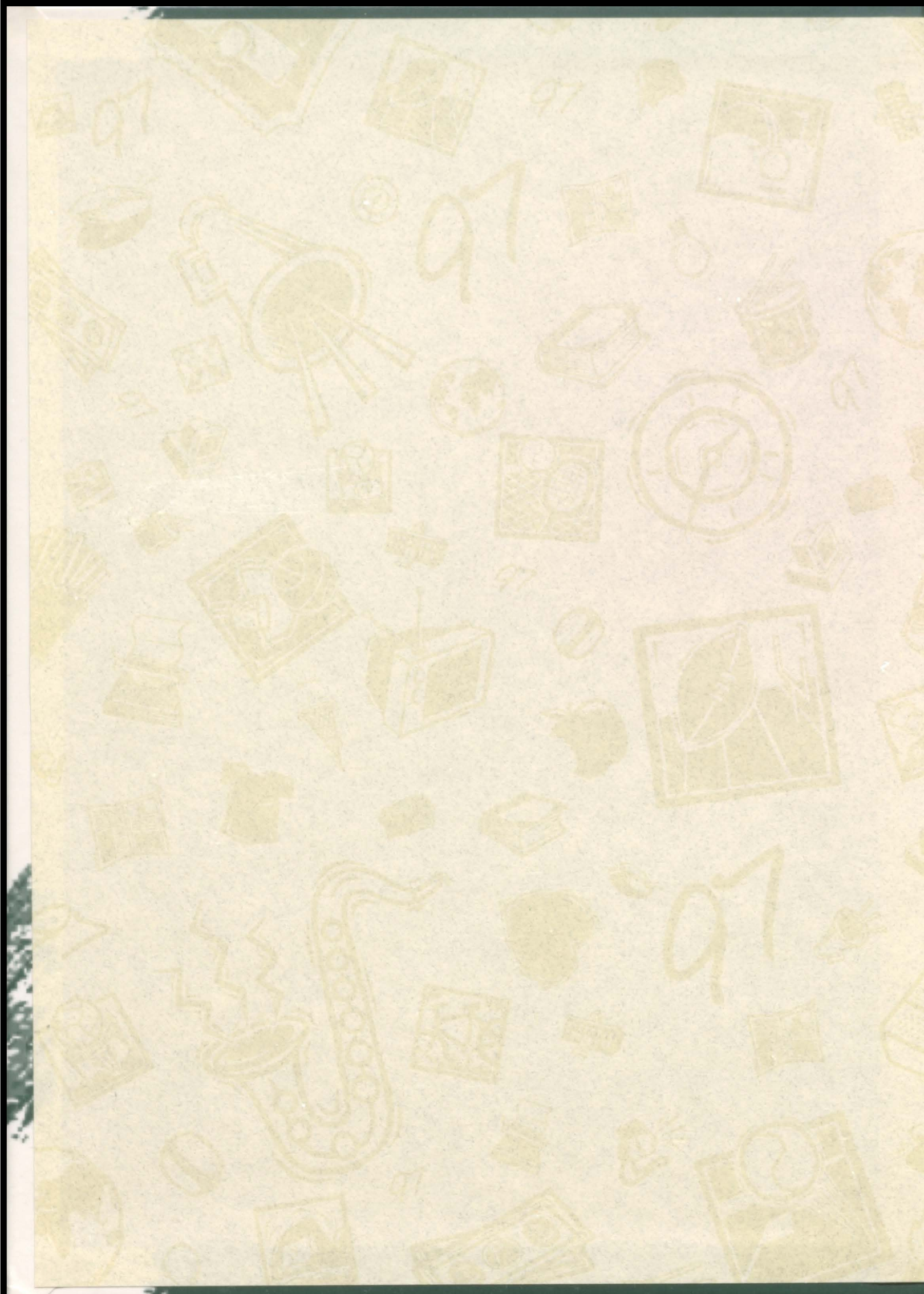


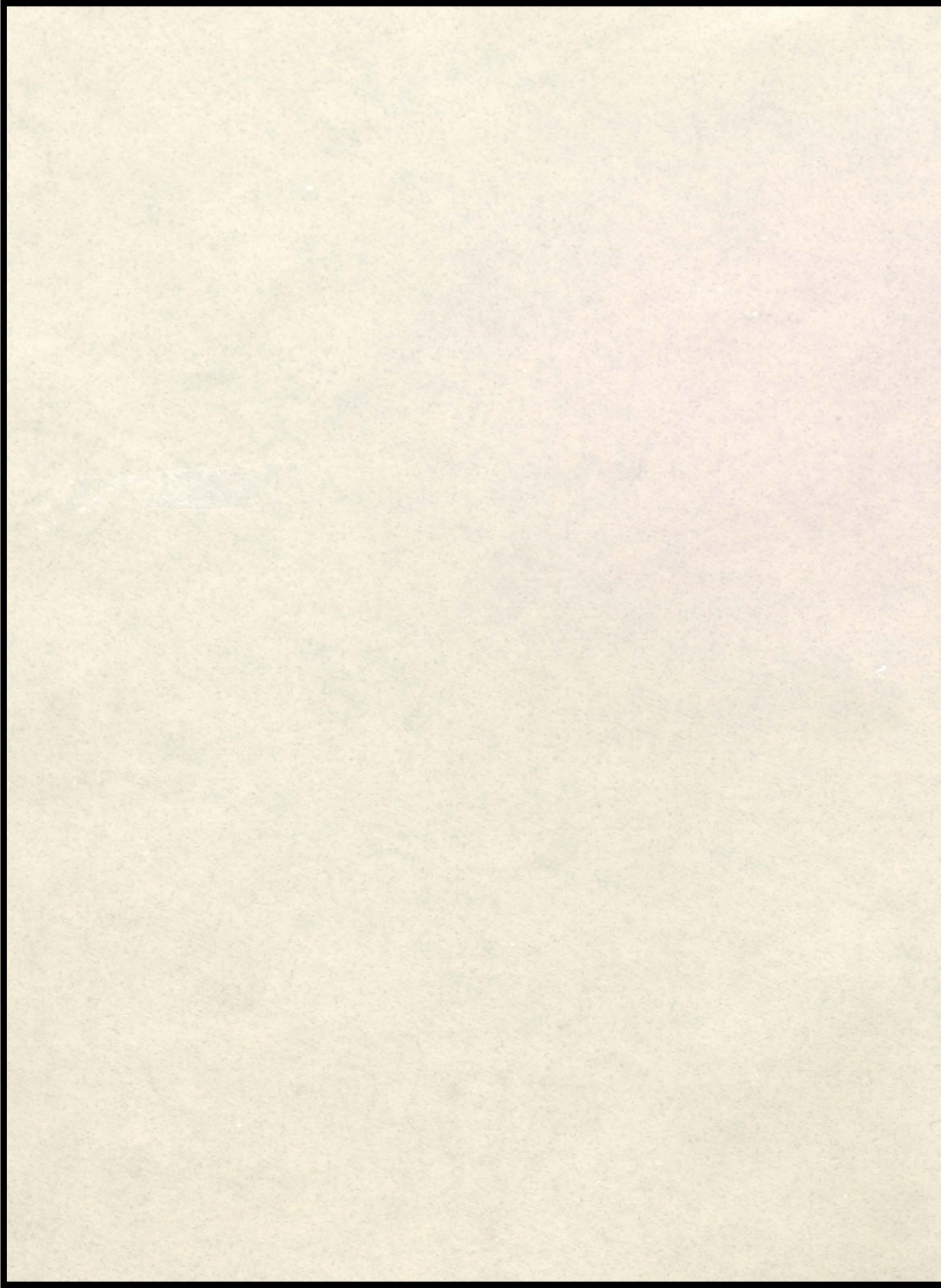


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Senior Sean Kehoe waiting to leave school after a day of working hard and thinking a lot.

Students stepping off the bus to begin their long hard day at school.



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Junior Holly Maschmidt and her sister Emily waiting for a ride from their friend Heather Engelage.

Students stop at the school store to get a little something to munch on before class.



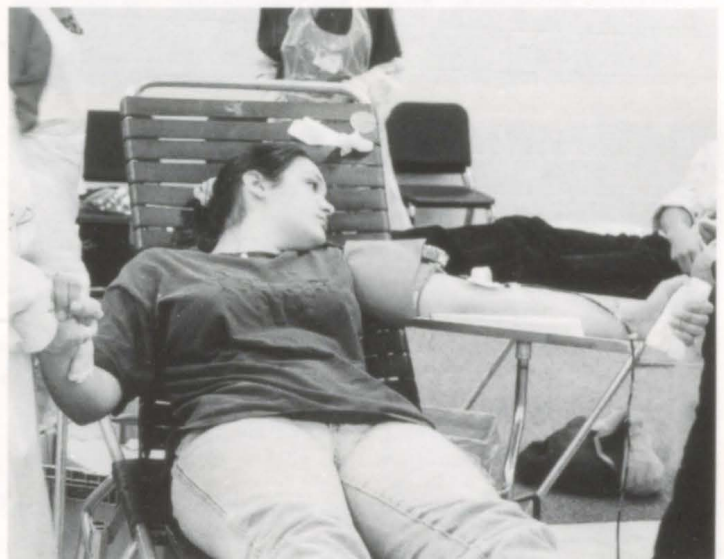
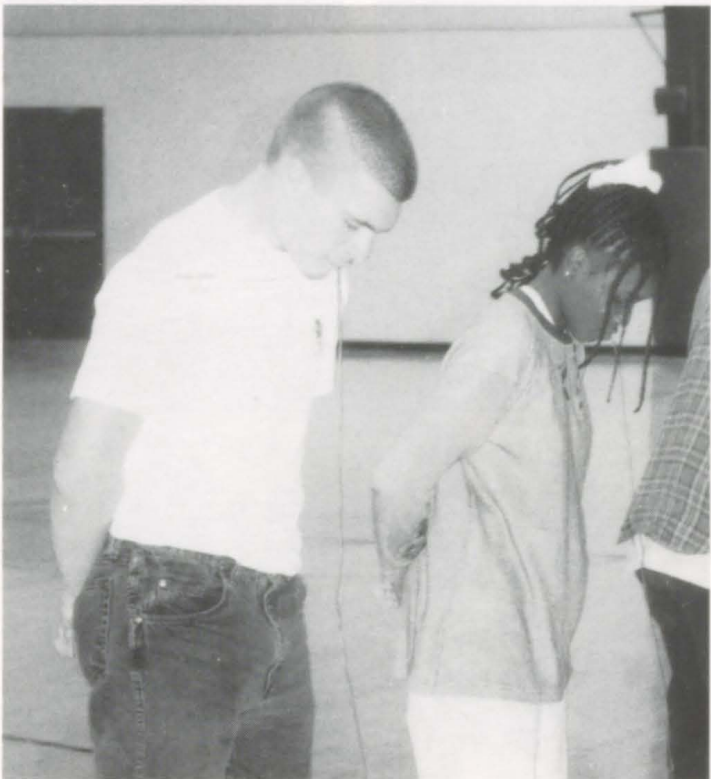
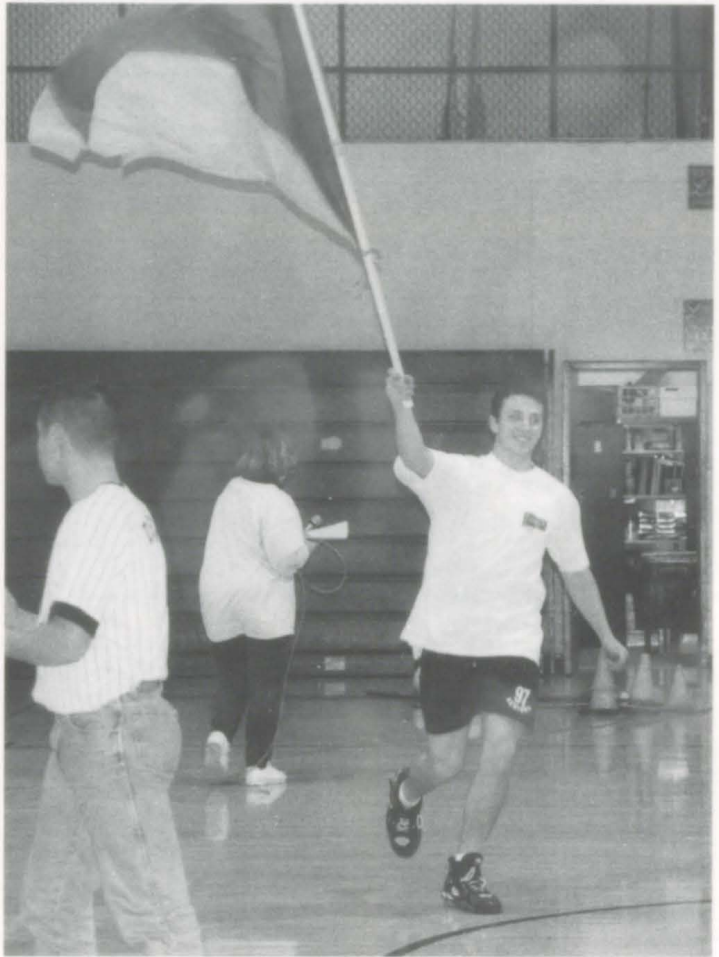
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Angie Will, a senior, cheers in front of the student body at a pep assembly.

Senior Brian Mohr shows his school spirit as he waves the flag during the games.



Aimey Paul

Juniors Eric Creech and Tonya Sydnor try to be the first to eat their licorice during 7th hour games, November 29.

Senior Erin Gilmore donates blood for the first time.







Student

"This & That"

by Rachel Waller

Students have done **'this and that'** in many school oriented events. Friends came together to participate in these activities, whether they were just for fun or things to help those in need. Students jumped, shouted, and revved up their motors to get ready for the spirit parade November 19. This was the first year that the high school has done a spirit parade. Strassenbash was held this year September 20 and 21. The Strassenbash Queen this year was sophomore Kristine Dorn. The annual Sand Volleyball Tournament was held October 15 and 18. There was a good turnout despite all the re-scheduling due to the weather. This year's Fall Fest Queen was freshman Mandy Tucker. The dance was Friday, October 25. Thursday, December 5, motivational speaker, Mark 'Shake-n-bake' came to speak with all the students during 6th hour. He touched a lot of students with the things that he said. Blood drives were also held to donate blood to those in need of it. Every student is somehow involved by doing **'this or that'** for themselves, their friends, or for their school.

Juniors Rob Vaughn, Brian Schulte, Jim Polston, and Adam Williams throw candy to students from the Middle School while Paul Dutton drives them through the parade. Freshman Dustin Mikus rode along to support the Junior class.

Rachel Waller

Life

Freshman Named Fall Fest Queen

By Rachel Waller

There was anticipation in the air as everyone awaited this year's Fall Fest Queen coronation. This year's Fall Fest Queen candidates were escorted in at around 9 p.m. FFA President Tiffany Helling announced that freshman Mandy Tucker, escort Dustin Mikus, was this year's queen. Last year's queen Alexis Pomeroy dutifully handed the crown to Tucker.

"I feel very pleased that I won knowing that a freshman

can win this position," said Tucker.

The queen was decided by how much money the candidates collected. The rumor was that Mandy Tucker collected around \$150. The other queen candidates were sophomore Katie Hood, escorted by John Ault, followed by junior candidate Crystal Tinsley escorted by Jacob Boyd, and senior Aimey Paul, escorted by Todd Reckamp. All queen candidates were required to be FFA members.

This year the Fall Fest Dance was held Friday, October 25 from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. FFA and Student Council sponsors this dance every year to help raise money for their organizations. The cost to get in the dance was \$3 per person or \$5 for couples.

The cafeteria was decorated in a fall setting with hay bales, fall colored leaves, pumpkins, streamers, and a backdrop for the coronation.



Fall Fest Queen candidates and their escorts along with last year's queen. Alexis Pomeroy and her escort Adam Williams.

This year's Fall Fest Queen, freshman Mandy Tucker dances with her escort Dustin Mikus.

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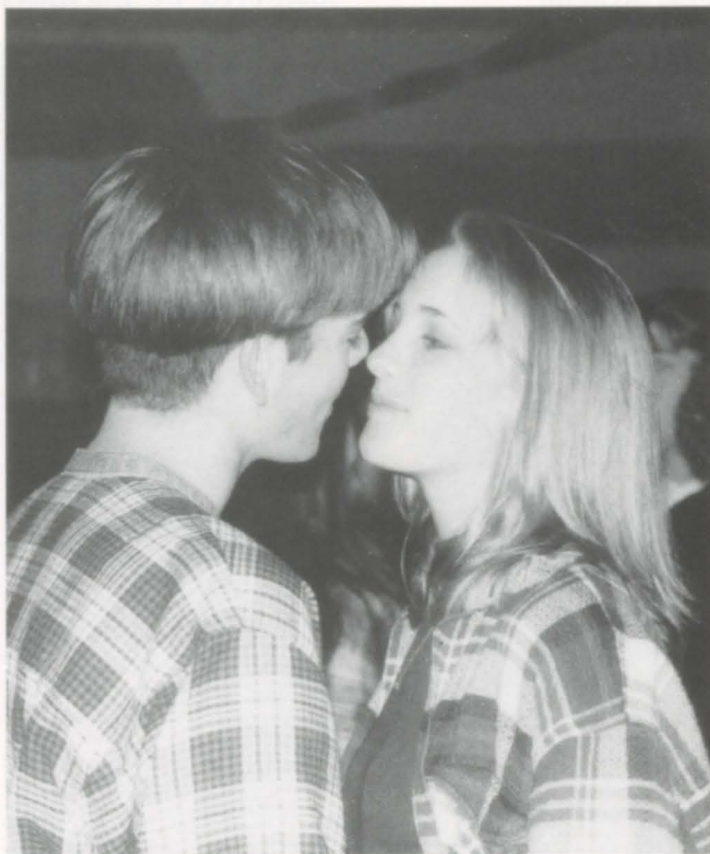


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Juniors Nick Gironde and date Jessica Harrison enjoying a slow dance together.

Junior T.J. Pugh and sophomore Erin Overlander getting close during the dance.



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Sophomore John Ault escorting sophomore queen candidate Katie Hood. Both are FFA members.

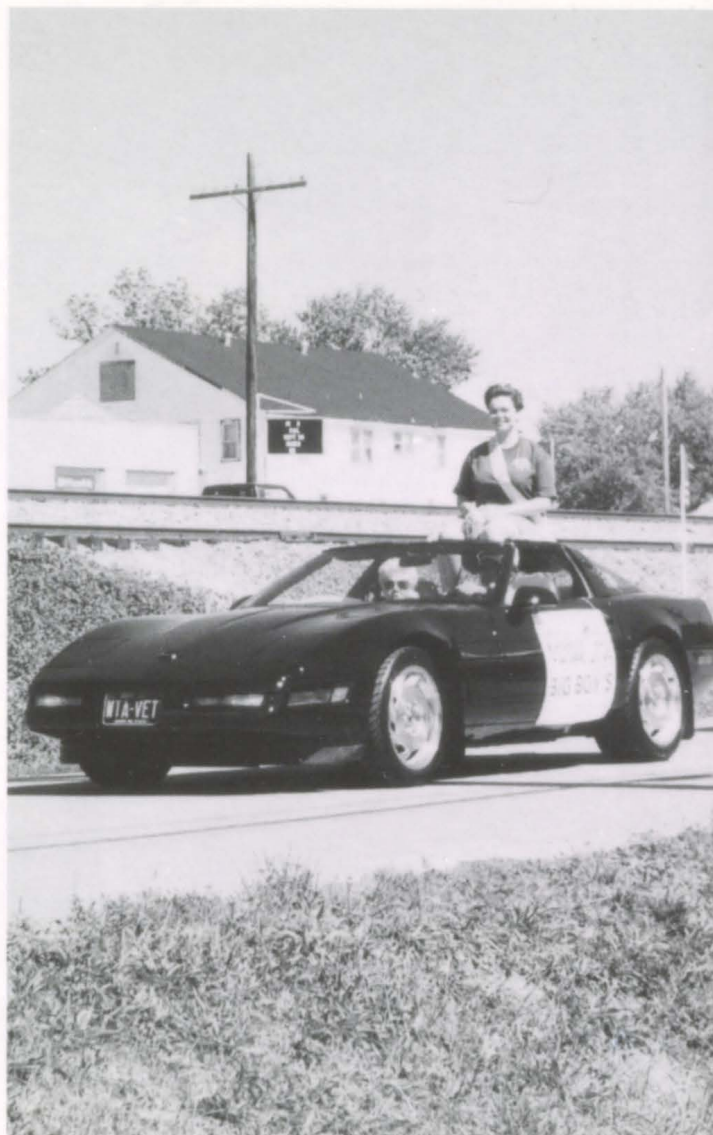
Juniors Paul Dutton and James Romans making the most of the Fall Fest dance October 25.

Strassenbash Queen contestants Jamey Justice, Tasha Kauble, and former queen Amy Rook await the final decision.

Kristine Dorn, Strassenbash Queen, smiles as she rides through the parade in a corvette. Dorn was sponsored by Big Boys Restaurant.



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Junior Adam Williams plays his baritone with this year's high school band as they begin to march in the parade.

Former Queen Amy Rook rides on a float, September 21.





Sara North

Sophomore Kristine Dorn, Strassenbash Queen, stands before the judges as they decide who the winner will be.

Queen contestant Erin Dixon walks across the stage as she is chosen first runner-up.



Sara North

Strassenbash '96 Brings 'Country Living' Citizens Together

By Erica Priest

Beauty and the Beast, Little Bo Peep, Cinderella, and other fairy tale characters attended the Strassenbash along with the citizens of Wright City, on September 20 and 21.

The theme for the Strassenbash parade this year was "Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales." The WC Middle School students did the Macarena and the WC fire station put their new fire

truck, along with others, in the parade. The Strassenbash parade started at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday beginning at Charleswood and ended at Deikroeger Park.

There were many activities to enjoy at the Strassenbash this year, including games and craft booths, live music, and carnival rides.

In the 3.2 mile race senior Jessie Jaeger took first place in the boys division and sophomore Jamie Schamma in the girls divi-

sion.

Kristine Dorn was voted this year's queen, and the runners up were Erin Dixon and Tara Scoggin. Miss Congeniality was Jamey Justice. In order to win, the girls had to be interviewed, do a community project, and sell raffle tickets. For winning the crown Dorn received a stereo and \$200 cash.

"I enjoyed participating, made lots of friends, and it was a great experience," Dorn said.

Once A Friend, Always A Friend

By Tonya Sydnor

"We're a party to go!" said seniors Erin Gilmore and Lesley Held when describing their five-year-old, fun-filled friendship.

Gilmore and Held, like most best friends, share a relationship that is rooted in trust, care, excitement, and common interests.

Gilmore and Held became friends in middle school when they both made the basketball team. As Wildcat 'b-ballers,' the girls played the same position, and it was not long before the girls realized that they had more similarities.

"We started crabbing about the same things," they said.

The fact that Held and Gilmore had the same complaints and problems brought them closer together, and eventually they established 'Wednesday Night Sessions.' They described the sessions as a time to talk about things that bother them.

The divas have a bond that obviously can not be broken.

"We are all pretty darn cool!" exclaimed junior Dan Gripentrog when referring to his 'chillin' trio. Gripentrog and his two best friends, Travis Borrego and Paul Berscheid, have been 'hanging out' since the summer of 1992.

"Our D.C. trip ruled," Berscheid said. "Dan entertained everyone on our tour bus, and he helped me in a pillow fight."

Berscheid, Borrego, and Gripentrog try to maintain a status of all-around good guys. They proudly admit that they never get into fights because they never take things seriously.

"My friends are fun to be around," said Gripentrog. "We just chill together."

At WCHS, friendships are special. It is obvious that bonds like the one between Gripentrog, Borrego, and Berscheid are forever.

"I can always count on my friend to be there when I need her," concluded Held.



Tonya Sydnor

Seniors Crystal Heap and Mike Bates bond together as they look at toys in a toy store.

Lifelong friends Trish Skorcz and Kati Boyd dress up as Ragedy Ann and Andy during Spirit Week.

Tonya Sydnor



Seniors Crystal Heap and Monique LaRocque try hats on each other at a Mid Rivers Mall store.



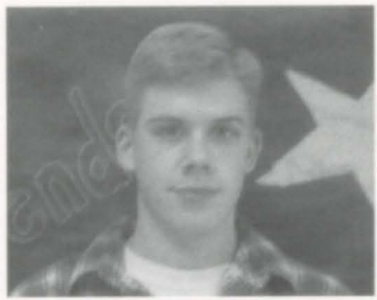
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Best friends, Erin Overlander and Erin Dixon, work together on a chemistry assignment in Mrs. Ward's class.

What do you think the secret is to a long lasting friendship?



"Spending time together is what counts."

Senior Robby Bote



"Honesty is very important in a lasting friendship."

Junior Chris Lacy



"Spending quality time with my friends."

Sophomore Chris Wehrman



"Trust in a person is always the secret."

Freshman Emily Maschmitz

Anna Braun, Angie Chism, and James Maestas reach for the ball as Chism puts it in the net.

Junior Eric Creech sends the ball sailing over the net as teammate Terrill Cotton watches, ready to back him up.



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The winning Sand Volleyball team (left to right): Grant Boschert, Andy Gibson, Corey Kehoe, James Maestas, and Chris Lewis.

Sophomore Devin Pellerito serves the ball to make a point for her team.



Tonya Sydnor

Two Days Of Fun In The Sun

By Devin Pellerito

Wright City High School's third annual Sand Volleyball tournament was full of excitement. The first scheduled day was rained out, and the third day was really cold. Despite the weather it had a great turnout. The yearbook class raised \$165. The price went up to \$5 per person this year compared to \$20 per team last year. Seven teams played extra hard to win the prizes that were donated from various places like: KWRE, Wal-Mart, Dairy Queen, Subway, the Frame Shop, Jack in the Box, Shell, and Economy to support the yearbook. The yearbook staff would like to thank all of the teams that played and supported us. We

would also like to thank all of the generous companies that helped support our yearbook. "It was nice to spend time with students out of class, but it was a bummer that the teacher team was eliminated on the first day," commented Special Education teacher Melissa Starr.

The first place winners were: Chris Lewis, Marsha Mayfield, Corey Kehoe, James Meastas, and Grant Boschert. The second place winners were: Jessie Jaeger, Joey Meastas, Phillip Brieskorn, T.J. Pugh, and Sean Kehoe. The third place winners were Dan Gripentrog, Jamie Schamma, Eric Creech, Josh Cole, Travis Borrego, Paul Bersheid, and Terrill Cotton. It was a close call between the three winners.

Freshman Rani Viers stated, "Overall the tournament was hard, but exciting."

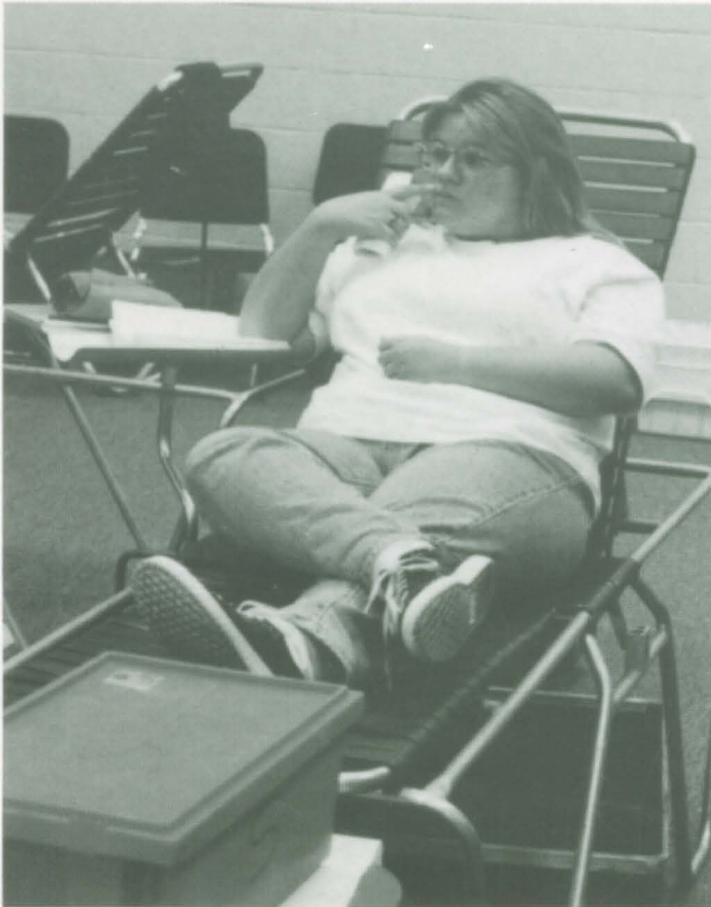


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Senior Joey Maestas and junior Dan Gripentrog battle for the ball as Gripentrog spikes the ball to his opponents team.

Senior Monique LaRocque waits and worries as she is about to donate blood to the Red Cross.

Senior Jake Sewell smiles as a Red Cross nurse begins to prepare him for his one pint donation.



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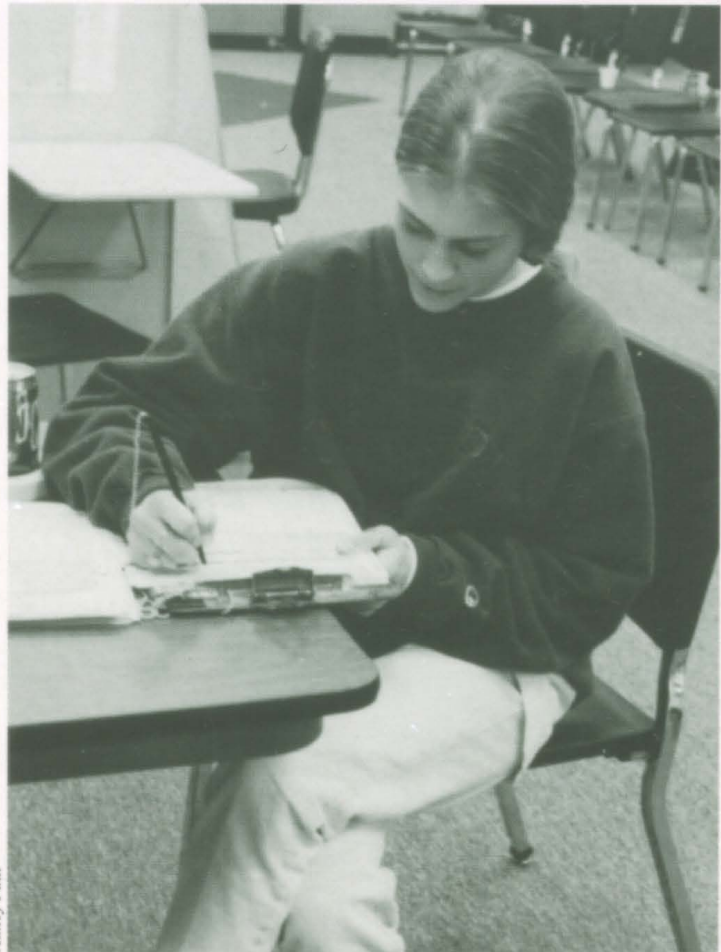
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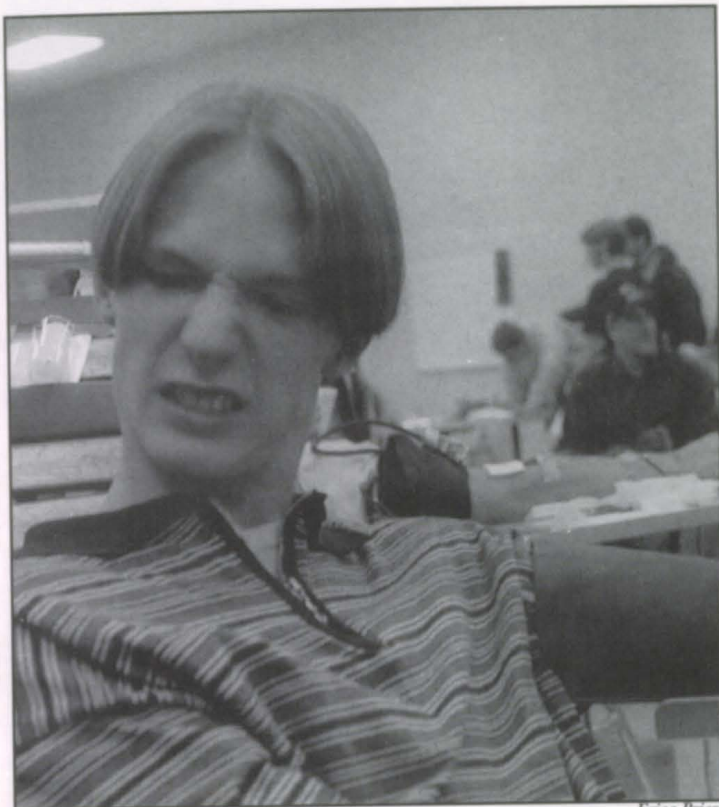
Junior Alexis Pomeroy discusses medical history with a nurse while waiting for her turn to donate.

Senior Tiffany Helling fills out mandatory information papers before being allowed to give blood.



Aimey Paul

Junior Steve Ruth looking away in pain as a blood drive volunteer puts the needle into his arm.



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FFA/FHA Lifesavers

By Lori Walker

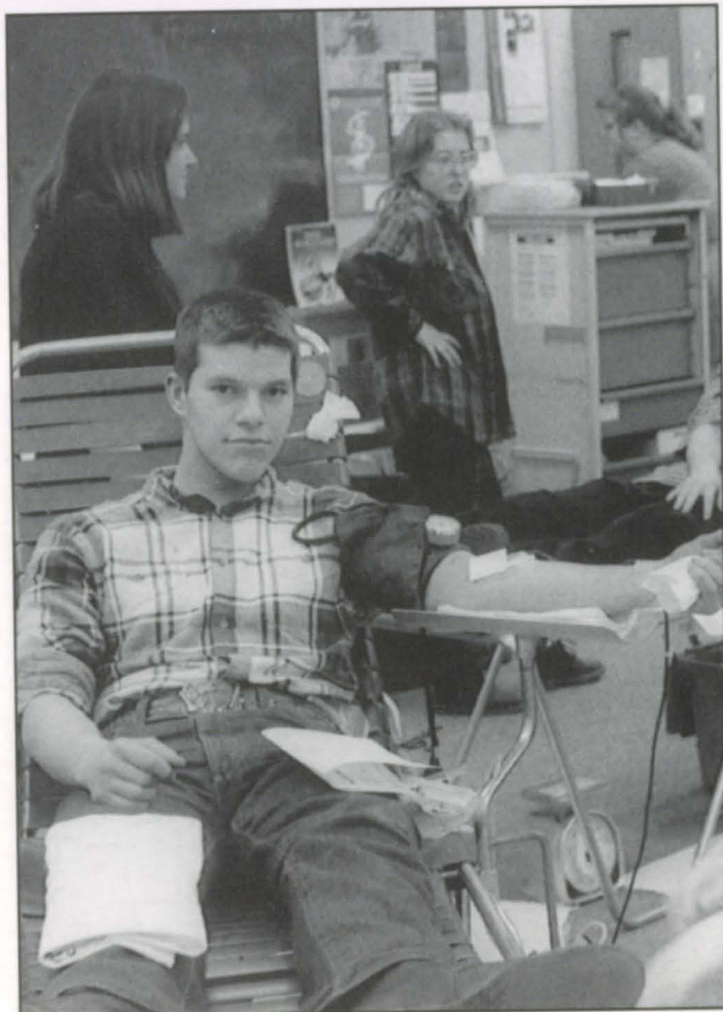
The Annual FFA and FHA blood drives were held on September 13 and February 7 in the band room from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The donors had to be 17 years or older. The goal of collecting 30 pints was surpassed by 10 pints making a total of 40 pints of blood donated to the Red Cross and local affiliates. FFA, sponsored by Dave Cook, has been working on blood drives for 20 years, while FHA just started helping out about 6 years ago.

