

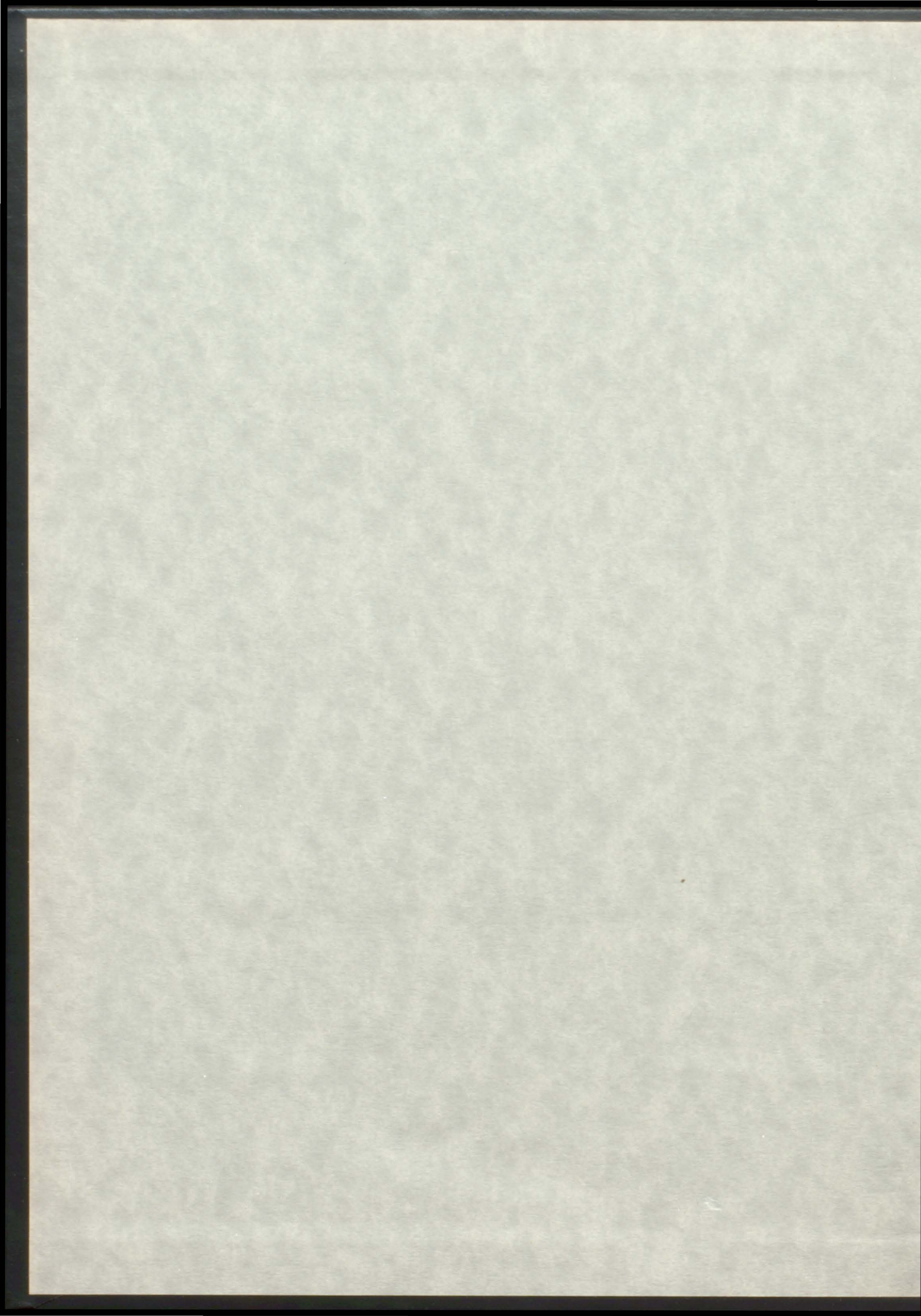


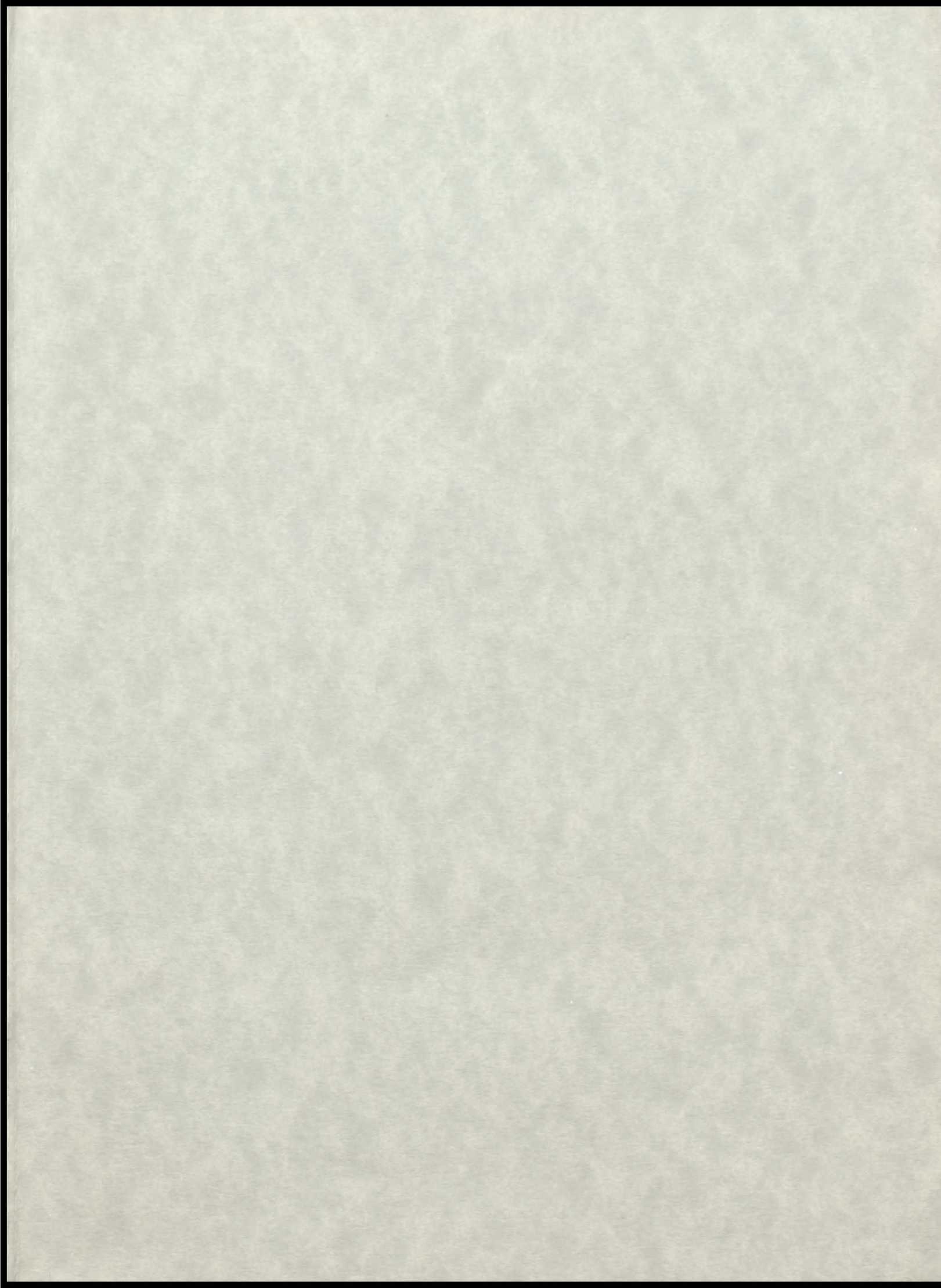
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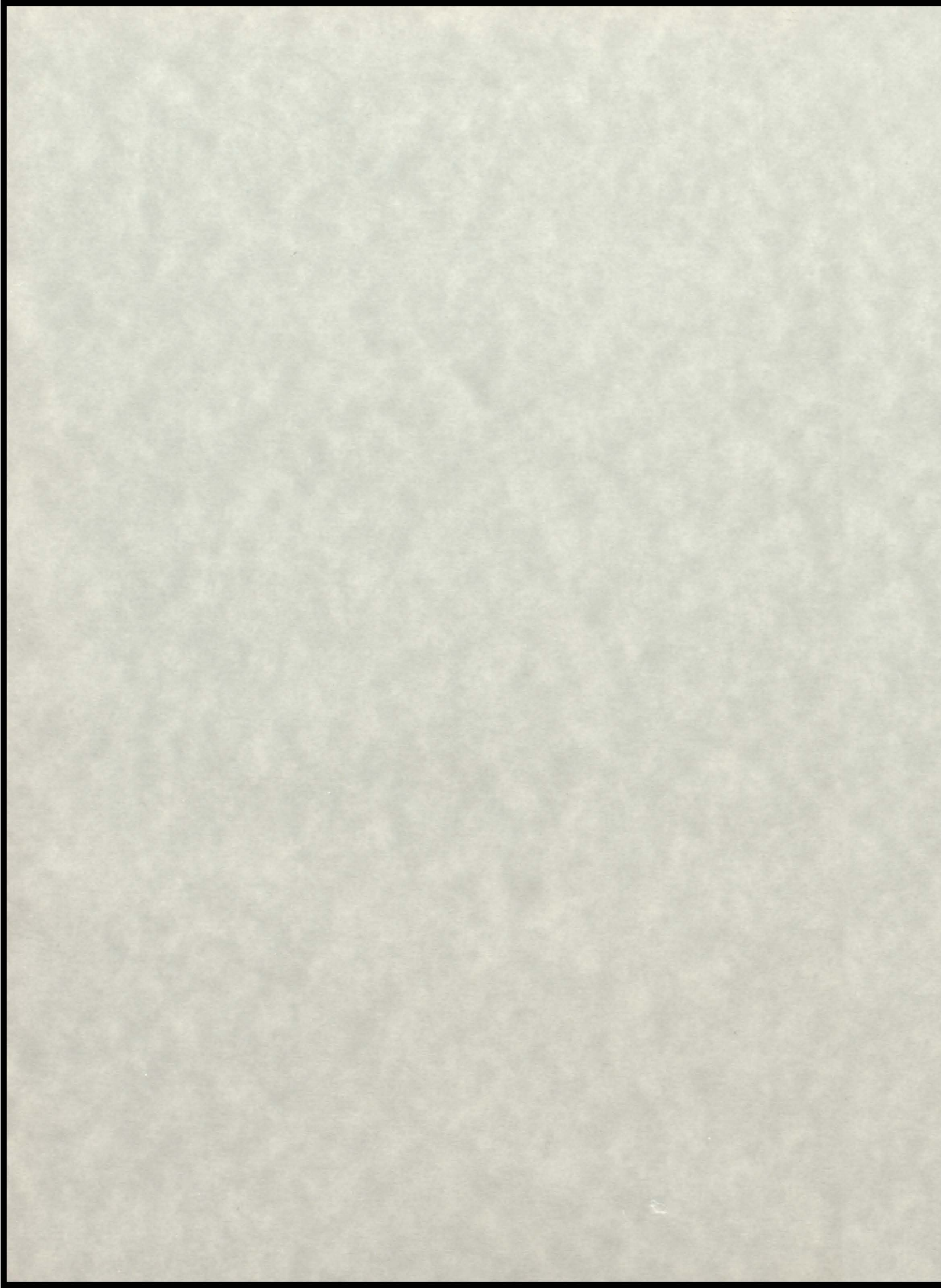
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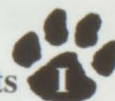


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A BACKWARDS GLANCE

From the echo of the first bell of the year on August 21 until the final chorus of the alma mater on graduation night, May 22, we knew our time had come. The new block scheduling was being discussed, new administration, and population growth signaled changing times.

