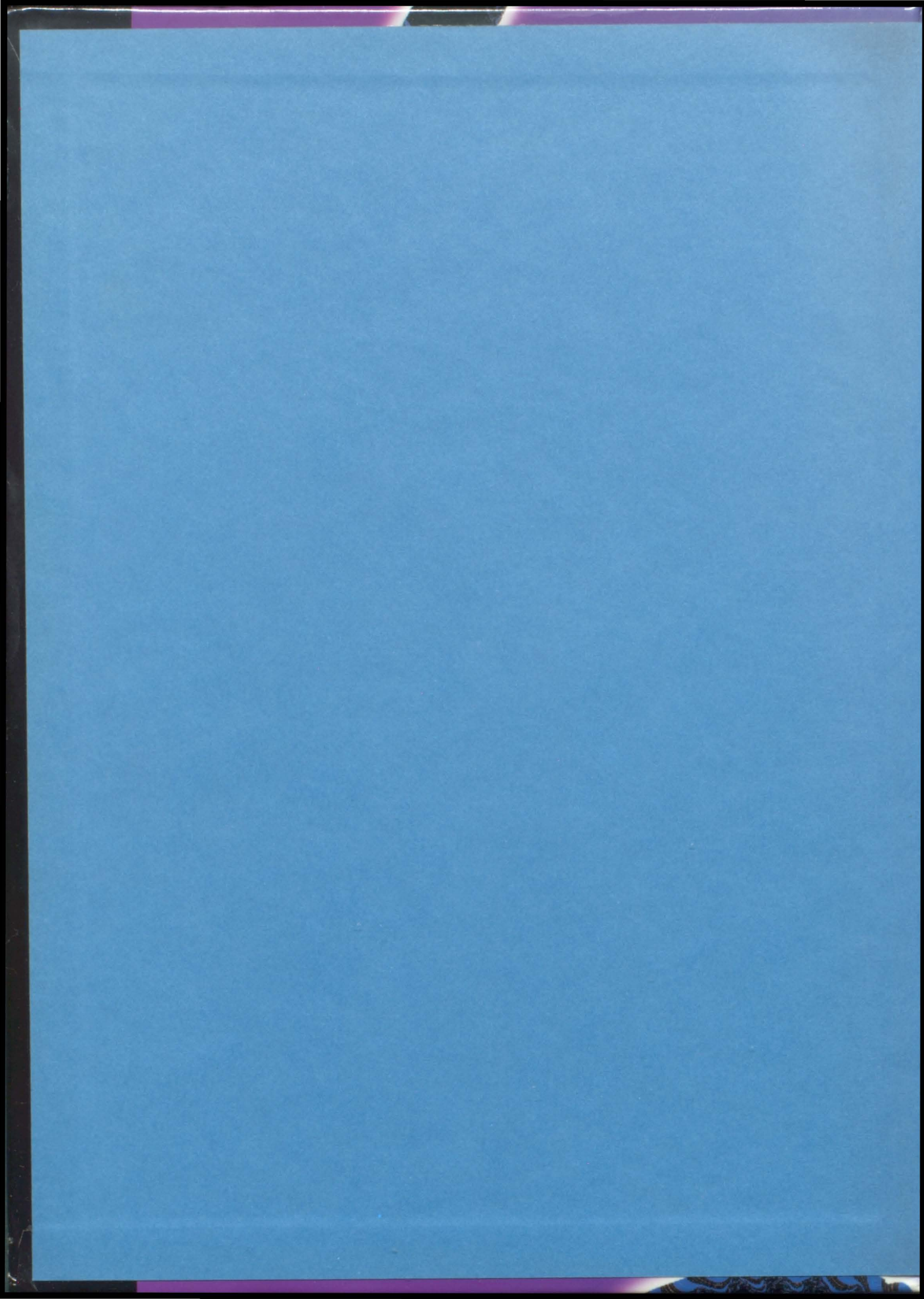


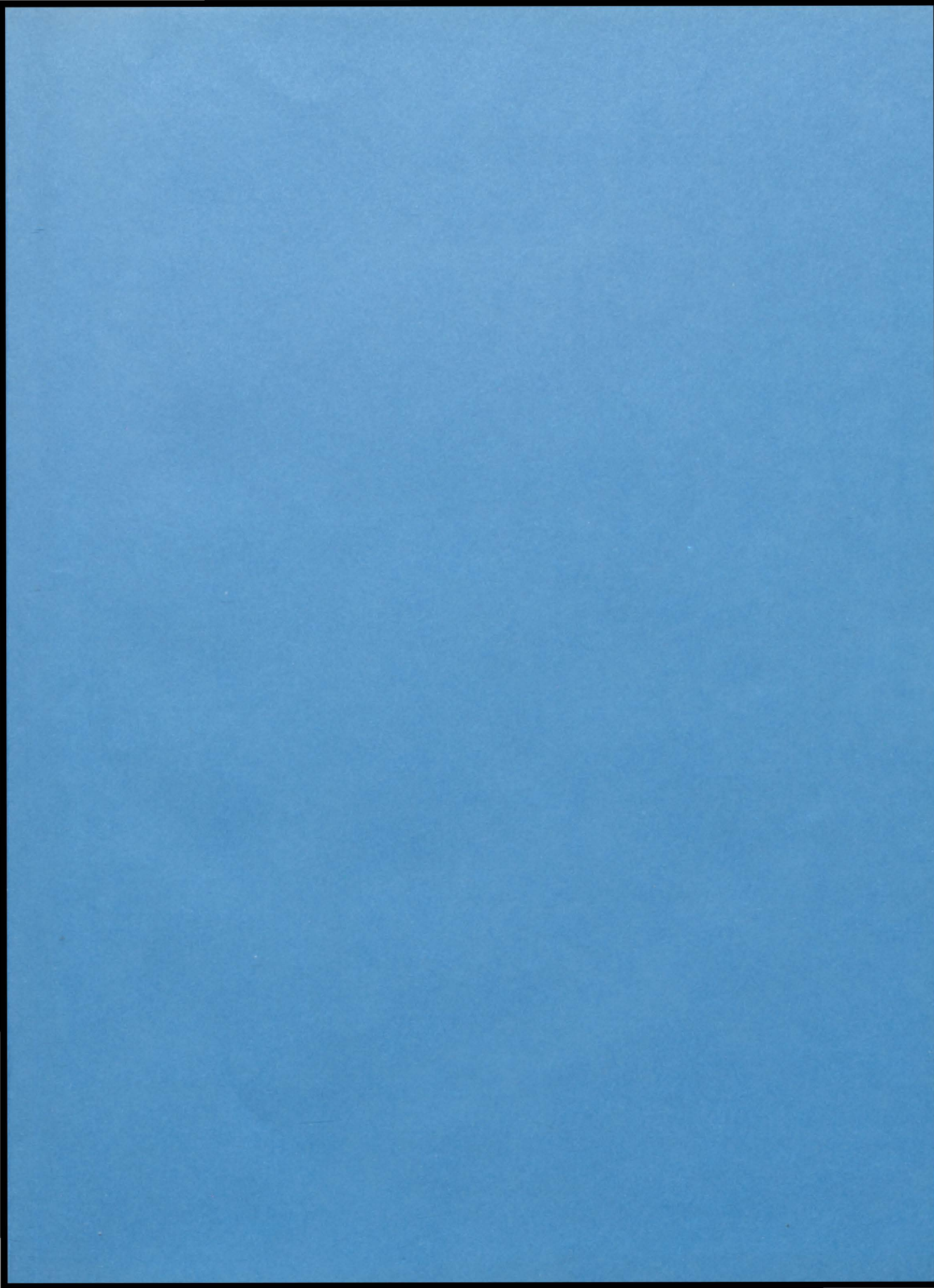
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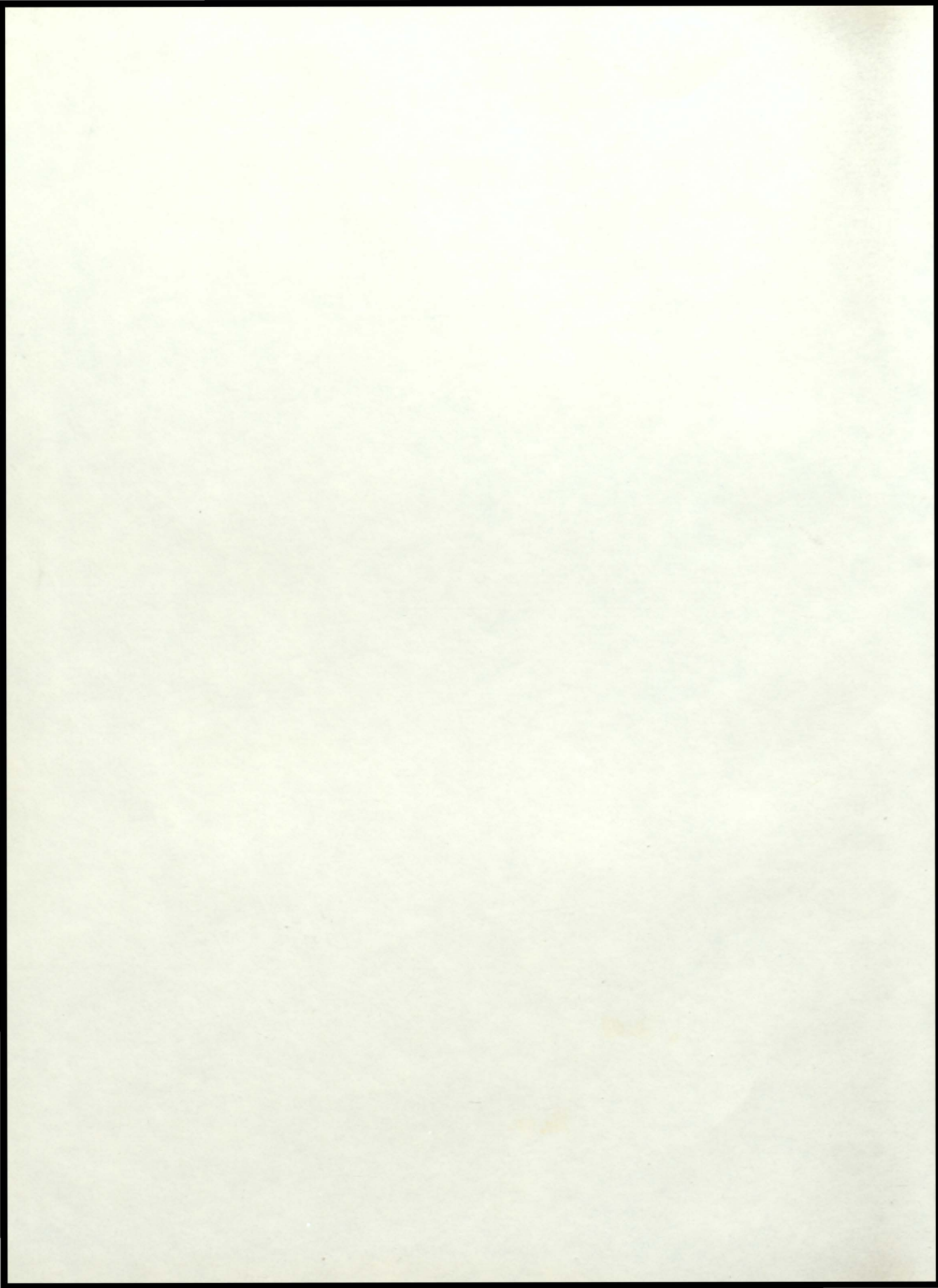
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Railer Territory! Fans gathered in the stands for the Homecoming game against Osborne. Homecoming drew one of the largest crowds during the fall sports season. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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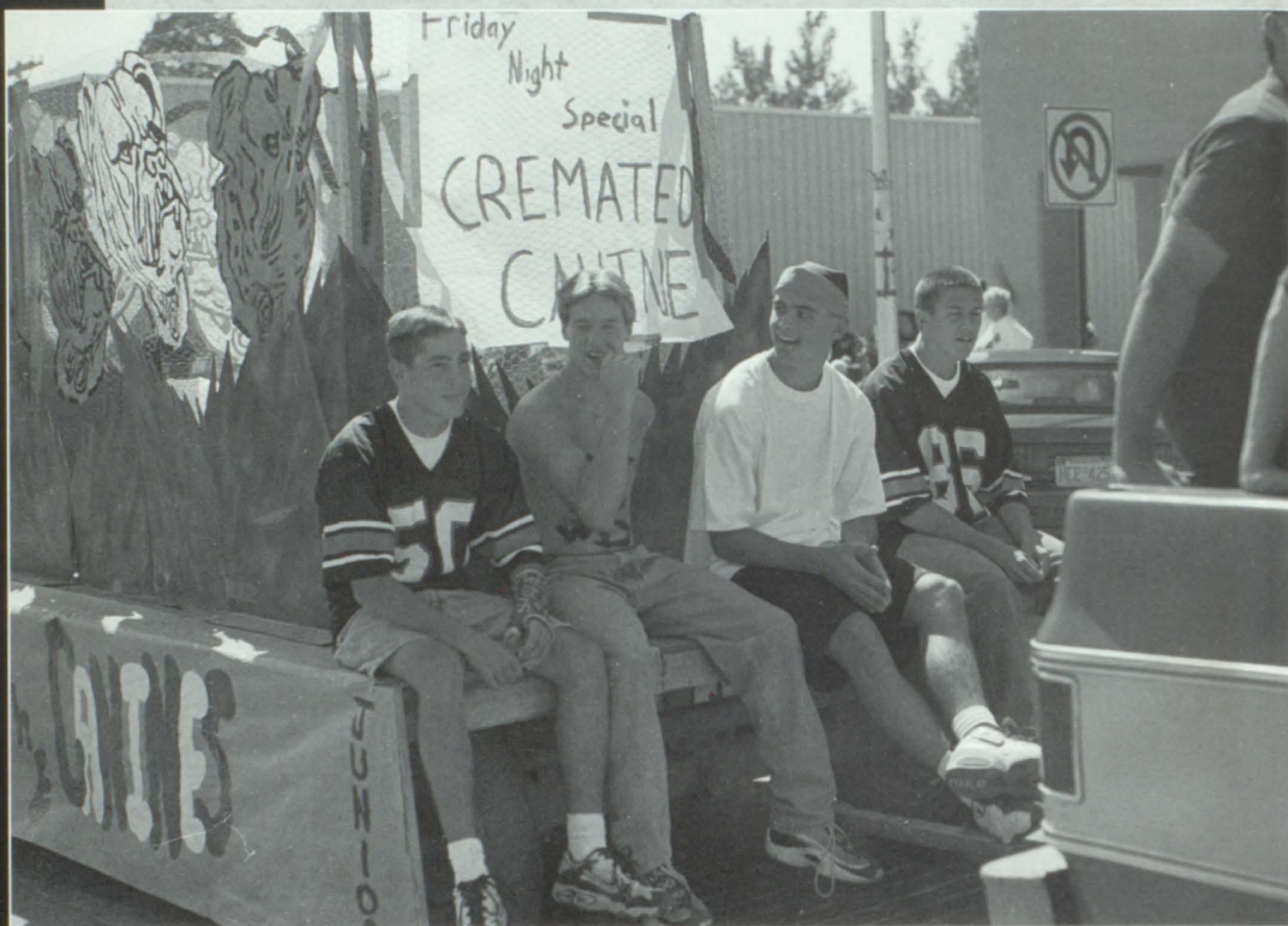
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Opening



Juniors Brett Seibel, Jesse Leiker, Jr. LaBarge, and Tyler Fisher show their class spirit by wearing their school colors and riding on their class float. Once again Homecoming was held early in September, which meant students and football players had to combat heat instead of cold weather generally associated with the fall tradition. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

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The 1998-99 school year was a year much like many others: students were kept busy with activities, academics, and student life. But to those participating, the year was different from any other because their memories were being made, both good and bad. When we look back on 98-99, we will remember at least. . .



Senior Terri Kroeger, Felicity Waldschmidt, so., and Travis Keller, jr., prepare to serve guests at the dinner theater. After the meal, guests were entertained in the auditorium by the Railairres. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Academics



Working hard on their physics project, Seniors Wes Rathbun, Chad Zerfas and Nathan Harwick decide which design would work best to finish their project. After the class completed their cars, they raced them in the gym. During the race LaTaya Bradstreet's and Leah Ziegler's won first place. (Photo by Ryan Newton)

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At the beginning of the school year, several challenges lay ahead for EHS students. One of these challenges included a plan for the future. Many students were aided in this problem by taking required, elective and technology classes.

Not only was this a difficult challenge, but there was also a challenge to finish homework and keep grades up. All of these combined left students feeling overwhelmed and stressed. Many were left to wonder and question



Jonas Luea, Jr., works on his sewing project during Home economics class. Every year the class completes several sewing projects (Photo by Ryan Newton)



What is the point of this?



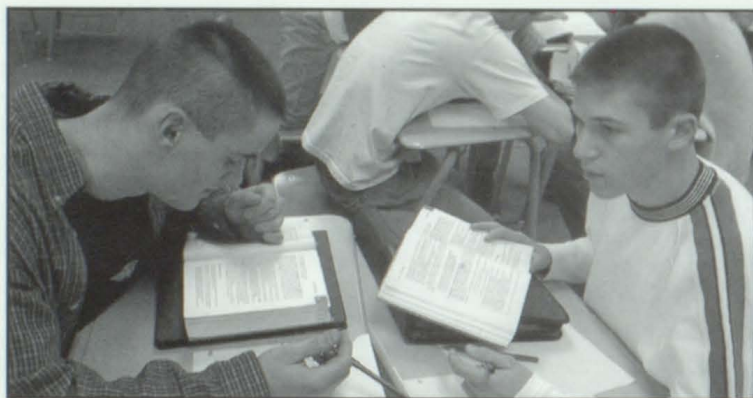
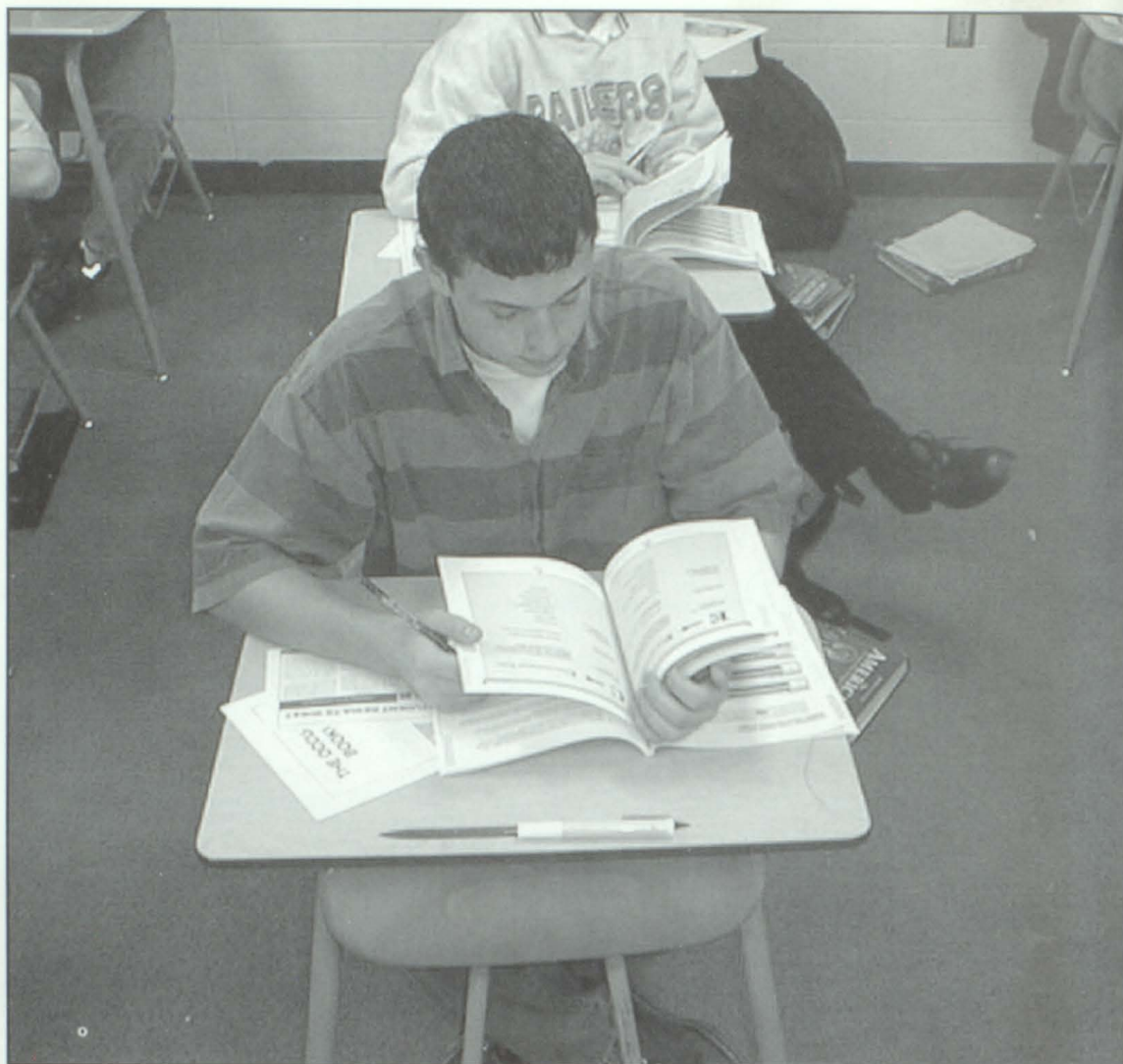
The ASVAB tests made a great influence on me. They helped me identify my plans and career choices for the future.

Travis Keller, jr.



Junior Travis Keller works to figure his ASVAB Test results. Required classes helped prepare students for the tests. The test results gave an idea about future plans. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

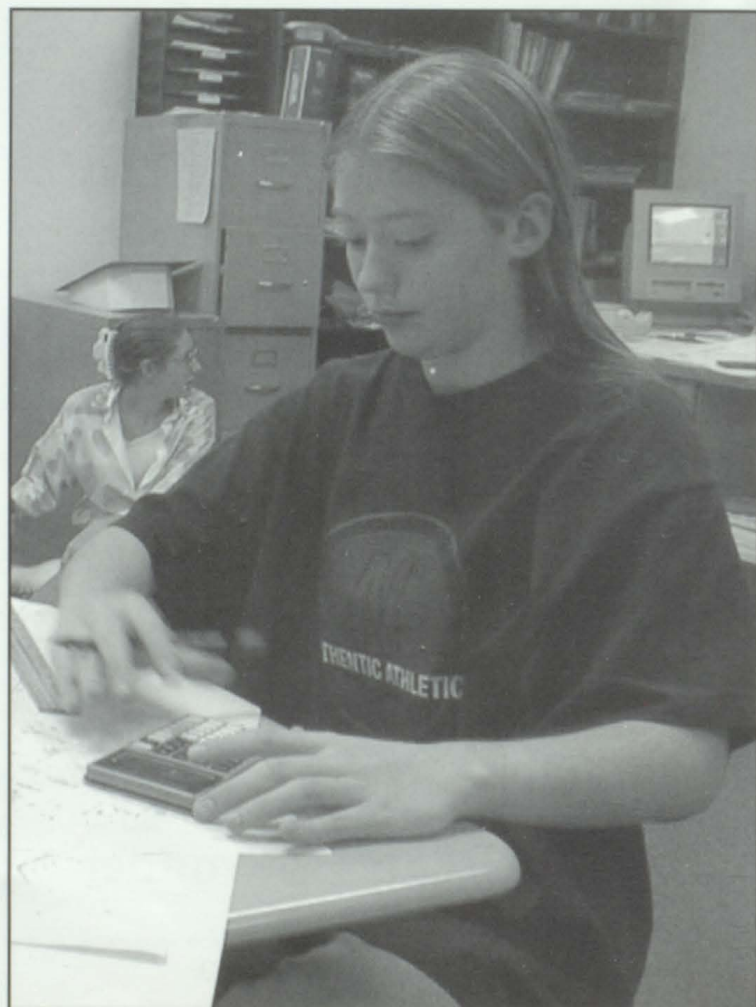
Juniors Jr. LaBarge and Tyler Fisher work on their assignments in English III. All juniors took English III with Mrs. Hertel. (Photo by Cindy Hertel)



Lindsay Dorzweiler, so., concentrates while working on her biology worksheet. During the second semester, the biology students worked on dissecting specimens as well as daily assignments, which included book work and worksheets. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Freshman Mary Dinkel concentrates hard on work during class. Ms. Jodi Miller took over the math position after Mr. Bob Young took the computer technician position. (Photo by Cindy Hertel)



Required classes stress students

Preparing for college

The magic number in the state of Kansas was 24. That is the number of credits that the students had to have in order to graduate.

EHS students were required to take four years of English, three years of social studies, two years of math and two years of science. They also needed one year of P.E./health and 1/2 year of speech. In addition to that, they needed 11½ credits in elective areas.

While all that might seem simple, it was sometime stressful on the students because one gap in this sequence could result in not graduating.

Beth Walz, fr.

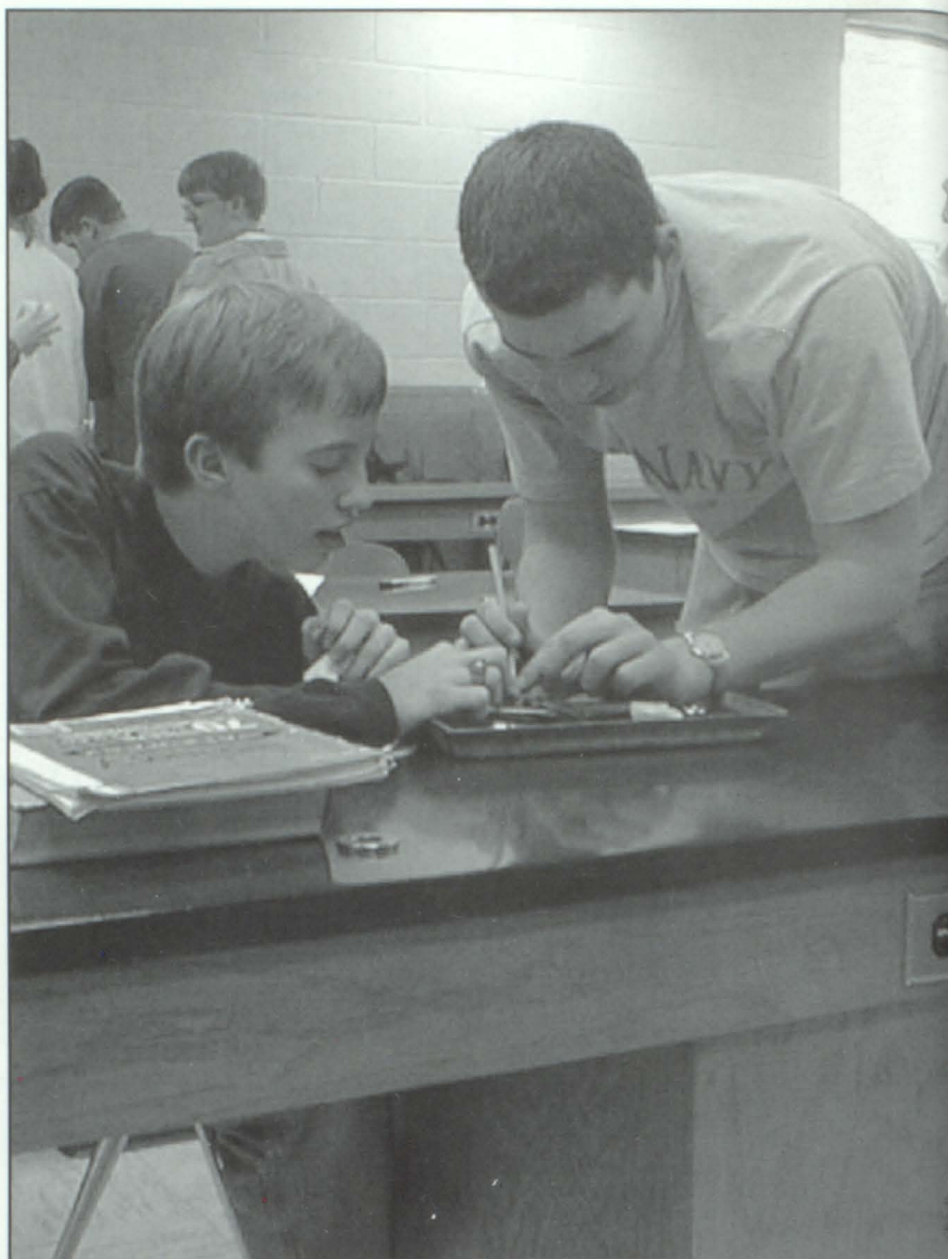


Culture day in Spanish I class is a time to get away from the books and eat many different foods from another country. One draw back is that we have to be able to name what we are eating before we eat it. Each student brings a variety of different things. For example, some bring Spanish punch, fried ice cream and enchiladas. I brought the fried ice cream. It was my favorite, but it was also very messy. I wish we had a culture day every day.

Some EHS students decided that after participating in high school sports, they wanted to move to a higher level of competition. They had to make a decision between a Division I or Division II college. In order to participate in Division I sports they had to pass four years of English, two years of math, science, and social science each. They also needed two years of language or computer science. Division I needed one additional year of English, math, or science. Division II consisted of the same requirements with the exception of three years of English and two additional years of English, math, or science. Division I required a CORE GPA of 2.5 unless there was an ACT score of 21. Division II required a 2.0 minimum CORE GPA with a score to meet minimum requirements.

