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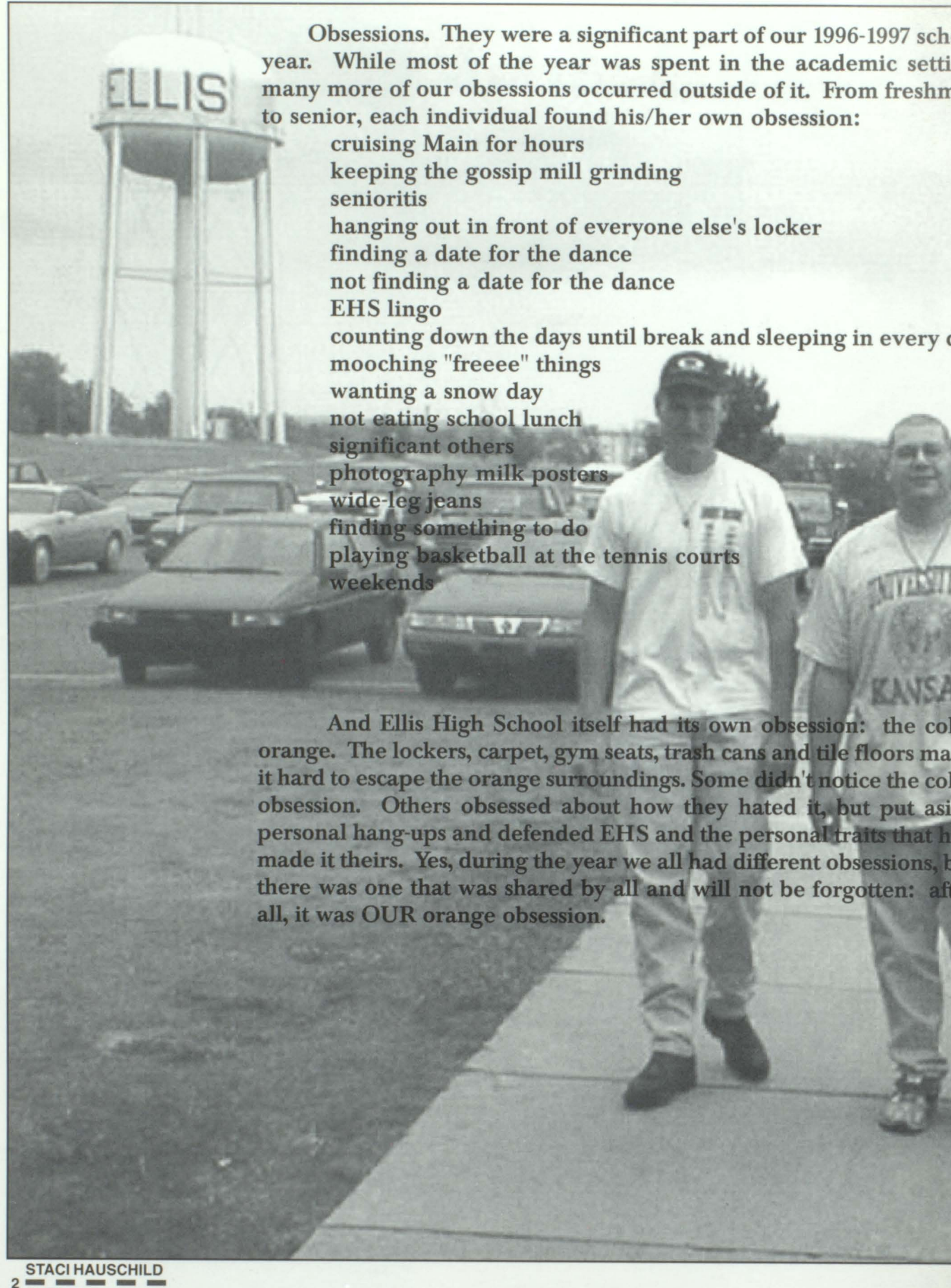
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Ellis High School
1706 S. Monroe
Ellis, KS 67637
Enrollment: 139

Obsession



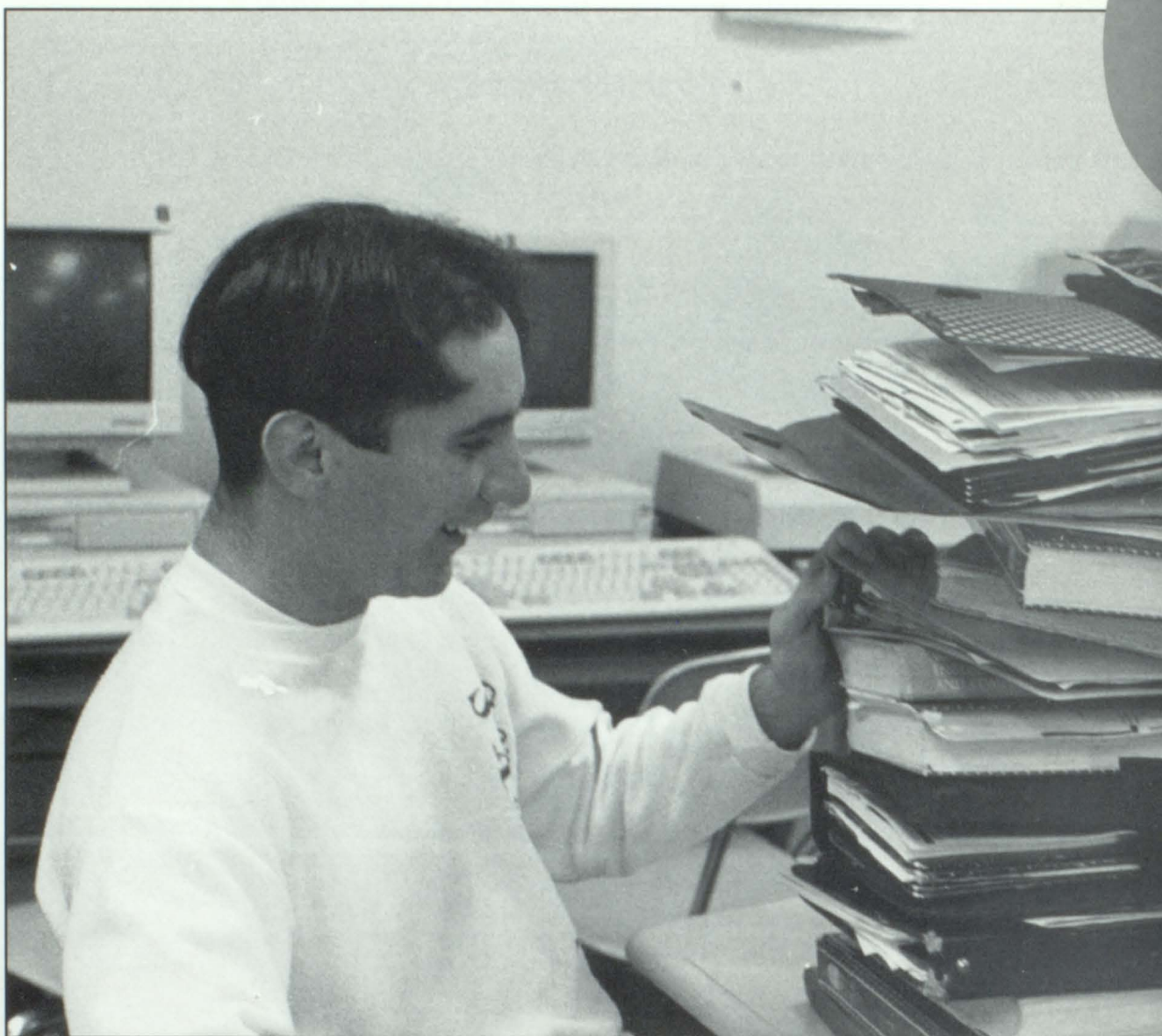
Obsessions. They were a significant part of our 1996-1997 school year. While most of the year was spent in the academic setting, many more of our obsessions occurred outside of it. From freshman to senior, each individual found his/her own obsession:

cruising Main for hours
keeping the gossip mill grinding
senioritis
hanging out in front of everyone else's locker
finding a date for the dance
not finding a date for the dance
EHS lingo
counting down the days until break and sleeping in every day
mooching "freeee" things
wanting a snow day
not eating school lunch
significant others
photography milk posters
wide-leg jeans
finding something to do
playing basketball at the tennis courts
weekends

And Ellis High School itself had its own obsession: the color orange. The lockers, carpet, gym seats, trash cans and tile floors made it hard to escape the orange surroundings. Some didn't notice the color obsession. Others obsessed about how they hated it, but put aside personal hang-ups and defended EHS and the personal traits that had made it theirs. Yes, during the year we all had different obsessions, but there was one that was shared by all and will not be forgotten: after all, it was OUR orange obsession.



It's back to the stack. Even at the beginning of the school year, students, including Senior Benjy Bogue, discovered that even a good attitude couldn't eliminate the stack. To lessen stress, the seniors participated in Mrs. Cindy Hertel's coloring contest before starting their term papers. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



Obsessions

were plentiful at the start of the 1996-97 school year. It was a time for students to pursue personal challenges that the next 179 days would hold.

Senior **football** players, along with the rest of the team, proved their strength and determination as they victoriously captured the **Homecoming** game for the first time in four years. Jessica Honas landed a spot as a first-team MCL player as she was rewarded for her obsession with **volleyball**. With the help of Classic Telephone, EHS updated its **technology**, while users encountered numerous headaches. **Art** students began a tradition as they designed tiles for the art room ceiling. A reconstructed **cheerleading** squad struggled to regroup after the obsession with cheerleading declined. B.J. Hill travelled to the state **cross country** meet after breaking school records. Students took their obsessions to the limit in. . .

AUTUMN

Volleyball

EHS		OPP
15	Hill City	10
15		6
11	Palco	15
15		10
15		11
10	Dighton	15
18		15
17		15
15	Plainville	11
13		15
7		15
15	Kinsley	3
15		8
1	Hoisington	15
9		15
2	Oris-Bison	15
8		15
15	Victoria	8
0		15
15		11
5		15
5		15
7	Utica	15
6		15
15	Wakeeney	15
11		15
1		15
8	Phillipsburg	15
11		15
5	Osborne	15
9		15
2	Ransom	15
15		7
11		15
15		11
8		15
15		6
6	Ness City	15
4		15
5		15
11		15
15	LaCrosse	10
15		1
10	Hill City	15
15		13
2	Norton	15
4		15
8	Osborne	15
4		15
15	Phillipsburg	11
9		15
	SUBSTATE	
11	Tri-Plains	15
4		15
13	Phillipsburg	15
15		7
13		15
15	Palco	4
15		12
15		12
14		16
15		12
9	Plainville	15
15		4
11		15

Senior Jodi Homewood attempts to save the ball at the Ellis Invitational. "I was excited for this tournament because

we had the home court advantage," Homewood said. "It helps our team when we have the home crowd cheering for our

team." The Lady Railers placed seventh at the Ellis Invitational. (Photo by B.J. Hill)



Jessie Honas, sr., bumps the ball to Jodi Homewood, sr., for a spike. Honas was selected all-league volleyball player for 1996. (Photo by B.J. Hill)



Senior volleyball players pose for a picture. Front: Zabrina McDonald, Staci Fischer. Row 2: Sarah Williams, Logan Francis, Jessie Honas, Jodi Homewood

"I think our season went well considering the injured starters that we had," said Francis. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

bumping to set

setting to spike

Sacrificing bodies

A broken thumb, a hurt back and a sprained wrist were only a few of the injuries of the 1996 volleyball sea-

son. In fact, they were only a few of the 12 injuries the Lady Railers would endure. It's not that the Railers, who compiled a 9-16 season

record, weren't aggressive; they were maybe too aggressive. This led to a season full of confusion and doubt.

"Our injuries did not come from carelessness, but from working hard and sacrificing our bodies."

--Sarah Williams
Senior

"The injuries hurt our consistency as a team because we didn't know who would be available to play 100 percent," said Coach Robert Young.

The seniors were the ones most disappointed by their injuries. Jodi Homewood, one of the six seniors who led the team, hurt her back. "I was really

worried my season would get messed up. I didn't want to sit out my last year of volleyball so I didn't let it stop me from playing," Homewood said.

Sarah Williams, sr., was not as lucky. Williams, who had a broken thumb in two places, was sidelined for three weeks. However, she was able to finish the season.

"Our injuries did not come from carelessness, but from working hard and sacrificing our bodies," Williams said.

The upperclassmen were not the only play-

ers affected by the numerous injuries. Freshmen players, who learn from the upperclassmen, had to adjust to a majority of them being hurt.

"Many of us looked at them as role models," said Kristen Hazen, fr.

Even though the injuries were excessive, Young was not unhappy with the Lady Railers.

"I was disappointed in all the injuries," said Young, "but not in the girls' efforts to overcome them."

Varsity team players listen to Coach Robert Young during a timeout. The coach of the junior varsity team was Mr. Michael Flax. (Photo by B.J. Hill)

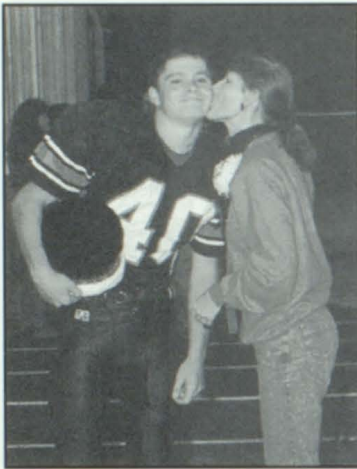


The crown goes to the birthday girl. Seniors Jessie Honas, who turned 18 on Homecoming, and Craig Seibel were crowned

Homecoming queen and king prior to the game on Oct. 11, 1996. Royalty: Skyler Rorabaugh, Seibel, Casey King, Staci

Fischer, crown bearer Chase King, Honas, flower girl Haley Wolf, Jodi Homewood. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

While receiving a congratulatory kiss from Mom (Peggy Seibel), Craig Seibel, sr., smiles for the camera. "My mom said that she was happy for me," said Seibel. "It made me feel special that the student body voted me king." The crowning ceremony took place at 7 p.m. before Friday's Homecoming game. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



forgetting the spirit
alienating friends

Competing fiercely

Suzy Kohl, jr., had enough confidence in the junior class that she placed herself and her uncoordinated body in

used their free time scheming about class slogans, float ideas and costume ideas that would put their class on

"At first all the competition was good, but as the week progressed, everything got too serious."

--Brett Neumann
Junior

the hands of her classmates during spirit week. If her class lost to the seniors, Kohl, who only cheered from the stands, vowed to participate in the 1996-97 cheerleading tryouts.

Prior to Homecoming week, most of EHS

top. Although the traditional pizza was the reward for the winning class, something else was at stake: bragging rights for the entire year.

After "celebrity day" and "dress up day" the juniors took an early lead. And while "Mangle the Mutts" was the theme for the week, classes forgot about Osborne and opted to mangle each other dur-

ing "college logo day" and "activity day, during which the junior/senior hostility increased.

"Spirit week means having fun," said Trista Alfrey, whose sophomore class got third. "Anything goes; people should just relax."

But on Wednesday, relaxing was not an option, as many students played hard to earn points for their class. As a result, injury was prevalent, as Jesse Leiker, whose freshman class took last, broke his leg during flag football; Aaron Eaton, jr., twisted her ankle in the tug of war and Amy Karlin, jr., was struck by an active fire cracker after the bonfire.

Thursday was "Halloween day" and the

bonfire where the junior and senior classes tied for first.

"At first all the competition was good, but as the week progressed, everything got too serious," said Brett Neumann, jr.

"Orange and black day" marked the closure that EHS had been awaiting. Students and faculty alike were tired and irritated with the fierce competition that had torn the student body apart.

"Unfortunately, the seniors won. I am still undecided on whether or not I will try out for cheerleading. Let's just say lack of coordination is not a good quality in cheerleaders," said Kohl.

Swing! Senior Darin Armbrister hits another home run for the senior class as Brandon Pfeifer, jr., and Mr. Perry Mick wait for the next play. Besides winning the class softball competition, the seniors also won the tug of war and flag football. "I knew with our athleticism the seniors would pull ahead during the games," said Shawna LaBarge, sr. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



Generating spirit points, members of the student body cheer and dance during the bonfire. "The bonfire was the competition that got people the most pumped," said Jennifer Kohlrus, sr. "Kids were painting their bodies and screaming with all their might." At the bonfire each class built a bulldog that was later thrown into the fire. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

networking systems

surfing the net

etting connected

"Mrs. Howard, has anyone turned in a blue disk with my name on it? Mine's missing."

"Mr. Young, I can't find my file!"

"Mrs. Madorin, somebody erased my essay!"

Once commonly

"I think it's cool. Nobody can get in and mess with your files without your password."

**--Crystal Redger
Senior**

heard in the EHS computer lab, these phrases slowly disappeared. With Ellis High School's new networked com-

puter system, saving to diskettes—and occasionally losing them—became a thing of the past.

During the 1996 summer break, EHS faculty members and employees of Classic Telephone

installed over \$100,000 in new equipment for networking and internet access at EHS. New computers and technological advances not only increased

the number of machines available to students, but also expanded the system's capabilities. A networked computer

system, for example, provides users with a password-protected directory to save their files in and eliminates the need for and the hassles caused by diskettes.

"I think it's cool," said Senior Crystal Redger. "Nobody can get in and mess with your files without your password."

A \$100,000 computer is only as good as the man who runs it, though. The man at EHS was U.S.D. 388 Technical Coordinator Mr. Robert Young. With the power he wielded, it was no surprise that he soon earned the nickname "god."

Also added to the high school was a direct internet connection. Unfortunately, strict rules about teacher supervision limited access by students.

"I never get on it," said Zabrina McDonald, sr., "It's just accessible for the teachers. I do think it will be useful when it comes to term papers, though."

Although many students were quick to point out the down side of the new technology, some tried to make the best of a system that, as Young said, "rivals even what Fort Hays has."

"I think the new system will make us better prepared to keep up with new technology," said Chris Mickelson, jr.

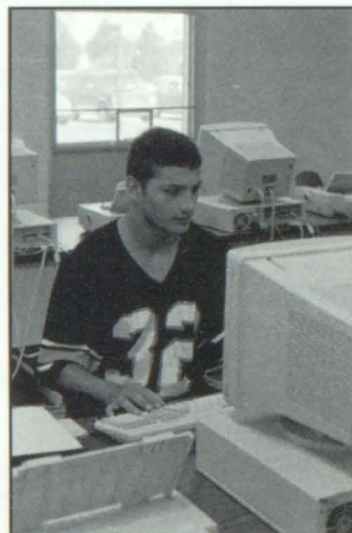
Seeing double? Seniors Benjy Bogue and Andy Bogue take a break from their advanced composition essays. The twins had all seven hours of class together. "It was a pain having him in every hour," said Andy, "but it helped with homework." (Photo by Joe Shepherd)





Psychology student Leah Ziegler, so., studies the vocabulary words of a chapter. Mrs. Marla Deines stressed the learning of new vocabulary, which "plays an important role in learning the history, theory, and practical applications of psychology." (Photo by Staci Fischer)

Using his free time, Senior Casey King takes advantage of the open computers and finishes an assignment before class. After misuse of the computer lab, students were required to be accompanied by a teacher before they could use the lab. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



Superintendent Clair Beecher watches as Mr. Robert Young and Don Kohl, computer consultant from Collins Consulting, install the hubs that connect computer lab terminals to the EHS server and to the internet. The computer hubs were part of the \$100,000 in technological improvements added to EHS. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

The parents of new National Honor Society inductees pose with their children and returning members. The parents attended the ceremony to award the honorees with their membership pins. Members of the NHS include: Front row: Seniors Josh Timmons, Joe Shepherd, B.J. Hill and Sarah Williams. Row 2: Jodi Homewood, sr., and Juniors Suzy Kohl, Chris Mickelson and Michael Shepherd. Row 3: Rodney Homewood, Lauree Homewood, Ken Kohl, Diana Kohl, Bob Mickelson, Margaret Mickelson, Paul Shepherd and Mr. Reggie Romine. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)



Finding the hours

Making the grade

Trying to get in

What can possess students to accumulate forty non-paid community ser-

"Getting in was tough, but I think in the end it will all pay off."

**--Michael Shepherd
Junior**

vice hours and seven different extra-curricular activities? Aside from looking good on future resumes, students were pushed by the temptation of belonging to the National Honor Society.

In a short twelve months, juniors and seniors had to participate in their activities, earn their volunteer hours and display to their teachers and faculty they had leadership skills. And all that effort had to be juggled between extracurricular activities, school work and maintaining a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average in their classes.

"Getting in was tough, but I think in the end it will all

pay off," said Michael Shepherd, jr.

Filling out the application and returning it wasn't the hardest part, though. If a student was accepted, then he was kept in nervous anticipation until the beginning of the induction ceremony when a current member walked up to him and tapped him on the shoulder—the signal that indicated he had been approved.

"I was very nervous when they were telling who got in," said new in-

ductee Suzy Kohl, jr. "After all the work that I did I really wanted to get in."

However, when the ceremony was over, there were four returning members and four new inductees in the Ellis High School National Honor Society.

"This gives students a chance to be recognized as well-rounded students," said Principal Reggie Romine. "Students are always recognized for athletics rather than academics and I think that it's a nice change for them."

Memorizing lines

Putting on a show

Playing the part

Court was in session as the Ellis High School junior class brought excitement to the civil

an acrobatic judge just trying to make it through the day.

OK, so maybe this wasn't exactly a typical day in the life of the judicial system.

Judge Knott (Jamie Kohl) was expecting a nice, quiet return to work

after recovering from a nervous breakdown. But the day started out in a ruckus with a brawling department store clerk and a

homeless woman who had been "borrowing" from stores.

Next on the agenda were Sunset Manor Residents battling against the music of the rock group Daggers 'n Daisies. Then when things couldn't get any more hectic, Weasel Weisner (Chris Mickelson) and his girlfriend Delores (Tara Keller) busted through the door after escaping from their own dog napping trial and held hostage the entire court room.

Their plans were foiled when everyone banded together, formulated an attack plan and overpowered the criminals, sending them running into the hands of the police and the jaws of an angry mob of dogs.

Throughout the whole ordeal friendships were made, problems were resolved and love blossomed.

"This was a really good experience for our class because it got us working as a team instead of as individuals," said Keller, jr.

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**--Tara Keller
Junior**

court system as they presented "Here Comes the Judge" Nov. 15. The adventure came complete with arguments, runaway criminals and



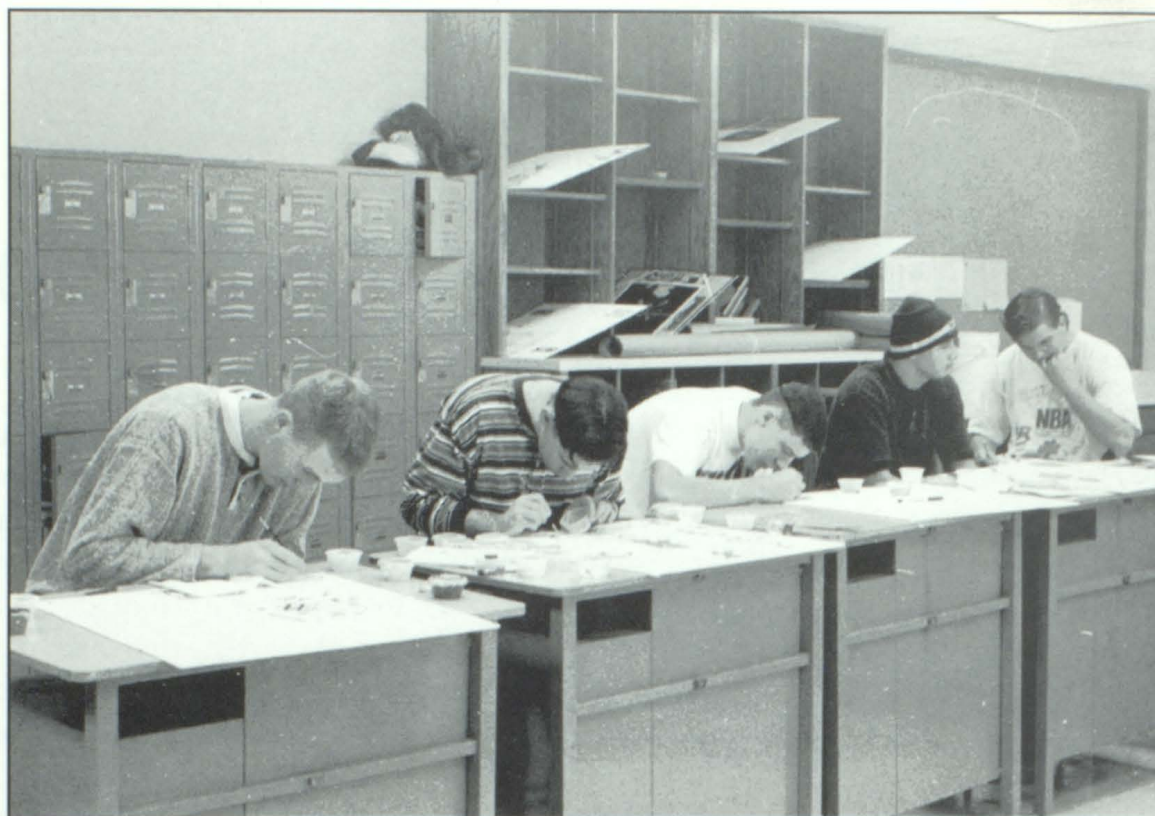
Josh Luea, jr., spokesman for the residents of Sunset Manor, explains their complaints to the judge. They brought the rock group Daggers 'n

Bag lady Aaron Eaton, jr., argues her innocence as prosecuting attorney Michael Shepherd, jr., tries to

Daisies to trial because their loud music was distracting the elderly from card games. The trial came with a musical performance. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

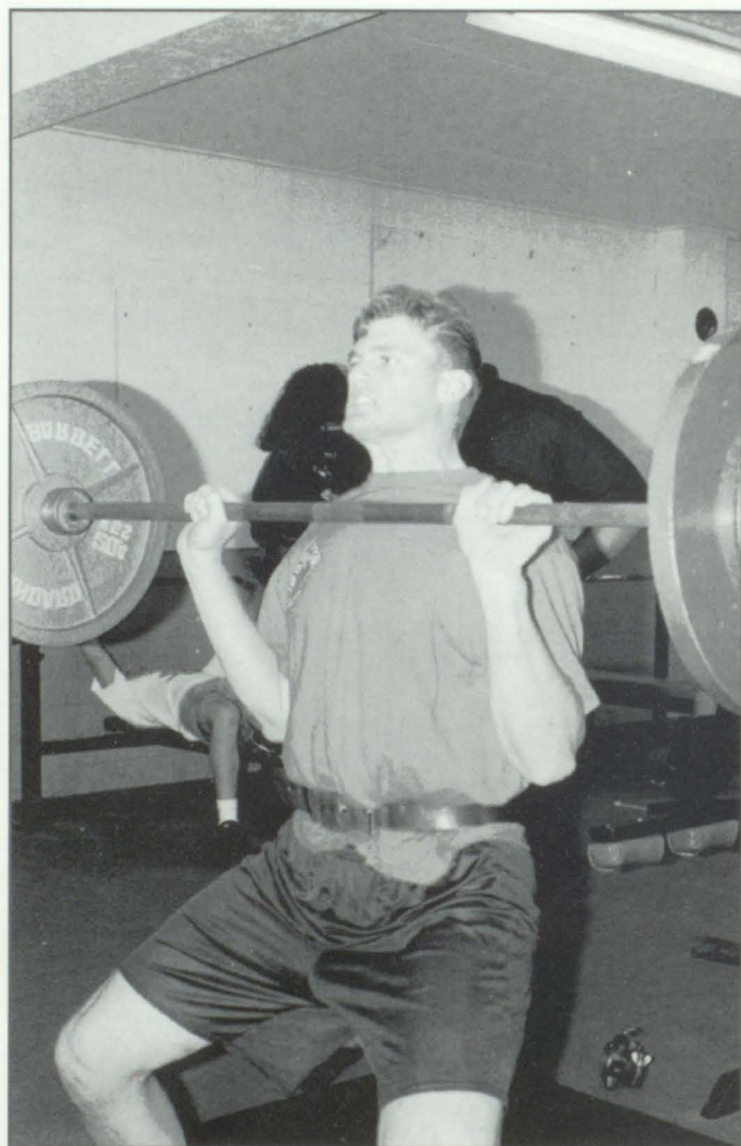
convict her of stealing from a department store. With a little persuasion, the charges were finally dropped. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

Don't lose your concentration guys! While Seniors B.J. Hill, Andy Bogue, and P.J. Waldschmidt, jr., concentrate on staying in the lines on their latest projects, Juniors Craig Amrein and Tom Locker discuss a different topic. The project was to remove a ceiling tile from the ceiling and replace it with a painted canvas. The canvas could be painted in any theme and style the students desired. The tiles were to be removed every year until the whole ceiling was covered. "This project is exciting because it will be in the art room forever," said Amrein. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



Working hard on their art projects are Bobbie Jo Weber, jr. and Benjy Bogue, sr. The students worked on making a replica of the Sistine Chapel after Christmas break. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Lift two, three, four! Senior Kevin Flax concentrates on lifting weights during GPD class. Students learned how to lift weights correctly and the importance of being physically fit. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)



building the body up

painting the picture

Pushing the limits

Many people might be tempted to say that art and P.E. could never have anything in common. What most people don't realize is that they are the

a creative side that everyone has. In art you can express yourself without worrying what people think," said Mr. Stan Faulkender, art teacher.

"I like the projects that we do in art because they are interesting and fun."

**--Shannon Befort
Junior**

same in more ways than one. Art and P.E. have one major similarity: they both expand.

In art class students not only learn about famous painters, but they also learn how to unlock their creative side. "Art is

like how to serve a volleyball or how to bench press correctly.

"In P.E. I try to provide a good variety of activities and hopefully everyone will find something they will enjoy," said Mr. Don Long, P.E.

and general physical development teacher.

But how do these teachers get their students to sit through a lecture on Leonard DiVince or make them learn how to want to serve a volleyball?

"I challenge them with a project that will best compete with their limits," said Faulkender. It seems that to me if a student is in art class he should be willing to work."

With this in mind Faulkender created a project with clay. His "rules" on the project were that students had to be original and had to build the buildings in three dimension. Other than that the students

could do what they wanted, and so a variety of creations were constructed in the project.

"I like the projects that we do in art because they are interesting and fun," said Shannon Befort, jr.

Long too created games or activities to push the students' limits. Some of the games they played were flag football and basketball.

"I hope that P.E. will make me be in better shape," said Amy Saindon,so.

It seems that whether students are pumping iron or learning about Leonardo they always have something in common: expanding.

Don't drop those weights! Mr. Don Long demonstrates the proper hang clean technique. Long competed in power lifting and bench meets in college.(Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



facing the crowd

working all the way

Cheering overtime

"It's Wednesday, and you know what that means; Joe will be announcing that there will be cheerleading practice after school today."

"If you can't be dedicated, then you shouldn't be a cheerleader. You have to like the sport and not do it just because your friends do."

**--Aaron Eaton
Junior**

Many people don't realize how much time and responsibility is required of a cheerleader; it takes a lot more than just

standing on the sidelines cheering.

The requirements to become a cheerleader consist of taking a test, performing in front of judges and the student body, and teacher evaluations. Mostly, cheerleading consumes a lot of time.

For instance, practicing twice a week, going to cheerleading camp, serving for alumni, and putting on a cheerleading camp for kids is summer time that cheerleading takes up. During the school

year, cheerleaders practice once a week, cheer for volleyball, football, boys' and girls' basketball, and wrestling, not to mention putting on pizza poster parties and extra activities such as bonfire and cheerleading dances.

"If you can't be dedicated then you shouldn't be a cheerleader," said Captain Aaron Eaton. "You have to like the sport and not do it just because your friends do."

Not only does cheerleading take more dedication in high school than in junior high, it is also more costly and is very time consuming.

"Cheerleading in

high school is a lot more fun than in junior high. You get to go to cheerleading camp, and the people are a lot more fun," said Molly Honas, fr. "It is also quite a bit harder. The cheers are more difficult and learning new dances is tough."

Although cheerleading takes a lot of dedication and hard work, it can also be very enjoyable and exciting. Students who are considering becoming a high school cheerleader need to be ready for a busy schedule.

"Cheerleading is fun," said Heidi Schmidt, jr. "But it is a big challenge."

Enjoying the halftime at the Ellis High School football game, Molly Honas, fr., and Leah Ziegler, so., smile for the camera. Ziegler and Honas were both wrestling cheerleaders. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)





Shawna LaBarge, sr., cheers with the crowd during an Ellis High School football game. LaBarge, captain of EHS' wrestling squad, said, "This year was different from previous years because being the only senior made it not as enjoyable as other years." (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

Aaron Eaton, jr., and Kristy Brown, jr., take time out of their busy schedule to show off their spirit at cheerleading camp. EHS cheerleaders won a spirit stick for best spirit. This was the fifth year EHS cheerleaders attended cheerleading camp at K-State University in Manhattan. (Photo by Kizmin Rorabaugh)



1996-97 EHS cheerleaders: Front Row: Aaron Eaton, Shawna LaBarge, Kristy Brown. Middle Row: Kizmin Rorabaugh, Terri Kroeger, Heidi Schmidt, Kimberly Bieker, Molly Honas, Leah Ziegler. Back Row: Raleen Fisher, Christy Kinderknecht. (Photo by Joleen Fisher)

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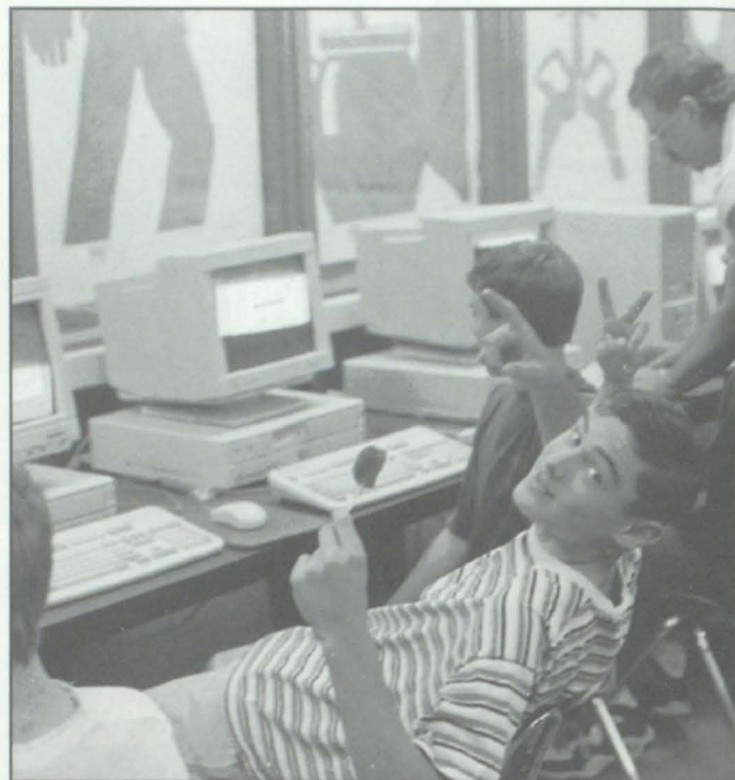


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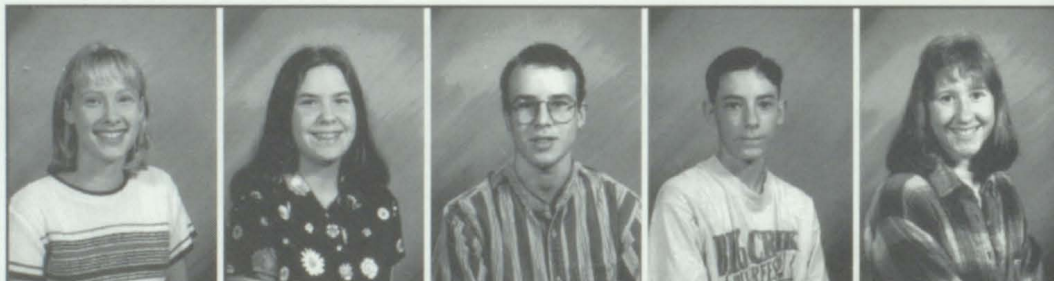


Freshmen participants Anna Weimer, Raleen Fisher and Kim Bieker are getting messy at the annual Kayette Initiation. "Not only was the initiation messy, it was also a lot of fun," said Bieker. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Taking a break from writing an essay for Mrs. Karen Madorin's English I class, JR. LaBarge, fr., poses for the photographer while snacking on a carmel apple sucker. (Photo by B.J. Hill)



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PRES.
CHRISTINAKINDERKNECHT
CHRISLABARGE
JR. LABARGE
JESSELEIKER



fearing high school

avoiding upperclassmen

Switching lifestyles

It's August 19, 1996. The clock strikes 8 a.m. as the first freshman walks through the

way was to grab their books out of their locker and stand in front of the class and wait for the bell to ring.

