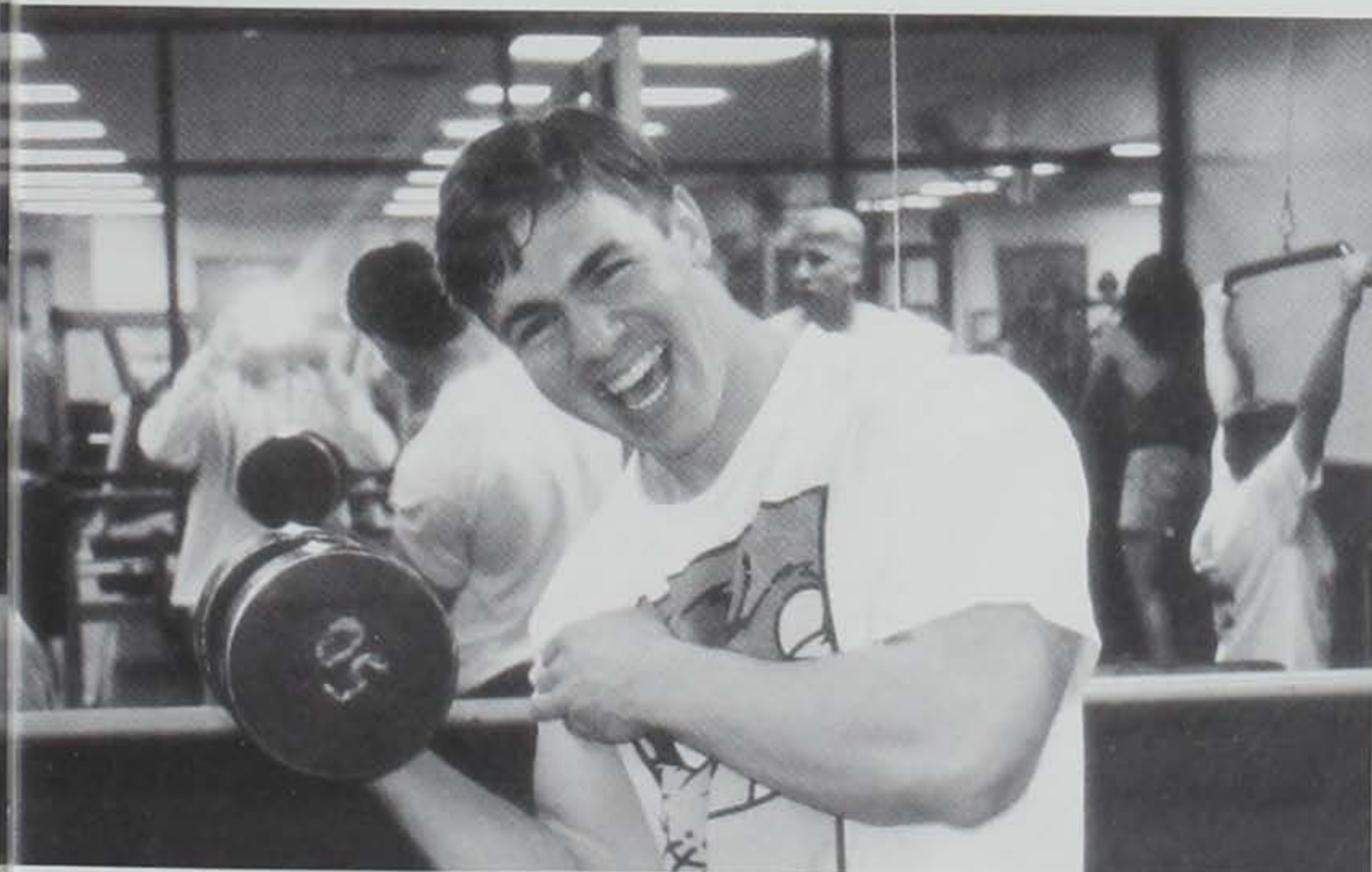
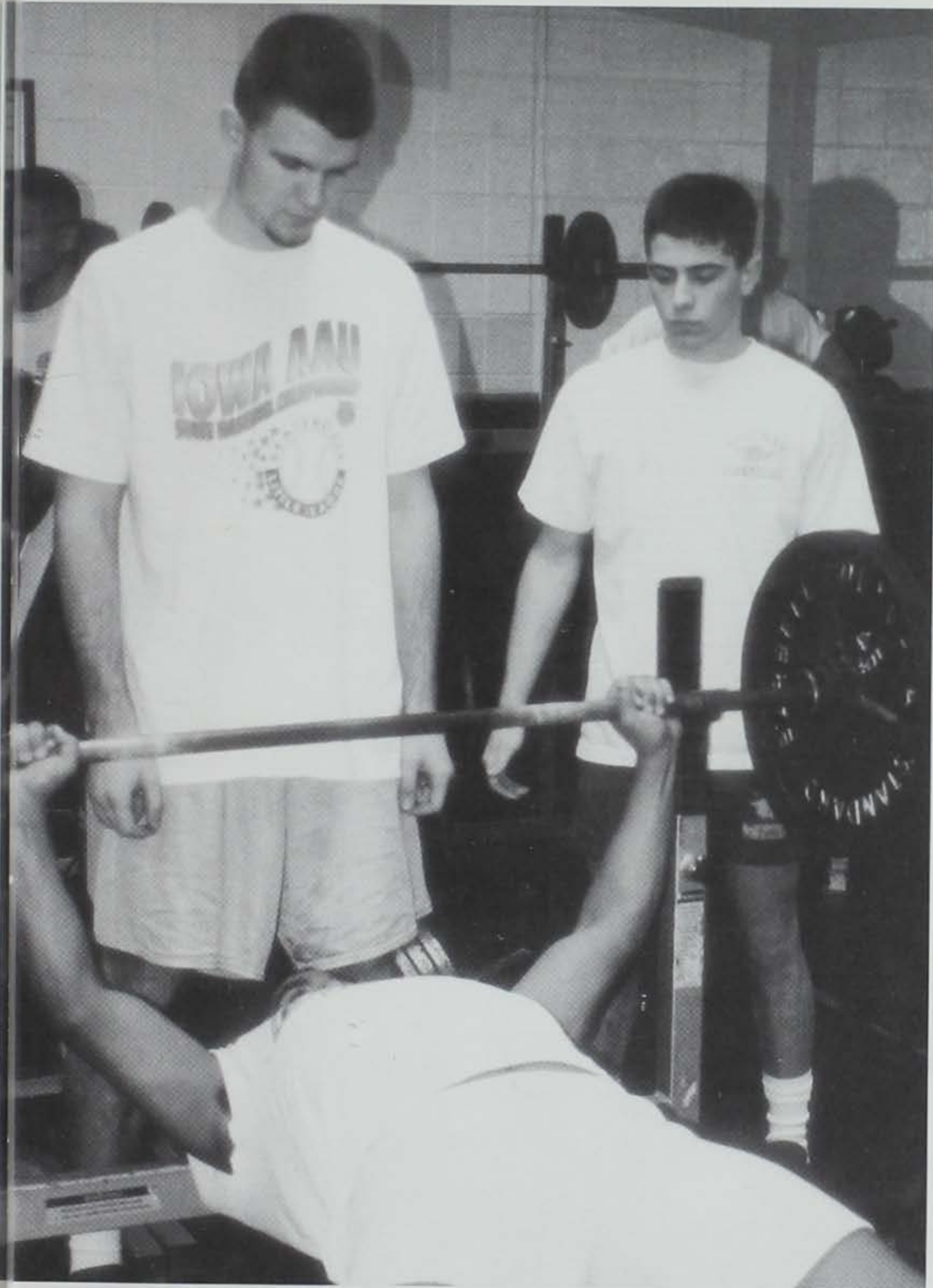


year.

Many of the different athletic teams here at AHS require that the players work out in order to improve their performance as individuals and the performance of the team as a whole. During the football season the YMCA is often filled with the players lifting weights to increase their strength and power. Wrestlers often are found at the YMCA also trying to improve the skills needed for that winning pin. And track participants can be found just about anywhere in town.

Overall, working out will greatly benefit a person in the long run, not only in appearance but also in health.

By Rebecka Klassen



Chaney Smith, '98, works out on the bench while Clayton Newman spots him and Joe Ferin watches over him. Working in the off-season helped Chaney stay in shape for sports, especially football and wrestling.

An attempted jam goes awry for Ryan Justice. Justice, along with Todd Sievers, who is standing in the background, enjoyed playing basketball in his free time. Sean McCauley also took a shot.

Matt Gardner shows off the muscles he developed by spending several hours a day lifting at the YMCA. Matt enjoyed lifting because it built up his body and gave him something to do.

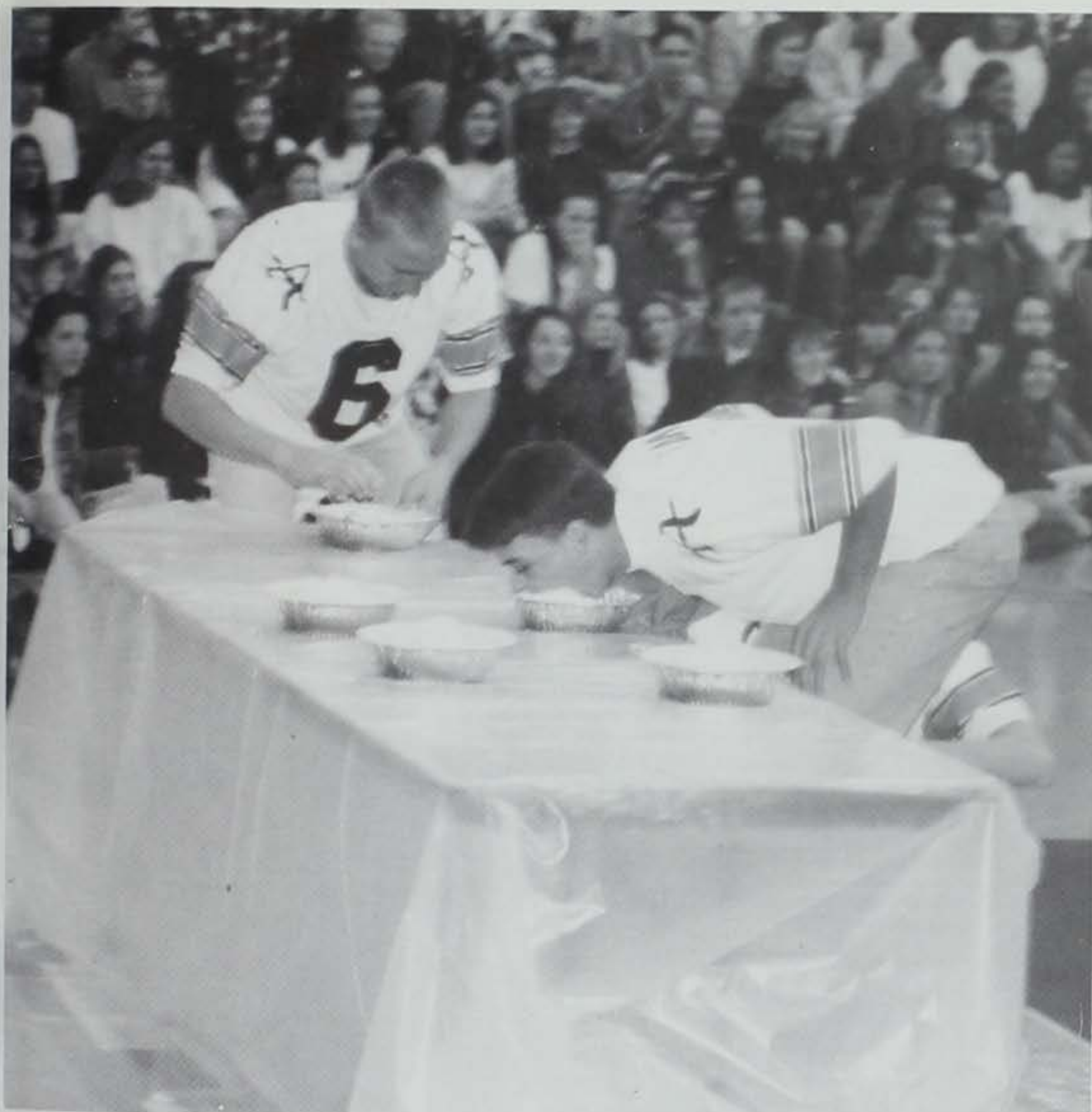


Chris Hochart, '96, steps up to the mike to introduce Teresita Smeader, '96, at the pep assembly, with the infamous Wisconsin cow, the "largest" stuffed critter in the world!

Senior girls Krista Hylbak, Michelle Butcher, Sundae Frisk and Christi Hogan demonstrate their school spirit by sporting football jerseys. They received them a week earlier at the pep club meeting.

A very happy king Tony Eichensier, '96, was surrounded by potential Homecoming queens. Seniors Jenny Caralton, Kari Froehlich, Jenny Voss, Michelle Witt, and Kelly Mchilhon were nominated as candidates by the student body.





Dig in! Tony Battani 96' and Joe Quinlin 96' chow down on cream pies, trying to be the first ones to get the hidden apples. Unfortunately for them, the soccer players ended up winning.

Mark Pederson 96' one of the football captains peps up the crowd, and talked about the game on Friday. The crowd cheered for Mark when he talked about beating Urbandale, Ankeny's biggest rival.



GETTIN' IT TOGETHER IN TIME

PREPPIN' FOR THE MAIN EVENT

Homecoming was a very hectic week for everyone. Everyone prepared for a homecoming to supersede all others.

The football players got ready for the big game against Urbandale. The halls were decorated by the pep club and cheerleaders the weekend before. The cheerleaders stayed up all hours of the night teepeeing the homes of the football players.

Throughout the week students council sponsored various spirit days designed to foster school spirit. This year saw more students participate than ever before. From funky hat day to spirit day on Friday, the halls were filled with students

showing their spirit.

The Friday pep assembly was a huge success. The cheerleaders practiced and got everything ready. Students cheered their candidates and winter sports spokespersons, laughed at skits, and enjoyed the band's enthusiasm.

Homecoming day was a very busy one for everyone. For girls, the day consisted of doing nails, tanning, and getting the hair done as perfectly as possible. Girls who have dates because they have to pick up the boutonniere and find out where their date is picking them up and at whose house they'll be taking the pictures.

Guys busied themselves with washing their car, picking up flowers, and making arrangements for dinner and pictures.

At the homecoming dance this year a majority of the people went stag, and most of the plans were really laid back. After eating dinner at North End Diner and the like, over 500 students attended the dance held in the Pit this year. Most reviews of the DJ were positive, and people enjoyed the close proximity afforded by the Pit.

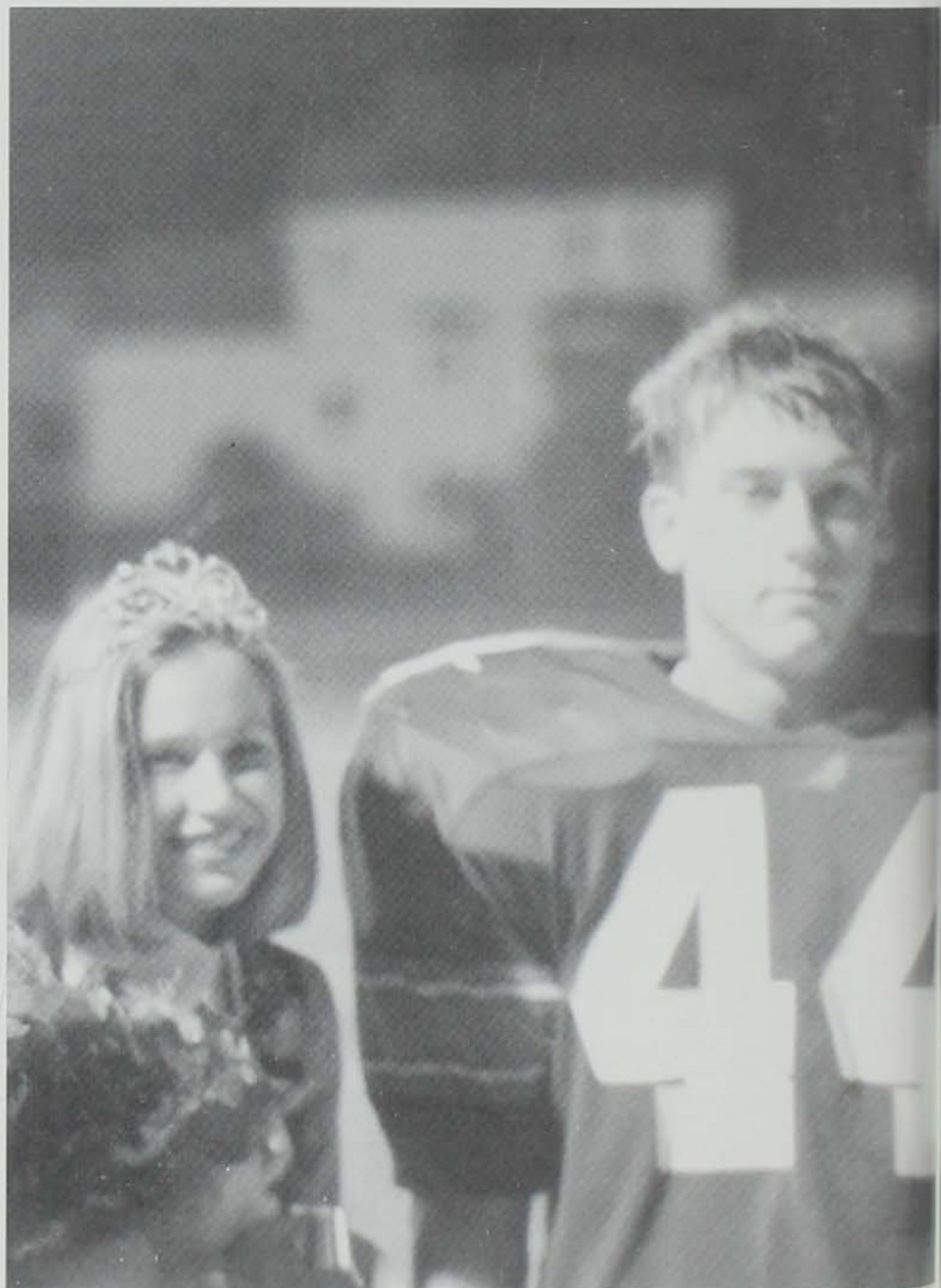
All in all, girls averaged spending \$150 preparing for homecoming and guys spent \$60.

By Teresita Smeader

Watch out! Here comes the AHS fall sports players as they enter the gymnasium floor during the homecoming pep assembly. Hundreds of students participated in fall sports this year.

All decked out, Brian Ratcliff, '96, shows his spirit on hat day, one of the many events sponsored by student council during homecoming week. Other days included pajama day, hippy day, hat and tie day, and spirit day.

Jennifer Carleton, '96, and Tony Eichenseer, '96, pose as King and Queen of Homecoming 1995. Students discussed the possibility of voting on king next year, but decided to let the football team continue its tradition of choosing him.





LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

COME HOME TO WHERE THE FUN IS

The weeks of preparation and planning had finally paid off. The school and community had been decorated with the colors of maroon and gold to show the support and enthusiasm for the big game. The votes for homecoming queen had been tallied and the winner had been established, but all AHS students had to wait until the game to see the final results.

Fans anxiously awaited the big BOOM from the cannon, signifying the kick-off, and the game started precisely at 7:30 p.m.

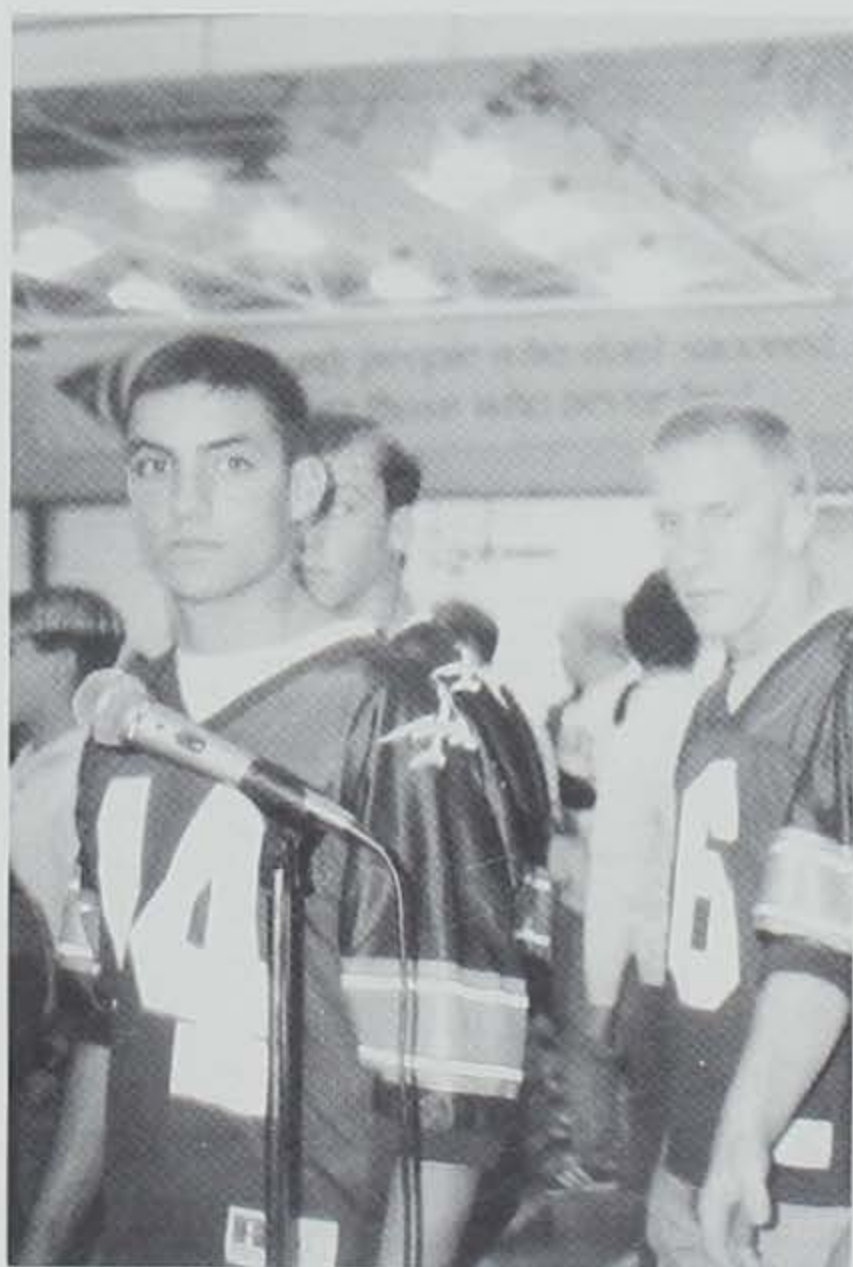
At half-time, tensions among the friends and families of the homecoming queen candidates rose as they awaited the announcement of the homecoming queen. Finally, the voice over the

intercom rang out, almost drowned out by the roar from the crowd. "The winner of Homecoming Queen 1995 is . . . Jennifer Carleton!"

The football team stampeded the field for the second half. As the final seconds of the clock ran out, the Hawks proved victorious, edging out the Jayhawks in a 14-13 win.

The Homecoming dance was held the following day in "the Pit". The energy of all who attended rose through the roof as AHS students danced the night away. When the dance ended the thoughts and feelings of the weeks events varied. John Foddrill '96, commented, "I think Homecoming was fun."

By Rebecka Klassen and Kate Pace



Football Players Kyle Bolejack, '97, Tony Eichenseer, '96, and Joe Quinlin, '96, walk off the floor after an exciting pep assembly during Homecoming 1995. After 45 minutes of cheers the students were ready for the big game.

Members of the crowd clown around before the 1995 homecoming pep assembly began. Spirits were on the rise as all fall sports teams trampled into the gym to get hyped up for a victory.

HAVING A BALL AT THE DANCE

A MAGICAL NIGHT TO REMEMBER

On Saturday, December 9, 1995, the National Honor Society hosted a successful Crystal Ball, held in the Ankeny High School gymnasium from 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. The theme song this year was "Total Eclipse of the Heart", and the colors were hunter green, black and silver.

Many people started off the night by taking pictures with their dates or friends and going out to dinner and then off to the dance. After the dance many people went out with their dates and friends to post-Crystal Ball parties.

Turn out for Crystal Ball was above aver-

age because it was held in the gym instead of the pit, and the dance floor was a lot less crowded than it was at Homecoming. Some aspects of the dance, however, were not up to par. "I really didn't think the music was very good this year," said Lindsay Robinson, '97, "but I still had a lot of fun with my date and my friends."

Although Crystal Ball 1995 may not have been perfect in every way, that magical evening will always be a night that will remain in the hearts of the majority of Ankeny High students.

By Angie Spooner and Jeremiah Hamilton.



Gazing into each others eyes, Megan Jennings, '97, and Scott Mickelson, '97, dance the night away. People went to Crystal Ball because it's always fun to spend some quality time with your friends.

Brad Hill, '97, sweeps senior Erin Linder off her feet at Crystal Ball. Erin can only hope he doesn't let go. Many people did some wild and crazy things at Crystal Ball maybe even a little to wild.

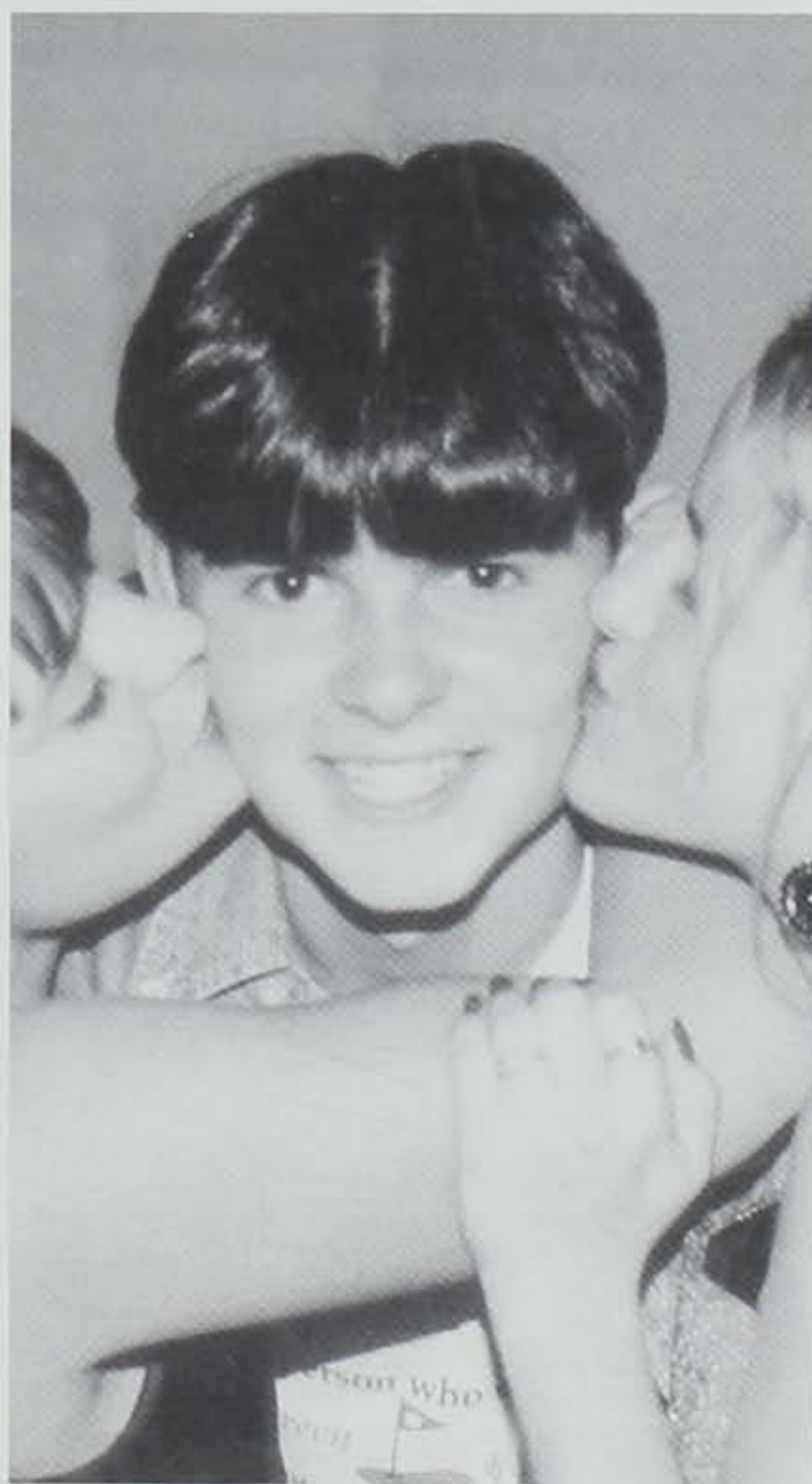




Hugging and mugging at the dance, Joe Quinlin, Naomi Linderman, '96, Joey Beveridge, '97, and Rachel Linderman do more than just dance. Most people danced with more than just the partner who brought them.

Josh Johson, '97, as Ricky Rickardo does the Rumba with the best dance partner he can find--himself. A variety of unique dance styles surfaced that night, among them moshing, "disco", and line dancing.

"Am I lucky or what?" asks Brett Lee, '97, as he gladly receives kisses from Jenny Anderson, '97, and Kristen Kahn, '97. Everybody enjoyed the dance, except for some who thought that the music could have been better.



Toss it up! Brad Zorns, '97 and Tom Wierzbicki, '96 enjoy themselves at the after prom, while tossing different rolls of toilet paper through the center of the toilets to win prizes.

Hang'em up! Senior girls Tiffany Ratzliff, '96 and Jenny Bensen, '96 quickly put their coats away before dancing the night away at the Olmstead Center located at Drake University.



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT PROM

"REMEMBER ME THIS WAY"

On May 4, 1996, many juniors and seniors experienced a night to remember at the 1996 Ankeny High School Prom, which was held at the Olmstead Center at Drake University. The juniors picked the theme "Remember Me This Way" after many months of debate. Most of the couples began the night by dining at a nice restaurant of their choice.

TKO Productions provided the music for prom, while students danced the night away. "Overall the music at prom was good and the activities at after prom were fun," said Tiffany Ratzliff, '96. The highlight of prom this year was when the power went out during the dance.

Everyone who attended the dance was given a bag of memoir gifts, including a photo album, a garter and many other memorable objects. Jennifer Carleton, '96 said "I thought prom was decorated better and was more fun than last year."

After the prom many students attended "after prom," which was held at the high school from 12:00-4:00 in the morning. Parents and teachers helped raise the money for the event by receiving various donations from the many stores and businesses of Ankeny.

A variety of activities and food were available to the students. Food was catered by Fazoli's, Hy-Vee



Pizza Pit, Baskin Robins and many other food stores/restaurants. Activities that kept students busy all night included "The Velcro Wall", a ring toss, a hypnotist, and a casino of games. In addition to all this, prizes were given away to the students throughout the evening.

"Overall, I thought that the punch at the dance was good, but the music during the dance could have been a little bit better," said Brian Ferin, '96.

All in all, prom was an evening to remember for those attending. As Jay Williams, '96 put it, "I thought that this years prom was one of the best-especially the LIGHTS!"

By Michelle Witt



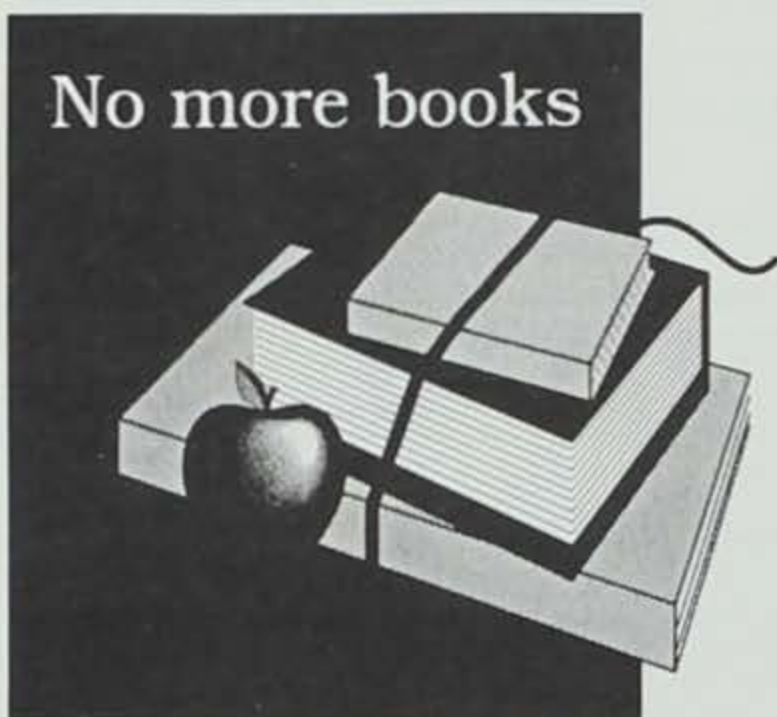
Dancing the night away! Many of the AHS Juniors and Seniors, along with their dates, enjoy the night at prom while dancing to the wonderful music (especially the Macarina)--when it was working.

Sticking to the Fly Trap! Junior Brad Hill, '97, has fun hanging upside-down stuck to the Fly Trap. Along with the Fly Trap other enjoyable activities kept everyone entertained at after prom.

Refreshments were a Relief! Many of the prom-goers spent most of their time chatting with their friends and fellow classmates around the punch bowl, thanks to the prom committee who thought of that refreshing idea.



No more books

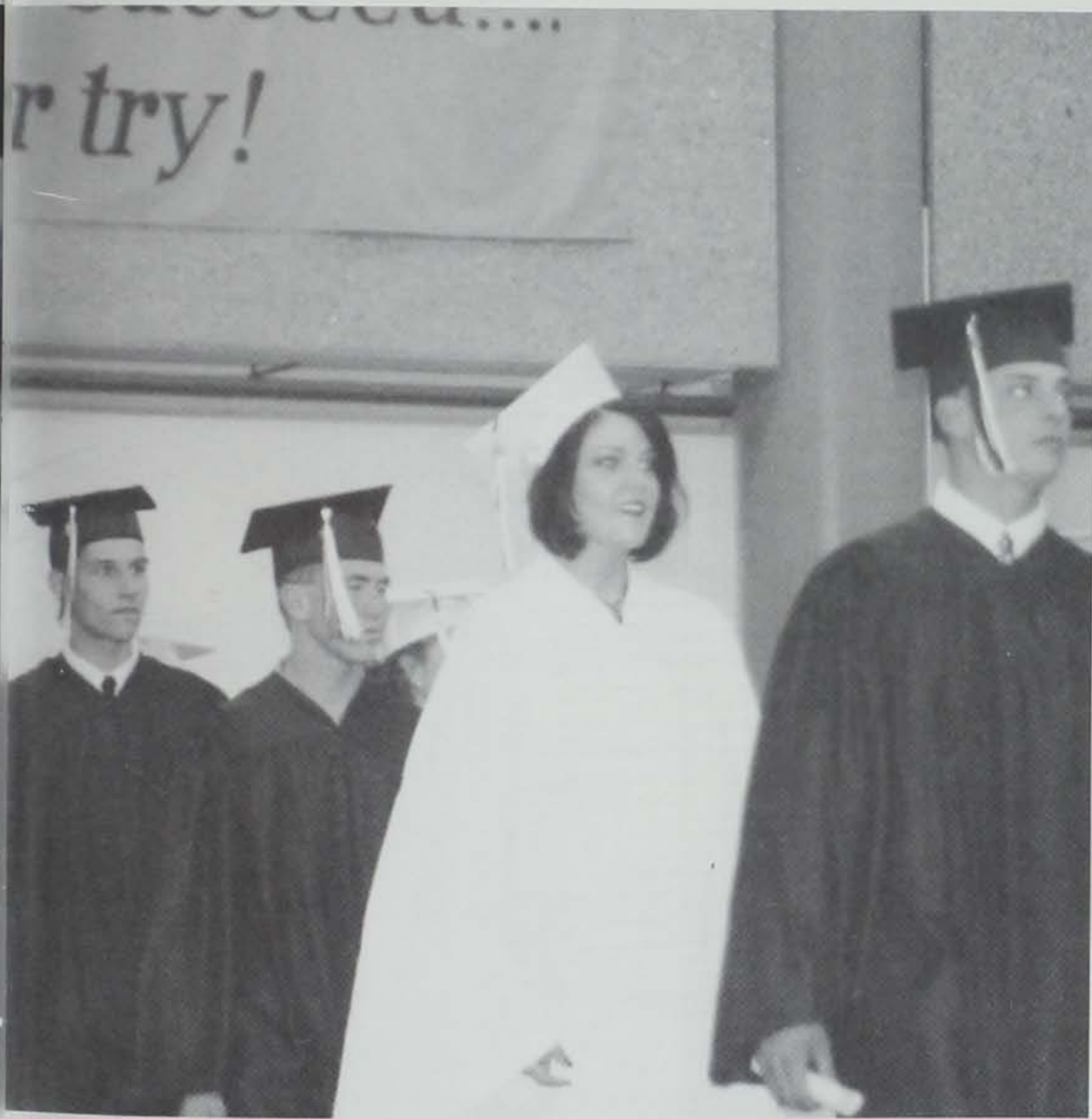


With a smile on his face, Loung Banh, '96, receives his diploma and takes a glance at the rest of the diplomas to be given out as he crosses the stage.

Shaking hands with an administrator, Jenny Cox, '96, takes her well-deserved diploma from his hand and is congratulated on her hard work in high school.

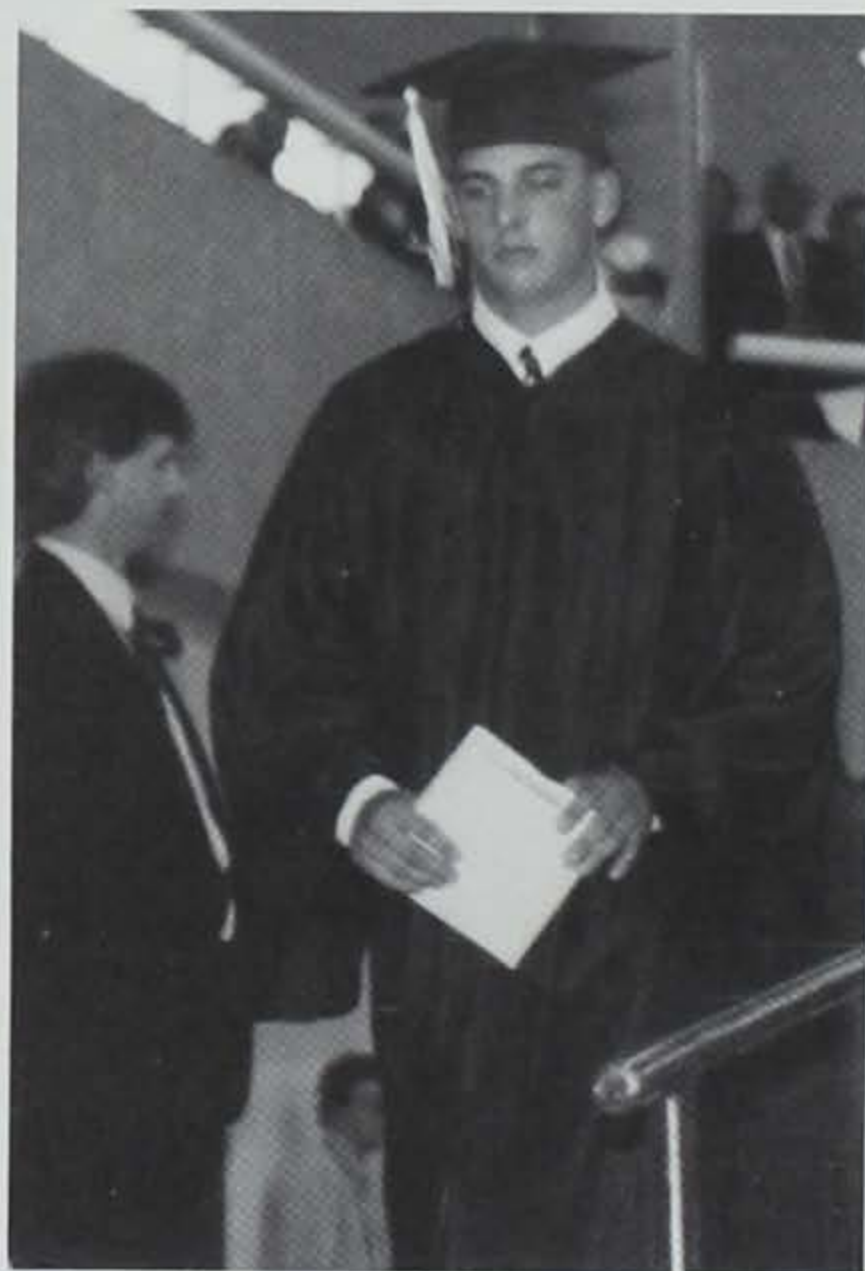
Going silly, members of the class of 1996, shoot silly string into the air and celebrate graduation after all members of the class have received their diplomas.





Walking down the aisle, Tony Battani, Amber O'neal, Nick Wallace, and Jim Bucher walk together at the beginning of the graduation ceremonies.

High School is finally over for Tony Battani, '96, and he knows it as he crosses the stage with his diploma in his hand, and thinks of high school memories.



GOING, GOING, GONE CLASS OF 1996

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO IT ALL

For most seniors, going to college is something they look forward to the most after graduation. The idea of living on their own sounds totally great. But seniors know they will miss high school and all of their friends that they made in the four years of their high school career.

Kristi Breeding, '96, said, "After graduation, I am looking forward to this summer with all of my friends, just hanging out, and definitely all of the going away parties we will have before we leave for college."

Many memories are made throughout the years in high school. With all of the after school activities like clubs, organizations, dances, sporting events, and weekend parties, many close friendships are formed and experiences are made that will never be forgotten.

Jim Bucher, '96, said, "My most memorable experience was when Mark Larson, '96, pushed Brian Ferin, '96, down the stairs at Sarah Harden's, '97, house." Larson added, "What I think I'll miss most after school is

definitely hanging out with all of my friends."

The ceremonies that marked the beginning of the next chapter in life for these graduates was high-lighted with speeches by 4 valedictorian representatives: Jessie Dirks, Robyn Brent, Mike Cox, and Jarrod Routh. Class president Kari Froelich also addressed a farewell to her classmates.

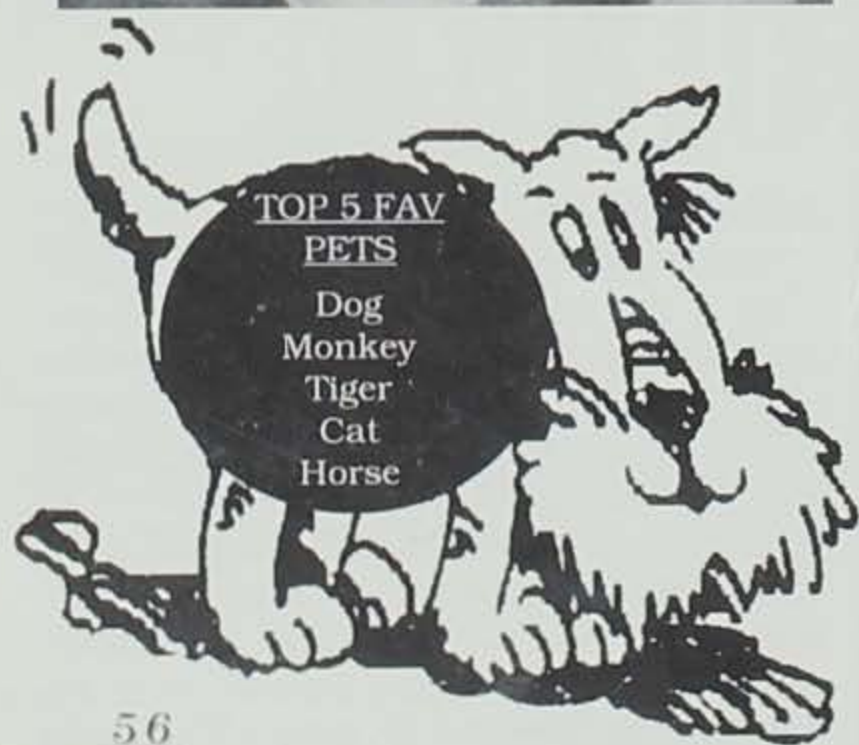
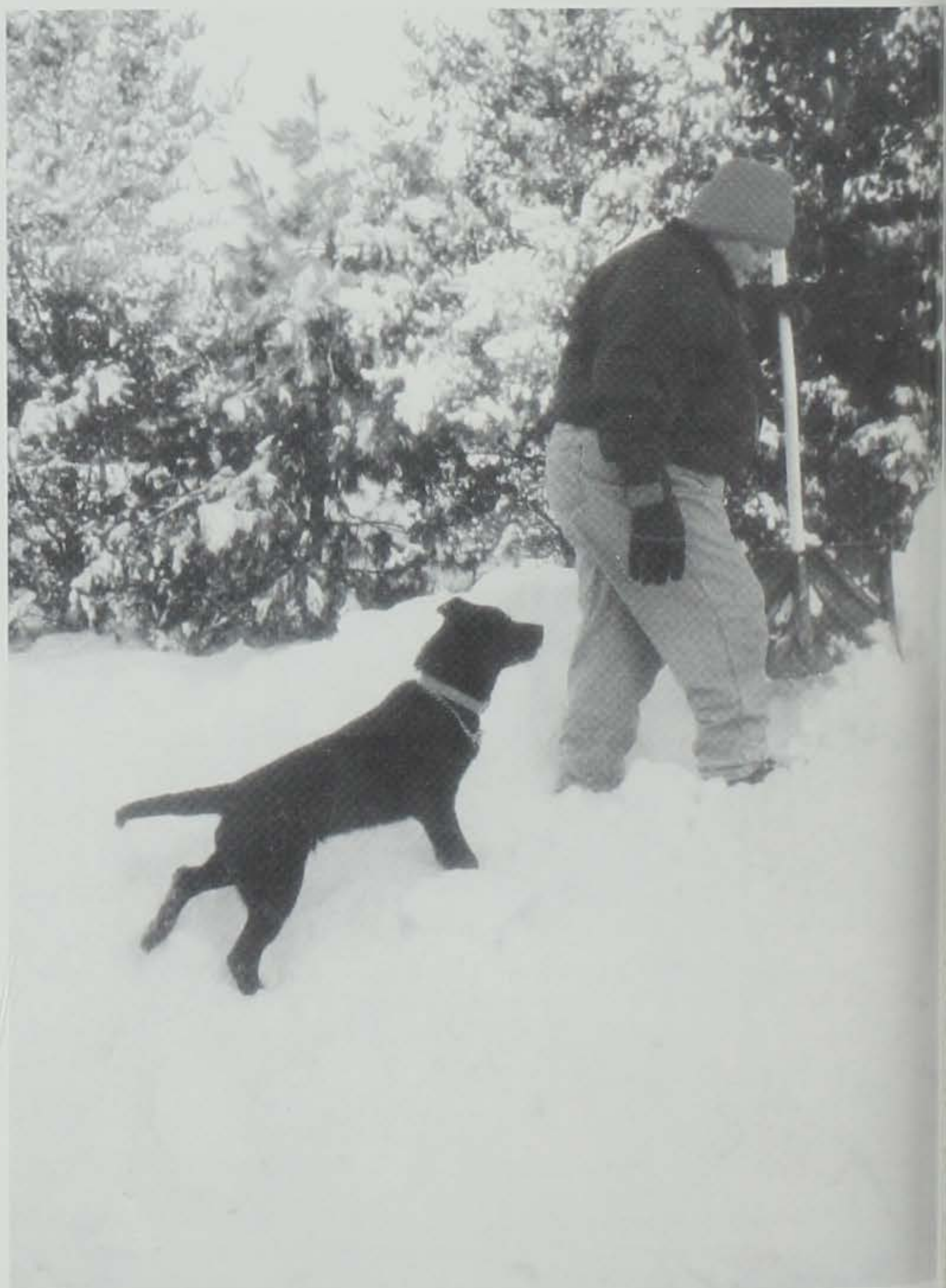
In celebration of their rite of passage, the seniors sprayed silly string all over themselves and the attending guests. It was a day they'll never forget. By Stacey Wierzbicki

Snoozing, Nicole Winders, '98, and her cat, Sassy, take a nap during the summer. Like Nicole, many other students said that their favorite pastime was spent with their pet sleeping.



Mary Foster, '98, and her black lab mix, Chopper, trudge through infamous Iowa snow after the blizzard of '96, searching for the sidewalk beneath the surface. Like most big dogs, Chopper loved winter as well as summer.

Holly Goerndt, '98, hides a treat in her hands from her two black labs, Coco and Jiggs, demonstrating their fine retrieving abilities. One of their favorite activities was ride wave runners during summer.



STUDENT ANIMALIA ABOUNDS

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE SNUGGILY

Fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters. What is missing? Fido - - the family pet.

Most students have either a dog, a cat, or a fish, but some have unusual pets like an exotic bird or an iguana, or even a sister as Scott McQuiston, '98, says. Other popular AHS pets include hamsters, rabbits, snakes, and even sea monkeys.

Students cited quality time with pets as a favorite pastime. Westling, watching TV, sleeping, playing frisbee, football, running, or swimming were also favorite activities. Students even spent time with their 'family members' watching the grass grow or play tennis.

Some students' pets can do amazing stunts like jump through windows, ride wave runners,

or chase their tail. Valerie Collins, '98, said, "My sister taught my cat how to do gymnastics." Others have had the opportunity to watch their pets chew up their homework. Lucas Gorz's, '96, dog danced on his hind feet for five minutes, and Erin VanWyk's, '98, cats open and close doors, while Kai, a miniature pinscher belonging to Tony Battani, '96, digs through purses looking for goodies to scarf.

Some pets vacation with their owners and are smuggled into hotels. Other unfortunate animals are stuck at home and are taken care of by friends or simply get extra food and the toilet seat left up for them. No matter how busy students are, they'll find time to spend with "alternative" family. -By Katie Shannon



Cori Kuhn, '98, and Brutus, her pitbull, open presents together on Christmas morning. Students treated pets like members of the family by giving gifts of food, bones, toys, and treats for Christmas.

Giddy up! Amy Heinen, '98, and her horse, Dolly, get ready for a show Labor Day weekend in Madrid, Iowa. Horses were among the top most-requested pets, but due to the expense of keeping them, most students don't own one.

MAKING A MARK THAT LASTS

OR UNTIL THEY CAN PAY TO REMOVE IT

Tattoos seem to be a never-ending trend in AHS. They are all over the school and all types of people have them. Some are visible; others are in secret places. But in the end, many people would be surprised with who actually carries the tattoos of AHS.

"I think one or two small ones are O.K., but it looks bad when people have their entire bodies covered with tattoos," explains Angie Spooner, '97. This seems to be the opinion of most of the population of AHS.

Most people wouldn't guess who has the tattoos. For example, Kari Froehlich, '96, and Michelle Butcher, '96, both have tattoos on their hips, Froehlich's of the drama face pair and

Butcher's of flowers. J.J. Mortale, '97, sports a ladybug on her stomach and a flower on her lower back. Funny thing is, J.J. is not eighteen yet, and her parents sure do not know about her tattoos.

Spring Break seemed to be the hot time to get them. Around that month, Chad Leonard, '96, Tony Eichenseer, '96, Joe Miller, '96, Kari Froehlich, '96, and Matt Roland, '97, are just a few of the Ankeny High students who got tattoos on Spring Break.

Regardless of who gets them and where they get them, tattoos may be popular for generations to come. If nothing else, they will still be around.
By Danielle Rethmeier



Chad Leonard's, '96, scabbed over tattoo may look painful, but he suffered through it to have his body art. Chad got his tattoo over Spring Break as well as many other AHS Students.

Baring it all, Tony Eichenseer, '96, and Joe Miller, '96, show off their main conversation pieces. The back and the shoulders were common places for people's tattoos, especially for the guys.

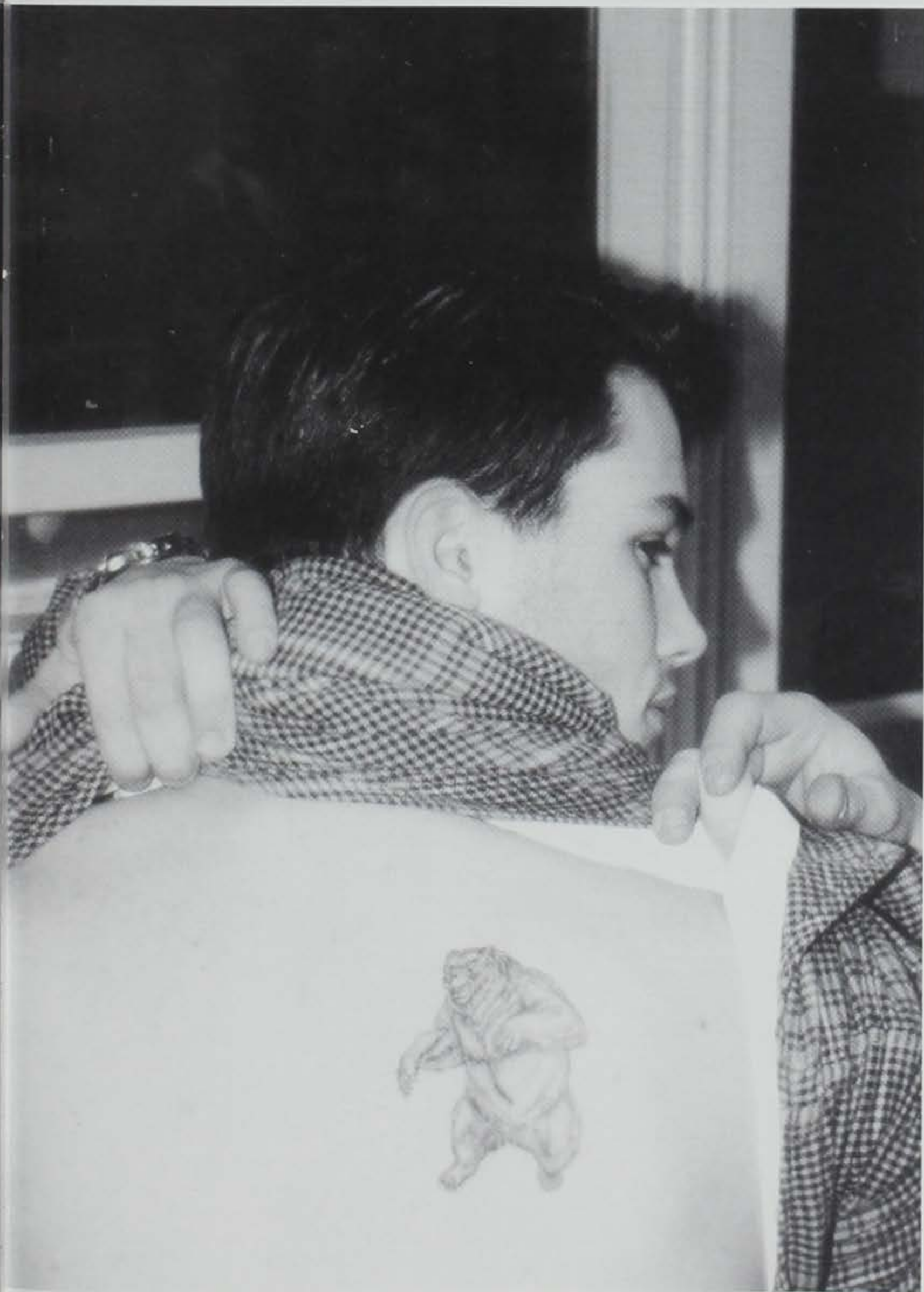




Jenny Klassen, '97, duplicates Drew Barrymore's butterfly tattoo. It just goes to show that the styles of Hollywood were also suitable for many AHS students, as Jenny's celebrity look-a-like tattoo proves.

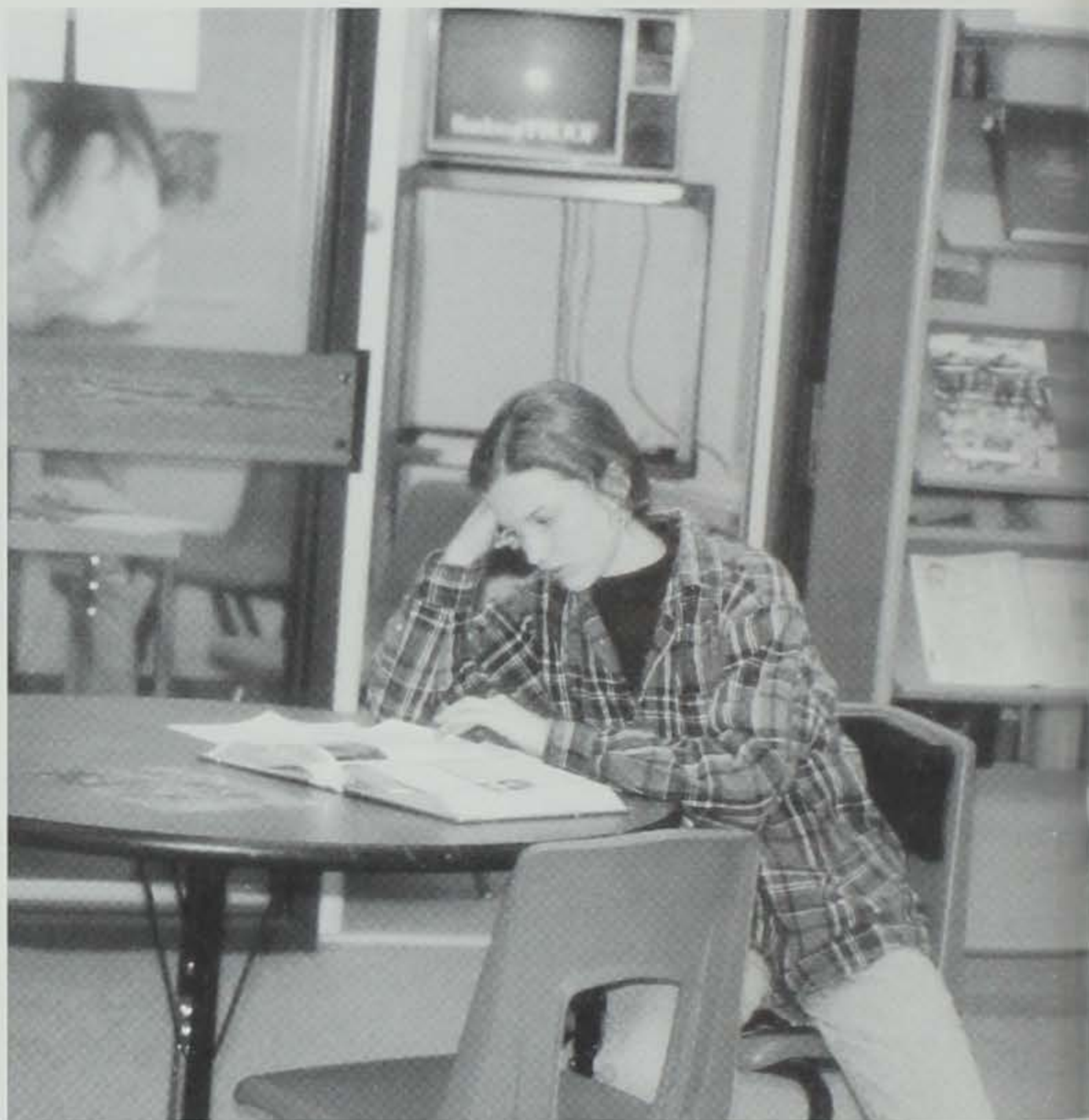
A tattoo of a grizzly bear portrays the attitude of Kris "Sweetheart" Swihart's, '97. Many tattoos at AHS reflect the student's personalities, and in this case, "Sweetheart's" bear definitely showed his.

Walking becomes picturesque for Chris Kennedy, '96. This brand new tattoo looks like Chris just stepped out of Bad Bones, which was one of the many tattoo shops where students got their tattoos.



In the Social Studies Resource center, Kelli Lichtenstien, '98, looks worried about her studies. Many students used the resource centers to study and get help from teachers and other students.

Tom Brazelton, '96, thrives on pressure. Many students believe that they actually do better when they are under a lot of stress; consequently some waited until the last minute to complete assignments, projects, and papers.



DON'T GET STRESSED OUT ABOUT IT

STUDENTS BATTLE THE PRESSURE

The heart pounds and the palms sweat. Everyone feels stressed out at times, but it is especially difficult to deal with stress in high school. Many different things cause anxiety for students- everything from calculus to fighting with your prom date.

"I think there are a lot of areas that cause stress for students. To summarize, students feel the most stress when they cannot meet expectations set by themselves, parents, and other people with whom they interact," said counselor Dave Kissinger. High expectations are often set when it comes to grades. Students want to get good grades so they can get into a good college or they

just have the desire to please their parents by bringing home good grades.

"Sports are very stressful because you set goals and expectations for yourself and you have to work to reach them," said Kristi Breeding, '96. Sports are very competitive and challenging hobbies. Many students enjoy the stress and the fun involved in sports.

According to a survey taken among students at Ankeny High School, problems with their parents was the most common cause of stress. Teenagers and adults often have conflicting ideas and feelings about friends, school, jobs, and just about anything else a person can think of.



Just about anything in life can be stressful. That is why it is so important to find a way to relieve that stress and pressure. "I work out to relieve stress," said Kristen Kahn, '97.

Exercising is another excellent way to relieve stress; it makes one feel good while it gets her/him in shape. Even if exercise does not sound appealing, there are still many other methods of relieving stress. Listening to music, sleeping, playing sports, and other recreational activities are a few of the more popular stress relievers. Whatever the stress, people somehow need to find a way to combat it. AHS students prove they are able to do just that.

By Jessica Abeyta



On his way to class, Dustin Froehle, '98, nervously bites his fingernails. Many students developed "self-destructive" habits that may or may not have helped them relieve their stress.

A visiting foreign exchange student, Montserrat Tesorero, '96, kicks her locker with frustration. Many students abused their belongings as an effective method of relieving the pressure and stress in their lives.

In the Guidance Center, Jessie Dirks, '96, glances through the scholarship file. Seniors searching through files to find applications for scholarships experienced stress as well as anticipation.



Becky Klassen, '96, and Kelly Christensen, '96, show their devotion to their favorite group, Bush, by standing out side with many others in a long line during the freezing cold weather while waiting for Bush Bowl, '96, tickets.

Christine Hall, '96, poses for a personal picture with Guine, the lead singer of No Doubt. No Doubt was touring with Bush and attended the Bush Bowl, which turned out to be one of the most popular events of this year.

Things get a little wild and crazy during New Years Eve. Several AHS students get down and funky at Greg Hart's, '96, house by performing the dance moves to the all to famous song "YMCA" performed by The Village People.





Jessica Cunningham, '96, gets an autograph from Gavin, the lead singer of Bush who performed at the 1996 Bush Bowl. Many students attended the event and, consequently, were late to classes the following day.

Dave Crecelius, '96, and Greg Hart, '96, are caught head banging to some tunes. Students showed appreciation for music by head banging, moshing, dancing, or any other variety of ways.



PUMP THAT VOLUME HIGHER, BABY!

MUSIC IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE

Alanis Morissette, Bone, and Pearl Jam. What do they all have in common? All are favorite musical groups of the AHS student body. However, not all groups reach this status. New Kids On the Block "I don't like them because all of their music sounds the same" Jamie Townsend, Michael Jackson "I didn't care for his latest video with his ex wife" Kelly Krause, and Garth Brooks were voted least popular.

Kids listen to many different kinds of music, ranging any where from Reggae to Classical. The choice music to listen to this year was Alternative, Rap, and Rock & Roll.

New songs appear on MTV and the radio each

and every day. Currently hot songs include "Glycerine" by Bush, "First of the Month" by Bone, and "One Sweet Day" by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men. Topping the list of the most dreaded were "Caught a light sneeze" by Tori Amos, "I Kissed a Girl" by Jill S. "I liked 'I Kissed a Girl' because it's very thought provoking and it embellishes the moment," says John Reberry. Mike Dahlstrom adds, "I liked 'I Kissed a Girl' because they portrayed a very controversial point of view."

Some people listen to music at parties and in their car while driving. Others listen to music while eating dinner. One AHS student, Becky

Clark, '96, listens "to a variety of music in my spare time; it helps me relax and fall asleep." Some students even sing along to music in the shower or while studying. "I always sing along to the radio," says Laura Heinauer.

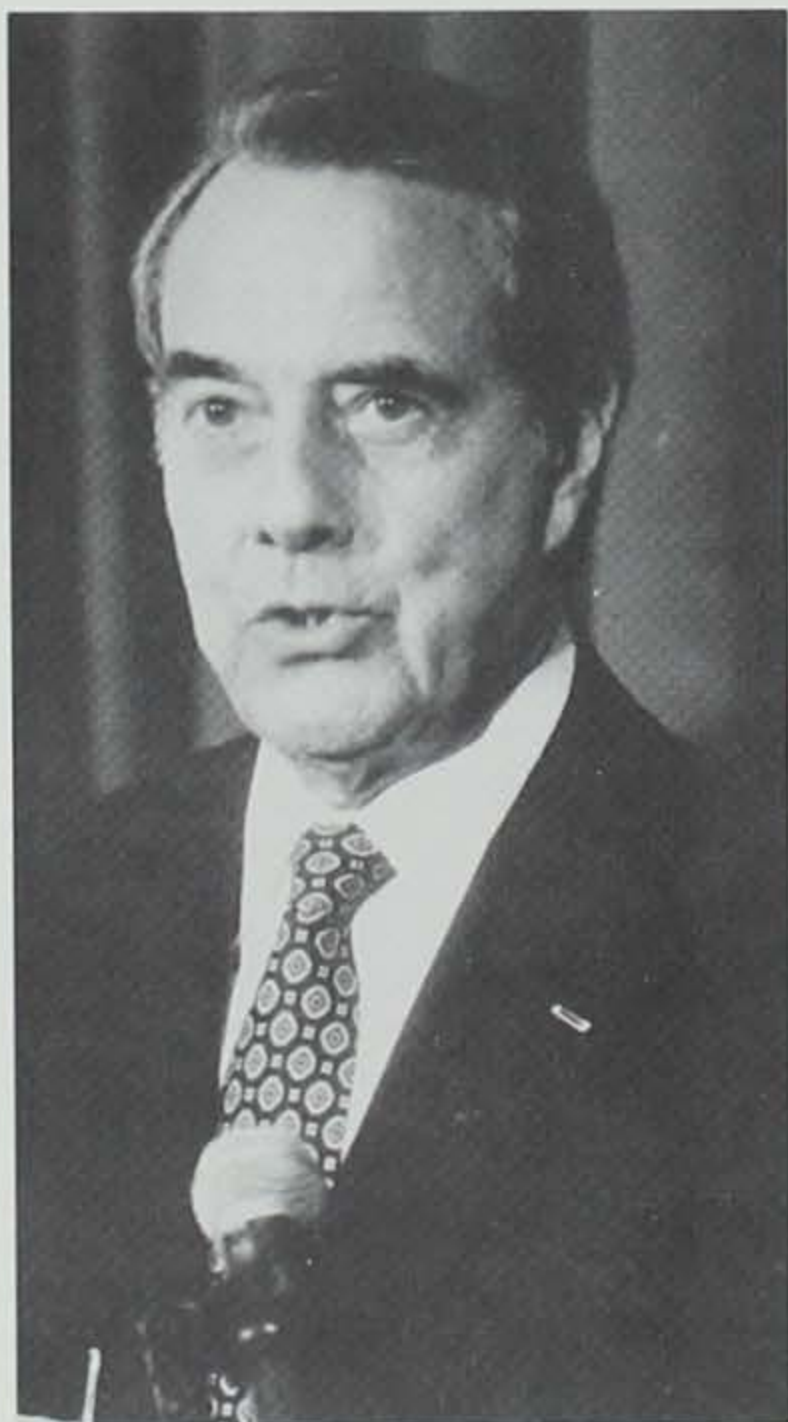
In today's world wherever a person goes - be it the store, the mall, school, or even to the YMCA - music is present! It's in our cars, in our ears via walkmans, and over the intercoms. And because it's omnipresent, music will continue to expand to new varieties and audiences, reaching different kinds of people with different kinds of tastes. Music has always been and will always be a part of our everyday lives.

By Amber O'Neel

Amanda Harlow, '96 and Sam Flater, '97 catch up on their daily world events in the media center with a *U.S.A. Today*. *U.S.A. Today* is a prime source of A.H.S students' world knowledge.

Republican candidate Bob Dole won the nomination for the Republican spot in the presidential race. Dole defeated major candidates Pat Buchanan, Lamar Alexander, Steve Forbes, and Alan Keyes.

Coinciding with the Iowa Democratic Caucuses, President Bill Clinton speaks to Iowans at Drake University in Des Moines. Students attended the president's address for social studies classes.





IT ALL HAPPENED IN '95-'96

WORLD EVENTS AFFECT AHS STUDENTS

The Blizzard of '96 slammed into the north-eastern states this winter, making this the snowiest on record for many.

The Atlanta Braves won the World Series by knocking off the Cleveland Indians.

At the Academy Awards, Best Director and Best Picture went to *Braveheart*; the Best Actress nod went to Susan Sarandon for her role in *Dead Man Walking*.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a young extremist hoping to ruin peace efforts in the middle east.

Louis Farrakhan organized a march on Washington by 800,000 black men.

Friends and *ER* were the top television shows in America, both Thursday night NBC products.

Disney's *Pocahontas* grossed over 140,000,000 at the box office.

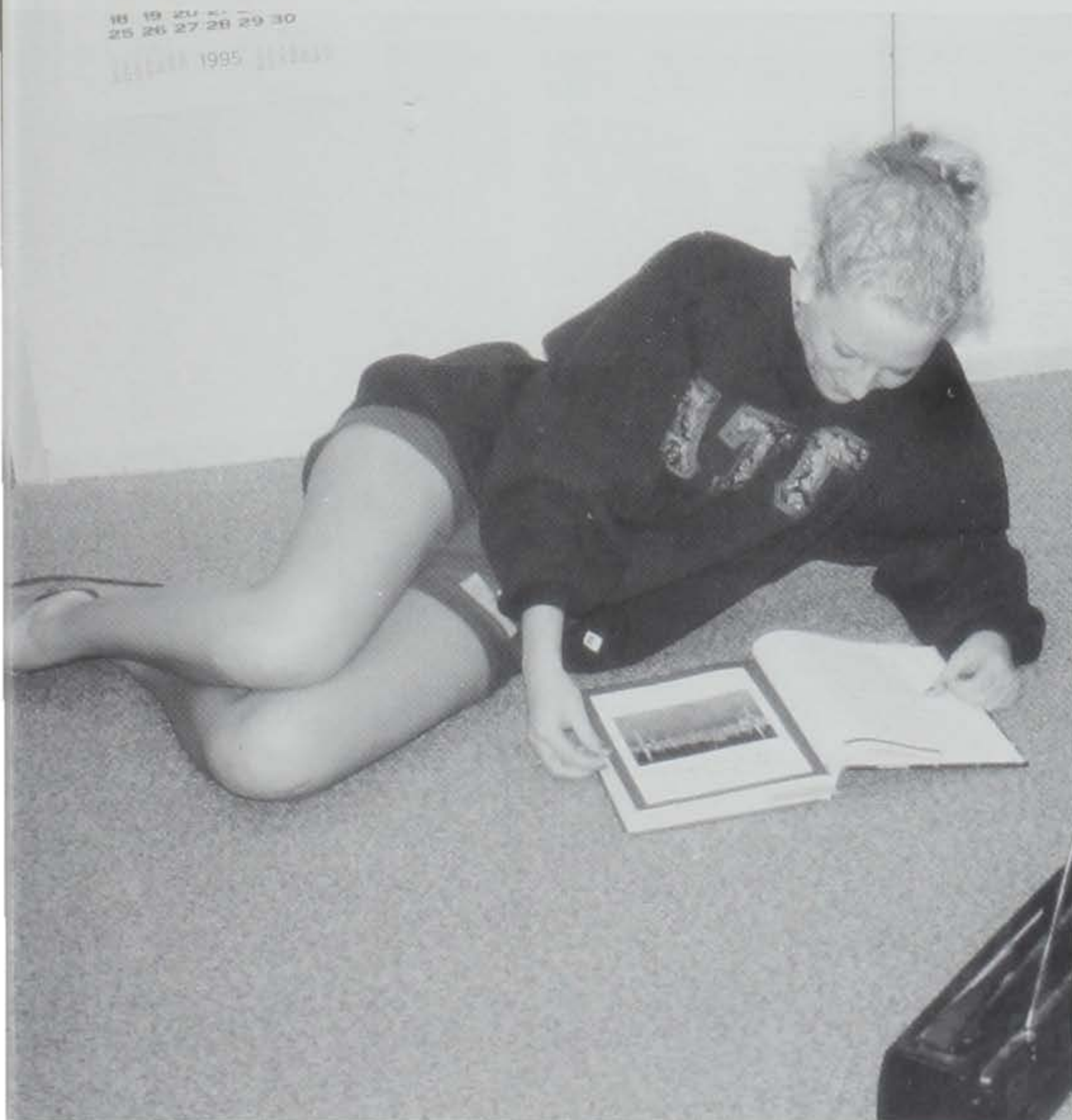
Hootie and the Blowfish sold 5,000,000 plus of their debut album, and new country star Shania Twain hit number one on the country charts several times.

Mike Tyson and Monica Seles made comebacks this year in boxing and tennis.

The United States sent troops to Bosnia in order to maintain peace in the region.

The law making the national speed limit 65 mph was recinded.

