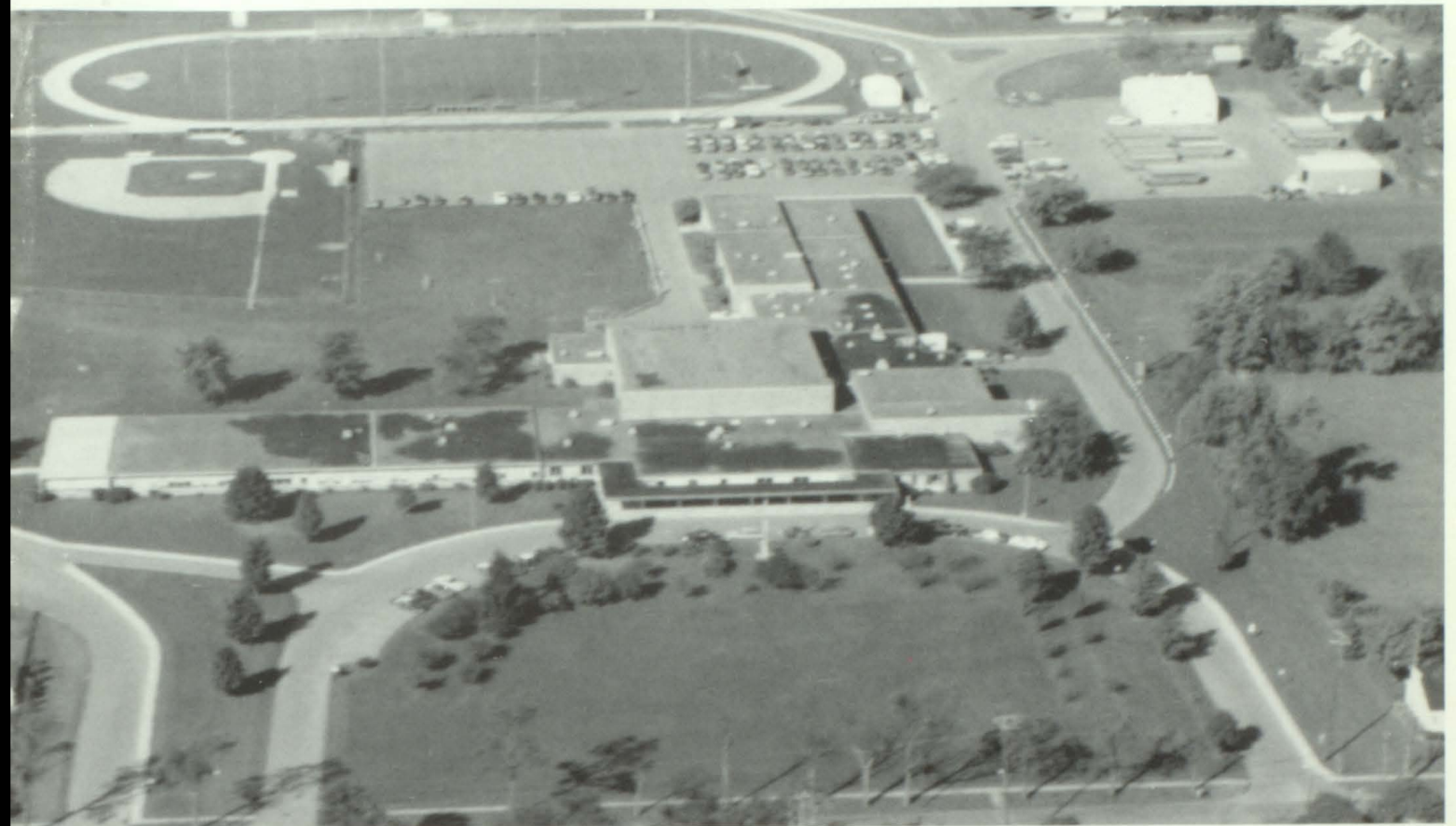


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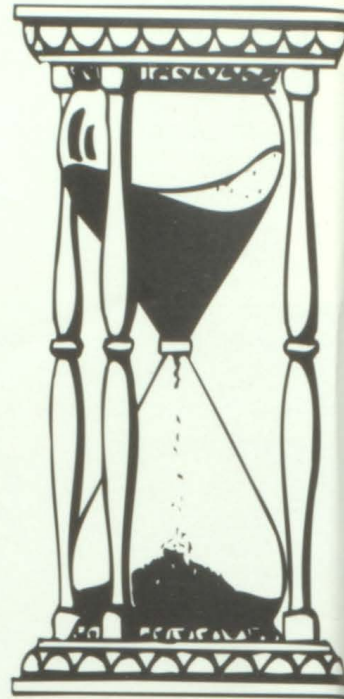
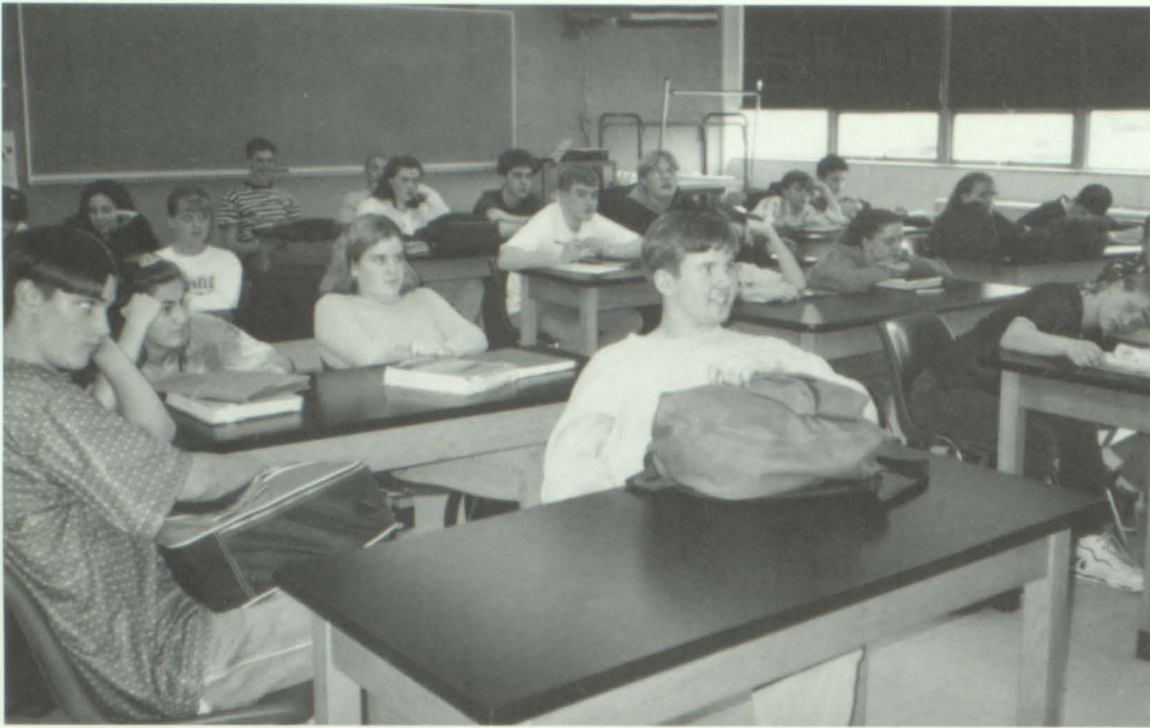


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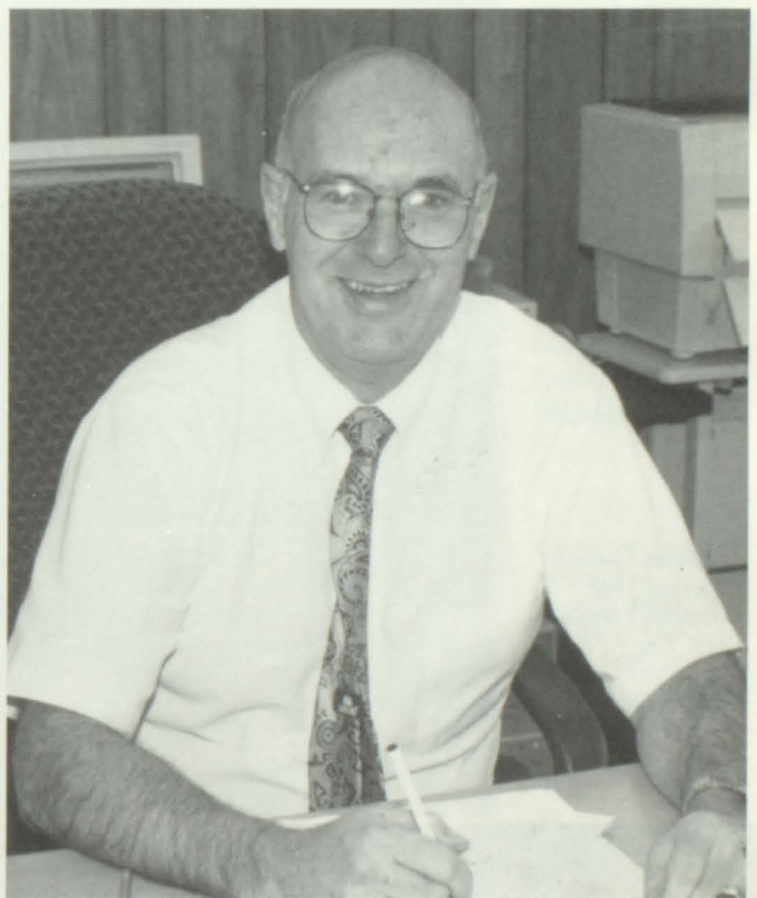
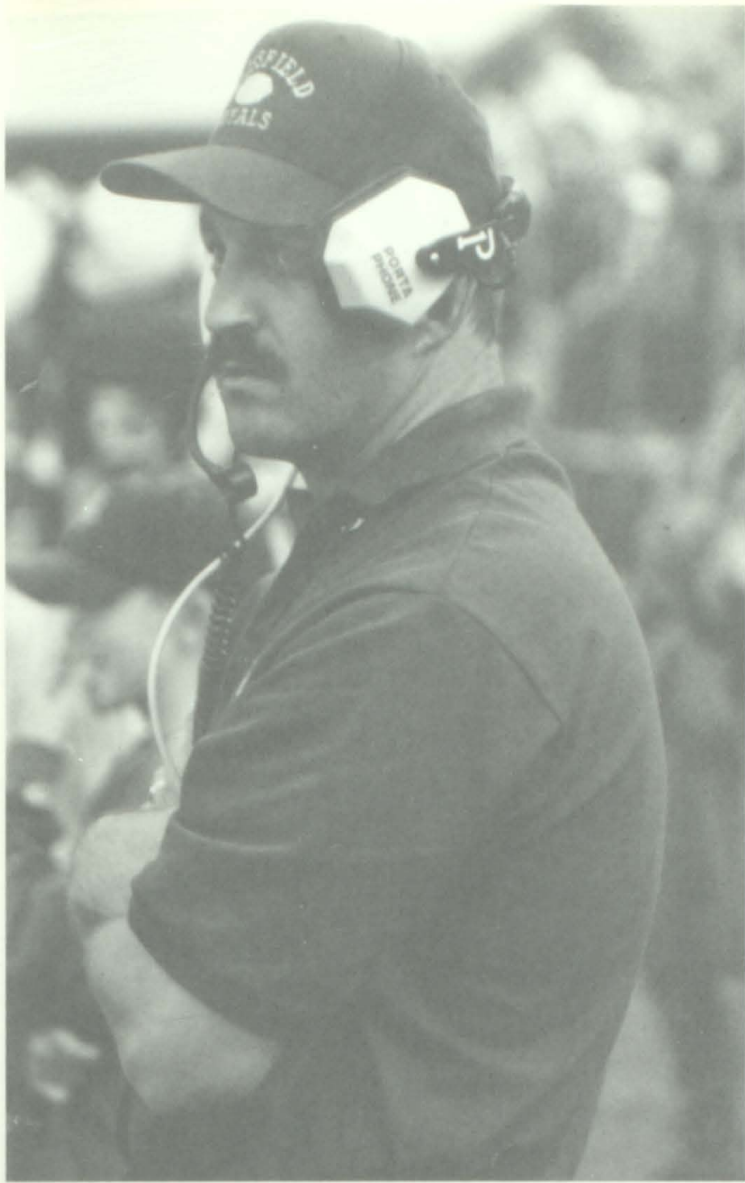
All our lives we follow orders. Sit here. Don't talk. Pay attention. Our lives are shaped to fit a mold. We come as freshman, preformed and willing to follow, to be taught. As we grow and learn, we change. We broke away from the mold and learned to be independant and individual. We formed our own armies of friends and have allegiance to our school. We are under no ones but our own Royal Command.





People





Class of 2001

Pres. Francis Brigg

Class Officers

Rep. Laura Terry

V.P. Ashley Allshouse

Sec. Kari Cory

Treas. Nicholas Coopshaw

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Allen, Jay
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Alvarez, Raymond
Averill, Rachael
Baker, Heather



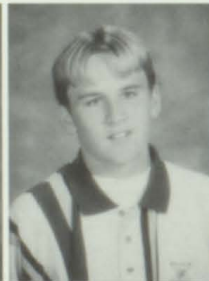
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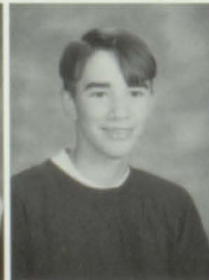
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Brubaker, Christopher
Byers, Zachary



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Casterline, Nikki
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Coakley, Jessica
Conn, David
Cook, Christopher



Coopshaw, Andrea
Coopshaw, Eli
Coopshaw, Nicholas
Cory, Kari
Cox, Tyler
Crane, Maria





Creamer, Denise
Duckett, Justin
Eff, Meghan
Eisenmann, Amanda
Eisenmann, Justin
Erheart, Nicole

Escobedo, Adela
Filippi, Patrick
Freer, Anthony
Garcia, Vanessa
Garza, Lupe
Gates, Joshua

Geib, Elliot
Gilliland, Chad
Gilmore, Erin
Gomez, Jesus
Goodson, Chelsea
Grant, Amanda

Gunter, Holly
Hamilton, Michael
Hartzell, Melissa
Henricks, Laura
Heydinger, Seth
Hill, Katie

Hoffman, Krystal
Hoffman, Samantha
Hueter, David
Hyder, Crystal
Jaques, Phillip
Jensen, Andrew

Jensen, Janelle
Jensen, Natalie
Johnson, Joshua
Jordan, James
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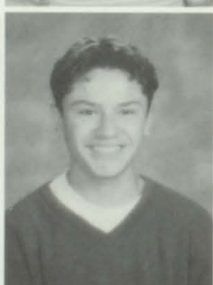
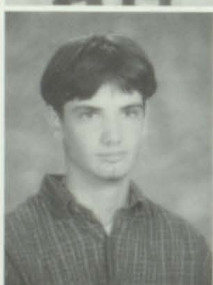
Freshmen float riders, Marilyn Carter and Tony Freer. Aaron Sauter works on the Friday show. Janelle Noelanders and Krystal Hoffman run the three-legged race in the Homecoming pep assembly. The freshmen class listens to an assembly about the Peace Core. Justin shows off his guitar skills in jazz band.



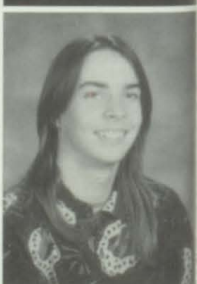
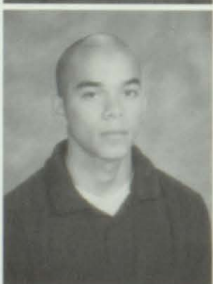
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Meinke, Traver
Meyer, Nathan
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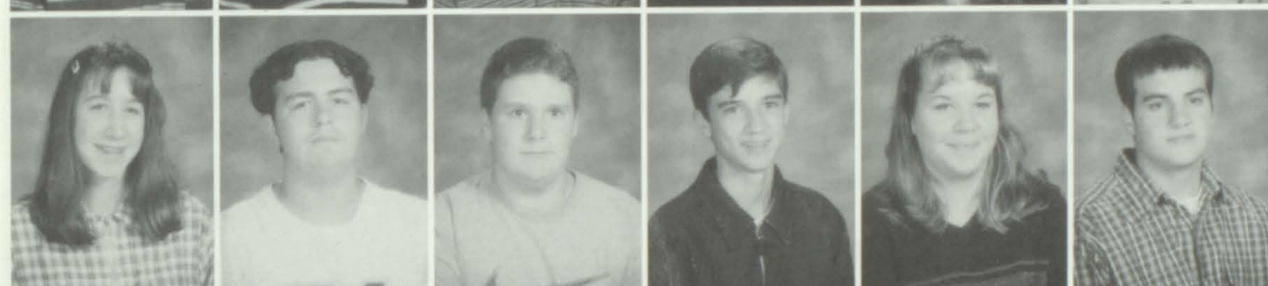
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Sauter, Neil
Saxton, Douglas
Schrader, Cassi



Seeger, Adam
Sell, Gregory
Smith, Kevin
Smith, Sarah
Snyder, Amber
Staup, Holli



Stein, Connie
Stoker, Jacob
Stull, Bryan
Stutzman, Daniel
Terry, Laura
Thompson, David



Thompson, Eric
Uyittenhove, Geoffrey
Wahl, Lawrence
White, Tim
Wotring, Justin
Wtight, Tiffney



Yabarra, Catarina
Yovanov, Daniela

Not Pictured:
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Gates, John
Yoder, Nathan

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Class of 2000

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V.P. Luke Wold

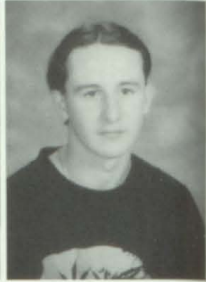
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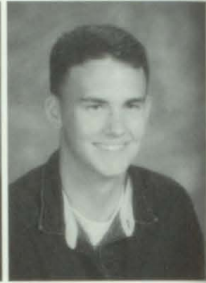
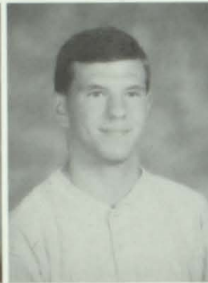
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Rep. Alycia Demay

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Bierman, Wayne
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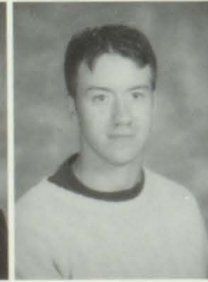
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Cole, Carrie



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Dennison, Becky
Dixon, Celeste



Douge, Miriam
Duff, Joshua
Dunbar, Matthew
Elliot, Brandon
Evers, Jenny
Fisher, Anne





Fleenor, Ginnie
Flores, Benjamin
Foote, Adria
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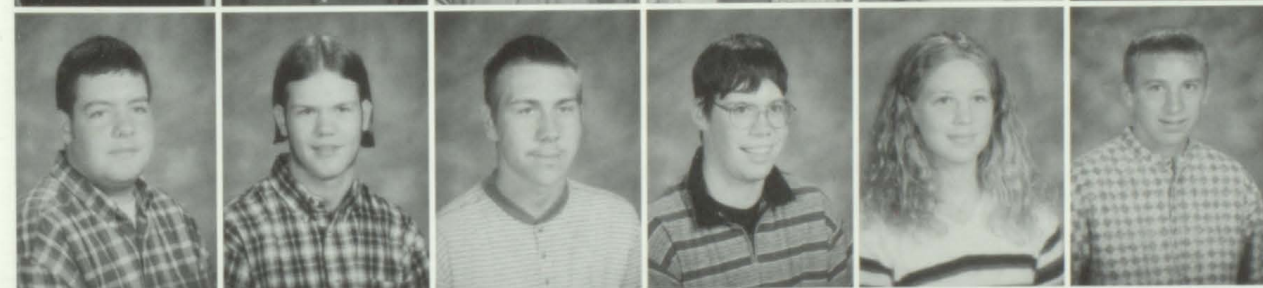
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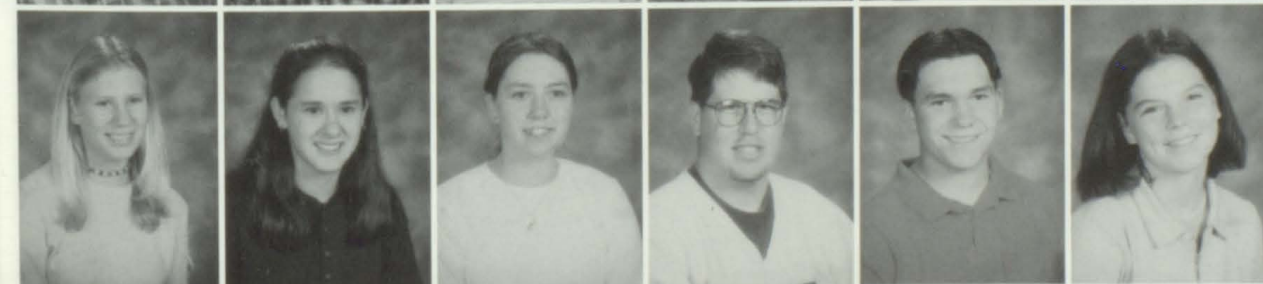
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Knight, Heather
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Laviolette, Lorelei
Lavoy, Janine
Libstaff, Denise

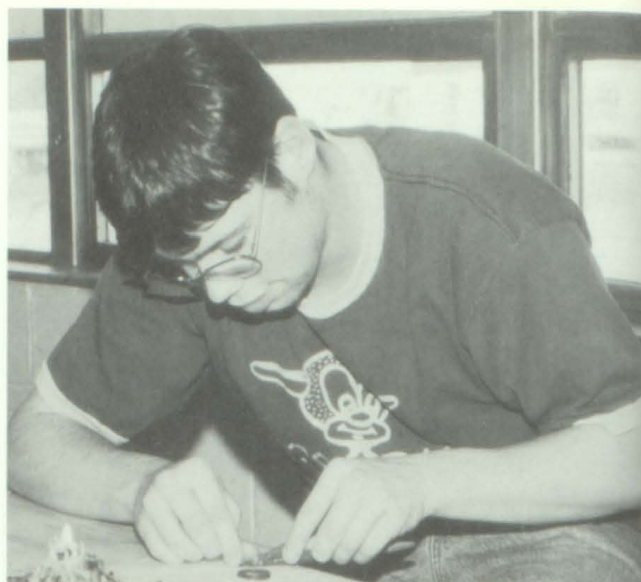


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Locker, Derek
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Marchal, Gerald



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Mercer, Paul
Meyer, Ryan
Mock, Gwynne

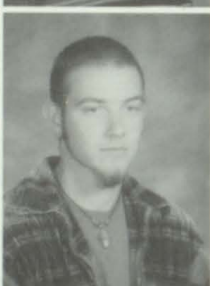
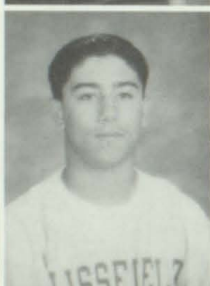
Jay is telling us who is boss. John is hard at work in the art room. Justin designs a unique ring in his art class. Heather and Scott, working hard during V.I.P. Karen and Rachel are having fun during their break.