"It took me almost until November to realize that I didn't have to be scared of the seniors. They actually wouldn't do anything cruel to me. What was I thinking?"

**--Brandi Dinkel
Freshman**

high school doors for the first time.

One of the ways the freshmen would stay out of an oncoming upperclassman's

said Freshman Travis Keller. "But after a few weeks, I learned to relax and have more fun."

Then, of course,

there was Sept. 12. This was Kayette Freshmen Initiation, one more worry for the freshmen girls. For a week, rumors swarmed around the high school about what the seniors had in store for the freshmen girls.

"I thought Kayette Initiation was going to give me a nervous breakdown, but it ended up being a lot of fun," said Freshman Debbie Wagoner. "My senior was really cool, even though she was my cousin, but that didn't stop her from squirt-ing honey and whip cream all over me."

Every year the same scenario occurs at Ellis High School for the upcoming freshman class: the seniors make up stories trying to scare the freshmen, thinking they will be scared of the seniors for the entire year, but eventually, even the freshmen learn the ropes.

"It took me almost until November to realize that I didn't have to be scared of the seniors. They actually wouldn't do anything cruel to me," said Brandi Dinkel, fr. "What was I thinking?"



JONASLUEA
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KARMENMUELLER
ERICNEWTON
DEREKSCHOENTHALER

BRETTSEIBEL
MARENSMITH
VICKISOLOMON
SHANESOMMERS
DEBBIEWAGONER
ANNAWEIMER

NOT PICTURED:
TONYAKREUTZER

Juniors Michael Shepherd and P.J. Waldschmidt stride to beat their opponent. This was their first year in cross country. "Everyone helped me relax, and they gave me a lot of support," said Waldschmidt. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Girls' CROSS COUNTRY

MEET	PLACE
Ellis	FOURTH
PLAINVILLE	FOURTH
Oakley	FOURTH
Hill City	SEVENTH
Hays High	---
HOISINGTON	TENTH
WHEATLAND	THIRD
REGIONAL	---

Boys' CROSS COUNTRY

MEET	PLACE
Ellis	SECOND
PLAINVILLE	SECOND
Oakley	THIRD
Hill City	SECOND
Hays High	THIRD
HOISINGTON	SEVENTH
WHEATLAND	FIRST
REGIONAL	FOURTH

Micah Zachman and LeAnne Neuberger, jrs., keep a steady pace at the Ellis Invitational meet. "This year was a lot different, but I still had fun," said Zachman. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

The five seniors out for cross country were Joe Shepherd, B.J. Hill, Staci Hauschild, Shawn Braek and Skyler Rorabaugh. According to the rest of the team, these seniors gave leadership and support throughout the season. "All the seniors gave me advice about how to relax and be a better runner. They were really helpful at every meet," said Jessie Yanda, so. (Photo by Linda Riedel)





B.J. Hill, sr., sprints the steps which placed him ahead of his opponents. The Ellis Invitational was the first meet in which Hill placed first. "It felt good to place first at the first meet of the year. It made me realize my hard work paid off. My outlook on the rest of the year was positive for the team and me," said Hill. Hill also placed first at the second meet in Plainville, and he finished in the top six at every other meet except state. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

setting difficult goals

receiving support

Running for miles

To be successful in cross country takes more than just ability. Support is another major factor. B.J. Hill, sr.,

"At the beginning of the season I pushed myself to reach my goals."

**--B.J. Hill
Senior**

had this support as he and the rest of the team made tracks throughout the season. Hill's tracks ended at the state competition in Wamego, KS.

"I felt I had everyone's complete support. My sister, Jody,

especially gave me a lot of support," said Hill. "Before I went to state, she came to the high school and decorated my locker. It was a really cool way for her to show me her support; I didn't have any idea that she was going to do something like that for me."

To be successful in cross country, support isn't all that is needed. According to the runners, some important qualities are dedication, a healthy diet, a positive attitude and ability. In cross country the ability to make goals is another

major factor.

"At the beginning of the season, I pushed myself to reach that goal," said Hill. "In the process, I broke the school record and had a great season."

Skyler Rorabaugh, sr., also made a few goals for the season.

"I wanted this year to be the most fun year I've had in cross country since it is my last. My goal was reached, too," said Rorabaugh.

Mr. William King, first year coach, said the runners and he had a very prosperous year.

"I felt the year was enjoyable for the runners and very reward-

ing. There were a few mistakes this year, but being a first year coach, that's expected," said King. "I think I've learned from them and hopefully next year will go a little smoother."

Of course, ability is important to have to be a runner in cross country. However, it isn't the most important characteristic.

"It is most important to have fun, but you still need to take it seriously to be successful," said Junior Micah Zachman. "I got a lot of support from my friends and teammates, too. It was a great year."

trying something new

opening doors

Adding new classes

Changes were being made in the Ellis High School math department, and some of the changes, like new

"General math helped me a lot for Algebra I."

**--Paula Augustine
Sophomore**

classes, had a huge effect on which classes students took. These changes not only had an effect on the curriculum, but it also had an effect on schedules.

Changes were based

on the State Board of Education math standards. The new standards required students take specific math classes to attend regent schools such as Kansas State, Washburn, and Pittsburg. Therefore, Algebra I was moved to the eighth grade level and

classes such as calculus and trigonometry were to be offered to serve these needs.

Another reason changes were made is that the students were overly prepared for Al-

gebra I. Students were easily passing general math, a class for students who need help with algebra, and were getting high grades in Algebra I.

"General math helped me a lot for Algebra I," said Sophomore Paula Augustine. "The first part of the class is what over-prepared me."

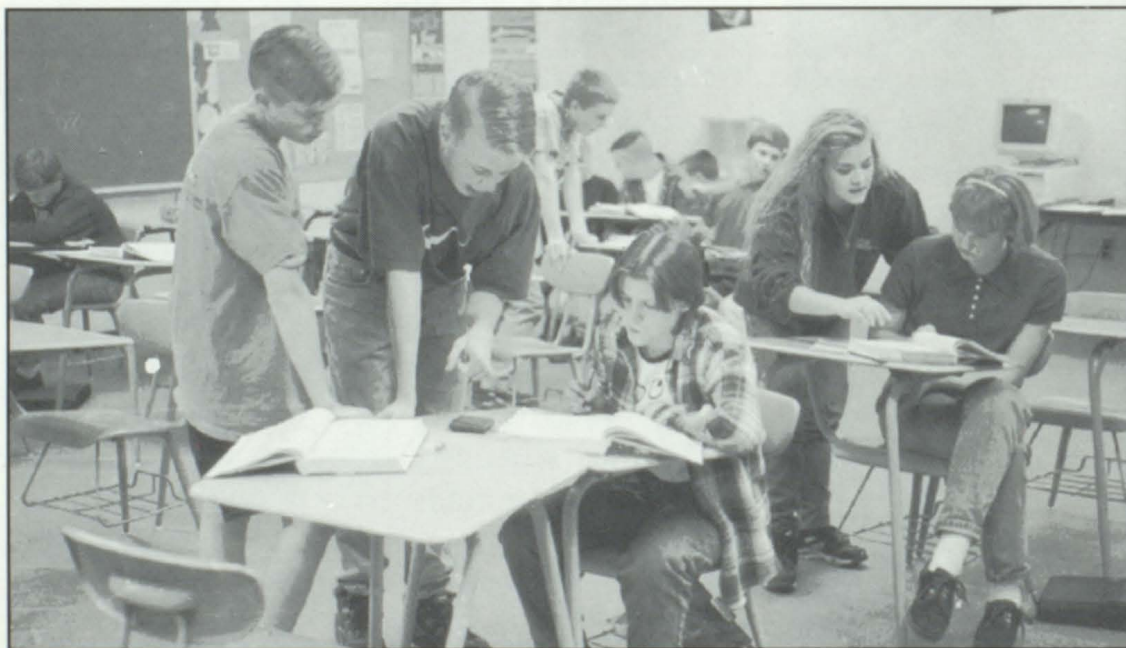
Algebra II basics, taught by Mr. Perry Mick who also taught advanced math and physics, was first offered during the '95-'96 school year along with general math. The following year, only Algebra II basics was offered. This class covered the

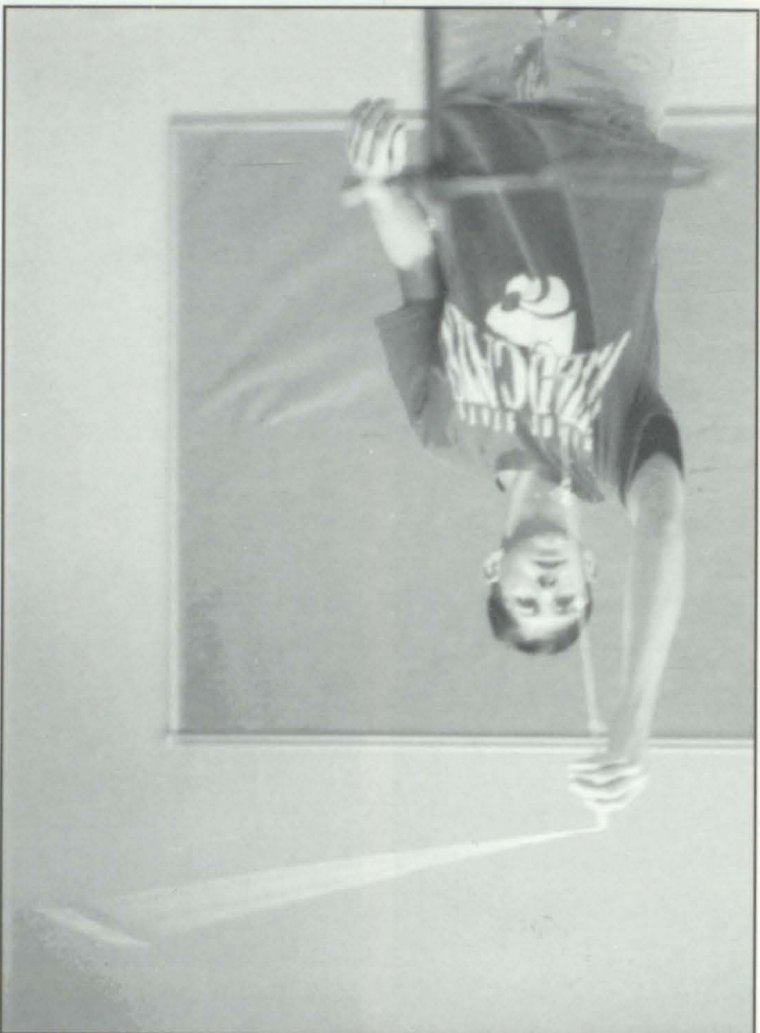
same information as Algebra II, but it took students through at a slower pace.

Some classes were eliminated to make way for new classes which were to be in place by the 1998-99 school year.

"Our teachers are working to develop new classes which not only are directed to college bound students," said Miss Beverly Mauk, counselor, "but also toward meeting the changing world of work and technology."

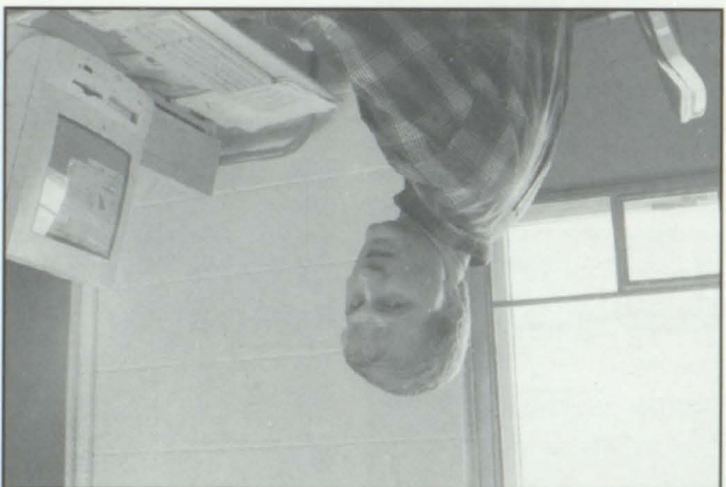
Ph ot o g r a p h y students Jennifer Kohlrus, sr., and Joe Sheperd, sr., lend a helping hand to Freshmen Tonya Kreutzer, Joey Giebler and Anne Madorin on their Algebra I homework. Freshmen were required to take Algebra I since no general math was offered. (Photo by Joe Sheperd)





Shawn Brack, sr., demonstrates an experiment on centripetal force in physics class during first semester. "It's

neat to see how everyday activities relate to physics," said Jessica Augustine, sr. (Photo by R.J. Hill)



Seniors Joe Shepherd, Andy Bogue get ready for takeoff by preparing their bottle rocket for a physics experiment. The experiment was to show conservation of momentum. Each group had to design an apparatus to protect the egg from breaking. (Photo by R.J. Hill)

The photography class caught Mr. Perry Mick while he was typing at the computer. Mick taught Algebra II, Algebra II Basics, advanced math and physics. "My advice to students going to college in math is to go to class every day and keep up on the work," said Mick. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



practicing for hours

training for success

Winning the game

What was the best thing about Homecoming week this year? If you ask most students at EHS this question, many popular answers would be the dress up days, the

with many expectations. Coming off a 3-7 season, many players just wanted to win more games, but some players had another goal: they wanted to win the

Homecoming football game.

"I think that winning the Homecoming game kept up our spirit for the rest of the season."

**--Brandon Pfeifer
Junior**

Stuco fun day, the bonfire, or the parade. But if you ask a football player the very same question, you will probably get a different response: winning the football game at the end of the week.

The Railers started their season on Aug. 19

On Oct. 11, the team accomplished a long-sought goal. The 52-6 victory over the Osborne Bulldogs was the first time the EHS Railers had won the Homecoming game in five years.

"I think winning the Homecoming game kept up our spirit for the rest of the season. Since it was the first time we won the Homecoming

game since I have been in high school, winning was even more special for my class," said Brandon Pfeifer, jr.

One of the biggest factors of the game was the offensive line. With a combination of 362 yards, 269 yards rushing and 93 yards passing, the Railers won the game by 46 points over the Bulldogs.

"Even though it was Homecoming week, the kids had their heads on their shoulders throughout the week. At practice they worked really hard, and they didn't let any of the week-long activities distract them," said Coach Stan Faulkender.

Even though the Railers won the Home-

coming game, every thing wasn't perfect for the team. They had six players in casts or on crutches including Freshman Jessie Leiker who had broken his leg two days before the game during Homecoming activities.

Following Homecoming week, the Railers went on to win one more game and end their season with a 4-5 record.

"It would have been very difficult to go through the rest of the season if they hadn't won the this game. I am really proud of them for winning the Homecoming game; they are great group of kids," concluded Faulkender.

Senior football players: Craig Seibel, Matt Kroeger, Casey King, Andy Bogue, Benjy Bogue and Kevin Flax. Four seniors were named to the all-league team. King was named to the team as second team defensive back and second

team running back, A. Bogue as honorable mention line backer, B. Bogue as honorable mention defensive line, and Flax was named to the team as honorable mention offensive tackle. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Football

EHS		OPP
6	NORTON	47
30	Plainville	31
14	Phillipsburg	12
12	Stockton	28
39	VICTORIA	8
52	OSBORNE	6
0	DIGHTON	55
6	Ness City	53
20	QUINTER	14

Andy Bogue, sr., and Michael Shepherd, jr., join Coach Stan Faulkender and teammates during a timeout to discuss a strategy

during the Homecoming game. "It was a nice change to win the Homecoming game after losing it every year I have been in high

school. I wanted to win it this year because it was my senior year," said Matt Kroeger, sr. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



"I think that being crowned homecoming king changed my view towards the game. I was more excited to play and to win. Winning the game made the night even more exciting for me."

--CRAIG Seibel, sr.



Junior Michael Shepherd dodges tackles as he drives the Railer team closer to the end zone. "The line executed their blocking assignments and made it fun to run the ball because we made five to ten yards a carry," said Casey King, sr. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Chris Mickelson, jr., drops back to pass the ball. Mickelson was named all-league second team defensive back and honorable mention quarterback. Junior Brandon Pfeifer was also named to the team as honorable mention center. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



TRISTA ALFREY
CRYSTAL AUGUSTINE
PAULA AUGUSTINE
J.W. BALL, III
CALEB BECKER



earning extra cash

balancing two schedules

Working overtime

"Hey, Shayla, can you work for me tonight? I have a stack of homework," asked Brad.

"Yeah, I need some extra hours," said Shayla.

Working a lot of

"I like the money from my job, but it can be a hassle dealing with the schedule."

**--Nathan Harwick
Sophomore**

hours and trying to make extra money is definitely what the sophomore class did. In fact, 42 percent of the sophomore class had a job, averaging 17.5 hours per week.

Many of the students

that worked saved their money for college or a car. The students that didn't save their money spent it on clothes or other items they wanted.

"I'm saving my money to fix up my car. I need about \$3,000," said

Ryan Gaschler, so.

Working and participating in school extra-curricular activities became very stressful

at times.

"My job always interferes with school extra-curricular activities," said Nathan Harwick, so. "I like the money from my job, but it can be a hassle dealing with the

schedule."

Some students decided that working during school would be to stressful. Having a part-time job demanded extra time, which left less time for homework.

"I'm glad I don't have a job. That way I don't have to worry about my schedule interfering with other events. I can do whatever I want, as long as I don't have a job," said Amanda Kuhn, so.

Even though working is a difficulty while participating in other activities, many students still wanted a job.

"I don't have a job right now, but I'm

looking for one. I need to make some money," said Jared Wickham, so.

Some students believed it would be nice to have a job, but preferred working only on weekends.

"I need a job, but cheerleading would interfere," said Terri Kroeger, so., "If I could find a job only on weekends, I would take it."

"To work or not to work" was the question that plagued many of the sophomores, but for some it was not a question at all.

"I have the rest of my life to work. Why start working when I'm still in high school?" said Leah Ziegler, so.



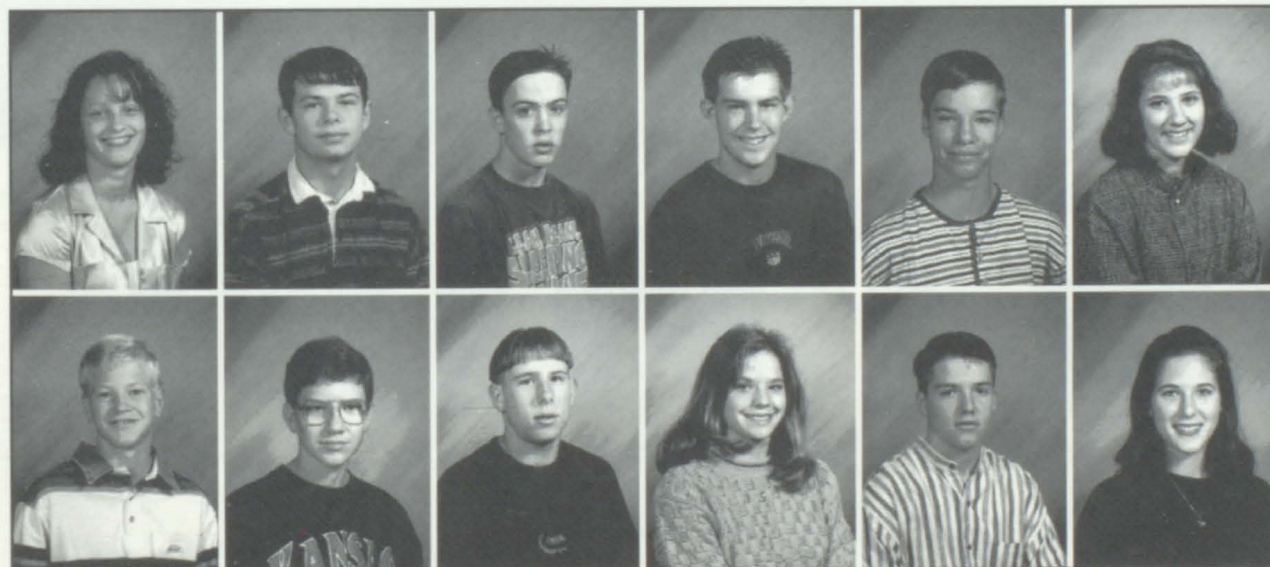
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AMANDAKUHN
MATTLABARGE



Sophomores ride on their class float during the Homecoming parade. "Our class worked hard on our float. It was disappointing to find out we received fourth place," said Jason Homewood, so. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Sophomore A.J. Hill concentrates while cutting a pizza at Arthur's Pizza & Mexican Food. Eight Ellis High School students were employed at Arthur's restaurant throughout the 1996-97 school year. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



SHAYLALABARGE
SHANMICKELSON
DARINMYERS
RYANNEWTON
WESRATHBUN,
PRES.
AMYSANDON

BRADSCOENTHALER,
V-PRES.
JODYSCHUSTER
JAREDWICKHAM
JESSICAYANDA
CHADZERFAS
LEAHZIEGLER,
SEC.

W H I L E
FIGHTING OFF
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EDMONDS,FR.,
DRIVES THE
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 Although
 Edmonds was
 only a
 freshman, she
 led the team in
 scoring ,
 averaging 18
 points per
 game. "Playing
 varsity
 basketball was
 different at first
 because I was
 competing
 against older
 opponents, but
 as the season
 went on, I
 didn't let it
 distract me
 from what was
 really
 important, the
 game," said
 Edmonds.(Photo
 by Staci
 Fischer)



Obsessions

in athletics, activities and academics were recognized during the long and snowy winter months at EHS. With the lack of snow days that students and staff received, they had time to focus on personal challenges.

Three Ellis **wrestlers** qualified for state, with Brandon Pfeifer and Casey King placing 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Sub-state **basketball**, held at Ellis, provided many surprises and disappointments. By receiving a I rating at State **Piano**, Michael Shepherd proved that practicing 10 to 12 hours per week was worth the obsession. In order to raise money for scholarships, **Stuco** sold tickets to promote the Fly Hays promotion. At Pack-the-Place, Logan Francis won the two round-trip tickets. The tradition of a December **Snoball** was broken as a result of other activities. Instead, **Kayettes** hosted the "Queen of Hearts" in February. At the Kansas Scholastic Press Association regionals, five **journalism** students qualified six events for state competition held in April. Success was displayed through the obsessions in . . .

WINTER

EXTRACURRICULAR adjustments

Extracurricular activities are appealing to some students but others would like to see more variety



(Photo by Joe Shepherd)

Assignment: Type an essay explaining what you have learned at Stuco/Kayette camp and explain what type of activities were put on.

Camp for Stuco probably impacted my life more than any other single event. The week long summer camp wasn't just about student life and government; it was about finding hidden qualities and traits each person possesses. Each of these characteristics were hidden within each person the first day, but over the week, everyone opened up and became friends.

B.J. HILL, SR

Q If you could change anything about extracurricular activities or add one to the school, what would it be and why?

&

■ I would like it if the school added a hockey program because I think hockey is the best sport.

TRAVIS KELLER, FR

■ I would add tennis because it would give more choices for the students to pick from.

WENDY HAUSCHILD, SO

■ I wouldn't change any, but I would add swimming. There is enough space in the school to add a pool, and swimming is one of the best exercises for a person.

OLIVIA ANDERSON, JR

■ I would add an Environmental Science Club. Members would be able to help the school and community by recycling and doing other projects. Fun activities would include traveling to various lakes to collect water samples.

LOGAN FRANCIS, SR



COVERED WITH SHAVING CREAM, KETCHUP AND CHOCOLATE SYRUP, FRESHMEN ANNE MADORIN AND MAREN SMITH ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THE KAYETTE INITIATION PICNIC. In order to join Kayettes, the freshmen had to survive all-day initiations which involved dressing up as farm animals during the school day. At the Kayette picnic in the evening, the freshmen played games the seniors created for them. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

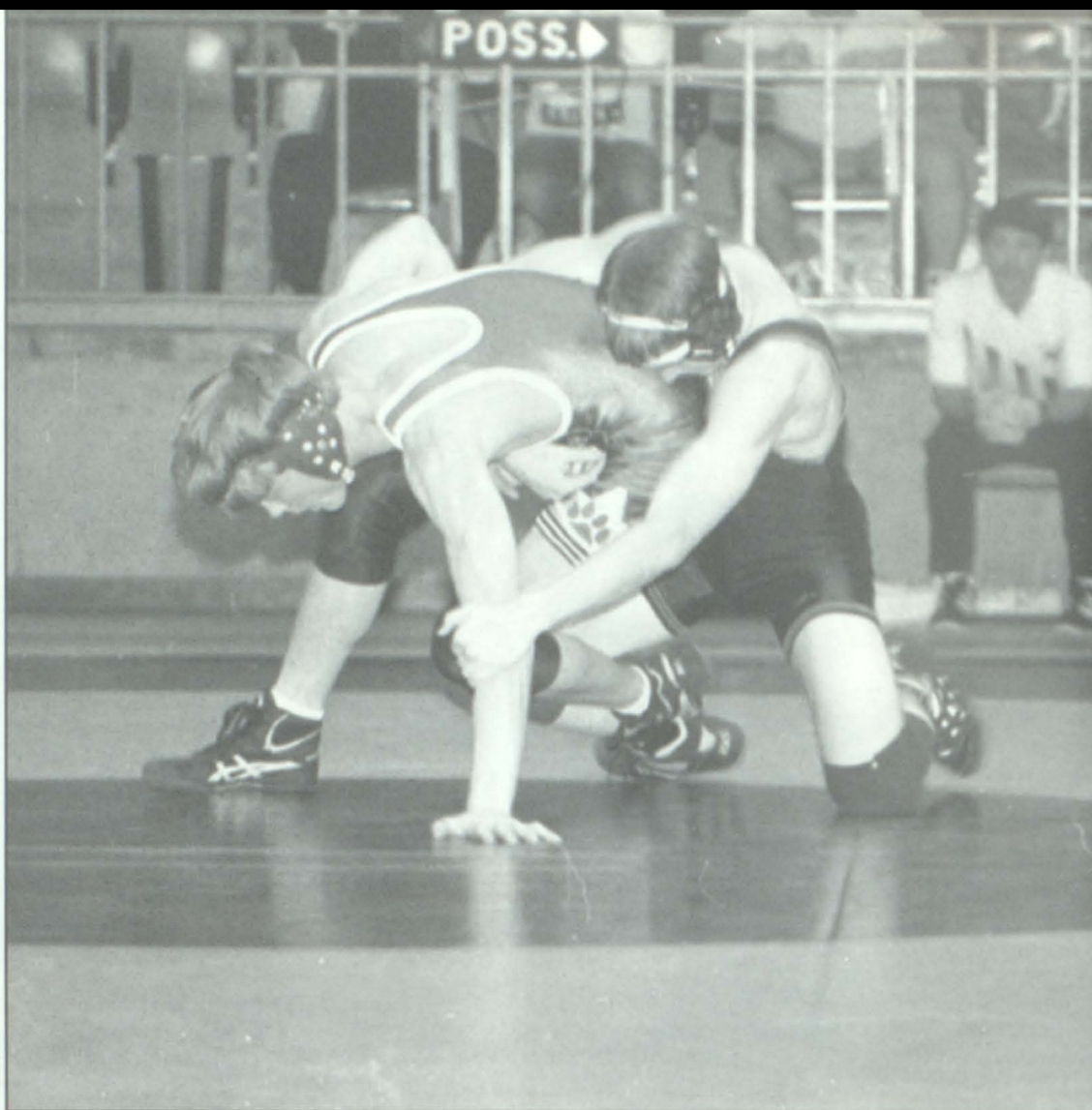


STUCO PRESIDENT JOE SHEPHERD, SR., AND CASEY KING, SR., SELL TICKETS FOR STUCO TO PROMOTE THE FLY HAYS CAMPAIGN. The money raised went to the USD 388 Education Foundation. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



SUZY KOHL, JR.; STACI HAUSCHILD, SR.; AND JESSICA AUGUSTINE, SR.; TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE AT KAYETTE CAMP TO POSE FOR THE CAMERA. "Kayette camp was really fun," said Kohl. "The people there were great, and we did a lot of neat activities such as having a dance, starting a bonfire and brainstorming for ideas about how to improve our clubs."

WHILE CONTEMPLATING HIS NEXT MOVE, 135 lb. JOSH LUEA, jr., GRABS AROUND OF HIS OPPONENT'S ARM TO KEEP HIM FROM ESCAPING. Luea won this match against Stockton by a default but lost his second match against Osborne by a pin at the Ellis Invitational held January 17. "Wrestling is a really competitive sport. You don't have any of your teammates to rely on; you only have yourself to rely on." said Luea. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



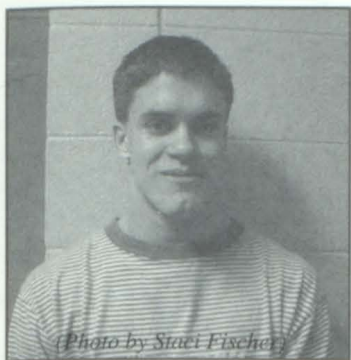
JUNIOR CRAIG AMREIN ATTEMPTS TO TURN OVER HIS OPPONENT IN ORDER TO GET THE PIN AND WIN THE MATCH. Amrein went on to finish the season with a record of 16-14. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

SENIORS CRAIG SEIBEL AND CASEY KING ARE THE ONLY TWO SENIOR LEADERS ON THE ELLIS WRESTLING TEAM. Both Seibel and King participated in wrestling all four years of high school. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



MULTIPLE attitudes

Just once, a team member would like to change one thing about a sport



(Photo by Staci Fischer)

Assignment: Describe what one week in the life of a wrestler is like.

The week of a wrestler is both good and bad. At the beginning of the week, life seems pretty normal. I eat regular pastas and drink sport drinks, but toward the end of the week I try to keep my body out of the cafeteria. Come Thursday and Friday, I eat an orange or apple. Once I get my body adjusted and build up my willpower not to eat, life seems a lot easier.

BRANDON PFEIFER, JR

HOLDING ON FOR A VICTORY, SENIOR CRAIG SEIBEL STRUGGLES TO KEEP CONTROL OVER HIS OPPONENT, PREVENTING A POSSIBLE REVERSAL. Seibel wrestled varsity at 140 lbs. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Q If you could change one thing about wrestling, what would you change?

& A If there was just one thing that I could change about wrestling, it would probably be the scales so that you could cheat on your weight.

BRETT SEIBEL, FR

■ I would probably make some of the moves that we have now illegal so that other people can't get hurt by performing them.

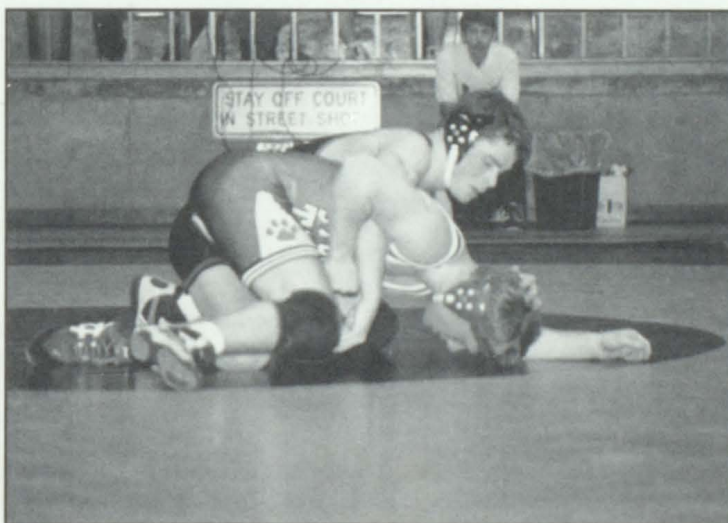
MATT LABARGE, SO

■ I would like it if there were more home matches so that the wrestlers' families and friends could come and watch.

CRAIG AMREIN, JR

■ First of all, I would like more home matches, and second of all, I would like just as much town support as the basketball teams or at least half of it because we are good also.

CASEY KING, SR



WRESTLING

OSBORNE INV.

LUEA	4th
KING	3rd
AMREIN	3rd
M. LABARGE	3rd
Pfeifer	1st

ELLSWORTH INV.

Ellis TEAM	3rd
Wade	4th
LUEA	4th
C. LABARGE	4th
C. Seibel	2nd
Pfeifer	1st
KING	1st
AMREIN	2nd
M. LABARGE	2nd

HAYS INV.

Pfeifer	1st
KING	1st

PHILLIPSBURG INV.

Pfeifer	1st
AMREIN	3rd

M.C.L. AT ELLIS

AMREIN	3rd
C. Seibel	4th
C. LABARGE	4th
M. LABARGE	4th
Pfeifer	1st
KING	1st

REGIONALS AT LEOTI

Wade	4th
KING	2nd
Pfeifer	1st

STATE AT FORT HAYS

Pfeifer	2nd
KING	3rd

MICHELLE DINKEL

I Sometimes EHS students wish they could take a time machine to travel back in history

INNOVATIVE illusions



Assignment: Describe an era to which you would like to travel.

I would go back to the caveman era. I would like to catch my own food and eat it live. I would start a restaurant that only served raw, red meat. I wouldn't have any tables or chairs; I'd just have a big hole in the middle of the floor with a fire in the middle where everyone would sit and eat. After that, we would go outside to play recreational games such as Beating Your Friend with Your Wooden Club.

Yeah, that would be the life, just me and my buffaloes.

CRAIG HONAS, JR

If you could go back in time to any era, what would it be and why?

Q & A ■ I would go back 100 years, but I would take my history book with me. I would read when a major event happens so I could change the way it happens. Then I could watch history change right before my eyes.

AARON WADE, JR

■ I would go back to the Civil War era because the women wore really pretty dresses and also because they woke up at noon and took a nap at 4:00 p.m. They got to spend a lot of money and live in a huge mansion with a big lawn, horses and carriages. The only bad thing would be the outdoor plumbing, and I guess the fighting, too.

KIZMIN RORABAUGH, JR



JUNIORS CHRIS MICKELSON, MICHAEL SHEPHERD, RUDY FINK, P.J. WALDSCHMIDT, BRANDON PFEIFER, JAMIE KOHL AND AARON WADE JOIN CHEERLEADERS AND CLASSMATES TO SHOW THEIR

CLASS SPIRIT AT THE HOMECOMING BONFIRE. After the bonfire, spirit was stopped short when members of the class were pulled over by a cop while riding on a trailer without taillights. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



JUNIOR RUDY FINK TRIES TO THINK OF CREATIVE ANSWERS WHILE TAKING A TEST IN PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. "The most memorable thing about being a junior was the big argument between the guys and the girls about the prom theme," said Fink. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



CRAIG AMREIN
DAMON ANDERSON



OLIVIA ANDERSON
BETSY BARTLETT



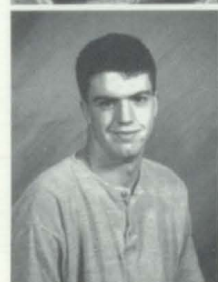
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RUDY FINK
ANNE HAVER



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AMY KARLIN
TARA KELLER
JAMIE KOHL
SUZY KOHL
TOM LOCKER
JOSH LUEA,
TREAS.