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Sophomores
Steven
Shannon
and
Aaron
Campbell
disect a
crayfish
during
biology
class. The
class
disected a
clam, fish,
frog and
worm.
(Photo by
Raleen
Fisher)



Freshmen
Danielle
Brown
and Katie
Wagner
work on
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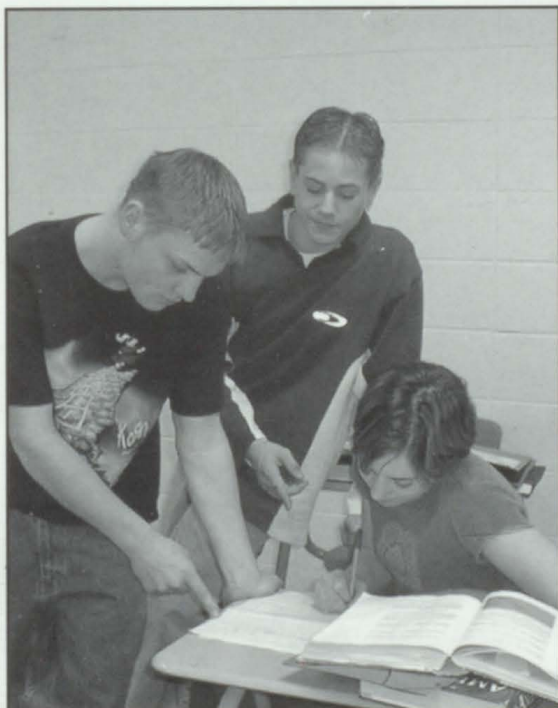
How seniors survive the term paper....

"I got so lost when we used the internet in English class. We were using Africam to see if we could get a look at some of the animals."

--Wanda Weber, fr.

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1. Procrastinate
2. Type your paper in 36 pt. and hope no one notices
3. Throw sources
4. Whine and complain
5. Finish the points five minutes before they're due
6. Beg Mrs. Hertel and Mrs. Riedel for extensions
7. Finish points two days after they're due
8. Try to bribe someone to write it for you



Juniors Chris Waldschmidt, Josh Capps, and Brandi Dinkel work on a history study guide. Students received a study guide to fill out before every test. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Sophomores Jennifer Tway and Brandi Lang study their egg as they conduct an experiment. In biology

students did many experiments relating to the chapters they were covering. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Students influence scheduling

Planning for the future

5 "Should I take photography, career life or project construction?" The question of which elective classes to take was posed by all students at enrollment time. Out of 48 elective classes offered at EHS, 42 were taught during the 98-99 school year.

"The elective classes are decided by the students' interests and needs," said Ms. Bev Mauk, EHS counselor.

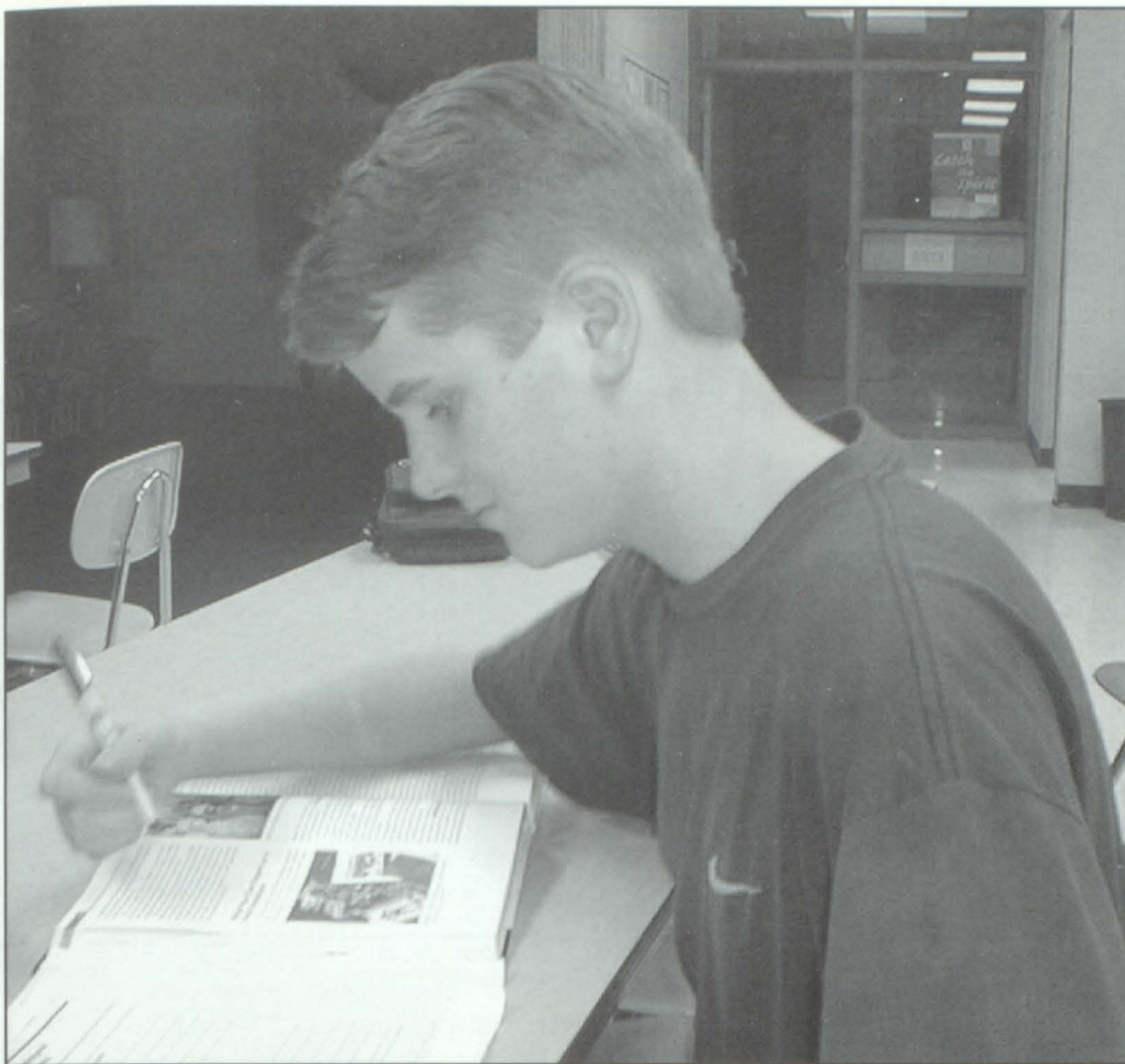
Student interest played a major role in determining the class schedules. Students also took classes that would help them plan for the future.

"Home ec will benefit me in college. I learned how to do laundry and how to cook," said Amanda Hernandez, fr.

Jody Schuster, sr.



Taking vocational classes has taught me many new things. I have learned a lot of skills to help me in the future, and also it has taught me what it is like to work in a work environment. I have taken introduction to agriculture, projects construction and engines, and I hope that the skills I have learned in these classes will benefit me later in a vocational college and in the real world. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)



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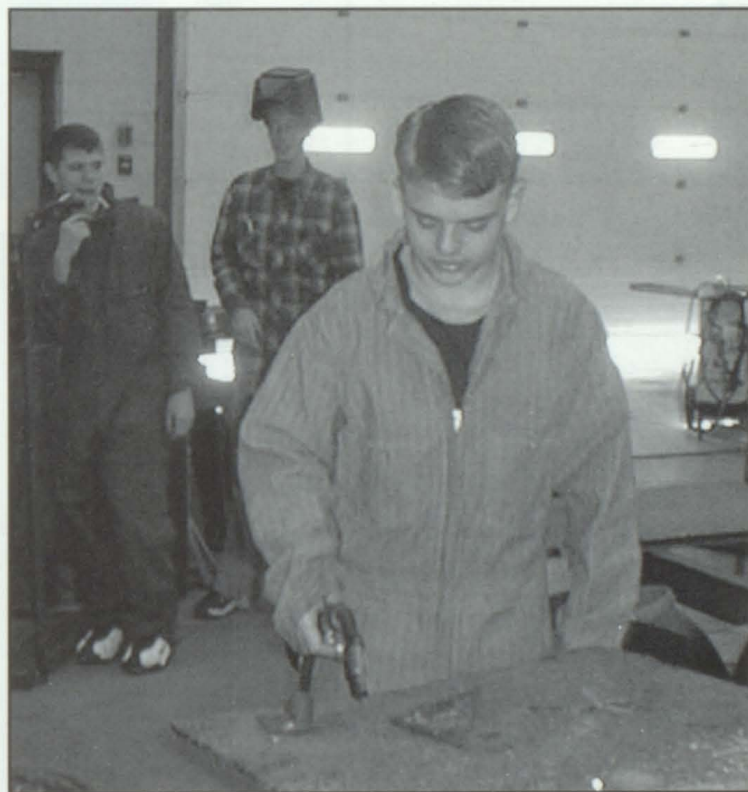
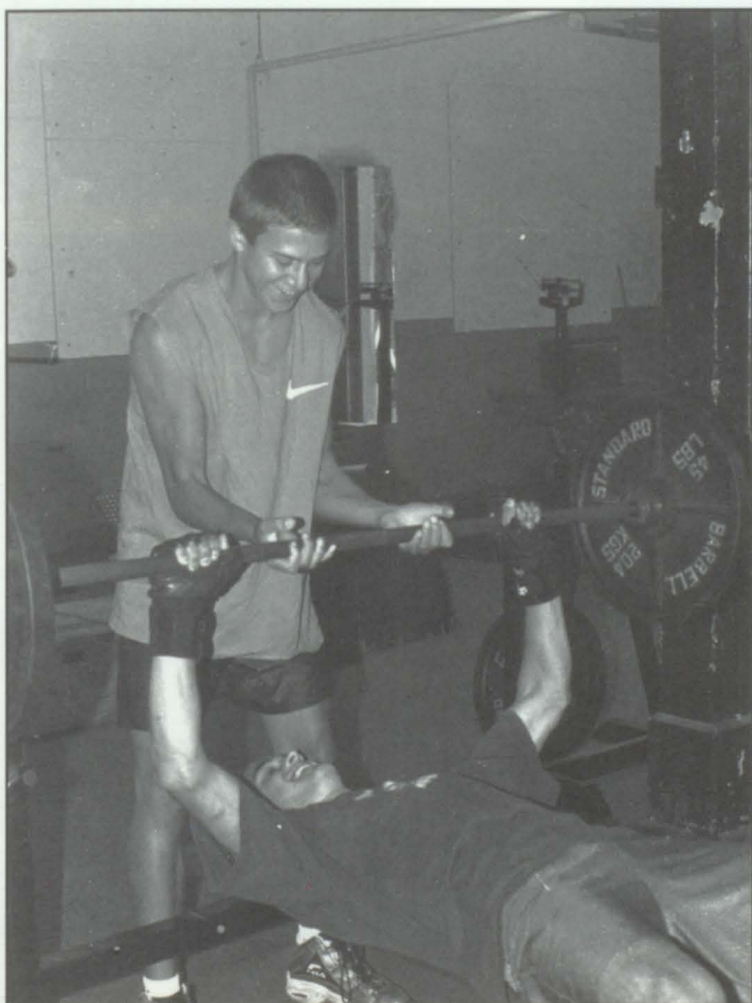
Career life has helped me plan for the future, and it gave me several ideas for career choices.

Ryan Newton, sr.

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Luke Ernst, so., concentrates on his career life homework. Career life allowed students to learn about making responsible decisions for the future. (Photo by Ryan Newton)

Danny Haas, fr., prepares to weld in vo-ag. Vo-ag students learned basic farm skills. (Photo by Gypsy Hilbrink)



One, two, three, lift. Tyler Fisher, jr., spotted Junior LaBarge, jr., while he benched weights in GPD. GPD taught students more than lifting

weights. They also learned different muscle groups and how the muscle groups function. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Though most students recognized the importance required classes would have on their future, many students looked toward their elective classes to guide them to a career choice.

"Animal and plant science will help me with my career as a vet technician," said Amanda Kuhn, sr.

Elective classes were sometimes taken to prepare students for college or the real world.

"I'm taking journalism because I like writing stories and would like to be on the newspaper staff in college," said Paula Augustine, sr.

Overall more and more students were taking elective classes that would prepare them for their future education or career.

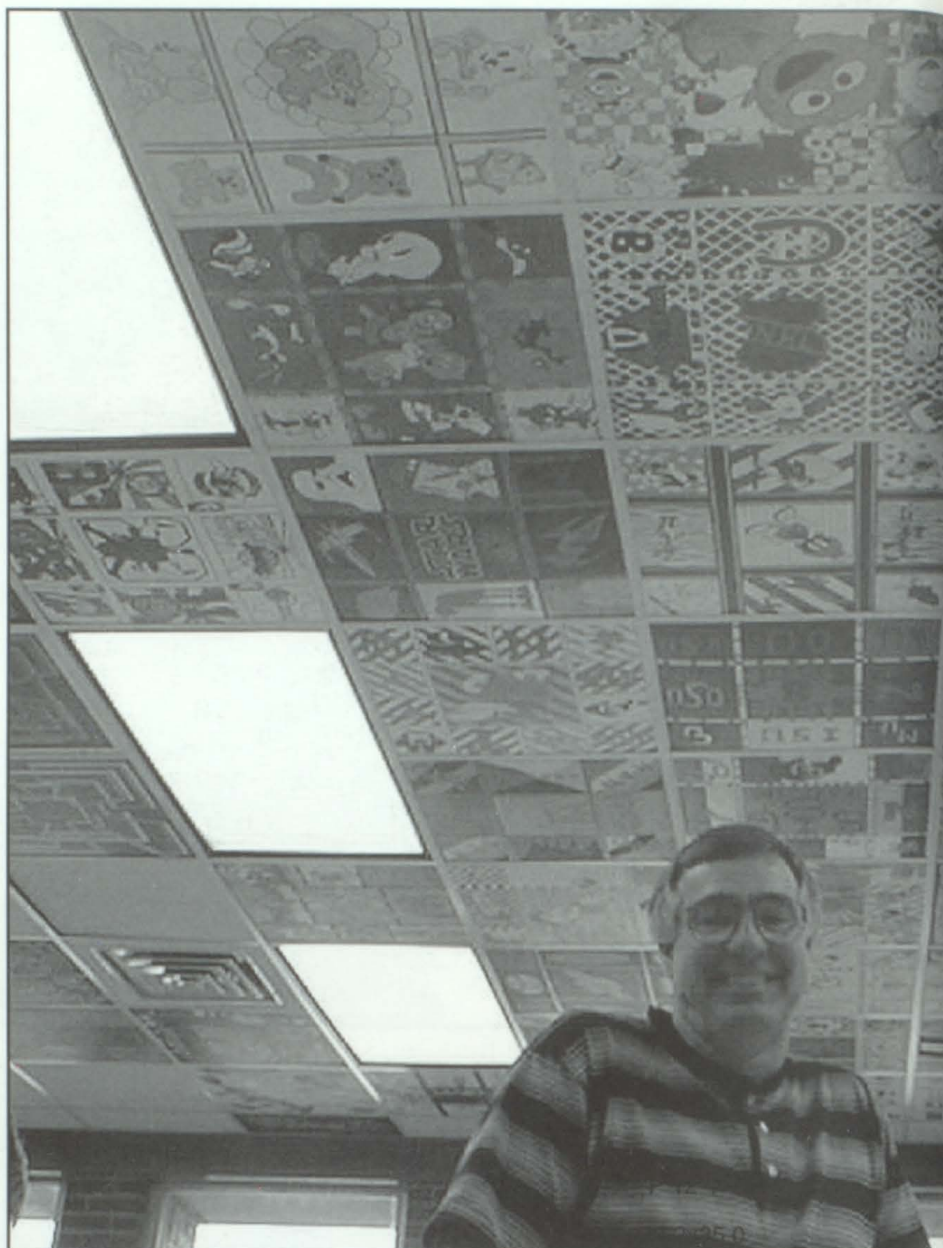
Stan Faulkender stands below student painted ceiling tiles.

"Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling. The art students painted the art room ceiling," said

Faulkender. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

Eldon Peifer shows David Amrein, jr., how to weld in project construction. One of Amrein's projects was building a bale fork.

(Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Top Ten Reasons to Take Home Ec

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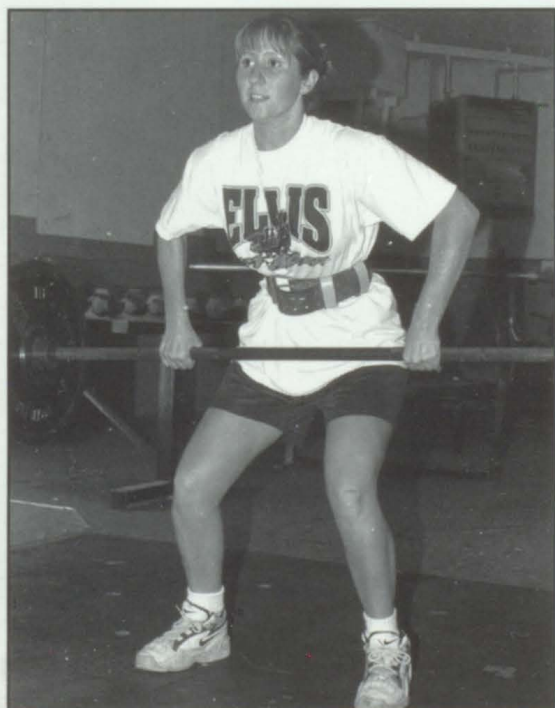
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I love taking art; it relieves stress. It helps me relax. I also want to go into graphic design as a career. Also art helps me with my creativity, and Stan Falkender is a great teacher. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

--Gypsy Hilbrink

1. To learn to cook more than toast.
2. It beats taking calculus.
3. To learn 100 ways to prepare a jello salad.
4. The food made in class beats school lunch any day.
5. To learn how to peel potatoes without losing any fingers.
6. To cook really yummy mini pizzas.
7. To learn how to sew cool boxers.
8. To figure out which fork goes with what dish so you don't look a complete idiot in public.
9. To learn how to do laundry for college.
10. To figure out what pattern of fabric is in style so you don't look like a reject from the '80s.



Amber Keller, Jr., begins to hang clean in GPD.

"GPD is a cool class, but I wish we could take it earlier in high school. I would have loved taking it all four years," said Keller. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Mrs. Virginia Duell shows Seniors Wendy Hauschild, James Prout and Matt LaBarge how to use the sewing machine in Family Life.

The objective of the class was to help students to learn about family responsibility and parenthood. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

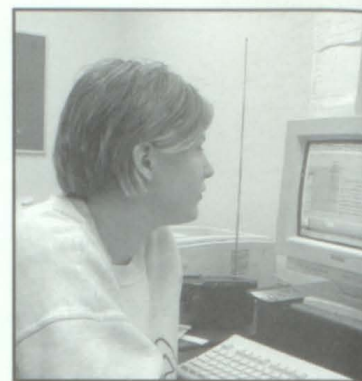
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At EHS, the 1998-99 school year promised not only anxious seniors and confused freshmen, but also the struggle and reward of new technology. By creating its own internet web site and setting up student E-mail, EHS rose to the top one percent of 2A schools in the state regarding the use of technology, according to Mr. Reggie Romine. For EHS students, this translated into work made easier and the development of new classes.

What's next for EHS? The plans include an expanded computer lab, the elimination of all Macintoshes, and becoming year 2000 compatible. "We've made leaps and bounds in the last couple of years, but we just have to continue to up-grade in order to stay current," said Mr. Bob Young, technology coordinator.

Crystal Augustine, sr.



At EHS our teachers incorporate technology into nearly every aspect of our educational needs. All of the software that is available to our photography class enables us to learn skills for the future. The use of pagemaker allowed us to create Christmas cards for our friends and family. This use of technology as a tool will definitely prepare me for a future career because I will be ahead in technology.

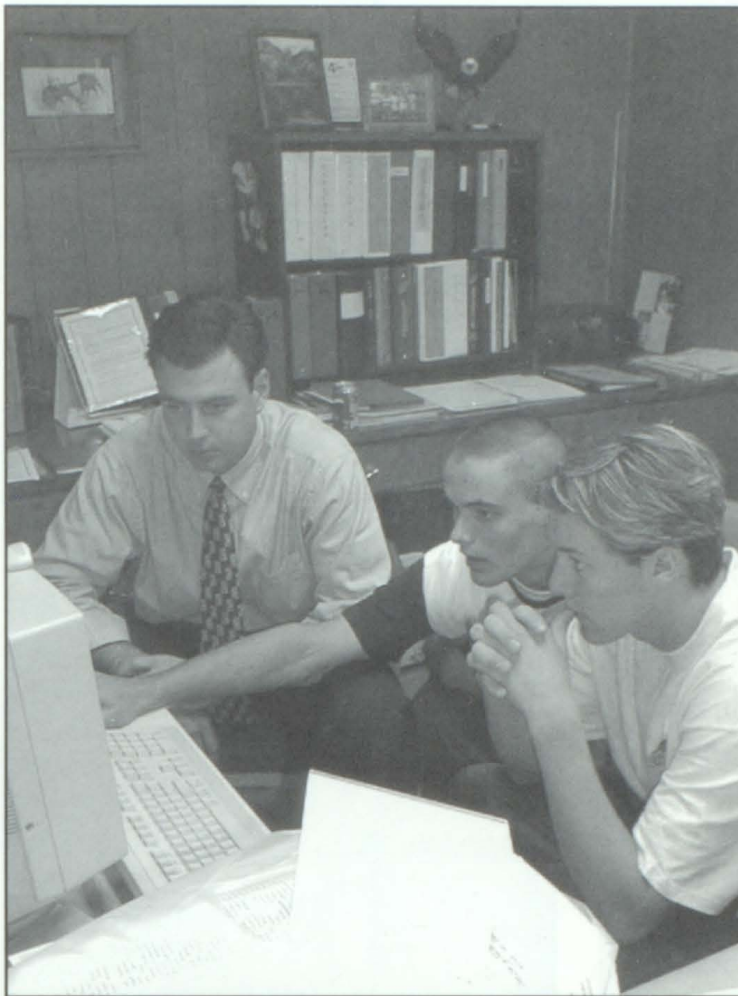
Creating new opportunities

EHS increases technology



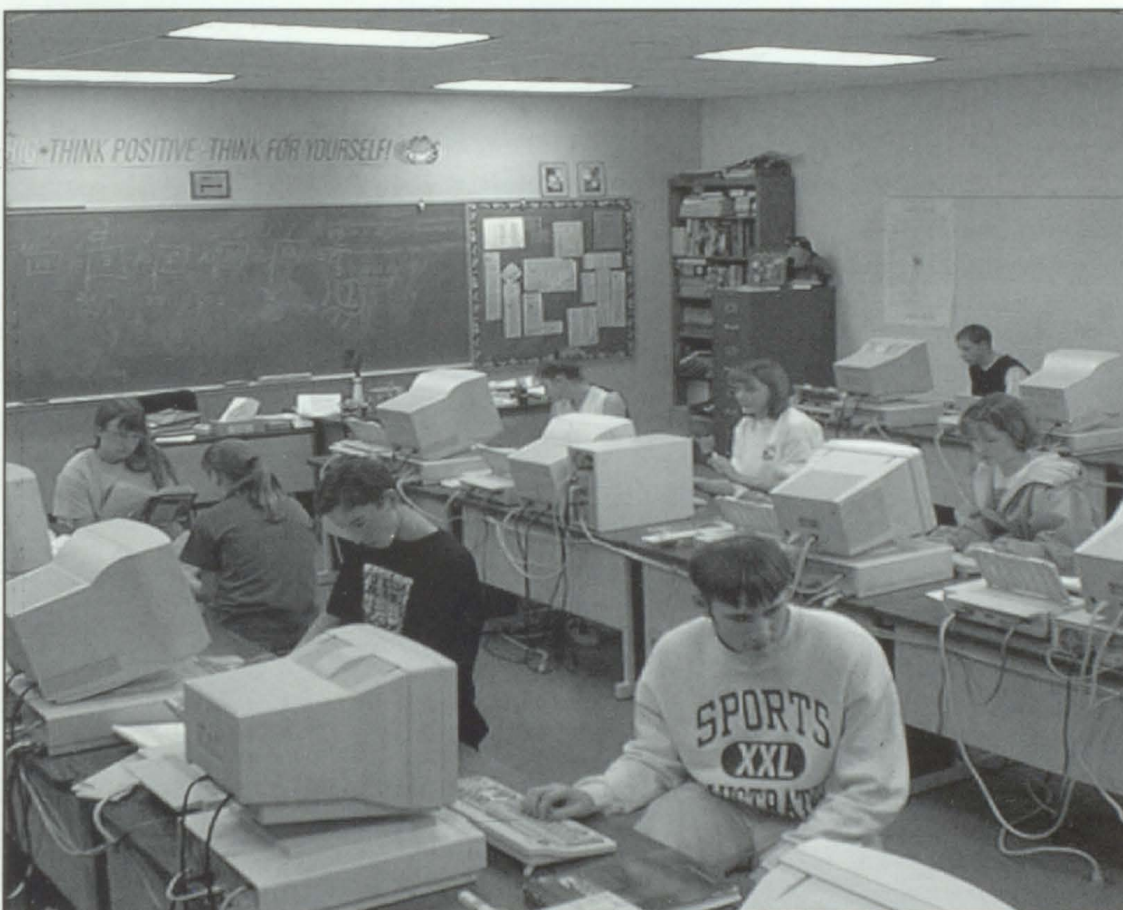
Being in a high school that is very computer and technology related gives me the chance to continue doing things I love, even in school. It has increased my interest in graphic arts as well as many other areas that I plan to use in the future.

Jesse Leiker, jr.



Learning the tricks of the trade. Superintendent Brad Neuenswander watched attentively as Juniors Jesse Leiker and Jr. LaBarge demonstrated how to construct a web page. (Photo by June Howard)

Mr. Terry Zerfas oversees the fifth year mechanical drafting students as they put the finishing touches on their floor plans. The first semester final included drafting a garage. (Photo by Maren Smith)



Polishing their typing skills, the seventh hour computer applications class finishes their assignment. The

students were expected to learn to use the computer without the aide of a mouse and with covered keys. Be-

sides computer skills, the students learn to operate a typewriter, as well. (Photo by Maren Smith)



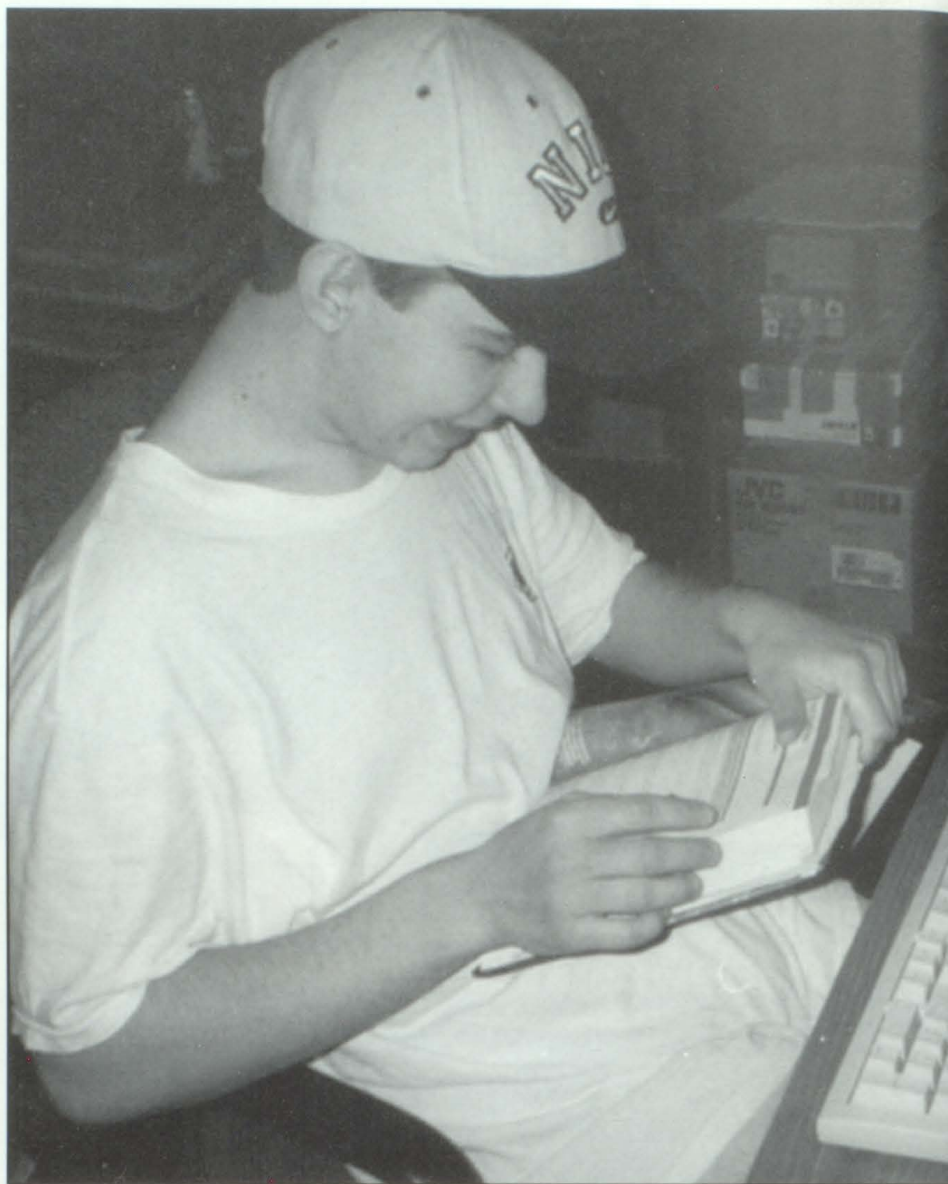
Meeting the deadline. As Raleen Fisher, jr., checked bills, Wes Rathbun, sr., looked over the senior layout. The yearbook staff dwindled to nine, a large decrease compared to the previous year's 16. Consequently, the staff didn't write a monthly newspaper, but instead published a news magazine. (Photo by Maren Smith)

Classes, sports, clubs, friends, and homework were all part of the high school experience. Every day EHS students tried to keep up with everything that went on in life and keep their grades up. Taking home 35 minutes of homework a night was not unusual for EHS students, according to a survey taken of grades nine through 12.