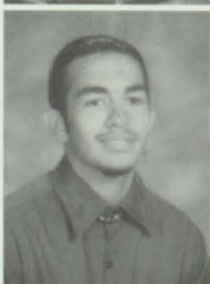
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Ricker, Meagan



Ries, Suzanne
Rupp, Todd
Russell, Tommy
Sander, Kimberly
Sauter, Nicole
Schaedler, Casey





Segeur, Chad
Sell, Victoria
Sheldon, Jay
Shepard, David
Shopshire, Sarah
Siefert, Scott

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Snyder, James
Stimac, Leah
Sutherland, Kimberly
Swartz, Matthew
Thanasiu, Sydney

Thomas, James
Thompson, Jacob
Torres, Jenny
Townes, John
Tussing, Randy
Visingardi, Jacob

Volk, Amy
Vore, Dennis
Wahl, Kellie
Wallace, Jason
Walters, Rachel
Walters, Renee

Warner, Miranda
Waterbury, Zebulun
Wells, Ken
Wells, Jeffrey Jr.
Wilson, Ben
Winzler, Marcia

Wittscheck, Amanda
Wold, Luke
Woodward, Leigha
Yockey, Karen
Yovanov, Justin
Zimmerman, Katie

Not Pictured:

Pirkle, Elisa
Torres, Jessica
Vansteenkiste, Tyler

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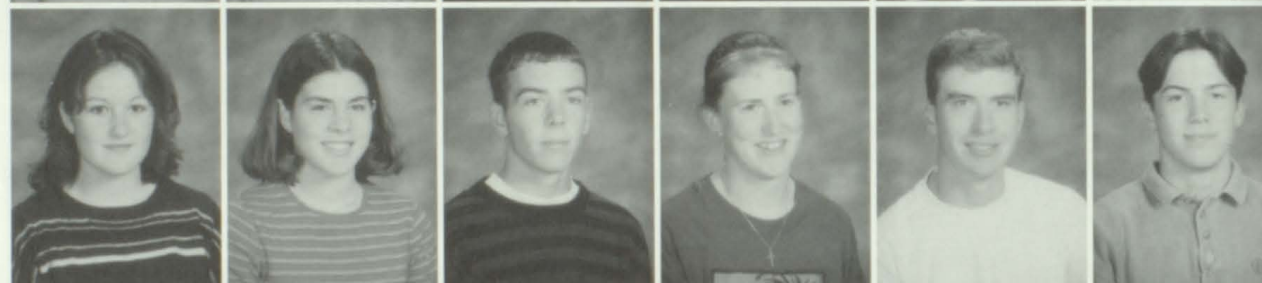
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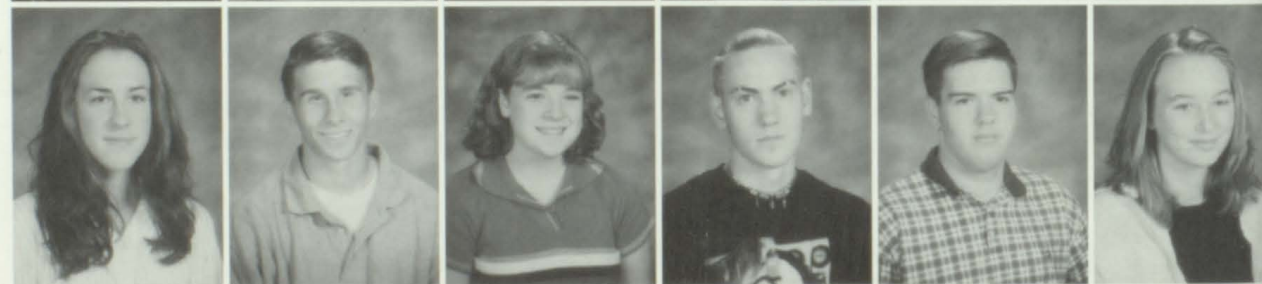
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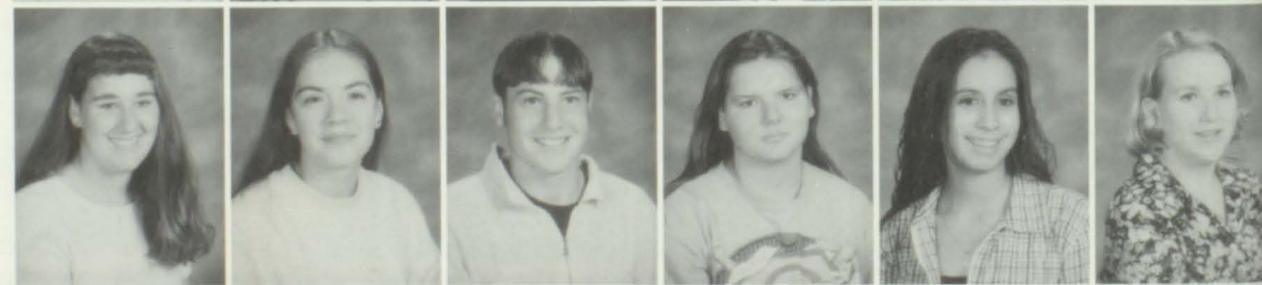
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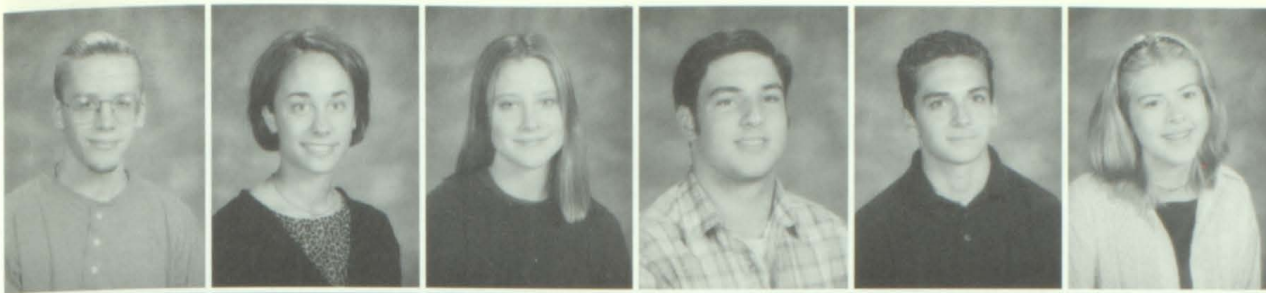


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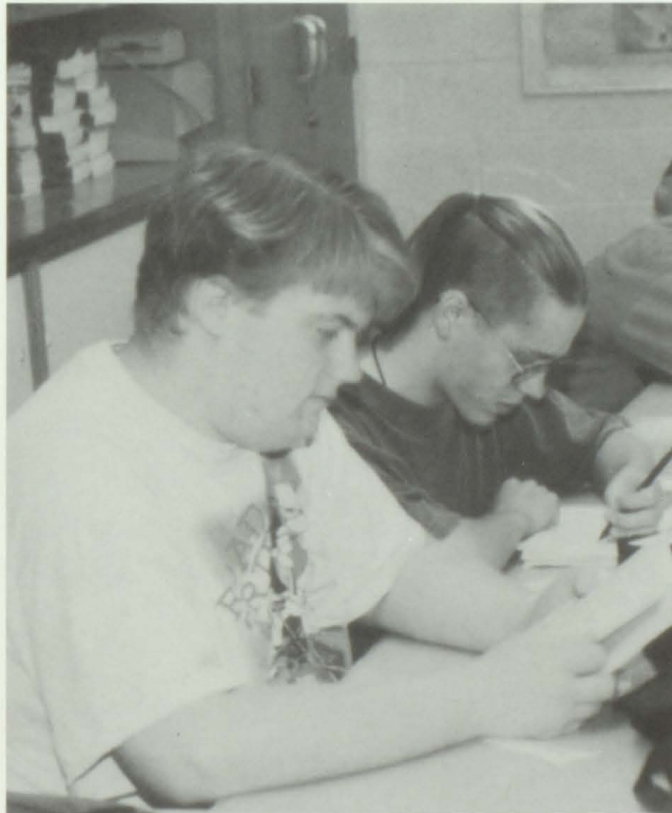
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Goulart, Jared
Gritmaker, Matthew
Hackathorn, Jeremiah
Hartzell, Rachael



Herman, William
Heydinger, Sarah
Hinde, Adam
Hood, Amy
Horky, Craig
Jean, Jennifer



Lana studies hard in
Mrs. Hawley's class.
Chris and Jake read a
good book in Mr.
Clark's class. Jason,
Gabe, and Ben all
show their super
powers on hero day.



Sam and Nick cheer on the Royals at the basketball game. Ben works hard in his computer class. The Junior girls really know how to show their stuff at the homecoming dance. Beth and Jason dance a slow one together at the homecoming dance. The Junior class shows their spirit at the homecoming pep assembly.



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Kendall, Melinda
Kitson, Sheana
Kudlac, Timothy



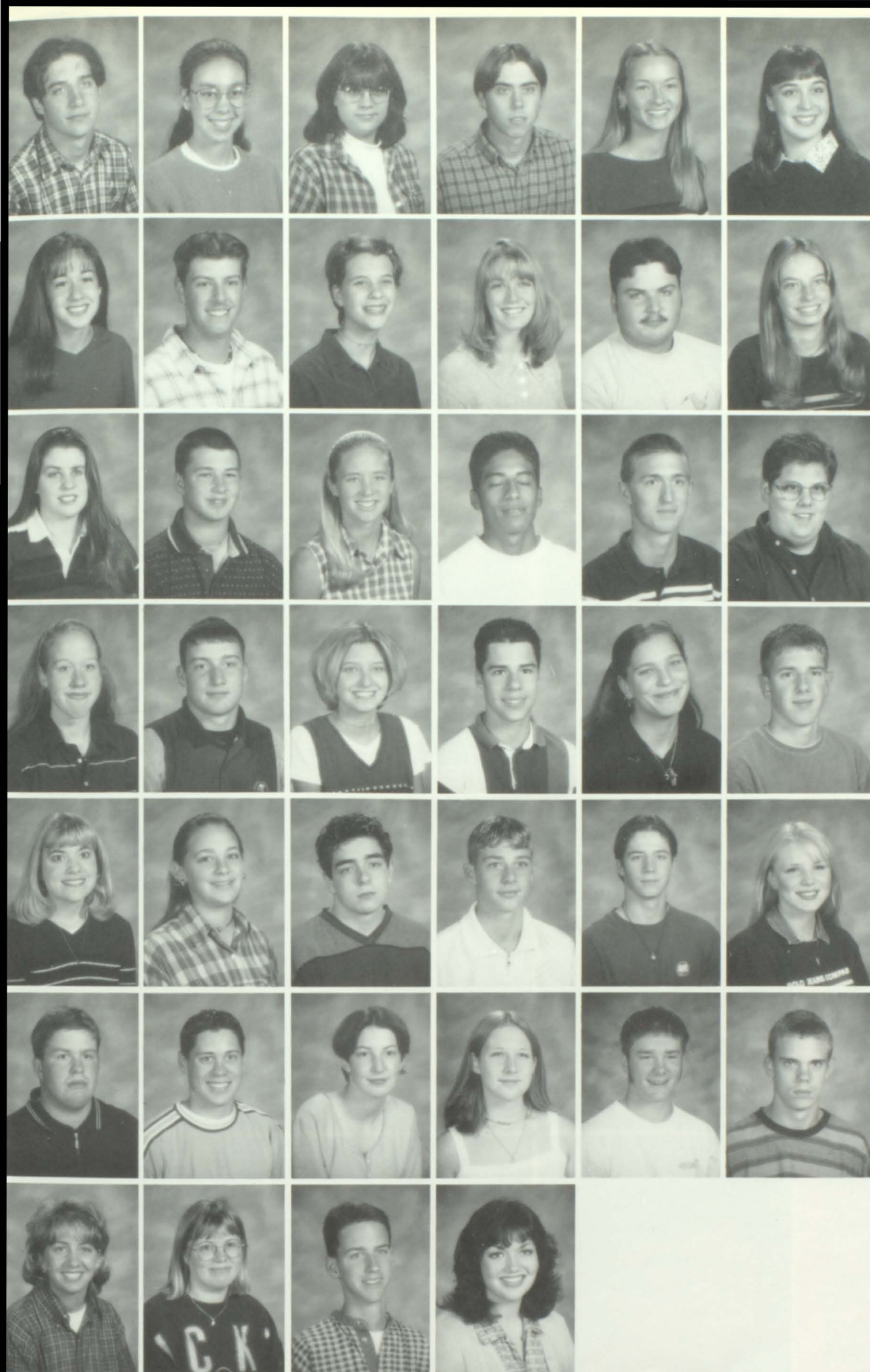
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Loar, Alicia



Lockwood, Leslie
Mainka, Ben
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Martin, Aaron
Martis, Jeremy
McCabe, Kathryn



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Merillat, Justin
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Miller, Dawn
Milosh, Brandon
Mitchell, Laura
Moore, Kriston

Juanita, Navarro
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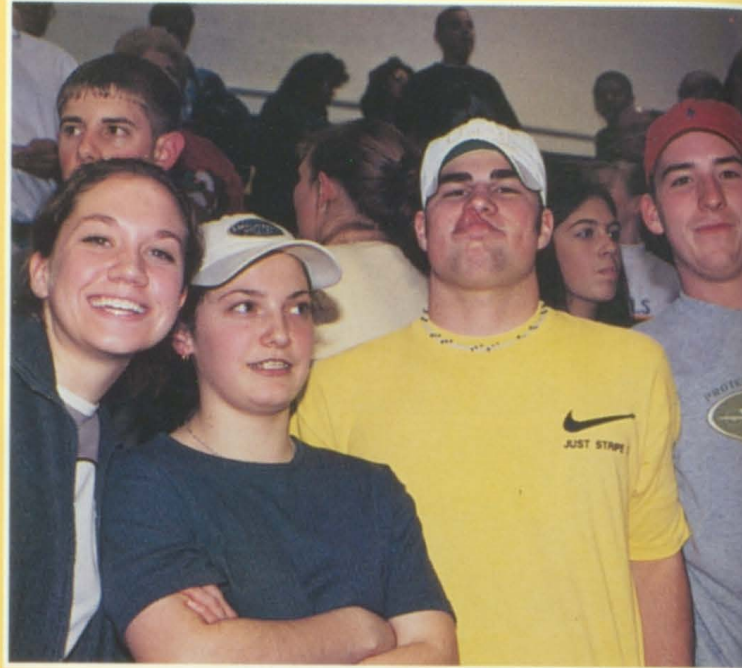
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Vance, Mickey
VanStavern, Bradley

Wahl, Michelle
WellsJennifer
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Seniors

Members of the senior class show off their school spirit at the homecoming pep assembly. Janine Filipek, Holly Bowen, Ryan Andrews, and Nick Fisher watch the game.



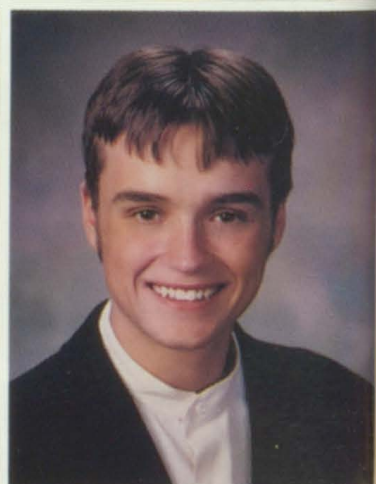
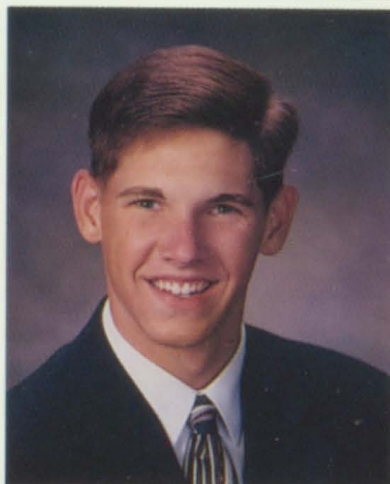
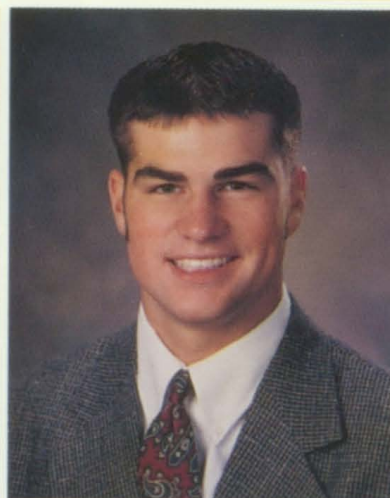
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Andrews, Ryan: football (9-12), ski club(10-12), Winners Circle(9-11), PSI(10), student council(9-12).

Austin, Billie Jo: French club(9-12), Winners Circle (9), track(9).

Ayers, Collin: track(11), ski club(11,12), Coming Home King(12).

Bates, Nicholas: football (9), basketball(9-12), PSI (11,12), baseball(9-12), Winners Circle(10-12), Junior Rotarian(12).

Berry, Bradley: baseball (9), ski club(10), Winners Circle(10).





Bowen, Holly: basketball(9-12), volleyball(9-12), Key Club(9,10,12), Winners Circle(9-11), Peer Listening(10-12), class vice president(10-12), Young Life(9-12), student council(10-12).

Brown, Abigail: French club(9-12), Winners Circle(9-11).

Brown, Kayla: Winners Circle(9-12), Key Club(9-12), Track(9-12), cross country (11, 12), sideline cheer(9,10) Class President(10,11), Junior Rotarian(12), PSI(10-12), Young Life(9-12), Campaigners(9-12), Peer Listening(9-12).

Cremean, Matt: school play(9-11), Track(11), forensics(9-11), prom committee(11).

Dickerson, Jill: track (10,11), Teen Court(12).

Diebel, Laura: Key Club (9,10), Winners Circle(9-11), sideline cheerleading(9-12), competitive cheer(10-12), ski club(10), speech(10-12), French club(10-12), prom committee(11).

Dilley, Jenny: Young Life(9,10).

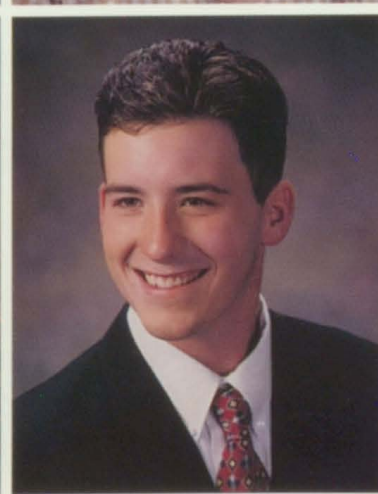
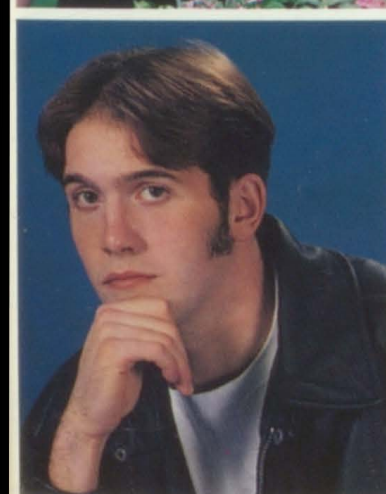
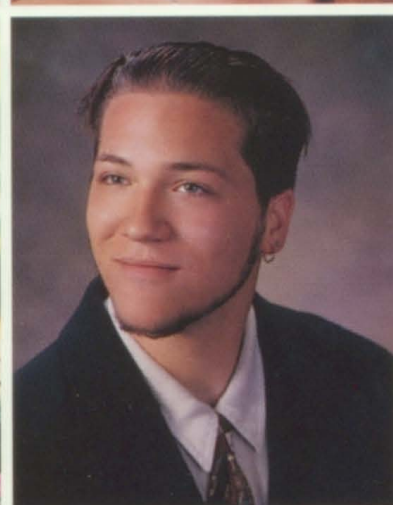
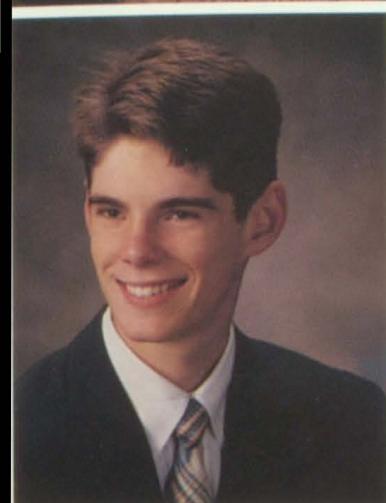
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Emerson, Amanda: basketball(9-11), volleyball (9,10), track(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), Young Life(9-12).

Fay, Andrew: football(9-12), basketball(9-12), baseball(9-12), yearbook(12).

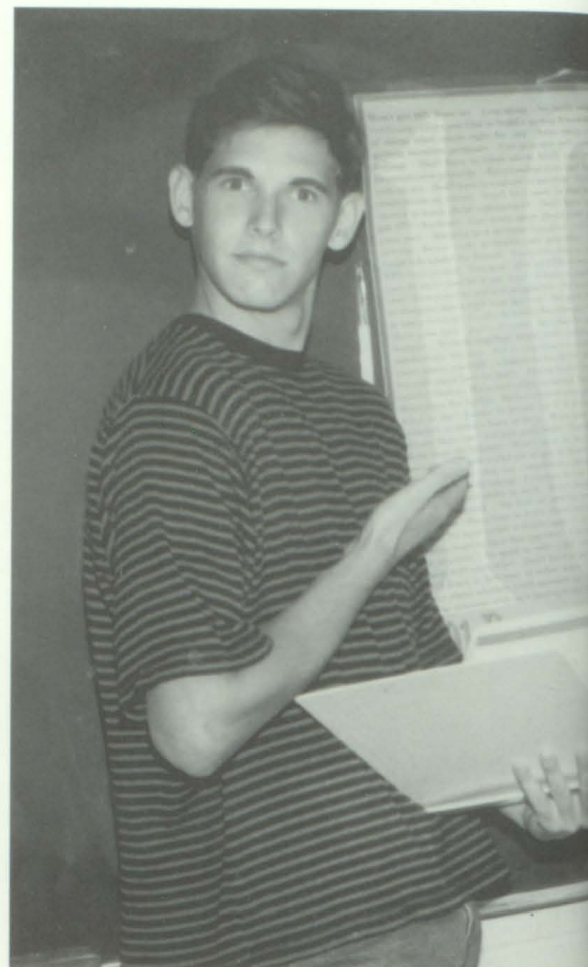
Filipek, Janine: softball (9,10), volleyball(9-12), Winners Circle(9-11), French Club(9-12), class treasurer (12), Young Life(9-12), Honor Society(10-12), yearbook(12).

Fisher, Nicholas: baseball(9-11), basketball(10), Young Life(9-11).



“Together we build our dreams, but apart we must achieve them.”

-senior class motto

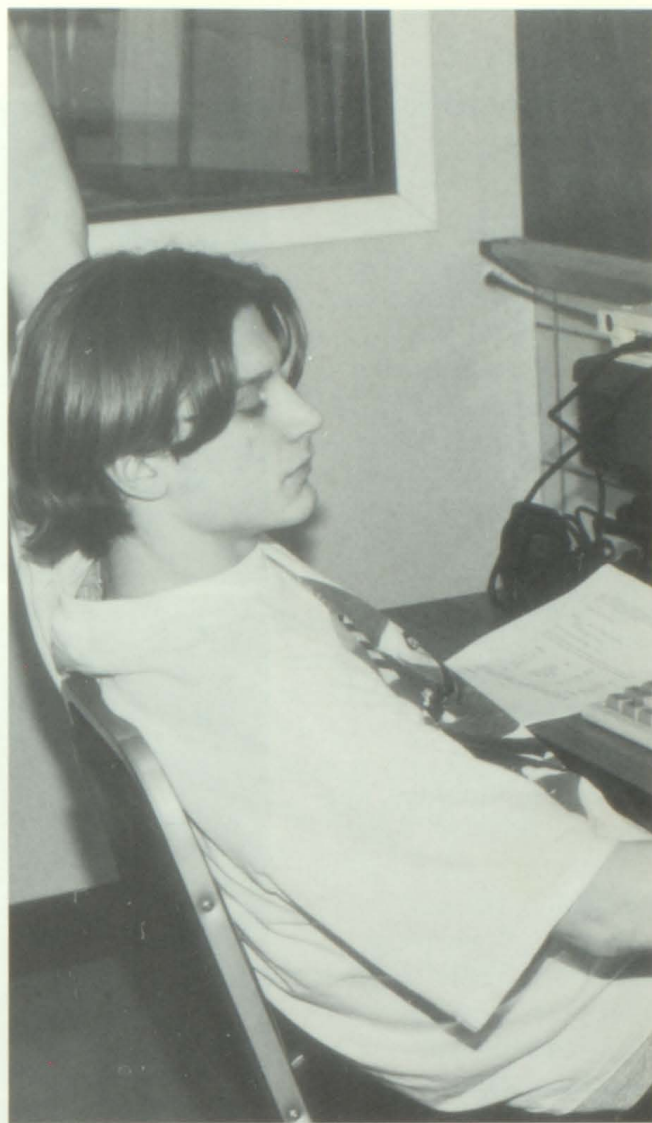


Nick Bates presents PSI materials 7th graders.

Ryan Andrews, Reggie Robinson, and Nick Sheldon strut their stuff before the homecoming king and queen crowning.

Senior PSI presenters, Jacob Heine, Brent Stutzman, Kayla Brown, Alaina Phillips, Greathen Sauter, Sarah Miller, Nick Bates, and Jen Visingardi.





above left: Jenny White and Sam Risher sing a duet for the variety show.

above: Adam LaTour raises his hand to seek help in computer lit. class.

left: Jennifer Jerew and Billie Jo Austin take time to chat during one of Mrs. Hawley's classes.

Forche, Samuel: Ski Club (9-12), baseball(9-11), Michigan Boys State(11), choir (9-12).

Fritz, Melanie: volleyball (9,10), softball(9-11), Winners Circle (9-11), Peer Listening(9-11), yearbook(12), class secretary(12), prom committee(11), Homecoming Queen.

Furgason, Nicholas: cross country(10-12), track(9-12), wrestling(9-11), Honor Society(10-12).

Gill, Kelly: volleyball(9-11), Young Life(9-11), Ski Club (9-11), Honor Society(10-12), prom committee(11).

Goetz, Toby

Gutierrez, Nicolasa: Key Club(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), volleyball(9-11), track(10), basketball(9), Hispanic Leadership(12), exchange student(10), County Congress (11,12), prom committee(11), Police Academy(12).

Hamilton, Billy

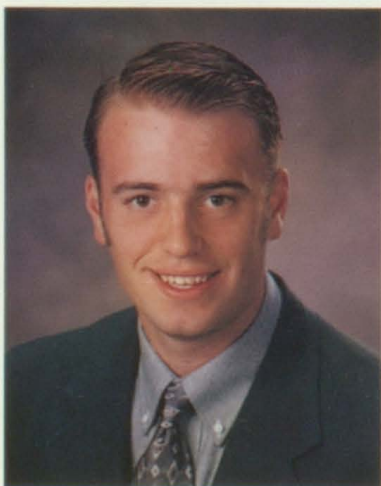
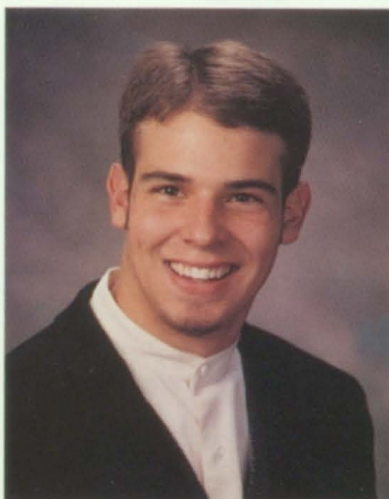
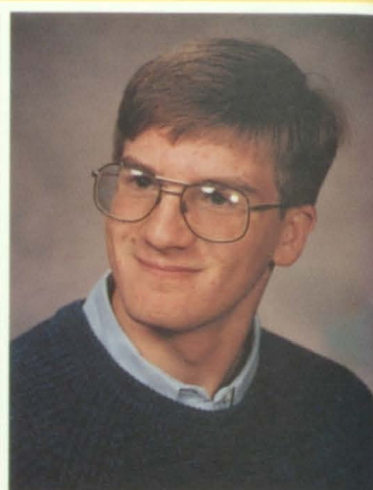
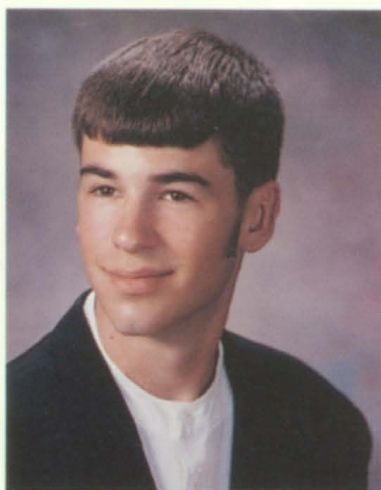
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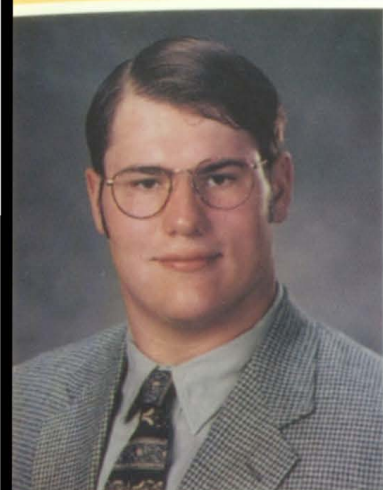
Hephner, Alanna: yearbook(12), Key Club(10-12), Peer Listening(10-12), musical (12), school play(11), teen court(12), Honor Society (11,12), newspaper(10, 11), morning announcements(10-12), prom committee(11).

Ickler, Howie: basketball (9,10,12).

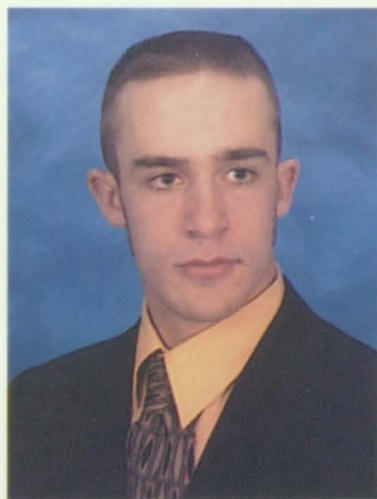
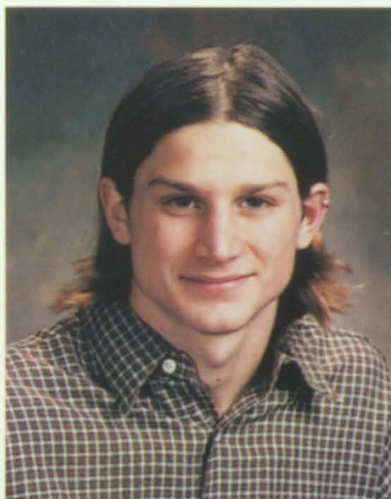
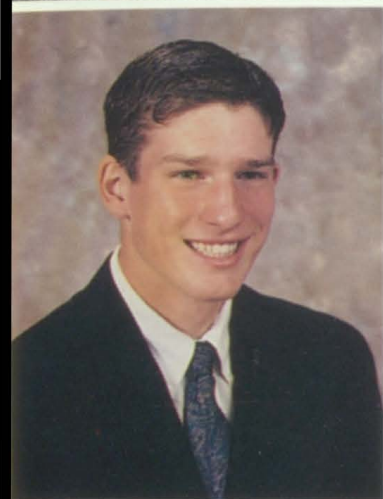
Jean, Nicole: French Club (9,11), Ski Club(9-12), volleyball(9).