JUSTIN MESERVE
CHRIS MICKELSON,
V-PRES.
LEANNE NEUBERGER
BRETT NEUMANN
BROOK NOWLIN
WADE PFANNENSTIEL
BRANDON PFEIFER



KIZMIN RORABAUGH
ROBERTS SANDLIN
SHANE SCHARITZ
HEIDI SCHMIDT,
SEC.
ERIC SCHUSTER
MICHAEL SHEPHERD,
PRES.
RACHEL SOLOMON



AARON WADE
JENNIFER WALDSCHMIDT
P.J. WALDSCHMIDT
ANITA WEBER
BOBBIE JOWEBBER
MICAH ZACHMAN

DREAMER'S scheme



(Photo by Jennifer Kohl)

Assignment: Describe what is important to put on a good show.

When the Railairres took advantage of the MCL Vocal clinic to "WOW" the audience with our song and dance routine, the crowd went really wild when Craig Honas, Mike Shepherd, and Jamie Kohl all did toe-touches in the middle of "Footloose." It is not only the talented students that are responsible for the success of the music program. Mr. Dietz and Mrs. Dreiling put in a lot of hours to make sure that events such as the spring and winter concerts are the best they can be.

JOE SHEPHERD, SR

Q If you could do a duet with someone who would it be?

& A I would do a duet with Maren Smith because she has a beautiful voice and has taken singing lessons.
DEBBIE WAGONER, FR

■ Elvis - because he's got a great, sexy voice!
TRISTA ALFREY, SO

■ I'd do a duet with Elvis because he is different. He had a beautiful voice, and he had fun with his music.
OLIVIA ANDERSON, JR

■ I would do a singing duet with Logan Francis because she is the coolest, best singing, smartest, most creative and best college buddy there is.
SKYLER RORABAUGH, SR



ELLIS HIGH SCHOOL PEP BAND MEMBERS PLAY DURING HALFTIME AT THE MCL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WHICH WAS HELD AT GROSS MEMORIAL COLISEUM IN HAYS, KS. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

REGIONALS

Soloist	RATING
Choir	
Josh TIMMONS	I
JOE SHEPHERD	I
CASEY KING	II
MICHAEL SHEPHERD	II
JAMIE BIEKER	II
TERRI KROEGER	III
LEAH ZIEGLER	II
MAREN SMITH	II
TRAVIS KELLER	II
JESSE LEIKER	II
BAND	
Kyle KINDERKNECHT	I
Jodi HOMEWOOD	I
JOE SHEPHERD	I
Josh TIMMONS	I
MICHAEL SHEPHERD	I
MAREN SMITH	I

ENSEMBLE	RATING
Choir	
Railairres	II
MEN'S TRIO	I
BAND	
PERCUSSION QUINTET	I
TRUMPET TRIO	I
Woodwind Choir	II
BRASS CHOIR	II

STATE

Soloist	RATING
Choir	
JOE SHEPHERD	I
Josh TIMMONS	I
BAND	
Jodi HOMEWOOD	I
JOE SHEPHERD	I
Josh TIMMONS	I
MICHAEL SHEPHERD	I
MAREN SMITH	II

ENSEMBLE	RATING
Choir	
MEN'S TRIO	I
BAND	
PERCUSSION QUINTET	I
TRUMPET TRIO	I
Group	
Choir	III
Ladies' Choir	II
BAND	I

MR. BILL DIETZ GIVES THE EHS BAND GUIDANCE AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Dietz has been teaching instrumental music for 18 years. "Students going into

music in college should prepare themselves in high school because the college music programs expect you to know what you're doing," said Dietz. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)



SOPHOMORE LEAH ZIEGLER SINGS "AWAY IN THE MANGER" AT THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Ziegler has been in choir and Railairres for two years. "The thing I like the most about

Railairres is the variety of music we are able to sing and being able to perform for the public—to show them the hard work we put into what we sing," said Ziegler. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)



JUNIORS KIZMIN RORABAUGH AND BESTY BARTLETT SING "WINTER WONDERLAND" AT THE ELLIS HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WHICH WAS HELD DECEMBER 16, 1996. Bartlett has been in choir

for three years and in Railairres for one year. Rorabaugh has been in choir for two years and in Railairres for one year. The concerts featured many special performances by choir members. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)

SENIOR SKYLER RORABAUGH AND JUNIORS CHRIS MICKELSON AND CRAIG HONAS CREATE A NEW KIND OF DANCE THE NIGHT OF SNOBALL. Entertainment was provided by Complete Music.(Photo by Aaron Eaton)

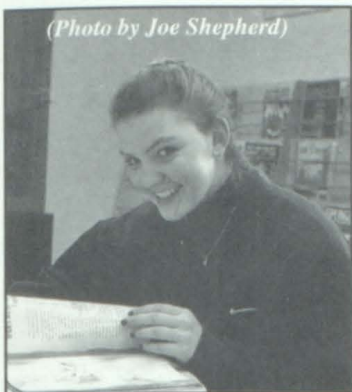


THE 1996-97 ROYALTY CANDIDATES ARE PICKED BY THE KAYETTES OF THEIR CLASS, AND THE SENIOR CANDIDATES ARE SELECTED BY THE KAYETTE CLUB. Back Row: Aaron Wade,jr., Freshmen Tyler Fisher and Emily Edmonds and Wes Rathbun,so. Front Row: Suzy Kohl,jr., Seniors Logan Francis and Joe Shepherd and Paula Augustine,so.(Photo by Linda Riedel)



SUZY KOHL
— — —
WINTER

(Photo by Joe Shepherd)



Assignment: Type an answer describing what you would do and where you would go if you had a private jet on Snoball night.

Well, if I had a private jet on Snoball night, I would fly it to New York and eat dinner there with my date. It would be at a really fancy restaurant. Then, we'd fly back and go to the dance. After the dance, I'd ask a few couples to go with my date and me. Once everyone was ready, we would all fly to Florida and stay there for at least the weekend. Once we all had our tans, we could fly back home.

KIZMIN RORABAUGH, JR

C At times getting an 'outside date' approved takes extra imagination and creativity

CELEBRITY dates

If you could bring anyone to Snoball, who would it be?

- If I could bring anyone to Snoball, it would probably be Minnie Mouse. She has a lot of money, and she is really good looking. I like the way she dresses, too.
RILEY DEUTCHER, FR

- I would take George Strait. Besides being good looking, he has enough money to have a limo take us to eat then to the dance. At the dance he could sing to everyone.
CRYSTAL AUGUSTINE, SO

- If I could take anyone to Snoball, I would take Ken Doll. I could pick out his outfit, so I know he'd look good. He's also got a sweet car. The best part is he wouldn't be able to talk back and argue with me about where we are going to eat.
ANNE HAVER, JR

- Amelia Earhart. Why her? Well as we all know, if she put her mind to something, she did it. All women know they can do things as well as men, but she was willing to prove it. Men, like her husband George Putnam, are willing to give women their support. Most women need to follow after her and be willing to do what they have to.
SHAWN BRACK, SR



RUDY FINK, RACHEL SOLOMON, MICAH ZACHMAN, BRANDON PFEIFER, BRETT NEUMANN, JRS., AND VICKI SOLOMON, FR., ENJOY THEIR DRINKS AT GUTIERREZ'S. For many students snoball wasn't just a dance, but a night out on the town. Students went out after the dance, too. Village Inn was a favorite. (Photo by Aaron Eaton)



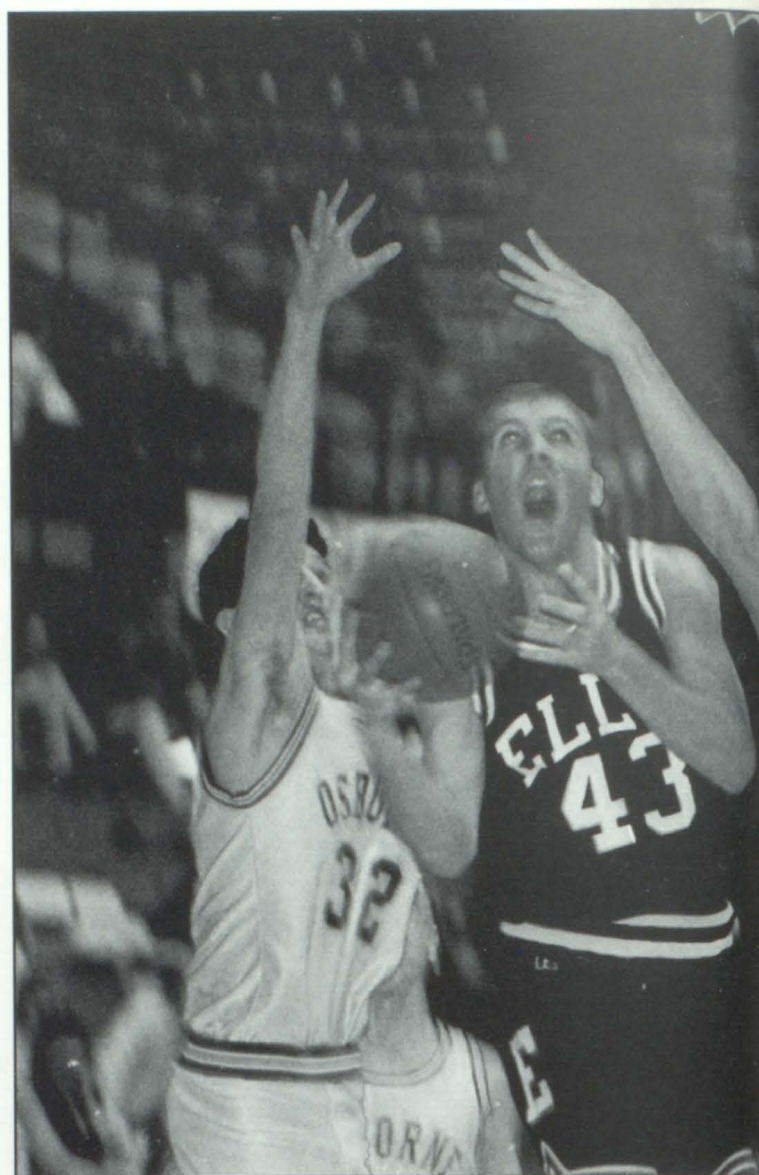
Assignment: Describe the last half of the game against St. Francis in sub-state.

We came out at the half playing well and cut the lead to eight, but then I was called for a foul early in the third quarter which made me very frustrated and surprisingly, I did not get to play the rest of the third quarter. I checked myself in at the beginning of the fourth quarter with our team down by about fourteen. I came out and played as hard as I could, but I picked up two quick fouls that forced me out of the game with three minutes to play. We were down by eight, and only cut the lead to seven.

SKYLER RORABAUGH, SR

Basketball

EHS		OPP
94	Phillipsburg	54
85	BAZINE	54
81	HEALY	63
65	LACROSSE	73
79	Palco	51
74	OSBORNE	71
64	STOCKTON	67
75	PLAINVILLE	52
56	Hill City	66
61	OSBORNE	54
68	WAKEENEY	58
61	Hill City	64
56	VICTORIA	59
49	PLAINVILLE	46
84	QUINTER	74
59	Ness City	45
79	VICTORIA	62
58	SMITH CENTER	73
67	NORTON	66
64	Oris-Bison	52
67	Atwood	54
70	ST. FRANCIS	84



BRINGING THE BALL DOWN ON THE FAST BREAK, JUNIOR CHRIS MICKELSON PULLS UP AND TAKES A LAY-UP OVER AN OSBORNE BULLDOG DEFENSIVE PLAYER. Moves like those put Mickelson on the MCL all-league basketball first



Playing together as a team gives everyone the chance to look like a pro

DEFENSIVE stance

Which NBA player do you play the most and who do you want to play more like?

Q & A ■ I play like Steven McKelvy because I shoot like him and sit on the bench a lot. I want to be like Julius Erving because he plays smooth.

JESSE LEIKER, FR

■ Stephon Marbury, because I'm a point guard and ball handler. I want to play like Michael Jordan because then I could dunk.

BRAD SCHOENTHALER, SO

■ I probably play like Mugsy Bogues because I'm short and just pass the ball. I wish I could play like Glen Rice because he's a good 3-point shooter.

JAMIE KOHL, JR

■ I'm not too sure. Probably some player who is not too skilled or coordinated, but I guess there aren't many players like that in the NBA. If I would be any player, it would be Grant Hill. His parents instilled in him good values and a positive work ethic. He is a very decent human being off the court and enjoys the game when he plays.

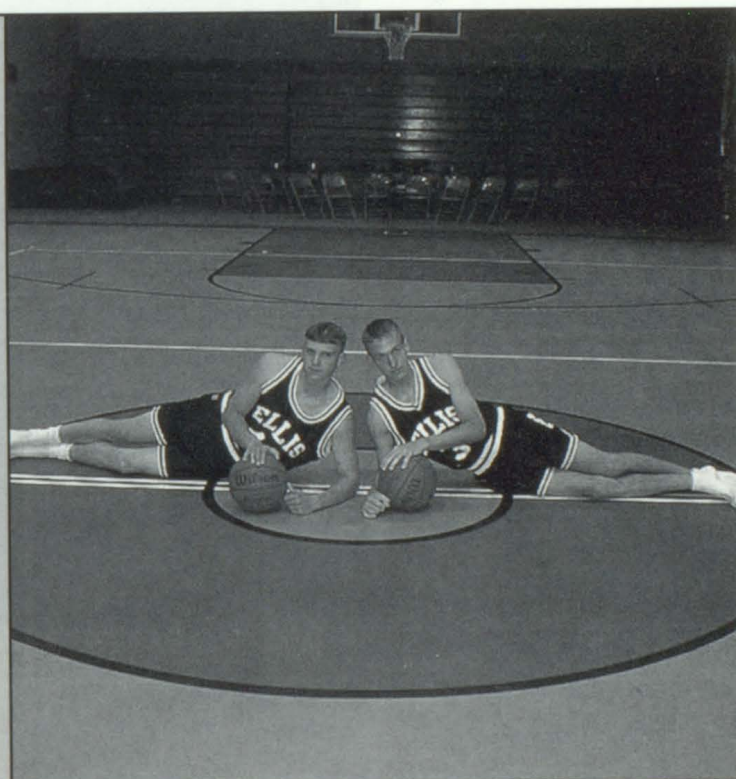
B.J. HILL, SR



team along with teammates Craig Honas, jr., second team; and Skyler Rorabaugh, sr., honorable mention. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

A TIME-OUT BRINGS THE RAILERS INTO A TEAM HUDDLE WHILE COACH CHRIS RORABAUGH GIVES ADVICE. This year 20 second time-outs were implemented into high school basketball along with the regular full time-outs. "I thought that we were a lot better team than what the end of the season showed. We worked really hard to put together a successful season, and even though we didn't get as far as planned, we came out as winners," said Michael Shepherd. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

B.J. HILL AND SKYLER RORABAUGH PROVIDED SENIOR LEADERSHIP AS THEY BATTLED ONE OPPONENT AFTER ANOTHER GUIDING THE TEAM TO A 15-7 RECORD. "When a few players hustle and a few others do not, then it is hard to be competitive with another team. Caring and the will to win is a large part of athletics," said Rorabaugh, hoping to inspire future Railer players. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

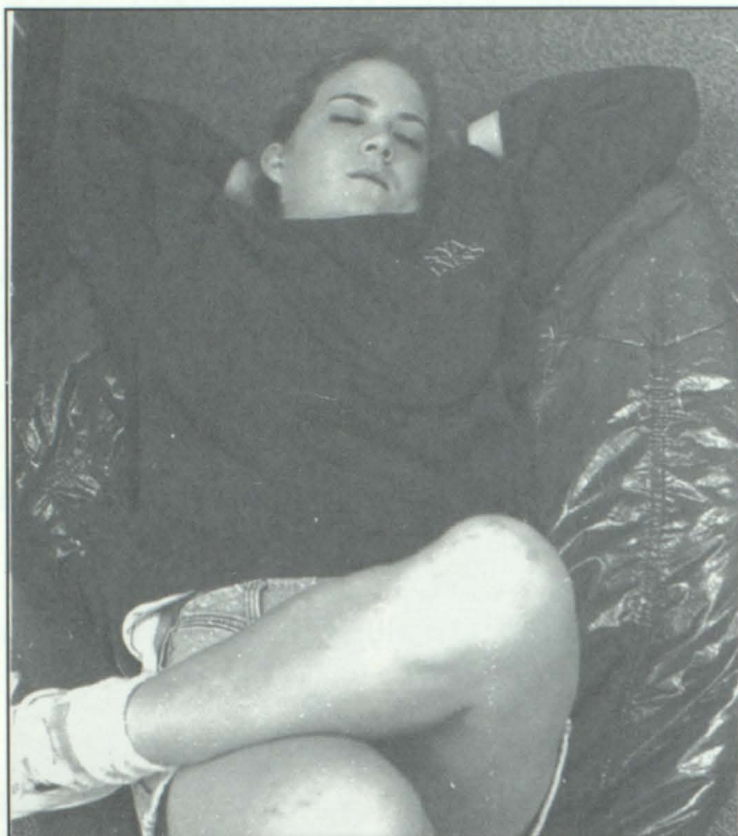




(Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

WAKE UP JEN! Senior Jennifer Kohlrus takes a break from the daily stresses of photography to take a quick nap.

Throughout the course of the year the photography class produced approximately 2000 pictures. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

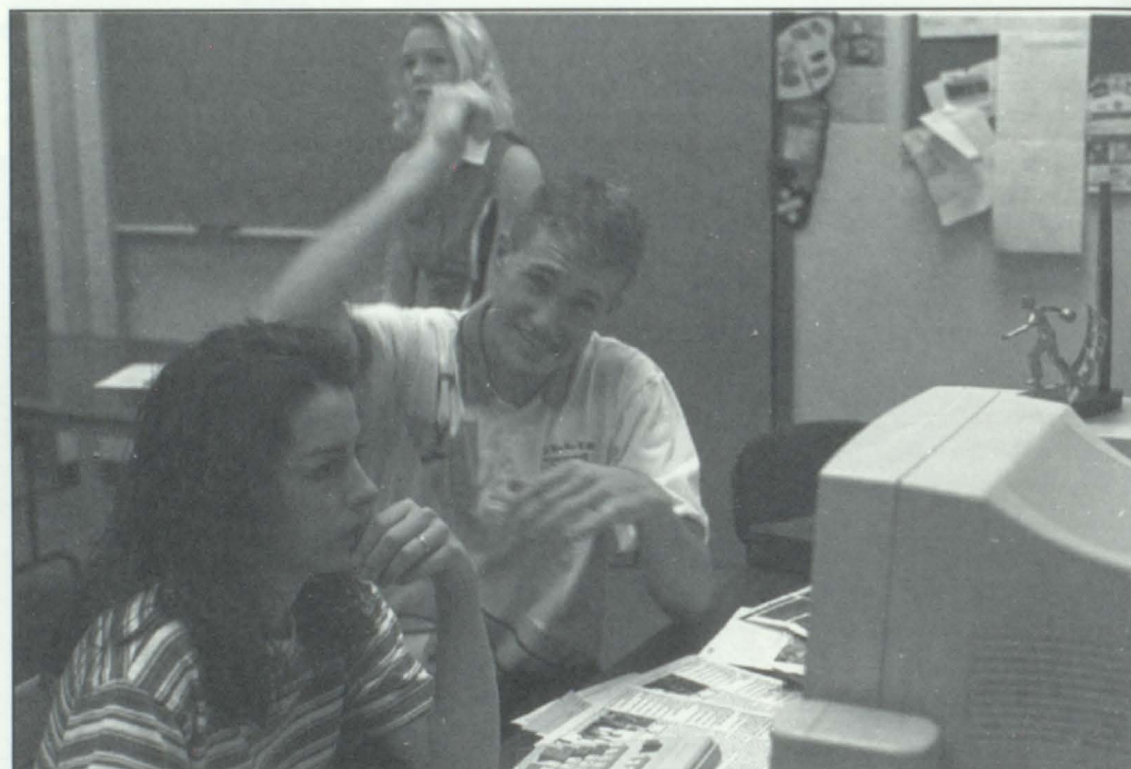


WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS ONE? SENIOR EDITORS JESSICA AUGUSTINE AND STACI HAUSCHILD LOOK THROUGH THE MANY BOOKS OF LAYOUT DESIGNS TO HELP THEM IN CREATING THE YEARBOOK. "Journalism this year was stressful due to the new technology, but I do believe that we have been given an excellent opportunity to prepare for our technologically-advanced society," said Augustine. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

Assignment: Describe what the yearbook and deadlines mean to you.

Deadlines. The word strikes fear into the hearts of students everywhere, but most of all in those of EHS journalism and photography students. For one, sometimes two school years, these students work hard to meet the deadlines. The deadlines being met is a matter of life and death--or at least that of the yearbook. Then after the deadlines have been met, six months later students at Ellis High school get the product of their blood, sweat, and tears. A yearbook gets scribbled in, then put on a dusty shelf to preserve the memories.

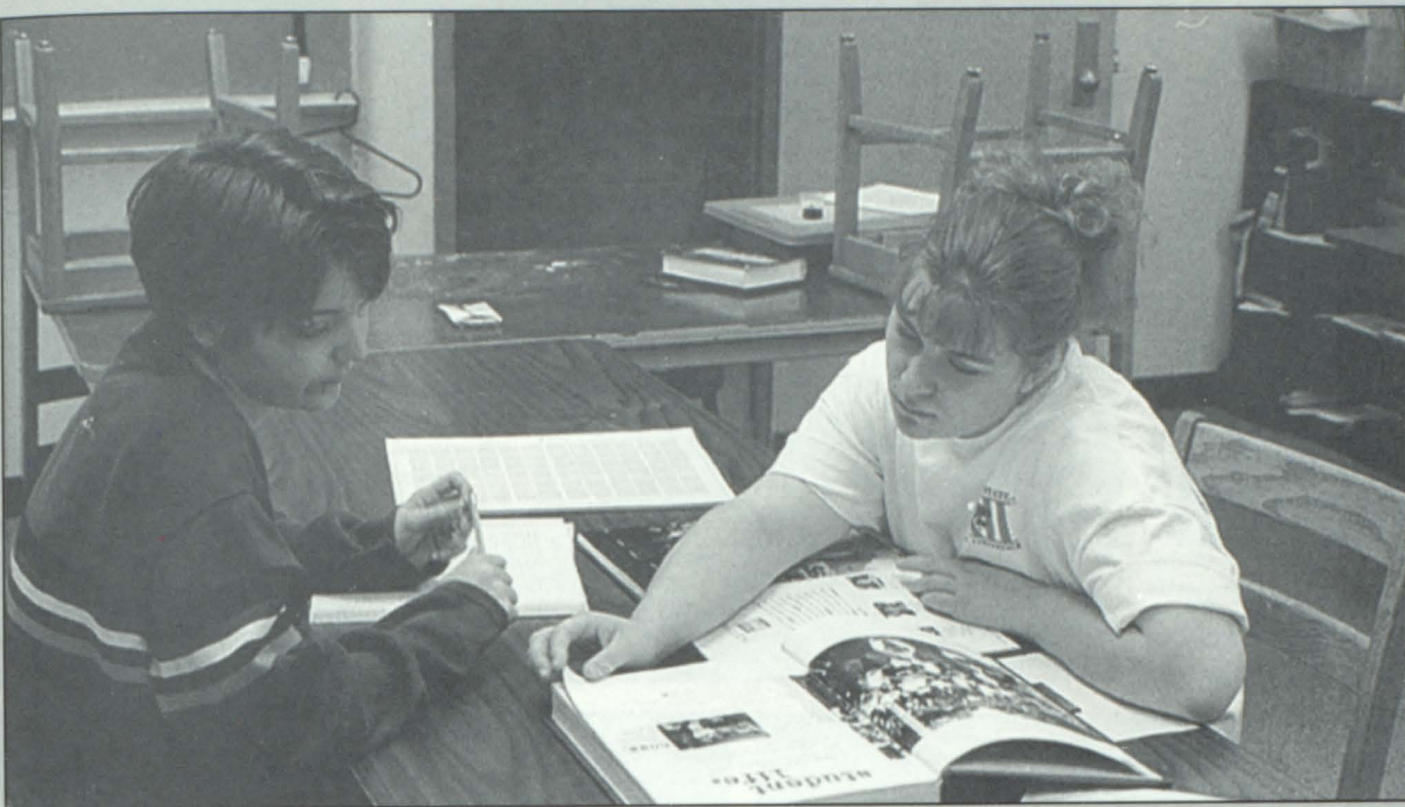
JODI HOMEWOOD, SR



"CAN I PLEASE SCAN THIS ONE PICTURE?" B.J. HILL, SR., PLEADS WITH MICHELLE DINKEL, SR. The photography,

journalism and paper + classes had to share one computer to scan pictures and photos. "I think we need more computers

to scan with because there is so much stuff to scan and never enough time to do it in," said Heidi Schmidt, jr. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



Everyone likes advancements that will benefit himself, but sometimes being the first one to do new things is not always as easy as it seems

TECHNOLOGY advancement

How do you feel about the new computers and being the first to use them?

& ■ I feel honored to be one of the first ones to use the computer, but the only downside is there is only one computer and nineteen journalism and photography students fighting over it.

MICHELLE DINKEL, SR

■ It's hard this year because we don't know what we are doing, but it will benefit the classes down the road.

JENNY WALDSCHMIDT, JR

■ I like the computers because I can see my work, but because it's new, we always find something wrong and have to change the layout at least once a day.

MICAH ZACHMAN, JR

■ It's really awesome having such advanced equipment for photography, but since we only have one of everything, there's always a fight about who gets to use it.

JOE SHEPHERD, SR

TARA KELLER 43
PHOTO/JOURN

H Opponent pickin', slam jammin', backboard swayin', rim breakin', nothin' but net

ALF-COURT dreams



(Photo by Staci Fischer)

Assignment: Type an essay contrasting the differences between your freshman and senior years playing basketball.

I think the major difference between being a freshman and being a senior is the need to play basketball. When a freshman's season comes to an end, she still has three more years to fulfill her goals. A senior, on the other hand, no longer has a chance when the last buzzer goes off.

SARAH WILLIAMS, SR

Q If you could play basketball with anyone in the world, who would it be?

& A ■ If I could play basketball with anyone I could, I would play with Michael Jordan. He is so hot, and he is the best basketball player I know. He could teach me some cool moves. I could get better and more determined.

BRANDI DINKEL, FR

■ If I could play basketball against anyone in the world, it would have to be Sheryl Swoopes. In my opinion, she is the best professional women's basketball player that ever walked on the face of the earth.

LATAYA BRADSTREET, SO

■ If I could play 1 on 1 with anyone, I would choose David Letterman. It would be a great experience because he could put the game on his show and make me famous! David Letterman Rocks!

BETSY BARTLETT, JR

■ If I could play basketball with anyone in the world, I would play against Spy vs. Spy because they would be too busy trying to outsmart the other one that they would forget about me. It would be fun watching them. Plus, I would win.

LOGAN FRANCIS, SR

Girls' Basketball

EHS		OPP
64	Phillipsburg	55
55	Bazine	39
50	Healy	67
61	LaCrosse	50
52	Palco	24
53	Osborne	54
45	Stockton	57
59	Osborne	57
52	Plainville	57
34	Norton	75
33	Trego	56
56	Hill City	41
27	Victoria	51
43	Plainville	57
47	Quinter	76
54	Ness City	72
54	Victoria	61
42	Smith Center	75
36	Norton	58
55	Otis-Bison	62
58	Plainville	56
43	Atwood	55

"High school basketball was a lot of fun this year; it is definitely a challenge compared to junior high ball."

--ANNE MADORIN, FR.

EHS SENIORS STRIKE A POSE FOR THE CAMERA. Top: Logan Francis, Jessie Honas, Jodi Homewood and Sarah Williams. "This was a great group of senior leaders. They led by examples instead of trying to be bosses. They will be missed next year," said Coach Robert Young. The Lady Railers finished the season with a 7-15 record. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



BETSY BARTLETT, JR., ATTEMPTS A SHOT FOR TWO POINTS, WHILE TEAMMATES LATAYA BRADSTREET, SO., EMILY EDMONDS, FR. AND SARAH WILLIAMS, SR., GET INTO POSITION FOR THE REBOUND. "The first few games we worked together and pulled out some wins. After Christmas illness and injuries became a plague to our team," said Williams. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



SENIOR JODI HOMEWOOD SHOTS OVER AN OSBORNE OPPONENT. "I think that our basketball team really improved during the season," said Homewood. "We had our

ups and downs just like every other team does, but overall I think the whole team tried their best and ended the season with a positive finish." (Photo by Staci Fischer)

**Freshmen
F H A
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officers
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Saindon,so.,
S a r a h
Williams
and Jessie
Honas,srs.,
H e i d i
Schmidt,jr.,
S t a e i
Hauschild
and Jessica
Augustine,
srs., Shane
Schartz,jr.,
a n d
S h a w n a
LaBarge,sr.
a f t e r
presenting
them with
o f f i c e r
awards at
the F H A
Banquet.
(Photo by
S t a e i
Fischer)**



Obsessions

in academics, athletics and activities continued during the spring months, even as the 1996-97 school year neared the end.

FHA recognized its twenty-fifth anniversary of teaching leadership to students at EHS, while the Kansas Association for Youth, which includes **Kayettes**, celebrated its fiftieth birthday. At **prom**, entitled "Hidden Treasures," Heath Kohl, sr., swallowed a goldfish. The **golf** team brought home first place from MCL, second place at regionals and second place at state, with three individuals medalling. Senior Joe Shepherd captured the title of the 2A state prose champion in **forensics**. Thirty-five seniors finally graduated from EHS on May 22. The boys' **track** team qualified eight members for the state meet in Wichita, where seven events medalled. Whether serious or crazy, students continued their obsessions in . . .

SPRING

**Good
Luck,
John!**



From
Tony,
Ginny
and
Dad

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SR.

'97



*Never be afraid to
dream, and may all
your dreams come
true.
Love Mom and
Dad*



Good Luck, Sarah

*We have always trusted that you would make the
right decisions while you were growing up.
That same trust will continue forever as you begin
to fulfill your highest dreams.*

We love you,

*Mom, Jack, Dad, Connie, Christopher, Bradley,
David and Brian*



*Lisa,
Cherish your memories, but look
toward the future. Live each
day with hope and climb upward.*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, & C.J.*



CONGRATS, MATT

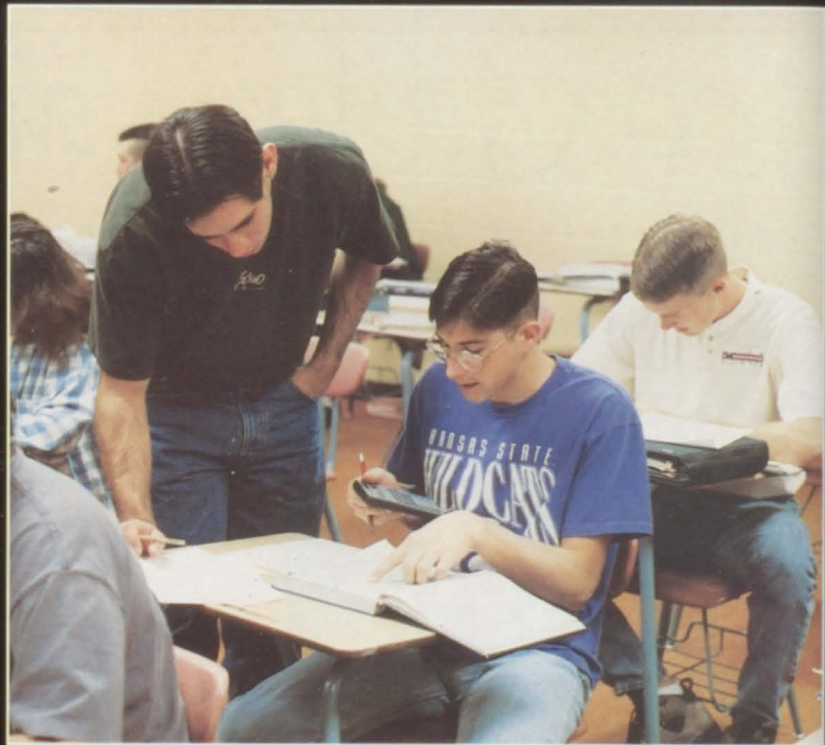
*You make us laugh...
You make us love...
You make us proud...
You are "as tall as a tree."*

*Love,
Dad, Mom,
Tim & Jordan*





"Seniors rule; underclassmen drool!" Displaying their senior spirit at the annual Thursday night bonfire, members of the class of '97 gather together at the close of the bonfire. Because of the high spirit and participation shown, the seniors tied for first place honors along with the juniors. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



During free time in law, Seniors Andy Bogue and Shawn Brack contemplate how to do a physics problem while B.J. Hill studies.

Physies, taught by Mr. Perry Mick, was an advanced class enrolled in by 10 members of the senior class. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

Senioritis: a mental sickness prevalent during a high school student's final year.

As the class of 1997 discovered, the symptoms of senioritis hit them hard either on August 19, 1996, or any ordinary, average day during the 1996-97 school year. They found that senioritis afflicted them quickly but didn't pass soon enough.

The seniors who reported the symptoms of senioritis listed many causes for their ailment. "I am just tired of coming to class and doing the same thing day after day," said B.J. Hill, who served as senior class president.

While some students, like Hill, were just bored with the daily routine of school, others felt that the wide variety of activities and commitments brought on their cases.

"All of the college plans and decisions that seniors have to make really is a large part of senioritis," said Senior Jodi Homewood.

Still others felt that their senioritis was caused by knowing this was their last year of high school and their last year to spend with their class and underclassmen friends. Therefore, they tended to focus on their social lives, rather than school.

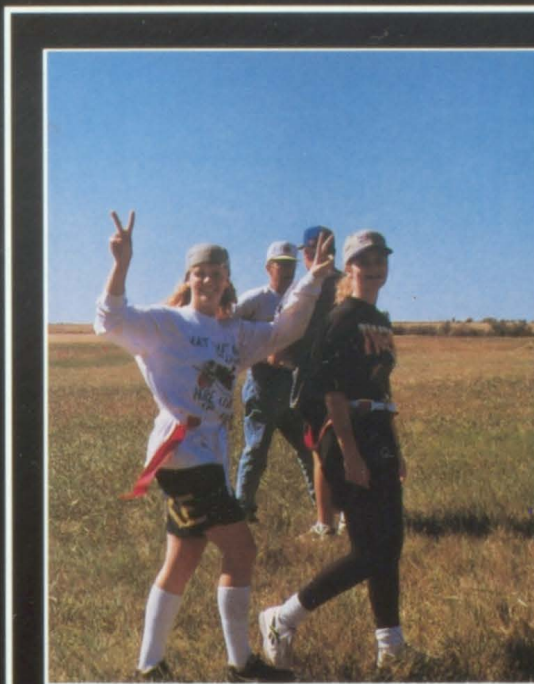
"School is stressful to start with, and knowing that in a few months I'll be on my own, away from my friends, makes it harder to concentrate," said Zabrina McDonald, sr.

While nearly all of the seniors experienced some form of senioritis, there were those select few who showed no signs of wanting to graduate and get out of EHS.