By Justin Dyar



O.J. Simpson prosecuting attorney Marcia Clark shows evidence to the jury in Simpson's trial. After a long trial, Simpson was found innocent of murdering his ex-wife Nicole-Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman.

AHS student Kelly Dannatt, '96, reads up on world events and past events in her history class. With the world's quickly changing events, history books like Kelly's are being quickly outdated.



Jenny Voss, '96, and English teacher Mrs. Markos-Molling take a walk during their breaks. The two usually walked around the gym or through the halls, and they made it a point to walk three or four times a week.

Snow, a typical site in the school parking lot for AHS students, demonstrates its effects after a large snow storm. Heavy snow piled up in the parking lot and made it even harder for students to find parking spots..

Mike Hale, '96, bends the rules and parks up on the grass. A common occurrence by AHS students, the general opinion from most at Ankeny High was "I do whatever I can to get a good parking spot." Good parking spots weren't a normal sight at AHS.





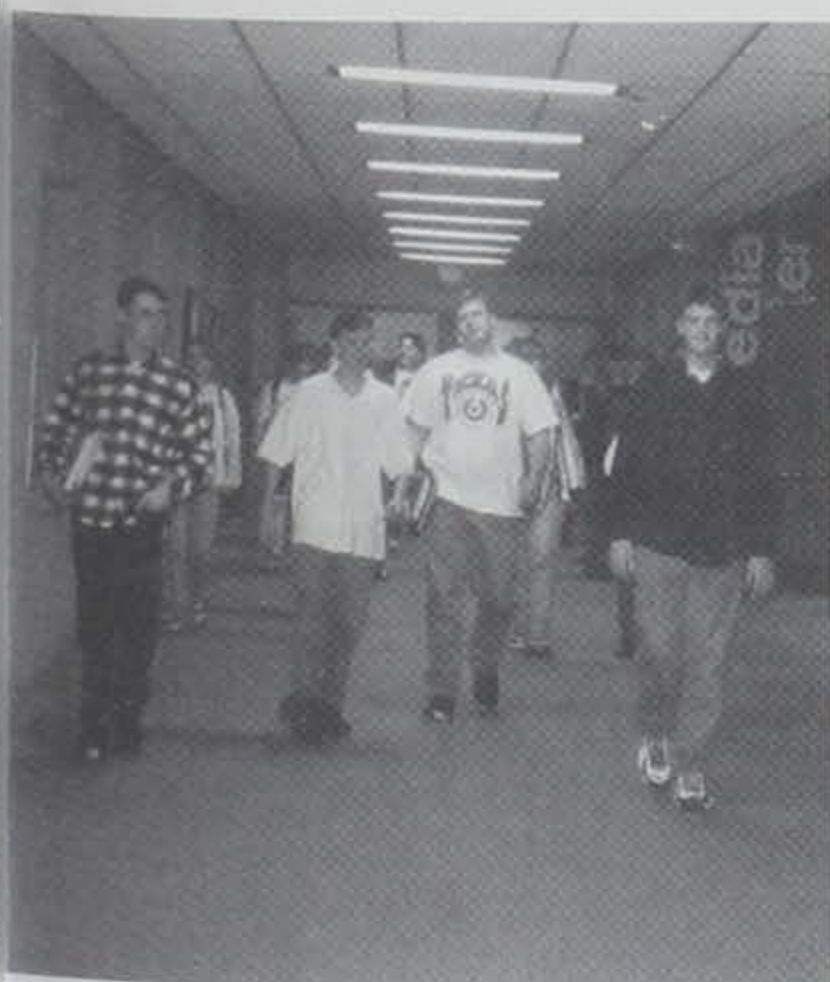
The high school parking lot is shown like it is seen every day by students, very crowded. Ryan Hallenbeck, '98, said, "I think that all students should be able to park in the faculty lot, especially when it's cold."

Wyatt Meyer, '98, and Brian Witt, '98, observe their work in their auto maintenance class. Mr. Larry Raines taught the course on how to maintain the quality of your car. The course was a good learning experience for new auto owners.



HEY, IT'S DRIVING US CRAZY

STUDENTS GOING INTO OVERDRIVE



"I think there should be more exits out of the parking lot to cut down on the size of lines," said Jason Daniel, '98.

Getting to and from school has always been a big stress for AHS students, but this year above all students seemed to be getting fed up with getting here. Not enough good parking spots, not enough exits, and no close entrances to the school building were typical complaints voiced by students.

Dan Bell, '98, said, "I hate having to walk into the building when it's cold because there are no close entrances into the building. I think all students should be able to park in the faculty lot so we don't have to freeze." This, however, creates a problem

for teachers to find a good parking spot.

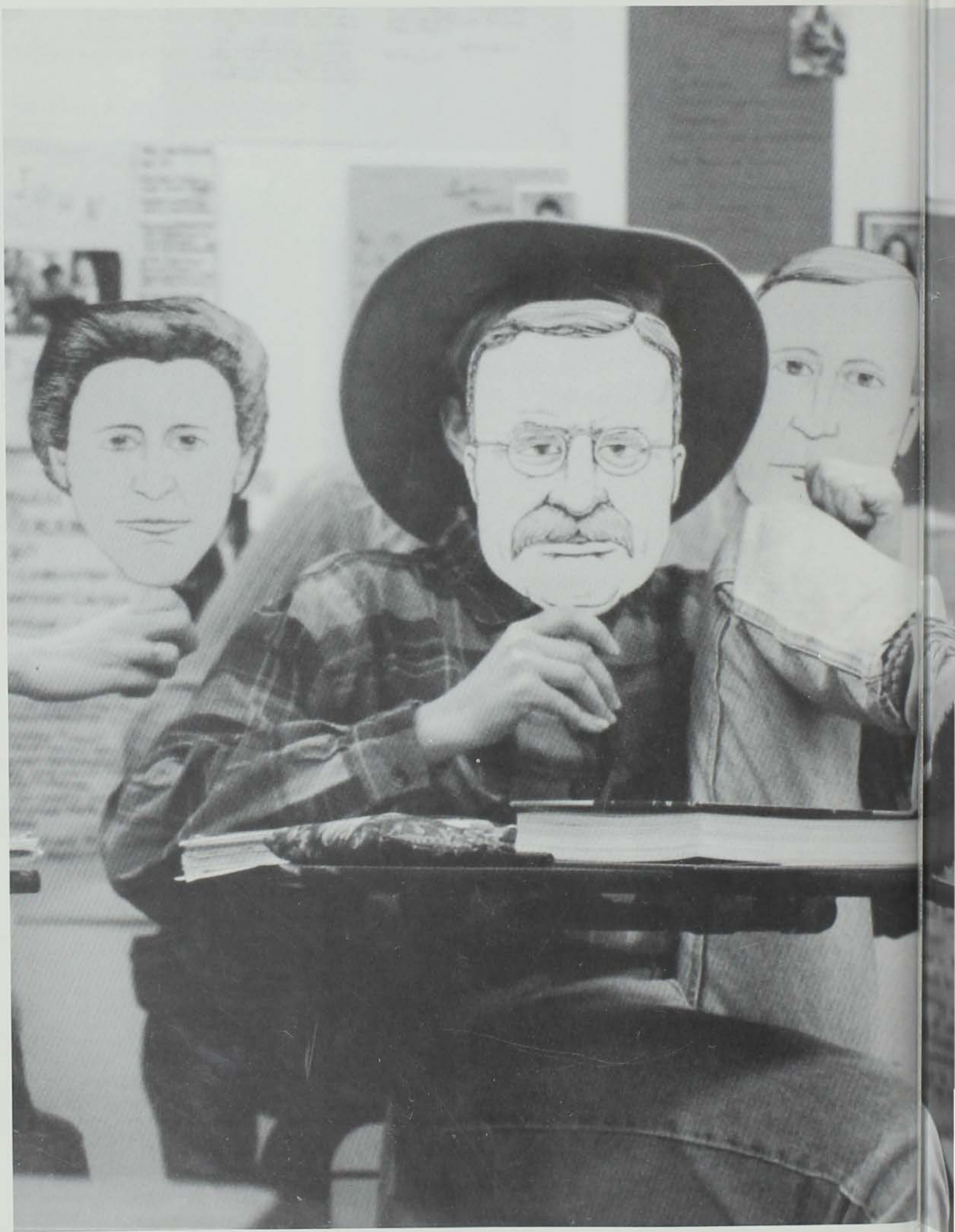
Another problem that many students complained about was students double parking in the parking lot, drastically reducing the size of the parking lot. Andy Hoffman, '98, says "I don't angle park, I just take up two spots."

There have been some improvements from the previous year, however. Freshman no longer attended Ankeny High School since the district built Northview, a new junior high comprised of eighth and ninth graders. Most students liked the idea of one less class attending the school because it was much easier to get around, but the parking lot still remains crowded.

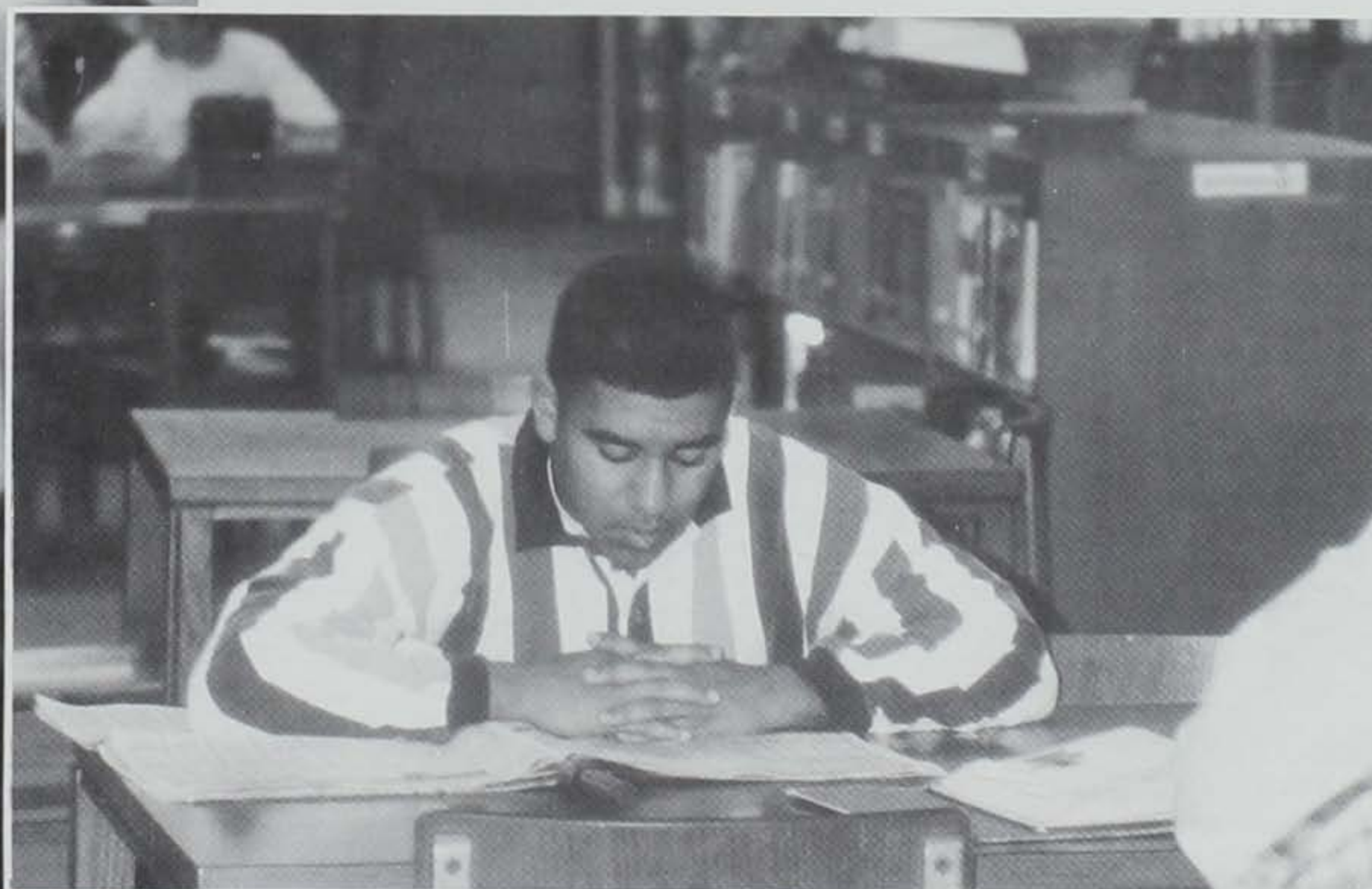
Brad Pederson, '98, said, "I think Mr. Shaltanis has more important things to do than watch the parking lot all day. He should just let all students have open campus." Many students agreed with this comment.

On another driving note, Scott McQuisten, '98, won the vote from Ankeny students this year for the best car. Unfortunately, however, Scott lost his wheels when he put the pedal to the metal and it stayed there, wrapping his blue, 1995 Mustang around a tree. Other students who received votes for best car from students included Brett Rewerts, '96, for his 4WD vehicle and Jason Krause, '98, for his Jeep Cherokee.

By Justin Dyar



MIND OVER MATTER



Study Hard! Chaney Smith, '98, spends a free period in the Media Center catching up on his homework. (Above) Can you guess who is posing as Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, in Mr. Adamson's 8th hour American History class? (Left)

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-Heather Runnels,
Academics Editor

NO MATTER WHAT ONE IS DOING, WHETHER reading the latest novel for English, adding up those figures for math, trying to complete an experiment without a major explosion in the science lab or writing that dreaded paper on World War II for history, one is involved with AHS academics.

Although Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Math are often thought of as academics, several other classes are available at AHS that fall under this category. AHS offers an array of art, business, technology and music-oriented classes for students to add to the list.

When asked if AHS academic standards were up to par with today's world, students responded with an array of comments. Kyle Albertson, '97, responded by saying, "I think that AHS has a teaching faculty that meets the needs of all students." Jen Carleton, '96, said, "School is okay, but the classes get in the way." -Becky Klassen

What's HOT in Science

Environmental Issues is a class started three years ago by Ms. Sand in order for students to learn more about the environment. What makes this class great is that students become more aware about the problems in the world today and discuss how to fix them. During the

year the students in the class complete

many enviromentally-related labs. One such lab is the pepper lab, where the class cuts into a pepper and counts every single seed in the pepper. When they find out how many seeds are there, they then hypothesis if every seed survived and reproduced how many peppers would be around after ten generations. The main reason for this lab is to study geometric growth.

But due to some limiting factors, such as not finding soil, or they are just duds there will never be as many peppers due to this fact. Jaci Hopp, '97, gives insight on the class when she states, "I like learning about how to fix problems we've created."



Picking a brain for information is a common thing for Becky Feldman, '96. Feldman experienced sawing her cat's head in half to learn more about the brain.

Naomi Linderman '96 is displaying her cat for anatomy/ physiology. Students could take the cats home for studying purposes.

Cutting into their cat is a daily thing for Alissa Tollakson, '97, and Katie Segin, '96. Most days they cut their cat open to gain knowledge.

Everyday Rachel Link, '96, and Jenny Fugaccia, '96, search through their cat. They dissected more and more to learn about the cat.

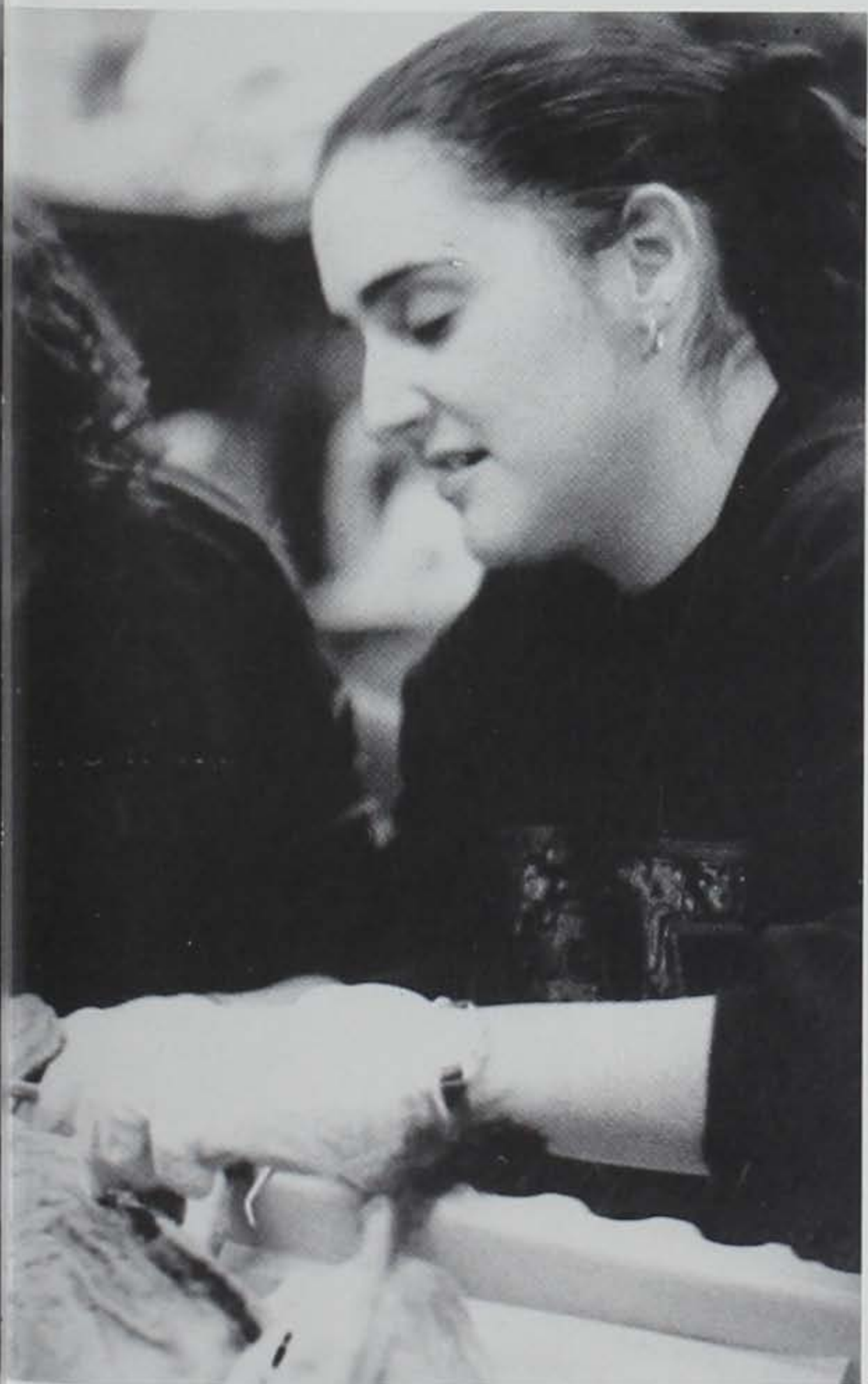




Mr. Kruse shows Becky Feldman '96 and Nicole Meredith, '97, how to dissect their cat properly. Everyday he shows the class a new part to the cat.



Danielle Straight '97, is shown dissecting the brain of her cat. She studied the head everyday to learn how our mind works.



weird science

What do investigative, odiferous, and clinical have in common? All these elements and more comprise a science lab experiment. Chemistry, biology, and anatomy/physiology are some of the many different courses offered by the science department.

One of the most exciting of the labs all year is making pennies turn gold by dropping them in acid. "One of the hardest labs done in Chemistry are the lab moles," said Rod Ross, '98. What makes the mole lab so hard is trying to keep all the math work straight and doing the equations.

For the people who do not like mixing chemicals, biology is another class offered. In this class you do many labs. The most fun lab according to Jessie Wright, '98, and Andrea Hackworth, '98, is the DNA lab that you construct with Legos; the hardest lab is drawing cells, both animal and plant. The biggest lab of the year was in biology where students dissected a pig to learn about animals' internal systems.

One of the last lab classes that is offered is anatomy/physiology. This class is strictly a lab class where one learns from dissecting a cat. The whole year is dedicated to learning about muscles and bones and everything that goes along with the cat.

Long Bahn's, '96, view sums up the class.

"Sometimes, I wish I wasn't dissecting cats, but certain humans in the class," said Bahn.

Of all the classes offered in the Science department these are three main classes that most AHS students take or have taken throughout the years.

By Jessica Cunningham



Tim Schieb, '96, is caught snoozing in his fourth hour Advanced Placement Psychology class which is taught by Mr. Holdridge.

Strangling students, Mr. Holdridge shows off one of his expert ways of taming the wild and unruly that sometimes take his A.P. Psych class.



higher learning

Keeping A. P. and college classes highlighted the offerings for higher learning at Ankeny High School.

Advanced placement classes, better known as A.P. classes, allowed students to take college courses for free. Ideally set up for testing out of college classes, students saved money by taking college credits in high school at a lower cost.



"A.P. classes are hard, but worth it. Hopefully I will save a lot of money when I go to college," added Elizabeth Tometich, '97.



These classes required extra work and a higher level of discipline on

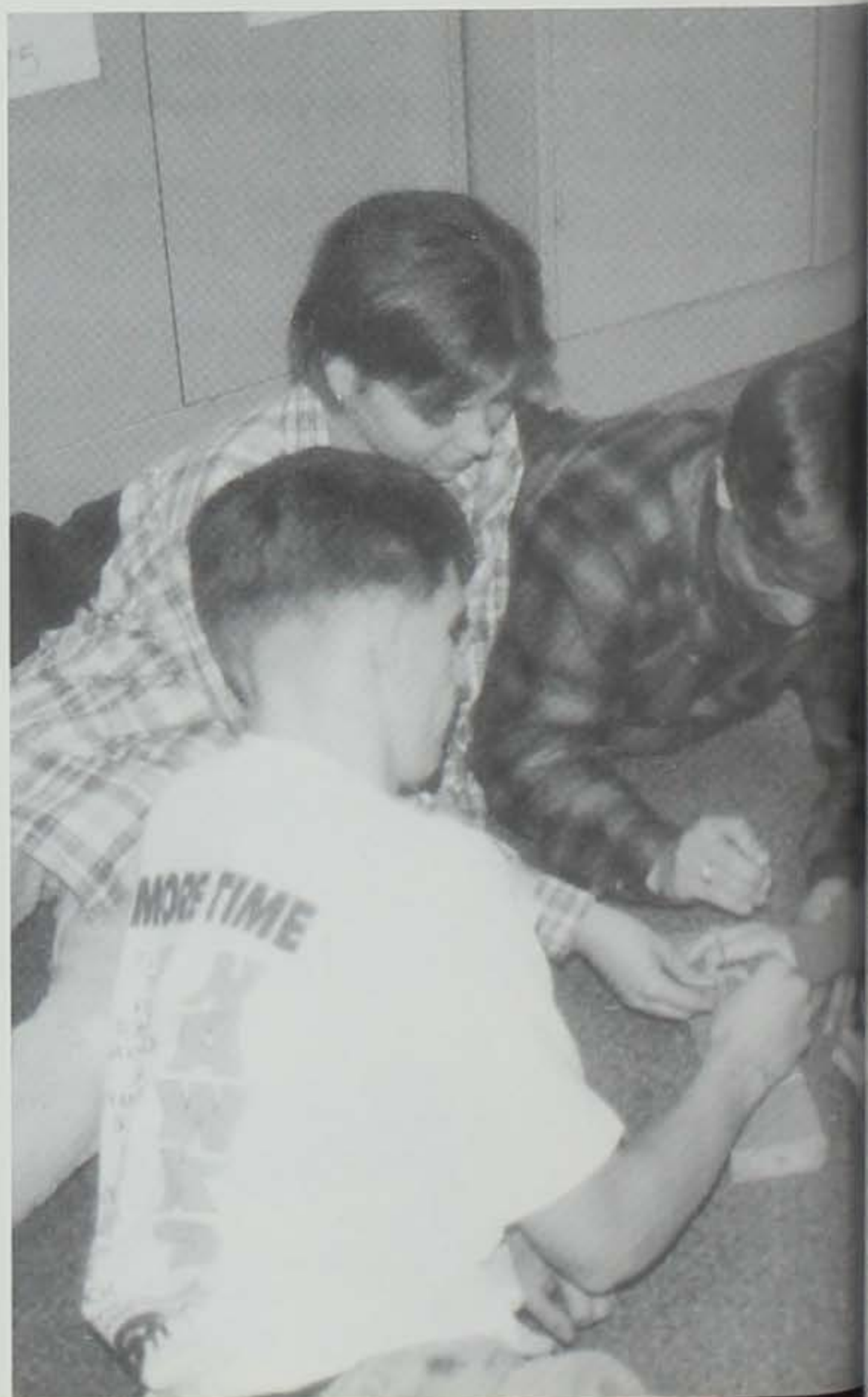
behalf of the students. For example, if one took an A.P. Psychology class it was beneficial to have taken a general psychology class. In addition, A.P. classes usually required an additional hour or two of studying each night, so enrolling in these classes meant diligence.

"I've taken three DMACC classes and they weren't that much harder than any other class. You just have to be able to fake it well," said Shawn Snyder, '96.

On a more serious note, Tracey Folks, '96, shared her feelings on the subject: "A.P. Psychology just makes me realize what life will be like in college. You have to be able to spend a lot of time reading. But this class is very interesting."

A.P. and college course classes were just one of the many opportunities offered to the students at Ankeny High School. If students planned on going to college, their taking one may have been the most beneficial opportunity, even if it required a little extra work.

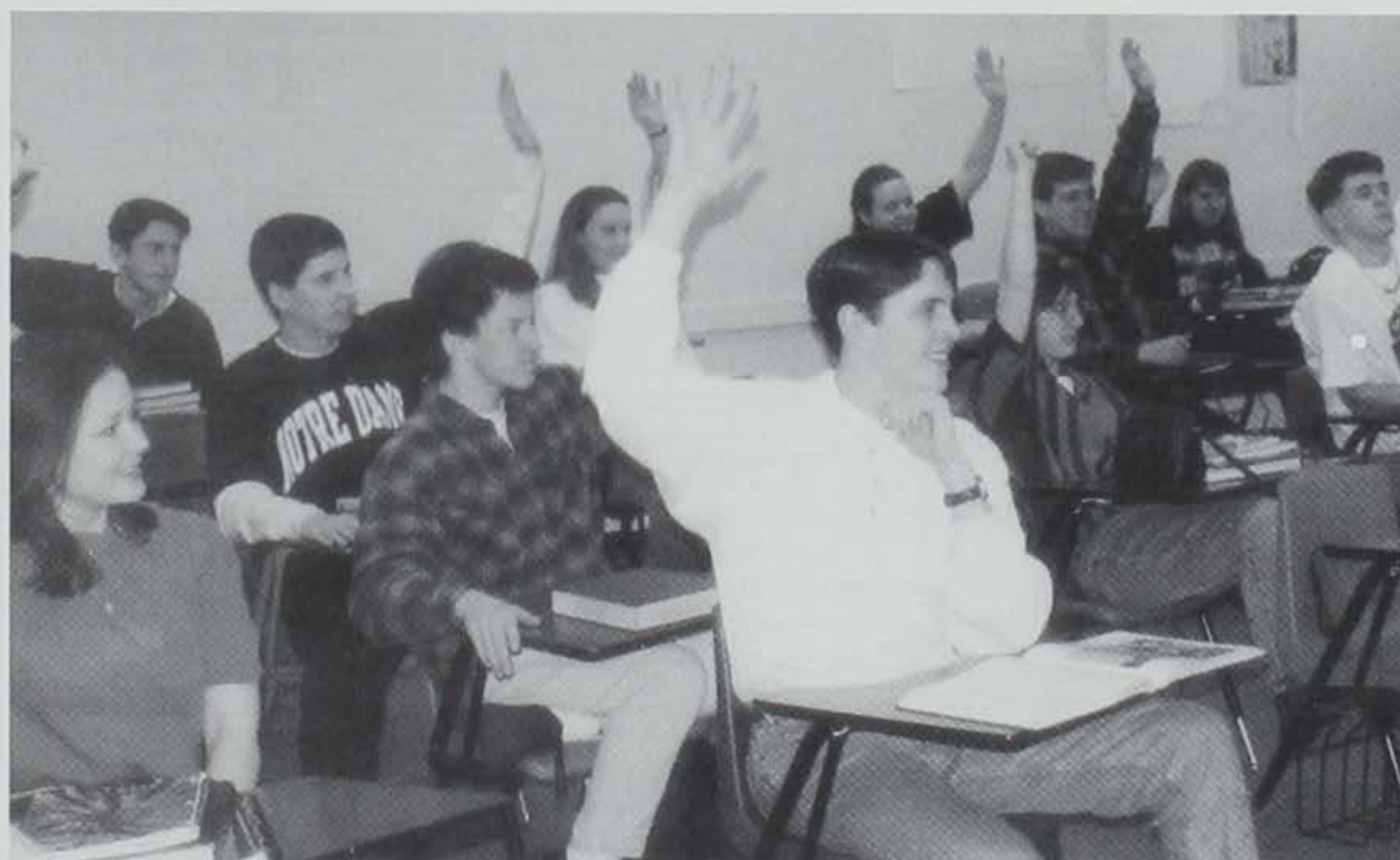
By Amber O'Neel



AP classes: THE BIG FINAL

A.P. classes are advanced placement classes and this means hard work and dedication on the part of the student. These classes are basically offered for those who have an interest in a special subject in college. Out of the many students in A.P. classes, only a few had to take a national exam that might enable them to earn credit for the college course in the future. Those who did take the exam were advised by their teachers to study two to three hours a night for two weeks. Some lucky students attending an in-state college were pleased to find that their A.P. course would earn them college credit without their having to take the exam.

The difficulty of A.P. classes becomes evident when students not only take these classes to earn credit, but also to prepare themselves for the rigors of college. One can only achieve what it is that they strive for. Dedication is the key to success. If one puts all of their effort into something they will possess the intrinsic reward that comes only with knowing that one has given their all. One soars only as high as one sees himself soaring.



Jill Whitaker, '96, Rachel Link '96, and Stephie Piearate, '96, are eager to learn all that they can in their A.P. Math class taught by Mrs. Hannasch. This class was a two semester class.

Jessica Abeyta, '96, and Tom Jackovin, '96, participate in a class discussion with other members of the class. Discussions were a big part of most A.P. classes.

Chris Logli, '96, demonstrates a principle in his A.P. Psych class. Students found that pushing their arms against a wall continually caused their arms to rise when they let go.

Tim Schieb, '96, Lori Whitlatch, '97, Shawn Snyder, '96, and Stacey Reams, '96, use insight by trial and error to solve a how to balance nails on a board.



opening minds

The world is shrinking in the sense that it is no longer a collection of islands adrift in the sea, but a community where one's actions affect everyone. Important skills needed to survive in this ever

changing world are being offered at Ankeny High School in the forms of foreign language and mathematics classes.

Foreign language teachers not only emphasize the language itself, but they also

teach cultural customs and beliefs of those lands. Language classes demonstrate the importance of

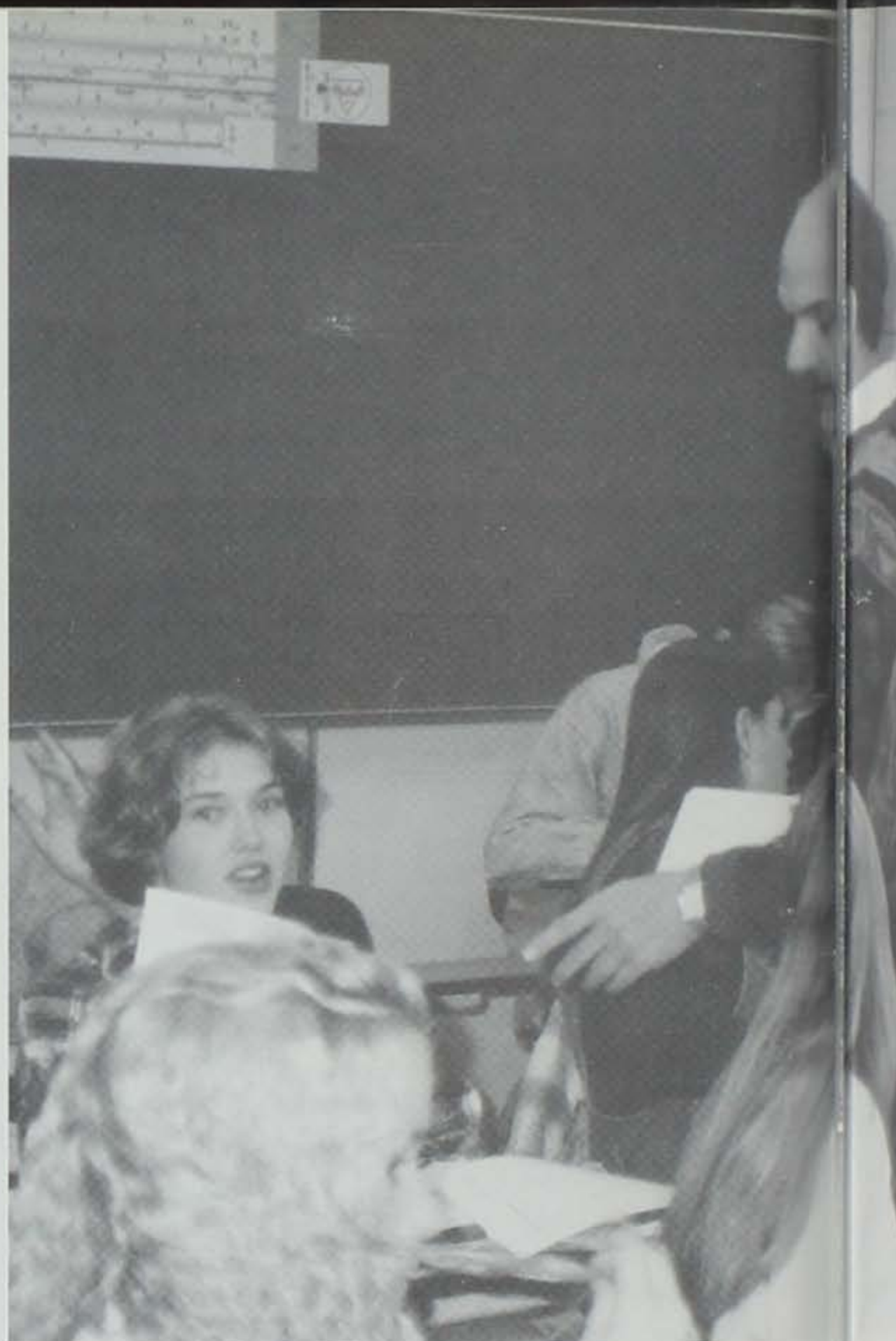
knowing more than one language.

Other experiences gained from learning different languages are the benefits received only after a student's graduation. "After high school, speaking a foreign language will be important. I plan to speak to people from around the world in international business by conversing in French," said Jessica Cunningham, '96 (top pic).

Logic and reasoning are other very important skills needed to excel in life. The way to achieve these skills is through math. Learning the concepts helps students search for the answers of solving problems by encouraging students to work together to seek solutions.

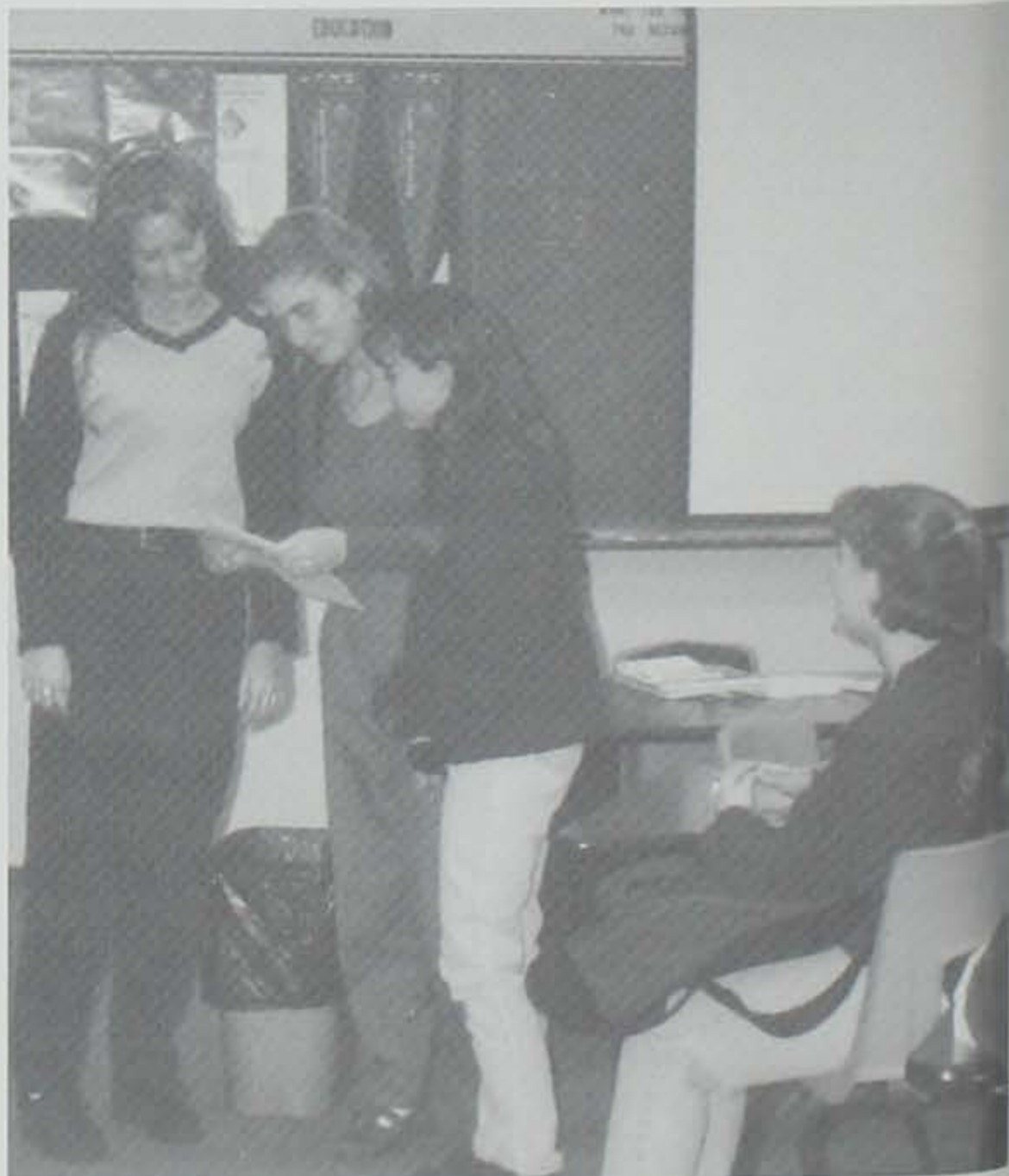
Sarah Van Oort, '97, (bottom pic) put taking advanced math into perspective: "Higher math gives you a good background for college and beyond." Teaching people to look for the answer when it seems there is none will do a lot for our future.

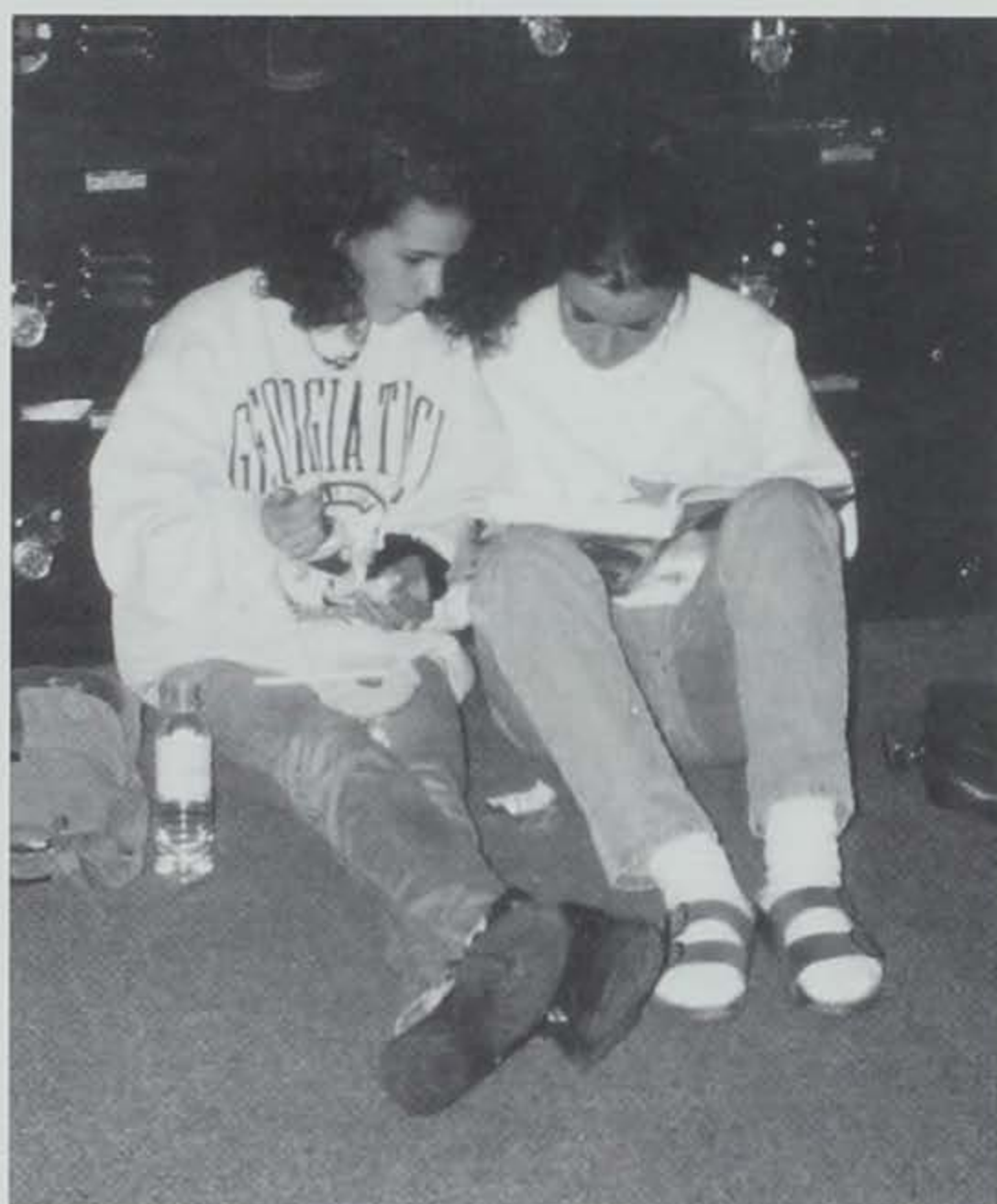
by Jacalyn Hopp



Studying hard. Erin Hart, '98, puts in some extra time for Advanced Algebra in the Math Resource Center. For those who go in for help, the Resource Center is a valuable asset.

Stand up straight! Audra Block, '97, and, Steph Bean, '97, present their French project to their 8th hour French IV class as Mrs. Bean, their student teacher looks on.





A helping hand. Math teacher, Mr. Barry Mashek, helps Sarah Van Oort, '97, with a question in advanced algebra. Mashek has been helping students at AHS for twenty years.

Here's how it's done. Lana Starr, '98, pays close attention as Laura Aschoff, '98, explains a math problem to her during lunch.

¿Habla español? French teacher Mrs. Pace enjoys a conversation in the Foreign Language Resource Center with Mrs. Metheny, who teaches Spanish.



Keys to the future at AHS

Foreign Language. Another incentive for taking a foreign language class is travel. Every two years, Ankeny students have a chance to travel to Europe and put their skills to the test. This summer, the trip will include France and Switzerland.

Mrs. Pace is in charge of the planning and preparation of the trip, which includes fundraising. The big fund raiser happens around Christmas time--the selling of poinsettias. They also earn

money by hosting many other activities, such as candy sales, as the trip is not cheap. However, knowledge gained is well worth the expense.

Mathematics. The Math department offers a unique service to help students in the form of the Math Hotline. With a call-in helpline operated by faculty, students are able to have their questions answered by people who are informed on the topics.



Students take advantage of classtime to catch up on homework or get extra help. Mrs. Fields lends a helping hand to her English students before school begins.

The United States government is the topic of discussion in Mr. Adamson's class. The students are currently studying the constitution and the creation of the constitution.

Writing a great composition paper sometimes needs a professional opinion as Mark Pederson, '96, and Jeff Burright, '96, find out. Mrs. Markos-Molling gave that advice.

Mr. Leonard lectures to one of his many economics classes. Since economics was a required class, all AHS students will have an experience similar to these students.



Assess this!

In the AHS Language Arts department, multiple choice, matching, short answer tests and 5 paragraph compositions are being edged out by a new method of assessment. Prompted by the school-to-work movement, the use of portfolios is becoming more prevalent throughout the nation, and here at AHS three teachers have replaced typical paper and pencil tests with portfolio assessment.

Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Wunn, and Mrs. Fields began using portfolios in honors English and sophomore English this year. Designed to best exemplify a student's total work, portfolios

contain samples of various forms of exhibits completed by the student in four major areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening and reflection. Both the teacher and the student work together to determine which works remain in the portfolio and which will be removed. Pieces of writing are begun and then revised, revised again, and revised even more; a student may "revisit" a piece of material as many times as s/he deems necessary.

After spending literally hundreds of hours on their portfolios, students are able to leave AHS with tangible evidence of what they mastered in language arts.



valuable ideas

A new class has evolved here at Ankeny High School which combines English and social studies in one two-period block time. It is called *IDEAS*, and Mr. Allyn and Mrs. Fields have joined forces to teach this new and exciting combination.

Many students have taken and enjoyed this class. Courtney Berhens, '98, states, "It is a very interesting class. This type of scheduling allows us to do more valuable projects." Part of this valuable idea is the extra time allowed for the completion of projects. For example, if the activity takes longer than the one class period, the second period can be used to complete it.

The class actually takes English and social studies and interconnects them. The English part includes reading and writing about what they are learning about in social studies. For instance, students may read the novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* after studying about the racial divi-

sion and tension in the deep South during the early 1900's. Hopefully, this will enable students to better understand the time period and the events relevant to that time period.

Mr. Allyn

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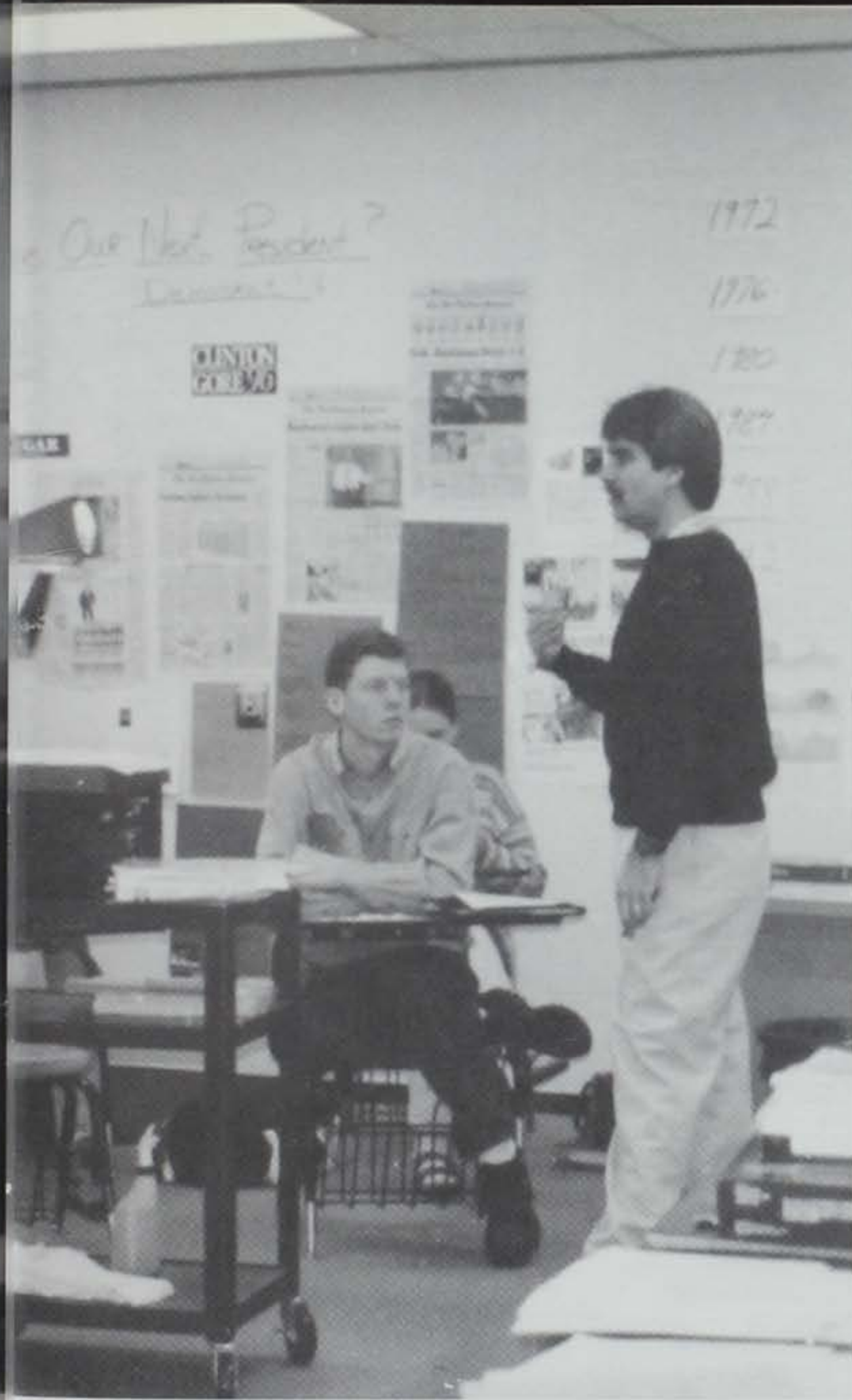
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English honors students Jaci Hopp, '96, Bridget Kurtt, '96, Stephanie Pieart, '96 discuss ideas for entries in their portfolios. Peer input was vital in the portfolio process.

Jennifer Klassen, '97, Brian Walsh, '97, and Dana Heston, '97, pay attention to the teacher as classmate Danielle Straight, '97, catches up on some sleep.

Inside Secrets with Jeremy

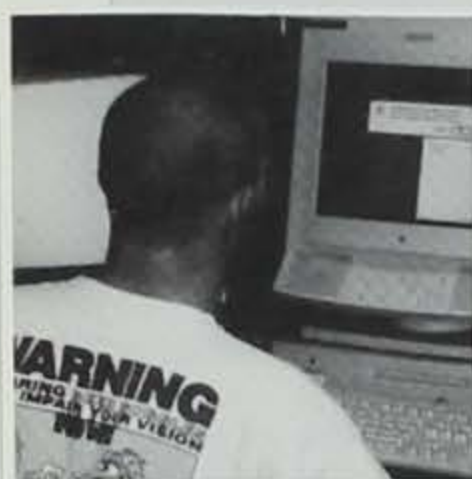
Many difficult steps are taken in making the daily announcements. An introduction made by Jeremy Betlach consumes approximately ten hours of his time, and the footage only last thirty to thirty-five seconds. The following steps were all taken in one of Jeremy's introductions to the daily announcements.

First, the decision needed to be made of what would suit faculty standards. Then he started with the

technical things, such as programs like Infinity 2.6, Adobe Premiere, and Quick Clips. After 3D animations were made, it was imported into Adobe Premiere, where it was combined with videos that had too been imported into Adobe Premiere. Next, everything was put into a construction window, and music was added here. Then it was rendered, and a final product was made.

After all of the computer work, the actual announcements have to be taped in a professional way. And after the taping, the header was added. In the final step the project was edited.

This is how the daily announcements were created. Perhaps now maybe the students will look at the announcements differently.



Getting everything ready for the announcements, Terry Stober, '97, Kyle Trusty, '96, and Sam Floater, '96, check their video equipment prior to recording.

Anticipating their movie to be rendered, Matt Gardner, '96, and Nick Wallace, '96, wait for their computer to complete their project. The movie was later seen on the announcements.

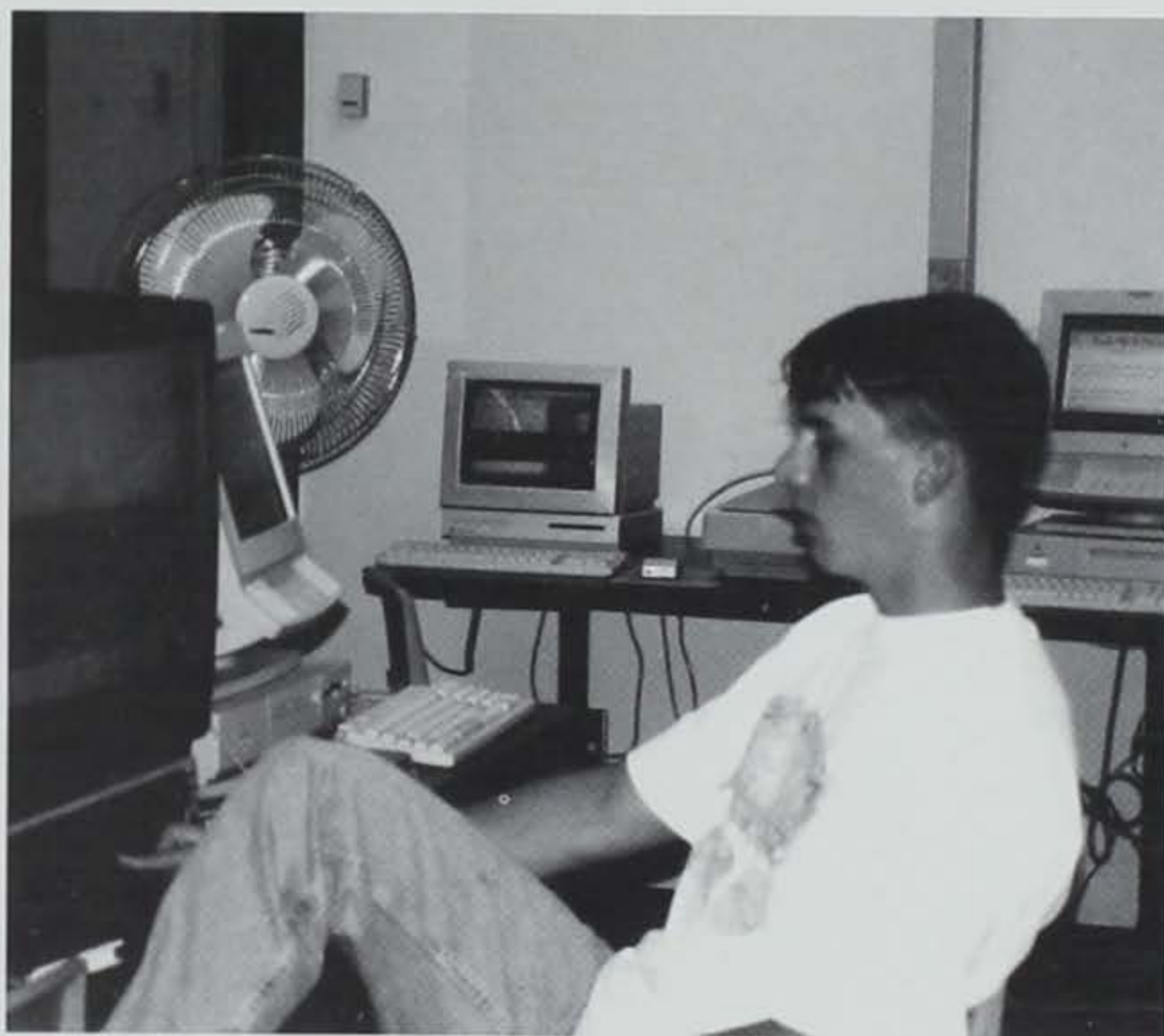
Not everything goes perfect when working with computers. Jeremy Betlach, '97, helped Mr. Mesichok reboot the computers after a system malfunction.

Preparing his video camera, Kris Froehle, '96, checks to make sure it is on. The footage that he taped was later transferred to the computers and eventually edited.



As Ryan Schweers, '96, sits in front of the editing deck, he is editing video clips together. He produced a final project which was turned into Mr. Mesichek.

As Tony Battani, '96, watches the television monitor, he chooses clips to import into Adobe Premiere. Importing graphics and clips was one choice students had for their footage.



in the news

A morning as usual and AHS students are sitting behind their desks. It is second hour, and the students are ready for the daily announcements. This is part of the life experienced by all AHS students.

What really goes into the announcements? Students in Mr. Mesichek's class surely know the answer to that. The broadcasting class was in control of the announcements that we received everyday.

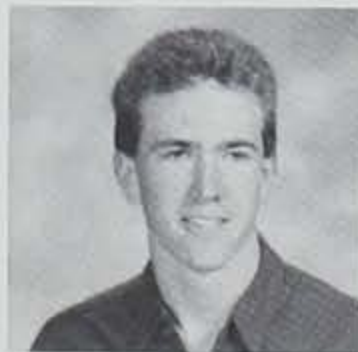
Most people watched the daily announcements only to get the vital information that is needed to make it through their day (like whether or not baseball practice is cancelled), but it is a whole different

idea for a broadcasting student, because they know exactly how much work and effort it takes to make the announcements. "A good intro for announcements can take approximately two weeks," explains Tony Battani, '96.

To make the announcements, first you need some material to work with. Some students tape the student body, and others work with graphics and cartoon images. Then it has to be converted to all of the computers, so that the students can work with it, edit it, or add on to it. Either way is a very time consuming process. Much of the student body will never know the work put into the announcements.

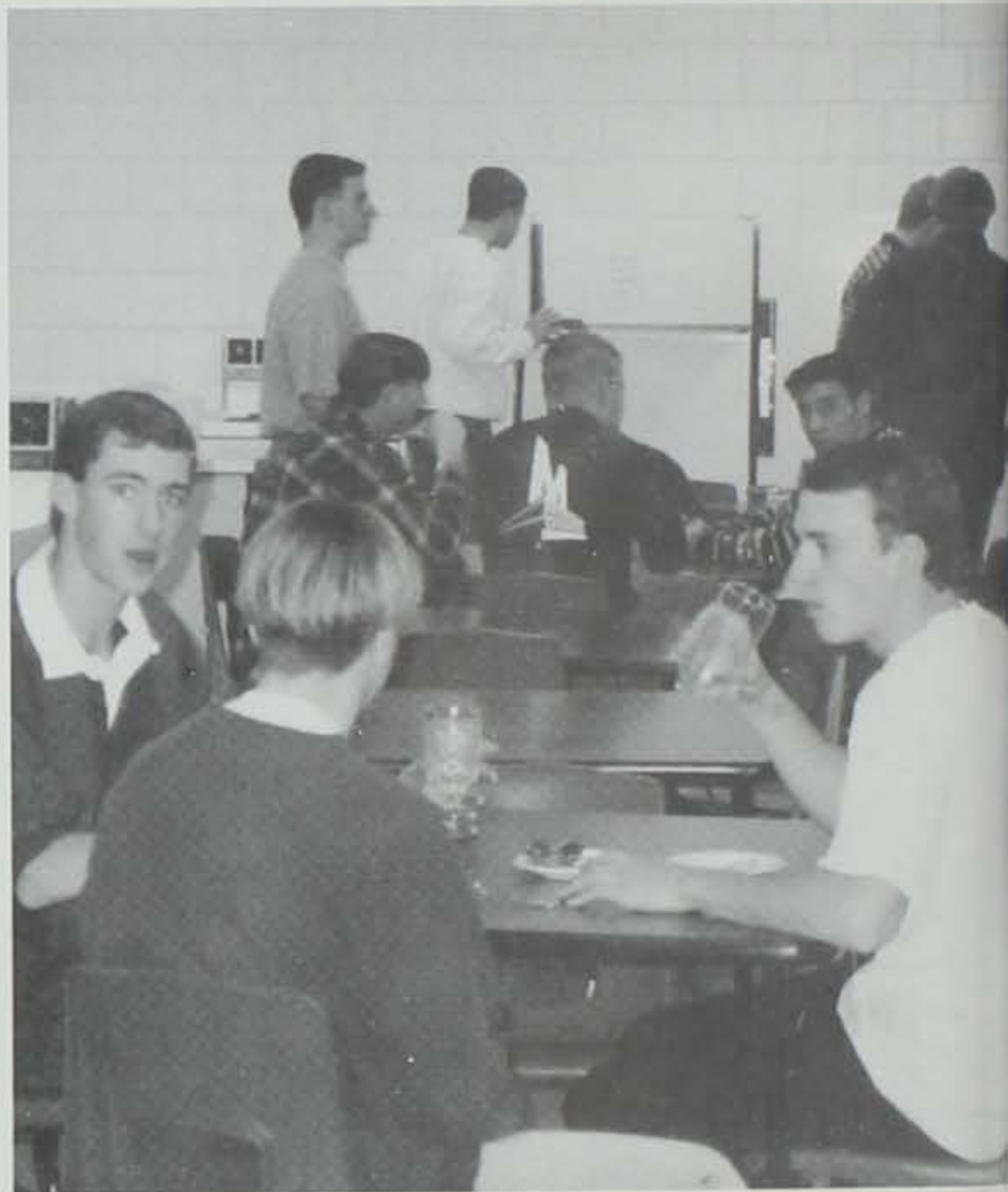
"It is my favorite class, because this concentrates on the kind of things that I intend to build my career on in the future. I definitely recommend broadcasting for other students, and I am taking the class next year," said Jeremy Betlach, '97.

A very small class this year, Broadcasting kept the students who took the class very busy. "I liked the class being smaller than usual, because it allowed the students lots of computer time to get the things they needed to do completed," explained Nick Wallace, '96. By Danielle Rethmeier



Checking things twice, Andy Baugher, '97 and Jake Jury, '97, make sure they've got it right while in their Autos class.

Drew Purcell, '97, Cory Hildreth, '98, and Karl Karth, '97, take time to taste how well their food project in their Intro to Foods class really turned out.



life skills

What is it really like in the real world? Students here at AHS had several opportunities to find out first hand in classes taught in both the Home Economics and Industrial Technical departments.



care," said Ann Shaklee, '97.

In the home economics department students had the option of taking a wide variety of classes.

Classes were geared toward real life situations, such as repairing your own car, getting married, or raising a family. "Child Development gives you a chance to look at options for a career if you're interested in child

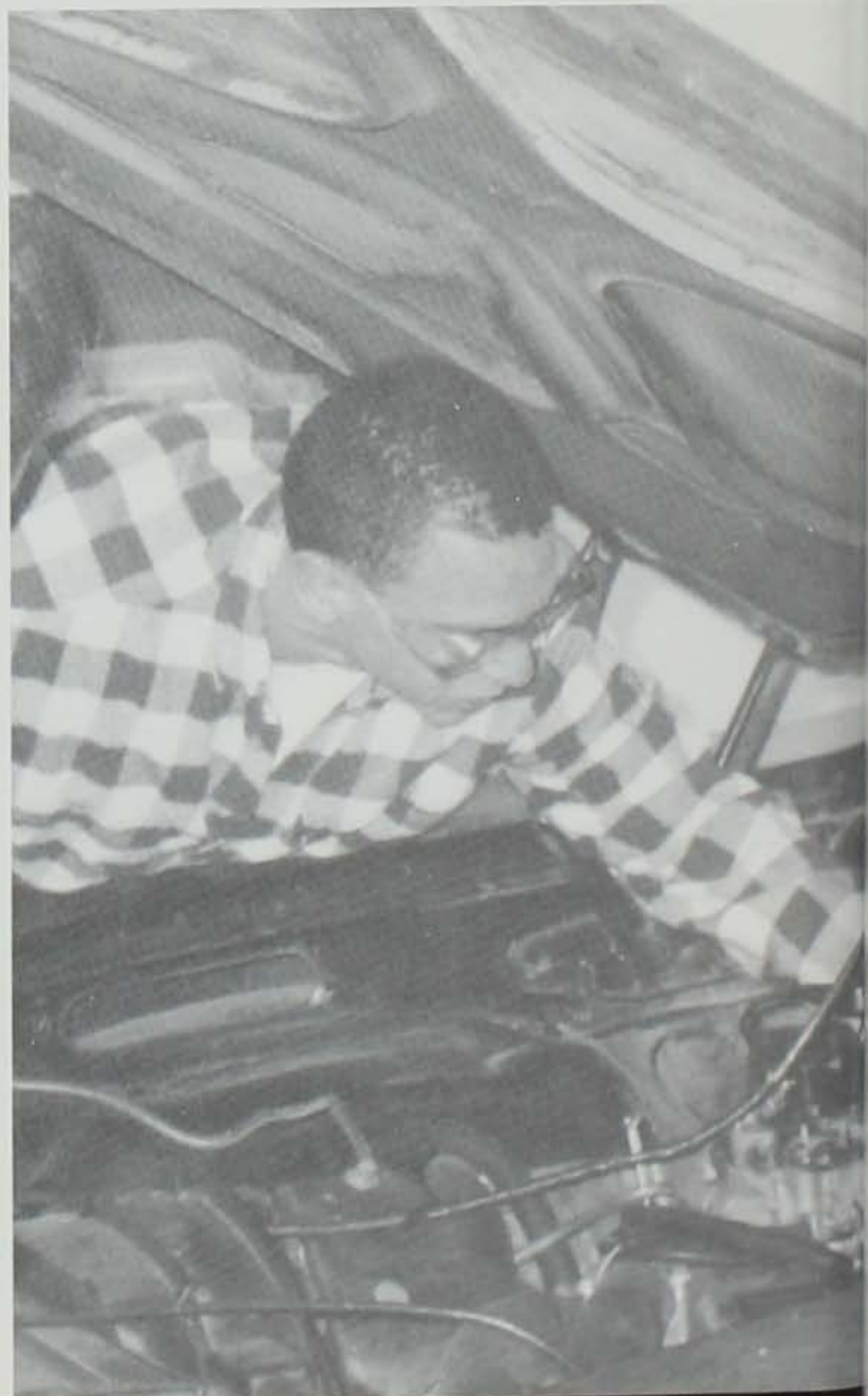
From learning how to manage a family to learning to balance a personal budget, home economics was more than just sewing.

On the other side of the building, students had the opportunity to tackle other skills needed in their future through Industrial Tech courses. Here students learned the basics of repairing a car, from changing the spark plugs to body repair. "Basic Auto lets you really learn what a car is really about, but it's taught in a way that's fun at the same time," said Michael Smothers, '98.

Classes were also taught to teach students about possible career choices, including decorating, and architecture.

Whatever electives a student chooses, s/he will learn skills needed in the everyday world. From preparing the perfect dinner to designing one's own home, there was a class in the home economics or the industrial tech area for everyone.

By Sarah Roghair



LEARNING THE SKILLS

Of Life's Tomorrows

If the sound of roaring engines or the smell of wood tickles your senses, try a class in the Vocational Tech area of AHS.

Not all high school students will go on to pursue a four year degree. Many want other options, such as the hands-on learning experiences that are available while still in high school. These experiences prepare a student for the work world and give credits for graduation at the same time.

These types of classes are offered at AHS, and one option is Building Construction taught

by Mr. Block. Leaving the confinements of the AHS walls sounds like heaven to most students, and those in Mr. Block's class get that opportunity. Two periods of the day are used to go "on sight" for job training. These are real and practical situations where students get to have hands-on learning. Students also get credit for graduation, yet receive job training to get ahead in the work force.

For many students the vocational tech area of the curriculum is just the place for them.



Matt McGregor, '98, checks with Mr. Parkinson during his Photography I class to see if he's getting the job done right the first time.

Mr. Block explains first hand how this thing really works, to Alan Bush, '97, J.J. Overson, '97, Adam Steil, '98, and Brent Snyder, '98, during class.

Jason Norman, '97, and Robert Whistler, '98, discover what makes this car tick. In the autos students checked things out first hand for themselves.

Cooking something up, Jason Bender, '96, and Dave Crecelius, '96, take time to relax during their home economic class.



user friendly?

Although computers are user friendly, viruses and bugs may cause complications in computer systems. Mr. Adamson's first semester government classes found that out the hard way. The classes were working on a project with Hyper Studio



when a virus entered the program and told the computers that there was not enough memory to save certain parts of the students' projects. Since the problems were effecting so many people, Mr. Adamson had a new version of Hyper Studio installed and decided to make the students' projects their semester test. As Becky Clark, '96, stated

"It was very frustrating, but it worked out in the end because I did not have to worry about a semester test."

There are, however, many good things about computers. They can be used to type papers, write novels, do payroll for big business, and much more. There are also many jobs in the computer field. For example, computer engineering, computer science, even architects use Computer aided drafting. In the future everyone is going to need to be computer literate, no matter what field s/he goes into.

Today computers are used virtually everywhere. Some schools use them more than others. Jamie Townsend, '97, moved to Ankeny from Florida this year and said, "The big difference between Ankeny and Florida is that we used the computer labs in Florida at least once a month in our science classes."

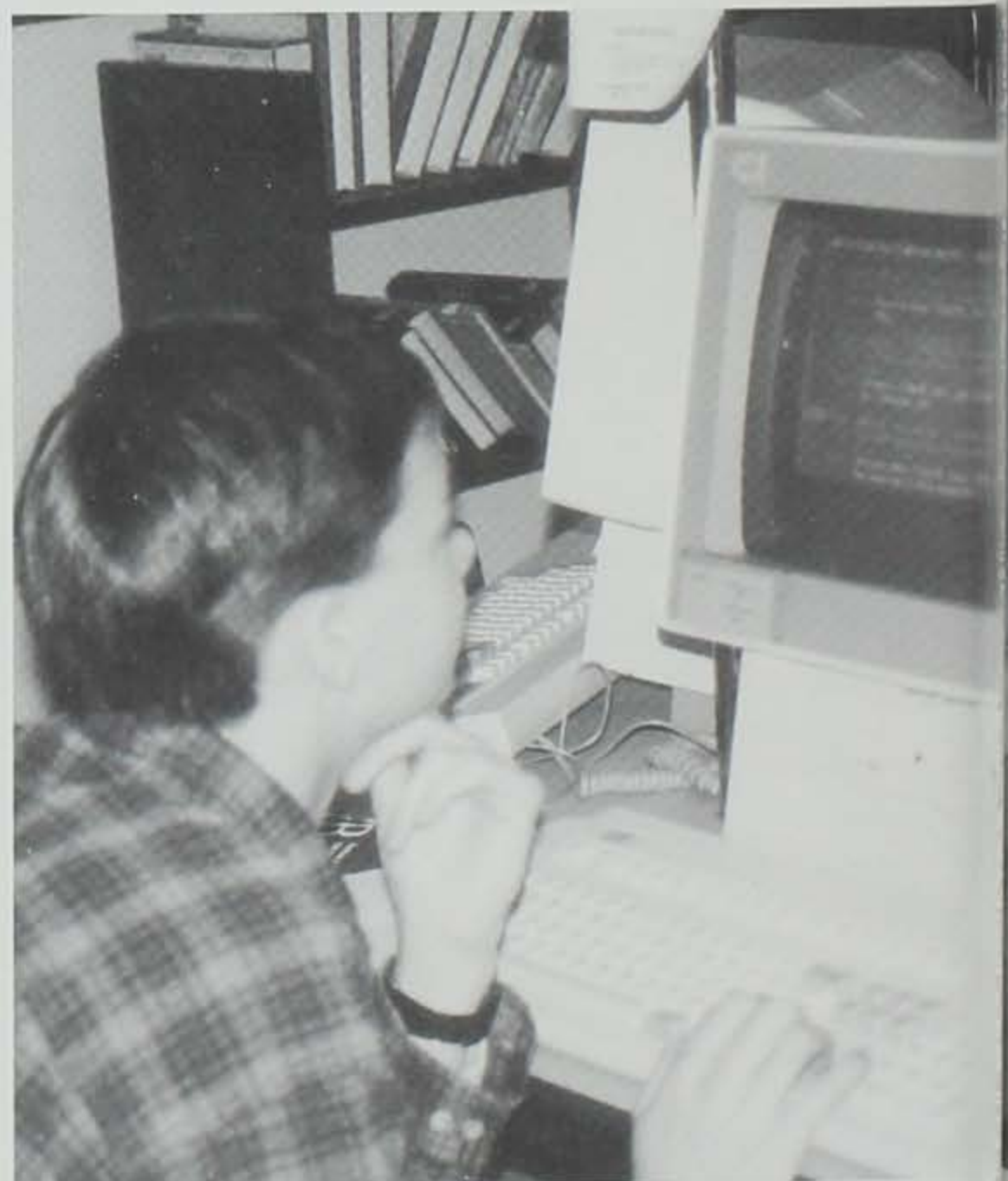
Computers are definitely a new wave of the future and Ankeny is keeping up with that new wave.

by Julie Smith



Alfred Moton, '98, types a paper for Journalism II. Using a computer is a big part of many classes, especially the Journalism classes which help out the *Talon*.

Searching for a book for Advanced Composition, Brian Bookwalter, '96, uses the catalog plus in the library. Students used this often to find the books and stories that they needed.





After waiting patiently for Mrs. Pace, Jill Dougherty, '96, gets help in the computer lab. Teachers were always helping their students in one of the labs located in the media center.

Kem Saichaie, '98, and Mr. Senni works on the computer together. The computers in this room were used for computer drafting and industrial tech classes.

Looking very enthused Jeremy Betllach, '97, and Nate Adamson, '97, work on a broadcasting assignment. They made the announcements interesting to watch.

Working hard, Kelly Krause, '97, types a paper for contemporary literature. The computer lab was often used by the English classes.



Computer Trends

Since the first computer was made in 1946 at Iowa State University, computers have come a long way. Every year new products flood the computer field. When the first computer was designed, it was as big as a room. Today, computer sizes range from laptop computers all the way up to large business ones. The cost of computers ranges from 500 dollars all the way up to millions, due to the many shapes and sizes available.

When deciding to buy a new computer, one should find out which has the best memory, what is the most compatible, and which one will last the

longest. A computer can be purchased with just a keyboard and a monitor, but some come with a printer, which may be just black and white or color.