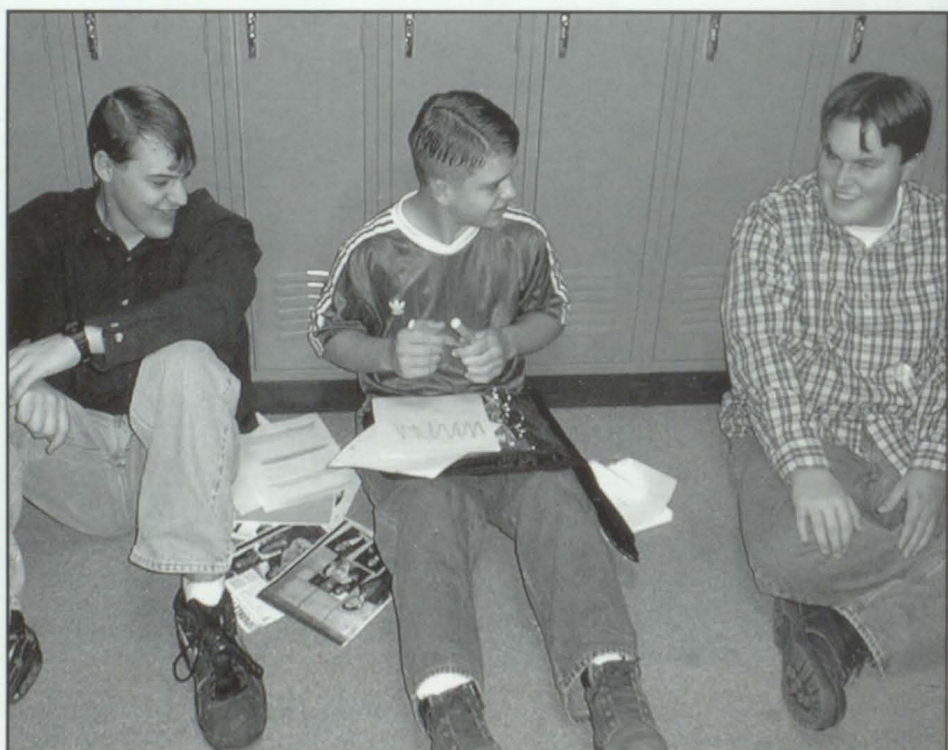
21 Students, on average, said they left at least one subject to complete during the day, and unless there was a concert or a game, 5 out of 6 of students surveyed had their assignments ready to hand in when class started.

Balancing work with fun was sometimes a challenge, but EHS students managed to do it even if it meant doing homework during a slow period at work, while waiting in a doctor's office, or driving to Hays.

Eric Newton, jr., studies his Algebra II assignment in front of his home computer. Newton said he spent several hours on the computer before he started his homework. (Photo by Ryan Newton)



Danny Haas, fr., prepares a speech with the help of Seniors Preston Bollig and A.J. Hill. At EHS the most common reasons for not getting homework done were forgetting an assignment or being too tired. (Photo by Anne Madorin)



Homework Habits

What We Say...

What We Mean...

"I usually get too busy watching t.v. to get my homework done. Then I have to get busy the next day at school so it will be done when the teacher asks for it, or I have to come up with some good excuses."

--Anna Weimer,jr.

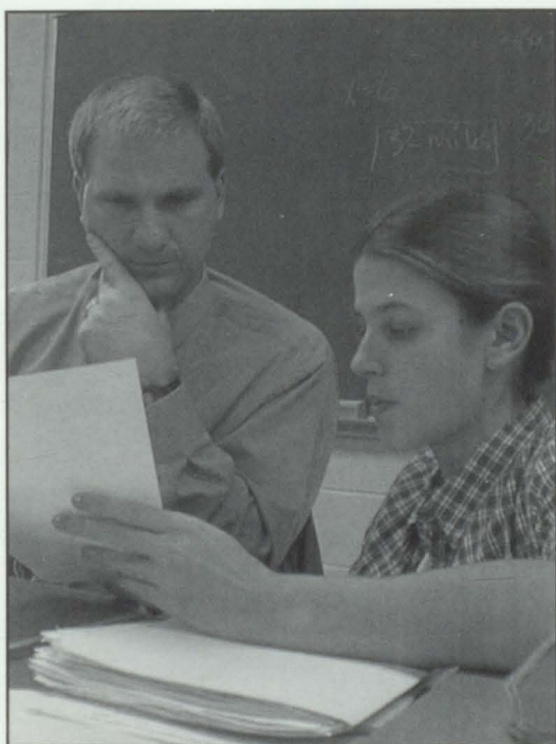


"I left it in my car"...I forgot it, but since we can't go to our cars during the day no one will know the difference.

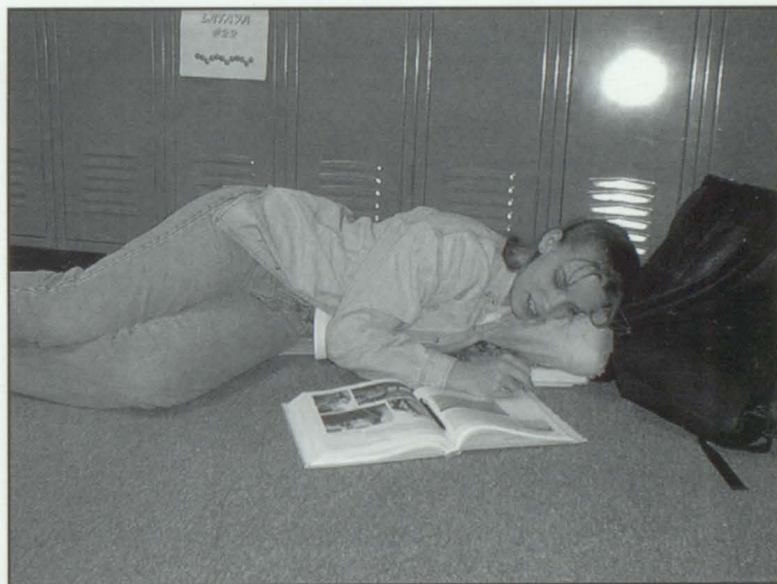
"I don't remember how I did it...My friend gave me the answers, and all I had to do was fill in the blanks.

"You didn't tell us we had a quiz"...I forgot to read the material.

"I don't know how to do it"...I stayed up watching David Letterman and haven't even looked at it.



Felicity Waldschmidt, so., asks Mr. Mick for help on her Algebra II assignment. Students used the time before school to get help on the previous day's homework. (Photo by Wes Rathbun)



Lataya Bradstreet, sr., goes over a physics assignment before going to class to take the test. Bradstreet, like 3 out of 4 EHS students, left some of her homework to do during the time before school or during the lunch hour. (Photo by Anne Madorin)

Activities



Taking a shot, Junior Anne Madorin shoots a goal for two in the first game of sub-state against the Stockton Tigers. During the season Madorin, third year basketball player, tied her school record of nine blocked shots in one game. The Lady Railers lost to Stockton in the first round sub-state game. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)

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During the sports seasons, there were many surprises in store. The first surprises were a new head volleyball and football coach.

A second surprise came during the winter sports season when the boys' basketball went to state since the first time since 1981.

Another surprise was the lack of participation in spring sports.

All of these combined made students deal with



Senior Terri Kroeger attempts to jump over high jump. Kroeger also participated in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles during her four years of track. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Coach Art Schoenthaler instructs the Railers during a timeout. Six players received MCL honors. Second team: Matt LaBarge, sr., Brad Schoenthaler, sr., and Jr. LaBarge, jr.; Honorable mention: Jared Wickham, sr., Chris LaBarge, jr., and Clint Amrein, so. (Photo by Crystal Augustine)



Gathering in a huddle, the Railers celebrate the Homecoming victory over Osborne. Brad Schoenthaler, sr., scored a 70-yard touchdown to win the game. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Matt Dinkel, so., dives for the ball as teammates look on. The team of 27 players were 4-5 for the season. The district record was 1-2. (Photo by Linda Riedel)





"Not being able to play was hard, but I'm glad I found a way to help the team."

--James Prout, sr.

Prout, team manager, wraps Jr. LaBarge's arm before a game while Caleb Becker, sr., watches. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Coach Art Schoenthaler and team watch from the sidelines. Schoenthaler took over the program after Stan Faulkender resigned. Schoenthaler was an assistant coach the previous year. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

11-2. Most teams would love to sport this ratio in a win/loss record, but for the Rainers this ratio presented a huge challenge. The 1998 season started with the loss of 11 seniors and only 2 returning starters. Therefore, the team needed people to step up and lead the team. "I think the four seniors stepped up and took the leadership role. We also had a lot of underclassmen step up, but it was a team effort. Everyone did their part," said Chris LaBarge, jr.

Big shoes to fill

New coach and lack of returning starters pose challenge for Railer football team

Tyler Watson, so., runs the ball down the field.

Watson was one of six sophomores moved up to help the varsity. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Alert and ready. Juniors Emily Edmonds, Anne Madorin, and Senior Leah Ziegler anticipate Senior LaTaya Bradstreet's pass. Edmonds received MCL Honorable Mention. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)

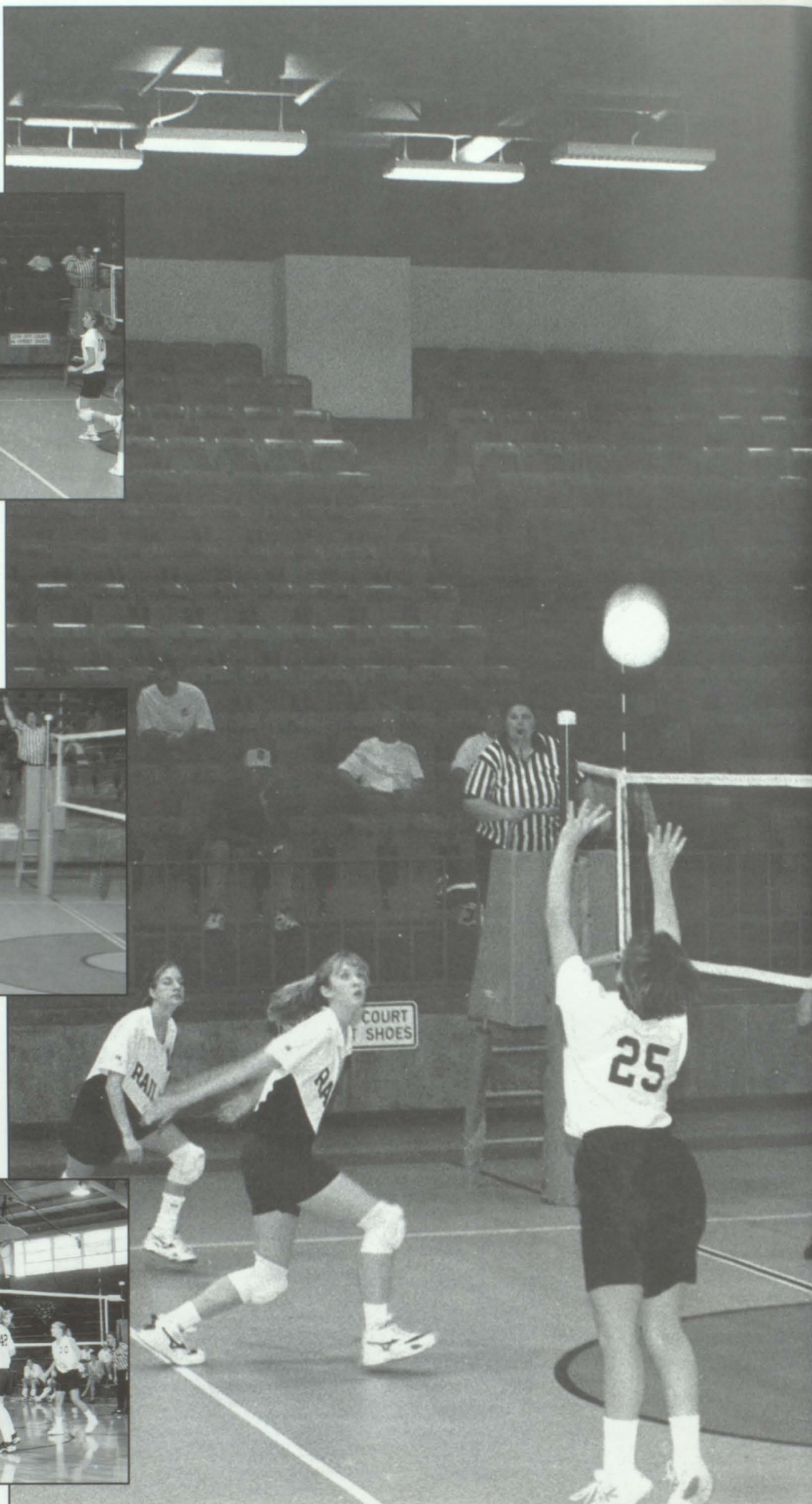
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Anne Madorin, jr., Anna Weimer, jr., and Leah Ziegler, sr., pump each other up during a substitution. The team was led by four seniors. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



Going, going, gone. Juniors Kristen Hazen, Christy Kinderknecht, and Sophomore Brandi Lang watch as the ball sails out of their opponents' reach at the Ellis Invitational. (Photo by The Ellis Review)



T ime of change

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Railer volleyball team finishes with a record of 8-15 under the direction of Karen Madorin and Kerry Bittel

Change is "What people fear most," according to Fedor M. Dostoievski. While some people cower from change, Mrs. Karen Madorin embraced it. Madorin took over as head volleyball coach after Mr. Bob Young resigned at the end of the 1997 season. At the opening of the 1998 season, Madorin admitted, "I was excited yet apprehensive. I had much to learn, but I knew this was a great group of girls." Mrs. Kerry Bittel assisted Madorin. The season proved to be not only a learning experience for the new coaches, but for the senior manager Amy Saindon as well.

"They needed my help, and I needed theirs, so we taught each other," said Saindon. In accepting the position, Madorin proved that fear of change is usually worse than change itself.

As Junior Brandi Dinkel sets the ball, Anne Madorin, jr., coils for the spike while Anna Weimer, jr., readies herself to assist. Madorin had a total of 48 kills and held the team record with 98 blocks. "Overall, I was pleased with my performance, but there's still room for improvement," said Madorin. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)



Coach Madorin talks to the team during a timeout. To motivate the team, Madorin distributed inspirational quotes before each game. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)

"Mrs. Madorin was very encouraging the whole year. She never gave up on us, and she believed in us every game, no matter how far behind or ahead we were."--Emily Edmonds, jr. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)

by Maren Smith

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ogether they form one

One senior and four underclassmen form the 1998-99 cross country team

Team (tēm) n. - a group of persons joined together in some action or contest. This is the definition of team, but when the team only consists of five people, it becomes more like a family. A family depends on each other for support, and in a sport like cross country, runners need a lot of support to get through a race.

"We encouraged each other and tried to make everyone feel good about what they'd done," said Mary Dinkel, fr.



Waiting for the race to begin, the cross country team listens to coach Pam Irwin. The team had a tradition of wearing pins on their jerseys at all meets (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Suzie Shepherd, so., stays ahead of her opponents at the Ellis Invitational. During the season Shepherd placed 8th at Ellis, 13th at Plainville, 13th at Hays JV and 4th at Hoisington JV. "Because our team was so small, we offered a lot of support to each other," said Shepherd. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

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"It was kind of hard being the only senior, but I wouldn't change the experience," Jessica Yanda, sr. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

Bryan Saindon, fr., was the only boy out for cross country. "It wasn't as fun as most people would think. I had to listen to the girls whine about their problems every day," said Saindon. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



On your marks! Courtney Poland, fr., Mary Dinkel, fr., Suzie Shepherd, so., and Jessica Yanda, sr., get ready for the gun to go off. The Ellis Invitational was the first meet of the season. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

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Keeping up the pace, Mary Dinkel, fr., fights to stay ahead of her opponents. Dinkel placed second at the Hoisington Freshman Invitational. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)





"I thought cheer camp was very helpful for us. The funnest part was when we were in the dorms. We would play truth or dare, have pillow fights and shaving cream fights. It was a very fun experience." -- Beth Walz, fr. (Photo by Krista Kohl)

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The EHS cheerleaders perform the fight song during the half time in the gymnasium. The fight song dance was choreographed by the 1997-1998 senior cheerleaders. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

During the 1998-1999 school year, the EHS cheerleaders shared many memories together. Terri Kroeger, senior cheerleading captain, remembered an instance when the whole squad was embarrassed. "This year at cheerleading camp we took Valerie Waldschmidt's room keys and gave it to the NCA director. In order for Valerie to get her keys back, she had to do a jump in front of the camp which is made up of 300 girls. When the director found out we had stolen them from her, he made each one of us stand up and do a jump in front of everyone. Not only did we have to jump, but he embarrassed the entire squad."

R emembering the good times

Cheer squad attends NCA cheer camp at Manhattan, bring home the Spirit Stick, Herkie Award and other blue ribbons

"Shake your body, Seniors, shake your body," yells Senior Terri Kroeger during the class competition at the pep rally held for the upcoming football and volleyball season. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)

Nickole Henderson, fr., and Denise Augustine, so., show off their new dance uniforms. The cheerleaders performed dances during halftime of the boys' basketball games. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Krista Kohl, so., and Valerie Waldschmidt, fr., fill cups of water at the Ellis cross country meet. Every cross country season the Ellis cheerleaders attended the home meets to hand out water to all of the runners. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



The 1998-1999 cheerleaders celebrate their victory at cheer camp in Manhattan. The Ellis cheerleaders brought home the cheer stick six years in a row. (Photo by Krista Kohl)



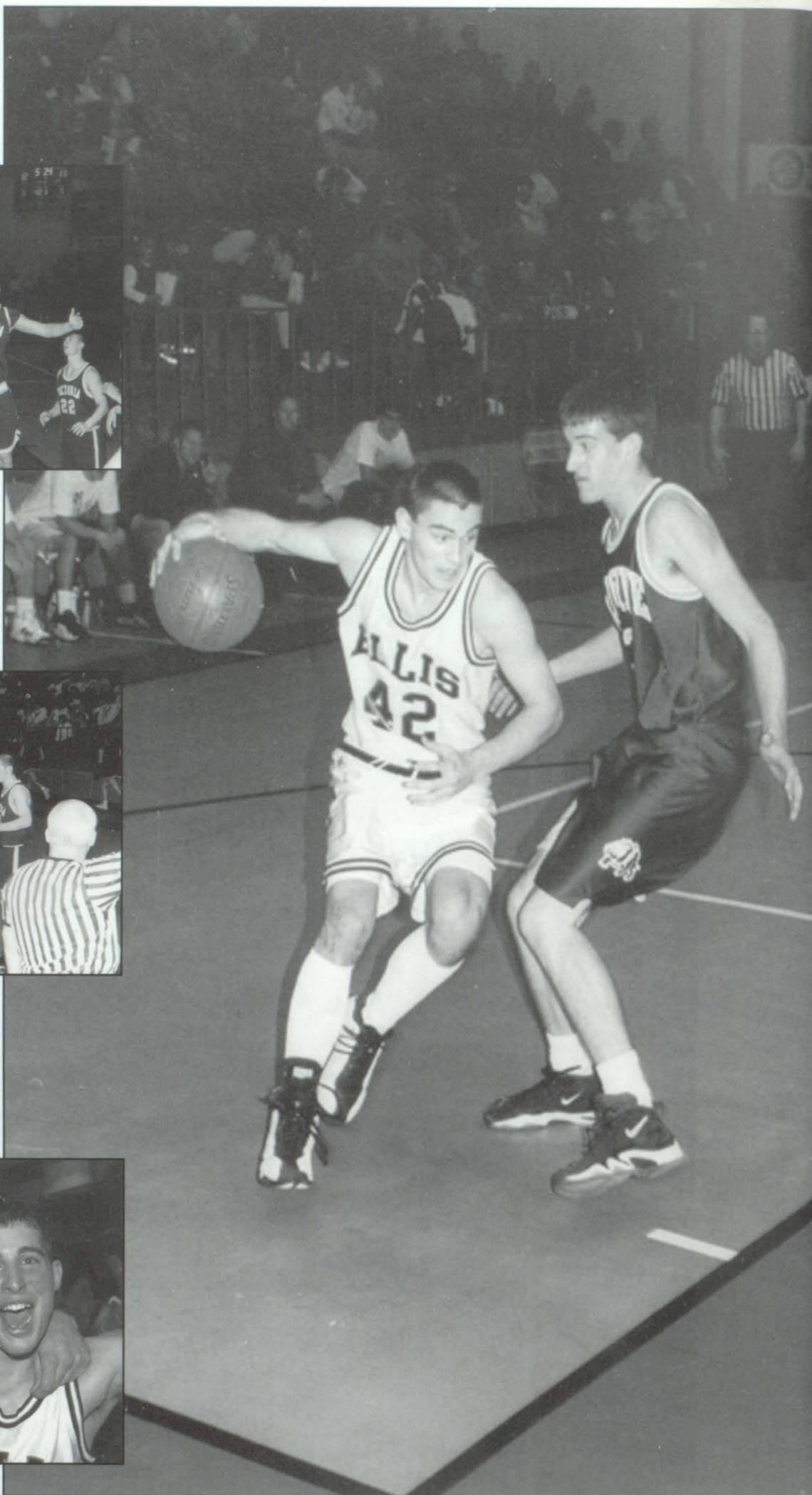
James Prout, sr., takes the shot for two. Prout was one of the four seniors on the basketball team. Others were Brad Schoenthaler, Jason Homewood, and Caleb Becker. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



Seniors Jason Homewood, James Prout and Junior Luke Karlin wait for the ball to come inbounds. Five juniors, four seniors, four sophomores, and one freshman made up the team. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Junior LaBarge, jr., and Jason Homewood, sr., celebrate after the game. "I've never had a greater moment than when we beat Quinter," said Homewood. (Photo by Linda Riedel)





"We did a lot better throughout the season than everyone thought we would do"

- Brad Schoenthaler, sr.

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Senior Brad Schoenthaler takes the lay-up. The Railers took second in the MCL Tournament due to a loss to Norton. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



Sub-state Champions...
Ellis beat Quinter 52-50
"It was great!" said Coach Rorabaugh.
"A real feeling of accomplishment."
(Photo by Linda Riedel)

Who would have thought? They had lost six seniors including their five starters. As a result, not many expected the 1999 boys' basketball team would be traveling to Manhattan for the 2A state tournament. Fortunately, the team surpassed those expectations and became the first EHS boys' basketball team in 18 years to compete at State.

"To make the run we did at the end of this season right up in to the state tournament was simply above and beyond my own realistic expectations," said Coach Rorabaugh.

Expectations surpassed

Season ends with an 18-6 record coached by Chris Rorabaugh, Perry Mick and Kyle Razak

Junior LaBarge, jr., dribbles through the Osborne defense. LaBarge scored the highest number of points for the team throughout the season. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

by Krista Kohl

Junior Brandi Dinkel looks down low for the open pass. The Lady Railers lost to the Stockton Tigers in the first round sub-state game. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



Krista Kohl, so., dribbles to the baseline and looks to Natalie Waldschmidt, so., for the pass. Kohl and Waldschmidt played JV and also for varsity. (Photo by the Ellis Review)



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"M-T-X-E," the varsity girls shout after a time-out huddle with Coach Robert Young. MTXE stood for Mental Toughness Extra Effort. (Photo by the Ellis Review)



Unity among players

Exchanging gifts on game day inspires
Lady Railer basketball players

Once a week the EHS girls' basketball team had something special waiting for them at school: a gift from their secret pal.

At the beginning of the season, the team drew names and were told not to tell whose name they had. They would then buy a small gift for their pal on game day.

"It was exciting to see what you received each game day," said Junior Christy Kinderknecht. "It was a neat way to bring the team closer together."

At the end of the season, secret pals were revealed while eating pizza and exchanging gifts one last time.



Junior Emily Edmonds keeps her dribble as she is being double teamed. Edmonds was named to the MCL all-league second team. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)

Senior LaTaya Bradstreet shoots the open lay-up at the first round sub-state game in Stockton. Bradstreet was the only senior on the team during the 98-99 season. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



"Basketball this year was a great experience for me because in JV I got game experience and varsity was my goal." --Natalie Waldschmidt, so.

(Photo by the Ellis Review)

L aBarge makes it to state

Six wrestlers place at the MCL tournament;
one makes it to state by placing first at regionals

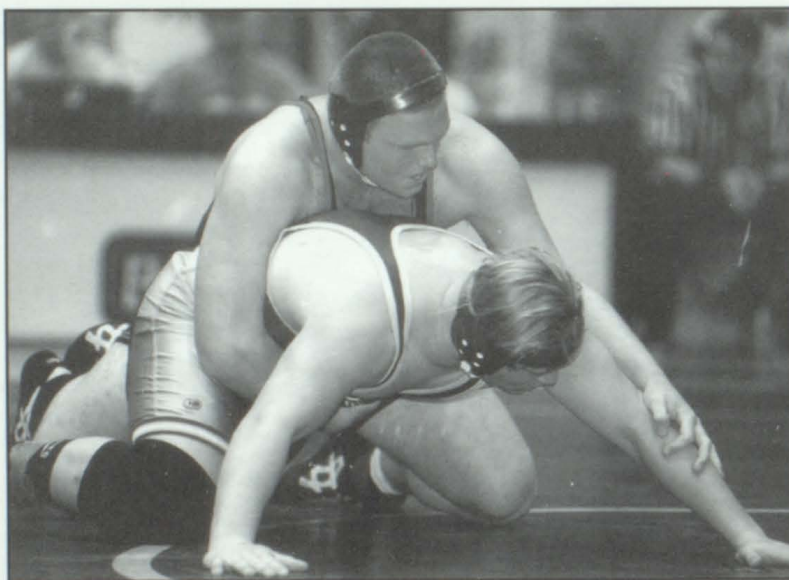
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On Feb. 20, the EHS wrestling team attended the regional wrestling meet at Norton. At the meet senior Matt LaBarge qualified for state a second time by winning 9-7 against Nathan Howard of Atwood.

A week later, LaBarge wrestled at the 3-2-1A state meet at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. LaBarge, who did not place in state, lost in the first match, won by a pin in the second and lost in overtime in the third.

"It was worth going to state because I got to meet many good wrestlers," said LaBarge.

I got him now. Senior Matt LaBarge fights hard to win his match at state. Earlier in the season, LaBarge placed third at the MCL tournament and the Senior Prairie Classic. (Photo by John Begler)

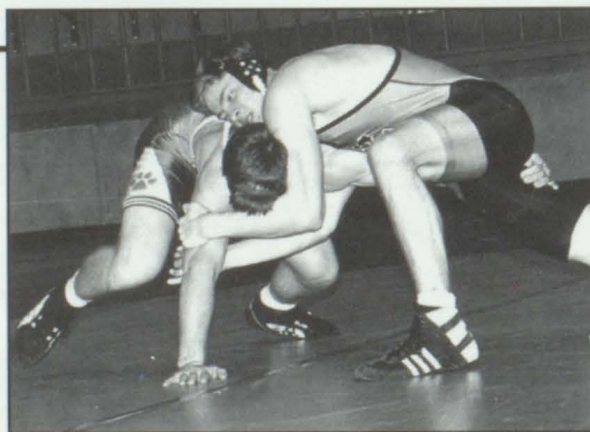


Daniel Dinkel, fr., listens to Coach Casey Dinkel as he prepares to wrestle during the MCL tournament at Norton. Dinkel, who had a record of 17-15, placed third at MCL and the Ellsworth tournaments. "The kid I beat at MCL was the kid I lost to twice earlier in the season," said Dinkel. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

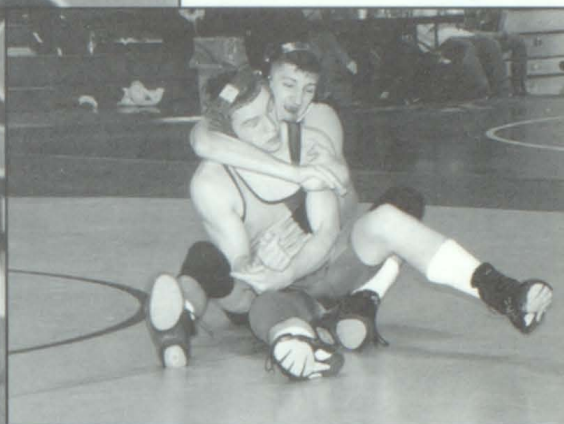
"The hardest part about wrestling was making weight every week."

--Dean Yanda, so.

(Photo by The Ellis Review)



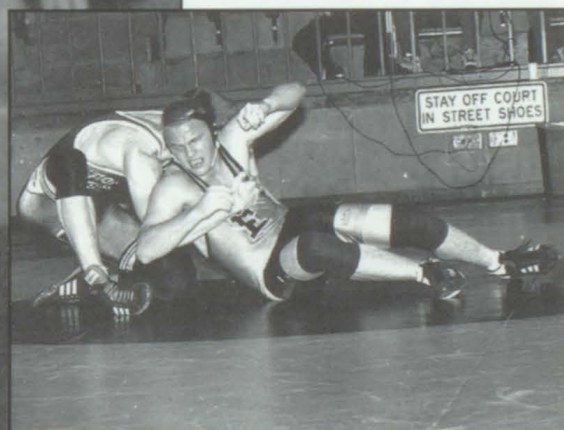
Working for a victory, Derek Schoenthaler, jr., decides which move will work best for a victory. Schoenthaler wrestled in the 145 lb. division and received third at the Ellsworth Invitational. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Sophomore Clint Amrein wrestles against Stockton opponent James Lowry during the Stockton match. This match was the only home meet held this year. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Junior Chris LaBarge works to get a pin at the Ellis wrestling tournament on Jan. 16. Early in the season, LaBarge dislocated his elbow during the Senior Prairie Classic. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



"I focus on chipping at practice because I'm not very good by the greens." -- Sam Shubert, so.

Juniors Tyler Fisher and Travis Keller talk with Coach John Kolancy while waiting to tee off. Fisher and Keller played a practice round before regionals.
(Photo by Raleen Fisher)



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Suburban stories were a big tradition every year for the Ellis golf team, and 1999 was no exception. Though many stories were told, Nick Keller's story reigned as most memorable:

"We were golfing at Phillipsburg. On the first hole I hit the ball, and it went out of bounds. I hit another one, and it also went out of bounds. Finally on the third hit, it stayed in bounds. We finished the first hole and moved to the second. On hole two there was a guy across the street yelling something. He had found my ball. He threw it across the street, but it didn't make it. It hit the curb on our side, bounced back and hit a car driving on the street."