"I really don't look forward to graduation," said Logan Francis, sr. "Right now, life is so easy for me, and truthfully, I'm scared to be out on my own."

Whatever the case was, seniors shared their viewpoints and advice for future seniors about the dreaded senioritis. From making the most of high school opportunities and activities, to challenging risks, to taking time to party, the class of 1997 gave advice that only seniors can give.

"Seniors just need to take time from worrying about their life and the future sometimes," said Senior Matt Ward. "Just relax and live it up."



Strutting back to the huddle, Seniors Zabrina McDonald and Marlaina Schoenberger celebrate after a play in the senior versus sophomore football game. The senior football players successfully won all of their games to place first overall in the football competition. (Photo by Jennifer Kohlrus)

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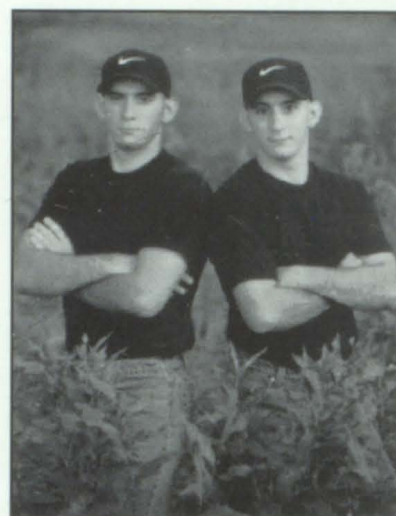
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all that is ahead of you in the
future.

Congratulations!
We are proud of you!

Love always,
Dad, Mom and Libby



With God all
things are
possible.



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JESSICA

CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST OF LUCK IN
THE FUTURE.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Michael
and Michelle



Love
Mom and Dad



Congrats Shawn

Love ya,
Mom and
family



Best of Luck in
Your Future!



Proud
of ya!!

Heath



Craig

We're proud
of you!

Love,
Mom,
Dad and
Brett



We Love
You!

Mom, Dad,
Lance,
Punni,
and Ciera





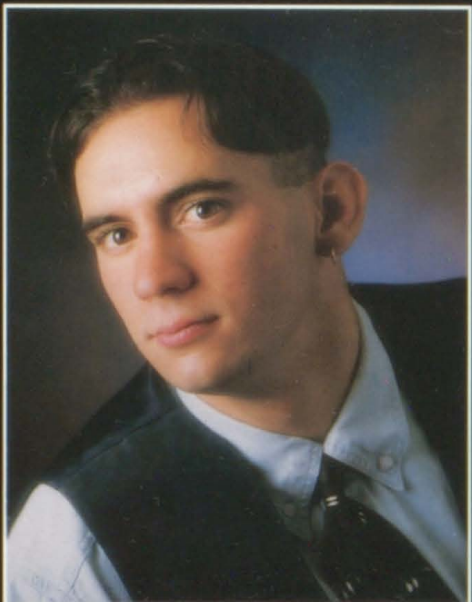
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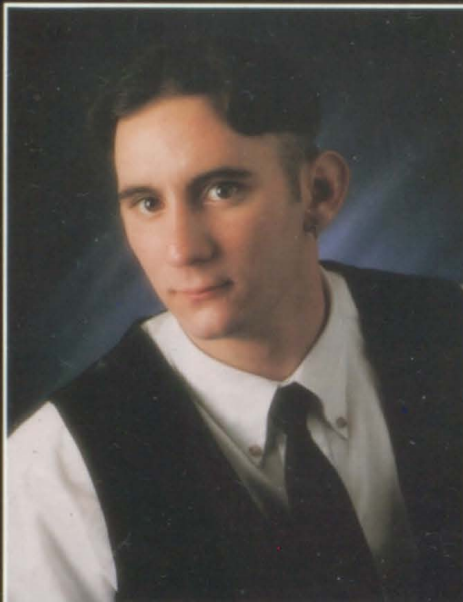
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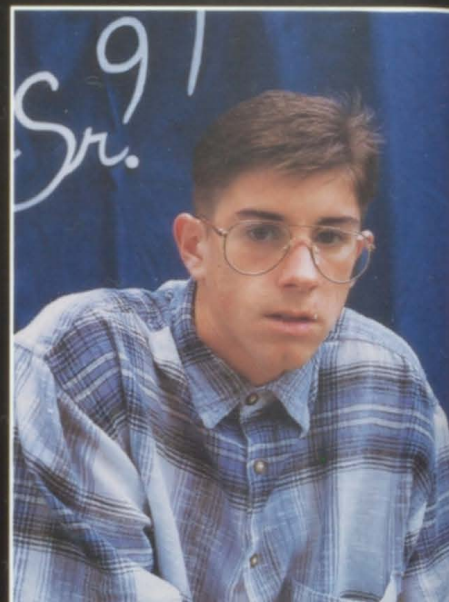
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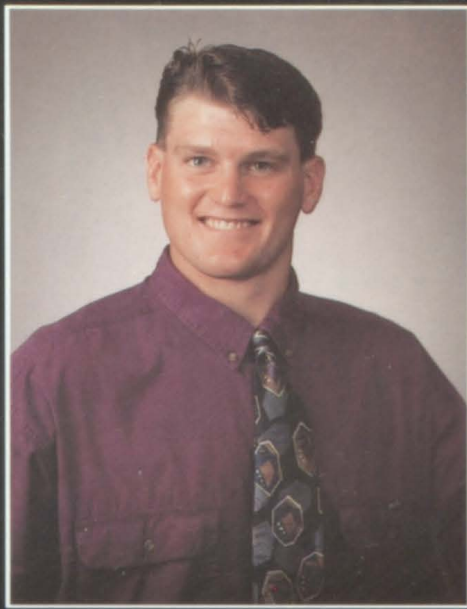
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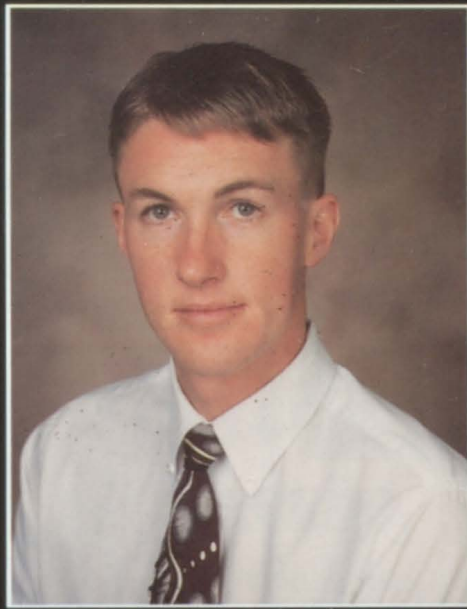
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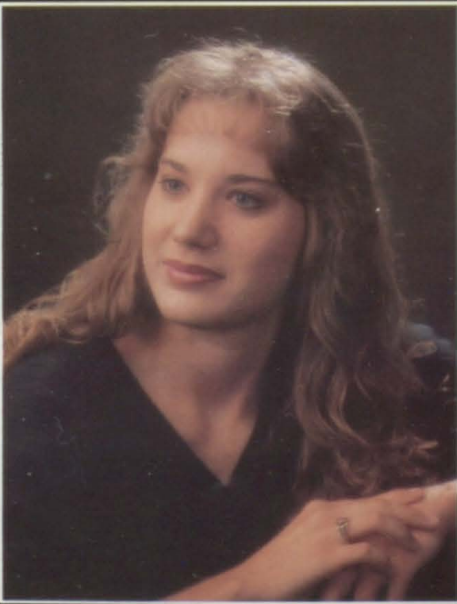
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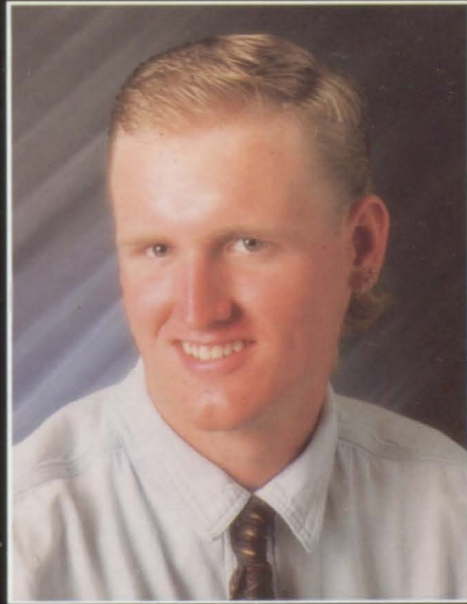
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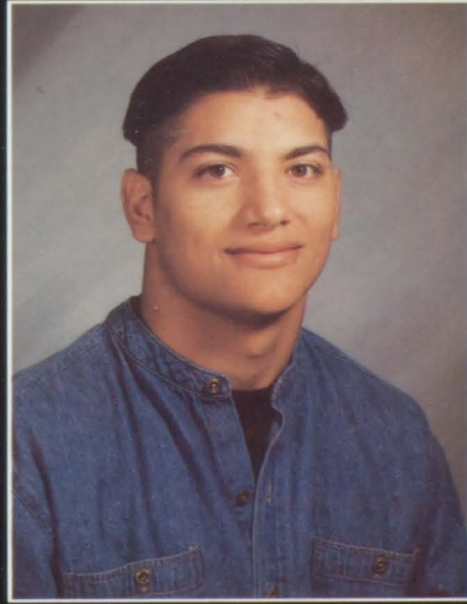
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KYLE LEE KINDERKNECHT



CASEY LEE KING



Congratulations
Staci



BEST OF LUCK IN ALL YOU DO.



Love ya, Mom, Dad, Shawn, Sam



STACI,
May All Your Dreams Come True!



Love,
Mom
Greg
Wendy
Adam



Congratulations
to a son that's
bound to have a
successful life.

Dad, Mom, Melissa, Mike, Mitchell, McKenzie,
Sheila, Michelle & Carrie

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Congratulations, SHAWNA!

*We're proud of you and know you'll
excel in whatever choices you make.*



Love,
Mom
Dad
Shayla
Jr.
Sondra



Congratulations, MIKE!

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SENIOR '97
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LOVE,
MOM, DAD &
JOE

Congratulations, Jessie

We wish you much happiness.

Love ya,
Mom, Dad & Family





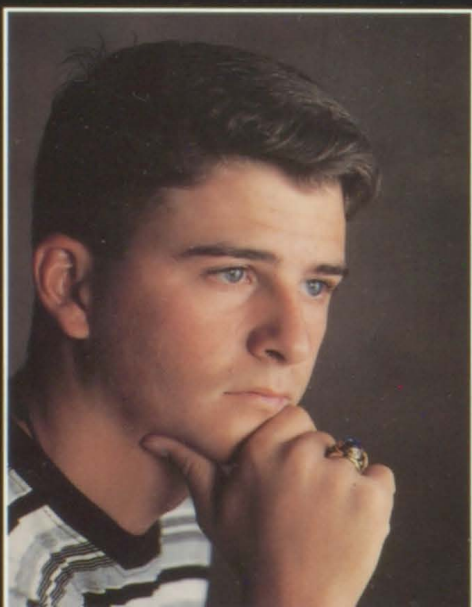
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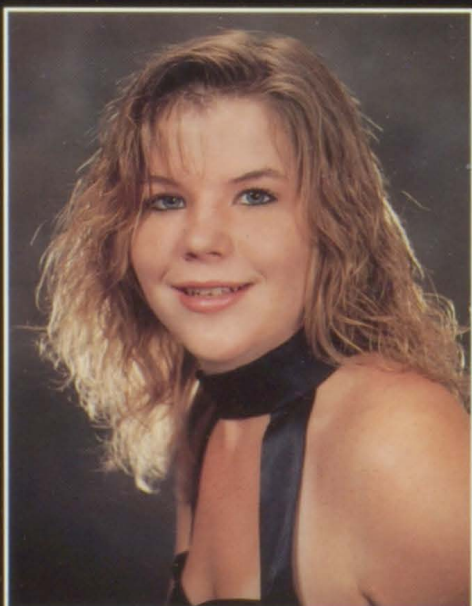
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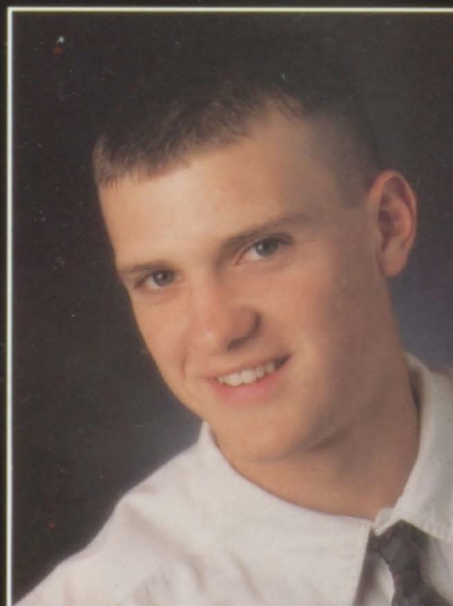
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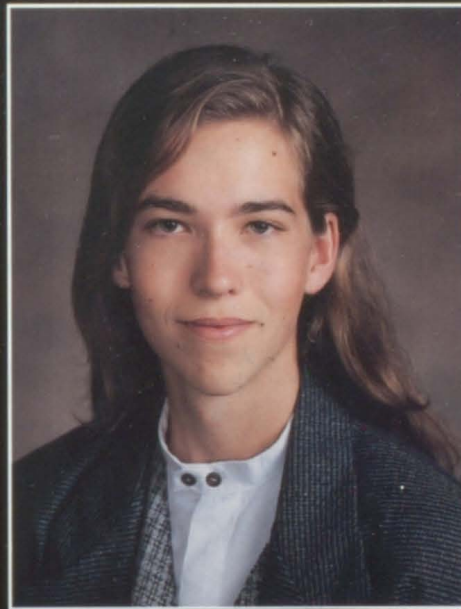
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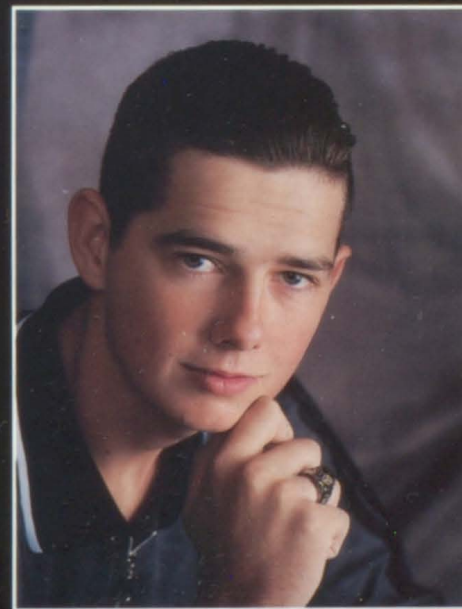
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SARAH DAWN WILLIAMS



JOHN LESLEY YOUNG



LACEY ADELLE ZIEGLER



Good Luck Michelle

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim,
Bobbie Jo, James, Jeff
and Zach*

MARLAINA



*We're so
proud of you!*

**Love,
Mom, Dad, Michelle,
Rick, Marlisa,
Mark, Malena,
Kacey & Brittney**



Casey



***If you CAN DREAM it,
You CAN ACHIEVE it!!***

*Love,
Dad, Mom,
Calvin, Cole,
Clay & Chase*



Senior



King



'97

Skyler

WE ARE
SO
PROUD
of you!



Give it
your
best
shot.



Love,
Mom
& Dad

Congratulations, Kyle

We're very
proud of
you and
wish you
the best
always.



Love,
Mom, Dad
Karla &
Rachel

JODI

Keep in
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Your
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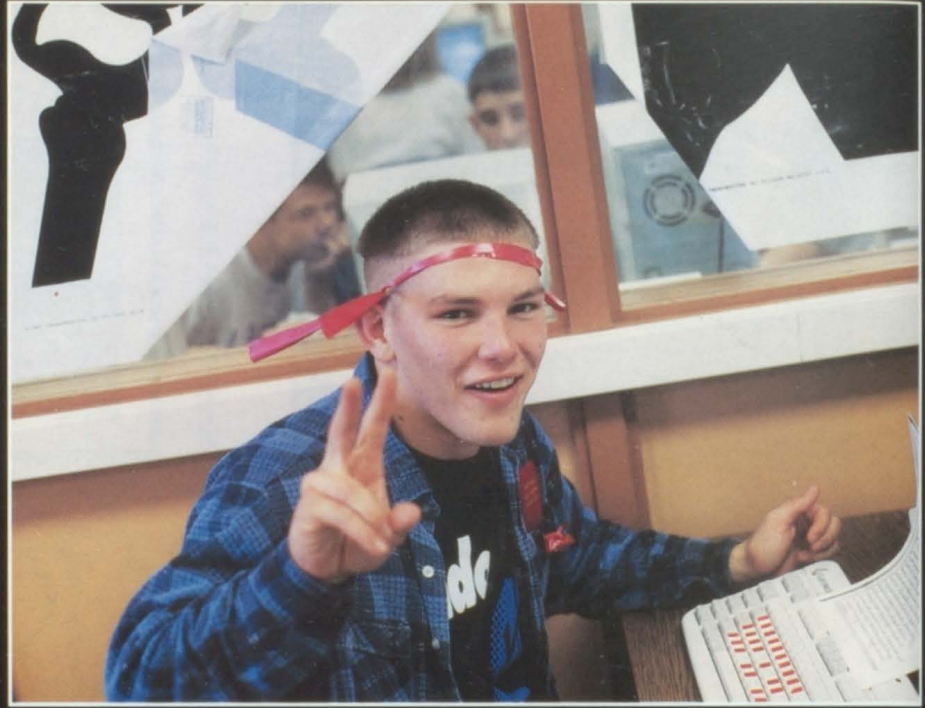
LOVE,
MOM & RON
JASON & JILL
DAD &
GRANDMA



"Mangle the Muts!" Seniors Mike Knoll, Ruben Culeay, Heath Kohl and Matt Ward ride on the class float during the Homecoming parade. The seniors constructed their float, which received third place, at the beginning of Homecoming week. In addition, class members made posters for the school windows and used orange styrofoam cups to spell out "SENIORS" on the tennis court fence. (Photo by Jennifer Köhlrus)



While taking a break from typing an essay for Mrs. Linda Riedel's English IV class, Senior Heath Kohl provides the camera with a peace sign. Kohl enlisted in the Army during his senior year of high school and planned to attend training during the summer. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



"Where am I?" Andy Bogue, sr., shows signs of boredom in advanced composition. "Even though advanced composition can be difficult sometimes, I really think that it is a class that will benefit me later," said Bogue. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



Showing school spirit, Lisa Pfannenstiel, Jessie Honas, Lacey Ziegler, Jodi Homewood, Staci Fischer and Shawna LaBarge, srs.,

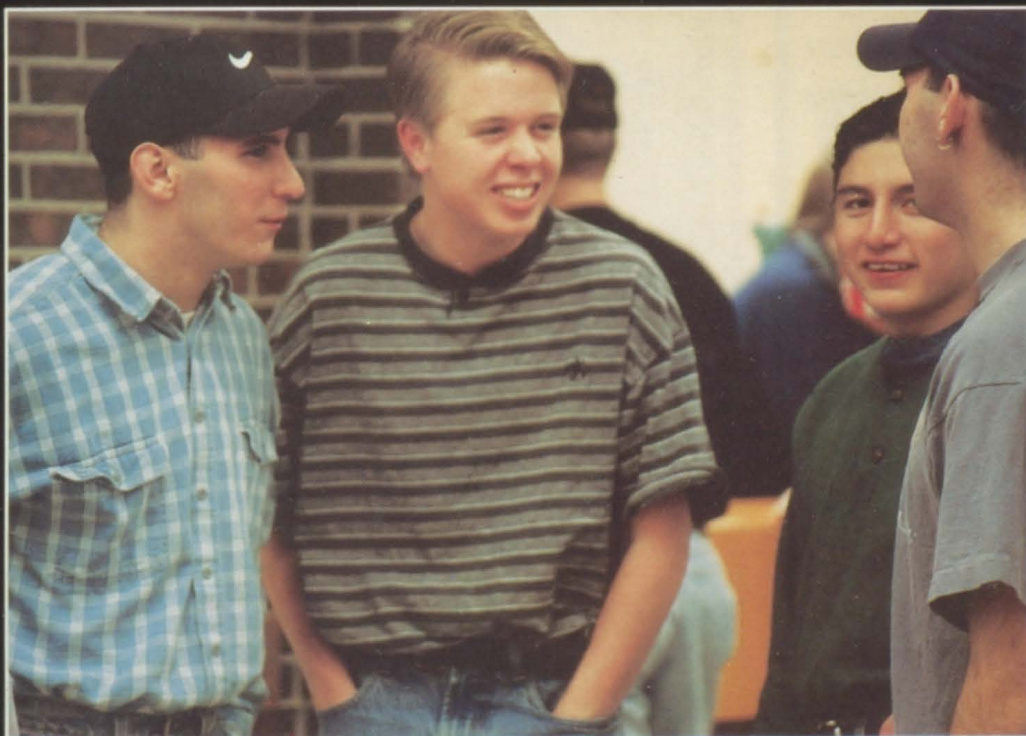
model their orange and black. The efforts during spirit week earned the seniors first place honors. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

"One, two, three, pull!"
Seniors Crystal Redger,
Jessica Honas, Skyler
Rorabaugh, Lisa

Pfannenstiel, Sarah
Williams and Jason Rule
use their strength in the
tug-of-war contest while

class members cheer for
another victory. The team
of seniors captured first
place in the tug-of-war

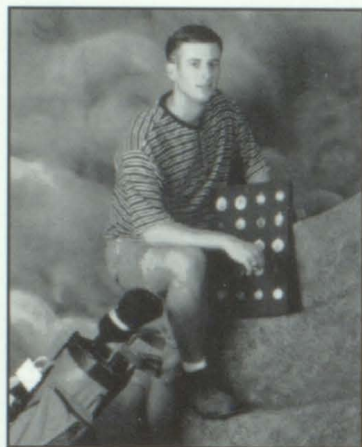
competition, followed by
the sophomore
team. (Photo by Jennifer
Kohlrus)



"That's such a Bogue story!"
Seniors Benjy Bogue, Joe
Shepherd, Ruben Culeay and Andy
Bogue share a story during the
halftime of a high school basketball
game. Many of the seniors who did
not participate in sports managed
to take time out of their schedules
to cheer on the teams. (Photo by
Jessica Augustine)



*Our wish to you
R.J.
is one of luck
and sincere hope
that your future is
nothing but success!
Chart your course
wisely.
Love Mom, Dad and
Raleen*



*May the God of peace
... strengthen and make
you what you ought to
be and equip you with
everything good that
you may carry out his
will. . .*

Heb. 13:20, 21

B.J.

We are very
proud of you.

Dad, Mom,
A.J. and Jodi



Jennifer

Use your strong
will in a positive
way and you'll
succeed in life!
We are very
proud of you!

**Mom,
Dad
and
Bro**





Logan



*Love
Mom, Dad, & Lindsey*

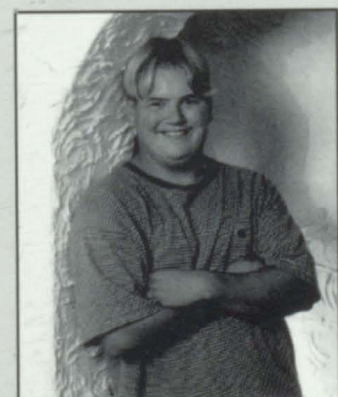
*As you begin this
new journey, please
stop to make banana
fritters for the Lord.
We really enjoyed
this part of your walk
through life and pray
that you have
continued success.*



**Jason,
Good luck in
all you do in
the future.**



**Love
Mom, Dad,
Randy, and
Rachael**



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**You're Always
#1 with us.
Love Mom,
Dad & Angie**



ZABRINA



Sis,

Many things have changed our lives the past 18 years.
We'll have many more to come. Love you and the best
of luck!

Love,
Mom & Zach

*Have a Happy
Life, Lacey.
We love you!!*



Mom, Dad,
Lindsay and
Leah



**Good luck, Joe!!
Reach for the stars.**

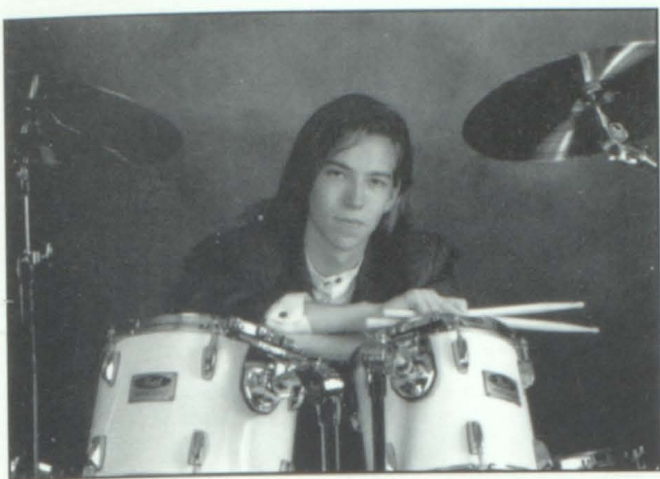


**We love you!!
Dad, Michael, and
Suzie**

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May the road
rise up to meet
you. May the
wind be always
at your back.
And may God
hold you in the
palm of His
hand.



GOOD
LUCK

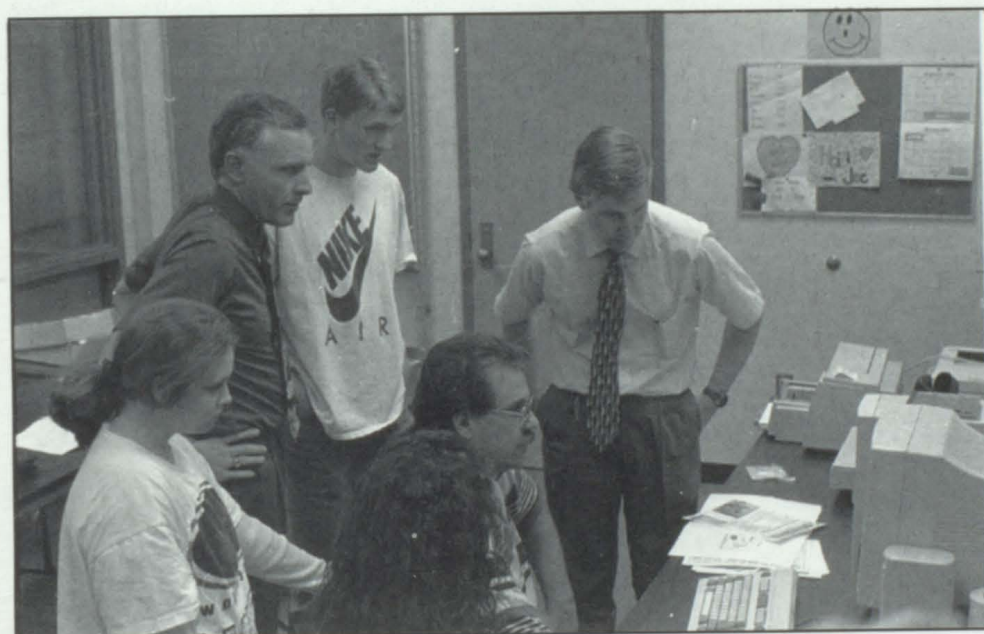


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All our
love,
Dad, Mom,
Bruce and
Jeff

THANK YOU, MR. YOUNG



for all your
technical
assistance
throughout the
year. Without
you, Murphy
would have ruled.

-- the Railroader staff

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

SHANE ANDERSON—Journalism 3; Football 3; Basketball 2,3; Wrestling 4; FFA 3,4

JESSICA ANNE AUGUSTINE—National Honor Society 3; Journalism 3,4; Business Manager 3; Editor 4; State Journalism 3,4; KSU Journalism Workshop 4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Vice-President of Public Relations 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 2,3; President 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; State Speech 1,2,3; Junior Play; Class Treasurer 2; Band 1,2; Band Contests 1,2; Choir 1,2,3; STUCO 4; SADD 3; National English Merit Award 1,4; Dane G. Hansen Qualifying Scholarship Test 4; Wal-Mart Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship 4; KU Honor Scholar 4; MCL Leadership Conference 2; FHSU Math Relays 1,3; St. Mary's Guitar Choir 1,2,3,4; *Hays Daily News* Student Advisory Board 4; Ellis Co. Writing Award 2

ANDREW FREDRICK BOGUE—Football 1,2,3,4; MCL 2nd Team Defensive Team 3; MCL Honorable Mention Defensive Team 4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; FFA 3; Junior Play; STUCO 3,4; Class Treasurer 1; SADD 3,4; Vice-President 4; FHSU Math Relays 1,2,3,4; Prom Server 2

BENJAMIN WESLEY BOGUE—Football 1,2,3,4; MCL Honorable Mention Defensive Team 4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,4; Junior Play; SADD 3,4; FHSU Math Relays 1,2,3,4

SHAWN MICHAEL BRACK—Football 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; State Cross Country 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1,2; Junior Play; Choir 1; Railaires 1; Baseball 1,2,4; SADD 3,4

MICHELLE MARIE DINKEL—Journalism 4; Volleyball 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Snoball Candidate 1; Prom Server 2; Choir 1,2,3; Photography 4

STACI MARIE FISCHER—Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; STUCO 1,2,3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 2,3; Points 4; Class STUCO Representative 1,2,3; Class Treasurer 4; Snoball Candidate 2,4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Prom Server 2; Choir 1,2,3; Photography 4

RAYMOND JOSEPH FISHER—Football 1,2; Basketball 1; Golf 1,2,3,4; State Golf Medalist 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Farm Bureau Leadership Conference 1; CYO 1,2,3,4; SADD 4; Baseball 1

KEVIN ALBERT FLAX—Football 1,2,3,4; MCL Honorable Mention 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; President 4; Junior Play; Prom Server 2; Snoball Candidate 2,4; MCL Leadership Conference 3

LOGAN LEA FRANCIS—National Honor Society 3; Volleyball 1,4; Cross Country 2,3; Basketball 3,4; Track 1; FHA 4; Forensics 2; Junior Play; Kayettes 3,4; Choir 4; Softball 1,2,3,4; Kansas Regents Honor Academy 4; KU Honor Scholar 4; SADD 4; President 4

STACI DAWN HAUSCHILD—Girls State 3; Journalism 3,4; Newspaper Co-Editor 3; Yearbook Editor 4; State Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3; Cross Country 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 2,3,4; Historian 4; Forensics 2,3,4; State Medalist 3; Junior Play; STUCO 4; Secretary 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 2; President 3; Vice-President 4; Class Secretary 2; Choir 1; Snoball Candidate 2,4; MCL Leadership Conference 3; DARE Role Model 4; National English Merit Award 4; National Journalism Award 4; Wal-Mart Student of the Month 4; KU Teens, Tobacco & Journalism Program 4; KSU Journalism Workshop 4; Sykes Enterprises, Inc. Representative 4; National Young Leaders Conference 4; Prom Server 2; SADD 3; Ellis County Youth Group 4; *Hays Daily News* Student Advisory Board 4

BENJAMIN JACOB HILL—National Honor Society 3,4; Journalism 3; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; State Cross Country 4; Track 1,2,3,4; State Track 2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; STUCO Representative 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; State Forensics 1,2,3; Junior Play; STUCO 3,4; Class Vice-President 1; Class President 3,4; Youth Basketball Coach 3,4; SADD 3,4; Photography 4

JODI ANN HOMEWOOD—National Honor Society 4; Journalism 4; State Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; State Track 3; Forensics 1,2,3,4; State Forensics 3; STUCO 1,2; Secretary 1; Vice-President 2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 1; Secretary 2,4; Band 1,2,3,4; President 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; MCL Leadership Conference 4; Snoball Candidate 3; Homecoming Candidate 4; Prom Server 2; Class Vice-President 2,4; Youth Basketball Coach 3,4; Youth Track and Field Coach 3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2

JESSICA ANN HONAS—Volleyball 1,2,3,4; MCL 1st Team 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Junior Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 2,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railaires 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Vice-President 4; Prom Server 2; Homecoming Queen 4; Snoball Princess 2; SADD 3,4; Treasurer 3; Perfect Attendance 2

KYLE LEE KINDERKNECHT—FFA 1,2,3,4; Secretary 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Contests 1,2,3,4

CASEY LEE KING—Football 1,2,3,4; MCL 2nd Team; Salina Journal Area Team; Down Under Bowl 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; State Wrestling 1,3,4; State Medalist 4; Salina Journal Second Team; FHA 1,2; Forensics 2; Junior Play; STUCO 2,3,4; Class Officer 1,2; Band 1,3; Choir 1,3,4; Railaires 1,3,4; CYO 1,2,3,4; Squires 1,2,3,4; Snoball Candidate 1; Homecoming Candidate 4; Prom Server 2

MICHAEL R. KNOLL—Wrestling 1; FFA 1,2,3; Junior Play; 4-H 1,2,3,4; CYO 2; Ellis County Community Partnership 4

HEATH NORBERT KOHL—Football 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3; STUCO Representative 3; Forensics 1,3; Junior Play; STUCO 3,4; Class STUCO Representative 4; Choir 1; Railairres 1; CYO 1,2,3

JENNIFER MARIE KOHLRUS—Volleyball 1; FHA 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 4; Choir 2,3; Photography 4; Snoball Candidate 3

MATTHEW DOUGLAS KROEGER—Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2; Golf 1; FHA 2; Junior Play; STUCO 2; Class STUCO Representative 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Contests 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Choir 1; Lutheran Youth Group 1,2,3,4; Snoball Candidate 1,2; Prom Server 2

SHAWNA LEIGH LABARGE—Volleyball 1; Basketball 1; Track 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA STUCO Representative 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Cheerleading 2,3,4; Wrestling Captain 4; Flag Team 3,4; STUCO 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 4; Choir 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Contest 2,3,4; CYO 2,3,4; CCD Student Teacher 4; SADD 3,4

ZABRINA JUNE MCDONALD—Volleyball 1,3,4; Cross Country 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; STUCO 1,2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Points 3; Choir 1,3; Softball 3,4; SADD 3

LISA AGNES PFANNENSTIEL—Volleyball 1; Basketball 1,3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Secretary 2,3; Vice-President 4; STAR Greenhand Award 1; Junior Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; Key Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4

CRYSTAL LYNN REDGER—Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 3

SKYLER DEE RORABAUGH—Boys State Candidate 3; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; MCL Honorable Mention 4; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 3; FFA 1,2,3,4; Drama 2; Forensics 2,3,4; Junior Play; Choir 1,3,4; AAU Track 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1; Lettermen's Club 1,2; FCA 1,2; Snoball Candidate 2,3,4; Homecoming Candidate 4; Key Club 1,2; Kay Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2; SADD 1,2,3,4; Public Relations 3 4; CYO 1,2,3,4

JASON THOMAS RULE—Football 2,3,4; Wrestling 3,4; FFA 2,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4

MARLAINA N. SCHOENBERGER—Volleyball 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Cheerleading 1,2,3; JV Captain 2; Flag Team 1,2,3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class Secretary 1,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3; Music Contests 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Server 2; SADD 3

CRAIG BRANDON SEIBEL—Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; FHA 3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Choir 3,4; Railairres 3; Band 1,2,3; Contests 1,2,3; Homecoming King 4; CYO 1,2,3,4

JOSEPH RUSSELL SHEPHERD—National Honor Society 3,4; Boys State 3; Counselor 4; Photography 4; Cross Country 3,4; Golf 1,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Reporter 4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; State Medalist 3; State 1,2,3,4; STUCO 1,2,3,4; President 3,4; Class President 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Contests 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; District Choir 4; National Vocal Clinic 4; Snoball Candidate 1,4; King 4; FHSU Math Relays 1,2,3,4; CYO 1,2,3,4; N.C. Vicariate Rep. 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; National English Merit Award 4; Dane G. Hansen Scholarship 4; Discover Card Tribute Award 3; KU Honor Scholar 4; Site Base Council 3,4; Secretary 4; SADD 3,4; Prom Server 2; DARE Role Model 4; National Young Leaders Conference 3; National STUCO Camp 3; Kansas STUCO Workshop 4; Junior Counselor 4; Regional STUCO Workshop; MCL Leadership Conference 2; Junior Play; CYO Play 3,4; Ellis Co. Writing Contest Award 1,3,4; State FFA Band 2,3,4; St. Mary's Guitar Choir 1,2,3,4

JOSHUA RANDALL TIMMONS—National Honor Society 3,4; Journalism 4; Forensics 2,3,4; State 3,4; Junior Play; STUCO 4; Treasurer 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Contests 1,2,3,4; SADD 3,4; FHSU Math Relays 1,2,3,4; National English Merit Award 3,4; Dane G. Hansen Scholarship 4; KU Honor Scholar 4; MCL Leadership Conference 4

MATTHEW STEPHEN WARD—Wrestling 2,3; FFA 1,2,3; Junior Play 3

SARAH DAWN WILLIAMS—National Honor Society 3,4; Journalism 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; President 3; Vice-President 4; Forensics 2,3,4; Junior Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Contests 1,2,3,4; Drum Majorette 3,4; Choir 1; SADD 3,4; Secretary 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4

JOHN LESLEY YOUNG—Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Track 1,3; Junior Play; Choir 3; Baseball 1

LACEY ADELLE ZIEGLER—Volleyball 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1; Junior Play; Cheerleading 2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board Member 3,4; Class Treasurer 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Contests 3,4; Snoball Candidate 1

C When students use their imaginations, anything is possible

CREATIVE inventions



Assignment: Describe an invention you would create in vo-tech class that would make you famous.