This yearbook was designed for the memories you might forget and the people you will always remember. It has taken just a few years to develop friendships that will last a lifetime. We captured a few precious moments on film that show a small glimpse of the past as we look to the big picture of the future. As we become older and forget the little spurts of happiness we used to get, we can look back on the faces that made our happiness so complete and those who made us smile.

As our reunions sneak upon us, we can glance back to see what our hopes, dreams, and goals were and how we have changed them a hundred times. With each new goal accomplished, a new dream would begin its weary way into our thoughts and hopes. We will look back at our accomplishments then and feel proud.

For some of us we have seen these same sights for five years. New students and staff have come and gone. We have made new friends and accomplished self-set goals. When we are older we will look back at these things and remember as we continue to walk the path of life.

By: Tracy Sinclair



Upper Right: These girls show Aaron Mitchell how to make a real "sweet" man. Left: Dan Auch makes another attempt at being the class clown. Sorry Dan! Right: The six seniors here are out for a night of fun and excitement.



Below Left: These faces are smiling at their efforts to make a most delicious dessert. See any future Chefs? Below Right: Junior Daric "The Body" Burr, shows a broad smile because he knows that all the girls are standing by. What a Ham!



Middle Left: Jenny Wilson is hard at work on an assignment. Hopefully all that hard work and determination will payoff in the end!

Middle Right: Nathan Babb Jr., Andy Noah So., Jake Russel So., and Chris Nelson Jr. are trying to get hot dates for Friday nights basketball game. Nice try Andy!

Left: Sr. Amanda Adams will forever be known as Pyro-Panda because of the role of "Smokey-the-Bandit" she played on Basketball homecoming.

Dedicated to Mrs. Nielsen

Mrs. Linda Nielsen graduated in May of 1967 from Central Community High School in Elkader, Iowa. In high school she was a member of many clubs including her high school band, FHA, FTA, National Thespian League, French Club, and many others. She then went on to college at the University of Iowa in 1971.

In 1985 she, her husband Larry, and their three daughters, Alicia, Adrienne, and Abby moved to the Neosho District. This year will make her tenth year teaching in Neosho. She has been the drama teacher for all of those years and enjoys doing the work. She takes a lot upon herself every year to make the Spring and Fall plays happen. She has been known to have a sewing machine on her desk making costumes right up to performance day!

Mrs. Nielsen is a longtime community 4-H leader and is serving her 4th year as President of the Southwest MO Speech Teachers Association.

In her spare time, Mrs. Nielsen likes to read, work on her "drama homework", needle point, and listen to music. She also enjoys waterskiing. The whole family likes to go on a vacation every summer to get away from everything and take some time off to relax. If you have ever been in Mrs. Nielsen's class or just know her from the halls, you know how dedicated she is to teaching and helping the students be the best they can be. It is for these reasons that the yearbook staff sincerely dedicates the 1997 NEOHIMO to Mrs. Linda Nielsen.

by Annie Owens



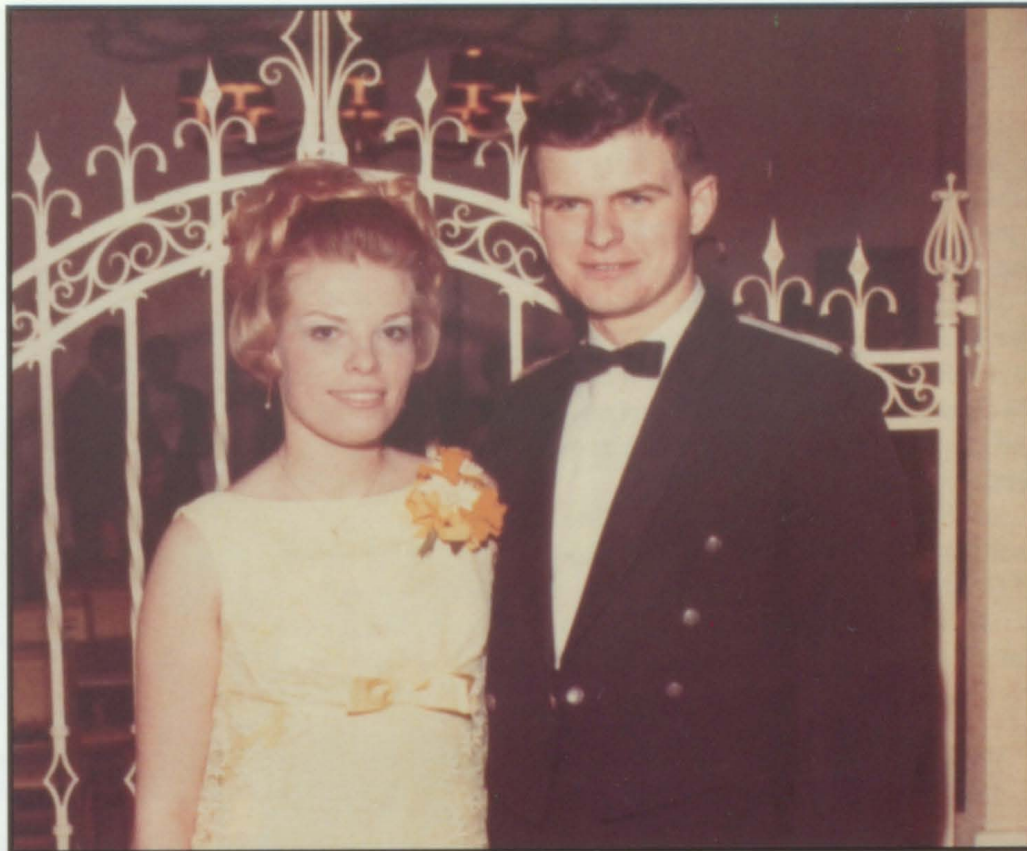
Above Left: Mrs. Nielsen shows her dedication to family by allowing Abby to demonstrate clown face painting on her at a 4-H meeting.



Above Right: Mrs. Nielsen and her cow Abe, show off the first place award they just won at the county fair.

Below: Mrs. Nielsen shows off her school spirit as a member of her high school cheerleading squad.





Middle Left: On route to a track meet in Louisiana, Mrs. Nielsen takes time out to pose with a man she holds dear to her heart.

Bottom Left: Family is very important to Mrs. Nielsen; she is seen here with her husband, Larry and her three daughters, Alicia, Adrienne, and Abby.

Top: Shortly after their marriage, Mr. Nielsen took his new bride to an Air Force ball.

Above: Mrs. Nielsen works with some of her future Speech and Debate students.



SCHOOL LIFE YEARS

Everyone has felt it. You know; that time when you can't help but look at the clock every thirty seconds. Waiting. Looking. Waiting. Looking. Waiting and then you hear it. Ding! Ding! Ding! Finally, free to start your other life. You know the one *between* school years.

No matter what each one of us has planned, whether it's to just have fun or work all the time, no one can resist the call of summer. There are vacations, softball games, days lounging at the creek, and most importantly no school. We meet new friends and say goodbye to old ones. Special events happen and memories are made.

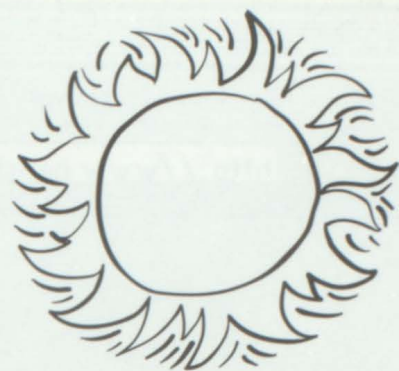
As the summer nears an end, we find ourselves longing to hear the sounds of lockers slamming and smell the sweet aroma of Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, and yes even looking forward to class. So I wish to you great summers past, present, and future; but remember without school there is no summer.

By: Kate Ely



Top: For some summer means diets in order to look good in a bathing suit, but for Aaron Mitchell it means no wrestling and therefore an all you can eat day at McDonalds'. Right: **WHAT A STUD!** Matt Ball took the hard working road of summer. He not only got a paycheck, but a great tan, too. Above: **EEEEAAACKK!** Some things are just so fun they're scary. Rachel Mitchell, Ragan Mitchell, and Jessica Brannon take a little ride on the adventurous side to relieve the stress of summer.





Left: WHAT A CATCH!

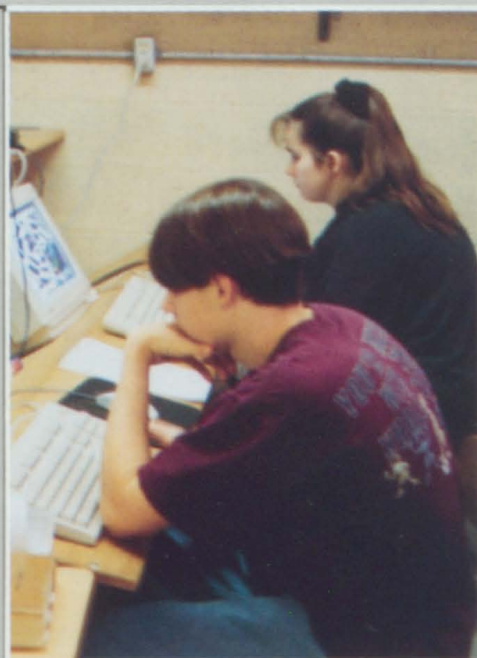
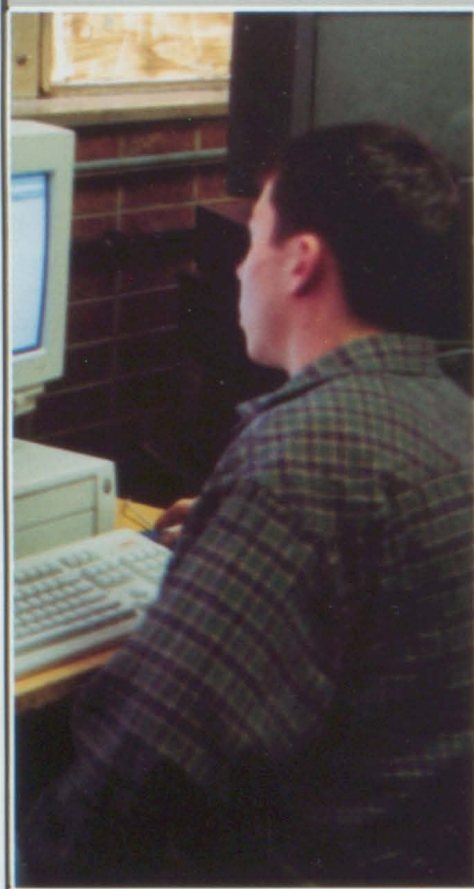
Senior Joey Linehan and his other Senior football mates got a head start on football, the fun way.

Below: Learning new things is also part of summer. Chasity Payton was learning that barn swinging is fun, but only if you hold your lunch!



Above: What a better way to spend a summer than exploring new places. Sarah Briggs and Suzanne Berry take a tour by the waterfront in Victoria to see the famous Hanging Baskets of Flowers. Right: School doesn't always end with summer. Science Club found the sweet reward of victory earning second place in the solar bike race.



Go To: <http://www.neosho.k12.mo.us>

Left: Phillip Land is looking for the hidden picture, can you find it? Middle: Matt Carr! Who is suppose to be taking a picture of who? Right: Concentration, Amy and Ben are looking to find the hidden meaning of computers, they say there isn't one.

On The Net!