The True Story

Every golf meet Sophomore Nick Keller has a "true story" to tell on the suburban

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Junior Tyler Fisher takes a break from the course.

Fisher advanced to state after placing 3rd at the Ellis regional tournament. Fisher scored an 84 at state which put him two strokes away from placing in the top 20.
(Photo by Raleen Fisher)

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by Raleen Fisher



Sophomore Nick Keller takes a couple of practice swings behind the tee box. Keller participated on the varsity team for his first time during the '99 season. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Travis Keller, Jr., and Nick Keller, Sr., practice putting to prepare for regionals. Regionals were held at the Ellis Country Club for the second year in a row. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Senior Jared Wickham shows off his golf tricks while waiting to tee off. Wickham was the only senior on the varsity golf team during the 1999 season. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Gathering power, Caleb Becker, sr., gets ready to release the discus. Becker's farthest throw at the Ellis Invitational was 91'11". (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)



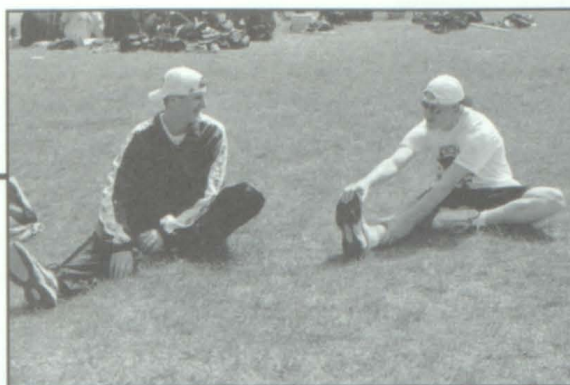
Reaching for the end of the sand, Clint Amrein, so., makes his jump. Amrein jumped at two meets with a longest jump of 17'2". Amrein also ran the 400, 4x400, and 4x100 during the season. (Photo by Debbie Waggoner)



As second leg of the 4x8, Bryan Saindon, fr., gets ready to go for his second lap. The relay took fourth place at the Ellis Invitational. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)



"At each meet Brad and I perform our victory stretch ritual. Track was fun this year, and I learned a lot, though it was my first year out." Derek Schoenthaler, jr.



Passing the baton on to teammate Bryan Saindon, fr., Hector Hernandez, so., finishes his leg of the race. (Photo by Ellis Review)



Every athlete is asked to try new things and test his limits. Usually these athletes are given their new events a few days before competition in order for them to practice. In some cases, though, points are needed to help the team score, so an athlete is thrown into a new and unpracticed event.

"At Pawnee Heights we needed extra points and there were only four people in the pole vault so I asked Brad if he wanted to rack up some points. He ended up placing second," said Jack Wolf, coach.

Trying something new

Helping earn points for the team can sometimes put you in an event you've never done before

Arching his back and kicking his feet, senior James Prout clears the bar. Prout jumped a personal best of 5'10" at the Ellis Invitational and received a third place medal. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Seasoned hurdler Paula Augustine, sr., relaxes between events. Augustine helped lead the team to a second place win at La Crosse. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



"When I long jumped or triple jumped, I was scared that I would fall and hurt my broken hand. I had to learn not to catch myself with my left hand," said Jill Homewood, so. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Pace yourself! Sophomore Suzie Shepherd runs the two-mile at the Ellis Invitational. Shepherd placed first in the event at La Crosse. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Reaching for success. Sophomore Natalie Waldschmidt, Freshman Valerie Waldschmidt and Juniors Amber Keller and Christy Kinderknecht await their events. The girls' track team attended seven regular - season meets in addition to regionals and state. Jill Homewood,so., placed sixth at state in the triple jump and seventh at state in long jump. Emily Edmonds,jr., placed eighth at state in javelin and broke the school record as well. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

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I t's just nerves

Girls' track team learns to deal with pre-event jitters and anxiety

The girls on the Ellis High School track team took competing very seriously. They cared a great deal for how well they performed in their events. They cared so much, in fact, that it often led to sweaty palms and butterflies in stomachs.

The athletes developed their own methods for dealing with nerves, discovering themselves making extra trips to the restroom or taking a few laps around the track.

But while the veterans possessed past experiences from which to draw, the freshmen had to learn the hard way. "I look at everyone else, and I tell myself 'you are going to beat them,' take a deep breath, and focus on myself," said Carissa Deutscher,fr.



"When I get nervous, I drink a lot of water or Gatorade before my event to give me more energy," said Valerie Waldschmidt, fr. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



"To prevent nervousness before an event, I jump up and down and stretch a lot." -- Krista Kohl,so.

(Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Putting on an act

Forensics team consists of four seniors, nine juniors, 10 sophomores, and four freshmen

Most people know what goes on during each round of forensics. Contestants perform their poems, IDAs, or whatever their event may be. But what goes on between each round?

"There's not too many things to choose from. Natalie and I usually goof around, eat, sleep and scope out guys," said Felicity Waldschmidt, so.

While some practice their selections, others take time to relax and gather themselves for the next round, hoping to prepare themselves for a one rating.

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Jessica Yanda, sr., Jesse Leiker, jr., Travis Keller, jr. and Felicity Waldschmidt, so., were the four state forensics finalists. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

"The funnest thing about going to Wichita was talking back and forth on the cb's."

-Christy Kinderknecht, jr.

(Photo by Bryan Saindon)



Freshman
Bryan
Saindon
carefully
putts his
golf ball
into the
hole. The
night before
the state
tournament
the forensics
team went
golfing in
McPherson
to give them
a road
break.
(Photo by
Maren
Smith)





Maren Smith, Jr., performs her poem "Out of the Dust." There were 27 students in forensics and 12 qualified for state. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)



Putting on an act, Juniors Travis Keller and Jesse Leiker perform at forensics night. Keller and Leiker placed sixth in their IDA at state forensics. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Jodi Hill, Jr., performs her informative speech at forensics night. Hill performed her informative speech "Crazy Laws" at state forensics in Wichita. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)

Student Life



Grooving into the night, Sophomores Natalie and Felicity Waldschmidt dance with Senior Jason Homewood during the Homecoming dance, held after the game against the Osborne Bulldogs. FX-Unlimited was hired to play music at the event. (Photo by Jessica Yanda)

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A student's life is more than the everyday routine of attending classes and studying. It is a time for a student to get away from the same old routine played over every day.

Many students got away from the everyday routine by participating in outside activities like Homecoming spirit week and prom. Other students got away from the everyday routine by holding down a job after school or on the weekends. All of these had students seeing things

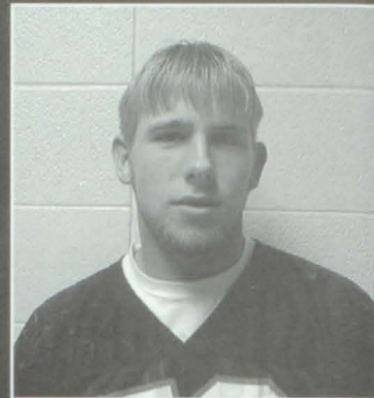
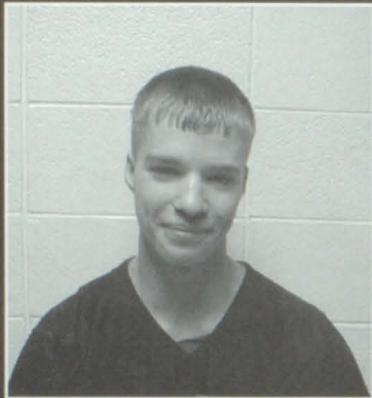
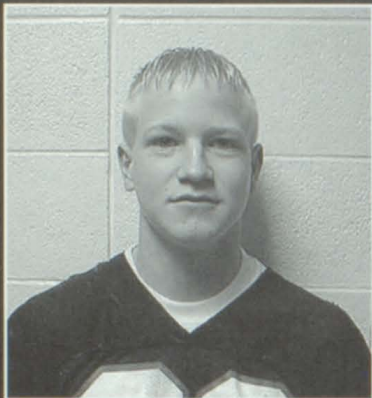


Members of the EHS marching band play a during halftime of an Ellis High School football game. The band played at halftime during basketball and football games. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



From their point of view

Victorious Railers



Describe winning your senior Homecoming game.

Brad Schoenthaler: It was a great feeling. It always feels good to win at home in front of lots of fans, and it was fun giving them a good game.

Wes Rathbun: It was really hard not being able to play all year, but it felt good to watch our team win the game.

Matt LaBarge: I am glad all the hard work we put into practice paid off during the Homecoming game. I will always look back on that game.

Jared Wickham: I was glad to see that we could pull it together in the end. I knew we could, but it made it a lot more memorable.

The 1998 Homecoming game against the Osborne Bulldogs will probably never be forgotten by both football players and fans. The score was 0-0, six seconds remained, and Ellis had the football.

Coach Art Schoenthaler then called a play to be executed by Jr. LaBarge, jr., and Brad Schoenthaler, sr. LaBarge made the pass to Schoenthaler, who completed a 67-yard touchdown.

"I knew that I had lots of running room. If I could break a couple tackles or get a block, I could make it," said Schoenthaler.

And the rest is history.



Sophomores Emily Fischer and Geoff Andrews cruise down Washington Street in the Homecoming parade. The parade was held on Friday, Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m. The floats were displayed at the game. (Photo by Debbie Waggoner)

Homecoming win captured with last second touchdown



Generating class spirit, the seniors send Darin Myers soaring above the crowd. The bonfire was held at the fairgrounds the night before the Homecoming game. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

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Homecoming results

Float Competition

Seniors: fourth place

Juniors: third place

Sophomores: first place

Freshmen: second place

Overall competition

Seniors: fourth place

Juniors: first place

Sophomores: third place

Freshmen: second place



1998 Homecoming royalty:

Leah Ziegler; flower girl Rachel Mick; Queen LaTaya Bradstreet; crown bearer Daniel Honas; Wendy Hauschild; Brad Schoenthaler; King Jared Wickham and Chad Zerfas. (Photo by Crystal Augustine)

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Peace man. Juniors Kristen Hazen and Jesse Leiker give the peace sign. On Celebrity Day Hazen and Leiker were dressed as Dharma and Shaft, characters in TV shows. The Juniors tied for second with the Seniors in class participation. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Senior officers Leah Ziegler and Amanda Kuhn auction off deserts at the food box auction. The food box auction earned \$488 for the Red Cross Flood Relief. (Photo By Linda Riedel)

Top 5 reasons to be a Kayette

5. Get to make food for box auction but don't get to eat it
4. Get to spend a lot of money on a dress which will probably only be worn once
3. Senior Appreciation Week
2. No boys are allowed
1. To be in a service organization to help out those in need



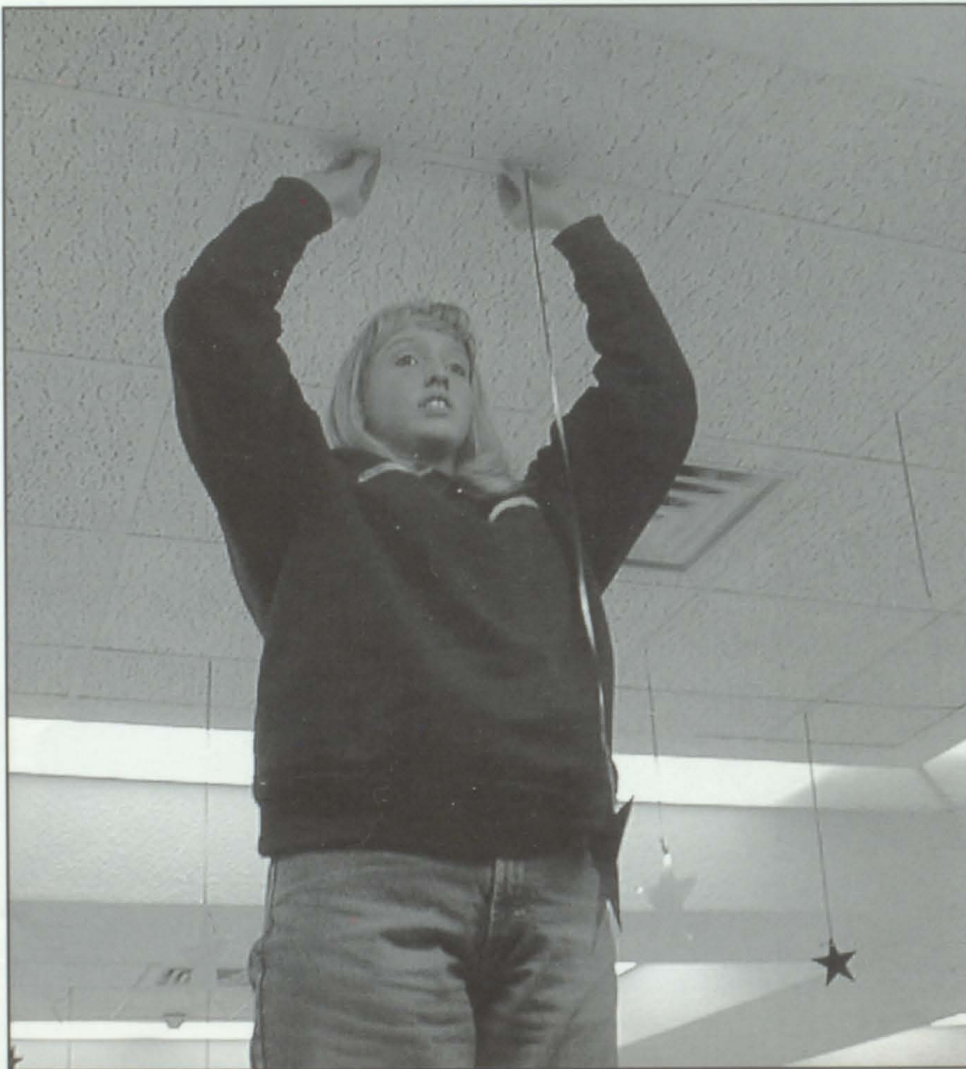
Kayettes try new projects to earn points to go to Snoball



The 1999 Snoball Royalty.

Front row: Queen Terri Kroeger and King James Prout. Row 2: Freshmen Danny Haas and Kelli Wagoner, Juniors Jonas Luea and Kim Bieker, and Sophomores Danielle Honas and Luke Ernst. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Hanging stars on the ceiling, Sophomore Danielle Honas helps decorate for the Snoball dance. The Kayettes spent approximately \$1,200 on decorations, invitations, refreshments and outfits for the servers. (Photo by Ryan Newton)



Helping Others



If money weren't an issue, who would design your dress and what would it look like?

Jessica Yanda, sr: I would have some big New York designer make it. It would be long, sleek, and red with thin straps. It would have a slit on one side.

Amber Keller, jr: I would have Senior Gypsy Hilbrink design it. It would be a long, jade dress with a slit all the way up to the thigh with rose prints barely showing.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler, so: Tommy Hilfiger would design it. It would be a long blue dress and have Tommy written on the back with red and white straps.

Amanda Zachman, fr: I would have Calvin Klein design it. It would be long, silky and glamorous with spaghetti straps. It would be any color except pink.



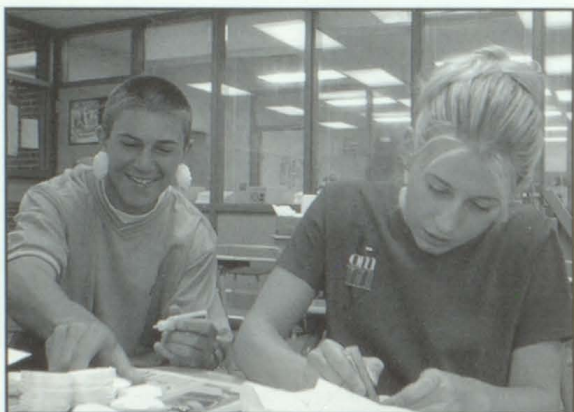
Jr. LaBarge, jr., enjoys eating his cookies that he purchased at the Kayette food box auction. The Kayettes were given a point toward Snoball for making a food box. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

During the 1998-99 year the Kayettes needed 11 points to attend Snoball. Even though the Kayettes were gaining points to attend Snoball, the main reason for the projects was to help others. The Kayettes collected canned foods, brought tissues for the school and had a food box auction, donating the money to the Red Cross Flood Relief.

Along with the traditional projects, the Kayettes added two new projects to their list. They purchased Gatorade drinks for the girls' basketball team, and they had a Senior Appreciation Week instead of an initiation. Prior to the week the freshmen were assigned secret seniors, and then they gave the seniors a gift every day of the week. On Friday the seniors and freshmen had a pizza lunch.

Sophomores Felicity and Natalie Waldschmidt pose for the camera at prom. The other servers were Derric Fuchs, Danielle Honas, Dean Yanda, Todd Walker, Brandi Lang, Matt Dinkel, Suzie Shepherd, Geoff Andrews, Kayci Weimer and Tyler Watson. (Photo by Crystal Augustine)

Junior Tyler Fisher sports a new earring style. Tyler and Raleen Fisher, jr., worked to complete the name plates for the dinner table at prom. (Photo by Cindy Hertel)



Seniors Wendy Hauschild and Crystal Augustine make a final prom toast. The 98-99 prom theme was symbolized on the glasses by a pair of kissing fish. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)

Brett Seibel, jr., dines while talking with his friends. Chicken, corn, noodles with alfredo sauce and a roll were the main course on the menu. (Photo by Crystal Augustine)



Prom brought treasures
one can not find in a boat

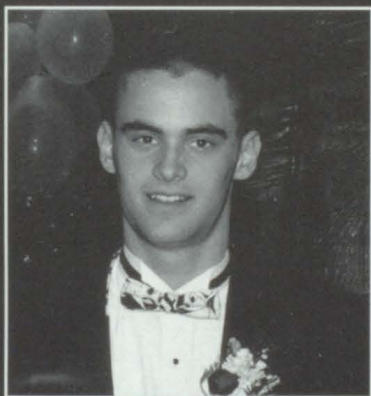
Cutting away, Juniors Derek Schoenthaler and Christy Kinderknecht work on creating a sunken ship. The juniors spent approximately \$3,400 on the Depths of Love theme. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Walking through the front doors of the high school, students were transported from the Ellis High School lobby to an undersea world, complete with a sunken ship. However, the enchanting decorations were not the only thing students will remember. "I hurt my leg before prom so I was stuck on crutches, but everybody came and danced with me while I was sitting on my chair, and my boyfriend carried me to the dance floor for our song. It was a prom I will never forget," said Amy Saindon, sr.

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Treasured Moments



What was one moment about prom you will always remember?

Jr. LaBarge, jr.: Being with my senior friends for one last time.

Elona Elezi, sr.: Going out with my friends and having fun before I graduated.

Preston Bollig, sr.: One moment I will not forget is everyone going insane over the little blue rocks and the big fish balloons.

Crystal Augustine, sr.: The seniors gathering around in a circle during Greenday's song "Good Riddance."

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he ritual countdown commenced at the start of the second semester. Tired, stressed students couldn't wait for summer vacation and excitedly marked off the remaining days on their 1998-99 calendars. Few knew that Mr. Bill Dietz, the band instructor at EHS, also counted the days. His countdown, however, was to retirement.

Leaving not only the school district, his positions in the junior high and the high school, Dietz said farewell to 30 years of joy and frustration. One of his fondest memories was getting 1 ratings at state contest. And even though motivating the students proved to be the director's biggest challenge, "I'll miss teaching because I'll miss my kids," Dietz confided. "I never felt as old as I was because the students kept me in a young attitude."

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Going out with a bang. Mr. Bill Dietz directs the pep band during a basketball game. Although uncertain of his plans after retirement, Dietz mentioned the possibility of other music-related career opportunities. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Countdown to May



What is the best thing about being in Railairres?

Travis Keller, Jr.: The best thing is the dinner theater. Not only are we able to put on a show and sing songs we like, we get to eat lots of great food.

Molly Honas, Jr.: The greatest thing is the people. Everyone gets along, and there are never any fights. They are a lot of fun to work with.

Chris Waldschmidt, Jr.: It offers the opportunity for students with common goals and talents to get together to entertain other people.

Krista Kohl, So.: Railairres is great to be in because it's not so serious. It's fun, yet it takes time and practice.

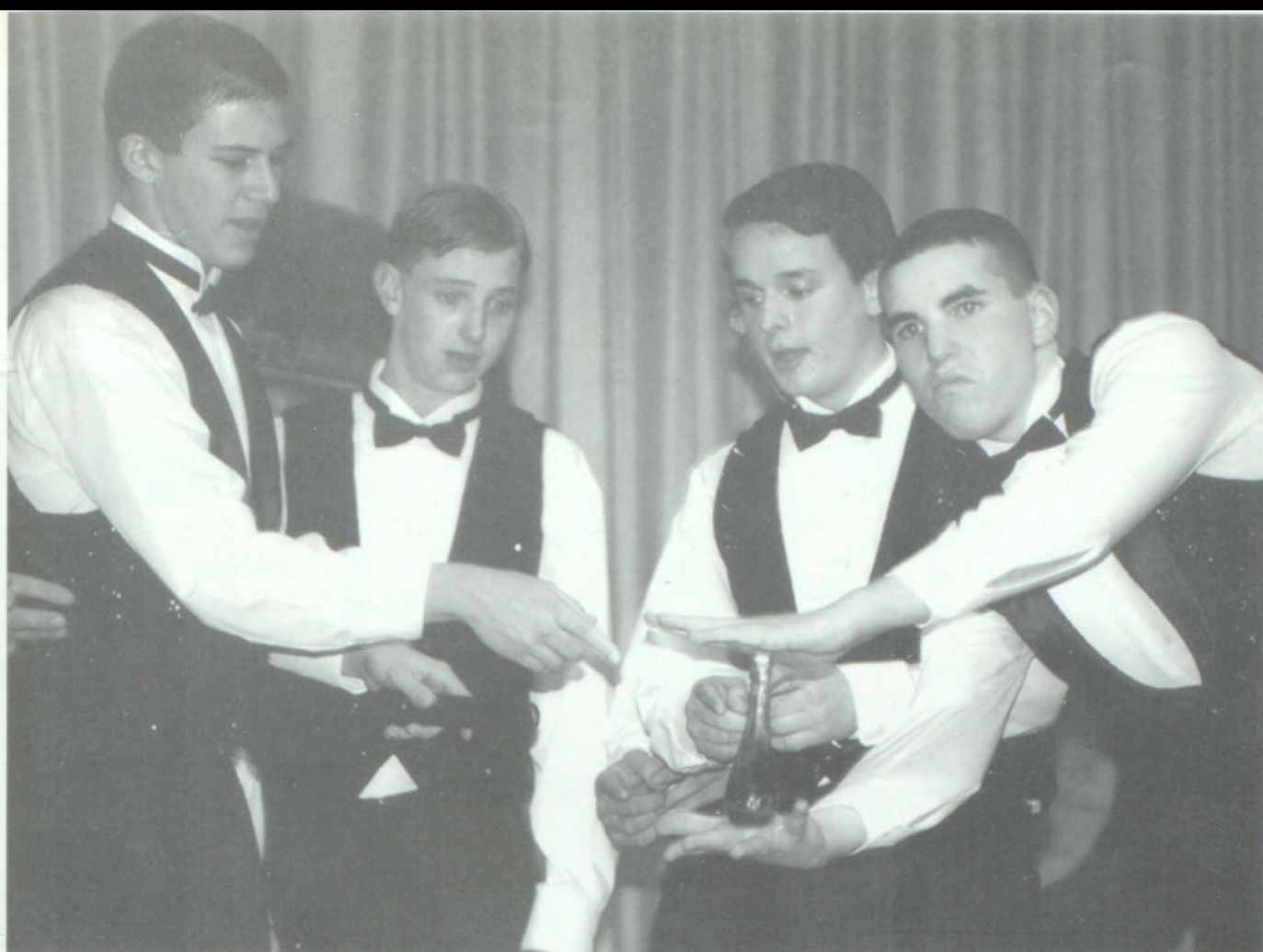
Don't tell me to break a leg;
you never know, I just might



Christy Kinderknecht, jr., takes her bows as the lead character Wendy White. The junior play, "...gave our

class a chance to work together and have fun," said Kinderknecht. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

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Tyler Fisher, jr., Nathen Harwick, sr., Travis Keller, jr., and Aaron Campbell, so., sing *Love Potion No. Nine* at the Dinner Theater. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Working as a team, the juniors put on their annual play. *The Envelope, Please* was a comedy/murder mystery. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Practice makes perfect. Mrs. Kathy Dreiling directs Amy Saindon, sr., and Kristen Hazen, jr., with the girls' sextet during choir. (Photo by Maren Smith)

by Maren Smith

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Point of No Return



If you could have anyone speak at graduation who would it be and why?

Amy Saindon: Magic Johnson, because he could explain to us that life isn't always what you expect. Life can take unexpected turns and you have to deal with it.

Shane Mickelson: I would have Carmen Electra speak at graduation because she is "wow" unbelievably beautiful.

Amanda Kuhn: Oprah Winfrey because she has a very positive attitude about life. Oprah is inspirational and has been very successful in life.

Darin Myers: Michael Jordan because he was a great basketball player. He could teach us to never give up on life. Getting a handshake from him would be nice.

Graduation was a time for the senior class of 1999 to leave their friends behind, a time to forgive and forget, and a time to remember. The seniors spent one last time together before they reached the point of no return.

Although the graduating class still participated in project graduation, it was different from past years because it was hosted by the seniors' parents.

"When I showed up to project graduation, our parents made us eat a doughnut covered with whipped cream, which was hanging from the ceiling before we could enter. It was one of the many original ideas our parents thought up," said Gypsy Hilbrink.



Brad Schoenthaler, one of the two co-valedictorians addresses his speech to the graduating class of 1999. Schoenthaler discussed what he would remember about each classmate. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Class of 1999 says 'goodbye high school, hello world'



Nathan Harwick receives his diploma from Art Schoenthaler, USD 388 board member. Harwick joined 30 of his classmates at project graduation. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

LOOKING BACK AT 1999

Class size: 32

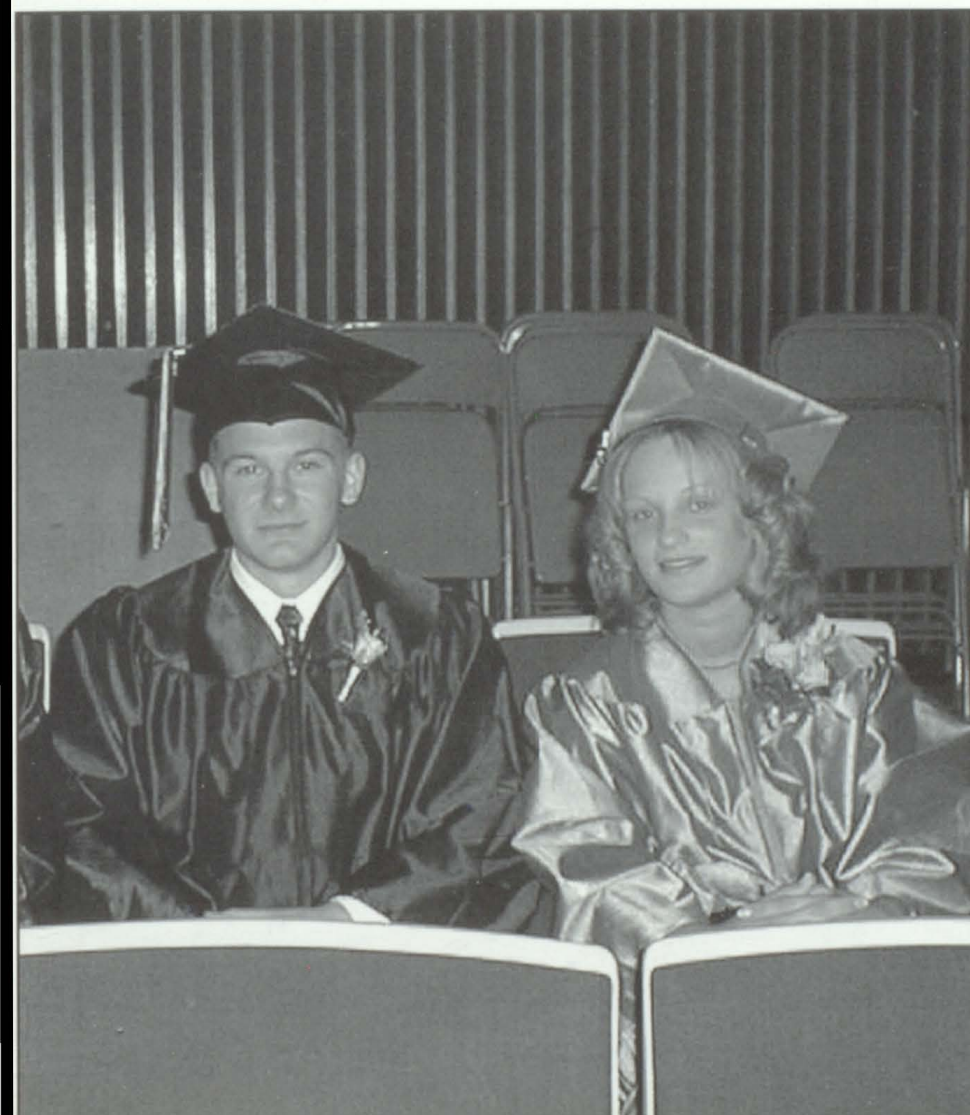
Class colors: Teal and Black

Class flower: Yellow Rose

Class motto: To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe.

Class speaker: Mr. Perry Mick

Co-Valedictorians: Brad Schoenthaler and Wes Rathbun



Most of the senior girls gather together before they receive their diplomas. The seniors arrived at 6 p.m. to take their group photo and then gathered to reminisce in the lobby prior to commencement. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

Ryan Gaschler and Shayla LaBarge wait in the school auditorium for the commencement exercises to begin. The commencement started at 7:30 the night of May 26, 1999. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

FFA secretary Preston Bollig, sr., serves sausage to member Shane Sommers, jr., sausage at the FFA breakfast. FFA week took place the week of Feb. 22-26. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

Things said in FFA and FHA.

1. "Does anybody have fifty cents for a monster cookie?"
2. "Hey, will you get me an orange from Eldon's room?"
3. "I've only sold one magazine. How many have you sold?"
4. "What time did the meeting start, again?"