In project construction class, I would make an instrument that attaches to your forehead and is connected to a computer. What this thing would do is take what you are thinking, such as an essay, and print it out. This would greatly decrease the time it takes to write and proofread a report. Teachers would like it because there would be no errors to correct.

PRESTON BOLLIG, SO

If you had the chance to invent something in your vo-tech class that would make you famous, what would it be?

& In home economics, I would invent a machine so that you could press a button and any hot meal that you wanted would come out.

ANNA WEIMER, FR

■ In project construction class, I would invent a snow-making machine so we could use some of our snow days.

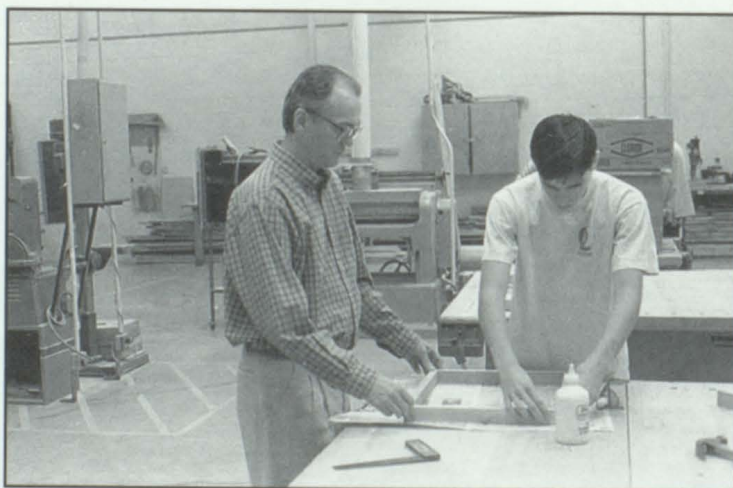
A.J. HILL, SO

■ In nutrition and fitness, I would invent a chocolate bar that you could eat and lose weight instead of gain weight.

BROOK NOWLIN, JR

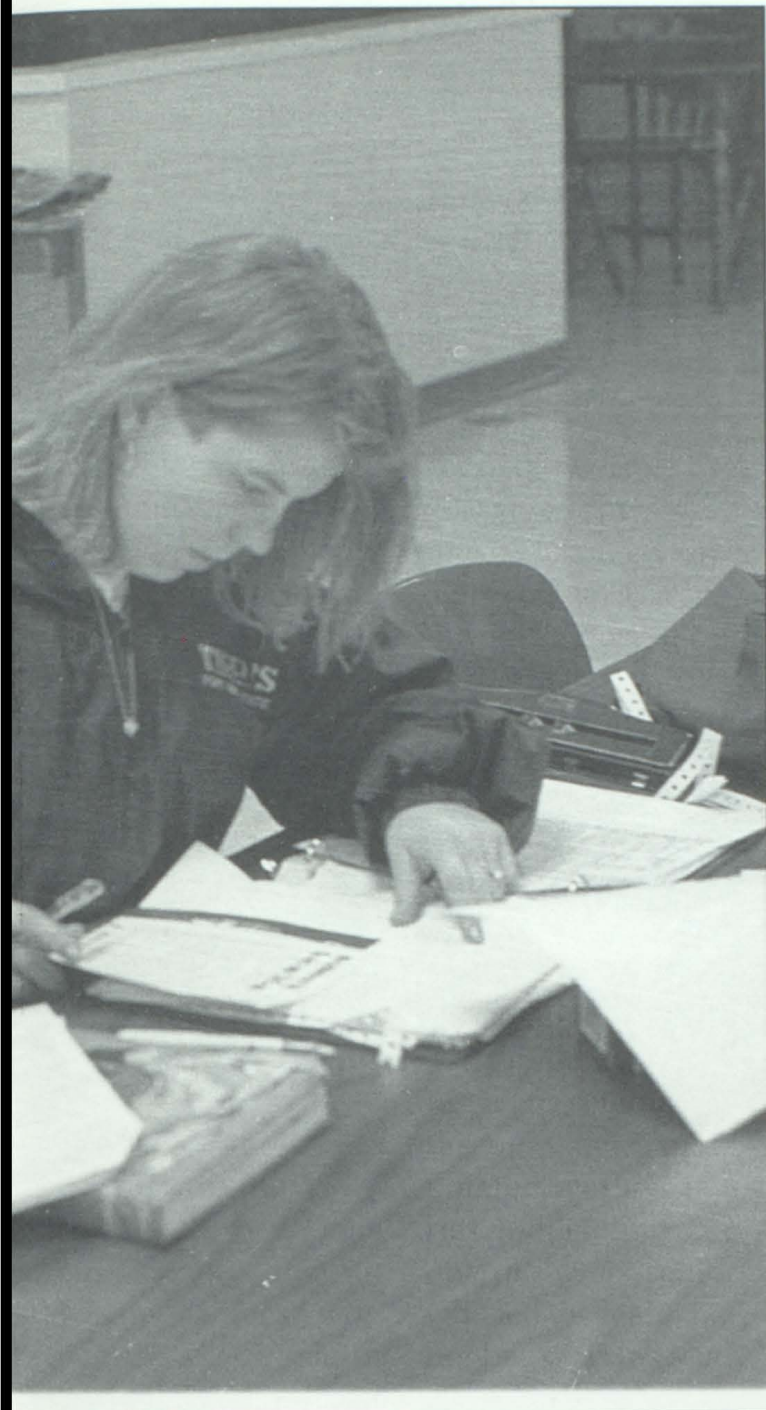
■ Since I'm in both advanced drawing and advanced woodworking, I would design a new military helicopter. With the layouts, I would use the woods shop and ag shop to make a skeleton prototype.

CASEY KING, SR



INSTRUCTOR TERRY ZERFAS HELPS BRETT SEIBEL, FR., MAKE A FRAME IN MECHANICAL DRAWING 1. All students were required to make a frame for screen printing. The screen printing projects included printing on fabric and designing license plates. "I like screen printing because it's different, and I can create my own designs and put them on shirts and license plates," Junior LeAnne Neuberger said. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



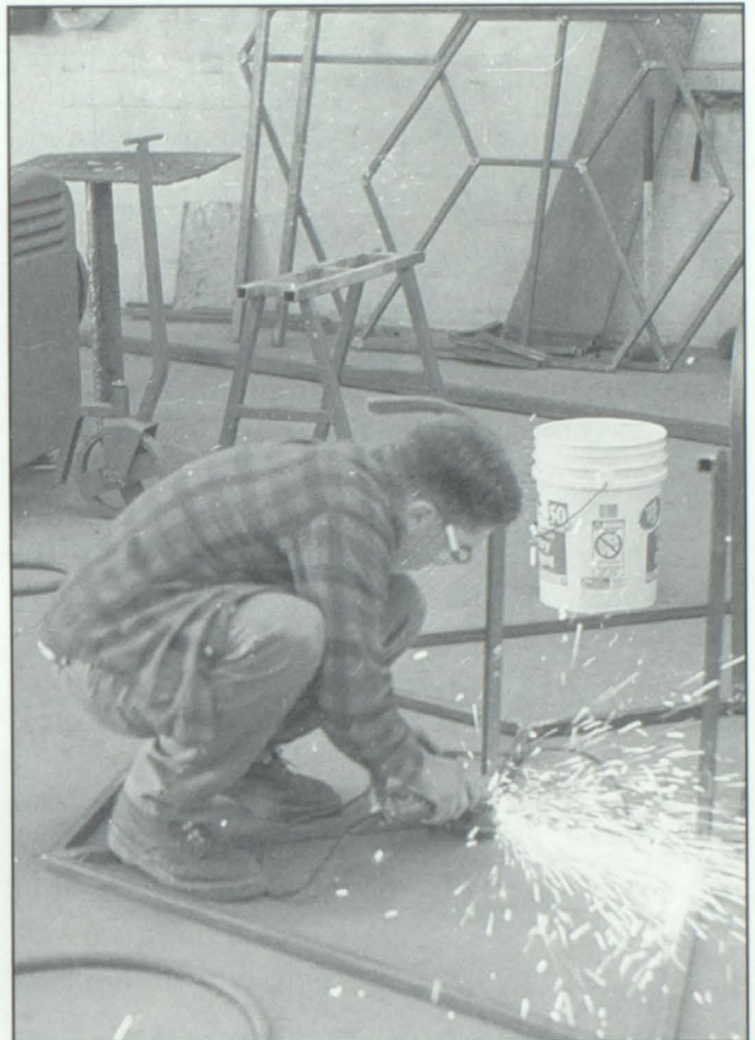


SENIOR LISA PFANNENSTIEL CONCENTRATES ON AN ASSIGNMENT IN FAMILY LIVING. This senior

course allowed students to set goals about family responsibilities, budgeting and parenthood. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

JOEY KING, SO., WELDS A PICNIC TABLE IN PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. Introduction to agriculture had to be taken in order

to join this class. Skills in blueprint drawing and welding and construction were taught in this course. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



REBUILDING A TRUCK IN PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CLASS, ELDON PFEIFER, INSTRUCTOR, JUSTIN MESERVE, JR., RUBEN CULCAY, SR., AND RUDY FINK, JR., PAUSE TO EXAMINE THEIR WORK. "This class is fun because I like working with my hands. There aren't many classes where we actually make stuff. We get to choose our ideas and build what we want. I like having the freedom to choose my own projects," said Fink. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



Junior Craig Honas and Senior Joe Shepherd perform their duet on Forensics Night. Shepherd qualified for State in Wichita at which he brought home a championship in prose. (Photo by Ruben Culeay)

"No one ever dies at a McDonald's, but Kentucky Fried Chicken, they have their own ambulance service," says Aaron Eaton, jr., as she stages her humorous solo, "French Fries," at Forensics Night. In addition to her humorous solo, Eaton also performed in poetry and dramatic solo. (Photo by Ruben Culeay)



FORENSICS

LOCATION	PLACE
Ness City	4th
MORLAND	4th
WHEATLAND	4th
DIGHTON	4th
TREGO	4th
Oakley	2nd
MCL-OSBORNE	3rd
QUINTER	5th

STATE FESTIVAL @ RANSOM

SUZY KOHL	
POETRY	I RATING
SHANE SCHATZ	
EXEMPT	II RATING
BETSY BARTLETT & KIZMAN RORABAUGH	
IDA	II RATING

STATE @ WICHITA

JOE SHEPHERD	
PROSE	1st

"WHEN THEY CALLED third place, I THOUGHT THAT would be good, THEN THEY CALLED SECOND place AND I THOUGHT THAT would be good too, BUT THEN WHEN I HEARD MY NAME CALLED FOR FIRST place, I WAS SHOCKED BUT happy."

--JOE SHEPHERD, SR.

"I wish to do better in my algebra class and for my final grades and test scores to be good." This is only one of the many wishes made by a forensics member this year.

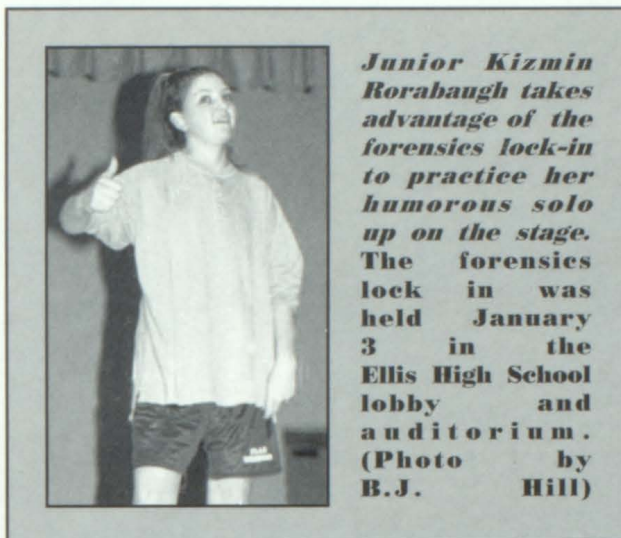
"We Dare to Dream" was the 1996-97 season theme, but the members had to think of a symbol to go with the theme. After days of critical thinking, the forensics class finally decided on a symbol: a wishing well.

Construction of the wishing well began in early September and took about 9 weeks to build. Every day during fifth hour, the forensics class worked hard to build the wishing well, but most of the credit went to Skyler Rorabaugh, sr., and Nathan Harwick, so., who put a lot of effort into the wishing well.

Each Monday, a forensics member would write up a wish and place it into a sealed envelope. Then, the following Monday, he would go back, open the envelope and read the wish to see if it came true for that week.

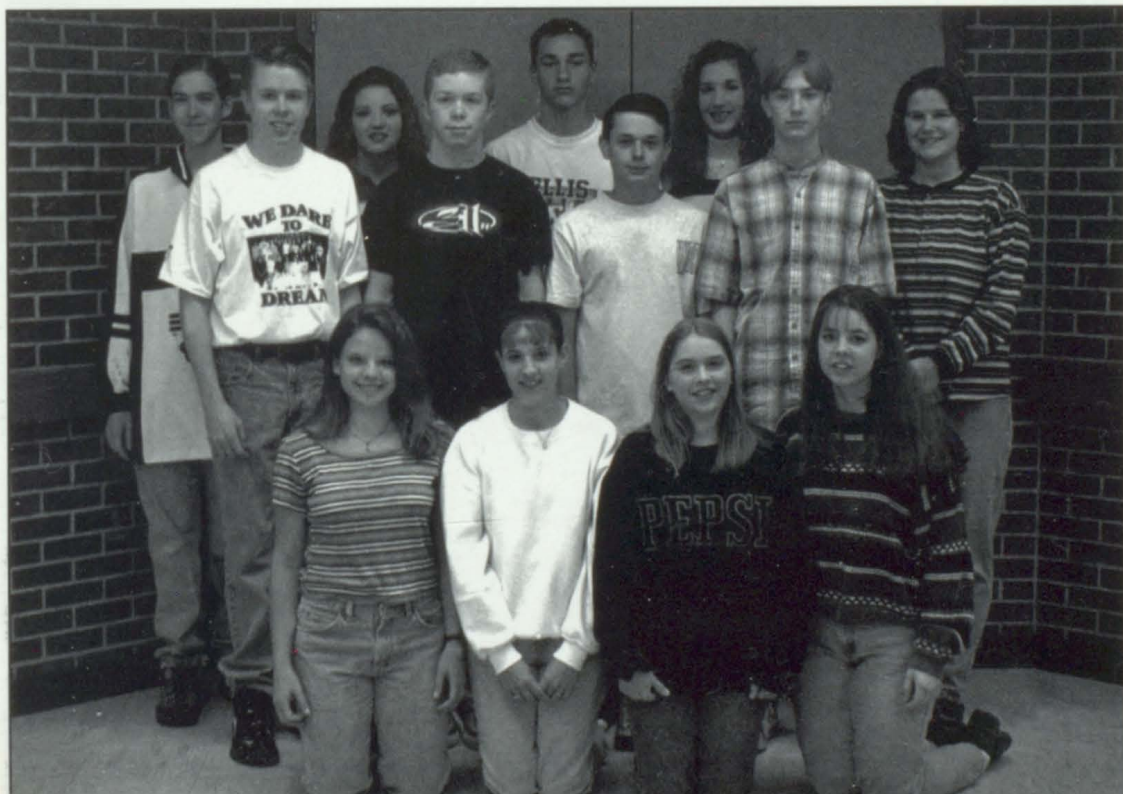
At the beginning of the year, 72 percent of the forensics members' dreams came true.

"Most wishes the students wrote down were not wishes, they were goals the forensics members set for themselves," said Forensics Coach Mrs. Linda Riedel.



Junior Kizmin Rorabaugh takes advantage of the forensics lock-in to practice her humorous solo up on the stage. The forensics lock in was held January 3 in the Ellis High School lobby and auditorium. (Photo by B.J. Hill)

forensics members create a wishing well of DREAMS



The 1996-97 state-bound forensics members. Front: Jessica Yanda, so., Amy Sandlin, so., Kim Bieker, fr., and Suzy Kohl, jr. Middle: Joe Shepherd, sr., Shane Schartz, jr., Travis Keller, fr., and Nathan Harwick, so. Back: Josh Timmons, sr., Kizman Rorabaugh, jr., Craig Honas, jr., and Betsy Bartlett, jr. The forensics team consisted of 36 members. There were eleven freshmen, eight sophomores, eight juniors and nine seniors. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Freshman Emily Edmonds practices the pole vault for an upcoming meet. Edmonds was one of the first Ellis High School girls to attempt the pole vault. (Photo by Jennifer Waldschmidt)

Jumping into the long jump pit, Senior Jodi Homewood stretches herself in hope to reach a placing jump. "I've really enjoyed track this year," said Homewood. "I'm going to miss it a lot." (Photo by Jennifer Waldschmidt)



Girls' Track

MEET	PLACE
LaCROSSE	SECOND
Ellis Classic	SECOND
PAWNEE HEIGHTS	TWELFTH
ELLIS INV.	FOURTH
VICTORIA	SECOND
MCL	EIGHTH
REGIONALS	TWELFTH

"I'm glad I WENT OUT FOR TRACK ALL FOUR YEARS OF high school. I ENJOY competing with OTHER schools in different EVENTS. I ENCOURAGE THE upcoming FRESHMEN TO join TRACK. It is ENJOYABLE AND WORTH THE TIME."

--ZABRINA McDONALD, SR.

The Ellis High School girls' track team experienced something new in the 1997 track season. Instead of high jumping long jumping, or triple jumping, some girls decided to pole vault. Freshmen Brandi Dinkel and Emily Edmonds were the first to pole vault on the Ellis girls' track team.

"At first, pole vault was scary and complicated, but after practicing for awhile, it was exciting," said Edmonds. "Even though girls' pole vault isn't as competitive as other events, it is still fun to do."

The starting height of most girls' pole vault is 6 feet, which is 2 feet shorter than the starting height of the boys' pole vault. Edmonds jumped 6 feet 3 inches, placing second, while Dinkel jumped 6 feet 2 inches, placing third at Victoria.

"In the beginning, I was scared to try the pole vault because I was afraid of falling, but after I jumped it a few times, I realized it was really exciting and a lot of fun," said Dinkel. "In the future, I hope to work at it and improve in the pole vault."

The Ellis High School girls track team has been coached by Mr. Chris Rorabaugh for six years. Including Dinkel and Edmonds, there were six freshmen out for track. "The freshmen were an asset to the team," said Rorabaugh.

Freshman Brandi Dinkel competes in the javelin at the Ellis Invitational track meet. Dinkel also competed in the 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 200 meter dash, shot put, discus, and pole vault. (Photo by Jennifer Waldschmidt)



experiencing a new event

in

TRACK



Grrrrrrr.....Staci Hauschild, Sarah Williams, Jodi Homewood and Zabrina McDonald flex to show their senior strength during the 1997 track season.

Hauschild, Williams, Homewood and McDonald participated in track all four years of high school. (Photo by Jennifer Waldschmidt)

Junior Aaron Wade, Senior Craig Seibel and Freshman Jesse Leiker take the spotlight on the bridge to show their dance moves during prom. "It was really cool how people could dance on part of the decorations," said Jennifer Waldschmidt, jr. "The bridge gave people an opportunity to show off their dancing skills in front of the entire student body and faculty." (Photo by Kizmin Rorabaugh)



On April 11, EHS juniors began their prom preparations with one barrier standing in their path: the weather.

As students woke up for school the day before prom, they realized the weather brought snow and ice into the area. This was enough for school to be canceled, and to most students at EHS, including members of the junior class, this was a very nice surprise.

"I am glad that we didn't have school the day before prom because I think it gave us a better opportunity to get more decorating done in the lobby with no students walking around in the school," said Junior Shannon Befort.

With only one day remaining before prom and having hardly any decorating done, 22 juniors gathered at the school despite the bad weather to begin. It was a long day of arguing and decorating but after almost seven hours, the juniors had finally

finished decorating for a dance that might still be postponed.

As it turned out, the weather didn't dampen anyone's attitude towards prom. One hundred and twelve students attended the formal affair to enjoy the dinner and full night of dancing in a lobby transformed to a cavern filled with stalagmites, waterfalls and hidden treasures.

"Even though the snow outside made it hard to get back and forth from the school and cars in formals, tuxes and dress shoes, going to prom was worth it because the dance was a lot of fun," said Brook Nowlin, jr.

students overcome obstacle
of

WEATHER

Senior Staci Hauschild puckers up to Senior classmate Joe Shepherd during prom, their last school dance together. (Photo by Wendy Hauschild)



Brett Neumann, jr.; Freshmen **Raleen Fisher** and **Emily Edmonds;** **Jamie Kohl, jr.;** **Elliott McClelland;** Juniors **Amy Karlin** and **Shannon Befort;** and **Ben Dinkel** enjoy some conversation before dinner. The twelve sophomore prom servers served the dinner which consisted of hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, dinner salad and tea. For dessert, the students were served chocolate cake. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Sophomore Shayla LaBarge, Junior P.J. Waldschmidt, **Sophomore Leah Ziegler, Junior Robert Sandlin, Sophomore Brad Schoenthaler,** and **Freshman Jesse Leiker** dance the night away at prom. FX Unlimited provided the music for the dance. At the end of the dance, six CDs and a portable CD player were given away by a drawing to the students who remained at the dance. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Junior class president Michael Shepherd, welcomes the students to the 1997 junior-senior prom, "Hidden Treasures" while **Senior Class President B.J. Hill, Freshman Christy Kinderknecht, Junior**

Tara Keller and Maria and Perry Mick, look on. One hundred and twelve students attended prom; 98 of these were EHS students and 14 were outside dates. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Senior Skyler Rorabaugh leads the way in the 110 meter high hurdles at the Ellis Classic Invitational. Rorabaugh placed first in this event and also broke the meet record with a time of 16:06. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

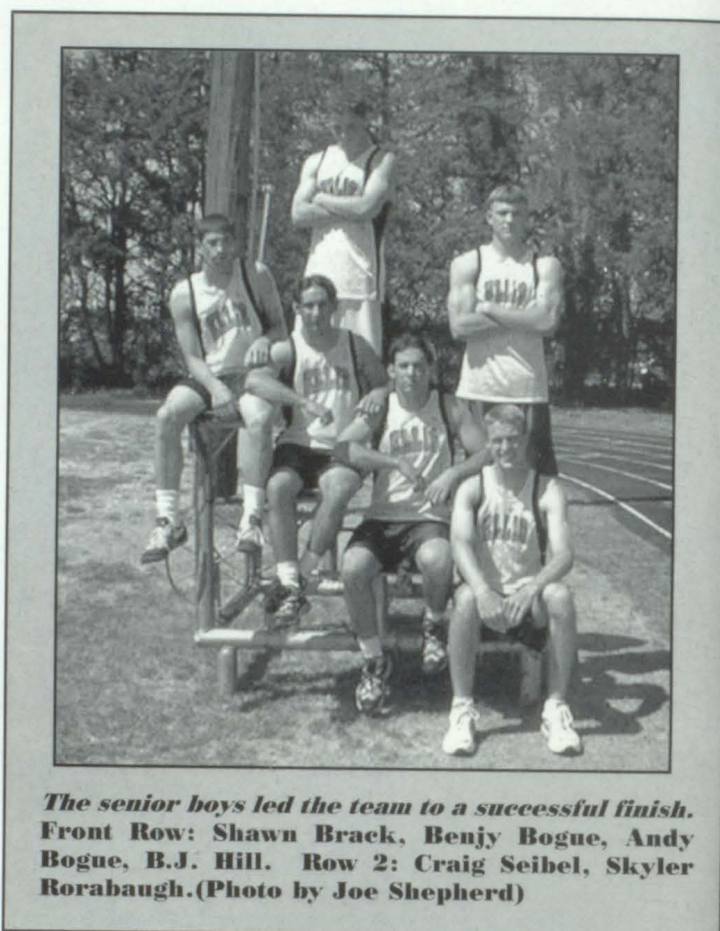


For the third year in a row, the 4x800 relay team went to state. Although the runners on the relay changed through the years, the fact that they remained statebound once again stayed the same. The '96-'97 relay included Seniors B.J. Hill and Shawn Brack, and Juniors Michael Shepherd and P.J. Waldschmidt. They placed first at all regular season meets and placed third at the state track meet in Wichita.

"It was a rewarding experience to coach the 4x800 relay team," said Mr. Jack Wolf, first year coach of the boys' track team. "They were a good group. Their hard work and improvement over the season benefited them because this was the first year they placed at state."

Next year the relay team faces one major obstacle: the two seniors will not be returning next year. "It will be hard to replace Shawn and especially B.J., but we can be successful next year if people step up and work hard," said Waldschmidt.

The 4x800 relay team was not the only event that placed at state. Hill took third in the 1600 and 3200 m run; Shepherd placed third in the 800 m run; Junior Craig Honas placed sixth in triple jump and tied for fifth in the high jump; and the 4x100 m relay, consisting of Waldschmidt, Juniors Jamie Kohl and Robert Sandlin, and Senior Skyler Rorabaugh placed fifth.



The senior boys led the team to a successful finish. Front Row: Shawn Brack, Benjy Bogue, Andy Bogue, B.J. Hill. Row 2: Craig Seibel, Skyler Rorabaugh. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

boys finish season
with

SUCCESS

Boys' Track

MEET	PLACE
LACROSSE	FIRST
ELLIS CLASSIC	FIRST
PAWNEE HEIGHTS	FIRST
ELLIS INV.	SECOND
VICTORIA	FIRST
MCL	THIRD
REGIONALS	SECOND
STATE	SIXTH

"I think the highlight of the season was when we placed third at MCL after getting seventh last year. The downfall of the season was B.J. getting a silver medal after he won seventeen gold medals."

--CRAIG HONAS, JR.



With a jump of 20' 3-3/4", Junior Craig Honas places first and sets the meet record in long jump at the Ellis Classic Invitational. Honas also set a new record in triple jump and placed second in high jump. Ellis placed first as a team at the Ellis Classic. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

Jamie Kohl, Jr., sails over the high jump bar at the Ellis Classic. "I have improved this year, but I'm not satisfied. Our team has also improved greatly this season. We hope to send a good number to state," said Kohl. Kohl also ran the 300m hurdles and the 100m dash. (Photo by Jenny Waldschmidt)

Concentration is the key to success. Freshman Tyler Fisher concentrates on the ball at the number one tee off. Fisher was the only freshman to participate on the varsity team during the 1997 golf season. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

Keep your head down and keep your eye on the ball! Chris Mickelson, jr., watches his ball as he tees off during practice. Mickelson was the only varsity member to medal at every golf tournament through the season. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

The 1997 varsity golf team included Coach John Kolaeny, Sophomore Shane Mickelson, Junior Josh Luea, Senior R.J. Fisher, Juniors Brett Neumann and Chris Mickelson, and Freshman Tyler Fisher. The team placed second at regionals in Atwood which allowed them the chance to play at state in Salina, where they were declared the state runner-up. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



An idol as described in Webster's New World Dictionary means "an object of excessive devotion or admiration."

The members of the 1997 golf team had many different people who were their idols. Junior Brett Neumann said, "My idol would have to be my dad. He used to take me out on the

course a lot and he was the one who inspired me to play golf."

Each to his own, and they all had their own. All of the golfers had a different idea of what qualified someone to be their idol. "Jack Nicklaus is my idol because I like his style of playing. He always fascinated me," said Jared Wickham, so.

Lining up the putt, Senior R.J. Fisher squats down to check the line. As a four year member, Fisher was the only senior leader to participate on the 1997 Ellis High School golf team. The varsity team placed within the top five teams at all the tournaments they participated in. (Photo by Joe Shepherd)



The idols gave the golf team something to strive to, and someone to look up to. This made their season the potential it could be. In the first five tournaments the varsity golfers competed in, they came home with victories.

Though the golfers did not place first at every tournament, they did place within the top five at all of them, and they came home with at least one medalist every golf tournament. The varsity team placed second at regionals, which was held at Atwood, giving them the chance to travel to Salina to play in the state tournament. They came home with a second place finish.

"We really had a great season," said Coach John Kolacny. "The highlight of the season would have to be when we placed second at state."

These golfers, most likely, have made their golf idols proud and in the process have become idols for future EHS golfers.

golfers have their own idea
of
IDOLS

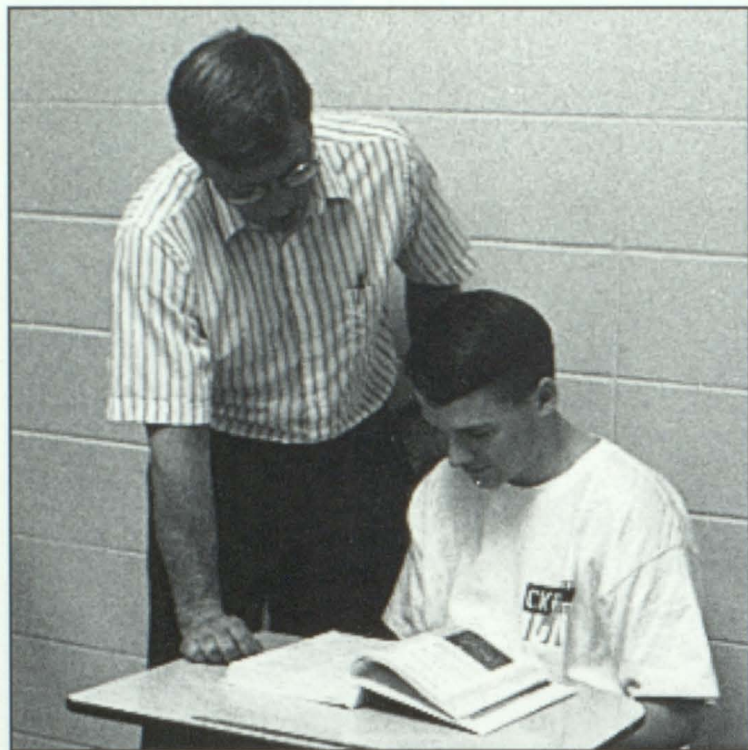
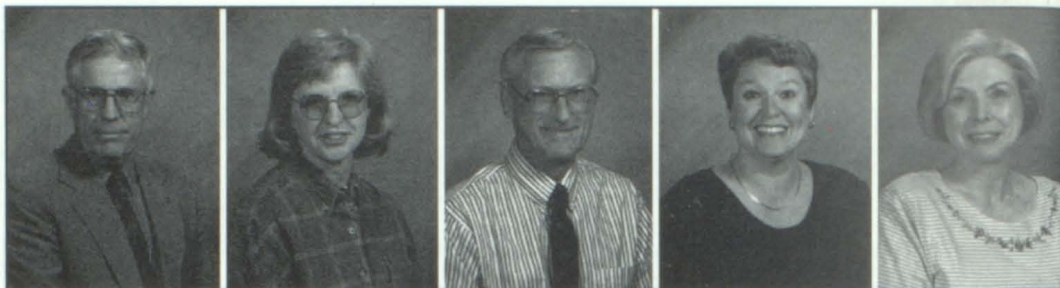
Golf

MEET	PLACE
Ellis	FIRST
Oberlin	FIRST
Hays	FIRST
Phillipsburg	FIRST
TREGO	FIRST
TMP	Fifth
Hill City	SECOND
MCL-Plainville	FIRST
REGIONALS	SECOND
STATE	SECOND

"I liked being in golf this year. I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT golf would be AS HARD AS IT WAS, BUT I will MOST likely GO OUT AGAIN NEXT YEAR."