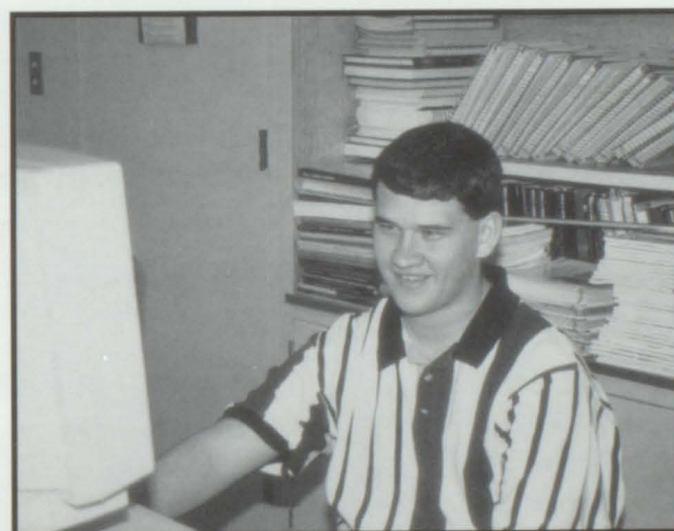
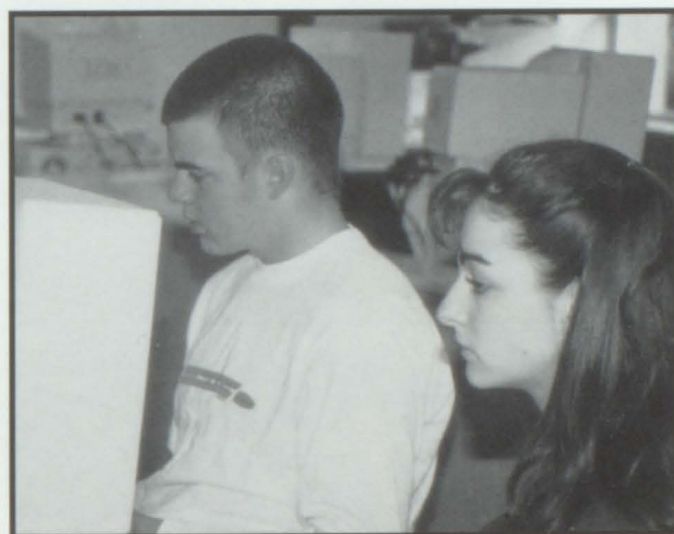
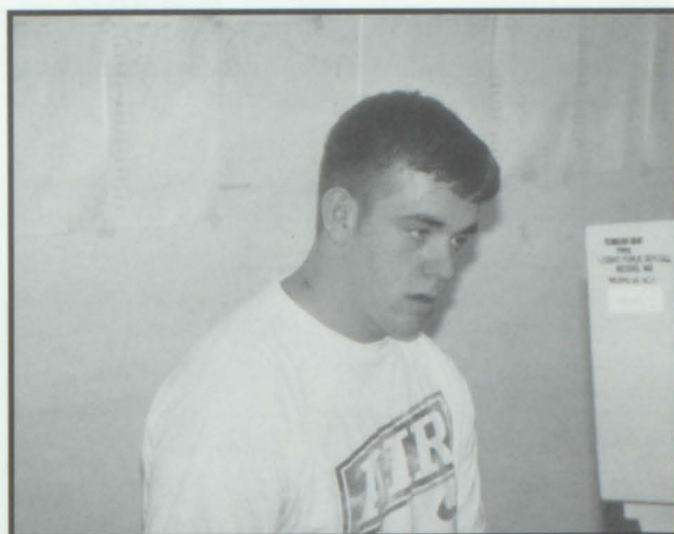
NHS Cruises onto the Information Superhighway! It was full speed ahead for the Neosho School District as it found its way onto the WWW. Students and teachers all over the district found they had access to information they didn't even know existed. Some participants were only "lurkers" while others surfed their way to being a regular "netizen". The JH/SH complex had a computer in every classroom and three labs all networked to a server that took off through a 56k line to the Internet. The MS was networked during the 95-96 school year and the elementary schools had access through a single computer at each building, making access available district wide. Several LAN's were in place and we were on our way to a WAN.

Many students were linking up at home through JANICS, a community network, or other services that were starting to become available in the area. They created their own web pages and corresponded through the use of email, forgetting in many instances that "snail mail" even existed. Email is one of the most popular uses of the Internet. R-5 had its own email server with each teacher and administrator having email accounts. Students used teacher's accounts for research, etc.

The IA Department began producing the Wildcat News in a Graphic Tech Class. Each Thursday the school announcements were broadcast. By the end of the school year, the local cable company, Cable Com, had provided a 24 hour channel solely for school use. Students in the Computer Science II class created a multi media presentation that would scroll continuously on the channel when school activities were not being broadcast. These same students created the R-5 website and spent many hours throughout the year on development.

Instead of putting up firewalls through software like Cyberpatrol or Cybersitter, students and teachers were expected to sign a Use Agreement if they wanted to use the district network. Everyone was expected to exercise appropriate netiquette and only access sites that were educationally appropriate. By remembering the rules of the game, users could avoid being flamed and losing access rights.

Our onsite Guru, Judy Manhatton, kept everything up and running and fixed everything that no one else could figure out. It was a challenging and eventful year in technology.



Top: Duce Lett looks up stock prices in Yahoo.
Middle: Greg Palmersheim and Shannon Deffenbaugh try to make their stock spreadsheets work. Above: Ray Dunaway checks out his webpage project.

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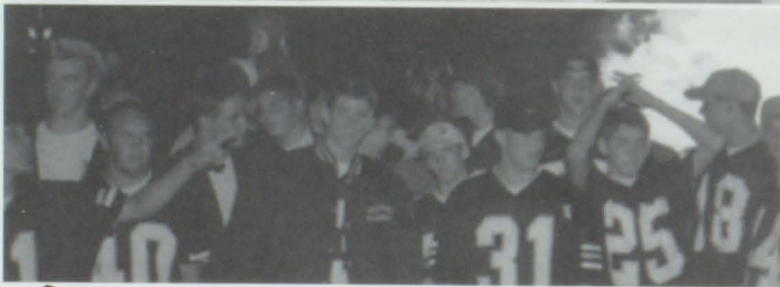
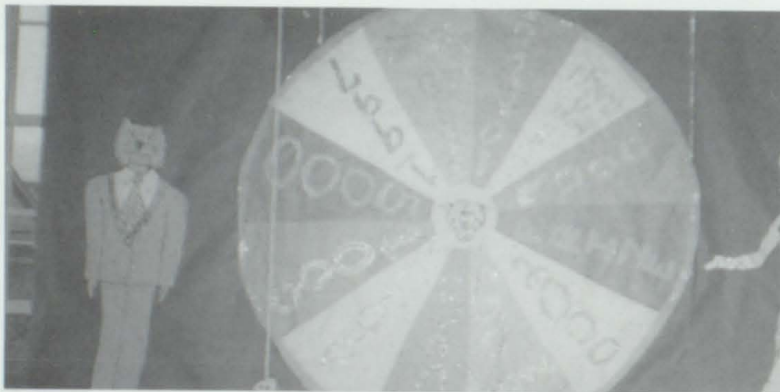
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A Backwards Glance

This year's Yearbook Assembly theme was "A Backward's Glance." Senior Sarah Briggs, escorted by Senior Travis Long, was crowned 1997 queen by the 1996 Neohimo Queen Emily Christenson.

After the crowning, Mrs. Nielsen, this year's Drama Teacher, was honored with the dedication of the 1997 Neohimo.

The Choraleers performed "Eli's Coming, Unchained Melody, and Footloose." To add a little "jazz" to the Assembly the Wildcat Jazz Band played many outstanding numbers.

The Queen's Court was:

Seniors-Amanda Adams and
Jean Ahsmuhs.

Juniors- Emmy Dobbs, Ragan Mitchell, and
Tricia Shea.

Sophomores-Amber Burnett, Sidney Garrow,
and Sarah Kimbrough.



*1997 Neohimo Queen
Sarah Briggs*



Three Seniors



*Dedicated to
Mrs. Linda Nielsen
& Neohimo Assembly*



Amanda Adams



Jean Ahsmuhs

Emmy Dobbs



Ragan Mitchell



Tricia Shea



The Queen and Her Court

Left: Neohimo Queen Sarah Briggs and her court.

Escorts

Seniors-Travis Long, Christian Lentz, Greg Palmersheim.
Juniors-Ryan Long, Cody Williams, Drew Tignor.
Sophomores-Ryan Phillips, John Briggs, Ryan Fletcher.



Amber Burnett



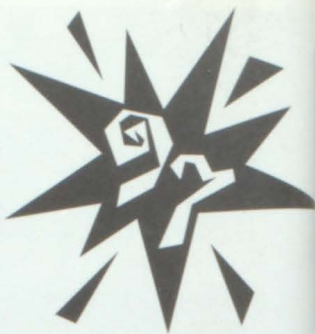
Sidney Garrow



Sarah Kimbrough

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Football Homecoming



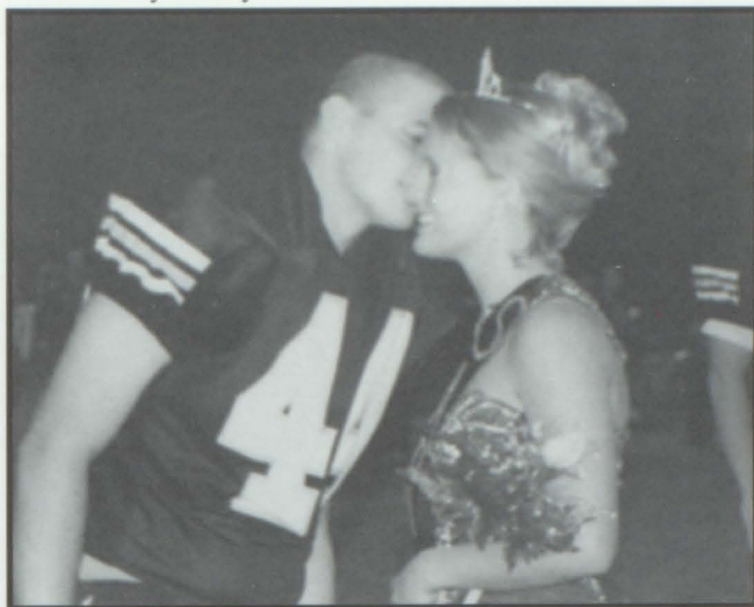
Top left: Got any Cheese? Darrell Mahan was Erkel for a day, on Nerd Day of spirit week. Top right: Jamanji characters, Lindsay Franks, Arica Kyler, Tracy Sinclair, & Annie Owens are going a little on the wild side for spirit week.



Junior, Lenny Simek was "ball capped" as Mr. Homecoming at the homecoming pep assembly.



Left: ER staff report to class stat! These junior girls are dressed for their theme "Operation" as they try to assist the school nurse in her daily duties. Below: Sweet kiss of victory! Sarah Stonecipher receives her victory kiss from her escort Rocky Olbrey.



The 1996 Football Homecoming theme, The Wildcats Beat The Tigers At Their Own Game, foretold the story of the 24 - 16 victory for the Cats. The spirit days and winners were as follows:

Monday.....	Hat Day.....	Luke Hixon
Tuesday.....	Nerd Day.....	Chelsey Cashel
Wednesday.....	Hero Day.....	Scott Wylie
Thursday.....	Theme Day.....	K.K. Sarratt
Friday.....	Black & Gold Day....	Branda Edwards

Overall Student.....	Darrell Mahan
Overall Teacher.....	Mrs. Kleiboeker

In the class wide spirit competition the standings were, 1st Sophomores, 2nd Juniors, & 3rd Seniors. In the tag competition the winners were, 1st Sophomores, 2nd Seniors, & 3rd Juniors. The overall winners were the Sophomores with the sweeping victories of tags and spirit.