Today, many extras go along with a simple computer. Online services, CD Rom, Internet, E-Mail, Games...the list goes on and on. All of these bring computers to life and also make things more interesting for the user.

Since computers have become such a necessity, forecast indicates that computer costs will decrease, while availability and selection increases.



Mr. Senne works on a computer in the drafting room. He supervised the VICA program, a school-to-work program in the business department at AHS.

In the Business Resource Area, Darren Fife, '96, browses through the paper. Many students used papers and other current information for their business courses.

Making use of the Social Studies Resource Center, Kris Hochart, '96, and Jackie Earp, '97, get some work done. Many students used this area as a place to study and receive help.

Pounding away on their computers, E.J. Cowie, '98, and Erica Buster, '98, improve their typing skills. Many students strived to become "speed typers" in Typing I and II classes.



SHOWING OFF THEIR SKILLS

Vica, Deca, and Info-Tech participate in annual competitions. At Deca's district competition, Rebecka Klassen, '96, placed 1st in Retail Test and 3rd in Accessories and Apparel. Darren Fife, '96, placed 3rd in Advertising Services, and Kris Koch, '96, placed 2nd in management. At the state competition, Koch also took 1st place.

Info-Tech participated in the BPA Regionals. Michelle Butcher, '96, received 2nd in Keyboarding, Jenny Cox, '96, placed 4th in Business

Knowledge Skills and 1st in Office Assistant. Paul Lepert, '96, got 3rd in Business Math and 2nd in Administrative Speech. Katie Heston, '96, placed 1st in banking, Amy Tiefenthaler, '96, took 2nd in Office Assistant; and Christi Hogan, '96, claimed 3rd. Erin Askvig, '96, also pulled down 3rd in Office Specialist. Lastly, Jill Whitaker, '96, placed 2nd in Administrative Assistant.

Vica has a Vocational Skills Challenge to show their exhibits and skills.



risky business

Business is a part of everyone's life, even if it is only balancing the checkbook. Ankeny High School's business department offers courses that range from Advanced Accounting to Computer Applications. Realizing that business is important to everyone's life, many students take typing, computer, and accounting classes. Students also use these classes to prepare themselves for college. Chris Mein, '96, said, "It's a good introduction to take the classes in high school to see if you want to take courses in that area when you are in college." Carisa Albin, '96, adds, "I am taking Advanced Accounting. I think it will really help me when I go to college next year."

College preparation is not the only thing to which students are interested in applying their business skills. Nate Hammersely, '96, points out, "I took a typing class and now I can type faster than any other guy I know. I use it a lot on America Online."

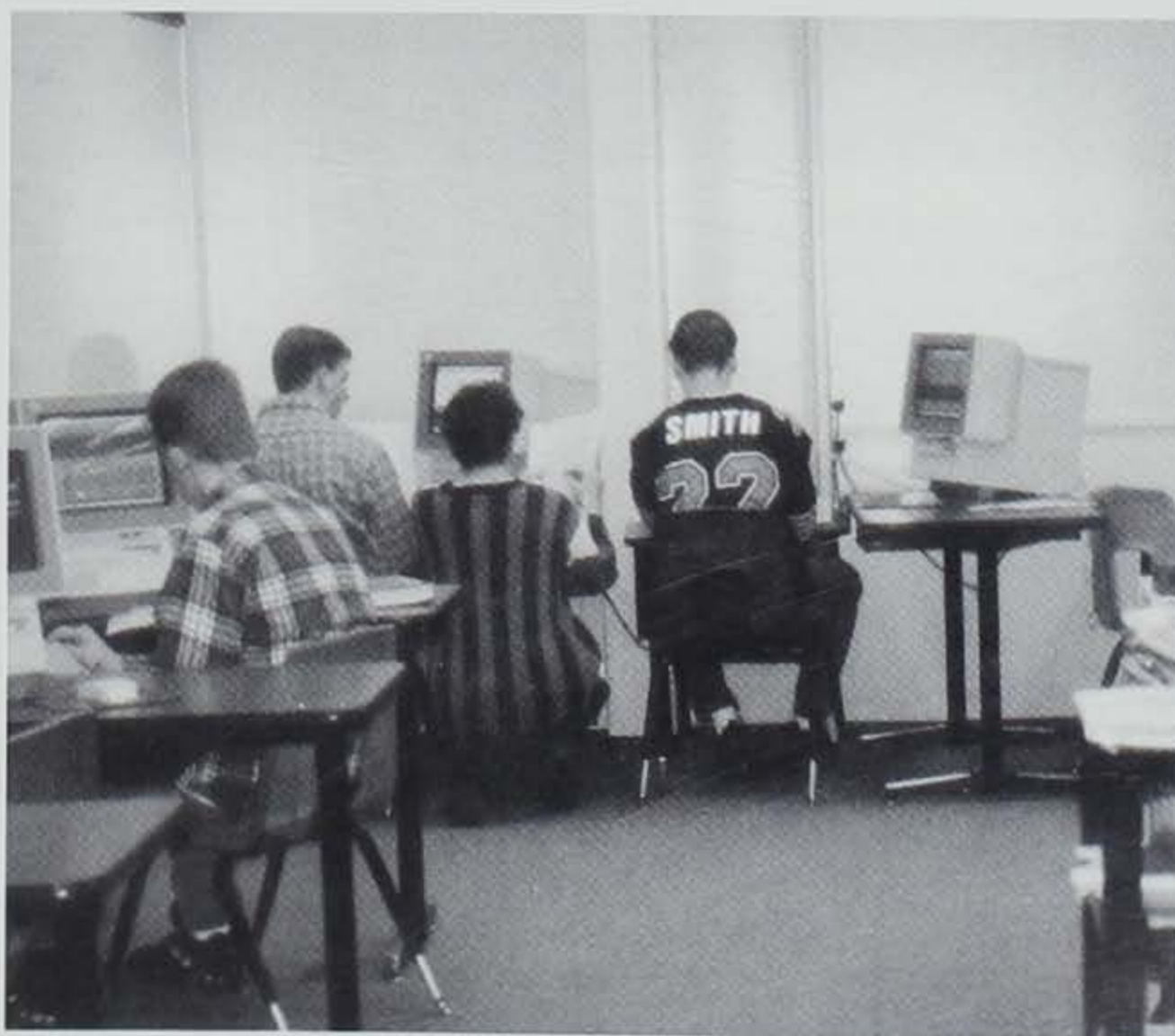
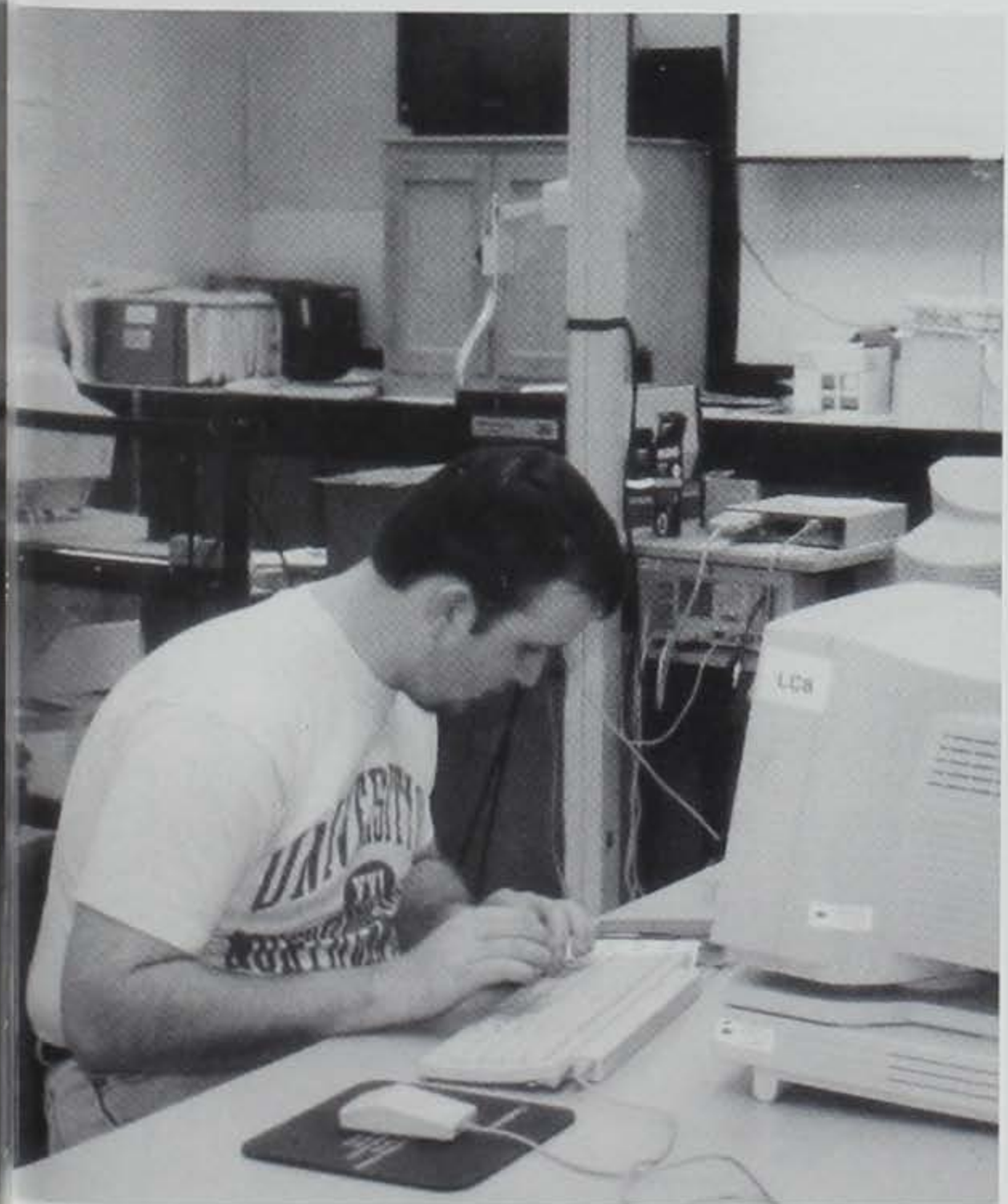
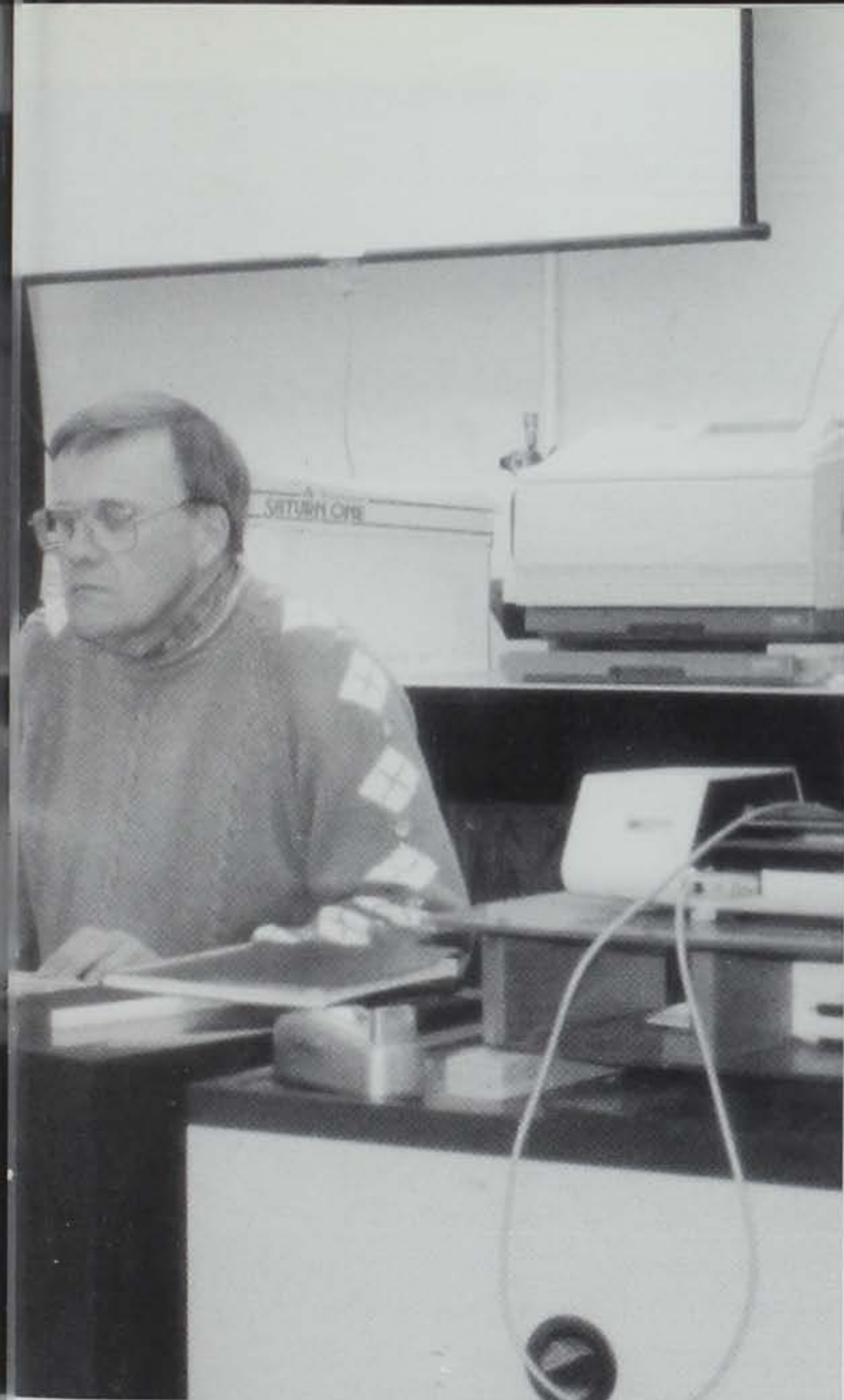
Computers are a big part of everyday life. With new technology, they are going to become more important than ever. In the near future, computer knowledge will no longer be an option. It will be man-

datory for people to have the ability to work with computers for their everyday lives. Even more importantly, computers will be a significant part of every occupation.

The business courses offered at Ankeny High School are also aimed at preparing students for future employment.

"Computer Applications taught me different ways to use a computer. It teaches you in-depth learning to help you with future job," said Heather Handley, '96.

The courses offered in the Ankeny High School business department certainly prepare students for future plans. A good knowledge of business gives a student a definite advantage.



Lee Crecilius, '96, strives to complete a project. Many students worked on assignments and projects for their business classes on the computers in the drafting room.

Working hard in the business computer lab, Jack Pennington, '96, Tony Whitaker, '96, and Karl Pothast, '96, receive help from Mrs. Hinshaw. A variety of classes used the lab.

Scholastic Award is High Honors

It's like the superbowl of Art. It's the Scholastic award show. Many students from around Iowa are exhibited in this event, and this year twenty-seven students from Ankeny High School participated in the big contest. The list of participants included:

Mike Durlam, Susanne Geppert, Heather Wendt, Tom Brazelton, Cheri Willardson,

Valeri Luepke, Kelli Christensen, Jessica Graves, Patti Hillerts, Corey Milner, Ben Sheeler, Lisa Hale, Brant Stiefel, Carri Dillingham, Emily Linn, Teresa Anderson, Megan Boyers-Liechty, Jamie Garland, Adam Clarke, Brian Bookwalter, John Foddrill, Tara Bridgeman, Tim Burns, Brandi Carter, Heather Foel. A special congratulations is in order for these outstanding art students.

Perhaps the famous artist Andy Warhol said it best: "Everybody has fifteen minutes of fame," and for these art students this was a great accomplishment. The award was just a minute of there fifteen minutes of fame.



What is that? Jamin Buntentbach '96, works hard on his ferocious sculpture. Pottery not only let's you express your ideas, but you also get a little dirty.

Mr. Parkinson as "Eddie Bauer" imparts his wisdom to his idolizing pupils. He teaches many wonderful classes that will fulfill the mind with knowledge.

Working hard! Tom Brazelton, '96, touches up his student portrait. Tom plans to attend college at University of Northern Iowa and was also enrolled in other art classes at AHS.





Perfecting her sculpture for pottery, Michelle Gilbert, '96, puts on the finishing touches. Pottery classes averaged 20 students where they "threw", or hand-designed, pots.

Working hard on their lamp are Darren Fife, '96, and Shawn Hammersly, '97. Students designed various projects to meet the requirements of their art class.



creative choices

Take a trip back to kindergarten. Remember when the teacher said, "It's time to go to the art room." Everyone got excited, and that still happens at Ankeny High School today.

This year, 27 students participated in the Scholastic Art Award exhibit at Ames, vying for certificates of merit, silver medals, gold medals, and/or the National Portfolio Selection. The exhibit took entries from all over Iowa, choosing 400 pieces out of the 1,080 art pieces received. Pieces could have been a painting, drawing, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, computer graphics, mixed media, or photography.

Many students attributed their success throughout the year to their teacher. "Mr. Parkinson is god; he's like Ben Shahn," said sophomore Dana Kelly. Other popular art teachers are Mrs. Linda Leuders and Ms. Lynee Klaus.

One of the greatest art students to ever come through Ankeny High School was Mike Durlam. This year

he earned a judges choice Gold Key-Hallmark Award, one of the highest honors an art student can receive. "Michael is one of my most talented students I have taught in my 27 years of teaching," said Parkinson.

Students take art classes for various reasons. "I get most of my emotions out, but mostly it's the only thing I am really, really good at, and the supplies are free," said Tom Brazelton. "Mr. Parkinson helps us enjoy photo," said Matt Fausch.

It's clear that students enjoy their art classes. By Jeremiah Hamilton



The pullover machine at the Y is the weight machine of choice for Christen Hardinger and maybe some other gym students in the weight lifting unit.

Flashing a smile while running are Angela Erickson and Amber Watson, they are doing a good job attempting to be happy during their usual beginning of class laps.



fitness matters

Gym class. Almost all Ankeny High School students take it, like it or not. The gold shirts and maroon shorts have certainly become a big part of Ankeny students' lives.

In the past years the gym classes were broken up into two groups, one



consisting of seniors and juniors and the other of sophomores and freshmen. Each had one teacher instructing each session with their own scheduled activities. This year marked the departure of the Freshman, so a new style

of physical education has been developed. Instead of the traditional way of conducting classes, all students were put into one huge class, then each individual student signed up for one of the three activities he/she would most enjoy.

How did this new method go over with students? The majority of students preferred this new style, and the most cited reason was more variety in giving students a better opportunity to do things they like.

Even with this new system, not every activity wanted by students could be covered. Chrissy Jenkins, '96, wished they would include an ice skating unit. "Ballet would be interesting," said Chris Anderson, '96. Naomi Linderman, '96, felt the activities were alright but the units were too long.

There were numerous sign-ups throughout the school year, hopefully providing the individual gym participant a better chance to spend 50 minutes every other day doing something enjoyable.



PE GETS A FASHION FACE LIFT

Of all the Ankeny High students who take, gym nearly one hundred percent of them would like different uniforms. Those gold shirts and maroon shorts are just not considered stylish amongst the students. A few random gym participants were asked what the gym uniforms would look like if they had the job of redesigning them. Some of the answers were normal; others were a bit more unusual.

Rachel Collins, '97 would include matching pants. Umbro soccer shorts would be the uniform of choice for Jennifer Hamblin, '98. One anonymous guy suggested that the girls wear skirts and

the guys wear puma green leisure suits. Most students would prefer to bring their own clothes from home. Before redesigning the uniforms it needs to be taken into consideration the purpose of the uniforms is to exercise in.

Even with all the talk of new uniforms it is doubtful that the uniforms will ever be redesigned to suit the tastes of most AHS students.



On Patrol, Mrs. McVicker watches the cardiovascular room at the YMCA. As Shanda Flippo, Sally Parsons, Natalie Miltenberger, and Sara Oswald walk the Startreks.

Seemingly enjoying the weight lifting unit are Kourtney Fink and Kelly Dannatt, as they take a break to talk. The weight room at the Y has become a good place to chat.

Racing to be the first to finish the customary gym laps are Jennifer Anderson and Tiffany Ratzlaff. They are the only ones running now but the others will soon follow.

Foreign Favorites

A new place. A new experience. These two things put together can be fun. Throughout the 1995-96 school year eight young, ambitious students from all over the world came to live here in Ankeny for the year. On the weekend a person could find June and Montse cruising around town for the lowest bargains. Lazer X was the most foreign experience to most of these students.

Deciding where to grab a bite to eat a person could find these exchange students at various restaurants; Fazollis, Pizza Hut, and McDonalds

were the top three choices to eat for these exchange students. Favorite stores to at which to shop shop includes Maurices, Target, the Buckle and the Gap-tastes not too different from students here at AHS. Exchange students also felt the malls were a great place to shop and to just hang out

On the days school just happened to be cancelled due to the cold weather, these foreign exchange students could be found in front of the television. *Home Improvement*, *The Simpsons*, and *Melrose Place* ranked high on the shows regularly viewed by these exchange students, but *Party of Five* was the show they would not miss--even if there was homework to be done.

All of these students from different places were willing to take on the challenge of a foreign culture. This past year could have possibly have been the best year of these students' lives to date.



Sasiwong, Montsei, and Kristi clown around in History class. A little shy initially, Kristi enjoyed the foreign exchange program because she made some new friends for life.

Parinya cracks a smile with buddies in the library during a study break. His hardwork paid off on his report card; most of the students did well with English studies.

Sasiwong, Montsei, Parinya, June, Susanne, Bruno, and Esther discuss the meeting they are about to have with the school. Most exchange students became very involved at AHS.

With a quick stop by his locker to grab a book, Bruno hurries before having to make his way through the crowded hallways. Getting used to the rigors of a new school was not easy.





Friends for life Susanne Geppert, '96, and Kwong visit the office. Like many of the foreign-exchange students, they plan to stay in touch after they go back home.

Getting a bite to eat before the next class and catching up on the latest stuff going on before the weekend is Kwong and Bruno Tavares. School lunch was not their favorite choice.



foreign experience

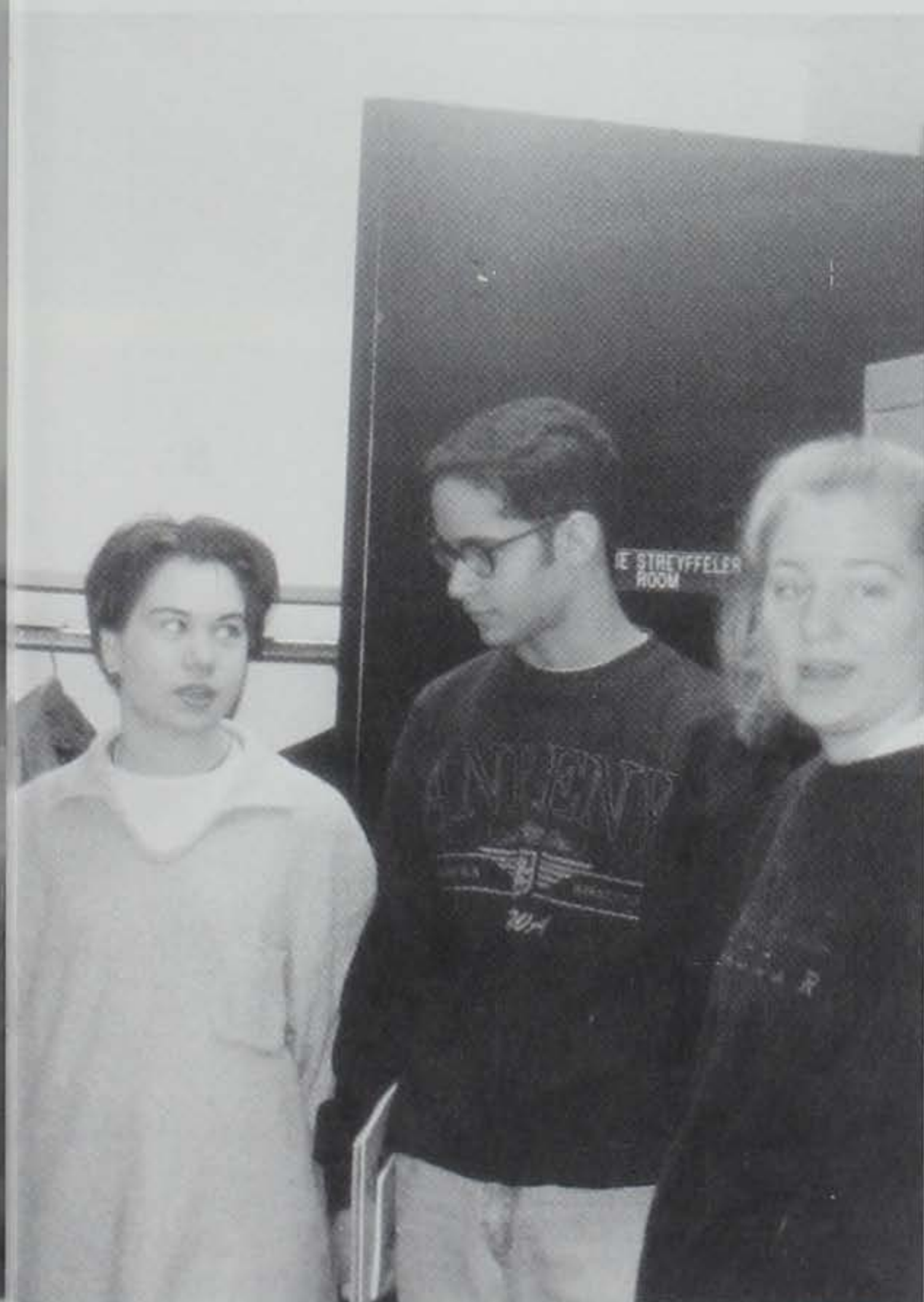
Walking down the hallways of AHS, a person probably noticed a few new faces. No, these people were not new transfer students to Ankeny High School; instead, they were students from other countries. These foreign-exchange students were willing to take the risk of learning a new life-style as well as adapting and trying to live in a new culture.

As these young people ventured across the seas and over the land, many obstacles were laid before them. This included new words, new families, new foods, new friends, and many other new changes. Sasiwong said, "At least there's no uniforms like we have to wear to school back in Thailand." Susanne Geppert added, "School is longer here than in Germany."

In February a group of exchange students from Russia spent three weeks here at AHS. A few weeks in Ankeny seemed like a year to these students. While overall, they enjoyed their stay, most were excited to be heading home to more familiar

territory. Then in April a group of ten Ankeny students headed off to Moscow to experience its culture. They stayed at host students' homes. Shelly Cox, '96, said she prepared for the trip by taking an optional Russian course.

In the future more programs like this will be made available to AHS students and will involve countries such as Austria and Italy. The goal is to show that the world is indeed an increasingly smaller global place.



Using his Russian language skills, Brian Walsh, '97, communicates with some of the Russian students who joined the AHS group on their tour of the Kremlin. (Right)

Bridget Kurtt, '96, eyes some Russian souvenirs at a stand in St. Petersburg. Popular souvenirs for the group included Russian t-shirts, stacking dolls and Russian watercolored paintings. (Far right)

A taste of home! Meghan Blair, '97, Shelly Cox, '96, and Amy Runkel, '96, show off their excitement after finally arriving at McDonalds after their afternoon tour. (Below)

Dwight Brown, '97, poses for a picture in front of a Russian post office (pronounced poochda in Russian). During the language classes when the teacher would ask where one would eat breakfast for example, Brown would always answer "poochda." (Bottom right)



WAYS TO TELL YOU ARE IN MOSCOW

**There are more dogs than humans.*

**Shelly sings, "Aren't you glad you use Dial, don't you wish everyone did?"*

**You almost get rundown by a Lada.*

**You wear the same clothes for a week.*

**Lori and Megahn practice their slang, saying, "Odd, altogether now, odd."*

**Little kids run up to you and yell f--- you.*

**Some one urinates in your elevator everyday.*

**Kevin has his own pond.*

**Ms Hood constantly yells, "Is everyone here?"*



**Jack is perplexed about how a man can fall in love with a swan.*

**Brian is hanging around Neo-nazis.*

**People wonder why Amy has wires on her teeth.*

**Dwight receives twenty page faxes.*

**Cats use the toilet.*

**Soren is the best swimmer.*

**What? Another Russian art museum? With 10,000 icons and a Russian speaking tour guide? Oh joy!*

**You appreciate what you have alwaystaken for granted.*



world travelers

Imagine traveling halfway across the globe and taking part in a foreign exchange program. During the month of April, ten AHS juniors and seniors traveled to Moscow, Russia, where they took part in the Sci-Link III Russian exchange program.

In February, ten Russian students from Moscow school number 1017 spent three weeks in Ankeny after the two schools communicating through e-mail. Then the AHS hosts spent three weeks in Russia in April.

The daily schedule for the group was very busy. They usually began teaching their two English classes to ninth graders when school began at 8:30 a.m., then ate their "mystery lunches" and were off touring.

Moscow highlights included visiting Lenin's mausoleum and St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square, attending a Verdi opera at the Bolshoi Theatre, and, of course, McDonalds; however, even going to McDonalds could take over four hours round trip through the public transportation system.

One of the biggest highlights of the trip was St. Petersburg. The group took a train to the city and spent three days sightseeing there.

However, one of the most lasting memories of the trip was all of the new friendships made. Kevin Amdahl, '96,

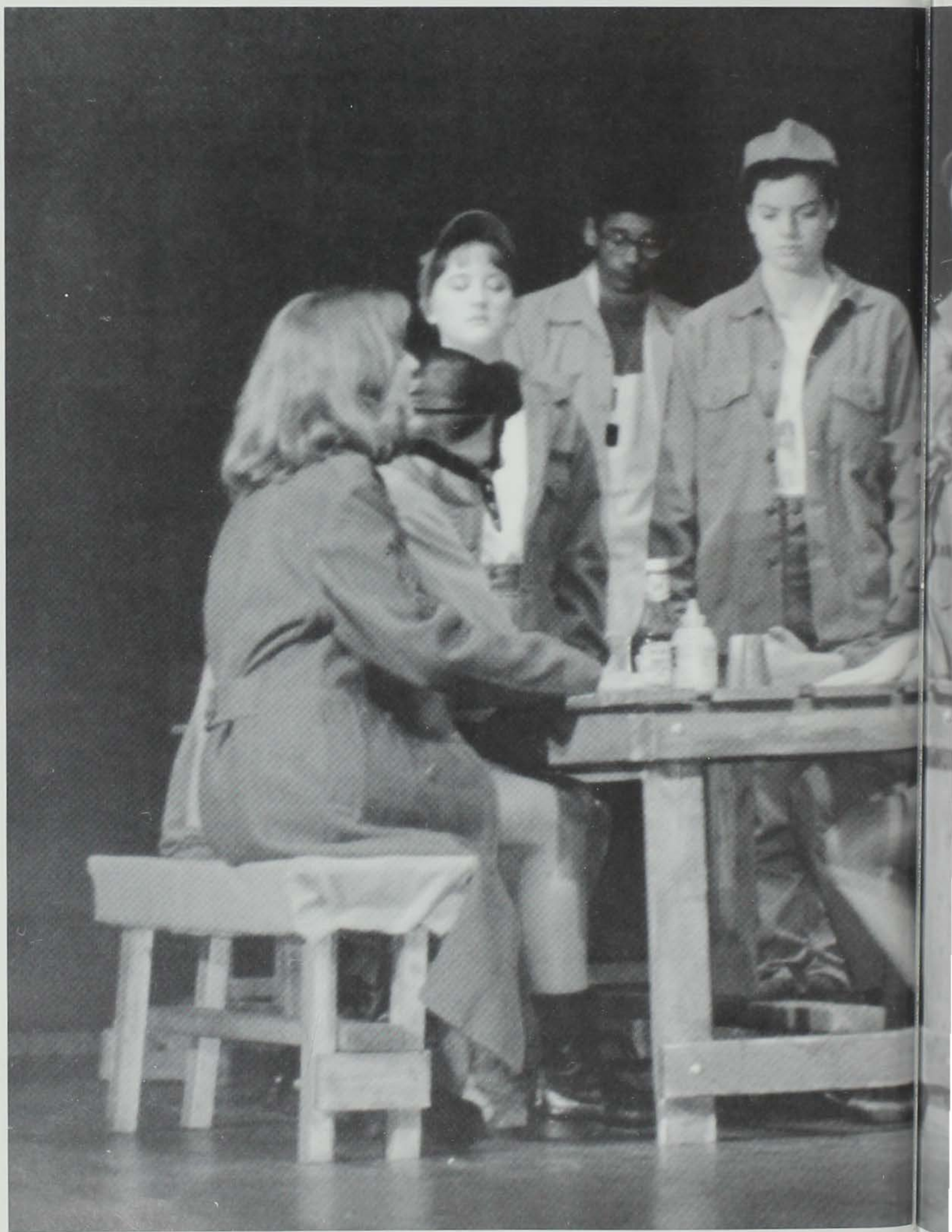
said, "The friendships that I have made...have made a much deeper impact on me personally than any of the places that we had seen."

Visiting Russia and experiencing the culture was quite an experience for the group. Soren Peterson, '96, said, "It really made us appreciate what we have here."



World travelers: Row 1: Lori Kephart, Bridget Kurtt, Masha Chernevia (Russian student), Amy Runkel, Meghan Blair. Row 2: Dwight Brown, Shelly Cox, Brian Walsh, Kevin Amdahl, Soren Peterson, Jack Rivers. Teacher Elaine Hood in not pictured. (Left)

All you ever wanted to know about American geography! Shelly Cox, '96, teaches two Russian students about the geography and about famous places along the Pacific Coast. (Above)



ELEVATED STATUS



INSIDE:

Learn who made All-State and see how they fared: **PAGE 110.**

PLUS: See who was inducted to the National Honor Society **PAGE 116.**

-Jason Cairns,
Organizations Editor

Madrigal men, Lee Crecilious, '96, Shawn Snyder '96, Tom Kapaska, '97, and Kyle Albertson, '97, display their ornate Madrigal costumes before heading to the ball. (Above) Kelli Powell, '96, Alfred Moton, '98, Ann Faush, '96, and Liz Blair, '98, look on as their comrades discuss plans in the mess tent in the fall play *M*A*S*H*. (Left)

D ID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE OVER 30 organizations in AHS? Although some are more well known about others, all are equally important to the students who are involved in them.

Even if one is not involved in any organizations, one has benefited from them. Things most take for granted, such as flipping through the *Talon* or reading this yearbook to trees planted around the community-- all have a driving force behind them, which requires a lot of hard work most people never realize. "It takes a lot of hard work to put out the *Talon*," said Mrs. Robin Fields, *Talon* Advisor. "Stress and donuts are also components."

After flipping through this section, everyone should have a grasp for what goes on at AHS. As anyone can see, there is something for everyone-- so this is the chance everyone has been waiting for: join the club. As any senior will say, high school doesn't last forever. -Heather Runkel

Cast the Role; break a Leg

*"I just like being on stage,
and being the center of attention.
It's ego-building!"*

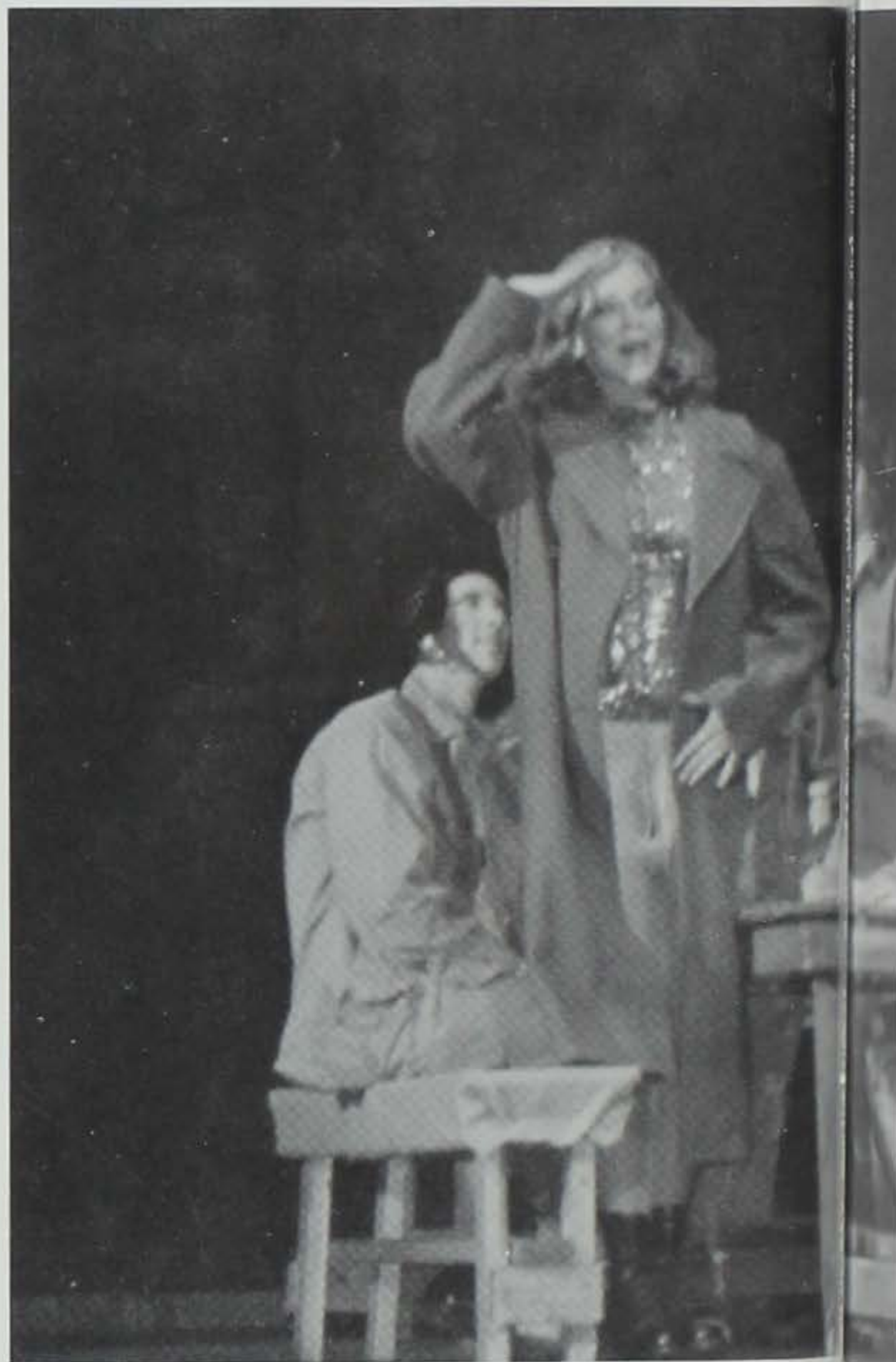
Stacey Lane '98

Hours of memorizing lines, rehearsals, the anxiety of opening night, and performing in front of hundreds of people, including your peers—all of this is just part of what one would experience when participating in the many drama activities throughout the year.

The fall season began with the drama *M*A*S*H*, which was a television series back in the '70's. Trent Casey starred as Hawkeye and Kyle Albertson as Duke. *M*A*S*H* was directed by Cary Shapiro.

The other major drama event was the spring show *Lend Me A Tenor*. It was about a well-known Italian opera singer named IL Stupendo (Alberston) who overdoses on sleeping pills and cannot perform. A replacement, Max (Michael Dahlstrom), had to be called. Max is mistaken for IL Stupendo. The cast included Albertson, Trent Casey, Dahlstrom, Dwight Brown, Janelle Haack, Elise Brodell, Kelli Rae Powell and Ann Fausch.

In drama the major goal for speech contest is to make it through Districts, State, and finally to All-State. Of the thirteen different one-acts, only two accomplished this task: one, a group improv including Mike Haselhuhn, Stacey Lane, Elise Brodell, Kelli Rae Powell and Andy Lynch; and two, the ensemble acting group consisting of Chad Graham, Trent Casey, Mike Dahlstrom, Robyn Brent and Stacy Lane.



Say What?

*"It's fun and exciting and you
get to make new friends."*

Melissa Bleecker, '98

*"Drama is really great! You
meet new people, make good
friends, you really express
yourself, and best of all, you
get to change your pants in Mr.
Shaperio's room!"*

Michael Dahlstrom, '97

*"You get to make a complete
fool of yourself and they call it
acting."*

Joe Henderson, '97



In this scene of *M*A*S*H* Ryan Schweers, '96, passes by the Boniwitz sisters as they feast on their first decent meal in a very long time since their stay in war-torn Korea. Played by Melissa Bleecker, '96, Elise Brodell, '97, and Natalie Rose, '97, the Boniwitz sisters' banter was a hit in the drama-comedy.

Scott Mickelson, '97, defends himself from the Boniwitz sisters as they desperately attempt to get his coat. This scene takes place during the frigid winter months during the Korean War. Scott enjoyed acting in high school performances and plans on participating in many more dramas before he graduates.



Delivering an inspirational speech to the troops of M*A*S*H 4077 Elise Brodell, '97 discusses the importance of the Korean War. Elise has been in several other performances at AHS, and she was a part of the group improv team that made it through to Districts, State and, finally, to their ultimate goal--All-State.

Cami Tyler, '96, comforts the wounded Adam Thimmiesch, '98, during a scene of the fall drama, M*A*S*H. This drama was based on the television show in the late '70's, early '80's. M*A*S*H portrayed the comical side to, as well as the down side of, the lives of those who served in the Korean war.

"I'll never forget the lines: and in America when you get hungey you eat something called the over-heated dog and the french fry."

Brian Pauly, '98



People's Choice



Drama Club Members

B. Jones, J. Haack, K. Albertson, M. Dahlstrom, A. Lynch, N. Rose, A. Fausch, C. Tyler, M. Haselhuhn, A. Moton, A. Danner, K. Marsh, C. Crum, A. Arthur, T. Diehl, J. Henderson, R. Schweers, D. Brown, A. Thimmiesch, E. Rose, E. Brodell, S. Danielson, T. Casey, C. Graham, S. Snyder, R. Lancaster, S. Lane, A. Fausch, K. Greenough



Unpacking their gear, Hawkeye and Duke (Albertson and Casey) open the fall show M*A*S*H. Both Kyle and Trent have performed in numerous other dramas, such as the spring performance called *Lend Me A Tenor*. Kyle and Trent enjoyed all the hard work that it took to participate in drama.

"The main reason I do what I do is because my drama director in high school got me really interested in it, and I want to give some of it back to the kids."

Cary Shapiro, Director

Kyle Albertson, '97, plays the original tenor, a very witty character named Max, in the comedy *Lend Me A Tenor*, and alongside him is Elise Brodell, '97. The two performed prominent roles in the spring show. This year the drama department performed both a drama and a comedy, as well as a children's play.

As Kyle Albertson, '97, pours himself and the new tenor (Michael Dahlstrom, '97) a beverage, the two discuss the upcoming performance of the stand-in singer. Unbeknownst to them, Dahlstrom's part in this duplicity would be the cause of Albertson's wife's departure. A number of people attended the play.



Conversing about the play they just witnessed, Ann Faush, '98, as Julie, and Trent Casey, '98, look like they had a great time at the play where Max had a little mishap, partly because he overdosed on sleeping pills. Of course, this misunderstanding could only have happen in the comical drama *Lend Me A Tenor*.

Having a private conversation, Trent Casey, '98, and Dwight Brown, '98, converse amongst themselves as Michael Dahlstrom, '97, who's wearing a crazy costume, tries to listen in on them. The play *Lend Me A Tenor* was a great success and a tribute to the many seniors who graduated this year.





"Mirror, mirror, on the wall. Who's the fairest...." Cathy Crum, '98, as the evil Queen asks the mirror, played by Stacy Lane, '98, the proverbial question every young child learns. The drama department hosted the children's play *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

The evil Queen, Cathy Crum, '98, checks her handiwork as Snow White, played by Robyn Brent, '96, lies near death after taking a bite of the poisonous apple. Not only performed in the Pit at AHS, the drama department toured the elementary schools with the play.

Ann Faush, '97, as Diana portray's a comical character in the fall performance *Lend Me A Tenor*. This diva of the "opera" is impatiently waiting for the opera to come to a start. Ann has been a participant in other plays at the Ankeny High School as well.

Mike Cox, '96, is hard at work editing a story for the Talon. Every story in the issue is carefully proofed to make sure that there are no mistakes in the final paper.

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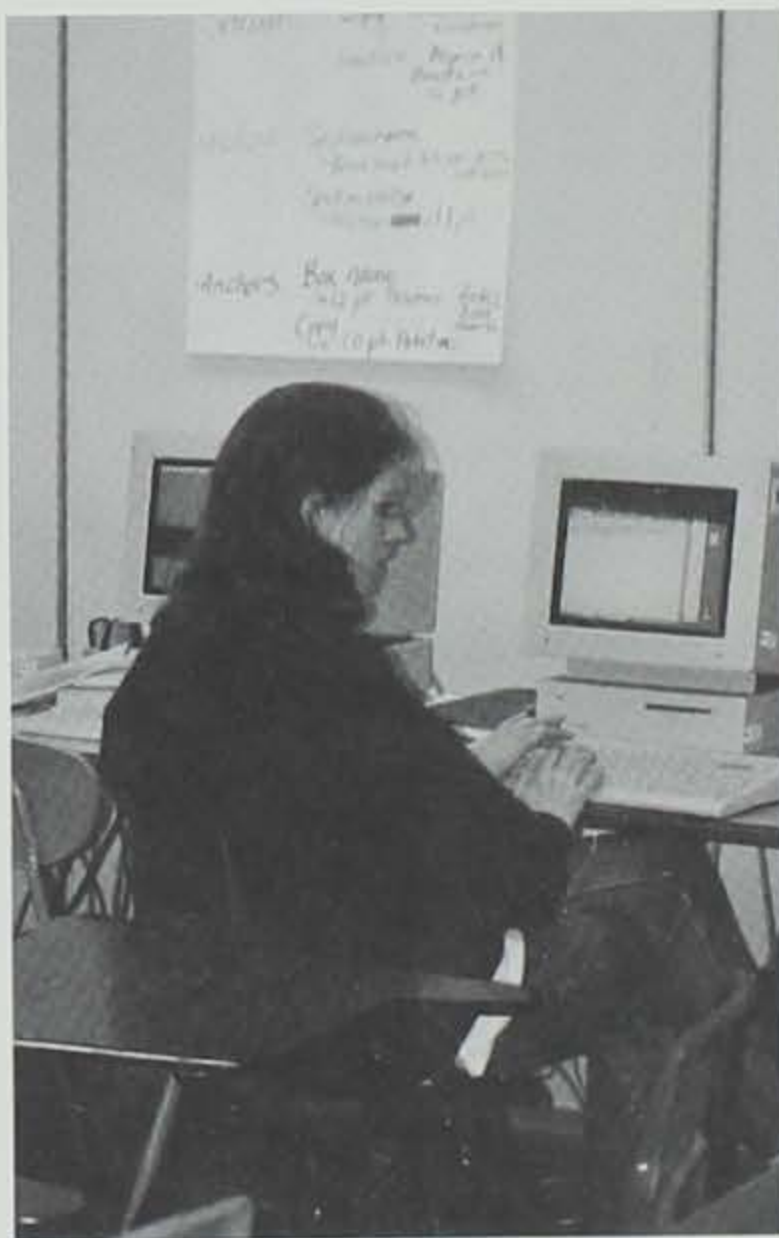
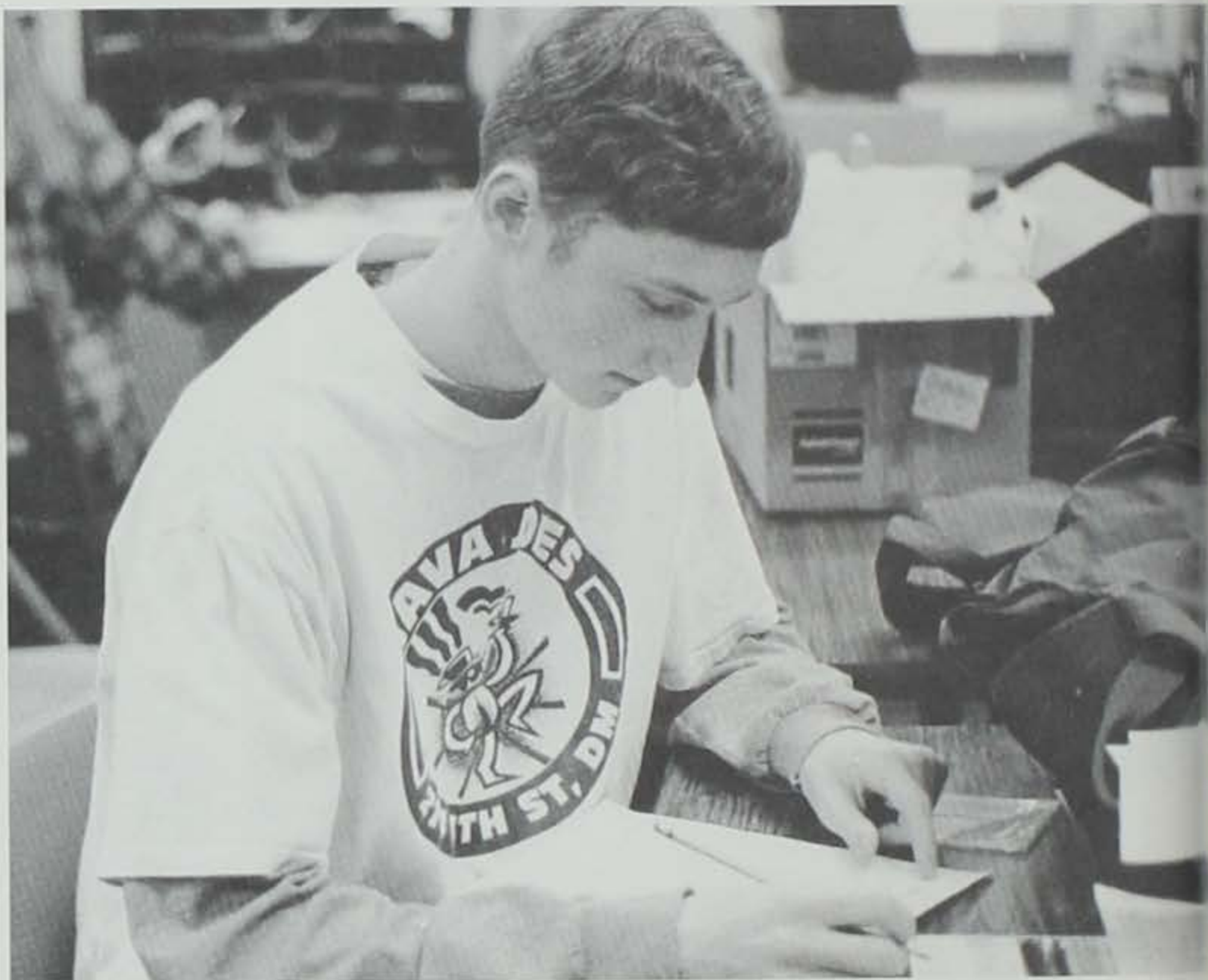
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The increase in staff size has allowed us to make the paper bigger. This, plus the quality of the staff, has made working on the Talon very rewarding. I think we publish a high quality newspaper.”

-Robin Fields, adviser



Jessica Stamp, '96, is busy typing her story for the Talon. Everything that is put into the paper is done through computers.

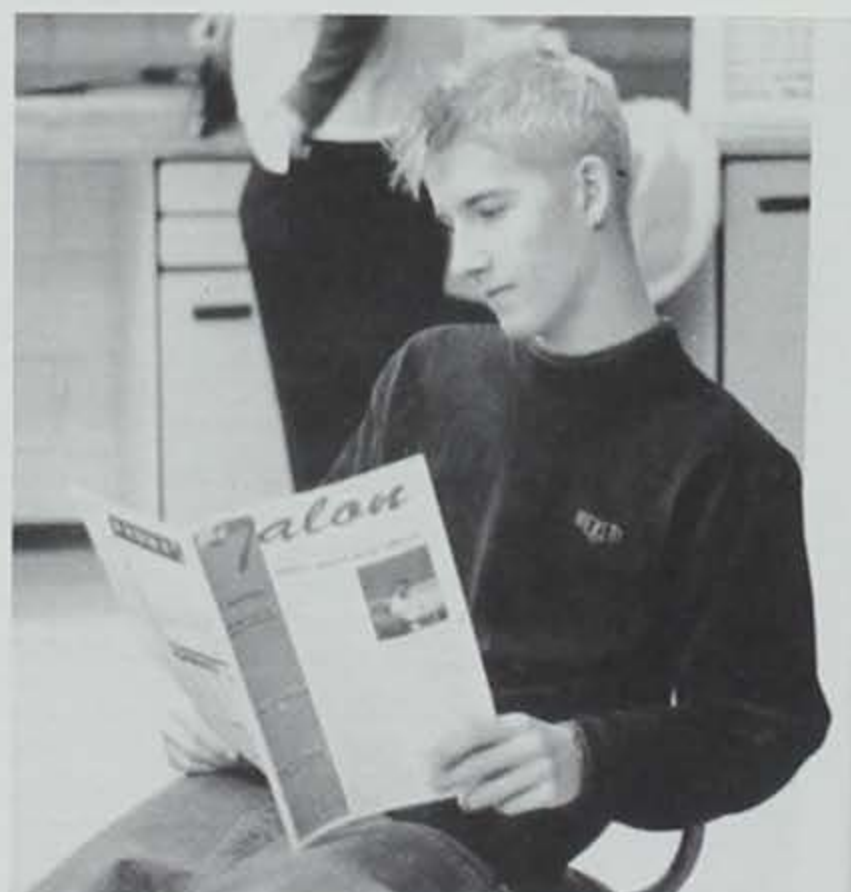
Becky Clarck, '96, carefully plans out her story for the paper. The stories focused on events in school and the community.





Mrs. Fields attempts to find a disk. "Keeping track of disks is very important," said Fields, "because everything is saved on them."

During his free time in art class, Wade Eivins, '98, catches up on his reading. The *Talon* was published by-weekly.



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Talon: they have the write stuff

Students display their writing abilities through the AHS newspaper.

The pleasure of looking through the AHS newspaper is even better if you are part of the staff working to put it out. Fighting for a day to use the computer, pushing to get all of the pages done before deadline, and waiting for a quote from a teacher that is always teaching class was all part of the job. Responsibility, dedication, and long hours of work were just some of the things outsiders did not realize went into the articles and pictures. Mrs. Fields gave many hours of her time to help the journalism class produce every page. The class spent endless days "arguing" with the computer, as well as picking the perfect picture that captured the moment and added more detail to enhance an article.

The AHS *Talon* showcased many articles by students who utilized their varying writing styles. In every issue a special article written by Jeremy Marshall called "Marshall Law" always appeared. In this column Jeremy expressed his conservative opinions on current issues. Another popular section was a cartoon by Michael Dahlstrom entitled "Dahlstroms Dimension." In the cartoon, Dahlstrom made light of situations around the school.

Whatever the student's taste in reading material, it could be found in this year's *Talon*.

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Chris Hanson	Wierzbicki
Jacalyn Hopp	Michelle Witt
Adria Kornegay	Jason Leer
Kate Pace	Jacob Miller
Amber Racine	Amber O'Neel
Holly Shafer	

Relieved, Michelle Witt, '96, and Becky Klassen, '96, are extremely depressurized after having completed their layouts. With the deadline out of the way Witt and Klassen have a short time to relax before starting their next layout. It is an extreme relief to have completed a two page spread for a deadline.



Stressed out, Danielle Rethmeier, '98, works anxiously on her wrestling double page spread. Mrs. Kauffman helps out by editing her story. Stress was a good motivator in the yearbook class because motivation was needed in order to complete all 208 pages by the final layout deadline of May 30.



Determination and teamwork cover it

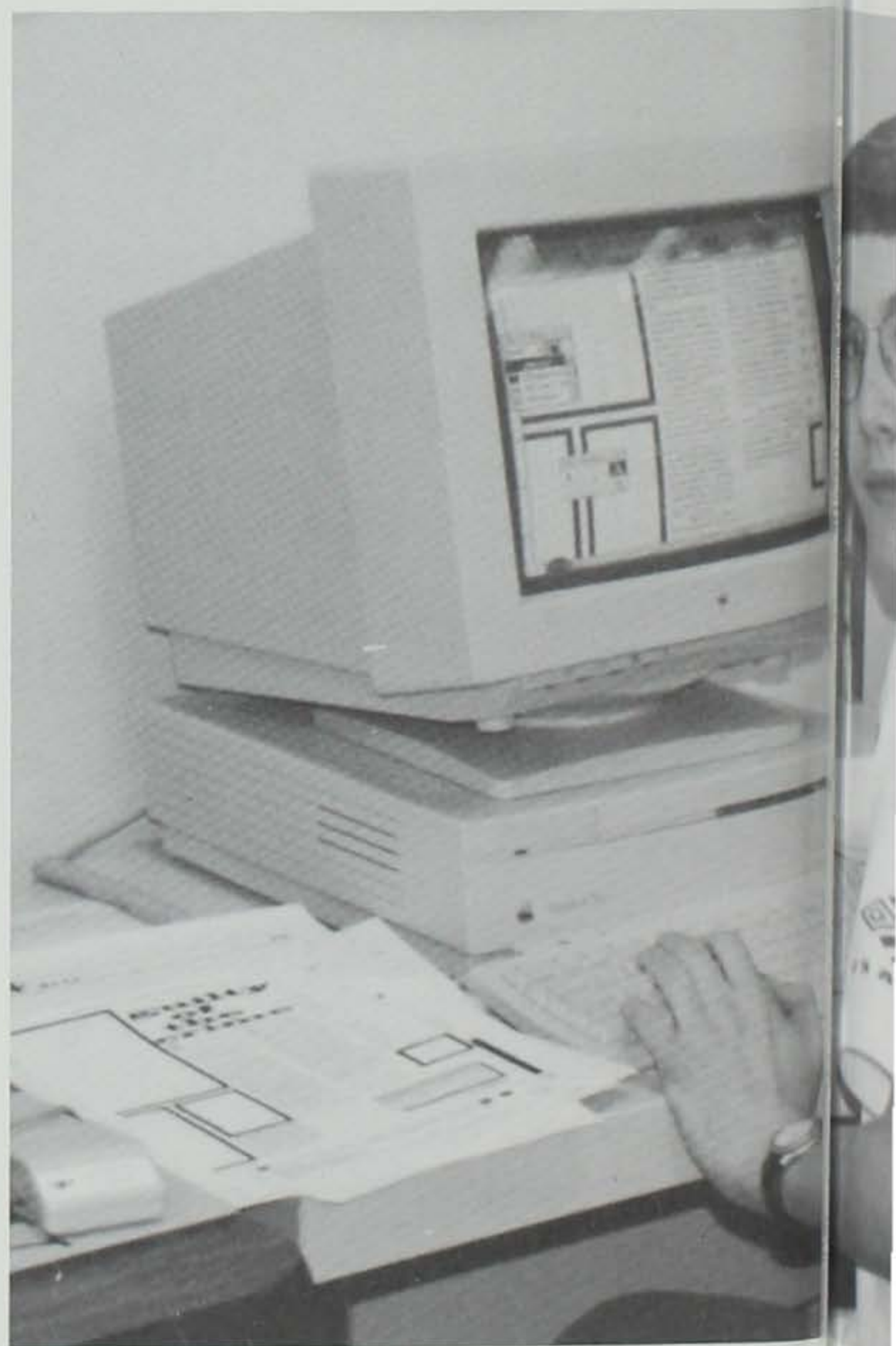
Not just another slacker class, yearbook requires responsibility, time-management skills, and dedication.

Have you ever wanted to make something that would be viewed by thousands of people and dealt with many different clubs, organizations, sports, and numerous other activities? The answer is the book held in your hands: *The Hawk*. Dealing with much more than just pictures and writing, yearbook involves deadlines, large amounts of money, and ideas coming together as a page in history.

When a student is asked to do a story about a subject that he or she knows nothing about, the learning experience comes into the class. Without any knowledge of a subject, the only way to learn is interview. This makes the class fun and exciting.

Headed by Mrs. Kauffman and various editors, the yearbook class met everyday, making sure personal deadlines were met while also enforcing the other story deadlines. Everyone had to do her/his own job on time for the class to succeed. Not a usual class in the sense of tests and quizzes, grading is based on classroom work and deadlines completed.

The yearbook staff is dedicated to depicting the best view of student life at Ankeny High School, recording memories for many students for the rest of their lives.





It's always something!!! Justin Dyar, a second semester addition to yearbook, flipped through photographs to determine which would best present the story in his two page lay-out. Always ready with an opinion, Danielle Rethmeier assisted Justin in choosing the best.

People's Choice



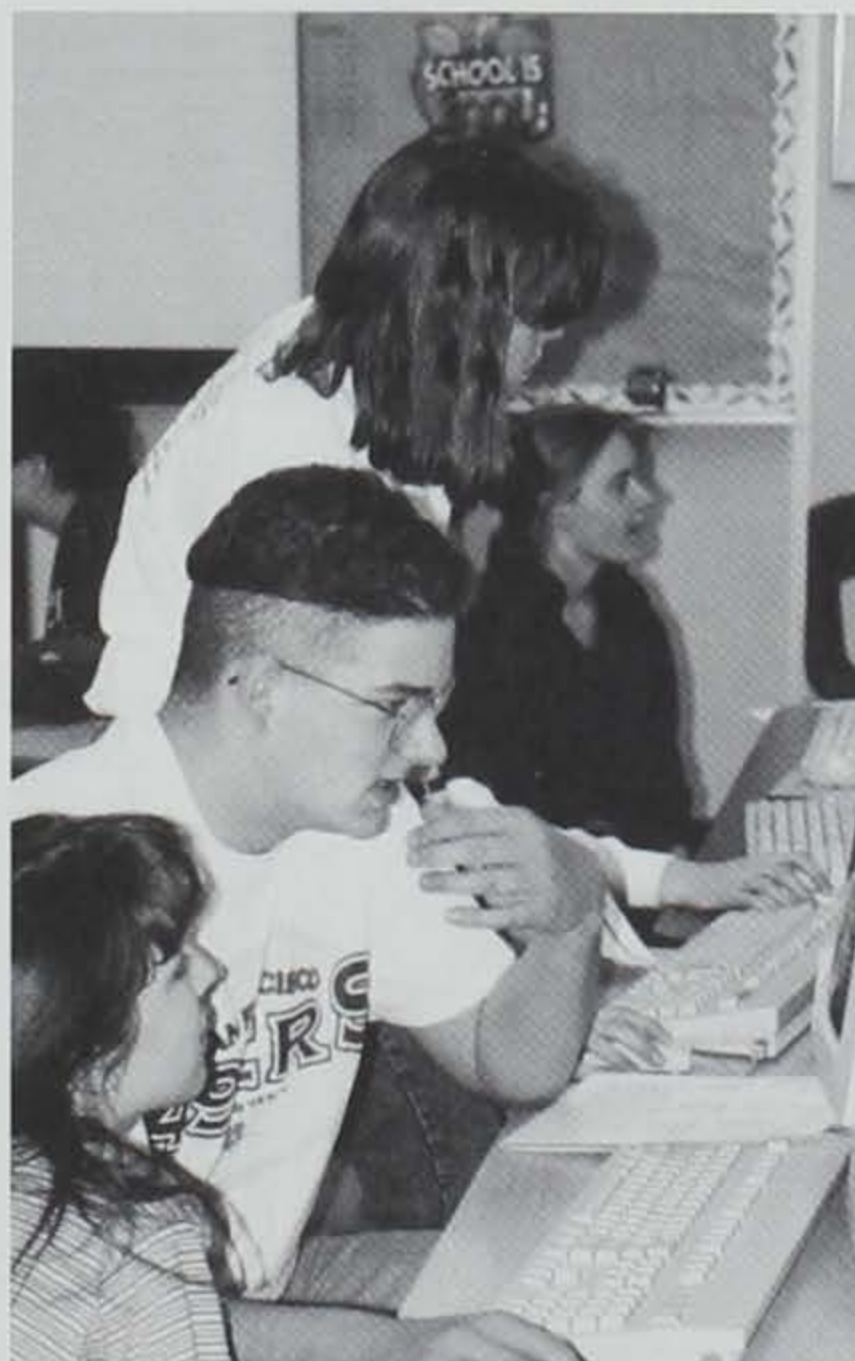
Yearbook Staff

L to R from front: Justin Dyar, Jason Leer, Jake Miller, Stacey Wierzbicki, Katie Shannon, Becky Klassen, Michelle Witt, Amy Runkel, Jackie Hopp, Julie Smith, Jessie Abeyta, Jason Cairns, Kelli Christensen, Michelle Cunningham, Kelli Lepert, Jeremiah Hamilton, Luke Steinbach, JeNae Dittmar, Adria Kornegay.



Yearbook editors

Front: Heather Runkel, Becky Klassen, Luke Steinbach, Jason Hill, Jason Cairns



Time Out--not! Luke Steinbach, '98, takes a break from editing an advertising layout for a deadline in the year book class. Using a new approach that provided 20 extra pages in the book, Luke supervised the record sales achieved by the class in business ads.

Concentrating, Stacey Wierzbicki, '97, and Jason Hill, '97, prepare a sports layout for an approaching deadline and they just made it under the wire after putting in some late, after-school hours. With only seven computers in class, sometimes it was close.

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I have met a lot of new people and learned a lot from all the cool people in the class. It is a true learning experience and I'm glad I took it.

Kelly Lepert, '98

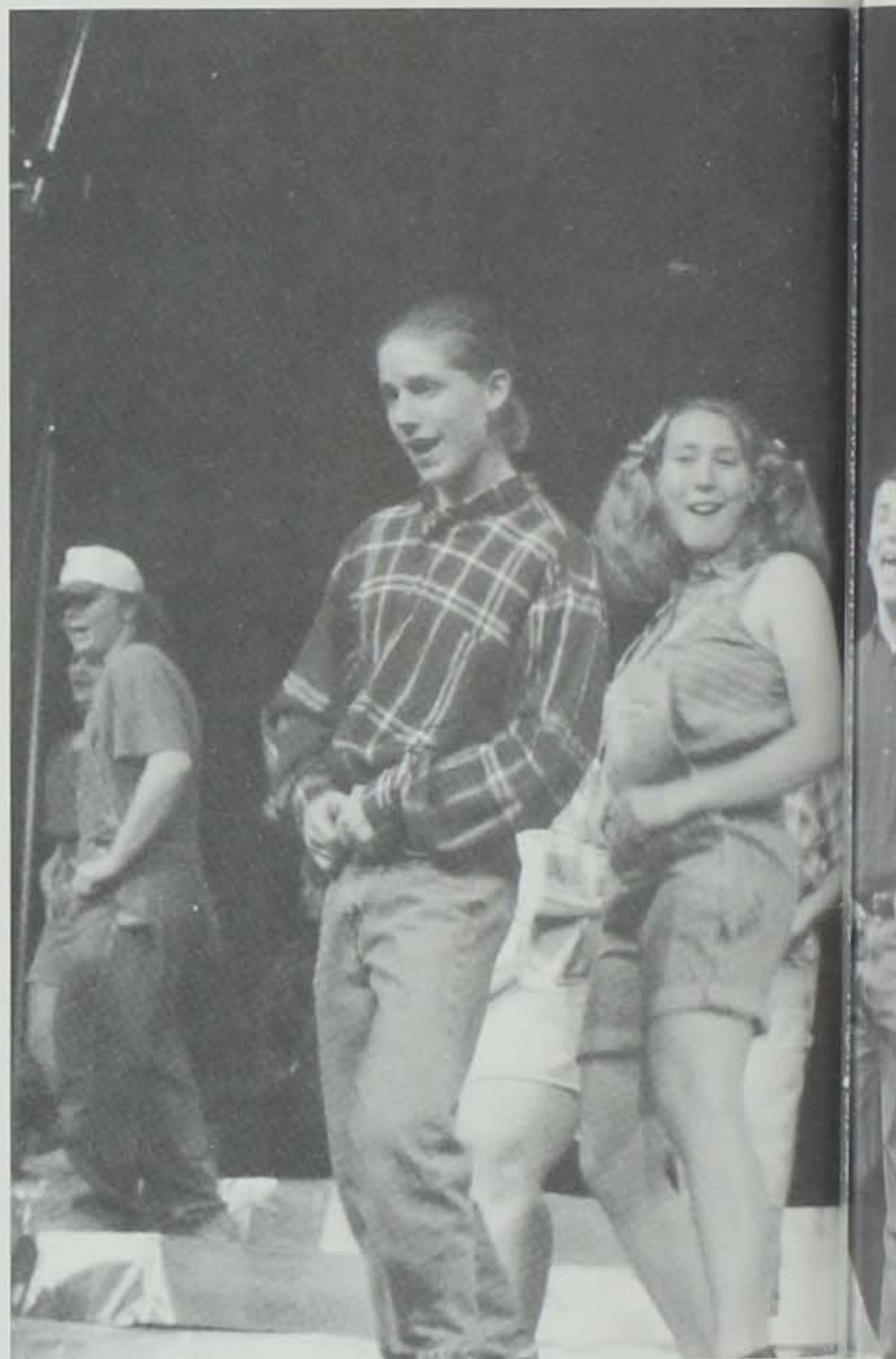
The show of the century

From Perpetual Motion to Visual Adrenaline the AHS choirs are making a name for themselves.

The Swing Choirs have been quite busy this year putting on hits for all ages. Perhaps one day we'll see these young people performing on stage with millions of fans watching, but while waiting for this dream to happen, these performers made a name for themselves here at AHS.

Memories were kept alive in these young people's hearts. Sharla Danielson, '97, will always remember the time the trophies somehow got in her way and all of them accidentally tumbled to the ground. The funniest moment for Steph Hope, '96, was on the way back from a contest in Minnesota when Mr. Cartenson tried to clear a bridge that just happened to be a few inches shorter than it looked. At least next time he will know to go around the bridge. Nevertheless, this close-knit family of talented singers will certainly retain fond members. Most of the performers agree that this past year was very exciting and busy, and they would never trade it in for anything. Shelly McQuinn, '98, will always treasure the friends she has made in Swing Choir and all the shows they have performed.

These performers spent many hours to put on the best shows possible, and most agree that Mr. Cartenson did a great job getting them started in their career, and they will remember both the memories and skills they learned.



Safety Tips

1. First off- take chorus (you'll learn to believe the unbelievable).
2. Be prepared to do a solo at any time in class.
3. Never say "I can't do that."
4. Remember that your singing career has to start somewhere.
5. If you sing country music- it better be good.
6. Always show up to your lessons.
7. Guys- remember the make-up is not permanent.
8. HAVE FUN!!!



"Friends forever" Katie Mary, '96, Jessica Dirks, '96, Jessica Graves, '96, Stacey Reams, '96, and Michelle Carmody, '96, get ready to perform their roles in their last year of Madrigals. This marked their last year of early morning practices at DMACC and performing for parents, students, and community.

Singing a duet for their part in the 1996 Swing Choir Show, Jennifer Carelton, '96, Ryan Schweers, '96, leave the audience clamoring to hear more of their wonderful duet. These two seniors promised to be back next year just to watch and to see how the group has grown. Star Search may have just found them.



Doing the country hoedown for the 1996 Swing Choir Show Greg Hart, '96, Jessica Dirks, '96, and Jessica Graves, '96 keep up with the beat. Having fun for their last show before graduation. They enjoy this last country dance in front of the audience. Next, a new group will take their place with all new people.

Not just ordinary day for make-up, Stacey Reams, '96, Janelle Haack, '97, use special dramatic effects to highlight their facial features. Peeking out of the back, Micheal Dahlstrom, '97, carefully applies his make-up too. Students also learned the art of stage make-up as they got ready for the show.

"My most memorable moment was when I forgot my solo part in the Madrigals. It would have been fine, but it was the solo part in the twelve days of Christmas."

-Laura Heinauer, '96

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VISUAL ADRENALINE

G. Hart, J. O'Brien, J. Woolever, K. Mary, S. Fuggaccia, J. Carleton, K. Powell, D. Harrington, D. Shomer, C. Tyler, E. Rose, H. Overton, J. Haack, E. Brodell, L. Lang, M. Dahlstrom, A. Clarke, S. Snyder, J. Fuggaccia, S. Hope, T. Broich, L. Heinauer, A. Fausch, J. Groves, B. Klassen, J. Beveridge, T. Casey, R. Schweers, N. Zoher, J. Crall, J. Dirks, L. Sapp, S. Reams, K. Pace, K. Albertson, J. Hintzsche, J. Beck, M. Mothershed, A. Rosenberger, A. Thimmesch, J. Reberry, T. Kapaska, C. Gifford, Z. Lincicum, L. Crescilus, M. Williams, R. Bierl, M. Breikreutz, C. Graham



PERPETUAL MOTION

C. Roberts, A. Gebauer, P. Wells, K. Fix, R. Beirls, N. Rose, S. Mickelson, K. Krause, C. Graham, C. Spalding, R. Fors, R. Wetherill, J. Henderson, A. Cross, D. Tupy, M. Porath, A. Gibbons, W. Maxwell, T. Diehl, M. Mothershed, S. VanOort, J. Lincoln, A. Denklau, J. Hill, J. Stille, J. Holfeld, A. Bush, K. Greenough, S. Bean, J. Reberry, K. La Ronde, L. Arterburn, B. Jones, C. Metzger, C. Gifford, J. Beck

Choir members gather around the table for one last shot in their Madrigal outfits before they begin their future career in more "stylish" costumes. Every member of show choir participated in this annual event that took place over the course of several weeks. Students were even excused from classes to perform.

The most memorable moment I remember from band this school year would probably be going to the Mid Iowa band championships and losing.

Kyle Cupp, '96

After her instructional lesson, Brooke Silliman, '97, locks up her flute in the band room before going back to class. Each band student is required to have occasional one-on-one lessons with the instructor.

During their free time, Brian Ratcliff, '96, and Andy Duin, '97, practice their saxophone duet. The two were both members on the marching band, along with all other band students. Andy was also a member of Jazz II.