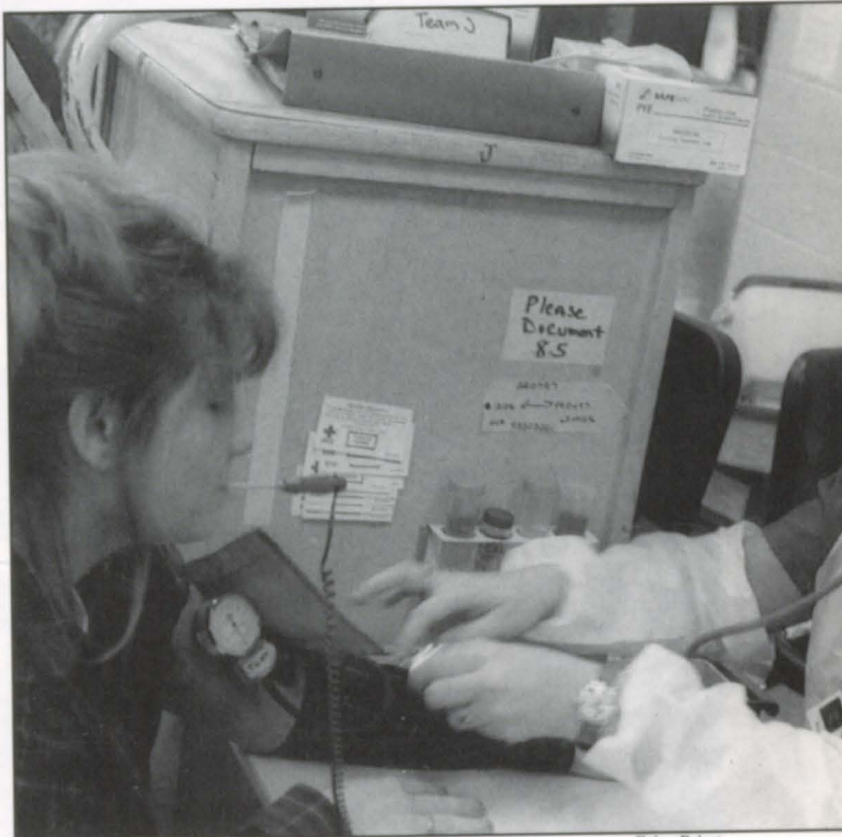
"The blood drives will definitely continue as long as there is a big need for blood," said Benita Springman, FHA sponsor.

After the volunteers donated blood they were given coffee, juice and pretzels, vanilla wafers, raisins, and prunes to help recover from the shock.

While donors filled out paperwork, volunteers took blood samples. The donors and volunteers who worked the Blood Drive received a free t-shirt.



Erica Priest



Erica Priest

Kenneth Cain, a senior, sits patiently as he gives blood for a good cause.

A volunteer collecting information from junior Sarah Gluckhertz so she could give blood.

Dancing Through A Winter Wonderland

By Christine Kurtzeborn

The next Charles and Di? Not quite, but the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen, Angie Will and Robby Bote, probably felt like royalty when they were crowned in front of a large crowd on Dec. 20.

This year's Homecoming coronation was held between the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball game against the Montgomery County Wildcats, in

the gym.

The Homecoming Dance was held at 9 p.m. that evening in the cafeteria. All types of music, from Rock to Country, was provided by C&C All Around Sound, and the Student Council provided balloons, trees, and snowflakes for their winter time theme.

About 100 students showed up, expecting to have a great time. Thanks to everyone's help the students were not let down.



Freshmen Attendants Amy Braun and Chris Lewis



Sophomore Attendants Missy Chapmen and David Holiway



Junior Candidates Crystal Tinsley and T.J. Pugh



Junior Candidates Alexis Pomeroy and Adam Williams



Senior Candidates Angie Will and Mike Bates



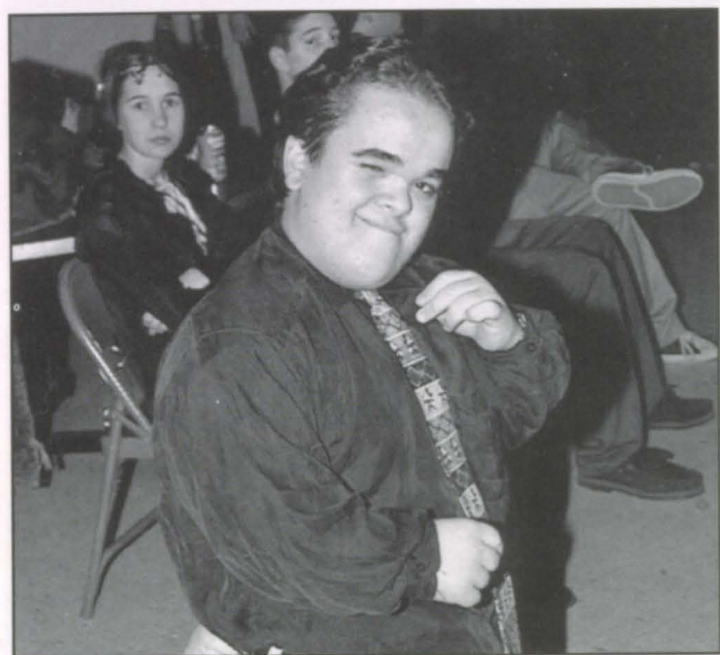
Senior Candidates Christine Kurtzeborn and Robby Bote



1996 Homecoming Queen Angie Will and King Robby Bote



The Homecoming Court (left to right): Missy Chapmen, David Holiway, Alexis Pomeroy, Adam Williams, Mike Bates, Kati Boyd, Crown Bearer Annie Maestas, Ryan Thornton, Angie Will, Robby Bote, Christine Kurtzeborn, Chrystal Tinsley, T.J. Pugh, Amy Braun, and Chris Lewis. Angie Will, Robby Bote, Kati Boyd, and Ryan Thornton chat after Will is crowned queen (below).



Sophomore John Pfhul dances for the camera (top left).

Seniors Sheila Mintner and Jessica Tinker hug each other at the dance (bottom left).

Freshmen Andrea Dugan dances as she enjoys herself during the dance (above).

Crash Course From SADD

By **Tonya Sydnor**

"They painted fake blood on my neck, put blue eye shadow on my lips, and white powder on my face to make it look like I died," said Jamey Justice when she described her preparation for the S.A.D.D. mock accident.

Students Against Driving Drunk presented a simulated car crash on Tuesday, April 29 near the agriculture building to alert Prom goers.

The idea, which was taken from a national S.A.D.D. newsletter, was carried out by the organization along with the Wright City Fire Department, the Warren County Police Department, the Warren County Ambulance District, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. S.A.D.D. actresses Tara Scoggin, Jamie Johnson, Jamey Justice, Tonya Sydnor, Kim Sutherland, Erica Bopp, and Megan Lagamann

portrayed victims, while Monique LaRocque played the faulty drunk driver.

The accident unfolded in front of the entire student body. Surprised eyes stared as bloody passengers were carefully pulled from the two wrecked vehicles and lifted onto stretchers. While paramedics, policemen, and firemen busied to clear the accident and treat the injured, surprised pupils learned a real life lesson.

"It looked fairly real; it made me think that I do not want to be drunk driving," said Junior Mike Murray.

That is exactly what S.A.D.D. members wanted. Scoggin expressed the seriousness of the dramatization.

"Hopefully, people took it serious enough to realize that this could happen (in a drunk driving accident),"

Scoggin commented.

Not only students were involved in the accident, parents were given the opportunity to participate. Cheryl Justice, mother of Jamey Justice, showed her support for the organization by portraying a mourning mother at the accident scene.

"It was a very realistic performance," commented S.A.D.D. member Feather LaRocque, "We were glad that she could help S.A.D.D. out."

The S.A.D.D. mock drunk driving accident was a big success for students and sponsors, Chandra Davis and Stacey Greer. The organization hopes to do more to educate their peers about drunk driving.

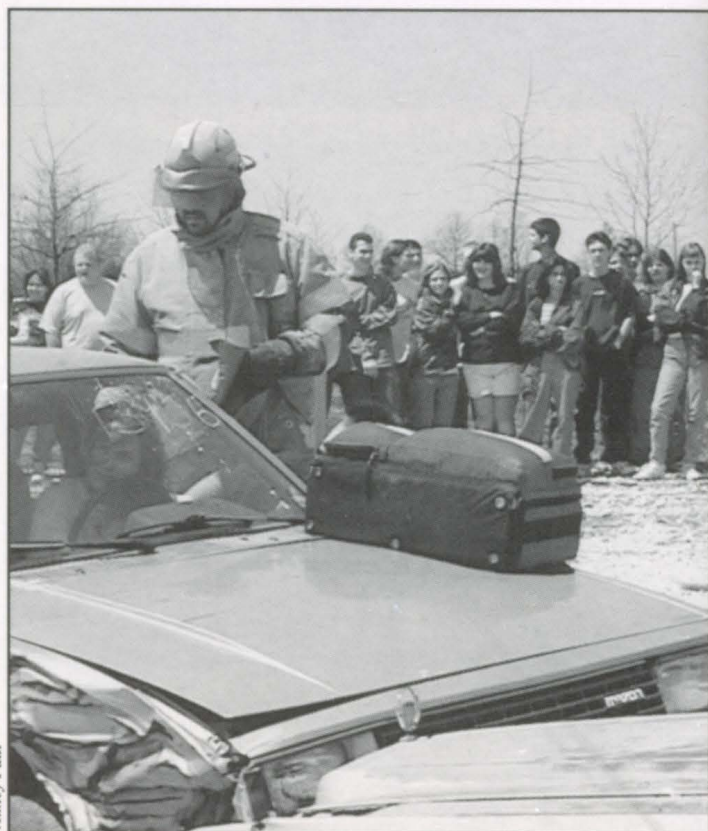
"If we get through to some people, we can make a difference," expressed Scoggin.



Aimey Paul

Paramedics pull Junior Tonya Sydnor from a vehicle and put her on a stretcher.

Firefighters help injured passengers.



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Senior Jamie Johnson is aided by a paramedic and firefighter.

Junior Jamey Justice is pronounced dead by the Warren County Coroner.



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Sophomore Kim Sutherland is wheeled away from the scene.

Wright City High School students emotionally identify the body of a friend in the wreck.

Students swaying to "Cross My Heart" by George Strait, one of the many romantic songs played.

Senior Josh Cole sits with his date, Rebecca Filson, as they wait for a slow dance.



Sara North



Prom Queen Nominee Kati Boyd & Junior Escort Nick Gironde



Prom Queen Nominee Katie Filson & Junior Escort Adam Williams



Prom Queen Nominee Christine Kurtzeborn & Junior Escort Paul Dutton



Prom King Nominee Randy Deatherage & Junior Escort Alanna Stonebarger



Prom King Nominee Jim Luetkenhaus & Junior Escort Amy Rook



Prom King Nominee Adam Meyer & Junior Escort Crystal Tinsley

Juniors Aimee Pettig and Stephanie Lawson embrace in the hallway as they take a break from dancing.



Sara North

"We've Got Tonight"

By Sara North

The night to be remembered was finally here and everyone gathered at the Wentzville Holiday Inn lounge to admire the formal clothing, so rarely seen on classmates.

May 3, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. was when the festivities began. The ballroom sparkled with black and silver decorations as the junior, seniors, faculty and guests danced the night

away. The event was sponsored by the junior class through many fundraisers held throughout the school year.

The coronation ceremony arrived as everyone anxiously awaited the outcome. The Prom Court slow danced as everyone else joined in and enjoyed the rest of the evening, thinking "We've Got Tonight, Who Needs Tomorrow?"



Prom Queen Nominee Aimey Paul & Junior Escort Phillipp Brieskorn



Prom Queen Nominee Trish Skorcz & Junior Escort T.J. Pugh



Prom King Nominee Mike Bates & Junior Escort Jamey Justice



Prom King Nominee Todd Reckamp & Junior Escort Alexis Pomeroy



Retiring Prom Queen Jessica Lawson & Escort David Venneman



1997 Prom King and Queen Adam Meyer & Kati Boyd

Foreign Exchange Students Enjoy Stay

By Angie Chism

Many people would not be able to handle being separated from family and friends while being pushed into a totally different culture, much less enjoy it. Not so with WCHS's three foreign exchange students Fatimah (Cima) Arif, Sevara Alimova, and Phillip Brieskorn. All three claim to be enjoying their stay here in America.

Cima Arif is a sixteen-year-old junior from the city Ujung Pondang in Indonesia. Arif's Indonesian school is similar to WCHS. She attends school from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., although her classes are ninety minutes long and she is required to wear uniforms.

"I would like to go to col-

lege in Australia someday," she said.

Sevara Alimova is sixteen and from Moscow, Russia. The Russian educational system has all their classes stuck together—one general lesson. Sevara plans to stay here in America for college and then go back to Russia.

"I enjoy the people of America the most. They are all nice. I also enjoy the entertainment," Sevara said.

Sevara, along with Cima, had to apply to the Education First Foundation to become a foreign exchange student. They had to fill out many forms and were required to take a test that judged how well they speak English.

"All the trouble was worth the effort because it was a dream to go to a foreign country," Sevara

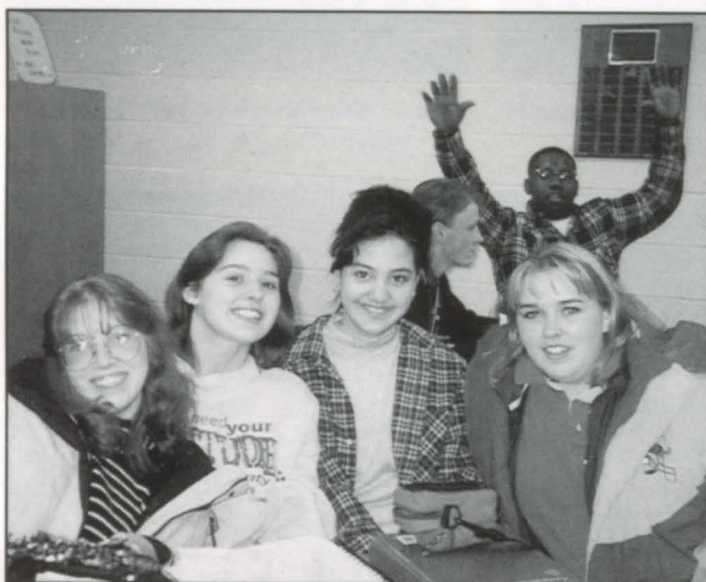
commented.

Phillip Brieskorn is also a sixteen-year-old junior. Phillip comes from Dusseldorf, Germany, and went to Stat. Geseamtschule Monheim School.

"I like America because it is a beautiful country, and is so much bigger than Germany. America has settlers from all over the world, so it has all the different cultures," said Phillip.

Phillip says that the school work in Germany is much harder than here in the states. German students have 13 different classes which change day-by-day.

"WCHS enjoys Sevara's, Cima's, and Phillip's stay here as much as they do. Being a foreign exchange not only broadens their view of the world, but also gives us a chance to experience other cultures," said Spanish teacher, Mr. Hanna.



Brian Mohr

Sevara Alimova hanging out with her friends in the WCHS library.

Foreign exchange student Cima Arif working on her American History assignment with her fellow classmates.



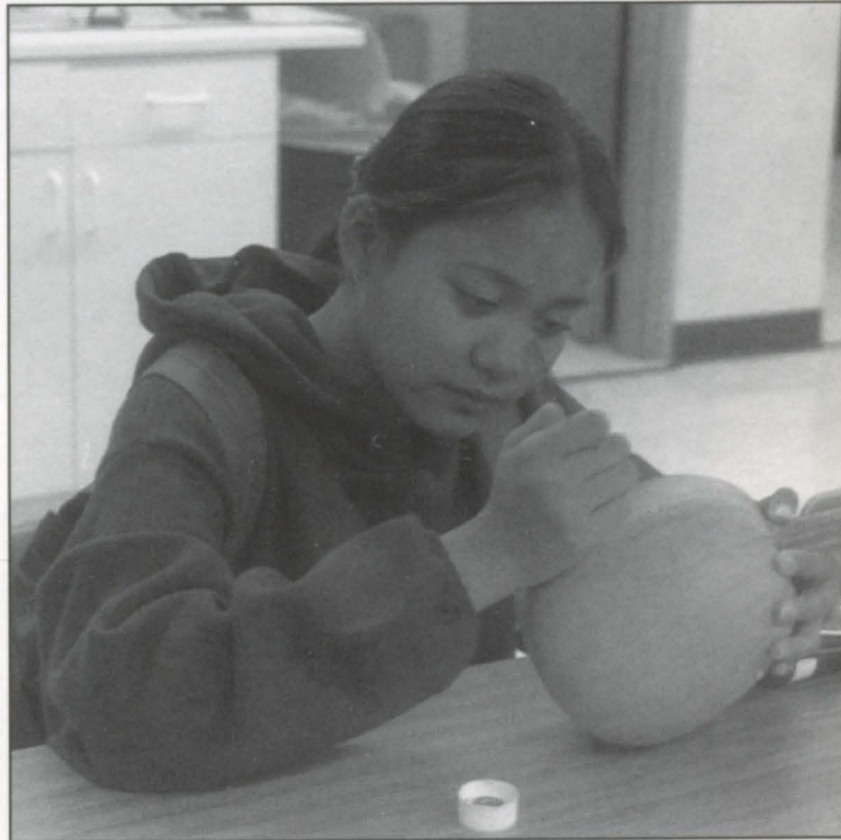
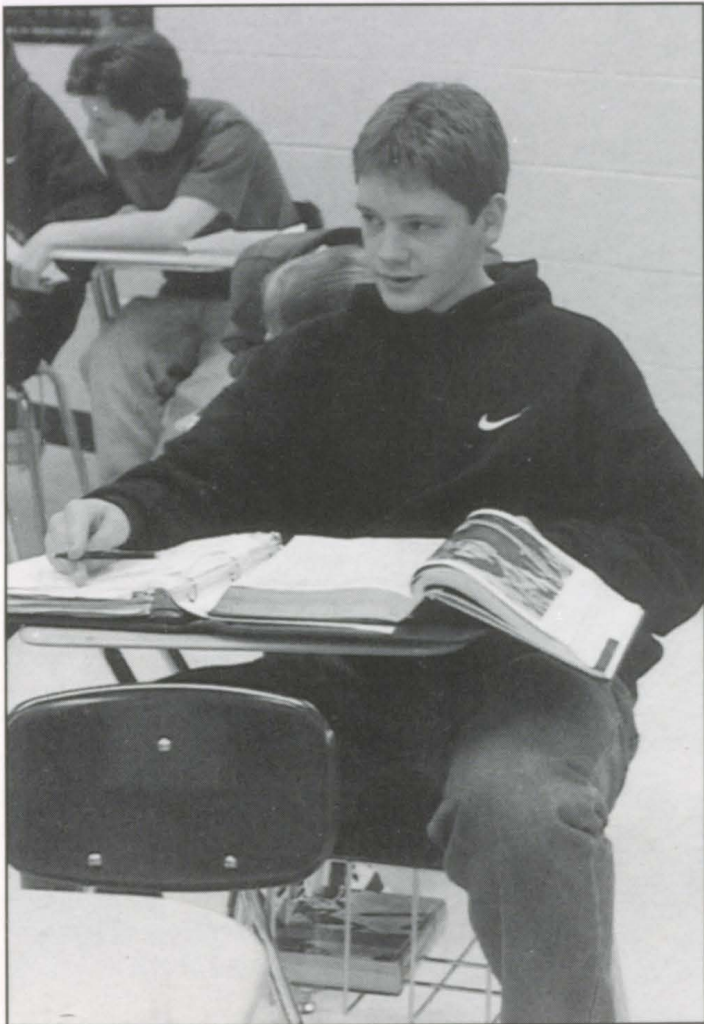


Foreign exchange student Sevara Alimova at her friends house in Montgomery City.

Phillip Brieskorn, junior, is a foreign exchnge student from Dusseldorf, Germany.



Brian Mohr



Angie Chism

Foreign exchange student, Phillip Brieskorn, working on an English assignment.

Cima Arif, an Art Club member, finishing up on her Halloween Pumpkin Contest entrance.

Adam Williams taking a bunny out of its cage for one of the elementary students to hold.

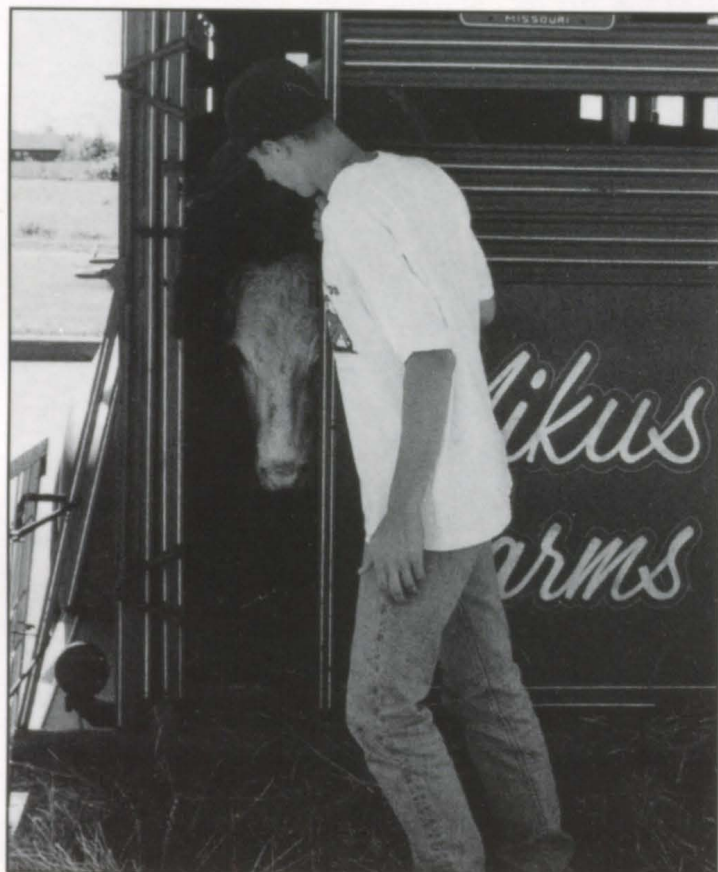


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Freshman Dustin Reckamp picking up one of the pigs so the elementary students could get a better look.



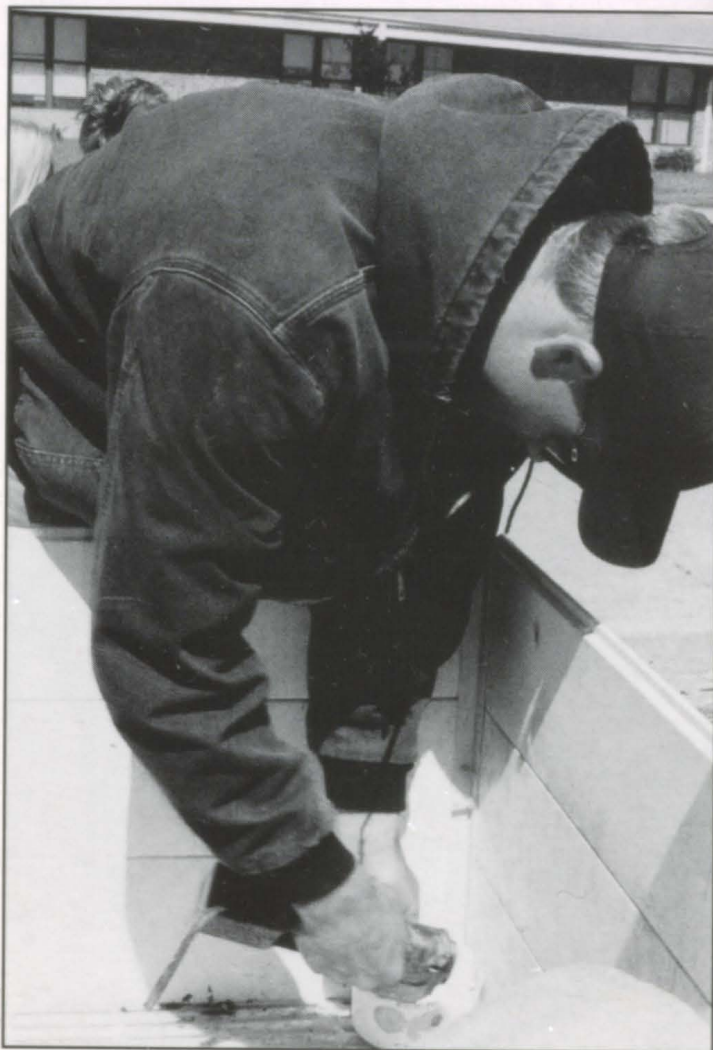
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Freshman Dustin Mikus comforting the calf as it waits to be seen by the students and teachers.

Senior Todd Reckamp prepares a food dish for a pig.



Tonya Sydnor

FFA Sponsors Annual Barnyard Day

By Devin Pellerito

On Tuesday, May 20 five FFA members participated in the annual Barnyard Day at the elementary school. There were a variety of animals there including, bunnies, chicks, a calf, a pig, and a puppy. Students in all grades from kindergarten to fifth grade saw the animals. A few FFA members held the smaller animals so the kids could

pet them.

Overall Barnyard Day was a great success, and the FFA students look forward to doing it again next year.

"The animals were very cute, and the neatest thing was when the rabbit jumped up and hit one of the high schoolers in the head," commented elementary student Ricky Hughey.



Tonya Sydnor

An elementary student enjoys Barnyard Day and plays with Junior Alexis Pomeroy's puppy.

Senior Jeremy Johnson supervises some piglets.

Freshman Dustin Reckamp holds a bunny so a admirer could pet it.



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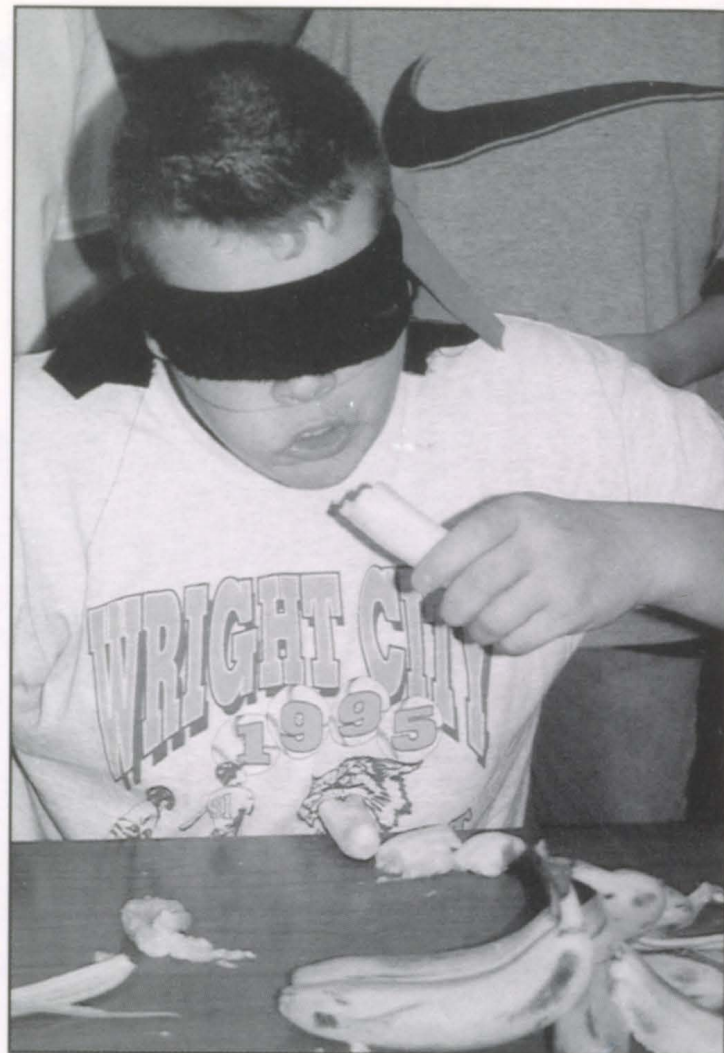
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Freshmen girls compete in the Paper Towel Roll Contest.

Junior Adam Williams starts on his third banana in the Bananna Eating Contest.



Erica Priest



Aimey Paul

Junior Class Wins Spirit Trophy

By Aimey Paul

Since when are you allowed to run in the halls and scream in school? Usually this would get you an eighth hour detention, but not on December 20.

Students showed their school and class pride by participating in Spirit Week activities December 16-20.

Spirit Week was kicked off with a hall decorating contest and dress-up days. The dress-up days consisted of Pajama Day, Beach Party Day, Hippie Day, Blue & Gold Day, and Hats

& Sweats Day.

On Friday a pep assembly and the spirit games were held. Games included Tug-of-War, the Paper Towel Roll, a Relay Race, a Scooter Race, and several more.

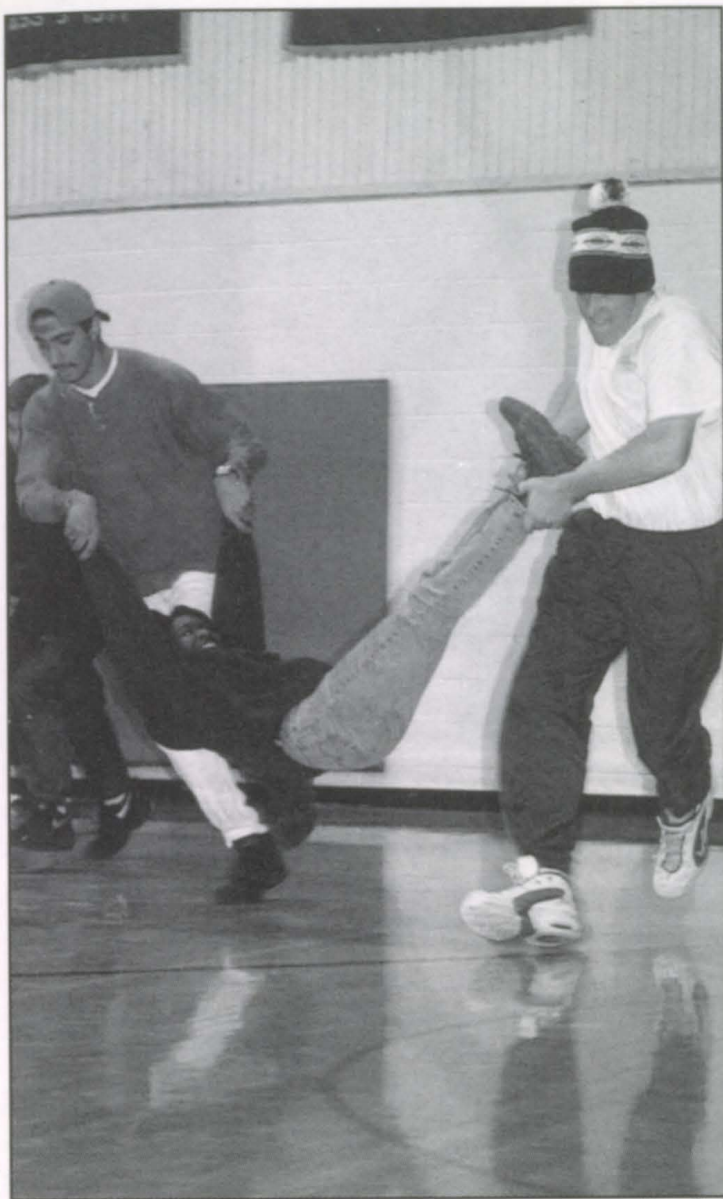
Junior Jim Polston got a surprise as he dove his face into a whipped cream pie looking for a cherry but came out with a mouth full of tobasco sauce instead! The prank was courtesy of the senior class. Junior Adam Williams and Senior Brian Mohr faithfully choked down 6 banannas for their classes.

When the blind fold was removed they saw they ate alone, and were being watched by the entire student body.

The school song, once a tradition, was sung by teachers and students and each class made up a chant.

The spirit flag was given to the senior class, however the spirit trophy was awarded to the juniors because of their participation in the canned food drive.

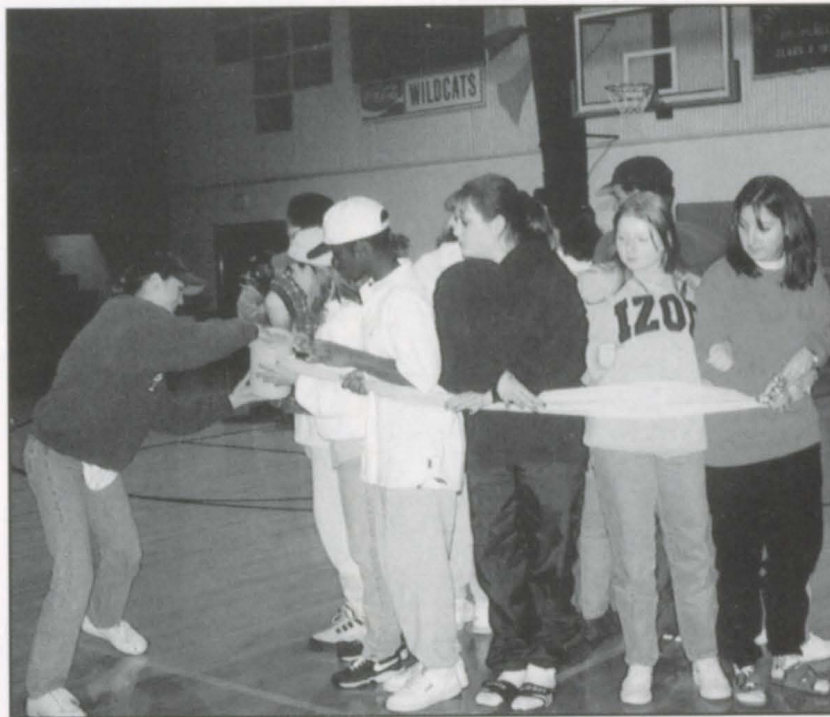
"I enjoyed the games a lot. I am proud of my fellow classmates for beating the seniors," said Junior Alanna Stonebar ger.



Aimey Paul

Juniors Travis Borrego and Nick Girando carry Tonya Sydnor to the finishing line in the Dead Man Carry.

Senior Tiffany Helling wraps her fellow classmates in paper towels. Seniors took first place in the Paper Towel Roll Contest.



Aimey Paul



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Junior Aimee Pettig spins as Ms. Sue Wright times her in the first stage of the relay races.



Aimey Paul

Freshmen girls tug as they attempt to defeat the junior girls in the Tug-of-War contest.

Junior Tonya Sydnor giving Ms. Helene Hodak a hug after receiving a journalism award. Senior Sara North receiving the art pin from Mr. Beer.



Aimey Paul



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Aimey Paul

Junior David Holiway shakes hands with Mr. Hanna after receiving the Spanish pin.

Senior Todd Reckamp received an agricultural award from Mr. Cook.

Awards Night Honors Top Students

Thursday, May 22 students were recognized for all their hard work and dedication throughout the school year. Awards were given in many different areas.

Robert Kramer Jr. was awarded the English pin and certificates were awarded to Melissa Nelson, Amy Rook, Angie Fuller, Sharice Adkins, and Christy Knisley (Most Improved). Mathematics certificates were given to Nick Gironde, Chris Lacy, Erin Overlander, and Sarah Youngstrom. The science pin was awarded to Tara Scoggin and certificates were given to Steve Rohan, Colene McEntee, Sarah Youngstrom, and Kristy Knisley (Most Improved). Social studies certificates were awarded to Michelle King, Nick Gironde, Devin Pellerito, and Sarah

Youngstrom and the pin was awarded to Robert Kramer Jr. In the journalism department the yearbook pin was given to Aimey Paul and the newspaper pin was given to Christine Kurtzeborn. Certificates were given to Erica Priest, Tonya Sydnor, Sara North, Katie Filson, and Angie Chism. The Spanish pin was awarded to David Holiway and certificates were awarded to Joey Maestas, Erin Overlander, Tonya Sydnor, and Jacob Morie. Sara North was given the art pin and certificates were awarded to Severa Alimova, Angie Fuller, Colene McEntee, and Chris Wehrmann. Todd Reckamp received an award for agricultural education. The family and consumer science pin was given to Jaci Pomeroy. In the business class the pin was awarded to Candy

Robison and certificates were awarded to Buffie Jarmin, Chris Lacy, Christiny Bounds, and Jonathan Balven. The chorus pin was given to Monique LaRocque and certificates were given to Chris Fingers, Lisa Hopson, Katie Collins, and Chris Wehrmann. The band pin was awarded to Joey Maestas and certificates were awarded to Sean Kehoe, Dan Neill, Jada Watson, and Sarah Youngstrom. Melissa Nelson was given a certificate for health occupations. General studies certificates were given to Wendy Martin and Ged Montez (Most Improved). The physical education pin was awarded to Jessie Jaeger and certificates were awarded to Wendy Martin, Paul Berschied, Sarah Youngstrom, and Rebecca Filson (Health).

Graduating Seniors Receive Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to seniors on Thursday, May 22. These seniors received scholarships from a variety of colleges, organizations, and places in our community. Scholarships were awarded in many different areas.

