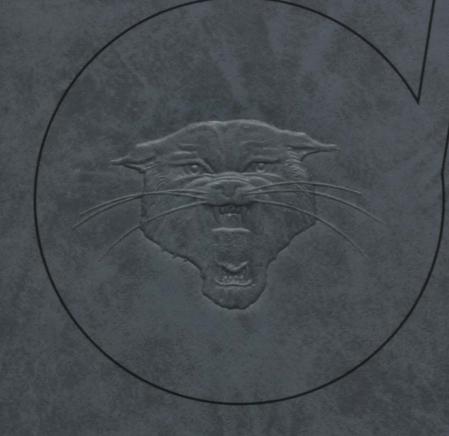
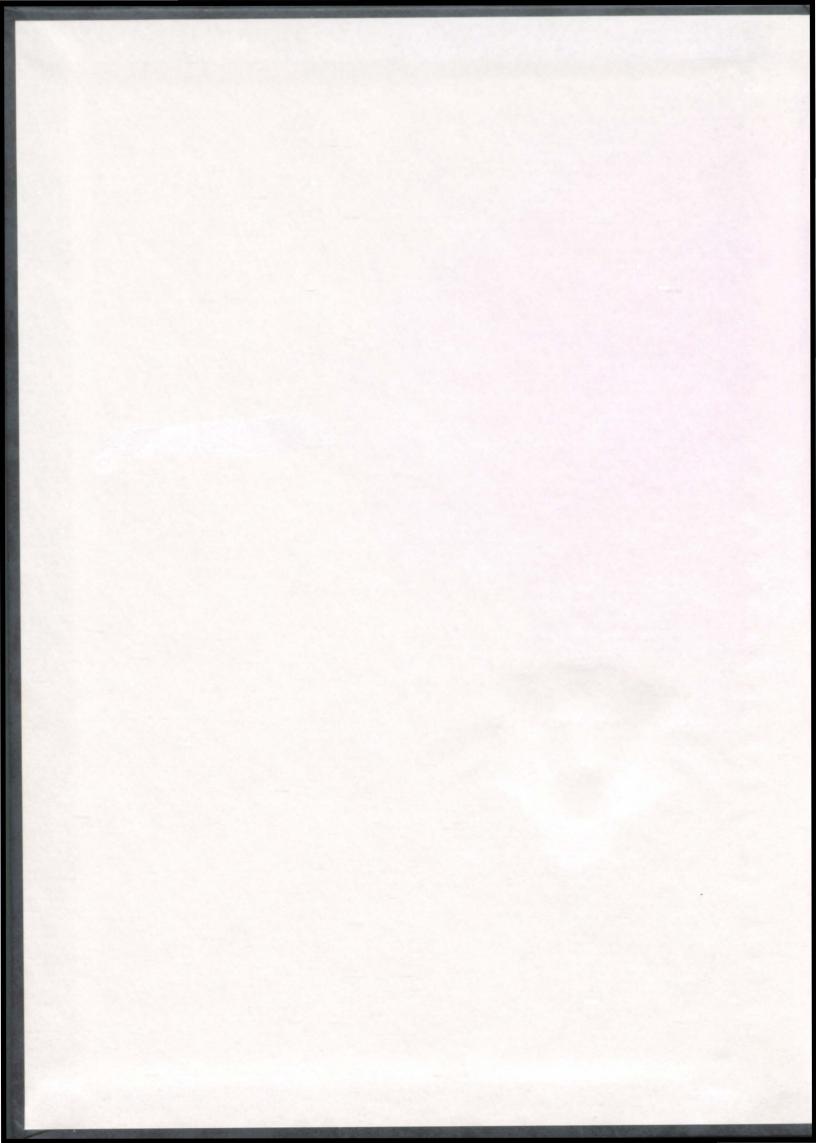
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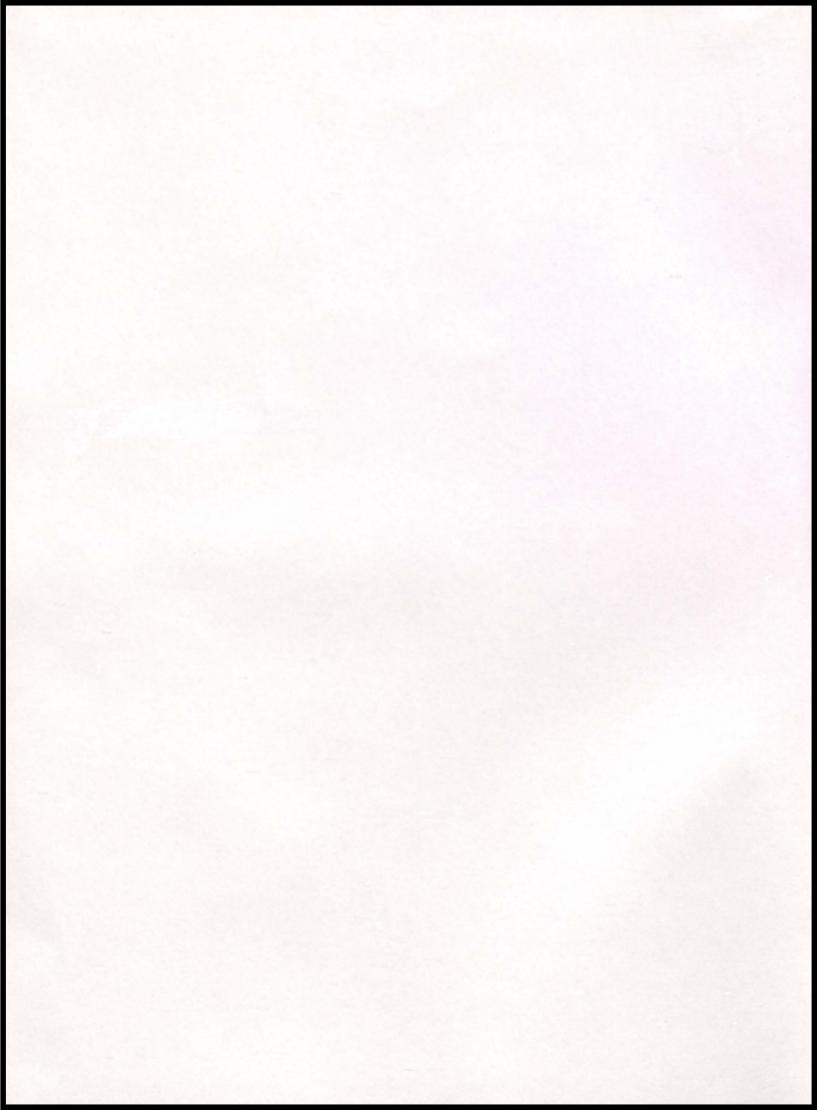
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### Staying In Tune



ophomore Jake Boyd "Staying in Tune" while performing to entertain all high school students in early December. They performed in the cafeteria during all lunch shifts.

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# Let's cè

By Jenny Perry

Why do people dance? The art of dance is a clear and magnificent reflection of every culture. Ever since man has moved he has danced and from his dances art arose. Dance has played an important role in every society.

Throughout the school year there were many opportunities for students to express themselves through the art of dance. From country line dancing and hip-hop to slowdancing and freestyle students were "Rockin' Around the Clock." Such favorite dances as the "The Twist," the "Boot Scootin' Boogie," the "Electric Slide", and even old dances such as the "YMCA," could be seen on dance floors across the country, and Wright City was no exception. All these dances brought some great times to be shared with eager grins at Fall Fest, Homecoming, Prom, and even club activities such as the Stu-Co Convention.

Expressing oneself through dance is a common practice that has been handed down from generation to generation. One thing that all of these have in common is that it helps us all by "Staying in Tune."





Sophomore Steve Deardeuff doing his impression of "Saturday Night Fever" while performing a Christmas Concert at Mid Rivers Mall in December.



Junior Misty Alvis and freshman Mindy Snyder doing "The Jerk" during the Christmas Concert at Mid Rivers Mall in December. ophomores Amy Rook and Adam Williams have a great time slow-dancing at the Homecoming Dance.



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Senior Derek Lagemann, junior Trish Skorcz, and senior Jill Yager going through their country line dance routine one more time before performing it at the Tri-County Stu-Co Convention, February 2.



Senior Nelly Yarmushkina casting a fishing pole while testing to buy at a local Wal-Mart.

Senior Lance Ramey getting rough while competing in Tug-o-War during the Spirit Games, January 23.



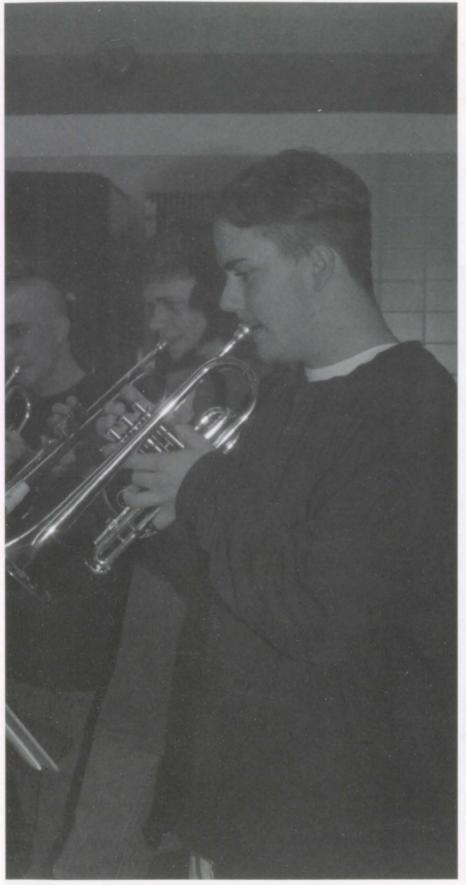








Senior Katie Thorpe and Junior Teri Boschert having fun in their motel room while attending the JEA/NSPA Convention in Kansas City.



Sara North

# Getgrip

Relieving stress can often be difficult. There are many different ways to relieve stress. Some ways are positive, and some are negative. The positive ways are the better ways, but the negative ways can sometimes be more fun.

One way to relieve stress is by gorging oneself with fattening foods. Another way is to just walk away from the problem.

Everyone relieves stress in their own way, and that's one thing that makes us all different.



Janet Freeman

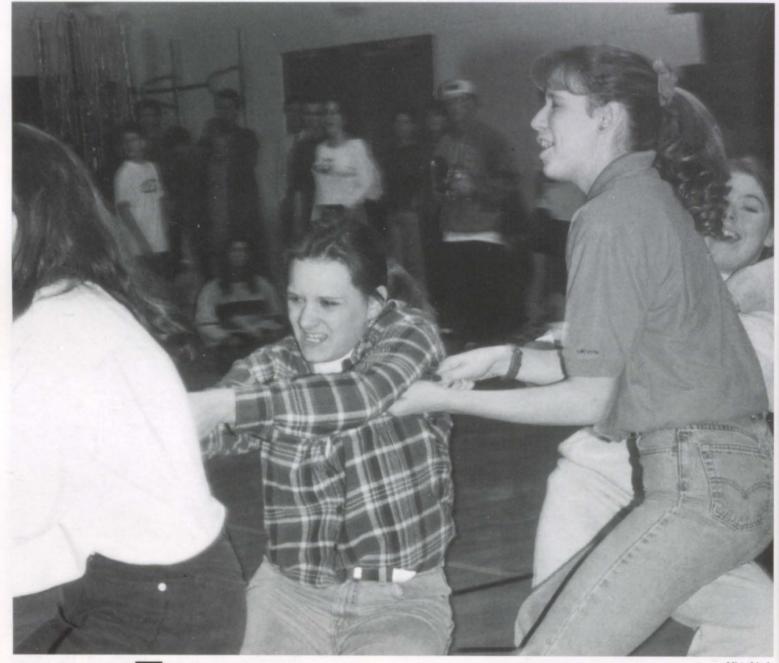
Freshman Corey Kehoe releasing a little steam as he plays his trumpet in early December.

Teachers Dan and Benita Springman grabbing a bite to eat during the teacher luncheon, December Smells Jeen Like Spirit

School spirit is not usually easy to come by in our high school, but this year our school was full of spirit all year round with the pep rallys, games, spirit week, and spirit games.

This year our cheerleaders, mascot, and fans gave a lot of support by dressing up for spirit week and cheering at the pep rallys and games.

School spirit really does help a lot, and it means a great deal to the players, although some people don't think so. As the cheerleaders cheer at the games and rallys, the teams know that their school is behind them all the way, and that they will always be behind them.







S ophomore Stephanie Lawson and sophomore Alexis Pomeroy playing Tug-o-War and getting a little frustrated as the other team gains more of the rope on their side during the spirit games, January 23.



Senior Matt Cramberg showing everyone just how big his mouth really is during spirit games, January 23.

enior Mitchell Brown shows the ultimate school spirit by impersonating the wildcat at a pep assembly early in the year.



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Sophomore Amy Rook and junior Misty Alvis show their ultimate school spirit by cheering with the crowd during the spirit games, January 23.



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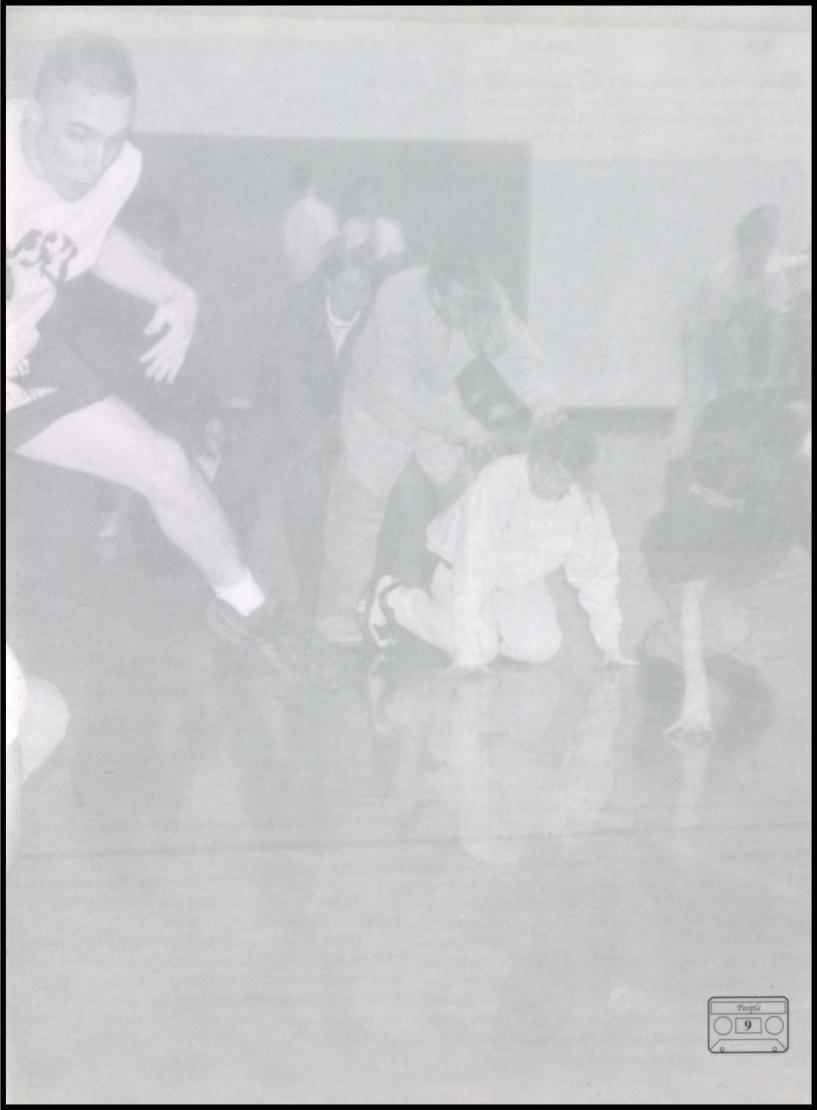
This year students have 'Good Intentions' to make school as fun as possible. Student Council helped to put dances like Fall Fest and Homecoming together for the student body. They also got everything organized and ready for Spirit Week. Student Council and NHS sponsored a canned food drive. They decided that a competition between the classes would persuade students to bring in more cans. The seniors won and there was a total of 1,100 cans collected.

Motivational speaker Gary Zelesky visited WCHS October 12. He captivated the student body with his real life stories on teen alcohol and drug abuse. He came all the way from San Diego, California having 'Good Intentions' to persuade the student body to think about what they do before they do it by telling them many tragic, true stories of people he once knew.

This year the prom was held at Holiday Inn in Wentzville, instead of carrying on the tradition of having it in the high school gym. The prom was May 4 at 8 p.m.

The students of WCHS will remember their high school years forever, and some of those memories will be captured in the yearbook for the students to look back on in the coming years.

enior Keith Lucas shows his athletic ability by hopping his way over Derek Lagemann in the Leap Frog Race of the spirit games January 23. The seniors took first in this event.



Homecoming King and Queen nominees together for one last picture before the dance begins.

Austyn Paul and Raychel Orr carrying the crown for the King and Queen.





## Homecoming Sponsors Ask, 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight?'During Dance

By Devin Pellerito

The anxiety could be felt on January 26, at 8:30 pm through the cafeteria as the homecoming court and the crowd awaited the announcement of the king and queen. The court had been on pins and needles since January 17, when everyone voted, to hear the results of the student ballot.

Due to inclement weather the Homecoming tradition that everyone was used to was altered. In fact Homecoming almost did not occur at all. The original plan was to announce the court during the home basketball game on January 19, but once again old man winter had other plans. "At first people were probably thinking that homecoming would never happen. But once it finally happened, I think that everyone had a great time," said sophomore Amy Rook, student council secretary.

Finally on January 26 the homecoming dance that everyone had been waiting for happened. Homecoming, which is a yearly tradition sponsored by Student Council for students to have a good time in celebration of the end of Spirit Week, while promoting school involvement and to allow the alumni to return to their almamater and see old friends is always a popular event. "Homecoming is always a lot of fun for both the members of Student

Council to put on and for the students to participate in, "Janet Freeman, student council sponsor, said.

Then it was announced, the moment everyone had been anticipating— Queen Katie Boyd, and King Derek Lagemann were crowned by retiring queen Jamie Lowry, and Terry Roberts. Lagemann said, "I felt like George of the Jungle because I was king of the school."

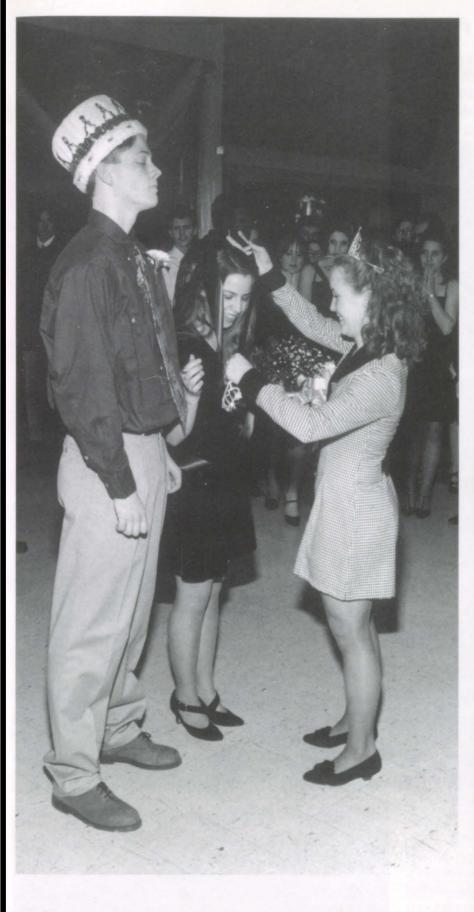
"Its a good feeling to know that my peers are behind me," commented Boyd.