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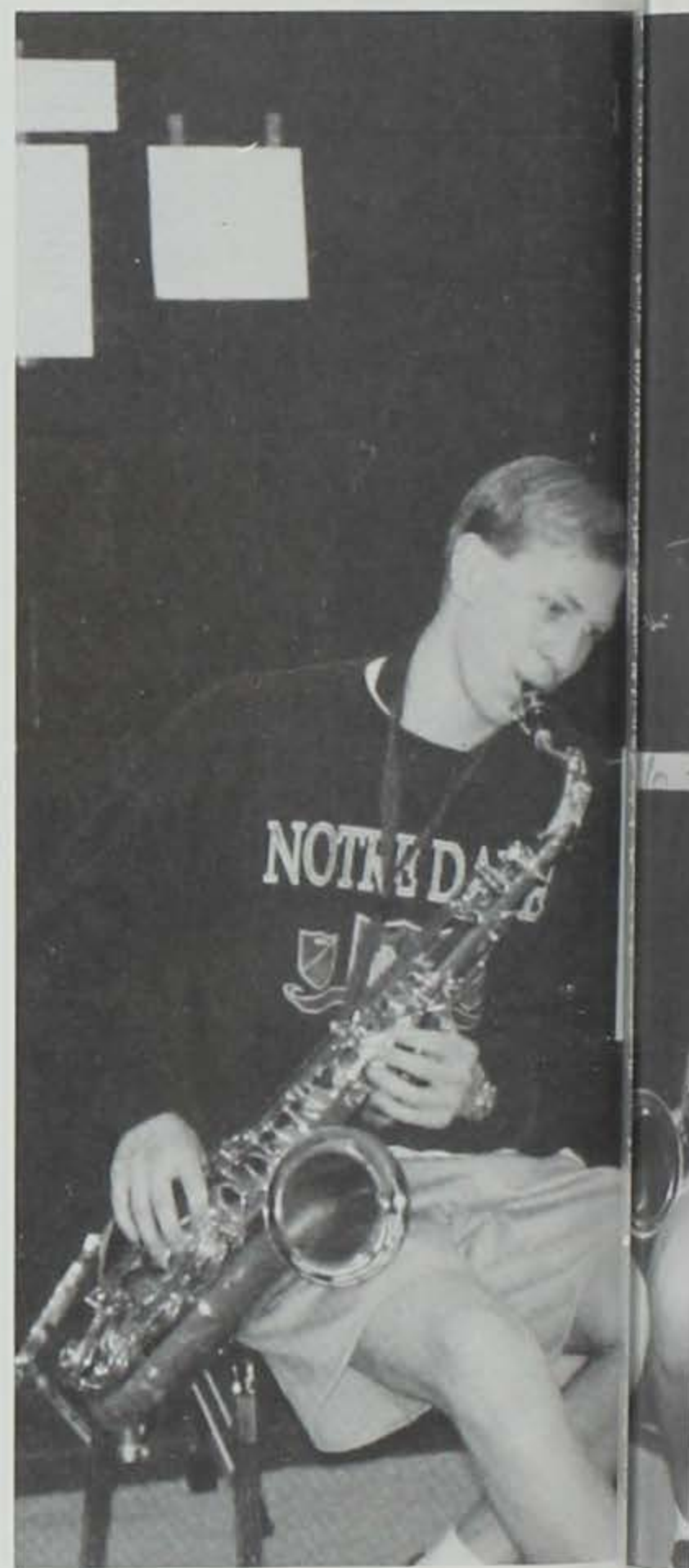
Jazz Band II

Row 1(L to R): Celeste Brighton, Mark Pederson, Andy Duin, Amanda Eimers, Jason Baedke, Matt Anderson. Row 2: Adam Dickinson, Christopher Anderson, Kathleen Elsbecker, Grant Dickinson, Jonathan Rathje, Mr. Joel Poppen. Row 3: Jonathan Saggau, Andrew Fuchtmann, Justin Strahan, Sean McClure, Adam Poe.



Jazz Band

Row 1(L to R): Jeremy McNew, Jonathan Duke, April Fausch, Michael Lincicum, Robert Lancaster, Seth Johnson. Row 2: John Rohrer, Amanda Hendrick, Mike Smuthers, Adam Kasten dieck, Adam Timmesch.





When only the best will do

*At Ankeny High School,
band is not only a class,
it's a tradition.*

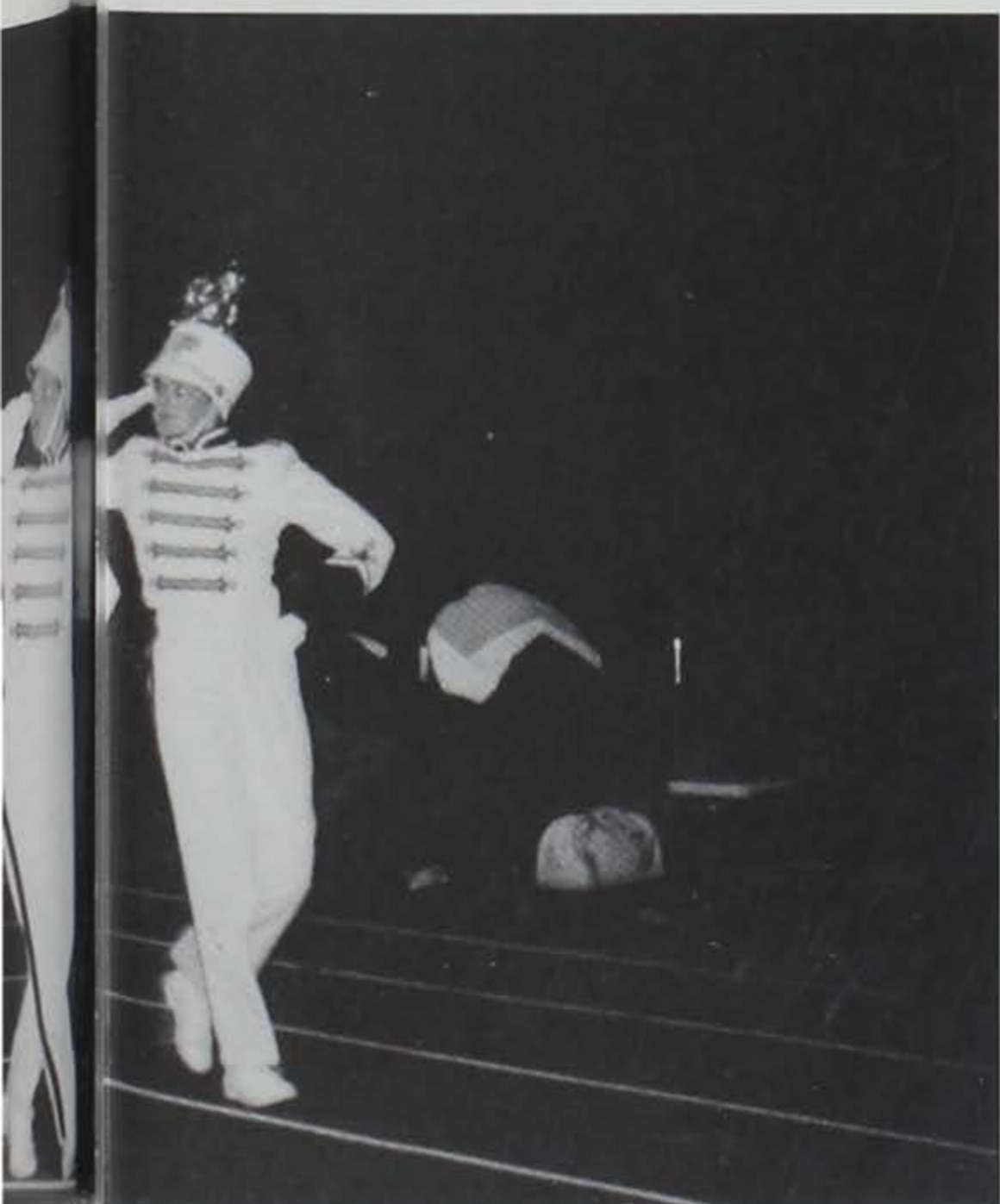
At Ankeny High School the band is composed of more than 200 students. The marching band, which includes all band students, competes in 4-5 contests a year. A smaller selection of students make up the two jazz bands and the concert band.

The jazz band enjoyed another successful season this year competing in contests and placing very high. Jazz I placed third at the Hoover Band festival and fourth at SCIBA. Then, on March 9th the jazz band took first prize in the Charles City band festival, including twelve citations for outstanding musicianship and the sweepstakes trophy.

The jazz band then qualified for the Iowa Jazz Championships in Des Moines on April fourth, finishing tenth among the 75 high school bands in attendance.

The marching band captured more divisions I ratings again this year. Since 1981 both the marching and concert bands have only scored Division I ratings. The marching band has only been outscored once in a contest in fifteen years. This year awards include being named Best Band in their class at Adventureland.

Band students differ in their opinion of the most memorable moments in band. For Caitlin Howard, '98, it was the long bus rides. Losing the contest in Cedar Rapids was most memorable for Jennifer Crall, '97.



The more than 200 students in the Marching Hawks demonstrates pride every time they are on the field. Every band student participates in the marching band, including the early practices and the competitions.

Members of the '95-'96 Ankeny High School concert band participate in the 1996 Adventureland-Drake Relays Festival of Bands contest. The band ended up finishing first overall in the contest.

Band Survival Tips

- * Work hard, try hard
- * Practice, practice, and practice some more
- * Always go to your lessons
- * Get used to waking up early to practice marching
- * Learn to sleep during bus rides
- * Expect to win every contest, but don't take losing too personally

Sara Stone, '97, and Tressa Carroll, '97, perform their Winter Guard routine. The fourteen member Winter Guard performed at various events from December through April in the Color Guard off-season. One of the highlights of the Winter Guard season was performing with the ISU Groove at VEISHEA.

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Color Guard

Row 1: Amanda Gibbons. Row 2: Karen White, Michelle Swanson, Tressa Carroll, Sara Stone and Kelsey Fix. Row 3: Nicole Winders, Elizabeth Tometich, Ginger Van Gorp, Kristen Bargstadt, Bridget Kurtt, T.J. Schafer, Karen Tschertter and Paula Wehmas. Row 4: Joe Hintzsche, Teresa Anderson, Kirsten Hamilton, Jennifer Beck, Jackie Earp-Mrg, Angie Krug, Mindy Shea, Amy Runkel and Stuart Hanke. Not pictured: Heather Franks, Julie Lorence and Kim Lorence.



Winter Guard

Row 1: Elizabeth Tometich, Sara Stone, Heather Franks, Julie Lorence, Bridget Kurtt and Tressa Carroll. Row 2: Amy Runkel, Jennifer Beck, Paula Wehmas, Kelsey Fix and Stuart Hanke. Row 3: Mindy Shea, T.J. Schafer and Kim Lorence.

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Color Guard has a very rewarding experience for me. Although Color Guard requires a lot of time and hard work, it is more than worth it in the long run."

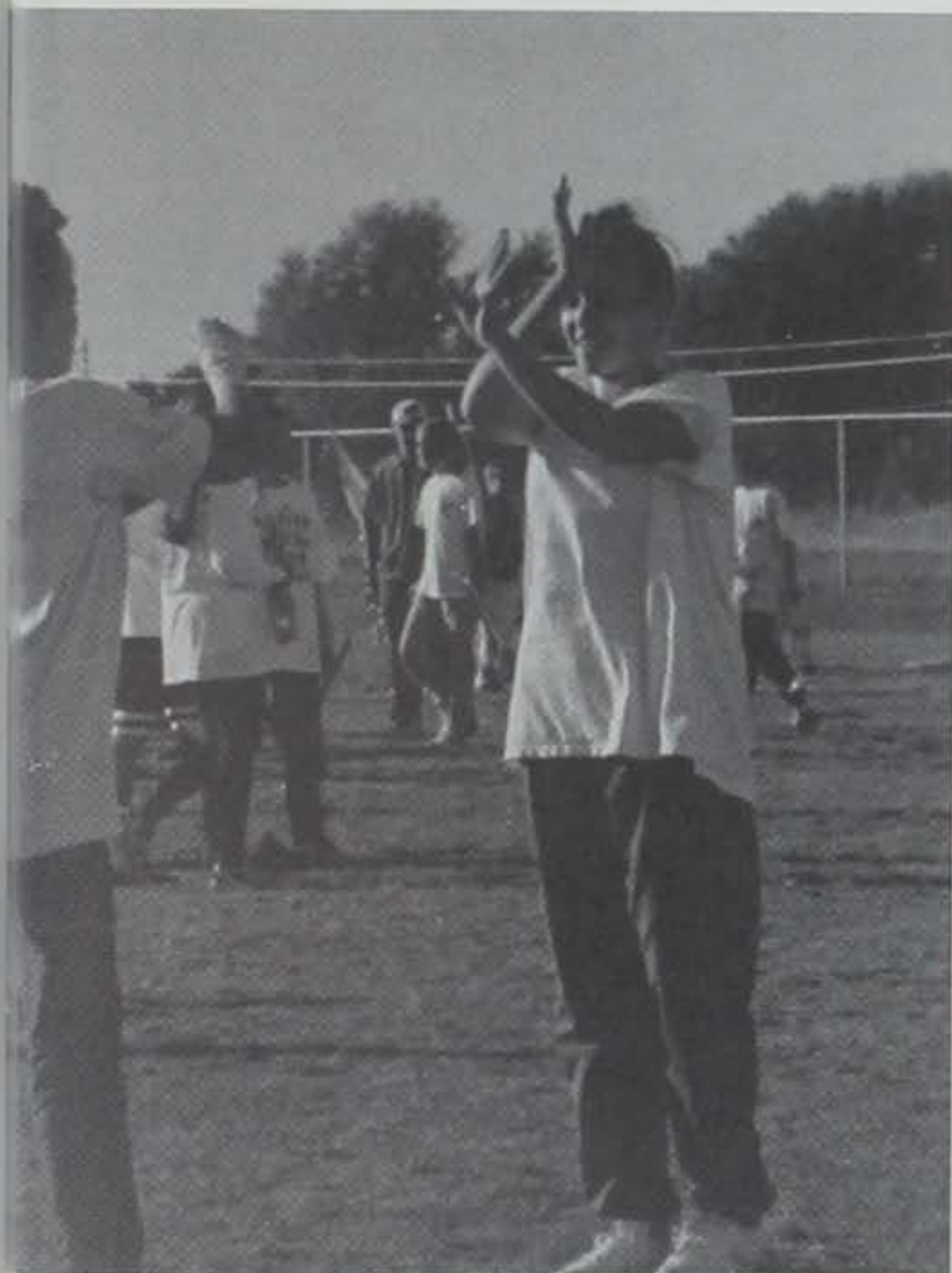
Amy Runkel, '96



Seniors Paula Wehmas (front), Amy Runkel, Bridget Kurtt and Joe Hintzsche take a moment after their final half-time performance together. The routine for the fall marching season lasted about ten minutes, while the Winter Guard routine lasted three minutes.

Celebrating her victory, T.J. Schafer, '97, raises her flag in triumph. To end their Winter Guard routine, the flags and sabres battled with each other. Bridget Kurtt, Elizabeth Tometich, Mindy Shea and Schafer were the only four flags who remained "living" at the end of the routine.





Sabre Captian Tressa Carroll, '97, helps fellow sabre, Karen White, '97, with a dance move before one of the Color Guard's competitions. The sabre line, which was a new addition to the Color Guard this year, consisted of seven members. The routine for the sabre line involved several dance moves.

Heads held high, Color Guard members Kirsten Hamilton, '98, Paula Wehmas, '96, and Elizabeth Tometich, '97, march off the field after one of their performances. The Color Guard performed during half-time at all of the home football games and at several contests during the fall marching season.



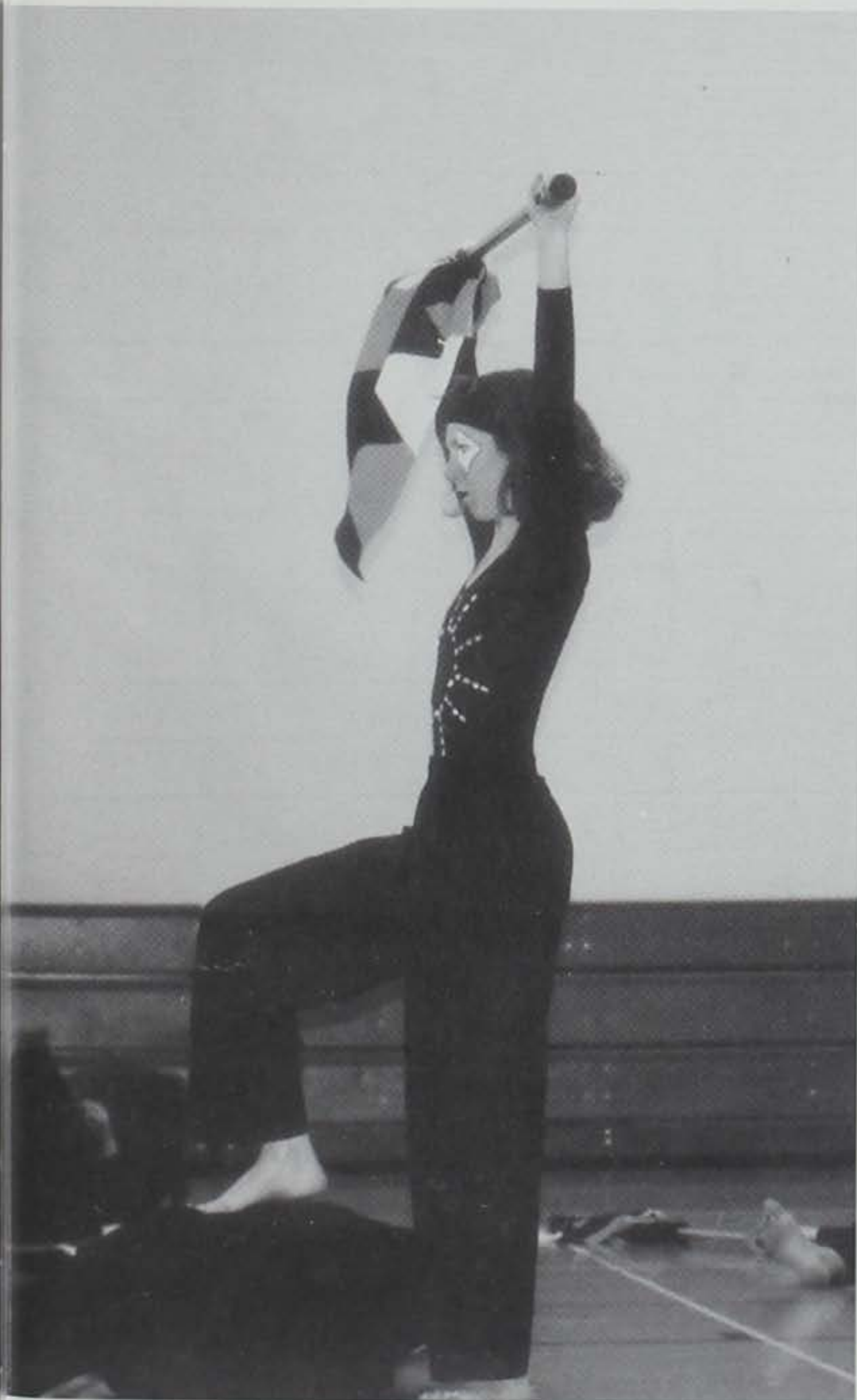
Tidbits

Color Guard Time Commitment

- *Guard camp-5 days in July
- *Band camp-5 days in August
- *Sectionals-Every Thursday night, from 6 until 9 p.m.
- *Morning practice-Every day during the fall marching season, from 6:45 until 8:45 a.m.
- *Half-time performances at all home football games
- *Saturday competitions

Cost of Being a Color Guard Member

*Warm-up outfit	\$100
*Guard Camp	\$75
*Band Camp	\$35
*Winter Guard uniform	\$50
*Shoes	\$35
*Gloves	\$15
*Tights	\$12



Tossing to new heights

The Color Guard makes drastic changes as it strives to be the best.

The 1995-1996 school year has been a year of changes for the Ankeny Color Guard. Sabre Captian Tressa Carroll, '97, said, "The sabres and all the new members have added a whole new dimension to the Color Guard."

The two most noticeable changes were the introduction of the sabre line and allowing male members to join the squad. "It was pretty cool that we were the first school in our area to have sabre, and to come as far as we have this season," said Carroll.

The highest point of the fall marching season for the Color Guard was Mid-Iowa Band Championship, when they performed their best show all season. Flag Captian Bridget Kurtt, '96, said, "Our best performance was definately Mid-Iowa. It was a great way to end our season, for the seniors especially."

The Winter Guard has also been changing for the future. "This year, for state contest, we worked really hard to perform a definately unique routine," said Flag Captian Elizabeth Tometich, '97. The Winter Guard also had the honor to perform with the Iowa State University Groove Drumline at VEISHEA festivities.

Throughout all the changes, the Ankeny Color Guard has proven that they have the ability and determination to do anything. "I can't wait until next year!" said Carroll.

Why Debate

1. LOU!-- Need we say more?
2. Showing your briefs is not a crime.
3. Most of the coaches bathe.
4. Yes. You can letter in a non-sport.
5. Johnnie Cochran/F. Lee Bailey--Look at your future.
6. The neo-centrifugal, analytical, bilateral, intrinsic, cross-cultural- Reasons are obvious.
7. Being on the disabled list means losing your pencil.
8. Marshall's a senior.
9. Ride in a brand new, state of the art, turbo-booster, yellow, land cruiser.
10. Led by that wacky "Wunn" guy and the new "Lofgren" lady.

Perfecting their case, Megan Blair, '97, and Jeremy Marshall, '96, practice with Mr. Wunn. Preparation may take two hours or a month and is followed by long hours of practice. When the boredom of practicing and preparing was over the rewards came. "The overnights are the best!" claims Neal Schuett, '98.



Acting out their parts, Kelli Powell, '96, Stacy Lane, '98, Elise Brodell, '97, and Michael Haselhuhn, '98, recreate their state improvisation. With Mr. Shapiro at the helm as coach, large group acted out reader's theater and acting and performed well at both the district and the state competitions.



Speaking out for debate & forensics

Speech teams win big at District and State Competitions, improving the school record.

Debate, forensics, and large group speech contests took an about face this year. A new coach in Mr. Wunn and higher interest level among students accounted for an improved record.

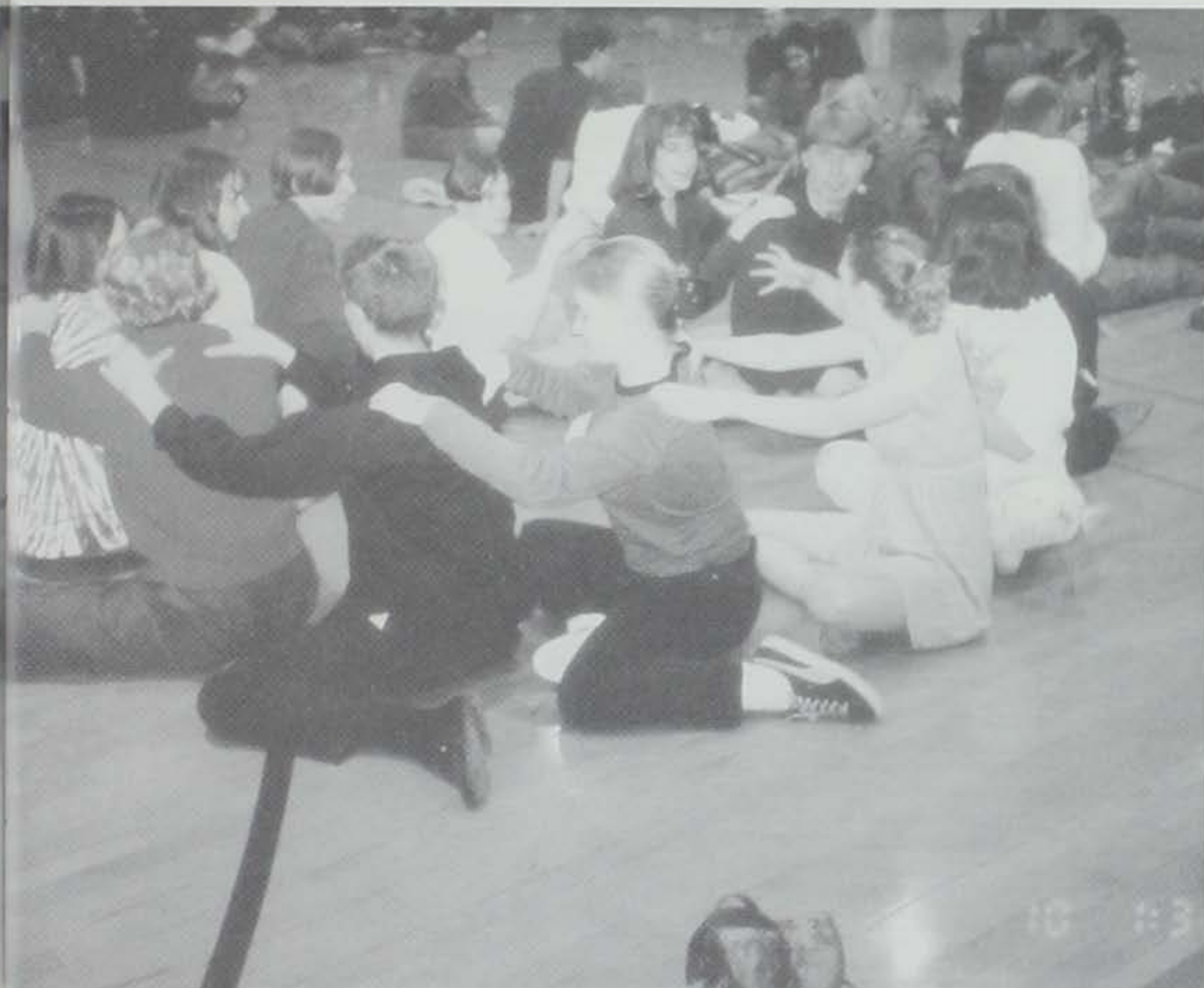
Not for the nervous or faint of heart, debate requires nerves of steel. Most debaters agree that their toughest experience occurred at Lincoln High School when they had to debate in the National Forensic League circuit. Neal Schuett, '98, said the NFL debaters talked at 100 mph.

In individual speech students competed in many areas, such as acting, book review, improve, and prose. After Districts, the first contest, thirty-two people advanced to state. At Anita, another conference, Ankeny brought home the all-around trophy, beating two year achiever Carroll, Iowa. The favorite thing for most people in speech was meeting new people-especially those of the opposite sex. "I picked up seven girls at Anita," laughed Al Moton, '98.

More like a big acting troupe, large group, directed by Mr. Shapiro, performed reader's theater, acting, and group improve, producing several all-state members.

Forensic students more than earned their letters for their performances this year.





Relieving tension after a long day of performances, many individual speech contestants joined the circle for a massage. The speech contestants gave it their best and it showed at Anita and at State. At State, many performances were awarded straight ones. Five superb performances at State advanced to All-State at UNI.

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DEBATE

R. Struve, J. Cairns, M. Blair, M. Judge, C. Kuhn, J. Marshall, B. McCarty, J. Shaver, N. Schuett, K. Kieffer, A. Putzier, L. Blair, V. Luepke, J. Woodard



SPEECH

J. Brinkmeyer, S. Murray, B. Pauly, T. Brazelton, E. Wisnosky, A. Clarke, B. Kurtz, A. Runkel, N. Evers, V. Luepke, K. Lindstrom, S. Knight, A. Lynch, K. Marsh, A. Fausch, J. Hopp, A. Krug, M. Blair, L. Arterburn, A. Hackworth, J. Haack, K. Albertson, A. Thimmesch, M. Bleeker, J. Marshall, A. Moton, S. Van Oort, K. Krause, M. Dahlstrom, N. Merideth, M. Haselhuhn, A. Danner, R. Lancaster, S. Pieart, L. Blair, J. Woodard, K. Shannon, K. Bennett, C. Kuhn, S. Lane



Whoever thought a sneeze could create an uproar of laughter? It did for the acting troupe of Trent Casey, '96, Stacy Lane, '98, Michael Dahlstrom, '97, Robyn Brent, '96, and Chad Graham, '97. In their performance at state entitled "The Sneeze," they achieved such an uproar that they performed at all-state.

Taking home a smile and a prize, Steph Pieart, '96, and Amy Runkel, '96, hold up the first place trophy from the contest in Anita. Ankeny achieved the most points in individual speech contest during the final round. Nine out of the fourteen contestants who made it to finals brought back trophies.

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"My funniest debate experience was when I forgot my black high heels at home when we went to Fort Dodge. The bus driver had to take me to K-MART so I could buy another pair."

-Cori Kuhn, '98

Art groupies of AHS

Where members design their futures and create new images through art.

The Art Club has been around for many years. It was started to expand the art program further for those who were interested. The Art Club meets at least once a month after school. They also meet at other times on studio nights, which are held once a month. Studio nights are set up to allow students to work on projects for their art classes. Mr. Parkinson, Mrs. Lueders, and Ms. Klaus handle all of the meetings.

The Art Club completes many activities. They design posters for certain events that are posted up around the school. They also take field trips throughout the year to art institutions or museums. Every year the Art Club goes on one big art trip at the end of the year. This year the trip was to Kansas City for the day. While they were there, the students visited the Kansas City Art Institute and the Nelson-Atkins Museum and also had a little time to do some shopping in the Country Club Plaza.

The Art Club also does charity work, and this year members designed flower pots for an auction held in Des Moines for abused children called "Helping Children Grow". The Art Club is a good experience for expanding your mind in many different ways.

By Jessica Cunningham and Kelli Christensen



Why are you in Art Club?

"I spend enough time in the art room, so why not".

- Val Luepke, '96

"You can identify yourself, it's a good environment and the people are really outgoing".

- Cari Dillingham, '96

"It's a way to work with the teachers and it's a grand learning experience".

- John Foddrill, '96

"I like the artful experiences we encounter".

- Christine Hall, '96

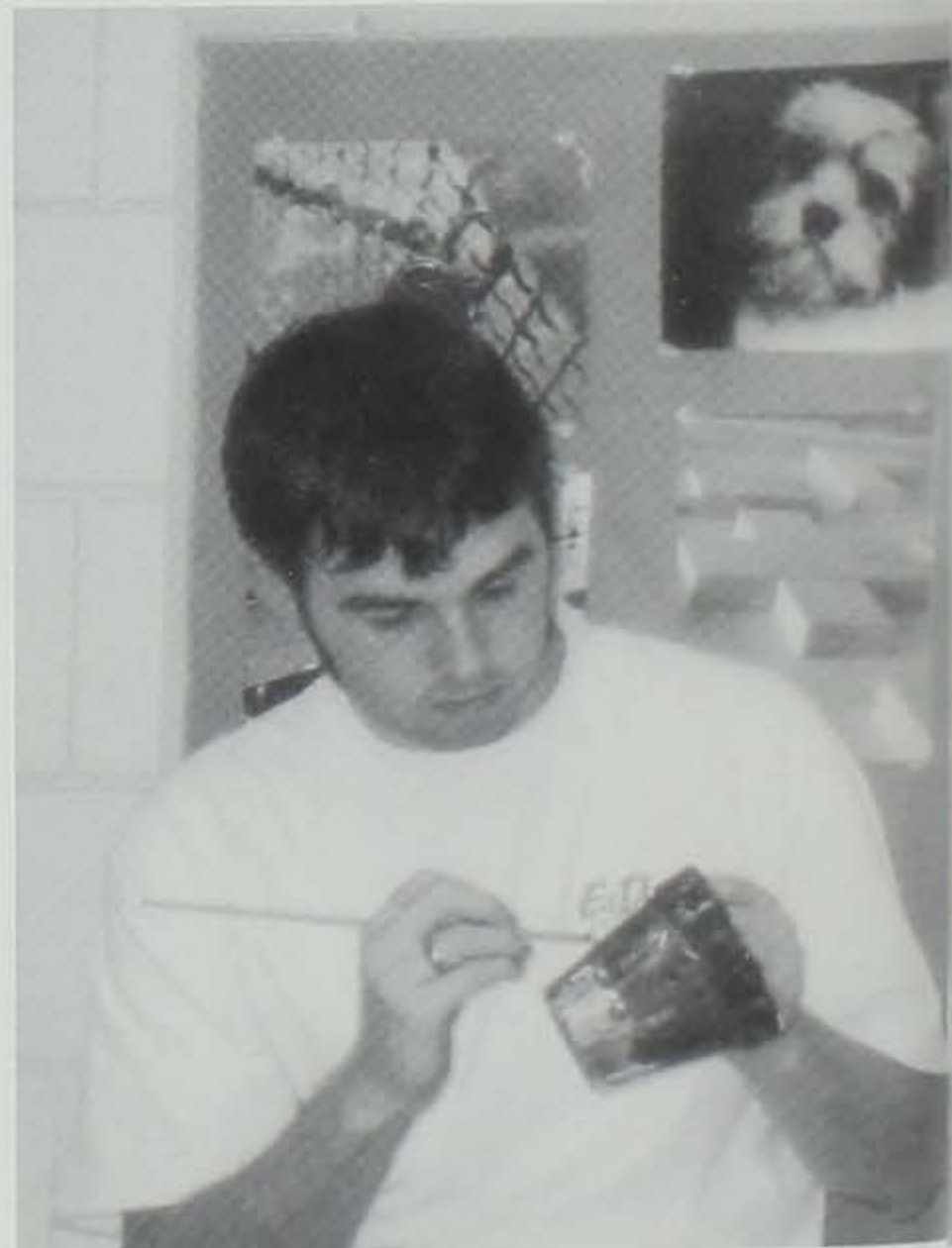
"I wanted to express my artistic abilities".

-Wade Eivins, '98



Walking from place to place and six hours on a school bus in one day can really wear a person out. Christine Hall, '96, tried to take a short nap on the way home from the Kansas City trip.

Adam Clarke, '96, works vigorously to create the perfect pot. This year the Art Club painted flower pots for an abused children charity called "Helping Children Grow".

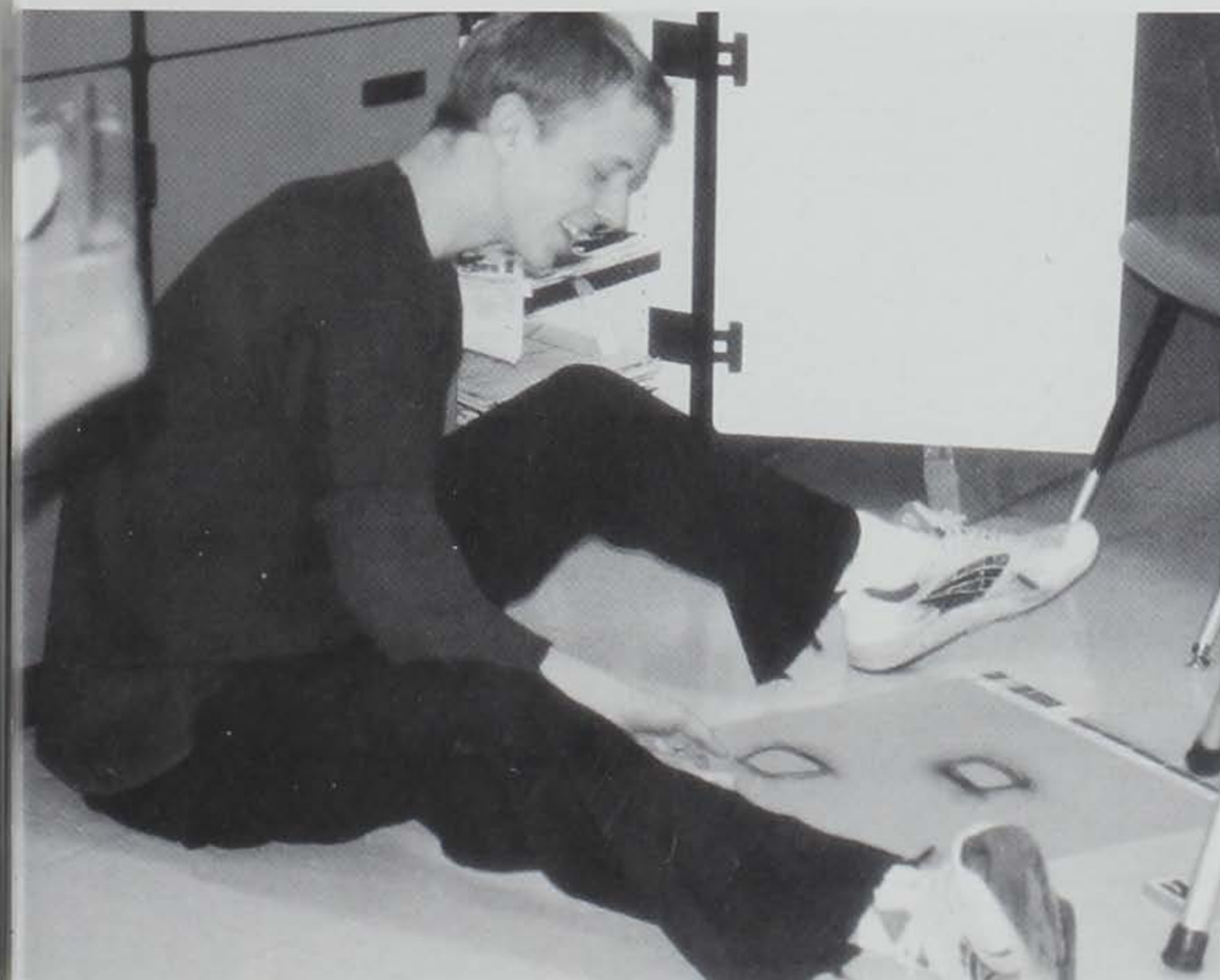




Jaime Garland, '96, John Dougherty, '97, Heather Wendt, '97, and Elizabeth Wisnosky, '97, viewed some of the drawings done by students of the Kansas City Art Institute.



Jennifer Kramme, '97, Jenny Comstock, '96, Val Luepke, '96, and Elizabeth Wisnosky, '97, stay after school at an Art Club meeting to finish painting their pots.



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The Art Club is organized for young kids looking at possible careers in art. It also provides more of an opportunity to expand further than the art classes given at the high school.

George Parkinson, art teacher

People's Choice



Art Club Members

M. Breitreutz, A. Clarke, T. Brazelton, J. Foddrill, H. Foell, J. Fricke, A. O'Neel, K. Christensen, J. Cunningham, J. Cairns, M. Dahlstrom, B. Hatcher, J. Brinkmeyer, C. Dillingham, J. Hopp, M. Blaire, V. Luepke, K. Lundstrom, E. Wisnosky, K. Palmer, S. McNew, D. Crecelius, L. Kephart, J. Miller, J. Leer, B. Stiefel, J. Dougherty.



Art Club Instructors

Lynee Klaus, George Parkinson, and Linda Lueders

Mike Durlam, '96, uses some studio time to work on one of his many art projects. Studio nights allowed students to work extra on their art projects close to due dates.

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like being a part of student council because I learn a lot about myself and meet many different people."

Angie Nielsen, '98

"It's fun to get the school involved, but there is always more to do."

Mark Larson, '96

People's Choice



Student Council

Row 1: E.Rose, B.Jones, A.Lynch, M.Dahlstrom, B.Wildman, A.Harrington, L.Banh, Trent Casey
 Row 2: S.Diehl, T.Kapaska, P.Wells, L.Whitlatch, M.Nelson, K.Froehlich, S.VanOort, J.Henderson
 Row 3: M.Beam, A.Berglund, J.Quinlin, M.Larson, J.Foddrill, C.Leonard, B.Ferin, M.Cox
 Row 4: K.Kopacek, A.Nielson, J.Cox, E.Jagnandan, J.Miller, J.Leer B.McCarty, R.Hallanbeck



Officers

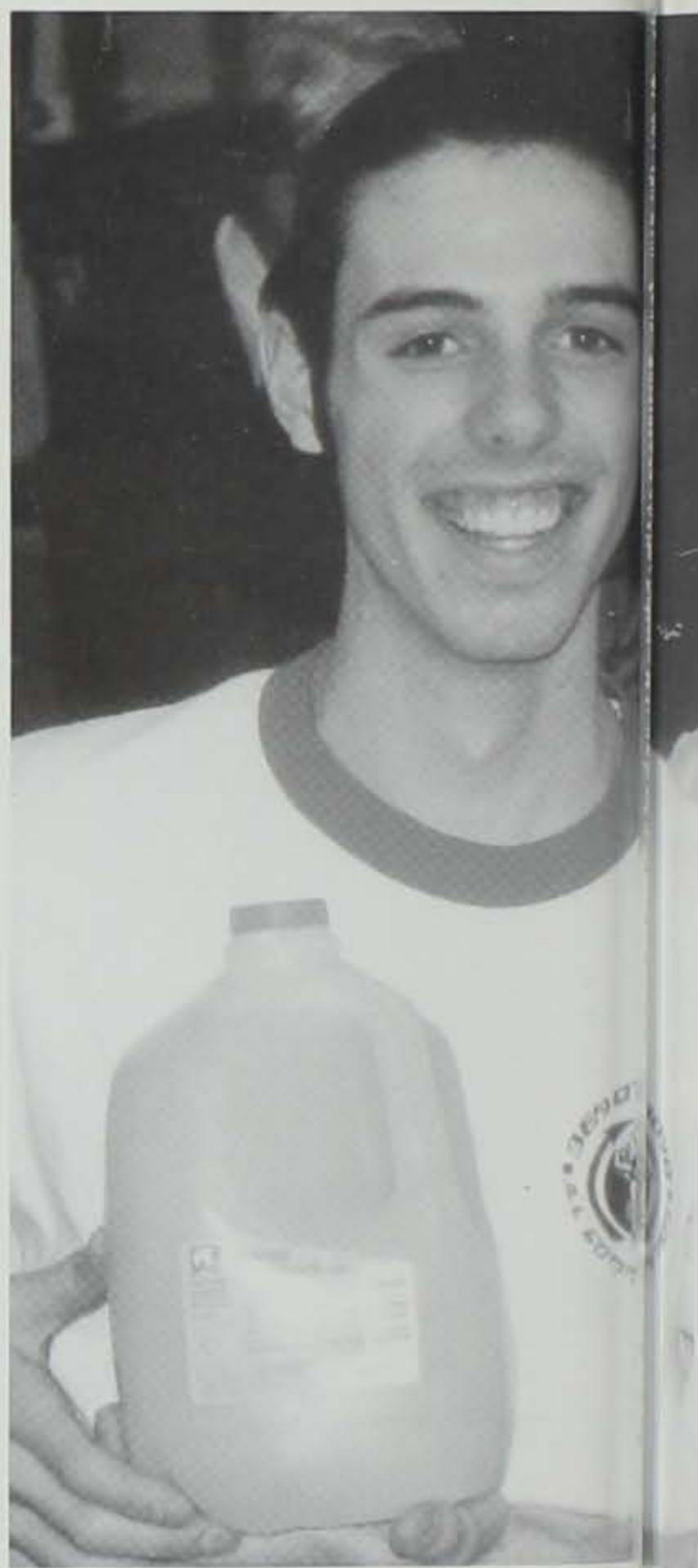
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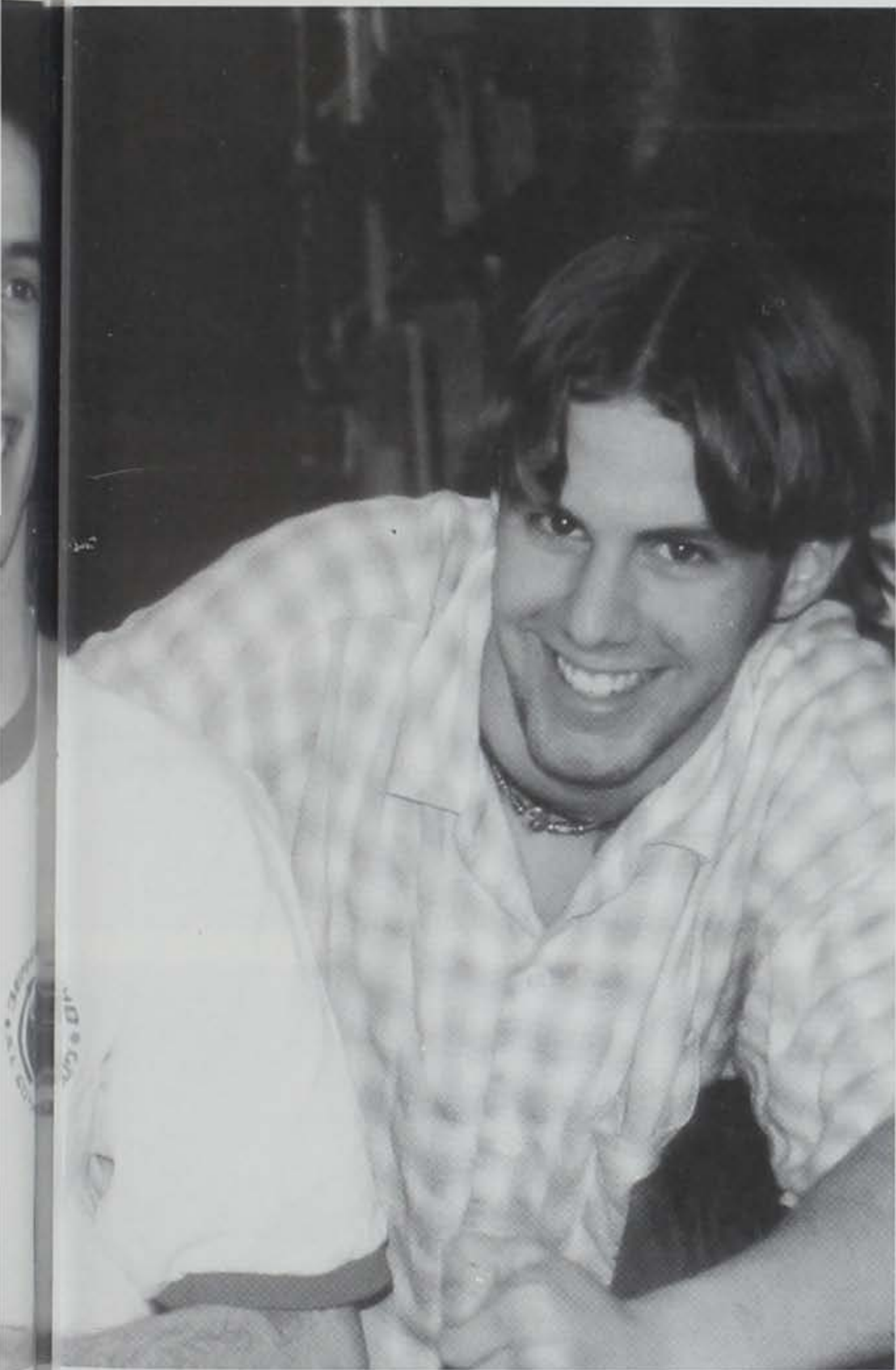
Ryan Justice, '98, Bill McCarty, '98, and Brian Tiernan, '97, work hard signing people up for the student council's annual blood drive. Without the help of the council, the blood drive would not have been possible. Bill McCarty, '98, said, "We accomplished a lot for the school and had fun doing it."

Lindsay Lang, '97, stretches out her arm as she gives blood for the blood drive. This was Lindsay's first time giving blood. The blood drive at the Ankeny high school enabled many students to give blood who normally would not do such a thing. This year the student council had a record number of people donate.



Andrew Harrington, '97, and his buddy Kyle Albertson, '97, show off their AE Orange Juice Drink. Andrew and Kyle helped to serve the orange drink and cookies at the blood drive. Because of the efforts of the student council, this and many other special activities were a big success.





Working hard to better the school

"It's good to know that we can help out the school."

-Amber Berglund, '98

Representing the school on student council is not an easy job for anyone. Being a member of student council involves the planning of numerous activities for the entire student body. One of the major activities was the planning of the Homecoming dance. The council first chose the theme colors and the theme song. Then after planning and scheduling, the decorating took place, which involve blowing up hundreds of balloons. In the end all the preparations paid off, and everyone had a great time.

Also during Homecoming week, student council sponsored the annual Powder Puff football game, a football game in which the girls played and the guys were the referees. But due to bad weather the game had to be canceled this year.

Throughout the year the student council attended many different seminars and conventions on how to bring the out the best in the school. Ankeny High School council members met with members of student councils from other schools to share thoughts and ideas, allowing students to get to know students from all over the state.

Finally, many other activities are accredited to the efforts of the student council: annual food drive, Stud-ball, Spirit Day, Pajama Day, and the famous Hat Day.



Pat Wells '97 gives a thumbs up sign during one of the numerous student council meetings. Pat was a great help to the student council, and he enjoyed all the work that comes with the responsibility of being an active member. Also attending the meeting was Ben Jones, '97, and Joseph Henderson, '97.

Mr. Shaltanis gives advice to student council member, Amber Berglund, '98, in his office. Mr. Shaltanis often sat in on the student council meetings to offer his help and experience. Without the efforts of Shaltanis, the student council would not have been able to plan and provide for all of the activities it sponsored.

Out of Air



After blowing up all the balloons for Homecoming, some of the student council members were feeling rather loopy!

New inductees for NHS line up along the wall outside the auditorium. The ceremony took place every spring after the new members have been selected. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors can apply to be accepted into National Honor Society, and they must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50.

People's Choice



S. Woolever, J. Crall, B. Case, B. Kurtt, K. Greenough, K. Vogt, A. Block, S. Hope, A. Fausch, J. Fugaccia, D. Brown, B. Sillman, A. VanCleve, M. Carmody, L. Bahn, J. Dirks, K. Segin, J. Carleton, J. Cairns, J. Henderson, P. Wells, J. ReBerry, M. Dahlstrom, A. Lynch, M. Gnadke, A. Runkel, A. Krug, E. Tometich, S. VanOort, J. Dougherty, K. Froehlich, M. Nelson, M. Witt, L. Whitlach, S. Diehl, A. Gebauer, N. Rose, C. Tyler, M. McGlynn, K. Elsbecker, S. Fugaccia, K. Lindstrom, M. Cox, M. Larson, J. Routh, B. Wildman, J. Rathje, A. Tiefenthaler, A. Weckman, B. Hammerly, R. Link, H. Grieve, J. Abeyta, B. Clark, L. Heinauer, J. Wittrup, M. Breikreutz, R. Brent, R. Dirks, E. Miller, M. Williams, R. Schweers, C. Logli, M. Fujinaka, A. Williams, A. Dyar, S. Yeager, K. Wilkening, N. Linderman, Nicole Wisniski, E. Ewald, N. Evers, K. Mary, E. Rose, A. Reich, B. Wiuff, J. Williams, C. Milner, S. McClure, C. Dagner, and A. Eivers.



Row 1- J. Carleton, '96- President, K. Powell, '96- Secretary. Row 2- J. Dirks, '96- Treasurer, M. Dahlstrom, '97- Vice President.

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I really like the fact that so many people in this school can work hard to achieve the honor of being in National Honor Society. The members work very well together to get things organized.

Michelle Witt '96



Showing off their pearly whites, Mike McGuire, '97, and Amanda Scharf, '97, wait outside the AHS auditorium for the NHS induction ceremony to begin. NHS accepted a select group of students this year, and applicants were chosen based on academics, character, community service, and leadership skills.

Reciting the induction oath of honor society, Kendra Lerdal, '96, Susan Van Wyhe, '96, Kyle Albertson, '97, Jason Baedke, '97, and Jessica Brechja, '97, become official new members of the Hawkeye Chapter of NHS. Tradition dictates the lighting of candles and reciting the oath at the induction ceremony.





Insuring that everything is going as planned, Dr. Ratigan, Loungh Bahn, '96, and Kelli Powell, '96, discuss a few last minute details before the induction ceremony began. Dr. Ratigan, Bahn, Jessie Dirks, Michael Dalhstrom, Jennifer Carleton, and Kelli Powell spoke at the NHS ceremony.

While enjoying the decorations, Sarah Murray, '98, and Dwight Brown, '97, have a friendly conversation at the reception after the National Honor Society induction ceremony for new members. All those in attendance enjoyed food and drinks furnished by NHS. The ceremony was held on April 29, 1996.



Reasons to be in NHS

- It looks good on college applications.

- You can help with Crystal Ball.

- You get to wear those white sashes at graduation.

- You can destroy teachers' free time by making them write letters of recommendation.



Leading the nation of model citizens

With a sponsor like Mr. Kruse and a group of great leaders, what could be better?

National Honor Society is an organization consisting of people who are all-around good students and citizens. In order to be accepted into NHS, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above. The grade point requirement was raised this year; it was previously 3.25. "I like the change in the grade point requirement because there is a special feeling of accomplishment," said Katie Elsbecker, '97.

Contrary to popular belief, just having a good grade point average will not get a person into NHS. Many students are turned down for membership because they have not shown examples of leadership, community service, and personal character along with outstanding academics.

This year, NHS has a new sponsor, Mr. Richard Kruse, a teacher in the AHS Science Department. "I have really enjoyed working with the high quality of students involved with the National Honor Society. I have found them to be very well-rounded individuals," said Mr. Kruse.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year for NHS is sponsoring Crystal Ball. It is always very successful, as well as everything else in which the Honor Society is involved.

Model U.N.

Farthest Traveled:
Kirksville, Missouri

Most often forgotten:
Badge or placecard that
is needed to vote

Worst hotel:
Econolodge, Cedar Falls

Best Hotel:
Pays Inn, Kirksville

Practice:
October through January

Taking a short nap before the next competition, Jessica Dirks, '96, sleeps away any nervousness that she might be feeling as one of the coaches. Chris Degnar, '97, tries to relax before the next case. Many people got to know each other better after spending hours a week together and friendships were definitely established.

Reading over their speech for Model U.N., Joe Henderson, '97, and Sean McClure, '97, help each other out with the text. Writing the speeches took a lot of time, effort, and paper. Even though they lost hours of sleep, most members agreed that it was worth it, especially when they met people from other schools.



Practicing peace throughout Iowa

*Preparing for the
real world- could it get any
better than this?*

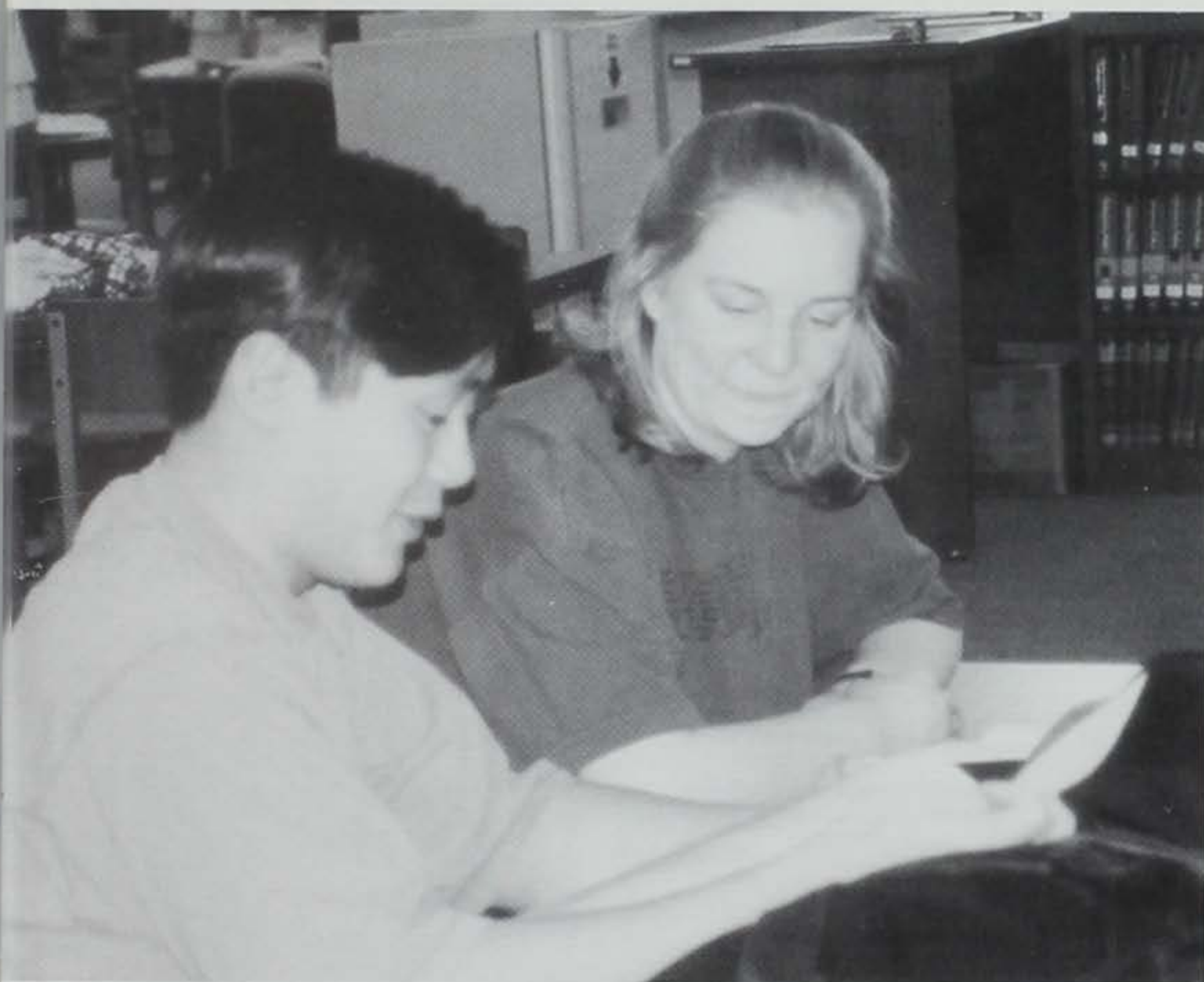
It's the court of law and you are part of it. Maybe you're a lawyer or a witness fighting in a case of wrongful death. Then the opposing council says, "Objection, your honor." A scuffle of papers and a quick comeback are the elements needed to win the case. That's what it was like as a member of the Mock Trial team, coached by seniors Jessica Dirks and Luong Bahn.

Fighting for children's rights, women's rights, and talking about other problems is what students involved in Model U.N. were concerned about. They traveled all over Iowa, staying in motels and sometimes getting awakened in the middle of the night for an emergency conference. Bruno Taveres, '96, liked Model U.N. except he claims it is very tiring.

Being assigned to a committee in the state legislature, writing bills for the state, and being one of the lucky people chosen from a hundred throughout the state of Iowa to work at the capitol is an experience not forgotten. Model Legislature worked like the real legislature, giving high-school students a chance to be part of the Iowa's legislature. "I wish the parties were divided up by real beliefs instead of random selection," was the only complaint of Jeremy Marshall, '96.

By Katie Shannon





Practice makes perfect! Coach Loung Bahn goes over Janine Germer, '96, witness notes. In order to be a witness she had to memorize word for word the statement made to the police or she could have been impeached. Nervous for the competition Germer was anxious to show her stuff, as were many others.



Justin Holdridge, '96, Janine Germer, '96, Julie Cross, '98, and Bridgett Kurtt, '96, review their notes for the upcoming trial. Preparing for a case took up a lot of time and effort. Witnesses had to become that person in their thoughts and actions and the lawyers became real lawyers fighting for their client's rights.

Digging deep into the depths of his mind, Andy Lych, '97, goes over his speech for the upcoming Model U.N. conference. Even though their speech did not have to be memorized, they needed to know what is going on in order for the country they are representing to have achieved its goal.

People's Choice



Model U.N.

C. Graham, D. Semrow, J. Rivers, K. Kieffer, B. Tarvars, B. Jones, M. McDermott, S. McClure, A. Lynch, A. Carrington, J. Holdridge, J. Henderson, K. Lindstrom, V. Luepke, J. Marshall, J. Hopp, J. Cairns, L. Bahn, B. Kurtt, S. Diehl



Model Legislature

S. McClure, J. Holdridge, J. Dirks, C. Roberts, A. Lynch, A. Carrington, J. Marshall, J. Rivers, M. McDermott



Mock Trial

S. McClure, A. Lynch, B. McCarty, J. Shaver, J. Holdridge, J. Henderson, J. Cross, L. Bahn, J. Germer, R. Struve, B. Kurtt, C. Degnar, J. Dirks (not pictured Neal Schuett)

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I enjoy Model U.N. It's fun to meet new people...and it's not as dull as it looks.

Joe Henderson, '97

The groups that keep on giving

Two different groups have similar goals: to help their fellow man.

Circle of Friends and SADD are two groups that made a difference to students at Ankeny High School. Both clubs are designed to help teens make new friends and to help make a difference in the community of Ankeny.

Circle of Friends is a group of volunteer peers who plan one or two activities with students and other young people with head injuries or other disabilities. Events included wheelchair basketball, picnics, dances, school sports and volleyball. The Circle of Friends' program was recognized by the Iowa Department of Economic Development to receive the Governor's Award for their volunteer efforts.

SADD, Students Against Driving Drunk, was organized to increase the awareness of drinking and driving and to explain the consequences of drunk driving. The theme of the Ankeny SADD Chapter is "Reach Out." SADD tried to reach out, not only to the students of the Ankeny schools, but also to the teachers, parents, and other members of the community. SADD planned activities during Red Ribbon Week, held the annual blood drive and the Ankeny Candlelight Vigil, and adopted a "Just Say No Club" at elementary schools. SADD also worked with the After-Prom festivities.

Both clubs try to make an effort to help improve life in the Ankeny community. By Luke Steinbach



LOGOS



Waiting anxiously, Caiya Lierman '98, gets the autograph of Troy Davis after he played a game of wheelchair basketball. Wheelchair basketball was one activity that SADD sponsored and participated in. Davis played for Iowa State and supported AHS SADD and Circle of Friends.

SADD member Shelly Cox, '96, signs up Ms. Raasch for the blood drive. SADD sponsored several blood drives during the school year. Teachers, administrators, and students alike participated in the blood drive, and this year saw the largest increase in first time donors.



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Participating in a candle-light service are the members of SADD. The candle-light vigil was held during Red Ribbon Week and involved singing and dancing with a guest musician. SADD members enjoyed the service at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church in Ankeny.

Attending to the SADD and Circle of Friends board, Judy Overton puts up pictures of SADD and Circle of Friends members involved in activities during the past year. Overton was named Ankeny Community School's District Educator of the Year for the '95-'96 school season.

The young people in SADD and Circle of Friends "reach out" to help others, and I believe that through their leadership they are truly making a difference.

Judy Overton, adviser



People's Choice



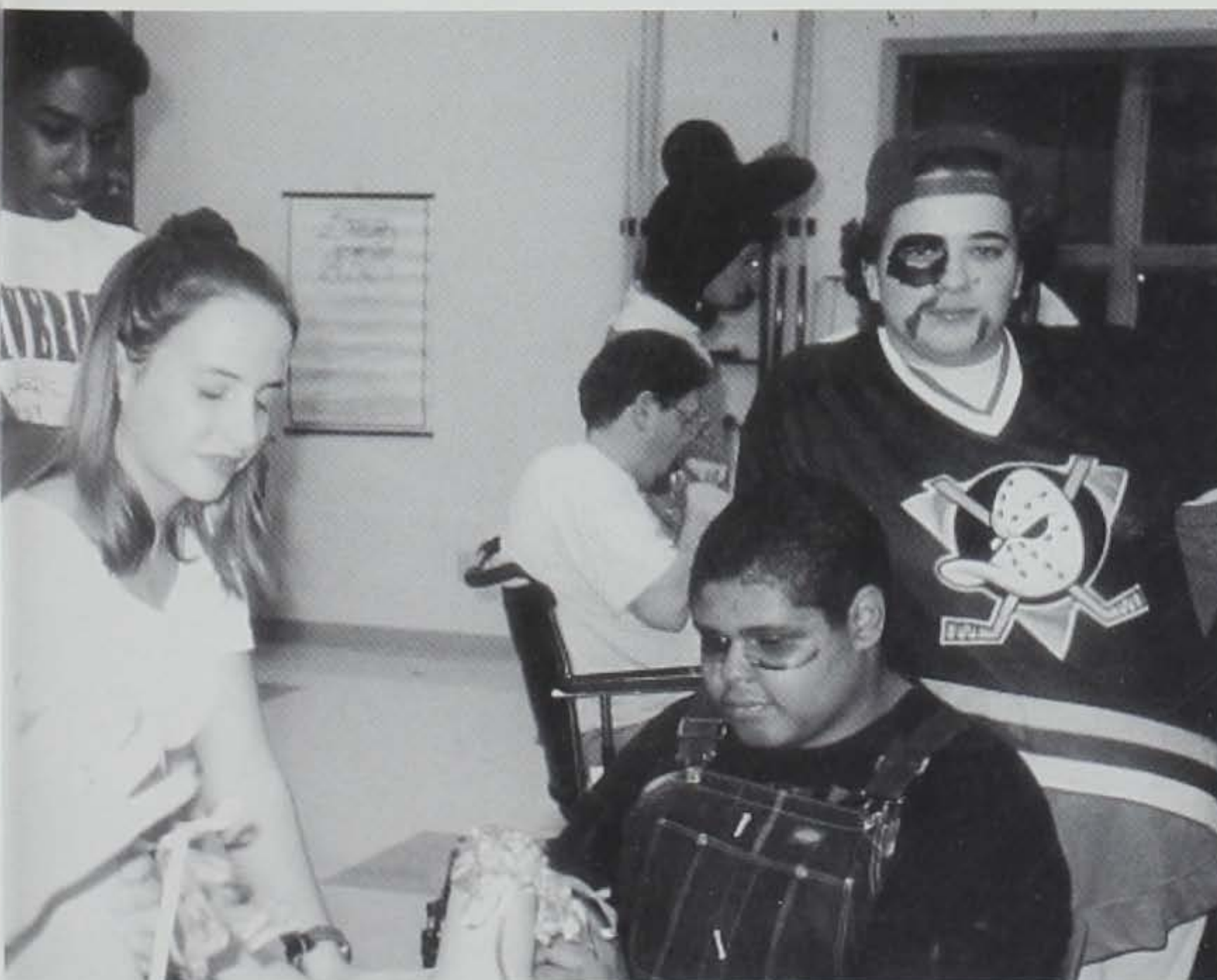
SADD

M. Bennett, J. Cairns, K. Bennett, J. Cox, S. Duncan, C. Lierman, A. Vancleve, S. Cox, B. Case, D. Harrington, B. Houghton, B. Wildman, K. Froehlich, C. Roberts, E. Linn, J. Jenkins, M. Anderson, M. Nelson, S. Murray, B. Pauly, T. Scheib, C. Degner, N. Carrington, P. Wehmas, R. Collins, J. DeGroote, M. Porath, S. Bean, K. Krause, J. Reberry, K. Lorence, K. Tsherter, S. Abbott, C. Ledin, K. Hayward, K. Hamilton



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

K. Goodmanson, M. Bennett, K. Bennett, J. Cox, S. Duncan, C. Lierman, B. Houghton, T. Scheib, L. Rankin, J. Struve, J. Cairns, A. Jackley, C. Roberts, E. Linn, J. Jenkins, M. Anderson, K. Dunbar, C. Mehlhop, M. Hinshaw, S. Murray, K. Hayward, J. Earp, P. Wehmas, R. Collins, D. Harrington, J. Overton, B. Pauly, M. Porath, K. Krause, K. Hamilton, N. Carrington, B. Wildman, T. Kapaska, J. Boschow, C. Metzger, P. Wells, C. Johnson, J. Benet, K. Breeding, A. Farmer, A. Pickett, J. Voss



Helping LaVar Rankin '98, decorate a pumpkin is Caiya Lierman, '98. The Circle of Friends Halloween party was held at the On With Life facilities in Ankeny. The Halloween party had face painting, decorating pumpkins, and many other activities for the Circle of Friends and their special guests.

Since this was a new club this year, it was difficult getting it started at first. But it turned out really well. I was glad to be a part of it. And I hope it continues to grow."

Brandy Case '96

Showing his dedication to keeping his and our environment clean Corey Ingle, '98, throws away his garbage in the recycling bin. Even something as minor as this helps keep the earth cleaner than one would think. This is also something that one could do everyday and it only takes a fraction of a second to do.

Caught chit chatting with Jenny Crall, '97, during their lunch hour, Brandy Case, '96, who is a member of the Ecology Club, wears a T-shirt that was sold during the annual Ecology Club T-Shirt sale. The money that Ecology Club made from the sales went towards purchasing a piece of rainforest land.

People's Choice



Ecology Club

Row 1: M. Bennett, M. Lincicum, S. Cox, A. Vancleve, B. Case, B. Kurtt
Row 2: A. Czerwicz, J. opp, K. Obrien, P. Wehmas, J. Carnes, A. Danner
Row 3: A. Reiff, L. Harison, D. Harington, M. McDermitt, J. Reberrry, K. Marsh
Row 4: M. Anderson, A. Marshall, M. McGuier, T. Kapaska, N. Linderman, J. Nelson.

"Since I can't get a date, the only hope I have is to hug trees. Just kidding! I think Ecology Club is a great organization that benefits the school and the environment."

Jason Cairns '97

Nicole Underbakke, '98, Joe Durby, '98, and Amanda Harlow, '96, are killing two birds with one stone by purchasing a delicious treat and making a contribution to the Ecology Club by buying cookies at the Ecology Club's bake sale. Selling the cookies was Ecology club member, Alica VanCleave, '96.





Students helping save the Earth

With the Ecology Club to help them out, students are sure to make a difference in the world.

Save the Earth, Green Peace, No Global Warming, and Don't Litter. Where does one find people who believe in these slogans? Why, the Ecology Club, of course. The Ecology Club, a group of students who believed they could make a difference in our world, met twice a month, every other Tuesday.

Ecology Club performed many environmental projects, such as picking up trash from the park by North View. This helped our immediate environment look it's best. Last year they joined up with the student counsel and cleaned up the parking lot. One of their most recent projects was adopting a hawk and a Mexican free tail bat from the Carlsbad Caverns National Park. They were even able to buy rainforest land with the money they made from their annual T-Shirt sale. The Ecology Club also cheered up the elderly this Christmas when they donated two Christmas trees to Sunny View. And when the Animal Rescue League found themselves in trouble, the Ecology Club was there to help them do a fund raiser.

Who's in Ecology Club? Brandy Case is the President, Bridget Kurt is the Vice President, and Jason Cairns is the Secretary. What if one wants to join? Cairns says, "Anyone can join at any time."



Sitting back and taking it easy during an Ecology Club meeting are Drew Harrington '97, and Alicia VanCleve '96. They have both been active Ecology Club members since the Ecology Club was started at the beginng of last year and took part in almost all of the club's many environmental projects

Jay Willams, '96, is caught roaming the Ankeny High School halls between classes while sporting a green ribbon on his shirt. This is just one of the many things one can see in the school on Earth Day, a day to think about the Earth. Other Ankeny students sported special Earth Day shirts.

Earth Day

What does earth day mean to you?

"That everyone should try to do at least one thing to help save the Earth."
--Jaynelle Hohlfield '97.

"I think every day should be Earth day."
--Angie White '98.

"To me, Earth day means thinking about the Earth more than usual and planting a tree."
--Kari Engh '97.

"Earth day is just another day for us treehuggers."
--Jennifer Hamblin '98.

Concentrating to win, Ken Abbott, '98 moves his piece around the board in effort to beat his opponent. Ken Abbott knocked his opponents down all the way to the finish where he placed first as the Top Sophomore in the state chess tournament. The chess club travels around and competes in "the middle of nowhere."

People's Choice



French club

E. Ewald, K. Lindstrom, M. Bassett, J. Hintzche, R. Dyer, J. Woodard, J. Shaver, N. Schuett, A. Fisher, C. Killam, M. Durlam, C. Metzger, M. McGuire, T. Kapaska, N. Linderman, J. Nelson, W. Maxwell, A. Block, L. Whitlach, Valerie Collins, C. Behrens, A. Reiff, D. Harrington, M. McDermott, J. Reberry, R. Wetherill, K. Fix, K. Tschertter, M. Swanson, A. Brodell, E. Tometich, G. Pighetti, A. Schweers, J. Cairns, K. Marsh, A. Danner, J. Cross, A. Eimers, K. Shannon, C. Kuhn, S. Lane, A. Fausch, S. Danielson, L. Junod, J. Dougherty, B. Clark, S. Pieart, B. Kurtt, J. Dirks, L. Rhoades, K. Bennett, N. Evers, A. Krug, E. Rose, A. Declu, S. Woolever, L. Lang, S. Van Oort, J. Crall



Chess Club

D. Enright, L. Garvey, K. Abbott



Luke Garvey, '97 writes down his latest move at the state championship. Each grade had its own championship. Luke finished second in his grade at the state championship. Even though the chess club did not have as many participants as it has in the past years, they still had a very successful season.

The year comes to a close as the final bash is celebrated with gallons of ice-cream and tons of toppings. Jennifer Hensley, '98, scoops up marshmallow topping as Jason Cairns, '97, Amanda Waalk, '98, and Tom Kapaska, '97 watch in awe as Mike McGuire loads up on the ice-cream and toppings.



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Mon jambone, mon jambone! This guy in the improv at the French quizbowl fell down and grabbed his leg. Instead of saying "my leg, my leg," he said, "my ham, my ham." Everybody started laughing but he did not catch on until he was told.

Stacy Lane, '98



Joe Hintzche, '98 helps Celeste Brighton, '97 with the French trivia questions at the French Quiz Bowl in the morning. Improv and a spelling bee were just some of the afternoon activities but the favorite activity of many was the Tour de France, which was a tricycle race. Ankeny placed in many of the events.

Only three left for musical chairs at the French Club pot luck. June Wittayaponitchakorn '96, Stacy Lane '98, and Brian Thompson '97, are having a great time breaking the ice and creating new friendships. The French pot luck included many fun activities like Simon Says and eating lots of food.