Lisa Hopson was awarded a music scholarship to Southeast MO State. Joey Maestas was awarded an academic and baseball scholarship to Avila College. Maestas also received a scholarship from the Wright City Alumni Association. Trish Skorcz received a softball scholarship to St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley. Amy Tinsley received a music and academic scholarship to Lindenwood College. Josh Rittinger received an academic and track scholarship to MO Baptist College. Rittinger also received a scholarship from the General Scholarship Fund-Burke's Cabinets. Sean Kehoe received an academic scholarship to MO Western College. Tiffany Helling was awarded an academic scholarship to the University of MO-Columbia. Helling also received the Emma Jean Ballew Agricultural Scholarship, a Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship, a Schowengerdt Family Scholarship, a scholarship from Wal-Mart, and a scholarship from the Wright City Volunteer Fire Department. Becky Riley was awarded an art scholarship to William Woods University. Christine Kurtzeborn was awarded an academic scholarship to St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Kurtzeborn also received a Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship, a Corwin S. Ruge Memorial Scholarship, and scholarship

from the Wright City Chamber of Commerce, the Wright City High School Student Council, and the Wright City Parent Teacher Organization. Erin Gilmore was awarded an academic scholarship to Northwest MO State University. Gilmore also received scholarships from Pauldingville Masonic Lodge #11 and a Wright City R-II School Board Scholarship. Robert Kramer was awarded an academic scholarship to Central Methodist College. Kramer also received a scholarship from Mercantile Bank of East Central Missouri. Katie Filson received scholarships from the Charleswood Corporation, Niemann Tax Service, and Shield of Shelter Insurance Company. Lesley Held received a scholarship from Frank's Transmission Shop. Held also received a Wright City FFA Alumni Association. Brook Hertzler received scholarships from the Charleswood Corporation, Innsbrook Corporation, Wright City High School Student Council, and an MFA Foundation Scholarship. Todd Reckamp received a scholarship from Golden Travel and a scholarship from Wright City Lion's Club. Monique LaRocque received a scholarship from Liberty Mutual Insurance and from the Wright City Education Association. Alisha Scoggin received a scholarship from Mercantile Bank of East Central Missouri. Jennifer Clemonds received a scholarship from the Missouri State Troopers Association. Jeremy Johnson received a scholarship from the Wright City FFA Alumni Association. Melissa Nelson received a scholarship from the Wright City High School National Honor Society.



Aimey Paul

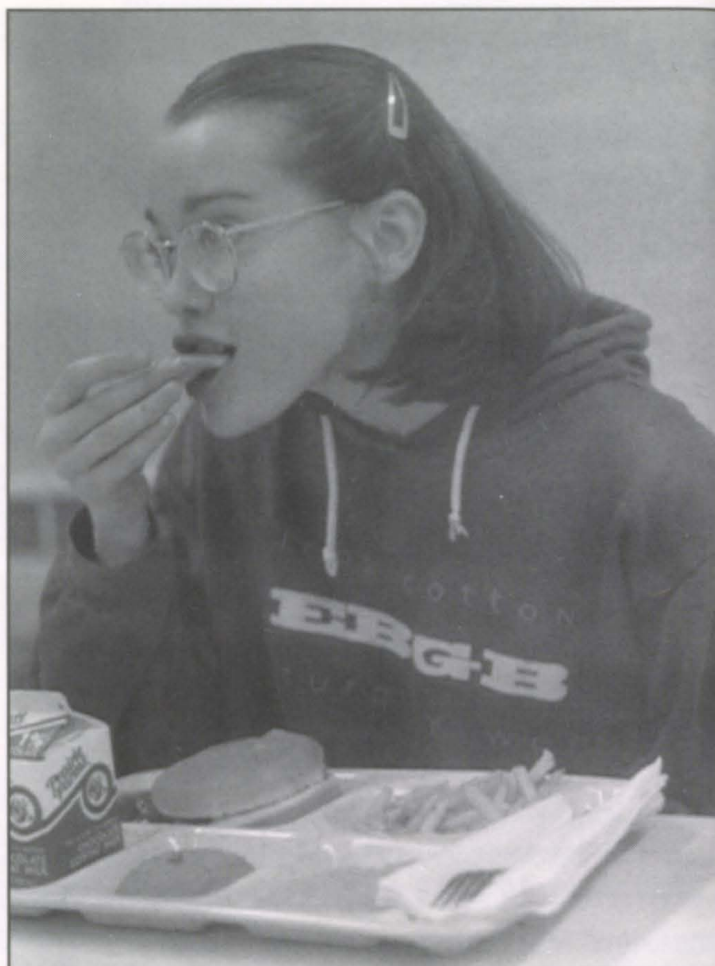
Scholarships were awarded May 22. First row (left to right): Becky Riley, Katie Filson, Tiffany Helling, Brook Hertzler, Christine Kurtzeborn, Monique LaRocque, Tara Scoggin, and Melissa Nelson Second Row (left to right): Robert Kramer Jr., Joey Maestas, Jeremy Johnson, Erin Gilmore, Todd Reckamp, Lesley Held, Amy Tinsley, and Josh Rittinger.

Freshmen Sarah Youngstrom enjoys a hamburger and french fry lunch.

Senior Josh Cole gives a thumbs-up for school lunch.



Tonya Sydnor



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Senior Christine Kurtzeborn takes advantage of student microwave privileges.

Freshmen Kevin Huggins reveals a shocked look as he bites into what is for lunch.



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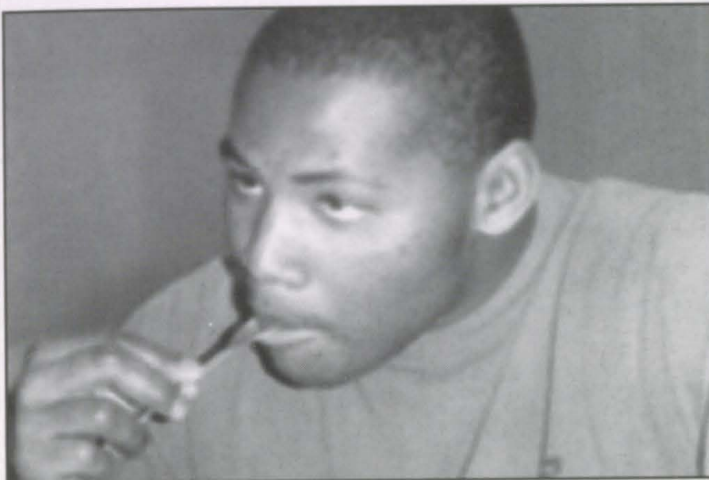


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Junior Dan Gripentrog showcases his bag of tasty Doritos (top right).

Senior Terrill Cotton enjoys a hearty lunch including two orange drinks. (bottom right).

Sophomore Justine Key eats a mayonnaise covered french fry during second lunch shift (below).



Tonya Sydnor



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What Do High School Students Eat?

By Tonya Sydnor

There are many important things in a teenager's life. After partying and sleeping, eating is the most important one.

It is no secret that wildcats get hungry, but what do they get hungry for?

When freshman Steve Feise wakes up, he satisfies the most important meal of the day with a peanut butter and jelly omelet.

"It's sweet," exclaimed Feise, implying that it picks him up in the morning.

Feise stumbled upon the energizing breakfast after he and his brother got bored with ordinary morning foods.

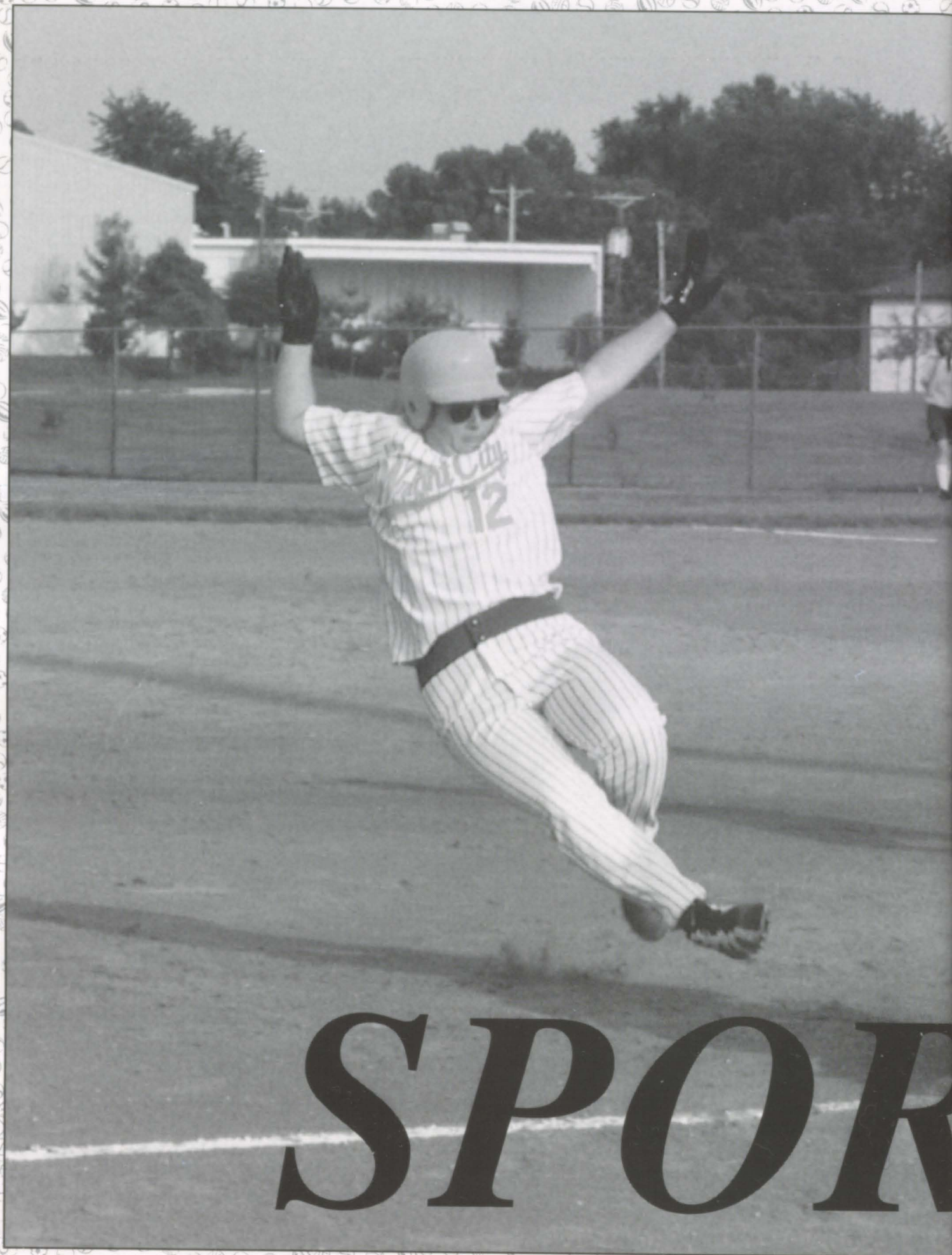
Peanut butter on pancakes with syrup is an all time favorite of sophomore Damon Tinsley.

"One day, a friend dared me to eat it," he commented.

Tinsley has this tasty breakfast at least two to three times a week.

Underclassmen Jason Williams and Kevin Huggins share an appetite for syrup on sausage. Williams thinks that the combination was meant to be. He said it is common for his syrup on his pancakes to spill over onto his sausage and eggs, and that is how he discovered the mouth-watering breakfast.

Even though foods like mayonnaise on french fries or peanut butter on pancakes are out of the ordinary, they are what some wildcats prefer to eat. Perhaps in the future, the whole world will enjoy these wildcat dishes.



"The Way It Goes"

By Rachel Waller

"Hail to thee Wright City High School with your gold and blue. To our noble alma mater we will ere be true. Lift your voices loud in praises 'til the rafters ring. Hail to thee Wright City High School hail to thee we sing." Believe it or not our school has our very own school song. You may have never heard of it, but thanks to some research it was brought back. It was sung at our Homecoming game, Dec. 20, and was intended to be sung at every home game with the pep band to bring back school pride.

Some additions included new coaches for boy's basketball, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Aubuchon, and for the girls' team, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Beer.

The Lady Wildcats softball team had a good season and plan to do even better next year.

The soccer team was very competitive this year, and there was a very good freshman turnout.

There were two new assistant coaches, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Shaw, for track along with head coach Ms. Wright.

This year the baseball team had new uniforms and there were enough players for a J.V. as well as a Varsity team.

Sophomore Erin Dixon sliding into to third base at a home game against Aquanis Mercy. The Wildcats won with a score of 9-5.

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Cheerleaders Make Spirit Soar

Cheerleading is... Is cheerleading just any other extracurricular sport? If you asked the cheerleaders they would tell you that it is much more.

In the winter the girls were invited to cheer during a Rams football game. After a day of hard training with professional Rams cheerleaders, the group put on an exciting half-time show.

In January Tara Scoggin and Anna Braun celebrated New Year's in London, England. The girls participated in the New Year's Day Parade.

Cheerleading is as much a part of high school sports as basketball, baseball, or even soccer. When no one else is "rockin' to the beat," the Wildcats can count on the cheerleaders!

Juniors Amy Rook and Anna Braun catch Freshman Amy Braun as she completes a pyramid.



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The cheerleading squad performs a cheer during half time at a home game.

Cheerleaders Tara Scoggin and Angie Will in a Baby Liberty stunt.



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Wildcat cheerleaders perform at half time.

Judy Gripentrog and Holly Maschmidt lift freshmen Amy Braun as part of their routine in the spirit games.



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The 1996-1997 cheerleading squad practices before a game in the balcony above the gym. Cheerleaders include Amy Braun, Amy Rook, Anna Braun, Tara Scoggin, and Angie Will.

Track Team Ends With Great Season

This year's track season was a great success. They started out this year's season with many goals to improve time and distance. These goals were acheived.

The athletes this year worked very hard. They enjoyed each other, as well as, encouraged each other.

"This team was always cheering for each other. I think this helped us reach our goal," said Track Coach Sue Wright.

A majority of the track team was able to take home medals and the future still looks good for the them. Seniors Jessie Jaeger, Lisa Hopson, Josh Rittinger, and Becky Riley's leadership accomplishments and achievements are greatly appreciated and their dedication to the team will be remembered.

Brandon Boegmann struggles to beat his competition a relay race.



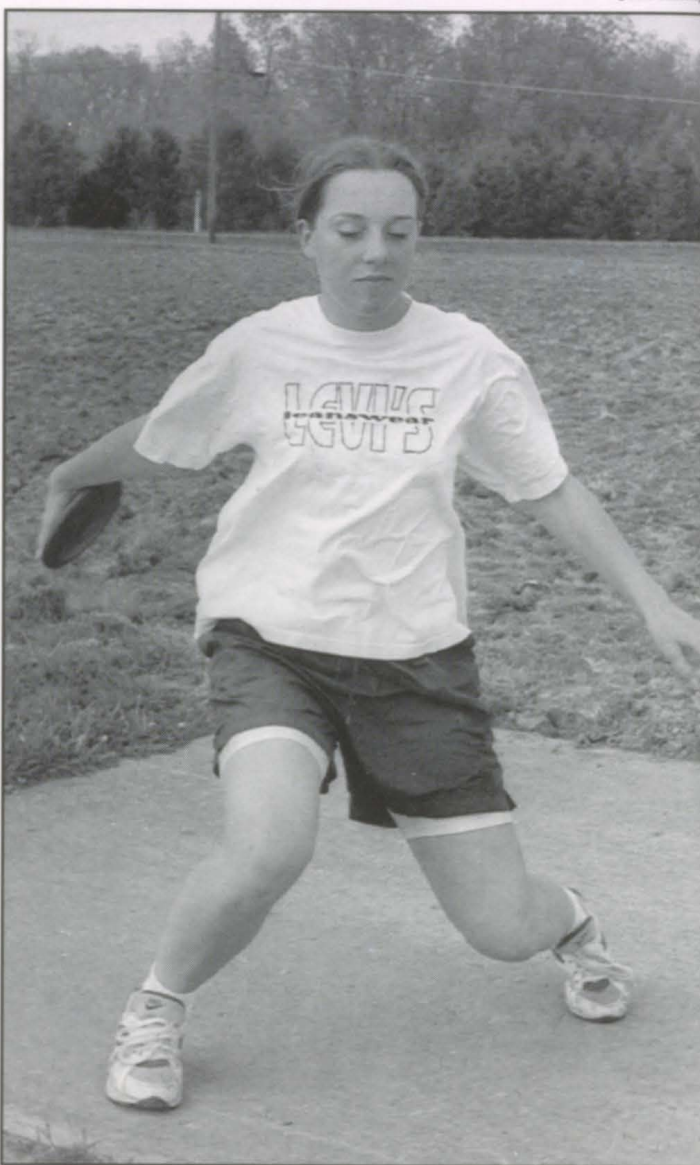
Josh Rittinger



Josh Rittinger

David Holiway makes his way to the finish line on the track at a St. Dominic meet.

Junior Jamie Schamma prepares for a meet by practicing throwing her discs.



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Senior Josh Rittinger sprints with opposing teams at a meet at St. Dominic.

Anna Braun, a junior, begins her relay race and Senior Lisa Hopson waits behind for her turn.



Josh Rittinger



First Row: (left to right) Missy Chapmen, Becky Riley, Anna Braun, Missy Biscoe, Lisa Hopson, Amy Braun, Laura Vrabel, and Lisa Vrabel Second Row: (left to right) Lauren Holiway, Lilly Fox, Kyle Shy, Jonathon Balvin, David Holiway, Phillip Brieskorn, Eric Creech, Jeremy Stoechner, Sarah Youngstrom, and Kawnisha Jones Third Row: (left to right) Mandy Martin, Jamie Schamma, Brandon Boegmann, Jason Williams, Josh Rittinger, Jessie Jaeger, Travis Borrego, Dan Gripentrog, Chris Campise, Steve Ruth, Mintrel Hoffman, David West, and Coach Sue Wright.

Soccer Team Has Good Freshmen Player Turnout

The 1996 soccer season brought many hardships and losses for the team and their players, however their strong will and dedication showed throughout the season.

23 players in all struggled to overcome the losing odds, but found themselves beaten by more experienced teams. An overwhelming number of freshmen players participated --10 of the 23 players were freshmen.

"We were disappointed with only one win, but we played well. With 10 freshmen players on the team, they now have the experience to play well in next year's season," said Senior Joey Maestas.

Members of the Wright City soccer team score a goal while playing against Elsberry on September 19. The team lost to their opponents 3-2.



Wendy Adams

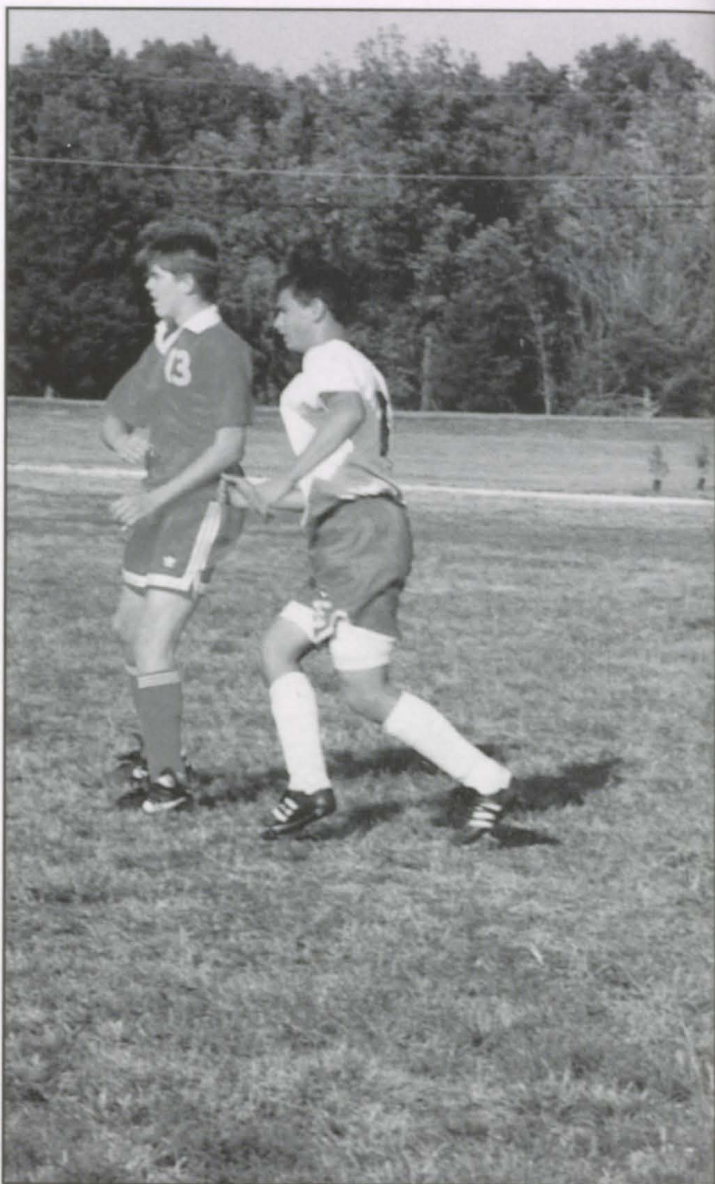


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Wright City Wildcat goalie Sean Kehoe warms-up before a game.

Senior Joey Maestas moves around an Elsberry player to get the ball.

Soccer



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Soccer players warm-up before a home game against Elsberry.

Senior players Joey Maestas and Jessie Jaeger practice before a game while David Venneman looks on.

Season Records

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| 9-06 | John Borrough | Loss | 9-0 |
| 9-07 | Union | Loss | 5-0 |
| 9-08 | Luthern K.C. | Win | 5-0 |
| 9-12 | Elsberry | Loss | 2-1 |
| 9-17 | Union | Loss | 5-1 |
| 9-19 | Elsberry | Loss | 3-2 |
| 9-24 | Wentzville | Loss | 7-2 |
| 10-01 | Winfield | Loss | 3-2 |
| 10-03 | Pacific | Loss | 3-1 |
| 10-07 | Washington | Loss | 9-0 |
| 10-11 | Winfield | Loss | 2-1 |
| 10-14 | Troy | Loss | 3-2 |
| 10-17 | Priory | Loss | 3-2 |
| 10-25 | Luthern | Loss | 3-1 |
| 10-30 | Warrenton | Loss | 3-2 |
| 11-04 | District Tourney | Loss | 3-2 |

Wendy Adams



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First Row: (left to right) T.J. Pugh, David Venneman, Sean Kehoe, Josh Cole, and Joey Maestas **Second Row:** (left to right) Manager Amy Tinsley, Grant Boschert, Mike Wells, Jessie Jaeger, Josh Rittinger, and Manager Jada Watson **Third Row:** (left to right) Tyler Pugh, Josh Gerland, Torrey Niemann, Chris Lewis, Matt Hayes, and Damon Tinsley **Fourth Row:** (left to right) Coach Ed Weigert, Corey Kehoe, Mintrel Hoffman, James Maestas, Dusty Paul, Andy Gibson, Chris Campise, Phillip Brieskorn, and Travis Kehoe.

Ladycats Strut

The 1996 season for the Ladycats was a tough one. Having only 2 players left from 1993 and 1994, the Ladycats found themselves in for a rough ride in districts this year.

"Although there was room for improvement, the team played well for being such a young team. The team and I are looking forward to next season," commented Coach Dan Springman.

The season was interesting with both several wins and losses—plus some rainouts. They came into districts just under .500, and unfortunately lost against Winfield.

Senior starter Trish Skorcz said, "We were pumped going into the tourney, we were really ready to bring home a first place trophy."

The Ladycats team and their opposing team, Wentzville High School, congratulating each other on a game well played.



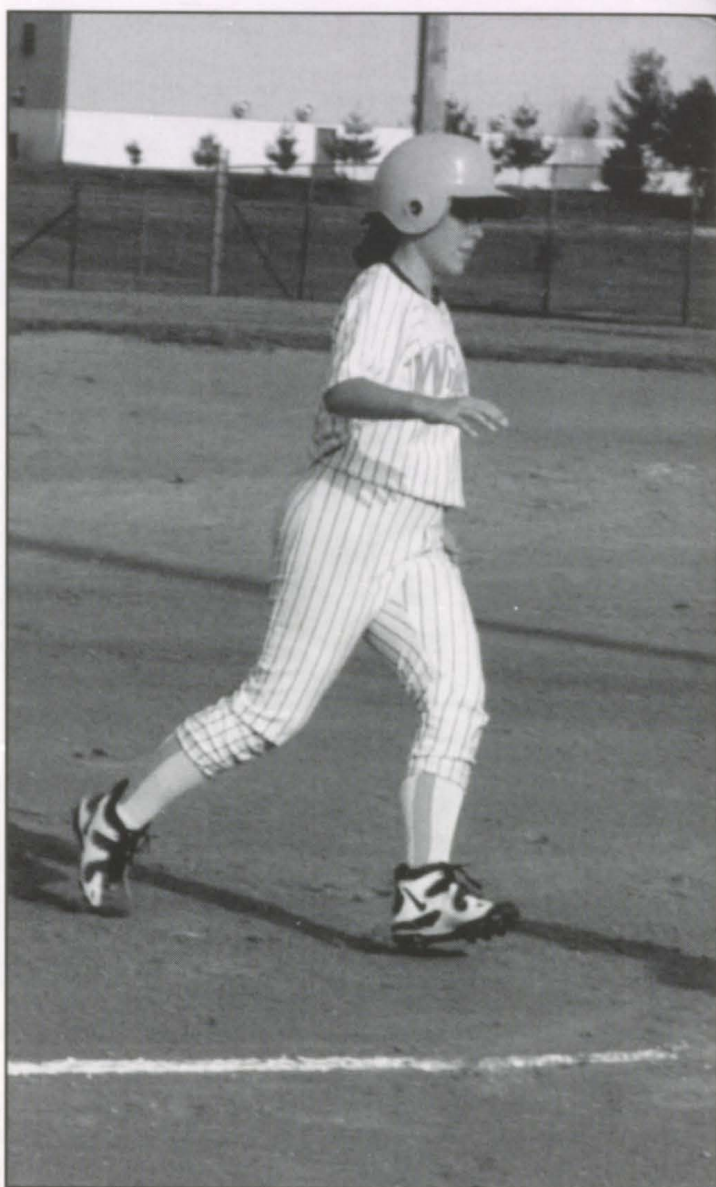
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Junior Tisha Wood running around third base to score a run for her team at a home game.

Junior Aimee Pettig running around third base ready to score another run for her team.



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Sophomore Leahan Ostmann passing third on her way to home to score for her team.

Sophomores Andrea Thornton, Erin Dixon, and Jennifer Thorpe congratulating each other on a job well done.

Season Records

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| 8-29 | Aquinas-Mercy | Win | 9-5 |
| 8-30 | Clopton | Loss | 0-1 |
| 9-09 | Borgia | Loss | 5-7 |
| 9-12 | Wentzville | Loss | 0-7 |
| 9-14 | Elsberry | Win | 1-0 |
| 9-14 | Warrenton | Win | 3-1 |
| 9-14 | Winfield | Win | 4-1 |
| 9-17 | Fort Zumwalt South | Loss | 0-9 |
| 9-18 | Warrenton | Loss | 2-3 |
| 9-19 | St. Dominic | Loss | 1-2 |
| 9-20 | Elsberry | Loss | 0-6 |
| 9-24 | St. Charles West | Loss | 1-3 |
| 9-30 | Troy | Win | 5-2 |
| 10-1 | Wellsville | Win | 4-2 |
| 10-4 | Aquinas-Mercy | Loss | 5-14 |
| 10-6 | Mark Twain | Win | 7-0 |
| 10-9 | Clopton | Loss | 2-3 |

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Front Row: (left to right) Misty Lively, Trish Skorcz, Kati Boyd, and Andrea Thornton Middle Row: (left to right) Justine Key, Erin Dixon, Tisha Wood, Leahan Ostmann, and Erin Overlander Back Row: (left to right) Assistant Coach Sue Wright, Manager Adam Williams, Kawnisha Jones, Jennifer Thorpe, Megan Lagemann, Aimee Pettig, and Coach Dan Springman.

Softball

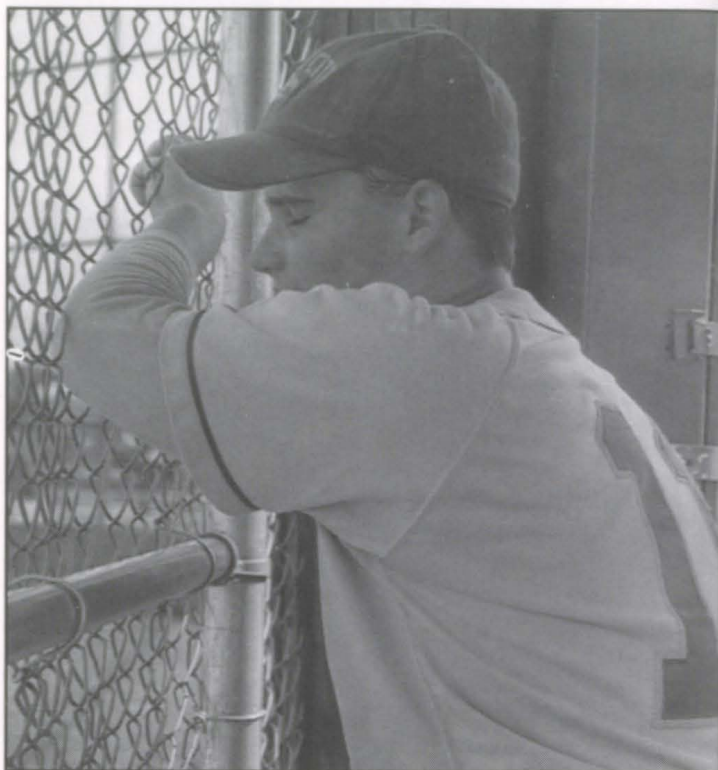
Varsity Baseball Team Ends Season With 11 Wins

This year's varsity baseball players had an outstanding season. Having a record of 11 wins and 5 losses, the Wildcats got in the first circle of districts that were held in Elsberry.

In the first round of districts, the Cats bowed out against Winfield in the eighth cycle, by one run. It was a bad note to end one, but the Wildcats had played 19 games with only a couple of rain-outs.

The first rain-out was an away game against Warrenton. The game was re-scheduled for April 30. Warrenton beat the Wildcats by a score of 16-13, but the Wildcats stomped the Warriors 21-5 at home. The team will be graduating four seniors this year, but it should not effect the team too much with five returning varsity players coming back.

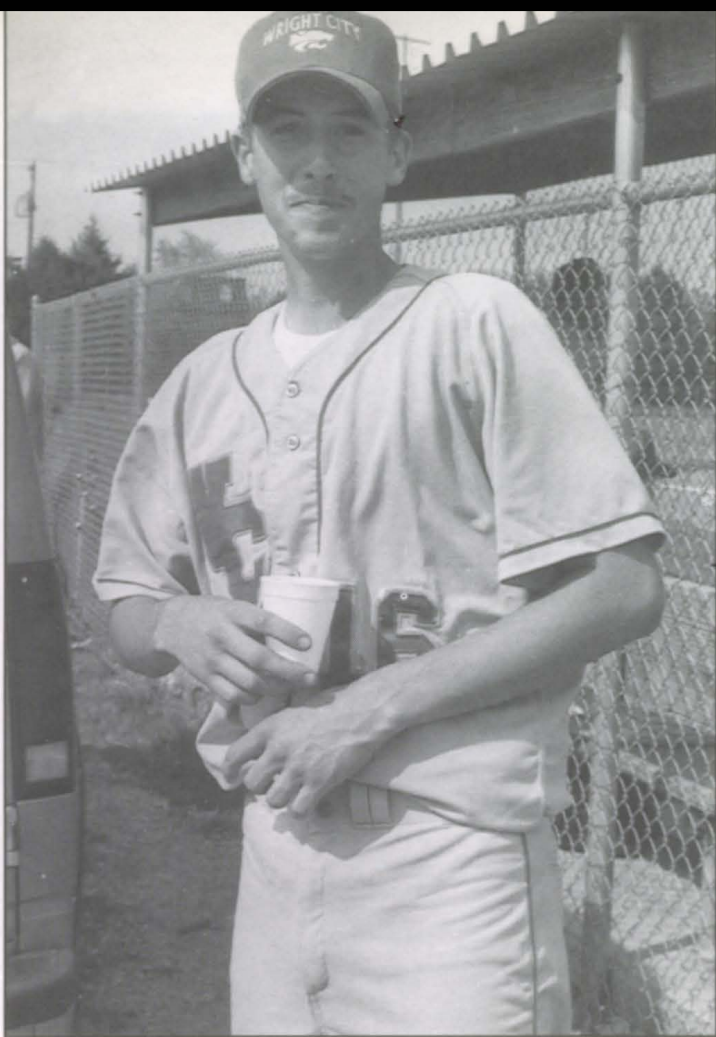
Junior Chris Lacy takes a moment out to think in the dugout before beginning a game.



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Front Row: (left to right) C.J. Offerman, Travis Kehoe, Stephen Feise, Josh Gerland, and Ryan Doyle **Back Row:** (left to right) Damon Tinsley, Chris Lewis, James Maestas, Dustin Mikus, Dustin Reckamp, and Torrey Neimann.



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Junior James Romans enjoys a cold drink before a game.

Coach Dan Springman warms-up with the team and catcher Joey Maestas.



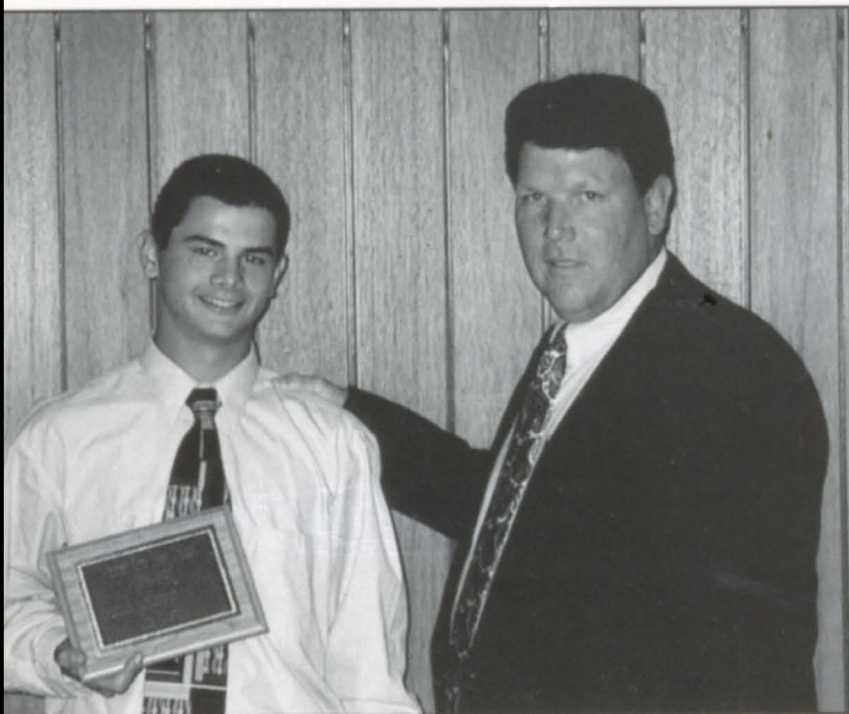
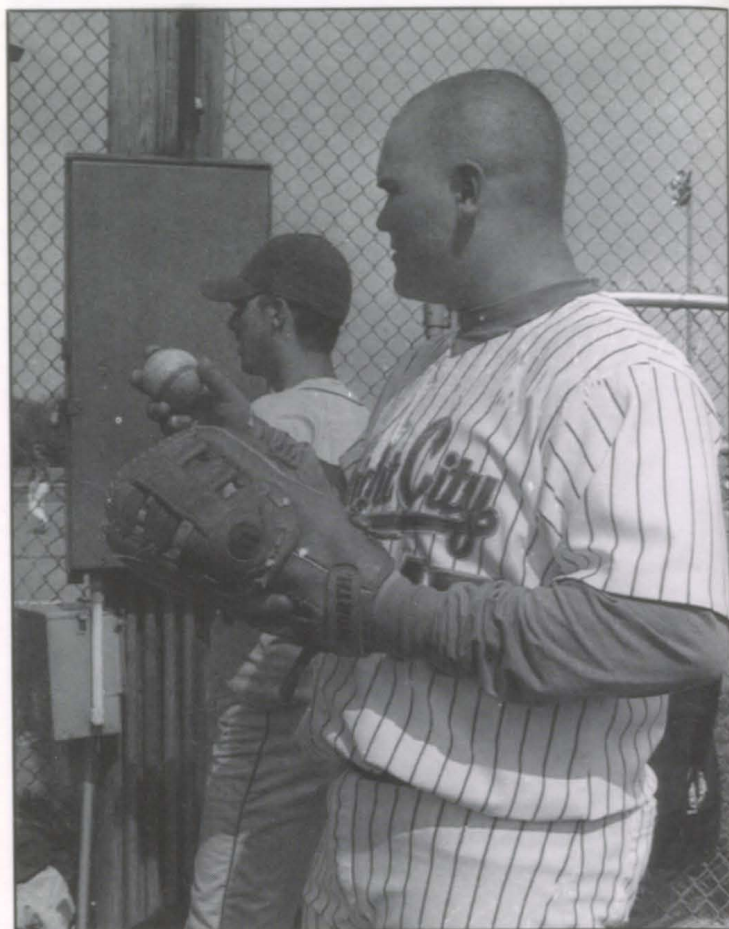
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Front Row: (left to right) Daniel Neill, Dustin Mikus, Paul Dutton, Joey Maestas, Chris Lacy, Chris Lewis, and James Maestas
Back Row: (left to right) Coach Dan Springman, Coach Dan Aubuchon, Brian Mohr, Adam Williams, Nick Gironde, Josh Cole, Todd Reckamp, James Romans, and Coach Mike Tweihhaus.