At the pep assembly a new tradition was started, Mr. Homecoming. The contestants had to compete in casual wear, formal wear, and perform a talent. The contestants were: Sophomore Ryan Hughes, who did a gravity defying handstand; Junior Lenny Simek, who showed his dancing ability; and Seniors, Chad Chestnut, who showed off his ability to call wild turkeys; Greg Palmersheim, who was all shook up while he sang one of Elvis's songs; and Eric Schade, who showed his school spirit by whistling the fight song. After dancing his way into the judges hearts, Junior Lenny Simek was named Mr. Homecoming.

By Sarah Stonecipher



Queen Sarah Stonecipher

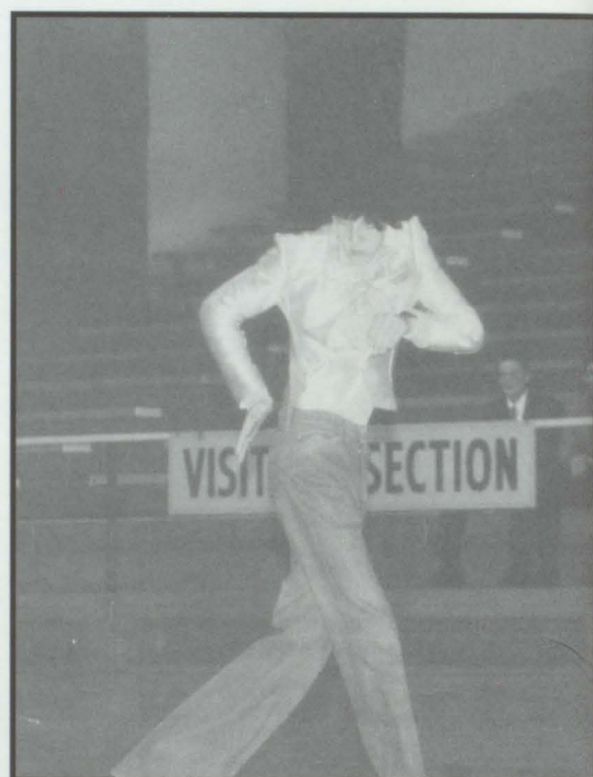
Senior Annie Owens Senior Lindsay Franks

Sophomore Becky Brooks Junior Jammy Harvel

Basketball Homecoming



Upper Left: Riley Snyder escorts Tracy Sinclair at the Homecoming game during half-time. Lower Left: Travis Adams, Jeff Snow, Luke Hixson, and Aaron Patterson take a moment to relax before the Pep Assembly.



Upper Right: Becca Bulla gets attacked by her hard to recognize boyfriend, Justin Kimbrough. Lower Right: Chad Chesnut demonstrates to us his funky moves at the Pep Assembly.



Queen Tracy Sinclair



Queen Tracy Sinclair

Junior Kim Sparks Senior Arica Kyler

Sophomore Chelsey Cashel Senior Marla Adams

Below: Nick Brattin awes us all with his rendition of the well known "Amazing Grace".



"Wildcats Win It All" was the 1997 Basketball Homecoming theme. Despite the crowd's pumped-up spirit, Neosho Wildcats came up short at this year's Homecoming game. At the sound of the buzzer the scoreboard revealed a loss of 48-62. At half-time Tracy Sinclair was crowned as the 1997 Basketball Homecoming Queen.

The entire school showed high levels of Wildcat spirit throughout the week with hall decorations, tags, and overall class spirit. In the class wide spirit competition the standings were, 1st Sophomores, 2nd Seniors, & 3rd Juniors. In the tag competition the winners were, 1st Seniors, 2nd Juniors, & 3rd Sophomores. The overall winners were the Seniors. The spirit days and winners were as follows:

Monday.....	Sweats Day.....	Tara Webster
Tuesday.....	Hat Day.....	Luke Renfro
Wednesday.....	Camouflage Day.....	Chris Melton
Thursday.....	Theme Day.....	Sabrina Kerr
Friday.....	Black & Gold Day.....	Kim Wright
Overall Student.....		Darrell Mahan
Overall Teacher.....		Miss Ellison

At the pep assembly the new tradition of the Mr. Homecoming contest took place for the second time. The contestants had to compete in casual wear, formal wear, and perform a talent. The contestants were: Sophomore, J.D. Macy, who played a tune on the guitar; Junior, Cody Williams, who showed off his perfected slam-dunk (with a little help from Jake Russell); and Seniors, Dan Auch, with his amazing ability to knock down a brick wall; Nick Brattin, who got the stands rocking with his harmonica; Chad Chesnut, who gave us a look back at the 70's with his version of "YMCA". After his lively and very talented performance, Senior Chad Chesnut was named Mr. Homecoming.

By Ragan Mitchell

Oklahoma

The play Oklahoma written by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Music by Richard Rodgers. Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstien II. This story takes place around the turn of the century when Oklahoma became a state. It is packed with love, intrigue, violence, and guns. The music is well known with songs like "Oh what a beautiful morning" and "Oklahoma".

"The play came together better than we all had hoped. It was fun for the cast and the audience." Said senior Jason Shaver (Andrew Carnes).

"I had nightmares about it for two weeks afterward. It was the best time of my life!" Said senior Brittany Rigdon (Aunt Eller).

"The play was done acceptionally well. Even though we had new members to the cast and ice storms we had a full house on every production." Said Mrs. Neilsen (Drama Teacher)



Top Right: Curly (Ryan Fletcher) and Jud (Christian Lentz) have a discussion in Juds Cabin.

Top Left: Rebecca Hanshu, Tim Weems, Mickey Corporon, Carey Moore, Christian Lentz, Ryan Fletcher were guests on the T.V. show Good Morning Four States. They performed the scene of "A Person Good Bye".

Middle: Ado Annie (Carey Moore) and Gertie (Mary Hutchins) fight for the affections of Will Parker (Mickey Corporon).

Above Left: The cast of Oklahoma.

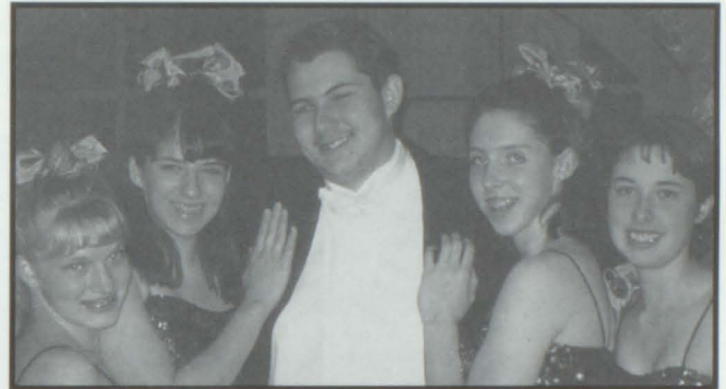
Right: Andrew Carnes (Jason Shaver) and Aunt Eller (Brittany Rigdon) show what a true shotgun wedding really is.



The Amazing Adventures of Dan the Dare Devil

The play "The Amazing Adventures of Dan the Dare Devil" is written by Tim Kelly, lyrics by Ole Kittleson. It is a Golden age radio spoof featuring America's number one hero, Dan Daredevil, as he answers the call of Betty Parker. She comes to Dan after receiving a distressing letter from her weird Uncle Philo. Along with Woof, the invisible wonderdog, they travel to the mysterious Nightmare Castle, where there are modern-day pirates, dangerous creatures and an arch criminal known only as "The Fog."

The Audience enjoyed watching Dan defeat the beautiful, evil countess Frederika and defy the death-ray gun. And when things get too frightening there is a crunchy chews commercial.



Top: Looks like Adam, The Robot (C. Shilling), finally caught his girl Betty (S. Spence).

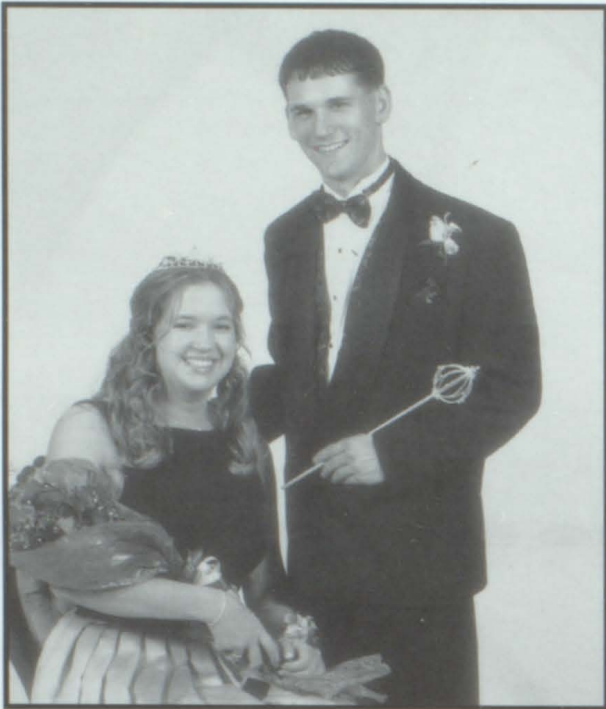
Middle Left: Uncle Philo (S. Wilson) and the villains (S. Bowers, M. Corporon, B. Rigdon, R. Betts).

Upper Right: Dare Devilets (S. Kyler, S. Houk, J. Dwyer, L. Woodward) and the Radio Announcer (E. Olsen) take time out before going on the air.

Lower Right: The nosy neighbors, Tapioka Sterling (J. Los) and Nytoka Sterling (S. Kendall) welcome Woof the Wonder Dog (D. Rogers) Dan Daredevil (T. Betts) and Betty Parker (S. Spence) to the neighborhood.

Left: The forbidden cargo (E. Davis, H. Collins, A. Neville, B. Schuster) are showing how scared they are of Cap'n Scar (R. Betts).

In The Still of the Night



This year the Junior class did a wonderful job on the 1997 prom theme, "In the Still of the Night". It took a lot of hard work and time to get everything together before the final day arrived. For the third year the dance was held at the Municipal Auditorium with 360 tickets sold. The auditorium was decorated with a fountain in the middle of the floor and lights were hung on the balcony to create a starry look. The colors this year were silver and purple.

In picking the King and Queen candidates the Junior class went with no couples. The Queen candidates were Christine Clark, Tracy Welch, Shawna Smith, and Charla Scoggin. King candidates included Eric Shade, Riley Snyder, Ryan Hines, and Tony Morrow. After the king and queen were recognized and crowned everyone danced to the theme song 'In the Still of the Night'.