Jerew, Jennifer: teen court (12), French Club(9-12), Ski Club(9-12), volleyball(9), track(12), DECA(12), prom committee(11), County Congress(11), speech(12).





Karg, Michael: football(9-12), wrestling(9,10), track(9,10), prom committee(11), Winners Circle(9-12), Winners Circle board(11,12), class president(12).



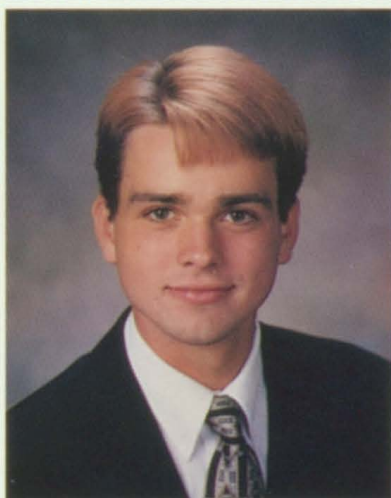
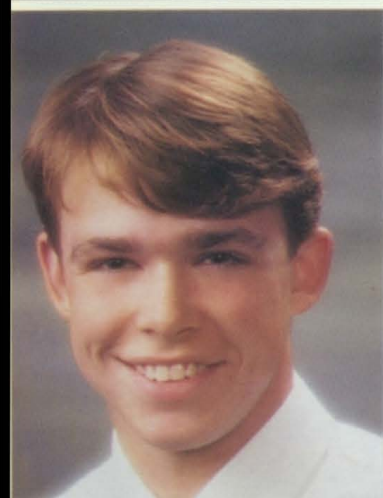
Kerekgyarto, Sarah: cross country(9), sideline cheerleading (10), Winners Circle(9-11).

Kokel, Katrin: Ski Club(12).

Koppelman, Bodan: basketball(9-12), cross country (10-12), track(9-12), football(9), FFA(11,12).

La Tour, Adam: football(9-12), baseball(9-12).

Loader, Nicholas: French Club(9-12), football(9-12), wrestling(10-12), baseball(9-11), yearbook editor(12).

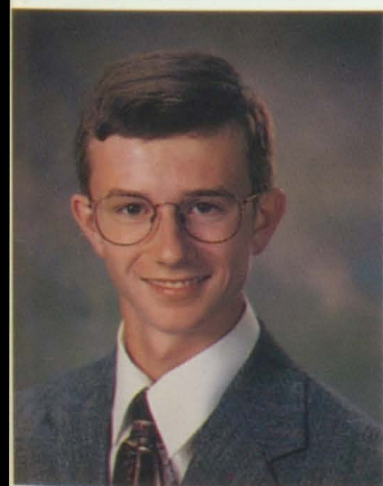


Loar, Dustin: baseball(10-12).

Loar, Nathan: basketball(9-12), baseball(10-12), track(9), golf(9).

Luckhardt, Christina: French Club(10), art(9-12).

Marks, Benjamin: cross country(9), basketball(9,10), track(9), French Club(9-10), Winners Circle(10).

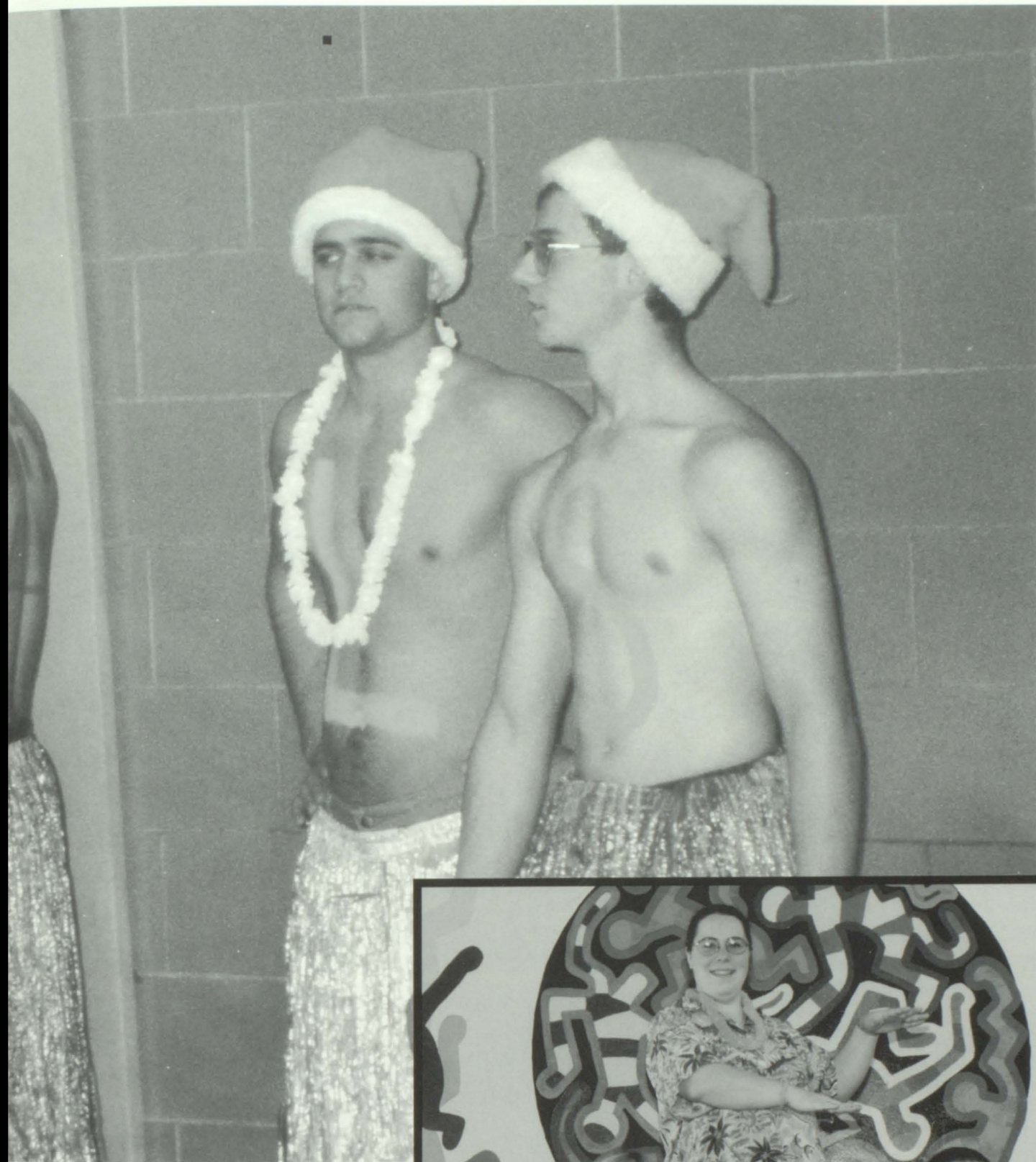


Marks, Stephen: Winners Circle(9-12), basketball(9,10), baseball(9-11), football(9).

Mason, Leann: Winners Circle(9-12), Key Club(9-12), Honor Society(10-12), drama(9-11), speech(9-12), Peer Listening (11), prom committee(11).



Nick Fisher, Brent Stutzman, Nick Sheldon, Ryan Andrews, Brian Stutzman, and Ben Marks show off their class spirit at the game on Hawaiian day of Winter Wonder Week.



Greathen Sauter, Molly Nieman, and Nick Loader dress up for Hawaiian day in style!



Miller, Beth: basketball(9-12), Key Club(9,12), Student Council(12), class representative(12), Young Life(12), yearbook(12), Honor Society(10-12), musical(12), prom committee(11), ski club(11,12).

Miller, Justin: football(9-12), Winners Circle(10).

Miller, Sarah: track(9-12), Key Club(10,12), Winners Circle(9-11), PSI(11,12), Peer Listening(10,11), Teen Court(12), County Congress(11,12), Young Life(9-12), Campaigners(9-12).

Nevins, Heather: class president(9), Winners Circle(9,10), peer listening(10,11), basketball(9-11), Key Club(9,10), Choir(12), band(9,10), State Honors Choir(12), yearbook cover(12).

Nieman, Molly: softball(9,10), peer listening(11), speech(10-12), musical(10-12), wrestling stats(9-12), flag(12), winter guard(11), prom committee(11).

Niles, Cory

Pagel, Gretchen: sideline cheerleading(9-11), competitive cheer(10-11), peer listening(9-11), Key Club(9,10).

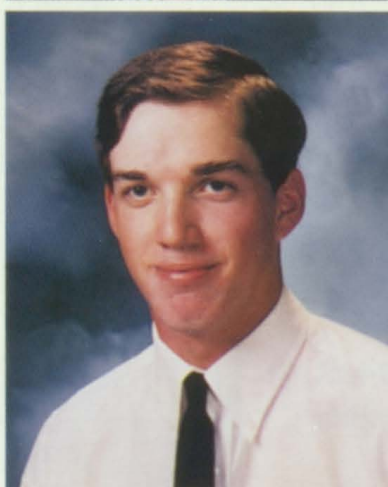
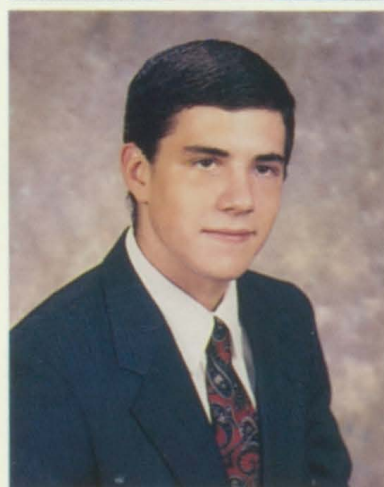
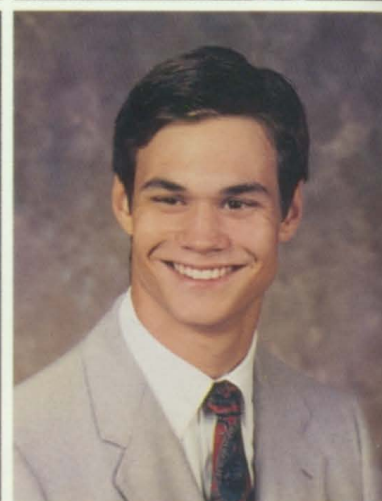
Phillips, Alaina: French Club(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), class secretary (10,11), Student Council President(12), peer listening(9-12), Junior Rotarian(12), yearbook(12), prom committee(11), Honor Society(10-12), PSI(10-12).

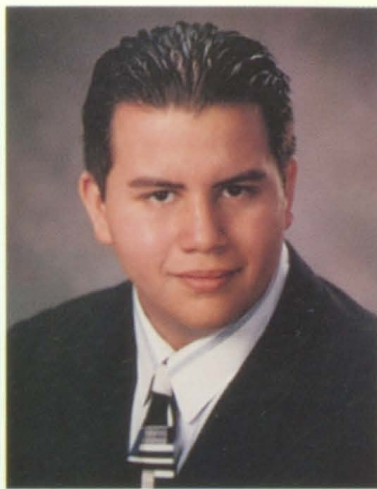
Phillips, Bradley: basketball(9-12), baseball(9,10).

Piros, Christopher: football(9-11), track(11).

Reed, Brian: track(12).

Reed, Jamie





Risher, Samuel: speech(9-12), debate(10,11), school play(9-12), musical(10-12), Key Club(11,12), French Club(9,10) peer listening(11,12), Ski Club(10,11).

Robinson, Reggie: football(9-12), baseball(9-12), wrestling(9-12), wrestling state champ(11,12), Winners Circle(9-12), Junior Rotarian(12).

Rodriguez, B-Jay:

Rodriguez, Kristy: Choir(9-11), Hispanic Leadership(11,12).

Sauter, Greathen: Key Club(9-12), Young Life(9-12), Campaigners(9-12), Winners Circle(9,10), Teen Court(11,12), County Congress(11,12), PSI(10-12), peer listening(9-12), Junior Rotarian(12), DAR good citizen(12), musical(11,12), class representative(12), Honor Society(10-12), yearbook(12).

Seiser, James: ski club(10-12), French Club(9-12), golf(10-12), Honor Society(10,11), musical(12).

Sell, Emily: sideline cheerleading(9-12), competitive cheer(10-12), Young Life(9-12), Campaigners(9-12), class treasurer(10,11), Winners Circle(9-12), Teen Court(12), County Congress(12), Honor Society(10-12), yearbook(12), prom committee(11).

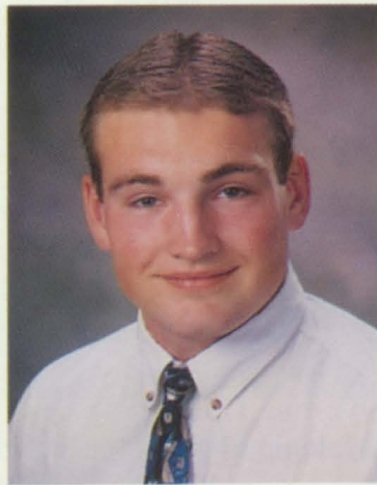
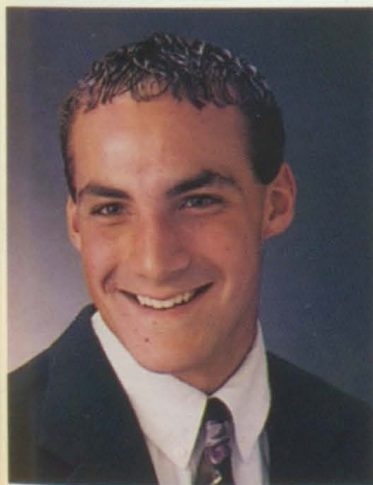
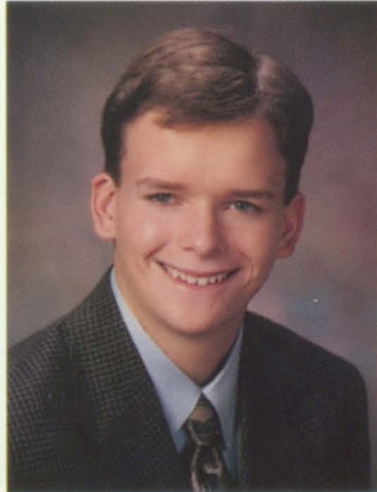
Sell, Jenny: Key Club(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), French Club(9-12).

Sell, Julie: Winners Circle(9-12), Key Club(10-12), speech(9-12), Young Life(9-12), athletic training(9-12).

Sheldon, Nicholas: football(9-12), basketball(9,10), track(9-12), Junior Rotarian(12), Young Life(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), wrestling(11).

Silva, Consuela: Key Club(9-12).

Smith, David: football(9-12).



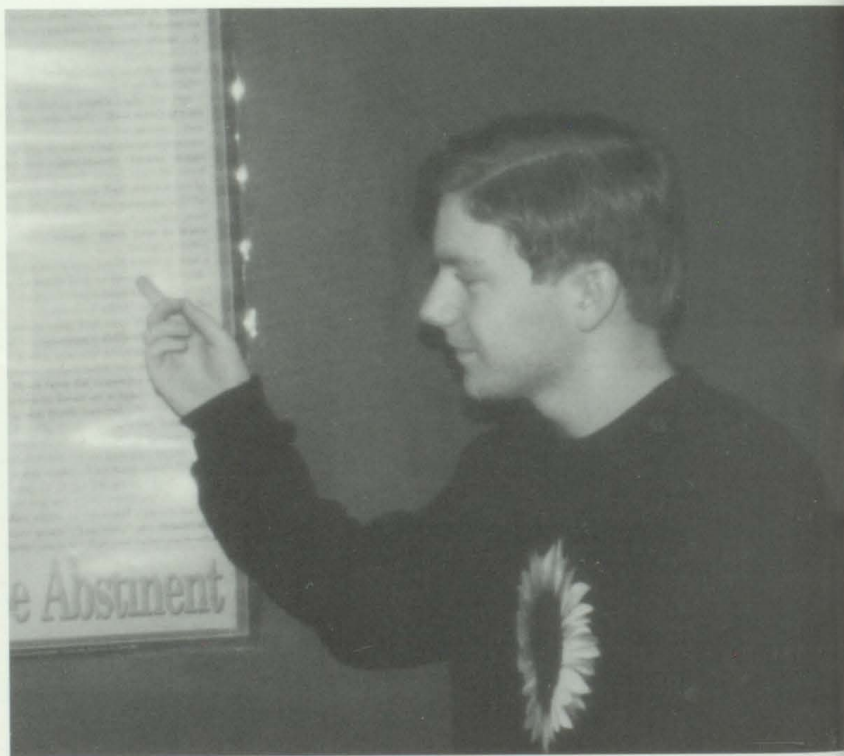
Sam Forche is presented the Business Leaders of Tomorrow award by Rotary president, Carol Glauner.



Emily Sell, Greathen Sauter, and Amanda Emerson hang out at Young Life weekend.



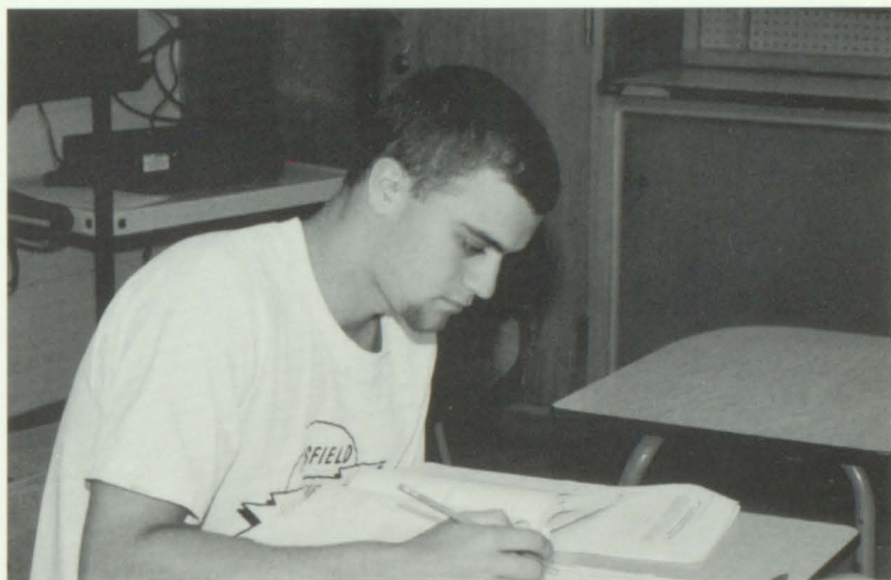
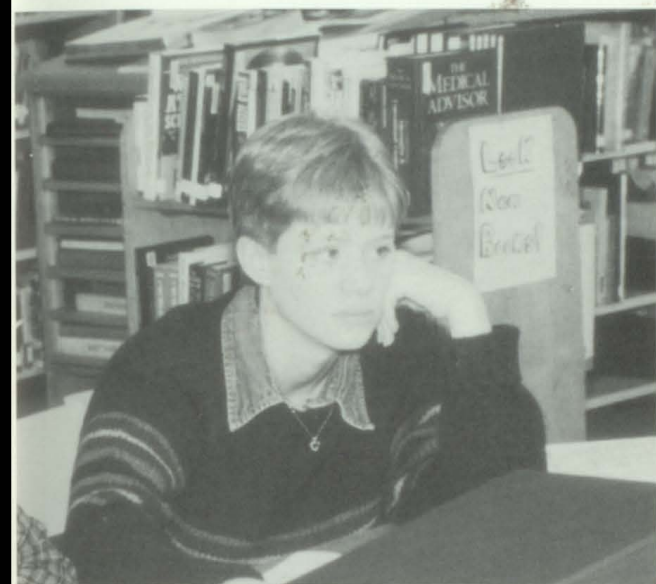
Homecoming queen and king Melanie Fritz and Nick Sheldon at the crowning ceremony.



Jacob Heine thoroughly explains the principles of PSI to 7th graders.



Julie Sell, Rochelle Wellington, and Jill Dickerson show off their wonderful smiles!



above left: Alaina Phillips sits quietly in the library, deep in thought.

above: Brent Stutzman works hard on an assignment in trig class.



left: Laura Diebel and Jessica Streby study their French together.

Streby, Jessica: sideline cheer(9-12), competitive cheer (11,12), track(9-12), Winners Circle(9-12), Key Club(9,12), French Club(12), yearbook(12), Honor Society(10-12), Teen Court(12), County Congress (12).

Stutzman, Brent: track(9-12), cross country(9-12), basketball (9,10), Ski Club(10-12), Winners Circle(9-12), PSI(10-12), prom committee(11).

Stutzman, Brian: cross country(9-12), track(9-12), basketball(9,10), Winners Circle(9-12), Student Council(10-12), Ski Club(10-12).

Thompson, Justin: football(9-12), basketball(9,10), baseball(9-12), wrestling(11).

Veres, Anne: FFA(9-12), track(10-12), Ski Club(12), Teen Court(12).

Visingardi, Jennifer: basketball(10-12), Peer Listening(10-12), Key Club(10-12), French Club(10-12), Young Life(11,12), Campaigners(11,12), Honor Society(11,12), PSI(10-12).

Welling, Rochelle: Teen Court(12), Peer Listening(12).

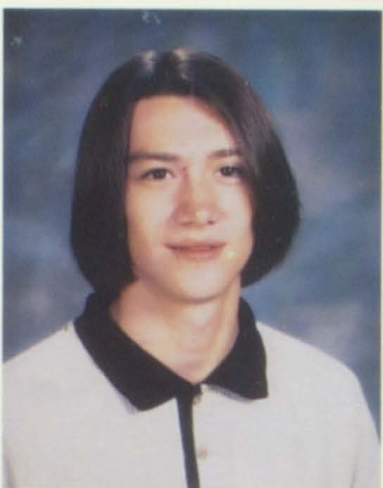
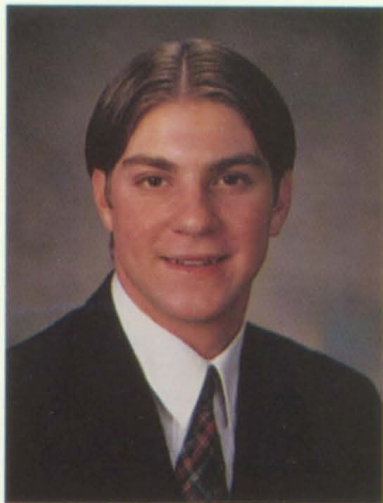
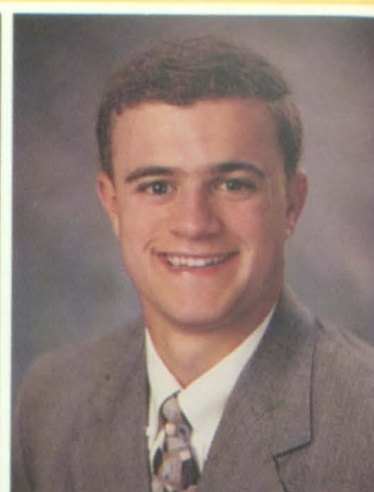
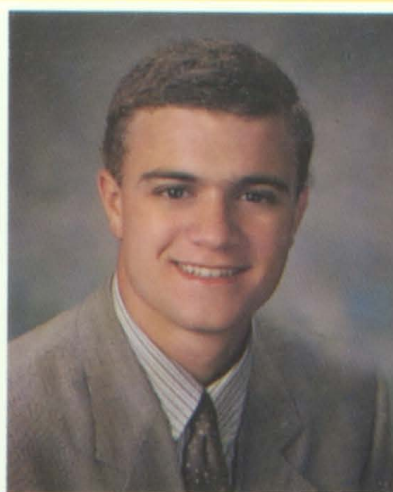
White, Jennifer: Winners Circle(9-12), Key Club(9-12), PSI(11,12), prom committee(11), Young Life(9-12), Campaigners (9-12), Junior Rotarian(12), musical & plays (10-12), track (9-12), Teen Court(12).

Wilson, Neil: football(9-12), track(11,12), baseball(9,10), Winners Circle(11,12), Ski Club(9-12), Key Club(12), Young Life(9-12).

Yergeshev, Ruslan: ski club(12), cross country(12).

Young, Thomas: football(9).

Not Pictured: Amtutz, Molly; Cook, Tim; Cubeta, Joe; Lott, Carrie; Martinez, Tammy; McElhannon, Kathryn; Sayers, Wendy; Snyder, Jared; Wilson, Bryce.

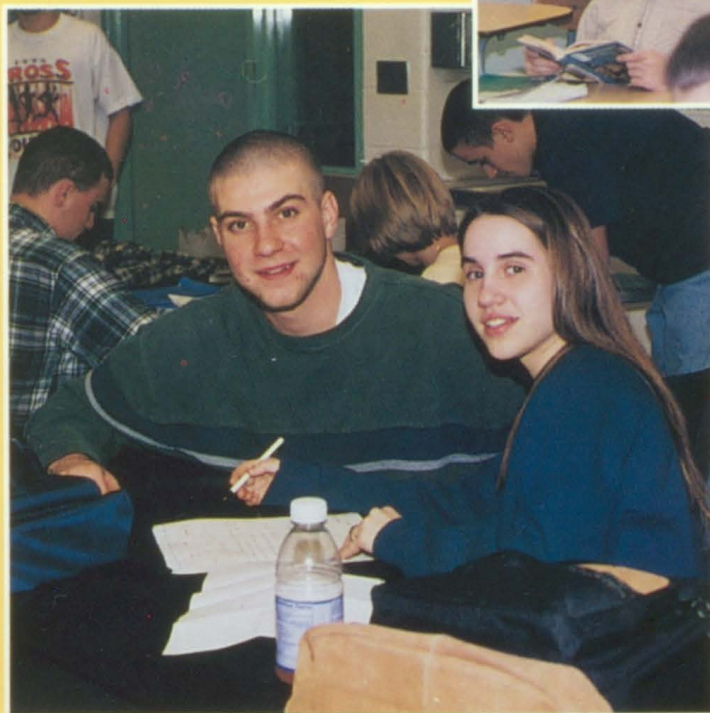




The senior homecoming float, entitled "Stick it to the Skins!"

Right: Collin Ayers reads quietly during class.

Below: Justin Thompson and Jenny Dilley work together on a class project.



Dressed in their camo, several members of the senior class get together for a picture during Young Life weekend.



Miguel Amador glances back as he walks to class with his friend, Adam LaTour.