Senior Joey Maestas stands with Coach Dan Springman after being presented the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award.

Freshman Torrey Neimann looks upon other players on the field before joining them.

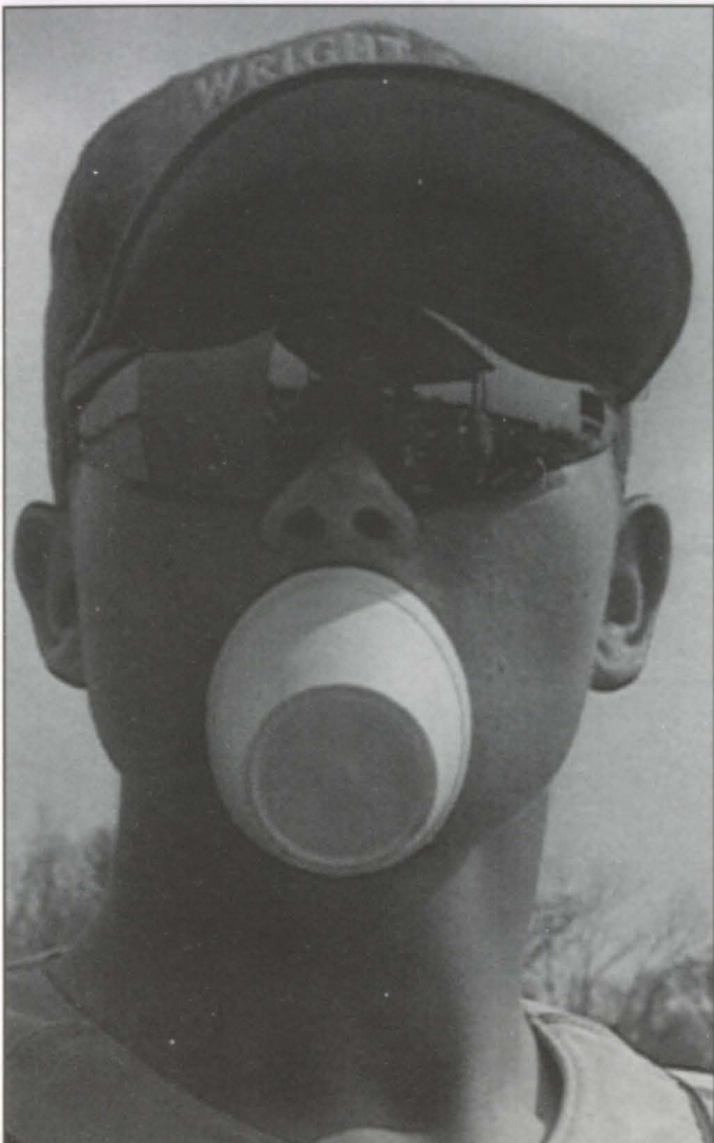
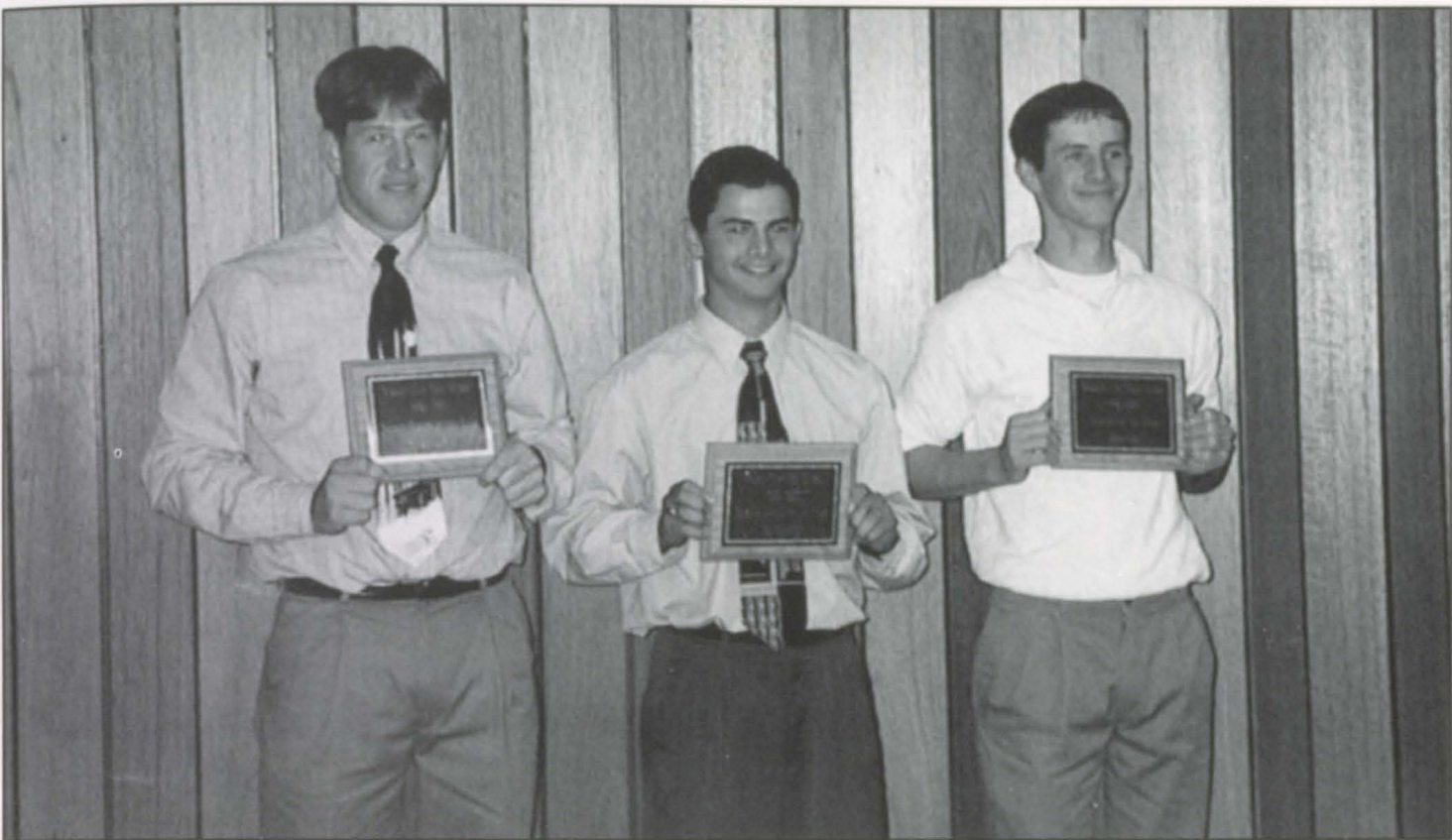


Sophomore Damon Tinsley protects his eyes from the sun while playing catch.

Freshman Chris Lewis catches while Junior Adam Williams gets batting practice.



Athletic award winners Nicholas Girondo, Joey Maestas, and Josh Cole show off their awards to the camera.



Season Records

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| 3-27 | Kennedy | Win | 5-1 |
| 3-31 | Clopton | Win | 20-1 |
| 4-8 | Clopton | Win | 35-1 |
| 4-15 | Montgomery | Loss | 2-12 |
| 4-17 | North Callaway | Loss | 4-5 |
| 4-18 | Elsberry | Win | 5-2 |
| 4-23 | Silex | Win | 16-2 |
| 4-24 | Hallsville | Win | 5-4 |
| 4-26 | Jennings | Win | 16-8 |
| 4-26 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 2-3 |
| 4-28 | Winfield | Win | 13-2 |
| 4-30 | Warrenton | Loss | 13-16 |
| 5-7 | Elsberry | Win | 7-3 |
| 5-8 | Bowling Green | Win | 9-5 |
| 5-9 | New Haven | Win | 12-7 |
| 5-13 | Lutheran | Win | 4-1 |
| 5-14 | Aquinas Mercy | Loss | 7-8 |
| 5-15 | Warrenton | Win | 21-5 |
| 5-16 | Whitfield | Win | 12-9 |
| 5-17 | Winfield | Loss | 5-6 |

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Adam Williams, a varsity player, makes the best of the busy day ahead of him.

Senior Josh Cole, the varsity teams' pitcher, throws a pitch to warm-up before a game.

JV Girls' Basketball Team Defeats Rival

The JV girls' basketball team defeats their ultimate rival, the Warrenton Warriors, to win their first and only game of the season.

The JV team worked hard and never gave up hope, and their hard work finally paid off for them on February 10.

"I think it was a total team effort! Everyone who played can be proud of their efforts. It took everyone... and I believe it will take everyone working as a team if we are going to turn Wright City's girls' basketball program around and develop a winning tradition," said Asst. Coach Terry Beer.

The JV team consisted of 10 players, five of which also played with the varsity team. All the team players put in their best effort, and tried hard to pull themselves out of the losing slump throughout the season.

David Gerdman announces the JV team players as they run onto the court during a girls basketball game on January 30.



Brian Mohr



Brian Mohr

Junior Varsity and Varsity team player Erin Dixon takes the bench for a break.

Sophomore Leahan Ostmann dribbles past a Wentzville player during a home game.



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Leahan Ostmann shoots and scores against the opposing Wentzville team.

Sophomore Missy Chapman looks for an opening as she dribbles down the court.

Season Records

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|-------|-------------------|------|-------|
| 12-3 | New Haven | Loss | 15-37 |
| 12-6 | Duchesne | Loss | 8-44 |
| 12-9 | Winfield | Loss | 17-32 |
| 12-12 | Montgomery County | Loss | 10-55 |
| 12-16 | Warrenton | Loss | 12-57 |
| 1-2 | Hermann | Loss | 8-59 |
| 1-8 | St. Dominic | Loss | 21-67 |
| 1-14 | Clopton | Loss | 13-49 |
| 1-27 | Pacific | Loss | 7-58 |
| 1-30 | Wentzville | Loss | 4-59 |
| 2-3 | Winfield | Loss | 10-59 |
| 2-6 | Ursuline Academy | Loss | 13-45 |
| 2-10 | Warrenton | Win | 26-31 |
| 2-17 | Elsberry | Loss | 7-54 |
| 2-24 | Clopton | Loss | 20-74 |
| 2-27 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 11-43 |

Brian Mohr



Front Row: (left to right) Leahan Ostmann, Erica Bopp, Missy Chapman, and Kawnisha Jones **Back Row:** (left to right) Erin Dixon, Sarah Youngstrom, Lilly Fox, Megan Lagemann, Jennifer Arnold, and Assistant Coach Terry Beer.

New Coach And Young Players Bring High Expectations

Basketball is much more than hoops and wins. It is an entire athletic experience of endurance, running, shooting, and many, many strategic plays.

The girls varsity did not have many in the win column, but did not give up hope throughout the season. They had many younger and inexperienced players, and a grand total of only nine players, however they gave it their all.

The girls team had a new coach this year, Sid Rodriguez, who replaced the previous years coach, Sue Wright.

Coach Sid Rodriguez said, "In every game played, things did not go well, but as things moved on we got better."

Sophomore Erin Overlander makes a pass during a pre game warm-up.



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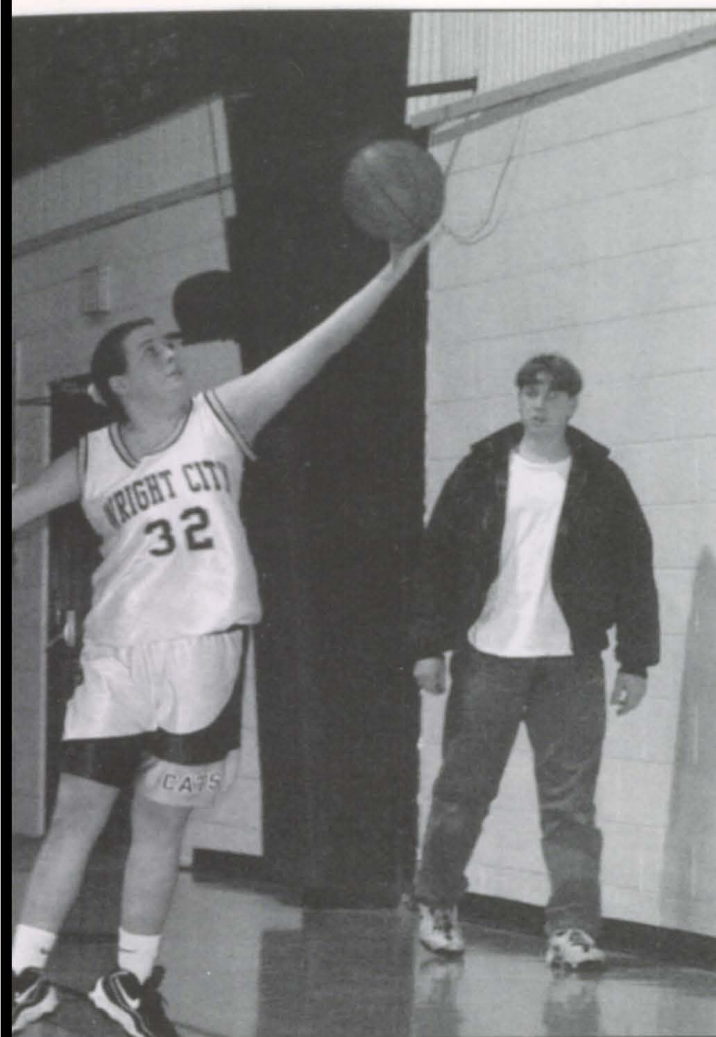
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Varsity team players congratulate the JV players for a game well played as they exit the locker rooms.

Junior Jamie Schamma shoots a free throw during a home game against Wentzville.



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Amy Tinsley, senior, saves a loose ball from going out of bounds.

Senior Lisa Hopson makes a jump shot while senior Amy Tinsley guards her.

Season Records

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|-------|-------------------|------|-------|
| 12-3 | New Haven | Loss | 25-46 |
| 12-6 | Duchesne | Loss | 11-65 |
| 12-9 | Winfield | Loss | 32-51 |
| 12-12 | Montgomery County | Loss | 26-71 |
| 12-16 | Warrenton | Loss | 23-76 |
| 12-19 | Wellsville | Loss | 24-61 |
| 1-2 | Hermann | Loss | 23-97 |
| 1-8 | St. Dominic | Loss | 14-51 |
| 1-14 | Clopton | Loss | 30-68 |
| 1-20 | Elsberry | Loss | 36-73 |
| 1-23 | Silex | Loss | 27-70 |
| 1-27 | Wentzville | Loss | 12-67 |
| 1-30 | Pacific | Loss | 25-81 |
| 2-3 | Winfield | Loss | 31-87 |
| 2-6 | Ursuline Academy | Loss | 18-66 |
| 2-12 | Montgomery County | Loss | 22-74 |
| 2-13 | New Haven | Loss | 30-63 |
| 2-17 | Elsberry | Loss | 26-70 |
| 2-24 | Clopton | Loss | 34-70 |
| 2-26 | Wellsville | Loss | 36-72 |
| 2-27 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 33-84 |
| 3-1 | Louisiana | Loss | 45-49 |

Brian Mohr



Front Row: (left to right) Kawnisha Jones, Jamey Justice, Amanda Droege, Erin Overlander, and Megan Lagemann Back Row: (left to right) Jamie Schamma, Amy Tinsley, Rebecca Filson, Erin Dixon, Leahan Ostmann, and Asst. Coach Terry Beer.

Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball Team Played A Hard Season

The 1996-1997 junior varisty boys basket- ball team had an unsuccessful season.

The JV team consisted of 12 freshmen and one sophomore player, however these 13 play- ers worked hard and fought all the way to the end.

The JV team had a total of 22 games in the 1996-1997 season. The team lost all 22, but in sev- eral they came close to defeating their opponents.

One of their best games was played against Silex on Dec. 3, 1996. Both teams fought back and forth, but when it came down to the end, Silex came up a little stronger, and defeated the Wildcats 31-36.

JV boys huddle together during a time out to review their game strategies.



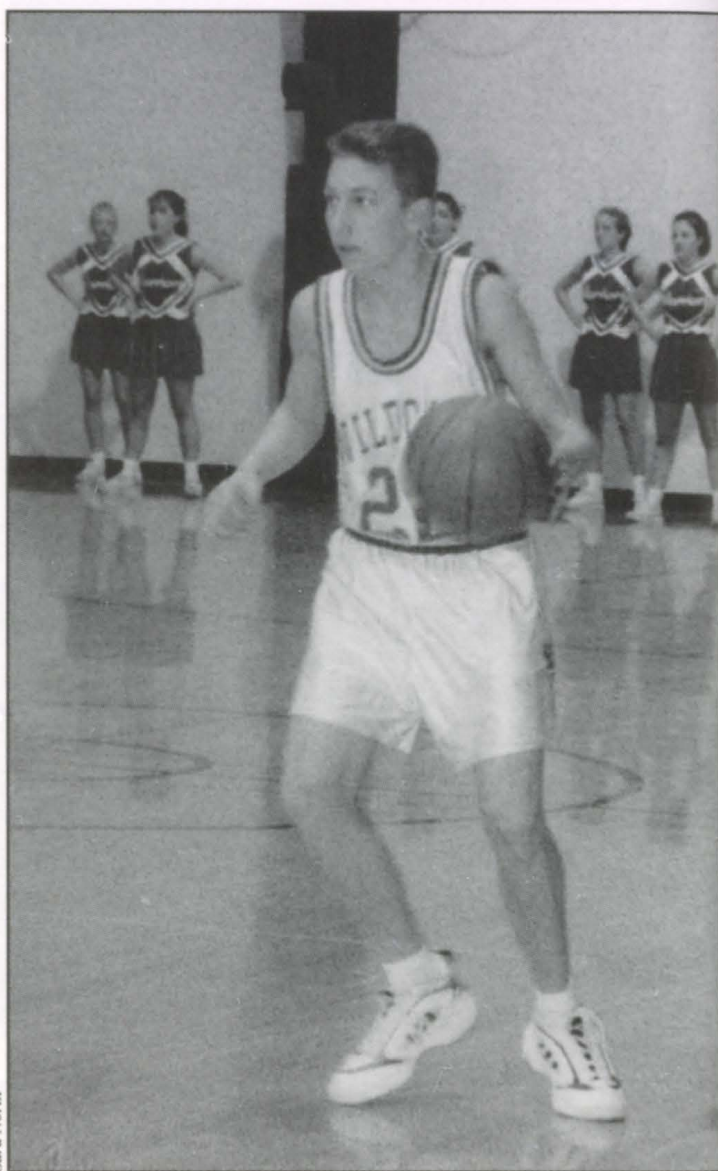
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Freshmen Chris Lewis struggles to save a loose ball from a Warrenton opponent.

Freshmen JV player Dustin Mikus dribbles the ball as he attempts to pass Warrior players.



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JV player, Scott Hastings, struggles as he attempts to go around his opposing Warrenton guards.

Freshmen Steven Feise, #14, looks for an opening to pass the ball to a teammate.

Season Records

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|-------|----------------------|------|-------|
| 12-3 | Silex | Loss | 31-36 |
| 12-6 | Francis Howell North | Loss | 8-80 |
| 12-13 | Whitfield | Loss | 35-51 |
| 12-17 | Clopton | Loss | 39-65 |
| 12-20 | Montgomery County | Loss | 41-45 |
| 1-14 | Silex | Loss | 36-63 |
| 1-20 | St. Charles West | Loss | 4-26 |
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| 1-21 | Warrenton | Loss | 20-52 |
| 1-22 | Kennedy | Loss | 35-54 |
| 1-23 | JFK | Loss | 39-60 |
| 1-24 | Hermann | Loss | 20-53 |
| 2-4 | Elsberry | Loss | 12-46 |
| 2-7 | Wellsville | Loss | 15-30 |
| 2-10 | Warrenton | Loss | 22-51 |
| 2-11 | Luthern | Loss | 28-55 |
| 2-14 | Winfield | Loss | 36-42 |
| 2-18 | Wentzville | Loss | 17-74 |
| 2-19 | Wellsville | Loss | 20-32 |
| 2-20 | Winfield | Loss | 31-41 |
| 2-21 | St. Dominic | Loss | 24-59 |
| 2-25 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 42-49 |

Sara North



Front Row: (left to right) Manager John Pfuhl, Tyler Pugh, Matt Hayes, Travis Kehoe, Josh Gerland, Steven Feise, and Jarod Viggers **Back Row:** (left to right) Ryan Doyle, Dustin Mikus, Chris Lewis, James Maestas, Andy Gibson, Dustin Reckamp, Scott Hastings, and Coach Dan Aubuchon.

Varsity Boy's Basketball Team Brings Home Three Wins For The Season

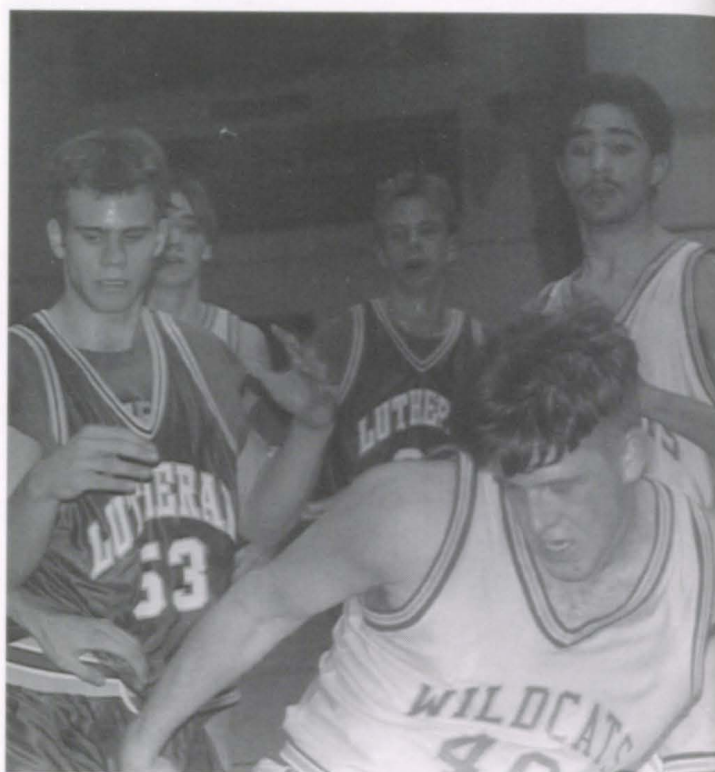
The varisty boys brought in several wins for their team, however, they did not bring in the scores they had expected for the season.

The team brought in three wins, setting the record for all of the WC basketball teams this season. The team continues to prepare for next year. With only three seniors on the team they lacked experience, but hope to move at least five junior players to the senior spots for next year's season.

The team played their best game against Silex on January 14, 1997 when the Wildcats beat them by 7 points causing a big upset for the Silex Owls and breaking the 2-2 record the teams had on each other. Their worst defeat came when they went into a game against Francis Howell North with unprepared offensive and defensive players, causing the team a loss of over 50 points.

The team hopes to learn from their mistakes and play a hard season next year.

Junior Nick Gironde watches with Lutheran Bearcats as a ball goes out of bounds.



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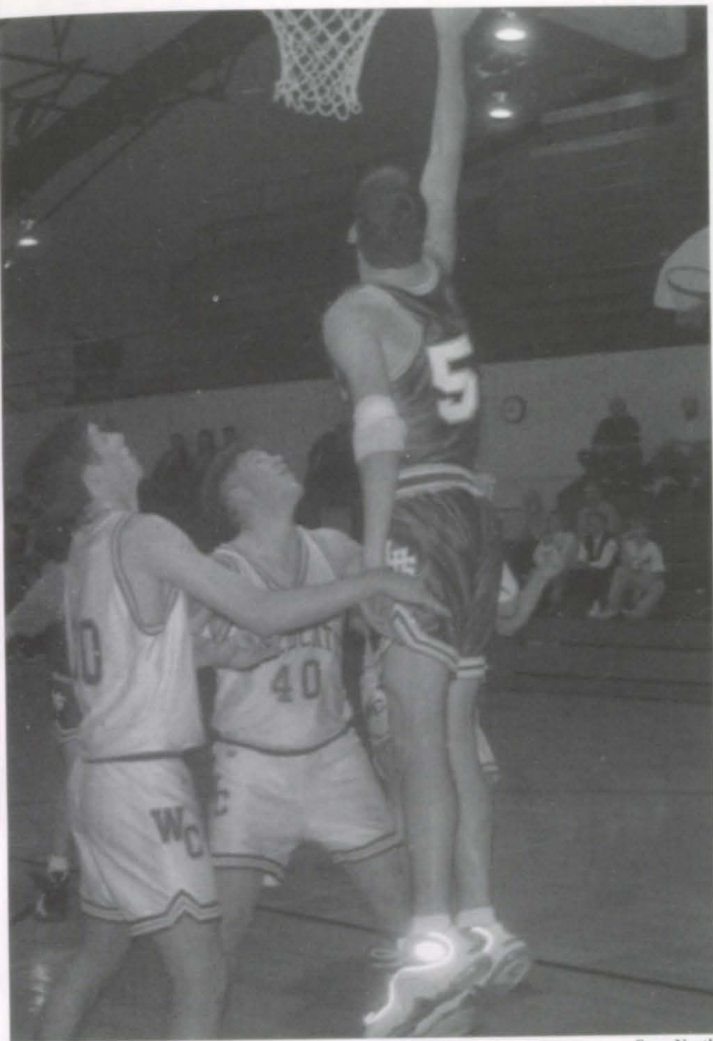
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Junior Nick Gironde dribbles past Lutheran players as they try to block him from making a pass.

Senior Terrill Cotton gets ready to shoot as he makes it past an opponent.



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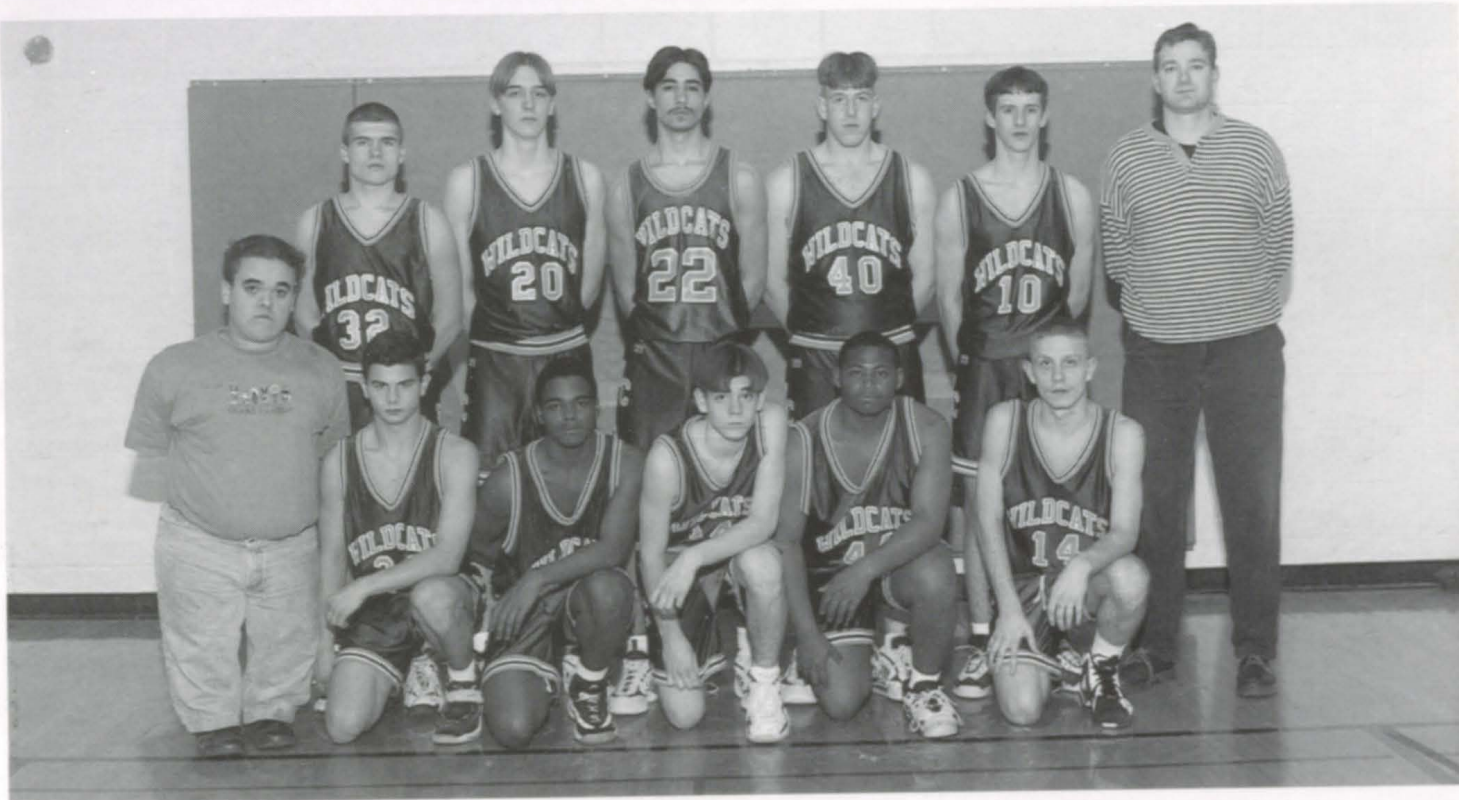
Senior Josh Cole, #10, and junior Nick Girondo, #40, look up as a Lutheran player scores a point.

Senior Brian Mohr guards a Winfield player as he starts to move down the court.

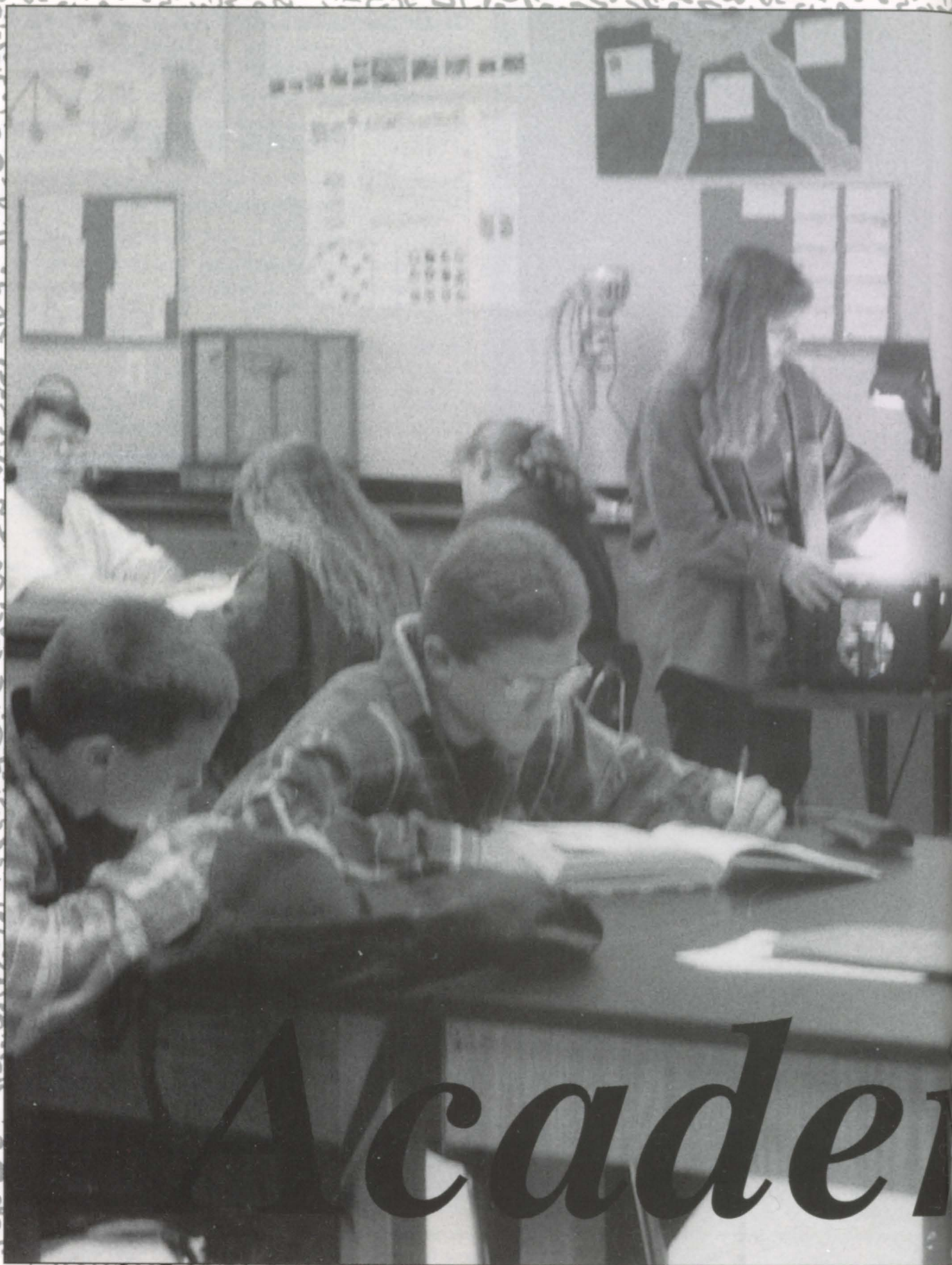
Season Records

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| 12-3 | Silex | Loss | 57-76 |
| 12-6 | Francis Howell North | Loss | 34-82 |
| 12-13 | Whitfield | Loss | 54-72 |
| 12-17 | Clopton | Loss | 33-56 |
| 12-20 | Montgomery County | Loss | 58-71 |
| 12-26 | Ft. Zumwalt South | Loss | 29-83 |
| 12-27 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 52-69 |
| 1-7 | Elsberry | Loss | 45-49 |
| 1-10 | Winfield | Win | 58-43 |
| 1-11 | Clopton | Loss | 44-61 |
| 1-14 | Silex | Win | 46-56 |
| 1-21 | Warrenton | Loss | 12-67 |
| 1-24 | Hermann | Loss | 49-69 |
| 1-28 | New Haven | Loss | 40-65 |
| 1-30 | Montgomery County | Loss | 49-72 |
| 2-4 | Elsberry | Loss | 68-79 |
| 2-7 | Wellsville | Loss | 49-62 |
| 2-11 | Lutheran | Loss | 62-69 |
| 2-14 | Winfield | Win | 57-54 |
| 2-18 | Wentzville | Loss | 52-66 |
| 2-20 | Winfield | Loss | 48-72 |
| 2-21 | St. Dominic | Loss | 27-66 |
| 2-25 | Orchard Farm | Loss | 40-55 |
| 3-1 | Winfield | Loss | 54-56 |

Sara North



Front Row: (left to right) Manager John Pfuhl, Joey Maestas, Jason McRoberts, T.J. Pugh, Terrill Cotton, Jason Williams
Back Row: (left to right) Paul Berscheid, Dan Gripentrog, Travis Borrego, Nick Girondo, Josh Cole, Coach Ryan Shaw.





"This Is How It Goes"

When most students think of school they usually conjure up images of friends, sports, after school activities, homework, and teachers. School is supposed to be about learning, and when there is learning there are bound to be books and classes to attend. Academics are the classes that we take each day, all day long, over and over... but they are not so bad. Well, we are here to learn, are we not?

Have you ever been asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Still no clue? There are many different career paths to choose from to help you decide what you want to do with your future here at Wright City High School. After four, long years of learning, you hopefully graduate with the essential skills needed to survive in today's big world.