Fun and service combine
to give to others in need



Junior Molly Honas looks at the gifts at the FHA annual Christmas party. Before the Christmas party, members went to the Good Samaritan Home to carol and decorate the Christmas tree. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)

The freshmen listen carefully to their next directions for the farm animal game. The freshman kidnap introduced freshmen to the benefits of FHA. It started at 12:30 a.m. and lasted until 3:00 a.m. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



Working for a cause



What was the most fun thing you did in FFA and FHA this year?

Maren Smith, Jr.: My favorite thing was the freshman kidnap. Everyone was half asleep, and nobody had any makeup on. It was pretty funny.

Chris LaBarge, Jr.: The breakfast was fun because the officers had to make the food, and I got to eat it.

Kristi Weber, Sr.: The Christmas party was fun because there were a lot of cool gifts.

Bryan Saindon, Jr.: I liked the breakfast because we got to eat a lot of good food.



FFA President Travis Keller, Jr., prepares eggs for the FFA breakfast. FFA taught students about the importance of agriculture, and it also taught leadership skills. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

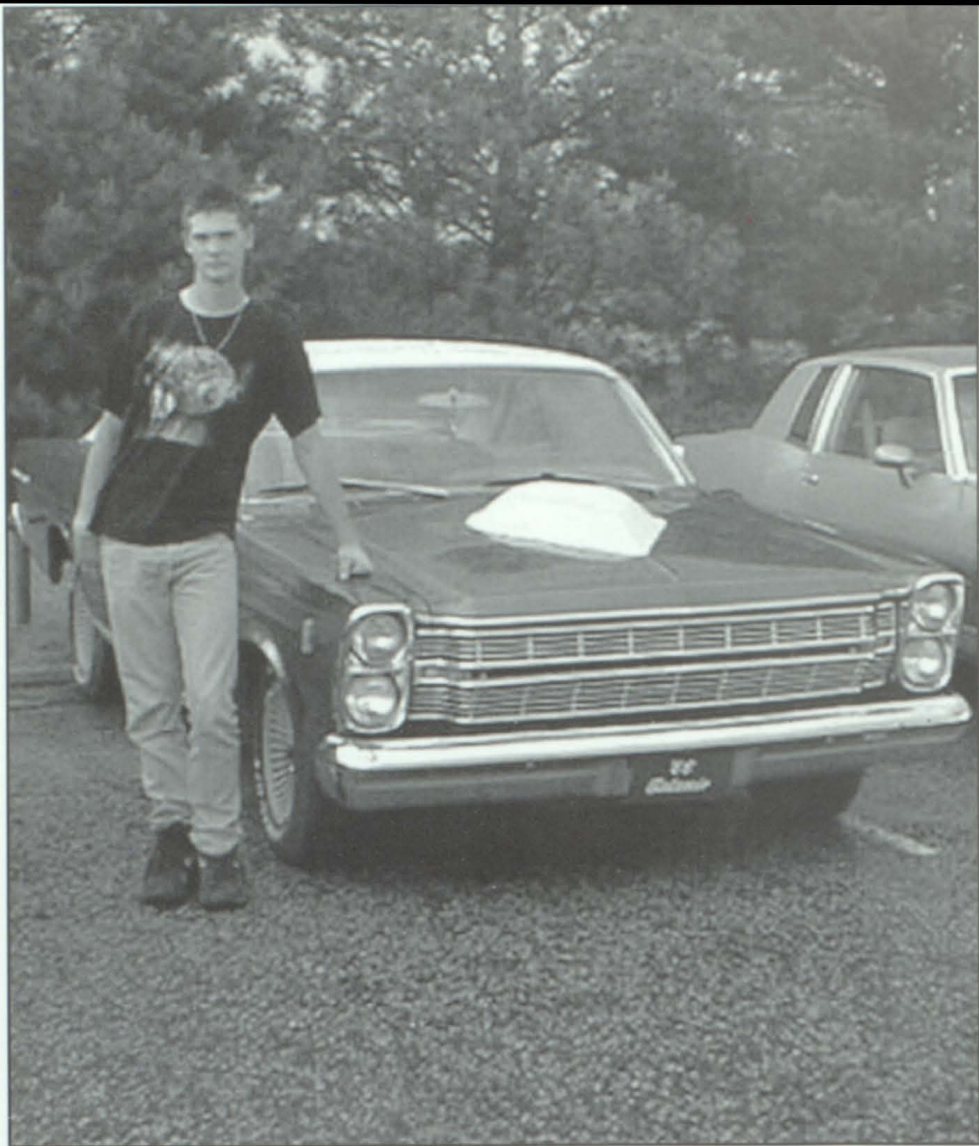
FFA and FHA required a lot of hard work and dedication, but not many people knew it also required fun. "Without fun FFA wouldn't have any members," replied FFA President Travis Keller, Jr.

For example, FFA hosted a barbeque at the beginning of the school to acquaint new members with the organization

FHA also found a fun ways to acquaint new members to the club. They held a potluck supper for the magazine kick-off and once again kidnapped freshmen for a night of fun and food.

Anthony Heroneme, sr., stands by his '66 Galaxy. Heroneme enjoyed working on his car. Some modifications he made were a hood scoop and new tires. The car voted most popular by the EHS students was a Ford mustang. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

Brandon Missel, fr., shows off his unique hairstyle. Students experimented with their hair by dying it and cutting it short. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)

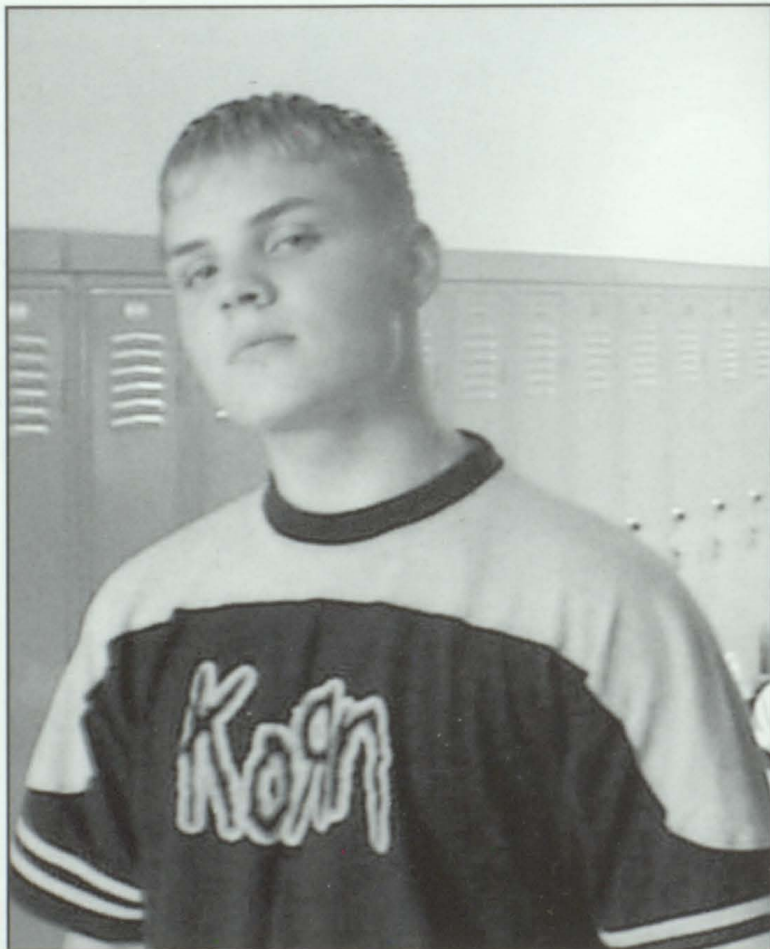


Past fashion mistakes that shouldn't have happened:

1. Afros that gave neck cramps
2. Belt buckles the size of Texas
3. Tight rolled jeans. "What were we doing, preparing for a flood?!"
4. Anything hot pink
5. Mohawks that poked eyes out

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Chris Waldschmidt, jr., wears a Korn shirt almost every day. Korn was one of the most popular bands at EHS. Some of the others popular bands were Metallica, TLC, Kansas, Pink Floyd, N'SYNC, and 2-Pac. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)



Today's trends become tomorrow's faux pas

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ach person is unique. Some are trend setters, others are trend followers, but regardless, each person's taste is a reflection on his/her personality.

"Wear what you like, not what everyone else does," said Wanda Weber, fr., when asked what trend she would like to set.

Many trends set in the 98-99 school year were simple, like butterfly clips and draw-string khakis, but some new fads were hard to miss, like tatoos and belly button rings. Trends also influenced the movies students watched and the music they listened to.

Though trends made us cool, no doubt in twenty years we will still look back and say, "*What were we thinking?*"

Brandi Lang, so., wears butterfly clips in her hair. Some of the other popular symbols were dragonflies, dragons, frogs, flowers and the Nike logo. (Photo by Vicki Solomon)



If you could bring back a style from the past, what would it be?

Kitarie Prout, fr.: Regency style, because I think it is very elegant and beautiful.

Travis Keller, Jr.: The hippie style, no one really cared what they looked like. The long hair, tie-dyed shirts, the sunglasses. Oh, yes. Everyone would be happy.

Molly Kinderknecht, fr.: Poodle skirts, they're fun and different and they can be unique.

Jessica Yanda, sr.: Tight rolls, because they keep you from walking on the hem of your jeans. Just kidding.

Get in the Loop

G

oing to school all day and then going to work for half of the night was an everyday routine to many of the students at Ellis High school during the 1998-1999 school year. Many students needed money to pay for their cars, save for college, or they just wanted extra spending money in their pocket. However, there was a downside to the cash flow. Students who held part-time or even full-time jobs during the school year tended to have less time for their studies. This sometimes reflected on students' grades. "I go to school seven hours a day, and then I go to track practice. After practice, I go to work until about 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. When I get home, I am tired from my long day, so when I try reading or doing homework, I can't concentrate. So I just go to sleep," said Amber Keller, jr.

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Working at the cash register is one of Senior Terri Kroeger's many duties at Alloways and Tastee Freez. As an employee, Kroeger was cross trained for all three restaurants. (Photo by Krista Kohl)



Working Overtime



Why did you choose to hold a job during the school year?

Ryan Gaschler, sr: I need the money to pay for things on my truck.

Krista Kohl, so: At first it was because I wanted extra spending money for my trip to Hawaii, but I decided to stick with it for the extra cash.

Chad Zervas, sr: I wanted to go out for sports, but after I got my new car, I needed a source of income. I regret not going out for sports now, but I also really like my car.

Maren Smith, jr: At first I just wanted the extra cash, but then I bought a car, so I have to keep a job.

I know money doesn't grow
on trees, but I wish it did



Anne Haver, sr., collects money from one more customer. Besides checking, other students worked carryout, stocking and the deli at Rich's IGA. (Photo by Crystal Augustine)

Making one last bed before moving on to another room, Shayla LaBarge, sr., trained to be a CNA at the Ellis Good Samaritan Center. LaBarge worked 25-30 hours a week. (Photo by Gypsy Hilbrink)



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....116 EHS students were surveyed and the following were the most common places of employment....

10. Lumberyard - 3
9. Good Samaritan Center - 4
8. Wal-Mart - 4
7. Ellis Recreation - 5
6. Municipal Pool - 6
5. Farm - 7
4. Rich's IGA/FoodPride - 8
3. Babysitting/Childcare - 12
2. Arthur's Pizza - 15
1. Tastee Freez/Alloways - 23

Working in the kitchen of Alloways restaurant, Tyler Watson, so., finishes putting the last few plates into the dishwasher. Besides dishes the dishwashers helped to prepare the food and keep the kitchen clean. (Photo by Krista Kohl)

by Gypsy Hilbrink

People



Taking a break from school work, Sophomores Brandi Lang, Felicity Waldschmidt, Suzie Shepherd, Kristi Weber, Kayci Weimer, Danielle Honas, and Dean Yanda eat outside during lunch break. Students were allowed to go outside during lunch, but they could not go into the parking lot unless they had permission from a faculty member. (Photo by Ryan Newton)

85	Faculty	62-63
86	Seniors	64-77
87	Juniors	78-79
88	Sophomores	80-81
89	Freshmen	82-83

During the school year there was one thing that some EHS students tried to avoid. That one thing they were trying to avoid was doing their homework because they had much more on their mind besides school. They had more of an idea of what was going on outside of class than inside.

This challenged teachers to keep the students interested and focused. All and all they were trying to



Mr. Max Klitzke advises Sophomore Natalie Waldschmidt on a science problem. Klitzke taught chemistry, biology, and physical science. Klitzke retired after teaching in the district for 12 years. (Photo by Ryan Newton)



Point us in the right direction

Teaching:

"I think I'd be a gangsta rapper. I'd call myself MC Delta T."

Mr. Perry Mick, math instructor

One

"I can think of no better way to make a living than being a teacher. If I could live my life over again ten more times, I would choose to become a teacher all ten of them. Aside from that fact, I have always truly admired emergency medical technicians, doctors, fire-fighters and astronauts, so it is likely that if I were forced to alter my career choice, I would pursue one of those professions. They exist only because of the noblest of all people."

Mr. Jason Jones, student teacher

Of The

"I would want to be an archeologist. I like studying the past. Finding old sites and artifacts would be a wonderful way to put together someone's story of times gone by."

Mrs. Karen Madorin, English instructor

Many

"If I were not in education, I would work for some computer company installing computer networks."

Mr. Robert Young, tech coordinator

Options

FACULTY



Mr. John Kolacny gives the daily lecture to his civics class. "I enjoy law class because he relates it to everyday life," said Amy Saindon, sr. (Photo by Jr. LaBarge)



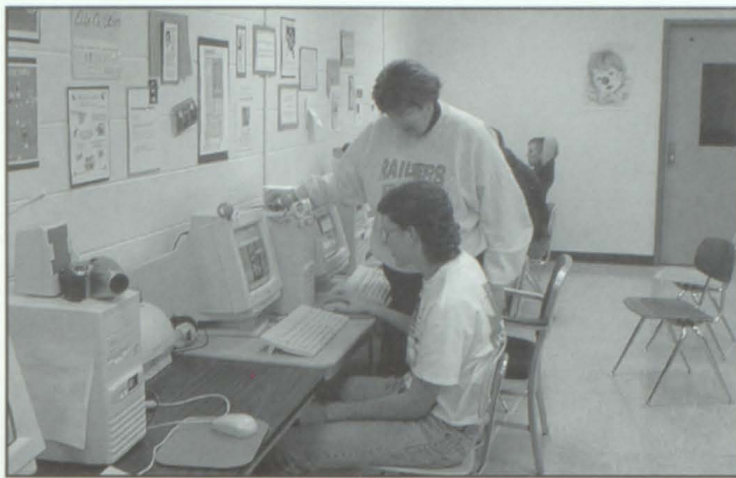
Not Pictured:

Sandy Harwick, Life Skills
Mary Danks, Nursing



Mrs. Karen Madorin shows her freshman class a story in the *High School Writer*, a publication to which EHS subscribed. "The freshmen have been learning about the six trait

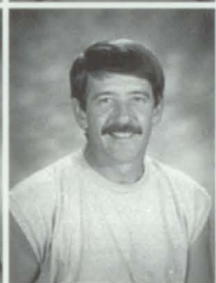
writing model, and we have been comparing and contrasting the stories in the *High School Writer*," said Mrs. Madorin, English instructor. (Photo by Gypsy Hilbrink)



Mrs. Linda Riedel points ideas out on the internet to Jody Schuster, sr. for his research paper. "I learned a lot by actually looking on the internet when researching my topic, online shopping," said Crystal Augustine, sr. (Photo by Gypsy Hilbrink)



Pat Bieker, *Cook*
Marla Dienes, *Foreign Languages*
Bill Dietz, *Band*
Kathy Dreiling, *Music*
Virginia Duell, *Family Science*
Sherri Faulkender, *Librarian*
Stan Faulkender, *Art*
Cindy Herfel, *English, Journalism*
Julie Honas, *Cook*
June Howard, *Computer Technology*
Max Klitzke, *Science*
John Kolacny, *Social Studies*
David Lohremeyer, *Custodian*
Don Long, *Physical Education*
Karen Madorin, *English*
Beverly Mauk, *Counselor*
Perry Mick, *Math*
Jodi Miller, *Math*



Brad Neuenswander, *Superintendent*
Eldon Pfeifer, *Agriculture*
Linda Riedel, *English, Speech, Photography*
Reggie Romine, *Principal*
Charlie Waldschmidt, *Custodian*
Dorothy Waldschmidt, *Secretary*
Robert Young, *Technology Coordinator*
Terry Zerfas, *Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking*



It's Amazing! Mr. Max Klitzke makes chemistry look easy as he assists Kristen Hazen, jr. and Christy Kinderknecht, jr. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



My most memorable moment during my time at Ellis High School was being inducted into the Ellis Teacher Hall of Fame.

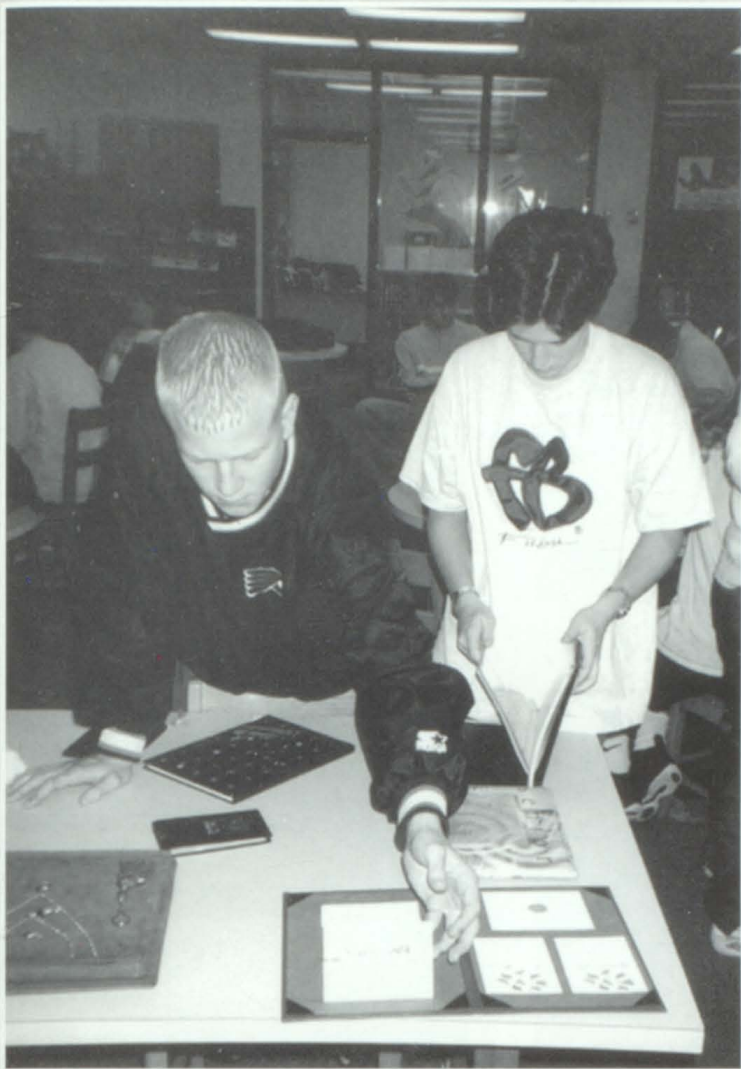
Ms. June Howard



Which one to chose? Members of the senior class look through several senior announcements. The class voted on four different announcements ranging in costs between 89 cents to 99 cents per announcement. From there, the class voted on the announcement that cost 99 cents. (Photo by Ryan Newton)

Seniors Darin Myers, Ryan Newton, A.J. Hill and Gypsy Hilbrink wait while Josten's representative Gary D. Casey looks over order forms for senior announcements. Many seniors spent at least fifty dollars on their announcements. (Photo by Paula Augustine)





Seniors Brad Schoenthaler and Leah Ziegler examine some of the several senior announcements. The senior class ordered announcements

on Dec. 14. Also, many seniors ordered class memorabilia such as memory books, class keys and t-shirts. (Photo by Ryan Newton)



"Last year at a wrestling tournament, I was standing in front of a group of wrestlers cheering. During the tournament, I left to use the restroom. When I returned, I resumed my position. Soon after, I heard the wrestlers behind me laughing because my skirt had been tucked into my bloomers!"

Terri Kroeger, sr.

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So Many

"I plan to move to Colorado Springs, live with a friend, and establish a residence so I can go to college."

Crystal Augustine, sr.

Things

"I want to attend Vo-Tech, and I also hope I find a job."

Jody Schuster, sr.

To Do

"I plan to go to Hays Vo-tech for Auto Mechanics. After that, I am undecided if I will go to Beloit for auto body or join the work force of America."

Anthony Heroneme, sr.

After

"I'm going to move out of Ellis County and play video games."

A.J. Hill, sr.

We Have

"I'm going to college to become an elementary teacher. Once I am finished, I plan on having a big family."

Amy Saindon, sr.

Succeeded



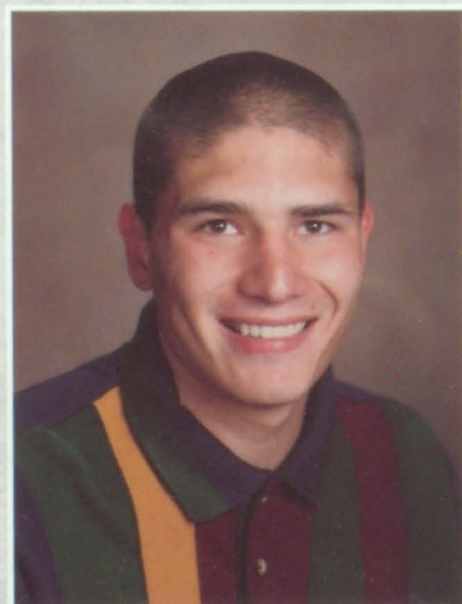
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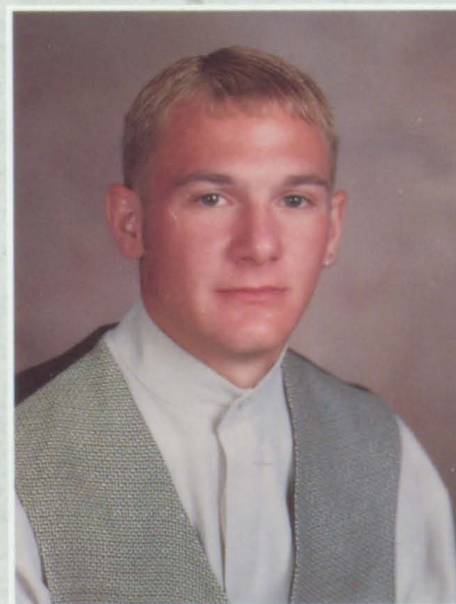
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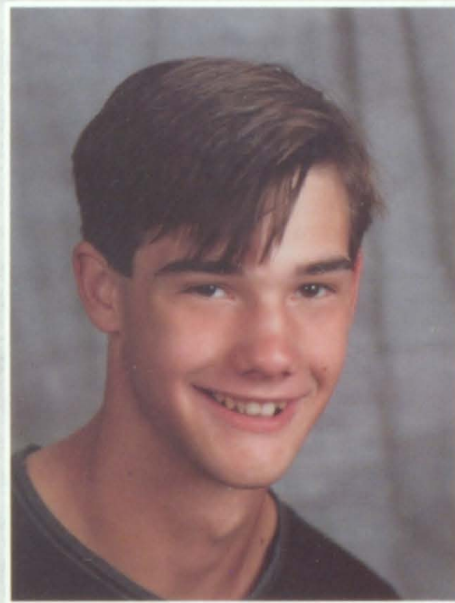
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Jason Dean Homewood



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Terri Ann Kroeger



Amanda Marie Kuhn



Congratulations,
Crystal!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jenni,
and Laura

PAULA,

Congratulations!
Good luck at Barton
and always follow
your dreams.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Pat,
Terry, and Dallas



Congratulations J.W. We're very proud of
you and wish you nothing but success.



Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Amanda

J.W.

How do you
climb a
mountain?
One step
at a time.
We are
proud of
you!



Love,
Mom &
Dad

CALEB

Congratulations!

Good luck in
the future.
We love you.

Mom, Dad,
Brandy, and
Shawna



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Thanks for the
memories we've
shared. Best of
luck in the
future. We are
proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Alyson



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You have come from
afar and we know you
will go far. Best
of luck from your
second family.

Danny, Kathy, Jared,
Megan, and Abby

ELONA

-RYAN-

We've had faith in you
then, now, and always!
Congratulations! We
love you!

Mom and Dad





We hope all your
dreams come
true.

Love,
Mom, Sierra,
Heather, Darrin,
and Caitlyn

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Wishing
you
happiness
and
success.



Love,
Mom,
Greg,
Staci,
and
Adam

WENDY

ANTHONY

You've had drive all
your life. Stay
driven.



Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Aige

P.S.
(Race ya for pinks)



*Take it to the limit Baby
Girl! But remember your
cruise control.*

*Love ya,
Mom and Chad*

GYPSY

A.J.

Faithful is He
that calls you.



Love,
Dad, Mom, B.J., and Jodi

J A S O N



We're proud of
you! Way to
go.

Your family and
friends

Congratulations, Jr. You
did it! We wish you all
the success and
happiness in the
future.

Love,
Dad and Mom

~TIM~



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CONGRATS,
TERRI!
OUR
WISHES
FOR YOUR
FUTURE
ARE MANY.

WE
LOVE
YOU.
DAD,
MOM,
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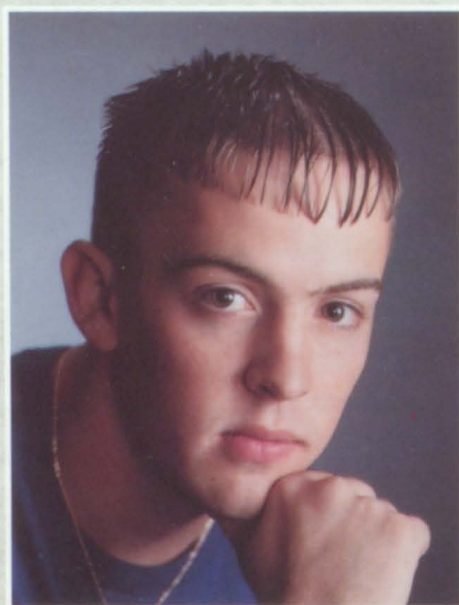
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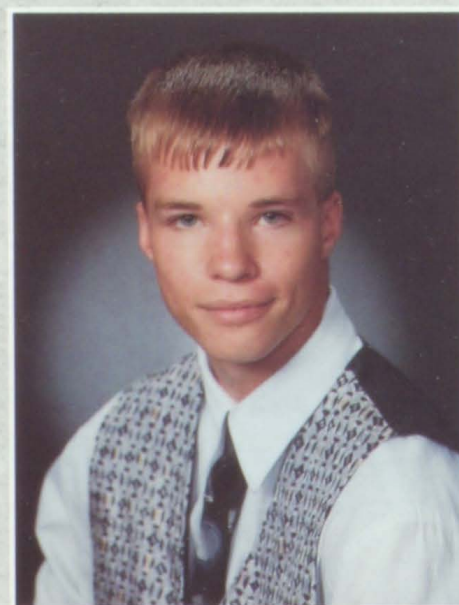
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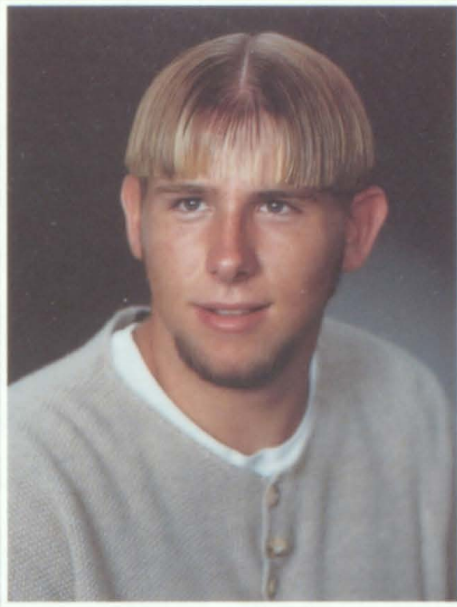
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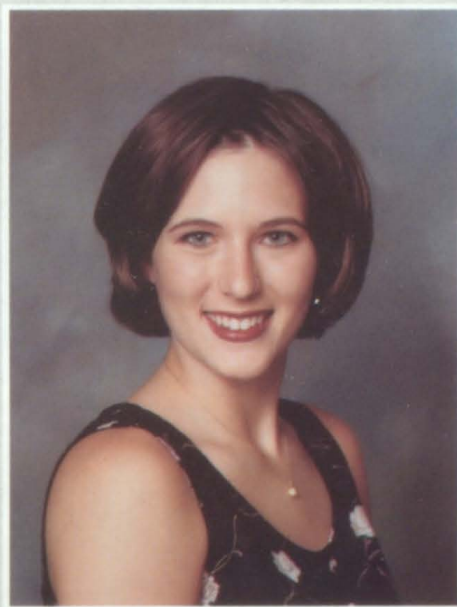
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Jessica Dawn Yanda



Chad Michael Zerfas




Leah Paige Ziegler



Members of the senior class gather together to display their spirit on Homecoming. During Homecoming week the seniors placed last in the float and overall competiitons. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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To a special daughter, from this page you can go anywhere you want to! Dare to dream!

Love,
Mom and Dad

AMANDA

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Never let your dreams die. Keep your good heart and you will go far.



With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Marty,
Christopher, Jennifer,
and Justin

MATT


We are proud of you, Shayla.



Love,
Dad, Mom,
Shawna, Jr.,
Sondra, and
Brevin

S H A N E

Well, you did it. You made it through school. Remember, life is just now beginning. We hope you're successful in everything you do. Good Luck!



Love
Dad, Mom, Eric,
and Cody

Good, Better, Best,
Never let it rest,
Until your Good is Better,
And your Better is Best.