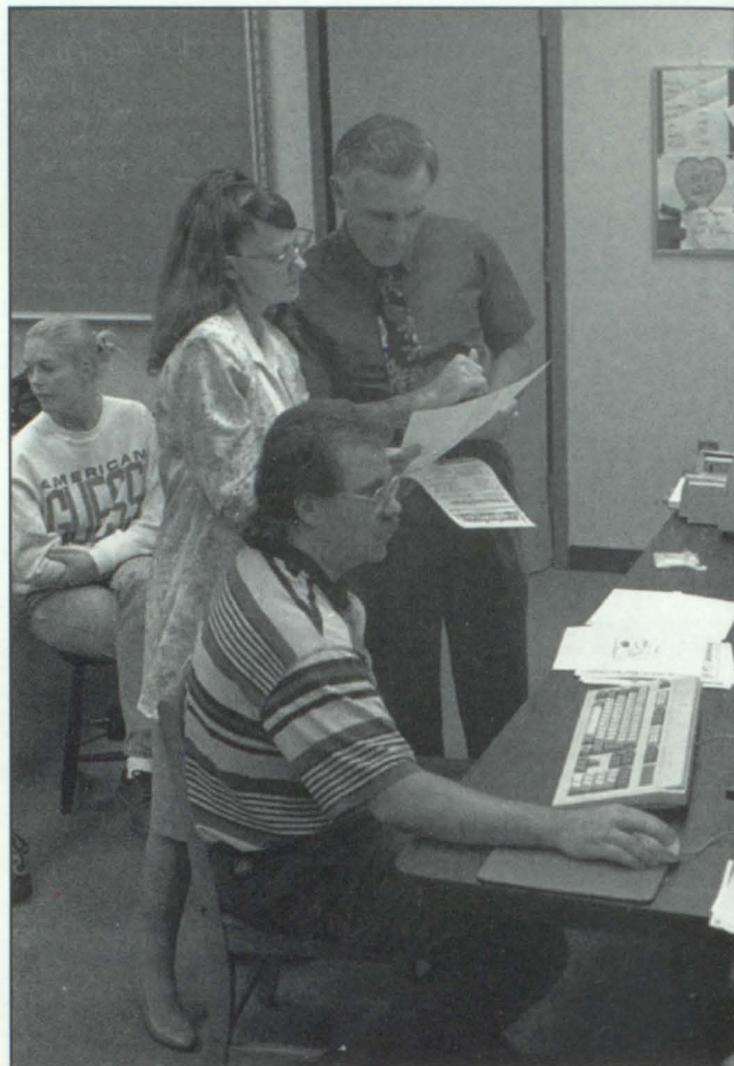
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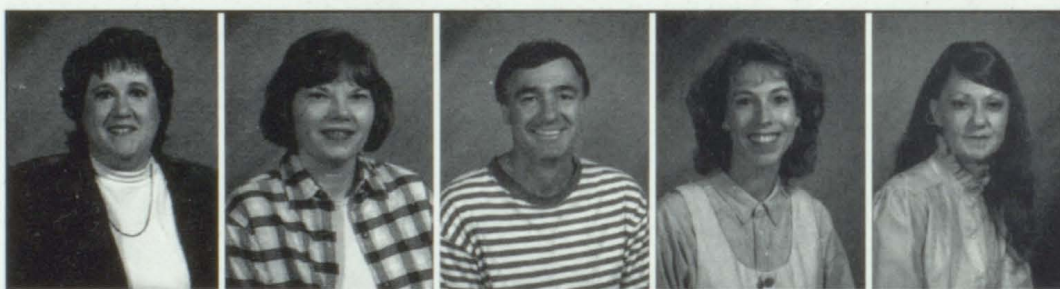


John Kolaeny advises **Sophomore Chad Zerfas** on a question which arose from his study guide. Zerfas was enrolled in consumer economics, one of the social science courses taught by Kolaeny. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

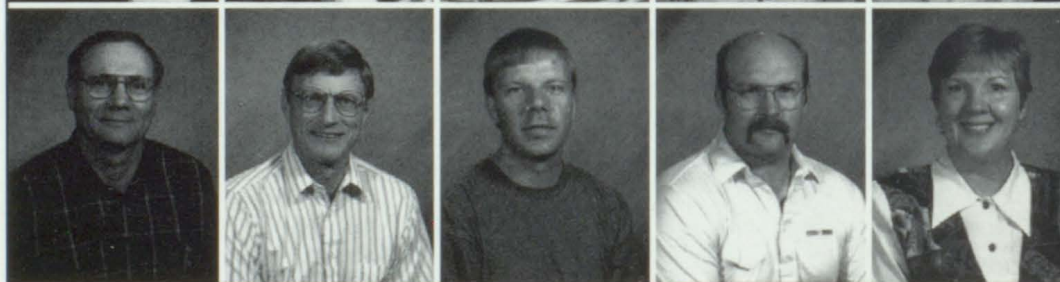
Reggie Romine, June Howard and Bob Young confer over a technical question concerning the journalism computer. It was not unusual to find the three working together to solve a computer crisis. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



PAULEEN EDMONDS, CHEERLEADING
 SHERRI FAULKENDER, LIBRARIAN
 STAN FAULKENDER, ART, FOOTBALL
 CINDY HERTEL, ENGLISH, JOURNALISM
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A mentor is generally described as someone who has strongly influenced a person. There are many faculty members that EHS students look up to in this light. Some are chosen because of their personalities and attitudes, and others because of the experiences they have helped to achieve. But what many do not realize is that their role models had mentors, too.

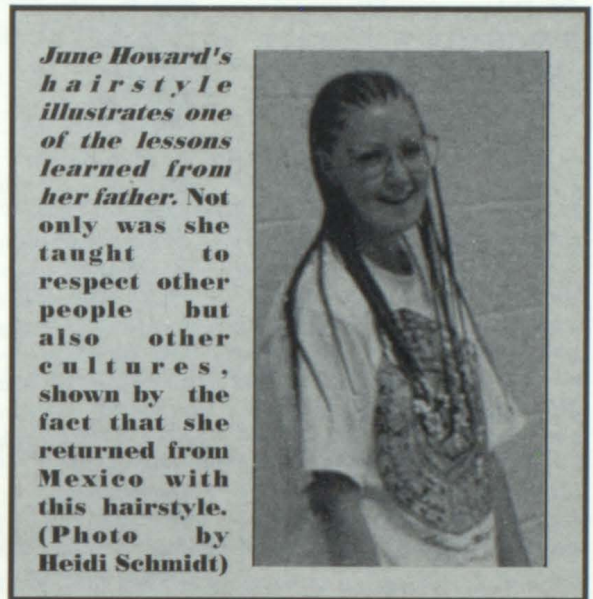
Mrs. Karen Madorin recalls the people who inspired her were Mrs. Rogers, her English teacher, and Ms. Pickel, her P.E. teacher. Their influence left her with a strong athletic background and a career in English.

Mr. Stan Faulkender gave credit to his high school wrestling coach. The memories he has of him are of a nice guy and a "big stud," the same terms used by students when they talk about Faulkender.

The foremost role model of Mrs. Virginia Duell was her mother.

"She really provided a strong influence on me by offering the most encouragement because she did so in a quiet way and was important because of the hidden benefits she offered," said Duell.

Many times these mentors are unaware of the impact that they have. But no matter who they are, a positive influence on one person is generally transferred to others. So in a way, those students who look up to some teachers are also admiring someone else.



June Howard's hairstyle illustrates one of the lessons learned from her father. Not only was she taught to respect other people but also other cultures, shown by the fact that she returned from Mexico with this hairstyle. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

teachers recall memories
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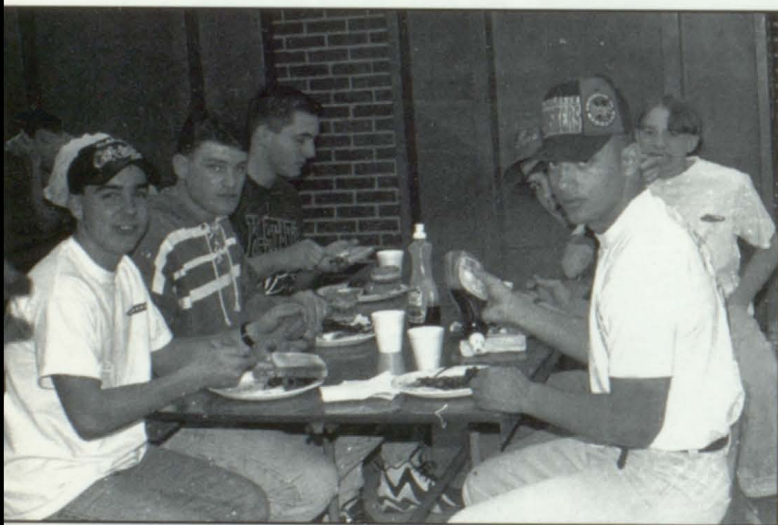
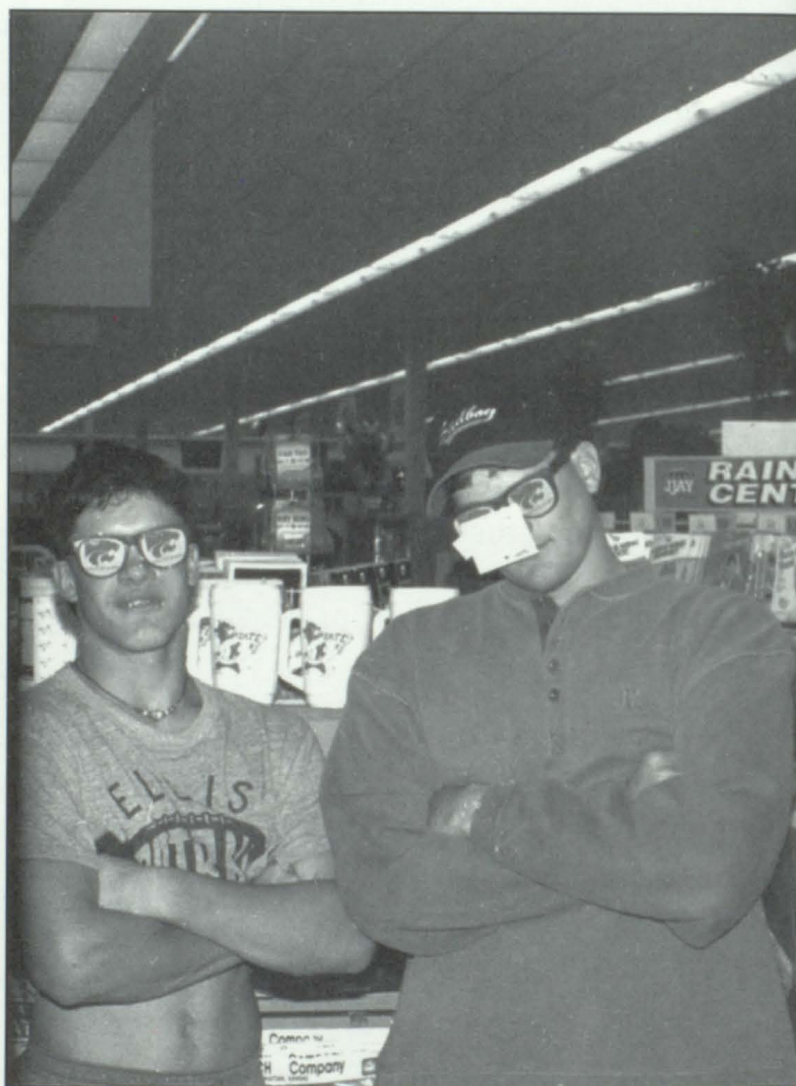
MENTORS

FHA members Travis Keller, fr.; Shane Schartz, jr.; and Kristy Brown, jr., assist FHA members in filling registration forms for District B's STAR Events. STAR Events were held at EHS for the first time ever in February. All members contributed to this event in some way. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



FFA members Wade Pfannenstiel, jr.; Kevin Flax, sr.; Rudy Fink, jr.; Casey King, sr.; and Juniors Brandon Pfeifer and Aaron Wade enjoy the breakfast provided by FFA during National FFA Week. FFA members served a variety of breakfast items to members and faculty. "I think the FFA breakfast was a good project because it got a lot of members and faculty involved," said J.W. Ball, so. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

FFA President Kevin Flax, sr.; and Treasurer Brandon Pfeifer, jr., act tough while showing off their wilcat eyes at the National Convention. Five members from Ellis attended the conference to join over 40,000 other FFA members and advisers. "The conference was awesome," said Flax. "I met people from all across the United States and from other countries." (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

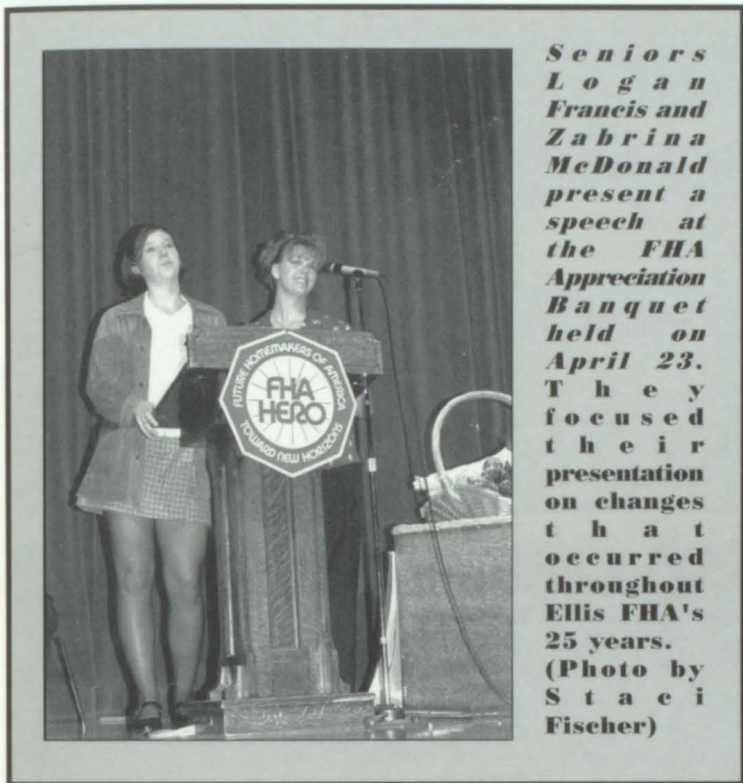




FHA members Crystal Augustine, so.; Juniors Heidi Schmidt and Micah Zachman; Amy Saindon, so. Virginia Duell, adviser; Freshmen Anna Weimer and Kristen Hazen; Juniors Shane Schartz and Rachel Solomon; and Freshmen Emily Edmonds

and Vicki Solomon toured the KSN news station while at state convention held in Wichita on April 3-4. "I thought the news station was really cool, especially watching it being broadcast live from inside the studio," said Zachman, jr. (Photo by Debbie Hazen)

FFA's and FHA's goal is to promote leadership and understanding. For past years, students have gained these skills and had great times by joining FFA and FHA. Many skills gained throughout this year were from attending state and national conventions.



Seniors Logan Francis and Zabrina McDonald present a speech at the FHA Appreciation Banquet held on April 23. They focused their presentation on changes that occurred throughout Ellis FHA's 25 years. (Photo by Staci Fischer)

The students who attended the conventions had the chance to listen to inspirational speakers and make friends from all over Kansas.

"The speaker that really touched me was the one that stressed the importance of our family," said Rachel Solomon, jr. "It made me realize that my family will always be there for me, but my friends may not always be by my side."

FFA officers not only had the opportunity to attend the state meeting, but also had the chance to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

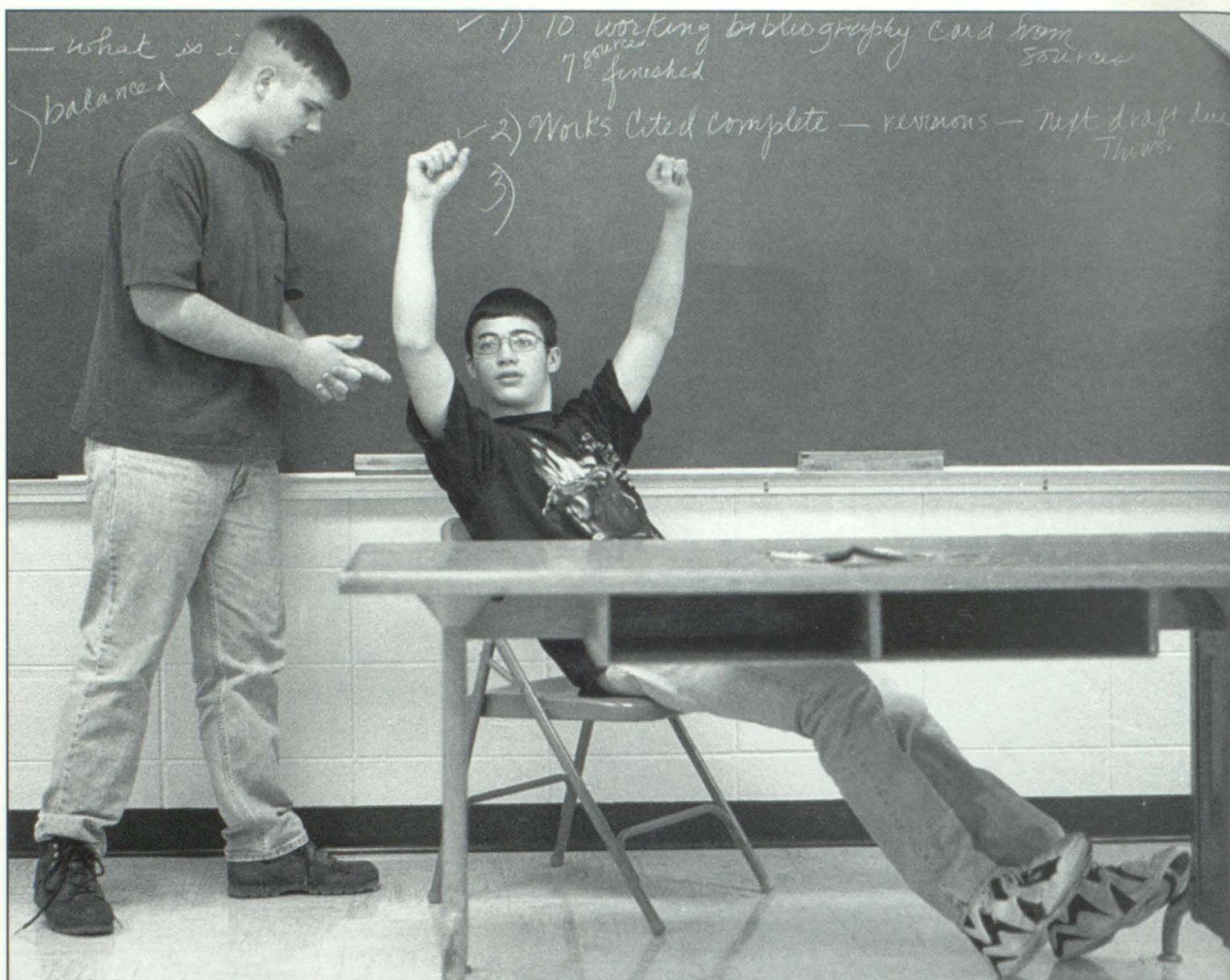
"It was unbelievable to see thousands of people with the same interests. The only problem was everywhere we went, the seats were sold," said Brandon Pfeifer, jr.

By attending FFA state convention in Manhattan and FHA convention in Wichita, EHS stu-

dents hopefully benefited and will reach the organizations' goal. "I think by attending national convention students get a better focus on FFA and its purpose," said Eldon Pfeifer, FFA adviser.

conventions offer lessons in leadership
to

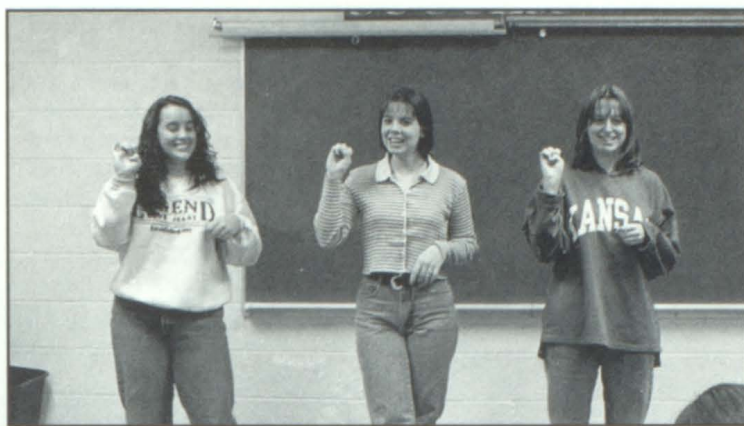
STUDENTS



Mrs. Linda Riedel and Staci Fischer, sr., run copies of the Locomotive Express, the publication for Paper+. The class was started as a mini course but became a one hour course. Paper+ made and updated the home page for EHS on the internet. In order to take this class, students had to fill out an application." (Photo by B.J. Hill)



Freshmen Jonas Luca and Shane Sommers perform their IDA for the speech class. In order to have a successful IDA, performers must have unique characters and a lot of action. The performers need to meet the time limit which is four minutes. Props used are two chairs and a table. (Photo by Staci Fischer)



Juniors Anne Haver, Suzy Kohl and Tara Keller show the exploring languages class their rendition of "Old McDonald" in sign language. This class introduced the students to new languages such as German and American sign language. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

Learning three different languages can be difficult, especially when one language doesn't involve speaking, but the new exploring languages class found a fun way to learn German, Spanish and sign language within one school year.

This new class was a mini-course offered to students taking choir. Third hour was split in half so band and choir could be in the same period, but those taking just choir needed a class for the first 40 minutes of the third period, and exploring languages, along with a problem solving class was a choice to fill those 40 minutes. The content of each mini course was created by the teachers who taught these classes.

"The idea for a mini course is to give students an enrichment opportunity that they don't normally get in a class room," said Miss Beverly Mauk, counselor.

During the first nine weeks of the 1996-97 school year, the class, which had 13 students enrolled and was taught by Mrs. Marla Deines, learned basic conversation for German, and the second and third nine weeks were spent learning American sign language.

During the fourth nine weeks, students learned basic conversation in Spanish. Though half of the students had already taken either Spanish I or II, they were helpful in teaching the students who had not taken Spanish.

"It has been somewhat difficult keeping all of the students interested in Spanish with several levels of proficiency being represented in the class," said Deines, "but I think it is a good review for those who have had Spanish and it makes a great peer teaching experience."

This class has given the students involved a chance to see what other cultures are like along with learning these new language.

"This class was an excellent opportunity to learn three diverse languages," said Betsy Bartlett, jr. "By taking this class, I realized each language is unique in its own way."

Mrs. Cindy Hertel demonstrates how the junior high girls get excited about volleyball points. Hertel coached junior high volleyball and taught journalism, English III and advanced composition. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



students break barriers
within

LANGUAGE

Senior Ruben Culcay enjoys his last moments at Ellis High School surrounded by a few of his female classmates. Culcay stayed with two different families during

his stay in the United States: the Jay and LuAnn Hays family and the Ernest and Connie Fink family. "During the ceremony, Ruben wasn't very interested with

graduation since he had already graduated from his high school in Ecuador, but he was instead preoccupied with the fact that he was wearing a 'dress,'" said

Senior Michelle Dinkel, who was seated beside Culcay during the ceremony. Culcay returned home June 1. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Several seniors participated in a game of Craps during project graduation. Project graduation was designed to give the graduates one more chance together after the graduation ceremony. The fun began at 10:30p.m. and ended at 5:30a.m. The night involed gambling with monopoly money, bowling, volleyball, charades, an auction, eating pizza, breakfast and drawing prizes.(Photo by Linda Riedel)



"Though time changes people, it doesn't alter the images we have kept of them."

The senior class chose this quote for their graduation on May 22, 1997. Thirty-five graduates proudly walked to their chairs in their blue and silver gowns. They were escorted by Juniors Rachel Solomon and Michael Shepherd. Junior ushers were Kristy Brown, Chris Mickelson, Suzy Kohl and Shane Schartz.

Most seniors were happy to be graduating from high school. However, they were reminded of the friends and memories they would be leaving behind as they sang "Just for a Moment." Then the Railairres gave them some encouragement for the future when they sang "The Power of a Dream."

During the ceremony, Josh Timmons was announced as valedictorian. The selection of salutatorian was different than in previous years. Instead of having only one qualify for the honor, there were three. These seniors included Joe Shepherd, B.J. Hill and Jessica Augustine.

After the announcements of valedictorian and salutatorian, Mrs. Cindy Hertel spoke to the class. "It was a really inspirational speech. She incorporated everything we have learned with future advice on how to be successful. I think it made an impact on everyone," said Graduate Jodi Homewood.

Even though the Class of '97 will be changing with age and moving on in life, as its motto says, the way they were in high school will not be forgotten.

Senior Michelle Dinkel proudly receives her diploma from Art Schoenthaler, the USD 388 school board president. During his eight years of being on the school board, Schoenthaler participated in graduation ceremonies six times. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)



seniors say good bye

to

FRIENDS

I am a hick. I ride my horse, Charlie, and work with my 4-H market steer.

Amber Keller, fr.

The only thing that I really like to do is shop and get my nails done at TJ's in Hays, and I like to walk and be jobless.

Bobbie Jo Weber, jr.

I like to play basketball at the old tennis courts, watch SportsCenter and sleep.

Caleb Becker, so.

I like to get into my Monte Carlo, go uptown and pile everyone in. Then we drive up and down main listening to The Wallflower's "One Headlight" really loud.

Tara Keller, jr.

I am outside all the time. I help my dad work on his race car, go to the WaKeeney races and play baseball.

Shane Sommers, fr.

On Friday if you are lucky you can go to the bar with your friends. On Saturday afternoon all the high school boys and girls walk on Main Street and listen to bands. My family goes to church Sunday morning and then to my grandma's. Here, I go to Hays and shop, watch movies or ride bike.

Ruben Culcay, sr., Ecuador

I like to spend my time after school rollerblading or just relaxing at home. On the weekends I like to go to the movies.

Amanda Kuhn, so.

In my spare time away from school, I enjoy traveling to different places like Mexico, Las Vegas and London. When I am not traveling, I enjoy dancing, singing, reading and writing. I also like to watch WWF, Monday Night Law, La Femme Nikita and New York Undercover.

Crystal Redger, sr.

students' diversity displayed
in outside

ACTIVITIES

***Freshmen
Brandi Dinkel
and Amber
Keller walk
down Main.
For students
who did not
have cars or
were not old
enough to
drive, walking
was a way of
getting down
town to meet
t h e i r
friends. (Photo
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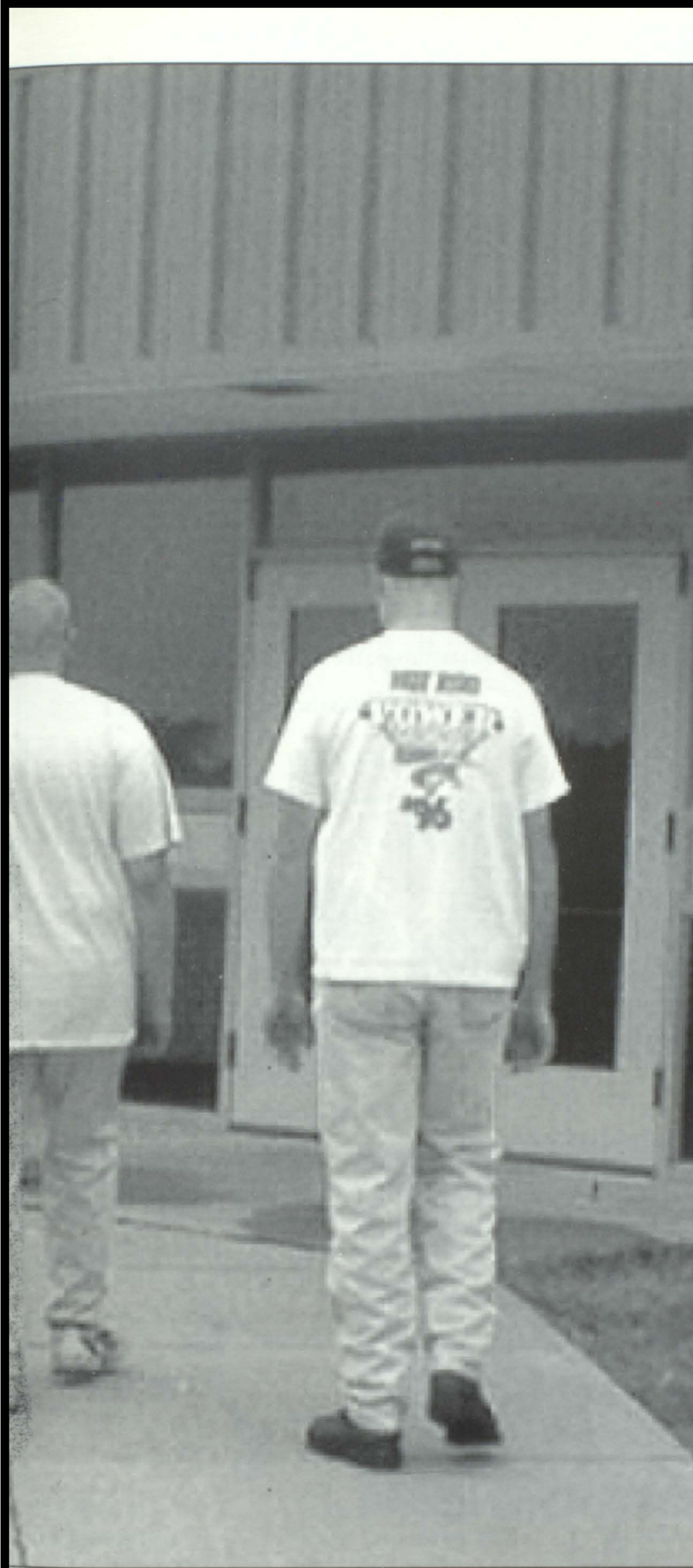


Anna Weimer, fr.; Brad Schoenthaler, so.; Tyler Fisher, fr.; Benjy Bogue, sr.; Craig Seibel, sr.; Freshmen Emily Edmonds and Kim Bieker enjoy an EHS pastime: sitting at Stop 2 with snoballs and friends. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)



At the local Cross Convenience Corner (still referred to as Stop 2 by EHS students) Senior Benjy Bogue tries his skills at pinball while Brad Schoenthaler, so., and Craig Seibel, sr., wait their turns. Stop 2 was a favorite place for students to hang out during the weekends, after local school events and during the summer. Another favorite hang out was Memorial Park, where students sat in their cars and talked. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)





Obsessions: each student had his own, yet each also shared some with the other 138 students of Ellis High School. Whether students involved themselves in school activities or happenings outside of the vicinity of EHS, one thing was for sure: students compiled their obsessions to make the 1996-97 school year their own.

During this year at EHS, obsessions diversified students, making each his own person. We witnessed individuals and teams striving toward ultimate perfection, gaining the glory at times, while stumbling in failure at others. These obsessions controlled our thoughts, words and actions because they were important; they were our lives. Each student made his own choices and had to live with the consequences, whether they were positive or negative. However, our obsessions proved to have an impact on our lives because we learned lessons from them. And in our uncertain futures, new obsessions will consume our lives, and we will learn time after time. Based upon our choices and the risks we take, our lives will follow different tracks. Yet, after all is said and done, one certainty will remain: our individual and compiled obsessions from our years at EHS will forever mold our lives.

U.S.D. 388



(Not pictured Leon Staab)

(Photo by Joe Shepherd)



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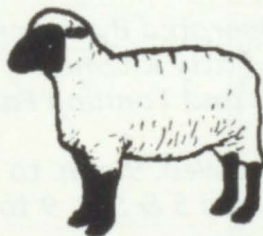
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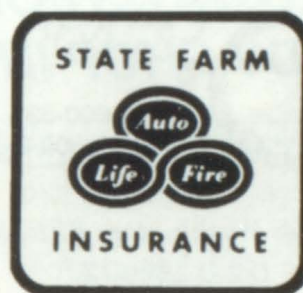
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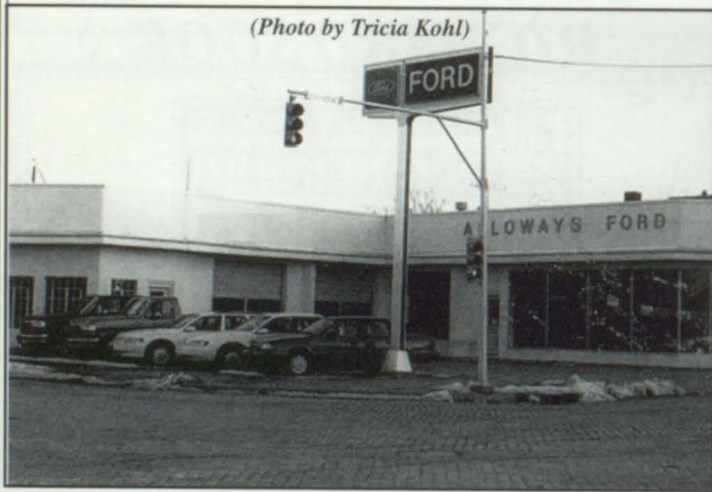
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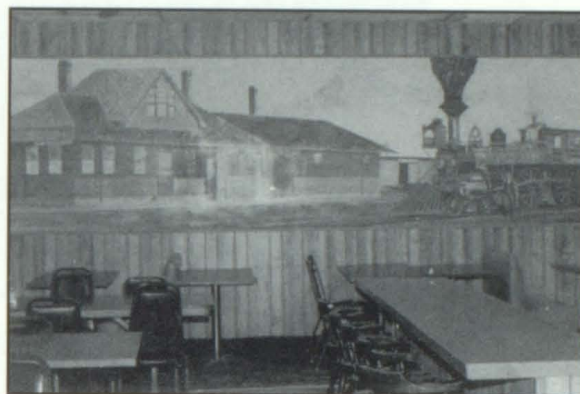
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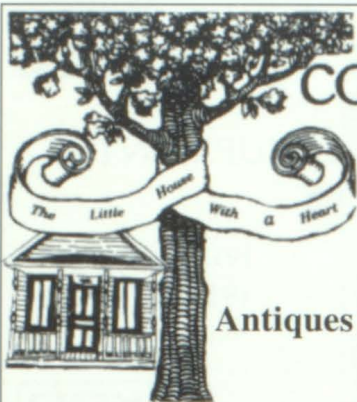
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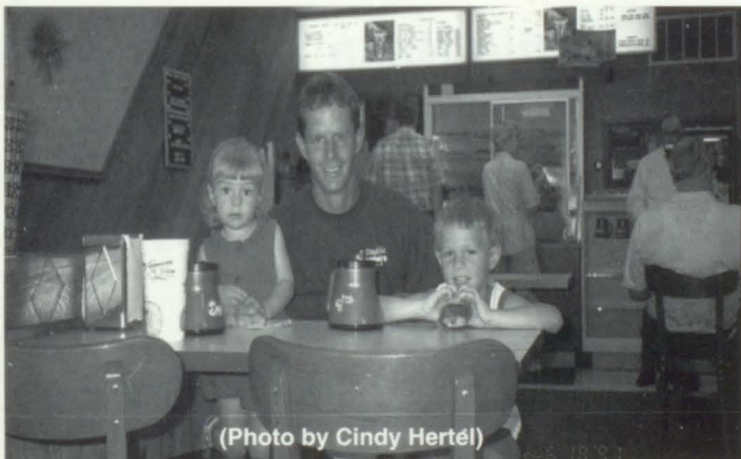
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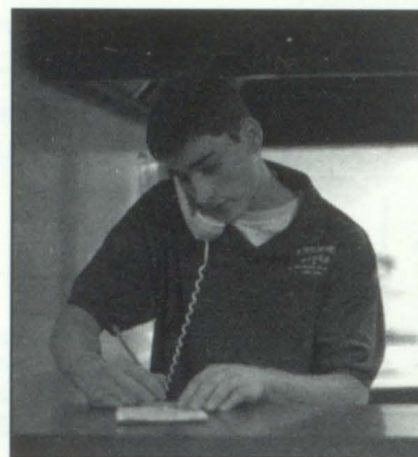
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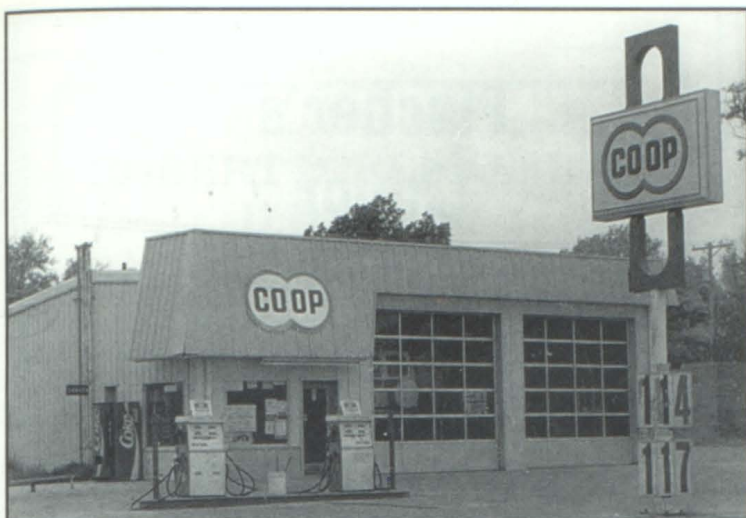