To graduate, certain courses must be taken in the core area classes--English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Some other class choices are also given, which are referred to as electives. Each teacher has a unique style all their own, and each academic subject is taught in a manner that is special to that teacher.

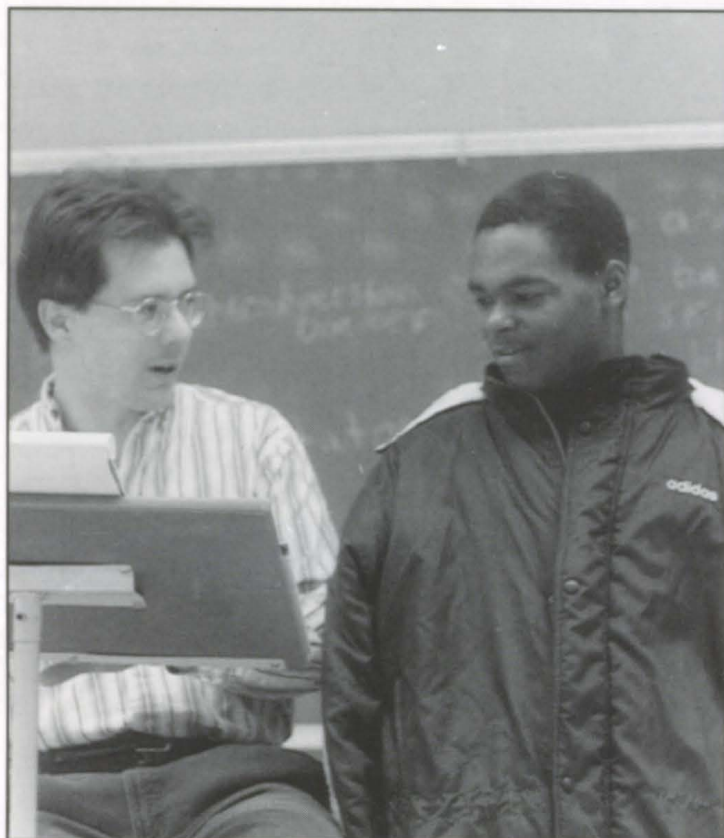
Freshmen Emily Maschmidt, Richard Tinsley, and Justin Brewer taking notes while Ms. Carter teaches her 5th hour Physical Science class.

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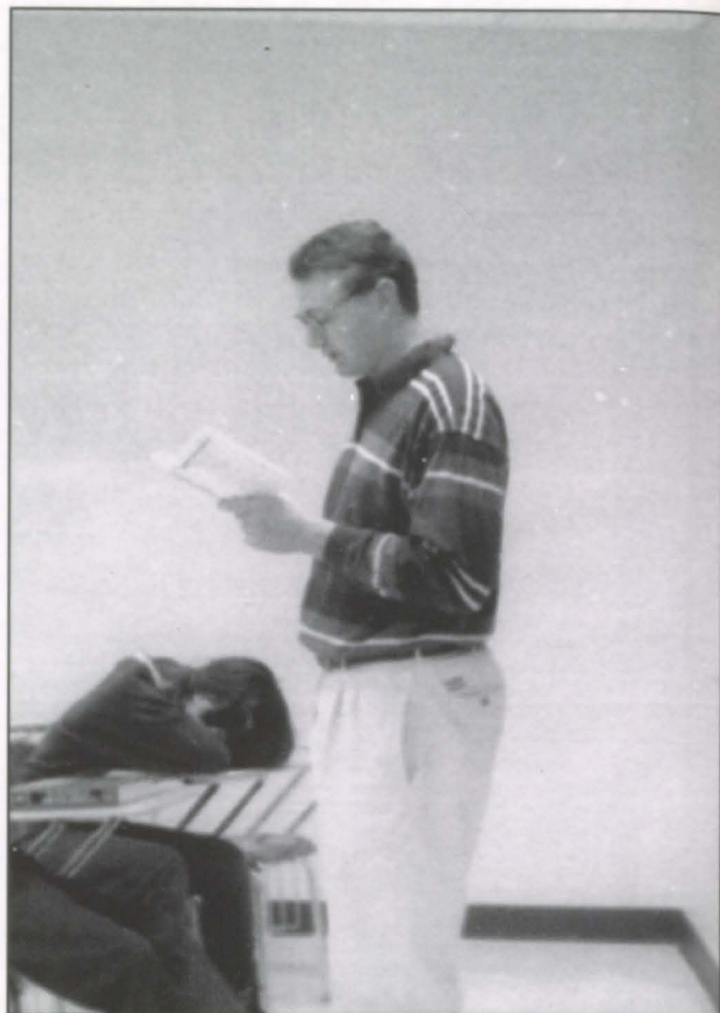
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Freshman Jason McRoberts asking his English I teacher, Mr. Brumfield, a question over his homework assignment.

Mr. Shaw, the English II teacher, watches over his students as they work on their poems.



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English Students Strive For Excellence

By Angie Chism

English classes are not just for practicing grammar, sentence structure and reading skills. English is something we use everyday by talking, writing and reading.

This year Ms. Hodak's English IV class focused on vocabulary.

"I believe seniors need a better vocabulary so they may do better on their ACTs, and college entrance exams," Hodak said.

Hodak's class schedule consists of advanced writing skills and British Literature,

along with several projects. They were able to choose between designing their own Coat of Arms, maps, or menus from the Shakespearean time period.

Students in Ms. Lane's English I class went over the play, "Romeo and Juliet". The juniors had a chance to participate in the Missouri Writing Assessment and the Cuivre River Electric Company essay. Ms. Lane's seniors were able to receive college credit and enter an American Legion Essay Contest.

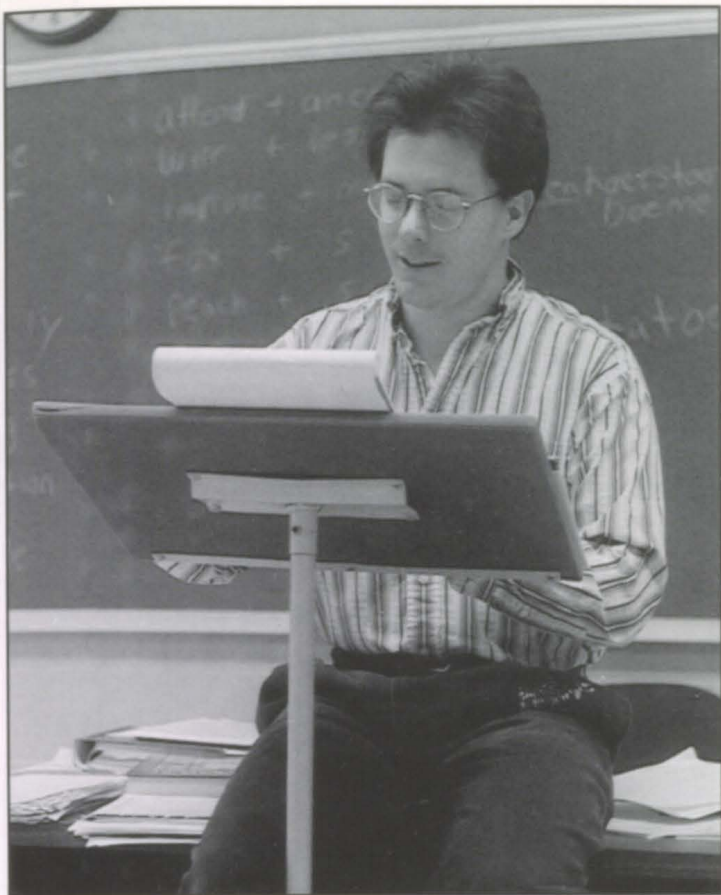
Students in Mr. Shaw's class worked on poetry, literature, and grammar. Many other

types of creative writing was done in Shaw's class, too, including papers on "What a Cloud Would See" and daily journals.

"I believe being able to communicate with other people is the most important thing about English," said Shaw.

The reading of Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet", was also done in Mr. Brumfield's class. He also put more emphasis on the MMAT's, as well as more group work for his English students.

"We are working with poetry. I have never worked with poetry before. It is interesting, but sometimes it is hard," said Freshman Judy Gripentrog.



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Mr. Brumfield going over the class schedule for the day.

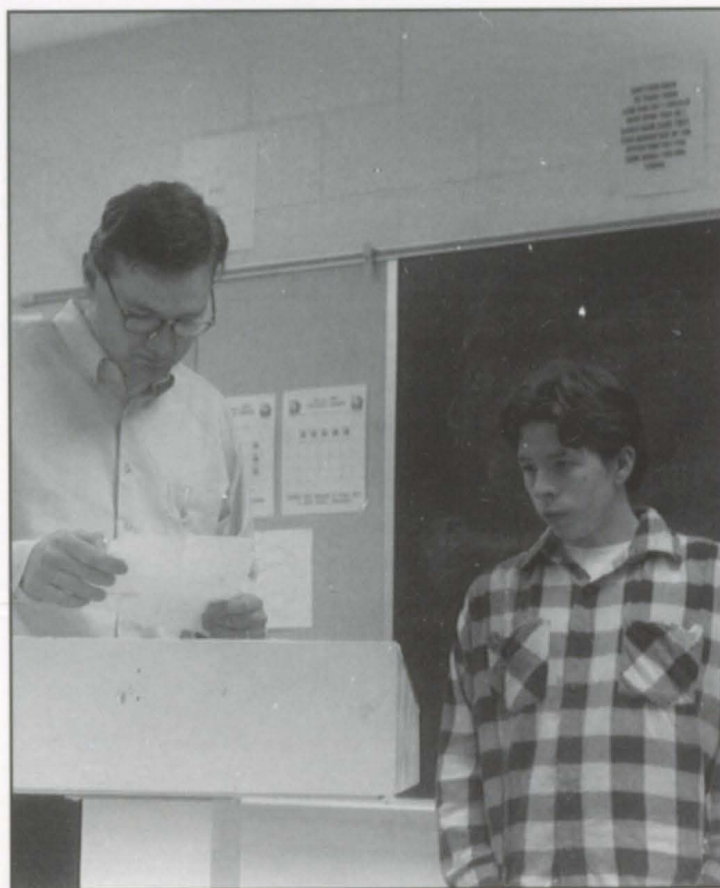
English teacher, Ms. Lane, calculating her students grades for 3rd quarter.



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Katie Filson, a senior, asking her English IV teacher, Ms. Hodak, about her homework.

Nathan Ashley, a sophomore, standing aside while his English II teacher, Mr. Shaw, looks over his paper.

History Classes Take On The World

By Lori Walker

To some people social studies may seem a little boring, but to Frank Lake, Dan Springman and Ed Wiegert, nothing could be quite as exciting as learning (or teaching) the history and cultures of the world.

The most important thing about teaching social studies to Mr. Lake is to teach the students the past, so they do not make the same mistakes in the future. Some interesting things he did this year was to have his students do research projects on a

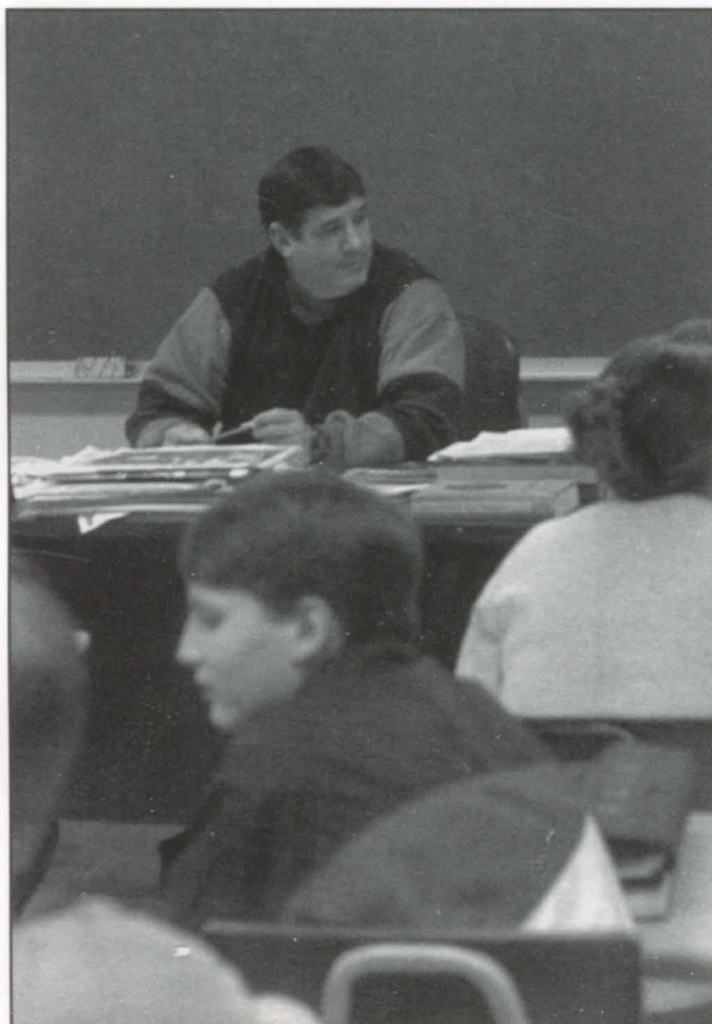
particular interest. The main idea of his teaching this year was life skills for the 21st Century.

The most important thing to Mr. Springman about teaching social studies is to teach his students to be good, law-abiding citizens. Something new he did this year was to try to improve MMAT scores for his students. His goals were to spend time on the Civil War, the 1900's, and World War II.

The most important thing Mr. Weigert did do this year was to teach students that everything in history and

government derives from an individual action. To make his Geography class interesting they made a map and added a new continent. His history class put a lot of emphasis on costumes from a particular time period. He taught the branches of government and their functions in his American Government class.

All of the social studies teachers worked hard to improve the MMAT scores by taking more tests and incorporating them into their regular class work.



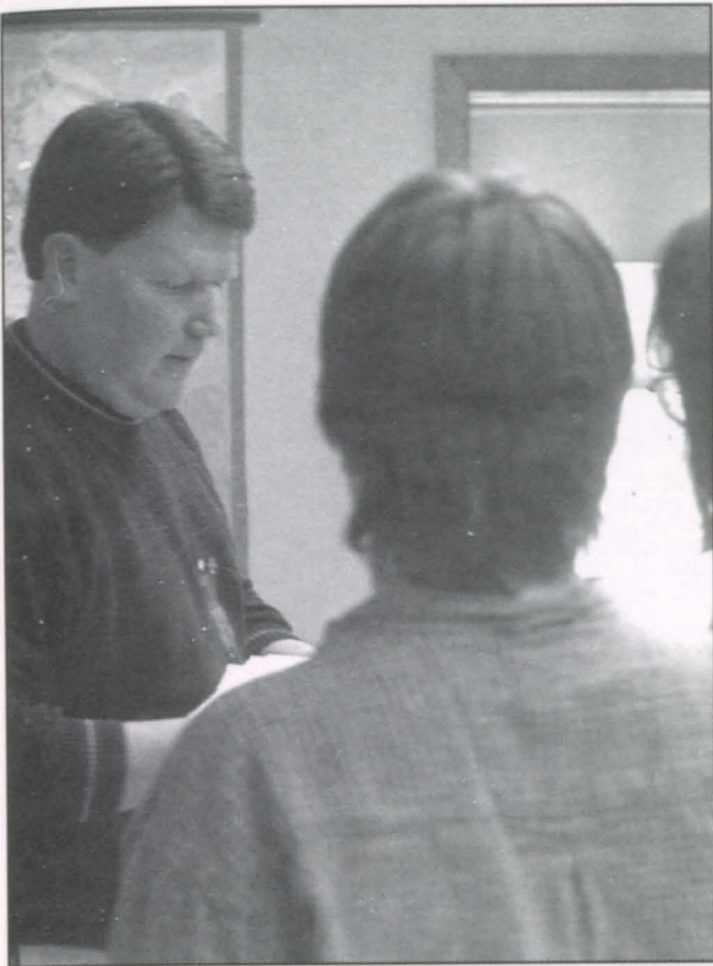
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Mr. Weigert and his 6th hour freshmen class going over the last quiz.

Mr. Springman looks over his American History classes' homework.

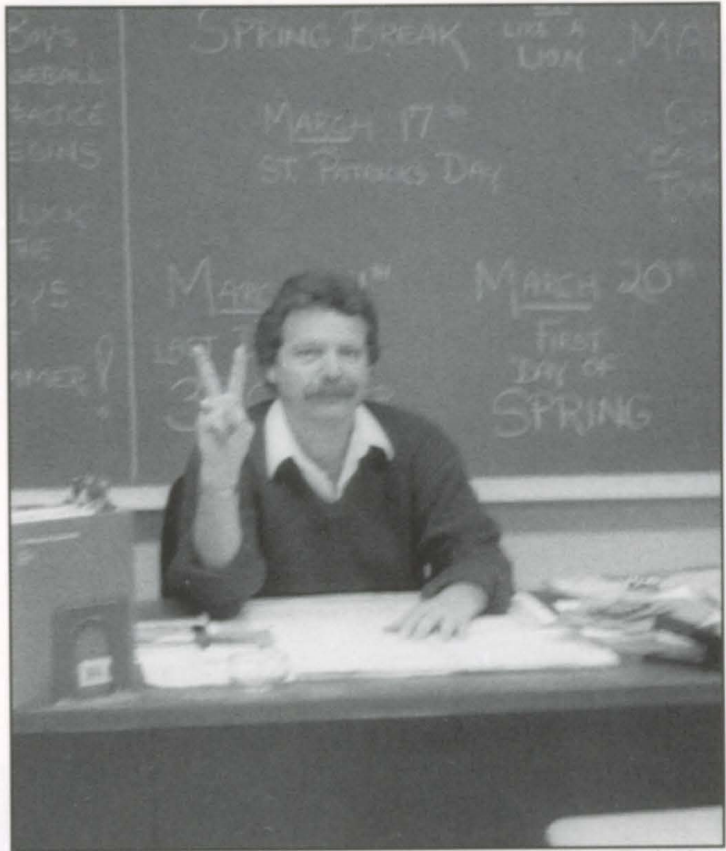


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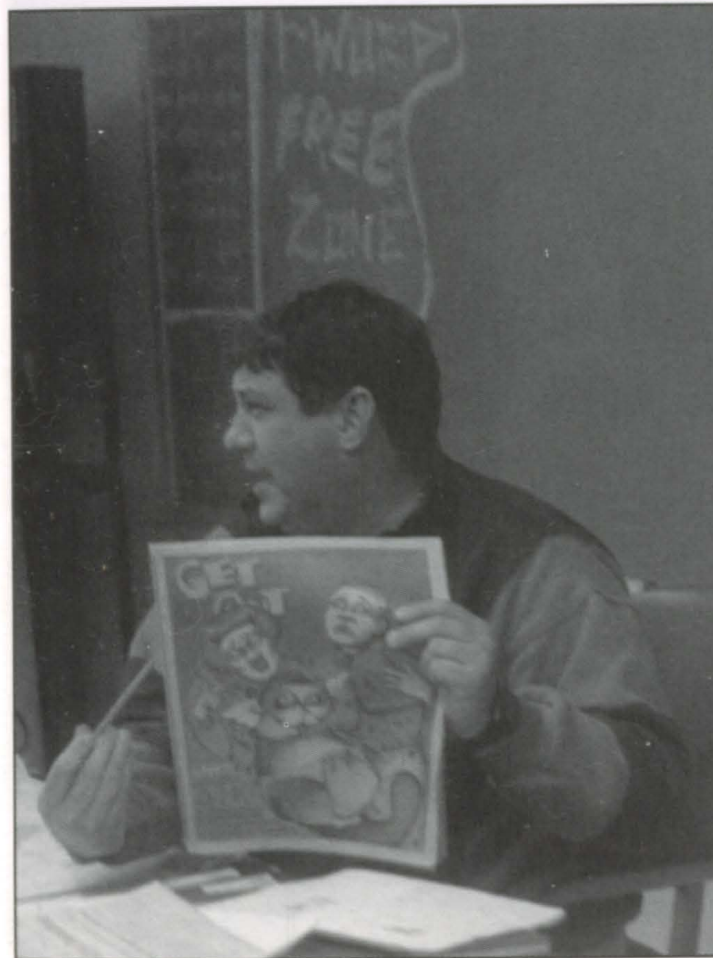


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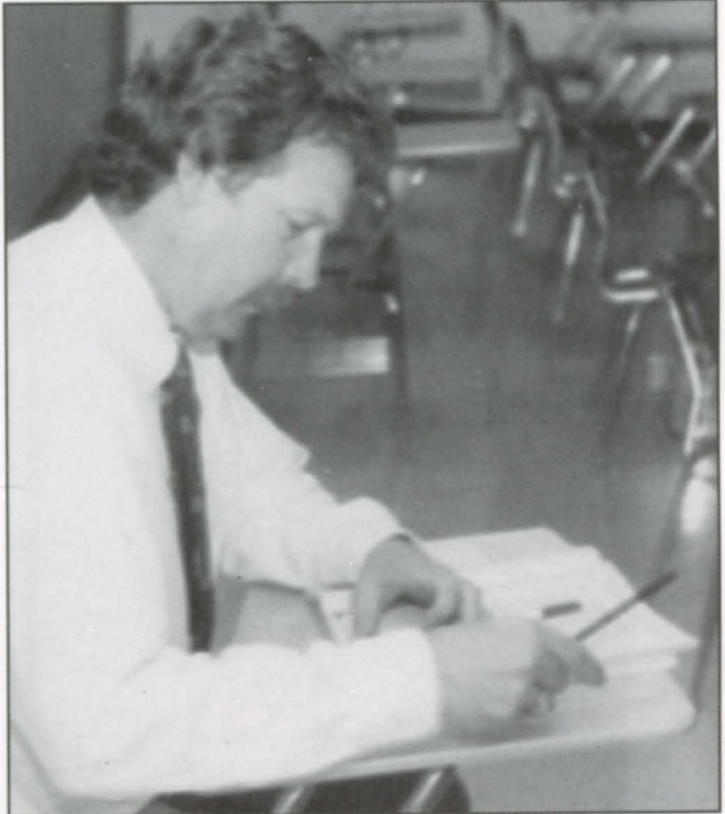
Mr. Springman shows John Freeborn her grades. Mr. Lake chills as he sits at his desk before 3rd hour.



Wendy Adams



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Wendy Adams

Social Studies teacher, Mr. Weigert, telling freshman Roni Viers to 'Get Out'. Mr. Lake grades papers as his students watch a movie in his 3rd hour class.

Mathematics Proves To Be Important For Everyone

By Devin Pellerito

"You need math no matter what you do in life," Mrs. Von Hoffer stated.

The math teachers all think math is a very important subject, but they all have different reasons why. Mrs. Gray says that it forces a person to think at different levels. Mrs. Wobbe says that learning it correctly is most important because you might as well not even do it if your not doing it correctly.

Mrs. Von Hoffer had planned to do many fun and interesting projects in her class, but she has had to go too slowly. She might be able to do some projects after the MMAT's, but she said she will just have to wait and see. In her Calculus class the students did an extra credit project. They made stars pertaining to the five solids.

Mrs. Gray's classes have done labs. She plans for them to build a house that will give

them a hands-on experience with area and things.

"I like the idea, maybe it will bring a little money in," commented Sophomore John Pfuhl.

Mrs. Wobbe's Probability and Statistics class watched game shows and tried to figure out the probability of winning the game.

Most of our math teachers enjoy teaching older students over younger students more, but Mrs. Gray says,

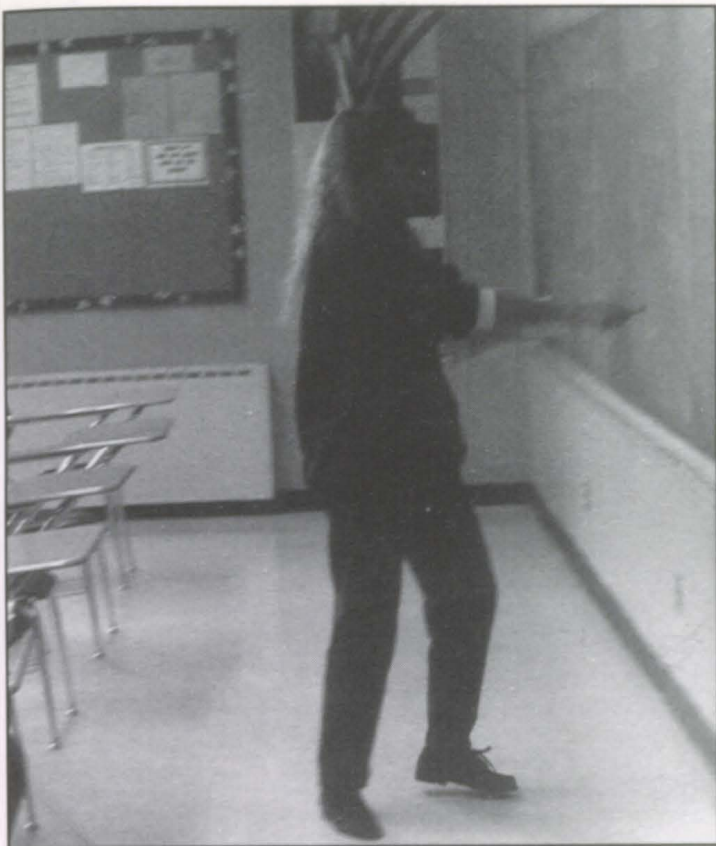
"There are benefits to both ages. The younger students are willing to follow the same steps you take, but the older students can joke around for a minute and get back on task fairly easily."

Mrs. Von Hoffer enjoys teaching high school the best. She said that she taught an adult class and they were the whiniest group of people she had ever taught. Mrs. Wobbe enjoys teaching all students and does not have a certain age preference.



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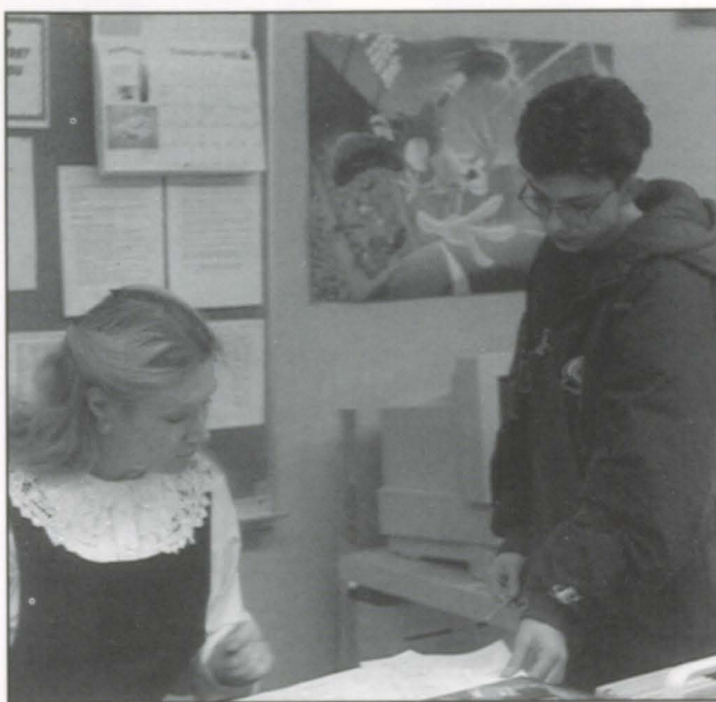
David Chilson asking Mrs. Von Hoffer a question about his Geometry assignment.



Jenny Perry

Math teacher Pauline Von Hoffer conducts tutoring class after school.

David West asking Mrs. Wobbe about a problem in Geometry class.



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Mrs. Wobbe standing in front of her class teaching them something new and helping them with their questions.

Sophomore Jason McRoberts hugging Mrs. Gray before returning to his math class.

Science Department Experiments With Class

By Devin Pellerito

Science is defined in the *Webster's Dictionary* as the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical investigation, of natural phenomena, or a methodological activity, discipline, or study. Does that all sound like a lot of jargon to you? Well, all of these things are exactly what we do here in the WCHS science department.

What is the most important thing about science? Opinions differ. Mrs. Ward said that "having fun and appreciating science is the most important." Ms. Carter commented "Observation is the most important, because it can be used throughout life to learn things."

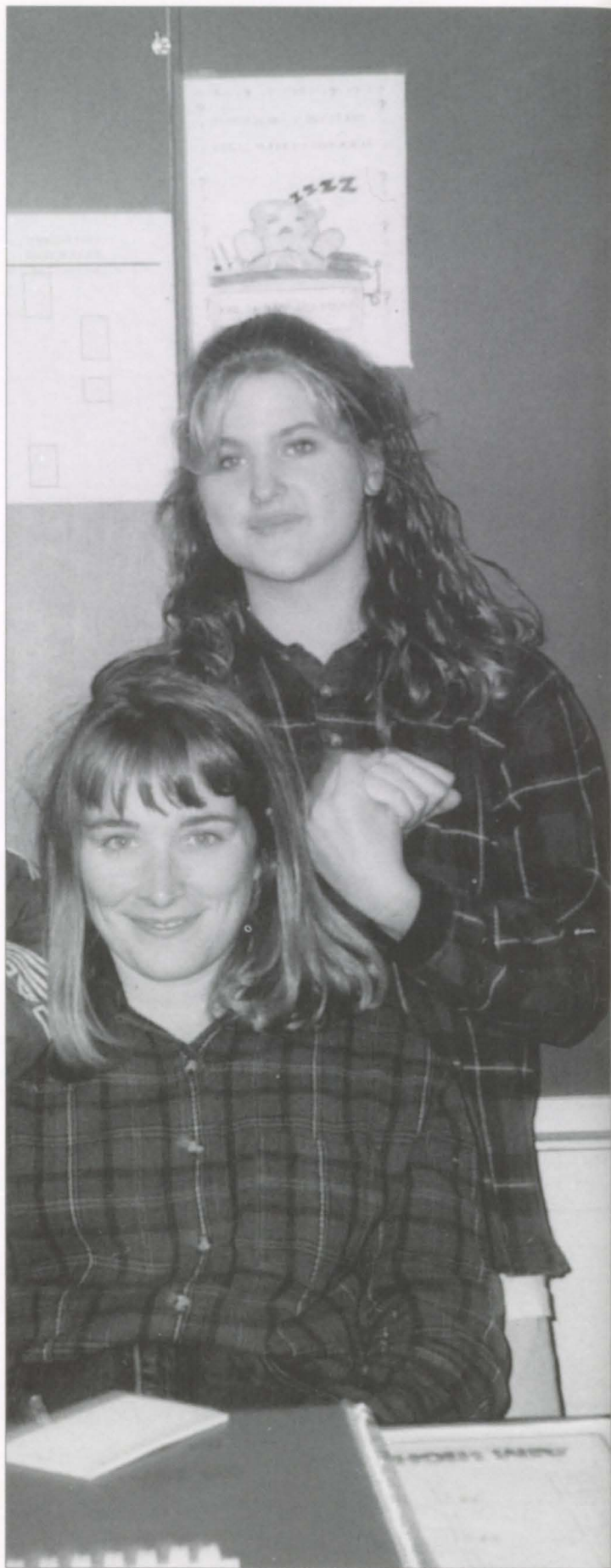
Science classes at WCHS have had a lot of fun with their projects. Some such as mutations and mitosis portrayals in Wright's biology class. In Carter's class students picked

a partner and designed posters which portrayed various units. Dissection of worms, cell projects, plants, and stained glass projects were done in Ward's class.

Carter likes teaching younger students more than older students because she likes teaching the subject of younger students-general science. Ward likes teaching high school students because they have fundamental skills, they don't hang on you, and you don't catch as many germs.

Ward said "For science, you have to have a positive attitude to have fun in labs."

It was not all fun and games in science classes this year. The students and teachers worked very hard to improve the MMAT scores. And the hard work paid off with the science department bringing up their scores, helping the school improve their state rating!

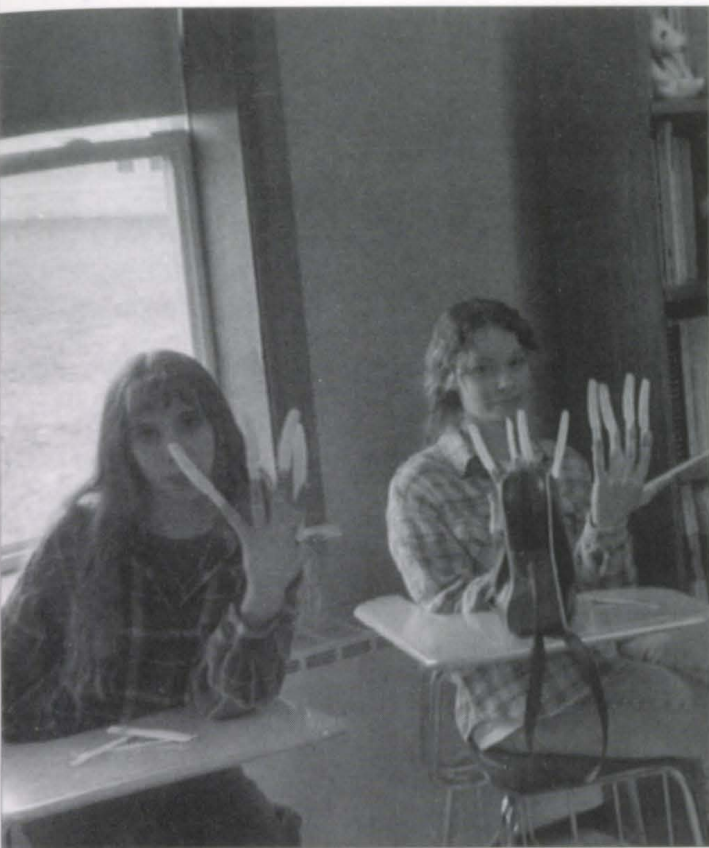


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Student Holly Jarvis mimics science teacher Ms. Trish Carter while waiting for class to begin.

Sophomores Missy Chapman and Angie Chism display their finger mutations in Ms. Wright's Biology class.

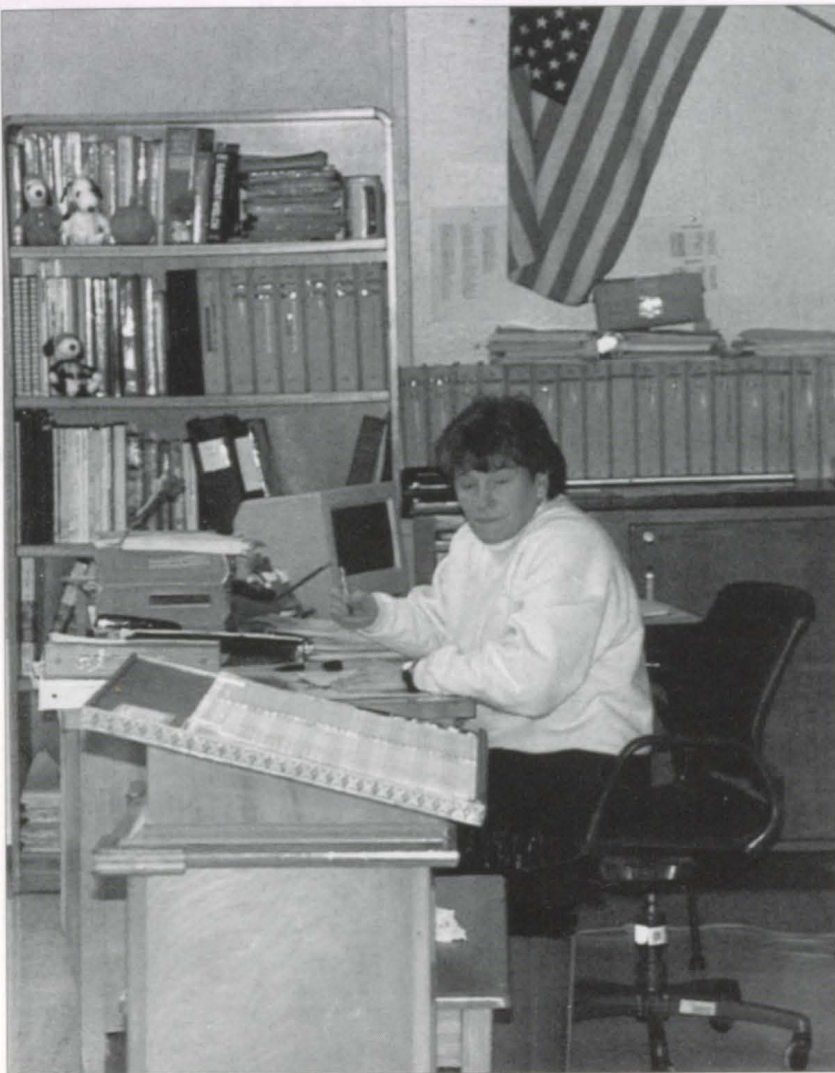
Jason McRoberts and other fellow classmates look on as the class pet iguana poses.