DARIN

Love,
Mom, Mark, and Krista




CONGRATULATIONS, RYAN. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

**LOVE,
DAD, MOM, PAM,
RANDY, ERIC,
GRANDMA
VONFELDT, AND
GRANDMA SCHUSTER**



J A M E S




You will always be our baby boy.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and
Kamarie

W S

A bucket full of wishes for a bright tomorrow.



E

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Lisa

A
M
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Look out
world here
she comes!
WE LOVE YOU.

Mom, Dad,
Jeff, and Bryan

The greasiest
one wins.
Congratulations,
Jody. You're a
winner!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric,
and Kelsie



J
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Jessica

Think big and your deeds
will grow. Think small and
you'll fall behind. Think
that you can and you will.
It's all in the state of
mind.

Luv ya,
Dad, Mom, Dean, Manda,
Grandma, and Uncle Bern

Congratulations,
and good luck to
you in whatever
you pursue.

We love you.
Mom, Dad,
Lindsay, Lacey,
Dallas, & Gavin

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Brad



We hope you've had
the time of your life!
We wish you the
best of luck.

Love, Dad, Mom,
Kelsi, and John

J
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We have always
been proud of
you and we will
always be proud of
anything you do.

Love you,
Mom, Dad,
Megan, & Abby



C
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Whichever path you
choose to go down, I
know it will be the right
one because you chose
it. We are very proud
of you and love you
very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Mandy



Nineteen
Ninety Nine



Seniors get into the spirit of Homecoming as they get fired up before the game against the Osborne Bulldogs. At the beginning of the week seniors met at the

fairgrounds to construct their float. In addition, seniors also displayed several posters on the outside and the inside of the school. (Photos by Linda Riedel)



Homecoming candidates LaTaya Bradstreet, Brad Schoenthaler, Wendy Hauschild, Jared Wickham, Leah Ziegler and Chad Zerfas

get ready for the Homecoming parade on Washington Street. On Homecoming day temperatures were in the mid to upper 90s. (Photos by Linda Riedel)



Seniors J.W. Ball and Matt LaBarge play a game of cards at an at-risk activity day. The activity day was held for those who didn't have any incompletes in any of their classes. At-risk days featured movies, card games and basketball. (Photo by Ryan Newton)



Who's going to win this one? Seniors Jody Schuster and Anthony Heroneme play a hand of cards on the at-risk day held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the afternoon. (Photo by Ryan Newton)

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Crystal Lynn Augustine . . . Basketball 1; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA President 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board 3; Photography 3,4; Jr. Play; CYO 1,2,3,4; Prom Server, SADD 1,2,3,4.

Paula Louise Alexis Augustine . . . Basketball Manager 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board 3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; CYO 1,2,3,4; Ellis Explorers 3,4; Snoball Princess 2; Perfect Attendance 1,2; SADD 1,2; Journalism 3,4; Journalism Ads Manager 4; Paper + Paper 3.

Jack W. Ball III . . . Wrestling 1; Golf 1,2,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FHA 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2; Ag Mechanics 2,3,4; State FFA Band 2,3,4.

Caleb Alejo Becker . . . Honor Roll 1, Football 1,4; Cross Country 2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2; FHA 1; FFA 4; Snoball 2.

Preston Michael Bollig . . . Football Manager 1,2; Golf 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Secretary 3,4; Class Secretary 3; Choir 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Jr. Play.

LaTaya Sheree Bradstreet . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,4; Softball 2,3,4; Kayettes 3,4; Kayette Board 4; Band 1,2,3,4; State Band 1,2,3,4; Band President 4; Jr. Play; National Youth Leadership Conference 4; Spirit Club 1; Snoball Princess 3; Homecoming Queen.

Elona Elezi . . . Honor Roll 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 4; Math Relay 4; The Charity Foundation 1,2,3; The Young Ecologist 1,2,3.

Ryan Tyler Gaschler . . . FFA 1,2,3,4; Snoball Prince 1.

Nathan Eugene Harwick . . . Honor Roll 1,2; Cross Country 1; Basketball 1; FFA 1,2,4; Stuco 2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Railairres 3,4; Forensics 1,2,3; Forensics State 1,2; Technology Fair 1,2.

Anne Nicole Haver . . . Kayettes 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3.

Wendy Lynn Hauschild . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board 2,3,4; Stuco 1; Class President 1; Class Treasurer 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Snoball Princess 1; Homecoming Candidate; Prom Server 2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3; KU Honors Program 4.

Anthony Alan Heroneme . . . Basketball 1,2,3; Track 2; Perfect Attendance 2,3; Hays Arts Council 3rd place 2; SADD 3,4; SADD Treasurer 4; Jr. Play.

Gypsy Marie Brackney Hilbrink . . . Volleyball 1,2; Wrestling Manager 1,2; Track 1,2; FHA 1,2,3; FHA Historian 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Band 1; Journalism 4; Forensics 1; SADD 1,2; CYO 1,2; Ellis Explorers 3,4.

Abraham Joseph Hill . . . Honor Roll 4; FFA 1,2,3; Stuco 3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; SADD President 2; Jr. Play; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Technology Fair 1.

Jason Dean Homewood . . . Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Choir 3; Prom Server 2; Jr. Play.

Tim Kohlrus, Jr. . . . Jr. Play; SADD 4; Prom Server.

Terri Ann Kroeger . . . Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; All-American Cheerleader Nominee 3,4; Wrestling Captain 3; Captain 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Flag Team 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 2,4; Journalism 3; State Journalism 3; Prom Server 2; Snoball Candidate 2; Jr. Play.

Amanda Marie Kuhn . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2; Wrestling Manager 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA Vice-President 3; FFA 1,2,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board 3; Kayette Vice-President 4; Choir 2,3,4; Photography 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play; Snoball Candidate 3.

Matthew Thomas LaBarge . . . Football 1,2,3,4; MCL 2nd Team Offensive Tackle 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; State Wrestling 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Treasurer 3,4; Squires 1,2,3,4; Chief Squire 1,2,3,4; State Squire of the Year 3; Circle Squire of the Year 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Jr. Play.

Shayla Marie LaBarge . . . Volleyball 1,2; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2; Choir 1,2,4; Prom Server; Snoball Candidate 1.

Shane Allen Mickelson . . . Football 1,2; Wrestling 1; Golf 1,2,3,4; State Golf 3; FFA 1,2,3,4.

Darin Thane Michael Myers, Jr. . . . Cross Country 1; Basketball 1,2; FFA 1,2; Scouts 1,2; Army Reserves 4; Technology Fair 1,2,4; Goodland Architecture Drawing Champion 3; Hays Technology Fair Superior Drawing Award 3.

Ryan Allen Newton . . . Football Manager 1,2; Stuco Officer 4; Class Secretary 4; Choir 3,4; SADD 1,2; Journalism 3,4; Editor 4; State Journalism 3; Hays Arts Council Writing Awards 3; CYO 1; Snoball candidate 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3.

James Phillip Prout . . . Football Manager 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; German Club 1,2,3; Frisbee Club 1,2,3.

Amy Marie Saindon . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3; National Honor Society 4; Volleyball Manager 2,3,4; Basketball Manager 1,2,3; Track Manager 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; FHA President 2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board 2,3,4; Stuco 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Forensics State 1,2,3,4; Snoball Candidate 3; HOBY Camp 2; Girls State 3.

Brad James Schoenthaler . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Stuco President 4; Class Vice-President 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; CYO 1,2; Prom Server; Homecoming Candidate 4; Snoball Candidate 1; Snoball Prince 3; MCL Leadership 3; KU Honors Program 4; Perfect Attendance 2; Jr. Play.

Jody Duane Schuster . . . FFA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3; Jr. Play; Technology Fair 3; Goodland Drawing Fair 3.

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Jared Whitney Wickham . . . Football 1,2,3,4; MCL Honorable Mention Defensive Line 4; Golf 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Vice President 4; Stuco 4; Ag. Mechanics 3,4; Technology Fair 1; SADD 1,2,3,4; LYO 1,2,3,4; Homecoming King; Prom Server; Army Reserves 4.

Jessica Dawn Yanda . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Volleyball 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 1,2; FHA 1,2; Stuco 3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class President 3; Class Treasurer 4; Band 1,2,3,4; CYO 1,2,3,4; CYO President 3; CYO Secretary 2; Forensics 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.

Chad Michael Zerfas . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Golf 1,2; State Golf 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Stuco 4; Stuco Treasurer 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Candidate.

Leah Paige Ziegler . . . Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Volleyball 1,4; Wrestling Manager 3,4; Softball 2,3; Baseball 1,2; Cheerleader 1,2; FHA 1,2,3; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Stuco Vice-President 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; Flag Team 2; Girls State 4; CYO 1,2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play; Prom Server; Homecoming Candidate.

Things

"I would boot almost every guy to Jupiter's moon and make the earth a female-dominated planet."

Kim Bieker, jr.

Would

"I would shorten school to three times a week for eight hours, and I would get to choose all the classes I wanted to take."

Amber Keller, jr.

Change

"I would make it so I wouldn't have to go to school or work to make money."

Eric Newton, jr.

If I

"I would make sure that the television companies would be forced to re-run old episodes of the 'Andy Griffith' and the original 'Dukes of Hazard.'"

Jesse Leiker, jr.

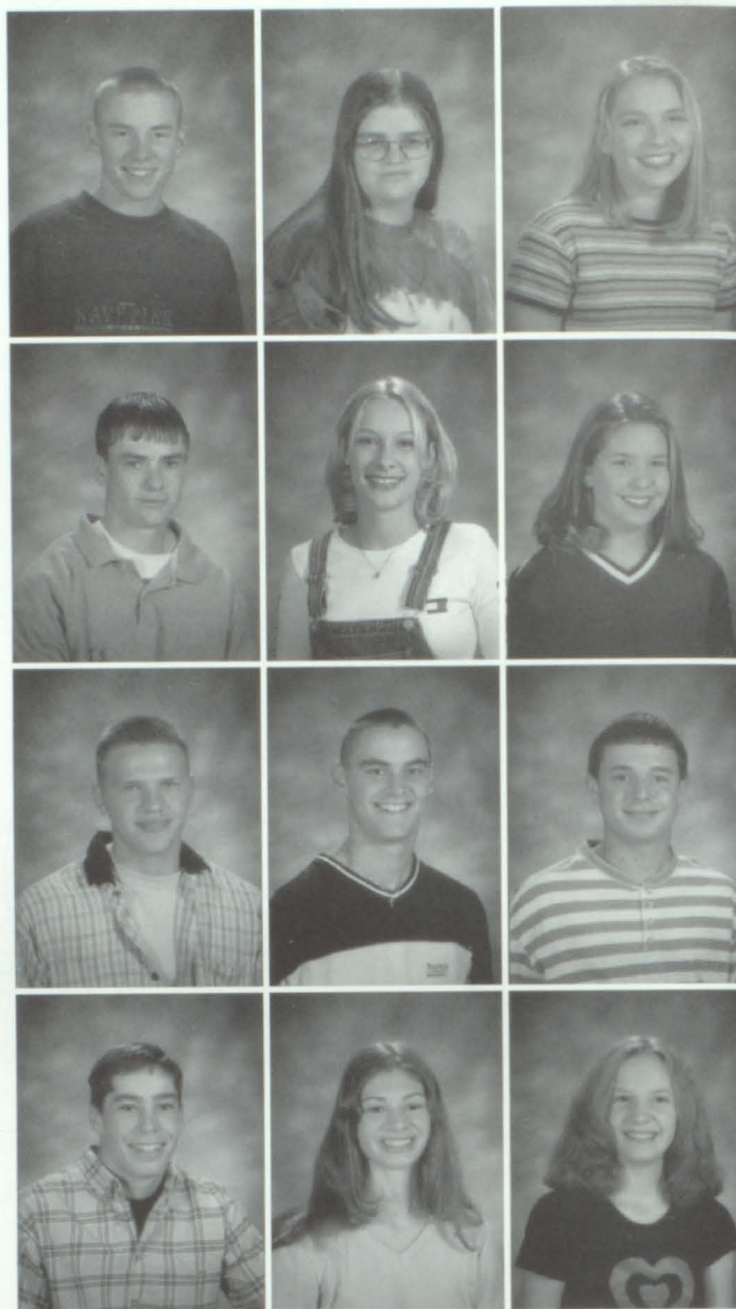
Ruled

"If I ruled the world, money would grow on my tree and my tree only. I would then buy a different purple Mustang for each day of the year."

Molly Honas, jr.

The World

CLASS OF 2000



Just hangin' out! Juniors

Anna Weimer, Kristen Hazen, Emily Edmonds, Jesse Leiker, Derek Schoenthaler, and Christy Kinderknecht waste time during lunch break. "Every day after lunch we always have time to have fun," said Kinderknecht. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)





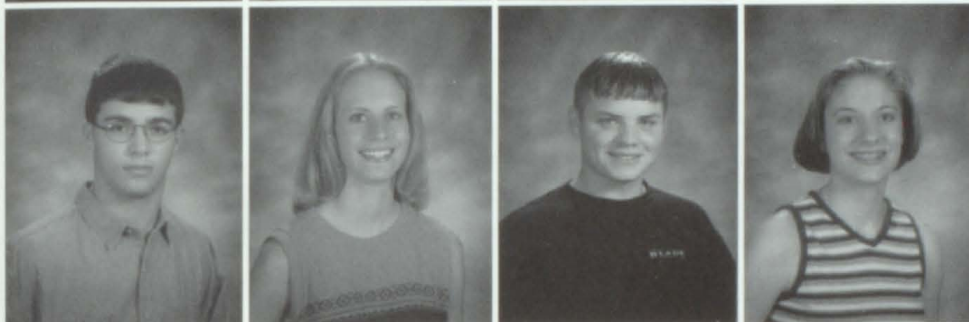
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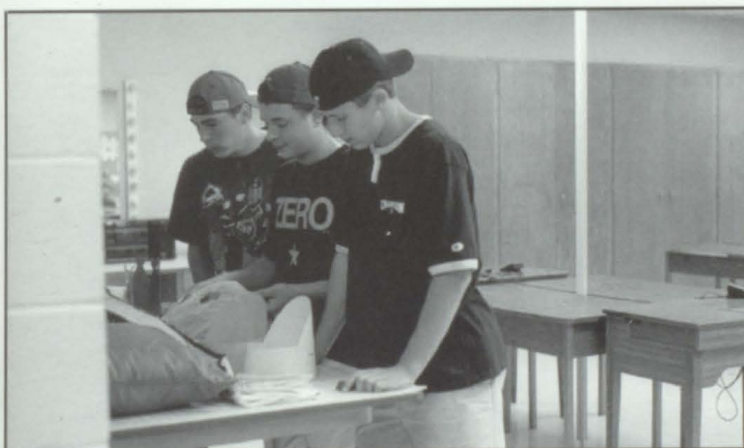
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Anne Madorin
Eric Newton, *Treasurer*
Derek Schoenthaler



Brett Seibel
Maren Smith
Vicki Solomon
Shane Sommers
Debbie Wagoner
Chris Waldschmidt
Anna Weimer



"Wow, Snickers, my favorite!" Juniors Brett Seibel, Travis Keller, and Tyler Fisher help sort candy at the FHA freshmen kidnap. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)



"There is nothing more embarrassing than when my pants fell off while I was climbing a rope with 20 classmates looking up at me."

Tyler Fisher, Jr.

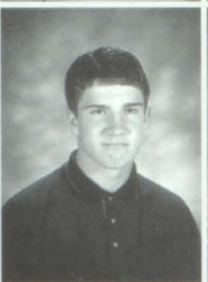


Junior Shane Sommers helps classmate Darren Johnson during Algebra II class. During the second nine weeks, the class worked on finding the radicals of different numbers and learned about rational, irrational, and imaginary numbers. (Photo by Wes Rathbun)

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Denise Augustine
Scott Befort
Brandy Bradstreet
Aaron Campbell
Josh DeBolt
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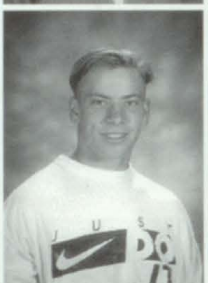
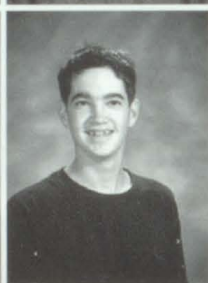
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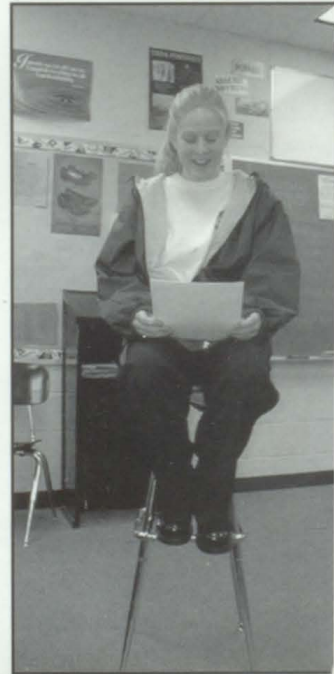
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Go Go Go Go! The sophomores yell to generate class spirit at the bonfire. The class painted their bodies and tried to gain points for their class at the bonfire, which was held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Sept. 10. "I think our class participated very well this year. The bonfire is a way to get the classes pumped up and ready for the football game," said Mandy Zerfas, so. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Brandi Lang reads her poem 'The Playhouse' to the creative writing class. Creative writing was a half-semester mini course for students who took choir. (Photo by Amanda Kuhn)





FLASHBACK

I remember when I went to PE and couldn't find my bra or socks. I knew I had to have put them in my bag that morning. After school I was walking to my car and my bra and socks were lying there. Everybody walked by and looked at them and said, "Hey, is that your bra?" They were brand new, so I picked them up and ran to my car, praying that nobody saw me making a mad dash carrying a bra.

CLASS OF 2001

Wouldn't It

"My dad would be George Clooney because he portrays a great doctor on TV and seems like a funny person in real life. My mom would be Hillary Clinton because she keeps her composure under pressure situations and is a controlling person."

Kim Young, so.

Be Cool

"My mom would be Alice off of the Brady Bunch so I could come home to a clean house every day."

Justin Van Ausdale, so.

If

"I would say Dick Vitale. First, I wouldn't have to worry about money or a job. Second, he is the greatest announcer in college basketball, which means I could get front row seats to my favorite game and meet some of the greatest basketball players."

Scott Befort, so.

Mom and Dad

"I would choose Bruce Willis as my dad because he has a good sense of humor and is funny. I would choose Sandra Bullock as my mom because she is an awesome actress, she is rich, and she seems like she would be the perfect mom."

Krista Kohl, so.

Were Stars

The

"I would probably spend two days with my family and friends, but one day I would raise heck around town and take care of any unfinished business I had with people."

Tanner Coker, fr.

Many

"I'd want to tell everyone good-bye. Then I would go white-water rafting. I'd fall out and almost drown. Everyone would think I was dead, but they would revive me so I wouldn't really die."

Courtney Poland, fr.

Things

"I would buy everything and break it. I would want to see the last sunset and sunrise, and I would go out for water polo."

Katie Wagner, fr.

To Do

"I would go and do all the things that I could think of. I would get a car and go driving around with all my friends, have a party and do crazy things. "

Jake Dreiling, fr.

Before

"I would go do all this dangerous stuff that would make my risk of death higher, earlier."

Danielle Brown, fr.

The End

CLASS OF 2002

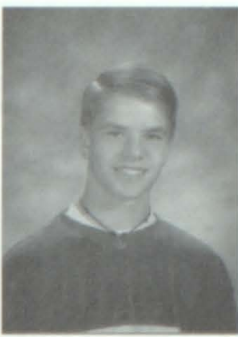


FLASHBACK

The most embarrassing thing I have ever done was when I was running down the court in basketball. A girl kneed me in the back, and I did a complete flip in the air and landed on my back in front of everyone. Then I went to shoot my free throw, and I air-balled it by about five feet.



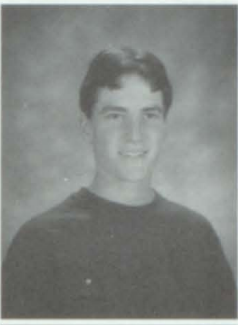
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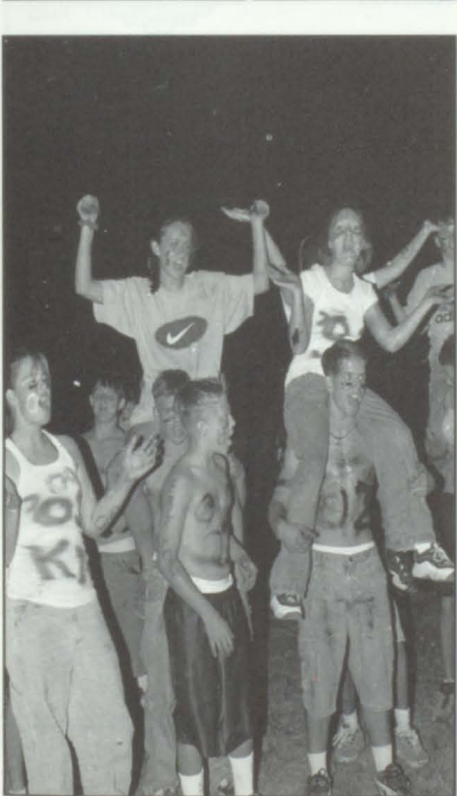
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Max Zahn

Freshmen show their spirit at the Homecoming bonfire on Thurs. night. The freshmen took second in the overall class competition. (Photo by Debbie Wagoner)



Waiting for the fun, Freshmen Tanner Coker, Randy Armbrister, Bryan Saindon, Matt Kinderknecht, and Tim Robins sit at the FHA freshman kidnap. Freshmen were picked up at 12 p.m. and returned at 3 a.m. (Photo by Raleen Fisher)

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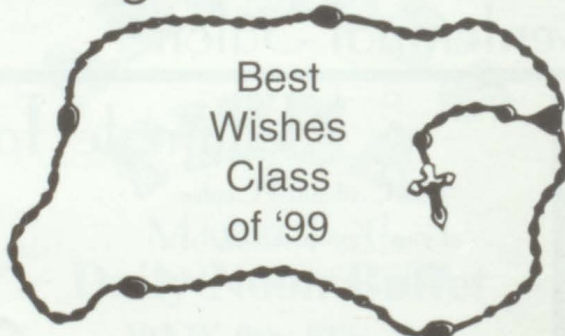
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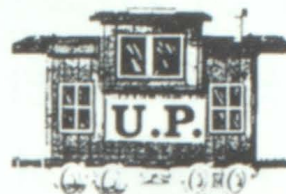
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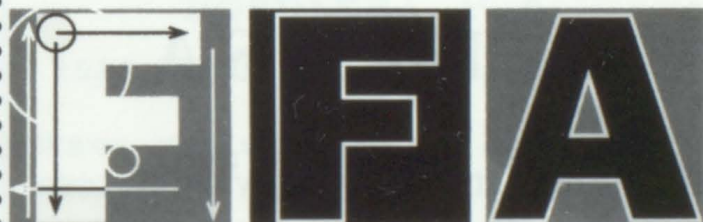
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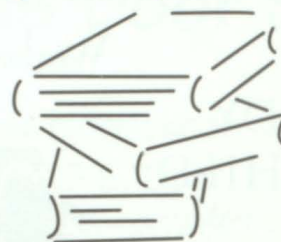
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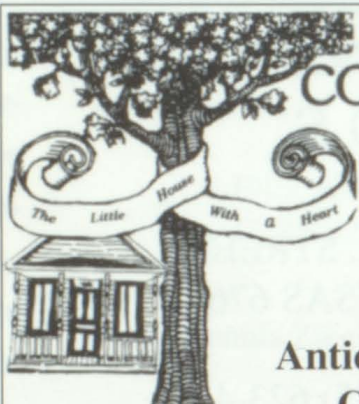
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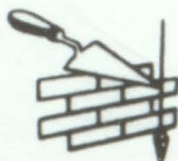
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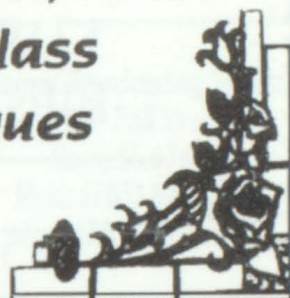
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Below: Seniors Brad Schoenthaler, James Prout, Wes Rathbun, and Jr. LaBarge, jr., mentally prepare for the Homecoming game against Osborne. The Railers won the game 6-0 with a last second throw by LaBarge to Schoenthaler. (Photo by June Howard)



Left: Sophomores Danielle Honas, Kayci Weimer, and Luke Ernst dissect a specimen in Biology I. Students dissected crayfish, worms, frogs, clams, and perch. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

Right: Second grader Bradley Farrand works in the grade school's computer lab. The lab was a new edition at the beginning of the year. The high school also added a new lab to its facility at the end of the year.



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1999 National Honor Society.
Front: L. Ziegler, J. Yanda. Row
2: M. Smith, C. Kinderknecht, E.
Edmonds, B. Schoenthaler, A.
Saindon, W. Rathbun. (Photo by
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Forensics

1999 Forensics team. Front: M. Smith,
A. Saindon, J. Yanda, S. Wolf, N.
Waldschmidt, M. Zervas, S. Shepherd.
Row 2: A. Madorin, F. Waldschmidt,
B. Walz, K. Hazen, K. Weimer, K.
Bieker, C. Kinderknecht, A. Weimer.
Row 3: B. Saindon, S. Shannon, W.
Rathbun, A. Hill, N. Keller, T. Keller.
Row 4: J. Leiker. Not pictured: Carissa
Deutscher. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Kayette Board

1999 Kayette Board Members. Front:
M. Smith, secretary; D. Honas, S.
Shepherd, A. Madorin, points; K.
Hazen, M. Honas. Row 2: N.
Waldschmidt, A. Saindon, K. Young,
K. Kohl, A. Weimer. Row 3: A. Kuhn,
vice-president; L. Bradstreet, E.
Edmonds, K. Bieker, treasurer; L.
Zeigler, president. Not pictured: P.
Augustine, W. Hauschild, J. Yanda.
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1998-99 FFA Officers. M. LaBarge, treasurer; J. Wickham, vice-president; T. Keller, president; P. Bollig, secretary; N. Keller. Not pictured: D. Fuchs, sentinel; T. Fisher, stuco. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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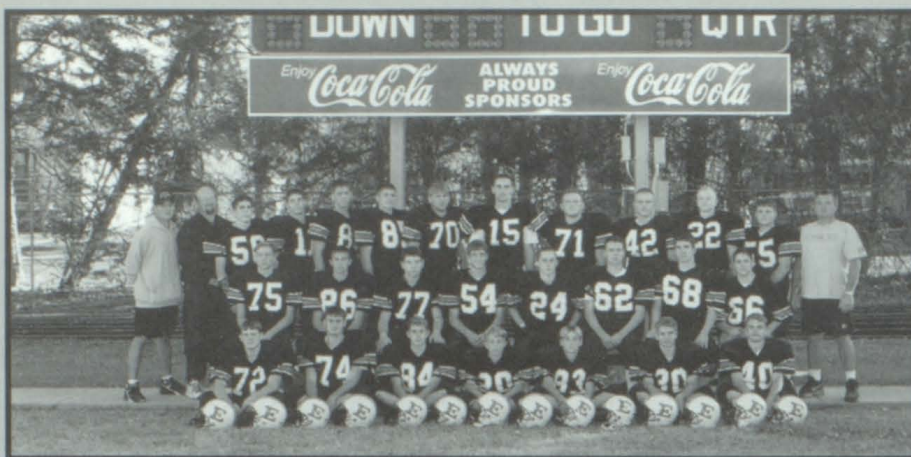
1998-99 Officers. Front: M. Honas, VP/PR; A. Weimer, treasure; B. Dinkel, president. Row 2: R. Fisher, historian; K. Hazen, secretary; M. Smith, Stuco; V. Solomon, vice-president; E. Edmonds, points. (Photo by Linda Riedel)



Cheerleading

1998-99 cheerleaders: Front: N. Waldschmidt; Row 2: M. Honas; R. Fisher, co-captain; V. Waldschmidt; T. Kroeger, captain; K. Bieker. Row 3: N. Henderson; K. Kohl; B. Walz; D. Augustine; S. Shepherd. (Photo by Pioneer Photography)





90 Football

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6	Hill City	20
6	Osborne	0
28	Phillipsburg	6
0	Smith Center	52
40	Trego	13
0	Norton	34
6	Stockton	38
27	Plainville	8
6	Victoria	26

1998-99 Football. Front: S. Reed, R. Armbrister, D. Wolf, M. Kinderknecht, T. Coker, D. Dinkel, D. Haas. Row 2: D. Yanda, T. Fisher, D. McClelland, M. Dinkel, T. Watson, J. Dreiling, D. Fuchs, T. Walker. Row 3: Asst. Coach J. Kohl, Asst. Coach D. Long, B. Seibel, C. Amrein, G. Andrews, D. Schoenthaler, J. Wickham, J. LaBarge, M. LaBarge, C. LaBarge, B. Schoenthaler, C. Waldschmidt, Coach A. Schoenthaler. Not pictured: Mgrs. W. Rathbun, J. Prout. (Photo by Pioneer Photography)

91 Volleyball

EHS	OPP	EHS	OPP
9-9 Hill City	15-15	3-15-12 Osborne	15-13-15
15-13-14 Palco	8-15-16	15-10-15 Phillipsburg	5-15-3
11-16-15 Dighton	15-14-10	12-14 Ransom	15-16
15-14 Plainville	17-16	11-15-15 Quinter	15-2-13
14-15-9 LaCrosse	16-10-15	15-15 LaCrosse	11-7
11-9 Ellinwood	15-15	15-15 Ness City	12-4
15-16 Trego	3-14	15-2 Trego	12-15
3-15-12 Victoria	15-15	2-8 Smith Center	15-11
15-10-15 Victoria	15-16	13-15 Osborne	15-15
15-10-15 Utica	15-9-8	8-11 Plainville	15-15
15-16 Trego	2-14	7-6 St. Francis	15-15