Steve Babbit

P.E./ Social Studies

Cheryl Bausman

*Science/ Sophomore
Class Advisor*

Gary Brink Math/

Drivers Ed. Instructor

Hazel Brown

P.E./ English

Richard Clark English

Rich Coscarelli

*Science/ Senior Class
Advisor*

Karen Dillie

Business/ Computers

Peter Durbin

*English/ Humanities/
Yearbook Advisor*

Karen Fischer

School Social Worker

Irene Hawley

*French/ English/
French Club Advisor*

Laurie Isley

*Science/ FFA Advisor
Freshmen Class
Advisor*

Mike Kostoff

*Government/ History/
Child Psychology/
Student Council
Advisor*

Susan Krusarsky

Special Education

Stan Masters

*Social Studies/
Freshmen Class
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Judy Mershon

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Rhea Mills Counselor

Phil Nino Spanish

Michael Noel

Science/ Math

Sandra Sell

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John Smith Math

Gary Sullivan

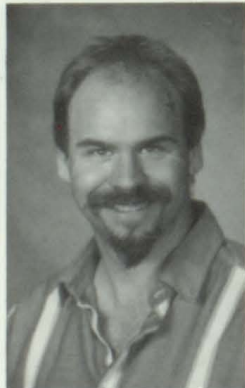
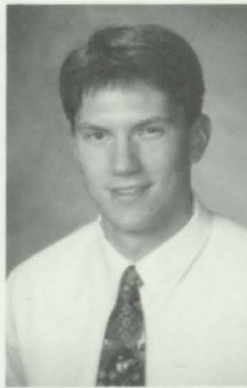
*History/ Computers
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Greg Tarrant Art

Larry Tuttle Math

Heather Walkowe

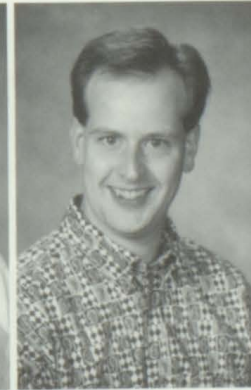
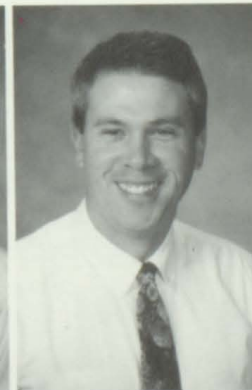
*History, English,
Junior Class Advisor*



The 1998 school board members are: Mr. Bruce Porter, Mr. Martin Sauter, Mrs. Diane VanLoocke, Mr. Don Neuroth, Mr. Sam Rupp, Mr. Dan Garno, and Mr. William Stutzman.



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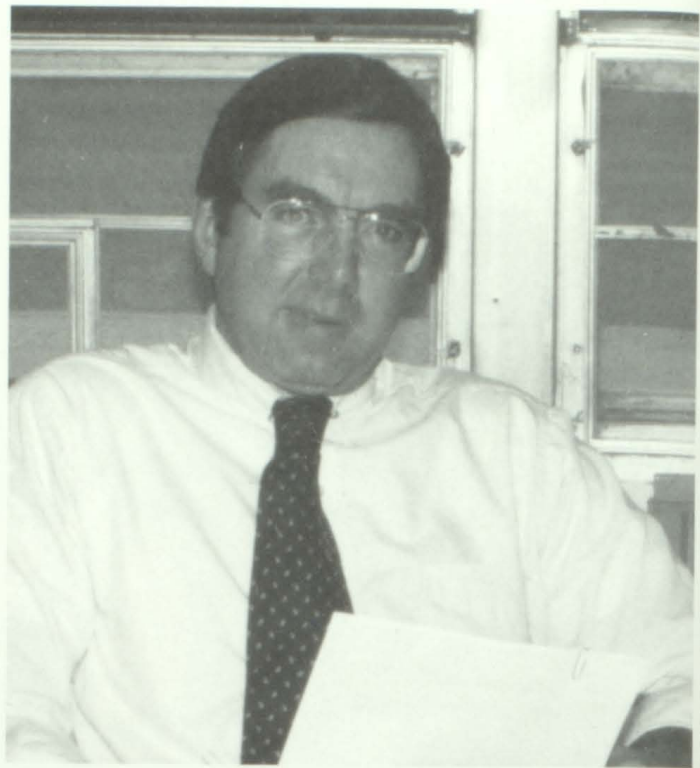


Elaine Webb
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Sophomore Class
Advisor*
David Weston
*Science/ Computers
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Mark Willson
Counselor
Rob Wilson
Band Director
Maralee Wright
Social Studies

Principal David Thompson



Administrative Assistant Norm Napier



Lunch Ladies Mrs.
Heineman, Mrs. Cranor,
Mrs. Warner, Mrs.
Eisenmann, Mrs. Horky.



Several buses line up
outside the bus garage
during school hours.



CLUBS

Clubs, in general, are different groups of people who take the time and put forth a little extra to better themselves and their community. It is to help those who are less fortunate than we are. Clubs bring kids together to meet new people and experience fun and exciting new things. Winner's Circle, Blissfield's drug and alcohol-free group, took part in Red Ribbon Week, family fun night, and a Christmas party for kids. French Club had a busy year with the on-going candy sale and, of course, the Europe trip. It was truly an experience well worth remembering. This year's FFA went to a regional camp for officer training. They had a lot of success, including a meeting in October with the Middle school kids so they could learn more about the perks of FFA. A small but successful debate team kept up the competition and found their resolution. The winter days were short, making it tough for the ski club to make their rounds. They had one journey to the Tree Top Resort in Gaylord. Key Club worked closely with Kiwanis on serving our community. Many members throughout the year participated in activities such as the Ghost Train, carolling for shut-ins, remodeling shelters, and raising money for the IDD fund. Peer Listeners, Peer Mentors, Band, Choir, Speech, Morning announcements and the Friday show people have worked hard through out the year and all deserve a tremendous amount of recognition for their involvement with the kids, school, and our community.

Winners' Circle



Eric Eisenmann, Levi Stoker, Todd Rupp, Justin Casterline, Seth Heydinger, Derick Locker, Ryan Betz, Chris Gorski, Craig Horky, Jake Fink, Daniel Stutzman, John Townes, Gwynne Mock, Heather Francour, Nikki Fowler, Sara Retter, Leah Stimac, Heather Knight, Mariam Douge, Kin Southerland, Becky Dennison, Temira Kafer, Daniel Yovanov, Katie Love, Lindsey Ruhl, Julie Sell, Brian Stutzman, Kayla Brown, Alaina Phillips, Ben Wilson, Erin Marchal, Kendra Scobie, Kristen Moore, Leann Mason, Jessica Marks, Nikki Casterline, Kara Brown, Lindsey Lake, Olivia Ott, Eric Thompson, Roger Robinson, Greathen Sauter, Emily Sell, Denise Libstaff, Sarah Betz, Angel Bryan, Brandi LaTour, Adria Foote, Alisha Patterson, Diane Jones, Jerry Marchal, Steve Marks, Niel Wilson, Nicolassa Guterrez, Jenny Sell, Meagan Ricker, Erin Hufford, Cheri Kronberg, Amanda Wittscheck, Shawna Phillips, Vicki Sell, Suzanne Ries, Janine LaVoy Brandi Snyder, Amber Wyse, Jessica Streby, Mike Karg, Reggie Robinson, Brent Stutzman, Amanda Emerson, Jenny White, Lorelei Laviolette, Jason Bourdette, Leigha Woodward, Katie Zimmerman, Sarah Pyle, Renee Porter, Jennah Gentz, Dawn Cox.

Ski Club

Brooke Cranor, Katrin Kokel, Marcia Winsler, Melanie Fritz, and Molly Force show off their skis on a cold winter day.



Ski Club

Members: Ryan Andrews, Nick Aneed, Hillary Brockway, Kevin Chont, Kary Corey, Brooke Cranor, Megan Eff, Brandon Elliot, Kristen Fick, Janine Filipek, Ben Flores, Molly Force, Sam

Forche, Brad Fritz, Melanie Fritz, Maryelaina Funk, Katie Garza, Eliot geib, Jennah Gentz, Jared Goulaart, Alanna Hephner, Heather Hagenbuch, Katie Hill, Craig Horky, Janelle Jensen, Jennifer Jerew, Kandice Katich, Erin Klump, Ryan Klump, Katrin Kokel, Erin Marcha, Beth Miller, Juanita Navarro, Marc Navarro, Janelle Noelanders, Renee Porter, Sam Pyle, Sarah Pyle, Aaron Sauter, Cassi Schrader, Trevor Seeger, Jim Seiser, Vicki Sell, Nick Sheldon, Holli Staup, Brent Stutzman, Brian Stutzman, Daniel Stutzman, Matt

Stutzman, Kim Sutherland, Kathryn Taylor, Laura VanCamp, Anne Veres, Miranda Warner, Nathan Wilson, Neil Wilson, Marcia Winzler, Luke Wold, Justin Wotring, Amber Wyse, Ruslan Yergeshev.



Ski club members get ready to take their first plunge at Gaylord

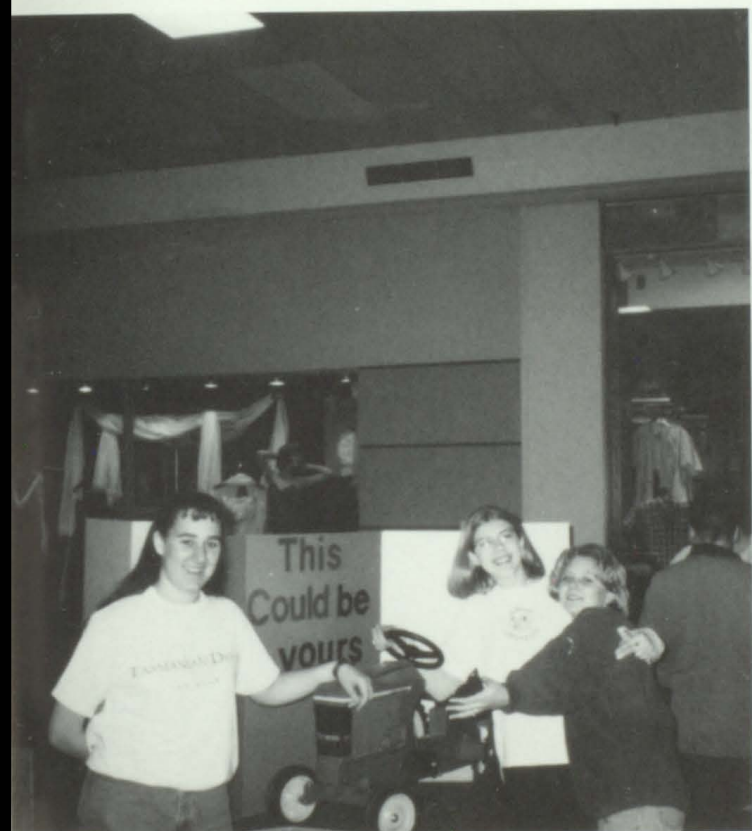
A member Jamie Dominique instructs second and third graders on how to care of growing plants while helping them to better understand about way seeds actually grow.



Seth Heydinger shows a demonstration to the elementary students to help them understand a little more about plant life.



FFA



Jamie Dominique, Lana Frye, and Corey Goetz take a moment to pose with their display at the Adrian Mall



FFA Members: BoKoppelman, JasonBourdette, Eri Hufford, Pat Phillipi, Danielle Stutzman, Leigha Woodward, Carrie Cole, Olivia Ott, Brandi Goetz, Scott Bergman, Jamie Dominique, Charlie Desloover, Sarah Heydinger, Merle Beirman, Anne Veres, Erin Marchal, Corey Goetz.

Craig Horky, Sam Risher, Jared Golaart, Eliot Geib, Katheryn Taylor, Zeb Waterberry, Tommy Russel, David Ruhling, Sydney Thanesieu, Beth Miller, Laura Diebel, Amanda MacEllanon, Nicole Hoagland, Julie Sell, Molly Nieman, Lorelli LaVolette, Leigha Woodward, Kari Cole, Gwynne Mock.

S p e e c h



D e b a t e



Scott Bergman, Amy Volk, Sam Risher

Sam Forche, Sheanna Kitson, Brad Berry, Rachael Hartzell, Dawn Miller, Juanita Navarro, Kim Sutherland, Meagan Ricker, Heather Nevins, Jason Butler, Denise Libstaff, Rachael Walters, Kendra Scobie, Shaunna Phillips, Ellie Risher, Elisa Pirkel, Miranda Warner, Daniel Stutzman, Sam Risher, Aaron Sauter, Marc Navarro.



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Justin Yovanov keeping the beat during the Homecoming Parade.



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Top: Heather Knight playing her clarinet in the orchestra pit during the musicale.
Bottom: The band practicing hard during their first hour class.

M o r n i n g
A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Members: Amanda Lagouski, Kayla Brown, Greathen Sauter, Alanna Hephner, Craig Horky, Aaron Sauter, Nick Anneed, Ben Flores, Eliot Geib, Sam Risher, Marc Navarro, Chris Gorski.



F r i d a y
S h o w



Members: Sam Risher, Nick Aneed, Jared Goulaart, Aaron Sauter, Chris Gorski, Marc Navarro, Craig Horky, Ben Flores.

Members: Neil Wilson, Pat Phillipi, Seth Heydinger, Chris Gorski, Korry Scott, Eliot Gieb, Jessica Streby, Janine Filipek, Julie Sell, Andrew Jensen, Jacob Visingardi, John Townes, Sam Risher, Jake Fink, Aaron Sauter, Craig Horky, Gabe Rehklaui, Leigha Woodward, Janine LaVoy, Alaina Phillips, Heather Hagenbuch, Erin Hufford, Meagan Ricker, Kathryn Taylor, Juanita Navarro, Amanda Wittscheck, Katie Love, Shaunna Phillips, Lorelei Lavolette, Sarah Betz, Nicole Peak, Miranda Warner, Kim Sutherland, Vicki Sell, Beth Miller, Karly Moore, Kara Brown, Andrea Coopshaw, Kendra Scobie, Sara Heydinger, Carrie Cole, Dawn Cox, Olivia Ott, Jenny Sell, Niolasa Guterrez, Kayla Brown, Holly Bowen, Jennifer Visingardi, Alanna Hephner, Greathen Sauter, Jared Goulaart, Jenny White, Leann Mason, Brooke Cranor.

Key Club



Mentoring Peer



Alaina Phillips, Kayla Brown, Holly Bowen, senior mentors at their best.

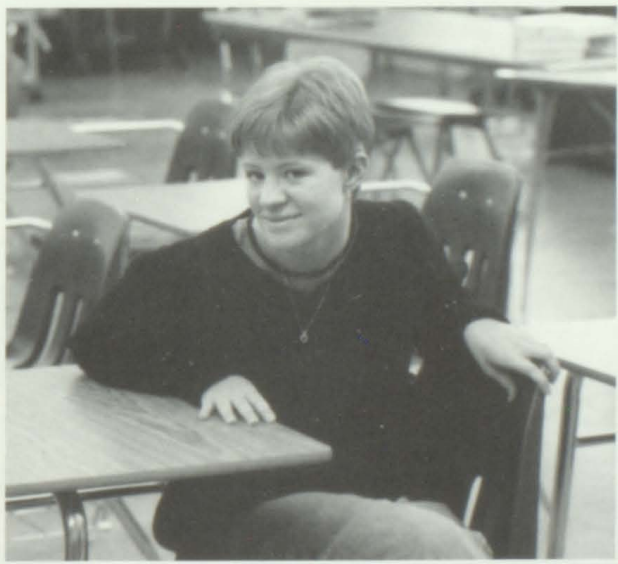
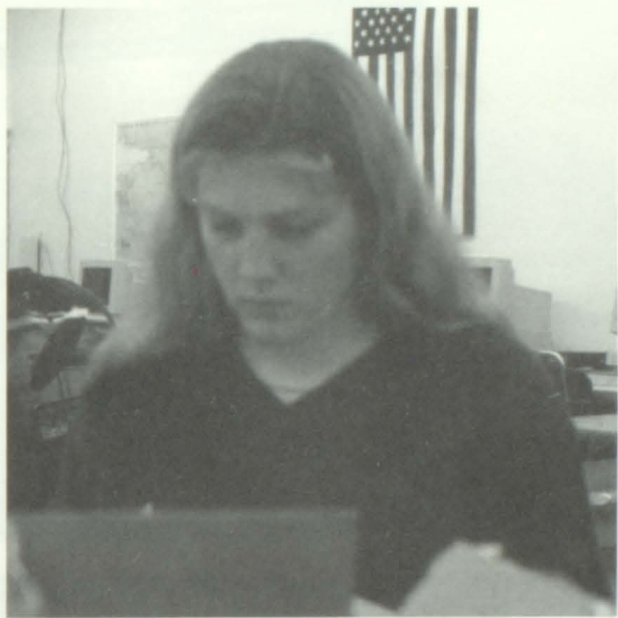
Peer Listening



Top: The Peer Listening speaker tries to get new ideas for next year from this year's members. Middle: Peer Listeners sit contently while listening to the Peer Listening speaker on Thursday. Bottom: During V.I.P. Peer Listeners practice their listening skills.

Members: Nick Loader (Editor in Chief), Beth Miller (Sports Editor), Jessica Streby (Clubs Editor), Andy Fay (Student Life Editor), Alaina Phillips, Temira Kafer, Janine Filipek, Emily Sell, Greathen Sauter, Matt Stutzman, Nick Darm, Brad Fritz (Photographer). Below: Andy Fay works on his layouts for yearbook with the adviser Mr. Durbin and our editor Nick Loader.

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Top: Beth Miller and Janine Filipek make layouts on the computer during V.I.P. Bottom: Jessica Streby and Janine Filipek take a break.

Top: Emily Sell works hard on the yearbook to meet her deadline. Bottom: Alaina Phillips models the work of the photograghy.

French Club

Nick and Lana saying cheese in front of the Tower Bridge in London.



A beautiful sunny day in Rome, Italy, in front of the Colosseum, the members of the French trip stop to take a break from their explorations. The members of the French Club and London await their arrival-savin the best for last.

Vicki Sell, Suzanne Ries, Meagan Ricker, Janine LaVoy, Ashley Nowak, Kara Brown, Lindsey Lake, Seth Heydinger, Craig Horky, Jason Bourdette, Erin Hufford, Olivia Ott, Connie Stein, Laura Henricks, Samantha Hoffman, Sarah Smith, Leah Stimac, Shaunna Phillips, Amanda Wittscheck, Carrie Cole, Elizabeth Gritzmaker, Jacob Heine, Andy Jones, Jeremiah Hackathorn, Katie Krok, Jessica Streby, Leigha Woodward, Jenny Jerew, Laura Deibel, Billie Jo Austin, Janelle Jensen, Heather Baker, Marilyn Carter, Kim Sutherland, Greathen Sauter, Jacob Visingardi, Alaina Phillips, Janine Filipek, Jennifer Visingardi, Stacie Barrett, Meagan Eff, Janelle Noelanders, Holly Staup, Miranda Warner, Jenny Sell, Brooke Cranor, Jimmy Seiser, Amanda Davis, Kelly Forgacs, Amber Soss, Jenny Overhause, Lana Fry, Mrs. Hawley.

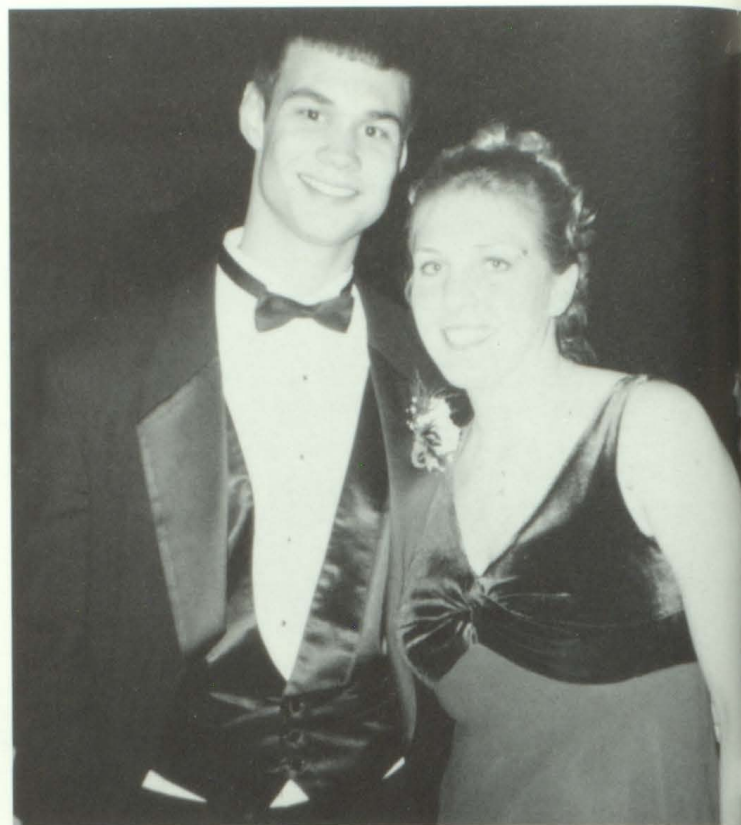
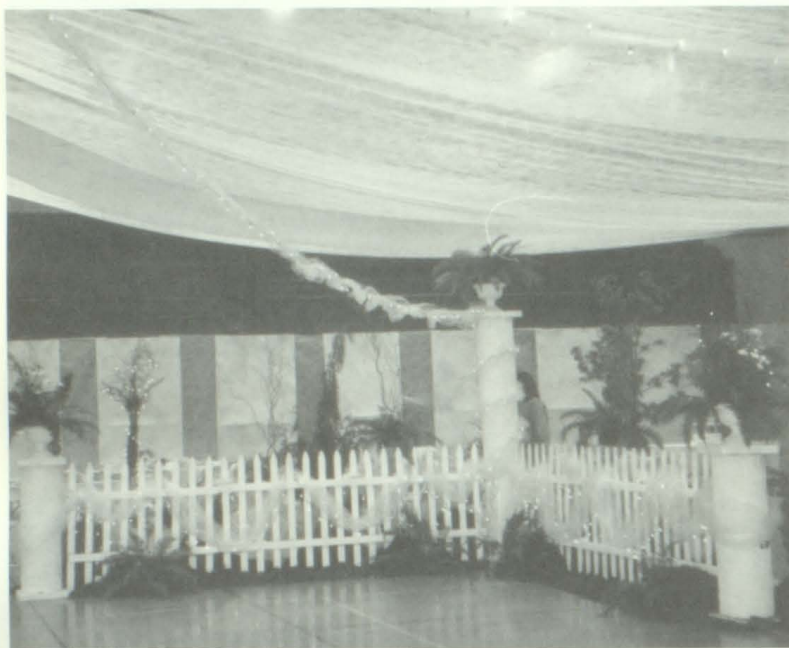
Left: The Eiffle Tower, stands tall beyond Vicki Sell and Jennifer Jerew. Bottom: Laura Deibel enjoys her trip as she sees Big Ben for the first time in London, England.



Janine, Jessica, and Vicki enjoy an afternoon on their own at the Louvre.

PROM

Below: Brad Phillips and date Emily Sell take time out from the prom to get a picture taken together.



Top: The junior class spent countless hours turning the high school gymnasium into a "Secret Garden."

Above: Al Langmeyer and Mike Cory are caught chillin' out for a while at the prom.

Right: Andrew Fay, Miguel Amador, Opie, and Bryce Wilson are looking good and pause for a moment to get their picture taken before dinner.



Below: Nicole Sauter and Mindy Kendall show off both their smiles and their dresses during the prom.

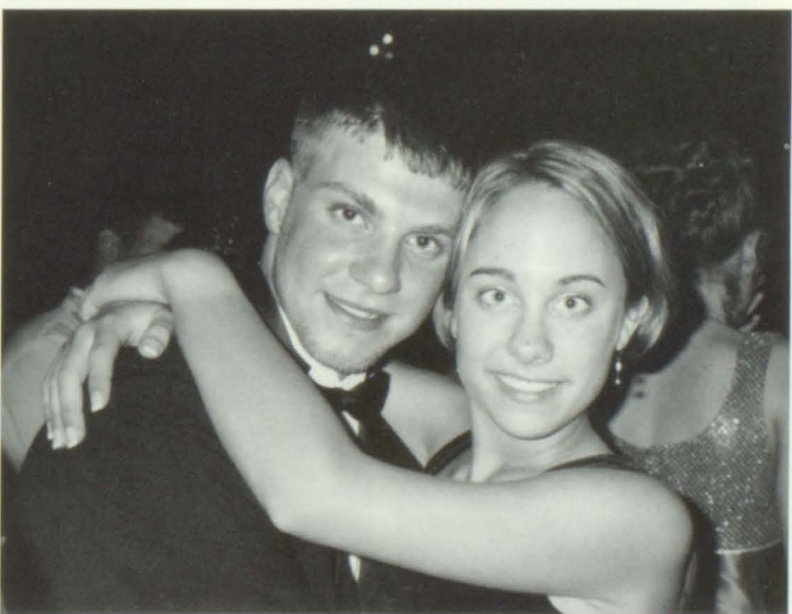


Right: The prom king and queen Brad Berry and Holly Bowen were crowned by Stacey Barret.



Above middle: Guys and Dolls- Brad Berry, Janelle Noelanders, Sam Forche, Deatra Fritz, Toby Goetz, Kelly Forgacs, Ben Marks, Max Pixley, Rachael Hartzell, Pete Baker, and Sheana Kitson.

Above: Sam Forche, Toby Goetz, and Kelly Forgacs take a break from dancing and have a drink.



Above: Justin Thompson and Molly Force enjoy a slow dance together before the evening comes to a close.



Left: The senior float was ridden by Nick Bates and Jennifer Visingardi and titled "Stick it to the Skins."



"The Incredible Royals" float was assembled by the freshmen class and ridden by Tony Freer and Marilyn Carter. Despite a rocky start the freshmen took third place in the float building competition.



Zeb Waterbury and Debbie Aldrich rode the sophomore float titled "BHS to Save the Day, Victory is on the Way!" The sophomores took second place in the float building.

HOMEcoming QUEEN

Melanie Fritz



Class Secretary
Varsity Softball
Ski Club

QUEEN CANDIDATE

Janine Filipek



Class Treasurer
Varsity Volley Co-Captain
Honor Society

QUEEN CANDIDATE

Holly Bowen



Class Vice President
Varsity Basketball Co-Captain
Varsity Volleyball

QUEEN CANDIDATE

Laura Diebel



French Club Secretary
Competitive Cheer
Key Club

HOME COMING 1997



Left: Homecoming queen Melanie Fritz gives a smile as she prepares to be driven through the homecoming parade.

Below: Winners of the float building contest, the juniors, created the Batmobile and titled it "Holy Smokes Royals, We're Gonna POW! WHAM! BANG! the Redskins." The float was ridden by Juanita Navarro and Gabe Rehklau. The junior class not only won the float building, but won the entire spirit week competition as well.



This year's homecoming was filled with the same fun and competition as previous years, but with some new twists and turns. Along with the queen crowning a king court was added to the

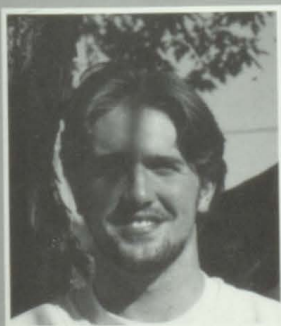
festivities. Since the king court was filled with football athletes, the crowning ceremony was held the Thursday night before the game, instead of the usual halftime crowning.