French Trivia

Q. What is the nickname of the French flag?

A. Le Tri-Colour

Q. What are fruits de mer?

A. "Fruits of the sea"-Seafood

Q. What is the flower that symbolizes death?

A. Chrysanthemum

Q. What are truffels and what are they located by?

A. They are mushrooms and are by oak trees.

Q. What is a "milles feuilles?"

A. "1000 leaves"-a French pastry filled with cream

source: Mrs. Pace

Playing the game & learning the lingo

*With so very few people,
and very few events
they did an awesome job!*

It's a game of strategy, and patience, and it requires intense concentration. "Chess is an intellectual sport that's challenging both physically and mentally," said Adam Poe, '98.

This year the chess club had a small turnout so they only were able to compete in two tournaments in the fall. The major spring tournaments requiring four or five people were not able to be played this year because they were not enough people to form a team. Yet, overall the chess club had a successful season by placing first in the sophomore division and second in the junior division at state.

"French Club is a blast, because we all speak French (well, at least we think we can)," replied Tom Kapaska, '97. At the beginning of the school year, the French Club hosted a pot luck for the foreign exchange students and their host families. Around Christmas time, they went to the tres chic restaurant at Le Chat Noir, in Des Moines, for a French meal. In February, the French Club and other French students participated in the French Quiz Bowl at Drake. The French Club finished the year off with an ice-cream party as a way of saying au revoir to its members for another year.



Fast Facts

* The Learning Center has approximately 75 students it helps throughout the school year.

* Students in the Learning Center receive dates on upcoming tests to better prepare themselves.

*The Learning Center provides a perfect learning environment for the students to work in.

*Mr. Rohwedder and Mr. Hoffman head the Learning Center department.

One of the main assets of the Learning Center is the individual help students receive. Concentrating hard, Holly Schafer, '97, gets help from Mr. Rowhedder in the Learning Center on an upcoming test.

Corinne Cole, '98, takes notes for her Western Civilization class while waiting for the end of the period. Corinne's grades improved dramatically since she entered the Learning Center to study.



Center of Learning and excitement

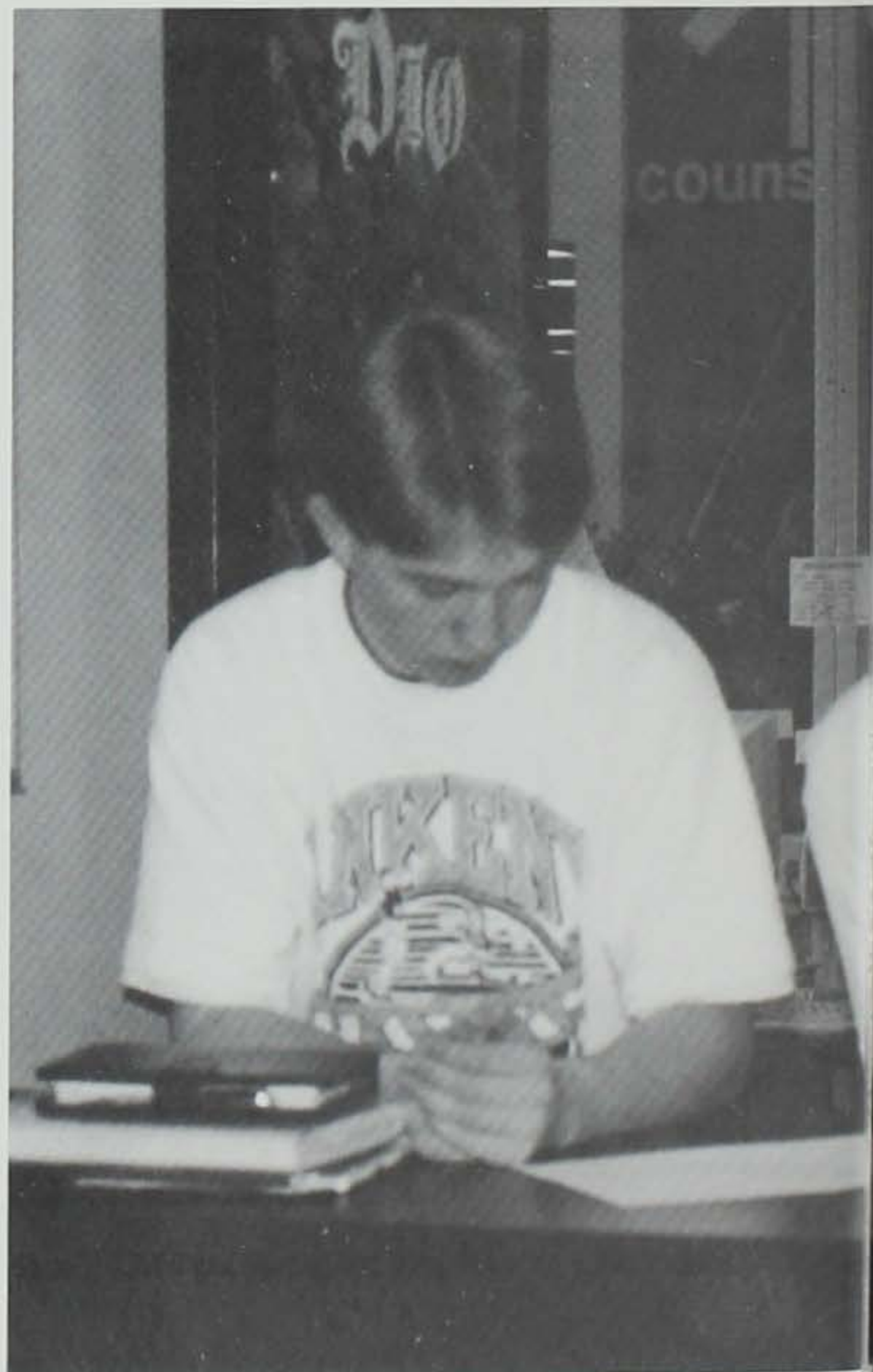
Mr. Rohwedder and Mr. Hoffman head the Learning Center which helps many Ankeny students every year.

The beginning of the 1995-1996 school year began at Ankeny High School with a variety of new changes. The freshman class had been packed up and parceled off to Northview Junior High, and new teachers graced the classrooms as did new students. But one thing remained the same--the Learning Center.

The Learning Center teachers were Mr. Rowhedder and Mr. Hoffman. Servicing over 75 student, their job was to help students who struggled in their normal classes.

The Learning Center took the place of study hall for most students. Hoffman and Rowhedder tried very hard to help students raise their grades and their overall G.P.A. To do this, the students were given a schedule in advance of all their tests dates, so they have extra time to prepare for them. And it was more than just cramming for tests. The Learning Center helped students complete other projects.

Throughout the year, the Learning Center took many field trips to a variety of places. For example, at the end of the school year, the Learning Center went to the beach to relax before they have to buckle down and get ready for their semester finals. Overall, the Learning Center was a good example of what school should be.





Holly Schaefer, '97, asks a question about one of her homework assignments she is completing in the Learning Center. The Learning Center provides a great work environment for all of it's students.

People's Choice



LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center pauses during their annual Saylorville Bike Ride/Cookout to grab a group shot. One day prior to finals, the Learning Center took the day off to relax and have fun at the lake before the crunchtime of studying began.



SERVICE PROJECT

Kate Crouch, '98, Shantell Gladson, '98, Tiffany Bainter, '98, and Jennifer Craig, '98, watch Skip Foster, '98, jives while on a break from their annual community service project. This year the Learning Center cleaned up the DMACC Bike trail.



Ryan Sparks, '98, and Jason Jones, '97, take a break from their studies in the Learning Center. Students benefited from each other as well as the teachers in the Learning Center.

Skip Foster, '98 works hard on his studies. One benefit of the Learning Center is the access to the computers to type papers and assignments. Computers are used throughout the day.

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The Learning Center helps me a lot with my homework. It also helps me do better on my tests and quizzes.”

Neil Young, '97

Our lives are in their hands

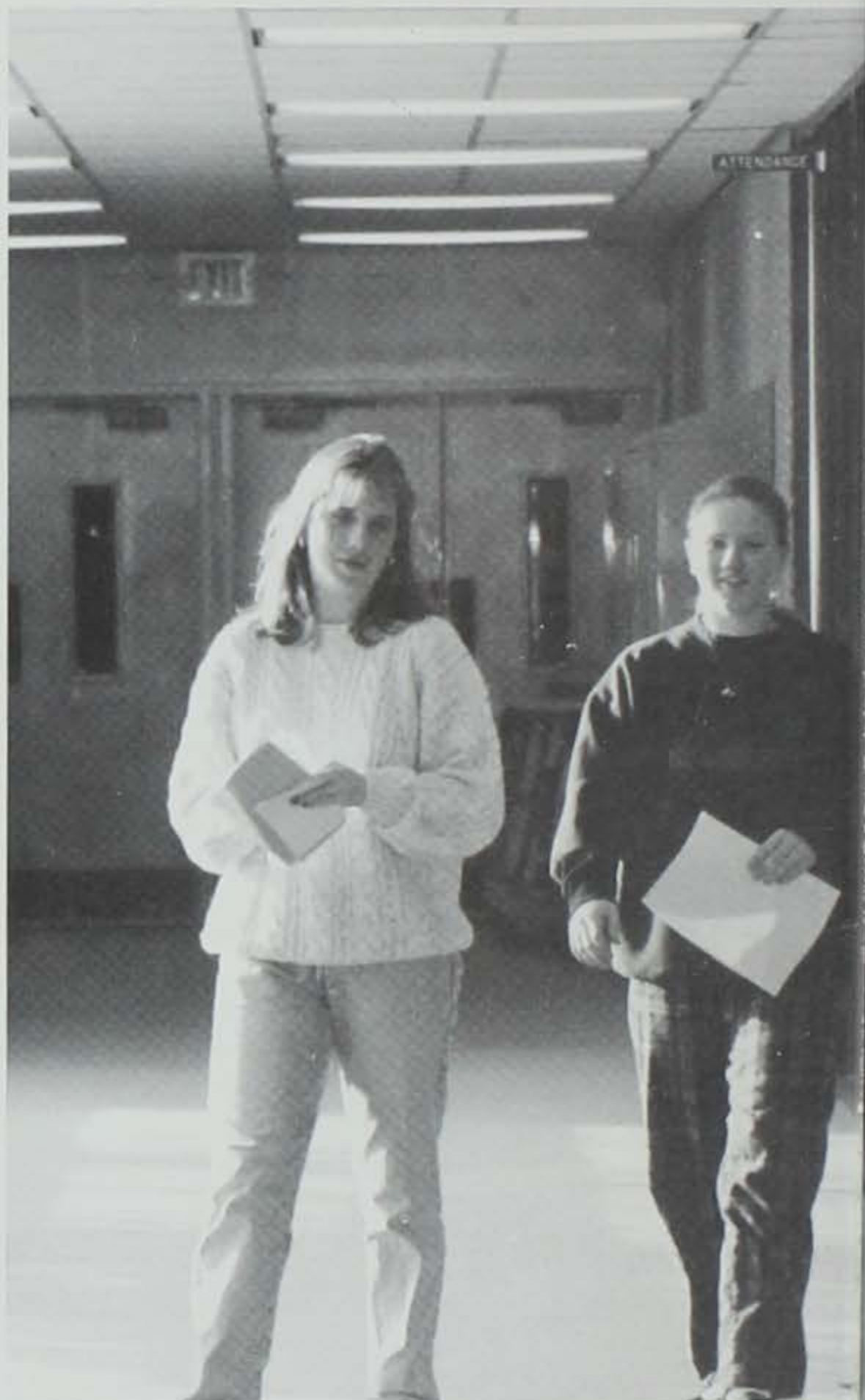
Office Runners not only deliver the "deadly" messages from the principal, they also inform students of meetings and phone calls.

How many people do you know who want to give up a study hall to help out in the office of Ankeny High School? If you know any athletic, guidance, or office aides, then you know a person who is willing to give up his/her time to help the school day run smoothly.

Student aides take messages, run errands, and do many other odd jobs that most would consider the "dirty work". The office runners have the extra job collecting and filing the attendance sheets to help out Mrs. Hamersley. These office aides are also constantly on the run to catch students for Mr. Shaltanis, Dr. Beatty, and Mrs. Hamersley.

Mrs. Hamersley really appreciates all of the people willing to help out. She says that it is really tough deciding who will help her in the office. Usually right after the beginning of the semester there is an announcement to sign up in the office if a person wants to be an office runner. Then from that list Mrs. Hamersley picks out the people who have good grades, are responsible and respectful, and who are well liked by administrators. She tries to pick people who have two or more studyhalls but that doesn't always matter.

The irresponsible need not apply.



Quotes

"It makes us feel important, especially when classes clap for us." -Jenny Doman, '98
-Amber Danner, '98

"It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it." -Melissa Bleeker, '98

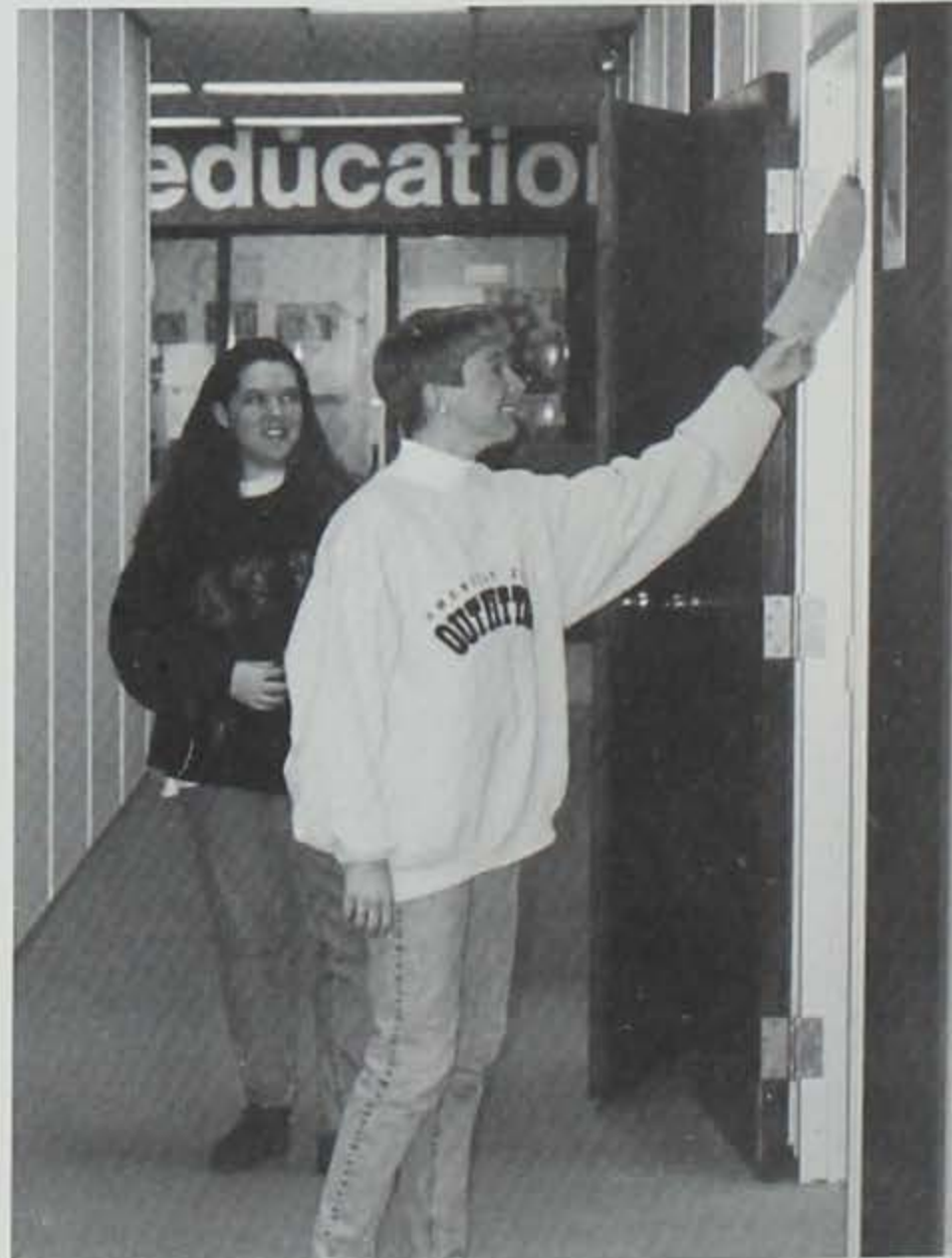
"It gets us out of studyhall." -Mandy Steinick, '97

"We like it when Mr. Huber chases us at warp speed down the halls, while he yells at us with his thunderous voice, 'Come here' - it's a challenge to fight the force, but we can do it!" -Rachel Linderman, '98
-Holly Brazelton, '98



Scanning the crowded media center, Amber Bergland, '98, and Rachel Linderman, '98, look for a teacher to deliver their message. The job of an office runner is much more difficult when the teachers move their class to another place, such as the media center or computer lab when a message needs to be delivered right away.

Almost completed with their rounds, Rochelle Rodd, '97, and Emily Nelsen, '97, pick up the attendance throughout the school so Mrs. Hamersley can type it into the computer. Besides picking up attendance, the office runners deliver messages to students and teachers throughout the day.



Scurrying out of the office, Kristen Wells, '98, and Jenny Meyers, '98, deliver the many messages from Mrs. Hamersley and the rest of the office staff. Another important job for the office runners, if they're lucky, is to find the people on the lists from Mr. Schaltanis and Dr. Beatty's and send them to the office.

Saving the day, Rich Williams, '97, walks through the science department handing out notes and reminders to students. He was filling in the absence of an office runner instead of staying in study hall. Teachers depend on office runners to inform club members about upcoming events and special meetings.

Office running is a lot of fun. The only bad part of it is when a teacher occasionally gets upset when we interrupt their class. Mr. Steffen is especially famous for doing this. We can do without that, I think.

Jenny Doman '98

People's Choice



Office Runners: 1st Semester

L. Aschoff, A. Danner, R. Linderman, K. Engh, J. Young, M. Long, J. Anderson, A. Rasmussen, J. Mortale, L. Starr, H. Brazelton, A. Acheres, S. Ferraro, A. Nielsen, R. Rodd, D. Enright, M. Foster, K. Shannon, T. Schafer, J. Doman, M. Bleeker, R. Reams, M. Steinick



Office Runners: 2nd Semester

J. Doman, A. Danner, K. Kahn, J. Anderson, M. Long, G. Gelatti, J. Nelson, N. Taweel, K. Bennett, K. Shannon, R. Reams, J. Meyers, A. Nielson, A. Scheres, G. Brazelton, K. Wells, J. Frye, M. Miller, T. Schafer, A. Dyar, K. Dunlap, L. Kephart, A. Fisher, D. Enright, A. Ruff, C. Hildreth, M. Foster

Looking over their attendance sheet to see if their friends were counted absent, Jenny Doman, '98, and Amber Danner, '98, walk around to collect and hand out letters from the office staff. The office could not function without the office runners delivering and helping out with odd jobs.

I thought that taking information technology would help me learn more about the business world. The class also helped me in writing a resume and learning how to properly go and apply for a professional job, in the right manner.

Shari Harbert '96

People's Choice



Row 1: N. Heston, S. Brock
Row 2: M. Butcher, K. McIlhonn, A. Cheddie, M. Gemar, S. Keller
Row 3: S. Frisk, K. Hybalk, J. Whitaker, J. Smith, C. Albin, A. Tiefenthaler
Row 4: S. Harbert, A. Anderson, E. Asvig, M. Brant
Row 5: P. Lepert
Not pictured: B. Sauerbeau, J. Cox, J. Bowers, L. Dunsburgen, C. Hogan, and J. Ingle



The BPA Officers of 1995-96:
Row 1: Sundae Frisk, Steph Brock
Row 2: Kelli McIlhonn, Nikki Heston
Not Pictured: Jill Whitaker, Julie Smith and Jenny Cox

Carisa Albin, '96, and Amy Tiefenthaler, '96, stand outside of the Deleware Crossings Apartment Clubhouse waiting for Mrs. Rasmusen to get the apartment manager in order to go and look at one of their two-bedroom apartments. It wasn't a very warm day and waiting outside for any length of time quickly became uncomfortable.

Sundae Frisk, '96, helps pick up after the Secretary's Day celebration that the BPA class sponsored on April 26 in the library. Students prepared for a few days to make sure that this day was a day to remember. Each student had to bring a least one item of food in order to have enough to serve each secretary.

Watch out for that cord! Sarah Keller, '96, and Leslie Anderson, '96, and Jill Whitaker, '96, and other classmates leave an apartment in Deleware Crossings that they visited in April. The class also visited the Ashbrooke apartments in order to learn about what has to be done before someone can rent an apartment.





Working hard for their money

*Being able to get
two extra credit hours and money
how could you resist?*

Information Technology is a school-to-work program. Students who take this class must also work, but they get one credit for taking the class and two credits for working. The catch? Only seniors are allowed to take the class. Paul Lepert, '96, said, "Besides being able to get out of school earlier, Information Technology has taught me many things that I did not know about the business world."

Another part of the Information Technology class is Business Professionals of America, a club in which the students participate. This year the club held a bake sale before Christmas and used the money earned to buy gifts for a needy family.

The '95-'96 school year brought a big change for Business Professionals of America. The class went from having only 10 students last year, to having 23 students this year. This change caused Mrs. Rasmusen to make a lot of changes in the curriculum.

Being involved in Information Technology not only helped for the extra credit and cash, but it also prepared students for what is to come after graduation. Sarah Keller, '96, said, "Information Technology is an interesting class and we all bonded really well as a class which made it really fun. I recommend anyone thinking about taking this class to take it."



Always patient, Michele Brant, '96, and Mrs. Rasmusen listen to the apartment manager at the Ashbrooke apartment complex in Ankeny. Next year, many seniors will be moving out and venturing into the real world for the first time. The class helped prepare students for the big change to come.

Carefully pouring the punch and coffee for Secretary's Day are Nikki Heston, '96, and Leslie Anderson, '96. The Business Professionals of America class holds a reception for all of the secretaries in the Ankeny School District every year. The Secretaries are always made to feel at home with BPA.

BPA Pledge

We are met in a spirit of friendship and goodwill as we prepare for productive lives in business careers. We work together to develop professionalism and leadership through Business Professionals of America and pledge our loyalty to our nation.

Covering the political scene Matt Nuese, '98, interviews Lamar Alexander's wife. Mrs. Alexander was speaking for her husband at the Iowan Caucuses in Ankeny. Unfortunately, her escort hurried her along and she wasn't able to answer many of the questions asked.

Walking away from the political address given by Bill Clinton at Drake university, Jason Cairns, '97, spots the MTV Choose or Lose bus, which is the network's attempt to encourage young adults to get involved with the election process.

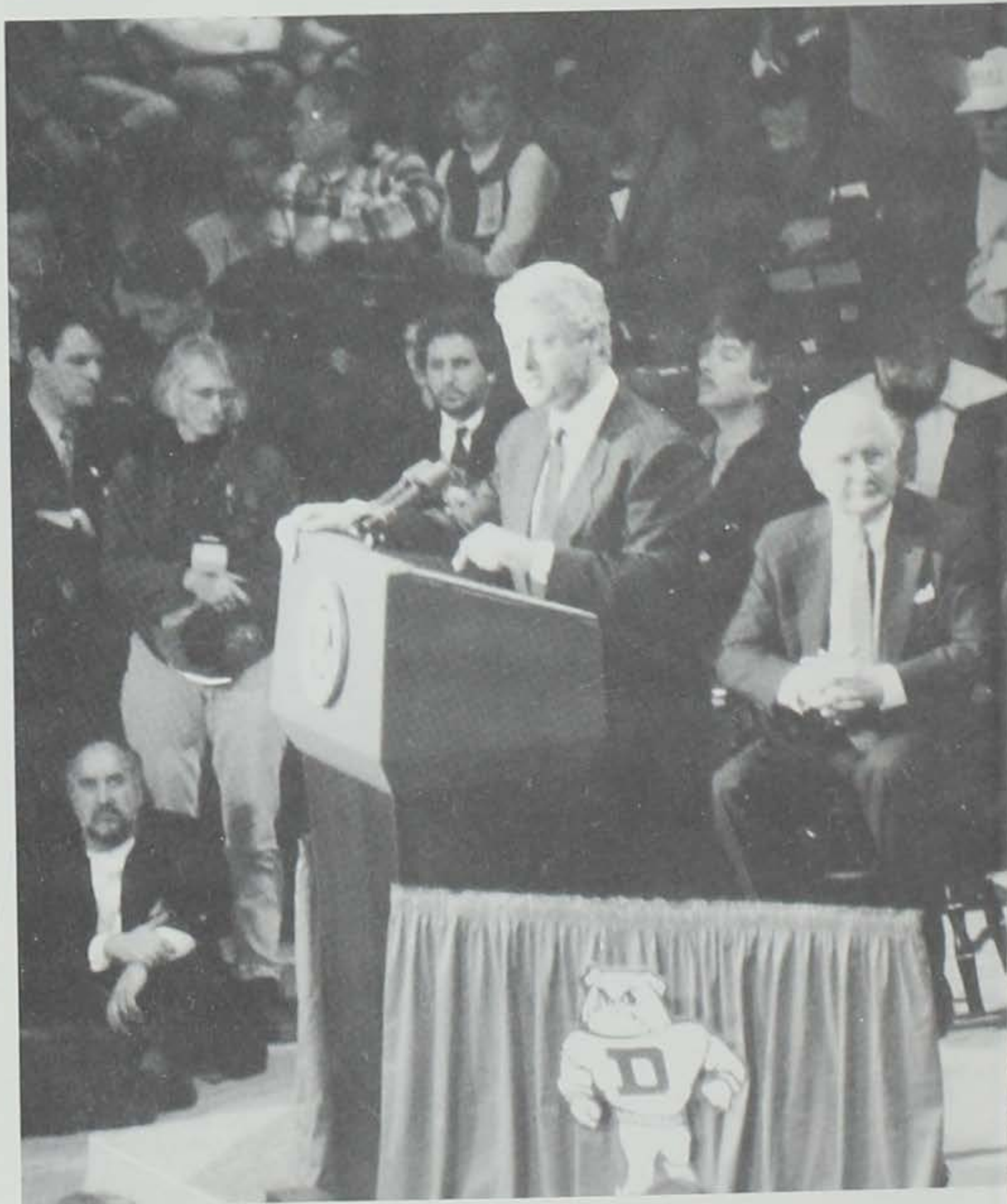
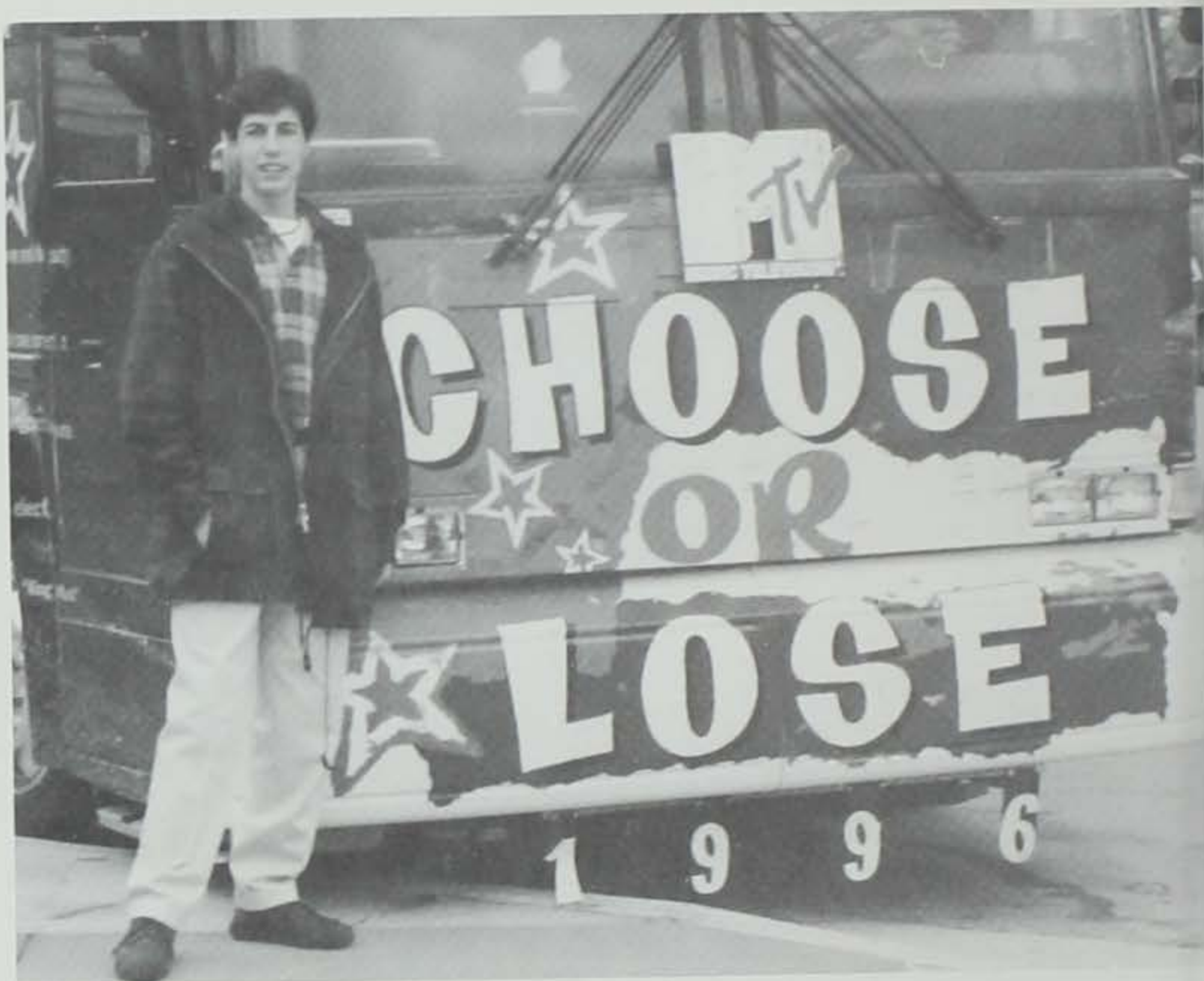


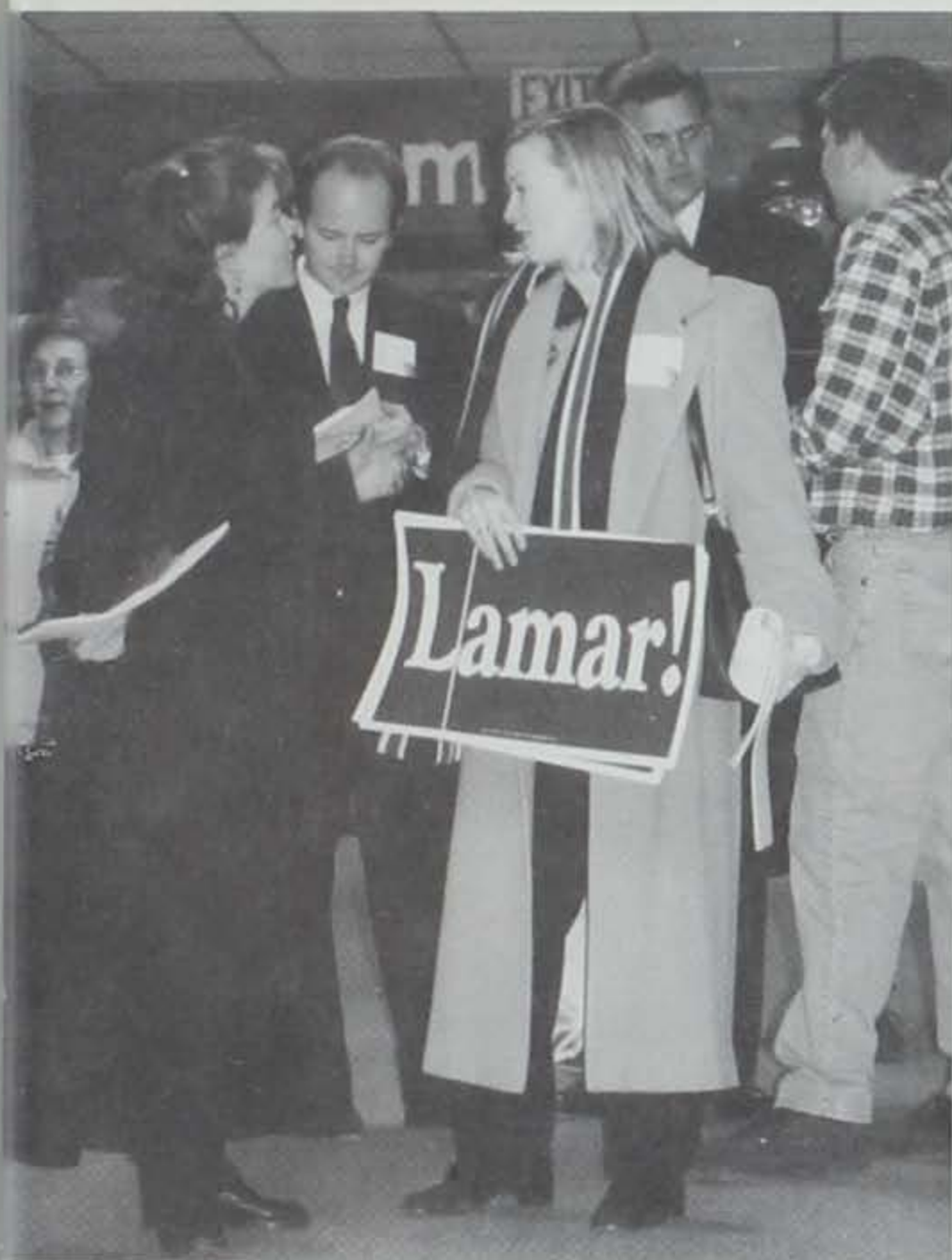
Bill Clinton stop in Iowa to speak at Drake university to give his political views in his attempt to return to the White House. Reporter Jason Cairns, '97, Jessica Stamp, '96, and Meghan Blair, '97, from the Talon were their to cover this part of his campaign

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Caucuses are a neat opportunity for people to get involved on a very basic level. It allows average citizens to speak his mind on political issues and be heard. Even though the ideas may not make it to the national level at least local people feel they have had a chance to express their views.

-Chuck Lierman, teacher





The girlfriend of Lamar Alexander's son campaigns for the Republican candidate at Ankeny High School during the Iowa caucuses. An Ankeny resident stops her to ask a few questions about Lamar Alexander, such as his views on abortion and taxes.

Jonathan Karl, a CNN correspondent who works in New York, is hot on the trail reading his favorite newspaper, the AHS *Talon*. Mr. Karl and the rest of his CNN broadcasting crew were reporting live from Ankeny's Northwest Elementary School.



Issues

- The Budget
- Taxes
- The Economy
- Downsizing Government
- Education
- Abortion
- Deficit
- Health Care
- Environment
- Moral decay/
Family Values



Political action in Ankeny

*Getting very close to home,
the Iowan Caucuses were held at
Ankeny High School.*

Another four years had come; was time for another election. Students followed the elections using the internet to the radio, and even attending the caucuses at AHS in February.

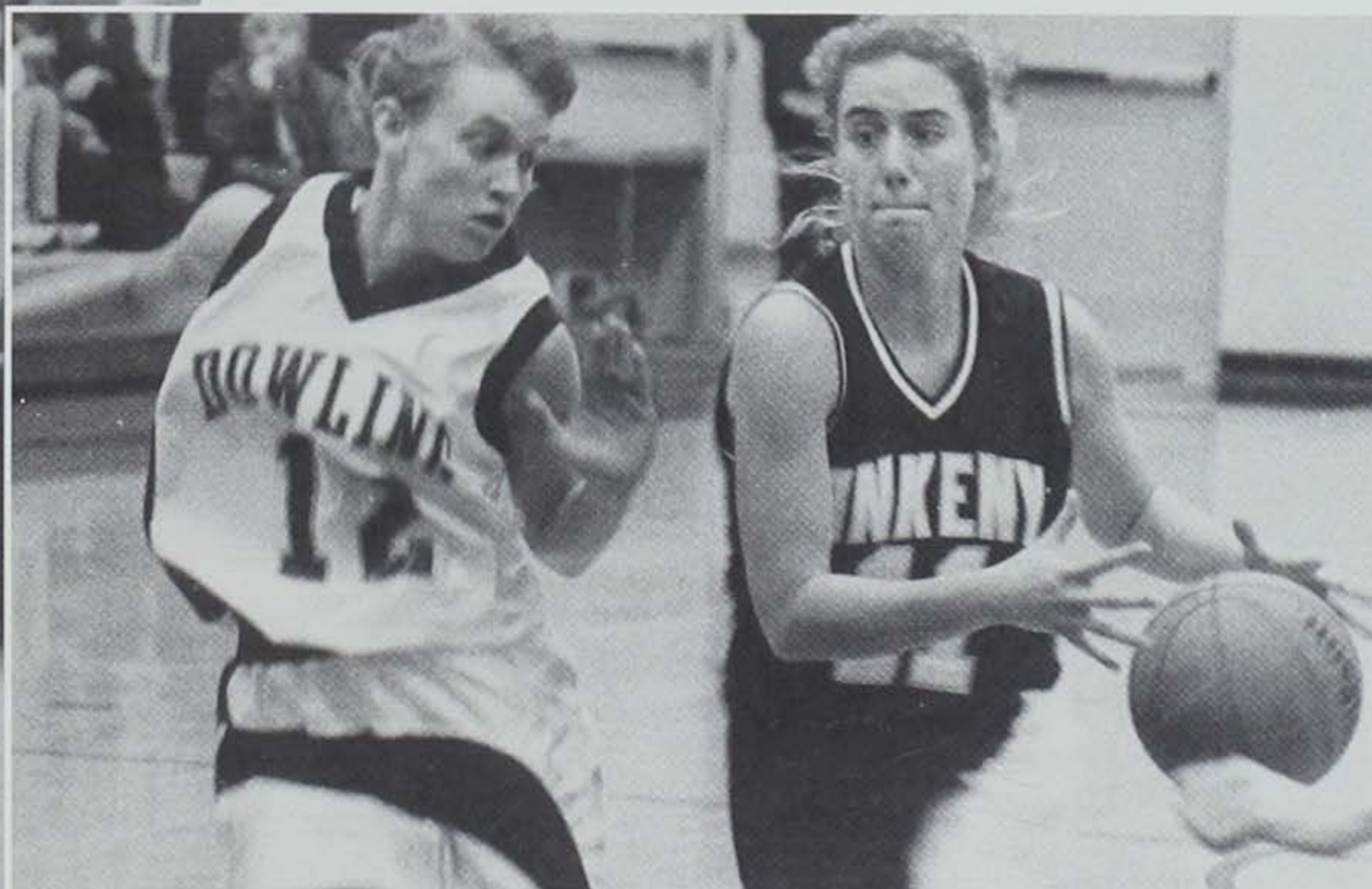
If the students didn't want to watch TV or go to the Capital, they could have attend the Iowan Caucuses. There were 12 separate caucuses going on in AHS, and most of the caucuses were held on February 12. The candidates needed the caucuses to gain the first big influences to stay in the presidential race.

The candidates were in the TV, radio, and even the Internet. Students could e-mail or visit the home pages of the candidates. Some of the Republicans were Dole, Alexander, Buchanan, Dornan, Keyes, and Lugar. Each candidate's home page on the Internet contained their standing on several political issues. Each political candidate used the media as a way to explain political views.

Several forms of the media affected students at AHS. Two forms were the *Talon* and *Channel One*. The *Talon* contained stories of the Caucuses and the students views. One student, Jeremy Marshall, '96, even had his own political column named Marshall Law.



IN HIGH SPIRITS



INSIDE:

The Hawk Basketball team tries to win back to back State championships: PAGE 156.
PLUS: Girls Soccer is added to the CIML: PAGE 158.

**-Jason Hill,
Sports Editor**

Upset! Michelle Junod, '96, drives to the basket as the Hawkettes hand Dowling one of their two losses of the season. Dowling later went on to win State. (above) Going the extra mile, Bryan Thornburg, '96, Aaron Ruff, '97, Ryan Vestal, '96, Jon Rathje, '96, and Bryce Goode, '98, lead the way at the Ames Cross Country Invitational. (left)

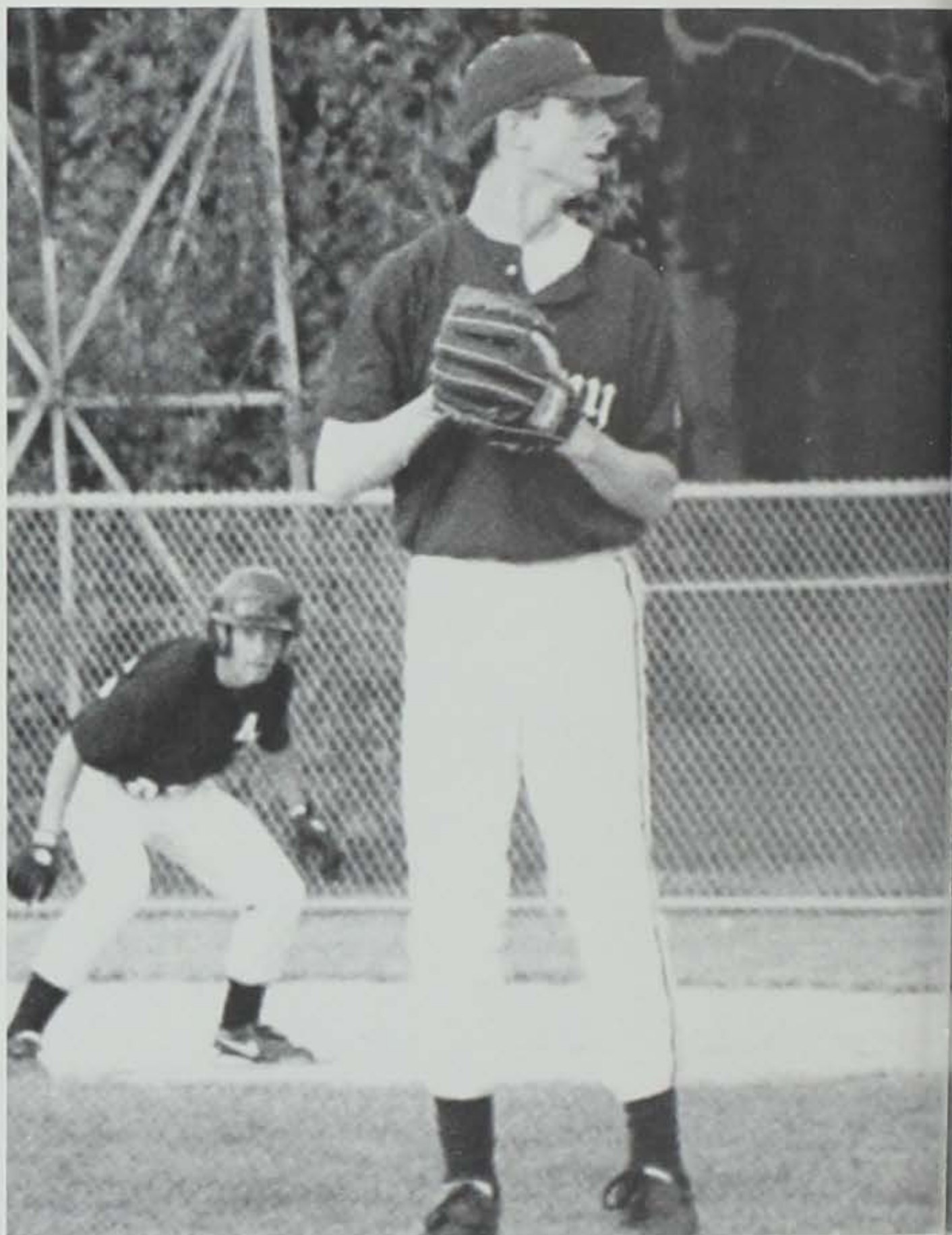
FROM A GIRLS' TRACK STATE INDOOR TITLE to the Football team going 8-2 and winning the Conference crown for the first time in the CIML, 1995-1996 has been an exciting school year for Ankeny Sports. "We had a super, outstanding year," said Athletic Director Fred Smith.

Ankeny teams also had their share of heartaches, however. For the second straight year, the Hawkettes Volleyball team had a record-setting season; yet when it came down to crunch time, they came up short. After building a two set lead, the Hawkettes lost the next three sets and fell to Urbandale.

Overall, 1995-1996 was a good experience for Ankeny sports. Susan Van Wyhe, '96, a member of the swim team said, "It was our best year yet for swimming. I think we had such a good year because everybody gave it their all, not only during the season but in the summer too. Next season will be even better for them." -Heather Runkel

OUT! Jack Pennington, '96, tags out a runner during the game against WDM Valley.

INTENSITY! Bryan Lathrop, '96, prepares to pitch as Mark Larson, '96, holds an Ames runner close to first.



BOYS OF SUMMER

A year of struggling, hope, heart, and rebuilding, still left the Hawks with their first season below .500.

By Stacey Wierzbicki

With no returning starters, the Hawk baseball team had their work cut out for them. But they didn't do as well as they had hoped. The Hawks ended their season eighth in the CIML National Conference with a record of 14-22.

The few members of the class of 1995 that started this year helped in a big way. Among them was Jimmy Metheny, outfielder. Metheny ended the season with a batting average of .368. Other class of '95 members that contributed to the team were Chad Ingle, and Nate Teft. J. Starr, '97, commented, "This year the seniors played a good leadership role. They also helped prepare us for the future."

The members of the class of 1996 also played a major role in the team this year. Tom Wierzbicki led the team with a .413 batting average. Brian Ferin also played a major part as being the main catcher. Wierzbicki, Ferin, and Mark Larson

will all return next year. Wierzbicki said, "We had a really young team, and this year was a let down, but with experience next year we're sure to do better."

Although the team was faced with many upward struggles, they also received many accomplishments. Coach Mel Murken earned his 500th victory this season, which is a great accomplishment few coaches receive. Murken said "This season was one of the most frustrating seasons I've ever had. It was certainly the most disappointing."

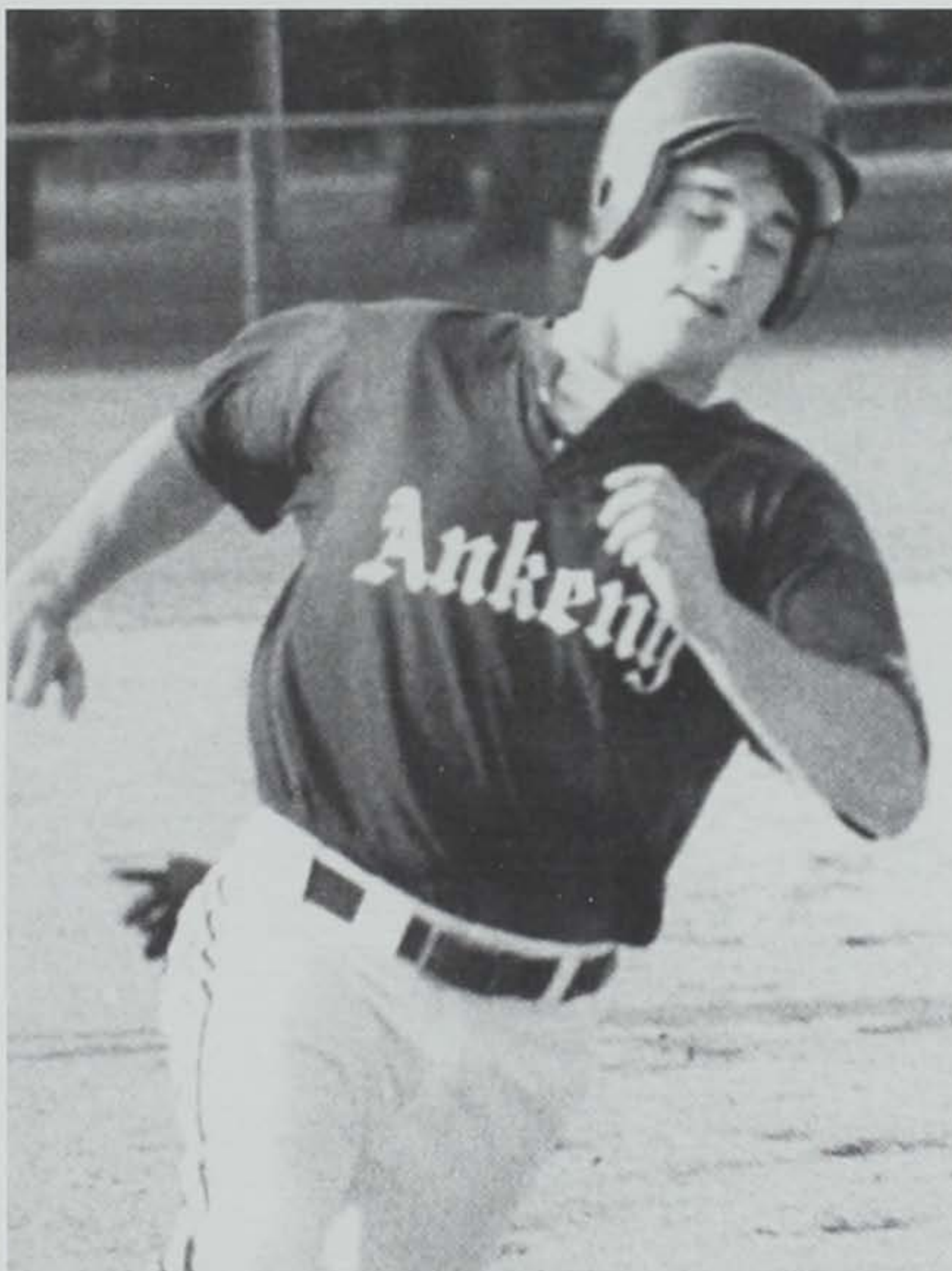
Metheny was named to the First team All-District and the CIML National Conference All League team as a utility player. Wierzbicki was named to the Second Team All District and the CIML National Conference All League First Team as a third baseman.

The Hawks suffered a close first round loss to Urbandale to end their undeniably long season.

POWER! Tom Wierzbicki, '96, swings hard as he hits the ball at a game against Ottumwa.



HUSTLE! Jimmy Metheny, '95, rounds second base on a powerfull hit against Ames in a double header at Ames.



HOME RUN! Jack Pennington, '96, gets a high five from Coach Mel Murken in a game against Valley.

STATS

SEASON SCORES

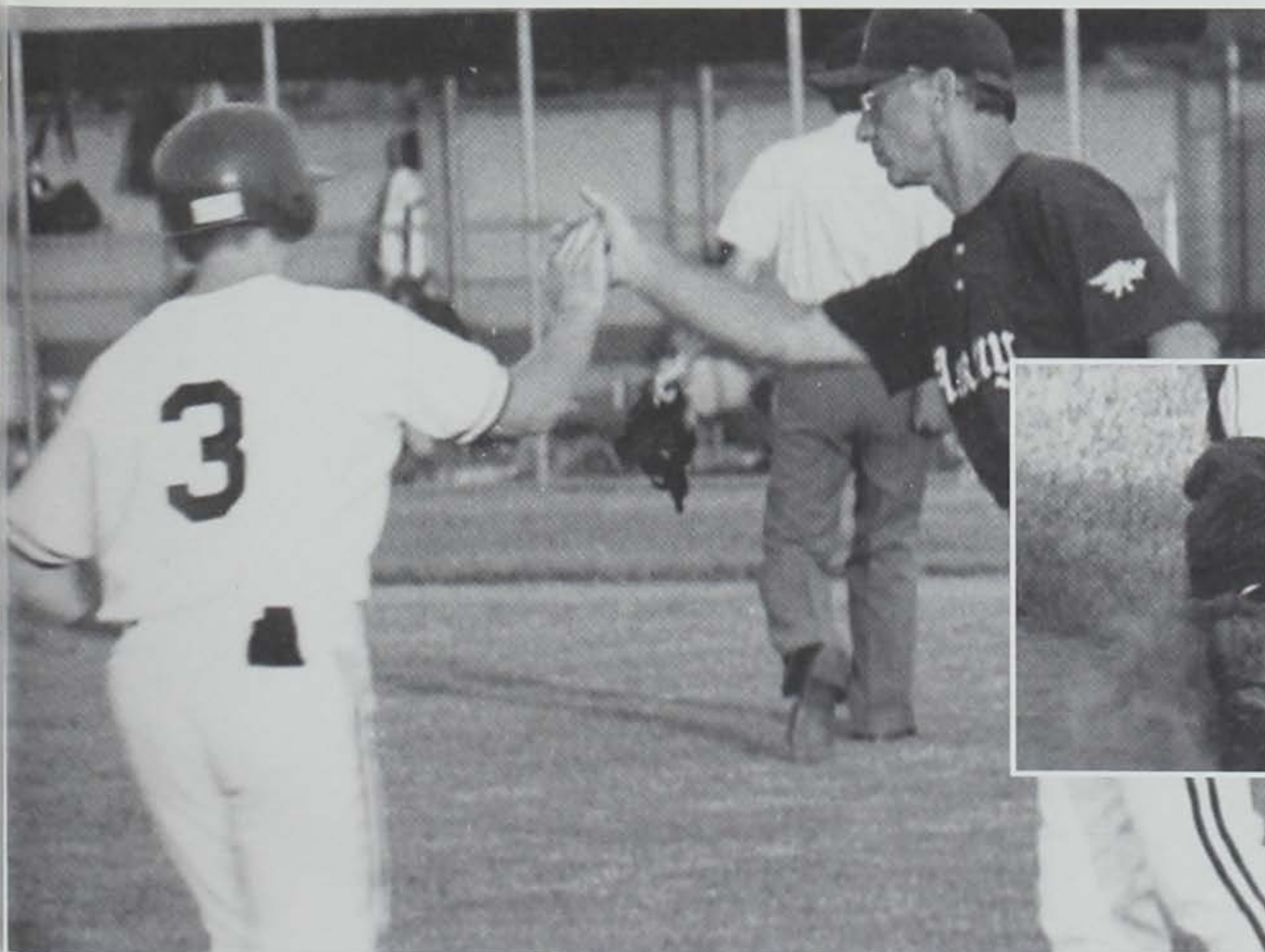
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6	LINCOLN	0
4	OTTUMWA	8
6	DM HOOVER	4
1-11	NEWTON	11-6
8	JOHNSTON	15
10-6	URBANDALE	1-2
11-11	FORT DODGE	3-3
3-3	AMES	5-6
10-13	MARSHALLTOWN	0-2
6-11	WDM VALLEY	7-3
12-7	MASON CITY	6-1
7	AMES	8
5	RED OAK	9
3	DM HOOVER	4
7-7	NEWTON	4-2
1-4	FORT DODGE	7-8
4-13	MARSHALLTOWN	0-0
2-6	WDM VALLEY	3-0
4	INDIANOLA	7
4	URBANDALE	2

**YOU
SAID
IT**



Tom
Wierzbicki, '96

"We had a really young team...but with experience next year we're sure to do better."



EFFORT! J.T. Sampson, '98, makes a great effort to catch a foul ball hit by a Valley player at the home double header.

STATS

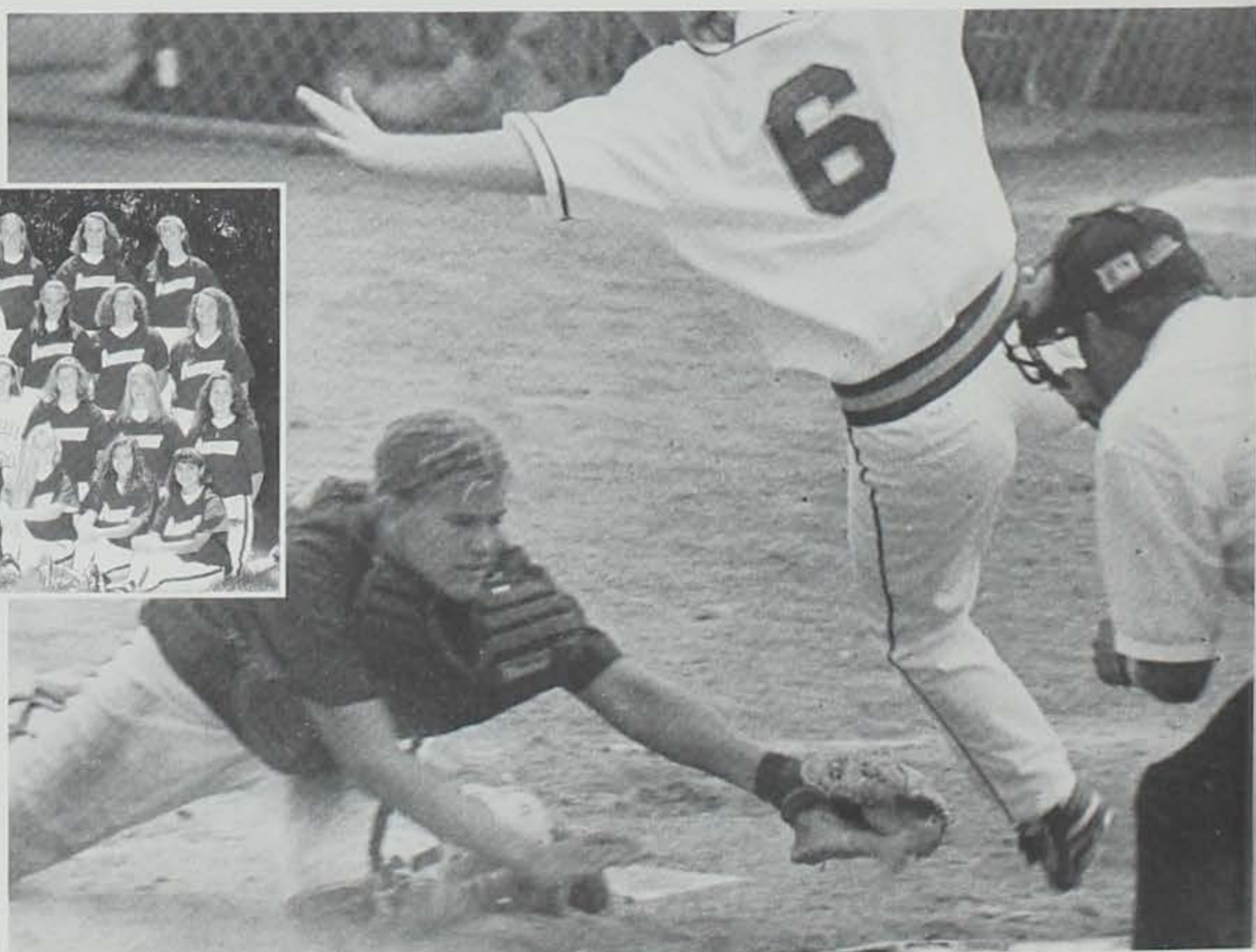
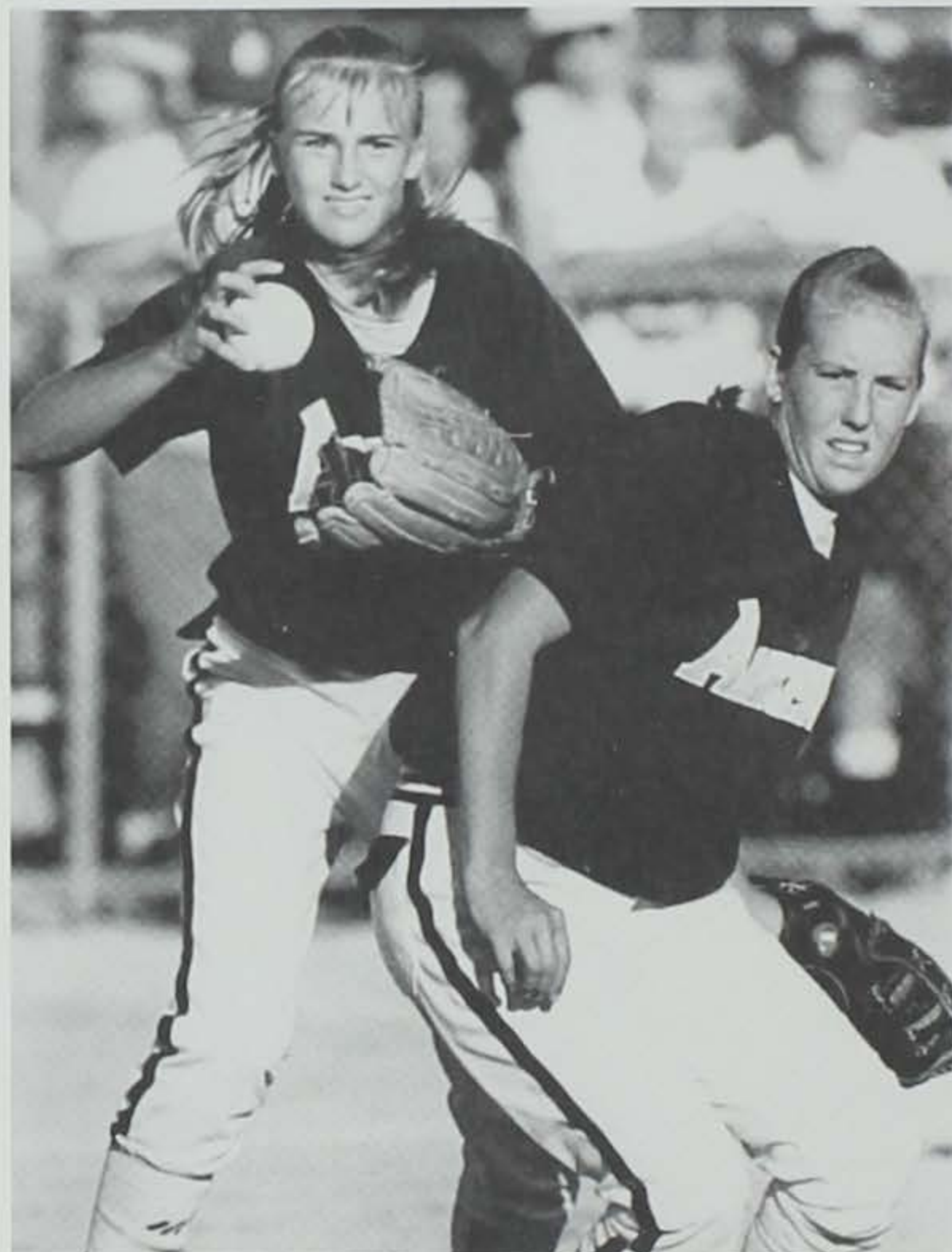
SEASON SCORES

THEM	US
3 SAYDEL	13
1 NEVADA	7
0-0 HOOVER	6-8
2 AMES	5
0 DOWLING	2
0 HARLAN	3
1 CLEAR CREEK	3
0-0 MARSHALLTOWN	3-4
7 DM EAST	0
0 CEDAR CREEK	12
6-6 WDM VALLEY	5-4
1-0 MASON CITY	3-10
0 EAST MARSHALL	7
2 AMES	14
2 NORHT SCOTT	1
0 NEWTON	1
0 MARSHALLTOWN	4
1 WEBSTER CITY	2
3 COLO-NESCO	5
2 CARSLILE	0
1-1 AMES	0-3
2 WDM VALLEY	8
2-0 NEWTON	5-11
1 URBANDALE	3
0 DM LINCOLN	1
1 DM EAST	4
2-2 URBANDALE	0-0
0 BOONE	2
2 FORT DODGE	5
0 WDM DOWLING	1
1 DM LINCOLN	2
4 OTTUMWA	1
0 CR JEFFERSON	4
5 MUSCATINE	4

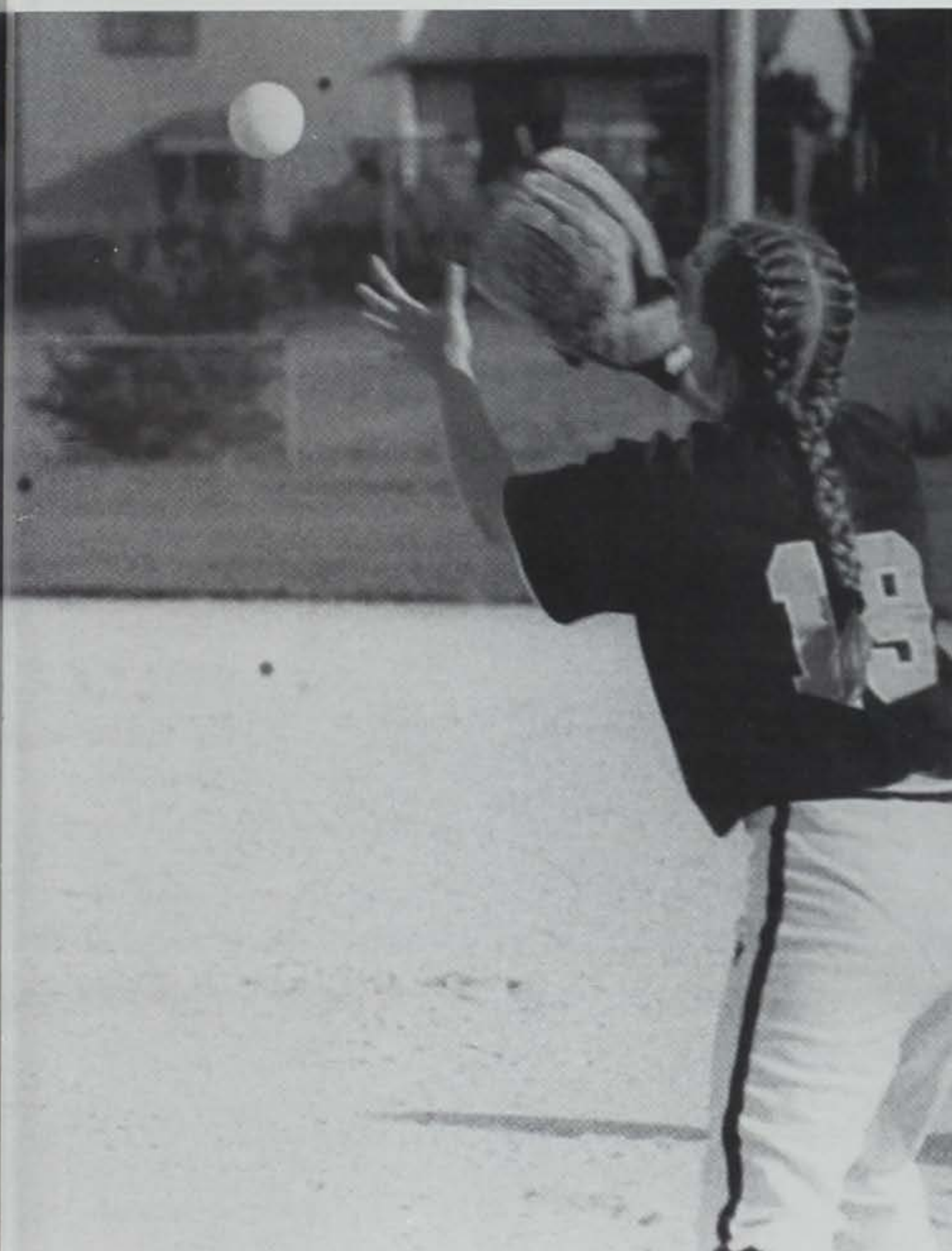
SEASON RECORD: 34-10

OUT! Catcher Amy Farmer, '96, tags out a runner during Tournament action for the Hawkettes.

LOOK OUT! Jenny Voss, '96, and Tara Buzzell, '96, collide at the mound. Voss threw out the runner at first base.



1995 HAWKETTES! Row 1-Kristen Kahn, Kim Shields, Ara Weckman, Andrea Dencklau, Carissa Albin, Julie Smith, Pam Parker, Karen Mulhall. Row 2-Abbie Schreurs, Heidi Kautza, Steph Brock, Lori Whitlach, Kristen Hamilton, Amy Hinshaw, Laura Junod, Annie Mickle, JoAnna Lincoln. Row 3-Michelle Butcher, Amy Farmer, Sara Schreurs, Coach Dick Rasmussen, Asst. Coach Mark Olson, Kelly Krause, Kristi Breeding, Michelle Junod. Row 4-Jenny Voss, Lindsay Robinson, Angie Aschoff, Jill Dougherty, Tara Buzzell, Amy Larsen, Tabby Clawson.



HITTING THE DIRT! Tara Buzzell, '95, a main offensive threat, slides home safe against Valley.

CONCENTRATION! Julie Smith, '96, first baseman, makes the play on a ball thrown by Michelle Junod, '96.



SWING FOR SUCCESS

The Hawkettes batted their way into the State Tournament with 262 total hits.

By Jeremiah Hamilton

The Ankeny Hawkette Softball team finished the season strong by placing sixth in the State and third overall in the CIML National Conference.

The Hawkettes had high hopes for this season after finishing first in the State last year. "The season went very well, but everyone had higher expectations," said Jenny Voss, '96.

Catcher Amy Farmer, '96, also helped out by contributing the highest batting average on the team, and making the most hits, doubles and runs batted in. Annie Mickle, '95, right fielder led the team with 25 runs. "Towards the end of the season we had it rough, due to rain outs, and player's becoming exhausted," said Coach Rasmussen.

HUSTLE! Michelle Junod, '96, makes it to first during season action for the Hawkettes.

The Hawkettes made a great run during the State Tournament, but came up a little short of their goal, finishing sixth after a loss to Muscatine.

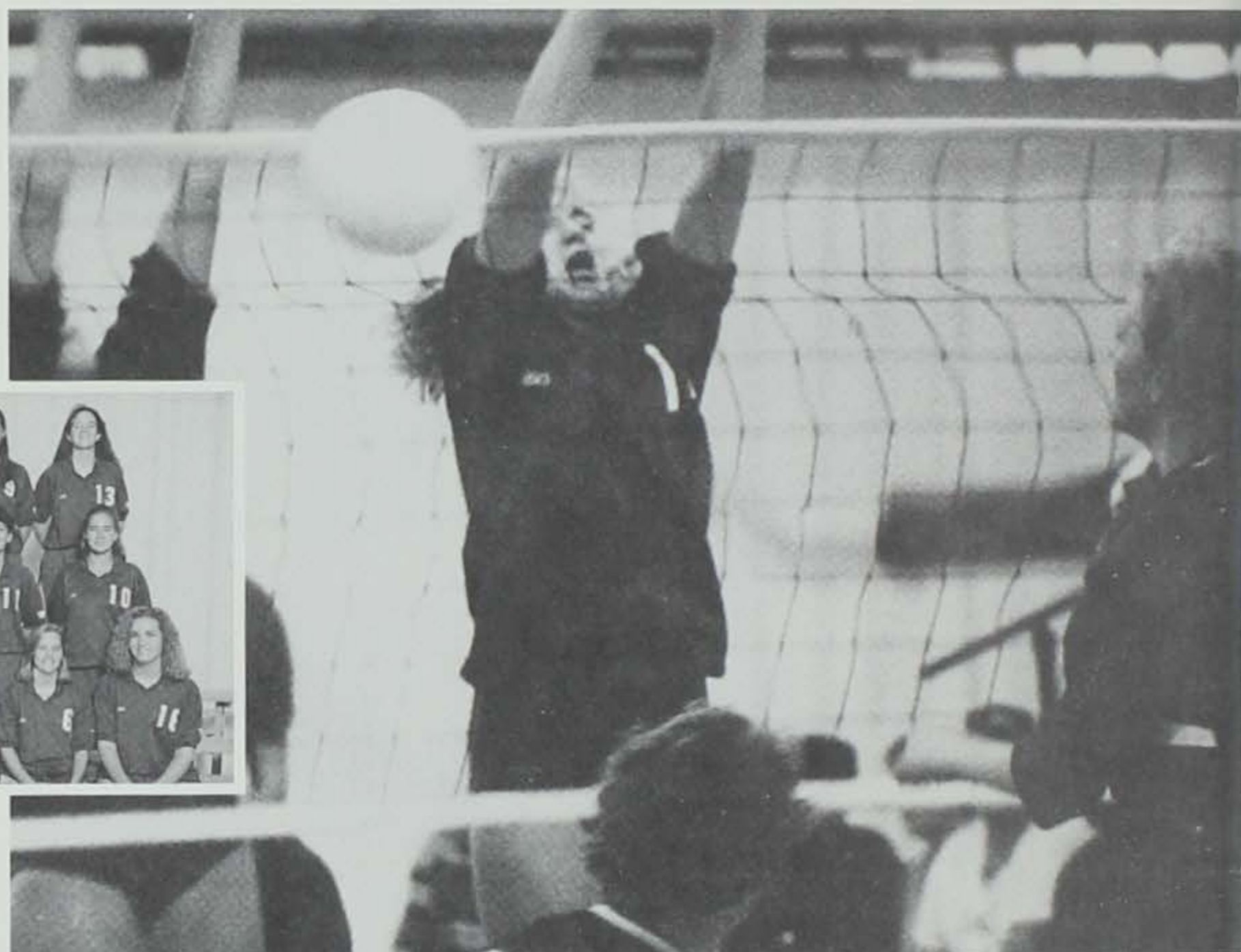
The Hawkettes two main pitchers, Tara Buzzell, '95, and Voss, pitched a combined 307 innings and had a combined 328 strike outs, losing only 10 out of 44 games. "I feel we had a really good year," said Rasmussen.

Overall, the Hawkettes had an excellent season with a record of 34-10. Voss said it all when she said, "Anytime you make it to state it has been a good season."

The future looks to be a rebuilding year. They lost many key players to graduation, but some key returners will be Kristi Breeding, '96, Michelle Junod, '96, and Angie Aschoff, '96.

SPIKE! Angie Nielson, '98, and Tabby Clawson, '97, prepare to spike the ball against an opponent.

1995 HAWKETTES! Row 1 - Angie Aschoff, Christi Hogan, Jenny Voss, Erin Larsen, Becky Bogle, Vanessa Hoss. Row 2 - Cory Verbeski, Lindsay Robinson, Janelle Holfield, Abbie Schreurs, Kari Tee-ter. Row 3 - Tabby Clawson, Missy Voigt, Anie Nielson, Kelly Krause, Sarah Schreurs.