1998-99 Volleyball. Front: Mgr. J. Homewood, J. Hill, D. Brown, N. Waldschmidt, S. Riedel, K. Kohl, C. Deutscher, N. Henderson, K. Young, Mgr. W. Weber. Row 2: Mgr. A. Saindon, C. Kinderknecht, R. Fisher, A. Weimer, B. Dinkel, W. Hauschild, L. Zeigler, T. Kroeger, L. Bradstreet, K. Hazen, E. Edmonds, Mgr. K. Weber. Row 3: J. Kitzman, Coach K. Madorin, V. Waldschmidt, K. Weimer, D. Honas, B. Lang, A. Madorin, J. Tway, F. Waldschmidt, E. Fischer, S. Shepherd, B. Walz, Asst. Coach K. Bittel. (Photo by Pioneer Photography)

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1998-99 Cross-Country. Front: J. Yanda. Row 2: M. Dinkel, C. Poland, Coach P. Irwin, B. Saindon, S. Shepherd. (Photo by Pioneer Photography)



93 Boys' Basketball

EHS	OPP	EHS	OPP
63 Phillipsburg	39	69 Victoria	48
63 Ransom	66	31 Plainville	34
73 Trego	40	73 Quinter	62
55 Hoxie	53	40 Smith Center	42
60 Palco	38	57 Ness City	47
44 Osborne	72	55 Victoria	38
77 Stockton	43	43 Norton	40
74 Victoria	72	78 Otis-Bison	48
48 Smith Center	44	58 Stocton	40
35 Norton	59	58 Hill City	49
66 Trego	32	52 Quinter	50
61 Hill City	41	51 Pittsburg	58

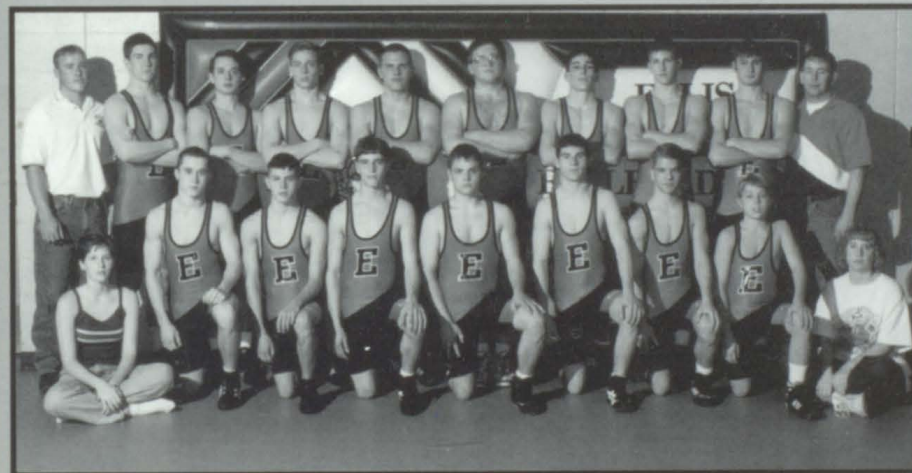
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94 Girls' Basketball

EHS	OPP	EHS	OPP
46 Phillipsburg	65	50 Hill City	41
46 Hoxie	51	62 Victoria	65
54 Wheatland	59	52 Plainville	51
53 Ransom	50	47 Quinter	51
70 Palco	45	43 Smith Center	63
52 Osborne	67	56 Ness City	44
48 Stockton	55	63 Victoria	72
31 Hill City	41	33 Norton	74
80 Victoria	54	64 Otis-Bison	77
50 Trego	62	44 Stocton	64



1998-99 Girls' Basketball. Front: C. Deutscher, B. Walz, M. Dinkel. Row 2: K. Kohl, B. Dinkel, K. Bieker, C. Kinderknecht, R. Fisher, K. Young, J. Hill, N. Waldschmidt. Row 3: Coach R. Young, J. Kitzman, L. Bradstreet, V. Waldschmidt, B. Lang, J. Tway, A. Madorin, K. Hazen, E. Edmonds, E. Fischer, Asst. Coach C. Burton, Mgr. A. Cross. (Photo by Ellison Photography)



95 Wrestling

Tournaments

Osborne	Panther Classic
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Duels

EHS	OPP	EHS	OPP
39 TMP	42	36 Osborne	44
15 Hoisington	51	24 Stocton	57
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42 Hill City	24	21 Phillipsburg	59

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96 Boys' Track



<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ellis Invitational	9th
LaCrosse	6th
Ellis Classic	4th
Pawnee Heights	11th
Victoria	5th
MCL	8th
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State	

1999 Boys' Track. Front: B. Saindon. Row 2: Coach J. Wolf, T. Watson, C. Amrein, G. Andrews, H. Hernandez, Asst. Coach P. Irwin. Row 3: B. Seibel, D. Schoenthaler, J. Prout, C. Becker, B. Schoenthaler. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

97 Girls' Track

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ellis Invitational	6th
LaCrosse	2nd
Wakeeney Fr.-So.	3rd
Ellis Classic	3rd
Pawnee Heights	10th
Victoria	3rd
MCL	8th
Regionals	11th
State	



1999 Girls' Track. Front: V. Waldschmidt, C. Deutscher, K. Weber, A. Cross, K. Wagner. Row 2: E. Edmonds, F. Waldschmidt, P. Augustine, S. Shepherd, T. Kroeger, K. Kohl, L. Bradstreet. Row 3: Coach C. Rorabaugh, C. Kinderknecht, N. Waldschmidt, J. Homewood, Asst. Coach P. Irwin. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

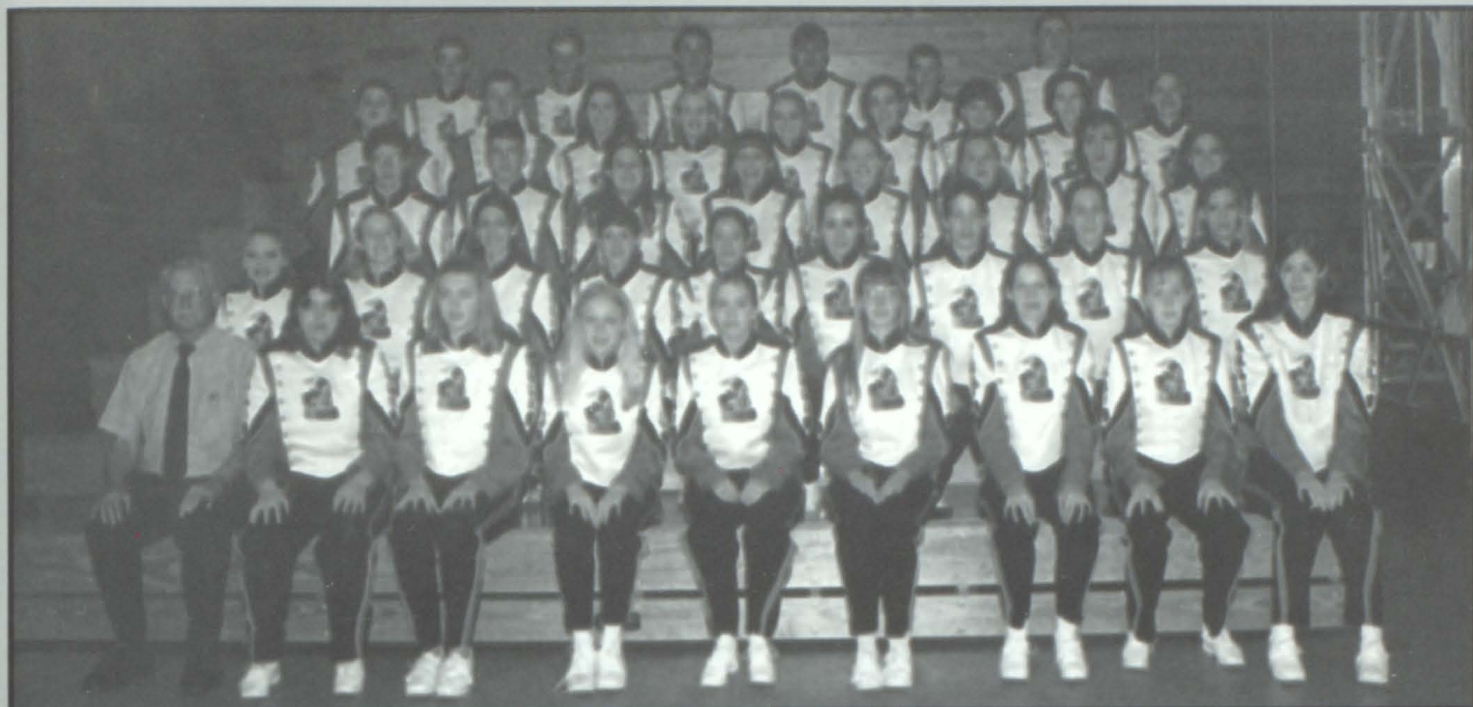
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<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ellis	9th
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Phillipsburg	7th
Trego	5th
TMP	15th
Hill City	7th

1999 Golf. Front: T. Keller. Row 2: J. Wickham, T. Fisher, Coach J. Kolacny, N. Keller, S. Shubert. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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1998-99 Choir. Front: A. Saindon, K. Bieker, T. Keller, T. Fisher, J. Leiker, M. Dinkel, W. Weber, N. Waldschmidt, A. Kuhn, W. Hauschild. Row 2: M. Honas, E. Edmonds, K. Hazen, L. Ziegler, A. Weimer, R. Fisher, B. Walz, K. Prout, M. Zorn, P. Augustine, T. Kroeger, K. Weimer. Row 3: R. Newton, M. Smith, S. Shannon, M. Dinkel, C. Kinderknecht, K. Young, F. Waldschmidt, D. Honas, S. Shepherd, L. Dorzweiler. Row 4: B. Saindon, C. Amrein, J. Kitzman, N. Henderson, A. Keller, V. Waldschmidt, J. Hill, B. Lang, K. Kohl. Row 5: J. Bieker, C. Becker, N. Harwick, C. Zerfas, B. Bradstreet, K. Wagner, S. Riedel, E. Fischer. (Photo by Linda Riedel)

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Colophon

The 1999 edition of the Ellis High School *Railroader* yearbook was published by the EHS yearbook staff and printed by Jostens of Topeka, Kansas. Sales representative was Derius Mammen, and in-plant representative was Lori Wishert.

Press run was 120 copies with 112 pages. The *Railroader* was printed with a trim size of 7. Body copy in the book is Palatino. Headline typesets include Palatino, Tekton, A Garamond and Freehand Aerial. The *Railroader* is a computer-generated book, and all work was done by students using the Page Maker 6.5 program on IBM computers and a laser printer.

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Closing

As the year came to a close, students anticipated the end of the school year. Events like finals, prom and graduation only increased the anticipation. Most students were looking forward to summer while the seniors focused on life in the real world. Though there was great excitement for what lay ahead, most everyone agreed that 1998-99 held at least . . .



Senior Anne Havor receives her diploma from Art Schoenthaler, U.S.D 388 school board member. Haver was one of 32 seniors who can say they were a member of the last class to graduate from EHS in the twentieth century. (Photo by Debbie Wagner)



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Kansas Beat 98-99



Tornados struck Kansas & Oklahoma in May, causing more than \$140 million in damages and making parts of these states federal disaster areas. Thousands lost homes and were injured by the onslaught.



Wichita North High School senior Tony Navarro was one of seven U.S. students chosen to accompany U.S. Secretary of Commerce William Daley to China in November to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. Photo courtesy the Navarro family



Ft. Hays State University's Sternberg Natural History Museum was moved from its cramped quarters to a new home in an off-campus building. The museum is now in the top 20 museums in the U.S., based on size.

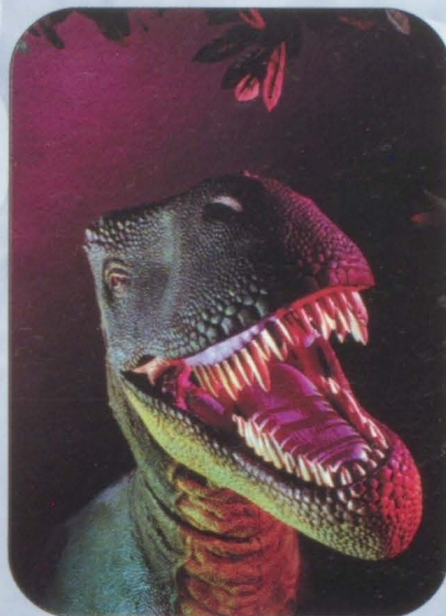


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Parts of Sedgwick County were invaded by hundreds of wasps in the fall. No one was seriously hurt, but several students were stung and treated at school.

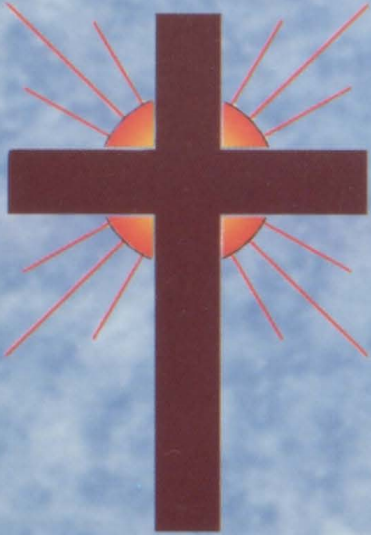


Kansas was among 46 states to receive part of the \$206 billion settlement with cigarette makers over health costs for treating sick smokers. Plans for the state's \$1.5 billion share were not known to the public, but officials were exploring several options.



An explosion at a Sedgwick County Grain Elevator in June trapped four workers in a tunnel below the elevators and six on top of the buildings. The explosion was caused by a spark which ignited the highly-combustible grain dust.

Kansas News



Turon Mayor, Charlotte Sanford ordered a three-foot cross removed from the city's Christmas display because of the threat of lawsuit from one of the city's residents. Other citizens, angered by the removal, erected 500 small crosses in the park, which were later removed by the city.



Former Kansan & current country star Martina McBride celebrated her third platinum album this year. Martina was born and raised in Sharon, Kansas.



The Kansas chapter of the Nature Conservancy bought 16,480 acres of short grass prairie in Logan County as a nature research and historical site. This was regarded as a conservation coup by scientists and historians and was the largest private conservation land acquisition in state history.



The number of wild hogs in Kansas took an alarming jump. Alarming, because these untamed cousins of friendly pigs were potentially dangerous. The wild hogs had been eating anything, killing livestock, and spreading disease.



Flash

Governor Bill Graves signed a bill providing \$12.6 billion worth of transportation infrastructure improvements over a 10-year period.

Graves established Board of Regents for the coordination of community colleges, vo-techs, & other higher education institutions.

Graves ups the state's "hard-40" prison sentence to a "hard-50" for convicted first-degree murderers.



Two organizations filed a federal lawsuit against the city of Manhattan, seeking the removal of the Ten Commandments from City Hall grounds. The lawsuit says the monument violates the Constitution. The monument will go to its new home at Manhattan Christian College.



Liberal woman Lisa Spellman won the 50th annual Pancake Race in March. This victory pushed the Kansas town one win ahead of sister city and perennial competitor Olney, England.





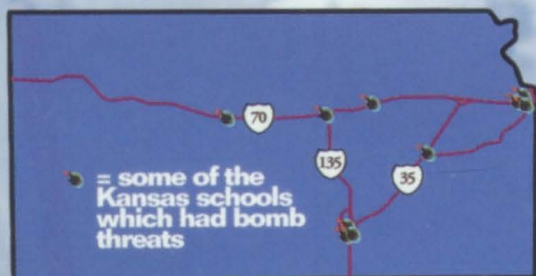
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↑ Tap Dancer Gregory Hines performed for a soldout crowd at the grand re-opening of Hutchinson's newly restored Fox Theatre this winter. The theatre sat vacant for 11 years before receiving a 2-year, \$2.5 million facelift.

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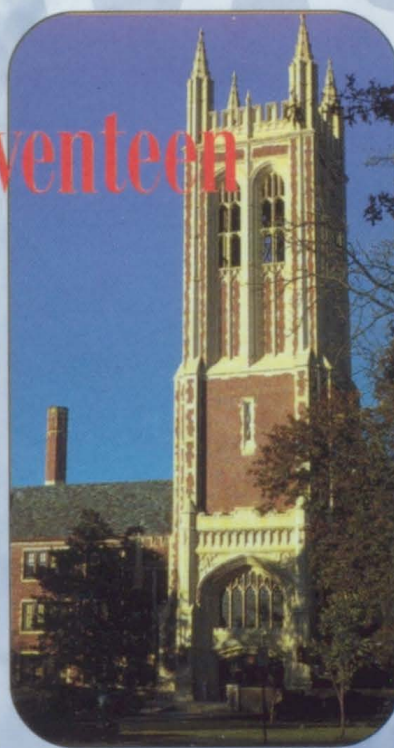
↑ The world's biggest on-line retailer, Amazon.com will be opening its largest distribution warehouse in Coffeyville. The 750,000 square foot space would provide jobs for over 500 Kansans next year.

↓ Bomb threats and stricter security measures in Kansas schools were some of the after-effects of the April Columbine High School massacre in Colorado. Across the state, schools were shut-down or emergency measures were taken because of "copy-cat" bomb threats and suspicions of violence.



← A tiger's head from a mascot uniform was found abandoned in McPherson. After investigation, it was found that the mascot head did not belong to any schools in the area.

→ In a ranking that came out this year, Lawrence and Wichita landed in the Top 10 cities for book sales per capita. Sadly, Topeka ranked high on a similar list, the Worst 10 cities for book sales.



↑ Topeka High School was featured in the June issue of Seventeen Magazine. Each month, the magazine selects a high school from the U.S. and highlights the students in interviews and pictures for their "Day in the Life" series.

← Wichita county officials received the aid of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reverse the declining population trend in the county. The community will receive a \$250,000 grant.

Flash

The U.S. Census Bureau estimate calculated that Kansas' population grew 1.1 percent from last year, the highest growth in the midwest. Officials believe the increase came from expansions in manufacturing and a strong state economy.

Boeing Aircraft endowed Wichita State University its largest grant for technology. The \$1.5 million gift will be used to enable the university to teach more classes via interactive television and the internet.

State Champs

State Champs Fall Sports

Boys Cross Country

- 6A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS
- 5A: Goddard HS
- 4A: Baldwin HS
- 3A: Belle Plaine HS
- 2-1A: Stanton County HS

Girls Cross Country

- 6A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS
- 5A: Bishop Carroll HS
- 4A: Ottawa HS
- 3A: Riley County HS
- 2-1A: Oxford HS

Girls Golf

- 6-5A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS
- 4-3-2-1A: Columbus HS

Gymnastics

- 6-5-4-3-2-1A: Derby HS

Boys Soccer

- 6A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS
- 5-4-3-2-1A: Miego HS

Girls Tennis

- 6A: Blue Valley North HS
- 5A: Great Bend HS
- 4A: Parsons HS
- 3-2-1A: Collegiate HS

Volleyball

- 6A: Maize HS
- 5A: Bishop-Carroll HS
- 4A: Concordia HS
- 3A: Silver Lake HS
- 2A: Moundridge HS
- 1A: Centralia HS

Football

- 6A: Olathe North HS
- 5A: Blue Valley North HS
- 4A: Hayden HS
- 3A: Conway Springs HS
- 2-1A: Clafflin HS
- 8-Man Div. I: Greeley County HS
- 8-Man Div. II: Sylvan Grove HS

State Champs Spring Sports

Baseball

- 6A: Dodge City HS
- 5A: Shawnee Heights HS
- 4A: Bishop Ward HS
- 3A: Central Heights HS
- 2-1A: Colgan HS

Boys Golf

- 6A: Shawnee Mission South HS
- 5A: Kapaun-Mt. Carmel HS
- 4A: Anderson County HS
- 3A: Collegiate HS
- 2-1A: Syracuse HS
- Sand Greens: Downs HS

Girls Soccer

- 6A: Shawnee Mission East HS
- 5-4-3-2-1A: St. Thomas Aquinas HS

Softball

- 6A: Wichita Northwest HS
- 5A: Bishop Carroll HS
- 4A: Hayden HS
- 3A: Silver Lake HS
- 2-1A: Sacred Heart HS

Boys Tennis

- 6A: Shawnee Mission East HS
- 5A: Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS
- 4A: Parson HS
- 3-2-1A: Collegiate HS

Boys Track

- 6A: Blue Valley North HS
- 5A: Liberal HS
- 4A: Kansas City Summer Academy
- 3A: Ellsworth HS
- 2A: Stanton County HS
- 1A: Ransom HS

Girls Track

- 6A: Leavenworth HS
- 5A: Liberal HS
- 4A: Clay Center HS
- 3A: Riley County HS
- 2A: Clifton-Clyde HS
- 1A: Bern HS

State Champs Winter Sports

Debate 2-Speaker

- 6A: Topeka HS
- 5A: Andover HS
- 4A: Field Kiley HS
- 3-2-1A: Little River HS

Debate 4-Speaker

- 6A: Hutchinson HS
- 5A: Mingo HS
- 4A: Tonganoxie HS
- 3-2-1A: Lyons HS

KSPA Sledstrokes

- 6A: Blue Valley North HS
- Shawnee Mission North HS
- 5A: Kapaun-Mt. Carmel HS
- 4A: Grope HS
- 3A: Phillipsburg HS
- 2-1A: Jayhawk HS

Swimming Both

- 6A: Lawrence HS
- 5A: Shawnee Heights HS
- 4A: Baldwin HS
- 3A: Collegiate HS
- 2A: Moundridge HS
- 1A: Robin HS

Speech

- 6A: Topeka HS
- 5A: McPherson HS
- 4A: Hatoon HS
- 3A: Silver Lake HS
- 2A: Sterling HS
- 1A: South Barber HS

Boys Basketball

- 6A: Wichita Southeast HS
- 5A: McPherson HS
- 4A: Colby HS
- 3A: Belleville HS
- 2A: Garden Plain HS
- 1A: Hanover HS

Girls Basketball

- 6A: Washburn Rural HS
- 5A: McPherson HS
- 4A: Andale HS
- 3A: Riley County HS
- 2A: Moundridge HS
- 1A: Baileyville HS

Boys Swimming & Diving

- 6-5-4-3-2-1A: Blue Valley North HS

Girls Swimming & Diving

- 6-5-4-3-2-1A: Blue Valley North HS

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- 6A: Garden City HS
- 5A: Goddard HS
- 4A: Abilene HS
- 3-2-1A: Hoxie HS

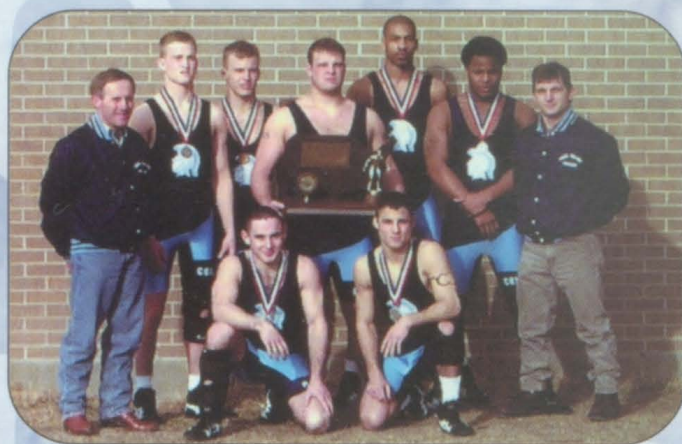


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The Colby Community College Trojans wrestling team captured their first national championship on the strengths of two individual national champions and three second-place finishers.

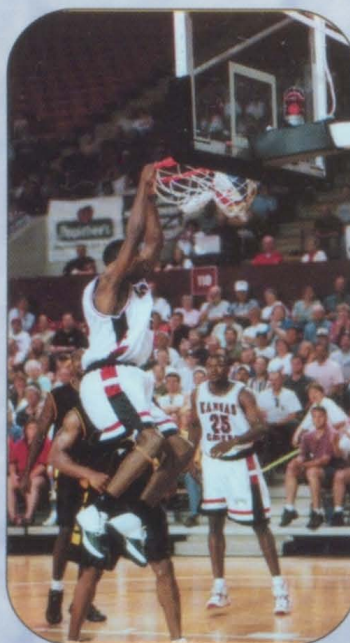


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Pro basketball has found a home in Salina. The Kansas Cagerz are part of the United States Basketball League, a feeder league to the NBA and CBA. The players, like Bryant Basemore, left, used the summer league to polish their skills and stay in shape for the fall/winter season.



Jayhawk women's basketball coach Marian Washington won her 500th career win this winter, against Oklahoma. The win came on the 30th anniversary of Kansas women's basketball and two seniors on the team also scored their 500th career points.



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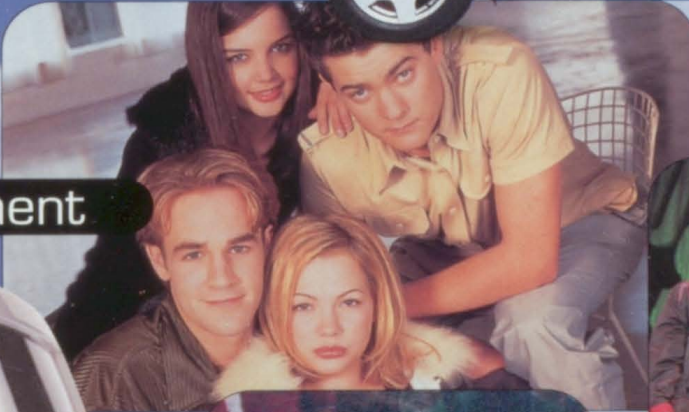
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World News



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➤ French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates \$40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.

AP Photo/Franck Prevot



➤ A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



AP Photo/Michael Probst

➤ A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.



Courtesy Partnership for a Drug Free America

➤ After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated \$1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



AP Photo/Adam Butler

➤ In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.



Balder/Sygma

➤ A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.



AP Photo/Paul Chiasson

➤ On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes in the sea in Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.



AP Photo/APTV

➤ In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

- On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.



AP Photo/John McConnico

- NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station *Alpha*. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



NASA



AP Photo/Pool

- The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.



AP Photo/Xinhua, Zhang Yonghong

- The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.



Gary Hershorn/Reuters

- President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



AP Photo/Luis Romero

- Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

- After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a \$1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.



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AP Photo/European Union



- On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

National News



AP Photo/TDCJ Handout

- Convicted killer Martin Gurule escapes death row and is later found drowned in a nearby river. Gurule is the first Texas inmate to escape death row since 1934.



AP Photo/CNN

- President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.



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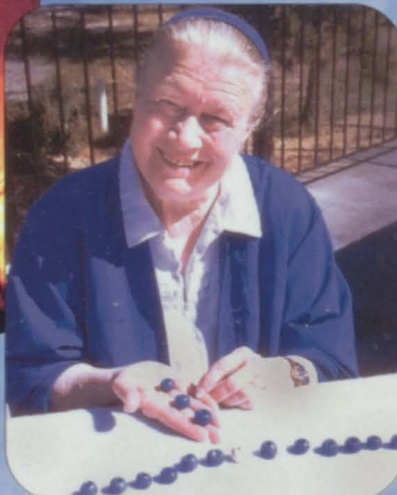
- The U.S. Treasury unveils a new \$20 bill designed to be much harder to counterfeit and more capable of withstanding heavy abuse.

- President Clinton declares the entire state of Florida a disaster area after fires burn over 300,000 acres and damage or destroy 150,000 homes.



AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano

- Sixteen of the 24 glass beads that historians believe were used to buy Manhattan Island from Native Indians in 1626 are donated to the Indian Museum of North America located at the Crazy Horse Memorial.

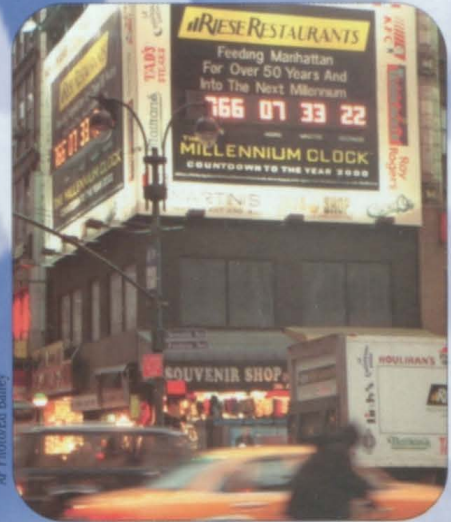


AP Photo/Crazy Horse Memorial, Robb DeWald, File

- After 50 years of work, the face of Crazy Horse is revealed at the South Dakota monument. When completed, the memorial, carved out of a mountain, will be the largest sculpture in the world.

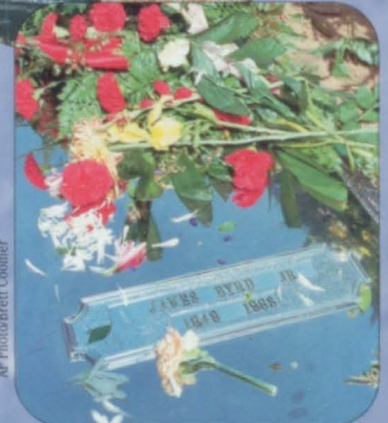


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AP Photo/EA Bailey

- A massive Millennium Clock in New York City's garment district counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.



AP Photo/Brett Coomer

- In June, African-American James Byrd Jr., 49, is chained to the back of a truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas, by three men, two of whom have ties to white supremacists.

➤ Mentally unstable Russell Eugene Weston Jr. charges into the U.S. Capitol building on July 24 and fatally shoots Special Agent John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut.



AP Photo/Gary Cameron, Pool

➤ A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.

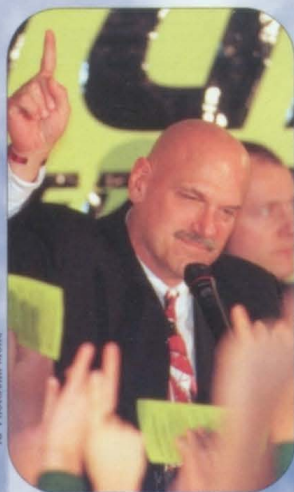


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AP Photo/Jim Mone

➤ Northwest Airlines pilots strike for 17 days in August and September causing more than 27,000 canceled flights and a loss of \$338 million.



AP Photo/Jim Mone

➤ Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura shocks the nation when he wins the race for governor of Minnesota in November. Ventura is a former Navy Seal, pro wrestler and action movie actor.