As the DJ Scott Harris started to play "Open Arms," by Mariah Carry, Boyd and Lagemann started dancing while everyone slowly joined in.

The plain cafeteria that everyone only thinks of as a place for school lunches during the day, was transformed into a beautiful ballroom with black and gold decorations. The theme was accented by white pillars with golden leaves giving the cafeteria a classy ancient Greek feel.

"Thanks to Student Council, the decorations and dance turned out great," said sophomore Jeremy Stoehner, one of the nights' many attendants.

Other favorite songs were included as the students "Set the night to music." Student Council sponsor Laura Spotloe commented, "It blew me away (almost literally). It had to be the windiest night of the year. But after all the postponements - who cared?! I think a good time was had by all!"

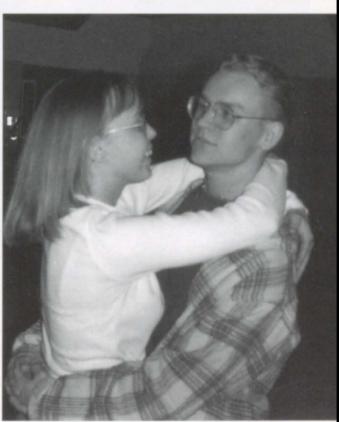


Junior Kati Boyd and senior Derek Lagemann crowned this years Homecoming King and Queen.

Juniors Amy Tinsley and Joey Maestas posing for the camera.



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Senior Katie Yager and Jason King happily dancing together.



Sara North

#### Students 'Jump' To Show Their Spirit

By Rachel Waller

Where is your spirit? It should have been at school for Spirit Week, which was quite confusing due to the snow days.

Spirit Week was originally scheduled to be the week of January 15, but with all of the snow on Thursday, school was let out early and cancelled Friday.

On every day of the week there was a dress code. Monday was pajama day. Tuesday hippie day. Wednesday students wore their clothes inside out and backwards. Thursday was hat and

sweats day and was also the day of the spirit games, but due to the snow it was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 23. Blue and gold day was also rescheduled to Wednesday. Along with all of the dressing up for the occasion there was the hallway competition. Every class decorated their own hallway. The seniors won with their black light display, the sophomores came in second with their hippie decorations.

The Spirit Week games started halfway through sixth hour and ended at the end of seventh hour. The games included a Deadman Relay, a Paper Towel Wrap, and a Cherry in the Pie contest, which was won by the seniors. The freshmen won the Batspin Relay. Seniors won Tug-o-War, and juniors came in second. After all the games were played, the sophomores challenged the seniors to a rematch, but the seniors decided to let go of the rope and watch the sophomores fall. Overall the seniors won spirit week. They were awarded the spirit flag January 16 and the spirit trophy January 23.

Usually at the end of spirit week there is a homecoming game and dance, but because of the snow the homecoming dance was cancelled and rescheduled on January 26 and there was no homecoming game.



eniors Mitchell Brown and Matt Stout carrying Angie Duckworth to the other side of the gym in the Dead Man Relay.

Sophomore Alexis Pomeroy wheelbarrowing Stephanie Lawson across the gym as fast as she can during the the spirit games Thursday, January 23.









Mrs. Ward and junior Tiffany Helling wearing matching pajamas Monday, which was pajama day.

Senior Mitchell Brown wearing the school mascot, the Wildcat, to help get everyone into the spirit.



Sara North



Junior girls struggling to defeat the senior girls in a game of Tug-o-War, but lost to the seniors who proved to be stronger.

Treshmen trying to keep still as Missy Chapman hurries to wrap the freshman up in paper towels.

### Students get 'Down On the Farm' at the annual Fall Fest Dance

By Rachel Waller

The music was blasting, the lights were low, and the couples were getting closer as this year's Fall Fest began.

FFA and Student Council sponsored the Fall Fest dance on September 22, 1995. It was held at 7-11p.m. in the high school cafeteria, for any high school students. All types of music were played including dance music, rap, and even country. The Student Council and FFA decorated the cafeteria with balloons, streamers, hay bales, and fall leaves.

The dance was originally scheduled to be outside, but to the students dismay it was moved indoors, due to the temperatures falling quickly.

"I think the dance

would have been a lot more fun outside," said freshman Jada Watson.

The cost to get into the dance was \$3 dollars per person or \$5 dollars per couple. Approximately 100 students attended the event.

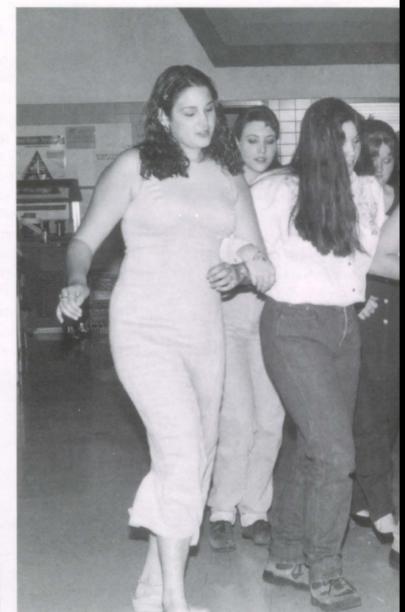
Half way through the dance the contestants running for queen were escorted in. The contestants were senior, Kelley Winfrey, junior, Lesley Held, sophomore, Alexis Pomeroy, and freshman Justine Key. Pomeroy was crowned this year's Fall Fest queen. The queen was determined by how much money the contestants collected in a can that they carried around.

The dance was held to welcome back all students and to wish everyone a happy Halloween.



Jenny Perry

ophomores Christina Raines and Stephanie Lawson partying and talking with friends. Senior Jason Abramovitz and sophomore Aimee Pettig slow dancing to "I Can Love You Like That" by John Michael Montgomery.













Junior Erin Gilmore and seniors Molly Nienhaus and Jessica Lawson line-dancing to a country tune.

Retiring queen Erin Gilmore, junior, crowns sophomore Alexis Pomeroy as this year's Fall Fest Queen.





James Maestas and Jada Watson dance to "This Woman and This Man" by Clay Walker.

It's fun to stay at the YMCA" says the Village People as students spell out YMCA.



#### Wright City Has 'Good Times' at Strassenbash

By Angie Chism

The Strassenbash, Wright City's biggest event and fundraiser, was held September 15 and 16 at Diekroeger Park.

This annual event started 15 years ago as a celebration of the new overpass in town. The overpass was blocked off and the celebration was held there. Later, the Strassenbash was moved to Diekroeger Park because it became too big.

This year the Strassenbash began at 4pm September 15. The parade started at noon September 16. It began at Charleswood and ended at Diekroeger Park. The parade included

the high school's marching band, the contestants for the Queen Contest, and numerous community organized floats.

Mrs. Wegener, the high school and middle school Spectrum teacher, enjoyed the Strassenbash.

"I really liked the floats and looking at the old cars in the parade, and the contestants for Queen Contest looked really nice," commented Mrs. Wegener after being asked about the Strassenbash.

This year the Queen Contest had 11 contestants. Part of the competition was to earn points from raffle ticket sales, attendance at certain community events, an interview and a community project. Amy Rook, sophomore, won the contest and was crowned Queen. The first runner-up was Jessica Lawson, second runner-up was Kristine Dorn, Andrea Furness was third runner-up, and Jamey Justice was crowned Miss Congeniality.

There were many activities at the Strassenbash, including the dart game, the dunking booth, the balloon game and bingo. If you were hungry you could grab some barbecue, cotton candy or a funnel cake.

The money earned from the Strassenbash festival was used for a service directory and promotional package about the Wright City community.



Sara North

wright City residents being sponsored by Farmers Merchants Bank so they can participate in the annual Strassenbash

Strassenbash parade.

Amy Rook, sophomore, was chosen out of eleven other people to be the Strassenbash queen. The contestants had to sell raffle tickets, attend community events, and do many other related things.









Mark Wilding, Debbie Prior, Amber Borrego, and Jesse Jaeger receiving their plaques for taking part and winning for their age group in the 5k and 1 mile Family Walk and Run.

Several children riding along with the annual Strassenbash parade September 16.



#### Blood Drive Makes It 'Hurt So Good'

By Sara North

It truly takes a brave and big hearted person to allow someone to take one pint of their blood, without it being physically helpful to themselves. Thanks to those brave and big hearted people, the annual Red Cross Blood Drive ended up with over twice what they had originally expected.

There were two separate blood drives held throughout the school year, both were held in the band room. The first blood drive took place on Friday, September 9. A total of 22 potential donors arrived at this blood drive, but only 21 pints were

accumulated.

The second blood drive was held on Friday, February 2. "We set a goal of 20 pints of blood, but it turned out we got 50! I was really impressed!" said David Cook, FFA advisor.

An amount of 59 donors in all had shown up for this yearly event, but nine were deferred for various reasons, such as the common cold. There are a few restrictions for blood donors. You must be at least 17 years old and must weigh a certain amount. Each donor is required to fill out a form containing important information on their medical background.

Of the 50 donors, 25 were students, and throughout their fears, they all pulled together and gave blood for a very good reason: people's lives.

At this particular time, there was a certain life in need of blood, whom most of us know as one of our custodians, Ed Bohler. Bohler had just recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and would be needing the blood for his surgery.

"I donated my blood to Ed and whoever else may be in need of it," said Kelley Winfrey.

Cook thinks that it is great that so many donors

turned out for the event.

"Once they donate for the first time, and realize it's not so bad, they usually become donors for life," stated Cook. Cook and FHA advisor Benita Springman would like to thank the donors for participating in such a good cause.

FHA provided each donor with snacks and drinks after they gave blood. They made sure that the donors had sat down for at least five minutes, unless you were driving, then you were asked to sit for at least fifteen to twenty minutes. Each donor received a shirt that said "thank-you" in several different languages.



Teri Boschert

Junior Brook Hertzler, a first time donor, laughs as she nervously anticipates being

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stuck by a needle.

Science teacher Diane Ward strikes up a conversation with an onlooker to keep her mind off giving blood.







enior Alicia Dothage and junior Tara Scoggin discussing donor information, while waiting their turn. unior Brian Mohr, first time donor, recovering after giving blood, but still feeling a little light-headed.



Teri Boscher



Teri Boscher

senior Chad White getting his temperature taken at the pre-donor table while awaiting his turn to give blood. Senior Molly Nienhaus, a first time donor, getting her temperature taken by a Red

Cross volunteer immediately before giving blood.



#### Students 'Working For The Weekend'

By Aimey Paul

What do McDonald's. Boys Restaurant, Economy Bestway, Hardee's and T&N all have in common? They are several of the area's employers for Wright City High School students.

Senior Kelley Winfrey spends an average of five days a week working as a Crew Trainer at Wentzville McDonald's. Her duties include training people, making food, and taking orders in the drive-thru. She has been employed there since June 1994.

"I enjoy closing, and I like my bosses. It is a fun job to have," said Winfrey.

Sophomore Tisha Wood spends two days per week working at Big Boy's Restaurant, where she buses

tables. She has worked there since July 1995.

Junior Shelly Merz works as a cashier at Economy Bestway. She says she enjoys working there because she has convenient hours, and it's close to home.

Senior Jessica Lawson spends six days a week working at the Wright Way Laundry. Her responsibilities include supervising the building, handing out change, and cleaning up. She has worked there since October 1994.

Senior Stacey Taylor works at Welcome Home at The Warrenton Mall. She spends 20 hours per week waiting on customers and keeping the store straightened.

"I hate working on

weekends, but I love having money," Taylor stated.

Senior Heather Jarvis is a Crew Supervisor at Warrenton Hardee's. She is a drive-thru cashier, and in charge of making sure cleanup work gets done.

Randy Deatherage and Jul Deuser, juniors, work at T&N in Foristell from 3:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. on week days and from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. They spend a majority of their time bagging fertilizer, horsefeed, and other grains.

"We have a boss that is easy to get along with. It's a fun job, and we can work at our own pace," said Deuser.

Katie Filson, junior, spends her Saturday and Sunday mornings working as a

cashier at Donut Tyme in Warrenton. She has worked there since June 1994. On Monday through Wednesday afternoons she works at Bushmill's in Warrenton doing warehouse invoices. Like other students here at Wright City, Filson's earnings go towards insurance, gas, spending and savings money, and for entertainment purposes.

Junior Josh Cole is currently employed at Warrenton Hardee's.

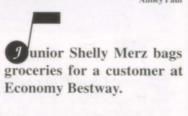
"Teenagers working is a good thing for those who want to work and have their own money, instead of using their parent's all the time. I believe it's a positive thing, because it will teach kids responsibility," Cole said.

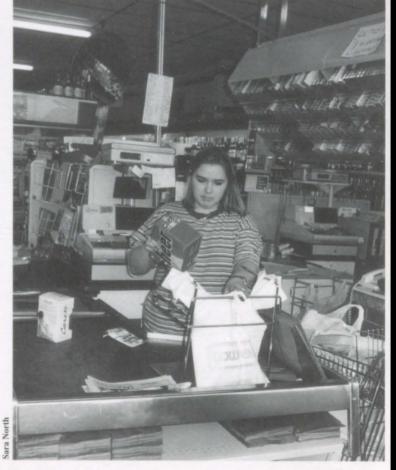


Aimey Paul

Senior Stacey Taylor searching through a basket of miscellaneous items at her part time job.

Economy Bestway.





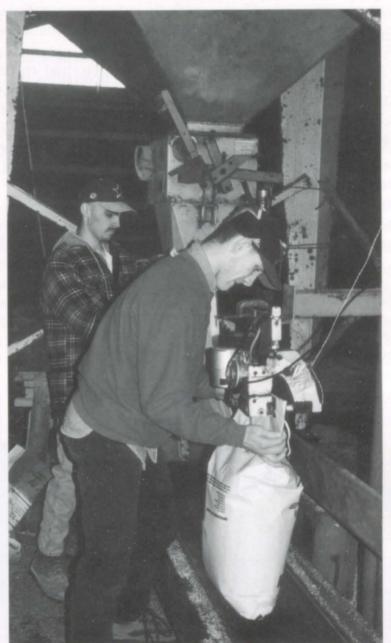
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Senior Stacey Taylor straightening shelves at Welcome Home, her part time job in the Warrenton Outlet

Junior Jul Deuser sealing a bag of fertilizer as junior Randy Deatherage fills the bags. Both work several days a week at their part time jobs at T&N in Foristell.



S enior Jessica Lawson performing her daily duty of sweeping the floor. Lawson has worked at the Wright Way Laundry since October 1994.



#### Nelly Is 'Coming To America' From Russia

By Rachel Waller

Nelly Yarmushkina, at only 16 years old, arrived in America on August 15 to graduate with the class of 1996. She is originally from Kazan, Tartastan, which is one of the former republics of the USSR. Nelly is staying with Larry and Kay Janish while here in America. This has become a yearly tradition for the Janish family.

Nelly wanted to graduate in America because an American diploma looks good for the Universities in Russia. She feels that her parents are very proud of her because she is the only one in her family to travel anywhere.

When asked how her first day was she replied, "It was great! It was a new experience." She continues, "Everyone was very nice and made me feel comfortable." Nelly said that it is easier to study in America because of the lower level of education. She says that there is more freedom here for the students and there are more school activities and clubs.

Russia sends foreign exchange students to learn about democracy and then to come back and tell what they learned. In Russia it is a dream for many to come to the United States. People in Russia think of America as a paradise. Nelly thinks that American kids are more outgoing and are easier to communicate with. Nelly's

favorite American movie is "Terminator."

In Russia very few people have cars because they can't afford them. It shows a sign of wealth if you have a car there. They have public transportation like trams and charlies. They don't get their licenses until they are 18 years old.

Nelly said that the most annoying thing about Americans is "they burp a lot and it's because of the food that they eat." They don't drink sodas in Russia, they mostly drink hot tea or water. In Russia they eat a lot of soups and they eat bread with almost everything. Nelly said that in Russia they don't eat so much junk food and they eat more healthy. Nelly said her favorite American foods are pumpkin pies, apples, and apple juice.

While here Nelly has been to many different places. Her favorite places were Florida and Washington, DC. She said Florida was fantastic because she got to see the ocean for the first time. She also said that she was very impressed. In Washington, DC. she said there was a lot of other exchange students and they all became good friends.

Nelly would like to stay in America longer because she would like to spend more time with the friends she has made. She has to leave earlier than planned because of exams back in Russia. Nelly hopes to come back to America to visit and/or to study.



Senior Nelly Yarmushkina with other art club members at Don Wiegand's.

Exchange Student

They took a field trip to his house to see some of the sculptures that he has done. Senior Nelly Yarmushkina celebrating her 16th birthday. Yarmushkina arrived in America August 15 as a foreign exchange student.



#### Metro Theater Says 'Let's Hear It For the Boy'

By Rachel Waller

The Warren County Arts Council sponsored a production of "The Yellow Boat" by David Saar on Monday, April 8. "The Yellow Boat" is a production of the Metro Theater Company about a young boy and his journey through life as he faced an incurable disease.

Benjamin Saar was born April 19, 1979 and lived only eight years. He died in 1987 of AIDS-related complications. Benjamin spent his short life with many trips to the doctor, and infusions of Factor 8 to stop the bleeding that resulted from congenital hemophilia, a blood disorder he was diagnosed with at six months old. He lacked Factor 8 which is a clotting factor that enables our bodies to clot and stop bleeding.

Later Benjamin tested positive for the HIV/AIDS virus in 1985. He received the virus during an infusion of the life-giving Factor 8. Somehow it had slipped into the donor pool and inadvertently infected Benjamin.

Benjamin's school was informed by public health officials and lawyers who met with the school to assure parents that their kids would not get AIDS from playing with Benjamin, but in this case fear took over. The school couldn't accept the information clearly and Benjamin was not allowed to return to school.

Joy Goldberger helped Benjamin get stronger, while he was in the hospital, and his spirits rose. He was able to enroll in another school and spent a very happy year in first grade, due to a medical improvement in his condition.

The AIDS virus continued to weaken him physically. There was short-term hope that he might benefit from an experimental pediatric AZT program. Benjamin was too ill to receive the treatment. He was admitted to the hospital again in August and died in September 1987.

His family and hundreds of

friends gathered to celebrate Benjamin's life. The funeral was filled with music, stories and poetry, and culminated in the launching of a magnificent fleet of colorful balloons.

"The Yellow Boat" is based on Benjamin's life, but is not a realistic documentary. Theater transforms reality, creating characters, scenes, images, moods, themes, indeed a world of its own. In this play, we saw a lifetime in what seems only a "moment." The play shows only selected elements of Benjamin's life.

The actor playing Benjamin tells his own story from Benjamin's point of view. The dramatic moment of death is interrupted by the narrator, Benjamin, allowing each audience member to complete the story as he/she chooses to.

"I thought it was very interesting, creative, and artistic. The students were well behaved." English III teacher Mrs. Lane continues," There should be more plays if students are interested."





Three actors in a part from the play "The Yellow Boat." The scene shows one of the potential schools Benjamin could have chosen to go to.

An actress from the Metro Theater Company portraying a scene from Benjamin Saar's life. Informer Feature Editor, Tonya Sydnor smiling after enjoying a hearty meal at Pizza Hut.

Freshman Angie Chism having a bite to eat for lunch at Pizza Hut in Blue Springs after going to several sessions at the Hyatt Regency.



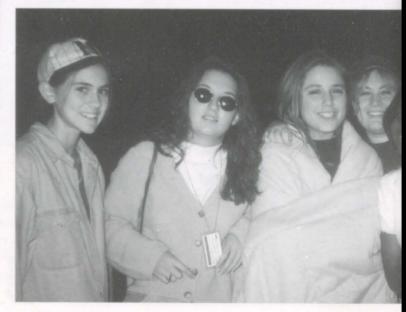




Students taking a break between journalism sessions at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Teri Boschert, Christine Kurtzeborn, Jenny Perry, Aimey Paul, Tonya Sydnor, Tina Hunt,

Sara North, Katie Filson. Journalism students Christine Kurtzeborn, Katie Filson, Teri Boschert, Katie Thorpe, and Tonya Sydnor taking a breath of fresh air on the balcony outside the hotel rooms.