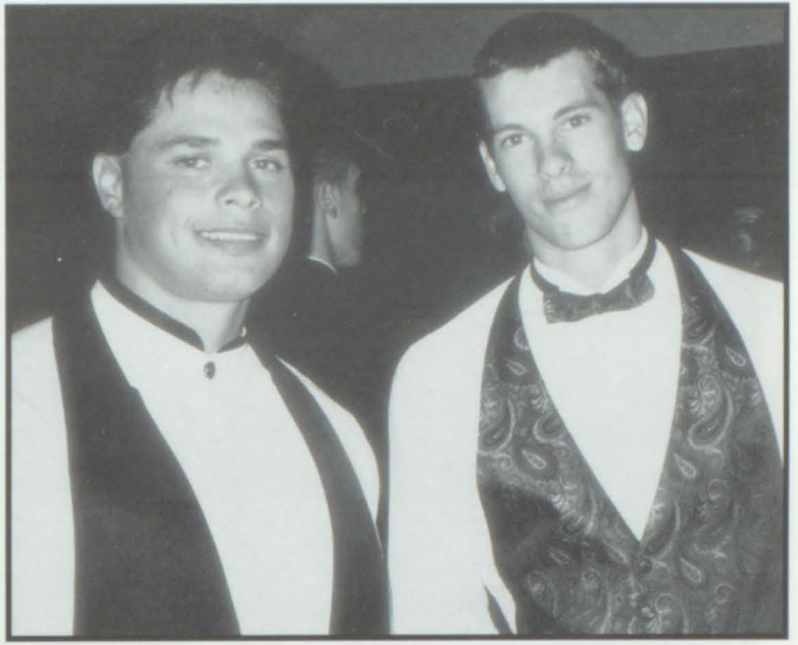
Top left: The 1997 prom King and Queen: Charla Scoggin and Tony Morrow.

Left: These people felt like taking a break from dancing while they relax in the refreshment area.

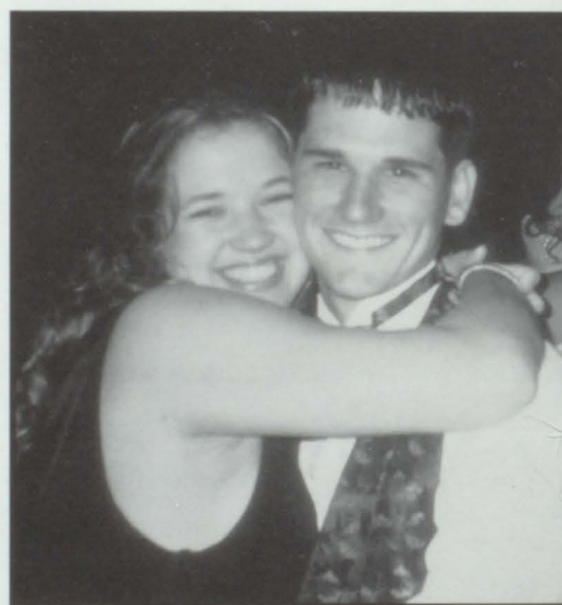
Bottom left: Carey Moore and Jason Beckerdite reminisce while everyone else is dancing the night away.

Bottom right: These two people look like they are very much in love.

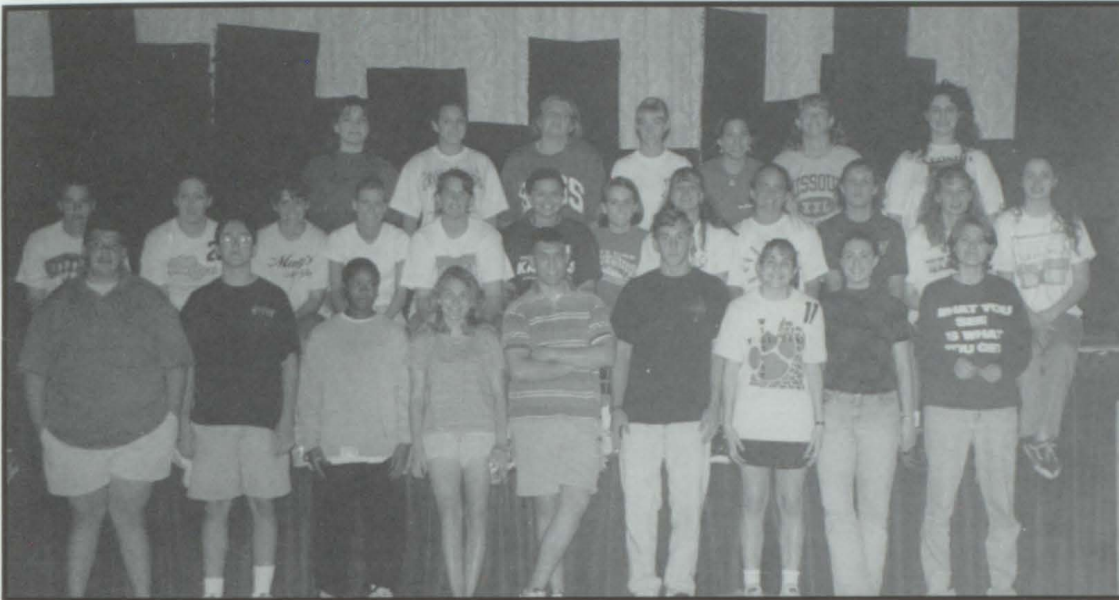




Smiles, smiles, and more smiles. Above, everyone show us their wonderful smiles and their sparkling dresses at the same time. While the guys show off their tuxedos with the somewhat small bowties, Darrell Mahan had something else in mind.



Standing around looking pretty was this group's idea. Everybody wanted to look their best for this special prom night, but Greg Palmersheim wanted to look different than everyone else so he picked an original and different tuxedo that he thinks no one else will have. And he was right!



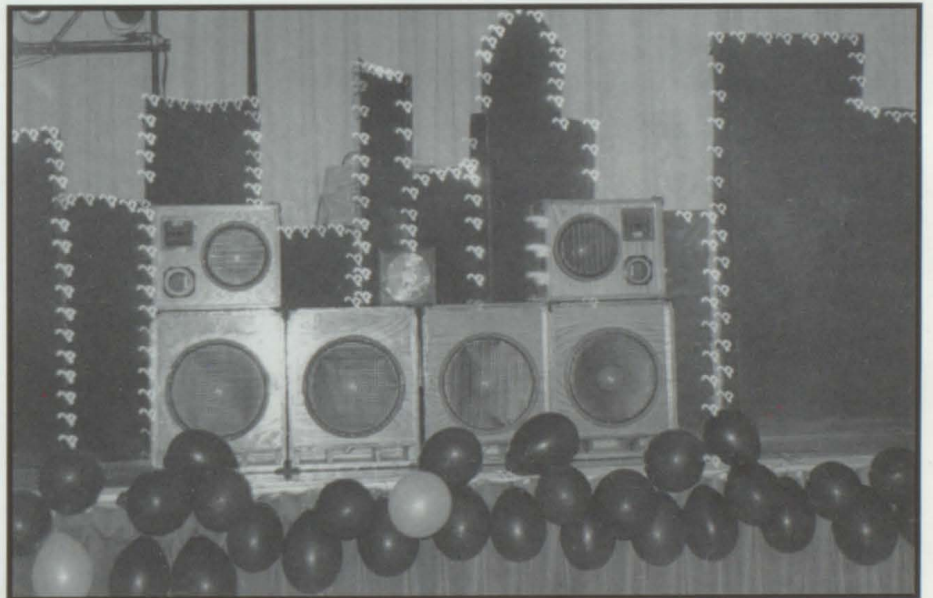
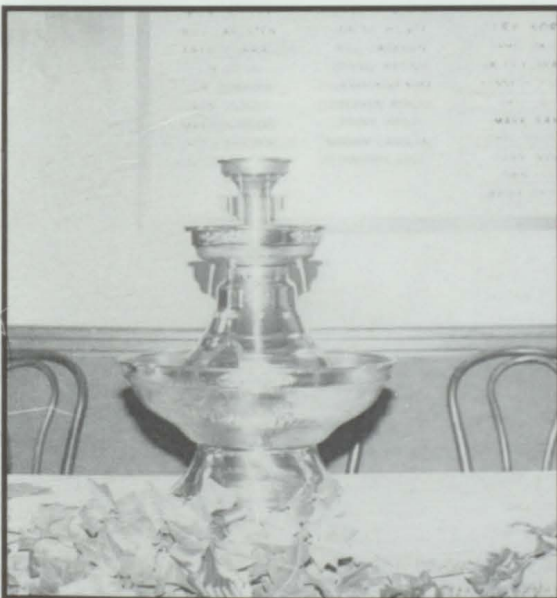
Above left: Prom is not only having fun, but also working hard to make it look so good. These girls look like they are having a little fun.

Above right: What is Jennifer Bullington doing anyway?

Left: This group of hard workers have to take a break sometime.

Below left: One of the many beautiful decorations at prom.

Below right: The guys that carried these speakers in must have been pretty buff!



GRADUATION 1997

Looking Straight Forward! Not a Backwards Glance!

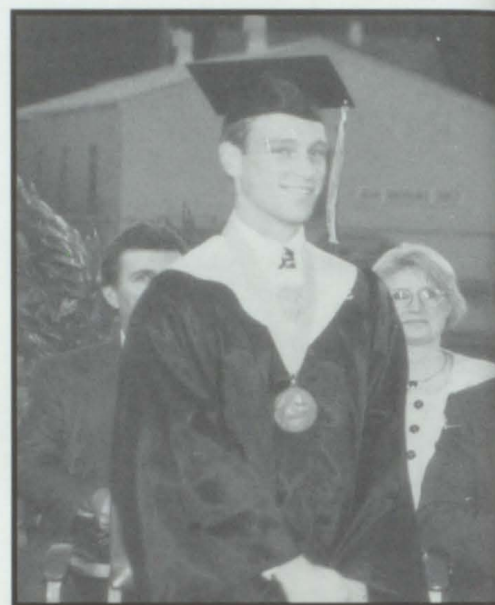
The Senior class of 1997 conquered their third and final year of high school with a loud shout of victory and accomplishment. This class reached high levels of academic and athletic achievements.

This night of excitement was given a humorous, yet a very special meaning by Mrs. Nancy Rugh. She gave the Goodbye Speech and included was some very helpful survival tips like to not run up your credit card and "always wear clean underwear".

Earl Reynolds, President of the Board of Education, recognized the class and the Board Members presented 187 diplomas.

With their graduation on this unforgettable night, these Seniors left the community of Neosho with a lifetime of treasured memories.

Top right: Mrs. Pate is still patiently guiding the Seniors while handing out Top Twenty Cords. Right: Suzanne Berry nervously accepts her award of Salutatorian. Far right: Jason Beckerdite has a reason to grin real big when he is given a plaque and medal for Valedictorian. Bottom right: At the Senior Assembly the Senior members of the Cecilian Choir sang songs of friendship and memories. There were quite a few sinffles and teary eyes during this performance.

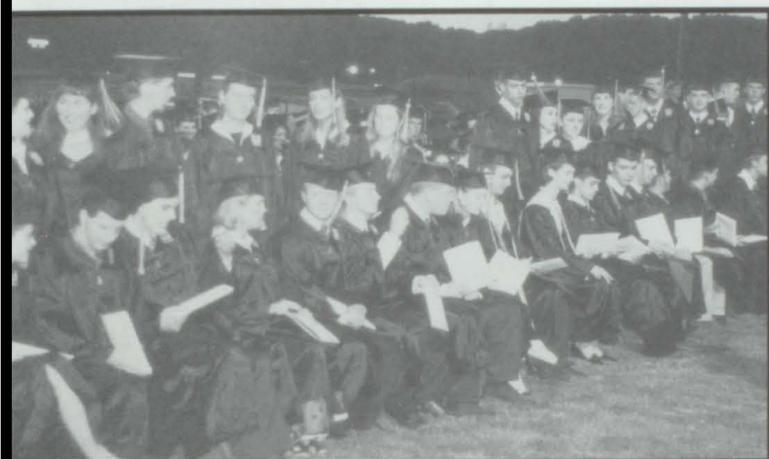




Top left: Mrs. Ruth gives some more helpful hints to the Seniors when she tells them to "take advice from former graduates".