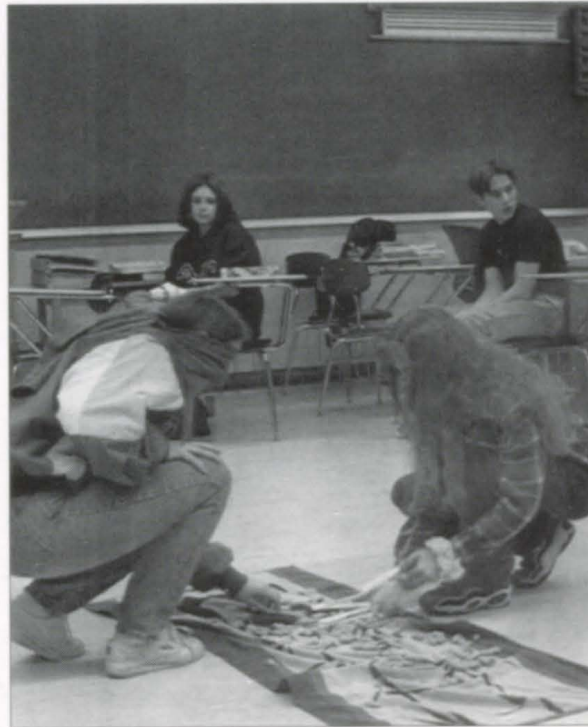
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Biology students add some pieces to their mutation project as the rest of the class watches in curiosity.

Science teacher Ms. Sue Wright is captured working on lesson plans for the next class project.





"This Is It"

By Rachel Waller

Clubs... What are they? Well, they are not the things that cave people used to beat each other over the head with. They are school orientated organizations that bring students together to do something for our school or our community.

There are many clubs to choose from here at WCHS. You can show your leadership abilities by being a member of Student Council or show your brain power by being a Knowledge Bowl member. Some clubs include: Art Club, Spanish Club, Band, Chorus, FFA, FHA, S.A.D.D., Math Club, TSA, Spectrum, Drama, NHS, Prom Committee, and Journalism. Students also have a chance to be in the Vo-Tech or Health Occupations program at East Central College, and the Special Education students help run the school store.

As you can see there is a club or organization for everyone whether you are an athlete, a brainiac, or somewhere in between.

Members of S.A.D.D. participating in the first ever Spirit Parade, Nov. 19. The parade was held to kick off the canned food drive.

Erica Priest



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Prom Committee



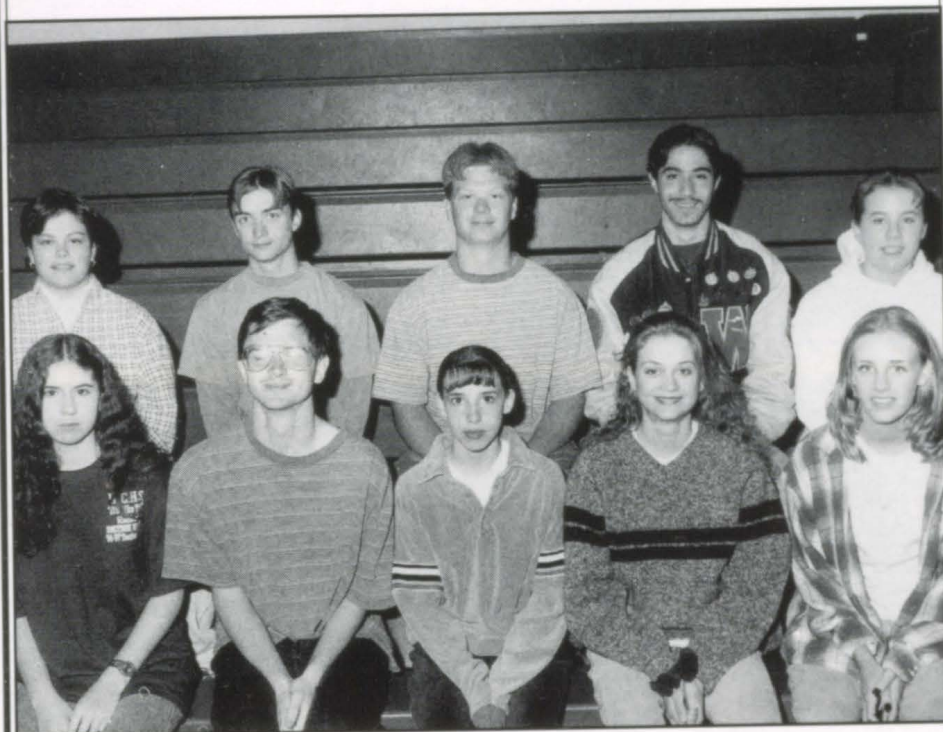
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Knowledge Bowl

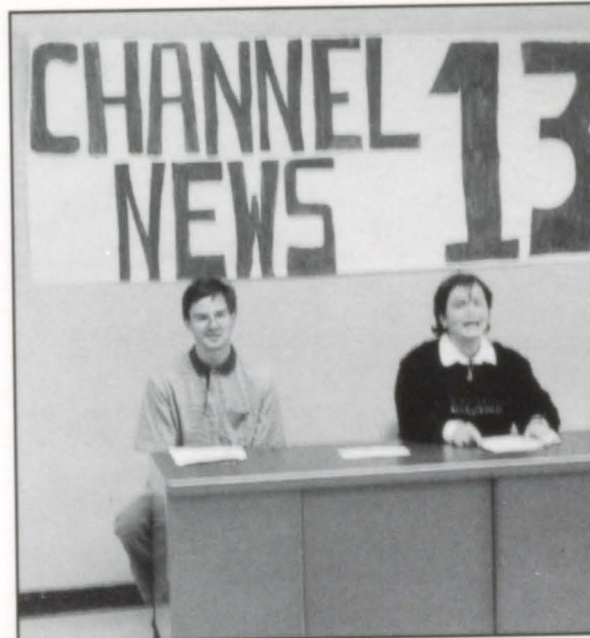
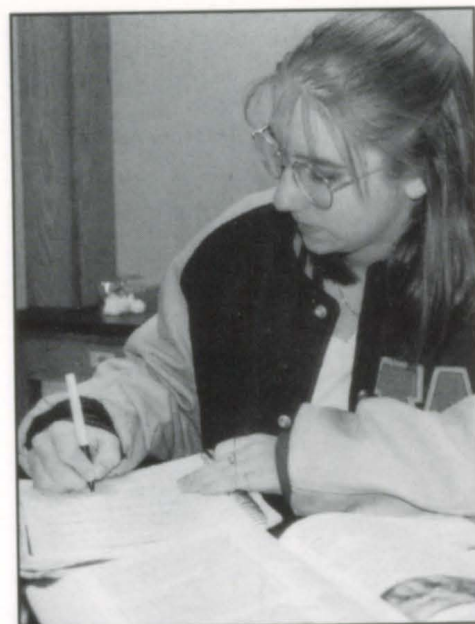


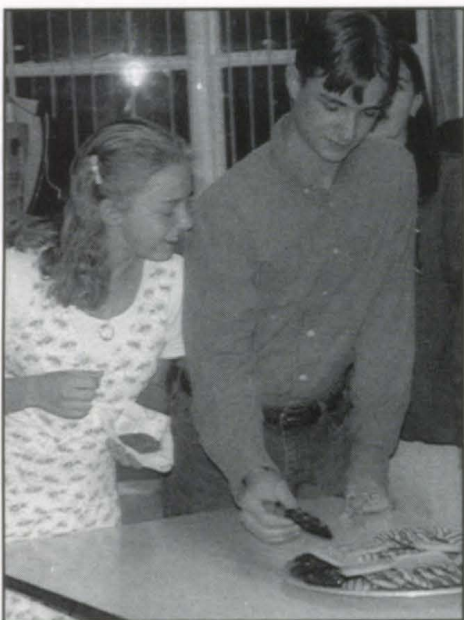
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Spectrum



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National Honors Society



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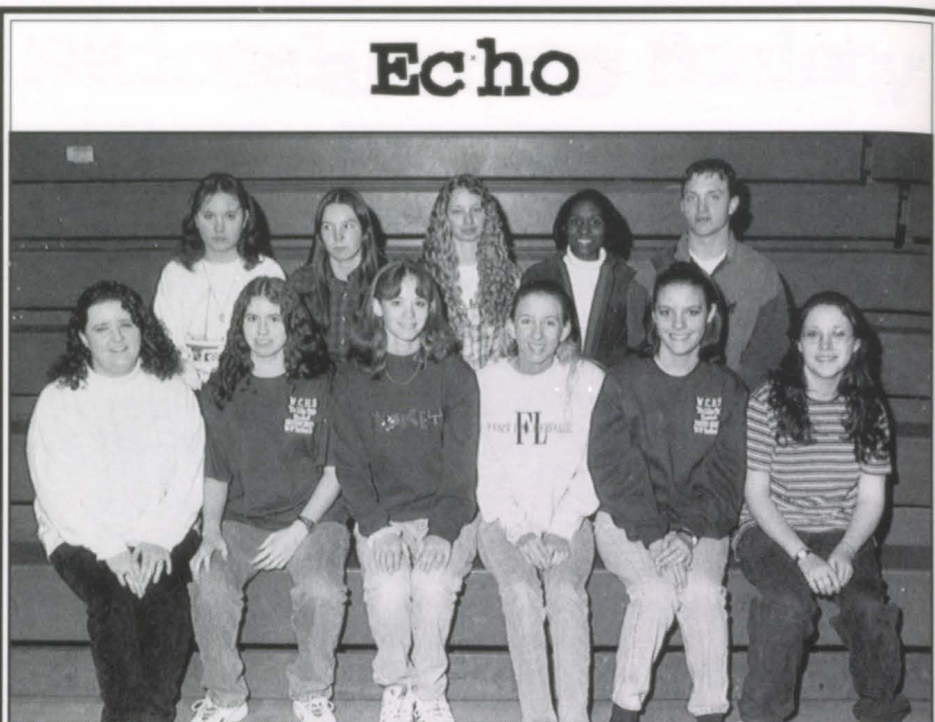
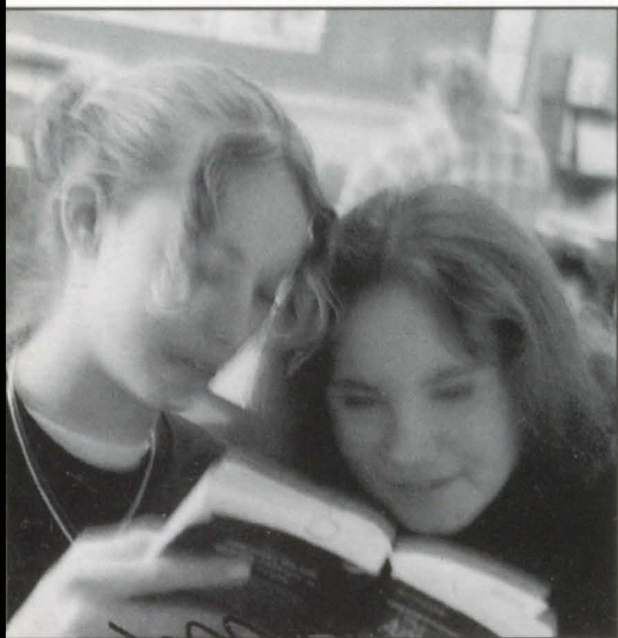
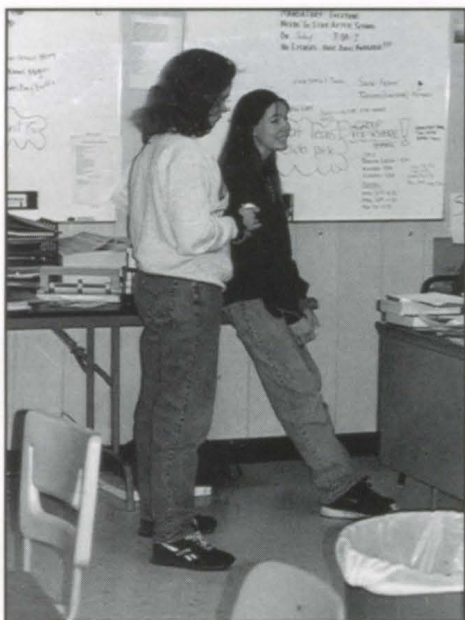
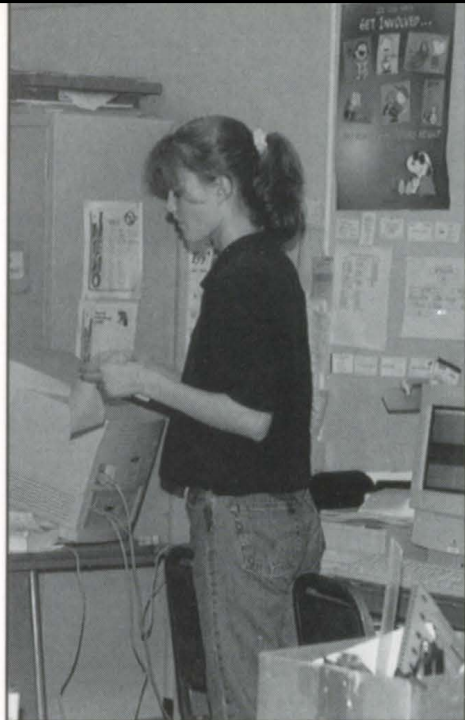
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Concert Band



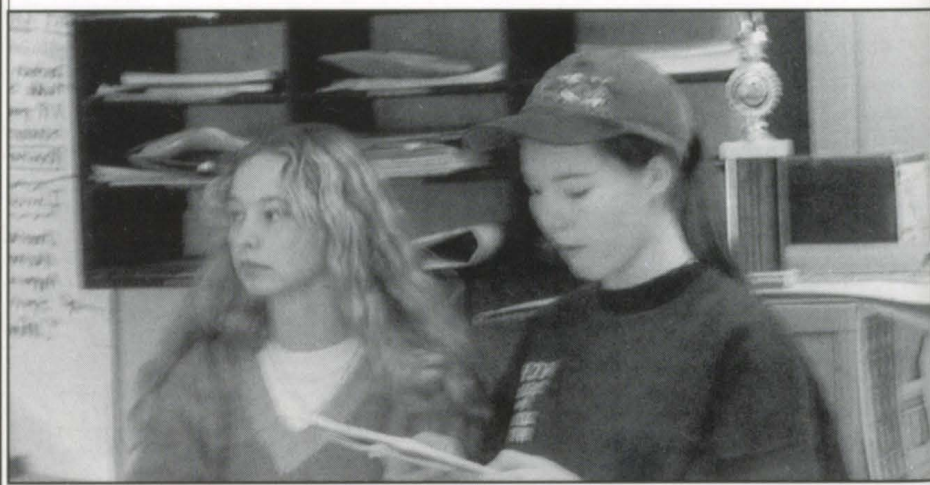
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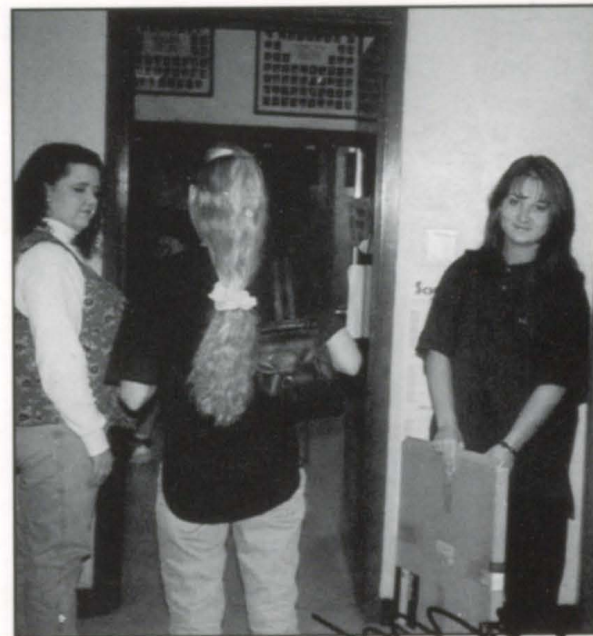
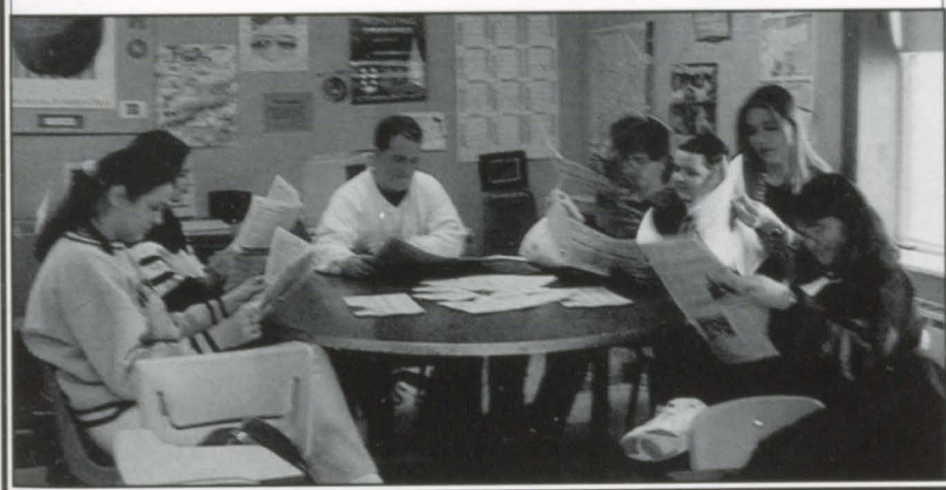
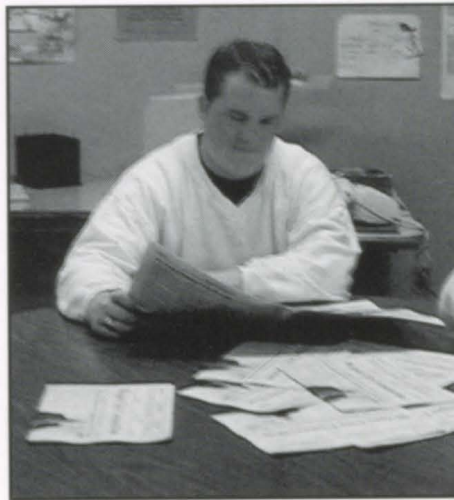
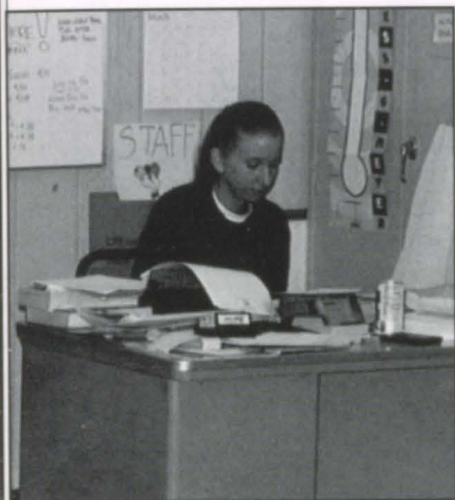
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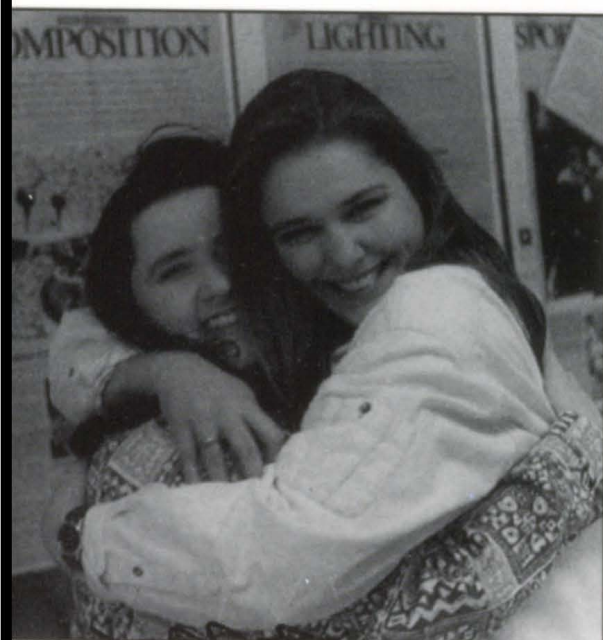
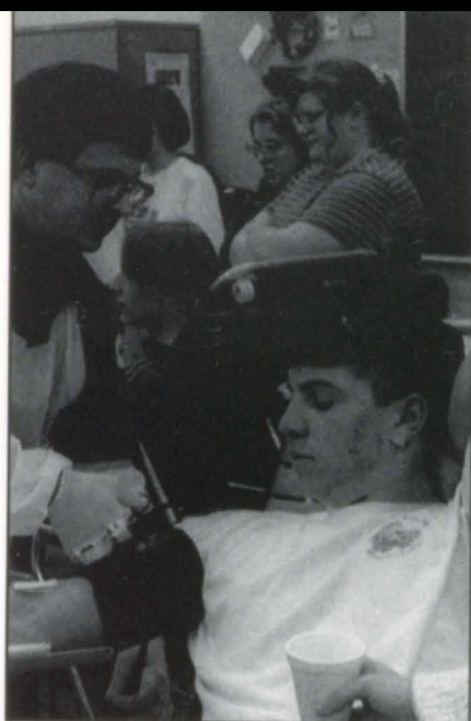


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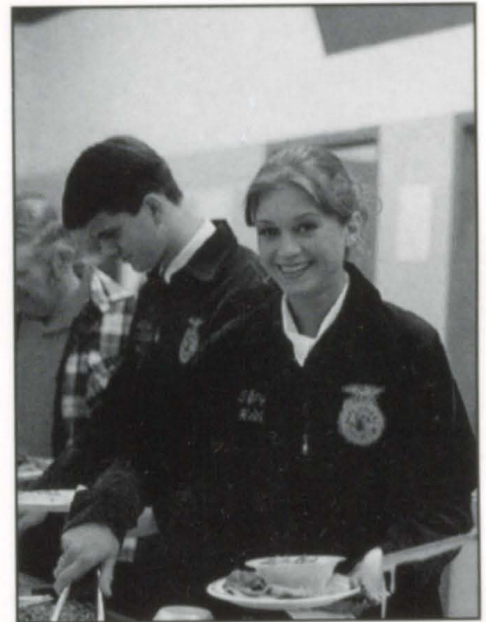
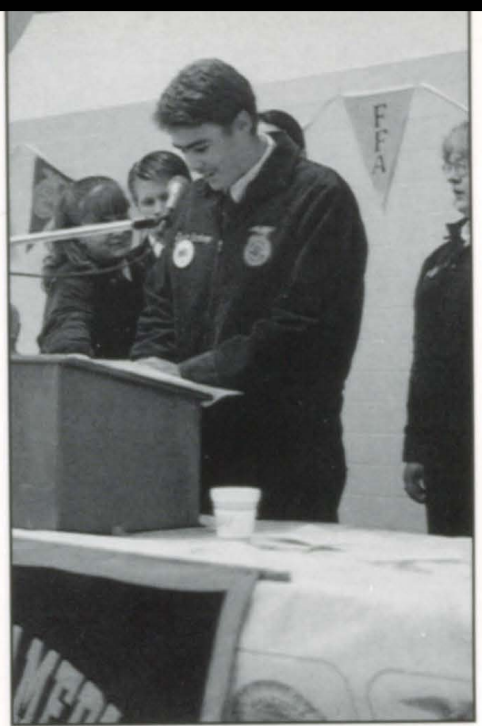
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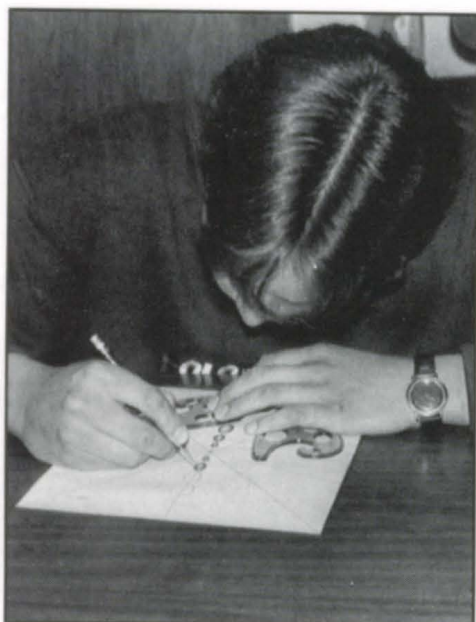
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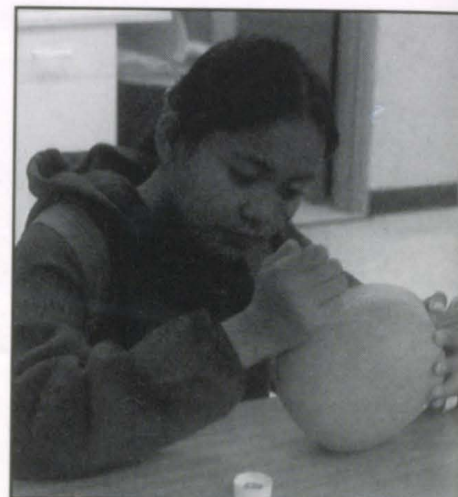




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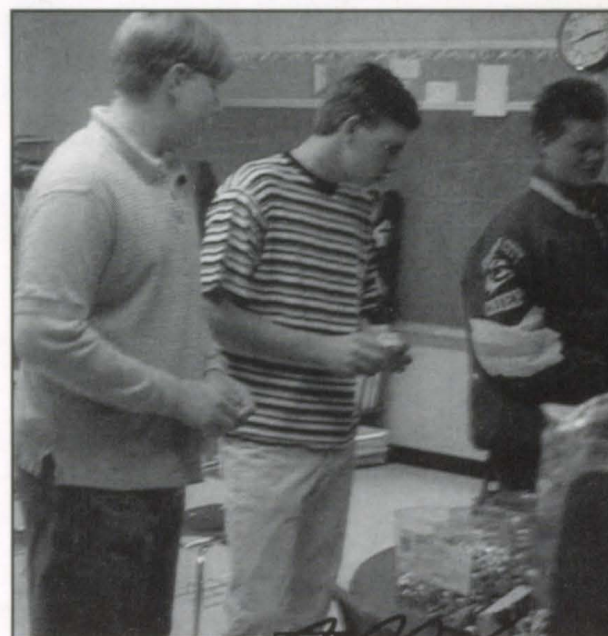
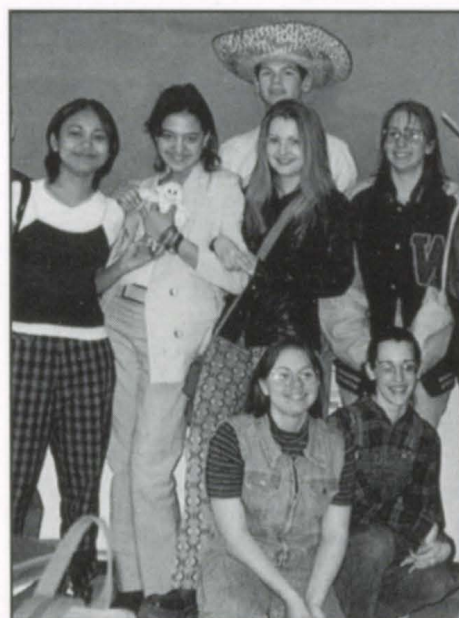
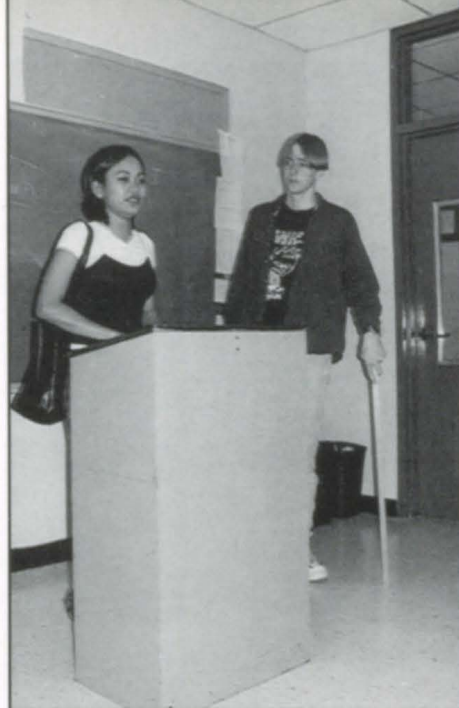


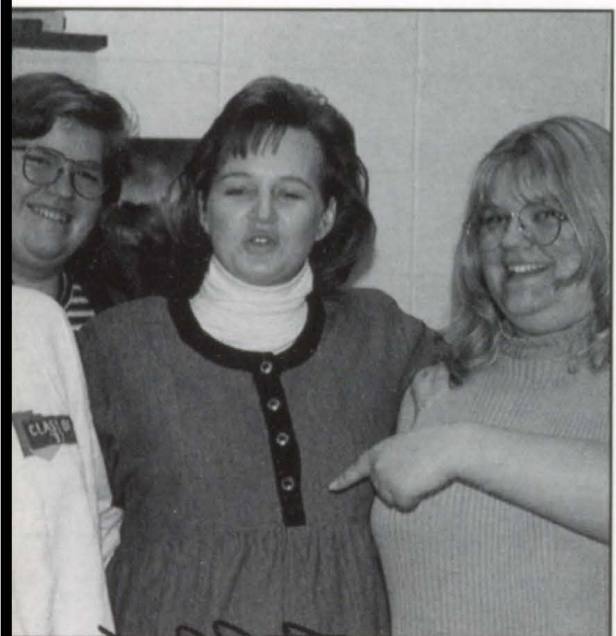
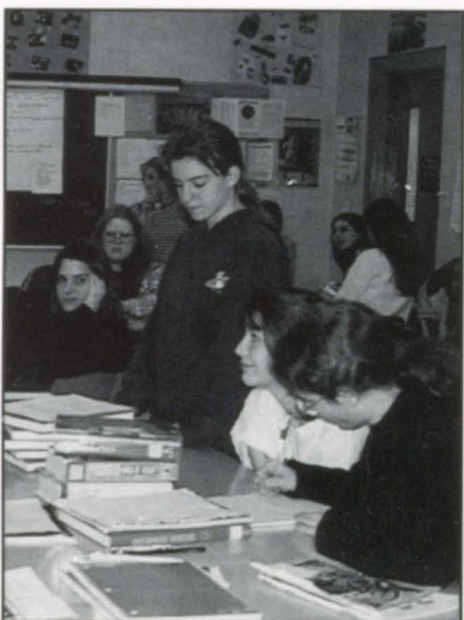
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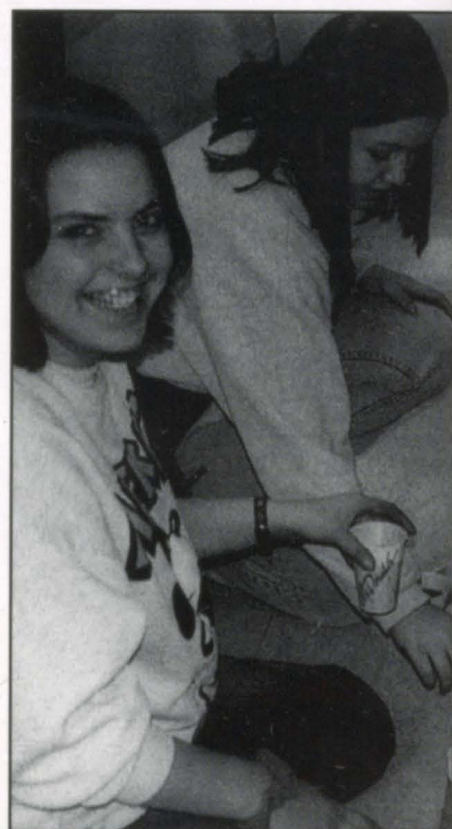
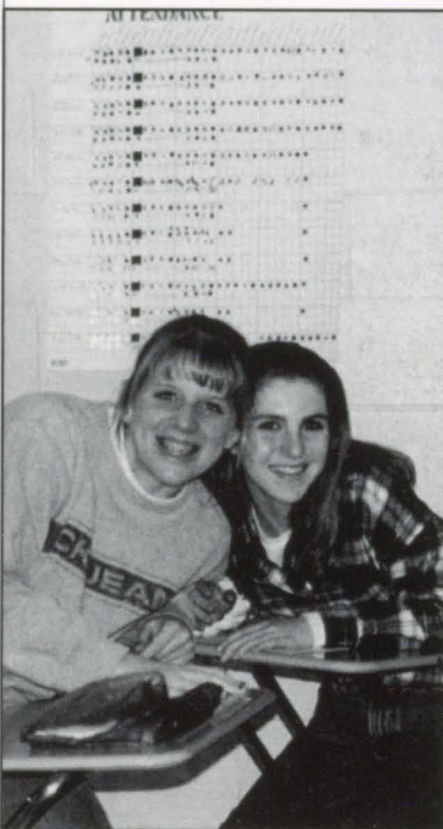




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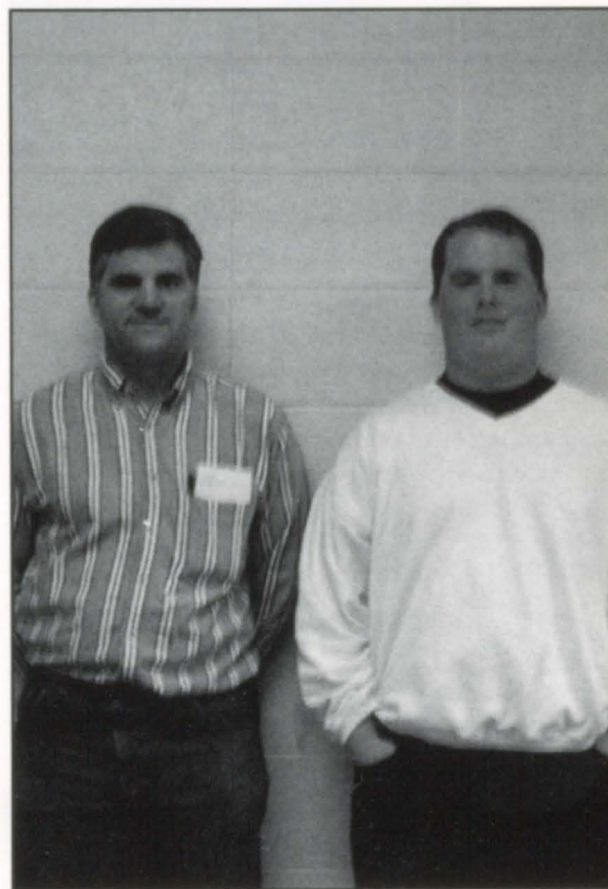


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Front Row: (left to right) Tasha Heap, Tasha Kauble, Leah Brown, Becky Riley, and Jessica Schamma Back Row: (left to right) Luke Zuhone, Chris Delgado, Steve Ruth, and Chad LeBeau.