STATS

SEASON SCORES

THEM		US
0	SE POLK	3
0	WINTERSET	3
2	INDIANOLA	3
2	VALLEY TRNMT.	21
2	AMES	3
3	URBANDALE	0
5	FT. DODGE TNMT.	4
1	VALLEY	3
0	S. TAMA	3
1	M'TOWN	3
3	BETENDRF. TNMT.	3
0	NEWTON	3
0	MASON CTY. TNMT.	10
0	FT. DODGE	3
0	MASON CITY	3
	REGIONALS	
0	DM NORTH	3
2	DM EAST	3
3	URBANDALE	2

ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

FIRST TEAM

ANGIE ASCHOFF
JENNY VOSS

SECOND TEAM

LINDSAY ROBINSON

HONORABLE MENTION

TABBY CLAWSON
CHRISTI HOGAN
ERIN LARSEN
ANGIE NIELSEN



POWER! Lindsay Robinson, '97, watches the ball she hit against an opposing player during regular season action this year.



WAITING... Vanessa Hoss, '96, Christi Hogan, '96, and Jenny Voss, '96, wait as the ball comes to them from an opponent.

SERVING IT UP!

For the second year in a row, the Hawkettes had their eyes set on State, but came up just one match short.

By Stacey Wierzbicki

It took dedication, skill, and perseverance for the Hawkettes to go almost undefeated for the whole season.

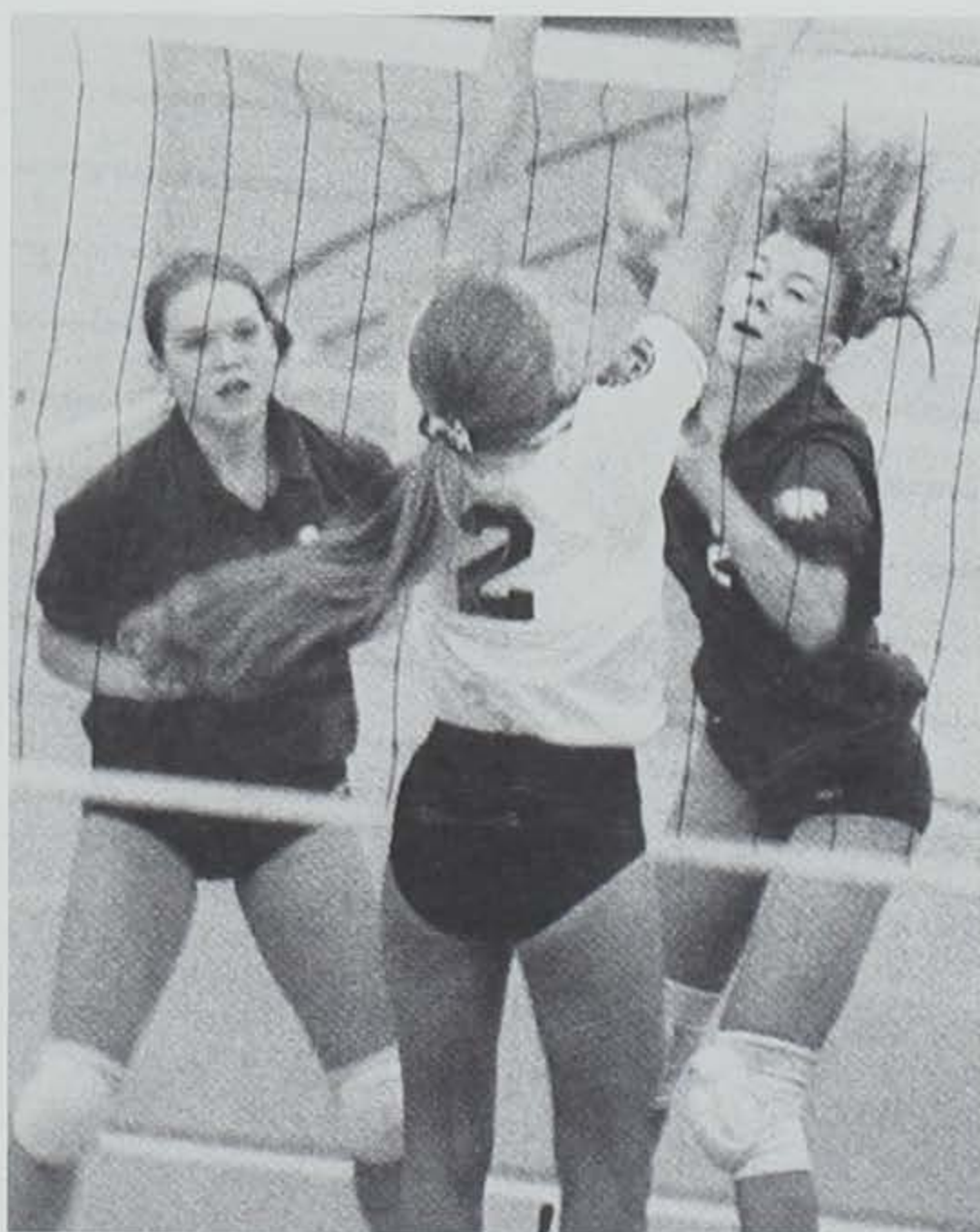
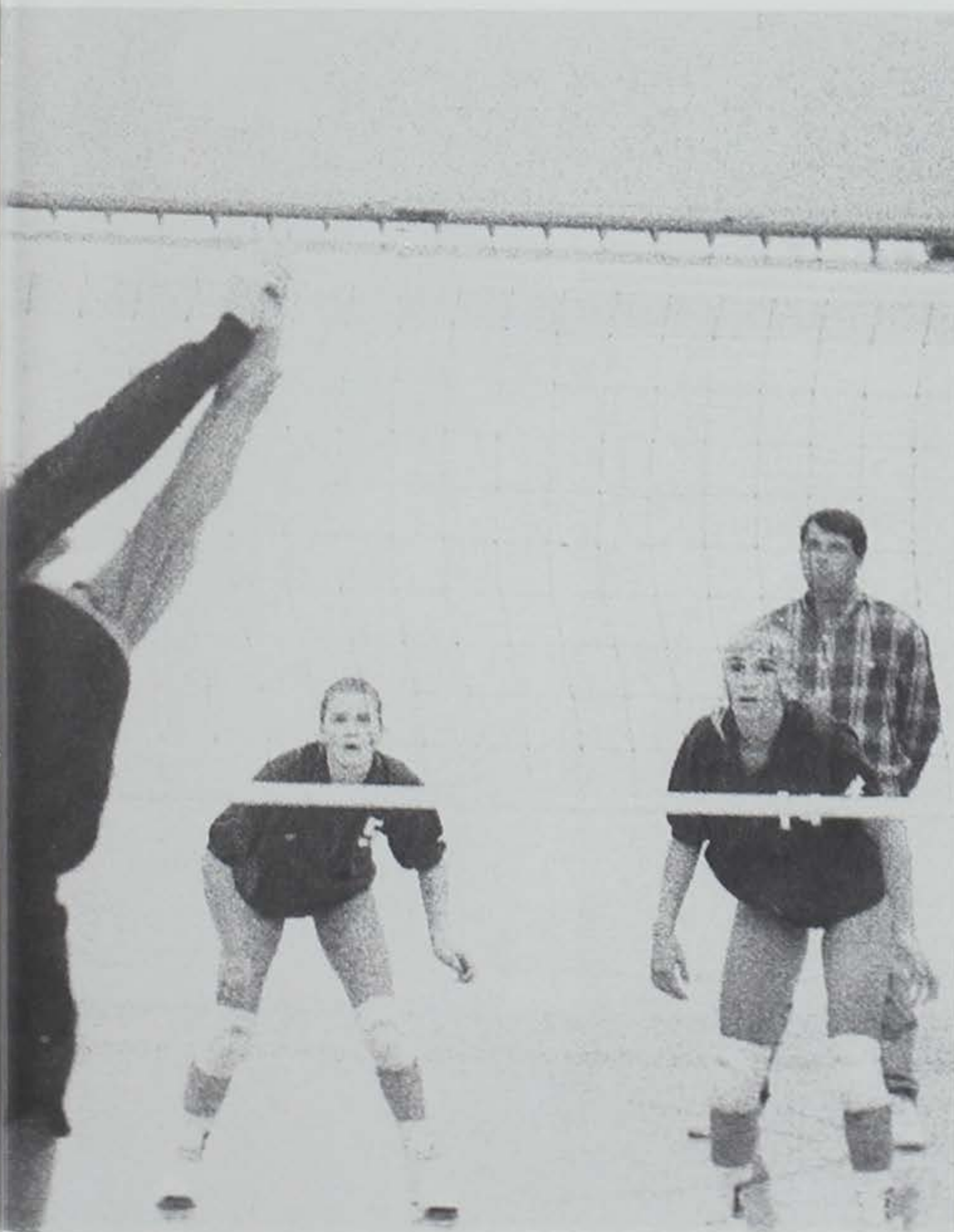
With four out of the six starting players being seniors, the Hawkettes volleyball team had high hopes of going to State. However, they didn't make it as far as they'd wanted when they lost in the first round of Districts. Christi Hogan, '96, said, "Our season went well even though we didn't make it as far as we could have. Everybody worked hard and put their best effort into it, so I'm pleased with how we finished."

The starters for this year's team were seniors Angie Aschoff, Jenny Voss, Vanessa Hoss, and Hogan. Underclassmen played a key role, also. Lindsay Robinson, '97, Angie Nielson, '98, Cory Verbeski, '97, and Missy Voigt, '98, contributed significantly to the team's victories throughout the season.

With that many seniors starting, the Hawkettes were bound to have an effect on the rest of the team. Robinson, '97, said, "The seniors played a major role this year. They really supported us and made us work hard to win every game."

The Hawkettes finished the season with a great record. Aschoff was named to Second Team All State and First Team C.I.M.L. All Conference. Aschoff said, "We worked real hard this season. The end was disappointing because we had high expectations for State, but I'm pleased with how we did overall." Voss was named to Second Team C.I.M.L. All Conference along with Robinson.

The Hawkettes had a super season and should be very proud that their hard work and dedication set the standards of the volleyball program for years to come. With only two returning starters for next season, the Hawkettes will have their work cut out for them.



HEADS UP! Angie Aschoff, '96, blocks a ball against Valley. Aschoff will be missed next season.

BLOCK! Jenny Voss, '96, a strong team leader, stops a shot from a Mason City player at a home game this season.

LEADING THE PACK

The Hawkette Cross-Country team ran the extra mile as the entire team qualified for the State meet.

By: Stacey Wierzbicki

The Ankeny Hawkette Cross-Country team reached new heights this year when the entire team qualified for State. This was a big accomplishment considering the major runners for the team were not seniors. The three top runners were Gina Gelatti, '97, Jill Nelson, '97, and Erin Jagnandan, '98.

Unlike other sports, cross-country is both a team and individual sport. Teammates are part of the team to work together and support each other to win the meets, but at the same time, all runners work as hard by themselves to run faster and improve their individual times. Jagnandan said, "Our team wasn't very close in the beginning, but by Districts and State, we really worked hard together to achieve our goals."

Working hard and working together took time and patience. The patience was well

worth the wait. The team started out the season with a 2nd place finish at the Ames Invitational and kept improving as the season continued. "This was the first time the team made it to State, so we had a great season. I was also pleased with the way I ran as well as the rest of the team," said Gelatti. Gelatti led the team at the State Meet when she placed 23rd. Nelson came in 2nd for the team coming in 40th place.

Three awards were given to the top runners at the end of the season. Megan Block, '98, received the Most Improved Award, Most Valuable went to Gelatti, and the Hustling Hawkette was awarded to Jagnandan.

The Hawkettes have their work cut out for them next season with all the talent returning.

RUNNING! Jill Nelson, '97, rounds a corner at the National Conference Meet this fall.



HUSTLE! Gina Gelatti, '97, shows perseverance she pursues a Fort Dodge opponent at an Invitational this fall.

DETERMINATION! Erin Jagnandan, '98, runs a great race with many opponents close on her heels this season.





1995 HAWKETTES! Row 1-L. Pace, B. Jones, W. Clark, K. Shelquist, A. Mein, A. Cornelius, K. Bennett, K. Shannon, M. Tesorero. Row 2-Cch. K. Benna, M. Beaman, M. Block, A. Dawyer, M. Hopkins, J. Blair, C. Ledin, E. Linder, N. Linderman, Cch. C. Doocy. Row 3-A. Hicks, K. Rasmussen, H. Runkel, G. Gelatti, J. Nelson, E. Buster, J. Waymas. Row 4-K. Egli, J. Grubel, J. Doman, K. Marsh, K. Segin, K. Greenough, A. Sherriff, E. Mack.



STATS

SEASON SCORES

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
WHO FINISHED THE SEA-
SON:

28

SEASON RECORD:
81-19

NUMBER OF LETTERMEN:
18

TEAM HONORS ACHIEVED:
3RD AT CONFERENCE
4TH AT DISTRICT
13TH AT STATE

INDIVIDUAL HONORS ACHIEVED BY ATHLETES:

- *GINA GELATTI-1ST TEAM
ALL-CONFERENCE
- *JILL NELSON-2ND TEAM
ALL-CONFERENCE
- *ERIN JAGNANDAN-2ND
TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

FINISH IN CONFERENCE STANDINGS:

3RD PLACE AT MEET
3 RUNNERS IN TOP NINE

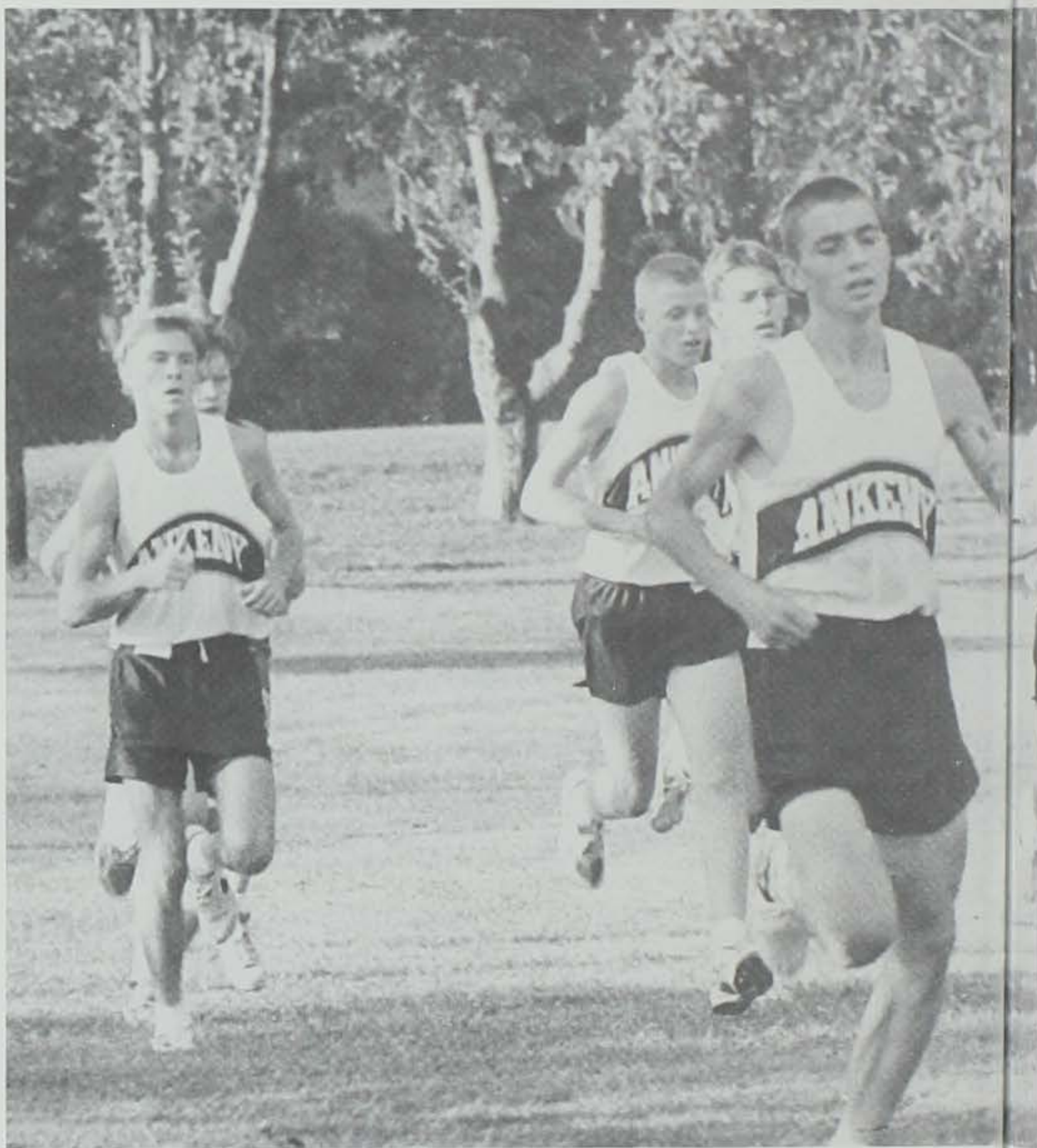


ENDURANCE! Gina Gelatti, '97, stays at the front of the pack at the beginning of the District Meet in the fall.

EFFORT! Jill Nelson, '97, puts forth great effort by passing other runners at an Invitational this season.

RUNNING IN THE PACK! Ankeny runners Jason Pepper '98, Bryce Good '98, Jon Rathje '96, and Ryan Vestal '96 compete in a meet.

CLIMB! Ankeny runners Bryce Good '98, and Cory Grant, '98, climb a hill in a meet at Ankeny this season. Both runners will return next season for the Hawks.



FRONT RUNNERS

The Hawks dominated in Class 3-A with a 4th place finish at State, a near perfect end to a perfect season.

By Jason Hill

The Ankeny Boys' Cross Country team experienced a tremendous season. After capturing a seventh place finish at State in 1994, the Hawks were back in 1995 with a goal to win the State Title.

Throughout the entire regular season, the Hawks were undefeated. In some cases, they even sent their top junior varsity runners to compete on the varsity level. The Hawks also captured titles at the Conference meet and at Districts.

The Hawks chose to run in a different style this season. Placing more of their runners closer together, they would run in a pack. This strategy worked well for the Hawks, resulting in an undefeated regular season through Districts.

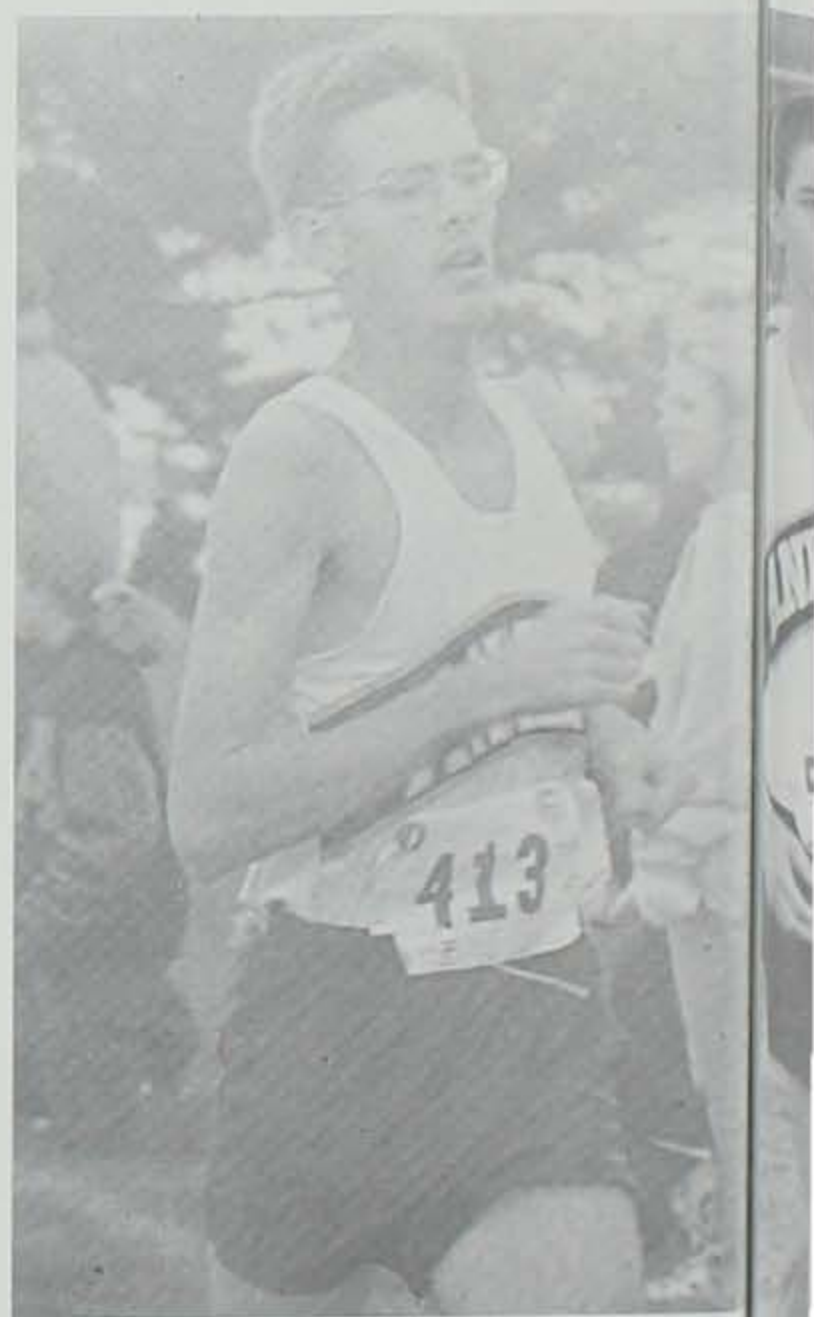
The Hawks traveled to the State meet in Fort Dodge on a cool, windy Saturday morning in

October, hoping to continue their streak.

At State, the Hawks ran their best race ever, with a team time of 82 minutes and 21 seconds, edging their performance at districts by over 30 seconds. However, their best wasn't enough to win the State title. Dubuque's senior runners finished first, second, and third, capturing the title. Bryce Good, '98, lead the Hawks to a fourth place finish. Although it was not what they had hoped for, it was still a great finish to an exceptional season.

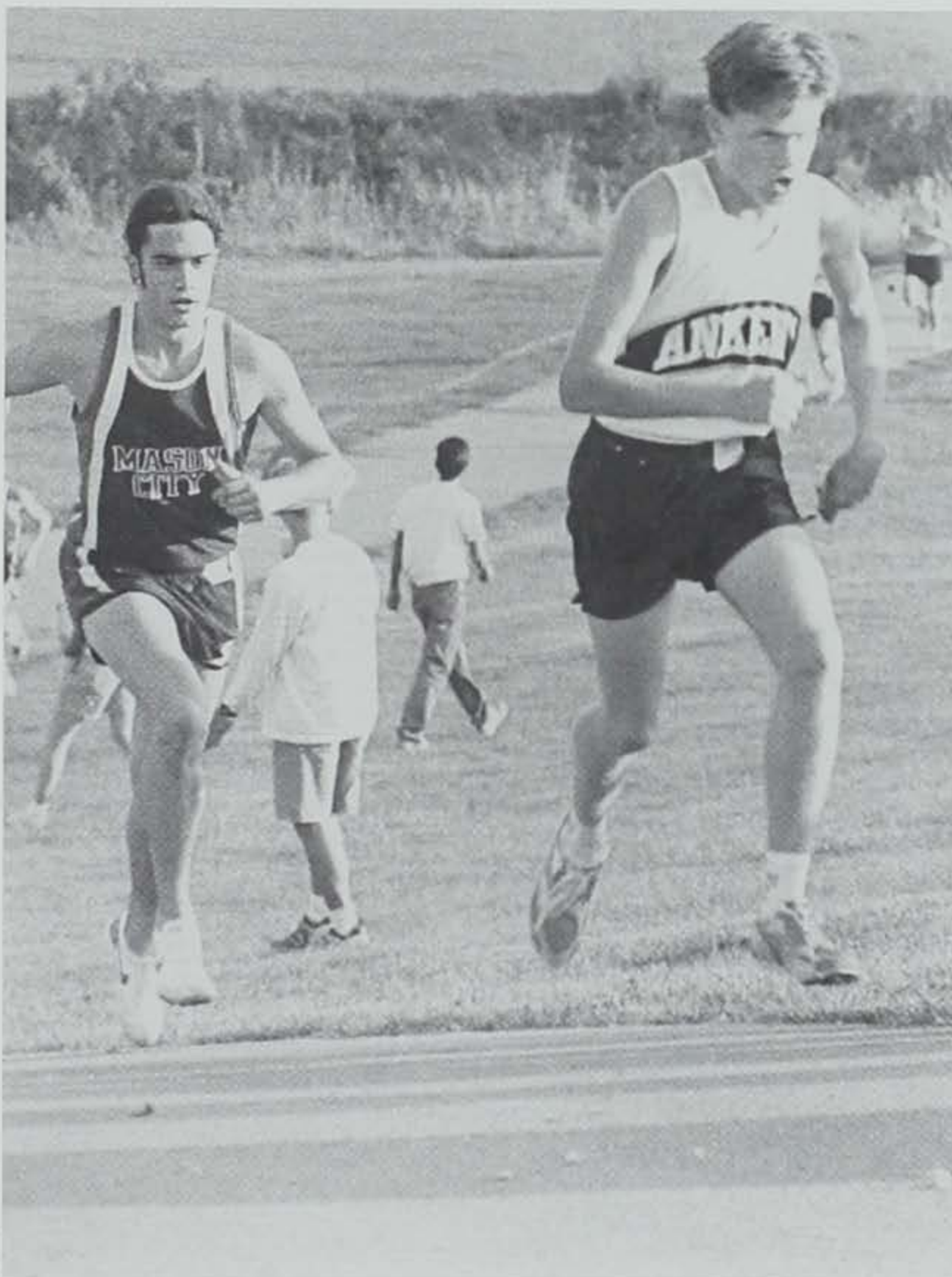
The Hawks will once again have a shot at the State title next season. Their top four finishers at State, which include Bryce Good, '98, Cory Grant, '98, Jason Peppers, '98, and TJ Tollakson, '99, will be looking to make it a third consecutive undefeated season, culminating in a State title.

FINISH STRONG! Ankeny runner Jon Rathje, '96, finishes a race during the regular season for the Hawks. Rathje finished 35th at State for the Hawks.





AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK!
Aaron Ruff, '97, battles with Mason City's Tom Caughlin. Ruff helped the team on their way to the state meet this season.



WHEW! Ankeny runners Jason Peppers, '98, Jon Rathje, '96, Bryce Good, '98 T.J. Tollakson, '99, Cory Grant, '98, and Ryan Vesta, '96, catch a breather.



STATS

MEET	PLACE
AMES	1ST
MARSHALLTOWN	1ST
CEDAR FALLS	1ST
JOHNSTON	1ST
INDIANOLA	1ST
ANKENY	1ST
EAGLE GROVE	1ST
C.I.M.L.	1ST
DISTRICTS	1ST
STATE	4TH

MOST VALUABLE RUNNER :

**BRYCE GOOD &
JASON PEPPERS**

MOST IMPROVED RUNNER :

BRIAN BOOKWALTER

STATE MEET RESULTS

PLACE	RUNNER
16	BRYCE GOOD
23	CORY GRANT
27	JASON PEPPERS
28	TJ TOLLAKSON
35	JON RATHJE
37	BRYAN THORNBURG
58	RYAN VESTAL

AVERAGE SCORING TIME :

16: 28.12



1995 HAWK CROSS COUNTRY.
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STATS

US SEASON SCORES THEM

49	DM EAST	14
59	DM HOOVER	7
17	AMES	31
14	URBANDALE	13
21	MARSHALLTOWN	14
27	NEWTON (OT)	26
35	MASON CITY	6
21	WDM VALLEY	6

1ST ROUND PLAYOFFS

13	AMES	20
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OFFENSIVE AVERAGE
30.0 POINTS PER GAME

DEFENSIVE AVERAGE
13.7 POINTS PER GAME

ALL CONFERENCE HONORS

1ST TEAM

D. RAUSER
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T. EICHSENER
T. SIEVERS
D. STUART
M. PEDERSON
C. KENNEDY

2ND TEAM

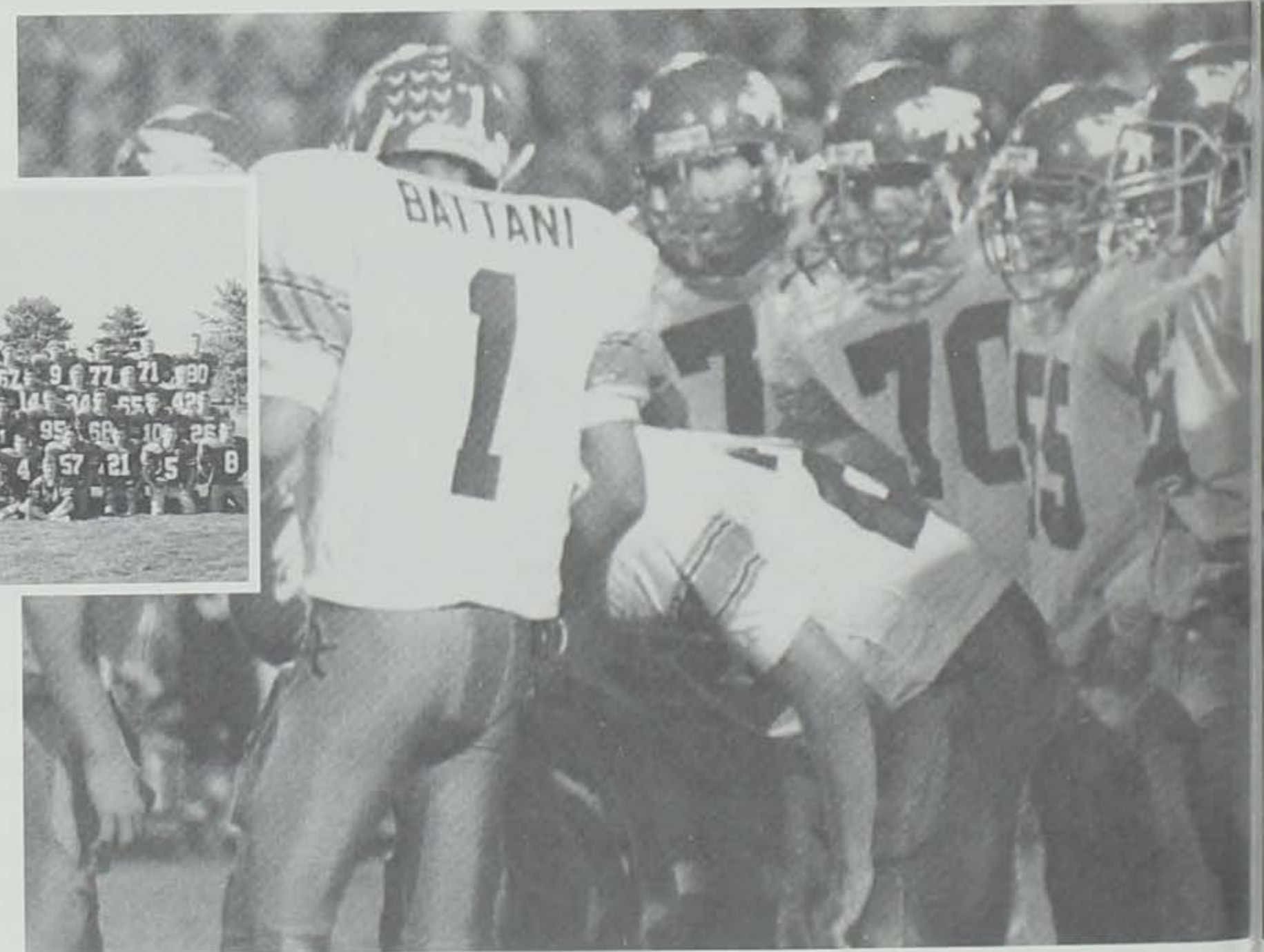
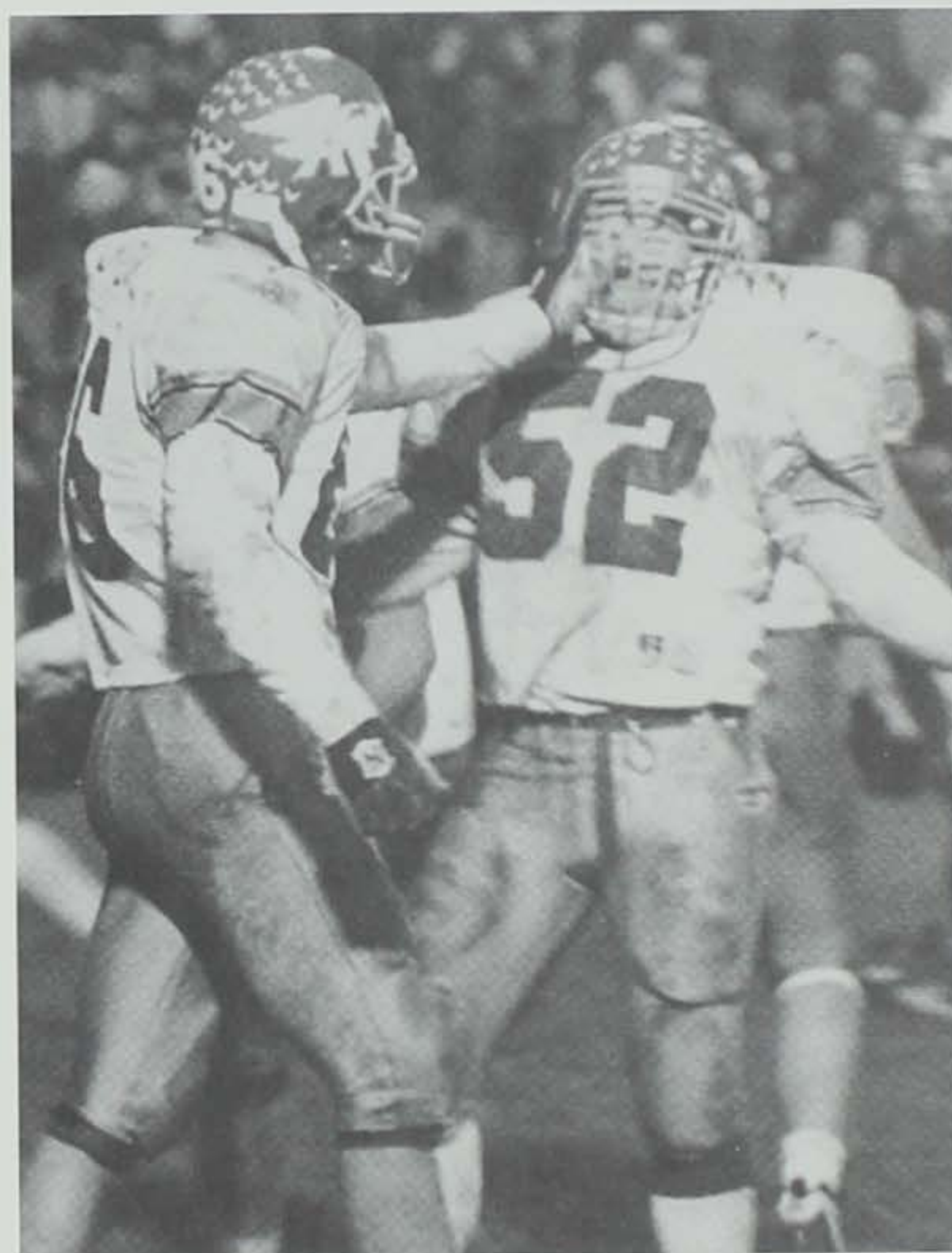
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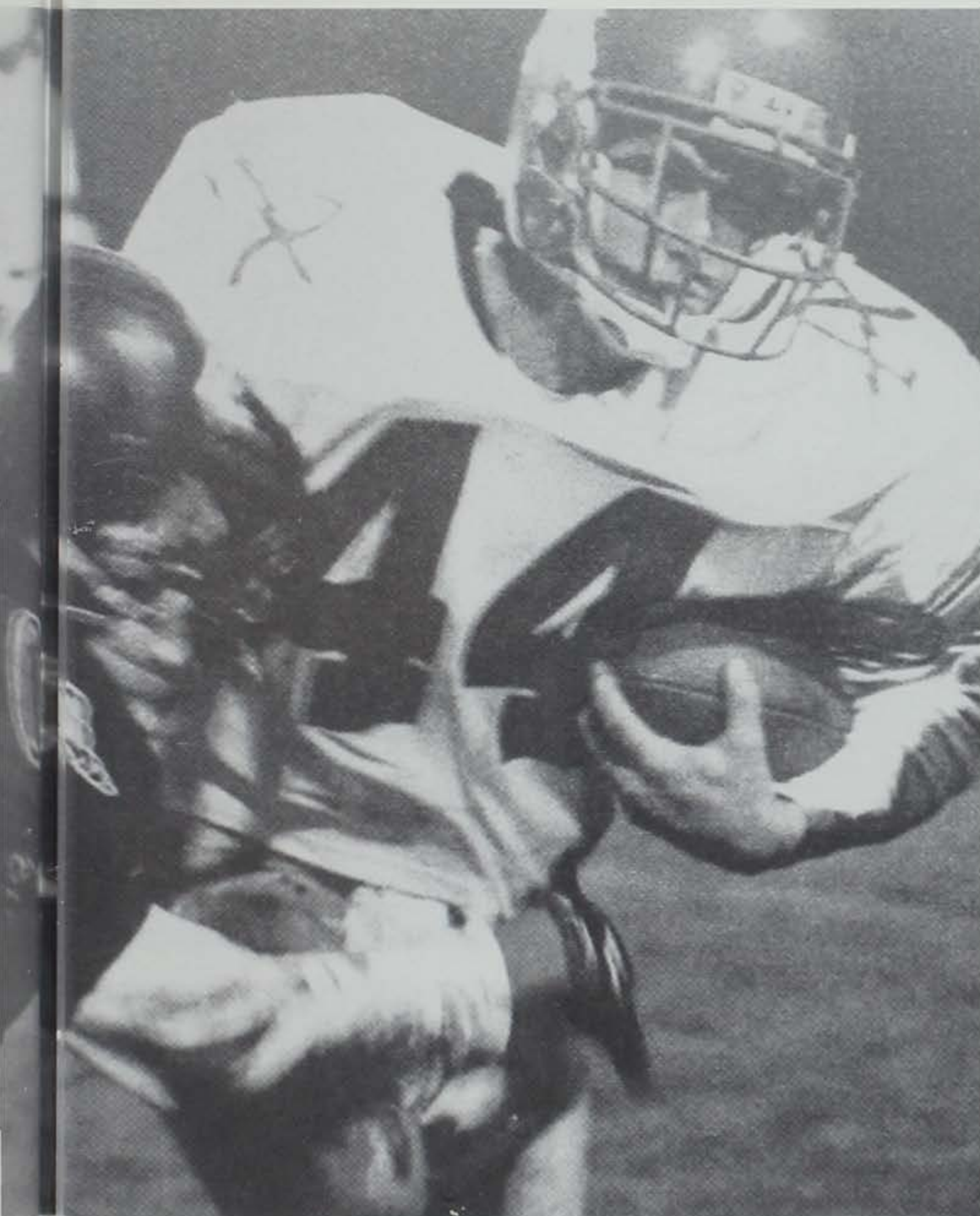
J. QUINLIN
T. BATTANI
M. LARSON
B. FERIN
J. LEER

DEFENSE! Mark Pederson, '96, celebrates with teammate Derek Stuart, '96, after beating Valley this season ending a long string of losses to the Tigers.

WHAT'S THE CALL?! Tony Battanni, '96, runs in the play to quarterback Jack Pennington, '96. The passing duo hooked up 11 times this season for 231 yards.



1995 HAWKS R1-M. Gardner, J. Pennington, J. Leer, S. Frisk, C. Long, C. Edrington, J. Miller, T. Whitaker, A. Floerchinger, K. Swihart, R. Blahauvietz, B. Ferin, J. Ingle. R2-J. Betlach, B. Adams, M. Ryherd, J. White, M. Pederson, J. Burright, B. Rewerts, T. Sievers, T. Battani, K. Sledge, J. Farrell, M. Agena, B. Campbell. R3-C. Leonard, T. Eichenseer, J. Quinlin, B. Hill, B. Koehler, N. Miltenberger, R. Justice, M. Hale, K. Bolejack, S. Phillips, D. Rauser, J. Gassman. R4- A. Bush, T. Stober, R. Bierl, J. Buschow, J. Lukenbill, C. Kennedy, D. Stuart, M. Larson, M. Chumbley, C. Skelton, J. Williams, D. Northwick, J. Happe.



RUNNING HARD! Tony Eichenseer, '96, the leading scorer in the National Conference, fights off an Ames defender in a first round playoff game.

IN THE HUNT! Joe Quinlin, '96, hunts down a Marshalltown player. Quinlin had 51 tackles while helping lead the Hawks to the #1 defense in the CIML.



BALANCED ATTACK

Stellar special teams, a stingy defense, and an explosive offense led the Hawks to a CIML Championship.

By Jacob Miller

Energy filled the air as the 1995 Ankeny football season approached. Both players and coaches shared an enthusiasm for what they thought might be one of the best football teams in Ankeny history.

The Hawks kicked off the season by punishing their two non-conference opponents East and Hoover with a combined score of 108-21. The Hawks defense led the way and would be a key factor in their success later in the season. The team had met the expectations of the coaches and the fans, but there was no time to celebrate because the race for the CIML Championship was just around the corner.

The Hawks first test came on the road against Ames. Despite a total team effort, the Hawks fell to the Little Cyclones, 31-17. The true test was just beginning: how would the Hawks react to their first loss of the season?

They responded with a six game winning streak that began with victories over Urbandale, Fort

Dodge, and Marshalltown, to set up a showdown with 6th ranked Newton on the Hawks home turf. What prevailed was one of the greatest comebacks that a football team ever orchestrated. The Hawks triumphed in overtime 27-26, beating Newton for the first time in eleven tries.

The Hawks ended their conference season with victories over Mason City, 35-6, and a hard fought victory in the mud at Valley Stadium, 21-6. "Winning a conference that is as tough as ours shows the tremendous effort put forth by the athletes," said Head Coach Jerry Pezzetti.

The Hawks traveled to Ames for their first trip to the playoffs in four years, facing the only team that had beaten them. Despite a great effort by the Hawks, they fell to Ames 20-13, ending the season everyone will remember.

HIT THE HOLE! Chad Leonard, '96, rips through Urbandale defenders, in the Homecoming Game. Leonard was second on the team in yards per carry.

BOYS GOLF: Row 1-Who Knows, Shawn Stallman, Tim Scheib, Justin Bauer, Tom Wierzbicki, Peter Nessa, Travis Grangeorge, Jason Krause, Jeremy Spillman, Matt Hoss, Trevor Taylor, Greg Eckels, Joe Earp. Row 2-Brad Wedeking, Adam Wood, Ben Kootwick, Randy Simpson, Kem Saichae, Jon Linder, Josh Zinn, Doug Fuller, Zach Hamilton, Justin Dyar. Row 3-Josh Hedeman, Mike LaBounty, Alan Pothast, Brent Harlow, Eric Reno, Eric Metzger, Dane Merry, Darren Semrow. Row 4- Nate Adamson, Brett Lee, Sean McCauly, Eric Clabaugh, Scott Canfield, Jason Cochran, Chance Chesnut.



QUOTES

"Our team this year was really close, and we had a lot of fun playing together."

Lisa Hale, '98

"I had a lot of fun playing with my teammates and learned a lot from them."

Julie Metheny, '98

GIRLS GOLF: Row 1-Kari Froehlich, Jessie Dirks, Michelle Gilbert, Jessie Bohnet, Jen Carelton. Row 2-Coach Toney Dickey, Carisa Spain, Erin Hoffman, Julie Cross, Lisa Hale. Row 3-Casey Anderson, Anne Benj, Shauna Frisk, Julie Metheny, Sara Gilbert, Laura Junod.



SOARING! Eyeing one of his drives, Tom Wierzbicki, '96, played a major factor in this year's boys' golf team success.

UP, UP, AND AWAY. Justin Bauer, '96, watches his ball soar towards the tee in hopes of a good lie.

T EERING THE BALL UP

Boys and girls golf members swing for a berth in the state tournament.

By Jacob Miller
The 1995-1996 boy's and girls golf season's began with high expectations. With experienced players returning for both teams, it was a given that they would be contenders for their respective conference titles.

The girls golf team had high hopes for success this season after a strong season last year. They had many returning starters on the varsity level, and many newer experienced players at the junior varsity level. "I had a lot of fun playing with my teammates and learned a lot from them," said Julie Metheny, '98.

Players on this year's team weren't all from Ankeny. Some players were from North Polk because their school could not field a team. To compound that, the weather was very cold and very wet. The golfers faced tough weather conditions every time they stepped on the course.

"Our team this year was really close, and we

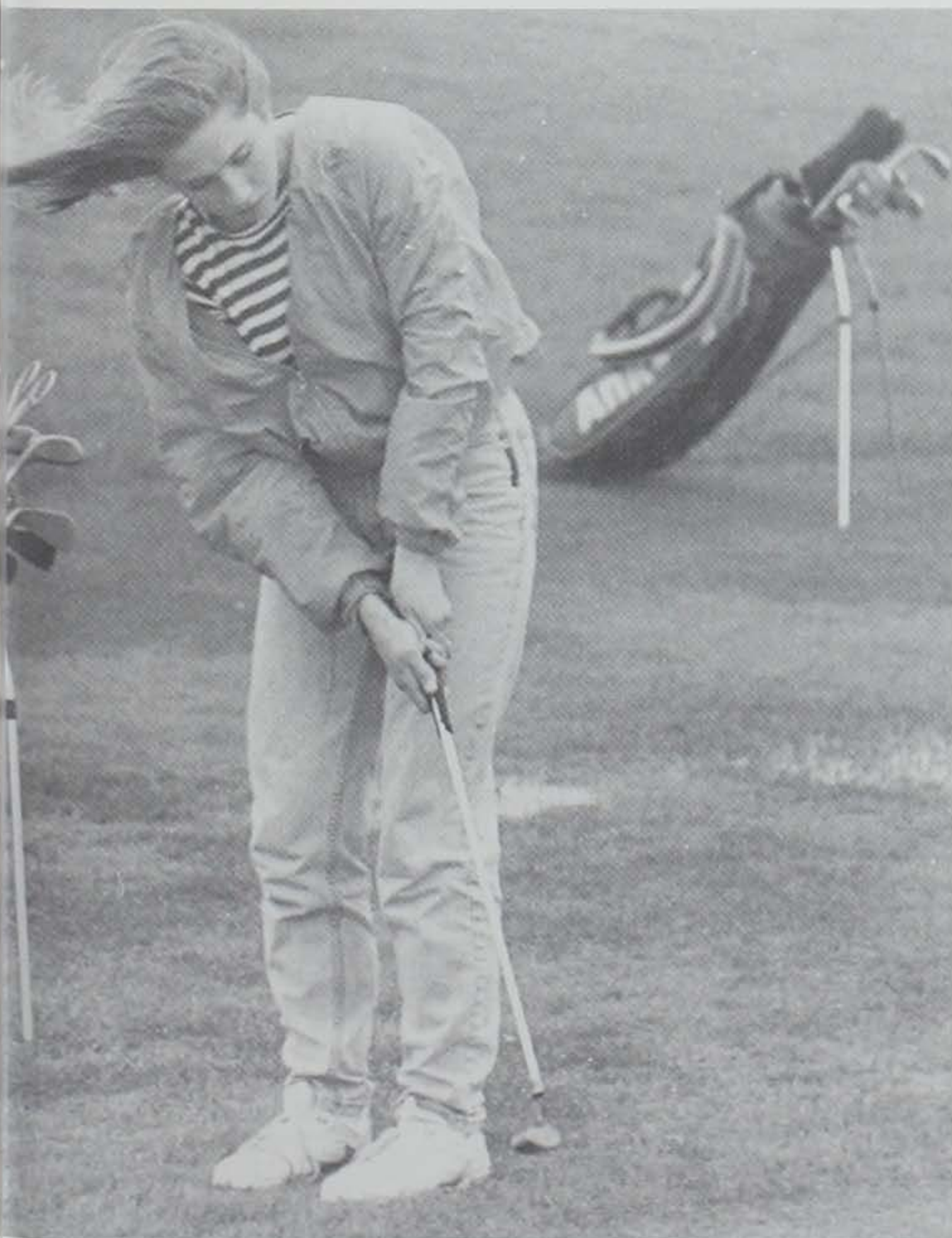
had a lot of fun playing together," said Lisa Hale, '98.

The boys also had very high expectations for their season. The Hawks were led by Tim Scheib, '96, Tom Weirzbicki, '96, Trevor Taylor, '96, Justin Bauer, '96, and Adam Wood, '96. They also had a surprising appearance by freshman Mike LaBounty, who lettered for varsity in his first season.

Next season looks to be a rebuilding year for the Hawks. "Losing the seniors will be tough, but we must play this summer to be a stronger team next season," said Justin Dyar, '98.

The 1995-1996 golfers had big shoes to fill coming into the season. Although they didn't live up to the hype, they had a gallant effort all season.

CHIPPING. Tim Shieb, '96, chips on the green at one of Ankeny's home meets at Otter Creek.



THINKING. Tom Wierzbicki, '96, looks at his ball as he decides which way to putt it.

DELIBERATING. Jenny Carelton, '96, watches her putt, one of her strong points, as it nears the cup.

TAKE IT TO THE MAT

Battling injuries and illness, wrestlers hope for a better season next year when almost the entire team returns.

By Danielle Rethmeier

"A rough season may have disappointed some, but many look forward with hope to next year when almost the entire team returns," explains T.J. Duke, '98. Having a very tough District, Ankeny still qualified Chad Leonard, '96, for State. At 160 pounds, Leonard won first round against Drew Dittmers of Council Bluffs, but in the second round, he was defeated by Steve Blackford of Dowling. Third round Leonard lost again to Gene Meed of Charles City to end his chance of placing at State one last time. Five wrestlers barely escaped their chance to wrestle at the barn. They were Jason Bremer, '96, Nate Bagby, '98, Bryan Eichenberger, '98, Nate Miltenberger, '98, and Josh Cowart, '99.

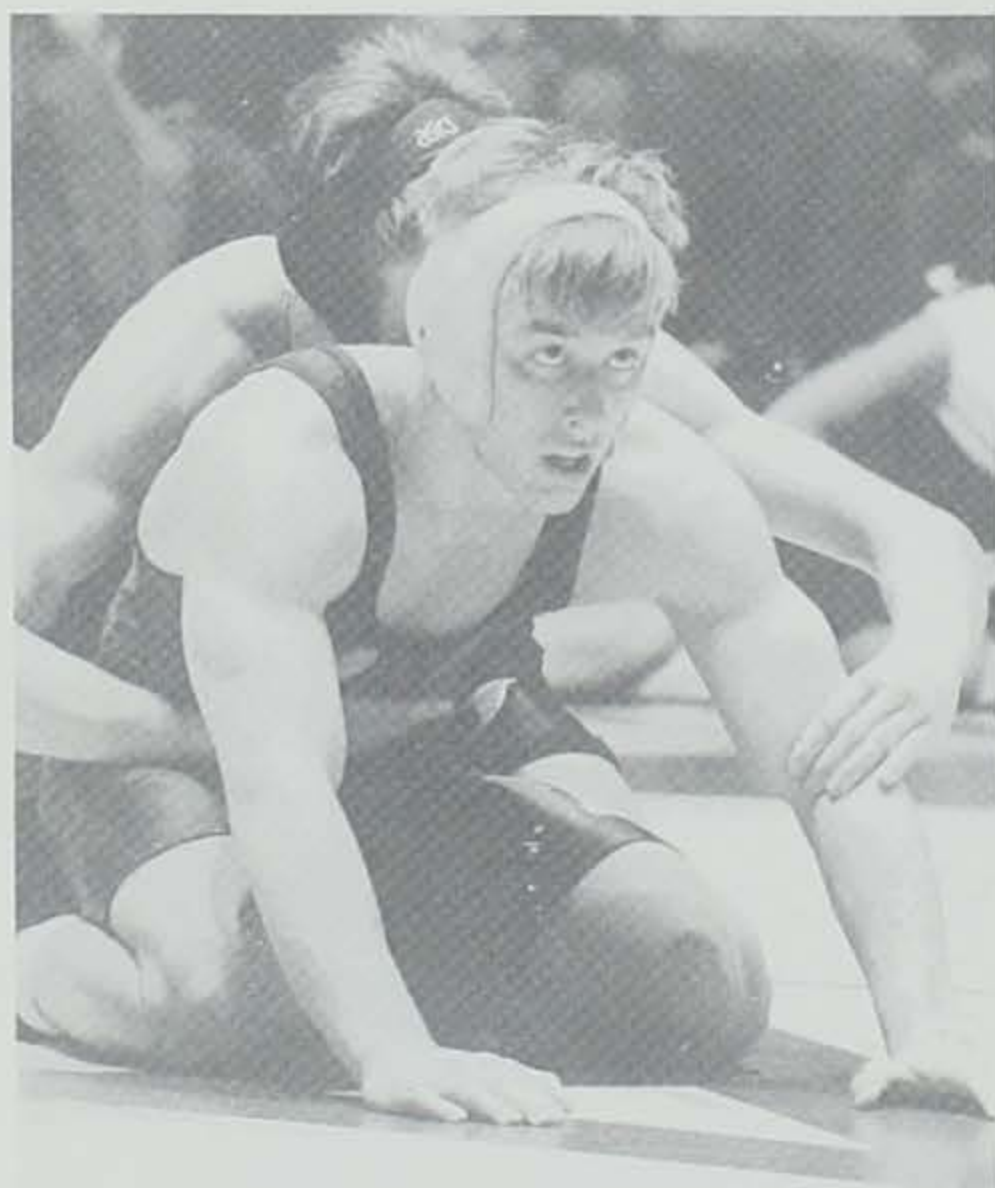
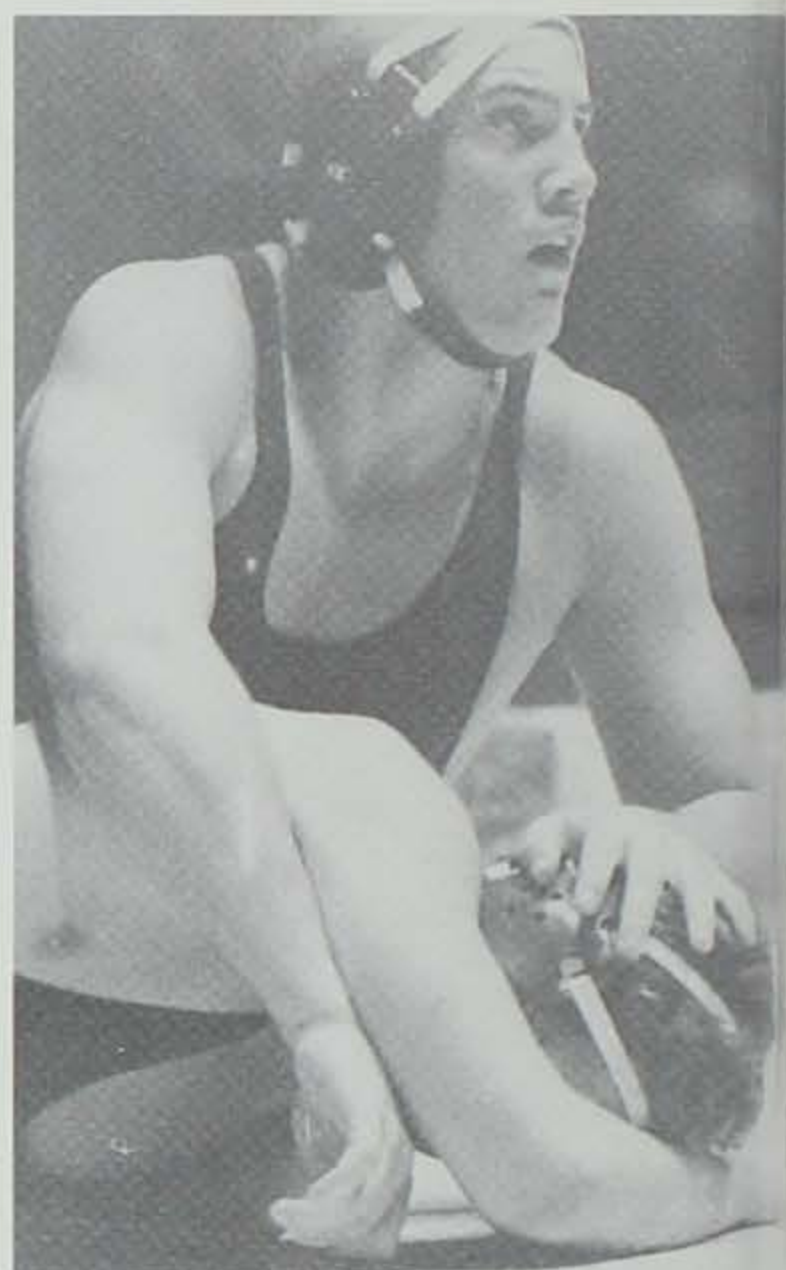
"Wrestling is a tough sport. Not everyone can do it. Either you love it or you hate it. There is no in between. Wrestling is hard work, dedication, and preparation. It takes mental and physical toughness. There is no moment when you can

let up. It is just you and your opponent. We had an O.K. season this year, but hopefully next year will be better," explains Bagby.

"We had a rather young team that wrestled well in the beginning of the season. All of the illnesses and injuries hit us hard near the end of the season, which hurt us at the Conference meet and the District tournament. Next year, if everyone stays healthy and can make the right weight classes, then we should have a good year," said AHS Head Coach Dave Ewing.

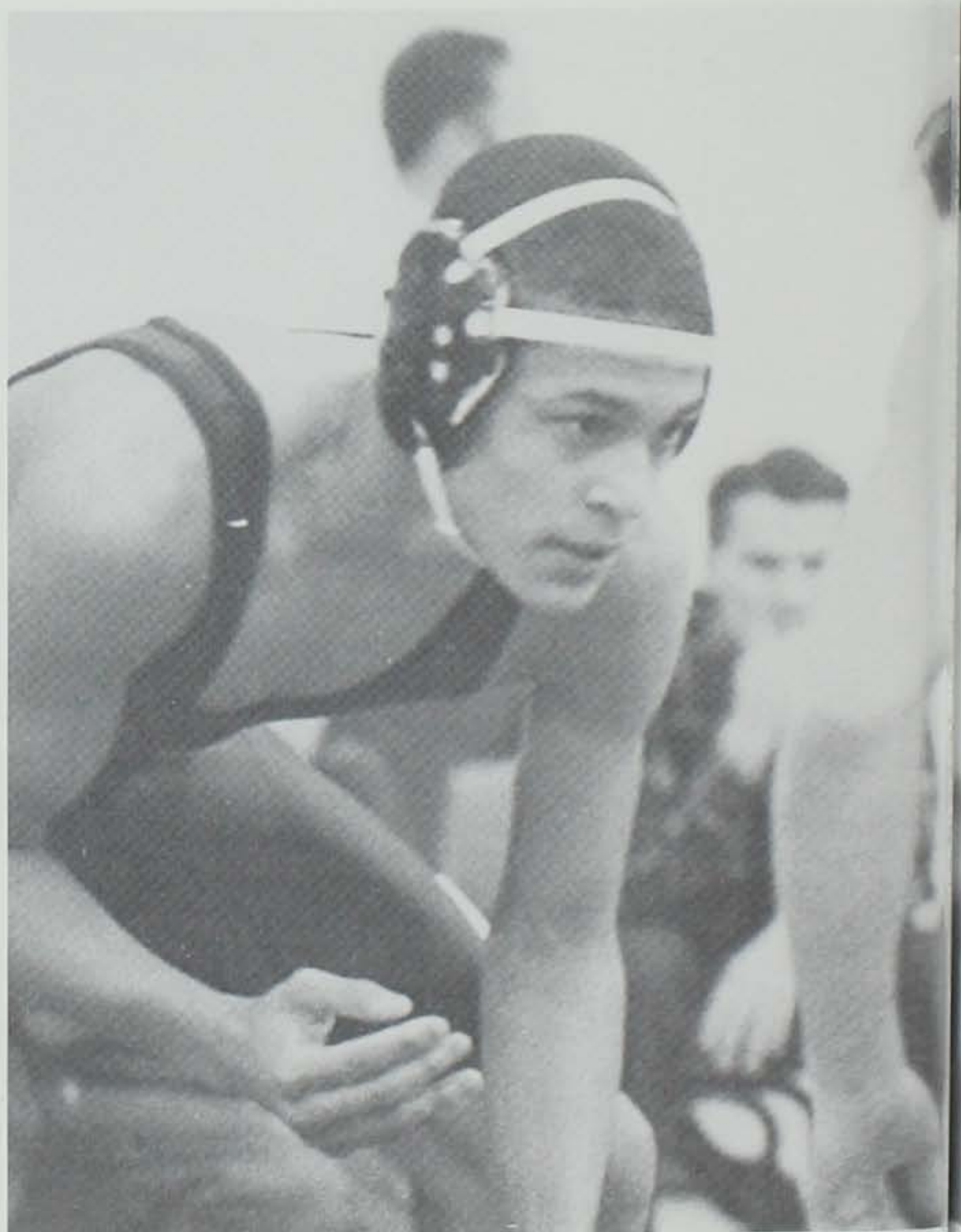
It may have been a tough season, but a lot was accomplished. Almost every wrestler has at least one year left, while many have two. This leaves most wrestlers with the hope of a better season, better records, and possibly a State title.

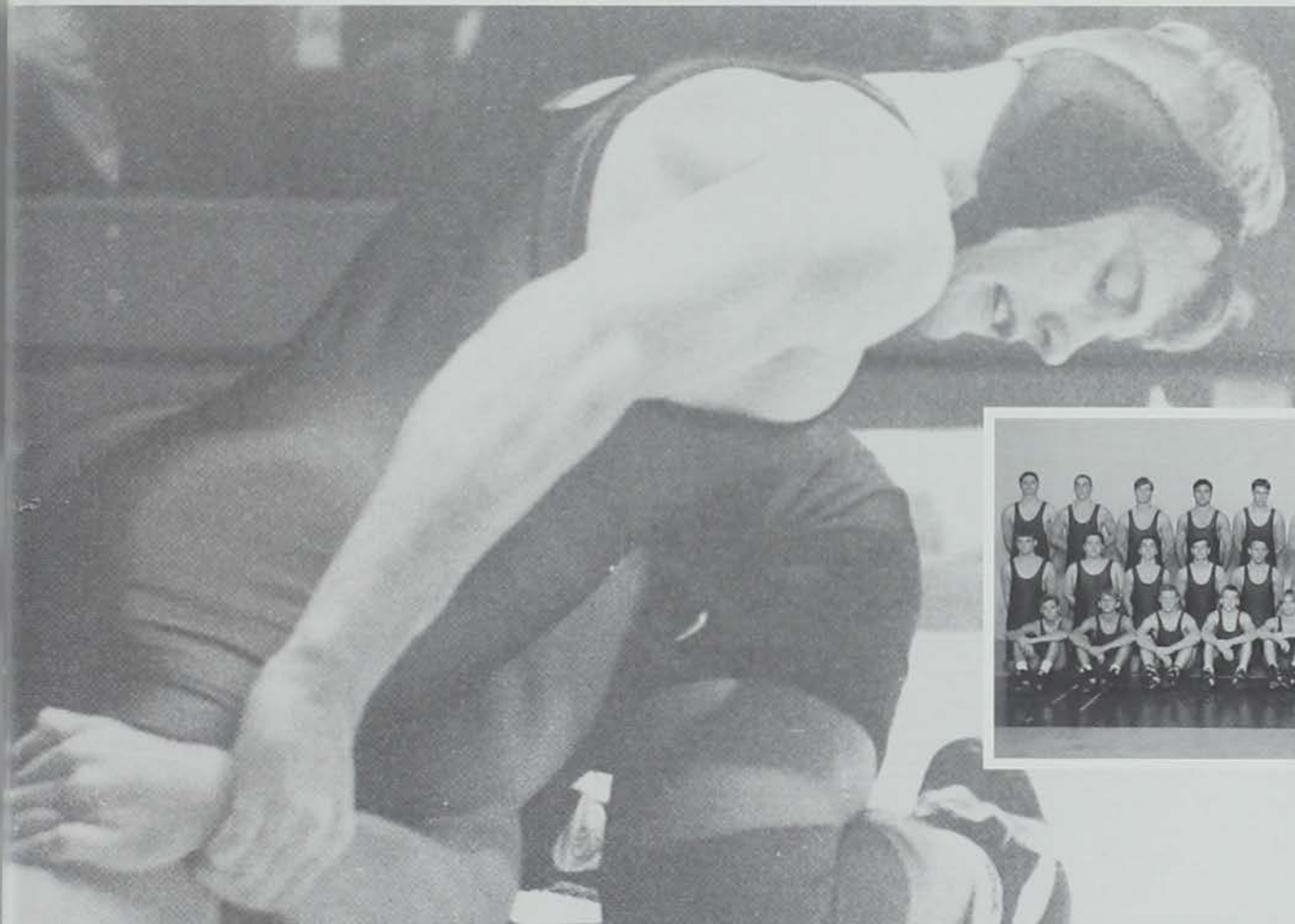
WORN DOWN! Nate Miltenberger, '98, listens to his coach for help on how to end his tiresome match.



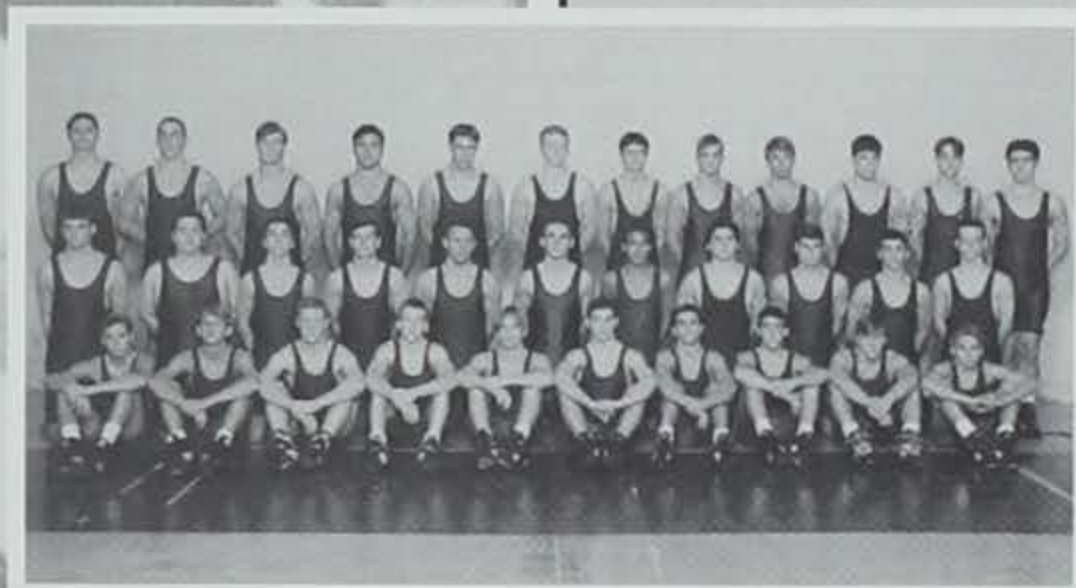
GET READY! Jared Beard, '97, prepares to start his match. Officials flipped a coin to determine a wrestler's position.

CONCENTRATE! Nothing phases Nate Bagby, '98 as he wrestles in the finals of the Bob Sharp tournament.





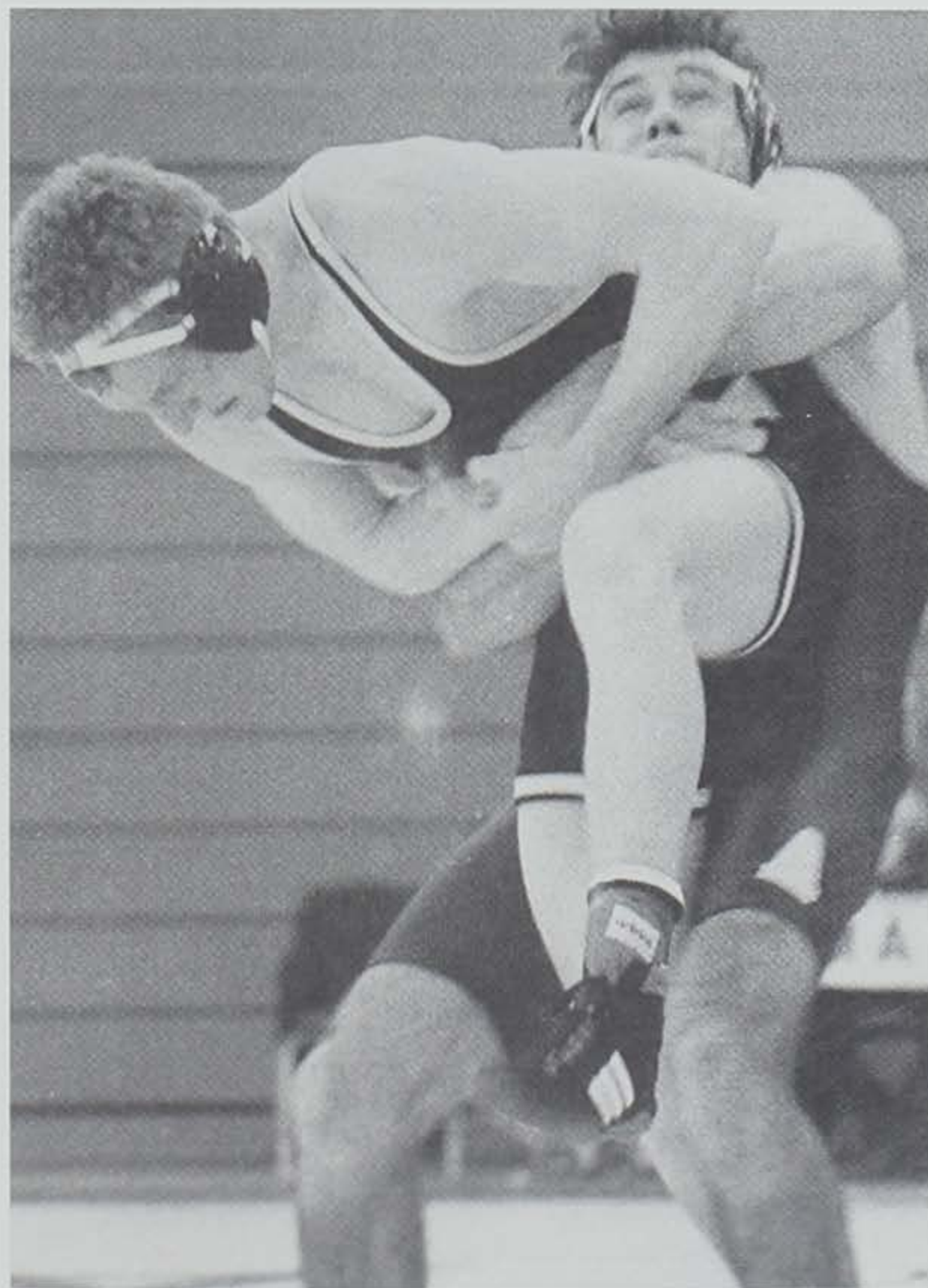
1996 HAWKS! Row 1- D. Bell, N. Garvey, J. Elsworth, B. McBee, A. Fuchtmann, R. Tucci, T.J. Duke, A.J. Fink, J. Beard, J. Cowart. Row 2-M. McCarty, A. Matson, K. Lepert, N. Luick, T. Eichenberger, N. Bagby, A. Orosco, J. Moore, J. Ferin, E. Pieart. Row 3-P. McPherson, N. Miltenberger, T. Eichenseer, C. Leonard, C. Cain, A. McGuire, J. Schira, K. Moon, J. Bremer, J. Staples, C. Fontana, S. Llyod.



STATS

SEASON SCORES

THEM		US
34	SOUTH TAMA	22
33	MASON CITY	32
17	AMES	52
42	URBANDALE	16
34	VALLEY	42
06	SAYDEL	57
36	S.E. POLK	27
49	INDEPENDENCE	12
21	NEWTON	42
32	MARSHALLTOWN	32
42	FORT DODGE	24
34	IOWA CITY	18
33	LEMARS	36
52	JOHNSTON	18



VICTORIOUS! Derek Stuart, '96, overcomes his opponent during one of the three tournaments at Ankeny.

TAKEDOWN! Chad Leonard, '96, throws his opponent during Ankeny High School's Bob Sharp Tournament.