Top right: Mr. Keith Espinosa delivers his heartfelt speech at the Senior Assembly. He reminded the Seniors of the "unforgettable life experience of TWISTER. He also recited his poem "Higher Ground" and then loudly announced, "Seniors, you can make a difference, please do so!"

Center left: Seniors file out after the graduation ceremony. Center left: These Seniors admire their diplomas, while watching their fellow classmates receive their own. Center right: Shawn Brunner shakes hands and accepts his diploma.



THE LAST HURRAH!! The entire graduating class excitedly threw their hats and sprayed Silly String in the air when Mr. Earl Reynolds said, "I present to you the Graduating Class of 1997".

Top Right: Charity Henry decides to show this group of *Clean Seniors* who's boss, with a nice can of paint. Top Left: Travis Long and Luke Renfro Smile and say "Look Ma, ain't I good!" Bottom Left: Tyler Dewitt says "Give me a hug." Ya Right! Bottom Right: This group of girls are just so clean. (This is before!)





Smiles, Laughs, and Memories!



Painting Senior Hill is a "Senior" thing that is seeped in tradition. It started out that the Seniors snuck out after dark and painted the hill illegally, making the administration let them start painting their names on the hill. Then our generation came along and changed it all. Now we express our life styles on the hill and make memories that last a life-time. To the class of 1997, may your memory live on!



Top Left: Christine Zartman shows her artistic talent as she paints Winnie-the-Pooh. Top Right: This group of senior girls stick together ...Literally! Middle: These seniors are working like busy little bee's on their flower scene. Bottom Left and Right: Senior, Amanda Adams was as clean as a whistle until Charity Henry got ahold of her then she was a "Pink Lady."

Project Graduation

A Night We'll Look Back On...

The seniors of the class of 1997 worked all year to earn money for a night of safe celebration after graduation. Thanks to the money they earned and generous donations by local businesses and parents, it was a night they were not soon to forget.

RIGHT: Excitement runs high on the road to the Olympic Fitness Center.



Joey and Joe struggle against one another in the bungee-run.



Julane Watson cools off with a refreshing dip in the pool.



Charity serves for the final times in her high school career in the walleyball tournament.



Samantha crawls the last few feet of the velcro olympics.





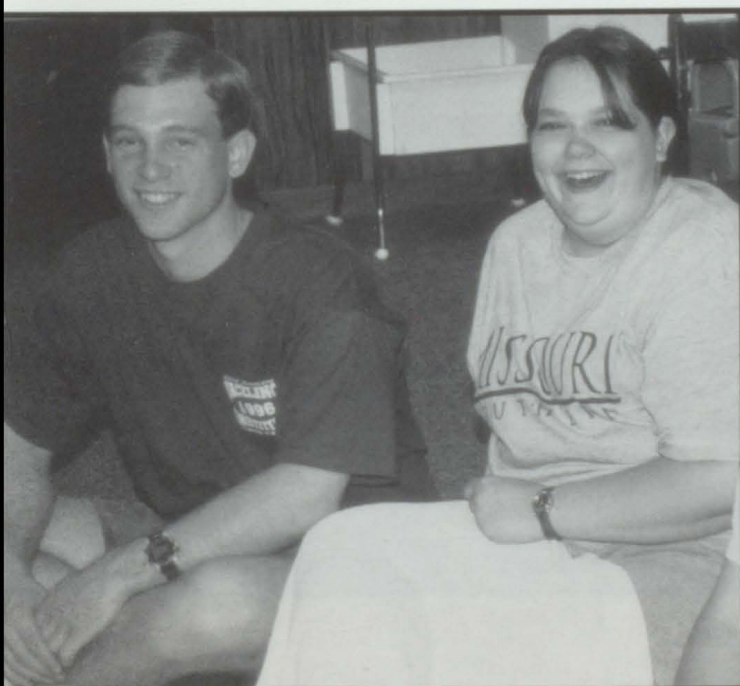
Aaron Southard really reaches for that last little bit in the bungee-run.



Wendy Barnett shows that she is good at racketball too.



Project Graduation is about friends too, just ask Ryan, Janneke, Suzanne, and Robin.



Jason and Carey take a break from all the excitement.



Arica and Annie dry off after a relaxing swim.

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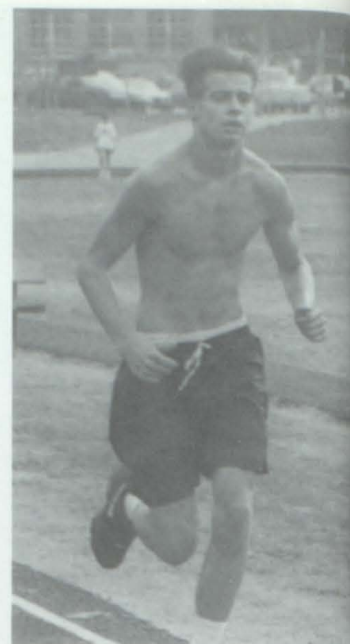
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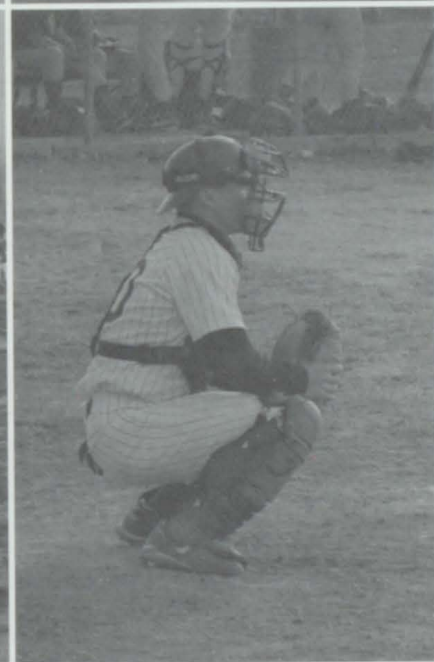
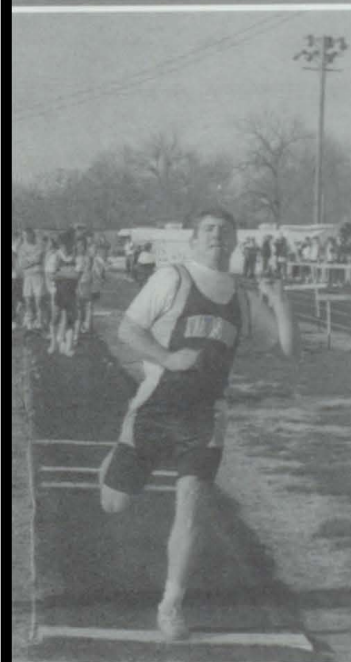
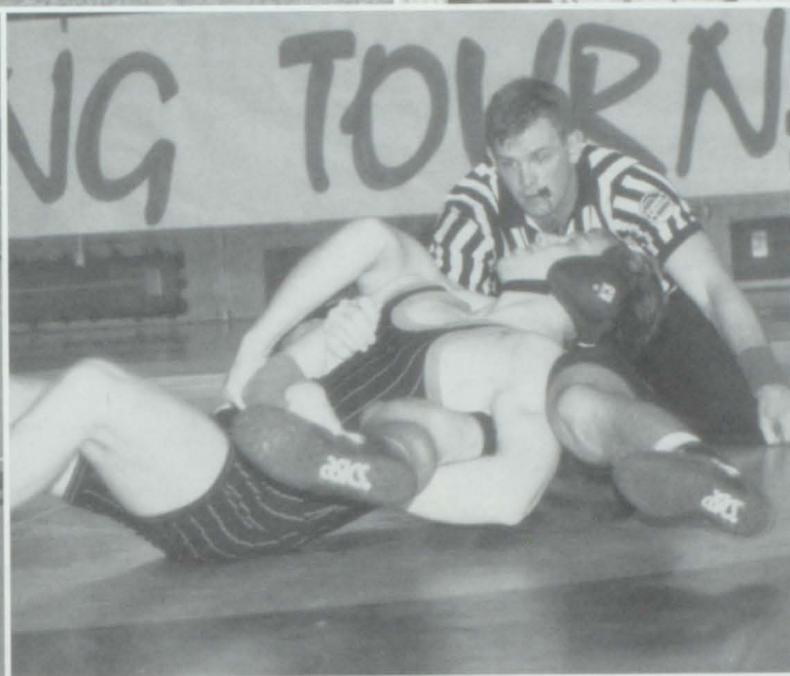
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FOOTBALL

A WILDCAT INSTANT REPLAY

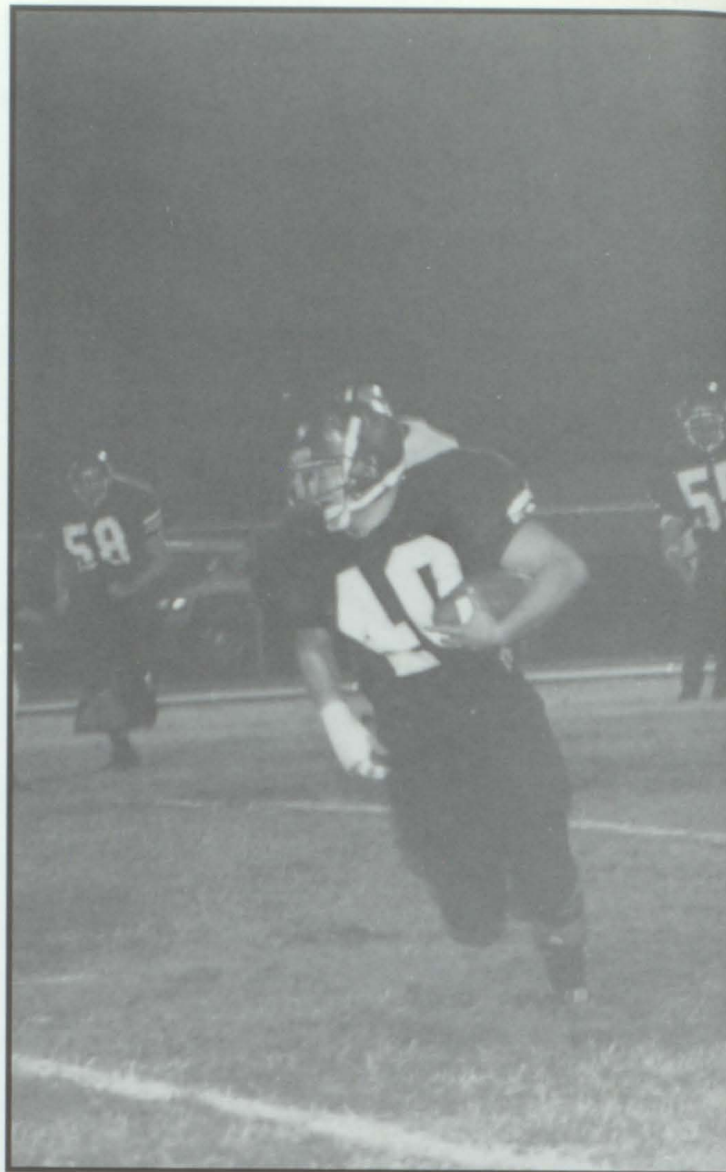
"Coach Ray is a real good guy with respect from all his players and he's a great coach. I'm glad I got to play for him."
Aaron Mitchell



"Wildcats, lights out, lights out," was the chant on the sidelines as the '96 Cats went 5-5 in regular season action. The Cats also won the District 10 title. The post season was a disappointment as the Cats dropped their sectional game 17-13 to Ozark. The season was highlighted by a 33-12 victory in week eight over Republic and the first District win. Although the Cats had only five Senior starters, the young Cats stepped up with strong showings at the quarterback and linebacker positions. The Cat awards went to Senior Aaron Mitchell-Back of the Year and Cat MVP, Lineman of the Year was a tie between Juniors Ryan Long and Jeff Snow, Senior Anthony Moore earned Wildcat of the Year and Hitter of the Year, Sophomore Jeremiah Durbin earned the Golden Corral "High Intensity" Award, and the Fruend Thompson Sportsmanship Award went to Senior Joey Linehan. Thanks for a great year Cats.