Katie Thorn



#### Journalism Students 'Let the Good Times Roll' in Kansas City

By Aimey Paul

On Thursday afternoon, November 16, twelve high school students from the newspaper and yearbook classes joined 3,000 other journalism students at the JEA/NSPA convention in Kansas City.

The fall convention was held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel in downtown Kansas City. The Wright City students along with advisor, Helene Hodak, stayed at Motel 6 in Blue Springs, 20 minutes away from the convention.

Registration was at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning. There was an exhibit hall open to all students. It included trade show exhibits, JEA Bookstore, curiculum exchange, and both student and advisor hospitality areas. Several colleges and companies set up booths and handed out free information.

Students could take a chance and spin the wheel to win instant prizes. Students could grab a friend and get a snapshot picture digitized in a Herff Jones imaging booth. Students could get a photo id

necklace made. In a matter of minutes, id cards were made with a picture on the front and personal information displayed on the back. Advisors could sign up for a drawing to win a camera. Students could enter to win a t-shirt, computer software, and a CD player.

"While standing in line to spin the wheel for prizes at the Walsworth publishing exhibit the representative showed us various types of yearbooks," said yearbook editor-in-chief Katie Thorpe.

Students and advisors walked around the convention and reviewed others work, picked up pointers, and exchanged ideas and comments.

Students were able to listen to several featured speakers and attend nearly 200 different sessions.

Wright City students attended several sessions including The Story Behind the Photo, Working With Photographers, Maximizing Your Desktop Staff, What is Really Off the Record?, There is No "T" in Team, "He Didn't Say", Asking the Right Questions, and Sportswriting: It's Not the

Ugly Stepchild of the Newsroom Anymore.

"My favorite session was What is Really Off the Record. The two speakers made their story interesting and I learned a lot," said Junior Katie Filson, Informer News Editor.

To end each day there was a student dance sponsered by Taylor Publishing Co. On both Friday and Saturday nights students could spend almost two hours dancing to Kansas City's DJs.

On their free time students leisurely walked around several malls and went to the movies.

"I think the trip was very educational and entertaining. The journalism students got to see new technology and experience many new trends while at the famous Crown Center. The best thing that happened was the bonding of staff members. I think it was a great experience and hopefully one to remember and put to use for a long time," said Hodak, journalism advisor.

First Row (left to right) Aimey Paul, Christine Kurtzeborn, Katie Filson, Jenny Perry, Helene Hodak, advisor.

Second Row (left to right) Sara North, Tonya Sydnor, Devin Pellerito, Rachel Waller, Angie Chism, Teri Boschert, Katie

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Thorpe, Tina Hunt.



#### Prom Allows Juniors and Seniors to 'Cherish' Many Memories

By Aimey Paul

Prom for most is always a memorable evening, but this year's changes made it a little more exciting.

This year, unlike many year's before, prom was held at the Holiday Inn in Wentzville, not in the high school gym.

"The banquet hall, with its grand chandeliers, professionally decorated tables, and catered snack and beverage bar had an air of elegance and a touch of class which was previously unattainable in a trash bag covered gym," said prom chairwoman Tiffany Helling.

At 10:00 p.m. the court was escorted out on the floor and Helling announced the 1996 Prom King and

Oueen.

Senior candidates and junior escorts included, Jessica Lawson, escorted by Randy Deatherage, Shawna Morie, escorted by Todd Reckamp, Michelle Schmidt, escorted by Robby Bote, Shoy Drews, escorted by Trish Skorcz, Keith Lucas, escorted by Christine Kurtzeborn, and Christopher Diebold, escorted by Brook Hertzler. Crown bearers were Kati Boyd and Mike Bates. Drews and Lawson were crowned King and Queen.

"I loved seeing all my friends dressed up. It finished off my senior year in a good note," said Queen Jessica Lawson.

Prom began at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday May 4. The theme was 'Unforgettable'. The doors locked at 9:30

p.m. and pictures were taken until 10:30 p.m.

The D.J.'s for the dance were provided by Jukebox Productions. To try and avoid any unhappy attendants, a music list was displayed a week before the dance and students were able to put in their suggestions about the music they wanted played.

Holiday Inn servers provided students with chips, an assortment veggie tray, and unlimited soda.

Tickets for prom, which could be purchased beforehand or at the door, cost \$20.00 a single or \$35.00 a couple.

After prom many students went to celebrate this annual occasion. Some went to parties, while others went to nearby hotels.



Friends Angie Will, Misty Lively, Brandon Hammers, and Jennifer King take a break

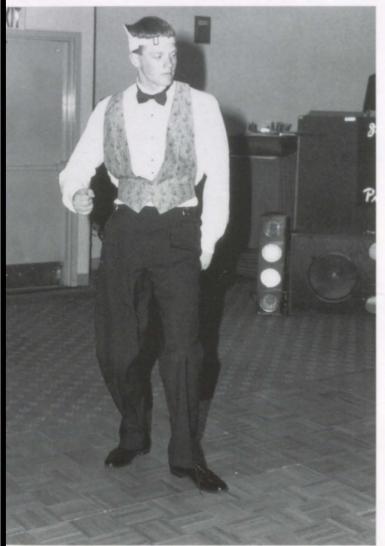
ennifer King take a break around a table in the banquet hall room.

Prom Queen Jessica Lawson and King Shoy Drews dance to the theme song 'Unforgettable'.





The 1996 Junior-Senior Prom Court (left to right) Michelle Schmidt, with escort Robby Bote, Shawna Morie, with escort Todd Reckamp, escort Trish Skorcz, with King Shoy Drews, crown bearers Mike Bates and Kati Boyd, Queen Jessica Lawson, with escort Randy Deatherage, escort Brook Hertzler, with candidate Christopher Diebold, and escort Christine Kurtzeborn, with candidate Keith Lucas.





enior Derek Lagemann dancing on the dance floor at prom. Friends chat, while others dance, as the banquet hall becomes crowded by the students and their dates.



SPORTS

WCHS soccer team players 'Come Together' and end their regular season by beating Warrenton 3-2 in overtime Oct. 25. This was the first time in WCHS soccer history that they have beaten Warrenton.

While WCHS softball players were in Jupiter, Florida, Hurricane Erin decided to give them a hard time. The hurricane caused games to be rained out and most of their games were rescheduled.

Some of WCHS soccer players and a few Warrenton High School players 'Come Together' and decide to start a spring indoor soccer team at the Cave Springs Soccer Club. The team was coached by Kurt Kehoe and sponsored by Harts Sporting Goods. The players had to get used to new rules and different playing ground. It was a slight change for many of the players.

Freshman Andrea Thornton breaking away to shoot the basketball at the January 8 game against Clopton.

Tason Abramovitz enjoying the victory over Warrenton Oct. 25. Abramovitz scored the winning goal in overtime.

Senior Greg Sutter sending the ball to his teammates on a penalty kick.







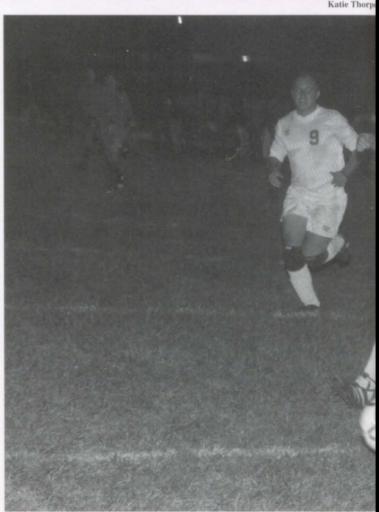
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unior Jessie Jaeger sends the ball to teammate Josh Cole 30 with his head.

Senior Roby Farek scrambling to keep the ball from the Warrenton players.



### 'Just kicking it'

By Katie Thorpe

Better than ever. That is what some people would say about the soccer team's progress. It all started with a loss to Wentzville September 5, but the team revived itself when they came back to win against Elsberry September 7. The team consisted of three seniors who had participated in the soccer program all years: Jason four Abramovitz, Roby Farek, and Keith Lucas. The second win came when the Wildcats faced Elsberry again a week later September 14. W.C. beat their opponents 2-1. The Wildcats would go on to win two

more games of the season, one of them against their rival school, Warrenton. It was Senior Night at their field and the opponents' confidence was high. W.C. beat Warrenton for the first time in soccer history 3-2 in sudden death overtime. The boys competed in districts for the first time, and ended the season there with a loss to St. Dominic.

Seniors Roby Farek and Jason Abramovitz led the team in goals each with ten. Junior Josh Cole led the team in assists with ten, and Abramovitz came in second with four. Sean Kehoe had 119 saves as a goalie, and Corey Kehoe had ten.



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Wentzville	loss	1-3
Elsberry	win	2-1
Union	loss	7-1
Elsberry	win	2-1
Pacific	win	2-1
Winfield	loss	3-2
Washington	loss	4-2
Troy	loss	8-3
Lutheran	loss	9-3
Winfield	loss	3-1
Warrenton	win	3-2
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St. Dominic	loss	10-0
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First Row (left to right) Jada Watson: manager, Greg Sutter, Jason Abramovitz, Roby Farek, Amy Tinsley: manager. Second Row (left to right) Jason Farek, Corey Kehoe, T.J. Pugh, Damon Tinsley, Dave Venneman, James Maestas. Third Row (left to right) Coach Ed Wiegert, Chris Campise, Keith Lucas, Jessie Jaeger, Matt Cramberg, Sean Kehoe, Josh Cole, Joey Maestas, Mike Wells, Lilly Fox: manager.



Former student Kyle Gerdeman played for the Faculty team. Gerdeman graduated in 1994. enior Matt Stout receives the ball on a rebound as faculty member Dave Cook plows into him.



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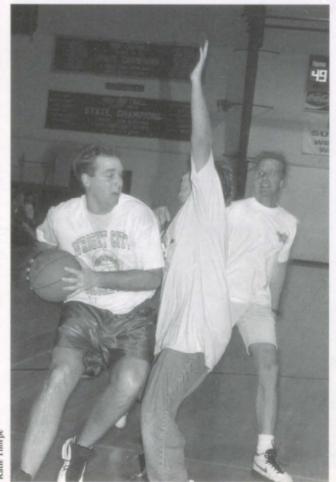
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Scott Harris airborn as he takes the ball to the basket.

V100 player trying to get past the defense with seven minutes left on the clock. The final score was 86-74.

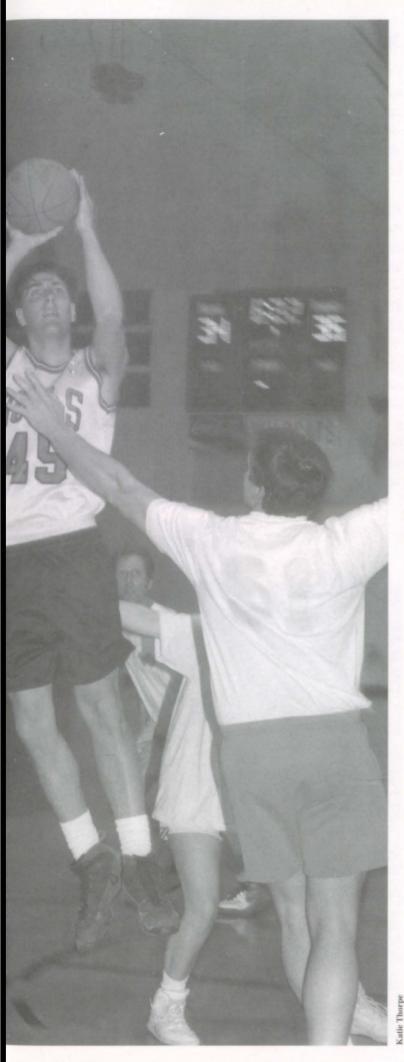


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#### Faculty gets 'Satisfaction' with 86-74 score

By Angie Chism

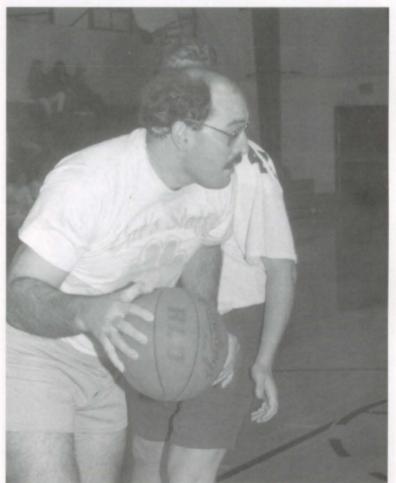
WHAM! Senior Matt Stout is hit in the head with the ball as Mr. Elifritz gets a little violent at the Wright City High School Faculty vs. V-100 Fundraiser Basketball game on Saturday March 9,

The game was held by Project Graduation to raise money for the senior class. About a couple hundred students and family members attended the event, and they raised about seven hundred dollars.

"The game was entertaining for the fans, however, I was very disappointed at the lack of student support. Even though the fundraiser was for the seniors more freshman arrived than seniors," commented Mr. Wiegart.

The WCHS Faculty team won by eight points, the score being 86-74.

Mike Cramberg was in charge of the attendance prizes. "I think that it was a great success," Cramberg said.



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enior Chris Diebold making a jumpshot. Diebold played on the V100 team against the faculty.

F aculty teacher Rusty Elifritz gasping for air as the younger defense takes position.



Freshman Erin Dixon watching for her preferred pitch while competing against St. Francis Borgia.

Third baseman Jill Yager ready to throw out a runner at first base against St. Francis Borgia.



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reshman Misty Lively winding up to strike out an opponent from St.
Francis Borgia.

Senior Shawna Morie sliding into homeplate to gain her team another run.



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#### 'Swinging' their way to victory

By Jennifer Thorpe

Strike three, you're out! Starting pitcher freshman Misty Lively heard this phrase a lot this year, 76 times!

"I felt I was taking on a big position because I was the starting varsity pitcher and the lead-off batter, so I just did my best," said freshman Misty Lively.

The team only had four returning starters, and the rest had little to none varsity experience.

"It was my first year starting and I was kind of nervous at first, but then I realized that if I get nervous and all worked up I wouldn't do as well. I felt that everyone expected us not to be a very strong team because we lost

seven seniors, but we weren't that weak. We should be a pretty strong team next year. I think I could have done better at bat, but I hope to do better next year," commented sophomore Tisha Wood.

This year the Lady Cats didn't return to the state tournament after losing to Winfield in their second game at the district tournament 3-1. Their first game in districts they won against St. Francis Borgia 10-0.

"We had inexperienced young players in important positions, and that affected the team. It was a disappointment not to go back to state since it was our senior year," added senior Jill Yager.



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N A Warrenton	loss	0-9
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N A Elsberry	loss	0-7
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T H Borgia	won	10-0
N A Borgia	won	5-0
T A Warrenton	loss	1-5
N A Winfield	loss	0-2
N H Wellsville	won	7-1
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First Row (left to right) Roshanda Davis, Becky Novelli, Michelle Schmidt, Trish Skorcz, Katie Yager, Jill Yager. Second Row (left to right) Misty Lively, Aimee Pettig, Jamey Justice, Shawna Morie, Andrea Thornton, Leahan Ostmann.

Third Row (left to right) Erin Overlander, Erin Dixon, Justine Key, Mandy Martin, Jennifer Thorpe, Tiffany Helling, Tisha Wood, Coach Dan Springman.



Sophomore Angie Scissors cheering at the V/100 vs. Faculty game March 15. The game was a fundraiser for Project Graduation.

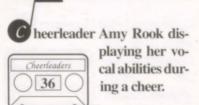
Anna Braun, Angie Scissors, Tara Scoggin, and Amy Rook forming a pyramid during a game.



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Sophomore cheerleaders Tonya Sydnor, Amy Rook, and Anna Braun showing their school spirit by participating in the Tug-o-War during spirit week.



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#### Cheerleaders send 'Good Vibrations'

By Angie Chism

Two! Four! Six! Eight! Who do we appreciate? The Wright City High School Cheerleaders!

There have been a few changes on the cheerleading squad this year. One of the minor changes is that they now practice in the band room instead of in the gym. They practice every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for about an hour and a half. The cheerleading squad attends all the home games and attend as many away games as possible to cheer the Wildcats to their victory. They attended the Pattonville Cheerleading Clinic where they learned some new dance routines. One of the new dance routines was to the rap song

"What's Up?" for homecoming.

Another change is that their former coach, Mrs. Eileen Brittle, was replaced by Mrs. Tracy McRae. "I feel it's a good experience. The girls have worked really hard, and it has been really rewarding," commented Mrs. McRae. The returning cheerleaders are Captain junior Tara Scoggin, Co-Captain sophomore Amy Rook, and sophomores Nickie Browne, Anna Braun, and Angie Scissors.

A question asked about the cheerleaders this year was "Is cheerleading a sport or just a club?"

"Cheerleading requires a lot of practice just like basketball, and it takes a lot of hard work," Rook said.





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Second Row (left to right) Amy Beard, Stacey Huskey, Misty Alvis

Third Row (left to right) Anna Braun, Tara Scoggin, Amy Rook



eahan Ostmann dribbling away from a defensive player to pass the ball to score another point. Freshman Andrea Thornton looking to fake out her opponent Jan. 8.



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oshanda Davis shooting the ball while c o m p e t i n g against Clopton.

Freshman Mandy Martin fights her way around an opponent while trying to gain her team another point.



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#### Team earns 'Respect' from fans

By Misty Lively

JV has high hopes for next year. With a record of 1 and 16 they can only get better. Even though they only won one game, they learned to work as a team, which should help them improve next year.

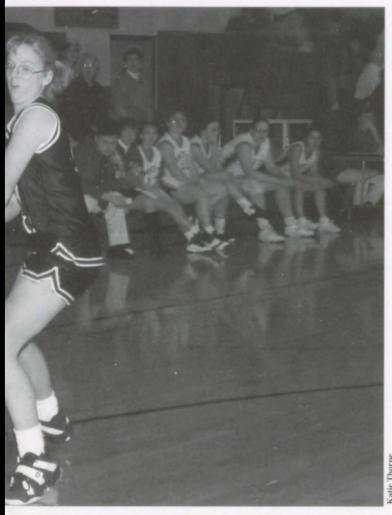
"With mostly freshman on the team, the main problem was the lack of experience," said freshman Leahan Ostmann. Freshman Mandy Martin agrees, and also said, "Our JV team is young and inexperienced." As a young team, they played

against older and more experienced teams.

Martin said she thinks the team mainly needs to improve on defense, "we seem to be afraid of having any contact with an opponent."

"I think that we could use some improvement on a little bit of everything to make us a better team," said freshman Jamie Schamma.

There is no perfect team, but the Wright City girls hope to become as close to perfect as they can in the years to come.







First row (left to right) Andrea Thornton, Tasha Kauble, Roshanda Davis, Missy Chapman

Second Row (left to right) Sue Wright, coach, Erin Dixon, Mandy Martin, Jessica Harrison, Jamie Schamma, Leahan Ostmann, Jeff Adams, assistant coach



Junior Lisa Hopson dribbles around a defensive player from Clopton to hopefully help her teams' score.

Junior Erin Gilmore dribbles her way to the basket to shoot while competing against Clopton at a home game.



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Junior Amy Tinsley slides past a defensive player to make a basket and win Girls V. Basketball the game.

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Senior Nelly Yarmushkina, foreign exchange student, leaps for the jump ball at the beginning of a home game against New Haven.