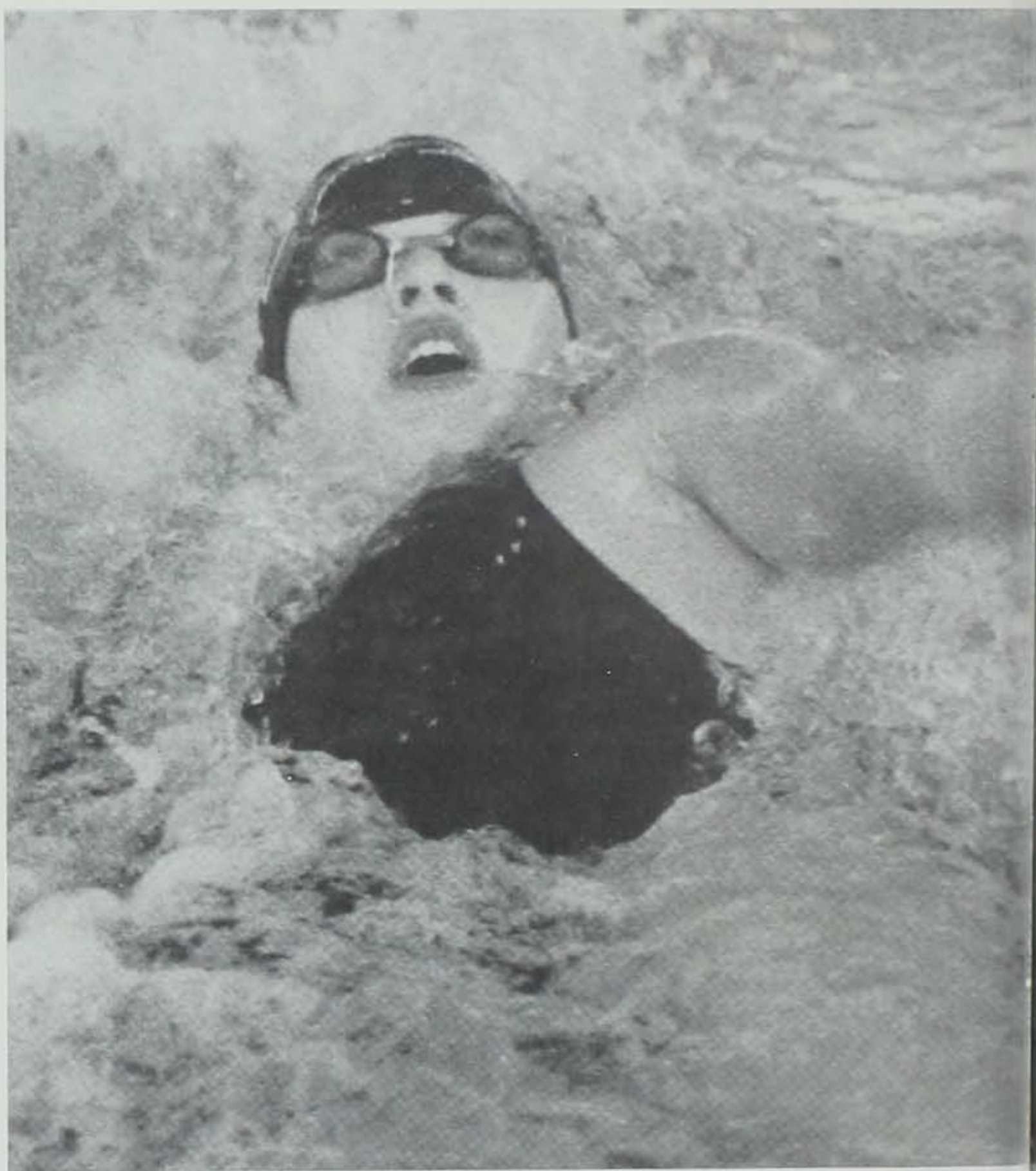
Chad Leonard, '96, won the title Mr. Take down, with 55 takedowns. The school record still stands with 90 takedowns by Derek Stuart, '96, in 94-95. Leonard also took 2nd place on the Top Ten Most Varsity Wins with 81 wins, missing the record by a mere five wins.

Nate Bagby, '98, received the school record of Mr. Pin with 15 pins.

Jared Beard, '97, received the highest record of Ankeny High School for 30 matches or more, with a record of 49-13 (79.1%).

ATTACK! Sarah VanOort, '97, attacks the water in the 100 meter backstroke event this fall at an away meet.

POWER! Alissa Tollakson, '97, takes a break after winning the 100 meter freestyle event at a dual meet against Mason City.



SWIMMING TO STATE

Full of commitment and dedication, Hawks' and Hawkettes' dreams came true by qualifying for state.

By: Stacey Wierzbicki

The Hawks and Hawkettes Swim Teams showed great improvement this year from last season. The Hawkettes made history by qualifying the whole team for State. The Hawks also qualified for State and ended the season placing 8th at the State Meet.

The Hawkettes season started off great and ended even better. Sarah VanOort, '97, said, "By working together we reached our team goals this year and started a new tradition for Ankeny Girls' Swimming. Our future looks bright." VanOort swam the butterfly event, the 200 meter individual medley, and the medley relay event. Other swimmers who helped the team out significantly were Alissa Tollakson, '97, Amanda Cross, '97, Jenny Borich, '98, and Jamie Townsend, '97. The team grew closer and closer as the season continued to improve. Townsend,

said, "We all bonded from early morning practices. We were great teammates as well as close friends."

The Hawk Swim Team also had a great season. The team practiced as hard they could and their dedication led them a trip to State. Jeremy Betlach, '97, said, "This year was intense and exciting. I'm proud of the men this year." Everybody should have been proud of by the way they swam. They placed 8th at the State meet and had many guys place in the individual standings.

Soren Peterson, '96, said, "The team did extremely well, surpassed all expectations, and will continue to improve with a strong nucleus of underclassmen swimmers who have the ability and drive to carry this team to a top three State finish."

SPEED! Mark Williams, '96, uses his speed to win the 100 meter breaststroke event at a meet versus Valley this fall.



STROKE! Jenny Borich, '98, places third in the 200 meter individual medley event this fall at a meet against Mason City.

CONGRATULATIONS! Members of the Hawk swim team receive medals for placing 3rd at the State Meet.

RECAP

"Swimming is a difficult sport and not everybody can do it. We had a great season."

Ryan Hallenbeck, '98

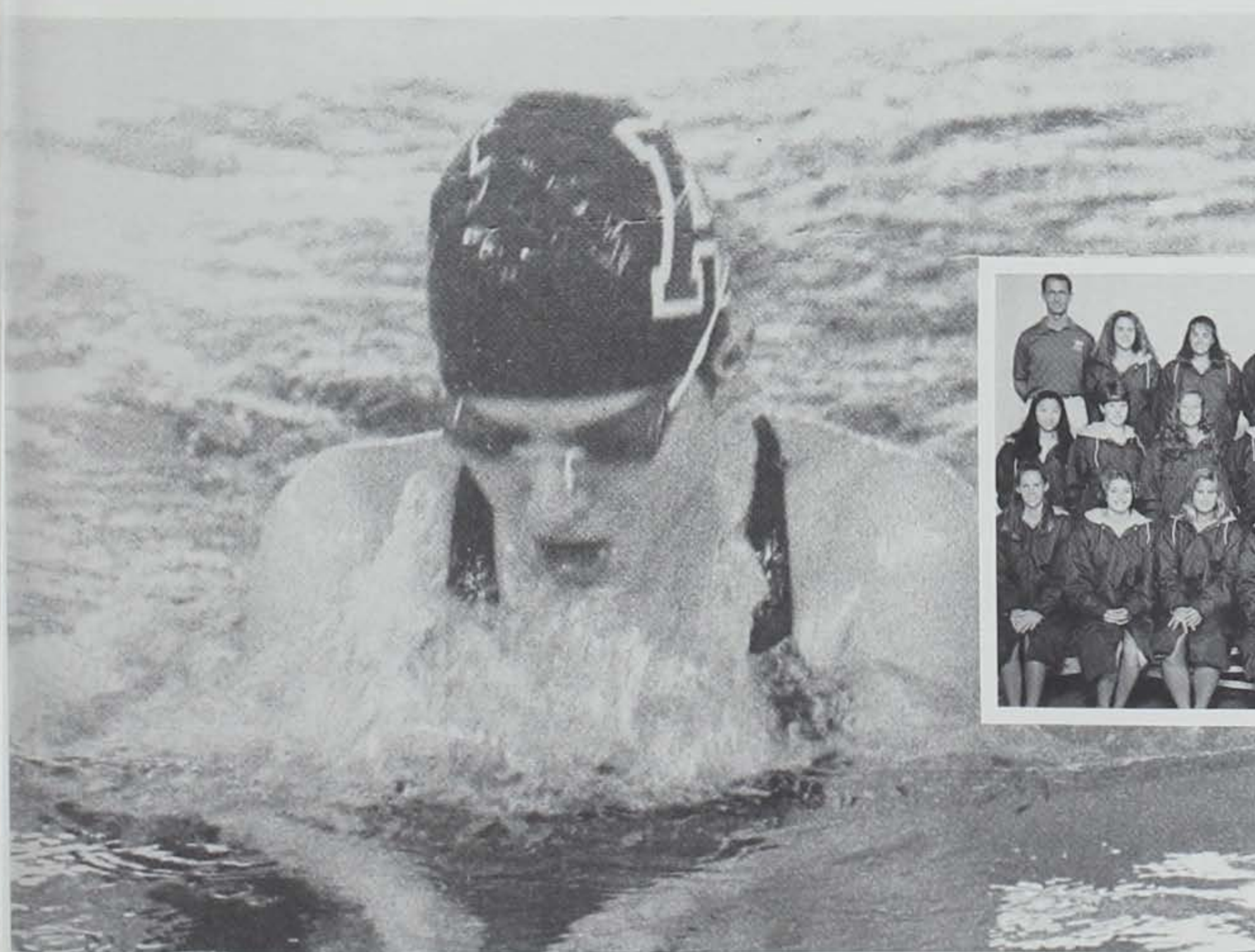
HAWKS. Row 1: Mgr. M. Ballard, A. Dickinson, A. Sschwiner, J. Peppers, A. Baugher, J. Alcott, A. Betlach. Row 2: M. Fujinaka, M. Breikreutz, T. Hopkins, T.J. Tollakson, J. Betlach, Cch. John. Row 3: M. Berry, M. Williams, R. Hallenbeck, S. Peterson, C. George, J. Bertrum, B.J. Brent, Cch. M. Nordby.



Jamie Townsend, '97, said, "We all bonded from early morning practices and from spending five hours a day in the pool together. It made the season that much better because we were close teammates as well as close friends."



HAWKETTES. Row 1: S. McQuinn, S. VanOort, L. Lindstrom, M. Anderson, M. Ballard, S. Magnesun, S. Grieve, J. Meyers. Row 2: A. Cross, J. Borich, A. Gibbons, J. Cross, A. Tollakson, T. Noorgart, J. Townsend, S. Duncan. Row 3: Cch. M. Nordby, S. VanWyke, R. Brent, K. Lindstrom, S. Harbert, K. Lerdahl, A. Reiff, Cch. John.



STATS

SEASON SCORES

THEM	US
62 DM LINCOLN	49
28 DM HOOVER	62
38 MARSHALLTOWN	50
31 NEWTON	45
37 DM EAST	70
40 MASON CITY	55
44 WDM DOWLING	53
47 AMES	63
62 CB A-LINCOLN	56
46 FORT DODGE	63
43 MARSHALLTOWN	59
60 WDM VALLEY	68
48 URBANDALE	59
50 NEWTON	67
48 MASON CITY	58
63 DM ROOSEVELT	52
34 AMES	51
54 WDM VALLEY	53
60 URBANDALE	51
59 FORT DODGE	68

DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

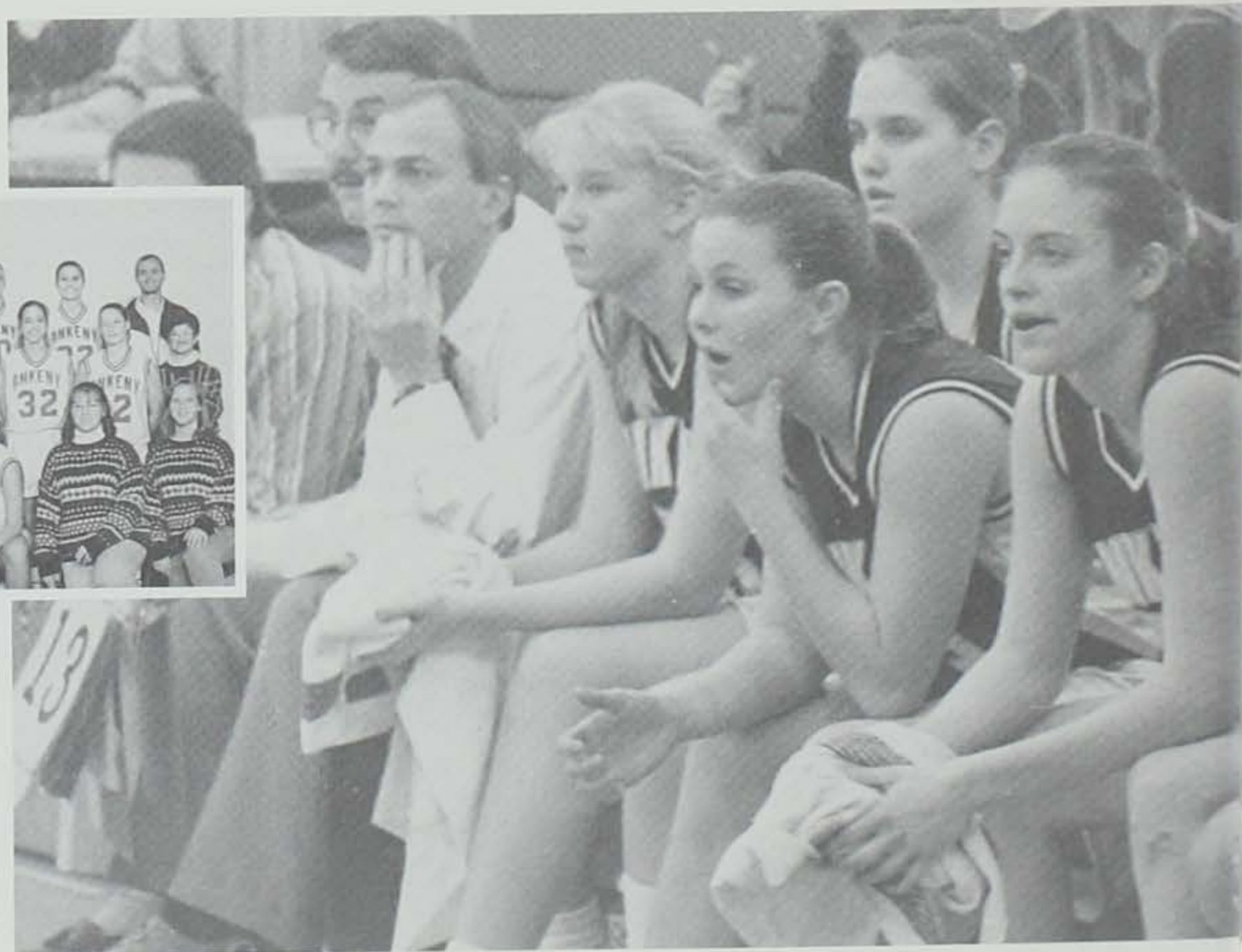
36	BOONE	80
52	AMES	46

1ST PLACE IN STATE- TEAM
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

RANKED TOP TEN IN STATE-
THREE POINT FIELD GOAL
PERCENTAGE.

SHOOT! Kristi Breeding, '96, takes a shot in a game this season. The Hawkettes used a stingy defense to become co-conference champions.

LOOK OUT! Hawkette team members look on during a playoff game. The Hawkettes lost in the second round to Ames 52-46.



1995 HAWKETTES! Row 1-Melissa Springer, Melanie Gnadke, Angie Agena, Michelle Junod, Kristi Breeding, Mgr. Mgr. Row 2-Jodi Frye, Laura Junod, Erin Larsen, Amy Farmer, Traci Jones, Jodi Clarke, Lindsay Egli, Angie Pickett. Row 3-Coach Dennis Albertson, Jill Dougherty, Tabby Clawson, Vanessa Hoss, Michelle Gilbert, Leah Heston, Coach Scott DeJong.



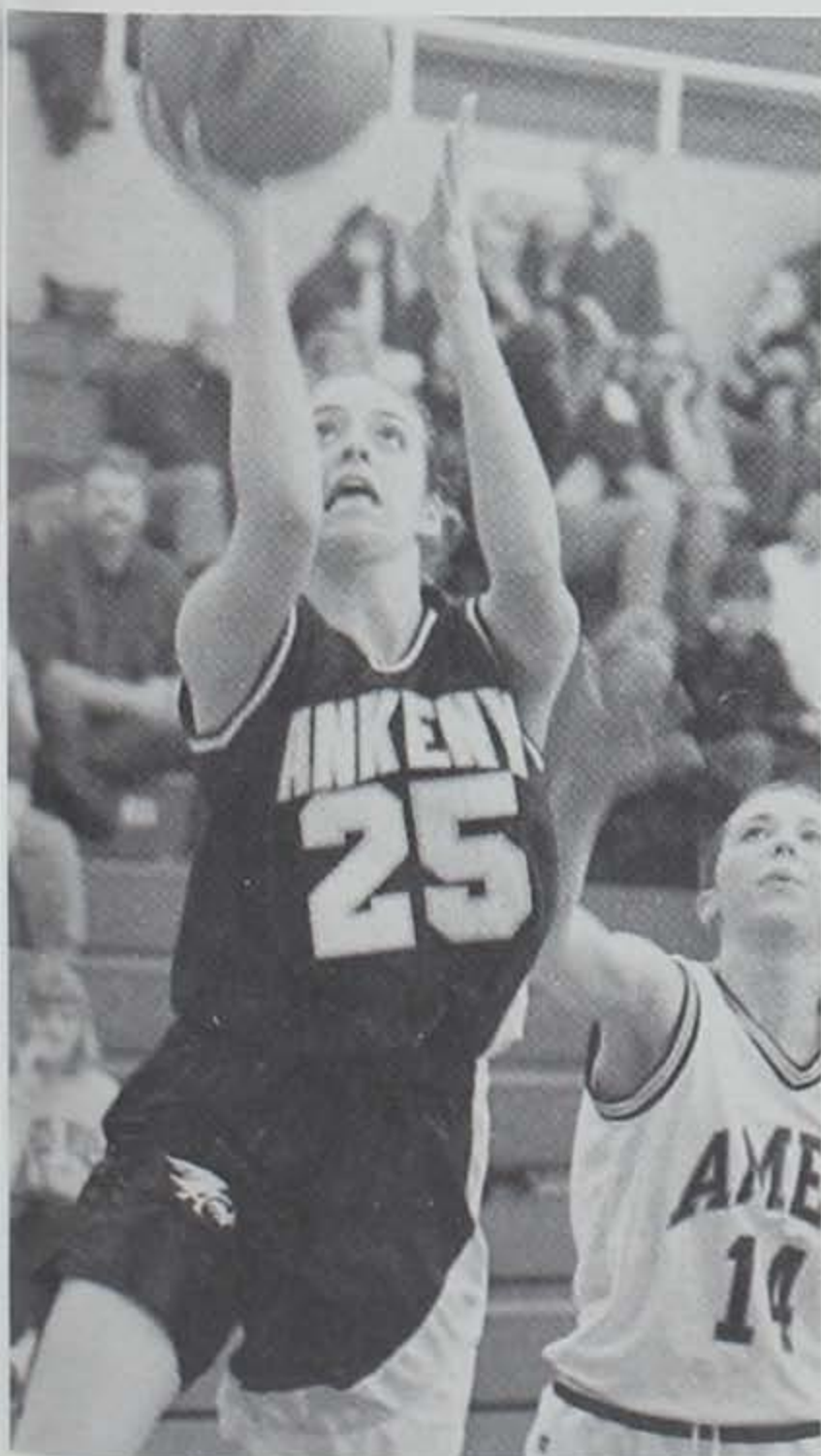
FAKE! Vanessa Hoss, '96, pump fakes past a Fort Dodge defender. The Hawkettes were co-conference champs this season.

DRIVE! Michelle Junod, '96, drives past a Marshalltown defenders during action for the Hawkettes. They were eliminated from state playoffs in the second round.



S HOOTING FOR STATE

The Hawkettes shot their way to sharing the conference title, and a playoff spot.



By Jason Hill

The 1995-1996 girl's basketball season began with big expectations. With a strong senior class returning and a very talented sophomore and junior class coming back, Ankeny was an obvious contender for the State Championship.

The Hawkettes had a very successful regular season. The season included a 12-3 record in the C.I.M.L. National Conference and a record of 15-5 overall. The average margin of victory overall was 18.3 points per game. In conference play the Hawkettes averaged a 14.5 points per game winning advantage.

The Hawkettes started the season unranked, and by the fifth week were in 3rd place in the state. They remained in the top ten for the remainder of the season. During this time the Hawkettes were lead by Michelle Junod, '96, who averaged 10.5

points per game and Kristi Breeding who scored 12.2 points per game.

The Hawkettes entered the playoffs on a roll. They drew the Boone for their first round opponent at the Lincoln gym. Their experience led then to an easy victory 80-36. Next they would face the Ames Little Cyclones in the AHS gym. Their gallant effort fell just short, with a season ending loss 52-46.

Next season the Hawkettes again look to be a contender. The return of Traci Jones, '98, Lindsay Egli, '98, Angie Agena, '98 Leah Heston, '98, will be very helpful to the incoming class.

CONCENTRATION! Traci Jones, '98, concentrates on a layup during a first round playoff loss to Ames. She will be a returning starter for next season.

1996 HAWKS! Row 1- Mgr. Josh Drummond, Mgr. Erin McPherson, Matt Haulbach, Drew Purcell, Scott Evans, Ryan Blahauvietz, Ryan Justice, Mgr. Chrissy Jenkins, Mgr. Amy Williams. Row 2- Aaron Ruff, Justin Loutsch, Brad Hill, Josh Happe, Jason Hill, Jeremy Taylor, Tim McDermott, Chad Dutler. Row 3- P.J. Dauterive, Josh Zinn, Tim Scheib, Jayson Wittrup, Kyle Trusty, Tom Wierzbicki, Ryan Sears.



STATS

SEASON SCORES

THEM		US
60	HOOVER	78
69	C.R. KENNEDY	83
65	DM EAST	93
90	MASON CITY	74
80	AMES	99
70	FORT DODGE	88
79	MARSHALLTOWN	106
59	WDM VALLEY	70
61	NEWTON	75
63	MASON CITY	81
74	ROOSEVELT	79
80	WDM VALLEY	52
62	URBANDALE	58
52	JOHNSTON	72
63	MARSHALLTOWN	85
55	FORT DODGE	84
73	URBANDALE	62
60	NEWTON	84
71	AMES	80

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

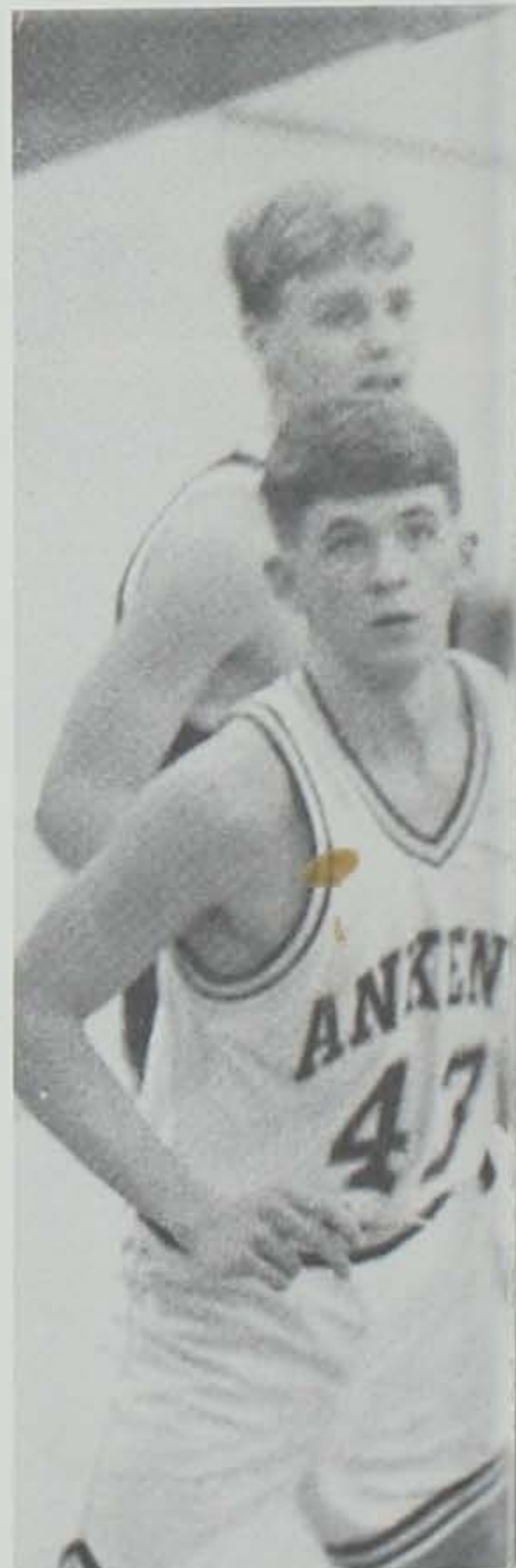
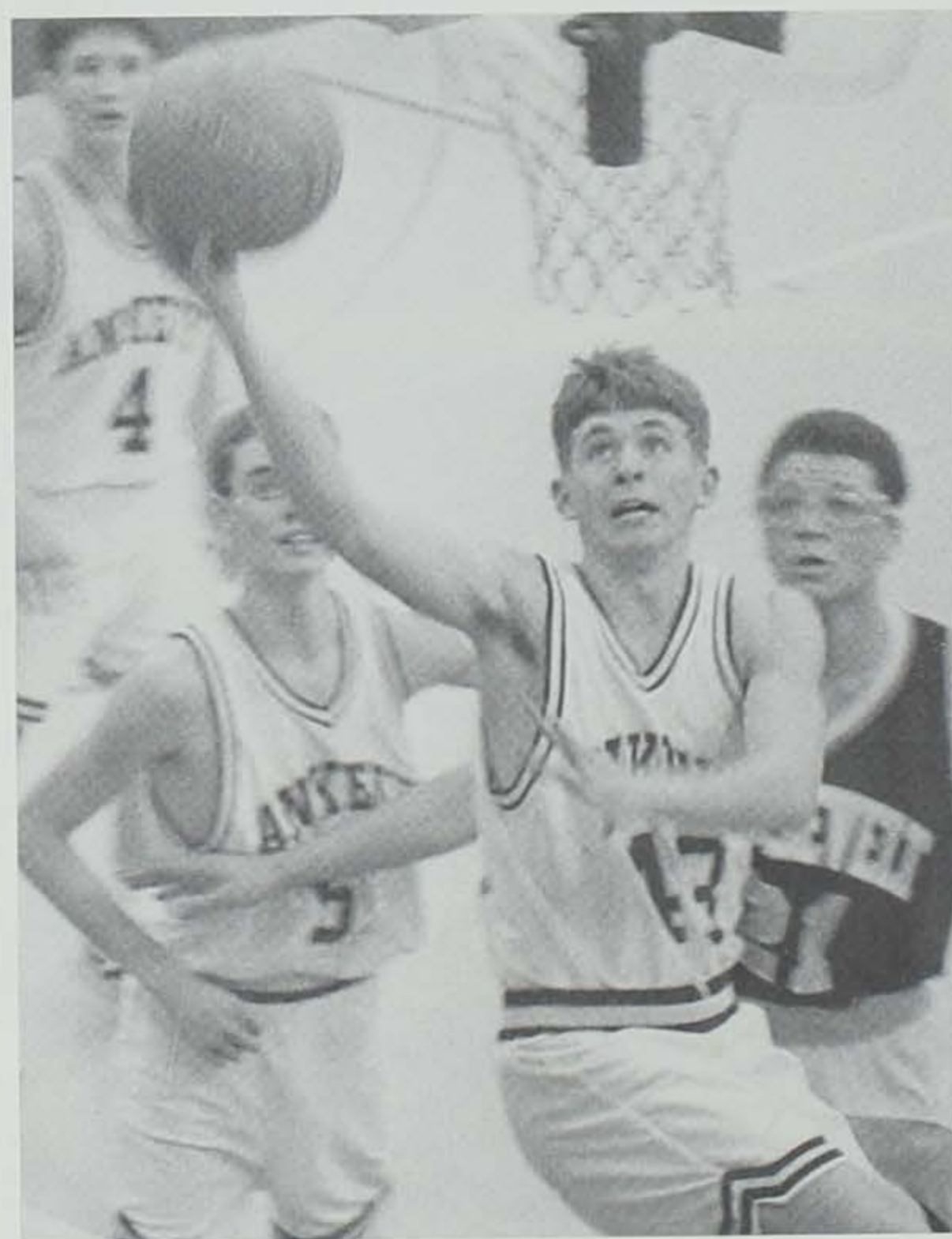
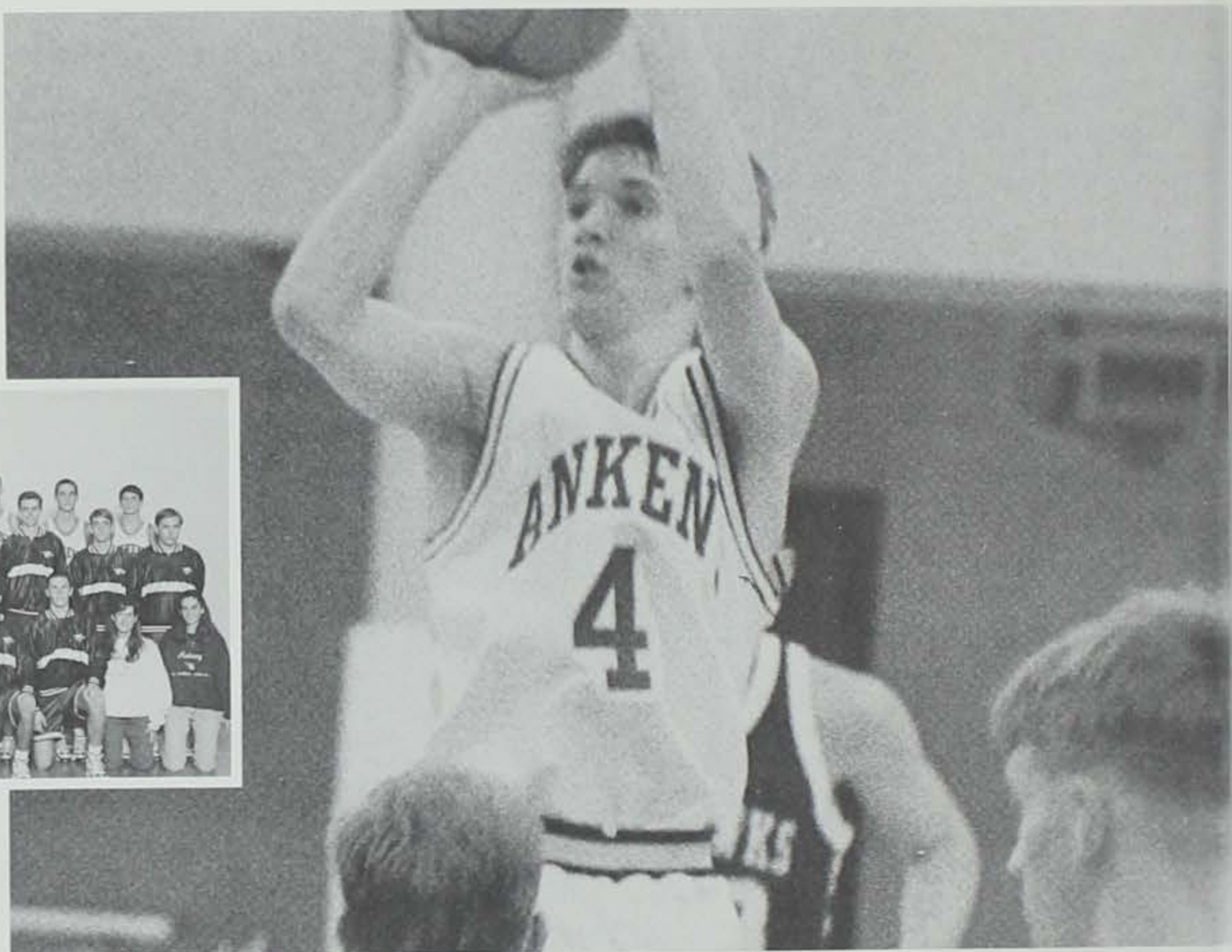
69	NEWTON	85
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SUBSTATE TOURNAMENT

56	INDIANOLA	82
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STATE TOURNAMENT

64	IOWA CITY WEST	62
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JUMP! Ryan Sears, '97, takes a jump shot deep in the key this winter at the home game against the Mohawks.

SWISH! Tim Scheib, '96, goes up for a lay-up and makes the shot against Roosevelt this season in March.



S HOOTING TO THE TOP

The Hawks begin and end the season in championship fashion as the only team to beat 1996 the State Champions.

By: Stacey Wierzbicki

Fans throughout Ankeny swarmed the high school gym this season to cheer the Hawks on to State for the fourth year in a row. The Hawks and their fans were rewarded, too, when Ankeny defeated Indianola 82-56 in Substate and earned another trip to State. However, disappointment was high when the Hawks lost in the first game of the State Tournament against Iowa City West 74-72. Ryan Sears, '97, said, "We had a good season. Lots of teams don't make it to State and we were excited we had the chance to go again. We had high expectations and people were upset that we didn't win State, but I think our season was a success."

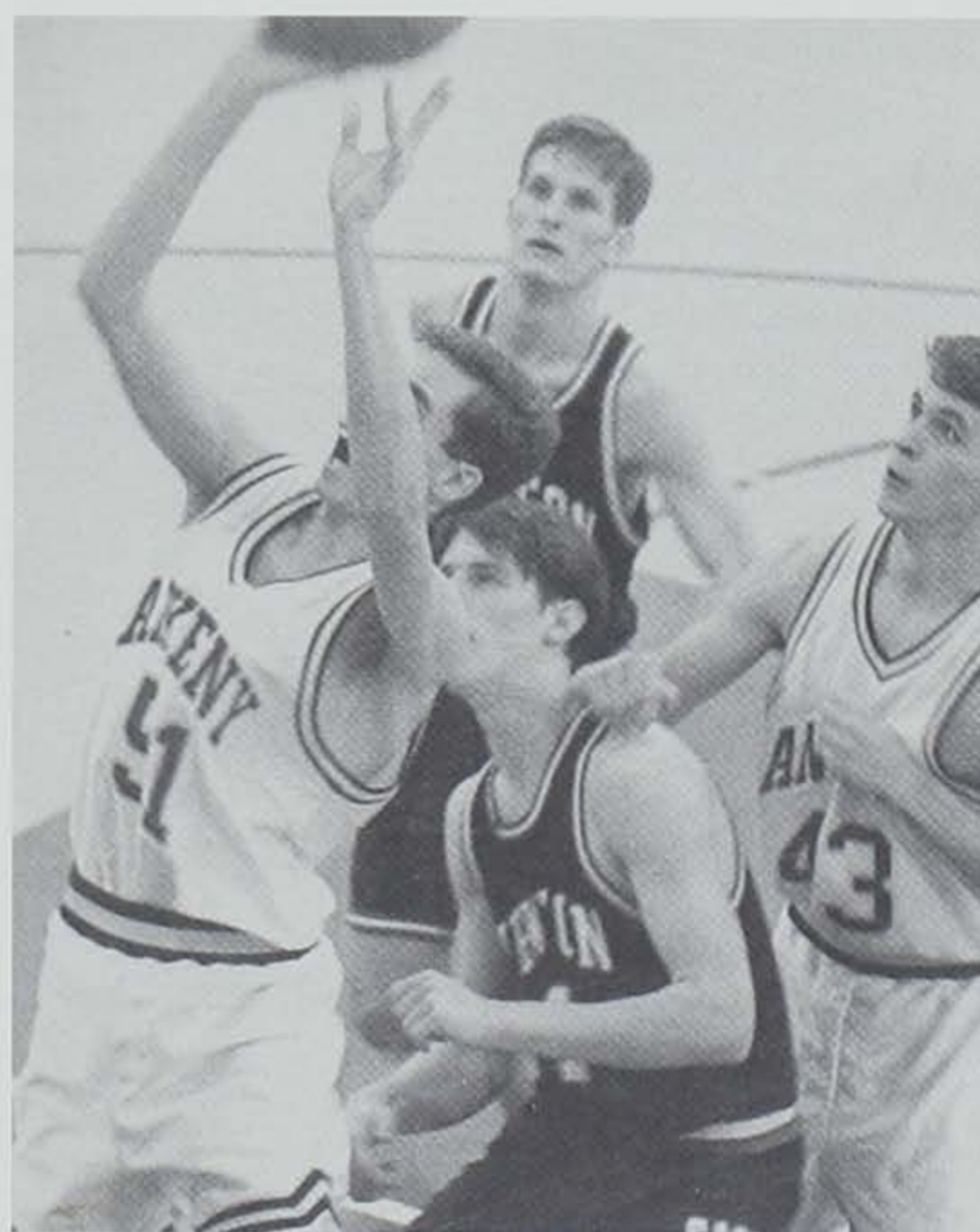
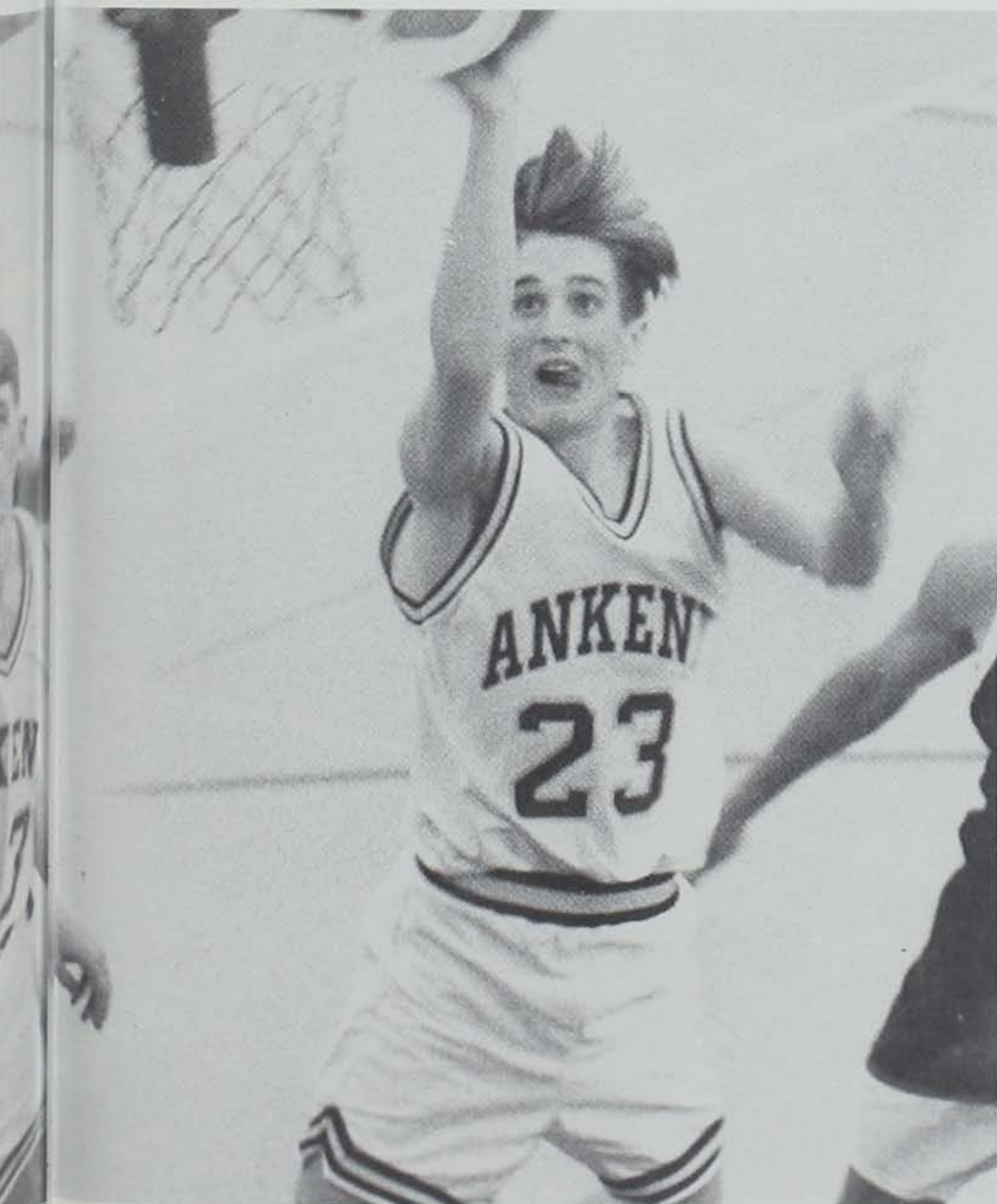
The seniors played a major role this season. Jeremy Taylor, '97, said, "The seniors were very important this year because they had all the experience from last season, and it helped a lot

later in the season when things went rough."

There were many accomplishments for the Hawks both individually and for the team. The Hawks place 2nd in the C.I.M.L. National Conference. That's a big reward considering they played in the hardest conference in the state. P.J. Dauterive, '96, and Sears were awarded the First team all C.I.M.L. National Conference honors. Tim Scheib, '96, received 2nd team C.I.M.L. National Conference honors, and Taylor and Tom Wierzbicki, '96, received Honorable Mention. Sears was also named to 2nd team All-State.

Dauterive said, "My favorite game this season was when we defeated Mason City at home. It was a great game and we all played awesome."

IT'S ALL GOOD! Tom Wierzbicki, '96, successfully makes one out of many three point shots he attempted this season.



POWER! Jeremy Taylor, '97, shoots a great shot while being guarded by a Newton player in one of the last season games.

VICTORY! P.J. Dauterive, '96, shoots the basketball while Tim Scheib, '96, watches the ball go in for two points.

STRIKING DISTANCE

The Hawk and Hawkette soccer teams had successful seasons and a little luck.

By Stacey Wierzbicki
The Boy's Soccer Team had an excellent team this season. With many experienced players it was expected that they improve from last year. With the teamwork achieved this season, it was a given that the Hawks would become a high class team. "The team really worked as one large unit. With everyone being friends off the field, it was easy for us to work as a group," said Chris Skelton, '96.

Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and over the past few years, it has grown in popularity at Ankeny High School. The Hawk team has become larger and the ability of the players overall has improved greatly. "There are many great players on the team this year and the competition is incredibly strong. This makes the team work harder and get better every practice," Todd Seivers, '98, said.

The Hawks won their first round District game by default. An Ames player was ruled

ineligible, and they had to forfeit the game. The Hawks then lost in the second round to Marshalltown to end their season. Next year, the Hawks will return in full force with many great players returning.

For the first time in the history at Ankeny High School, Girl's Soccer became a school sponsored sport. With approximately sixty girls going out for the team, the Hawkettes were bound to have a winning season this spring. Steph Ferraro, '98, said, "This has been a great year and a lot of people have gained a ton of experience." While the Hawkettes have only played a few games to start their season, the brand new summer sport will be featured more in next year's yearbook.

KICKOFF! Amy Frank, '98, starts play in a game this season. The Hawkettes had great success in their first season.



CONCENTRATION! Corey Metzger, '97, makes a play on a ball during action against the opponent.

CLEAR! Scott Damstetter, '97, clears the ball from his zone. The Hawks will have many talented starters returning next year.





1995 HAWKETTES! Row 1-P. Parker, H. Runkel, E. Rose, E. Smith, K. Shields, M. Cunningham, J. Meyers, J. Demoss, A. Bergland, A. White, A. Frank, H. Kautza, N. Linderman, C. Verbuski, K. Wells, J. Jones. Row 2-J. Jensen, A. Cross, S. Murray, S. Grieve, Frosh, J. Lein, H. Anderson, Frosh, Frosh, Frosh, Frosh, J. Spooner, Frosh, Frosh, C. Ledin, A. Gaumer, Frosh, E. Stordall. Row 3- Coach R. Fors, S. Ferraro, J. Hamblin, H. Gomez, A. Block, A. Anderson, B. Lutes, M. Block, H. Overton, J. Lincoln, Frosh, A. Owens, R. Linderman, T. Bridgeman, M. Brockhart, J. Brejcha, J. Townsend.



QUOTES

THIS SEASON HAD A LOT OF UPS AND DOWNS, BUT IT WAS A VERY EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE BY AN EXCELLENT SOCCER TEAM.

--BEN JONES, '97.

WE HAD EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP, WHICH HELPED OUR WHOLE TEAM IMPROVE THROUGHT THE SEASON.

--BRIAN THOMPSON, '97.



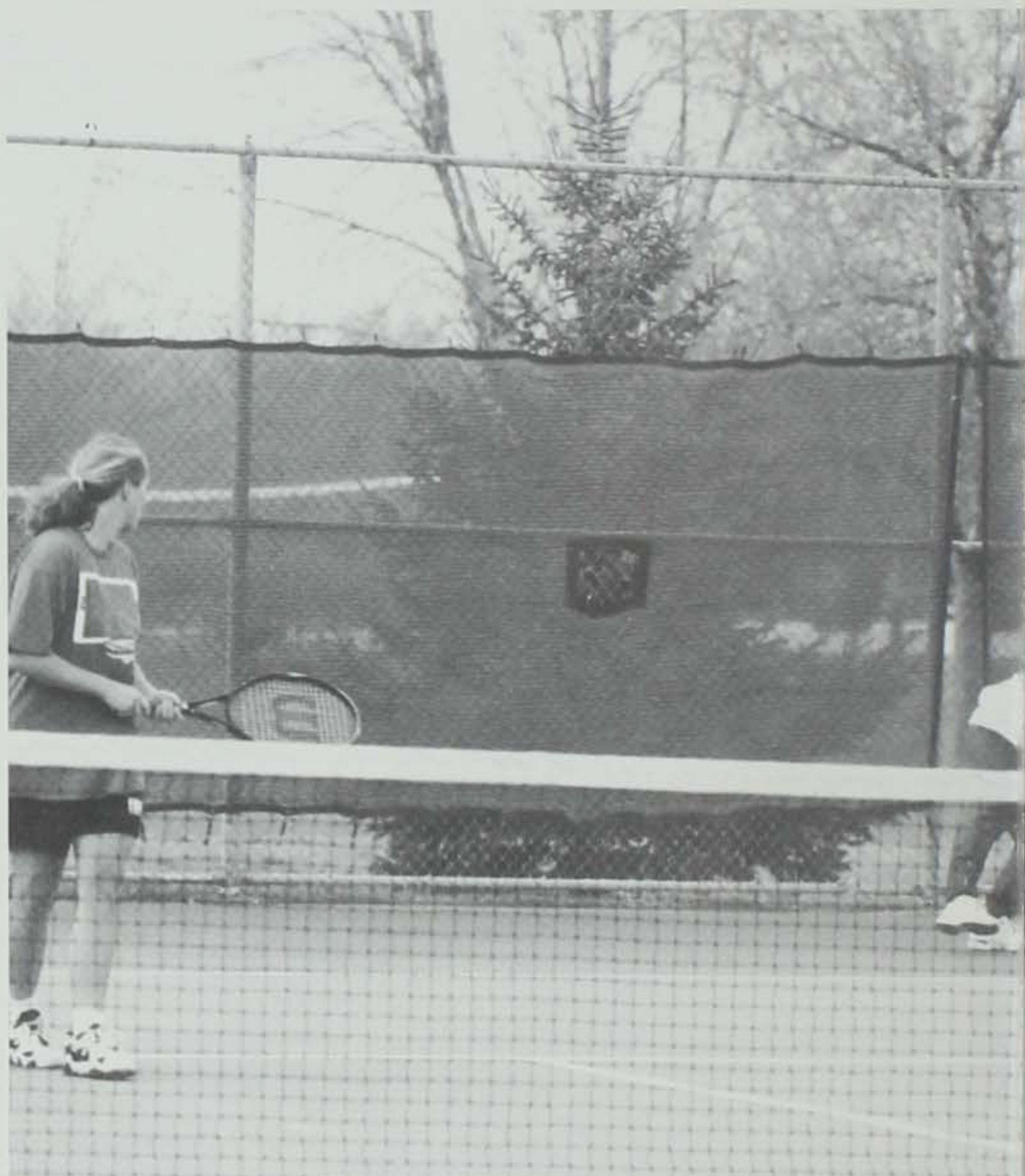
LOOSE BALL! Members of the Ankeny Girls soccer team fight their way to a loose ball, with Rachale Linderman, '98, leading the way.

RUN DOWN! Angie White, '98, chases down the ball during a game with DM East. The Hawkettes will have many returning starters next season.

(AT DEADLINE, NO STATS WERE AVAILABLE FOR EITHER TEAM.)

TEAM WORK! As Sundae Frisk, '96, reaches for the ball, her teammate Kristi Breeding, '96, positions herself at the net.

POWER! Mike Cox, '96, swings hard to get the ball over the net. Cox won his match to lead the Hawks to a victory.



SERVING TIME!

This year the tennis teams made huge strides toward a state title.

By Danielle Rethmeier
This year's tennis teams made great advancements towards state. "Although there were no state titles or trophies, it has been the best season that we have had," said Laura Heinauer, '96, about her tennis career throughout her highschool years at AHS.

This quote seems to fit for boys' team as well. There were no state titles for them either, but Mike Cox did make it to first round at state, where he was soon eliminated by the second place contender. The boys tennis team finished the season with a 9-2 record. Tim Swanson, '98, captured the best singles award at the tennis banquet for the boy's tennis team with a 9-3 record. Matt Houseman, '99, and Matt Fausch, '98, won the title of best doubles this season, because they held the best record when playing together as a duo. Mike Cox, '96, and Zach Reed, '97, were the number one doubles.

As for the girls, there no state titles or major

trophies were awarded, but it was one of their better years with a record of 6-4. Outstanding doubles for the seniors were Kristi Breeding, '96, and Sundae Frisk, '96; Outstanding doubles for the juniors were Brandi Hammerly, '97, and Pascale Bonnefil, '97. Kirstein Greenough was named outstanding singles competitor. She played a total of ten matches, and she only lost one. The team did exceptionally well, finishing fourth at Sectionals.

POWER! Kim Kopacek, '96, attempts her overhead return against an opposing team member.



STATS

UUUGH! Matt Ryherd, '97, determines his ball placement. Form and accuracy allowed him to have an excellent season.

SMASH! With her shades on, Cari Johnston, '98, smashes the ball to her opponent in the sun.



Outstanding Tennis Players for Boys:

Mike Cox
Zach Reed
Matt Houseman
Matt Fausch
Tim Swanson

Outstanding Tennis Players for Girls:

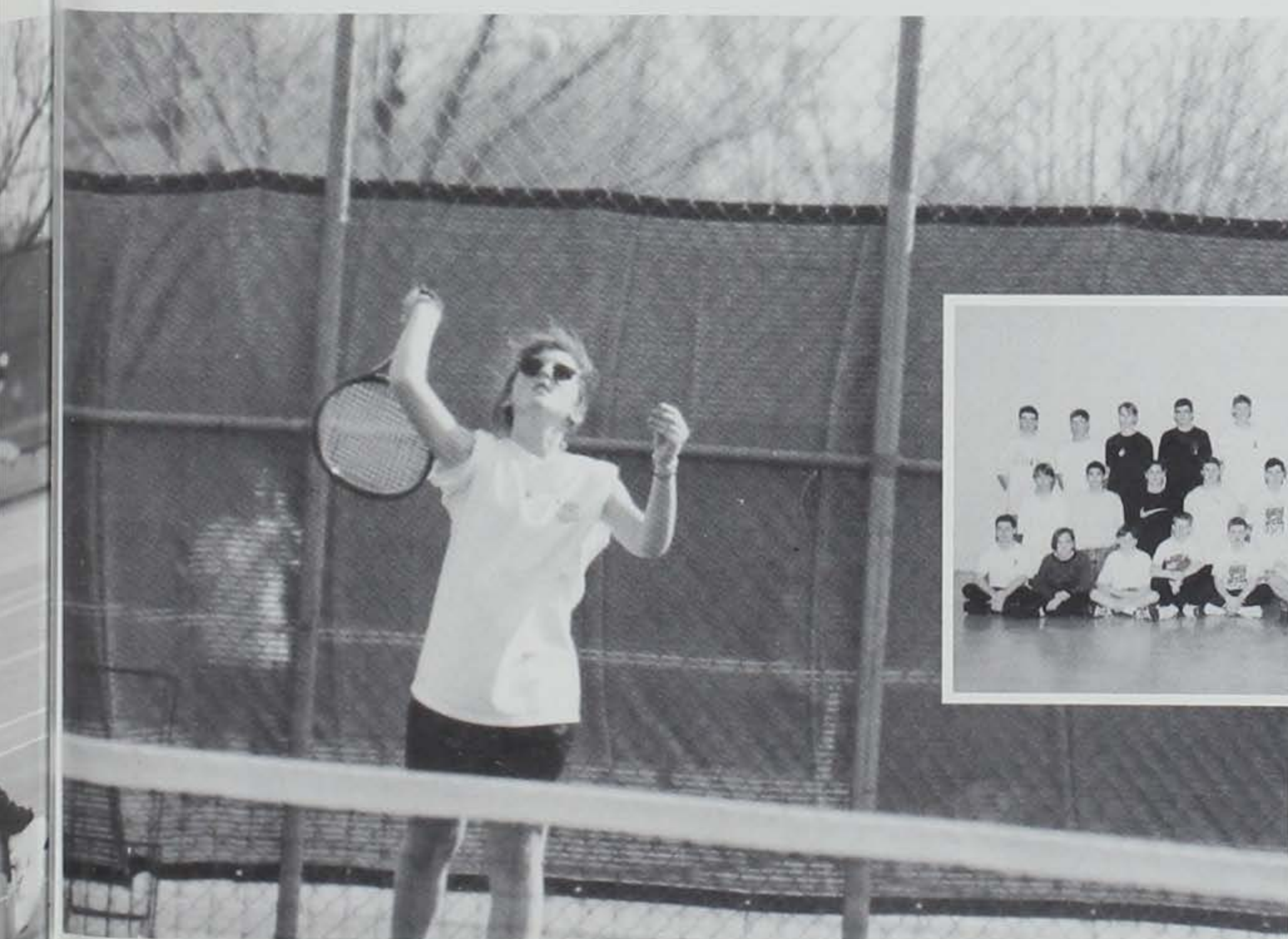
Sundae Frisk
Kristi Breeding
Pascale Bonnefil
Brandi Hammerly
Kirstin Greenough



HAWKETTES 1996. Row 1 K. Wilkening, J. Garland, R. Wetherhill, N. Underbaake, S. Frisk, C. Johnston, A. Reiff, N. Brock. Row 2 J. Stamp, A. Williams, A. Gebauer, K. Kopacek, R. Reams, K. Inderstrom, K. Greenough

Girls Tennis Record: 6-4

Boys Tennis Record: 9-3



HAWKS 1996. Row 1 A. Wood, D. Fuller, Frosh, Frosh, T. Swanson, E. Claubaugh, Frosh, A. Thimmesch, J. Hamilton, D. Michelor. Row 2 K. Karpf, K. Saichae, C. Gifford, L. Rafdal, R. Briar, C. Gram, Z. Reed. Row 3 J. Linder, B. Noble, G. Stamp, M. Houseman, M. Cox, J. Williams, D. Rue, M. Henshaw, J. Reberry, S. Canfield

STATS

MEET RESULTS

STATE INDOOR	1ST
VALLEY	1ST
INDIANOLA	2ND
AMES	2ND
CEDAR RAPIDS	3RD
MARSHALLTOWN	2ND
ANKENY	1ST
NEWTON	1ST
DISTRICTS	1ST
CONFERENCE	2ND
STATE	2ND

SCHOOL RECORDS BROKEN

200 METERS
LAURA ASCHOFF 22.52

4x100 METERS
TEAM TIME: 49.38
TIFFANY RATZLAFF
LAURA ASCHOFF
JENNY VOSS
CHRISTI HOGAN

4x200 METERS
TEAM TIME: 1:43.73
CORI VERBESKI
JENNY VOSS
CHRISTI HOGAN
LAURA ASCHOFF

CHAMPIONS
DRAKE RELAYS
LAURA ASCHOFF
LONG JUMP & 100 METERS

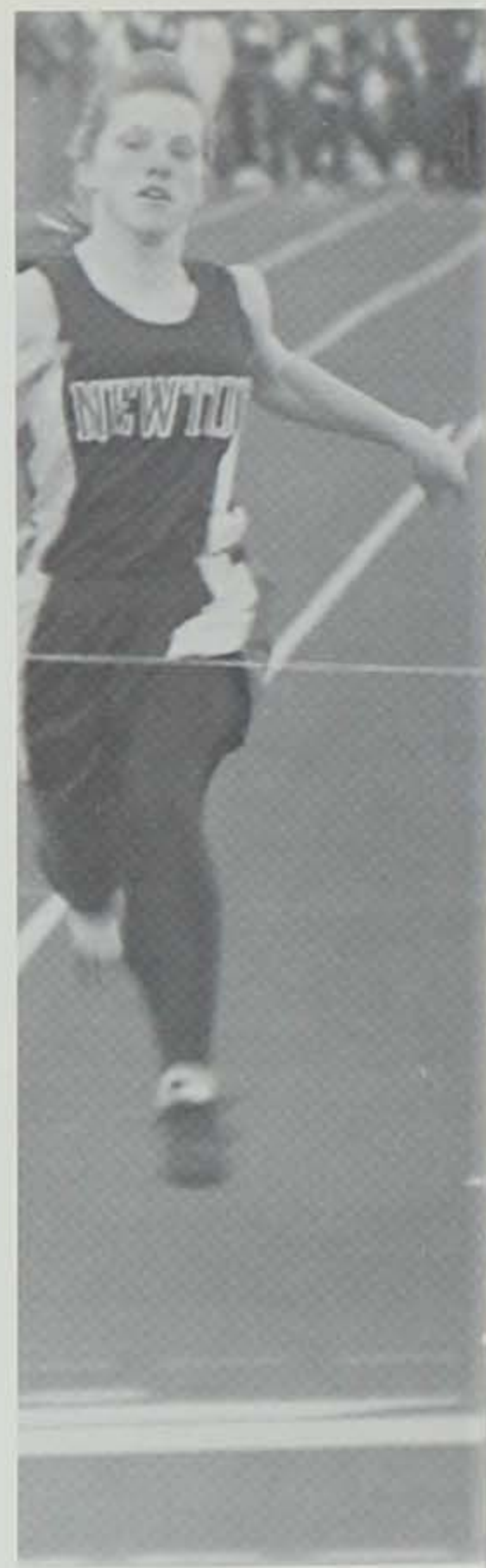
STATE
LAURA ASCHOFF
LONG JUMP, 4x200 METERS
100 METERS & 200 METERS

4x200 METER TEAM
SHUTTLE HURDLE TEAM

STATE INDOOR CHAMPIONS

TEAM WORK! Competing in the 3000 meters at the Conference meet, Abby Dywer, '98, Bronwyn Howard, '96, and Jenny Blair, '99, take the pack by storm.

'CHEERLEADER Kelsi Marsh, '98, cheers on 4 x 800 meter teammate Jenny Doman, '98, at the finish line at the Hawkette Invitational.



1996 HAWKETTES! Row 1: K. Kahn, S. Van Wyhe, E. Lindner, T. Ratzlaff, B. Howard, H. Grieve, A. Weckman, C. Albin, D. Brown, K. Shelquist. Row 2: H. Gilbert, W. Clark, A. Dywer, Jr. Benson, N. Linderman, A. Farmer, J. Voss, K. Segin, H. Runkel, C. Hogan, M. Junod, Ja. Benson, T. Schmit. Row 3: H. Goernodt, M. Block, L. Aschoff, L. Heinauer, E. Rose, J. Blair, R. Johnson, A. Ashbee, S. Bremer, L. Berg, B. Wiuff, N. Rose, H. Patel, H. Anderson, K. Friest, A. Hoover, B. Jones, Coach Adamson. Row 4: Coach Jones, J. Lincoln, J. Doman, C. Verbeski, A. Duncan, G. Gelatti, L. Leonard, T. Clawson, K. Egli, J. Abbott, L. Heston, T. Jones, L. Robinson, A. Nielsen, K. Marsh, A. Dyar, A. Hendricks, J. Nelson, M. Van Auwelaer, Coach Doocy.





SET... Heather Anderson, '98, prepares for the start of the 200 meters. Anderson made appearances at both the Drake relays and State this season.

PHOTO FINISH! Erica Rose, '97, surges to the tape in the 100 meter dash. She just missed qualifying for State in the 100, but will try again next season.



ONE DREAM ONE GOAL

The Hawketts Track & Field team tries to start and end their season with State Championships.

By Heather Runkel

The goal the Hawketts track team worked for, the entire season, came down to the race of the last meet: the 4 x 100 meters at State. However, a victory over Ames, the defending 3A state champs didn't happen as the Little Cyclones eclipsed Ankeny at the finish line by two tenths of a second. In a final tally, Ames squeaked by the Hawketts 66-62.

Although the Hawketts had to settle for the runner-up trophy, the 1996 season was one to be proud of. Laura Aschoff, '96, captured an amazing four state titles in the 100 meters, the 200 meters, the 4 x 200 meter relay, and the Long Jump, plus two Drake Relays titles in the Long Jump, and the 100 meters, and was named the outstanding female performer in the Relays. Other accomplishments at state included the shuttle hurdle relay team consisting of Lynette Heinauer, '98, Jenny Benson, '96, Traci Jones, '98, and Tiffany Ratzlaff, '96, defending their title as state champions, the 4 x 200 team of Cori Verbeski, '98, Jenny Voss, '96, Christi Hogan,

'96, and Laura Aschoff, '98, also claimed a title at State.

The 1996 season was also highlighted by wins at the Hawketts Invitational, the Valley Relays, the Cardinal Relays, Districts, and the state Indoor track meet.

Although the conclusion of the season did not end perfectly, the Hawketts track team has several accomplishments to be proud of. Coach Adamson said, "The girls did everything we asked them to do. They gave everything they had, and we couldn't ask for anything more."

The Hawketts Track team lost 17 seniors to graduation, and many were team leaders. Coach Dennis Adamson is very optimistic about next season, however. "If they work as hard as they did this season, they will accomplish it all."

AIR JONES! Traci Jones, '98, competes in the long jump at the Hawketts Invitational. The team easily won the meet on a combined team effort. (Bottom)

Left to right: N. Adamson, J. Leverenz, J. Dyar, J. Arringdale, R. Blahauvietz, R. Vestal, R. Keifer, M. Pederson, A. Rosenberger, J. Shaver, C. Grant, J. McDermott, R. Norgart, D. Selken, A. Bengé, R. Sparks, C. Long, J. Jones, B. Bookwalter, N. Schuett, B. Thornburg, J. Trask, K. Abbott, D. Purcell, B. Campbell, B. Good, K.C. Becker, J. White, B. Wiuff, B. Hendricks, N. Johnson, B. Foster, R. Hallenbeck, B. Pauly, J. Earp, D. Acheson, K. Froehle, R. Sears, S. McQuisten, B. Fremming, J. Hoff, T. Whitaker, A. McGuire, S. Phillips, S. Hammersley, B. Wildman, C. Slania, D. Northwick, T. Kapaska, J. Rathje, P. McPherson, M. Arend, T. Wierzbicki, K. Bolejack, B. Adams, J. Peppers.



STATS

VARSITY RESULTS

VALLEY INVT.	SECOND
LINCOLN INVT.	FIRST
URBANDALE INVT.	SECOND
AMES INVT.	FIRST
NEWTON INVT.	FIRST
HAWK RELAYS	FIRST
SE. POLK INVT.	FIRST
CONFERENCE MEET	FIRST

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS

VALLEY INVT.	THIRD
LINCOLN INVT.	FIRST
URBANDALE INVT.	SECOND
AMES INVT.	THIRD
HAWK RELAYS	SECOND
CONFERENCE MEET	THIRD

10TH GRADE RESULTS

VALLEY INVT.	FIRST
URBANDALE INVT.	THIRD



BURR! Typical cold weather makes it difficult for the boys track team to focus on the meet, and rather on keeping warm.

STANDOUT! Mark Pederson, '96, a standout in the discus, winds up for his throw in the discus.



S PRINTING TO STATE

The Hawks sprint their way into 13 events at the state meet.

By Justin Dyar

The Ankeny Boys track team qualified for 13 events this season for the state meet. "Schneider worked us real hard this season, and it paid off in the end with all the events we made it to in state," said Ryan Norgart, '97. The Hawks ran tough practices, which caused many runners to lose interest in track. But some held a more comical view of track. Scott Phillips, '98, a state qualifier, and Drake Relays qualifier, said, "I don't think much more of track than aimlessly running around in circles."

Other state qualifiers Adam Bengel, '98, and Ryan Sparks, '98, said, "We have trouble with track because all the lanes look the same." Bengel and Sparks ran in a 4 x 100 meter relay team together and had a history of having trouble staying in the right lane.

Most members of the track team agreed that this was the best season that they can remember having. Coach Schneider said this

year was one of the better seasons for Hawks track. Schneider, also, was voted this year as the top coach in the conference.

Although Ankeny didn't win any events at the Drake Relays, they took several second place finishes, which is a very good achievement.

In the track state tournament the boys team did very well but could have done better, according to many of the participants. They finished in third place overall. Ankeny's highlight of the tournament was their first place finish in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

Kyle Bolejack, '97, takes in jump in the Hawk Relays. Bolejack placed several times in meets and was a standout in the long jump.



DETERMINATION! Mario Bennett, '97, works his way to the finish line in the 200 meter wheel chair race.

Shawn Hammersley, '97, and Ryan Blahauvitz, '97, prepare their hand off in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

FROM A NEW ANGLE

Bonding with teams and practicing under pressure, cheerleaders view themselves in a different way.

By Michelle Witt

Cheerleading is a sport that sometimes gets looked over and cut down, but even though a cheerleader sometimes goes through a lot of harassment, the thrill of making new friendships within the squad makes it worth it. The cheerleaders work very hard practicing twice a week for two hours a day; not including cheering at the games two to three times a week. Cheerleading requires a lot of time and commitment on the part of the participants. It is a demanding sport that requires every last ounce of energy, flexibility, and sportsmanship of the participants.

The '95-'96 cheerleaders had an impressive year. Many of the girls on the squad were recognized for their talents. Two Ankeny cheerleaders, Teresita Smeader and Michelle Witt, became members of the National Cheerleading Association All-American Cheer Squad, which performed at the 1995 Aloha Bowl in Honolulu,

Hawaii.

The American Cheerleading Federation All-American cheer squad consists of Kari Froehlich, Mandy Long, Nicky Heston, Teresita Smeader, and Michelle Witt. They performed at the 1996 Comp USA Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida. Steph Hope and Michelle Witt also performed at the 1996 Boys State Basketball Tournament as members of the Iowa All-State cheer squad.

The Ankeny Cheerleaders have tried hard this year to gain the respect they feel that they deserve and have had one of the most successful seasons ever. Known as one of the most talented squads yet to come to AHS, this year's Ankeny High School cheerleaders proved they had all the right stuff.

SMILE! Steph Hope, '96, shows some excitement as she danced her way through the Homecoming pep assembly.



SPIRIT! Michelle Witt, '96, shows her spirit in a chant for the State Boys Basketball Tournament pep assembly.

STYLE! Showing her athletic style of cheerleading, Kari Froehlich, '96, cheers herself away at a pep assembly.





VARSITY FOOTBALL 1st Row: Teresita Smeader, Megan Jennings, Kari Froehlich, Jill Whitaker 2nd Row: Nicky Heston, Mandy Long, Michelle Witt, Steph Hope

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL 1st Row: Kari Foehlich, Kris Hochart, Michelle Witt, Nicky Heston 2nd Row: Megan Jennings, Pascale Bonnefil, Mandy Long



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL Teresita Smeader, Jill Whitaker, Steph Hope, Jessie Abeyta, Becky Clark, Amanda Scharf

VARSITY WRESTLING 1st Row: Jenny Anderson, Amanda Cross, Kristin Kahn 2nd Row: Alyssa Strahn, Stacey Wierzbicki, and Meghan Dickson



SOPHMORE FOOTBALL 1st Row: Kristine Cox, Amber Danner, Jodie Harms, Lisa Hale 2nd Row: Anne Nixon, Janeann Jensen

SOPHMORE BASKETBALL 1st Row: Sara Elliot, Krissy Bennett, Courtney Behrens 2nd Row: Julie De Moss, Chrissy Beck, Erin Jagnandan, Michelle Cunningham 3rd Row: Danett Ott, Britinie Lutes, Kristin Wells



TALENT! Look at the Highlights go! The AHS Highlights perform at a Hawkette basketball game.

SUPPORT! Showing her spirit at a boys' basketball game, Kelly Dannatt '96, struts her stuff to the AHS fans.



BONDING TOGETHER

Golden Highlights practiced numerous hours in the morning to prepare for a tough season of competing.

By Michelle Witt

The Golden Highlights definitely showed their talent this year. They began practicing in the summer when they had a five day camp. Instructors from National Cheerleaders Association taught them many new dance routines. Both pom and modern dance styles were incorporated into the performances. With the material learned at camp, the Highlights became very competitive.

The Highlights attended a camp in Prairie City-Monroe for two days. At the camp they won the Grand Championship trophy. Many of the members of Highlights were awarded "Best of the Best" medal winners. The squad then competed at the Drill Team Individuals Competition. Carrie Lande and

Steph Ferraro were named as two of the top ten finalists. At the State Drill team competition in Johnston, they received fourth place (dance routine) and third place (pom routine). Performing at the 1996 Girls State Basketball Tournament as members of the All-Iowa Honor Drill Team were Leigh Anne Aldrige, Kelly Dannatt, Lisa Rhodes, and Melissa Williams.

The Golden Highlights have worked very hard together at various competitions throughout the year. The Highlights placed very high at every competition they entered. They all became very close with one another and started many new friendships. The Golden Highlights hope to have another great squad next year.

PAZZAZ! Cathy Patterson '98, shows some style at the boys' basketball game against Newton.





SMILE! Having fun during a performance, Jessica Graves, '96, proves she's a woman with talent.



HOT STUFF! Steffi Pieart, '96, Stacey Reams, '96, and Melissa Williams, '96, turn up the heat at a basketball game.



STATS

COMPETITION	PLACE
PRARIE CITY	1ST
STATE (DANCE)	4TH
STATE (POM)	3RD

INDIVIDUAL MEDAL WINNERS DRILL TEAM INDV.