By: Kate Ely

Top: Rounding the corner, Senior Anthony Moore gained good yardage with a little help from a great blocking line.

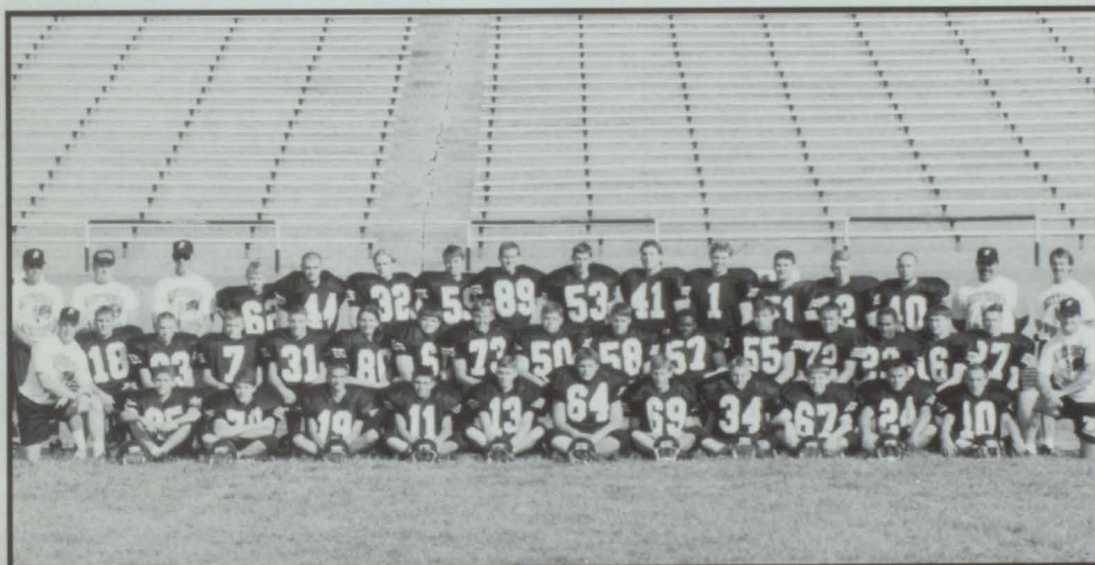
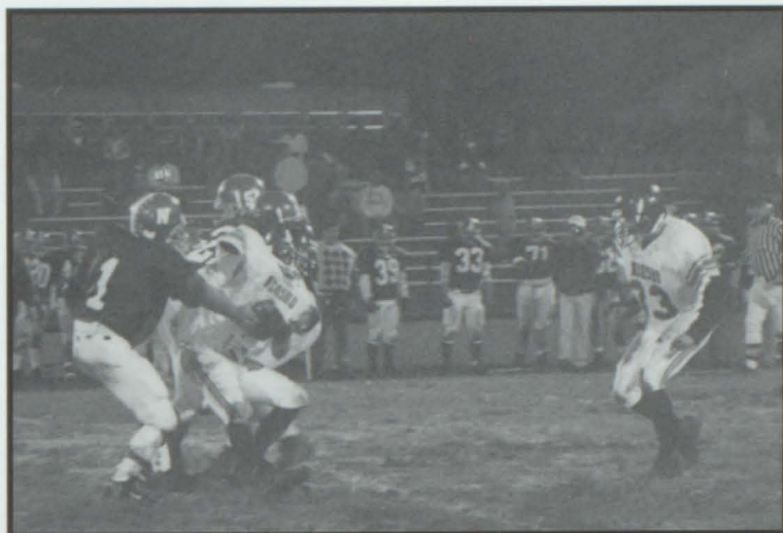


Middle right: **GREAT DAY TO BE A WILDCAT!** Special team's Coach Stuart, taking a little time to do what he does best, talk! Bottom right: **DOWN THE LINE!** Big men with big business was the line for the '96 season. Headed by Senior Rocky Olbrey and Junior Jeff Snow and Ryan Long, this line kept quarterback Jeremiah Durbin safe. Above: **SWEET SOUND OF VICTORY!** Ringing the victory bell is a tradition that Wildcat fans (and Coach Ray) love to hear.





Top left: Senior offensive lineman and linebacker Matt Ball has intensity on and off the field. Top right: **SMASH!** Sophomore defensive back David Madrid lets no one walk on his side of the line, no matter what it takes. Bottom left: Senior Joey Linehan showed great Wildcat coverage. Joey was a leader both on and off the field. He will be missed next year. Bottom right: Senior quarterback and linebacker Aaron Mitchell dishes off to Junior wide receiver Chris Nelson for a first down run.



FRONT ROW: Ryan Hughes, Shayne Sprengle, Josh Ball, David Madrid, Ryan Phillips, J. T. Mendenhall, Adam Carden, Dusty Kuhn, Mark Palmer, Jeramiah Durbin, Matt Daspit. **MIDDLE ROW:** Coach Ray Godfrey, Daric Burr, Chris Nelson, Nathan Babb, Lenny Simek, Travis Ducommann, Drew Tignor, Brad Johnson, Brian Clark, Ryan Long, Les Davis, Jeff Snow, Travis Adams, Jonas Jack, Cody Williams, Andy Augsperger, Coach Elliot. **BACK ROW:** Coach Espinosa, Coach Landers, Coach Mike Godfrey, Matt Ball, Rocky Olbrey, Joey Linehan, Jeremy Robertson, Greg Elam, Zeb Williams, Luke Renfro, Aaron Mitchell, Ray Dunaway, David McNiel, Anthony Moore, Coach Cummings, Coach Stuart.

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Aurora	L
Monett	L
C.J.	W
Nevada	L
Seneca	W
Webb City	L
Carthage	L
Republic	W
Willard	W
Mac County	W
5-5	
Post Season	0-1

Volleyball

Over
and
Back

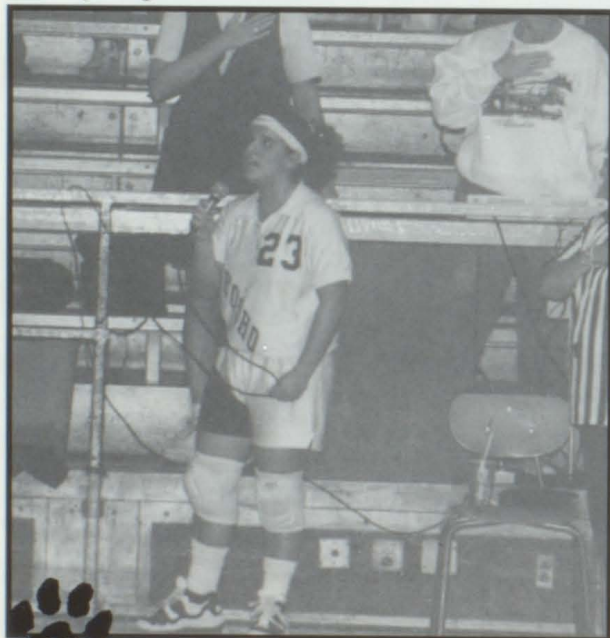
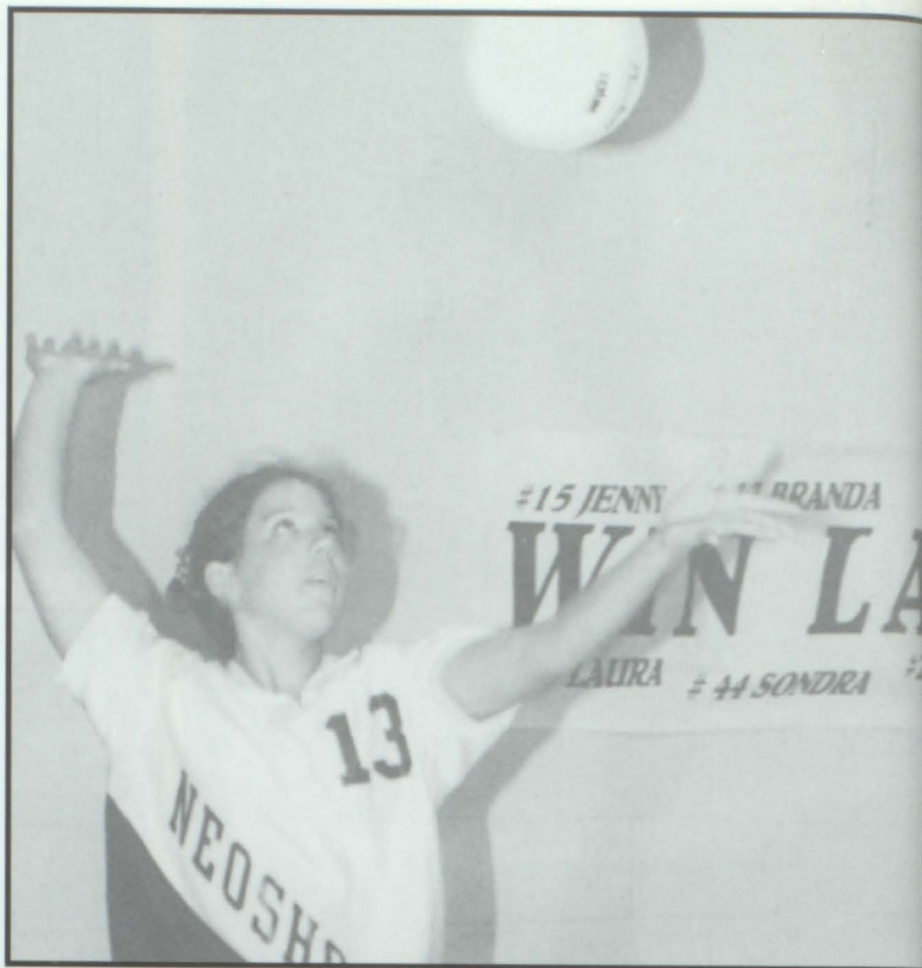