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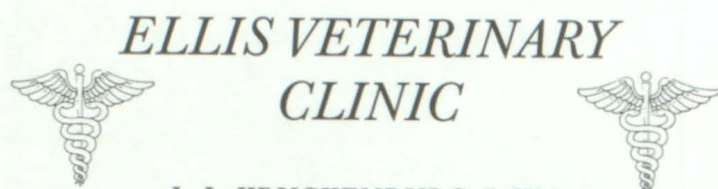
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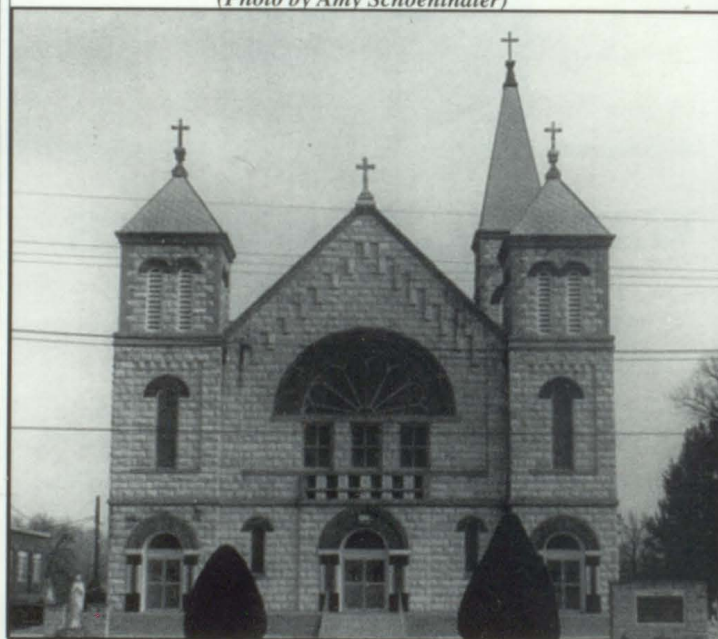
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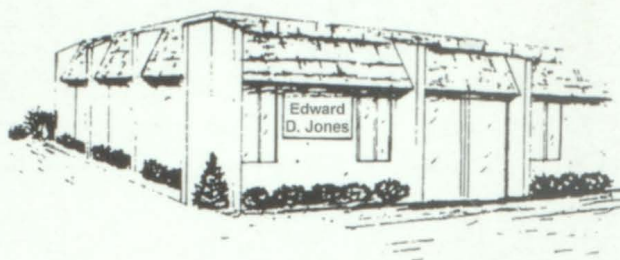
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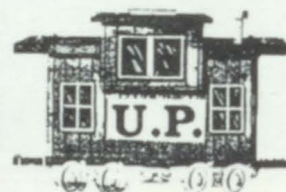


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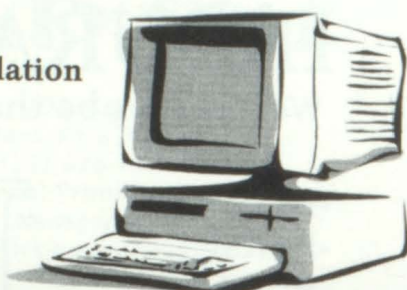
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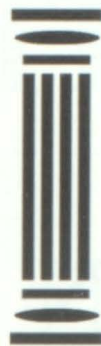
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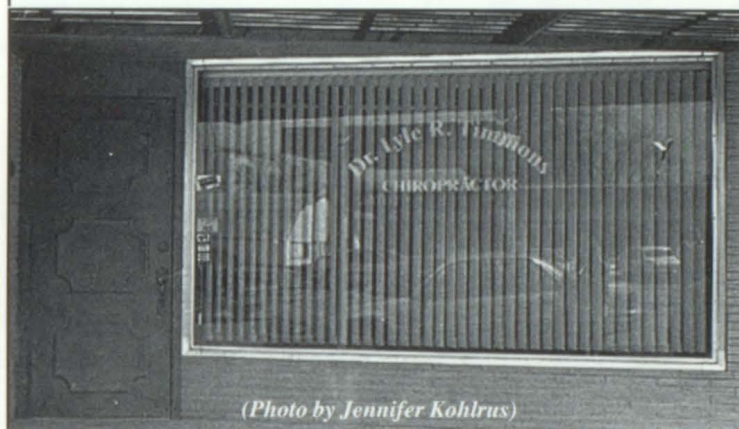
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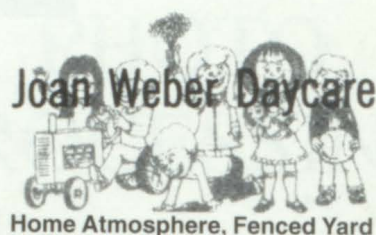
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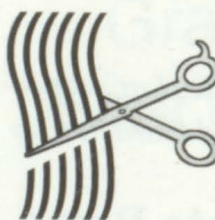
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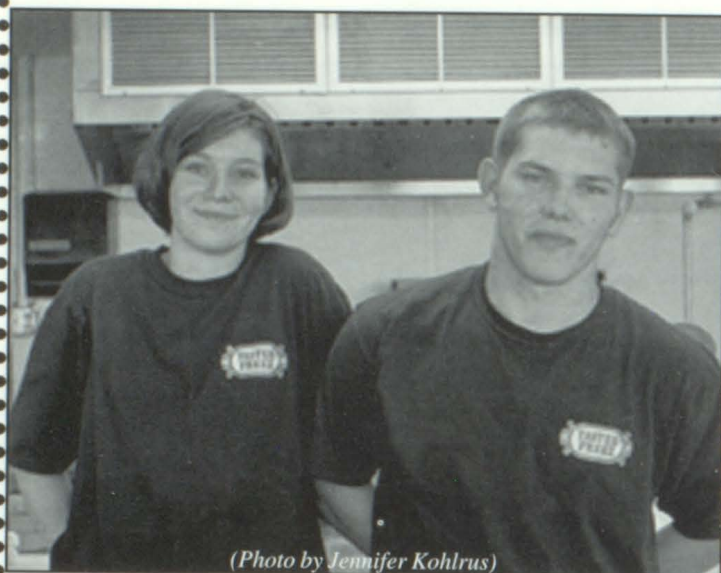


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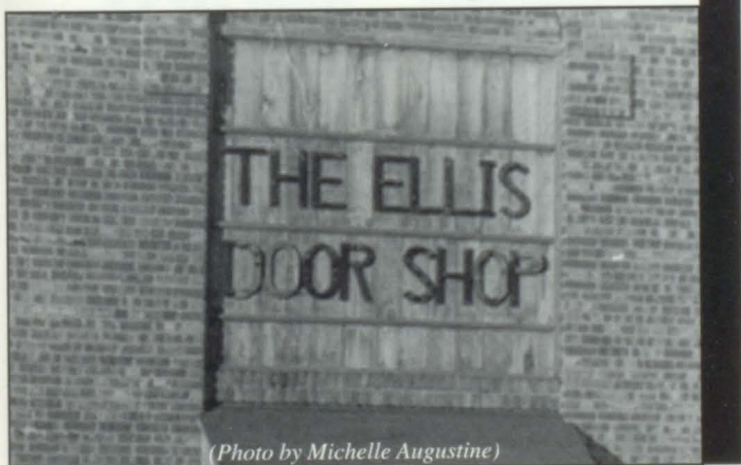
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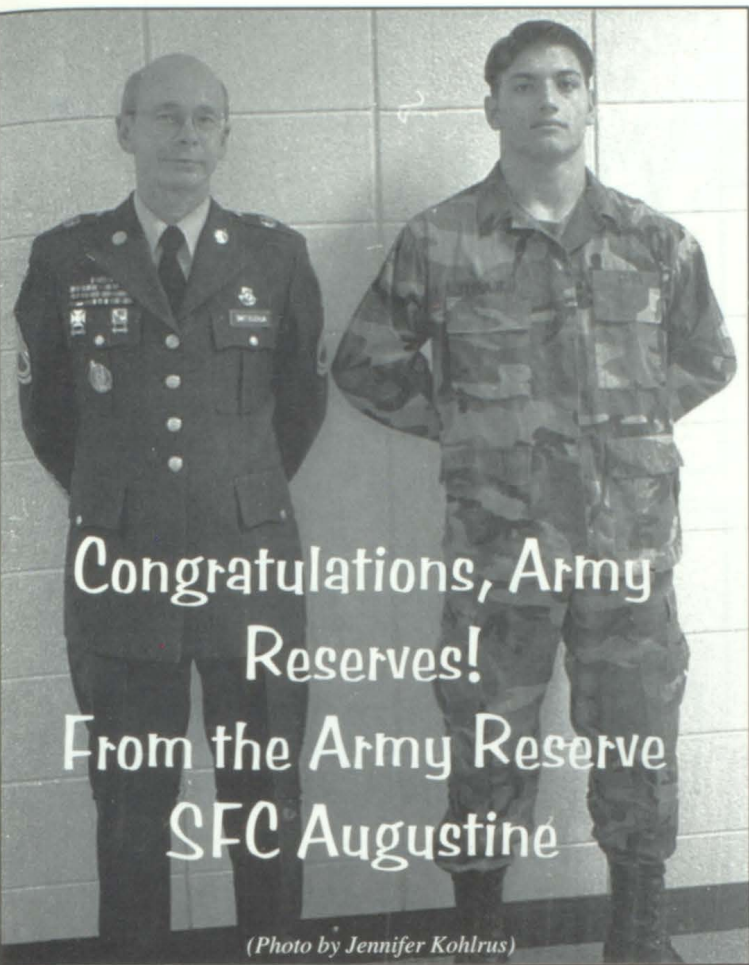
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1996-97 Cross-Country. Front: V. Solomon, M. Shepherd, A. Wade, C. Honas, B. Hill, J. Shepherd, L. Neuberger. Row 2: Coach W. King, S. Brack, S. Rorabaugh, M. Zachman, J. Yanda, R. Solomon, P. Waldschmidt, C. Becker. Not pictured: S. Hauschild. (Photo by Pioneer Photography)

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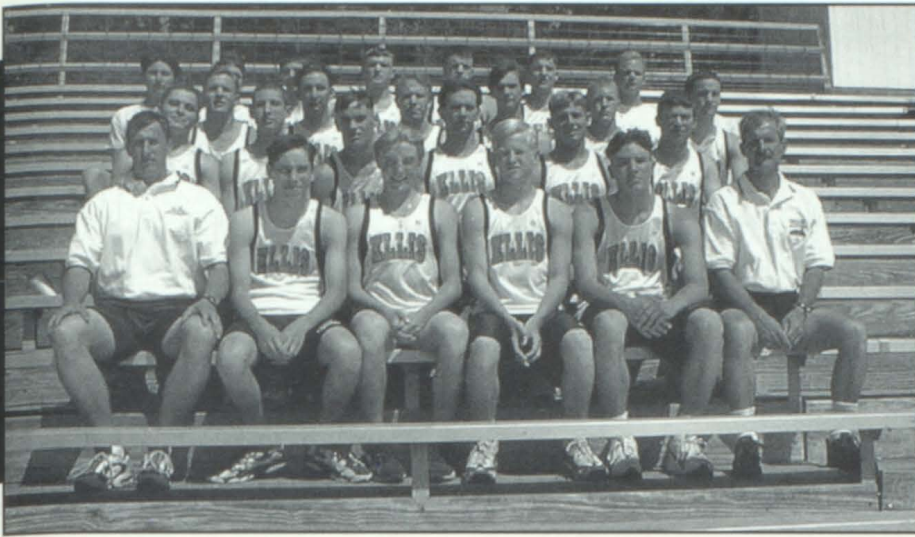
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1996-97 Boys' track. Front: Asst. Coach W. King, B. Seibel, A. Wade, B. Schoenthaler, C. Becker, Coach J. Wolf. Row 2: C. Seibel, J. Homewood, J. LaBarge, A. Bogue, C. Amrein, S. Sommers. Row 3: R. Fink, B. Bogue, M. Shepherd, A. Heroneme, J. Kohl, C. Honas. Row 4: Mgr. R. Culcay, Asst. Coach A. Lesser, S. Brack, S. Rorabaugh, R. Sandlin, P. Waldschmidt, Asst. Coach B. Deterding. Not pictured: Mgr. A. Saindon (Photo by Joe Shepherd)

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1996-97 Golf. Front: E. Schuster, T. Fisher, T. Keller, J. Giebler. Row 2: P. Bollig, T. Keller, J. Luea, S. Mickelson, C. Zerfas, Coach J. Kolacny. Row 3: J. Ball, B. Neumann, C. Mickelson, R. Fisher, J. Wickham. (Photo by Heidi Schmidt)

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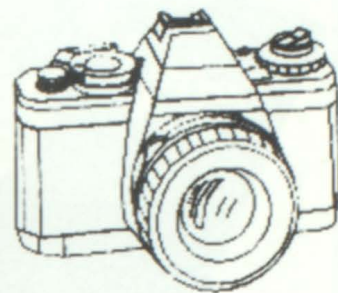


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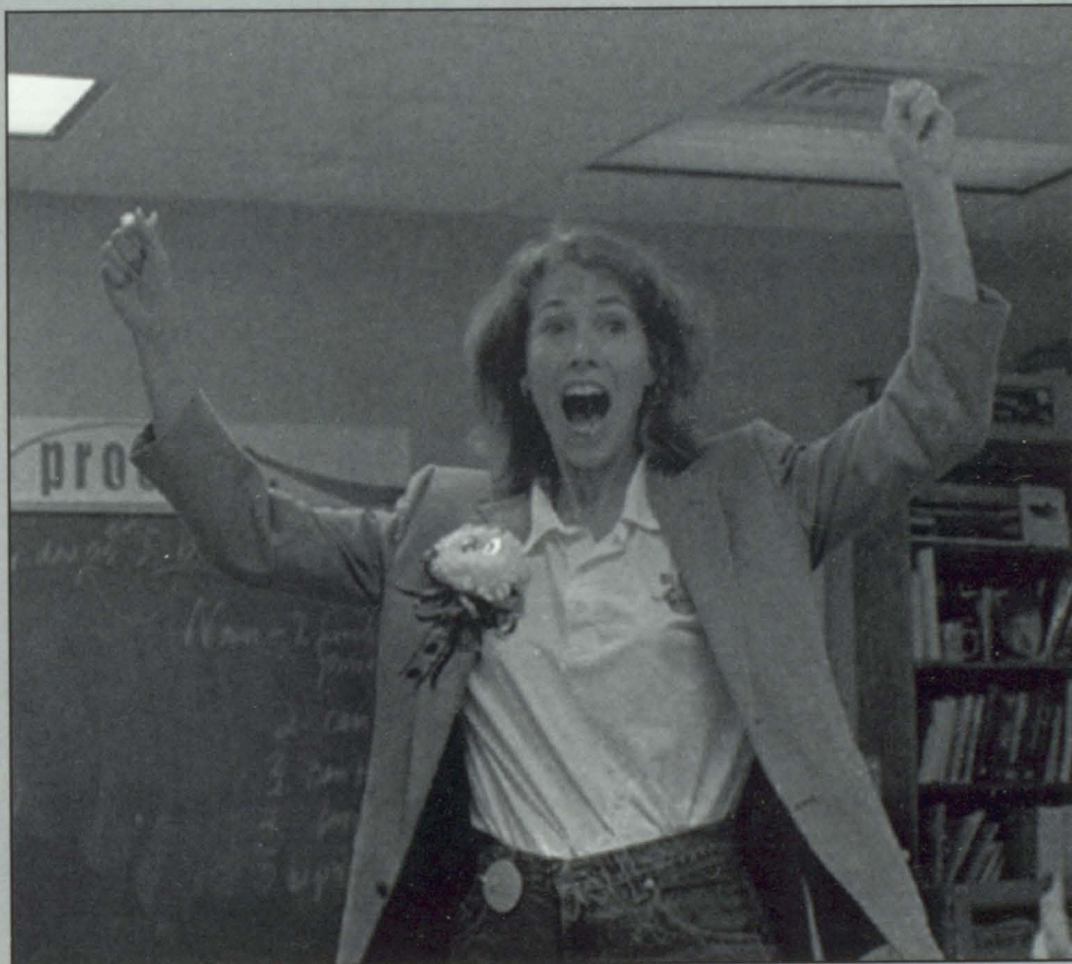
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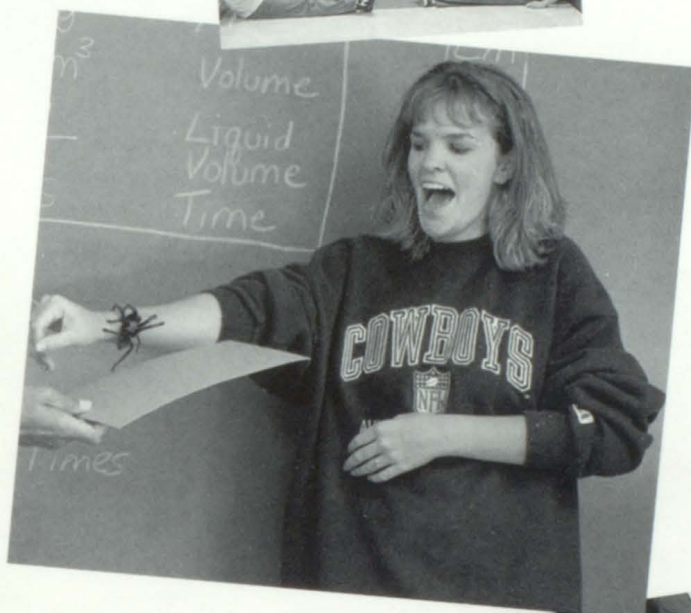
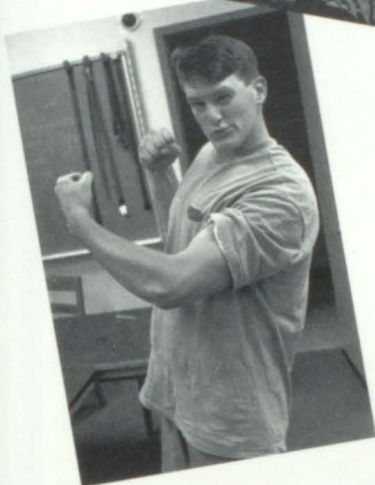
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Voted on by the photography staff, Senior Michelle Dinkel received recognition for the best picture taken during the year. Left, Mrs. Cindy Hertel demonstrates in advanced comp. how excited the junior high girls get when they score during a volleyball match. (Photo by Michelle Dinkel)

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Star Trek: First Contact

101 Dalmatians

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play star-crossed lovers in Romeo and Juliet.

Independence Day

Glenn Close, as Cruella DeVil, craves a Dalmatian puppy fur coat.

Romeo & Juliet

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Tom Cruise makes Mission: Impossible a reality.

Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr. prepare for the alien attack in Independence Day.

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Whitney Houston meets her angel, Denzel Washington, in The Preacher's Wife.

Lynn Redgrave and Best Actor Geoffrey Rush make music together in Shine.

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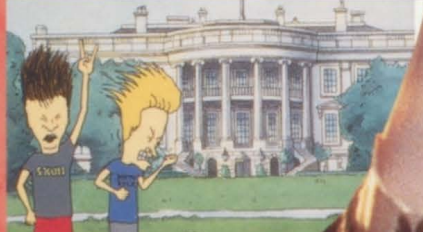
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Emily Watson, Breaking the Waves

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Madonna's performance in Evita earns the actress a Golden Globe.

Nutty Professor

Eddie Murphy transforms himself in The Nutty Professor

Star Wars Trilogy

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The English Patient

Ralph Fiennes soars in 1996's Best Picture, The English Patient.

Jerry Maguire

Cuba Gooding, Jr. says "Show me the Oscar" as he's awarded Best Supporting Actor for Jerry Maguire.

Fargo

Oscar winner Frances McDormand snoops from Fargo to Minneapolis as "Marge" in the dark comedy Fargo.

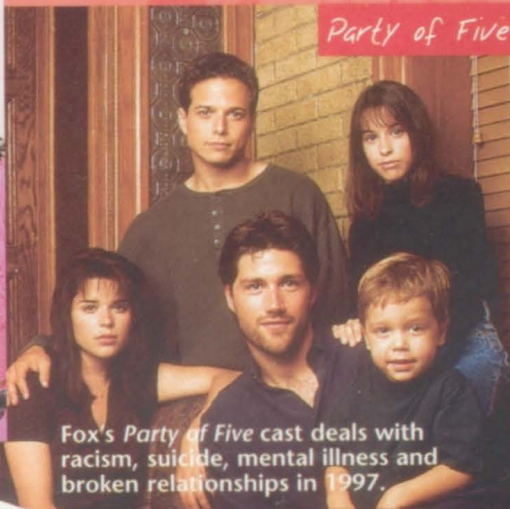
Oscar's Actors
Tom Cruise, Jerry Maguire
Ralph Fiennes,
The English Patient
Woody Harrelson,
The People vs. Larry Flynt
Geoffrey Rush, Shine
Billy Bob Thornton,
Sling Blade

ABC wasn't *Clueless* when it added this hit to Friday nights.



Clueless

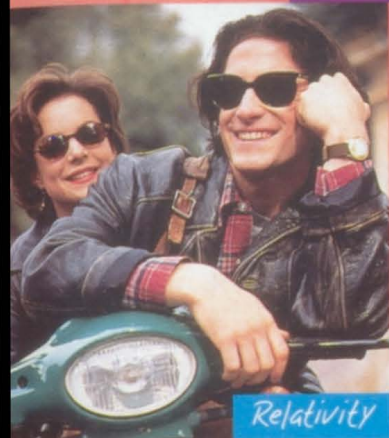
Party of Five



Fox's *Party of Five* cast deals with racism, suicide, mental illness and broken relationships in 1997.

Entertainment Weekly's Top TV Picks

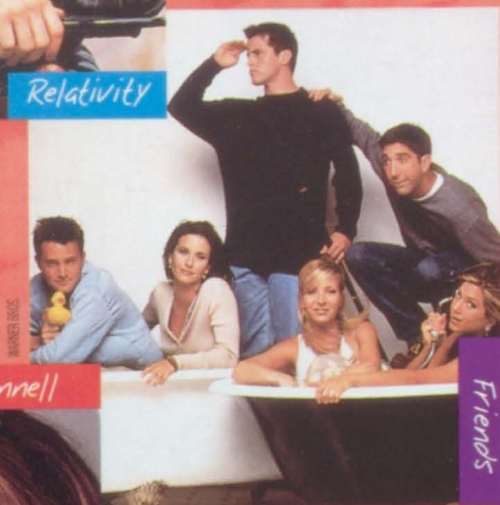
1. *NYPD Blue*
2. *The X-Files*
3. *The Larry Sanders Show*
4. *News Radio*
5. *The Simpsons*
6. *Friends*
7. *Murder One*
8. *Profit*
9. *Seinfeld*
10. *Moesha*



Relativity

TV With Class
Boston Common
Dangerous Minds
Mr. Rhodes
Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher
Pearl
Saved By the Bell
The Steve Harvey Show

Relativity's Kimberly Williams and David Conrad fall in love.



Friends

Rosie O'Donnell



Rosie O'Donnell improves talk-TV's image.

Friends leads NBC's Thursday night monopoly.

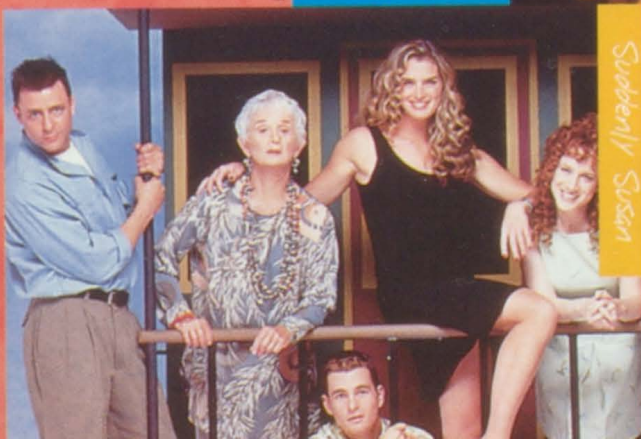


The X-Files

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson co-star in *The X-Files*.

Brooke Shields turns *Suddenly Susan* into a sudden success.

Suddenly Susan



Suddenly Susan



ER

An award-winning cast keeps *ER* on top for another season.

Jenny McCarthy



Jenny McCarthy makes waves in the dating pool on MTV's *Singled Out*.

Your Favorites*

1. *Seinfeld*
 2. *ER*
 3. *Suddenly Susan*
 4. *Monday Night Football*
 5. *Friends*
 6. *The Single Guy*
 7. *Home Improvement*
 8. *Caroline in the City*
 9. *Spin City*
 10. *60 Minutes*
- * *The New York Times*

John Lithgow brings *3rd Rock from the Sun* down to earth.

3rd Rock from the Sun



1. *Macarena*,
Los Del Rio
2. *How Do U Want It*,
Tupac Shakur
3. *Twisted*,
Keith Sweat
4. *No Diggity*,
Blackstreet
5. *You're Making Me
High*, Toni Braxton

Gallagher



Garbage's
supervixen
Shirley
Manson is
the reigning
queen of
rock.



Garbage



Brandy

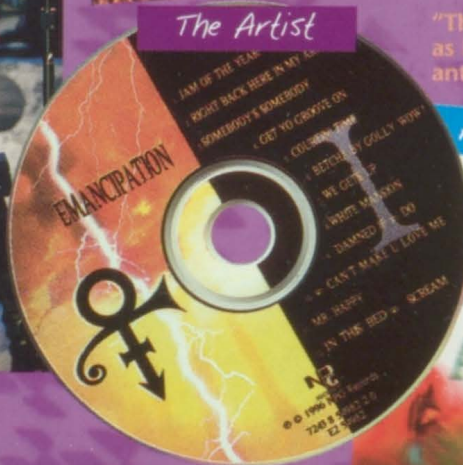
Spice Girls



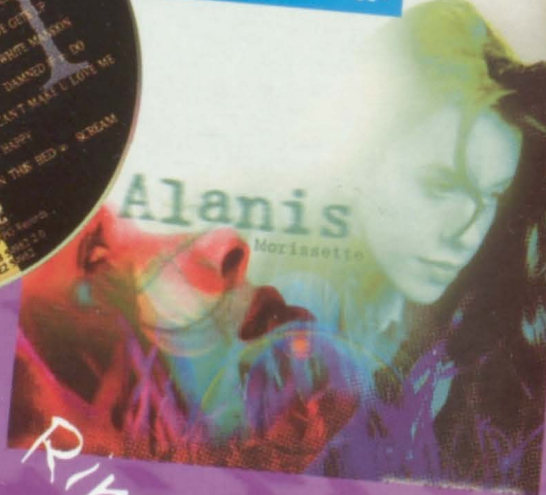
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The Artist



Alanis Morissette



LeAnn Rimes

Oasis (<http://www.oasisnet.com/>)

Bush (<http://users.aol.com/>)

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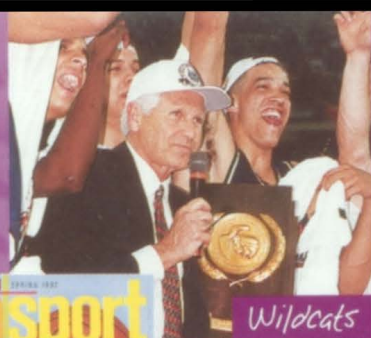
Smashing Pumpkins
(<http://www.muohio.edu/~carmance/sp.html>)

MTV Online



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L.A. Dodgers' "Tornado" Hideo Nomo averages multiple strikeouts per inning.



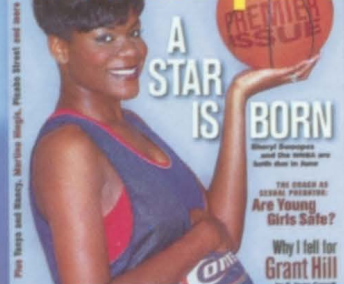
The Arizona Wildcats take the final four by storm and defeat three No. 1 seeds to win the NCAA basketball championship.

Olympic Oooohs and Aaaahs
17 days
10,750 athletes
197 countries
31 sports

Carl Lewis, long jump
Amy Van Dyken, swimming
Tom Dolan, swimming
Karach Kiraly and Kent Steffes, volleyball
U.S. Women's Softball Team
U.S. Women's Soccer Team
U.S. Women's Basketball Team
U.S. Women's Gymnastics Team

Sports

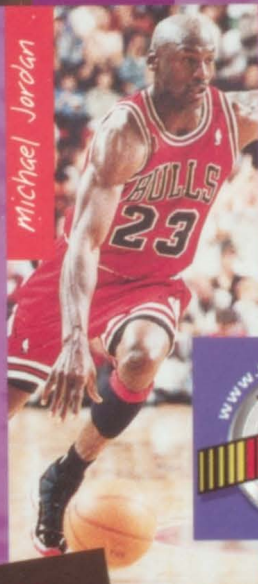
women's sport



Women and Sports

Sports Illustrated introduces Women/Sport for women involved with sports.

Bad boy Dennis Rodman ranks first in the NBA in rebounds per game (15.9).

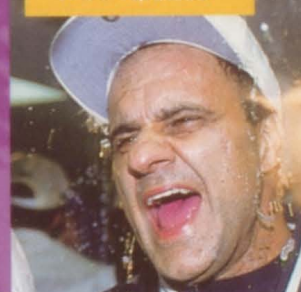


Chicago Bull's No. 23 Michael Jordan scores the highest point average in the NBA (30.9).



New York Yankees manager, Joe Torre, celebrates a World Series victory.

N.Y. Yankees

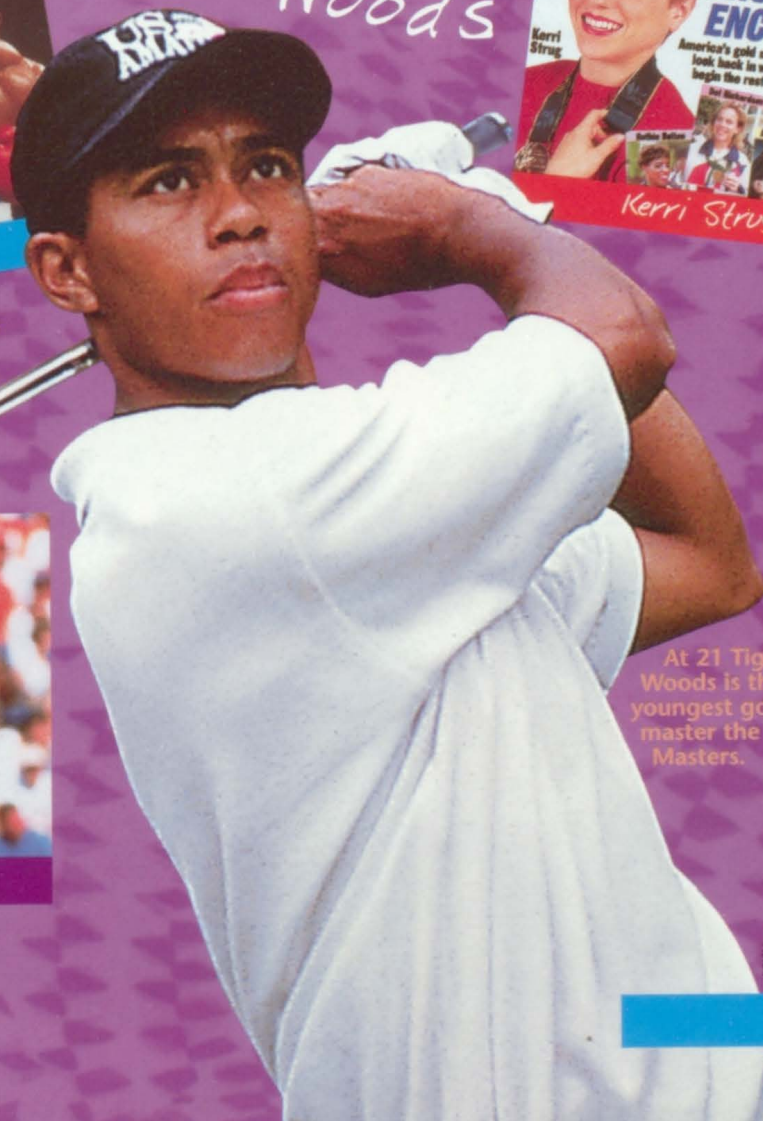


Kerri Strug leads the U.S. gymnastics team to a Gold Medal in the team competition and becomes a media sweetheart.

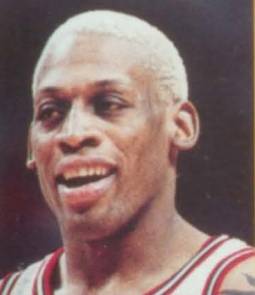


Kerri Strug

Tiger Woods



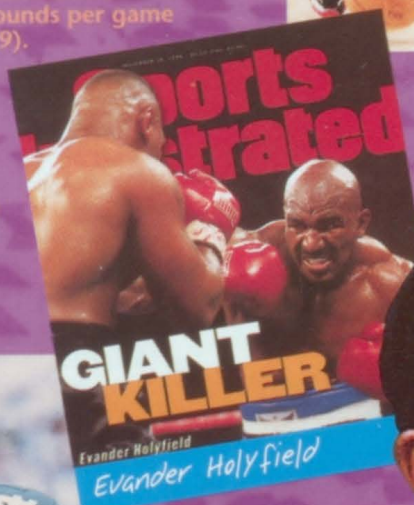
At 21 Tiger Woods is the youngest golfer to master the Masters.



Dennis Rodman

The Green Bay Packers triumph over the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI with the help of quarterback Brett Favre, No. 4, and center Frank Winters, No. 52.

Green Bay



Sports Illustrated labels Evander Holyfield "Giant Killer" after he pounds boxer Mike Tyson.



Danny Wuerffel

'96 Heisman Trophy recipient Danny Wuerffel leads the Florida Gators to its first national championship.

Young Olympians

Amy Acuff, 20, high jump
Amanda Beard, 14, swimming
Brooke Bennet, 16, swimming
Beth Botsford, 15, swimming
Amanda Borden, 19, gymnastics
Dominique Moceanu, 14, gymnastics
Justin Huish, 21, archery
Kim Rhode, 17, double trap shooting
Tiffany Roberts, 19, soccer

News

Life on Mars.

Racial unrest in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Welfare Reform.

Madonna is a momma.

Michael Jackson, King of Pop-pa!

Campaign financing goes under scrutiny.

Madeleine Albright



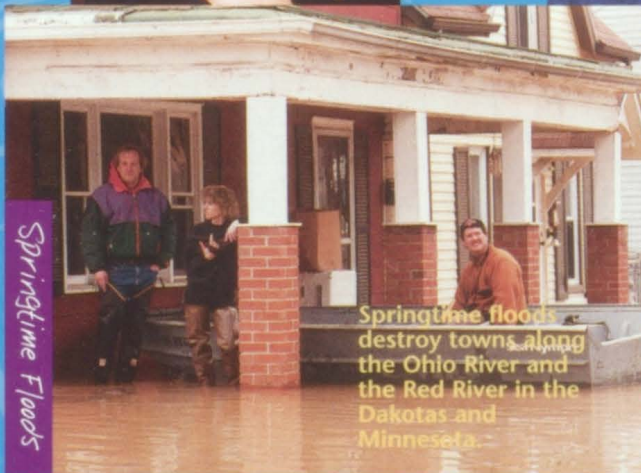
Madeleine Albright becomes the first female Secretary of State.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!



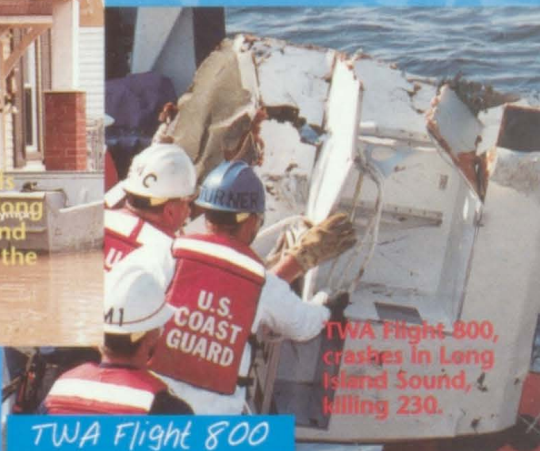
Astronaut Shannon Lucid spends more time in space than any other American.