### Girls Varsity Team 'Slam' Dunks it This Season

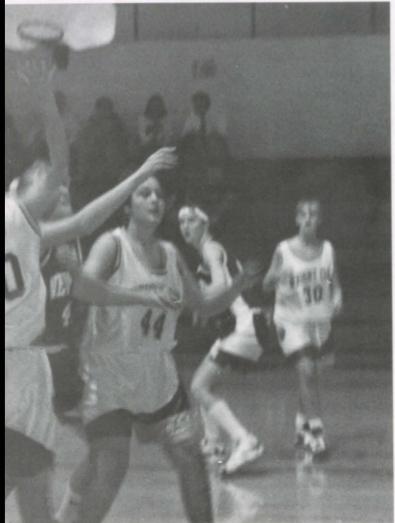
By Jenny Perry

This year the basketball team learned more about team work and the basics of basketball. The girls never gave up and continued to practice with the same vigor as a championship team. They all worked for the same goal and it will no doubt help them for the season's to come.

Coach Wright feels that the team gained more than court time, and that they worked very hard to put their skills to the test during every game. "Coming into the season with little basketball experience was tough. These kids grew mentally and physcially throughout the course of the season. What they gained will be very important in years to come," Wright said.

"They overcame a lot of adversity and never gave up. Their dedication to the sport, and the desire for the game will make them a very good team in the future.

Coach Wright should be commended for her dedication to the sport. After 19 years she is hanging up her clipboard, and retiring as girls' basketball coach.



Junior Lisa Hopson looks to find a teammate to pass the ball to while playing at home.



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First Row (left to right) Erin Overlander, Aimee Pettig, Nelly Yarmushkina, Tish Wood, Jason Abramovitz, manager Second Row (left to right) Coach Sue Wright, Lisa Hopson, Amy Tinsley, Erin Gilmore, Jamey Justice, Stephanie Lawson, Coach Jeff Adams



# Competing Sand Volleyball Teams Shout 'Hit Me With Your Best Shot.'

By Rachel Waller

Well, it was done again. The yearbook staff pulled off the 2nd annual volleyball tournament on September 25 and October 12.

The tournament has become an annual event to help raise money for the school yearbook. This years turnout was not as good as last year, but it was still a great success.

The yearbook staff worked hard getting the volleyball pit ready, teams signed up, and many sponsors for this years tournament. Prizes were donated by Wright Stop, Phillips 66, Hardees, Subway, KWRE/V100, Dollar General, Harts Sport Shop, Wal-Mart, and Busch

Stadium.

"It was a really fun event and the yearbook staff worked really hard to get it together and organized and it was a fun way to raise money for the yearbook," says Yearbook advisor, Ms. Hodak.

The team fee was \$20, and there was a requirement of five or six players on a team.

The first day of the tournament, September 25, there were eight teams to play, one of which consisted of elementary school staff. Although the tournament could not be completed, by the end of the day there were still three teams left to play. The games were finished on October 12. Senior, Keith Lucus, was captain of the team who won first place in this years tournament. His team included himself, Jason Abromovitz, Roby Farek, Jason Farek, Dave Venneman, and Josh Cole. They all received Hardball t-shirts and \$25 cash. Second place team members received Cardinals t-shirts and Cardinal tickets. The third place prize was Hardees and Subway gift certificates. Everyone who participated in the tournament received a Cardinal baseball ticket to a 1995 game.

"It was pretty cool since our school doesn't have a volleyball team. It gave people a chance to get out and play," said freshman Andrea Thornton.



Helene Hodak

and Volleyball champions Keith Lucas, David Venneman, Robert Farek, Jason Abramovitz, Josh Cole, and Jason Farek.

enior Matt Cramberg sending the ball over the net to the competing team.





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Jesse Jaeger and Roby Farek fighting to spike the ball.

Freshman Andrea Thornton setting up the ball for another team member to spike.



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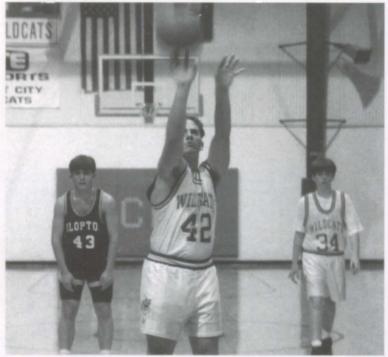
Christine Kurtzeborn

angie Chism ready to score the winning point by setting up the ball for a perfect spike.



Freshman Corey Kehoe trying his best to make a free-throw shot to even up the score against Clopton.

ophomore Nick Girondo preparing to shoot as he makes his way through two Warrenton defensive players.



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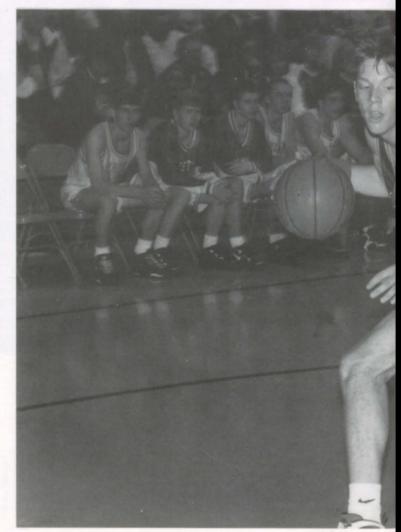
Junior Josh Cole making his way to the basket to try and

Score against Warrenton.

Senior Derek Lagemann carefully dribbles around a Warrenton player as he waits for an open shot.



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### 'Hey Man Nice Shot'

By Angie Chism

This season the Wildcats had high hopes of a championship season to fulfill and a new head coach to help them achieve their goals.

"Coach Cannamore is doing a great job. He makes all of us work hard and try to reach our potential. I am disappointed because this is the last time that I will be playing high school basketball," said senior Derek Lagemann.

This season held a different meaning for each player.

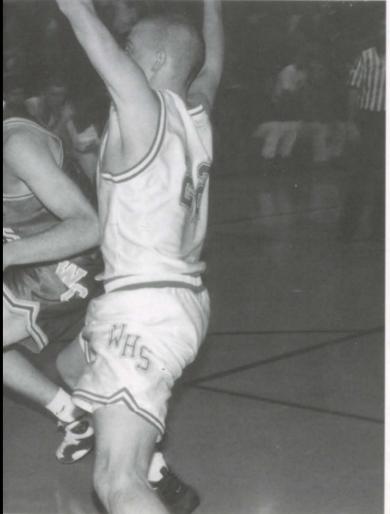
The seniors wanted to leave their mark during their last year of high school basketball.

The juniors wanted to prepare to be starting players as they approach their final year.

The underclassmen were trying to receive hands-on experience to help them prepare for varsity games.

With all of the hopes and expectations, the players tried their best to play as a team and have a successful season.

"I feel that Coach Cannamore has a lot to do with our wins. He had a lot of good strategies to be used. When the team works together the plays are getting made," said senior Lance Krueger.

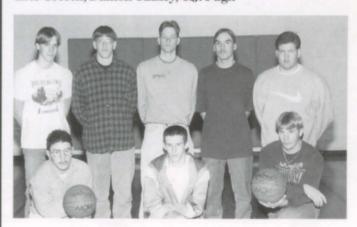




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(left to right) Jeremy Ebert, Joey Maestas, James Maestas, Eric Creech, Damon Tinsley, T.J. Pugh



First Row (left to right) Matt Stout, Josh Cole, Jason Copeland Second Row (left to right) A.J. Girondo, Lance Krueger, Derek Lagemann, Nick Girondo, Dan Gripentrog



# 'Don't Let the Sun go Down on Me'

By Jenny Perry

Two hours and thirtyfive minutes of relaxing in the sun, listening to some tunes or just hanging out with some friends just playing volleyball, basketball or any other sport. How does that sound? Like summer vacation. No, it's Field Day, of course.

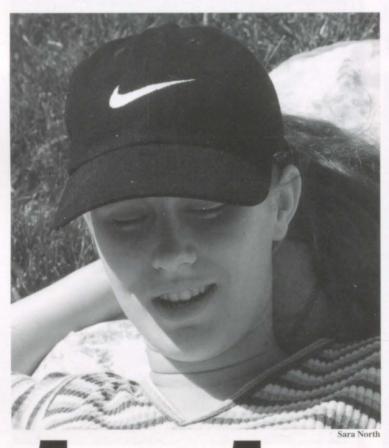
Field Day is a good experience for all students to get away from class, schoolwork, and teachers, and just do whatever they want. Some students

brought blankets and radios, and just lounged around in the sun and had a good time, while others played sports such as volleyball or basketball. Any student who hadn't had any eighth hours, out of school suspension, or in school suspension in the second semester was eligible to participate.

The purpose of Field Day was to reward students for their behavior throughout the semester. Student Council came up with the idea of having a field day about six years ago. It has taken place at the end of every school year since then, except for 1995-96 school year, because the weather and rain didn't want to cooperate; and there was no point in having a field day if students had to sit inside all day.

"It is a chance for students to enjoy themselves, and they look forward to having it every year," commented counselor Janet Freeman. The event took place during fifth, sixth, and seventh hours on May 17, 1996. The faculty members that attended were Freeman, Mark Blackmore, Mrs. Harper, and Mrs. McCutcheon.

"I enjoyed Field Day and I thought it was a good chance for everyone to get away from schoolwork and have a good time," freshman Angie Chism commented.



Junior Michelle King relaxing in the sun while at-

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tending Field Day, May 17. ophomore Aimee Pettig and senior Jason Abramovitz working together to get the ball back to the other side of the net.



Sophomore Dan Gripentrog and junior Randy Deatherage trying to get the ball over to their opponents, Field Day, May 17. Field Day was held to reward students for their good behavior.





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S ophomore Aimee Pettig and senior Jason Abramovitz congratulating each other for winning.

Sophomore Gripentrog helping the ball over the net.

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James Maestas, Joey
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Damon Tinsley, Paul
Dutton, Jeremy
Stoehner, Brian Schulte,
Chris Lacy

Second Row (left to right)
Coach Jeff Adams, A.J.
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Adam Williams, Josh
Cole, Derek Lagemann,
Nick Girondo, Todd
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4-03	N H Warrenton	8-6
4-09	N H Whitfield	12-9
4-10	N A St. Dominic	1-11
4-11	N A Clopton	18-2
4-18	N A Troy	0-10
4-20	T A Orchard Farm	16-6
4-20	T A Rosary	4-16
4-23	N H Pacific	0-0
4-25	N H Wentzville	2-12
5-02	N H Orchard Farm	4-2
5-06	N A Montgomery County	0-0
5-07	NH Elsberry	0-0
5-08	N A New Haven	0-0
5-08	N H Silex	0-0
5-09	N A Warrenton	0-0
5-11	T H New Haven	0-0
5-13	T A New Haven	0-5



## 'Take me out to the Ball Game'

By Jenny Perry

The baseball team worked really hard this year, ending the season on Monday, May 13. The hardest part of the season was dealing with Mother Nature. The Wildcats were rained out of eight games this season, which is nearly half of their schedule. "Being rained out of that many games hurt our chances of improving throughout the year. Not playing isn't good for the younger guys who need the playing time," stated senior Derek Lagemann.

The Wildcats were a young team that had only three seniors on it. The underclassmen had to play the majority of the time and fill in the holes when needed. Since this team was so young, they should be well off down the line. "In the next few years this team should improve a lot and win more games," said senior A.J. Girondo. However, many players believed that the talent was here this year. "We had

the tools to play with anyone in our schedule, but for some reason we didn't play well against the more experienced teams. We just took it from them," sophomore Adam Williams said. This is very true. the Wildcats finished the season with a 7-6 record and four of those losses came to bigger schools.

The Wildcats raced off to a 4-1 start, then the rain came along with teams that had more experience. After every game there were days before the Cats could play again. More times than not, they would be practicing indoors, which isn't the ideal situation for any team. "There were times that we couldn't get anything accomplished because we couldn't do much inside," Lagemann said. After all the rain finally haulted. the Wildcats' season ended in Elsberry. The Wildcats played New Haven in the first round of districts. New Haven scored four fourth inning runs and that was all

they needed. The final score was 5-0. It was not the way the team wanted to end the season. Their goal was to win districts and advance as far as possible in the state tournament.

The loss to New Haven ended the career of three seniors: A.J. Girondo, Derek Lagemann, and Shoy Drews. Drews was a role player that pitched, ran, and played outfield. Lagemann was the shortstop who led the team in batting average and RBI's. though Girondo hit with a brace on his knee he still capped off a good season with a .360 batting average. "I feel sorry for Girondo. this is his favorite sport and I wish that he could have been 100% for his senior year. That way he could be able to show his total potential as a baseball player. I respect him a lot for playing with only one healthy leg. He's a team player all the way," quoted Lagemann.





Baseball player Derek Lagemann receiving an award at the athletic banquet from coach Gerdeman. member of the baseball team ready to score another run for his team.

Junior Jesse Jeager passing his opponent at one of the annual Track meets.

Sophomore Amy Rook running as fast as she possibly can to try and make first at the Track meet.





Treshman Missy Chapman easily passes her opponent for a beautiful 50 victory.

Freshman Jamie Schamma working hard for that first place medal.





#### Track Team is 'Makin' Memories'

By Michelle Schmidt

The 1996 Track Season got off to a good start. The team attended nine track meets, including six medal meets.

At the men's 1600m relay senior Jason Abramovitz, junior Jessie Jaeger, sophomore Travis Borrego, and freshman Kyle Shy took 5th place at Districts.

Abramovitz took fourth in the open 200 with a time of 25.1 seconds, fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 38ft. He also teamed up with Jesse Jaeger, Travis Borrego, and Keith Lucas to finish sixth in the 800 m relay, with a time of 1:43.9 The coed sprint relay team took second place with a time of 1:43.1. Anna Braun and Abramovitz each ran the 200 meter leg, and Borrego ran the final 400 meter leg. Braun also finished eighth in the girls triple jump with an effort of 28ft 8 inches, a time of

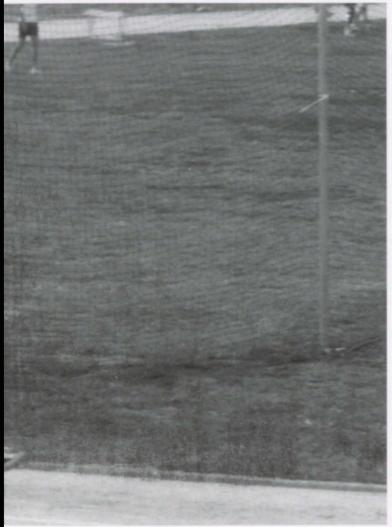
3:39. These groups also ran the 800 meter relay, with a time of 1:38.6 and took 5th place in Districts.

"This years team has the most spirit that I have seen in awhile, never letting up while in competition," Abromavitz said.

"Not only is the track team really good, it's very helpful. It has helped me build my confidence," said Rook.

In the discus, Jamie Shamma threw 94'7 and took 3rd place in Districts. In the long jump, Braun jumped 14'7 and took 1st at Orchard Farm on April 26, and 3rd place at Orchard Farm in the triple jump at 30'10. "My goal is to go to State before I graduate, and practice is the only thing that will help me accomplish that," stated Braun.

Abramovitz took 6th place in districts at the Triple Jump at 40'9.



Season Results				
Winfield	March 28	Cancelled		
Montgomery	March 30	15th Place		
St. Dominic	April 3	1st Place		
Winfiled	April 16	2nd Place		
Louisiana Inv.	April 20	14th Place		
Elsberry Inv.	April 23	4th Place		
Orchard Farm	April 26	3rd Place		
Hallsville Relays	April 27	1st Place		
Grandview	May 8	Cancelled		
Orchard Farm	May 11	10th Place		

Sara North



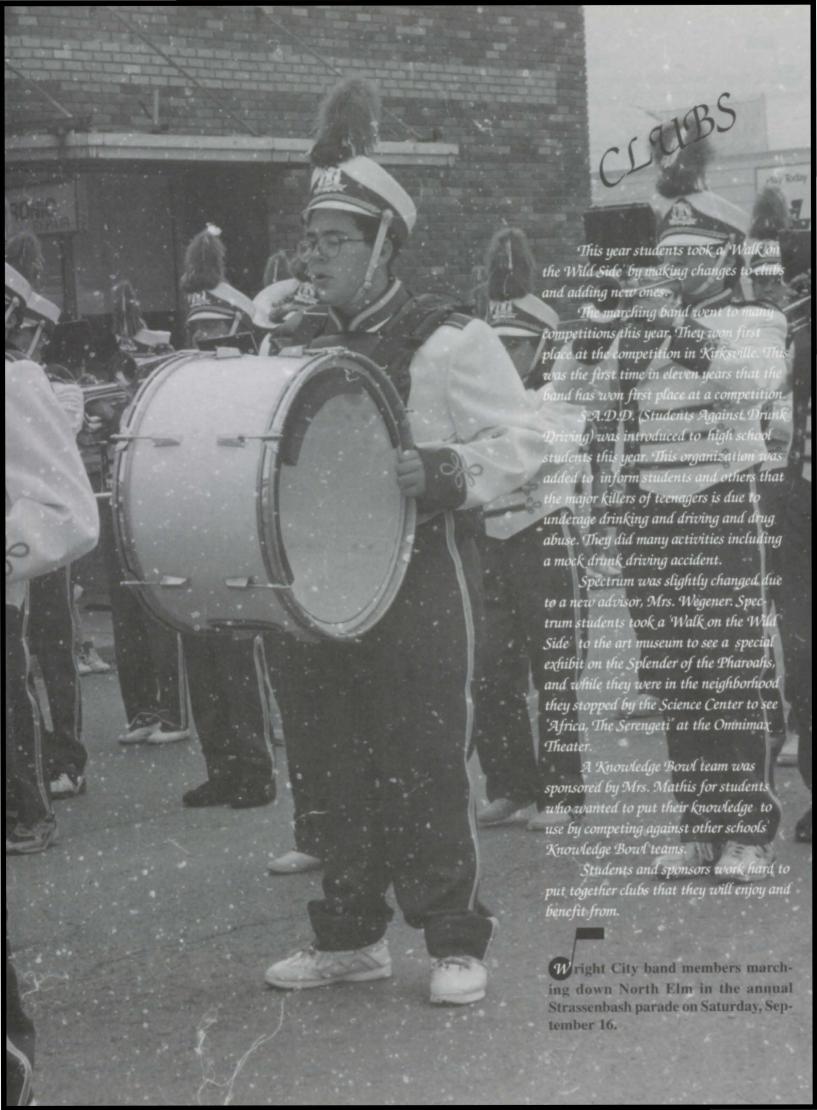
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First Row (left to right) Nelly Yarmushkina, Missy Chapman, Anna Braun, Amy Rook, Becky Riley, Jessica Krensky. Second Row (left to right) Aimee Pettig, Jason Abramovitz, Dave Holliway, Jamie Schamma, Chrissy Vrabel, Steve Ruth, Kyle Shy, Jamey Justice.

Third Row (left to right) Jeff Peterson, Eric Creech, Jesse Jeager, Travis Borrego, Chris Campise, Mintrel Hoffman, Josh Rittinger, Mandy Martin.







Mark Taylor, math club sponsor, shows a solution to a problem while holding a meeting in his classroom.



Sara North



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Mu Alpha Theta members waiting to be recognized so that they can ask questions.



#### Club Members Say Practice Makes 'Perfect'

By Jenny Perry

Health Occupations is a program where juniors and seniors can experience real life situations in the medical field. Health Occ. students measured the height, weight, blood pressure, heart rate and eye sight of all the freshmen students at the beginning of the school year.

Mu Alpha Theta is a group of students who get together and talk about all kinds of math, including algebra to trigonometry. Mu Alpha Theta has been to several competitions. Individual students have been awarded, and the group as a whole has also been recognized.