It was presented like a beauty pageant, with each couple pacing in front of a crowd filled with parents, teachers, students, and friends a like. There was a reading for each individual candidate telling about academic, athletic, and other achievements and recognitions. Along with this was a reading of future plans and personal goals.

At the end of the night Mr. Thompson crowned the queen, Melanie Fritz, and the king, Nick Sheldon.

KING CANDIDATE

Andrew Fay



Varsity Football MVP
Varsity Basketball
Varsity Baseball

KING CANDIDATE

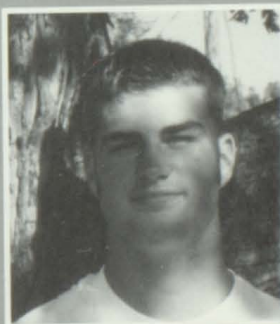
Reggie Robinson



Wrestling State Champ 171 lbs.
Varsity Football Co-Captain
Junior Rotarian

KING CANDIDATE

Ryan Andrews



Student Council Treasurer
Varsity Football
Young Life

HOME COMING KING

Nick Sheldon



Varsity Football
Track
Junior Rotarian

Right: Ben Wilson cracks a smile as he dances the night away at the '97 homecoming dance.

Below: The homecoming queen court-Holly Bowen, Melanie Fritz, Janine Filipek, and Laura Diebel take time out from the Thursday night crowning ceremonies to have their picture taken.

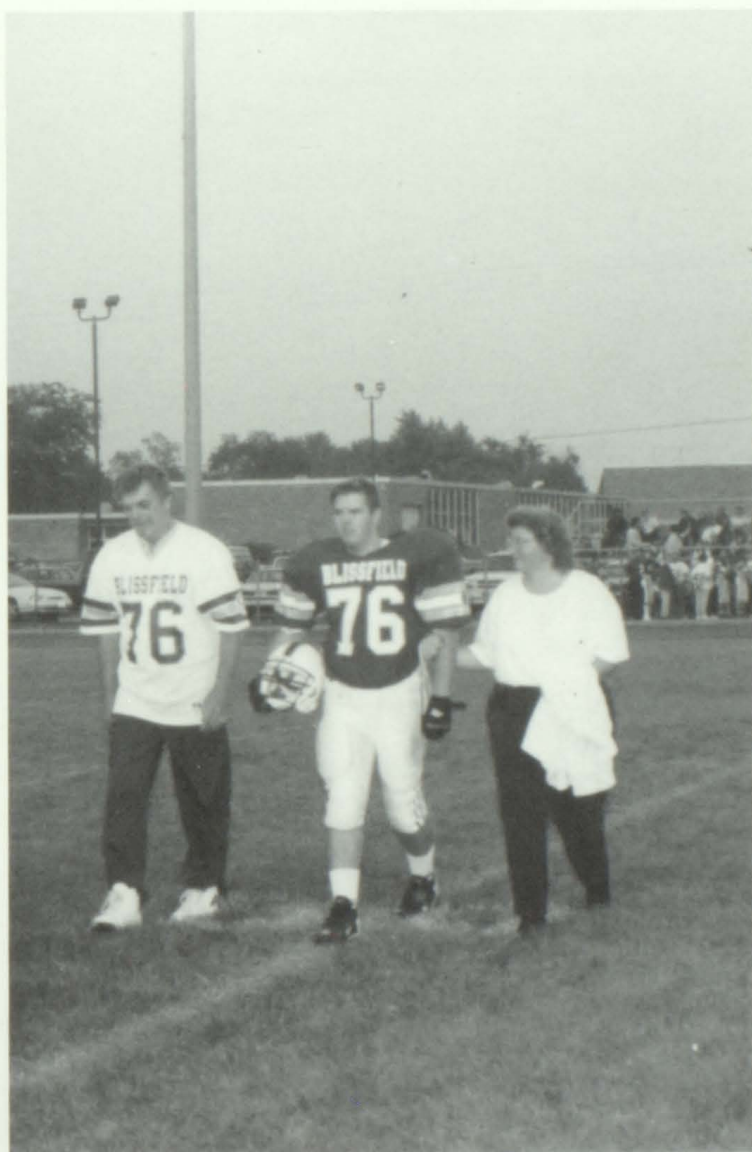
Far Below: Blissfield's first ever homecoming king court-Nick Sheldon, Ryan Andrews, Andrew Fay, and Reggie Robinson take a minute to smile for the camera moments before the crowning ceremony is to begin.





Left: At the '97 homecoming dance Toby Goetz, Al Langmeyer, and Ben Mainka bang some heads as Jason Brown and Tony Freer take lessons.

Below: Due to the previous rain cancellation, the annual Parents' Night was held during homecoming. Charlie DeSloover escorts his parents across the 50 yard line before the start of the game.



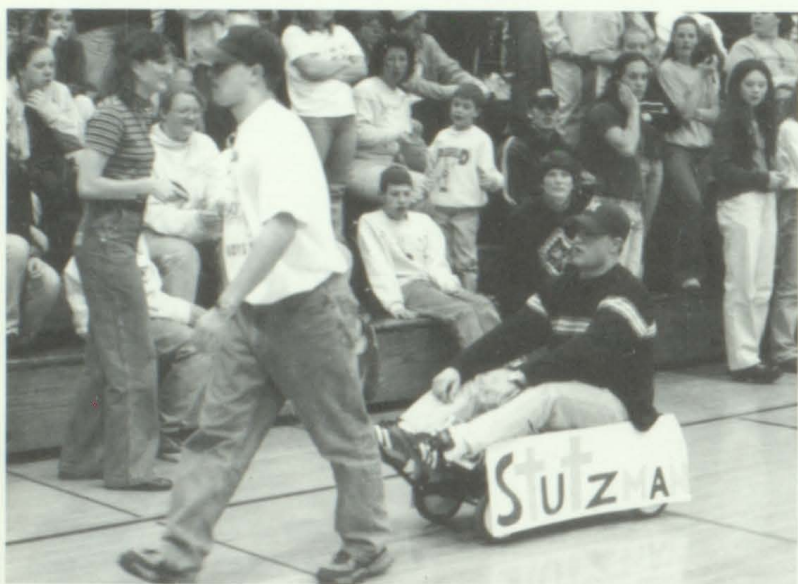
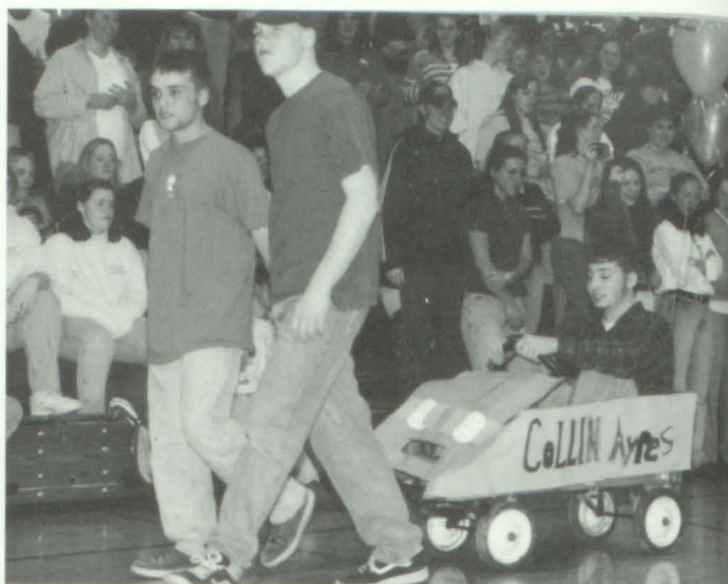
Left: The Royals' leading rusher, junior Tim Kudlac fights for more yards around a lead block from All-Conference offensive guard Rocco Freer at Blissfield's '97 homecoming game. The Royals were victorious, smashing the Clinton Redskins 40-12.

Coming Home '98



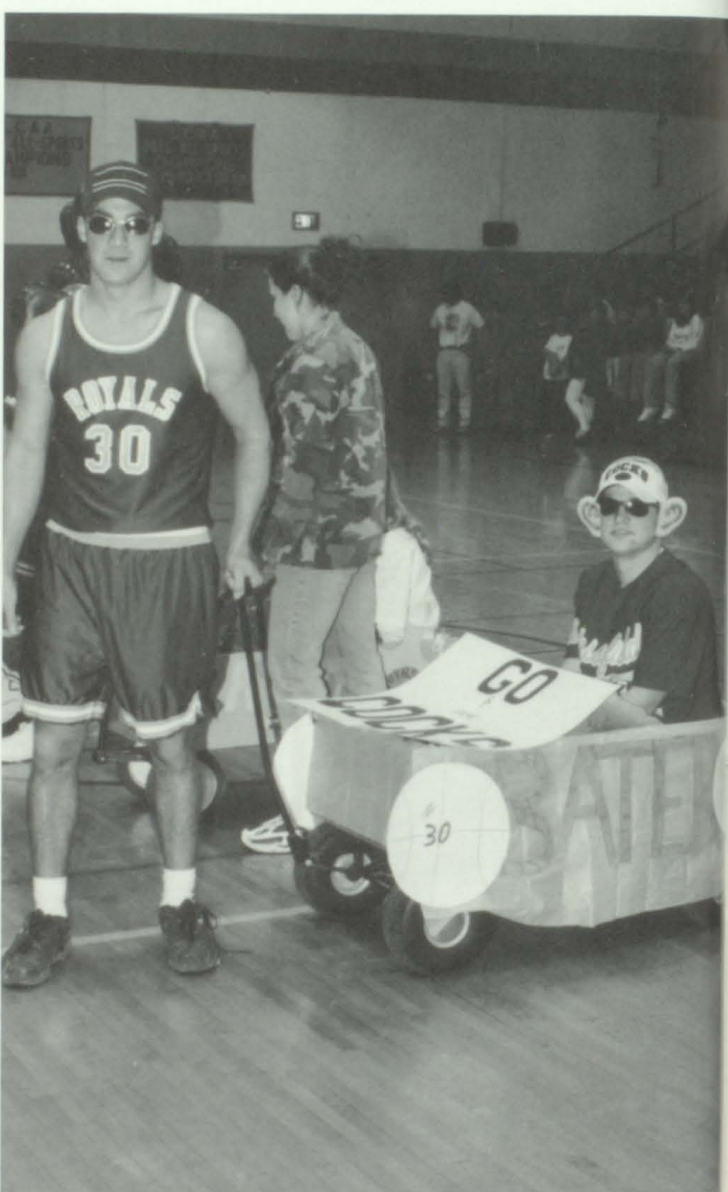
Below Left: Bo Koppleman poses next to his float before the start of the game.

Below: Collin Ayers is pulled by friends Bryce Wilson and Brad Berry during the halftime activities.



Above: Coming home queen candidate Kayla Brown is pulled by her good friend Janine Filipek.

Above middle: King candidate Brian Stutzman is paraded in front of the crowd by his brother Brent.

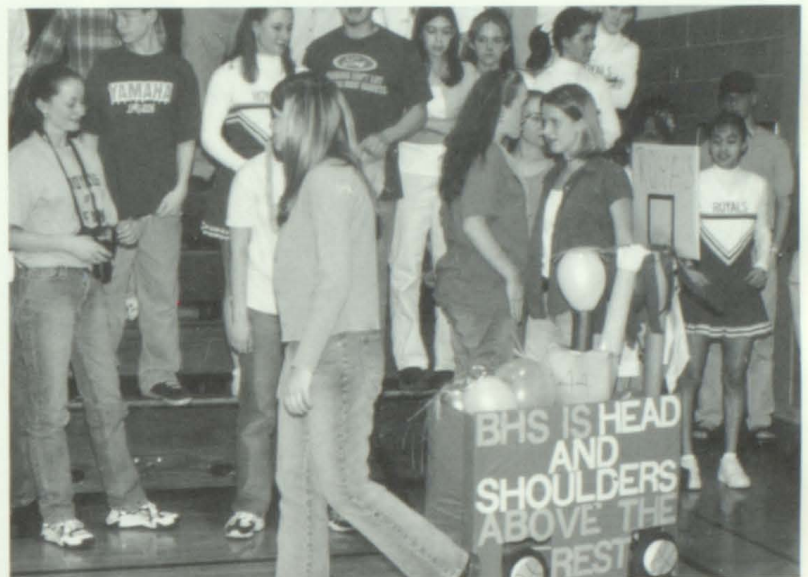


Nick Bates' float was pulled by Nick Sheldon. Because of Nick's part on basketball team, look alike Ryan Andrews sat in his place during the halftime crowning ceremony.

Below: Jenny White pulled the seniors float titled "Royals are too Suave for the Vikings." The float was ridden by Nick Fisher.



The Royals #1 fan Levi "Diesel" Stoker stands in front of the junior's float. The juniors won the float building contest with their Mullet wagon.



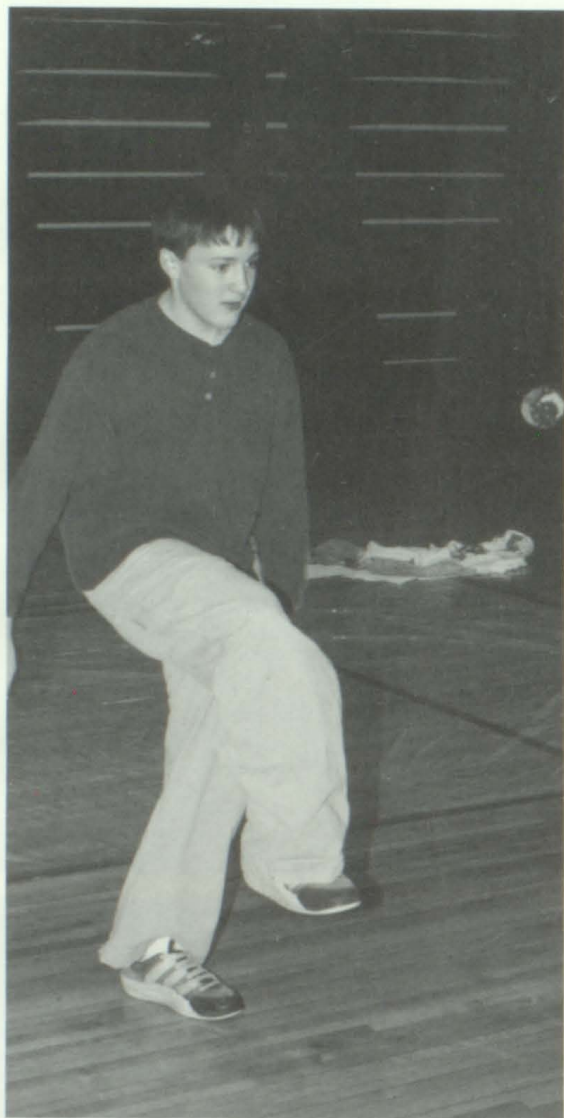
Above: Ashley Allshouse and Frank Briggs stand aside the float assembled by the freshmen class.

Above middle: Detra Fritz pulled the sophomores float titled "BHS is Head and Shoulders Above the Rest."

Coming Home

Fun, Competition and Laughs

Justin Wotring plays hacky-sack for one of the activities at the Coming Home pep assembly.



John Townes makes another attempt to make it through the ropes as he starts off the relay race for the sophmores.



Jamie Jordan takes a dive across the oil slide for the freshmen relay team.



In another part of the relay race Nate Loar gives it all he's got to help out the seniors.



Almost gone - Sophmore Becky Dennison downs some apple juice to finish off the race.



Coming Home king candidates Brian Stutzman, Nick Bates, and Bo Koppleman bury their faces in pies to find the hidden gummie bears.



Above: A group of junior and sophomore guys pose for a memorable picture at the 1998 Coming Home Snowball



Left: Coming Home king Collin Ayers and queen Jennifer Visingardi are crowned during the dance.



Far Left: Rachel Hartzel and Matt Kwiatkowski are enjoying their meal served to them at the Snowball.

A C A D E M I C S

Take time for ...

PRIDE



MISSION STATEMENT:

Blissfield High School is...

A community where everyone is a learner and cooperates to develop the best climate for growth.



Camp Counselors

On April 1-3, 12 seniors got the chance to re-live fifth grade camp by being counselors. Two counselors went along as helpers (in case of an emergency) and the other ten had approximately ten kids per cabin. They all had a great time.

Some activities included horse back riding, Pond Life, and the Underground Railroad, where students had the opportunity to experience what life was like for a runaway slave. Over all, it was a great experience for the kids and the counselors.



Left: The fifth grade camp counselors pose for pictures during their last night at the YMCA Storer camp.

A panel of counselors answers the fifth graders questions on high school.



Local colleges in Lenawee County offer a program allowing students to take classes at college as well as high school. Dual enrollment offers college and high school credit from the same class, giving students a new challenge. Vo-Tech is also an extra opportunity program constructed for juniors and seniors. At Vo-Tech students are given specific career classes to choose from to help them enhance their job education. Classes range in topics from auto mechanics, horticulture, and childcare, to drafting, and business management. The students either go for the morning or afternoon to get a hands-on experience at their future career.

Vo-Tech & College Classes

Top: Brandon Noe displays his work from the drafting class.
Below: Joe Cubeta hammers away, building the latest project.



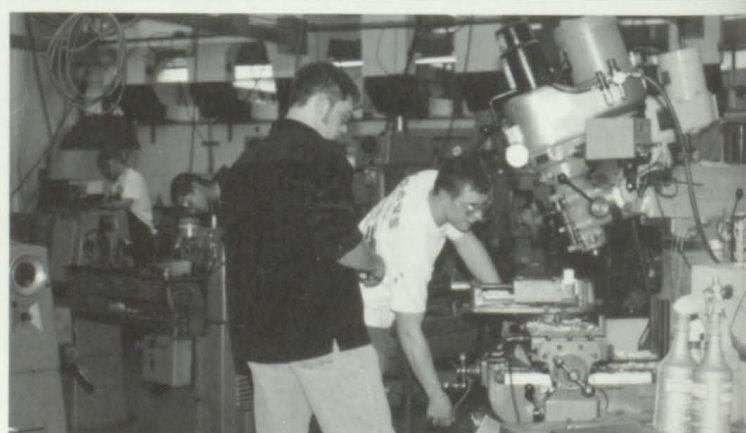
Below: Alan Langmeyer buffs a freshly painted car in auto body.



Right: The Vo-tech Center in Adrian where the students go everyday to develop their skills and trades.

Right: Mindy Kendall cares for plants in the greenhouse for her horticulture class.

Far Right: Mickey Vance and Dickey Robinson show their skill and knowledge of machinery in machine trades.



COUNTY CONGRESS

This year, the students of BHS were able to participate in a County Congress on December 2, 1997, with eleven other schools.

Sponsored by the LISD, the congress took place at Adrian College. It lasted all day as students got a first-hand experience at debating and creating laws.

A mock presidential election was also held, with Jessica Streby as Blissfield's candidate. Blissfield sent 2 senators and 17 representatives. Mr. Mike Kostoff was the advisor.



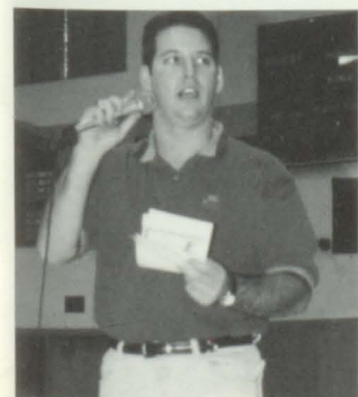
Above: Bottom row-Mr. Kostoff (advisor) Jessica Streby, Sarah Miller, Emily Sell, Justin Casterline, Renee Porter, Ellie Risher, and Jenny Overhulse. Middle row-Neil Wilson, Nicolasa Gutierrez, Brooke Cranor, Molly Force, Jennah Gentz, Heather Hagenbuch, Lana Frye. Top row-(left to right) Alicia Demey, Nicole Sauter, Julie Sell, Vicki Sell, Denise Libstaff.

TEEN FAMILY COURT 1997-1998



Above: Bottom row- Kayla Brown, Melanie Fritz, and Ryan Andrews. Middle rows- Rochelle Welling, Greathen Sauter, Alanna Hephner, LeAnn Mason, Nick Sheldon, Emily Sell, Jenny White, Reggie Robinson. Top row (left to right)- Julie Sell, Jill Dickerson, Jessica Streby, Jenny Jerew.

Left: Mr. Mike Kostoff, Advisor, stated, "This experience is to help students understand more about the judicial system."



Fifteen government students had the chance to find out what jury duty is like this year by participating in the Teen Family Court program. The program is sponsored by Judge Jamison and the county of Lenawee. This all day program includes a tour of the Maurice Spear Campus and sitting in on three actual trials of minors.

The majestic eagle has always been a historical symbol of American justice. Those students who were in the program, are the future of our justice system.



Student Council

The Student Council of 1997-1998 has left some pretty big shoes for the future years to fill.

Starting off the year, Homecoming was a big success, though very different from previous years. First big change was the addition of a King as well as a Queen reigning over the week's activities. The crowning took place at a formal ceremony on Thursday evening following a home varsity girl's basketball game. The Homecoming Dance was also a success after a steady decline over the last few years.

Winter Wonder Week was revised this year and was a huge success. Spirit days, a short assembly, and a Hawaiian Christmas Dance gave the student body a chance to release a little energy before the holiday break. A new program, Sharing Hearts, was established to collect donations, clothing, toys and food to donate to families who needed a little help during the holidays.

The Student Council also sponsored the second annual Snowball and the senior breakfast in May.

Student Council members: Ryan Andrews, Brian Stutzman, Beth Miller, Alaina Phillips, Greather Sauter, Holly Bowen, Stacy Barrett, Renee Porter, Jenny Overhulse, Sheana Kitson, Zeb Waterbury, Luke Wold, Erin Klump, Ashley Allshouse, Allisha DeMay, Laura Terry, Scott Bergman.



Right: Alaina Phillips and Miss Walkowe guard the entrance and sell tickets at the Homecoming dance.



Left: The dance floor awaits! Students will soon fill up the cafeteria, which has been transformed into a Hawaiian Luau.



Above: Students dance the night away at the homecoming dance after the football game.



Below: (L-R) Sarah Heydinger, Justin Casterline, Molly Force, Nick Sheldon, Suzanne Ries, Temira Kafer, Norm Napier. Not pictured: Mrs. Dillie, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Heydinger, Mrs. Harpst, Merle Berman, and Kayla Brown.



Renaissance



Above: Nicolasa Guterrez and Neil Wilson get a head start on the subs at the Renaissance reward luncheon.



Above: Students get their food before sitting down to play a lengthy and rowdy game of bingo.

Renaissance is a group of school advisors, teachers, and students who focus on identifying the positive aspects of the students. The balance between teachers and students on the committee is 4 teachers, 2 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman, and 1 parent. Headed by Mr. Norm Napier, the purpose of Renaissance is to reward students for doing good things around the school. A couple ways used to reward students include the commonly seen purple success cards, bingo parties, and reserved parking spaces. The students must be recommended for the award by a student, and approved by a teacher. After a drawing, the awarded person is allowed to choose the prize of his or her choice.



Above: L-R (Bottom row)-Alaina Phillips, Mike Karg, (Middle row)-Kayla Brown, Greathen Sauter, Jenny White, (Back row)- Nick Bates, Nick Sheldon, Reggie Robinson.

Junior Rotarians

Junior Rotarians are 8 seniors chosen by the high school staff to be in Rotary for one year. There are requirements that the staff must consider before choosing the members. The students must have respect for others, self-discipline, and good leadership qualities to be a candidate.

Once the students are chosen, each attends rotary meetings for month. Since rotary is a service club, the students are encouraged to help with a variety of activities that are established for the community.

Some of the things rotary is responsible for is the annual Halloween parade, the River Raisin festival auction.

Parent-Student Switch Day....

BACK TO SCHOOL

On September 25 parents had the chance to return to school and see just how life is for the students here at B.H.S. Roughly 128 parents participated in the "Parent Student Switch Day" as they took the place of their children. They thought of the day as a fun experience and commented on the definite change since "the old days" in all areas from fashion to food.

Many were awed by the teaching techniques, co-ed gym, and the advanced technologies; although they agreed that the weight of books are not any lighter in a backpack!

A hilarious day for both students and parents, it came off successful and enjoyable for all.

Right: Students and parents interact in Mrs. Hawley's room as they learn a little French.



Above: Josh Porter and Mrs. Susan Overhulse share lunch while taking a break from the hectic day.



Above: Brave parents battle the hallways of B.H.S!

"It was a nice break from school. My mom really liked seeing what I do all day long."

--Bethany Harpst

"I thought it was interesting to see the parents feeling out of place."

--Andrea Coopshaw

"It was a worthwhile day for parents, students, and faculty."

--Mrs. Brown

Honor Society

Below: All the Honor Society members take part in the traditional candle lighting ceremony. It preceded a dinner and the awards presentation with Nicholas Furgason as the Master of Ceremonies.



Left: Looking back on the years of a job well done, the seniors of BHS pose for one last picture of their final year in the National Honor Society.



Above: Kayla Brown, Brian Stutzman, Janine Filapek, and Alaina Phillips after the Honor Society banquet on March 19, 1998.



All Honor Society members deserve a note of congratulations. Through their hard work and determination, they exceeded the standards of today, and set new ones for tomorrow.

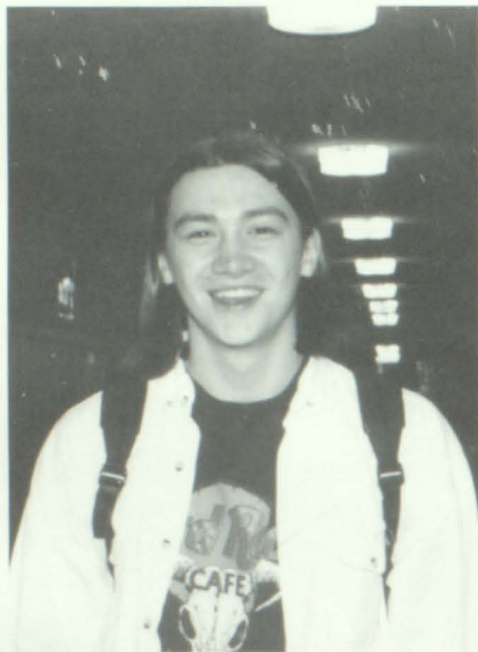
The following members must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or better...

Seniors: Kayla Brown, Janine Filapek, Nicholas Furgason, Kelly Gill, Alanna Hephner, Leann Mason, Beth Ann Miller, Sarah Miller, Alaina Phillips, Greathen Sauter, Emily Sell, Jessica Streby, Brian Stutzman, Jennifer Visingardi.

Juniors: Stacy Barrett, Scott Bergman, Ryan Betz, Justin Casterline, Brooke Cranor, Nick Darm, Jamie Dominique, Christina Ebright, Eric Eisenmann, Kristen Fick, Jacob Fink, Molly Force, Jennah Gentz, Chris Gorski, Jared Goulart, Craig Horky, Temira Kafer, Jennifer Leking, Kathryn McCabe, Jassica Miles, Laura Mitchell, Kritin Moore, Laura Pixley, Renee Porter, Laura Saxton, Kendra Scobie, Levi Stoker.