Shannon Lucid



Springtime Floods

Springtime floods destroy towns along the Ohio River and the Red River in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

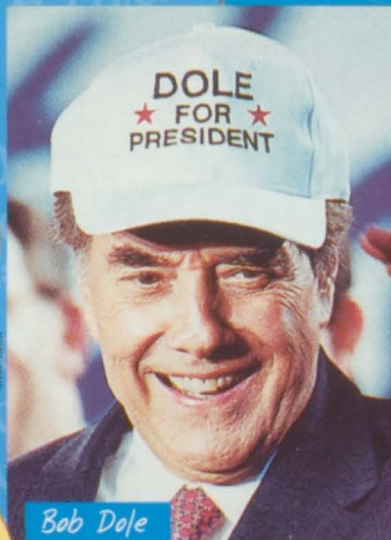


TWA Flight 800, crashes in Long Island Sound, killing 230.

TWA Flight 800

Elizabeth Dole

Elizabeth Dole becomes the bright spot in a lackluster campaign.



Bob Dole

Bob Dole's final 96-hour marathon doesn't save his campaign.

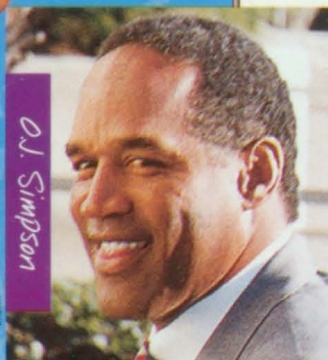


The Clintons

Voters extend Bill Clinton's White House lease by four years.

Civil verdict declares O.J. Simpson liable for deaths of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman.

O.J. Simpson



Communications Error:

The number dialed is busy or not answering. Please try again later.

To find another local access number, select "New Local" from the "Screen name" pop-up menu, and click Sign On.

For more information, press the Command Key+SHIFT+? and refer to the Troubleshooting information in the AppleGuide.

Unlimited access gives America Online users migraines and busy signals.

OK

Serbian Demonstrators



Students demonstrate against Serbian government.

The JonBenét Ramsey murder mystery grabs headlines.



MURDER OF A LITTLE BEAUTY
The brutal killing of pageant princess JonBenét Ramsey, 6, shocks the nation—and raises troubling questions

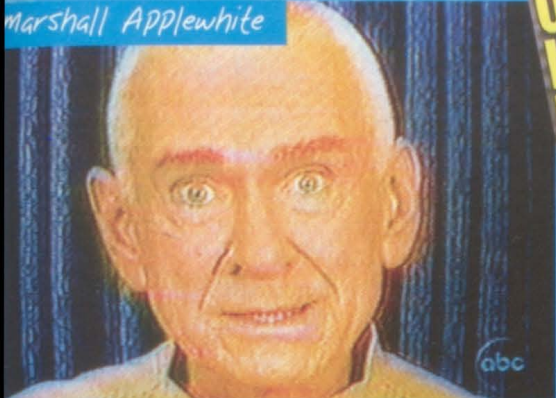
JonBenét Ramsey

Brook Shields



The score is love-love as Brooke Shields marries tennis star Andre Agassi.

Marshall Applewhite



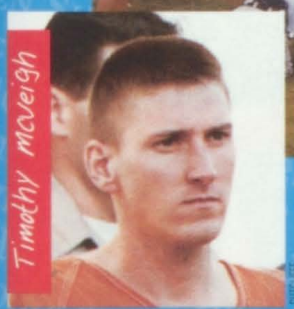
Leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 Heaven's Gate cult members take their lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., in April.

Olympic Bombing



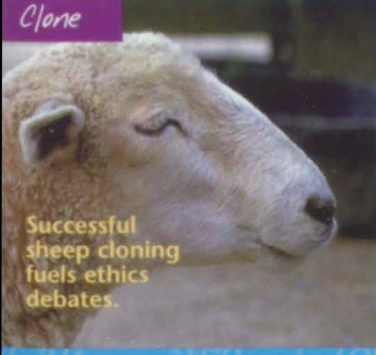
Atlanta's Centennial Park bombing mars the Summer Olympics.

Timothy McVeigh



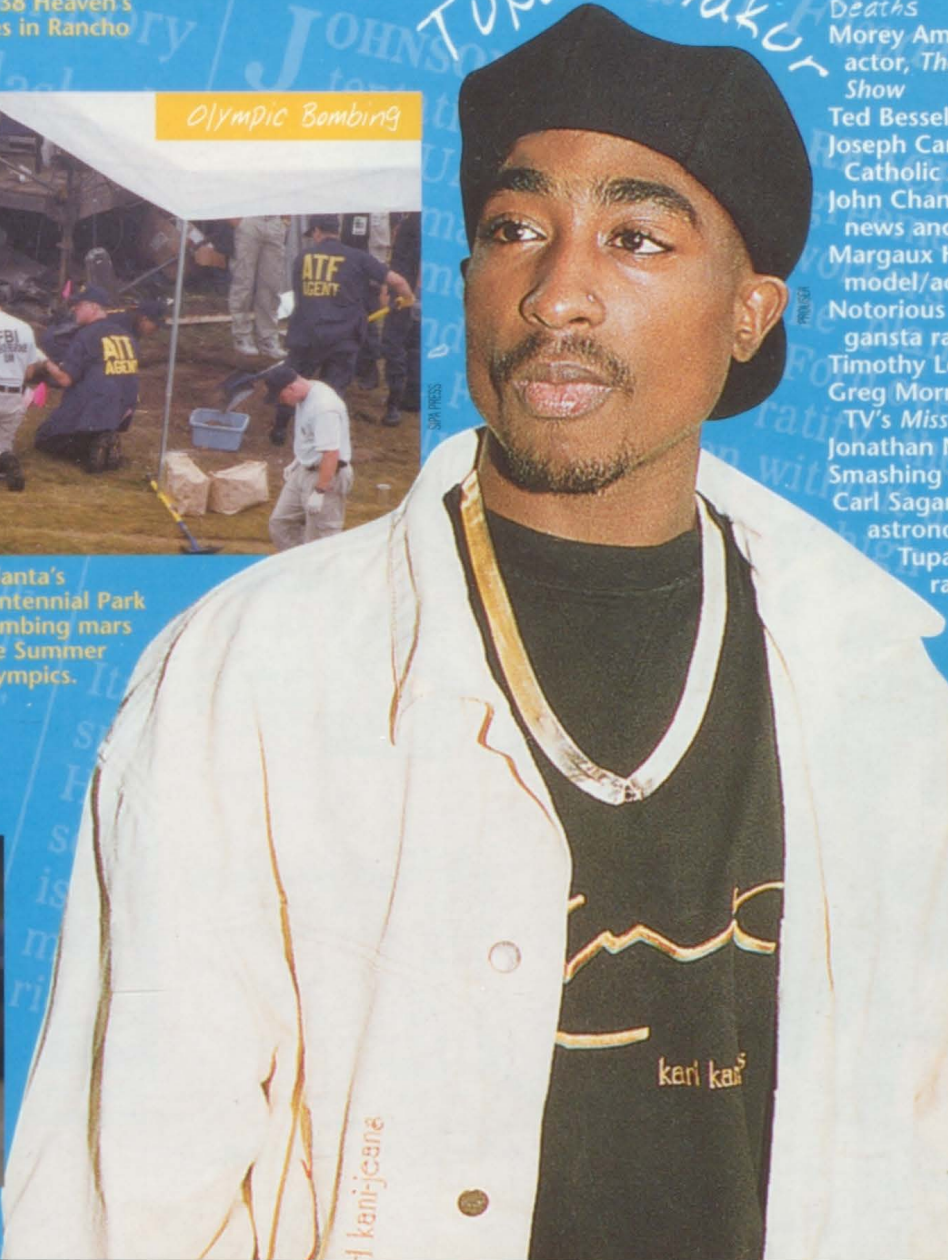
A Denver jury returns a guilty verdict for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Clone



Successful sheep cloning fuels ethics debates.

Tupac Shakur



Deaths
Morey Amsterdam, 80-ish, actor, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
Ted Bessell, 57, actor, *That Girl*
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, 68, Catholic Archbishop
John Chancellor, 68, news anchor
Margaux Hemingway, 41, model/actress
Notorious B.I.G., 24, gansta rapper
Timothy Leary, 75, '60s activist
Greg Morris, 61, actor, TV's *Mission: Impossible*
Jonathan Melvoin, 34, Smashing Pumpkins
Carl Sagan, 62, scientist and astronomy popularizer
Tupac Shakur, 25, gansta rapper/actor
Tiny Tim, 70-ish, '60s icon
Deng Xiaoping, 92, Chinese Leader
Allen Ginsberg, 70, Beat poet
Ennis Cosby, 27, student, son of Bill Cosby
Willem de Kooning, 92, abstract artist
Gangsta rapper and movie star Tupac Shakur is murdered.

Trends

What's Hot?

- Hair barrettes
- Black boots
- Hip huggers
- Carpenter jeans
- Sweatshirts
- Metallic T-shirts
- Backpacks
- Birkenstock sandals
- Body piercing

Fashion fads feast on bright colors.

Fashion Ad



TV Ratings
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 CC)—Cartoon 7964 (48)
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 Homer fearful of his potential

McDonald's introduces adult-like, "Arch Deluxe" which meets with lukewarm consumer interest.

TV shows get a voluntary rating system.

Australia's Tap dogs dance their way across American stages.

IT'S TRUE. WE DO MATURE FASTER THAN BOYS.

McDonald's

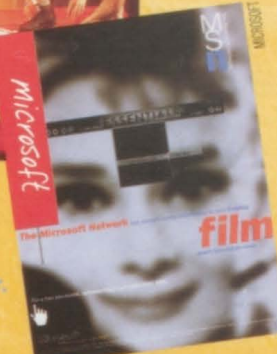


Tap Dogs



Bill Gates turns the heat up on technology with the Microsoft Network.

Microsoft

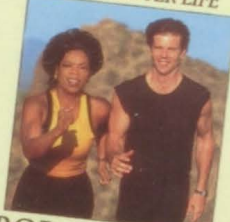


Slogan of the Year
 "Show me the money!" from Jerry Maguire

Dance Craze
 The Macarena

Plymouth Neon ads pick up on the nation's coffee craze.

MAKE THE CONNECTION
 TEN STEPS TO A BETTER BODY—AND A BETTER LIFE



BOB GREENE AND OPRAH WINFREY

Oprah Winfrey makes a connection between the best body and a bestseller.

Make the Connection

Coca Cola

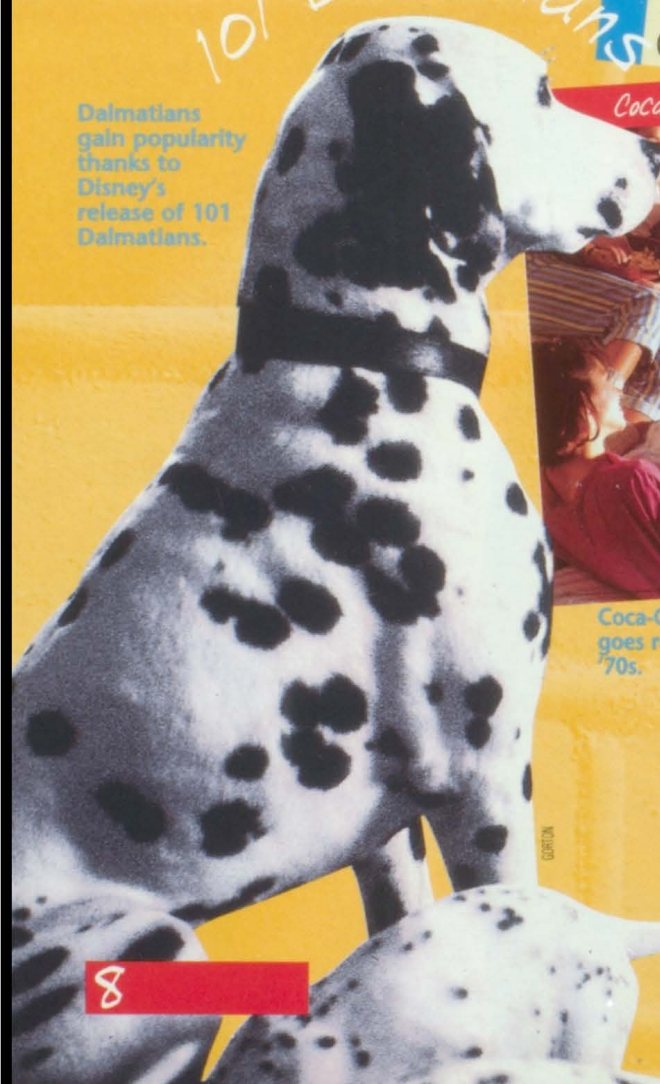


Coca-Cola goes retro-'70s.

Say what?
 "boo"—boyfriend/girlfriend
 "butter"—smooth/nice
 "digits"—phone numbers
 "down low"
 (also "D.L.")—quiet
 "flavor"—style
 "4-1-1"—information
 "hella"—very
 "house"—to defeat
 "mad"—beautiful
 "peeps"—friends/people

101 Dalmatians

Dalmatians gain popularity thanks to Disney's release of 101 Dalmatians.



Rent



Got milk?

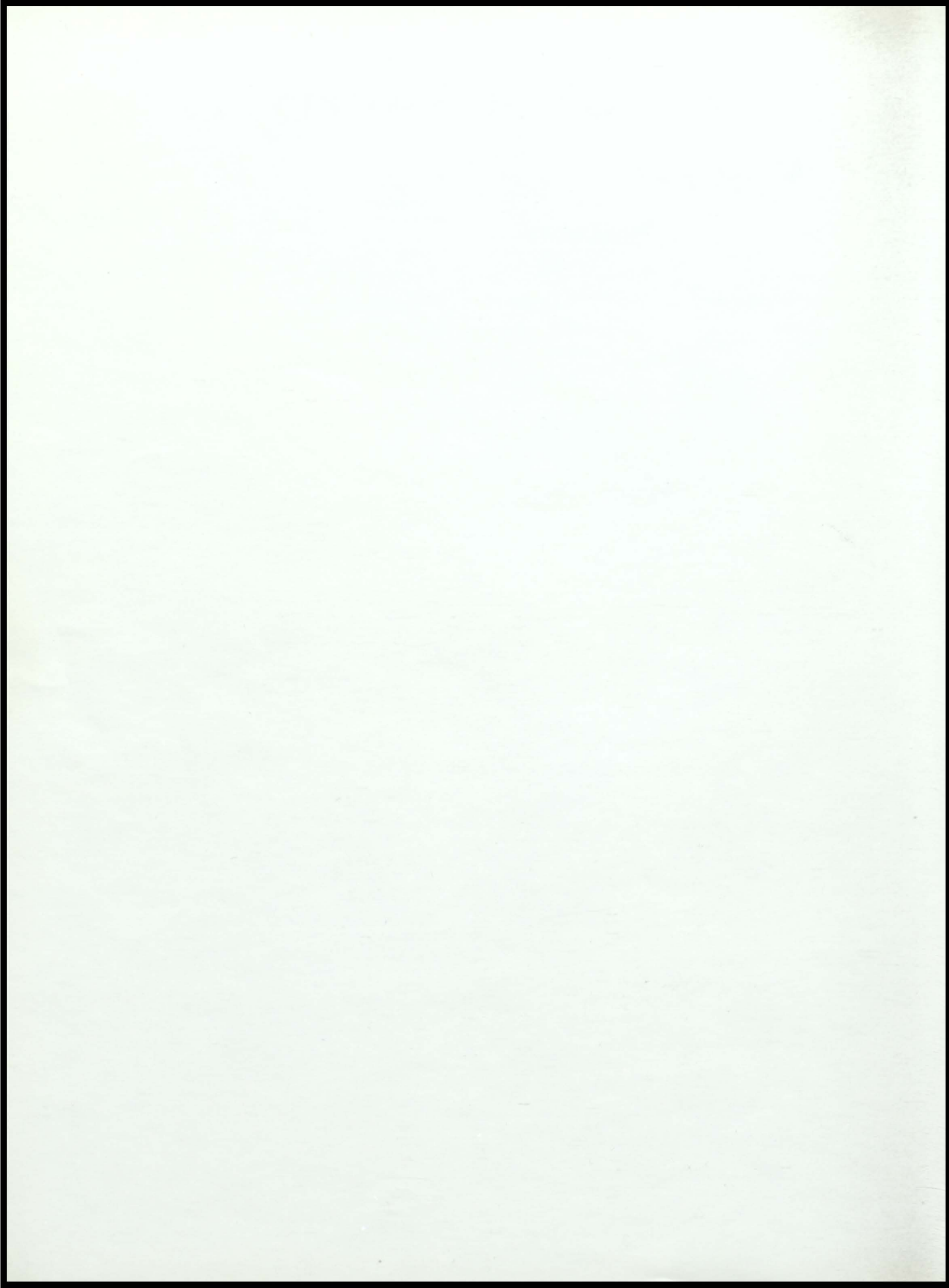
MILK
 Where's your muscle?

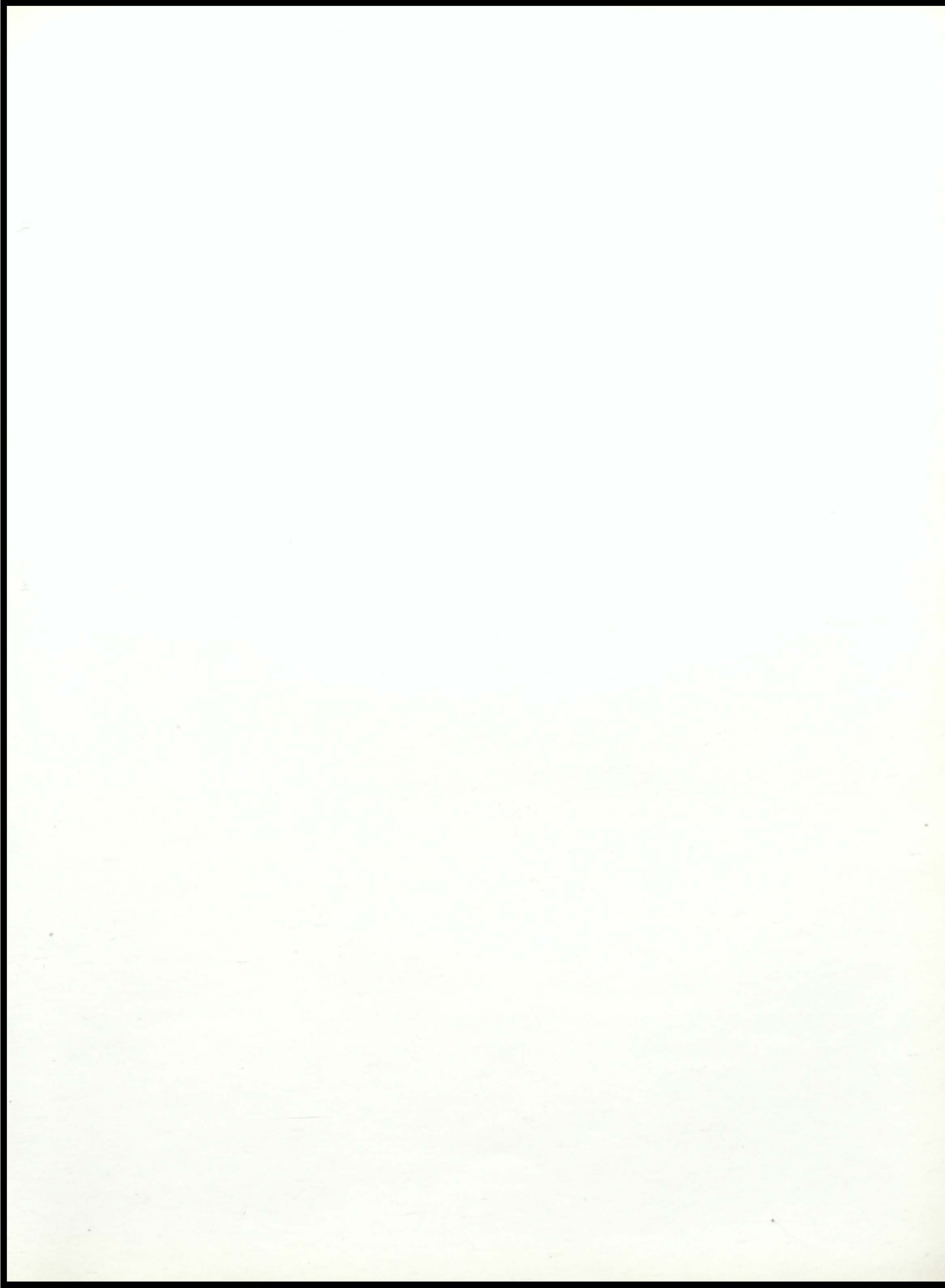


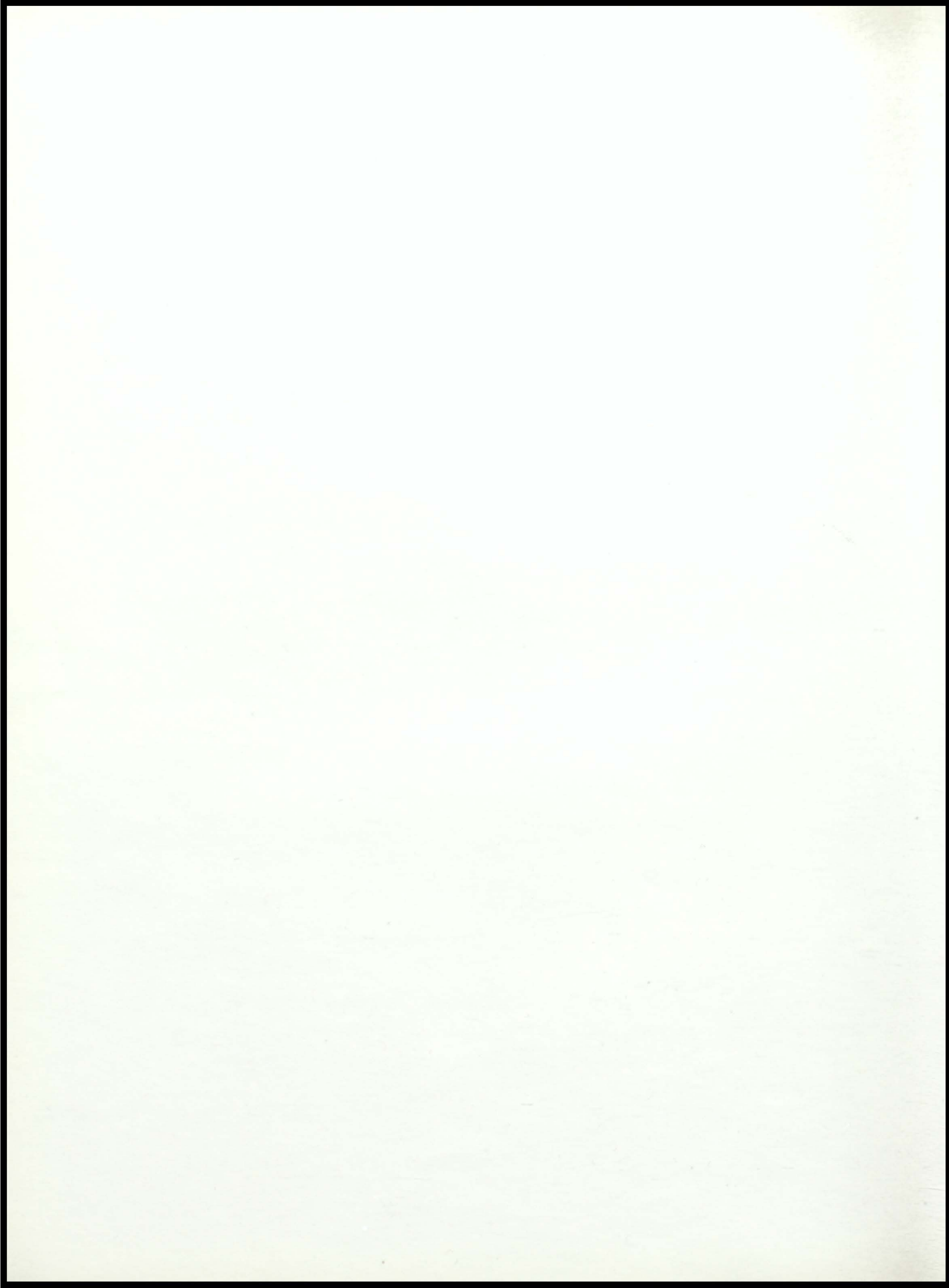
Amy Van Dyken's got milk and promotes <http://www.whymilk.com>.

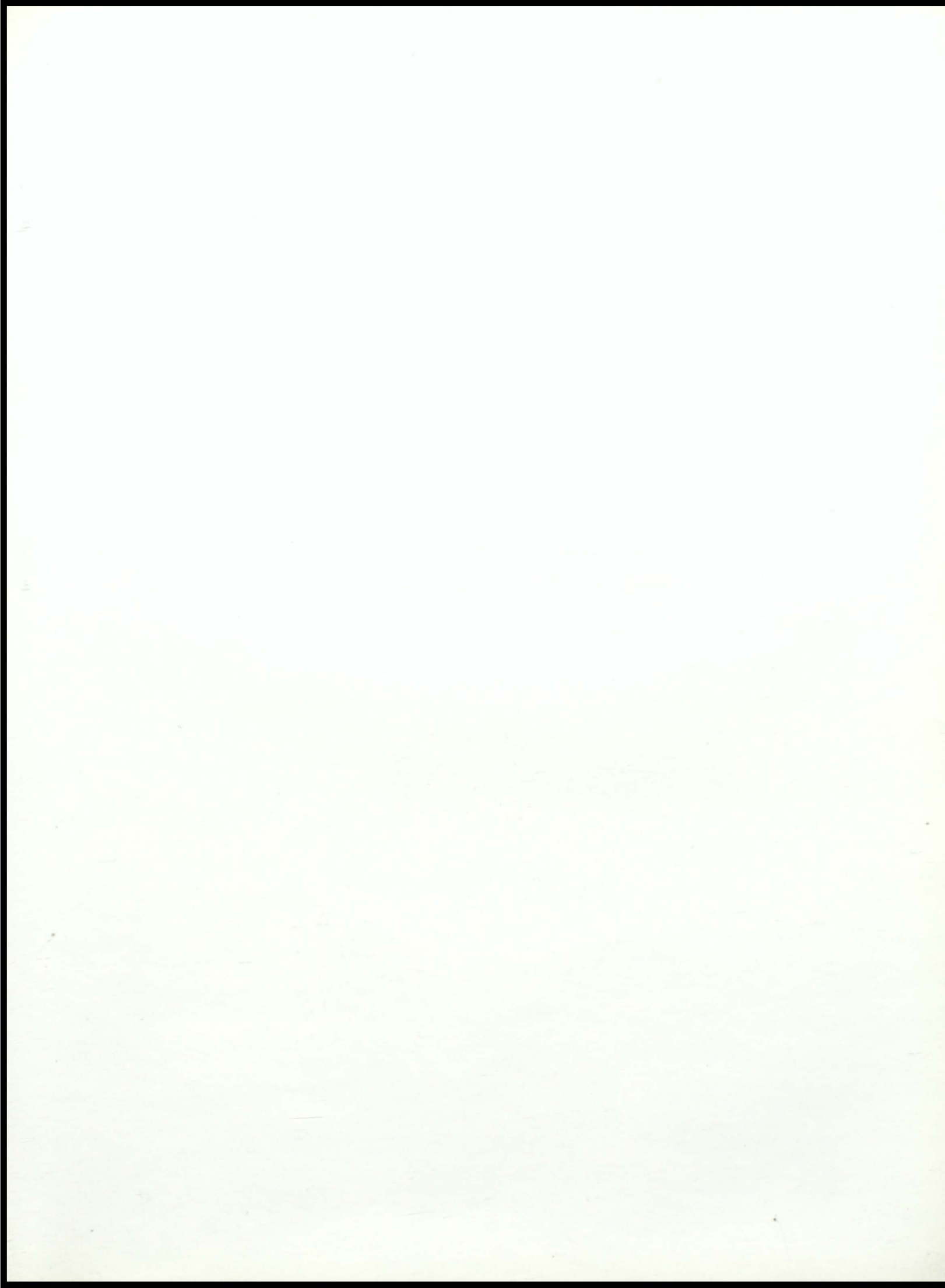


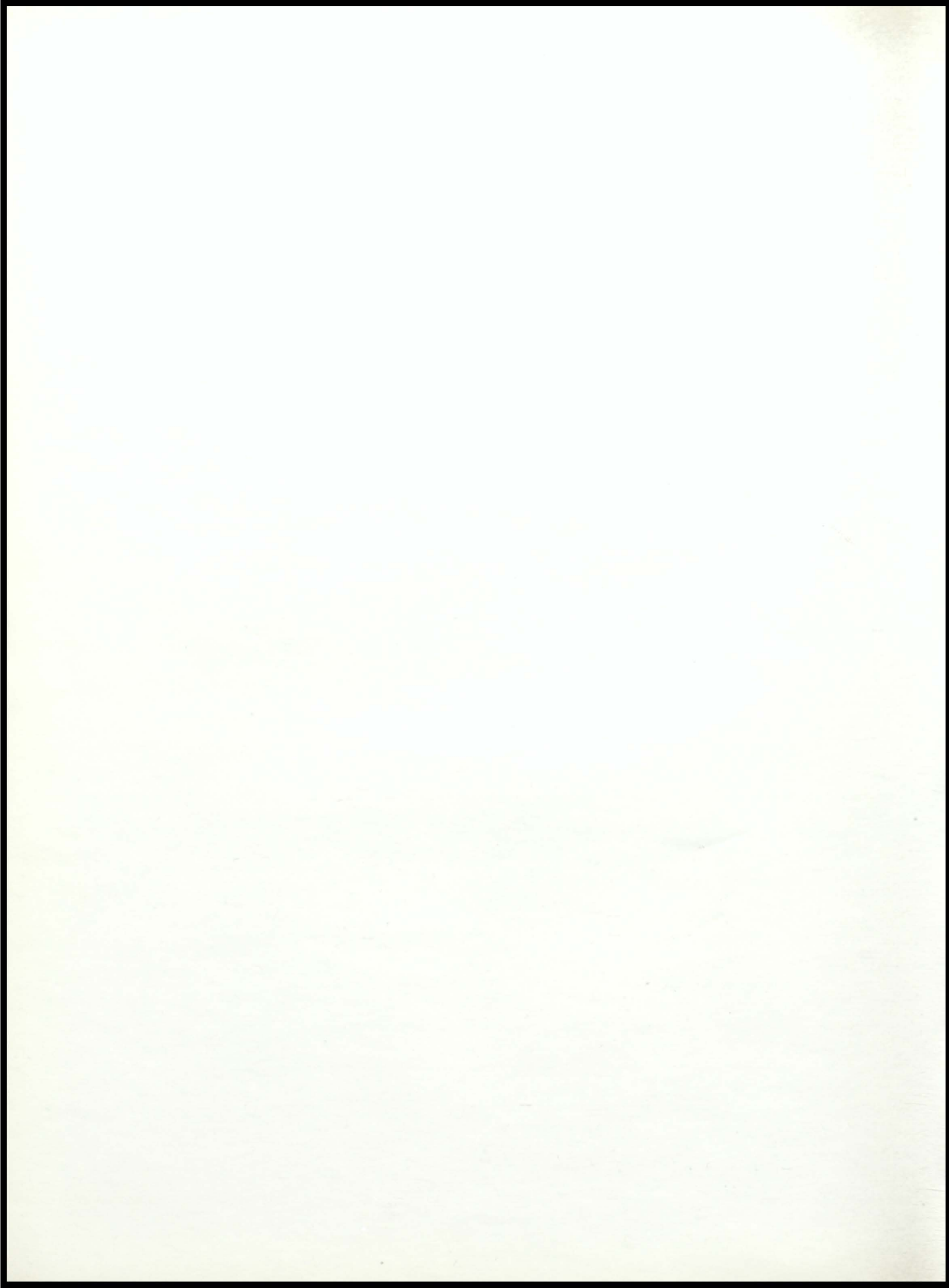
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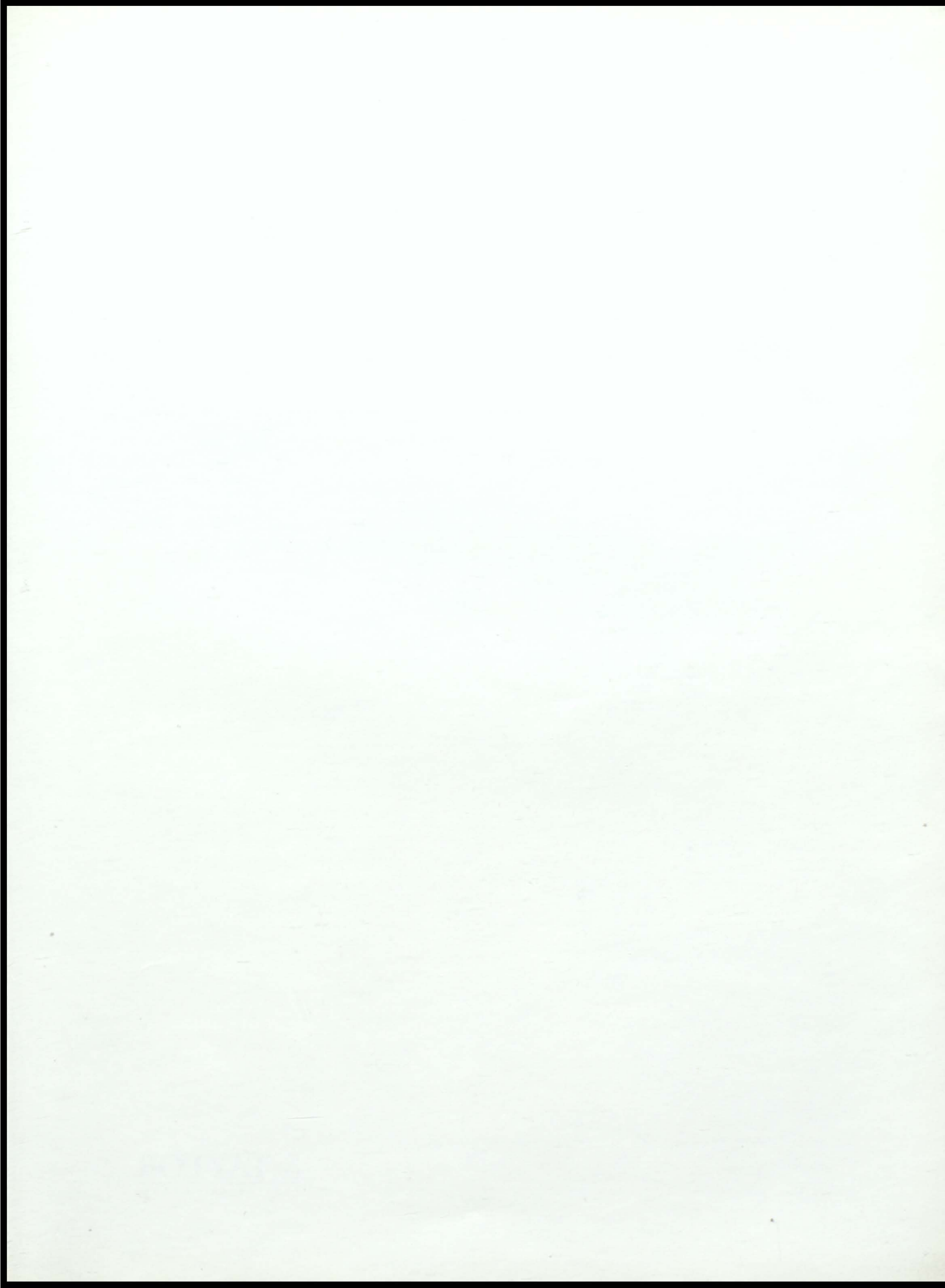












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