First Row (left to right) Melissa Nelson, Amy Tinsley, Stacey Huskey, Darnisha Gurley, Sue Ell

Second Row (left to right) Jamie Johnson, Jessica Tinker, Erin Howard, Jason Edwards, Molly Nienhaus, Jennifer Clemonds



First Row (left to right) Mark Taylor, Kris Ault, Tonya Sydnor, A.J. Girondo, Candy Robison

Second Row (left to right) Eric Creech, Amber Borrego, Jessica Key, Derek Lagemann, Kerry Lewis

Third Row (left to right) Mike Pennock, John Gripentrog, Dan Gripentrog, Nick Girondo

#### Members Say 'This Time' We Will Win

By Jenny Perry

Knowledge Bowl is a group of students who get together and share their knowledge on such topics as history, geography, and myths. The Knowledge Bowl Team participated in two competitions.

Peer Mediators is a group of students who come together and help other students resolve their problems, but does not involve faculty members.



First Row (left to right) Eric Martin, Jesse Jaeger, Colene McEntee, Mindy Snyder, Vicki Matthis

Second Row (left to right) Tiffany Helling, Devin Pellerito, Rachel Waller, Chrissy Bounds, Mike Bates

Third Row (left to right) John Ault, Angie Chism, Jenny Perry, Damon Tinsley, James Maestas



First Row (left to right) Colene McEntee, Kati Boyd, Trish Skorcz, A.J. Girondo, Melany Hubbard

Second Row (left to right) Benita Springman, Candy Robison, Tonya Sydnor, Anna Braun, Jessica Key, Brook Hertzler, Adam Williams

Third Row (left to right) Joey Novelli, Aimee Pettig, Amy Rook, Janet Freeman, Nikki Browne, Rob Vaughn

Freshman Rachel Waller ready to recieve a Knowledge Bowl Award at Awards Night, May 16.



Aimey Paul



Sara North

Jared Taylor, Candy Robison, Anna Braun, Kevin Mitchell, and Nikki Browne discussing a resolution to a personal crisis of a xtudent.

Many of the Student Council members mingling with other schools at the tri county conference Feruary 2.



Rachel Walle



Teri Boschert

Senior Derek Lagemann carrying junior Trish Skorcz at the Student Council Conference in early December.



#### Stu-Co Says 'This Is How We Do It'

By Misty Lively

Student Council members met February 2, at the Tri-County Student Council Conference.

Students from thirteen area high schools gathered at the St.Peters City Hall Auditorium to dance, get to know one another, and most importantly swap ideas on putting more spirit into the student body of their high schools.

On March 20, the Student Council went to McCluer North High School for an interactive presentation, by Mike Smith, a motivational speaker.

Student Council attended a workshop at a different school, and competed against other schools in a spirit contest.

"I think the Student Council Conference was the most exciting event we attended this year because I got to meet a lot of new people and everyone had fun," commented freshman Leahan Ostmann.

The Student Council sponsored many things this year. Including several teacher luncheons, and the Homecoming dance. Student Council and FFA sponsored the Fall Fest dance.

The Student Council feels they have learned a lot this year. They hope the new members have as good a time as they did this year, and learn as much.



First Row (left to right) Adam Meyer, Trish Skorcz, Derek Lagemann, Tonya Sydnor, A.J. Girondo, Tiffany Helling

Second Row (left to right) Katie Filson, Christine Kurtzeborn, Amy Rook, Aimee Pettig, Kerry Lewis, Jada Watson, Laurie Spotloe, Jill Yager, Jason Abramovitz, Leahan Ostmann, Erin Overlander, Roshanda Davis

Third Row (left to right) Vicki Matthis, Janet Freeman, Jessica Key, Lance Krueger, Keith Lucas

#### Being 'One of us' is an Honor

By Joey Novelli

National Honor Society is an elite group of students that have a GPA of 3.4 or higher, show leadership skills in academics, and character. The students are nominated by teachers and must qualify for membership with an interviewing board. However, NHS is not only an academic club. This year the club sponsored the successful food drive, and Awards Night. They also sold pizza and held other fundraisers to help pay for going to a convention in Chicago.

Spectrum is a new program with a new sponsor, Mrs. Becky Wegener. With approximately 20 students, the program was designed to accommodate the gifted students needs. Beyond academics, students also took several field trips including the Art Museum and the Science Center to see the "The Serengeti" at the Omnimax Theater. Mrs. Wegener works on a rotating schedule between the high school and middle school.



First Row (left to right) Tiffany Helling, Tara Scoggin, Kris Ault, A.J. Girondo, Kerry Lewis Second Row Diane Ward, Christine Kurtzeborn, Teri Boschert, Katie Filson, Adam Krenski, Robert Kramer, Derek Lagemann, Jill YagerThird Row Robert Farek, Lance Krueger, Shawn Wilding, John Gripentrog



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Juniors Teri Boschert, Christine Kurtzeborn, and Katie Filson relaxing before their long trip to Chicago.

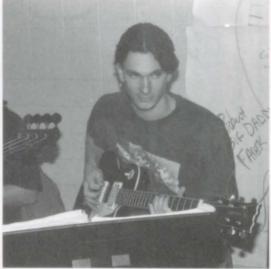




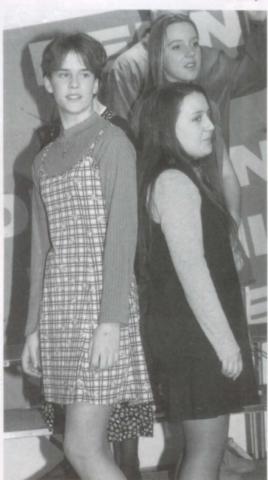
aledictorian Kerry Lewis proudly displays her well earned medal of academic achievement as she exits the gym for the last time.

NHS/Spectrum

Junior Dale Nicolas playing the bass for the student body in the cafeteria.



Katie Thor



Katie Thorp

reshmen Mandy Martin and Katie Collins singing at Mid Rivers Mall as

part of the select chorus.

#### Musically inclined students 'Rock Around the Clock'

By Sara North

Every year Jazz Band and Chorus have several performances, including some for the student body. Jazz Band has played in the cafeteria for the students' enjoyment, and Chorus has performed at Mid Rivers Mall. Both have worked hard to accomplish their achievements.



First Row (left to right) Misty Alvis, Tara Scoggin. Second Row (left to right) Chrissy Vrabel, Dale Nicholas, Mark Blackmore. Third Row (left to right) Jacob Boyd, Matt Ebert. Fourth Row (left to right) Jessie Jaeger, Keith Lucas, Corey Kehoe.



First Row (left to right) Roshanda Davis, Leahan Ostmann, Justine Key, Jaci Pomeroy. Second Row (left to right) Katie Collins, Mandy Martin, Jamie Schamma, Misty Alvis. Third Row (left to right) Andrea Furness, Jamey Justice, Dale Nicholas, Missy Chapman. Fourth Row (left to right) Chris Wehrman, Tim McCutcheon, Curtis Haynes, Corey Kehoe

### Students 'Listen to the Music'

By Angie Chism

Wright City High School band acomplished many things in the '95-'96 school year. They went to several competitions and were able to use their new uniforms.

Having new uniforms must have done the trick. Marching Band walked away with first place when they went to the Northeast Missouri State Homecoming Parade competition. It was the first time they won first place in eleven years. They also received a third place award when they went to Central Methodist College Band Day.

Next year band plans to go to more competitions."The band's performance has reached the level that warrants harder competition," said Mr. Blackmore, the band director. Blackmore says that he would like to particapate in a city like Chicago, Cincinnati, or Cleveland. "This makes the band work harder towards a higher level of performance," commented Blackmore.



First Row (left to right) David Chilson, Jacob Boyd, Joey Maestas, Jason Abramovitz, Kati Boyd, Stephanie Lawson, David Venneman, John Freeborn

Second Row (left to right) Erin Dixon, Becky Novelli, Andrea Thornton, Erin Overlander, Tisha Wood, Shelley Merz, Chrissy Vrabel, Lilly Fox, Sarah Abotabik, Mindy Snydor

Third Row (left to right) Christine Kurtzeborn, Amy Tinsley, Jada Watson, Tasha Kauble, Wendy Martin, Amanda Ruppert, Cheryl Balkenbusch, Monique Larocque, Kristine Dorn, Kelley Winfrey, Katie Filson, Jill Yager, Lesley Held, **Chrissy Bounds** 

Fourth Row (left to right) Jeremy Johnson, Jennifer Thorpe, Paul Bersheid, Robby Vaughn, Lance Ramey, Brook Hertzler, Mr. Blackmore

Fifth Row (left ro right) Tiffany Helling, Erin Gilmore, Chad Rhodes, Kyle Shy, Chris Dorsano, Keith Lucas, Matt Cramberg, Steve Ruth, Dan Neil, James Maestas, Eric Creech, Jesse Jaeger

Sixth Row (left ro right) Angie Duckworth, Nick Girondo, Mark Christopher, Tonya Sydnor, Paul Dutton, Damon Tinsley, Ryan Thornton, Adam Meyer, Randy Deatherage, Brian Mohr, Sean Kehoe, A.J. Girondo, Anna Braun

Seventh Row (left ro right) Stacey Taylor, Jessica Lawson

B and members marching to the beat of a different drummer in Marthasville.





Wright City High School Marching band showing their school spirit by marching in the Strassenbash parade.



Senior FFA officers Kerry Lewis and Kris Ault dancing at the FFA sponsored Fall Fest dance.



Rachel Waller



Teri Boschert

FA advisor David Cook talking to Home Ec teacher, Benita Springman, at the March blood drive.

#### FFA has a 'Country State of Mind'

By Aimey Paul

FFA is a nationwide organization which teaches its members to develop leadership skills.

The Wright City chapter has 79 members. The FFA participates and organizes numerous school and community activities.

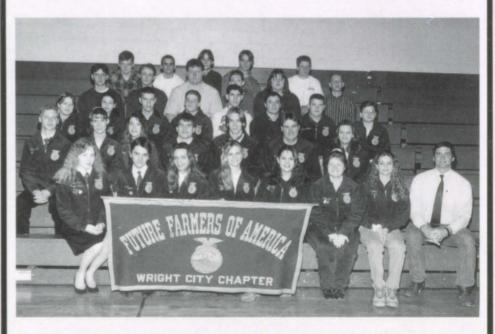
In March and October they sponsor the Red Cross blood drives. They sell homemade rootbeer at the annual Strassenbash in September and Deutch Country Days in October. Deutch Country Days is the FFA's biggest fundraiser. This two day event brought in around \$3500 to the chapter this year. Members also helped beautify the high school grounds by planting trees along the soccer and baseball fields.

In November, 12 FFA officers and members went to the national convention in Kansas City. They have FFA week which includes several dress-up days, a bowling night, and a FFA breakfast for alumni members and teachers. Members also formed several different teams with agricultural related topics and competed in area and district contests.

Throughout the school year FFA has many other fundraisers. They include fruit sales, the Fall Fest dance, and the March Madness basketball tournament.

FFA also has activities involving the other schools. They have a day where several members go the the middle school to hopefully recruite new members. They also have a 'Barnyard Day', where members go to the elementary school and show numerous farm animals to the children.

For many, FFA is a year round organization. During the summer members can spend a week at camp in Lake of the Ozarks, or enter livestock in the county fairs.



First Row (left to right) Kerry Lewis, John Gripentrog, Jessica Lawson, Kris Ault, Erin Gilmore, Kelley Winfrey, Tiffany Helling, David Cook.

Second Row (left to right) Jacob Sewell, Alexis Pomeroy, Stacey Taylor, Eric Creech, Dan Gripentrog, Todd Reckamp, Stephanie Lawson.

Third Row (left to right) Kim Sutherland, Amy Beard, Kenneth Cain, Stephen Deardeuff, Jul Deuser, Paul Dutton, Adam Williams, Brian Schulte.

Fourth Row (left to right) Adam Meyer, Bobby Kramer, Jimmy Polston, Aimey Paul, Lesley Held, Stephen Rohan.

Fifth Row (left ro right) Michael Pennock, Earl Samson, Jason Huggins, Mintrel Hoffman, Jeremy Johnson.

# Future Homemakers are building 'My Generation'

By Misty Lively

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA) is an organization sponsored by Mrs. Benita Springman, Home Economics teacher. This club is for any student interested in the fields of fashion, cooking, or other traditional homemaker activities. This club was originally started as a way for girls to become future wives and mothers; however in this new generation things have changed because boys can also join to enhance their skills for independent living.

"Through FHA, I have learned to get along and help others and learn leadership skills," said junior FHA president Toni Schamma.

This club not only learns about how to bake and sew, they also help sponsor some activities with other school clubs such as the annual blood drive. In November, the group attended a Regional Conference held in Fulton, Missouri where senior Chad White received the Rose Award for outstanding leadership qualities and most contributions to their chapter. One of their most popular events this past school year was the selling and delivering of Candygrams for your loved ones on Valentine's Day. Each customer sent a special note and a piece of candy to brighten the day of their friend. Another fundraiser they held was the selling of raffle tickets. The prize of the raffle tickets was a ceramic Christmas tree.

Each year new members joined FHA to help prepare for their future in "the real world."

And as their motto says, "We face the future with warmth and courage."



First Row (left to right) Chad White, Katie Thorpe, Jessica Key, Candy Robison, Anna Braun Second Row Mrs. Springman, Leeann Lolley, Johndrea Jefferson, Angie Jolly Third Row Leahan Ostmann, Misty Lively, Cheryl Balkenbusch, Jessica Harrison

ophomore Candy Robison preparing for the next donor during the second blood drive.



Teri Boschert



Tonya Sydno

Sophomore Stephanie Lawson giving her support to senior Chad White as he donates blood at the first blood drive.

Freshman Devin Pellerito studying a set of negatives getting ready to be used in the yearbook.





unior Aimey Paul reviewing and proofreading a yearbook story. 62

#### Journalist 'Deliverin' news to student body

By Aimey Paul

The yearbook and newspaper classes are in charge of the high school publications, the Echo and the Informer. The Echo yearbook staff produced an award winning yearbook in 1995. It ranked Superior under the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association.

"We have a lot of hard workers on the yearbook staff, and I'm very proud of our achievements," said editor-in-chief Katie Thorpe.

The Informer, which produces an eight page paper quarterly, was pronounced a first place national ranking under the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Informer is headed by Teri Boschert, editor-inchief.



First Row (left to right) Helene Hodak, Tonya Sydnor, Katie Thorpe Second Row (left to right) Stacey Taylor, Katie Filson, Christine Kurtzeborn, Teri Boschert, Michelle Schmidt



First Row (left to right) Tina Hunt, Katie Thorpe, Aimey Paul, Sara North, Ryan Thornton, Helene Hodak Second Row (left to right) Angie Chism, Devin Pellerito, Rachel Waller, Misty

Lively, Jenny Perry

#### Students Will Never 'Fade Away'

By Ryan Thornton

This year's drama class wasn't able to participate in any meets, but the drama students did projects in class.

The drama classes have memorized lines, read plays, acted out scenes in front of the class, and learned many action techniques in place of putting on actual productions. "This will all be included on their finals, which will be an on person scene in which lines come from two or three pages," commented David Brumfield, drama advisor.

Quill and Scroll is a National Honor Society for journalism students. It is a prestigious award given to only a few journalism students every year. "I feel honored to be selected from all the journalism students in this school to be in this prestigious club for journalists," Quill and Scroll member Teri Boschert commented.

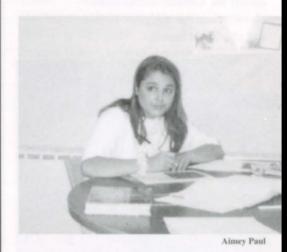


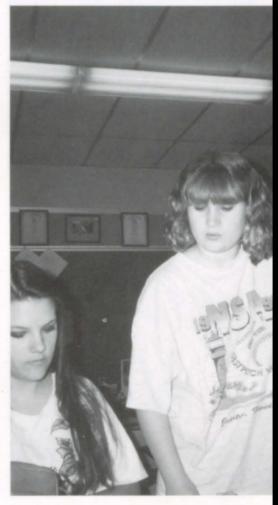
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First Row (left to right) Teri Boschert, Katie Thorpe

Junior Teri Boschert, Quill & Scroll member, working hard in Ms. Hodak's classroom on a story for the *Informer*.





Senior Katie Thorpe helping Sara North, yearbook photo editor, crop pictures in order to get the yearbook done on time.

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Freshmen Art Club members, Colene McEntee, Sarah Abotobik, Amanda Ruppert, and Mike Chapman listen as Chuck Schumaker shows them a display in his art studio in April.





Office secretary, Deni Diefenbacher, watches as Mr. Schumaker explains some techniques to her in his studio.

#### Spanish and Art Club Open Up 'A Whole New World'

By Ryan Thornton

Art Club has taken several trips this year. They went to the St. Louis Zoo to take pictures of animals to draw. They visited Mr. Chuck Schumaker's art studio at his home in Lake Saint Louis. They also painted a mural in the hallway leading to the libary.

Spanish Club has approxiamately 25 members. They went to a Flamenco performance at Shelden in St. Louis in October. They spent an afternoon eating at Ruiz Castillo Mexican Restaurant in the beginning of May.



First Row (left to right) Adam Krenski, Sara North, Tiffany Helling, Tasha Kauble

 ${\it Second Row (left\ to\ right)}\ {\bf Colene\ McEntee,\ Jamey\ Justice,\ Candy\ Robison,\ Sue\ Healy}$ 



First Row (left to right) Sarrah Harrison, Kris Ault, Tara Scoggin, Amy Rook, Anna Braun

Second Row (left to right) Kenneth Cain, Amanda Ruppert, Colene McEntee, Sarah Abotobik, Robert Hanna

Third Row (left to right) Josh Rittenger, Jamie Schamma, Melany Hubbard, Angela Scissors

#### SADD Students 'Ain't Misbehavin''

By Ryan Thornton

The SADD chapter in the high school was something new that has been wanted for a while, but has never been offered to students at school as a club.

The chapter has 56 members total. This year the chapter was sponsored by support counselors, Lori Reiher and Stacey Greer. In the beginning of the school year Reiher took on the responsibility of the chapter, but later took a job elsewhere and was forced to resign from her position. The group was taken over by Greer, who filled Reiher's position, in mid January.

At the beginning of the year all of the students who signed up to be a member were formally inducted into SADD during an induction ceremony October 17. Students, along with their parents, went and signed a 'Contract for Life'. This stated that any members who are in a situation in the future where drinking and driving is involved that their parents would be willing to come get them or drive them to their designated destination.

The chapter also took a trip to the elementary school to try and teach the younger students prevention. Also, they held a poster contest and a party for the elementary students. Later in the year the chapter took a trip to St. Charles Community College to attend a simulated demonstration of how drinking can affect your driving skills. The students also watched a demonstration of how the 'jaws of life' are used.

"The simulator was very interesting especially the way it took information and acted as a drunk driver," said Greer.

SADD members elected officers in August. The 1995-96 officers were President Mike Bates, Vice President Amy Rook, Treasurer Tara Scoggin, Secretary Kelley Winfrey, and Public Relations Tonya Sydnor.



First Row (left to right) Tina Hunt, Aimey Paul, Katie Thorpe, Tonya Sydnor, Mike Bates, Amy Rook, Kelley Winfrey, Candy Robinson

Second Row (left to right) Amy Tinsley, Stacey Huskey, Tasha Kauble, Angie Scissors, Diane Schindler, Jamey Justice, Kenneth Cain

Third Row (left to right) Crystal Heap, Feather Laroque, Kim Sutherland, Anna Braun, Beth Blanton, Grace McRoberts, Stacey Greer

Fourth Row (left to right) Colene McEntee, Erin Dixon, Mindy Schneider, Jessica Harris, Leahan Lolly, Tasha Heap.