Health Occupations I



First Row: (left to right) Amy Rook, Wendy Adams, Jamey Justice and Anna Braun
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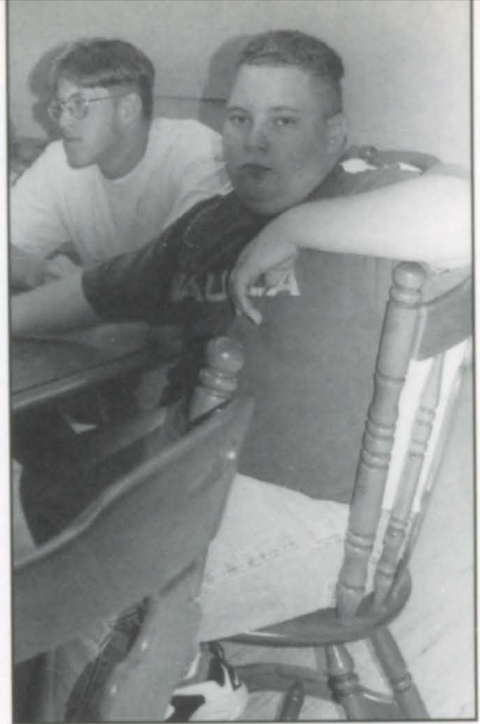
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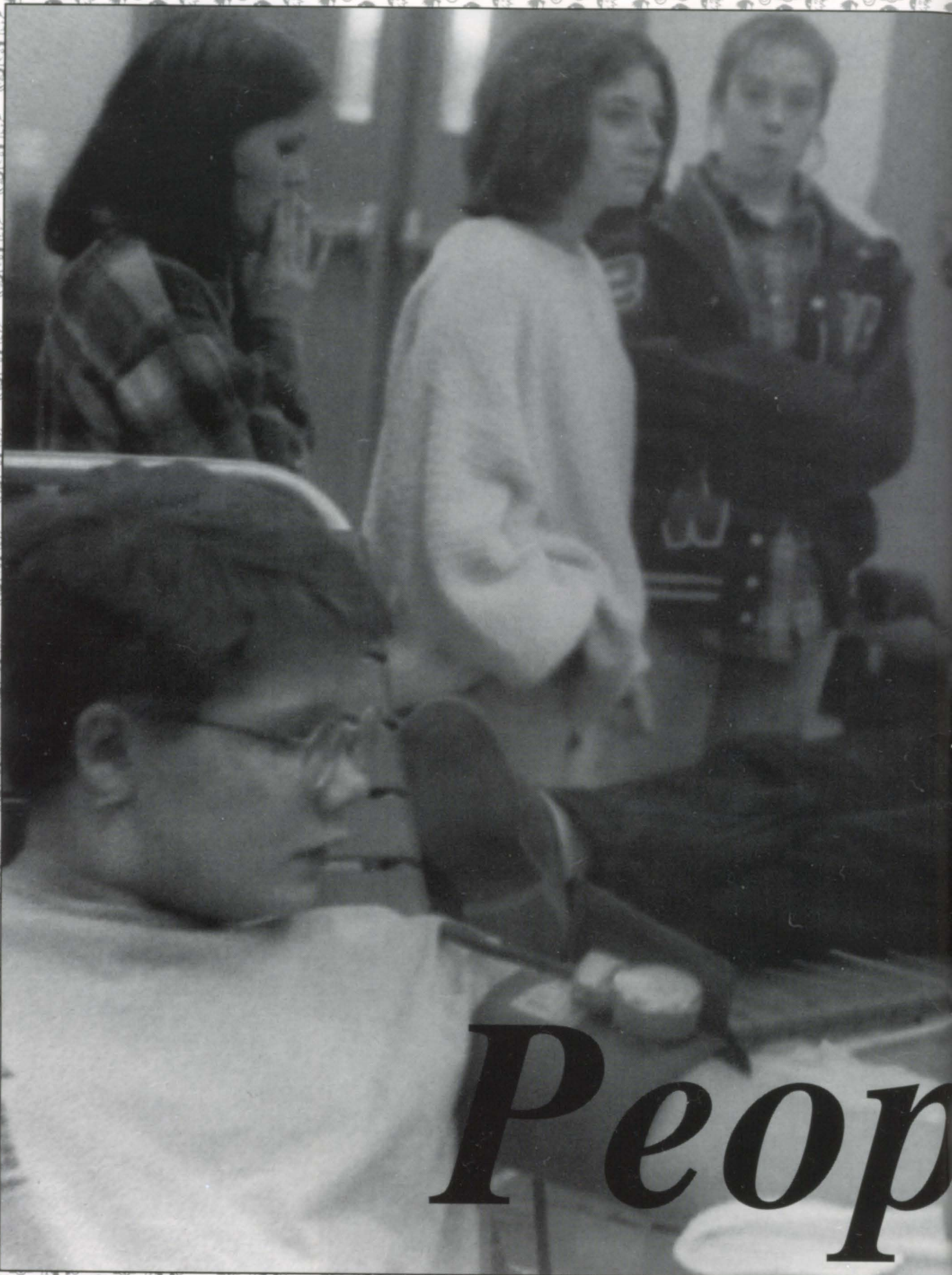


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"Picture This"

By Rachel Waller

Everyone has their own personality and ways of doing things. Some of us like to work alone and some of us like to work with a group of people. There are some people who are visual learners, while others are hands-on learners. No matter what your style is, you are you, and you should be proud of who you are.

In high school there are four different classifications for the students: The young and vulnerable freshman, the sophomores, that are just glad not to be freshman any longer, the juniors, who only have one more year to go, and the all mighty seniors. Along with these classes are all the teachers who put forth their best effort to teach us. Education is vital to our lives and we need to take advantage of the knowledge that our teachers are giving to us.

Every person is different. Some work well with others, while others work better alone. Keep in mind that even though every person is different, that different is not necessarily bad.

Junior Brian Schulte watches as the nurse sticks him with the needle. Schulte generously donates his blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 7.

Erica Priest

Freshmen Make Grand Entrance

By Angie Chism

This year the freshmen made a grand entrance to Wright City High School. Already, they have outdone many of our sophomores, juniors, and even seniors.

"I had more freshmen attend freshmen orientation than I have ever had. It is

great to see so many enthusiastic students," said Janet Freeman, Guidance Counselor.

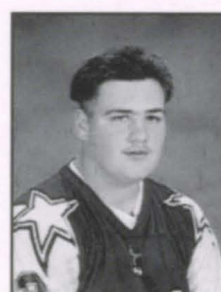
For the first time in many years a freshman received the title of Fall Fest Queen. The title was given to Mandi Tucker. Tucker collected more money than any of other Fall Fest contestants.

During Spirit Week the freshmen won the Hallway Decorating Contest. The judges decided that they had the neatest and most creative hallway out of everyone with their 2000 Leagues Under The Sea theme. The freshmen also came in second place in the canned food contest behind the juniors. Plus, a fresh-

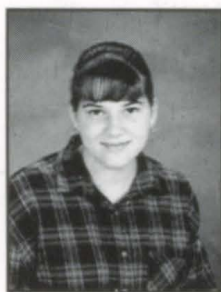
men class was one of the top four money-raisers for the Booneslick Charities in which they won a McDonald's trip.

"This is the best freshmen class the high school has had in a long time, and I am very proud of them," said freshmen class sponsor, Bob Hanna.

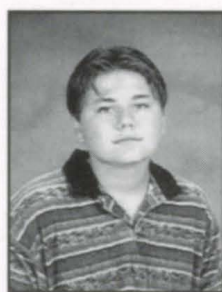
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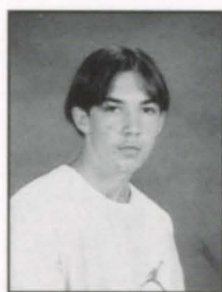
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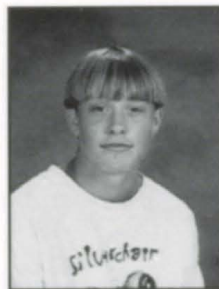
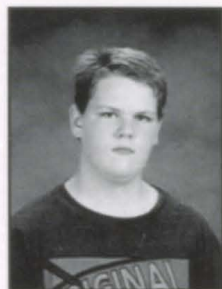
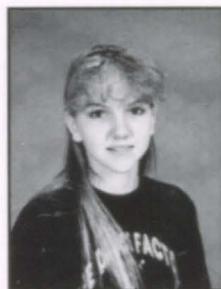


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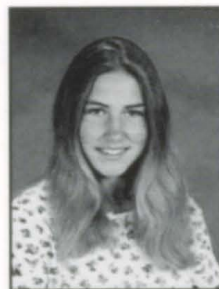
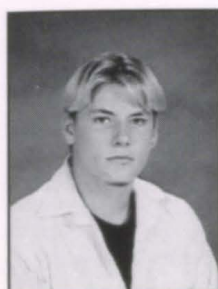




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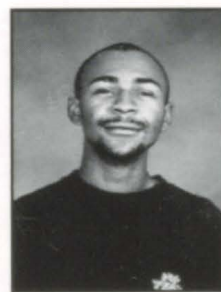
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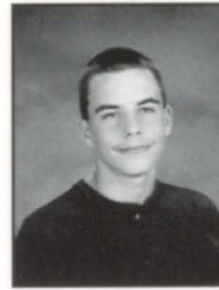
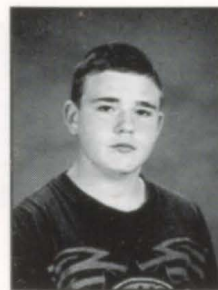
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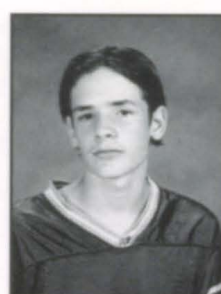
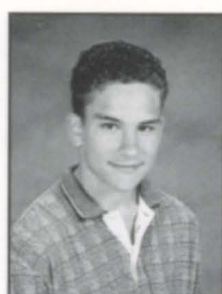
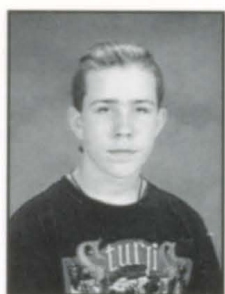


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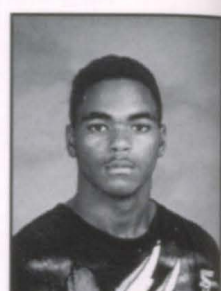
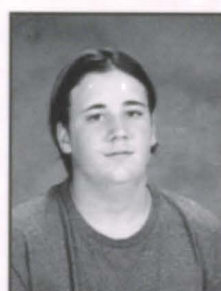


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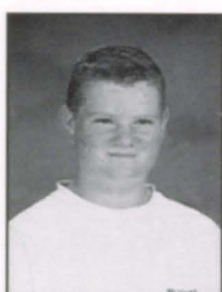
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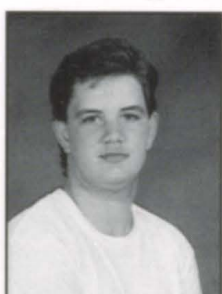
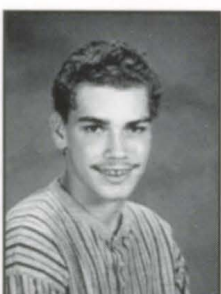
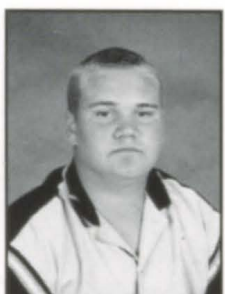
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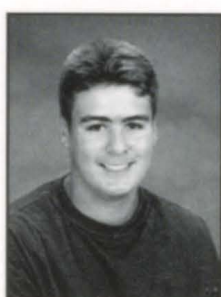
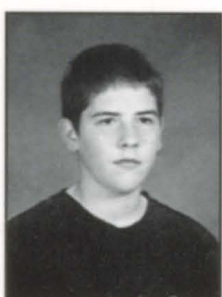
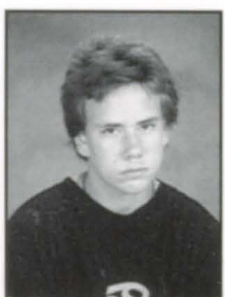
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Tyler Pugh
Dustin Reckamp
Kevin Rohan



Julie Sherrell
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Freshmen Class Officers

President: Kristin Kersting
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Vice-President: Megan Lagemann

Secretary: Mandi Tucker

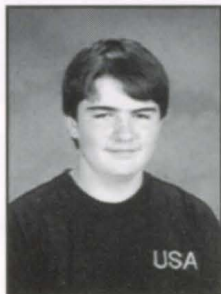
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Jessica Walker



John Walker
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Not Pictured: Theresa Coleman, Armando McVay, Lance Mendez, Morgan Mix, Neva Otten and Samuel Morris.

Class of '99

Sophomore Class Officers

President: Erin Overlander
Vice-President: Andrea Thornton
Secretary: Becky Novelli
Treasurer: Jennifer Thorpe
Class Reps.: Erin Dixon, Misty Lively, and Leahan Ostmann



Sophomores Jacob Morie and Katie Hood presenting their English project to Mr. Shaw's 4th hour class.

Sophomores Jennifer Thorpe and Jessica Krenski enjoying their lunch at McDonald's.



Sophomores Jamie Will, Seth Meier, and Missy Chapman trying to gather peanuts. This was part of Ms. Wright's biology mutations project.



Sophomores Take A Step Up

Sophomores are moving up in the world. They are no longer the low men on the totem pole.

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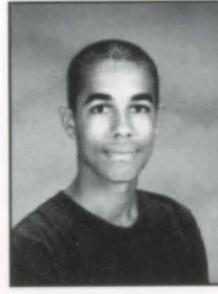
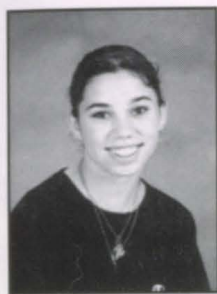
Being a sophomore gives you more opportunities. Most become the age to be able

to get their driver's license. This means more time to spend with friends and more involvement with school activities.

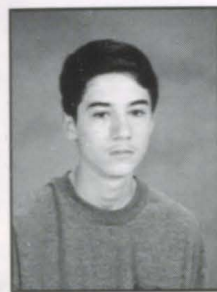
The class sold doughnuts during second semester to save for next year's Prom and have ordered their class rings as

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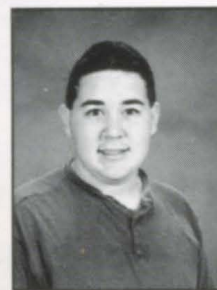
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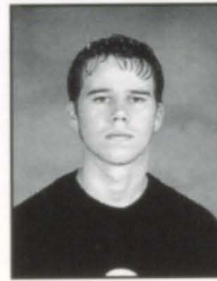
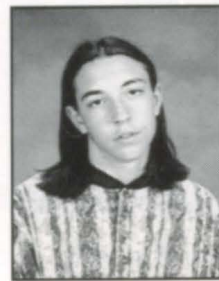
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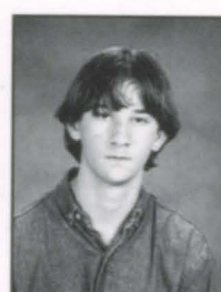


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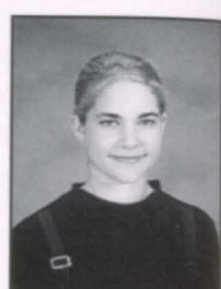
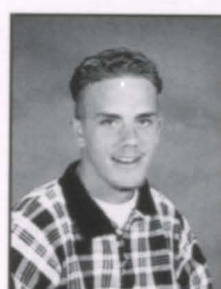


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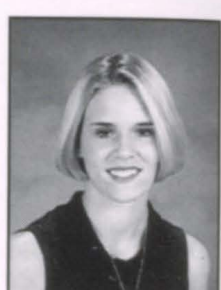
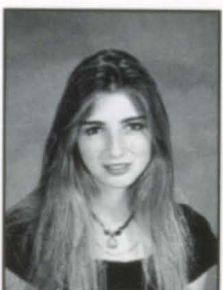
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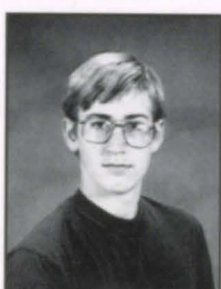
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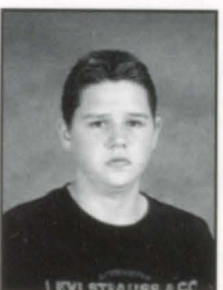
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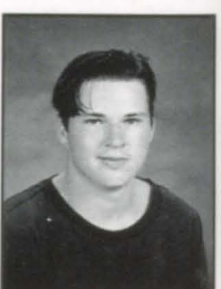
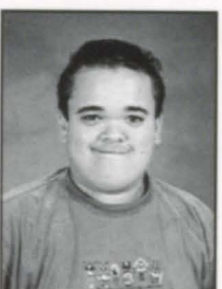
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Sophomores Are Asked If They Would Rather Go To The Movie Theatre Or Rent A Movie And Stay Home...



"I like to go to the movie theater better because of the cute guys."

Kat Vickers



"I go to the movie theater because it is more life-like."

Tim McCutcheon



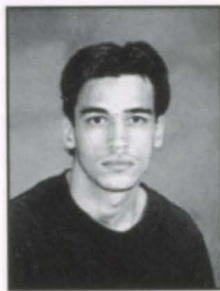
"I would rather go to the movie theater because I get to get out."

Kathryn Collins

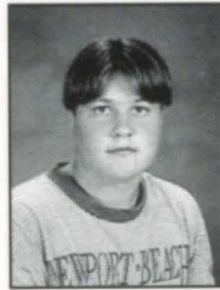
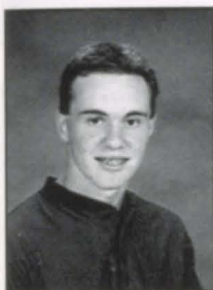


"I like to go to the movie theater because I get away from home and Wright City."

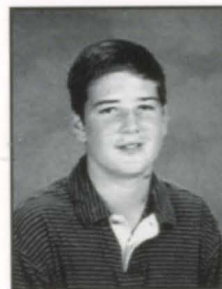
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Damon Tinsley
Catherine Vickers
Lori Walker
Rachel Wlaker



Ernie Washburn
Jada Watson
Christopher Wehrman
Jamie Will

Not Pictured: Shane Byrd, Mike Chapman, Joshua Hobson, Jerome Noble and Jessica Schamma

The Graduating Class Of '98 Wins Trophy

By Jenny Perry

The junior class of 1997 has done a lot this year. They have held a rummage sale, which raised a lot of money. They sold donuts before school to raise money, they also held a raffle. First prize was a

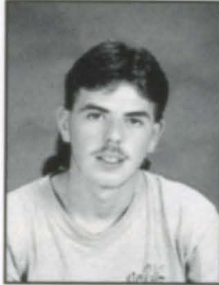
dinner at Innsbrook, second prize was 25 dollars, and third prize was 10 dollars.

The juniors raised three-hundred dollars and went out and bought 1,400 cans for the canned

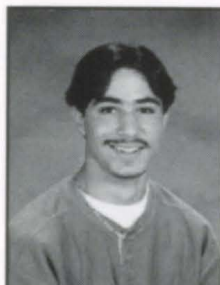
food drive.

"The juniors showed the biggest spirit for the community. They deserved the spirit trophy," commented junior class sponsor Priscilla Wobbe.

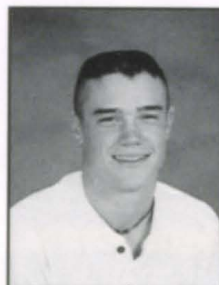
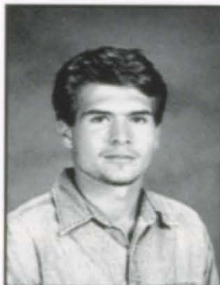
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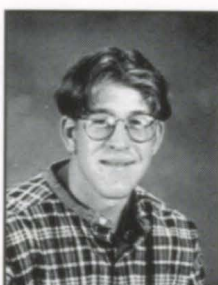
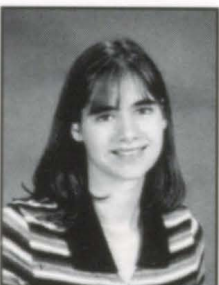
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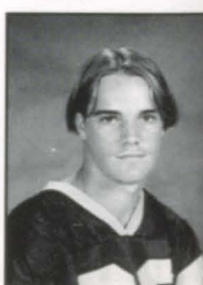
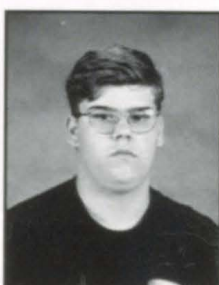
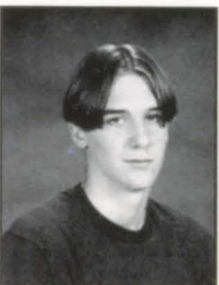
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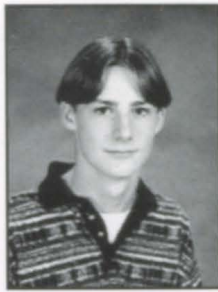
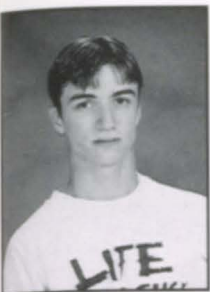


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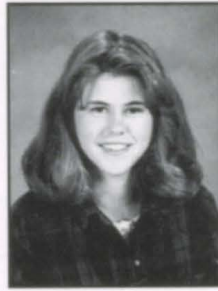


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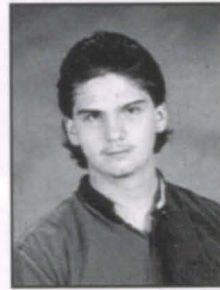
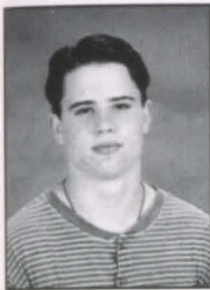




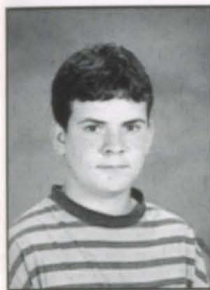
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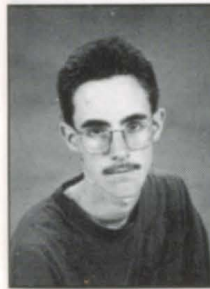
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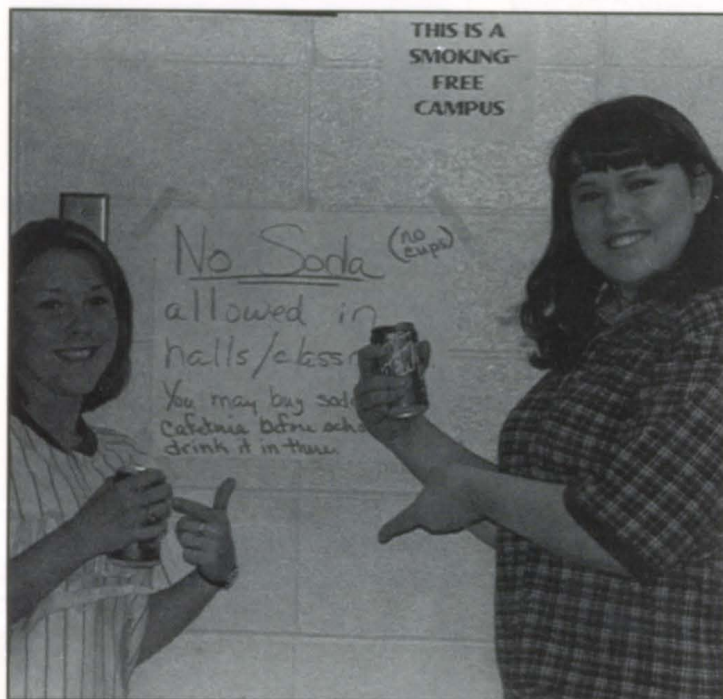
Junior Paul Dutton sharing his victory of winning the spirit trophy with his class.



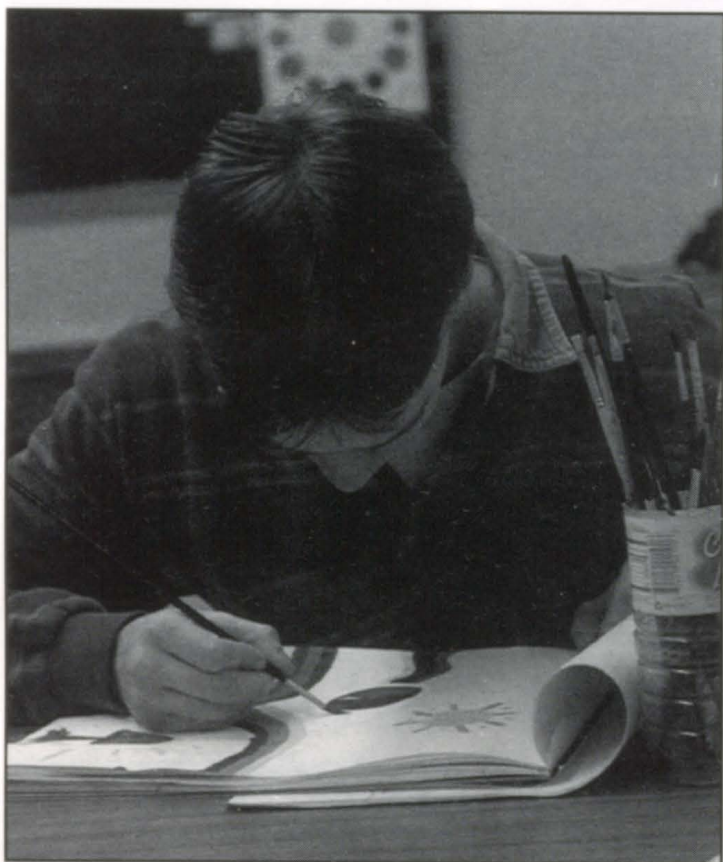
First time donor Brian Schulte giving his blood for those who may need it (middle).

Jamie Johnson in the library finishing up some homework for her next hour class (bottom).

Juniors Jaqueline Pomeroy and Aimee Pettig standing before a "no soda in halls" sign with their beverages.



Tonya Sydnor along with her friend Erica Priest, on their trip for raising money for Booneslick Charities.



Erica Priest

Brad House, junior, working on one of his many art projects in Mr. Beer's class.

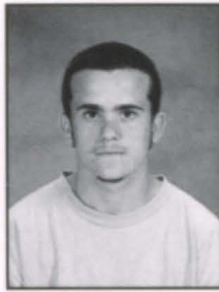
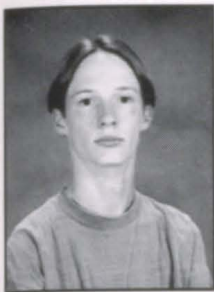
Former Fall Fest Queen Alexis Pomeroy makes her entrance with junior escort Adam Williams.



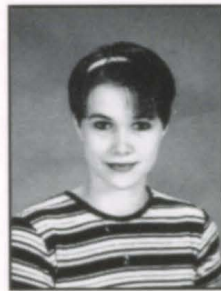
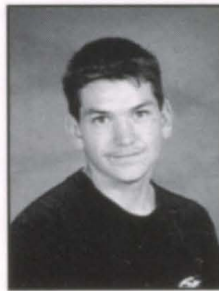
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Christina Raines
Stephen Rohan
Amy Rook



Steven Ruth
Earl Samson
Tonya Schneider
Brian Schulte



Angela Scissors
Jeremy Stoechner
Alanna Stonebarger
Tonya Sydnor



Crystal Tinsley
Robert Vaughn
Adam Williams
Jennifer Williams



Letisha Wood

Not Pictured: Leah Brown, Ryan Creamer, Christopher Delgado, Bradley House, Johndrea Jefferson, Tasha Kauble, Candy Robison, and James Romans



Sara North

Junior Class Officers: President Amy Rook, Vice President Aimee Pettig, Treasurer Melany Hubbard, Secretary Anna Braun, Class Representatives Angie Scissors, Paul Dutton, and Robbie Vaughn.

Mark Blackmore: Univ. of MO, B.S. Music Ed., M.S. Curriculum and Instruction Music; Marching, Pep, and Concert Band Director.

David Brumfield: Southwest MO State Univ., B.S. Ed., M.A. Art, English.

Patricia Carter: Southwest MO State Univ.; Earth Science Secondary Ed.

Dan Charlton: Murray State Univ.; B.S. Business Ed.

Janet Clarke: Pittsburg State Univ., B.M.E. Voice and Instrumental; Choir Director.

David Cook: Univ. of MO- Columbia, B.S. Ag., M.S. Ed.; FFA Advisor.

Chandra Davis: St. Charles Community College; Alternative Ed.

Sue Ell: St. Mary's of O'Fallon, B.S. Nursing, St. Louis University, RN; Health Occ.

Janet Freeman: Eastern Illinois Univ., B.S. Ed. English, Univ. of MO- St. Louis, M.S. Ed.; Secondary School Guidance and Counseling, Stu-Co sponsor.

K. David Gerdeman: Southern IL Univ.- Edwardsville, B.S. Ed.; Physical Ed.

Robyn Gray: Southeast MO State Univ., B.S. Secondary Ed. Mathematics; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Stacy Greer: Univ. of MO- Columbia, B.A. Psychology, UMSL, M.S. Ed.; Counseling.

Robert Hanna: Univ. of MO, B.S. Ed.; Spanish Club, Freshman Class Sponsor.

Betty Hawley: Kent State Univ., Maryville Univ.; Special Ed.

Helene Hodak: Southeast MO State, B.S. of Science; Secondary Ed.; Journalism/Publications Advisor.

Frank Lake: Univ. of MO, B.S. Ed. Social Studies, M.A. Curriculum and Instructional Ed.; Senior Class Sponsor.

Jeannie Lane: Southeast MO State Univ., Old Dominion Univ., B.S. English, M.S. Ed.; Senior Class Sponsor.

Margret McCutchen: MO Baptist, B.S. Ed. Science.





Charlotte Pettigo: Southern Illinois Univ., Special Education.



Kathleen Preslopsky: B.A. William Paterson College Wayne, NJ, M.A. Lindenwood College.; Librarian.



Nancee Rippeto: St. Luke's School of Nursing, RN; School Nurse Since 1976.



Sid Rodriguez: Missouri Western State College, B.S. Ed.; Girls' Basketball Coach, Assistant Track Coach, P.E. and Health.



Ryan Shaw: B.A. Central Univ. Iowa; Assistant Track Coach, Boy's Basketball Coach, English.



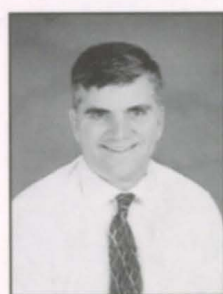
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Dan Springman: University of MO, B.S. Ed.; Social Studies and Baseball Coach.



Melissa Starr: Illinios State Univ., B.S. Special Ed.; Cheerleading Sponsor.



Gregory Trotonic: Pittsburgh State Univ., Boston Univ.; Industrial Tech Ed.



Pauline Von Hoffer: Drury College, Univ. of MO- Rolla, A.B. Math, Secondary Ed., M.S. Applied Math; Math Club Sponsor.



Diane Ward: Eastern IL Univ., B.S. Science and Zoology; NHS Sponsor.



Ed Wiegert: Rockhurst College, B.A. in History and Ed.; Soccer Coach.



Becky Wegener: Lindenwood College, B.S. Elem. Ed., M.S. Ed.



Pricilla Wobbe: Southern IL Univ.- Edwardsville, Univ. of MO- St. Louis, B.S. Mathematics, M.S. Ed. Counseling; Junior Class Sponsor.



Sue Wright: Southern MO State Univ., B.S. Ed. Physical Ed. and Biology; Track Coach, Assistant Softball Coach.



Not Pictured:

Terry Beer: Eureka College, Eureka IL; Art and Physical Ed., Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, Junior Class Sponsor.

Jamie Ferguson: Teaching Aide.

Vicki Matthis: Southeast MO State Univ., B.S. Secondary Ed.; Social Studies, Quiz Bowl.

The Senior Class Of 1997



Wendy Adams



Sevara Alimova



Michael Bates



Teri Boschert



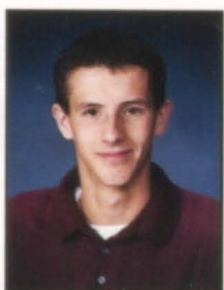
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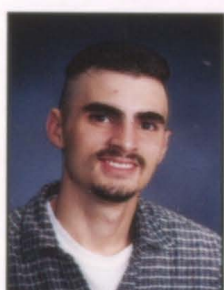
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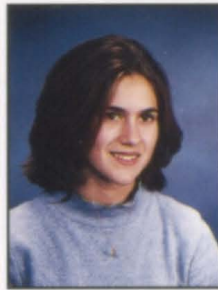
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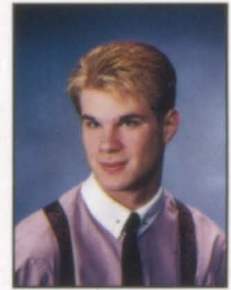
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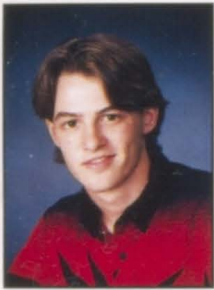
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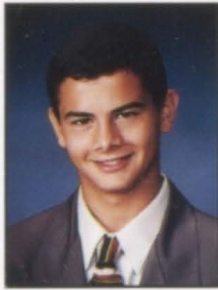
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Chad LeBeau



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Mayfield



Grace
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Adam Meyer



Sheila Mintner



Brian Mohr



Melissa Nelson



Dale Nicolas



Sara North

Senior Class Picnic

Seniors Todd Reckamp, David Venneman, Ryan Thornton, and Dan Rygelski leisurely hang out in the park on Friday, May 23.



Aimey Paul



Aimey Paul

Senior Tara Scoggin poses on the playground equipment.

Seniors Sara North, Katie Filson, and Bill Denson remember the good old days again as they climb onto the teeter totters.



Aimey Paul



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Senior Adam Meyer gives fellow classmates Ryan Thornton and David Venneman a push.

Senior Chrystal Heap takes a break to sit and talk.



Aimey Paul



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Seniors Christine Kurtzeborn, David Venneman, Kati Boyd, Trish Skorcz, Brook Hertzler, and Adam Meyer enjoy a sunny afternoon at Diekroger Park.

Senior Tiffany Helling wraps her fellow classmates in paper towels as she wins the paper towel roll game for the seniors.



Rachel Waller

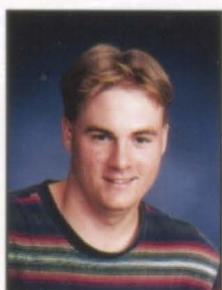
Seniors enter the gym with pride as they show off their spirit to the other classes during the Homecoming spirit games Dec. 20.



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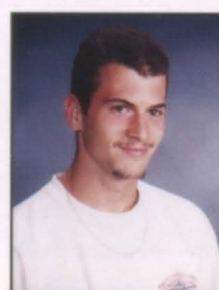
Todd Reckamp



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Joshua
Rittinger



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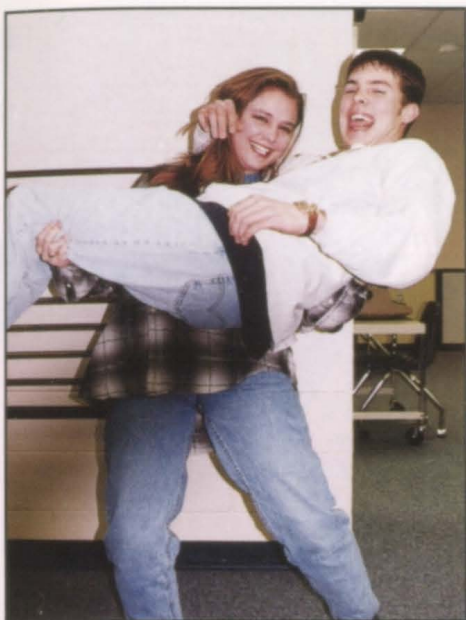
Chad White



Angela Will

Not Pictured: Misty Alvis, Samantha Bigelow, Kenneth Cain, Jennifer Clemonds, Terrill Cotton, William Denson, Darnisha Gurley, Kyle Koehler, Jason Odom, Toni Schamma, Alicia Scoggin, Kelly Tomes, & Mary Weber

Most Outgoing: Mike Wells & Teri Boschert



Teacher's Pets: Jim Luetkenhaus & Trish Skorcz



Senior Traits

Who are the best, worst, and most likely???