Sophomores: Debra Aldrich, Nic Austin, Sarah Betz, Jason Bourdette, Steve Clark, Carrie Cole, Brad DeCatur, Rebecca Dennison, Bethany Harpst, Erin Hufford, Heather Knight, Lorelei LaViolette, Janine LaVoy, Shaunna Phillips, Sarah Pyle, Sarah Retter, Megan Ricker, Suzanne Ries, Kimberly Sander, Chad Segur, Victoria Sell, Leah Stimac, Kimberly Sutherland, Matthew Swartz, Jake Thompson, Amy Volk, Amamda Wittscheck, Katie Zimmerman.

****Class Life****



Above: Foreign exchange student from Russia, Russ, pauses in the hall between classes to flash a grin at the camera.

Below: Looks like fingerprinting right? Temira Kafer and Jami Gallatin paint "expressionism art" during a session with a guest speaker on the modern humanities.



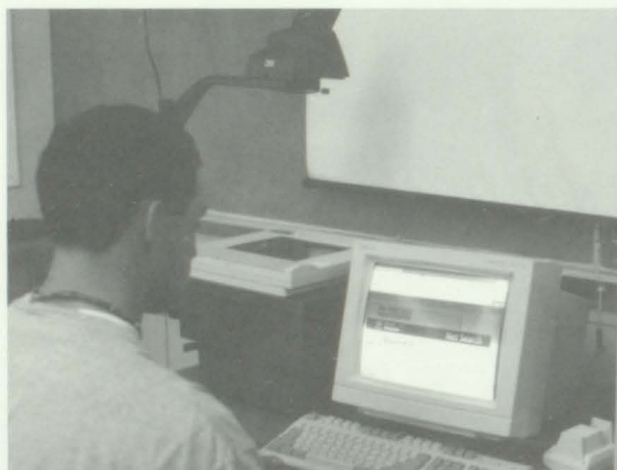
Below: Mr. Durbin conferences with Heather Burgermeister on one of the many papers required. Making a fashion statement with the hat Mr. Durbin?



Below: Mr. Tarrant helps Tony Bush fit a ring to be casted.



Below: Mr. Cascarelli explains the procedures of dissection to his zoology class with the relaxed atmosphere that makes class fun.



Above: Nick Sheldon demonstrates his computer knowledge by using the websearch. Blissfield established a webpage for the first time this year. To reach it...<http://scnc.blissfield.k12.mi.us>.

Right: Collin Ayers proudly displays his chocolate chip cookies that he baked in ecology. Hope they tasted as good as they looked!



Students at Blissfield High School not only learn together, but also grow together. Who we are and what we become are formed by our experiences and peers.

****Class Life****

Below: The life and interaction of students does not only take place in the classroom. Here we see the student body loosening up for a good time at the annual snowball dance.

Below: Jessica Streby and Nick Loader rush around finding subjects to include in the yearbook as the year quickly draws to a close.



Left: Students in Mrs. Hawley's French class work in groups to do interactive learning.

Right: Nick Fisher and Collin Ayers do a dissection in anatomy class. Other dissections were a sheep's brain, a cow's heart, and a bone dissection.



Above: Students check e-mail and send the latest news through hotmail and the internet.

“This year was full of unsuspected surprises and new and exciting opportunities that will add to the character of the students.”

Anonymous

GRADUATION 1998



Top: The graduates walk down the aisle during baccalaureate.

Above: Reggie Robinson receives his diploma and a handshake from school board president Don Neuroth and principal Dave Thompson.

Below: The band puts on a performance; playing the processional, recessional and a special music selection.



Above: The seniors throw their hats in celebration after they have been presented to the community as graduates.



Jeremy Pietrocini makes the announcement about his proposal to his fiancée Jill. He is the Young Life leader and was asked to speak at baccalaureate because he has been a role model and friend to many of the seniors of 1998.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !

Alaina Phillips delivers a dynamic welcome speech to her class.

Mr. Herman returns to make a memorable "Faith Speech." In a quote from the speech, "The last, but most important thing I have to teach you is faith."



Mr. Thompson gives some last thoughts to the graduates. He also recieved a diploma for all his years at B.H.S.

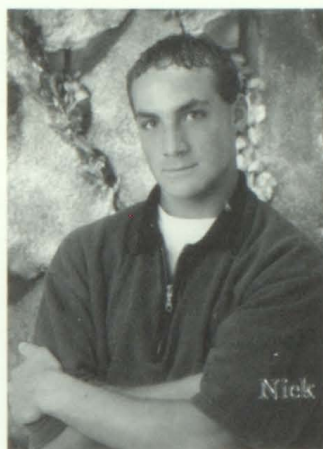
Kayla Brown gives a tearful and heartfelt farewell speech that included words of advice to her fellow classmates.

The Man in the Glass (A word to our graduates)

When you get what you want in your struggle with life,
And the world makes you king for the day.
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.
For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife
Whose judgement upon you must pass:
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life,
Is the man staring back from the glass.
He's the man to please, nevermind all the rest;
For he stays with you to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
and get pats on the back as you pass.
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

-Author Unknown

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GRADUATION

1998

The year comes to a close for the seniors of 1998 with their graduation ceremony. Speakers gave uplifting and memorable speeches to the students. "Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried something new," Mr. Thompson reminds the students as he wishes them good luck with their future.

Also leaving a big impression on the students was former B.H.S teacher Mr. Kris Herman. In a short but from-the-heart speech he tells his former students of the impact that they have made on his life; therefore he did not miss the chance to make an impression on theirs. The students left that day with the thought that they are no longer seen as students, they are seen as friends.

The class valadictorians are Leann Mason and Alaina Phillips. Over 32 students recieved one or more scholarships from various organizations.

It was an unforgettable afternoon that will be remembered by the graduates, parents, and community.

The Young Life Choir sing "Amazing Grace" during the baccalaureate ceremony.



Below: Mr. Palka, Mr. Napier, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Neuroth prepare to distribute the diplomas to the seniors.



MY LIFE AT B.H.S...

"...Has been a great learning opportunity for me to get involved not only in class, but in life."

"...Will always be a memorable part of my life because of the people, teachers, and how much they all mean to me."



Juniors Molly Force and Nick Darm escort the graduates to their places for the graduation ceremony.



Mrs. Sell and choir sing "Go And Find Your Dream" for the seniors at baccalaureate.



Below: Seniors wait patiently and listen intently as Mike Karg reads the benediction at the closing of the baccalaureate ceremony.



Nick Loader walks back to his place after receiving his diploma. Nick was the yearbook editor for 1998.



The seniors class of 1998 will add new ideas, discoveries and knowledge to the world that awaits them. Every class contributes to the growth of our world. Considering this task a hard one, we send forth the best our school has, in hopes that everyone will succeed...and everyone will be happy. Good luck to the graduates, and may your future hold new opportunities at every turn.

'98

Kyle Jackson

Ed. Kf

Benjamin Crane

Maria Crane



Alysa J. Wiley

What Would Jesus Do? Think about it.

Lucas Wiley

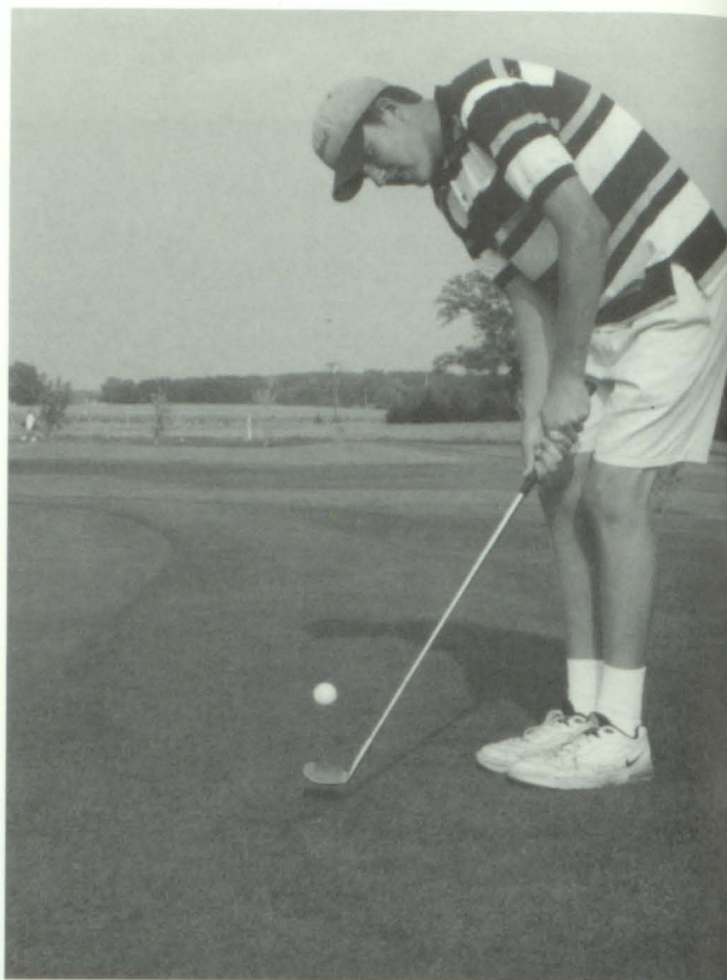
William Roney

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Fall Sports





JV Football



JV Season Ends with Strength and Heart

The JV Football Team was very high in numbers this season. With a rough start the team played strong all year. This young team of mostly freshmen played with a lot of heart and a new head coach, Denny Thompson.



Here the Royals prepare to bust heads on opening kick off.



The JV's put the hurt on the Mason team with strong blocks and big hits.



The defense had a lot of hustle this season, as they put in extra effort to recover this fumble.

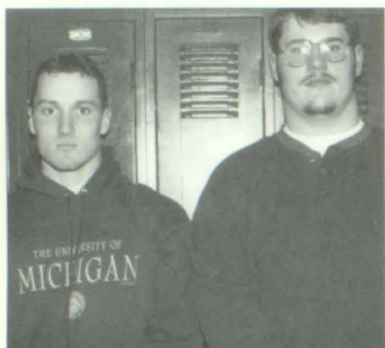


Justin Merrillat was the JV announcer.

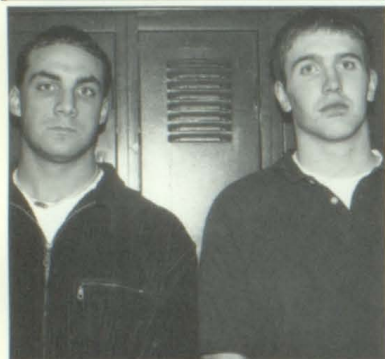


JV Football Steve Clark, Brad Decatur, Zeb Waterbury, Jerry Marchal, Dennis Vore, Jamie Jordan, Neil Sauter, Chad Gilliland, Justin Duckett, Merle Bierman, Sam Makula, Ricky Mirelez, David Thompson, Roger Robinson, Justin Eisenmann, Greg Sell, Ryan Klump, Tony Freer, Andy Borchardt, Jeff Lietzke, Jake Stoker, Eric Thompson, Doug Saxton, Nathan Rodeseller, Jeff Uyttenhove, Nic Austin, Ben Wilson, Jon Mowery, Justin Yovanov, Paul Mercer, Gary Portillo, Casey Schaedler

Men's Varsity Football



Varsity Football Captains Reggie Robinson and Mike Karg



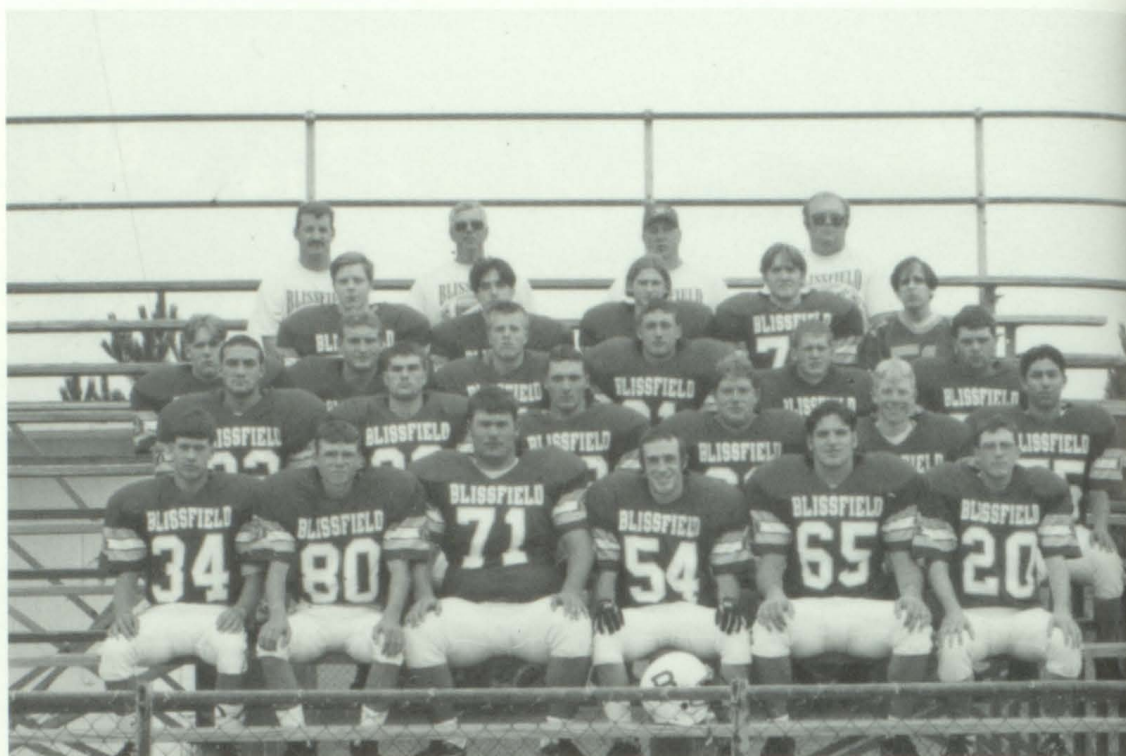
All League Sportsmanship Nick Sheldon MVP and All County Andy Fay



All League Second Team Mike Karg, Nick Sheldon, and Justin Thompson



All League First Team, Reggie Robinson, Andy Fay, Adam Latour, and Rocco Freer.



Varsity Football Ryan Klump, Justin Miller, Mike Karg, Nick Loader, Rocco Freer, Dennis Vore, Nick Sheldon, Ryan Andrews, Reggie Robinson, Neil Wilson, Scott Siefert, Gary Portillo, Jordan Bruseau, David Smith, Todd Rupp, Dickey Robinson, Tim Kudlac, Casey Schaedler, James Thomas, Justin Merillat, Adam Latour, Andy Fay, Phil Kerbawy, Coaches Steve Babbit, Denny Thompson, Greg Jackson, and Neil Hieden.

The beginning of the 1997 football season was filled with unsettled stomachs because many felt that this team was out-matched by most. However with ten strong seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen, the Royals brought football back into the community. The Royals played with sheer intensity which brought about some major upsets against Sand Creek, Hudson, and Columbia Central.

"I've never had so much fun!" said senior defensive end Andy Fay.

The Royal offense was led by sophomore quarterback Scott Siefert. He replaced Justin Thompson who moved out to receiver because of his glue-like hands. However, in order to make any progress down the field there had to be a strong offensive line. The Royal line-



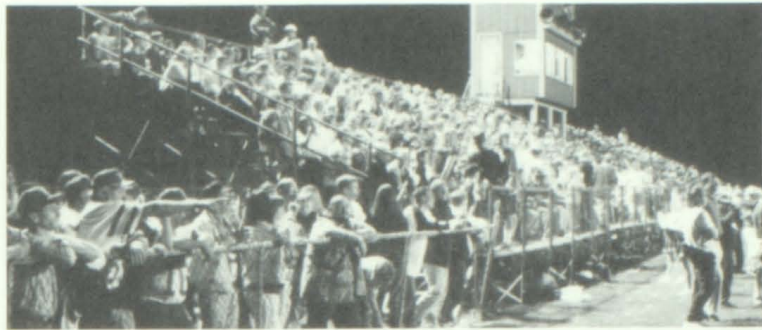
Here Scott Siefert hands of the ball while Mike Karg over powers opponet with a massive lead block.

men behind the scenes and in the trenches were Neil Wilson at center, All-league Rocco Freer, and Todd Rupp at guards, All-league second team Mike Karg, and Andy Fay at tackles. At tight end both Dickey Robinson and David Smith shared time.

The new Royal defense was totally revamped and led by

senior All-league Reggie Robinson. Filling in a giant hole at the noseguard position was All-league second team Nick Sheldon. Sheldon made a huge transition from safety to the nose position.

The most feared demon on the team by others was big Andy Fay who was MVP, All County, and All League at his



(Above) Other teams this season didn't expect the Royal whoopin' they recieved, such as this big victory against the Royals favorite opponent Columbia Central. Here the Royals are getting ready to put yet another one in the endzone. (Below) Big Andy finds another victim in his quest for total intimidation and authority. This quarterback has no hope for escape as did few others.

The Royals drew large crowds all season. This year's squad gave the communtiy something to be proud of and support.

humble defensive end spot.
For the first time in a long time it seemed that the quest for a playoff spot came down to the last game. This Royal team had a lot to be proud of this season sharing a fourth place finish with Hudson in the LCAA, and a fourth place finish overall.



(Left) Adam Latour gets some serious ups on this Sand Creek opponet. Adam and the rest of the Blissfield secondary made some big plays to contribute to the defense.

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JV Girl's Basketball



Suzanne Ries, Kari Cory, Heather Knight, Sarah Betz, Detra Fritz, Renee Walters, (second row) manager Brandi Snyder, Sarah Pyle, Rachel Walters, Vicki Sell, Katie Love, Marcia Winzeler, Becky Dennison, Coach Mike Noel.



(Above) Suzanne Ries shoots for one from the charity stripe after being fouled by an Onsted opponent.

(Right) Vicki Sell pulls down a rebound against Clinton.



The J.V. team finished with a 12-8 record, placing them third in league play. Many players showed improvement and leadership on the floor. The team was mostly comprised of sophmores.



(Above) Katie Love inbound the ball.



(Above) The J.V. team shows school spirit by riding a wagon in the homecoming parade.

Freshman Girl's Basketball



Holli Staup protects the ball from an aggressive Bedford player.



Amber Snyder goes up over a Bedford player for two.

The freshman girls finished the season with a 2-10 record. 1997 was the first year Blissfield has had a freshman girls team. It prepares the freshman gradually for the transitions between the intensities and styles of play. It also allows more girls to be on teams. This was also Mr. Melynchek's first year coaching at Blissfield.



Laura Terry shoots a lay-up over a Bedford defender.



Holli Staup, Megan Eff, Cheri Kronberg, Jessica Coackley, Nikki Casterline, Laura Terry, Amanda Eisenmann, (second row) Manager, Krystal Hoffman, Erin Klump, Janelle Noelanders, Jessica Marks, Erin Gilmore, Olivia Ott, Amber Snyder, Coach Jason Melynchek.

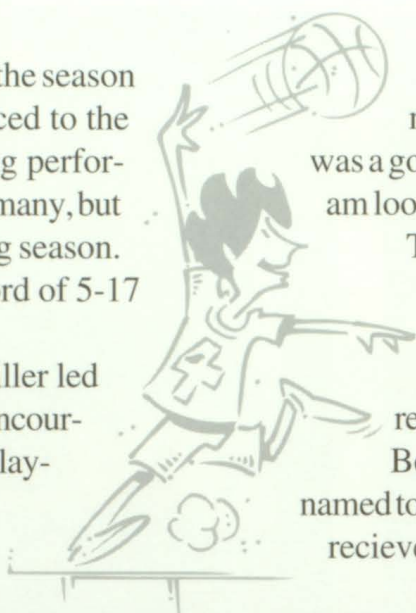
Women's Varsity Basketball

This year the lady Royals finished the season 5th place in league play and advanced to the semi-final level in district play. Strong performances on the court were exhibited by many, but it was not enough to make it a winning season. The lady Royals finished with a record of 5-17 overall.

Captains Holly Bowen and Beth Miller led the team through some tough games, encouraging team spirit and pride. Returning players with previous experience helped newcomers adjust to the varsity level

of play. Freshman Kari Cory was pulled up mid-season. "I think being pulled up on varsity was a good experience." Kari said "I learned a lot and am looking forward to next season."

The lady Royals along with having talent in basketball were also academically sound. Kristin Moore, Laura Mitchell, Renee Porter, Beth Miller, and Jennifer Visingardi received an All League Academic award. Holly Bown was chosen MVP, Kilee Goetz was named to All League 2nd team and, Hillary Brockway received the All League Sportsmanship award.



Jamie Gallatin, Debra Aldrich, Renee Porter, Holly Bowen, Laura Mitchell, Hillary Brockway. Second row: Jennifer Visingardi, Bethany Berry, Brooke Cranor, Melissa Benko, Beth Miller, Kristin Moore, Kilee Goetz, Gary Brink.



Holly Bowen scrapes for a loose ball against a Summerfield player during district semi-finals. Her hustle earned her the MVP award.



Hillary Brockway looks past a Clinton player for an open man.



Kristin Moore gets aggressive against Summerfield. The result was a win.

Renee Porter shoots a baseline shot over a Sand Creek player.



Holly Bowen (Below) Beth Miller.



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(Above) Kari Cory dribbles out of a jam.



(Above) Laura Mitchell looks to pass inside.

The lady Royals showed school spirit by participating in this year's homecoming parade riding on Riga's firetruck.



Missy Benko fights for a loose ball against a Sand Creek player during district semi-finals.



ive chasing after a rebound
Royals came one point short



Golf



(Above) Ryan Betz prepares to chip his ball from a water puddle onto the green.

(Above right) Josh Porter watches anxiously after making a long putt.

(Right) BAMM!! Brad Fritz finishes a tough drive and blasts a golfball.



Justin Wotring begins his swing as he tees off on the tenth hole.



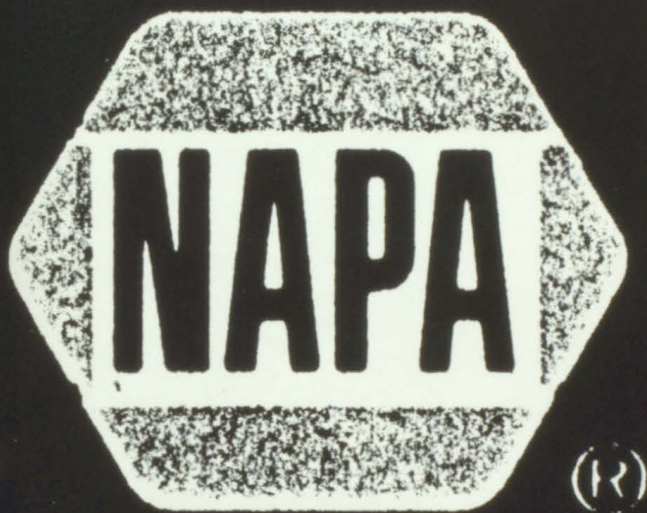
Jake Visingardi, Kevin Chent, Justin Watring, Isaiah Porter. (second row) Matt Stutzman, Scott Bergman, Josh Porter, Levi Stoker, Brad Fritz, Ryan Betz. (back row) Jake Thompson, Jason Brown, Justin Casterline, Kyle Knoblauch, Coach Lyle Cameron.



(Far left) Sam Pyle focuses on the hole as he measures up for a putt

(Left) Matt Stutzman looks suave after making a strong putt on the green

(Below) Ike Porter finishes a fantastic swing at a match on the home course.



Congratulations Seniors
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The golf team led by Josh Porter and Kyle Knoblauch finished strong after a tough season. Though they came up fourth in league, the team was able to earn some honorable awards. Receiving First Team All-League was Kyle Knoblauch who also received Second Team All-County. Josh Porter received Honorable Mention All-County. With the discipline that Coach Lyle Cameron enforced, the golf team was able to stay focused for a good season. Assistant coach Al Knoblauch helped train the team players. The team had a lot of young members that look to show a lot of promise in the future.



Women's Cross Country



Kara Brown, Maria Crane, Rebecca Ries, Nicole Sauter, Bethany Harpst, Heather Hagenbuch, Jenny Navarro. (second row) Anne Bradshaw, Kayla Brown, Amy Marine, Sarah Retter, Jenah Gentz, Erin, Mashal, Juanita Navarro.

Girls Take 4th in State Meet

Another year and the girls cross country team has accomplished what they set out to do. With the leadership of Juanita Navarro and Kayla Brown, the girls cross country team captured 1st place in

they got a fourth place finish overall. With the returning talent of Juanita Navarro and newcomer Kara Brown, the Blissfield team was able to dominate in all areas of the cross country race.

LCAA, and 1st at the MHSAA cross country meet. The girls team was able to run at state where



Receiving awards were Kayla Brown, sportsman-

ship award; Kara Brown MVP, all-state and all-regions honors.



Above: The Dynamic Duo Juanita Navarro and Kayla Brown help each other as they continue their domination over their opponents.

Below: MVP Kara Brown begins her kick to finish tough at the State meet.





Kayla Brown flies by a huge crowd of runners at the State meet.



Captain Juanita Navarro struggles to get through the pain during a tough time in the race.



Jennie Navarro stays in a pack while striding to succeed in a tough race.



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Boy's Cross Country



Above: (front row) Luke Wold, Daniel Stutzman, Nick Darm, David Ruhlig, James Snyder, Chad Segur, (back row) Coach Tom Durbin, Brent Stutzman, Jared Snyder, Jason Bourdette, Brad VanStaveren, Randy Tussing, Brian Stutzman, and Coach Chris Francis.

This year was one of the most spectacular seasons that a Blissfield men's cross-country team has ever had. The 1997 season had a large turn-out of members. A total of seventeen men joined together to complete a very successful season. The men accomplished a second place finish at LCAA and a fourth place finish at the MHSAA regional meet. The team was led by captains Brent Stutzman and Brian Stutzman. With their leadership and the talent of the team, this year was one of the best ever. Another underlying reason that the season was so great was the excellent work of head coach Thomas Durbin. Through his determination and focus, he was able to whip seventeen



"out-of-shape" men into a strong, tough team. This was coach Durbin's final year of coaching, so the members felt this was the time to prove themselves.

And prove themselves they did.

To start off the season, the team won a second place finish at Erie Mason Invitational. Then to finish off the season, they put a hard effort at going to state.

Though the effort was there, the team came up a measly nine points short. This

year's award winners included Brian Stutzman, MVP; Brent Stutzman, sportsmanship; and Jason Bradshaw, All-Regional Team.

Runners Jason Bourdette, Brian Stutzman, Nick Darm, Nick Furgason, and Justin Casterline received All-LCAA Academic awards.



Above: Gerber Hill on the home course is no match for Justin Casterline.



Left: Brian, Brent & Daniel Stutzman, Luke Wold, Nick Darm, and Justin Casterline enjoy time after a strong finish at the Cardinal Stritch Inv.



Above: Luke Wold leads the pack as he dominates a Summerfield opponent on the home course.

Above: The Boy's Cross Country team wins what they deserve by taking a second at the Erie Mason Invitational.

Above: Brad VanStaveren stomps to the top of Gerber Hill as he kicks over the opposing teams.

Sideline Cheer

(Right) Nikki Fowler, Karly Moore, Lindsay Lake, Emily Sell, Amanda Davis, and Laura Saxton pose together at the homecoming game.



(Far right) The girls throw up a V-sign at the homecoming pep assembly.