First semester WCHS SADD founder and sponsor, Lori Reiher, laughs along with English teachers, Jeanne Lane and Helene Hodak. Reiher was later replaced by the new support counselor, Stacey Greer, second semester SADD sponsor.



Aimey Paul



Katie Thorpe

SADD

SADD secretary, Kelley Winfrey, gives an introduction speech at the SADD induction ceremony on Ocober 17.

Junior Dale Nicholas glues together a model home during Randy Scipioni's fourth hour class.



Sara North



Sara North

TS.A. Vice President Dale Nicholas works on constructing his shop project.

#### Students Take the 'Time' to Learn New Technology

By Misty Lively

Vo-Tech is a school for people who are interested in the technical field. There are ten students involved in this program.

"I like Vo-Tech a lot better than high school because it's a good opportunity for students who want to further their education in a techical way,"said junior Robby Bote.

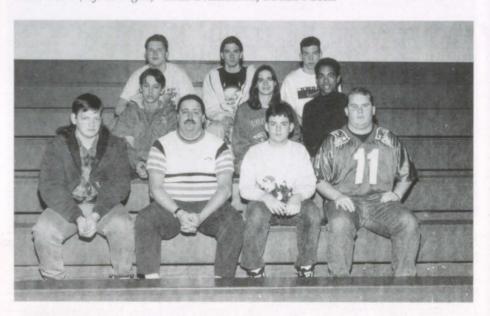
Technology Students Associations, known as T.S.A., has 13 members. Mr. Scipioni described it as 'a club for the kids'. This year they have had several class parties and a field trip to the St. Louis Science enter.



First Row (left to right) Matt Ebert, Chad Thompson, Robby Bote, Jake Sewell

Second Row (left to right) Chad LeBeau, Jessica Schamma, Leah Brown, Crystal Heap

Third Row (left to right) Toni Schamma, Brian Mohr



First Row (left to right) Mike Pennock, Randy Scipioni, Eric Martin, Sean Kehoe Second Row (left to right) Mike Chapman, Jerilyn Famous, Henry Barnes Third Row (left to right) Johnny Redman, Dale Nicholas, Shawn Fincher

#### Students Work to Make Prom 'Unforgettable'

By Misty Lively

Prom Committee held two barbeques and a car wash to raise money for prom. They also sold a tremendous amount of candy bars.

"There were only a few students who worked at the car wash, but all of us who did arrive worked very hard, and we had a lot of help from the Wright City Fire Department," said junior Sara North. Prom Committee worked very hard to make this year's prom 'Unforgettable'.

School Store is a convenient little mini-mart inside our school. The school store is available to all students and teachers before and after school. Last fall the members of the school store went to Union Station, and rode the Metro Link. They also went to Busch Stadium, and to the Hall of Fame in early May.



First Row (left to right) Sara North, Erin Gilmore, Tiffany Helling, Lesley Held, Trish Skorcz, Kati Boyd

Second Row (left to right) Mike Bates, Darnisha Gurley, Katie Filson, Christine Kurtzeborn, Adam Meyer

Third Row (left to right) Lisa Hopson, Grace McRoberts, Bobby Kramer



(left to right) Tonya Schneider, Wendy Martin, Ernie Washburn

Prom Committee members Christine Kurtzeborn and Mike Bates work at the second junior class barbeque April 12.



Aimey Paul



Aimey Pa

unior Jeremy Johnson becomes exhausted as he does his part to support his class while they raise funds for prom.

ACADEMICS

There were many new faculty members added to the staff at the high school this year. The new faculty members were hired, including the high schools new principal, Mr. Otten. The teachers and students were 'Strong Enough' to make it through the year despite all the new and different changes. Most of the teachers and students adjusted well to everything new.

There were no new teachers added in the math department. Mr. Wiegert was added to teach American Government, American History, and Current Events/ Civil War. Mr. DeNatale was hired to teach Physical Science and Physics, but he left in the first semester, so Mrs. Carter was hired to take his place. Three new English teachers were added to the English department. Mr. Brumfield teaches Enlish I, Mrs. Williams was hired as the new English II teacher, and Ms. Hodak teaches English IV. There was also a new librarian, Mrs. Presslopsky, hired to take care of the library. A new support counselor, Mrs. Greer, was hired second semester to take Mrs. Reiher's place.

Once again the faculty and student body were 'Strong Enough' to make it through a long, and hard school year, despite the many changes throughout the school.

Juniors Katie Filson, Aimey Paul, and Tiffany Helling discussing an experiment in Mrs. Ward's Chemistry class.



Sophomore Alexis Pomeroy doing her assignment in Mrs. Gray's class.



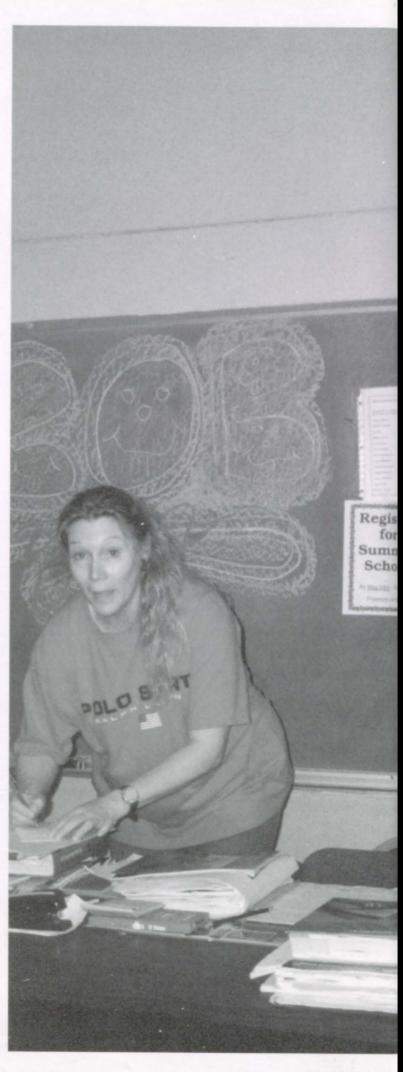
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Math 70

one of Mrs. Wobbe's trigonometry classes sitting around talking while they wait for the bell to ring.





#### Math Students Wish 'Tomorrow Never Comes'

By: Devin Pellerito

A few more students are asking when they are ever going to use the stuff they learned in their math classes.

Mr. Taylor's students have been learning how to graph things. For an extra credit project they had to graph a design on a piece of graph paper, and color it in to make it look like a collage.

"I passed the class. It wasn't bad if you paid attention, but if you didn't you'd be lost because it wasn't just addition and subtraction. There were imaginary numbers, letters in place of numbers, and stuff like that," replied Teri Boschert.

Mrs. Wobbe's geometry class worked with circles, and had to find angles that were in the circles. Her trigonometry classes have worked with new graphing calculators, and learned how to use them.

"I had a great group of freshmen and sophomores in my geometry class, and I feel like they have learned a lot," commented Wobbe.

The students in Mrs. Grays algebra I class have learned how to factor equations, and learned some basic graphing while they learned slope.

Over all the students and the teachers felt as if they have learned a lot even if the students don't know how it will help them in their future.



Mrs. Wobbe helping her student Angie Chism with her geometry.

A group of trigonometry students working together on their assignment.



## Social Studies Students 'Stop Messin' Around'

By Angie Chism

Imaginary trials, debates, designing maps, watching movies, a mock Congress session. These are all things that Mr. Wiegert's American Government classes did this year besides the usual worksheets and quizzes.

Mr. Wiegert's class had the task of designing their own island and then making a map of it. The island had to resemble an object or subject that interested them and include lakes, mountains and three different countries, plus many other details to make it look realistic.

There were also debates held between students in the classroom. Mr. Wiegert chose which side the students were on and what opinion they would have, which was difficult for some students because their own opinions differed from what their teacher chose for them.

An imaginary trial was held to teach how the Supreme Court works. Seven students were chosen to be Supreme Court justices while the rest of the class had to choose which side they wanted to be on, the prosecution or the defendant, depending on their own opinions.

Mr. Wiegert's class also watched many movies

this year. They were educational, of course, but also interesting enough that the students remembered the information that was in them. Whether the movie was about our nation's Constitution or the World's Fair held at St. Louis in 1904.

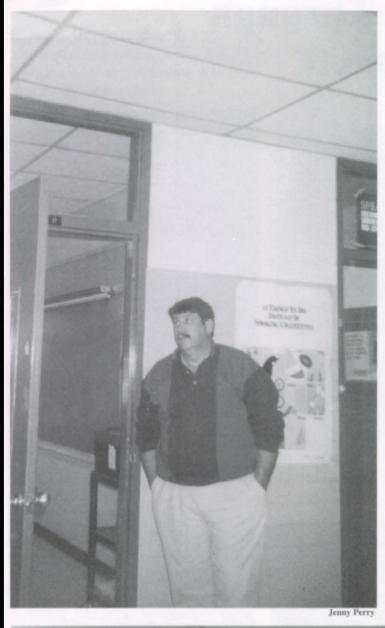
"Mr. Wiegert was a very interesting teacher. He made the things we learned easier, and a lot more fun," commented freshman Jamie Schamma.



Freshmen Jamie Schamma and Tim Mcutchen waiting for the bell to signal the end of their American Government class.

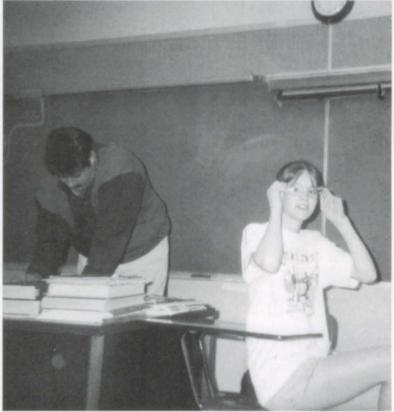


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Tr. Wiegart, the American Government and American History teacher, waiting outside his classroom between classes.

Freshman Erica Priest adjusting her glasses as she waits for Mr. Wiegart to finish taking attendance



Rachel Waller



ophomores in an American History class working hard on one of their many assignments.



# Science Students Got Through the Year 'Day After Day'

By: Devin Pellerito

This year's science classes have done projects and experiments.

In Mrs. Diane Ward's Biology I class they did an experiment to show how easily AIDS was passed from person to person. Each student was given a cup of water, then each student had to poor a little bit of their water in four other students' cups. At first only one cup of water had the AIDS virus. Mrs. Ward put a drop of another chemical in everyone's cup and if the water turned pink then they had the virus. It turned out that almost half of the class had AIDS.

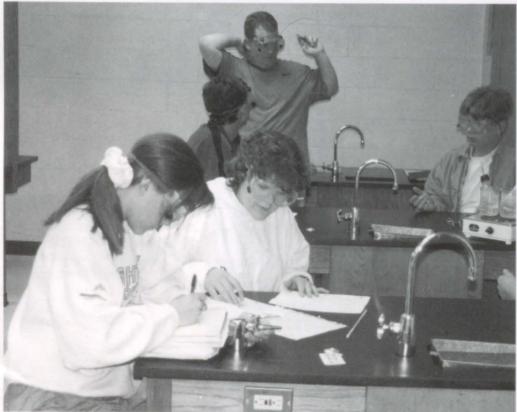
" I thought it was interesting

the way she performed the experiment, and it taught everyone how easily the virus passes from person to person," commented freshman Jenny Perry.

Overall, the students enjoyed the experiment, and they learned how easily AIDS is spread.

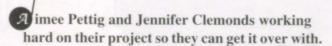
At the end of the year Mrs. Carter's Physical Science classes had to choose a chapter from their science book and make a poster to show what they learned.

"The poster helped me on my final because it helped me remember the stuff in that chapter," said freshman Angie Chism.



Sara North



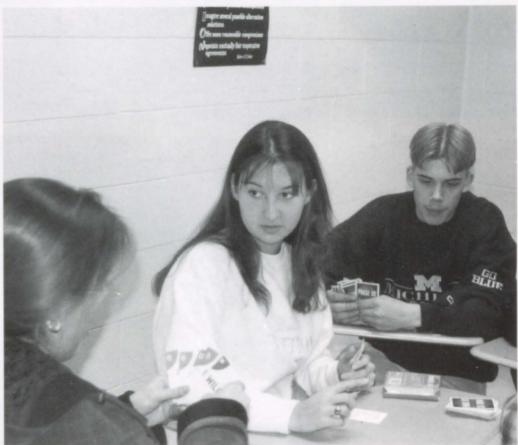




**T**uniors Crystal Heap and Monique Larocque and senior Jenny Scoggin working on their experiment in Mrs. Ward's chemistry class.







Sara North

Juniors Amy Tinsley and Maestas Joey mixing chemicals together for their science experiment.

Katie Filson, Roby Bote, and Teri Boschert taking advantage of their free day in

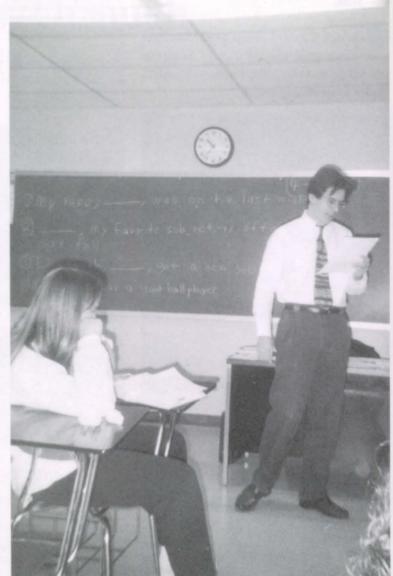


Freshmen English students Elizabeth Riley and Colene McEntee comparing each other's assignments that were just handed back to them.

The third hour English class going over one of the assignments with their teacher, Mr. Brumfield.







Jenny Per

One of Mrs. Lane's English classes hurrying to get the last of their work done before the bell rings.





### 'Simple Lessons' Taught in English Classes

By Angie Chism

Things were done a little differently this year with the arrival of new English teachers David Brumfield, Helene Hodak, and Gail Williams.

There were no actual productions done by the Film and Drama this year, but they did read plays and act out scenes in front of the class. They were also able to see the play "Romeo and Juliet" at Washington University in

St. Louis. "The play was really good, but it was also really long and it got boring towards the end. Otherwise I enjoyed it a lot and I'm glad we were able to go," said sophomore Jaci Pomeroy.

Mrs. William's English class had the task of writing their own radio plays and then performing them. They also did a lot of silent reading in their class. "A lot of sophomores that never seemed to have read a book

before in their life are now starting to read more. Because of that I feel like we accomplished a lot this year," commented Mrs. Williams.

This year Ms. Hodak's English class did many projects on Shakespeare's play, "Macbeth". After they read the play they had to pick from eleven possible projects. A few that they had to choose from were to make a map of England, a flyer advertising

the play, design a sheild of honor, a report on the seven deadly sins and cardinal virtues, or design a typical menu from Shakespeare's time.

Mrs. Lane said that her class didn't do anything "particularly interesting" this year. Although her freshman English class was able to go along with Brumfield's class to the "Romeo and Juliet" play.



Mr. Brumfield getting classwork ready on the blackboard for his second hour English class.



Ms. Lane's American Literature class doing several group activities together.



# PE.OPLE

This year people 'Run With the Pack' and get recognized for what they have done.

Keith Lucas particated in the Missouri All State Lions band. On this eight day trip he went to a training session at Southwest Missouri State, then to Orlando, Florida. The band marched down Main Street at Disneyworld and through Universal Studios. They returned to Missouri and were the feature band at the Fair St. Louis Parade.

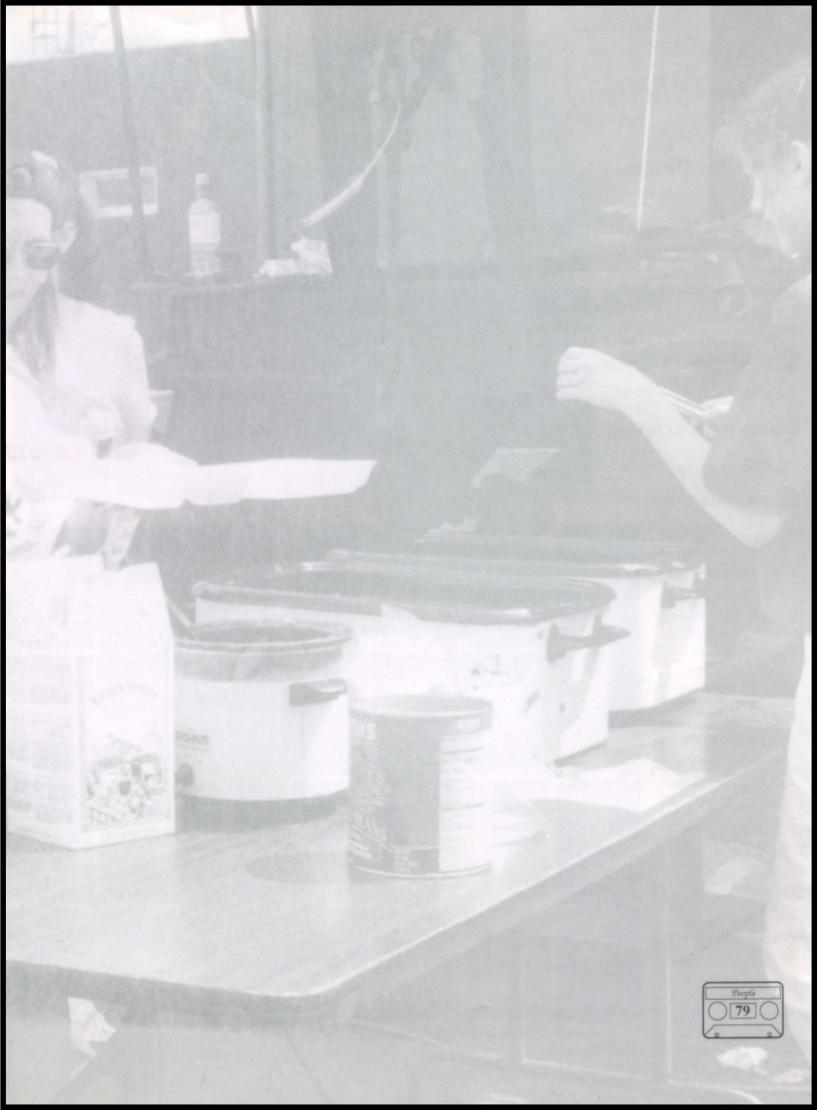
Senior Kerry Lewis joined FFA members from across the country in providing musical entertainment for more than 40,000 members and guests at the 68th National FFA Convention Nov. 9-11, in Kansas City, Missouri. She was selected from more than 300 applicants.

Dan Charlton was considered hometown hero on Oct. 26. When he did the Heimlich maneuver on Joey Chasteen and dislodged a piece of candy that was stuck in the boy's throat.

throat.

Once again people 'Run With the Pack' and keep busy doing the many things that they do.

Junior Trish Skorcz putting a spoon full of potato salad on a plate at the caboose in town April 19. The juniors had this barbeque to raise money for prom.



#### What is your favorite meal in the cafeteria?

Potato Bar 29% Salad Bar 21% Chicken patty and mashed potatoes 17% 13% Pizza Turkey and gravy and mashed potatoes 12% Hamburgers and french fries 8% 112 people surveyed, male and female, all grades

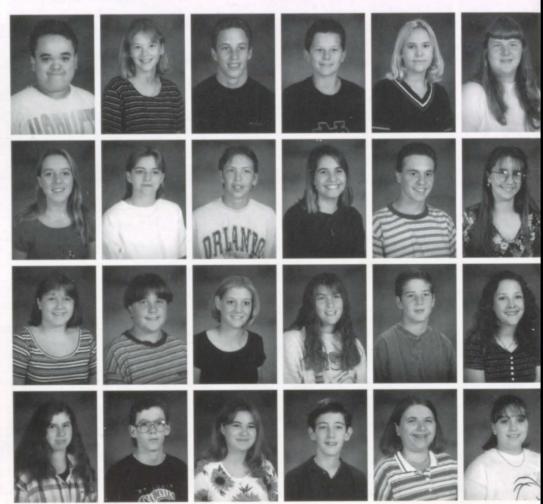
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Kim Sutherland Jared Taylor Andrea Thornton Jennifer Thorpe Damon Tinsley Lori Walker

Rachel Waller Ernie Washburn Jada Watson Chris Wehrman Jamie Will Jeannie Yeager Junior Tiffany Helling and senior Jessica Lawson, along with students from other schools, fixing themselves a plate for supper at the FFA Banquet, April 25.