CARRIE LANDE
STEPH FERRARO

ALL- HONOR DRILL TEAM

KELLY DANNET
LISA RHODES
MELISSA WILLIAMS
LEIGH A. ALDRIDGE

**YOU
SAID
IT**



ANGIE
ERICKSON
'97

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THE COMPETI-
TIONS AND

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TEAM PHOTO. 3rd Row: S Hilgers, A Ashmore, R Dirks, L Rhodes, S Ferraro, J Dirks, E Linder 2nd Row: C Lande K Forrest, J Graves, M Carmody, K Dannatt, A Erickson 3rd Row: L Aldridge, S Reams, L Starr, S Pierrit, M Williams, J Spivey

SPORTS

Sophomore Football



Sophomore Volleyball



Sophomore Girl's Basketball

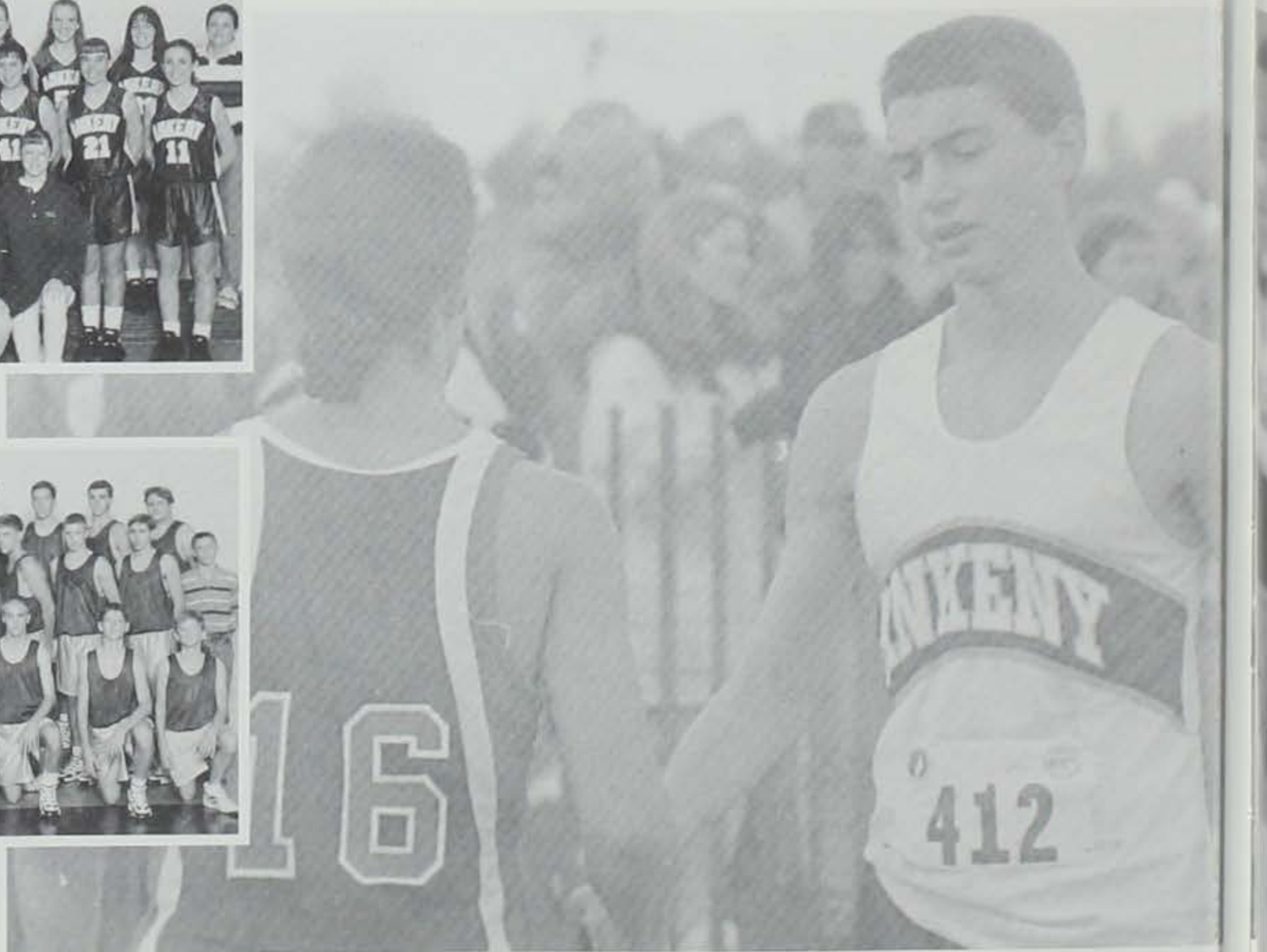
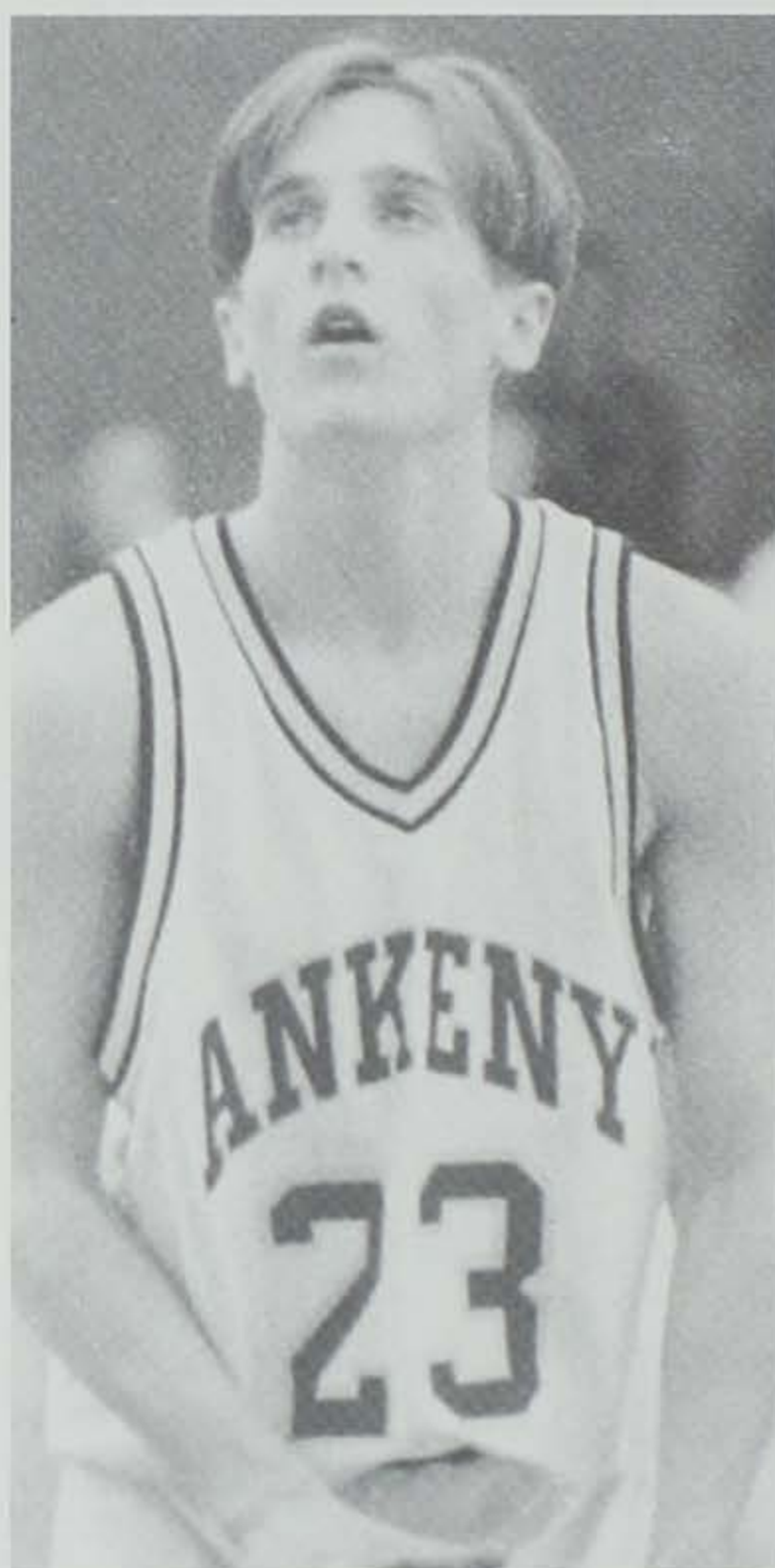


Sophomore Boy's Basketball



CONCENTRATION! PJ Dauterive, '96, concentrates on a free throw. The Hawks made their fourth straight appearance at State.

SPORTSMANSHIP! Jason Peppers, '98, shakes hand with a fellow runner after the race at the State meet in Fort Dodge.





HAND OFF! Jenny Voss, '96, passes the baton to Laura Ashoff, '98, at the Drake Relays.

WATCH OUT! Michelle Junod, '96, looks back to see a defender in a game for the Hawkette basketball team.



S EASONS OF SUCCESS

The Hawks and Hawkettes enjoyed very dominant seasons full of winning and excitement.

By Jason Hill

The Ankeny Hawks and Hawkettes enjoyed very successful seasons this year. The Hawk cross country team enjoyed an undefeated regular season and a fourth place finish at state. The girls cross country team enjoyed a strong season also.

The Hawk football team turned their 4-5 record last season into a 7-2 record this season, their first ever National Conference title, and their first appearance at state in four years.

The boys swimming team and girls swimming teams finished strong with high places for individuals at the state meet. The girls basketball team finished with a tie for the National Conference title, for a spectacular regular season. The boy's basketball team made their fourth appearance in a row at state, but their bid for back-to-back state

titles fell short after a strong regular season. The Hawks were the only team to beat the eventual state champions.

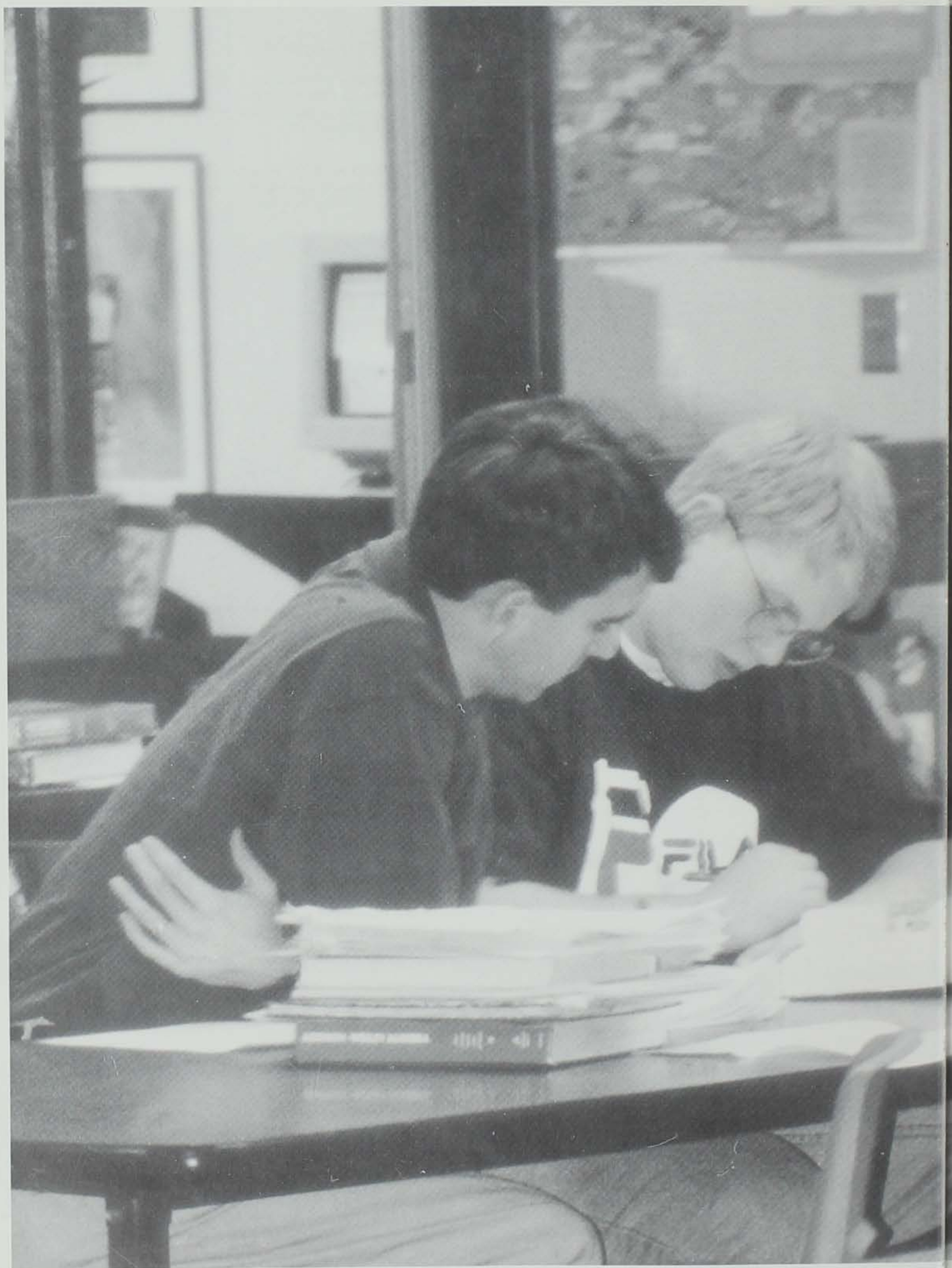
The boy's tennis team had a very successful season going all the way to the district semi-finals. The girls tennis team also had a very successful season with more wins than last season.

The Hawk track team had a successful season while finishing third in the state.

The Hawkette track team had a terrific season while Laura Ashoff, '98, won four state titles in the 100, 200, 4 x 100, and long jump.

All in all, this was a very fruitful season in Ankeny athletics.

STEP! Jeremy Taylor, '97, gets a step on a defender during regular season action for the Hawk basketball team.



INSIDE

Meet the classes of
1997 and 1998:

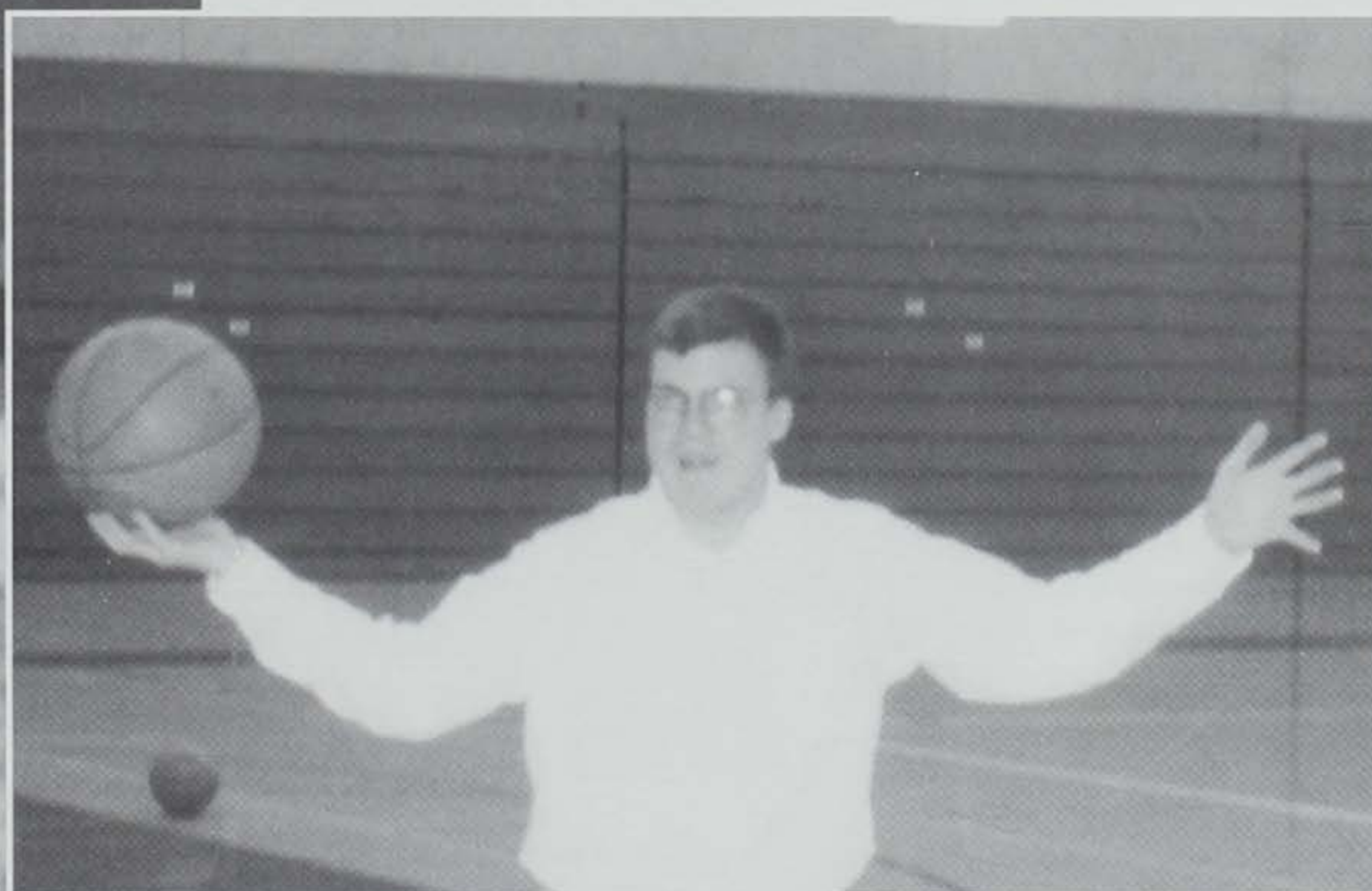
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PLUS: Catch a
glimpse of the AHS
facility

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Jason Hill

UPPER CLASS



A little extra help. Matt Ryherd, '97, gets some help in Algebra for Mr. Carrey in the Math Resource Center. (Above) Many students found classes to be easier when they went in for extra help. Giving a little can help a lot as Andrea Dencklau, '97, knows as she participates in the Student Council blood drive. (Left)

ALTHOUGH SENIORS STILL RUN THE SCHOOL, this year freshman ran the school somewhere else. Starting this year, freshman were moved to Northview Middle School to lessen the crowded hallways of AHS. Without the freshman in the high school, problems have seemed to decrease; however, the problems have not totally diminished.

Kyle Moon, '97, liked the change, "It's better without the freshman because it's easier to get to class," stated Moon.

On the other hand, Tim Scheib, '96, felt differently. "Although the halls are less crowded, I would have rather had a larger high school with the freshmen. With that option, you're able to see different faces rather than the same old people every day."

Although opinions may differ on this subject, everyone agrees that less students and smaller classes are better. -Becky Klassen

Being on top

JASON HILL
PORTRAITS EDITOR

Nobody wants their picture taken but everyone wants their picture in the book. Many people think that the picture taken at the beginning of the year does not represent them well, but none-the-less this section is devoted to those ever so loving "Mug-shots".

The main portion of the AHS student body is pictured here, and many memories will be recreated within the preceding pages. Students will sit back in twenty or thirty years down the road, review these pictures and recall the memories. The parties, the dances, the carefree days of high school, and the Mug-shots are here for just that. So years from now when

students come to their class reunion or see someone on the road, they can use this book to look back and remember the days when they had eight periods of classes, lunch lines, and crowded hallways, time spent with friends, and championship athletic teams.

This year was a year to remember. The Students of Ankeny High school underwent many great changes this year and will make greater changes in the future. However this year is remembered, it will be preserved forever within the pages of this book.

HMMMMM? SOPHOMORE AARON WHITAKER PONDERS WHAT TO DO WHEN HE FINISHES BIOLOGY.



ABBOTT, JENNIFER
ABBOTT, KENNETH
ABBOTT, SHAWNA
AGENA, ANGIE
ALLMON, LYNN
ANDERSON, ALISSA
ANDERSON, AMBER



ANDERSON, CHRISTY
ANDERSON, DANA
ANDERSON, HEATHER
ANDERSON, MAREN
AREND, MATT
ARRINGDALE, JOSH
ARTHUR, ANDREA



ASCHOFF, LAURA
AUSENHUS, BRANT
BAGBY, NATE
BAINTER, TIFFANY
BASSETT, JUSTIN
BAUER, SETH
BEAL, AMANDA



BEAMAN, MELISSA
BECK, CHRISSY
BEHRENS, COURTNEY
BELL, DANIEL
BENGE, ADAM
BENNETT, KRIS
BENTON, AUBREY



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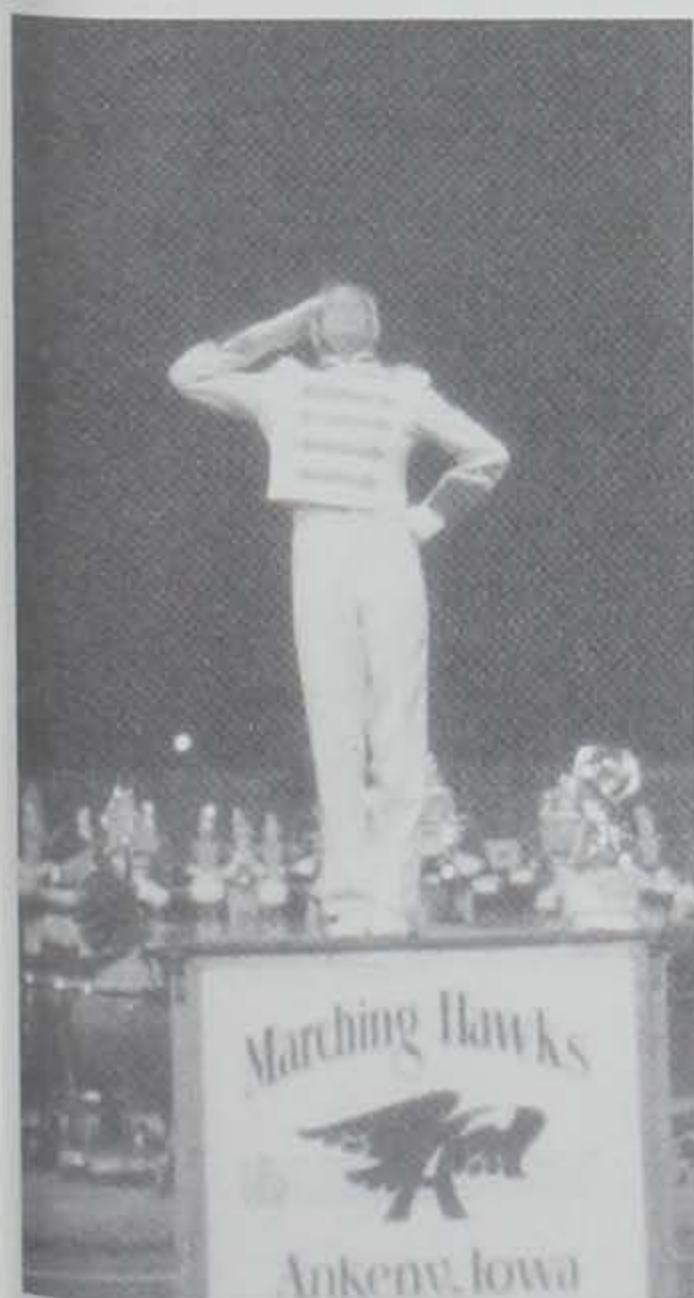
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CHONGO, JILL

CLABAUGH, ERIC
COLE, CORINNE
COLLINS, VALERIE
COWIE, EDWARD
COX, ADAM
COX, JINIFER
COX, JOEL

COX, KRISTINE
CRAIG, JENNIFER
CROSS, JULIE
CROUCH, KATE
CRUM, CATHY
CUNNINGHAM, M.
DAAKE, CHRIS



ENGINES, OIL, AND LOTS OF PARTS. STUDENTS JOANNA LINCOLN, '97, KRIS FROEHLE, '96, AND KYLE MCRAW, '98, LEARN ABOUT CARS IN AUTO MECHANICS CLASS.

WORKING HARD OR HARDLY WORKING? MRS. MOLLING, KRISTINA KEIFER, '97, AND TRISHA JOHNSON, '96, WORK IN THE LANGUAGE ARTS RESOURCE CENTER.



THE DRUM MAJOR SALUTES THE AUDIENCE AFTER A PERFORMANCE BY THE AWARD-WINNING ANKENY HIGH MARCHING HAWKS.

WORKING ON THE COMPUTER, ALFRED MOTON, '98, HELPS PRODUCE THE STUDENT VOICE, PART OF THE ANKENY NEWSPAPER PRODUCED BY STUDENTS.

DRUMMING UP SOME FUN TIMES, THE MARCHING HAWKS PAUSE DURING ONE OF THEIR MANY PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR SOME BACK STIMULATION.

KRIS HAYWARD, '97, GETS "MARKED" BY A SADD MEMBER TO DEMONSTRATE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS KILLED BY DRUNK DRIVERS.



Class of ... 98



DANIEL, JASON
DANNER, AMBER
DAVIS, JEREMY
DEGROOTE, JOANNA
DEMOSSE, JULIE
DEVORE, MATT
DICKEY, DOUG



DICKINSON, GRANT
DICKMAN, THEA
DIRKSEN, LISSA
DOLING, MIKE
DOMAN, JENNIFER
DRAHAUS, DAVID
DRUIVENGA, JASON



DRUMMOND, JOSH
DUKE, JONATHAN
DUKE, T.J.
DUNBAR, KELLY
DURBY, JOE
DWYER, ABBIGAIL
DYAR, JUSTIN



DYER, ROBERT
EARP, JOE
ECKELS, GREG
EGLI, LYNDSLEY
EICHENBERGER, BRYAN
EIVINS, WADE
ELLETT, SARAH



ELLSWORTH, JARROD
ENRIGHT, DOUG
FAUSCH, APRIL
FAUSCH, MATT
FELDMAN, DAVE
FERIN, JOE
FERRARO, STEPHANIE





FINK, A.J.
FINKEN, BONNIE
FISHER, ANDY
FLIPPO, SHANDA
FOELL, HEATHER
FONTANA, CHRIS
FOSTER, SKIP

FOSTER, MARY
FRANK, AMY
FREDERICKSEN, MATT
FRIEDMEYER, ABBY
FRIESNER, AMBER
FREMMING, BRAD
FROEHLE, DUSTIN

FULLER, RON
GARVEY, NATE
GAUMER, ANDREA
GAWTRY, TREVOR
GILBERT, HEATHER
GLADSON, SHANTELL
GOERNDT, HOLLY

GOOD, BRYCE
GOODMANSON, KYLE
GRAHAM, CLINT
GRANDGEORGE, TRAVIS
GRANT, CORY
GREEN, NATE
HACKWORTH, ANDREA

HALE, LISA
HALLENBECK, RYAN
HAMANN, BECKY
HAMBLIN, JENNIFER
HAMILTON, JEREMIAH
HAMILTON, KIRSTEN
HAMILTON, ZACH



PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? STUDENTS IN MRS. RAUSCH'S FRENCH CLASS PLAY GAMES WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME, SPEAKING IN FRENCH ONLY.

STUDYING, RONALD FULLER, '98, AND JENIFER HAMBLIN, '98, WORK IN THE QUIET SOLITUDE OF THE LIBRARY DURING SEMESTER TESTS.

CHAMPION RYAN SPARKS, '98, PLAYS TABLE TENNIS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION. THIS WAS ONE OF VARIETY OF UNITS OFFERED IN P.E.

MEDIA CENTER COOKIES WERE VERY POPULAR WITH RYAN SEARS, '97, AND MATT AGENA, '97.

CLASS CLOWN TIM MCDONOUGH '96, MESSES AROUND IN MR. SAVAGE'S PHYSICS CLASS.

BRIAN EICHENBERGER, '98, STARES DOWN HIS OPPONENT DURING A WRESTLING MATCH THIS SEASON.



Class of ... 98



HARDINGER, BLAKE
HARDINGER, CHRISTEN
HARLAN, JENNIFER
HARLOW, BRENT
HARMS, JODIE
HARRISON, LINDSAY
HART, ERIN



HARWICK, ANNE
HASELHUHN, MICHAEL
HATCHER, BEN
HAYDEN, MATHEW
HEIDEMANN, JOSHUA
HEINAUER, LYNETTE
HEINEN, AMY



HELLMANN, AMANDA
HENDRICK, AMANDA
HENDRICKS, BEN
HENSLEY, JENNIFER
HESTON, JOHN
HESTON, LEAH
HILDRETH, CORY



HILLS, AMANDA
HINSHAW, MARK
HOCHSTETLER, ANDY
HOFF, JOSH
HOFFMAN, ANDY
HOFFMAN, ERIN
HOSS, MATT



HOUGHAM, TERRI
HOUGHTON, BECKY
HOWARD, CAITLIN
HURST, BEN
HUSEMAN, SEAN
INGLE, CORY
INMAN, MELISSA





JACOBE, TONYA
JAGNANDAN, ERIN
JENKINS, JENNIFER
JENSEN, JANEANN
JENSEN, JORDAN
JOHNSON, NATHAN
JOHNSON, SETH

JOHNSTON, CARRIE
JONES, ANDY
JONES, JESSICA
JONES, TRACI
JUDD, CURT
JUSTICE, RYAN
KANABY, NIKI

KASPER, PATRICK
KASPER, STEPHANIE
KASTENDIECK, ADAM
KEIFER, RYAN
KELDING, JEREMY
KELLAR, AARON
KELLY, DANA

KILLAM, CARMEN
KINGERY, JOE
KLOOTWYK, BEN
KNOLL, MATT
KOEHN, NATE
KOPACEK, KIM
KORNEGAY, JUSTIN

KRAUSE, JASON
KRAUSE, RONNIE
KRIZICH, TYLER
KUHN, CORI
KUHN, CYNTHIA
LANCASTER, ROBERT
LANE, STACY



YEARBOOK ADVISOR MRS. KAUFFMAN
LOOKS OVER A LAYOUT BEFORE SHIP-
MENT TO THE PLANT.

MICHELLE SWANSON, '97, ROLE PLAYS
A PART IN U.S. HISTORY ABOUT PEOPLE
IN THE 1920'S.

STUDENTS WAIT IN LINE FOR A CHANCE
TO CHECK OUT OF THE SCHEDULING
ARENA AT SECOND SEMESTER.



"SEE YOU AT THE POLE," A VERY POPULAR EVENT WITH MANY AHS STUDENTS, DREW LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS FOR PRAYER.

WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS CAN BE FUN AS DEMONSTRATED BY AMANDA HENDRICK, '98. MANY CLASSES INCORPORATED GROUP WORK.

THE CAST OF *M*A*S*H* TOLD THE STORY OF SOLDIERS IN VIETNAM. SOME SCENES WERE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE TV SCRIPT.



Class of ... 98



LAUER, MATT
LEIN, JULI
LEMKE, MICHAEL
LENNON, JOHN
LEONARD, LINDSEY
LEPERT, KELLY
LERDAL, KARA



LEVERENZ, JACK
LICHTENSTEIN, KELLI
LIERMAN, CAIYA
LINCICUM, MIKE
LINDERMAN, RACHEL
LINDNER, JONATHAN
LINN, EMILY



LODER, BRIAN
LONG, JILL
LORENZ, ERIC
LOUTSCH, JUSTIN
LUDEMAN, JEREMIAH
LUNDSTROM, JEFF
LUTES, BRITNIE



LYONS, DEREK
MADDEN, JOSH
MARSH, KELSI
MCCARTY, BILL
MCCAULEY, SEAN
MCDERMOTT, JEFF
MCDERMOTT, MATT



MCGEE, DANIEL
MCGRAW, KYLE
MCGUIRE, ANDY
MCNEW, JONI
MCNEW, SARAH
MCPHERSON, PETER
MCQUINN, SHELLEY





MCQUISTAN, SCOTT
MEHLHOP, CHRISTINE
MERRIFIELD, BETHANY
MERRY, DANE
MESSER, CHRIS
METCALF, JAROD
METZGER, ERIC

MEYERS, JENNY
MILICAN, JASON
MILTENBERGER, NATE
MISHLER, DAVID
MOORE, JACOB
MOTON, ALFRED
MOYER, ABBEY

MULHALL, RYAN
MURRAY, SARAH
NELSON, HEATHER
NESSA, PETER
NEWMAN, CLAY
NEWSWANDER, BRYAN
NICKLIN, SARA

NIELSEN, ANGIE
NIXON, ANNE
NOBLE, BRETT
NORTHWICK, DAVID
OATMAN, ERIC
OSBORNE, MATT
OTT, DANETTE

OWENS, AIMEE
PARSONS, SALLY
PATON, ANDREA
PATTERSON, CATHY
PAULY, BRIAN
PAUSTIAN, TOM
PEDERSON, BRAD



TAKING IT IN STRIDE, JASON PEPPERS, '98, FINISHES A RACE FOR THE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. HE WILL BE ONE OF MANY RETURNING STARTERS.

NATALIE ROSE, '97, PERFORMS IN THE PRODUCTION OF M*A*S*H WITH BRIAN THOMPSON, '97. IT WAS THE FIRST PLAY OF THE YEAR.

MIKE DURLAHAM, '96, CREATES A POT AND WATCHES HIS WORK COME TO LIFE. IN POTTERY CLASS, ONE WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE A MESS.



MEMBERS OF THE TALON WORK ON A DEADLINE. THEIR HARD WORK PAID OFF, AS MANY STUDENTS ENJOYED THE NEW LOOK.

THE CAST OF *M*A*S*H* WAS KEPT BUSY DURING THE PERFORMANCES OF THE PLAY: FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT, AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

NATALIE ROSE, '97, MARCHES WITH THE HAWK MARCHING BAND. THE BAND STERCHED ITS WINNING STREAK THIS SEASON.



Class of ... 98



PENNIMAN, ADELINA
PEPPERS, JASON
PETER, MANDY
PHILLIPS, SCOTT
PHILLIPS, THOMAS
PIEART, ERIK
PIGHETTI, GINA



PILCHER, MICHAEL
PINNEY, BRANDON
PITTS, MARCUS
POE, ADAM
PURSIFULL, JOSH
RACINE, AMBER
RASMUSSEN, ADAM



RASMUSSEN, KENNA
RAWSON, RYAN
REAMS, RAE
REEVES, J.R.
REIFF, AMY
RENO, ERIK
RETHMEIER, DANIELLE



ROSENBERGER, AARON
ROSS, ROD
ROUSH, BOBBY
RUE, DAVID
RULLESTAD, JUSTIN
SAATHOFF, JESSE
SAICHAIE, KEM



SAMPSON, JONATHAN
SANDERSON, KRISTIE
SANDVOLD, LAURA
SCHIRA, JUDD
SCHMIDT, TIFFANY
SCHUETT, NEAL
SCHWEERS, ALLISON





SCHWENDINGER, ANDY
SELBY, BRENT
SELKEN, DAVID
SEMROW, DARREN
SEYMOUR, JOSHUA
SCHAFFER, KIM
SHANNON, KATIE

SHAVER, JOSH
SHEA, MINDY
SIEVERS, TODD
SIMONDS, CHAD
SIMPSON, RANDALL
SKELTON, SHAWN
SMITH, CHANEY

SMITH, EMILY
SMOTHERS, MIKE
SPAIN, CARISA
SPERRY, JASON
SPILLMAN, JEREMY
SPRINGER, MELISSA
STADLMAN, SEAN

STAMP, GREG
STAPLES, JEREMY
STARR, LANA
STEIL, ADAM
STEINBACH, LUKE
STORDAHL, EMILY
STRUVE, RYAN

SWANSON, TIM
TERHUNE, MARK
THIELMANN, TJ
THIMMESCH, ADAM
THORPE, ERIN
TOSTLEBE, JAYSON
TRASK, JEREMY



TYLER KRUIZICH, '98, USES HIS NEW LUNCH CARD. THE HIGH SCHOOL SWITCHED TO THE COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

CURT LONG, '97, SPENDS HIS FREE TIME CATCHING UP ON HIS STUDYING. THE MEDIA CENTER WAS A POPULAR PLACE FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO CRAM.

A NEW TWIST WAS PUT IN THE SCHEDULING PROCESS THIS YEAR AS MARK LOONEY, '98, FINDS OUT WHEN HE CHECKED OUT WITH MRS. SPAIN.

CLASS of 1998



FRIENDS, JENNY ANDERSON, '97, AND BRETT LEE, '97, TAKE TIME TO GET A PICTURE AT CRYSTAL BALL.

LIFTING, DARYL RAUSER, '97, WORKS OUT AT THE YMCA. RAUSER WORKED OUT DAILY TRAINING FOR SPORTS.



TUCCI, RYAN
UDELHOFEN, STEVEN
UNDERBAKKE, NICOLE
VAN GORP, GINGER
VANWYK, ERIN
VOIGT, MELISSA
VUPER, SHAWNA



WAALK, AMANDA
WADSWORTH, SARAH
WALKER, CHAD
WASHINGTON, TERESA
WATKINS, JUSTIN
WATSON, MARK
WEDEKING, BRADLEY



WELLS, KRISTEN
WENDT, AMY
WHISTLER, ROBERT
WHITAKER, AARON
WHITAKER, TIM
WHITE, ANGIE
WHITNEY, HULDA



WILEY, DAVID
WILEY, MATT
WINDERS, NICKI
WITT, BRIAN
WITTRUP, KATIE
WIUFF, BRETT
WOOD, TRACY



WOODARD, JOE
WRIGHT, JESSICA
YOUNG, SCOTT



SOPHOMORES NOT PICTURED

BALLEW, LOGAN
BARGSTADT, KRISTIN
BALIR, MATT
COPIC, GRANT
GHEE, BEN
HARRIS, BRAD

JUDGE, MATT
KRAUSE, TONY
MARDOCK, JAMES
MCCARTER, CHERYL
MCGREGOR, MATT

MURPHY, DARYL
NOEL, NICK
RANKIN, LEVAR
SNYDER, BRENT
SPARKS, RYAN
WHARTON, TRAVIS



ADAMS, BRETT
ADAMS, JENNI
ADAMSON, NATHAN
AGENA, MATT
ALBERTSON, KYLE
ANDERSON, ERIK
ANDERSON, JENNY

ANDERSON, TERESA
ANDREWS, JILL
ARTERBURN, LISA
ASHMORE, AMEE
BAEDKE, JASON
BARCLAY, GRANT
BAUGHER, ANDY

BEAN, STEPHANIE
BEARD, JARED
BECK, JENNIFER
BECKER, K.C.
BENNETT, MARIO
BETLACH, JEREMY
BEVERIDGE, JOE

BIERL, ROSS
BIGA, ADAM
BLAHAUVIETZ, RYAN
BLAIR, MEGHAN
BLASKOVICH, NICOLE
BLASS, AARON
BLOCK, AUDRA

BOEHM, NIKKI
BOLEJACK, KYLE
BONNEFIL, PASCAL
BRATTEN, ERIK
BRIER, RYAL
BROCK, NIKKI
BROCKMAN, KRISTIN

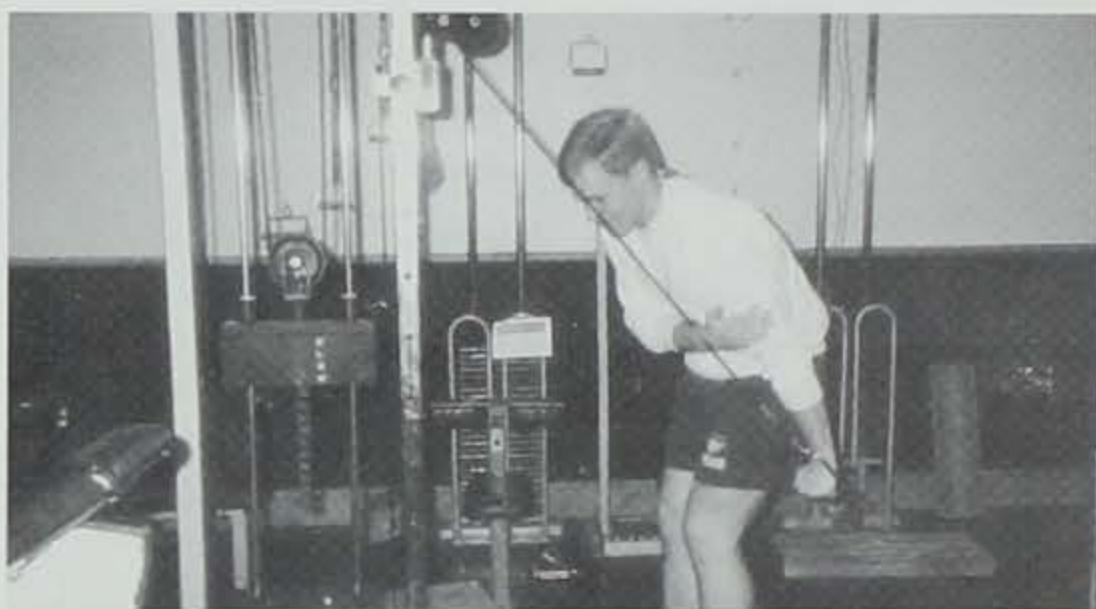


TRACI JONES FIGHTS HER WAY TO THE BASKET. SHE WILL BE AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER BACK FOR THE HAWKETTES.

SCOTT HOLMON, '97, EXPRESSES HIS DISDAIN FOR THE ALL-TO-COMMON LONG LUNCH LINES.

MARK WILLIAMS, '96, RECEIVES A MEDAL FOR WINNING THE 100 METERS FOR THE BOYS SWIMMING TEAM.





JASON GASSMAN, '97, WORKS OUT IN THE YMCA. MANY AHS STUDENTS USE THE YMCA FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES.



JENNY VOSS, '96, TROTS AROUND THE BASES ON A TRIPLE DURING REGULAR SEASON ACTION FOR THE SOFTBALL TEAM.

PJ DAUTERIVE, '96, DRIVES TO THE BASKET AGAINST MARSHALLTOWN. THE HAWKS BID FOR A SECOND STATE TITLE ENDED WITH A LOSS TO IA. CITY WEST.



BRODELL, ELISE
BROICH, RYAN
BROWN, DWIGHT
BROWN, SHANNON
BUCKNER, BOBBI
BUNCE, DAVE
BUNCE, TOM



BUSCHOW, JASON
BUSH, ALAN
BUTTERY, MARK
CAIRNS, JASON
CALLOWICH, RAUL
CAMPBELL, BOB
CANFIELD, SCOTT



CARRINGTON, NATE
CARROLL, TRESSA
CARTER, RYAN
CHENEY, KIMBERLY
CHESNUT, CHANCE
CLARK, JODIE
CLAWSON, SARAH



CLAWSON, TABBY
CLINE, CHAD
COCHRAN, JASON
COLVIN, HEATHER
COPP, SHANNON
CRALL, JENNIFER
CRAWFORD, SCOTT



CROSS, AMANDA
DAHLSTROM, MICHAEL
DAMSTETTER, SCOTT
DANIELSON, CHRISTINA
DANIELSON, SHARLA
DAUGHERTY, JOHN
DEGNER, CHRIS





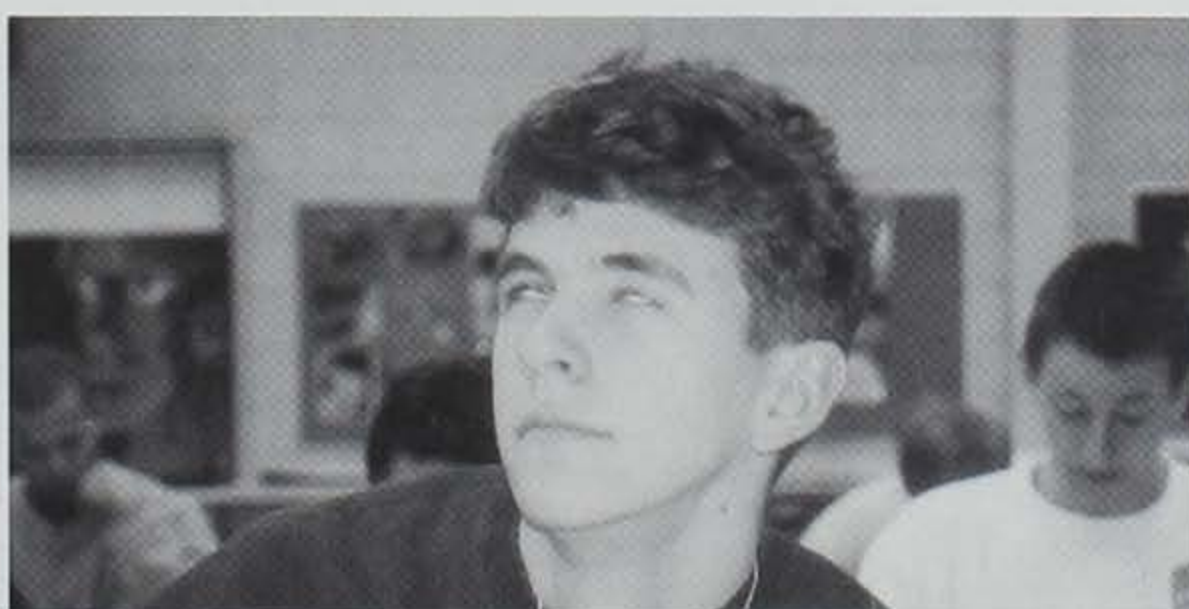
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DENCKLAU, ANDREA
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DIEHL, TODD
DUIN, ANDY
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DUNCAN, SARA

DUNLAP, KARLI
DUTCHER, LIZ
DUTLER, CHAD
DYAR, ABBY
EARP, JACKIE
EDRINGTON, CHARLES
EIMERS, AMANDA

ELSBECKER, KATIE
ENGH, KARI
ERICKSON, ANGELA
EVERS, NICOLE
FISK, GARY
FIX, KELSEY
FLEMING, GABE

FLEMING, JENNA
FLYNN, JOHN
FORREST, KIM
FORS, ROLLIE
FRANKS, HEATHER
FRISK, SHANE
FRYE, JODI

FUCHTMAN, ANDREW
FUJINAKA, MIKE
GARVEY, LUKE
GASSMANN, JASON
GEBAUER, AMY
GELATTI, GINA
GENTZ, BROOKE



RYAN SEARS, '97, DEFENDS DEAN OLIVER FROM MASON CITY. SEARS WAS A UNANIMOUS SELECTION TO THE ALL-CONFERENCE 1ST TEAM.

STRESS DOES MANY DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. TIM SCHEIB, '96, SHOWS WHAT HE DOES WHEN HE GETS FRUSTRATED.

HARD AT WORK, JIM BUCHER, '96, TOILS IN THE BACK STOCK AREA AT DILLOWS. STUDENTS HELD VARIOUS JOBS AROUND ANKENY.





ALISSA TOLLAKSON, '97, SWIMS THE 100 METER BUTTERFLY DURING A MEET THIS SEASON. THE TEAM EXPERIENCED GREAT SUCCESS THIS SEASON.



LINDSAY EGLI, '98, PLAYS DEFENSE AGAINST A LINCOLN BASKETBALL PLAYER. THE HAWKETTES WENT ON TO DEFEAT THE RAILSPLITTERS.



CHAD GRAHM, '97, ROBIN BRENT, '96, TRENT CASEY, '96, MIKE DAHLSTROM, '97, AND STACY LANE, '98, PERFORM A PRODUCTION ENTITLED 'THE SNEEZE'.

GEORGE, ANDY
GIBBONS, AMANDA
GIBSON, JESSICA
GRAHAM, CHAD
GREENOUGH, KIRSTEN
GRIFFIN, DENNIS
GUSTAFSON, JACI



HAACK, JANELLE
HALBACH, MATT
HALL, CHRIS
HAMERSLEY, SHAWN
HAMMERLY, BRANDI
HANKE, STUART
HAPPE, JOSH



HARGEN, DESIRAE
HARMON, SEAN
HARRINGTON, DREW
HAYWARD, KRIS
HENDERSON, JOE
HESTON, DANA
HICKMAN, MARIE



HILL, BRAD
HILL, JASON
HILL, TIFFANY
HOFFMAN, J.
HOHLFELD, JANELLE
HOMMER, LINDSAY
HOOK, AMANDA



HUEBNER, MANDY
HUTCHINSON, CHRIS
IMMEL, KEVIN
IRVIN, JESSIE
JENKINS, JOEL
JENNINGS, MEGAN
JOHNSON, JOSH





JONES, BEN
JONES, JASON
JORGENSEN, JENNY
JUNOD, LAURA
JURY, JAKE
KAHN, KRISTIN
KAPASKA, TOM

KARLEN, STEVE
KAUTZA, HEIDI
KELLOW, LANCE
KENTOPP, ELISE
KEPHART, LORI
KIEFFER, KRISTINA
KIRSTEIN, CHAD

KLASSEN, JENNY
KOEHN, BETH
KOLBINGER, GAIL
KOOPMANS, LINDSAY
KORNEGAY, ADRIA
KRAMME, JEN
KRAPE, KARL

KRAUSE, KELLY
KRUG, ANGIE
LANG, LINDSAY
LARONDE, KEVIN
LARSON, RYAN
LEE, BRETT
LENNINGER, LISETTE

LINCOLN, JOANNA
LITTLE, DAN
LLOYD, STEVE
LONG, MANDY
LONG, ANDY
LONG, CURT
LOONEY, MARK



JAYSON WITTRUP, '96, GLANCES AROUND THE FLOOR AGAINST MASON CITY. THEY WERE THE ONLY TEAM TO DEFEAT THE EVENTUAL CHAMPS.

COACH LARRY IRELAND TALKS WITH PJ DAUTERIVE, '96, AND TIM SCHEIB, '96. THE HAWKS MADE THEIR FOURTH APPEARANCE AT STATE.

BEN NUSS, '97, LIFTS AT THE YMCA. STUDENTS USED THE YMCA TO STAY IN SHAPE AND FOR A LITTLE FUN WITH FRIENDS.



THE ANKENY MADRIGAL SINGERS PERFORM DURING CHRISTMAS TIME. SINGERS LEE CRECELIUS, '96, SHAWN SNYDER, '96, TOM KAPASKA, '97, AND KYLE ALBERTSON, '97 STRUCK A POSE.

STACY WIERZBICKI, '97 PROOFREADS A STORY FOR THE YEARBOOK CLASS. THIS YEAR THE CLASS WORKED WITH A \$40,000 BUDGET AND EARNED OVER \$10.00 IN ADVERTISING.

TOOTING HIS OWN HORN. ANDY FUCHTMAN, '97, PRACTICES HIS TRUMPET IN THE BAND ROOM. MANY BAND MEMBERS USED THEIR FREE TIME TO PRACTICE.



LOONEY, MATT
LORENCE, JULIE
LORENCE, KIM
LUKENBILL, JOSH
LYNCH, ANDY
MANN, JAIME
MARSHALL, ANGELA



MATSON, ADAM
MAXWELL, WHITNEY
MAYHER, SHAWN
MCCLURE, SEAN
MCGUIRE, MICHAEL
MCNEW, COLLEEN
MCNEW, JEREMY



MESKAN, LISA
METZGER, COREY
MICKELSON, SCOTT
MILLER, DEREK
MILLER, JAMES
MILLER, MICHELLE
MILTENBERGER, N.



MOECKLY, TYLER
MOON, KYLE
MOORE, JUSTIN
MORRIS, MATT
MORTALE, J.J.
MOTHERSHED, M.
NEAL, AMY



NELSEN, EMILY
NELSON, JILL
NORGART, RYAN
NORMAN, JASON
NUESE, MATT
NURNBERG, BRAD
NUSS, BEN





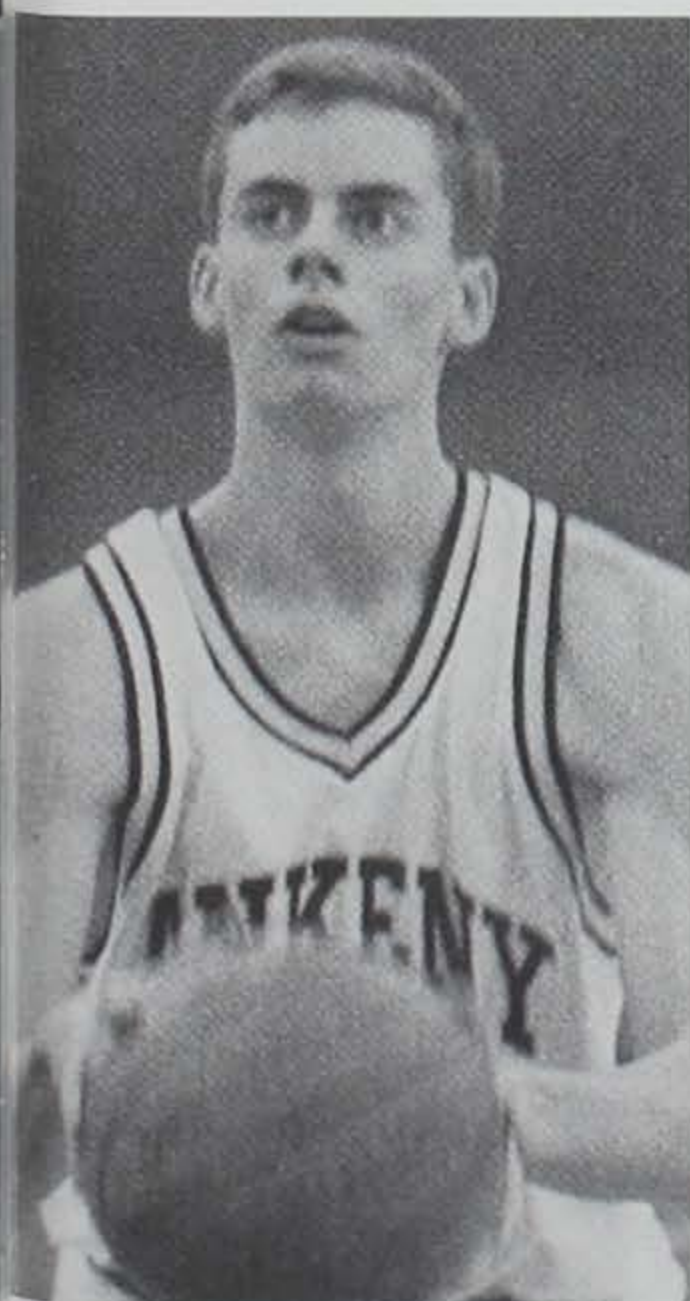
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 OSWALD, SARA
 OUVerson, J.J.
 OWENS, THOMAS
 PARKER, KENNETH
 PARKS, RYAN

PENDLETON, C.
 PETRIE, HOPE
 PORATH, MATT
 PRINGLE, TAMMY
 PURCELL, DREW
 PUTZIER, ANDREA
 QUICK, TIM

RAUSER, DARYL
 REBERRY, JONATHAN
 REED, MITCHELL
 REED, ZACH
 REEVES, TABATHA
 REICH, ANDREW
 RIVERS, JACK

ROBERTS, CHRIS
 ROBINSON, LINDSAY
 RODD, ROCHELLE
 ROGHAI, SARAH
 ROHRER, NICK
 ROSE, ERICA
 ROSE, NATALIE

ROTH, MICHAEL
 RUFF, AARON
 RYHERD, MATT
 SAFFEELS, SEAN
 SAGGAU, JONATHAN
 SCHAFER, TERRI
 SCHARF, AMANDA



CONCENTRATING, JEREMY TAYLOR, '97, SHOOT A FREE THROW IN A BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST MARSHALLTOWN. THE HAWKS MADE THEIR FOURTH APPEARANCE AT STATE.

MICHELLE JUNOD, '96, SWINGS AT A PITCH DURING SOFTBALL SEASON. THE HAWKETTES WERE ONE OF THE TOP TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE.

KATIE SHANNON, '98, GETS HELP FROM MRS. KAUFFMAN DURING YEARBOOK CLASS. THE CLASS DESIGNED A 208-PAGE BOOK, AN INCREASE OF 16 PAGES.





JUSTIN HOLDRIDGE, '96, WATCHES BOYS STATE BASKETBALL ON A TV IN THE MEDIA CENTER.



JENNIFER ABBOTT, '98, USES HER SPARE TIME TO PRACTICE THE CLARINET FOR AN UPCOMING BAND COMPETITION.



THE MEMBERS OF THE YEARBOOK STAFF PARTY AFTER MEETING ONE OF MANY HARD DEADLINES.

SCHREURS, ABBIE
SCHREURS, SARAH
SEARS, RYAN
SEVEDGE, PHILLIP
SHAFFER, HOLLY
SHAKLEE, ANN
SHEELER, BENJAMIN



SHIELDS, KIMBERLY
SHIPPY, REED
SILLIMAN, BROOKE
SLANIA, CHRIS
SLEDGE, KENNY
SNYDER, JOSH
SPALDING, CHRISTY



SPIES, SAM
SPOONER, ANGIE
STARR, J.
STEIM, BOB
STEINICK, MANDY
STIEFEL, BRANT
STILLE, JOSH

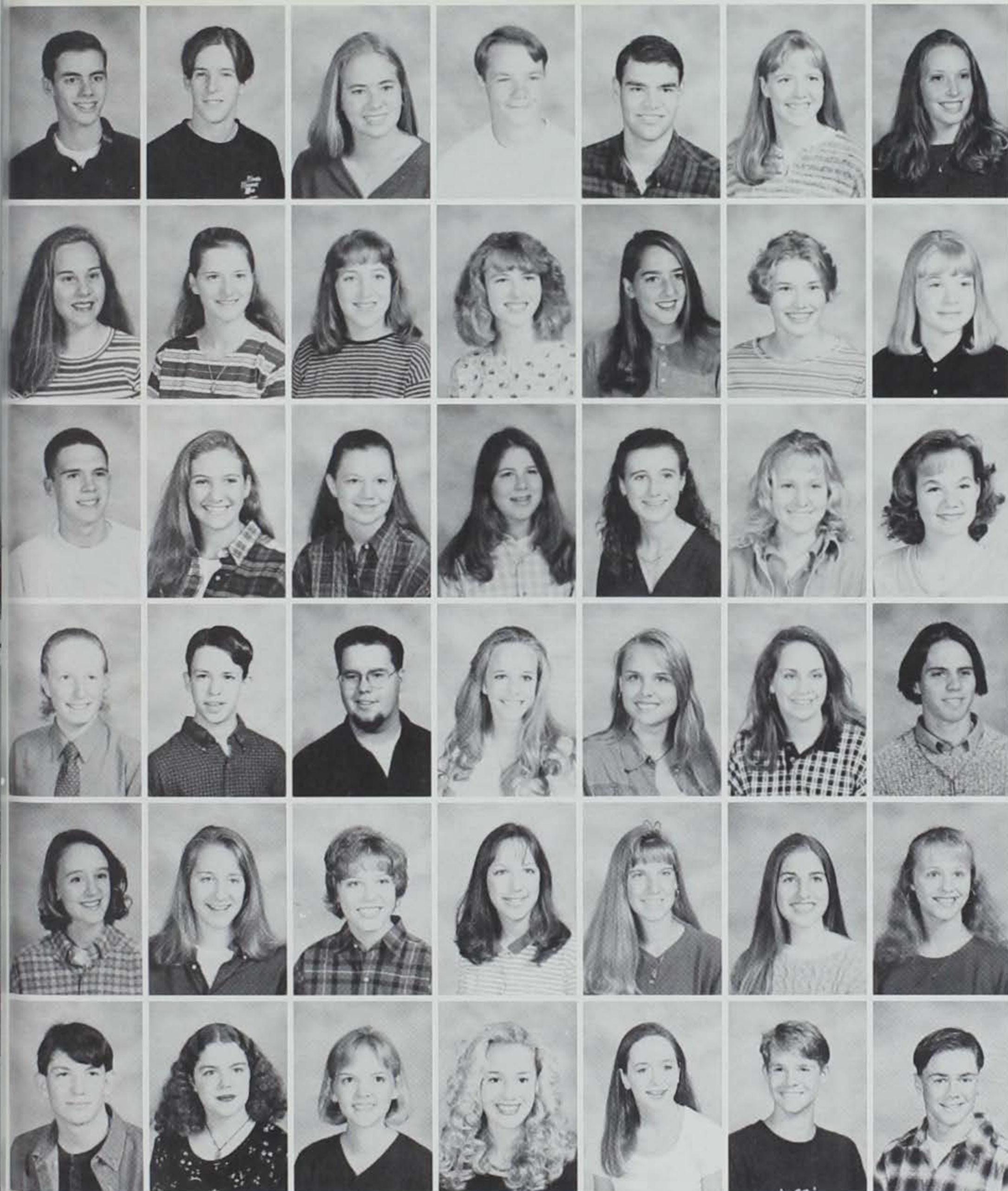


STOBER, TERRY
STONE, SARA
STONE, SHAUN
STRACHAN, JON
STRAHAN, ALISSA
STRAIT, DANI
STRODE, DOMINIQUE



STRUVE, JULIE
SUMINSKI, HEATHER
SWAGER, SHELLI
SWANSON, MICHELLE
SWIHART, KRIS
TAWHEEL, NICOLE
TAYLOR, CHRIS





TAYLOR, JEREMY
TEDORE, BEN
TEETER, KARI
THOMPSON, BRIAN
TIERNAN, BRIAN
TOLLAKSON, ALISSA
TOMETICH, ELIZABETH

TOWNSEND, JAMIE
TRIGG, AMY
TSCHERTER, KAREN
TUPY, DEANN
VAN AUWELAER, M.
VAN OORT, SARAH
VANDERLEEST, MAGGIE

VAUGHN, NATE
VERBESKI, CORISSA
VINJE, SARAH
VOGT, KARI
VONHAGEN, ANGIE
VUPER, ANDREA
WALDSCHMITT, JENNY

WALSH, BRIAN
WAMBOLD, JESSE
WARDEN, ALEXANDER
WATSON, AMBER
WEBB, RUTH
WEILER, TIFF
WELLS, PAT

WETHERILL, REBECCA
WHITE, AMY
WHITLATCH, LORI
WIERZBICKI, STACEY
WILLARDSON, CHERI
WILLEY, MACKENZIE
WILLIAMS, MELANIE

WILLIAMS, RICHIE
WISNOSKY, ELIZABETH
WOOLEVER, SARAH
YATES, ERIN
YOUNG, JILL
YOUNG, NEIL
ZORNS, BRAD

ZUBER, JON

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PORTRAITS EDITOR

Teachers. They're the people who keep us in the top of our class. The staff at Ankeny High School is one of the top staff's in the state of Iowa. Teachers do more than just teach and are very under-estimated. Their long hard days should be rewarded, but what do they get? Students who don't always do their homework, tons of paperwork and overloaded classes. The custodial and kitchen

staff also work very hard to provide a clean school and good lunches, along with a comfortable, temperature-controlled building. Without these people, Ankeny High School would not be the high caliber institution it is.

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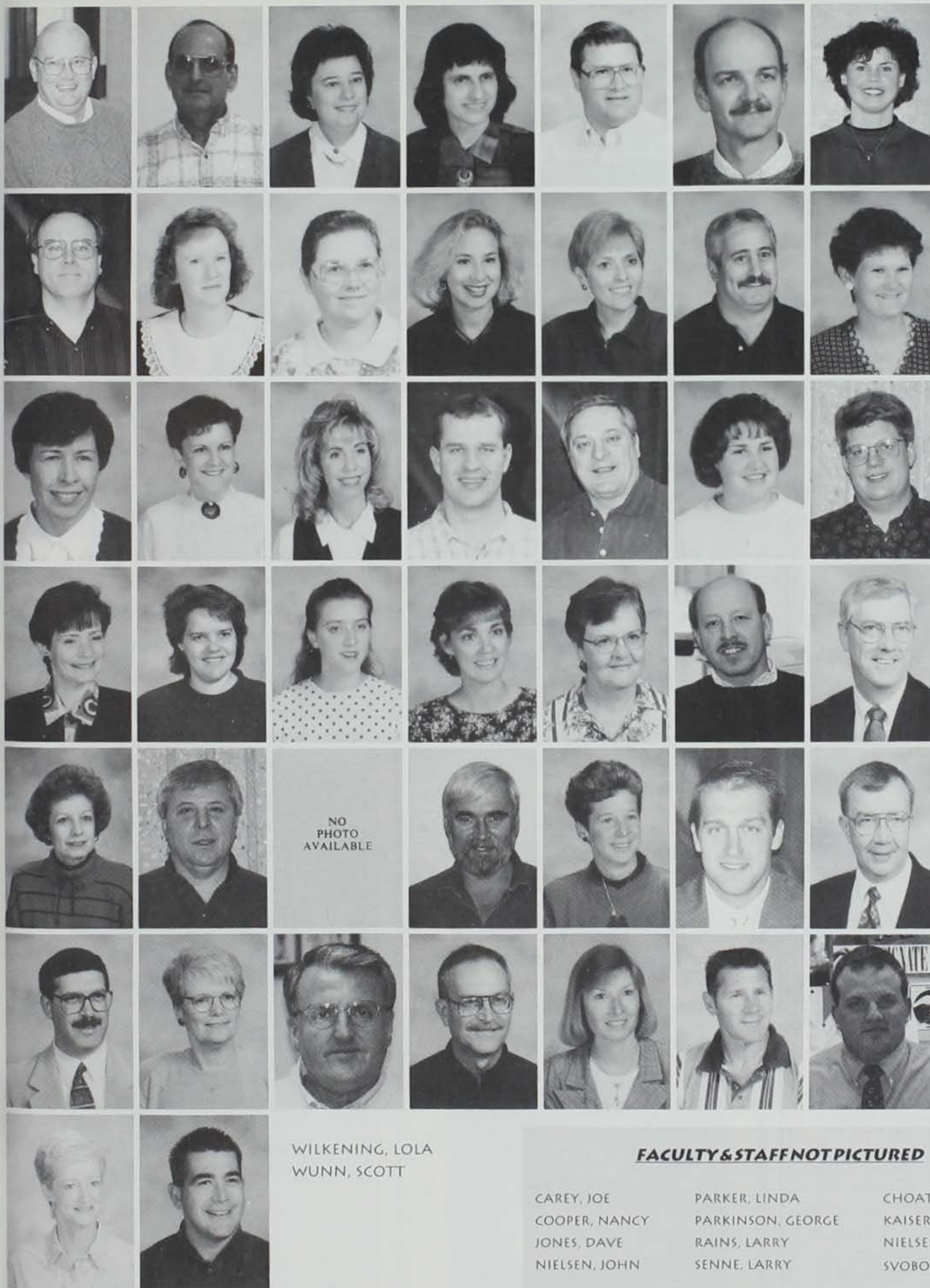
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THE LUNCH LADIES SERVE STUDENTS DURING LUNCH. A VARIETY OF FOOD WAS PREPARED FOR STUDENTS.

STUDENTS WAIT IN LINE DURING LUNCH. LONG LINES WERE SHORTENED BY THE NEW COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM.

SENIOR ADS



Nate,

Through the years you have brought us much happiness and many fun-filled memories. We will miss your contagious smile and laughter. With your personality, confidence, and independence, we know you will be a success in what ever you do! Love, Mom and Dad

**Congratulations
Becky!**



**We love you,
Curt, Mom, Jenny & Cole**



Sarah,

It seems like just yesterday that you were playing dolls and Barbies with the neighbor kids and sitting in Food-4-Less boxes with Matt watching Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, and Electric Co. We can still see your face when you saw Chance for the first time and we'll never forget your "drink box - drink box" recording. There are so many great memories, and we are all looking forward to the new ones you will give us!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Matt and Chance

Tricia,

We are so proud of you! You have been a blessing to everyone who knows you, especially us. Anything you want to accomplish in life can be yours because it's what is inside of you, your love, strength, wisdom, persistence and ability that makes it happen. We love you very much.

All our love,

Mom and Angela





Luong,
"Yesterday's dream is today's hope and is tomorrow's reality." We never had any doubt that you could reach your dreams. Any goal you have is only an arm's length away if you try, which you always do. Remember that whatever happens in life, we will always be there for you and that we love you dearly.
Good luck, Dr. Banh!
With all our love,
Mom and Dad



Amanda,
 You have always been anxious to 'move on' and explore what's out there! Know that we love you and support you as you begin the rest of your life. You are a truly extraordinary young woman.
 Love, Mom and Dad



Kris F.

My hands were busy through the day;
 I didn't have much time to play
 The little games you asked me to.
 I didn't have much time for you.
 I'd wash your clothes, I'd sew and cook,
 But when you'd bring your picture book
 And ask me please to share your fun
 I'd say: "A little later, son"
 I'd tuck you in all safe at night
 And hear your prayers, turn out the light,
 Then tiptoe softly to the door...
 For life is short, the years rush past...
 A little boy grows up so fast.
 No longer is he at your side
 His precious secrets to confide
 The picture books are put away,
 There no longer are any games to play,
 No good night kiss, no prayers to hear...
 That all belongs to yesteryear.
 My hands, once busy, now are still.
 The days are long and hard to fill.
 I wish I could go back and do
 The little things you asked me to.

Love ya, Mom

Peaches,

What "big" eyes you have!

*"Better to see you with,
 Mom and Dad!"*

We love you, Jeflyn!



Matt,

You have grown from a **COOL DUDE** into a very nice young man. We are very proud of you.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

HEATHER-

THANKS FOR BEING
"YOU". KEEP YOUR ZEST
FOR LIFE ON FULL
THROTTLE AND YOUR
"BLANKIE" WELL-CON-
CEALED.

LOVE,
MOM AND DAD



John-

Your true personality showed
through at a tender age!

We have really enjoyed
watching you grow into the
unique individual you are. We
are very proud of you and we
know that you will do great
things the future.



LOVE YOU, JOHNSON,
Dad, Mom, Brian and Shelly

CAMI,



**MAY ALL YOUR
DREAMS COME
TRUE!**

**LOVE,
DAD, MOM AND TARA**

**CONGRATULATIONS
STACEY!**



Miracles Never Cease!

**Love ya,
Dad and Rae**

Andrew,

Thanks for all the
laughter you have
given us. We are
proud of you, es-
pecially your will-
ingness to stick by
someone or some-
thing you believe
in. There's no dis-
guising it, many
doors will open in
your future!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Heidi





*Amy and Heather,
From the "baby investigator"
and the "baby contemplator,"
you have always strived to
achieve. You have many more
wonderful achievements ahead
of you! Thank you for all the
great joy you have brought into
our lives!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Ted*

Kari,

The enjoyment you bring to our lives is very special. We are so proud of you and are anxious to watch you grow and mature.



We Love You So Much!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Jessie,
From the first day
of kindergarden-
to graduation...
You've given school your all!



We're extremely proud of you!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Stephanie,
You're a wonderful, loving daughter
and sister with a strong, honest per-
sonality. You have brought joy and
strength to all of us. Next year,
college will present many new chal-
lenges, but face them with the same
determination to succeed as the day
you insisted we take the training
wheels off your bike. Have fun, be
safe, and know we love you, "Noel."*

*Thanks for being our special Angel.
Mom, Dad, Justin, Brian and Cuddles*

Chris,

Congratulations for all of your accomplish-
ments, especially football. May your abilities
and strengths take you to the top. Just know
you can, and you will.

We have enjoyed following you all over the
state for your sports. Hopefully we can do the
same thing during your college years.



So very proud of you!

*Love,
Doug, Mom and Brooke*

*Dear Amanda,
From Kindergarden
to today...My how fast
time has gone! We
wish you all the best
for your future.
We love you,
Dad, Mom and Angie*



Becky,

It seems like only yesterday that you started kindergarden. Your hard work and positive attitude have made you a success at everything you've done. We hope that you maintain them both and we know you'll achieve all your goals. School has seemed difficult so far, but your greatest challenges are yet to come. We know you'll do fine if you remain focused on your goals. Congratulations on your achievement of graduating from high school.

*Love,
Dad, Mom and Chris*



Mike,

Don't let go of your dreams. You have the potential to rise above and accomplish great things. We're behind you 100%!

Mom and Dad



Amy,

*From the first day of kindergarden, and now graduation! We are very proud of you and wish you the best in the future. You will always have our love and support.
Love, Mom and Dad*

MIKE,

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY YOU WERE OUR "LITTLE BUDDY." WE'RE PROUD OF THE SPECIAL MAN YOU'VE GROWN TO BE. WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO, WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU LOTS. IT WILL NEVER BE QUITE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU.

**ALL OUR LOVE,
DAD, MOM, LISA & JOE**





Dear Teresita:

We have always been proud of you. Keep a positive attitude in all that you do. We wish you good health and happiness always and the opportunity to work hard at something you love.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Morris
and Joseph



Jill,

You always seem to amaze me! You are a beautiful person, not only on the outside, but inside, too. Thank you for being such a wonderful daughter.

Love,
Mom



Michelle,
We are very proud of you.
Congratulations on all you have accomplished.
Thanks for being you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Cory



Steffi,

Wasn't it only yesterday I kissed you good-bye on your first day of school...and now I wonder, in all those busy years, did I tell you...

- to laugh, to dance
- to live life to the fullest
- to meet each new experience with joy and anticipation
- to find the good
- to love

And did I tell you...I'm so very, very proud of you, and I love you so very, very much!

Love, Mom

Phil-

Seems like just yesterday you went off to kindergarten--now you're ready for the next chapter of your life. Keep your faith with the Lord in all you do! We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aaron and Jason





VANESSA,

**YOUR SMILE AND FUNNY
FACES HAVE BROUGHT
CONSTANT JOY INTO OUR
LIVES. WE'RE PROUD OF
YOUR DETERMINATION
AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH
AND WISH YOU LIFE'S
BEST.**

MOM AND DAD

Jill:

You're quite a kid! With your smile, personality, sense of humor and determination you will be a big success. Always remember we love you and are very proud of you.

And thanks for all the laughs!

Mom and Dad



Erin,

"You've been a blessing
Right from the start
I love you, my daughter
With all of my heart."
You are a kind and caring person.
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad



**"Today is your day,
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!"**



**Your family is very proud
of you, Kelli!
Love always,
Dad, Mom, Chad and Tina**



Jaime,

The years have flown by and now it's time for you to take off and experience life on your own. We love you and are proud of your success in school. We wish you great happiness in the years ahead.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brooke and
Cortney

*Full of promise and full of
pride...*

*Filled with confidence and
years beyond wise...*

*Tough on the outside but
soft within...*

*This is Melissa as a new
chapter begins...*

All our love "P.B."

Mom, Dad and Ben





Dear Jack,

From "Blondie Bombshell" to "Jackson"...Incredible Hulk to Dan Marino...Big Wheels to Firebirds...WWF Wrestlers to Varsity Football...Peach Fuzz to goatees...Wading pools to jet skis.

The journey has been rewarding with hardly a dull moment! Throughout the years, we have been and always will be your cheerleaders. Wishing you good luck, friends, humor, fortune and love.

Love you lots!
Dad, Mom and Tyra

Congratulations Laura!



We are very proud of all your accomplishments. We wish you the best in the future!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jake-

You've been so much fun to have around. It's been great watching you grow into such a special young man. Best of Luck as you begin college, and never forget our family motto..."Go Hawks!"

P.S. You are my sunshine!
Love, Mom and Dad



Shawn,
What a blessing you are.
We are very proud of you!
Love you,
Mom and Dad

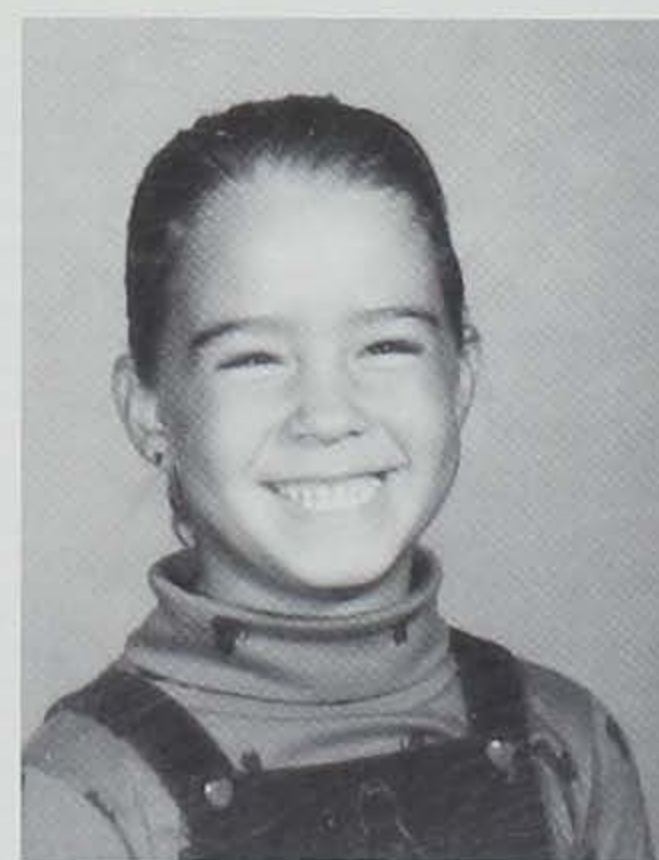


Michelle,

Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice...E-OW! We are very proud of you and all your hard work in school. Most of all, we are proud of the wonderful young woman you've become.

*We love you!
Dad and Mom*

Jessica,
Your smile says it all. What a joy you are to us. We are so proud of the young woman you have become.



We love you,
Mom and Dad

Michelle,

*We wish you all the success
you deserve. You are a trea-
sured gift and we are so proud
of the fine person that you have
grown up to be. You have our
admiration, respect, and most
of all our love! We will always
be there for you.*

*We love you WLNK!!
Dad, Mom, Laura & Erica*



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Looking back on the year brings about a myriad of emotions: ● Excitement as students broadened horizons by visiting foreign countries,

● Pride in the number one band in the state;

● Satisfaction as the high school finally developed a girls' soccer

program; ● Relief at having room to walk in the hallways

this year, now that we no longer have freshman; and, yes, ● Sadness at saying good-bye to this year's graduating class and the memories shared throughout the

year. Overall, Ankeny High School can be proud of its accomplishments, and while we realize that we may not be tops

in everything, we do know that we are still Rising Above the Rest.

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