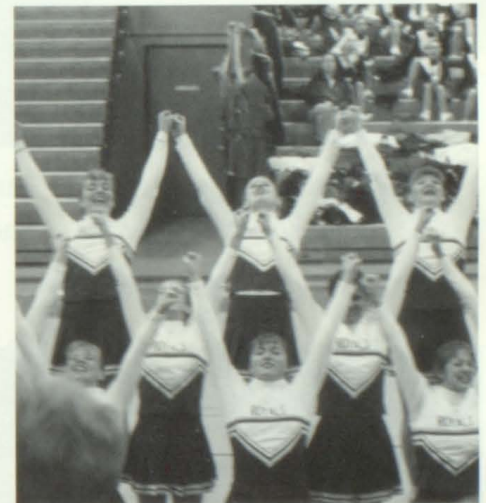
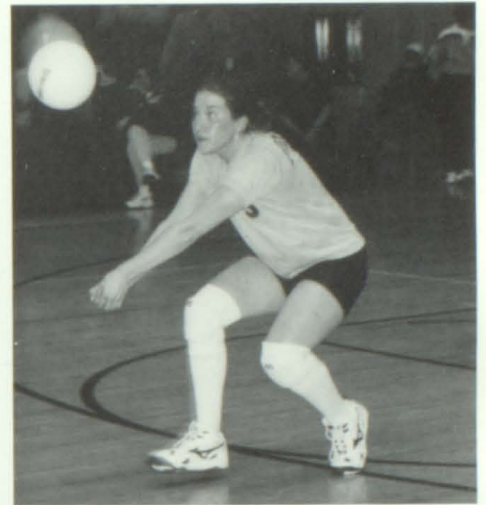
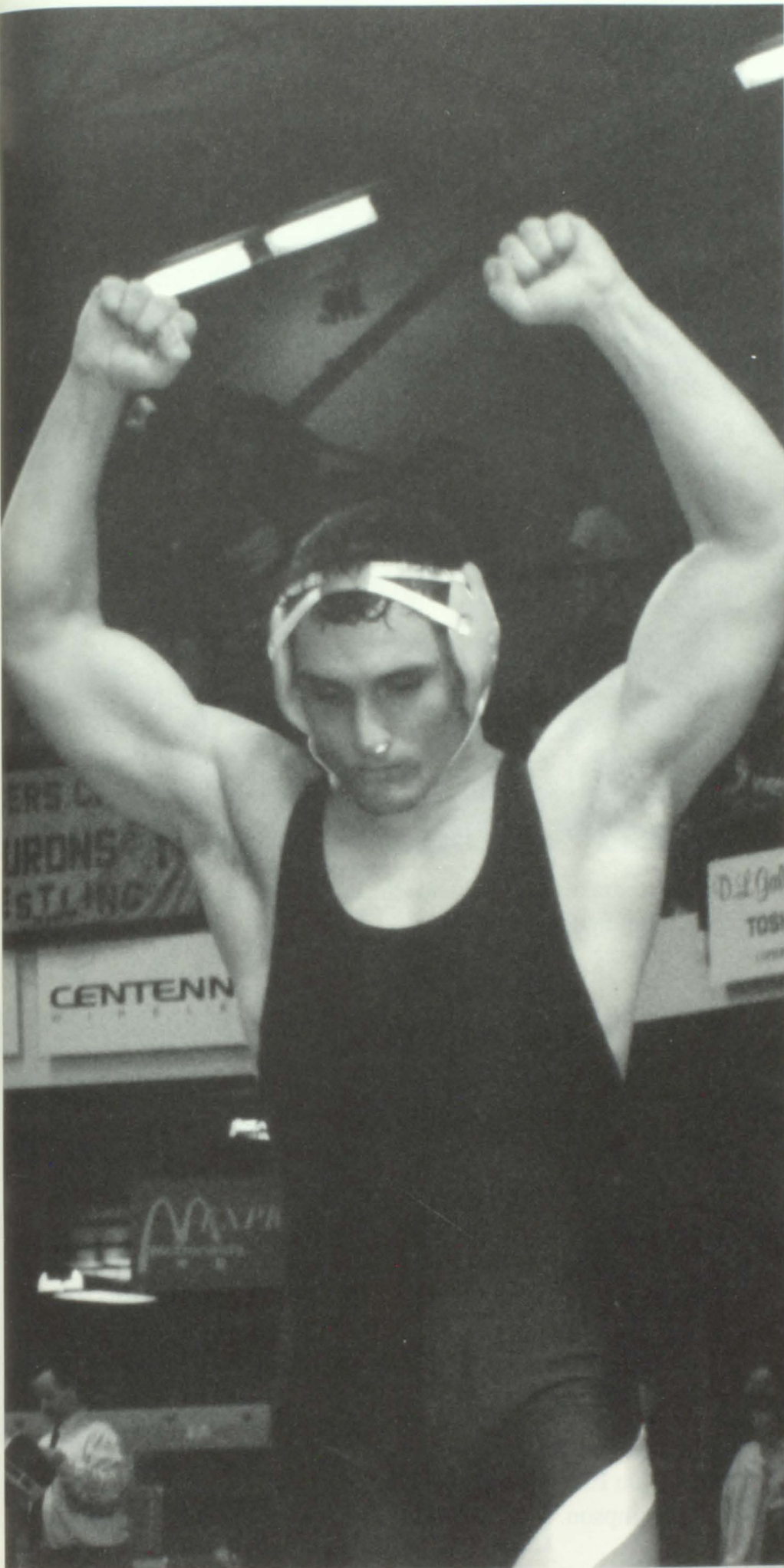
(Right) The cheerleaders pump up the crowd during a basketball game!



(Far Right) The JV cheerleaders hang out at a home football game.



Winter Sports



JV Boys Basketball



Jake Thompson tries to out reach a Dundee player for the ball.



Tony Freer takes a shot outside the key as Brandon Elliot fights for a position under the basket.



Ricky Mirelez, Dennis Vore, Scott Seifert, Kenny Wells, Jake Jensen (second row) Todd Rupp, Jake Thompson, Brandon Elliot, Tony Freer, Eric Thompson, Ryan Klump, Coach Denny Thompson. Missing: Zeb Waterbury, Coach Steve Piorkowski.



Ricky Miralez goes for two as a Clinton defender tries to block.

Freshman Boys Basketball



Traver Meinke, Nick Coopshaw, Neil Sauter, David Kerekgyarto, Ike Porter, Jimmy Jordan, Justin Eisenmann (second row) Coach Mike Kostoff, Geoff Uyttenhove, Andy Borchardt, Chris Niles, Seth Heydinger, Eli Benko, David Thompson.

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● Boys Varsity Basketball ●



Jason Bradshaw, Ben Mainka, Nathan Loar, Nick Bates, Tim Kudlac, Howard Ickler, Manager Phil Kerbawy (second row) Coach John Vandecaveye, Rocco Freer, Andy Fay, Kyle Knoblauch, Brad Phillips, Eric Eisenmann, Bo Koppelman, Coach Jason Burkholder, Manager Clair Koppelman.

Once again the boys basketball team brought home the district title. The guys finished second in league play with a record of 12-2 and an overall record of 15-5. Brad Phillips and Kyle Knoblauch made first team All League, while Bo Koppelman received All League sportsmanship. Eric Eisenmann earned All League Academic.



The team "huddles" before a game to get psyched. The huddle is a tradition they kept throughout the year.



The Royals are anxious during the National Anthem as they prepare to battle the Summerfield Bulldogs.



Bo Koppleman here he takes a shot over conference foe Ida.



Brad Phillips goes up for a shot over tough defence.



Captains

NICK BATES

NATE LOAR



Andy Fay goes for a lay-up



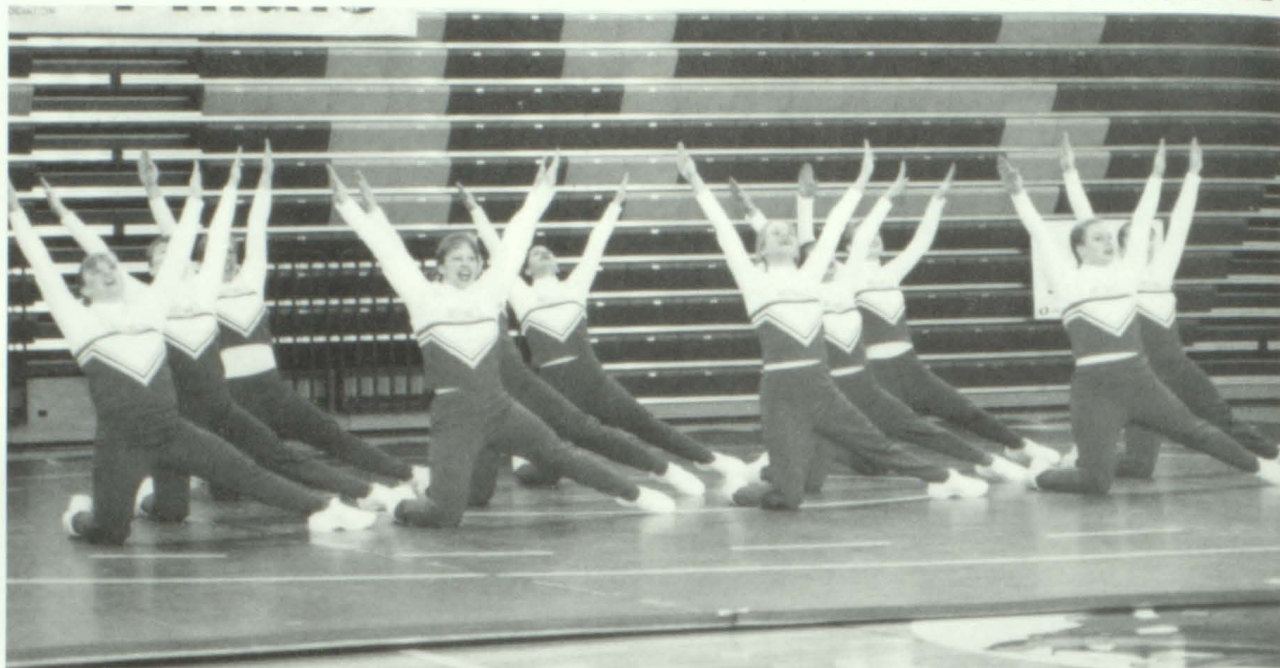
The team takes a moment to pose for pictures after winning districts.



Competitive Cheer



The competitive cheer team finishes its first round cheer with plenty of excitement at the state finals. The team finished fourth at state.



Katie Zimmerman and Ashley Nowak are flying high in their cupies with the strong support of their teammates.



Laura Saxton, Laura Diebel, Nicole Fowler, Katie Zimmermen (second row) Amanda Davis, Ashley Nowak, Andrea Coopshaw, Adela Escobedo (third row) Emily Sell, Lindsey Lake, Carrie Hallot, Karly Moore, Jessica Streby.



The girls perform several difficult mounts in their third round cheer.



MVP:
EMILY
SELL

ALL LCAA FIRST TEAM: LAURA DIEBEL, EMILY SELL, JESSICA STREBY, AND KATIE ZIMMERMAN

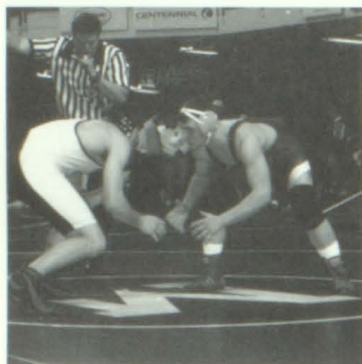
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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: LAURA DIEBEL

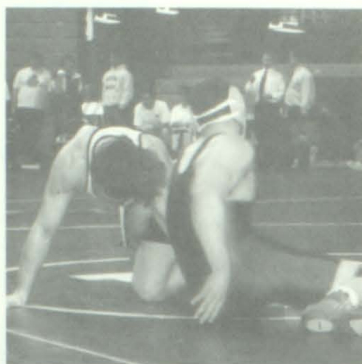
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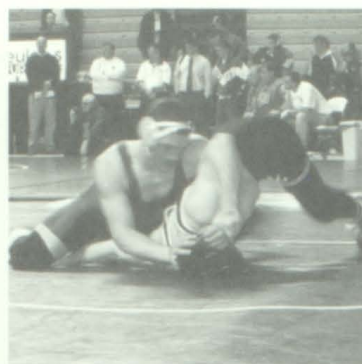
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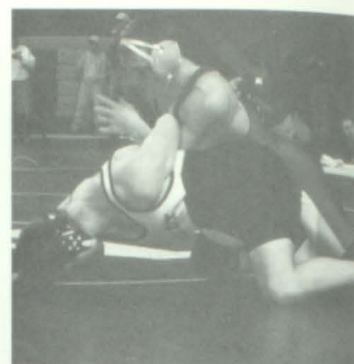
Reggie takes a strong and intimidating stance to frighten his opponents, even at the state level



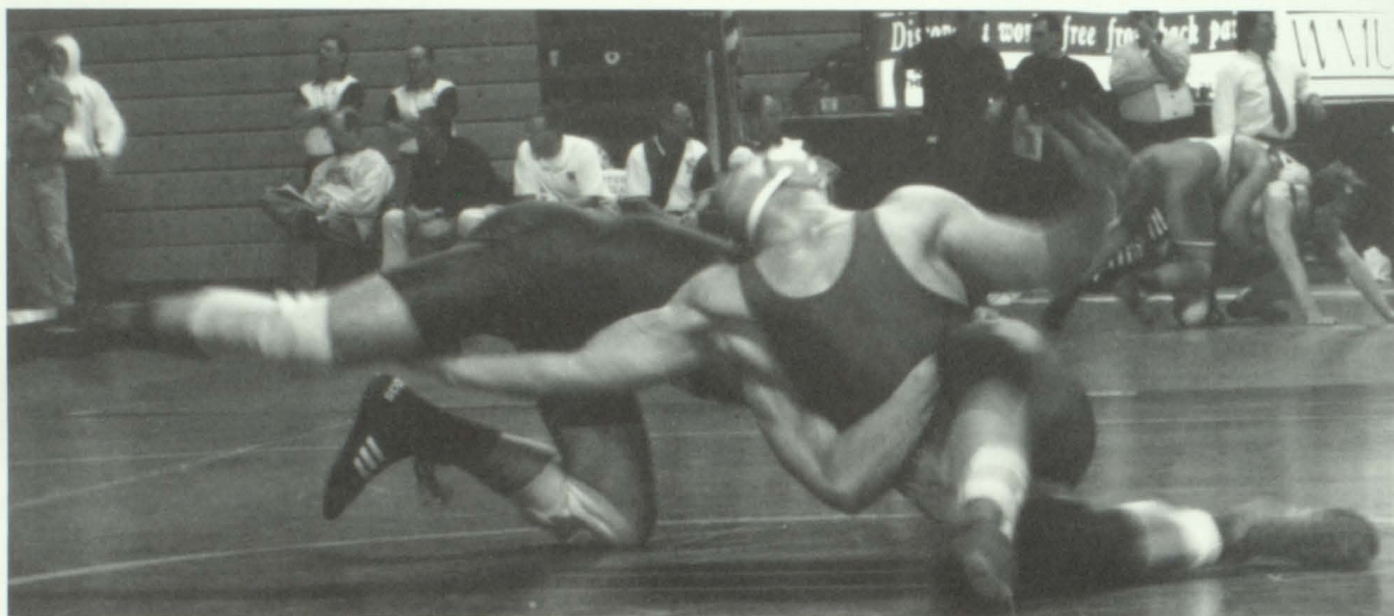
Reggie was the master of the sit out as shown here against Chad Mobley of Quincy in the state final.



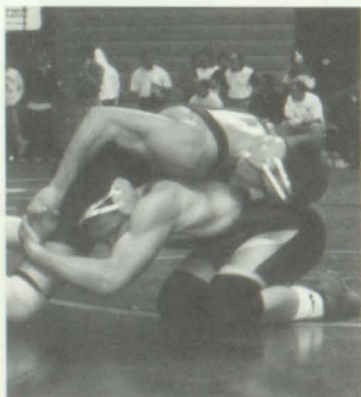
Here Reggie forces a half on an opponent earlier on in the state finals.



Reggie's finesse is mostly what took him as far as it did as shown here with Mobley.



Here is Reggie with the master of all all shots. His perfection and attention to detail makes him the subject of all eyes at any tournament. Once he starts a shot like this it is hard to stop, and not many did. It was one of those things that he practiced until he was unstoppable by anyone.



Here he is pulling in the leg for yet another take down.



A result of what happens when you mess with the back-to-back champ.



Reggie takes his place on the top of the podium as a proud state champ once again.



Reggie with two coaches Matt Nieman and Steve Babbitt after his final high school win.



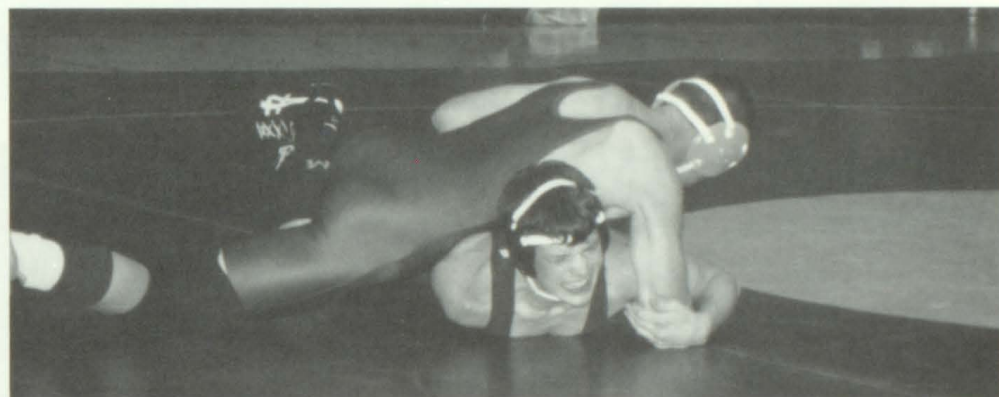
The Blissfield wrestling team started to show signs of life this year in its second rebuilding year. With Veteran interim head coach Steve Babbitt the team began to work on more of the fundamentals.

Once again the team was lead by the legendary Reggie Robinson, who this year won his second straight state title which is another first for the school in wrestling.

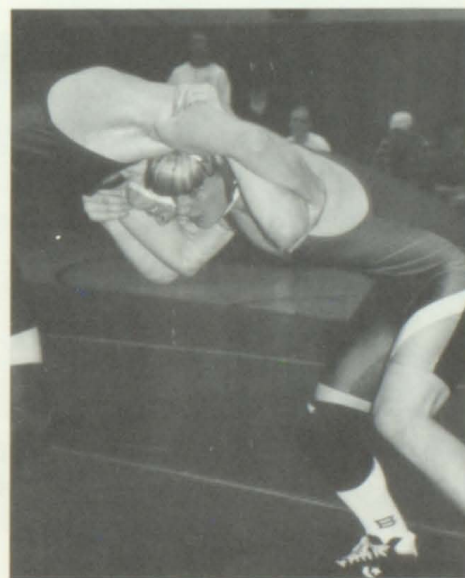
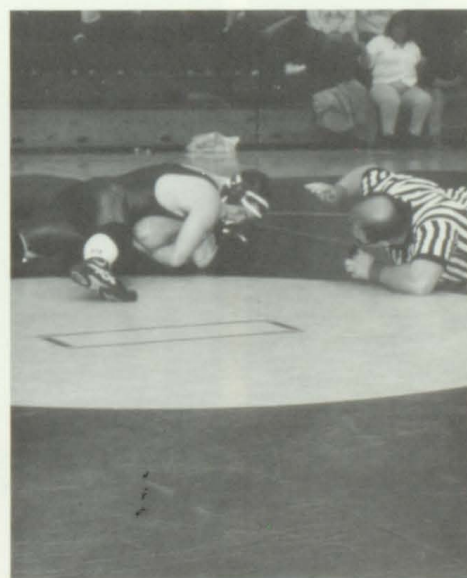
Some of the Royal squads biggest trouble makers were Jerry Marchal at 112, Steve Clark at 140, Dickey Robinson at 189, and James Thomas at 215. These guys were the regular placers at the tournaments but nothing like the champ Reggie Robinson. Once again Reggie walked through the state tournament with ease. He wrestled in the same weight class and beat Chad Mobley of Quincy three straight times to earn his rightful place on the platform as the champ.



(Front Row) Jay Yokey, Roger Robinson, Nick Loader, Jake Visingardi, Jerry Marchal, Brad Decatur, Phil Jacques, Charlie Robinson. (second row) Coach Babbitt, Ben Wilson, Jeff Litzke, James Thomas, Steve Clark, Dickey Robinson, Justin Yovanov, Reggie Robinson.



(Above) Roger Robinson puts the hurt on his Morenci opponet. (Below far left) Phil Jacques ties up in hope of his first win as a varsity wrestler. (Below left) James Thomas holds on tight as he waits for the pin in yet another of his many victories. (Below right) Nick Loader works a front headlock on his opponet at districts.





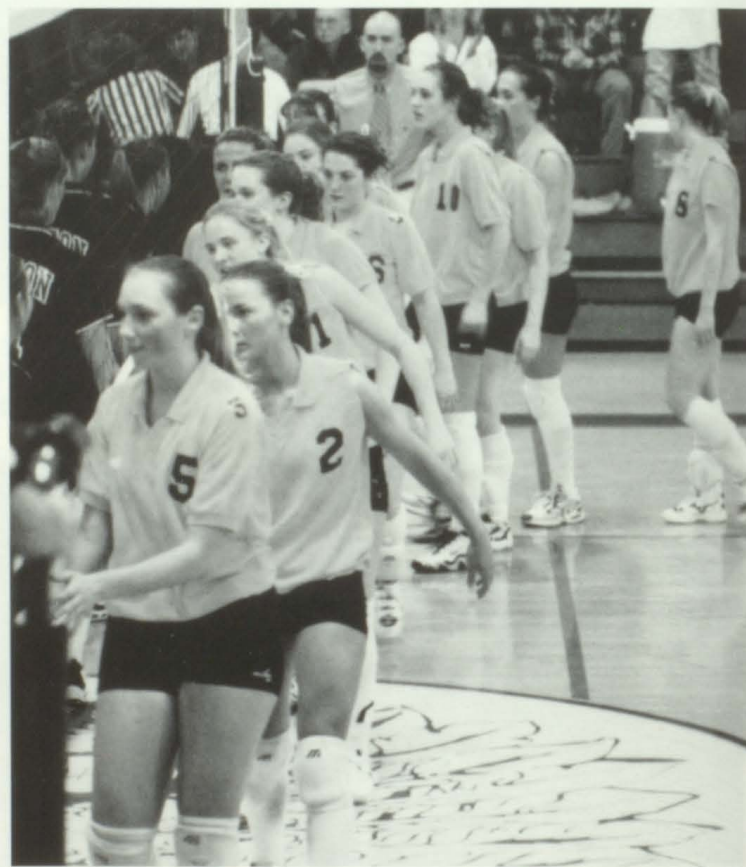
Varsity Volleyball



The 1997-98 varsity volleyball team: Shown from left to right: (top row) Stacy Barrett, Melissa Benko, Coach Norm Potter, Kilee Goetz, Brooke Cranor, (middle row) Renee Porter, Laura Mitchell, Hillary Brockway (bottom row) Holly Bowen, Janine Filipek.



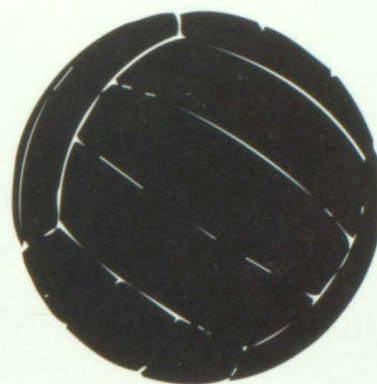
Shown here gathering as a team in between games at the Columbia Central Tounamnt, the girls demonstrate their spirit and prepare for their next game.



At regionals, after their final game, the girls congratulate the Clinton team and hold their heads high for a game well played.



The team is shown here working hard in a game against Hudson, at Hudson.



MVP: **Janine Filipek**

1998 Varsity Volleyball Team received the Academic All State Award for the second year in a row.

Congratulations Girls!!

All League

First: Kilee Goetz

Second: Laura Mitchell

All County First: Kilee Goetz

Honorable Mention:

Stacy Barrett, Janine Filipek, Laura Mitchell

All-Region First: Kilee Goetz

All-State First: Kilee Goetz

M.V.P.: Janine Filipek

Sportsmanship Award: Holly Bowen

This year's varsity volleyball team definitely had a year to remember. The year's ending record of 37-8-1 proved to be the best record in many years of Blissfield's teams past. The ability of many of the girls to be able to play more than just front row, or just back row increased the team's equality. All the players this year were well-rounded and focused on the common goal - to win state finals. Although they fell a little short of State, they set the course for next year and the year's to come.

J.V. Volleyball

J.V. Volleyball
Team: Erin Klump, Kim Sanders, Janelle Noelanders, Nicole Sauter, Bethany Harpst, Krystal Hoffman, (back row) Deatra Fritz, Candice Katich, Vicki Sell, Sarah Pyle, Suzanne Ries, Debbie Aldrich, Sarah Betz, and Meghann Eff.

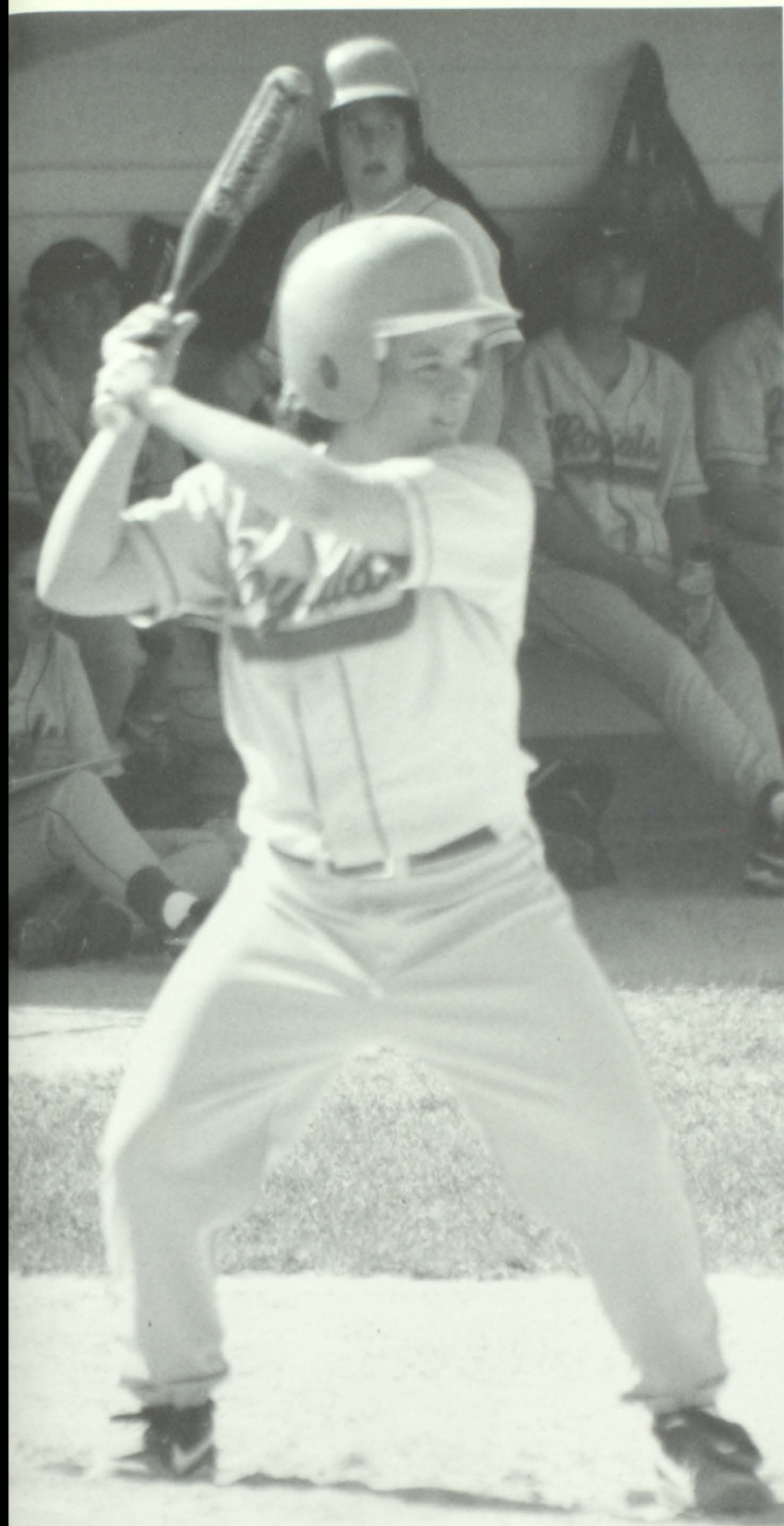


Vicki Sell and Candice Katich go up for a block in a game against Ida.