What restaurants would you like to see in Wright City?

25% Taco Bell Rally's 18% McDonald's 17%

Burger

13% King Pizza Hut 12%

Jack-in-the-

7% Box KFC 5% 3% Hardee's

104 people surveved, male and female, all grades

# Students Enter 'Lunch Lady Land'

By Jenny Perry

How would you like to be eating a roast beef sandwich, large order of french fries, and drinking a large coke? Well, that sounds great, of course, but you get to eat in the cafeteria. Don't worry, lunch is decent today, they're serving their good ol'

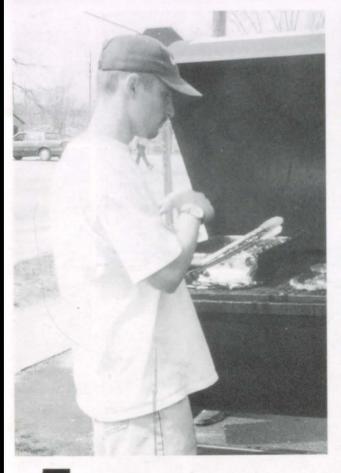
hamburgers and french fries.

Cafeteria food isn't that bad, at least the cooks give the students a choice, "Choose two: hash brown patty, apple, peas and pasta, or orange drink." They give good choices, most of the time anyway.

"I don't like the lunches.

I think we need to eat out more often, like at Taco Bell or McDonald's," said freshman Jessica Krenski.

The cooks do the best they can. It's not their fault if the students don't like the food that they cook, the school buys it, they just serve it.





unior Randy Deatherage preparing food at the four-way to raise money for Prom.

S enior Derek Lagemann and juniors Christine Kurtzeborn and Tiffany Helling taking a break while at the Teacher Luncheon.



#### Sophomore Class Officers

Amy Rook, President

Tonya Sydnor, Vice President

Anna Braun, Secretary

Tisha Wood, Treasurer

Wick Girondo, Class Rep.

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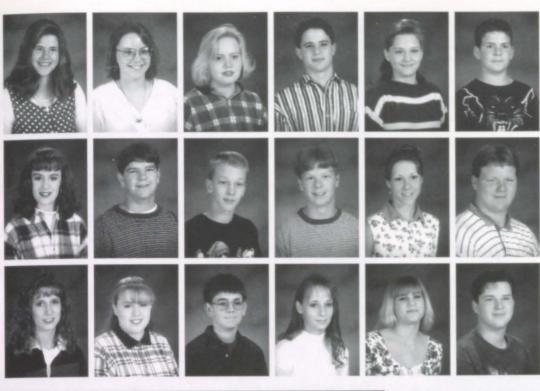












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onya Sydnor, SADD public relations officer, passes out a carnation to each of the parents of the new members.

Justine Key posing with the Fall Fest Queen, Alexis Pomeroy.

#### Sophomores Say 'I Don't Want To Grow Up'

By Sara North

Sophomores . . . the class that is still considered to be underclassmen, but at least they aren't freshmen anymore!

The class of sophomores have had a busy year. They raised money throughout the year, but overall, the class became quite discouraged when they found that de-

money was still low.

The money that they had consumed was mostly made through the selling of doughnuts for \$.50. The doughnuts were

spite how hard they had

worked their amount of

Warrenton and sold before school every morning.

efficient

was

made at Donut Tyme in

benefitted everyone to a small breakfast.

Other things that the sophomores sold were T-shirts that promoted taking care of our environment.

Another thing that disappointed many sophomores was that they did not get to hold the Sweet Heart Dance because they did not have enough money to hold it.

Amy Rook, class president, said that the year was very frustrating since they had all worked together so hard to raise money that just did not turn out to amount to much. She also said that the fund raisers seemed to hurt them more than they helped them.

By the end of the year, the class had raised around \$900.00.

hris Lacy and Jeremy Ebert sit next to Todd Reckamp at the Athletic Banquet at the Lion's Club. (near right)

my Rook, Tonya Sydnor, Aimee Pettig, and Nick Girando having fun at the Teachers Appreciation Luncheon. (far right)

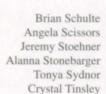


This small task

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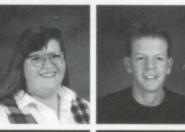


Candy Robison Stephen Rohan James Romans Amy Rook Stephan Ruth Earl Samson



Robert Vaughn Adam Williams Jennifer Williams Letisha Wood



























Not Pictured: Jacqueline Baskett, Jeremy Ebert, Heather Engelage, Angie Fuller, Bob Harris, Jeremy Lancaster, Rachel Quinn and Tonya Schneider.



Jaci Pomeroy shows her strength in a game of tug-of-war with her classmates who are straining to win. (left)

Jake Boyd spins around until he becomes dizzy during the spirit games. (below)







andy Robinson sits quietly at a Math Club meeting in Mr. Taylor's classroom. (left)

ikki Browne, Jamey Justice, Amy Rook and Aimee Pettig group together as Anna Braun wraps

them all in towels. (above)



#### Junior Class Officers

Trish Skorcz, President

Chris Kurtzeborn, Class Rep.

Erin Gilmore, Treasurer

Lesley Held, Secretary

Katie Filson, Class Rep.

Adam Meyer, Vice President



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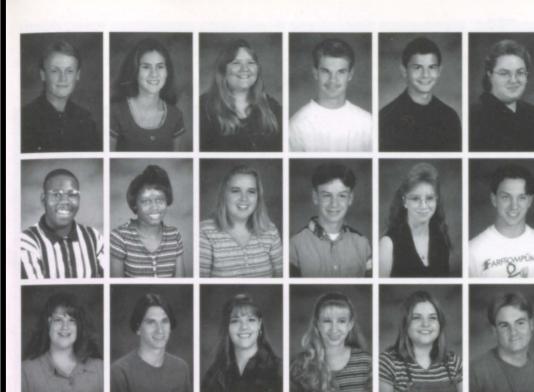












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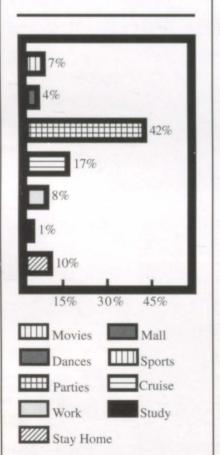
Juniors Randy Deatherage and Jeremy Johnson barbequing steaks and brats for the junior class barbeque April 12. Junior Tiffany Helling preparing side orders at the barbeque.

Juniors Erin Gilmore and Lesley Held get ready to leave school and go have fun. Gilmore and Held, good friends, spend their free time together doing different activities.

# What do you usually do on weekends?

Movies	7%
Mall	4%
Parties	42%
Cruise Town	17%
Dances	4%
Sports	7%
Work	8%
Study	1%
Home	10%

100 students, male and female, all grades were surveyed.









unior Kati Boyd and Freshmen Andrea Thornton embrace in the parking lot after a hard days work at school.















Rebecca Riley Joshua Rittinger Danny Rygelski Toni Schamma Alicia Scoggin Jacob Sewell Patricia Skorcz















Chad Thompson Rvan Thornton Jessica Tinker Amy Tinsley Kelly Tomes David Venneman Mike Wells

Angela Will



Not Pictured: Samantha Bigelow, Terrill Cotton, Bradley House, Stacey Huskey, Jonathon Stufflebean, Mary Weber

#### Students Think Of Weekends As Their 'Party Time'

Who do you usually spend your weekends with?

Boyfriend/ Girlfriend 22% A few friends 51% 12% Large groups Family 8% Yourself 7%

100 students, male and female, all grades were surveyed.

By Aimey Paul

What do high school kids do on weekends in a small town?

Although their choices are limited they still find a variety of activities to keep themselves busy.

One hundred students, all grades, male and female, were surveyed. The most popular activity was going out to parties with a few friends. Going to parties was preferred most often with 42% of the votes. 51% said they spend their time with a few friends.

"Sometimes it can be

pretty hard to find something to do, but occasionally there is a party to go to somewhere. If not I usually just go hang out with my friends," said junior Sara North.

Cruising around town was the second most popular activity with the students.

"I usually drive around town until I find my friends, then we'll go party," said junior David Venneman.

Many students do a wide variety of activities. There is not just one specific past time they enjoy doing on their days off of school.

Junior, Josh Rittinger stated that he has very busy weekends. He either plays sports, works or spends time with his family or friends.

Many students have parttime jobs, although only eight percent said they spend the majority of their weekends work-

"I work almost every weekend to save my money and I go shopping on my days off," said sophomore Tonya Sydnor.

Even though Wright City is a small town, students manage to find activities to keep themselves busy and have fun on the weekends.



#### Senior Class Officers

essica Lawson, Secretary essica Key, Class Rep.

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ill Yager, Vice-President

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eith Lucas, Class Rep. ason Abramovitz, President

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(aka Moses)
"It's okay, I'm Jewish."
Class Pres., TSA, Student
Council, Drum Major of Band,
Chorus, Soccer, Track,
Basketball

Jason Knight Abramovitz



Ruth Ault (aka Kris)

Historian of FFA, V.P. of Mu Alpha Theta, Historian of NHS, Spanish Club, Art Club



Amber Dawn Borrego
(aka Ber)

"Hey mug, alrighty then"
Spanish Club, Math Club,
NHS, Class Sec., Prom
Committee, Track



Michael Brunson (aka Bruns) "You can't dent this."

What are your plans after graduation?



I plan on majoring in Business
Administration at Maryville
University. -Jeffery Peterson





Nathan Bueneman



Piper Chilson
FHA, Spanish Club, Prom
Committee, Speech and
Debate, Concert Band



Jason Copeland



Matthew Cramberg
Spectrum, Art Club, Band,
Soccer, Track



Christopher Diebold



Ike Donnelly
(aka Ikecicle)
TSA, Basketball, Baseball



Scott Donze



(aka Goofy)
"Don't start with me."
HOSA, Prom Committee, Mu
Alpha Theta



Shoy Drews
"Live life to the fullest."



Band, Chorus, Flags



Jason Edwards



Samuel Famous

Not Pictured: Mitchell Brown, Becky Cate, Carmita McRoberts, David Menne, Christopher Mintner, James Romesburg, Tessa Stonebarger, Matthew Stout



#### 'We Are The Champions'

By Aimey Paul

What did the gym sound like Tuesday, January 23? Like over 300 students cheering their class to victory in the annual spirit week games.

During the extended spirit week January 15 through January 23, along with the hall decorating contest and the dress-up days there were the games to decide the class with the most spirit.

The games were held during sixth and seventh hours. The activities included Leap Frog, Tug-o-War, Cherry-in-the-Pie, the Batspin Relay, the Paper Towel Wrap, and the Dead Man Relay.

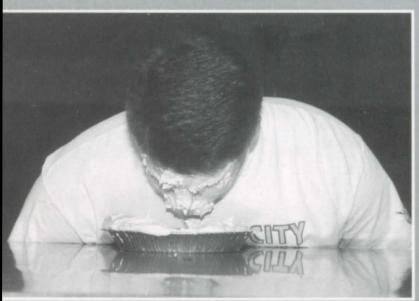
"I liked Tug-o-War

the best because everyone could participate," said senior Jill Yager.

Despite all efforts from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes the seniors won the spirit games, losing only the Batspin Relay to the freshmen.

At the end of the pep assembly seniors were awarded the spirit flag and on Wednesday, January 24 they were awarded the spirit trophy.

Senior Keith Lucus, who participated in three of the spirit games, stated, "I think that we pulled together well, and that is very rare for our class, but we did not want to lose again."



Katie Thorpe

J Girondo dives right in as the pressure is on to find the cherry to

the cherry to win for the seniors.

Boby Farek uses his strength to bring a victory to the seniors. The seniors cheered as the guys tugged the rope against the sophomores.

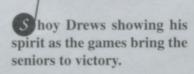


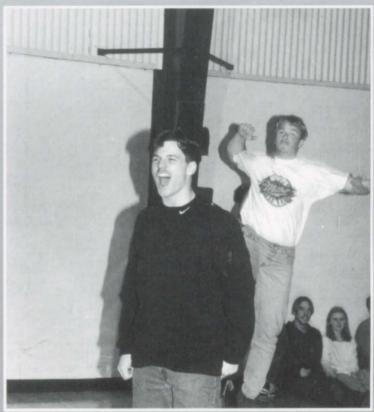


Katie Thorpe

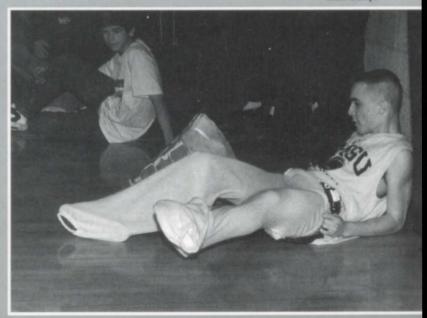


Derek Lagemann spins around seven times only to make a basket for the relay to continue.





Katie Thorpe



Katie Thorpe

Ratie Yager shooting the ball in a relay during the spirit games Jan. 23.

eith Lucas putting on the clothes for the relay just before running around the cones.

Tasta Than

Through the years many seniors have created a lot of memories to look back on, but some of the most memorable times of their lives will happen during their senior year in high school.



Robert Farek (aka Big Daddy)

Soccer, Basketball, FFA, NHS

Shawn Fincher



Derrick Ford

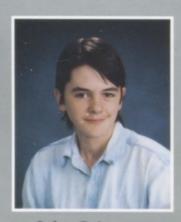


Andrea Furness

Art Club, FHA, SADD,
Prom Committee, Drama,
Special Interest Club,
Chorus, Vo-Tech



Anthony Girondo
( aka Slim Asalamala)
Student Council, NHS, HiStep, Peer Mediator, TEAMS,
Concert-Marching-Pep Band,
Class Officer, Prom Committee, Basketball, Baseball,
Softball Manager



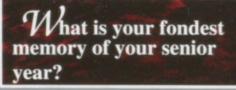
John Gripentrog
"I didn't do it!"
FFA, Mu Alpha Theta, NHS



Sarrah Harrison (aka Old Crone)
"The One, The Only, Radioactive, Racing Cinnamon Bun."
Spanish Club, Speech & Drama



Matthew Heppermann





S pending my last high school moments with my friends. -Angie Duckworth





Erin Howard
(aka Erin-Blarin)
"Spluuu"
HOSA, Drama



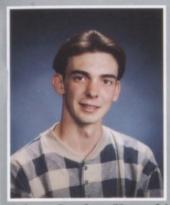
Tina Renee Hunt
(aka Teeter)
W.C.Connection, S.A.D.D.,
Yearbook



Heather Jarvis
FFA, State FFA Chorus,
SADD, Prom Committee,
Softball



Jessica Key



Adam Jordan Krenski
"Such is Life."

NHS, Jazz Band, Art Club,
Hi-Step



Lance Krueger
(aka Kroog)
"So let it be written,
so let it be done."
NHS, Stu-Co, Peer
Tutoring, Basketball



Derek Lagemann
(aka D. Log)
"Practice doesn't make perfect;
Perfect practice makes perfect."
NHS, Chorus, Stu-Co, Mu Alpha
Theta, DARE, Peer Mediator,
Basketball, Baseball



Jessica Lawson
FFA, Flag Corp, Concert
Band, Prom Committee,
Cheerleading, Class
Secretary



Kerry Lewis
FFA, National FFA Chorus,
NHS, Mu Alpha Theta, Stu-Co,
Hi-Step, Spanish Club, Chorus,
TEAMS, Pep-Concert Band,
Spectrum, Track, Basketball
Manager



Keith Lucas
(aka Pooky)

"Arrogance is Everything."

Concert-Jazz-Pep Band, Stu-Co, Hi-Step, Basketball,
Baseball, Soccer



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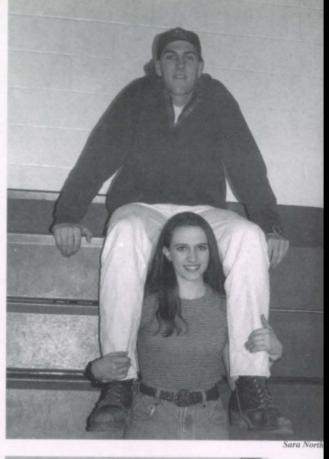


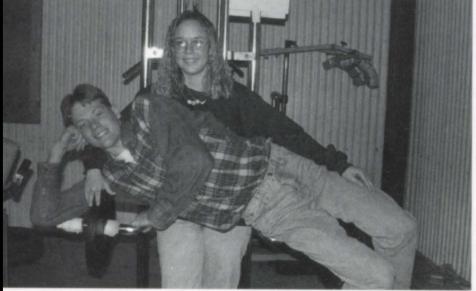
Shawna Morie
(aka Sha-wa-na)
Hi-Step, HOSA-president,
Prom Committee, Chorus,
Softball

Best Personality
Chris Diebold and Angie Duckworth (above right)

Most School Spirit
Keith Lucas and Stacey Taylor (below)







Sara North



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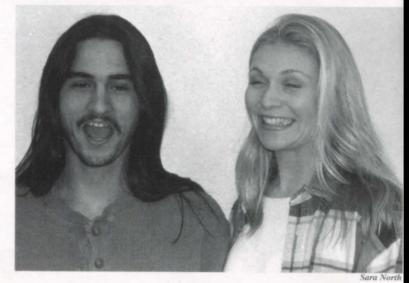
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Derek Lagemann and Katie Yager (above)

Most Shy
Andrea Furness and Sam Famous (above right)

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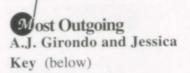
Greg Sutter and Shawna Morie (right)







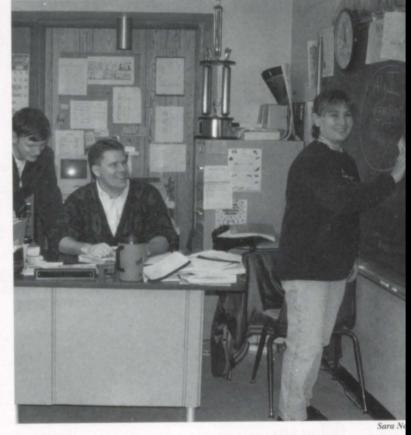
Best Excuses
Jason Abramovitz and Kelley Winfrey (left)







Friendliest Nelly Yarmushkina and Joey Novelli (left)



Teacher's Pet Mike Pennock and Katie Thorpe (above)





Molly Star Nienhaus
FFA V.P., HOSA, Chorus,
Speech and Debate, Peer
Mediator, School Play, FFA
State Chorus



Joey Novelli (aka Jo-Jo) Peer Mediator



Michael Lee Pennock
"You might be a redneck if..."