AP Photo/Ruth Fremson

➤ In response to family pressure, DNA testing confirms that remains buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns are those of Michael J. Blassie, an Air Force pilot shot down in Vietnam.



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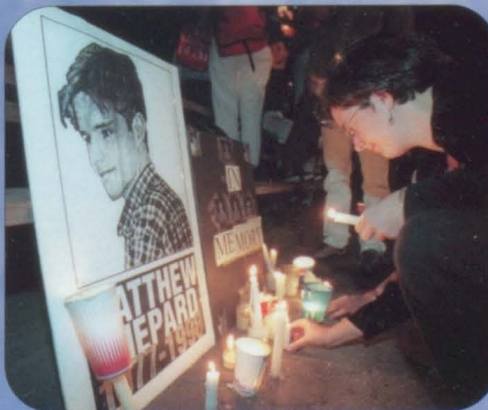
➤ In summer 1998, North Texas temperatures exceed 100 degrees for 45 days. The state's heat death toll climbs to 132 and fires burn over 344,000 acres.

➤ In September, Hurricane Georges crashes through the Florida Keys and Mississippi. The killer storm causes the largest mandatory evacuation in Florida history, and Mississippi victims receive over \$131 million in aid.



AP Photo/Dave Martin

➤ Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, dies five days after being brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime. Vigils in his memory are held across the country.



AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett

Flash

In August, General Motors Corporation and United Auto Workers reach an agreement that ends an eight-week strike.

President Clinton announces the federal government ends the 1998 fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$70 billion, the first surplus since 1969.

More than 280 colleges now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to SAT or ACT scores. Many schools say the system improves the academic quality and diversity of their student bodies.

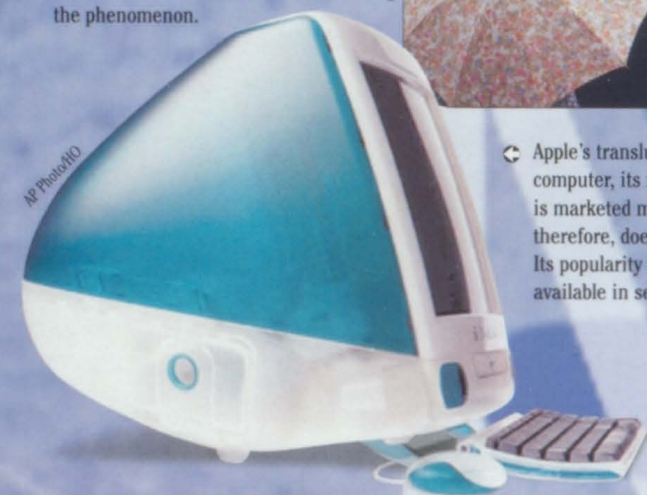
DNA tests determine that Rebecca Chittum was unknowingly switched with Callie Conley at a Virginia hospital after their births three years ago. This case prompts a national debate on the need for stricter hospital procedures.

Science News



NASA

- An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.



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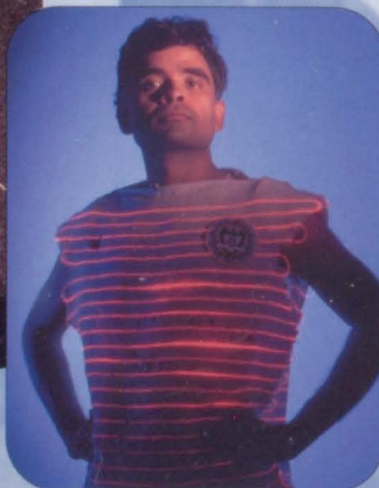
- Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.

- The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



AP Photo/Pornvilai Carr

- A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.



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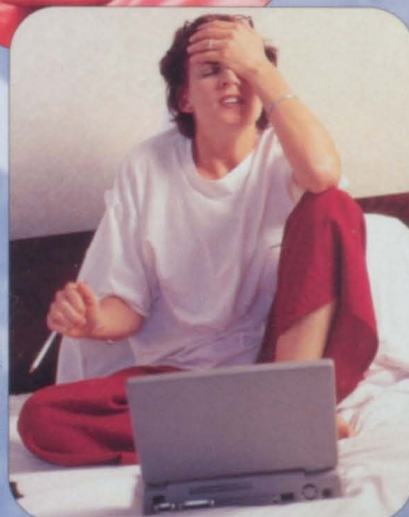
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- Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



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- John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.



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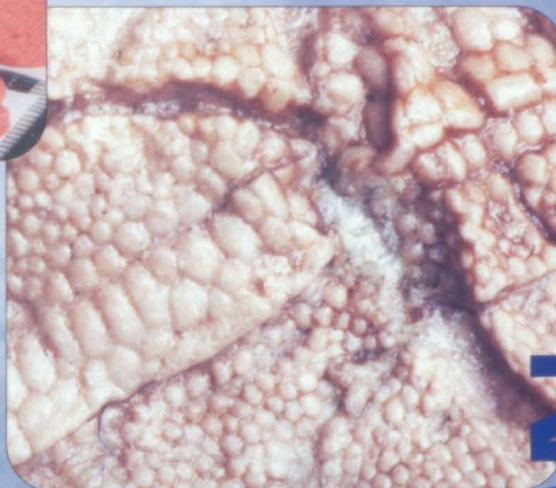
- A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

➤ The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.

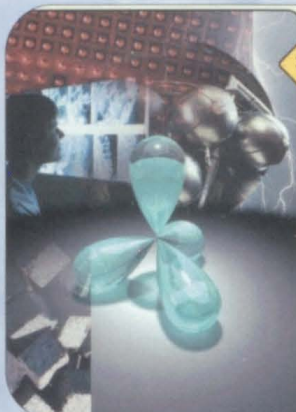


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➤ Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



AP Photo/American Museum of Natural History, L. Meeker



3 The Electronic Structure of Atoms

- 3.1 The Nature Of Light And Emission Spectra
- 3.2 The Bohr Model Of The Atom
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➤ Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

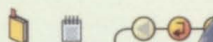


Photo courtesy of the authors (C. Yoder, O. Retterer, M. Thomsen and K. Hess)

➤ Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



➤ The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Duffin McGee/Reuters

Purdue University



AP Photo/NASA

➤ Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.

Flash

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCarty discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

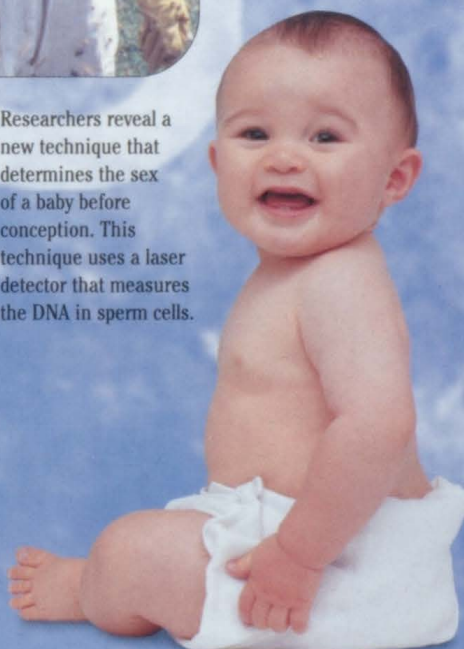
In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.



➤ On August 12, the \$1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.

➤ Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.



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Lifestyle News

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◆ A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

◆ Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

AP Photo/Koji Sakaibara



◆ PlayStation's "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.



AP Photo/Ed Bailey

◆ Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

◆ WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The \$165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

◆ Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.



Kurt Duncan

◆ Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

I WANT YOU



◆ In December, Selective Service activates online registration. Eighteen-year-olds can now register instantly instead of filling out forms at the post office that take two to three months to process.

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➤ As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

➤ A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.



AP Photo/IHS



➤ Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

➤ Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



Courtesy Balanced Body

Paul A. Souders/© Corbis



➤ Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.



➤ For \$20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.



AP Photo/Susan Ragan



Photo courtesy of Mr. Payroll Corporation

➤ Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check – even for someone without a bank account. The machine “memorizes” facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user’s identity.

Flash

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

In the wake of grim automobile accident statistics, California is one of several states to pass stricter teenage licensing laws.

Spurred by fierce competition, colleges and universities are going online to offer students a new way to get an education. Florida State and New York University are a few jumping on board.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.



➤ Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool \$600.

Lifestyle News

Entertainment News



◆ Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

◆ NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.



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◆ In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.



Radica Games

◆ Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.



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◆ Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record \$39.1 million in its November opening weekend.



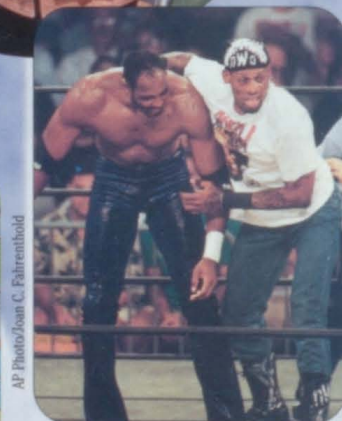
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◆ Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.



◆ Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.



AP Photo/Joan C. Fahrenthold

◆ Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

- Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.



AP Photo/Walt Disney, HO

- In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.



AP Photo/Courtesy Viewpoint Datalabs



- In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.

- Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



GameWorks



Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

- The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



AP Photo/WB, James Sorenson

- The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.

Flash

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include: *Citizen Kane*, 1941
Casablanca, 1942
The Godfather, 1972
Gone With the Wind, 1939
Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
The Wizard of Oz, 1939
The Graduate, 1967
On the Waterfront, 1954
Schindler's List, 1993
Singin' in the Rain, 1952

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular *Star Wars* trilogy opens in May 1999.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!

- Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.



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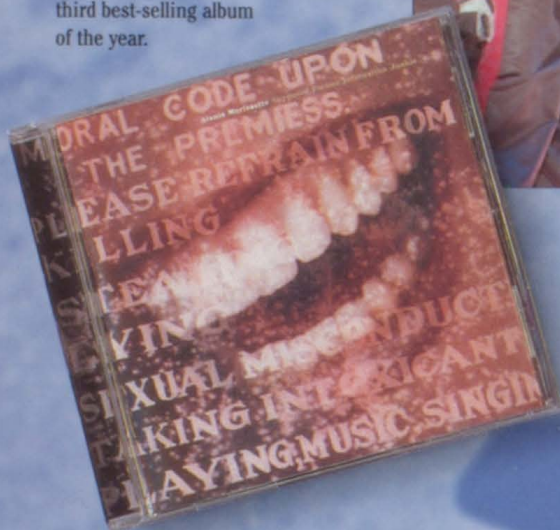
Music News



✦ Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.



✦ Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.



✦ Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

✦ In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

✦ The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.



✦ Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.



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✦ Nineteen-year-old Usher is named *Billboard* Music Awards' Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year. Touring with Janet Jackson and making television and movie appearances has heightened Usher's popularity.



✦ Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

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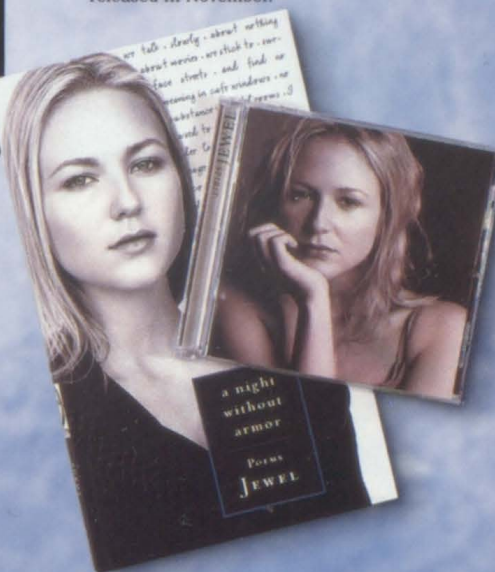
MusiNews

➤ Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.



AP Photo/File

➤ Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor*, makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.



➤ Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.



AP Photo/Michael Otonewski

➤ Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."



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➤ The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.



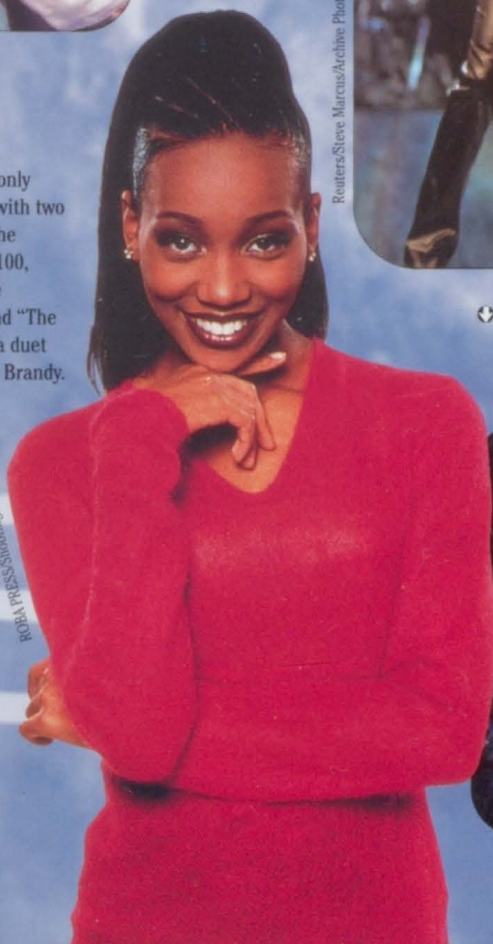
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AP Photo/The Hamilton Spectator, Scott Gardner

➤ Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

➤ Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



ROBA PRESS/Shooting Star

➤ In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.



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Flash

Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

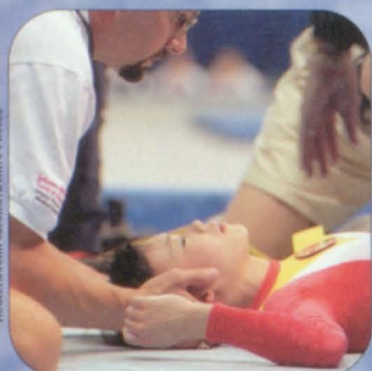
Movie soundtracks account for nearly half of the Gold and Platinum certification. Some of the top soundtracks include *Titanic* and *Return to Titanic*, *City of Angels*, *Armageddon*, *Hope Floats*, *Dr. Doolittle* and *The Wedding Singer*.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

Sports News

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- ◆ Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

- ◆ Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.

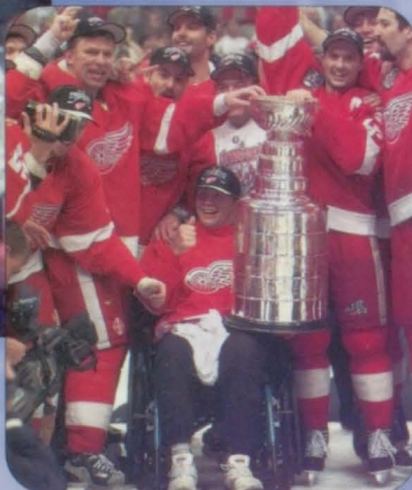


- ◆ In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.

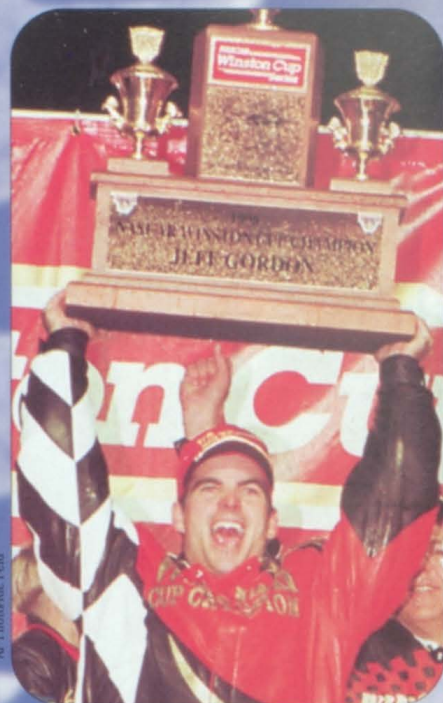
- ◆ On January 4, 1999, Tennessee beats Florida State University 23-16 at the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona to win the national championship. It is the first year of the Bowl Championship Series, created to ensure that the highest ranked college teams nationally meet in a bowl game.



- ◆ Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.



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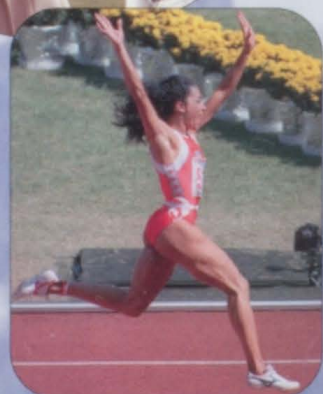
AP Photo/Ric Feld

- ◆ Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



Ida Mae Astaire/ABC

- ◆ ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.



AP Photo/Eric Ribberg

- ◆ Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

AP Photo/Dave Martin

Sports News

➤ In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.

AP Photo/Lenny Ignietzi



➤ In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Élysées and injures 60 people.



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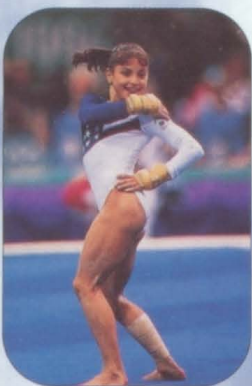
➤ Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

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➤ Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.



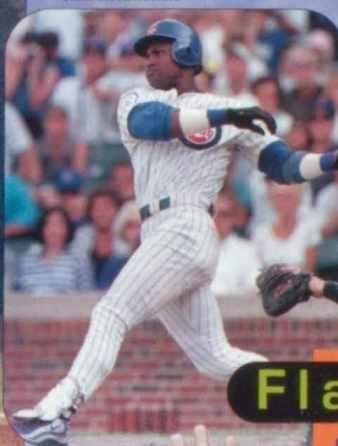
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➤ St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

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➤ On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.



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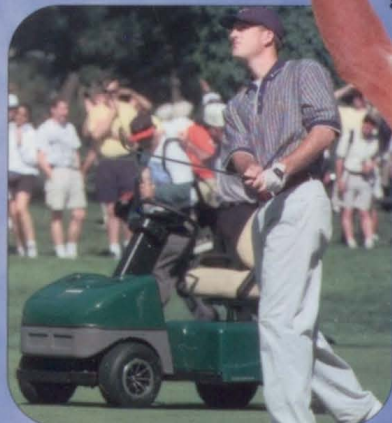
On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.

➤ The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.



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➤ The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

➤ Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.

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Faces News



◆ Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson is crowned Miss America 1999 in Atlantic City. The 24-year-old diabetic wears an insulin pump on her hip and plans to spotlight diabetes awareness during her reign.



◆ Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.

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◆ After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.

Emilie Sommer/Cape Cod Times

AP Photo/Deb Halberstadt



◆ Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

AP Photo/NBC Photo, Dave Bjerke



◆ NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

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Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weirlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weirlick marry the same day.



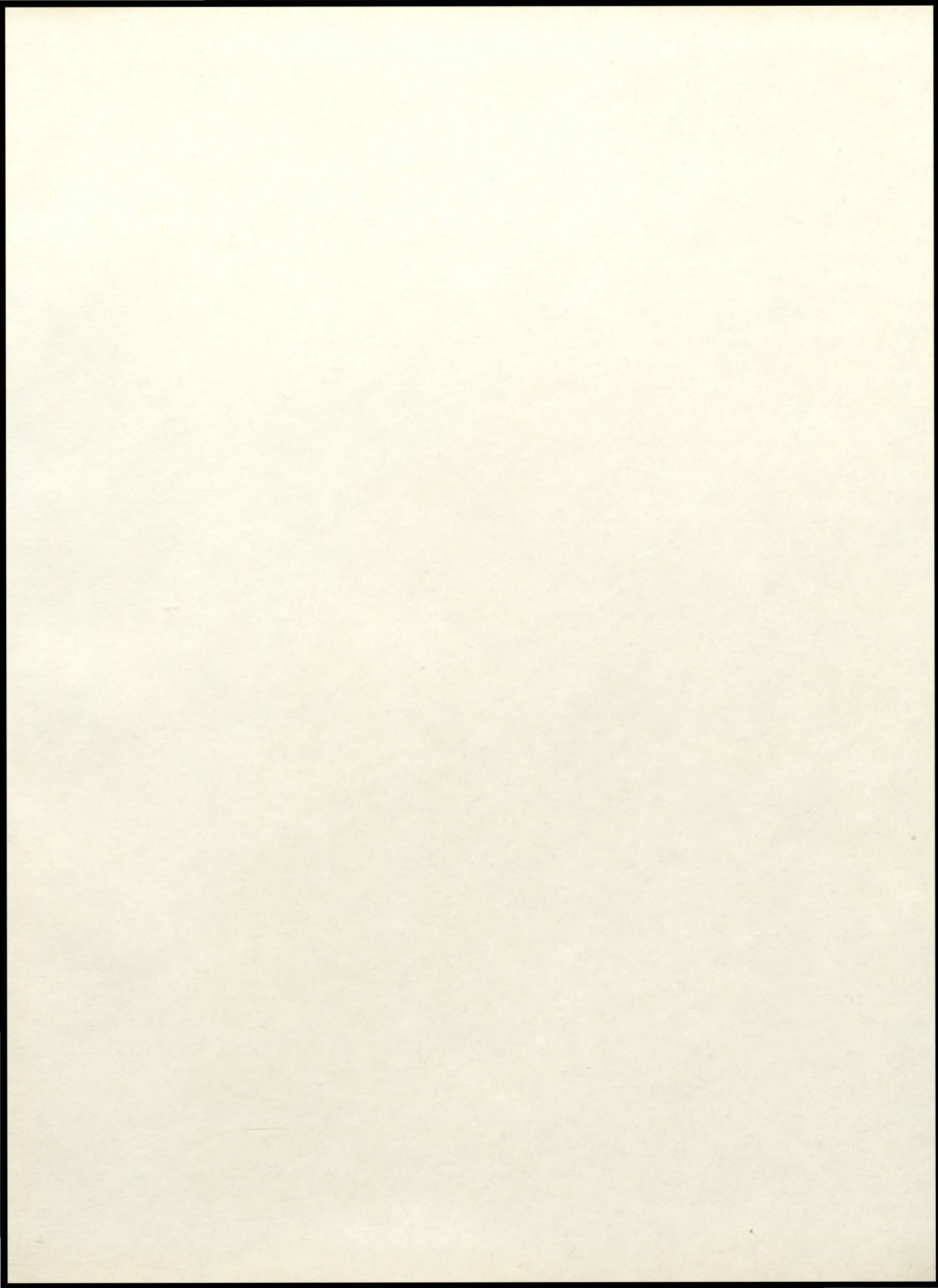
◆ Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

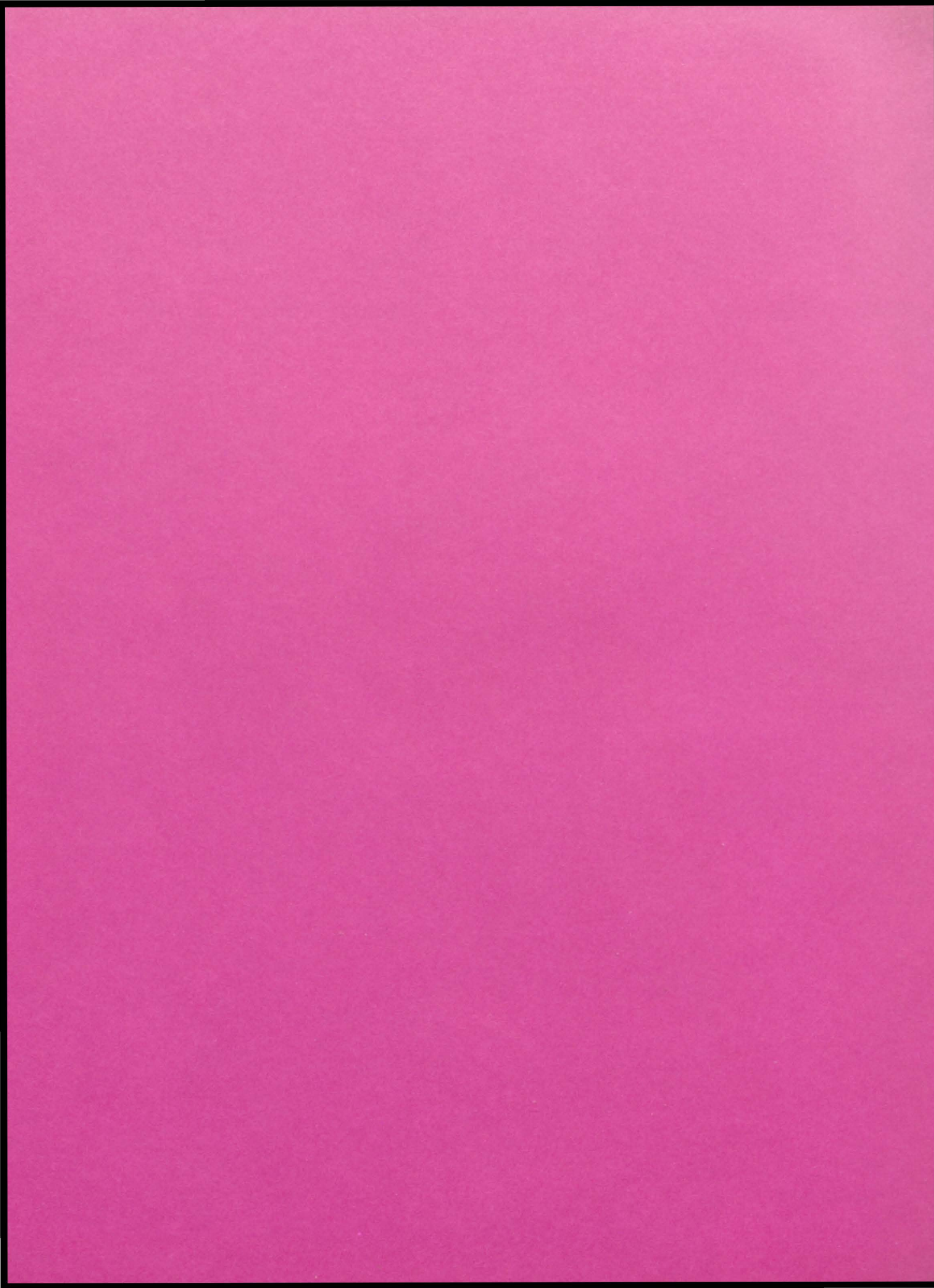


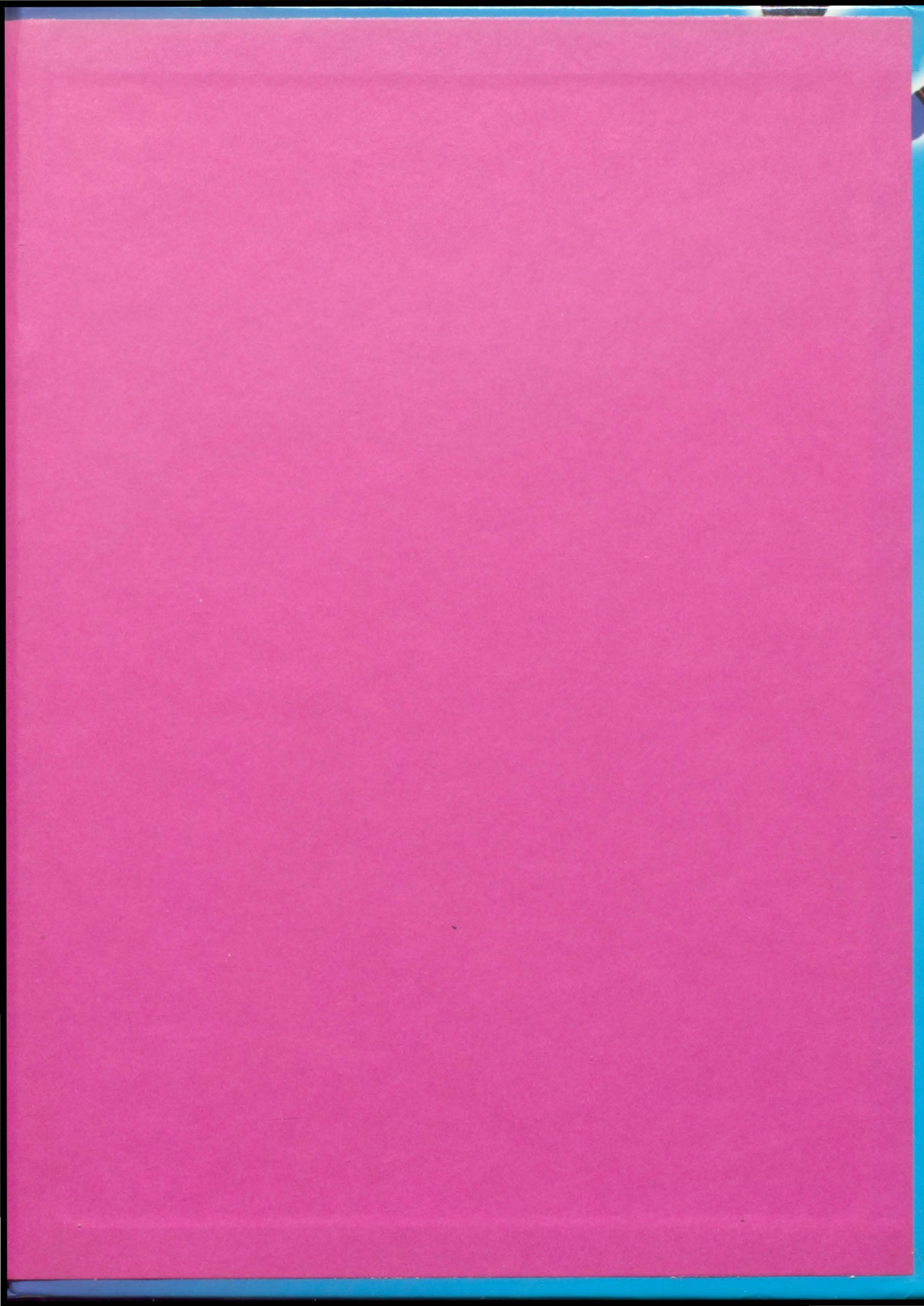
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