Most Musical: Joey Maestas & Amy Tinsley

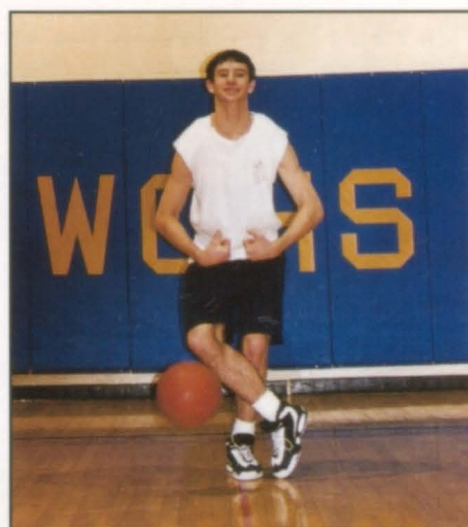
Most Likely To Skip Class: Jul Deuser [Not Pictured] & Amanda Key



Most Likely To Remain A Bachelor/Bachelorette: Jeremy Johnson, Chad Thompson & Brook Hertzler [Not Pictured]



Most Athletic: Josh Cole



Crabbiest: Jessie Jaeger & Lesley Held





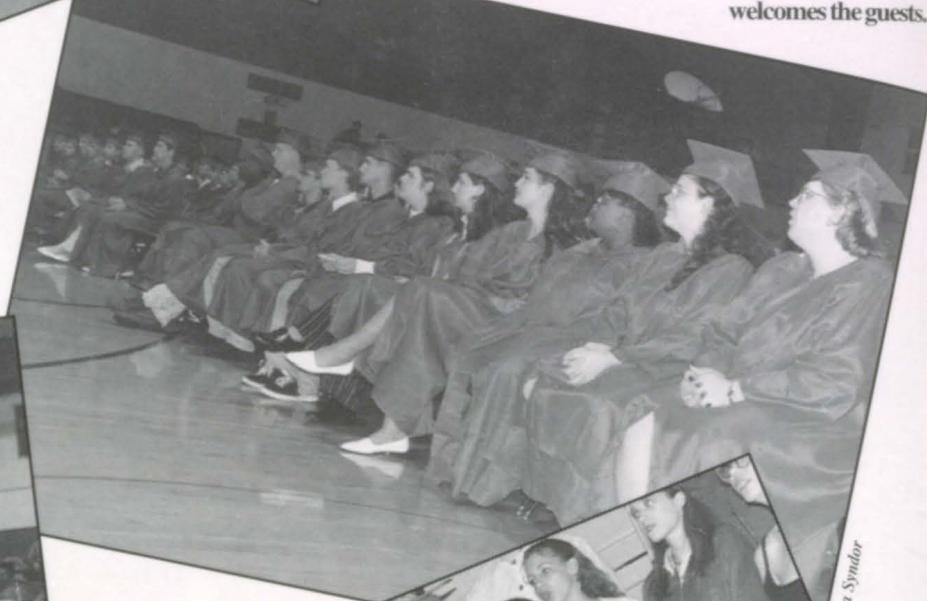
Christine Kurtzeborn, the 1997 valedictorian, speaking to fellow classmates.



Salutatorian Robert Kramer addressing his class.



Mike Bates, senior class president, welcomes the guests.



Seniors look on as Florence Blanks speaks of the future.



Dr. Overlander flips David Venneman's tassel as a sign of an official WC graduate



Lisa Hopson sings her solo, "For You I Will," at the graduation.

Graduation 1997

By Angie Chism

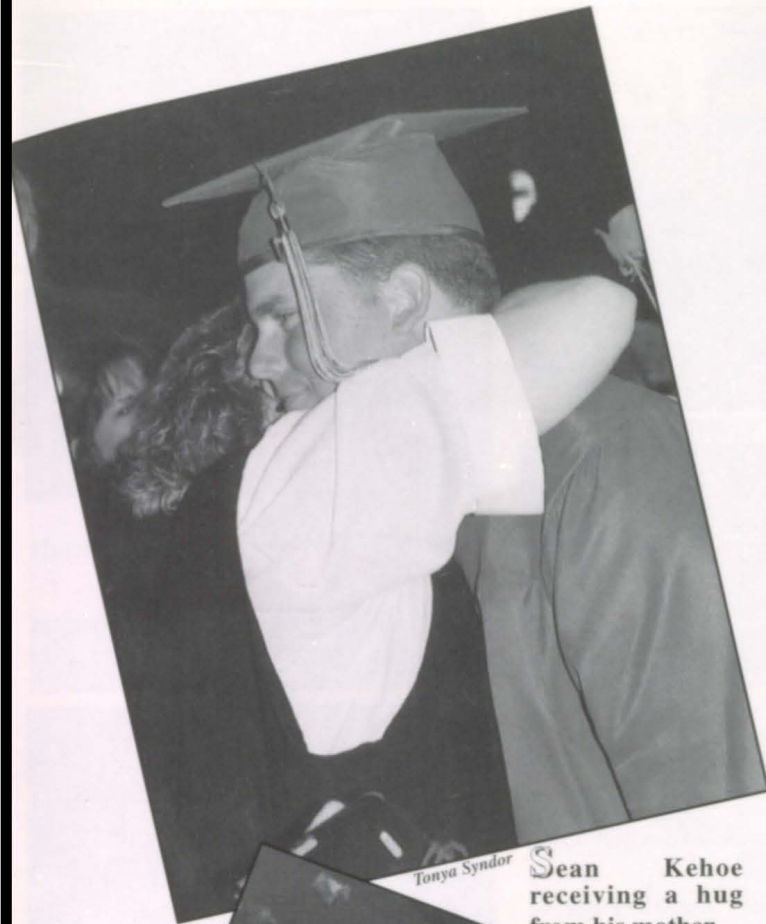
"Pomp and Circumstance" echoed in the gymnasium as the 1997 graduates made their final processional down the aisles.

Mr. Jim Otten, high school principal, welcomed the crowd of family and friends to the ceremony. Mike Bates, Senior Class President, spoke to his class. A new addition, the Rose Ceremony, was introduced by Brook Hertzler as Senior Lisa Hopson sang "For You I Will" with the chorus backing her up. The slide show brought back memories from child shots to the grown-up senior. "I Believe I Can Fly" was per-

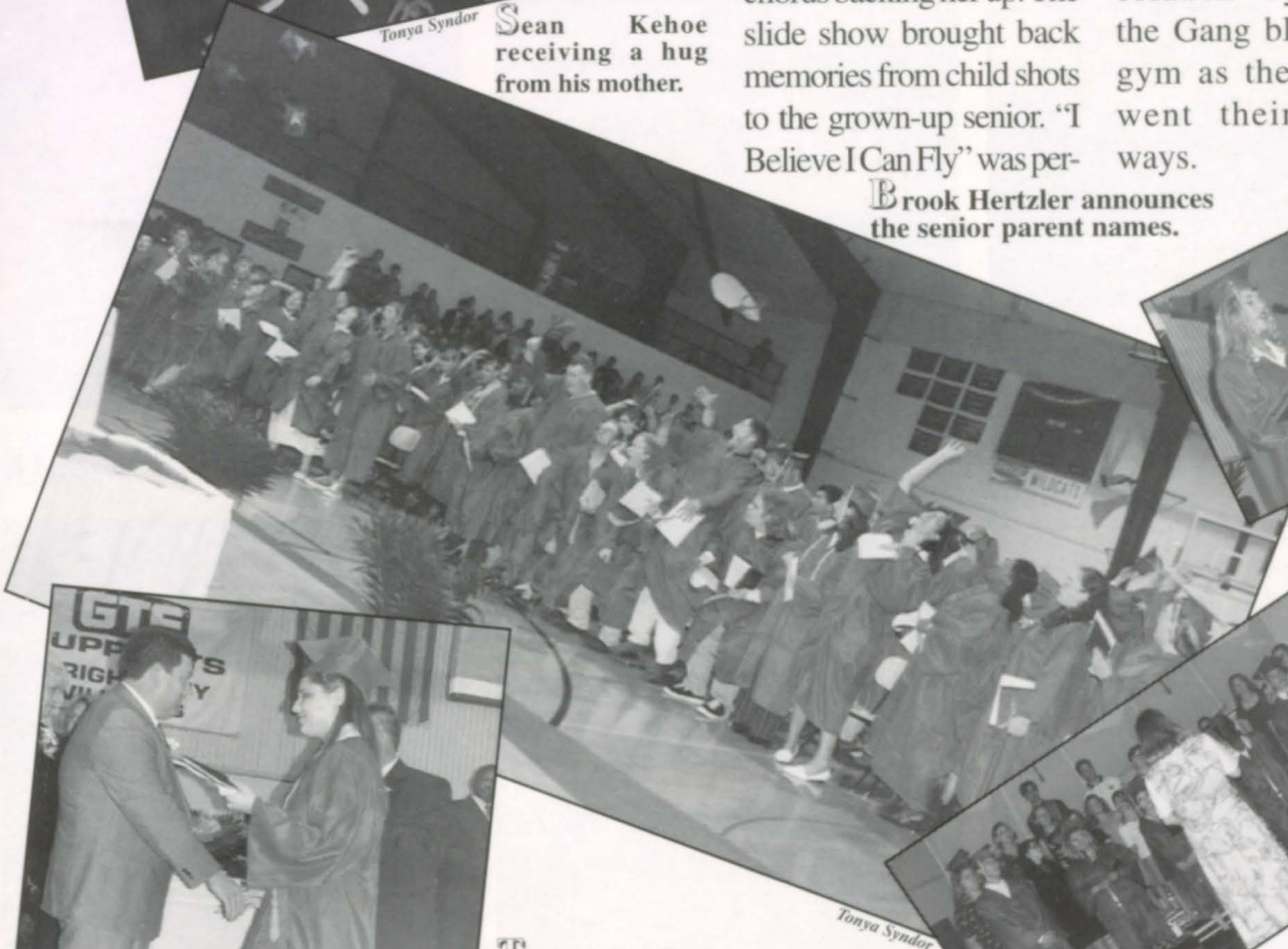
formed by the chorus, spotlighting seniors Jessie Jaeger, Mike Bates, Monique LaRocque, Angie Will, and Lisa Hopson. The valedictorian was Christine Kurtzeborn and commencement address was done by Florence Blanks, School Board Vice President. Mr. Otten presented the 1997 class, and the school board and Superintendent Dr. Maurice Overlander gave out diplomas.

Recessional "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang blared in the gym as the graduates went their separate ways.

Brook Hertzler announces the senior parent names.



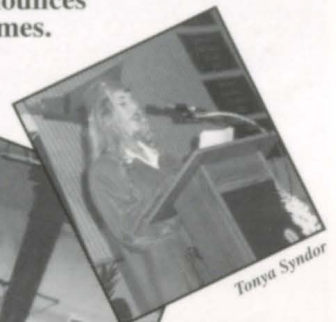
Tonya Syndor Sean Kehoe receiving a hug from his mother.



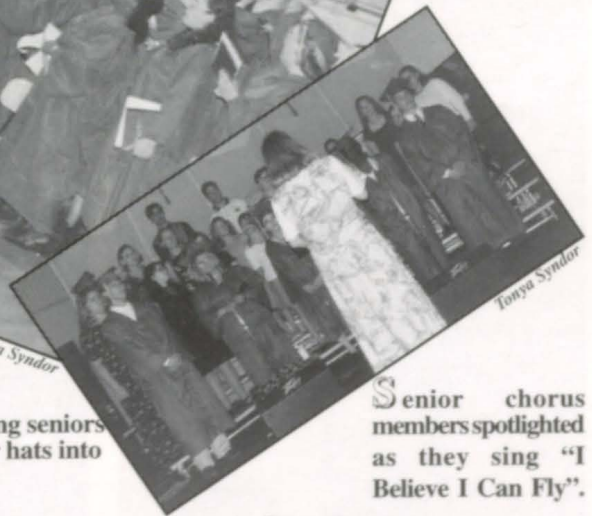
Tonya Syndor



Tonya Syndor Teri Boschert accepting her diploma from School Board President Larry Zuhone.



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Graduating seniors throw their hats into the air.

Senior chorus members spotlighted as they sing "I Believe I Can Fly".

Best Smile: Robby Bote [Not Pictured] & Michelle King



Craziest: Dave Venneman & Wendy Adams

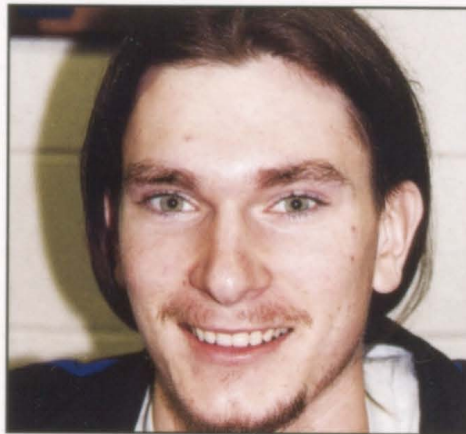
Best Sense Of Humor: Adam Meyer & Katie Filson

Best Car: Bob Kramer & Darnisha Gurley



Best Hair: Randy Deatherage & Aimey Paul

Best Eyes: Dale Nicholas & Samantha Bigelow

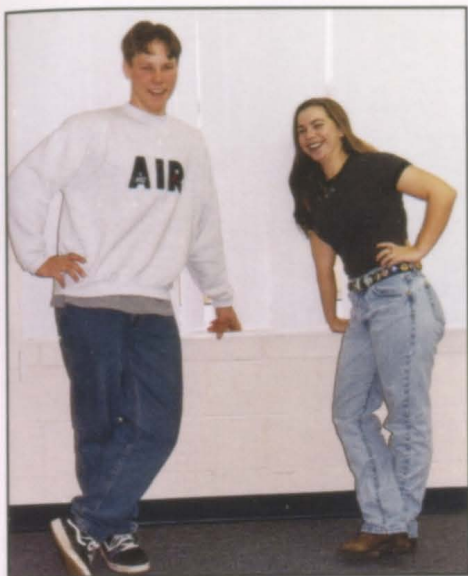


Best Couple: Antywan Mayfield & Stacey Huskey

Most School Spirit: Brian Mohr & Erin Gilmore



Best Dressed: Jason Odom & Kati Boyd



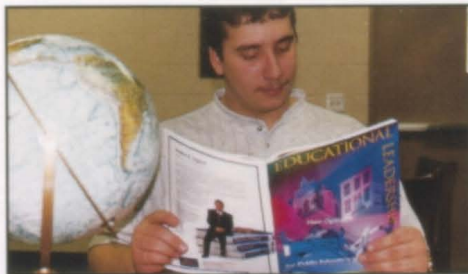
Most Shy: Sean Kehoe & Wendy Martin



Most Feared: Terrill Cotton & Lisa Hopson



Best Leader: Mike Bates & Tiffany Helling



Most Likely To Call The Homework Hotline: Josh Rittenger



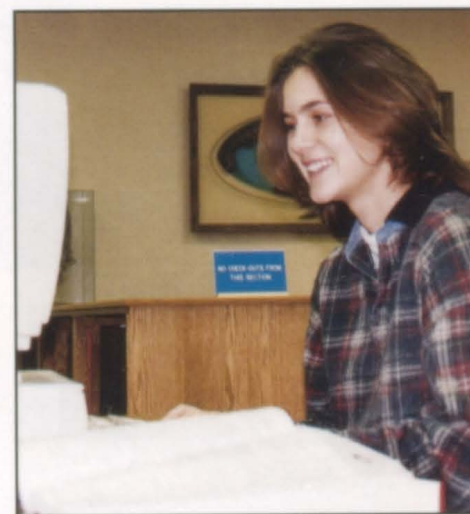
Most Rebellious: Jake Sewell & Shelly Merz



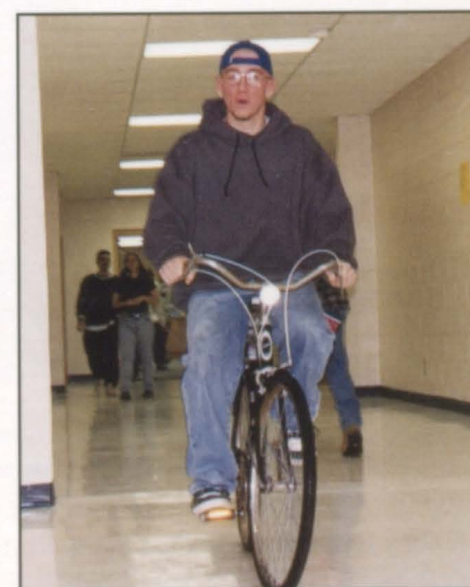
Biggest Flirt: Bill Denson



Most Likely To Succeed: Christine Kurtzeborn



Class Clown: Ryan Thorton



Seniors gather in a fellow classmates yard to chat with friends before deciding where they should get a bite to eat at.



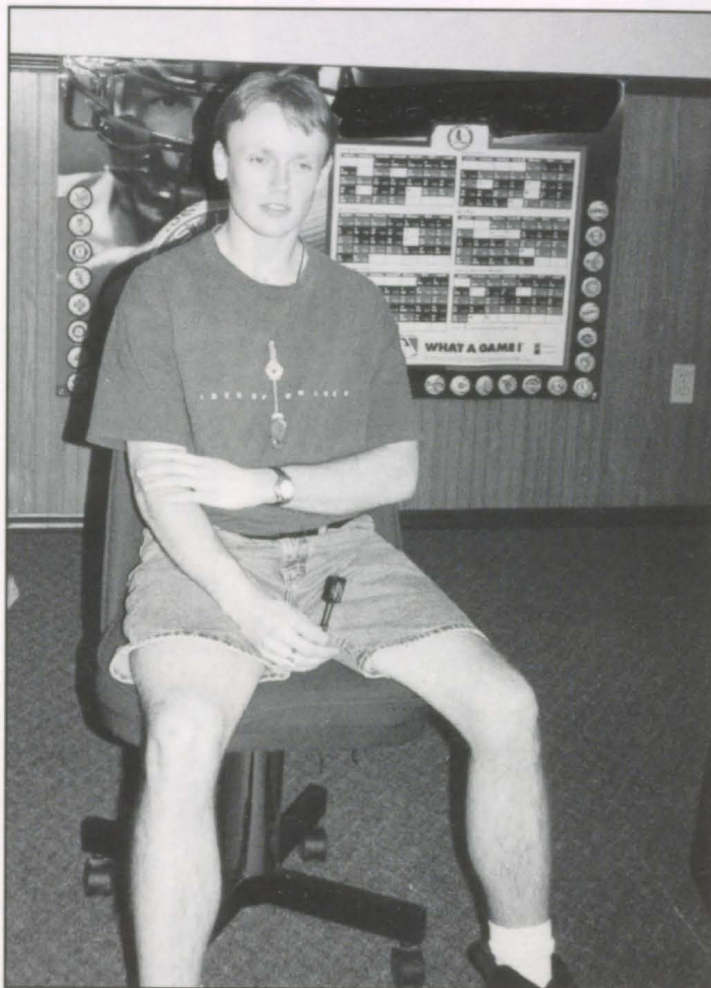
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Seniors Mike Wells and Ryan Thornton removing roadkill from the back of Adam Meyer's truck after a scavenger hunt one afternoon.

Bobby Kramer sits in Fast & Co. Restaurant as he awaits his meal.



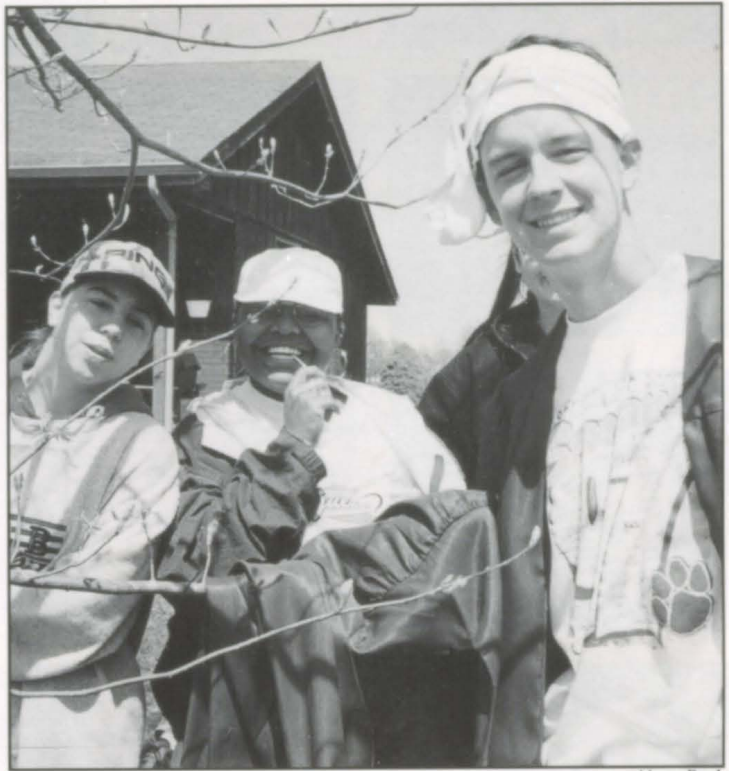
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Sara North and Michelle King sit in Fast & Co. Restaurant with friends on Friday, April 25.

Kati Boyd, Darnisha Gurley, and Adam Meyer smile for the camera as they enjoy a sunny afternoon away from school.



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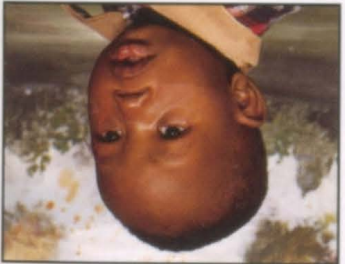


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Ryan Thronton, Jake Sewell, Mike Wells, Lesley Held, and Brook Hertzler talk among friends in Lesley Held's front yard.

[Handwritten signature]

1. Wendy Adams 2. Misty Alvis 3. Kati Boyd 4 Robby Bote and Adam Meyer 5. Tonya Cook 6. Katie Filson 7. Erin Gilmore 8. Crystal Heap 9. Tiffany Helling 10. Brook Hertzler 11. Lisa Hopson 12. Mandy Key 13. Christine Kurtzeborn 14. Antywan Mayfield 15. Shelly Merz 16. Sheila Mintner 17. Brian Mohr 18. Sara North 19. Aimey Paul 20. Todd Reckamp 21. Josh Ritenger 22. Trish Skorcz

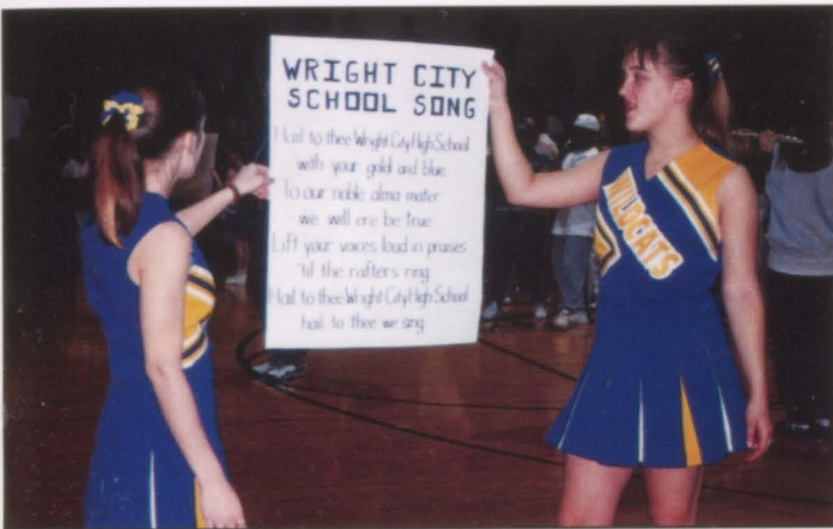


Can you guess who we are?

Senior Baby Pictures



Tonya Sydnor



Aimey Paul



Aimey Paul

Seniors show their pride by singing their class chant.

Senior cheerleaders Tara Scoggin and Angie Will hold the school song that became a tradition to be sung before all home games.

Senior Terrill Cotton and Jul Deuser tug during the spirit games held December 20.

For \$20,000 would you go three months without washing yourself, brushing your teeth, or using deodrant?



"Yes. I would just try to dodge everyone and buy lots of Lysol."
-Senior Todd Reckamp



"No. If anybody would come around me what would be the point of having money."
-Senior Jamie Johnson

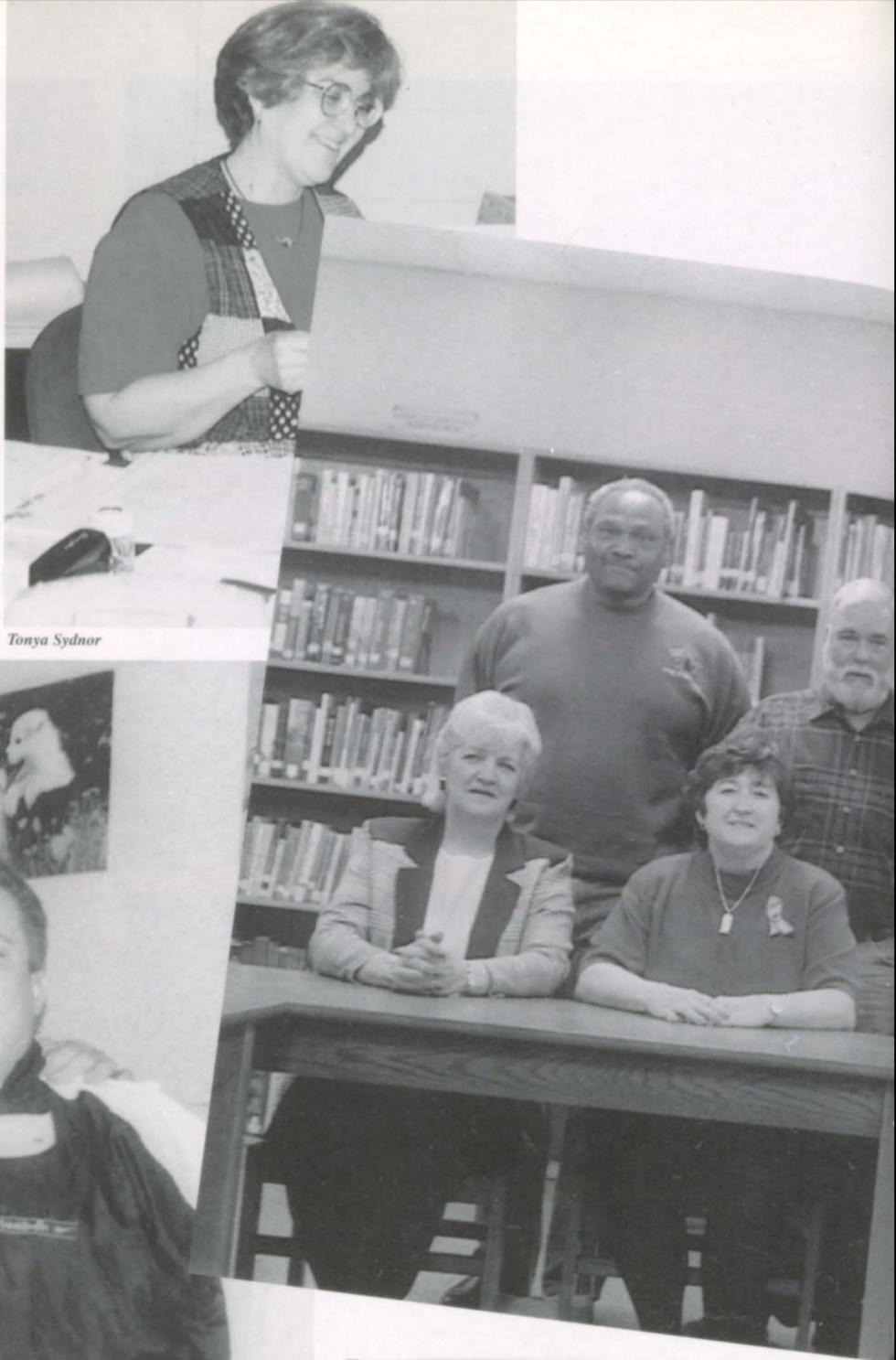


"Yes. I would just pretend I was active in sports and that is why I smell bad."
-Senior Josh Rittinger

Guidance Counselor Janet Freeman happily examines her work (Right).

Wright City School Board Members Front Row: (left to right) Dorothy Key, Treasurer Mary Groeper, President Larry Zuhone, Secretary Sherry Hollenbeck Back Row: (left to right) Vice President Florence Blanks, Jim Lowry, Leroy Mikus, and Superintendent Dr. Maurice Overlander.

High School Principal Jim Otten poses with Junior Robbie Vaughn, while waiting in line at the school store.



Tonya Sydnor



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High School secretary Konee Box beams before placing grades into the computer.



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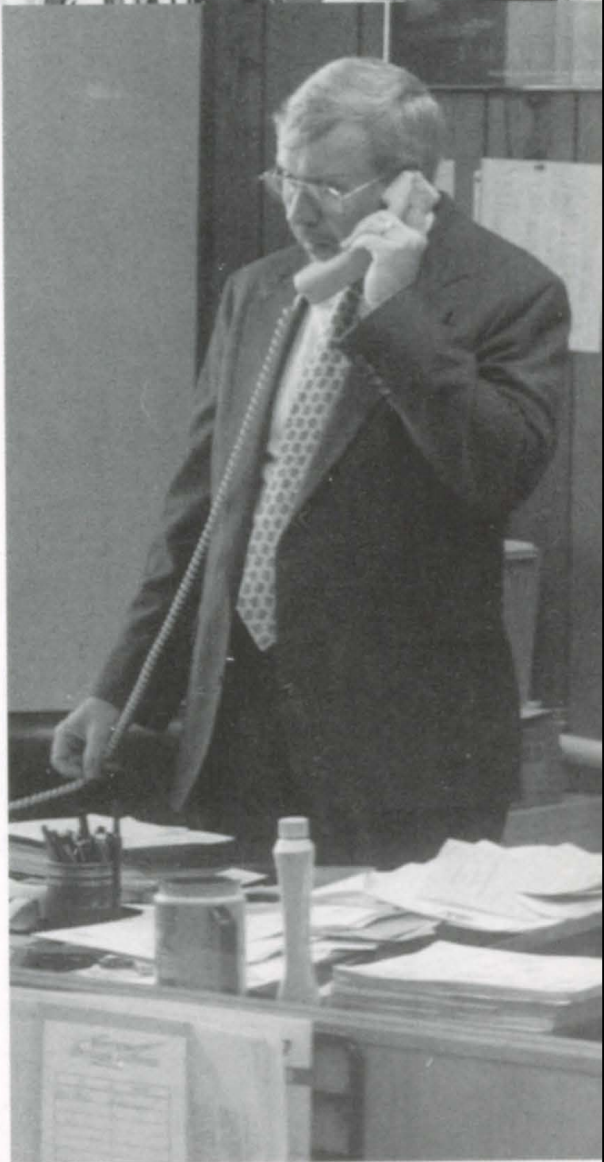
High School Secretary Billie Arnett checking the clock before writing a unexcused pass for junior Angie Jolly.

Tonya Sydnor



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Food Technicians [a.k.a. 'Lunch Ladies']: (left to right) Gladys Eversmeyer, Peggy Fliehman, Karen Huster, and Virginia Tomschin.



Tonya Sydnor

Dr. Maurice Overlander taking care of business at the high school during Mr. Jim Otten's absence.



"This Is How We Do It"

By Rachel Waller

When you are asked about your high school years, you will probably have many memories. Some memories will be of school, some of work, and some will be of all the other events that affected your high school memories.

Some of the most newsworthy events that happened during the 1996-1997 school year were tragic, while others were enlightening.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's...Hale-Bopp. Hale-Bopp was a comet that was discovered by two men, Hale and Bopp, earlier this year. The comet was last seen in 2213 B.C. and won't be seen again for another 2,400 years.

You can call it a miracle, but most call it motherly instincts. A three year old boy fell 20ft. into the gorilla pit at the Brookfield Zoo, Aug. 16. One of the gorillas rescued the boy and brought him to a door where the boy could be reached by paramedics.

Some memories are unforgettable, while others you have to be reminded of and the yearbook is "how we do it."

Senior class officers Brook Hertzler, Erin Gilmore, Lesley Held, Mike Bates, and Trish Skorcz, hang around the high school entrance sign for a group shot.

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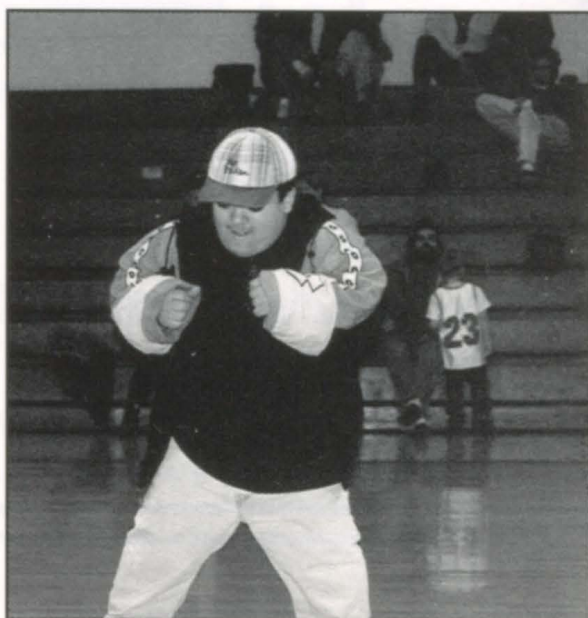
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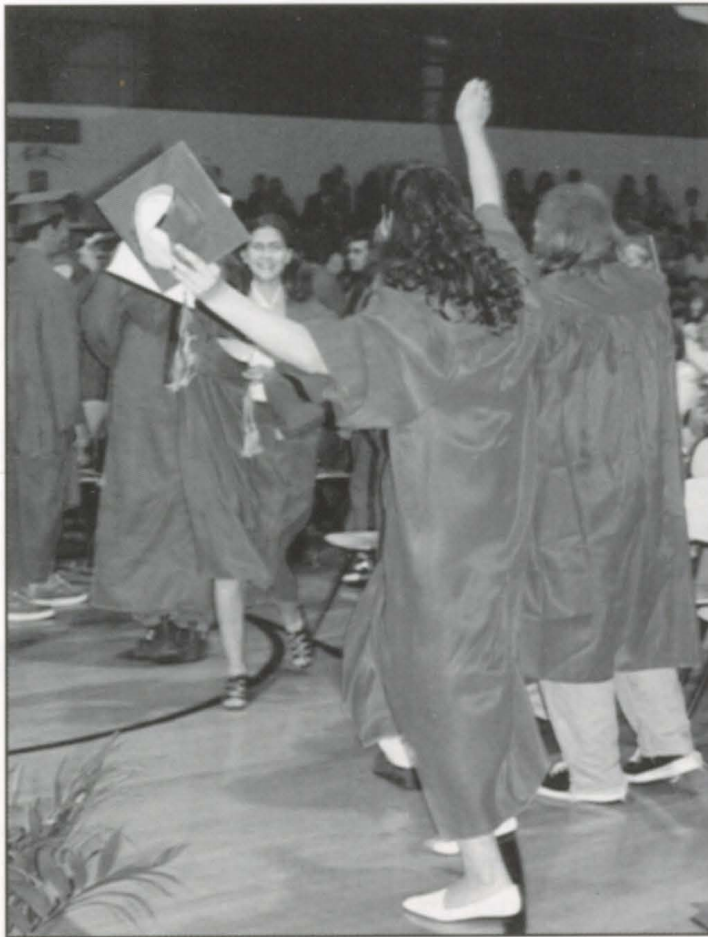
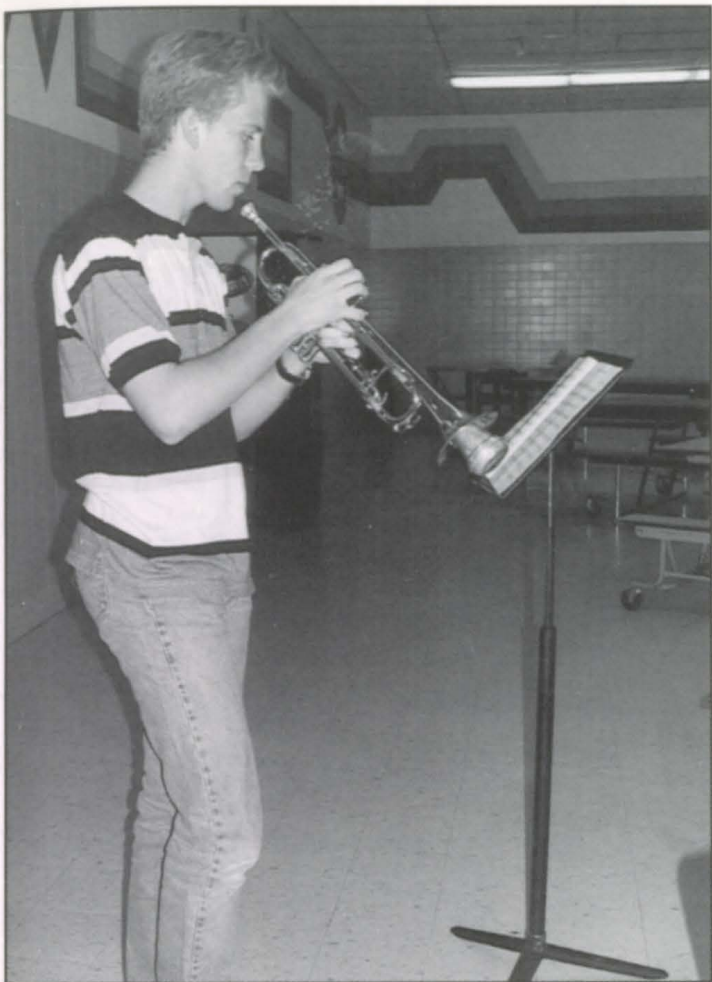
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