Mu Alpha Theta, TSA, FFA,
Attendance Award, Basketball,
Baseball



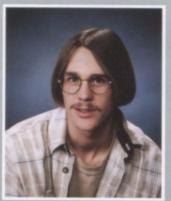
Jeffery Peterson



Kelly Polston (aka Hammer) FFA, FHA, HOSA, Hi-Step, Vo-Tech, Student Council, Prom Committee, Basketball



Lance Ramey
Concert-Pep-Marching Band,
TSA, Baseball, Soccer



Terry Roberts
"It's 4:20!!"
Stu-Co, Baseball, Soccer



Greg Schanuel
(aka Ox)
"It's all good."
TSA, Track



Michelle Schmidt
Newspaper, Softball,
Cheerleading

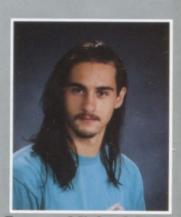




Clem Sharp



Jeanette Scoggin
(aka Flower)
"That's OK it don't matter."
Chorus, Spanish Club, FHA,
School Play



Gregory Michael Sutter
Soccer



Stacey Taylor
FFA, Chorus, Concert-PepMarching Band, Flag Corp,
Speech and Drama, Spanish
Club, Hi-Step, Prom Committee, Cheerleading



Katie Ann Thorpe
FHA, W.C. Connection,
Yearbook, Newspaper, Quill &
Scroll, Who's Who, Hi-Step,
Speech and Drama, Chorus,
TEAMS, SADD, Softball



Christina Vrabel
(aka Sunshine)
"What are you on?"
Art Club, Chorus, Marching-Concert-Pep-Jazz Band, TSA,
Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Flag Corp, Track



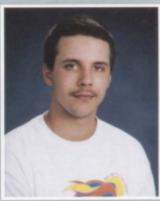
Crystal Walker



Chad White
(aka Wick)
"Plan for the future, but live
every day like it's your last."
FHA, Spanish Club, TSA,
Chorus



Shawn Wilding



Bradley Willoughby
(aka Bad Brad)
"Sometimes."
FFA



Kelley Winfrey
(aka Pee-Pee)
"Your Mom."
FFA, SADD, Speech and
Drama, Chorus, FHA, Band,
Spanish Club



Jill Yager
(aka Jill)
"Krenski Rules!"
Class VP, NHS, Stu-Co,
Who's Who, Prom Committee, Softball, Basketball,
Track



Katie Yager (aka Yeg) Prom Committee, Softball, Basketball, Track



Nelly Yarmushkina "Why?" Spanish Club, SADD, Stu-Co, Basketball, Track



Micah Zimmerle



Most Feared Kelly Polston and (James Romesberg, not pictured) (above right)

B est Eyes Roby Farek and Becky Cate (below)













Class Clown Matt Cramberg and Katie Yager (above)

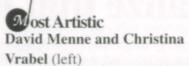
Cutest Couple Jason Edwards and Yahaira Matech (above right)

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Alicia Dothage, Shoy Drews, Michelle Schmidt, and Terry Roberts (right)







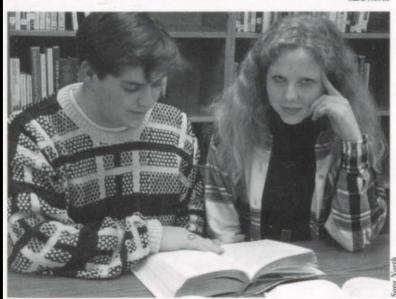
Biggest Flirt Greg Schanuel and Jessica Lawson (below)



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Sara North

Tables ?



Most Rebellious
Erin Howard and Lance
Ramey (above left)

Jost Likely to Succeed Jeff Peterson and Kerry Lewis (left)

Biggest Gossip Heather Jarvis and Chad White (above)



#### Seniors Realize that it's 'Time to Move On'

By Rachel Waller

Tears of happiness, sadness, and anxiety could be seen and felt by students, their parents, and even teachers as the class of 1996 waited and received their diplomas.

Graduation was Sunday, May 19 at 3 pm in the Wright City High School gymnasium.

The High School Band played many musical selections including "The Light Eternal" by James Swearingen, "United Nations" by Karl King, "Fantasy on an American Classic" by James Swearingen, "School's Out" by Alice Cooper, "The Water in Wide" traditional,

and "Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Principal James Otten gave the introductions and the class president Jason Abramovitz gave the welcome. The class slide show followed that. The Salutatorian address was given by Kris Ault and Valedictorian Kerry Lewis followed with her speech.

Dr. Maurice Overlander introduced commencement speaker Kevin Schriener, Senior Pro Law Clerk Staff Attorney U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Missouri. The presentation of the Class of 1996 was given by James Otten. Superintendent Dr. Maurice Overlander, the President of the Board of Education, Larry Zuhone, and the high school counselor, Mrs. Janet Freeman awarded the diplomas to the seniors.

The senior class sponsors were Mark Taylor and Bob Hanna.

When asked how the graduation went Mrs. Freeman said,"I think it was fine. It was very hot, but everything moved at a good pace." Mrs. Freeman continues, "The seniors haven't changed a lot. They still have a lot of plans, but they are more serious about their plans now."



Aimey Paul

Seniors listening and waiting during the introduction and welcome May 19.

enior Kerry Lewis giving her Valedictorian speech after the Salutatorian address was given.





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Senior Jessica Key getting a congragulatory hand shake from Principal James Otten. High school teachers wearing college robes with the colors of their college degrees around their necks.



Aimey Paul



seniors screaming for joy as they throw their hats into the air to celebrate their commencement Sunday, May 19.



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#### Project Graduation Starts a 'New Beginning'For Seniors

By Aimey Paul

Project Graduation was a fun-filled evening where seniors got together for one last time as a whole and said their farewells to their high school days.

It was held at the RecPlex in St. Peters following graduation on Sunday, May 19. It lasted from 8:00 p.m. till 4:00 a.m.

Seniors, along with their guests, met up at the high school and loaded school buses. For most, this was the last time having to ride in them 'big yellow things'.

The evening was filled with games, races and most of all a lot of prizes. Numerous area businesses donated prizes and gift certificates. There were U.S. savings bonds, gift certificates for Stephanina's Pizza, buy one get one free passes to Winner's Point, and much, much more.

All seniors were given a free t-shirt, coupon books, and a cooler cup, along with \$60.00 a piece that was leftover from the money the senior class had earned.

Games were played through out the complex, all through out the night. Some games were repeats, while some were new, and had never been played before by previous graduating classes.

The ice games included Ice Shuffle Board, Ice Broom Hockey, and the Scooter Board Race. Water games included Flim Flipper Race, the Big Splash Contest, the Intertube Race, and the King Kong Ball Blow. Also \$500.00 in coins were dropped into the shallow end of the swimming pool and the seniors scrambled to collect the change for themselves. There

was a Paper Airplane Throw Contest and a Cheese Ball Catch. Late in the evening, approximately \$300.00 in bills was put into balloons and the students had a balloon pop.

Through out the night officials called names over the intercom and students had to go and find other people if their name was called. If they succeeded, they won a prize.

One thing that is for sure, is that the students were never given a chance to be bored. As long as they could stay awake, there was always something for them to do. If you did not want to participate in games there were many other activities you could do. They included basketball, volleyball, rock wall climbing, running the track, ice skating, relaxing in the swimming pool, hot tub, or sauna, or just hanging out with friends in the cafeteria.

"It was fun and I think it was a good way to celebrate graduating. It was a great way to keep us all safe and not out partying. Also, since I am Jewish, I enjoyed all the money I received," said senior class president Jason Abramovitz.

The RecPlex supplied the students with unlimited food through out the evening. Snacks included pizza, nachos, chips, soda, fruit and veggies. In the early morning, doughnuts and juices were also available.

A warm thanks is given to all the teachers and parents who helped make Project Graduation '96 successful. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Lagemann, Mr. Duckworth, Ms. Vrabel, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Girondo, Ms. Key, Mr. Hanna, and Mr. Taylor.

A special thanks is also given to Mr. Cramberg for all his time, effort, and patience in organizing the event.



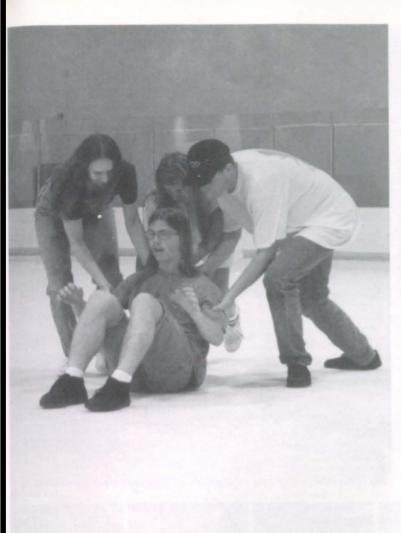
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eniors Mike Brunson and A.J. Girondo cheer on junior teammate Brook Hertzler as she competes

in the King Kong Ball Blow.

Project Graduation attendents Stacey Taylor, Kelley Winfrey, Katie Filson and Lesley Held learn some new country line dances in the RecPlex cafeteria.





Seniors Angie Duckworth and Ike Donnelly and junior Brook Hertzler prepares to give senior Matt Cramberg a push in the Scooter Race on the indoor ice rink.

Seniors Roby Farek, Shoy Drews and Jessica Key test their strength on the ice while playing Tug-of-War.



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seniors Female scramble to pop balloons filled up with cash.

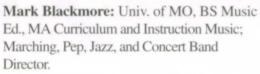
Senior Keith Lucas splashes his way to the finish line while participating in a water game. 107

Principal Jim Otten and other faculty members having a peaceful lunch at the teachers luncheon.

Mr. Ed Weigert generously giving his blood to whoever may need it.



Lance Krueger



**David Brumfield:** Southwest MO State Univ., BS Ed. MA.

Janet Clarke: Pittsburgh State Univ., BME Voice and Instrumental; Choir Director. David Cook: Univ. of MO, BS Ag., M Ed.;

FFA Advisor. Chandra Davis Don DeNatale Sue Ell

Janet Freeman: Eastern Illinios Univ.; Univ. of MO-St. Louis, BS Ed English, BS Ed Secondary School Guidance and Counciling; Stu-Co and Hi-STEP sponsor.

**K. David Gerdeman:** SIU- Edwardsville, BS Ed P.E.

**Robyn Gray:** Southeast MO State Univ., BS Ed Secondary, Mathematics; Freshmen Class sponsor.

Dee Hale

Robert Hanna: Univ., of MO, BS Ed., Minor Spanish; Spanish Club and senior class sponsor. Sue Healy: Christopher Newport Univ., BFA Art, Degree in Ed.

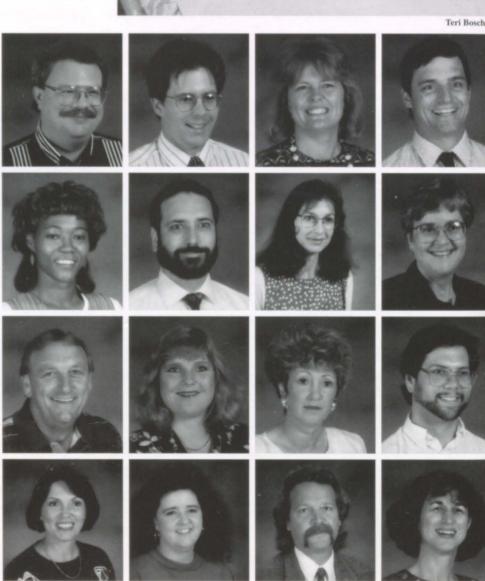
**Helene Hodak:** Southeast MO State, BS Science, Secondary Ed.

Frank Lake: Univ. of MO, BS Ed Social Studies, MA Curriculum and Instruction Ed.

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Jeanne Lane: Southeast MO State University, Old Dominian University, BS English, MS Ed.







Vicki Matthis: Southeast MO State, BS Secondary Ed-Social Studies.

Tracey McRae:University of MO-St Louis, BS Elementary / Special Ed.

Nancee Rippeto: St Lukes School of Nursing, RN, School Nurse since 1976. Vicki Sayers: University of MO.

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

Laurie Spotloe: UMSL, BS Science in Special Education.

Benita Springman: NSMU, BSE Vocational Home Economics; FHA Sponsor.

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

Mark Taylor: West Minister University, University of MO, BA, MST Math; senior class sponsor.

Gail Williams: Washington University, Masters in Teaching.

Priscilla Wobbe: SIU- Edwardsville, University of MO-St. Louis, BS Mathematics, M Ed counciling; sophomore class sponsor.

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

#### Not Pictured:

Shirley Case: MS Ed Adm., Northeast MO State Univ., Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Stacey Greer: MU-Columbia, BA psychology, UMSL, M. Education, Counseling.

Dale Kelly: Southeast MO state University, BS Biology, MA Secondary Administration.

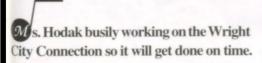
**Debbie Veitmeier:** MO Baptists School Nursing, RN Nursing, Health Occ.

Ed Weigert: Rockhurst College, BA in History and Education.



Jenny Perry

s. Spotloe and Mrs. Mertens standing in the hall next to their classrooms.







Sara No

Maintenance men Ed Bohler and Kenny Robinett having a peaceful meal at the teacher luncheon.

Mrs. Wobbe sitting at her desk while her students are hard at work.









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Secretary: Billie Arnett



Secretary: Deni Diefenbacher



#### Faculty Members 'Workin' 9 to 5'

#### By Devin Pellerito

A movie theatre, waitressing, a cook, a cashier, a shoe factory, kitchen help, concession stand, and an aide. You would never imagine a teacher doing such minimum wage work would you? Well, Wright City High School's faculty did. These are just a few of the many jobs they have had before teaching here.

Teachers weren't always teachers. They have had other jobs. For example Ms. Laurie Spotloe worked as a clown named BoJo who delivered balloons. She also worked at The Ritz-Carlton Hotels in Naples, Florida and St. Louis, Missouri. "I waited on numerous celebrities at the Ritz. Some of my favorites were Jerry Seinfeld, Brooke Shields, Bryan Adams, Sammy Hagar, Tony Bennett, and James Taylor," Spotloe commented.

Janet Freeman worked in a shoe factory for about \$2.75 an hour. She got the job because her mom worked there and was able to get it for her.

Helene Hodak, Becky Wegener, Trish Carter and Benita Springman worked at fast-food restaurants doing many things. They all had to wear uniforms, and most of them were "really ugly."

The faculty started their jobs at ages ranging from 12 to 18. Most of them started working at 16. They were

paid anywhere from 75 cents to slightly more than minimum wage.

There were also many embarrassing moments for the faculty. "My most embarrassing job experience is when I forgot my boss's name," said Pricsilla Wobbe. Another embarrassing moment was when Mrs. Carter was teaching at another school. Her students had caught a lizard, and they decided to keep it. They fed it bugs and things like that. One day there was a little tail that was sticking out of the lizard. She thought it was having a baby. By the end of the day nothing had happened. A couple of the other teachers pulled the tail out and it ended up that the lizard had eaten another lizard. The whole school found out about it.

Given, the teachers had to start somewhere. Most of them worked hard to get where they are in their career today. Most of us can't picture them being anything but "our teachers" at Wright City High School. Although some of us are able to picture them as one other thing-our friends.





Lance Krueger

Ms. Spotloe as "BoJo" with her little sister Holly. They were selling balloons at a county fair. Mrs. Lane in the computer lab helping her English students with their reports.



As we are 'Lookin Back' we will be reminded of the things that went on throughout the school year.

There was a moment of silence April 19 for the people in Oklahoma City. It was one year since the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Dennis Rodman was added to the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls two stars, Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen were consulted and gave their approval before the Bulls traded center Will Perdue to San Antonio for Rodman on Oct. 2.

On August 9, 1995, the beloved leader of the Grateful Dead, Jerry Garcia's heart, 53 years old and ravaged by years of drug abuse and related health problems, gave out on him.

At peace with himself after years of drinking and self-doubt, adored baseball legend Micky Mantle bows out with wit, grace, and courage. Mantle died Aug. 13, 1995.

After 20 months in the "world's weirdest" marriage, Lisa Marie Presley and Michael Jackson find a divorce is the only thing that they have in common. Presley filed for a divorce in late March 1996.

These are just a few of the many things that we will be 'Lookin Back' on.

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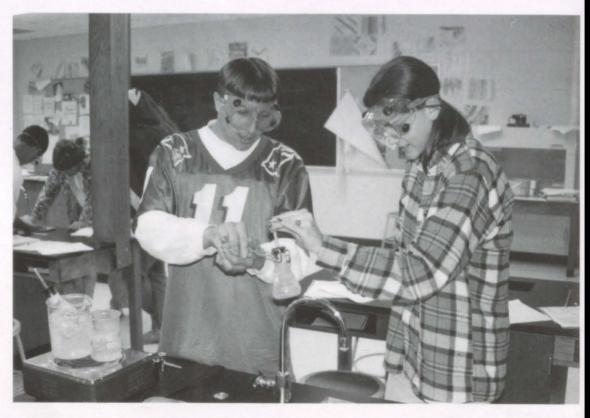
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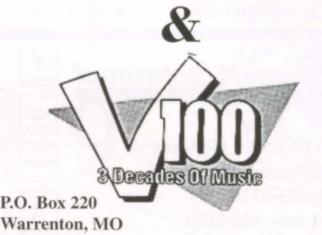
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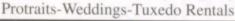
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#### 'School's Out' for Summer

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Another year passes by, but another year will soon begin. As you look back on the past school year there are many memories and fun times that will always be with you.

The seniors have moved on to bigger and better things, but the underclassmen are moving up and will soon be graduating and planning our own careers and futures as well.

Many thought that school would never come to an end because of all of the days added here and there and to the end of the year. This was due to all the days that we missed because of bad weather. The weather caused many problems including delaying Spirit Week and the Homecoming Dance.

This yearbook will be opened and closed many times by those who have purchased one. The yearbook is put together to help you remember all the good times that you had throughout the year. This way if you forget what high school was like, all you have to do is open a yearbook and it will jog your memory. The school year may be over, but the memories will always be in this yearbook.

The memories of this school year come to a close, but there will be more memories to follow in the coming years.







Ms. Hodak teaching senior Lance Krueger a lesson for being rude.

FA members attending the Annual FFA Barnyard Day at the elementary school May 14.





#### Yearbook Does 'More Than You Know

There have been many changes and obstacles throughout the year. There were new members on the yearbook staff who had to Runaround and learn the many things about putting together a great yearbook. It took a lot of time, effort, and patience from the other experienced staff members to help get things off and running.

"At the beginning of the year there were freshmen on the staff and I did not like it at all," said Photo editor Sara North. "I was upset because we weren't able to join our freshmen year, but by the end of the year it turned out okay."

No one realizes the amount of time and effort that goes into putting the yearbook together, except those who have worked on it. It is hard to meet deadlines especially since there are so many pages to be done in so little time, and there are not enough computers in the news room to get things done.

"Yearbook taught me a lot about computers and writing stories helped me with punctuation, spelling, and so on," commented Co-copy editor Devin Pellerito.

The staff has to 'Runaround' and stay after school whenever possible just to try and

meet deadlines, and sometimes there is still more to be done. Even though the yearbook staff works hard, it always seems that there are those people who purchased a yearbook that complain about it. The staff devotes their extra time and effort to try to make a great yearbook.

"At the beginning of the year everyone was inexperienced, but most of the staff was ready to learn and tried their best. Even though we had trouble with deadlines, we all worked really hard to have a good year-book," said Editor-in-Chief Tina Hunt.

There is a lot that goes on during your high school years and the yearbook is a great way to look back and remember the great times.

"Our yearbook staff has pulled together so much in the last few months. We have all learned to be friends, work together, and overcome any obstacles we faced," said Business manager Aimey Paul.

"I think the majority of the time the yearbook staff worked very well together and I am especially proud of the new staff members and their dedication and I am specially thankful to our experienced Editor-in-Chief Tina Hunt," said Advisor Helene Hodak.





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Junior Sara North and freshman Jenny

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Freshman Rachel Waller working on a layout on a computer for the final yearbook deadline.