Vicki Sell sends a serve across the court in one of the J.V. games vs. Ida.

Spring Sports



Freshman Baseball



Freshman Baseball Team: Roger Robinson, Justin Eisenmann, Ike Porter, Justin Duckett, Nick Coopshaw, James Jordan, Myrle Beerman, Chad Gillilan. (second row) Eric Thompson, Eli Benko, Kevin Smith, Andy Borchardt, Chris Niles, Tony Freer, Doug Saxton, Dave Thompson, Coach Denny Thompson.

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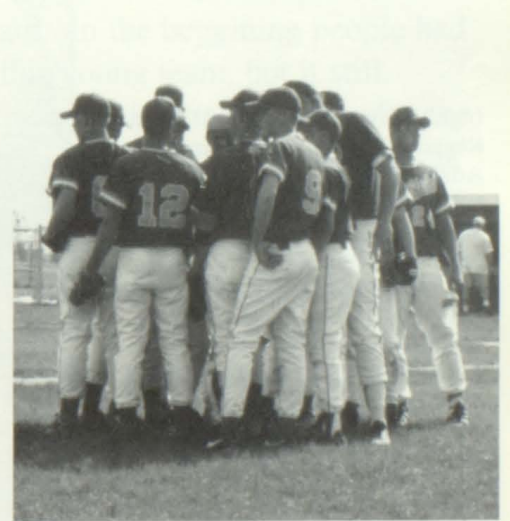
JV Baseball



Andy Jones, Dennis Vore, Ryan Klump, Steve Clark, Jerry Marchal, Brad DeCatur, Randy Gallup (second row) Coach Steve Babbitt, Jake Thompson, Trevor Seeger, Jeremiah Hackathorn, Justin Love, Gary Portillo, Coach Jason Burkholder.



(left) Trevor Seeger gets ready to wheel and deal to an Erie Mason batter. Top: A Blissfield player gets ready to steal third in hope of getting there safely. (bottom left) The team huddles to prepare a winning game plan for the next inning. (bottom right) Dennis Vore prepares himself to hit the ball deep. Blissfield has always been known for it's consistent hitting and base running.



Varsity Baseball

(right) Ryan Andrews gets ready to bunt.

(below) Kyle Knoblauch lets one fly at a home game.



(right) Ricky Miralez, Tim Kudlac, Reggie Robinson, Ryan Andrews, Adam LaTour, Manager Kevin Knoblauch (second row) Coach Wayne Heineman, Josh Porter, Nate oar, Scott Seifert, Dickey Robinson, Todd Rupp, Manager Steve Marks (third row) Coach Stan Masters, Eric Thompson, Nick Bates, Kyle Knoblauch, Brandon Elliot, Justin Thompson, Coach Larry Tuttle.



Girl's Track



Cori Loar, Katie Zimmerman, Heather Burgermiester, Hillary Brockway, Miriam Douge, Heather Hagenbuch, Maria Crane, Gwynne Mock, Erin Hufford, Becky Ries. Second Row, Heather Knight, Elizabeth Gritzmaker, Leah Stimac, Nikki Fowler, Laura Mitchell, Rene Porter, Laura Henricks, Kara Brown, Bethany Harpst, Julia Barton, Leslie Lockwood, Chelsea Goodson, Jenny Navarro. Third Row, Erin Machal, Anne Bradshaw, Debbie Aldrich, Michelle Martis, Jennah Gentz, Sarah Miller, Sarah Pyle, Vicki Sell, Kayla Brown, Megan Ricker, Rochelle Welling, Jill Dickerson, Stephanie Macintyre, Suzanne Ries. Fourth Row, Coach Al Navarro, Heather Francour, Amy Marine, Juanita Navarro, Deise Libstaff, Becky Dennison, Kim Sutherland, Ellie Risher, Amanda Emerson, Rachel Walters, Anne Veres, Jennifer Jerew, Erin Gilmore, Olivia Ott, Elise Barton, Coach Hazel Brown.



Sarah Pyle jumps a hurdle at the Regional meet at East Jackson



Laura Mitchell hands off the baton to Bethany Harpst in the mile relay at the Adrian Invitational.

Girls Track Team Wins Fifth Consecutive Regional and LCAA Meet Titles

New Shot Put Record;
Amanda Emerson 34' 1/4"

New 880 Yard Dash Record;
Juanita Navarro 2:18:1

Season Record 10-0 in dual
meets, LCAA Champions,
and MHSAA Regional
Champions

Renee Porter arches over the bar as she sets presidence in the high jump.



Juanita Navarro runs for the finish line at East Jackson.



Kayla Brown toughs it out in the rain.



Laura Mitchell gives it her all for the finish line.

Boys Track

Matt Stutzman clears a hurdle at the Sand Creek meet.



Brian Stutzman struggles to finish the two mile relay at East Jackson.



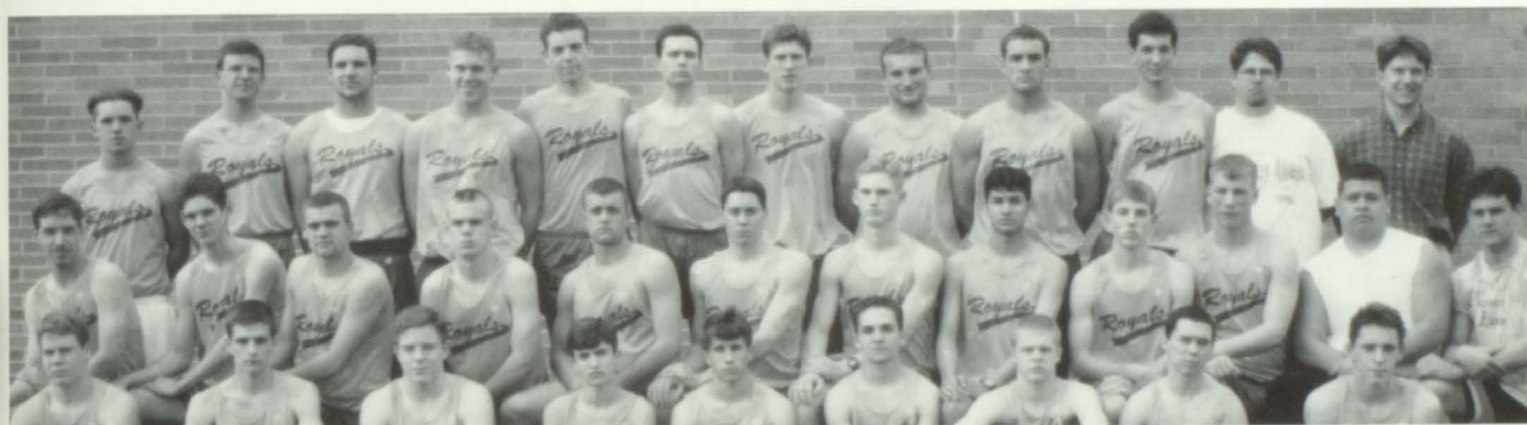
Luke Wold hustles during the mile relay at Pitsford.



Chad Seagur hands the baton off to Matt Stutzman at the Sand Creek meet during the 880 relay.



(left) Bo Koppelman begins his long jump at the regional meet at East Jackson. (below) Bo Koppelman finishes his long jump. Bo was the best long jumper on the team.



(above) Nic Austin, Kenny Wells, James Thomas, Daniel Stutzman, Nick Darm, Brad Fritz, Zeb Waterbury, James Snyder, Jon Mowery. (second row) Bryan Reed, Matt Cremean, Brent Stutzman, Brad Vanstavern, Brian Stutzman, Matt Stutzman, Chad Segur, Luke Wold, Jacob Rye, Ben Mainka, Manager John Townes, Justin Yovanov. (third row) Nick Aneed, Jason Bourdette, Rocco Freer, Jason Bradshaw, Justin Casterline, Jared Snyder, Bo Koppelman, David Smith, Nick Sheldon, Damian Limoncelli, Paul Mercer, Coach Mike Noel.



(left) Jason Bradshaw makes a turn at East Jackson regional meet

Freshman Softball



Erin Klump, Holli Staup, Erin Eff, Krystal Hoffman (second row) Nikki Casterline, Melissa Hartzel, Katie Love, Daniela Yovanov, Laura Terry, Coach Jodie Trabbic.

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JV Softball



Marcia Winzler, Jessica Coackley, Janelle Noelanders, Cheri Kronberg, Celeste Dixon (second row) Manager Ginnie Flenor, Nicole Hoagland, Sarah Betz, Renee Walters Amanda Eisenmann, Coach Neil Heiden.



Marcia Winzler gets ready to swing during a home game.



Jessica Coackly gives the pitcher a target for a strike.



The team crowds into the dugout for a team huddle before a game.

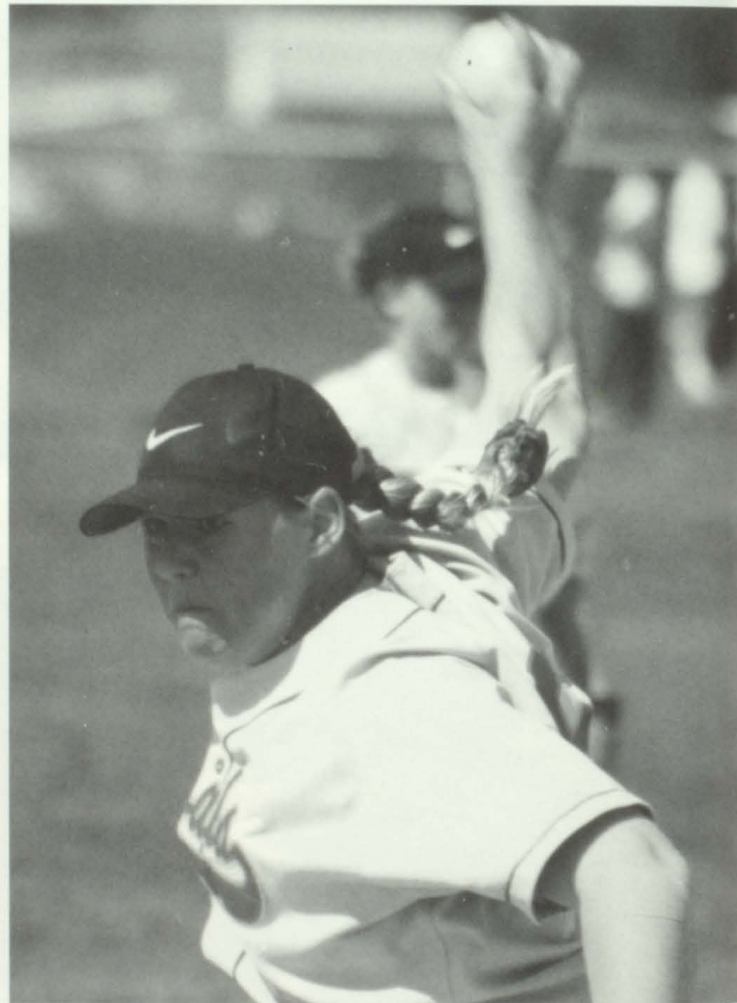
Varsity Softball

Brandy LaTour, Amanda Davis, Mandie Escobedo, Jennifer Leking, Detra Fritz, Nicole Sauter (second row) Manager Sarah Love, Jamie Dominique, Mindy Kendall, Melanie Fritz, Marcia Winzler, Beth Berry, (third row) Coach Brian Barrus, Brooke Cranor, Lindsey Lake, Jamie Gallatin, Missy Benko, Alycia Demey

Nichole Sauter in midthrow to second base.



Beth Berry gets ready for a pitch as she gives her teammate a target.



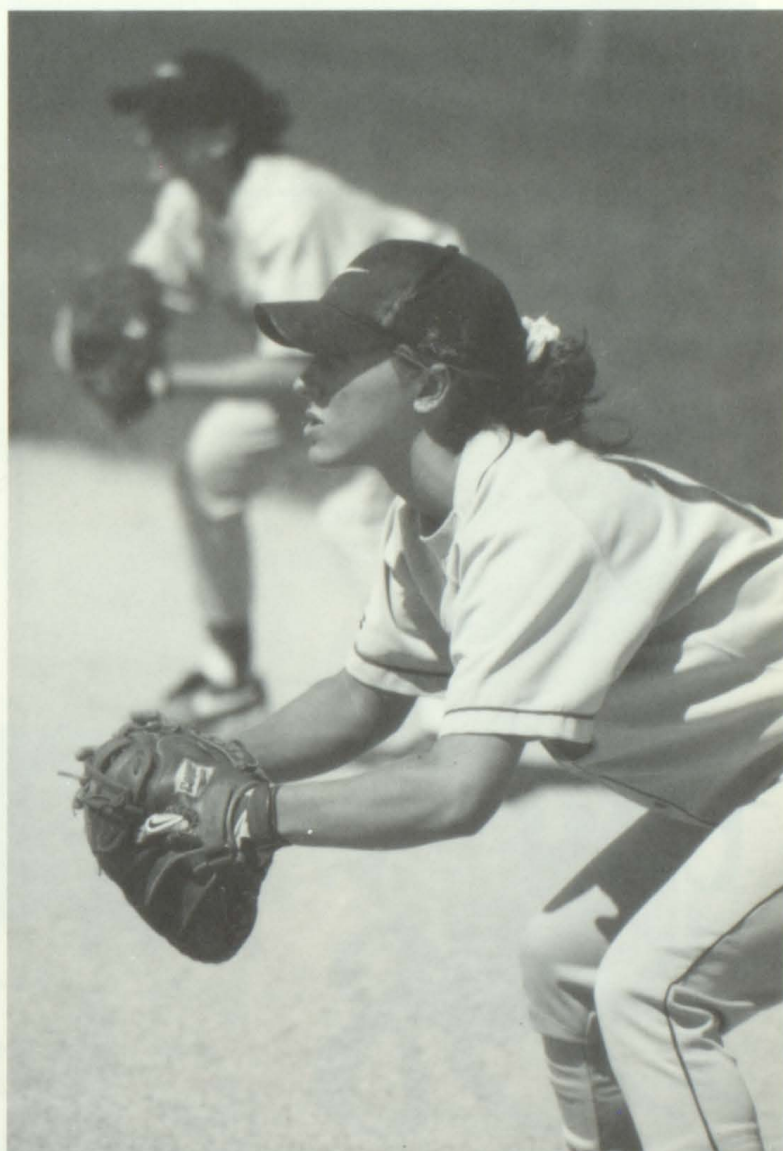
Alisha Demey winds up to let one rip.



Left: The team huddles at the mound for a mid-inning conference.



Jennifer Leking gets ready to bunt.



Brooke Cranor and Mindy Kendall are in proper fielding position, waiting for a hit.



My Beautiful Nicolasa,
I am so proud of you!
The many positive qualities that make you who you are, will support you towards a successful career. All my love is yours always and forever~
Mom



Neil,
You have searched and found the things in life that give meaning. Hold on to those values as you continue your search. Know that we will always be there, supporting and encouraging you.
Love you always,
Dad, Mom, and Julie



Beth,
We are so proud of you. You will be successful at what ever you do. Trust God no matter where life takes you.
Love you,
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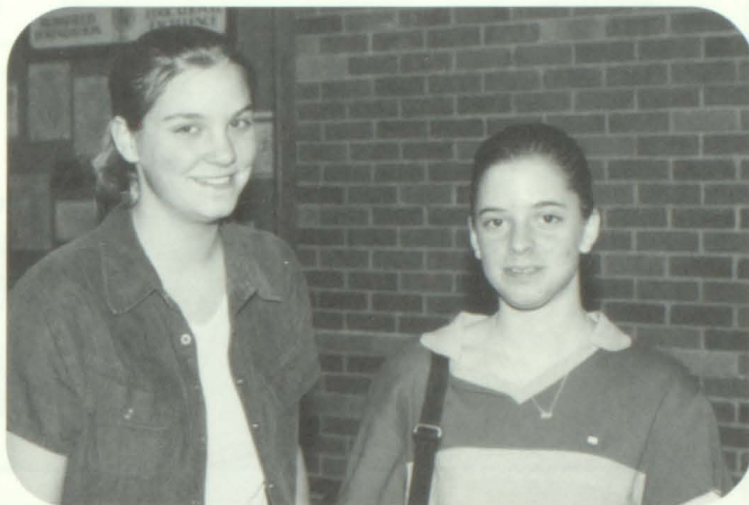
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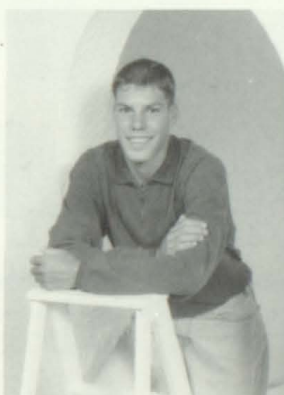
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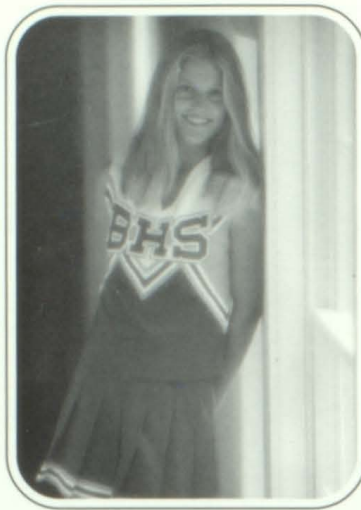
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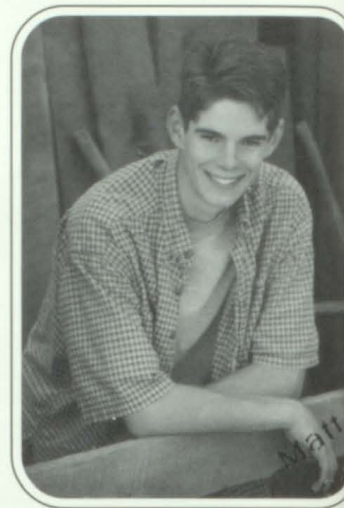
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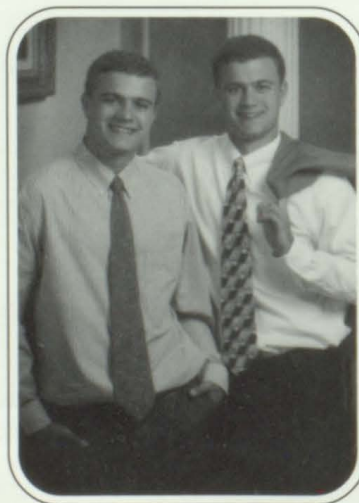


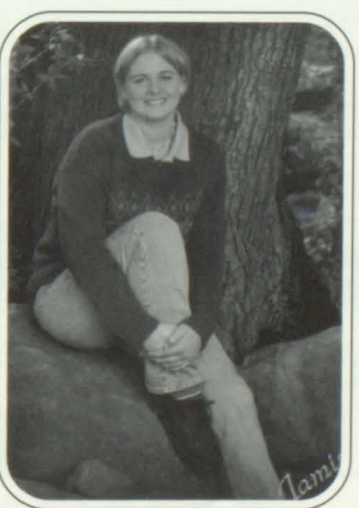
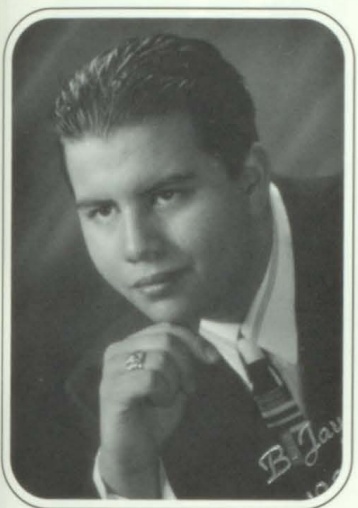
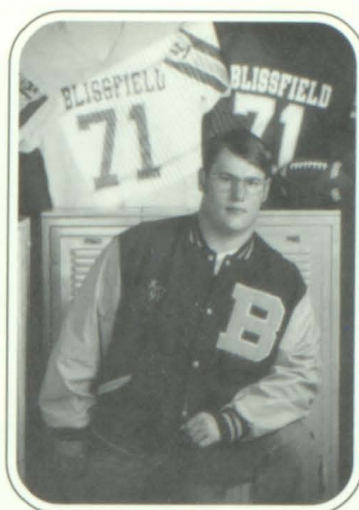
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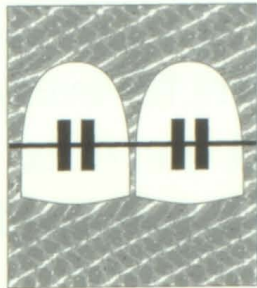
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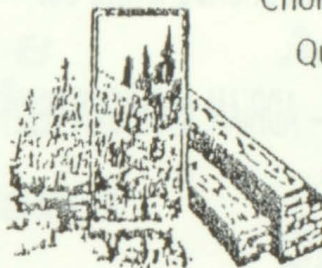
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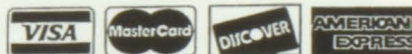
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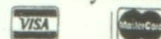
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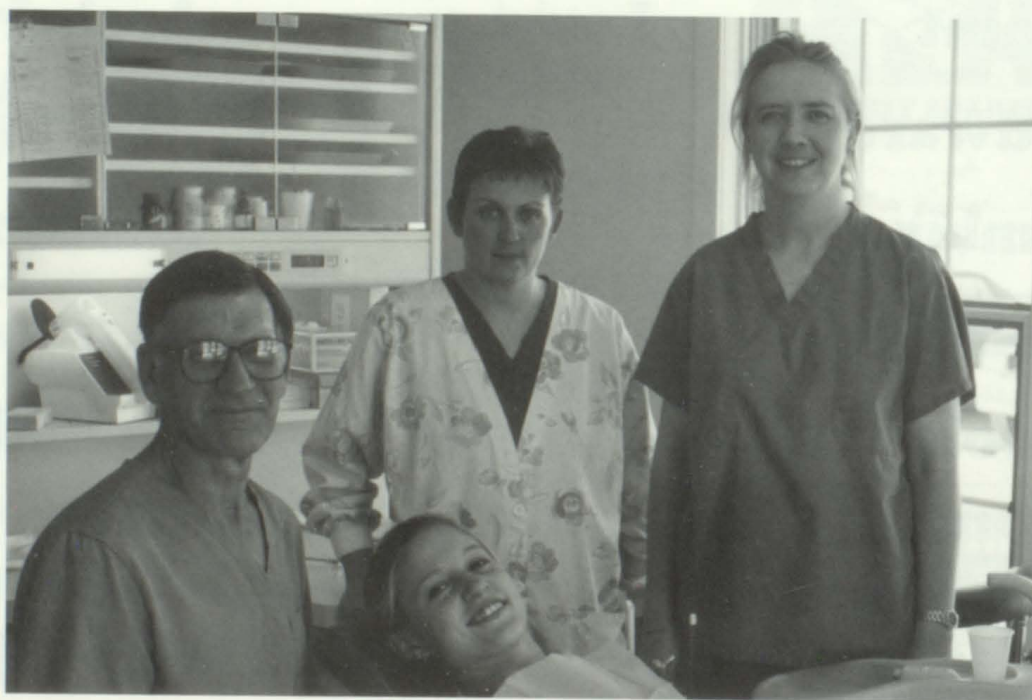
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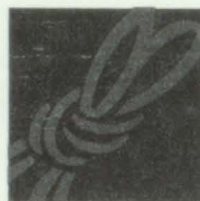
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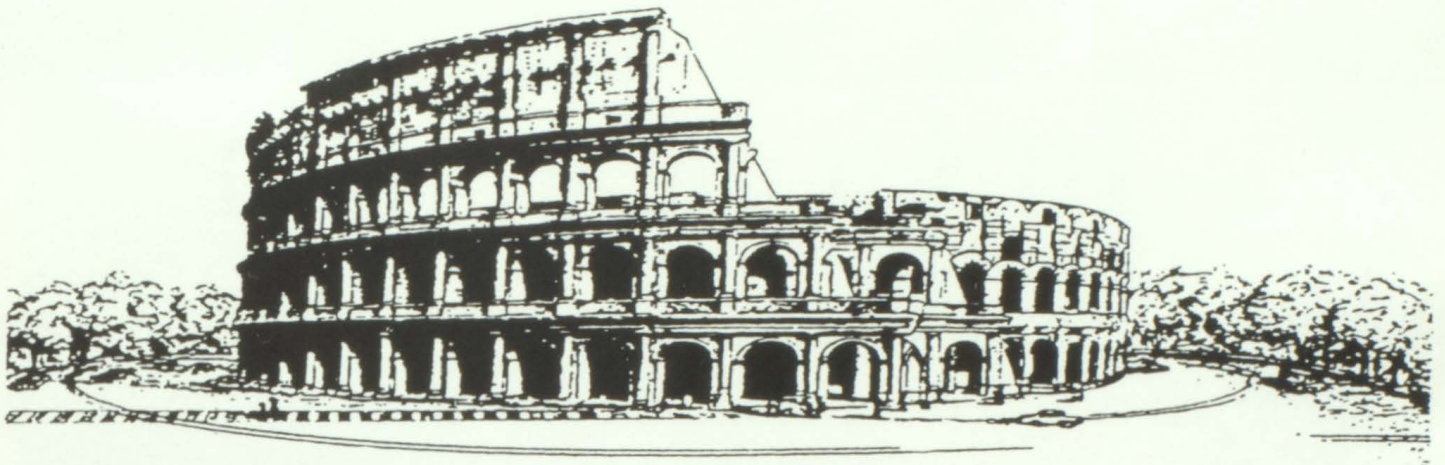
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