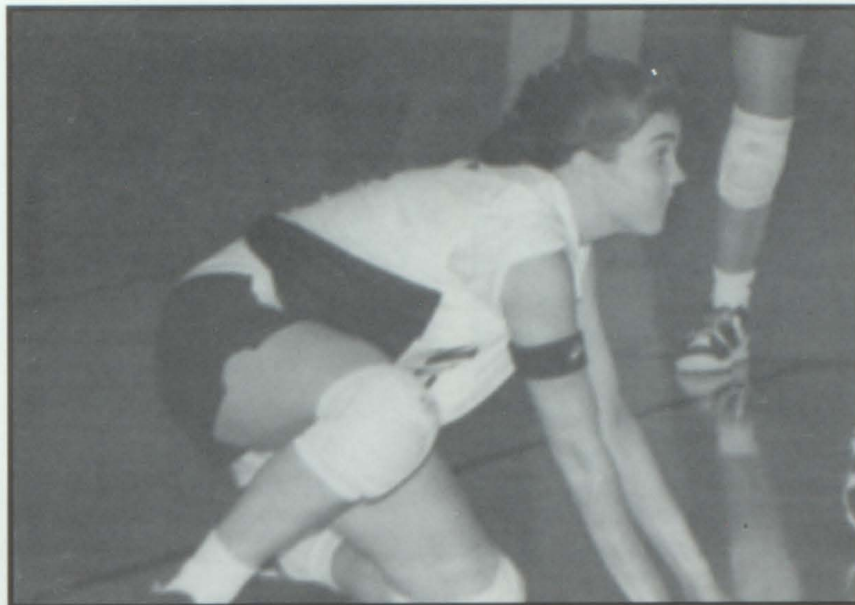
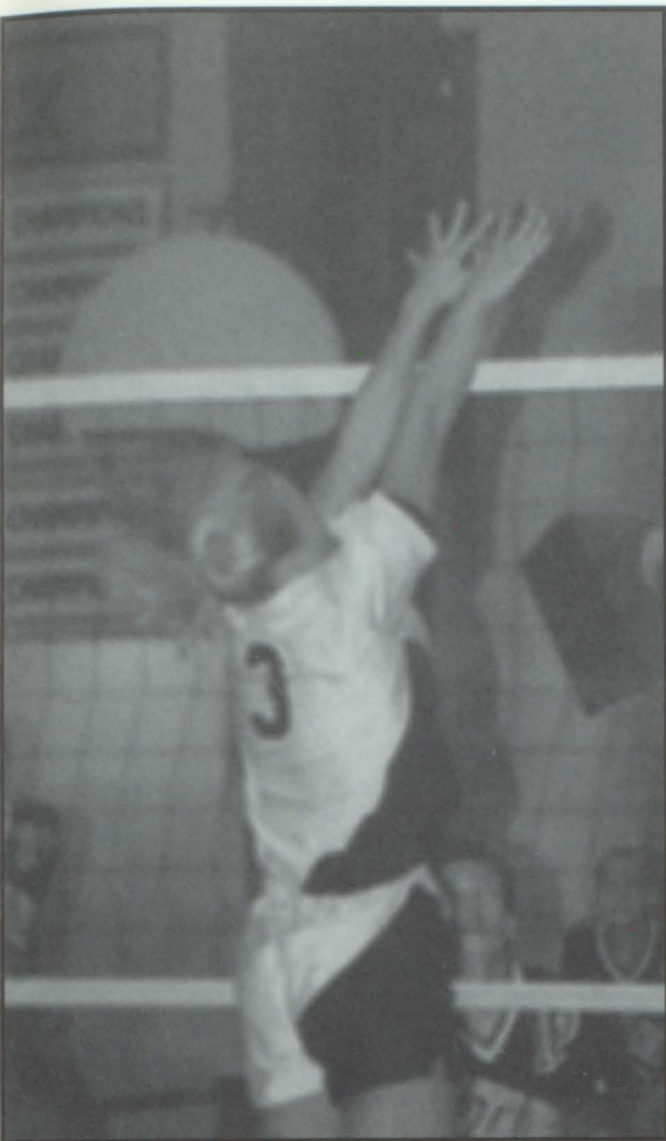
The Lady Cat varsity volleyball team finished their season this year with 15 wins, 8 losses, and 4 ties. They took third in the conference with a record of five wins and three losses. Several members of the '96 team were honored for their athletic abilities and sportsmanship. The Lady Cats voted Charity Henry as Most Valuable Offensive Player and Laura Osborne as Most Valuable Defensive Player. Charity Henry and Anna Reynolds tied for the Hustle Award and Sarah Kimbrough was elected to receive the Wildcat Attitude Award. Those members of the team who earned All-Conference honors were: Charity Henry for First Team, Jenny Wilson for Second Team, and Laura Osborn, honorable mention. For the All-District team, both Charity and Kristen Haupt were chosen for the Second Team. Coach Haupt believed the team made tremendous improvement over last season, far exceeding expectations for this season. He said, "Much of our success was due to the players' willingness to play hard in the off-season and attend summer camps. We constantly strove to play as a team."

Top right: Serving up a point is what Amber does best.

Right: Ouch! Saving a point sure is a lot of work for Sarah and Laura.

Below: Conference games get a taste of talent as Charity sings the National Anthem.





Above: Junior Kristen Haupt makes good use of her knee pad as she drops to save a ball. Keep up the good work!

Far left: Talk about hang time! Junior Anna Reynolds shows off her blocking ability by preventing a point.

LEFT: Warming up is part of the pre-game routine for Juniors Jenny Wilson and Kristen Haupt.



Back: Laura Osborne. Middle: Coach Haupt, Kim Olson, Anna Reynolds, Jenny Wilson, Kristen Haupt, Sarah Kimbrough, Amber Alvarez, & Coach Cook. Front: Charity Henry.

Wildcat Scorebox

Rogers	Win
Wheaton	Loss
Diamond	Loss
Carthage	Win
Neosho	
Tournament	1st
Webb City	Win
Nevada	Loss
Mac County	Loss
Carl Junction	
Tournament	3rd
Webb City	Win
Sarcoxie	Win
Purdy	Win
Carthage	Win
Joplin	Loss
Diamond	
Tournament	2nd
Nevada	Win
Mac County	Loss
Record: 15 - 8 - 4	

OVER YOUR SHOULDER



"When this group started practice in August, I knew we were in for an interesting season. From terrific senior leadership, through warm practices to a final District "road trip," the lady cats had a great time representing NHS at each match. We would

have liked a better over-all record, but considering our youth, I am extremely proud of this team of young ladies. Our singles and doubles all advanced to the second round of the SMSU relays, which had not been done in several years and senior doubles team Wendi Barnett and Jean Ahsmuhs finished sixth at districts." Said Coach Marsha Harlan.

This year was a rebuilding but promising year. Through running, jump roping, and eye-hand coordination drills, the girls had a lot of laughs and tears. Four of the 15 players will not be returning for another year of fun. "It was a lot of fun while it lasted and we hope for next years team to have a great year in 1997," said Lady Cat Seniors Jean A., Wendi B., Heather C., and Crystal H. Juniors Chandra Christy, Malissa Bridges; Sophomores Michelle Eberle, Stacia Alvarez, and Nadine James will be looking for a varsity spot next season. Awards given were: Most Enthusiastic- Jean Ahsmuhs; Most Valuable- Wendi Barnett; Most Improved- Chandra Christy; and Rookie of the Year- Tanya Cupp.



Above: Wendi B., Coach Harlan, and Jean A. embrace after a two hour doubles match beating Webb City 9-7.

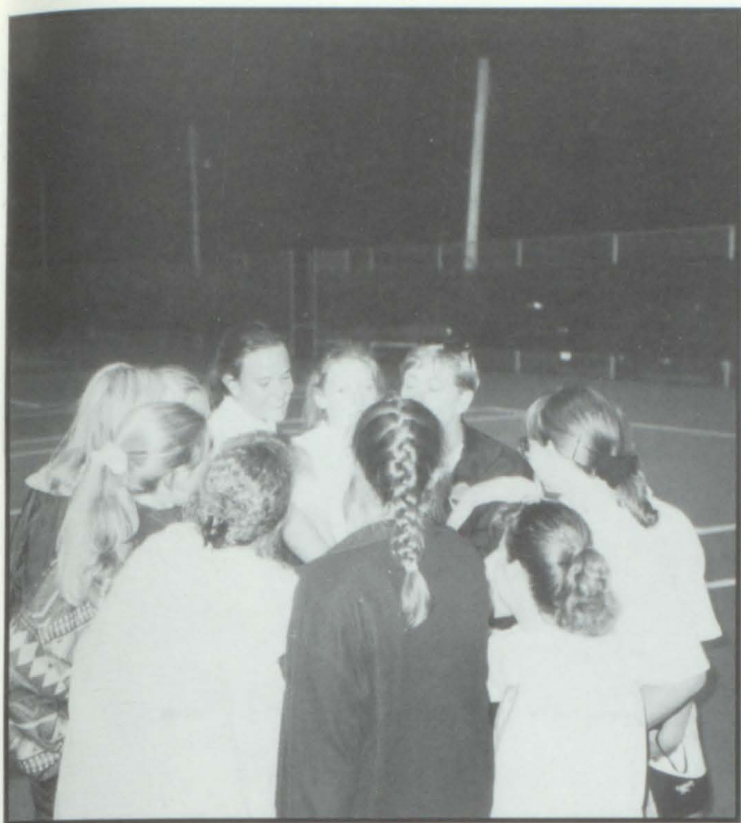
Right: Liz A. puts a power serve over the net, she won the only singles match against Monett (7-6).

Top right: Crystal H. downs a volley making her opponents pray for mercy.



Middle: Wendi B. and Jean A. placed 6th at Districts after playing a total of 10 hours on the court.

Bottom: Christine S., Michelle E., Jackie K., Heather C., Liz A. and Tanya C. take a break before playing.



Far left: Coach Harlan gives her ladies the pep talk of the season after the last match of the season against Webb City. **Left:** Malissa Bridges prepares for a return of serve against Webb City. **Bottom left:** Chandra C., Jean A., Wendi B., and Crystal H. played well at SMSU relays coming in at 10th place out of 30 schools. **Bottom:** Chandra Christy and Crystal Hanna had a good time playing #2 doubles team. Their ending season was 6-7.



Front: Allison Hunter, Tanya Cupp, Nadine James, Jacqueline Kronkow, Coach Harlan, Elizabeth Ahsmuhs, Cristin Smith, Malissa Bridges **Middle:** Crystal Hanna, Jean Ahsmuhs, Heather Coonce, Aleaka Apt **Back:** Wendi Barnett, Stacia Alvarez, Michelle Eberle, Chandra Christy

LOOKING BACK AT THE STATS

SCORE BOX

Parkview	W
Nevada	L
Pittsburg	L
Carthage	L
Mt. Vernon	W
Nevada	L
Webb City	L
Lamar	W
Carthage	L
Joplin	RO
Nevada	L
SMSU	10th
Monett	L
Joplin	L
Webb City	L
Districts	6th

CAT SOCCER



"The dedication and intensity of this year's seniors have set high standards for those who will follow. If the pursuit of improvement and high performance continues, soccer at NHS has a bright future."

Coach Sides

Regardless of their slow start, the 1996 Varsity Soccer team finished the season with the 3rd highest number of wins in NHS history. They finished with an overall record of 10 wins and 13 losses. The Varsity team attended the Southwest Missouri Challenge and came home with an impressive 2nd place finish. In team awards Tony Morrow was awarded the title of Most Valuable player and Eric Schade was named Mr. Hustle. Tyler Swift and Justin McGee were joint Mr. Consistency winners. Andy Watson was named Most Improved player. In All-District awards Justin McGee and Tony Morrow were awarded 2nd team members and Eric Schade was named as an honorable mention.

The Junior Varsity had a very successful season this year. They finished the season with an overall record of 11-3-2.



JV

CAT SOCCER

Webb City W,W,W

Willard W,W

Hillcrest W,W

Greenwood W

Carthage W,L,L

Thomas Jefferson W

Joplin T,T

Parkview W

Kickapoo L

Record: 11-3-2



1996 Junior Varsity Soccer Team: Nathan Becknell, Chris VanDorn, Ben Boyt, Jonathan Ely, James Keezer, J.D. Macy, Sean Cooper, Jeremy Cooper, Jason Bryant, Nathan Stogsdill, Cory Knight, Jason Alford, Jeff Charles, Kris Goewert, Barrett Wood, Justin Baker, Chris Reynolds, William Palmieri, Josh Parsons





Opposite page: Tony Morrow fights for possession showing why he was the team MVP.

Top Left: Nick Brattin keeps his eye on the ball as he puts it in motion.

Top Right: Senior Chad Chesnut kicks up a little dirt on his run to the goal.

Lower left: Goalie Dustin Masters gives it his all as he dives for the ball.

Below: After winning 2nd at the SW MO Challenge the team poses by their trusty ride home.



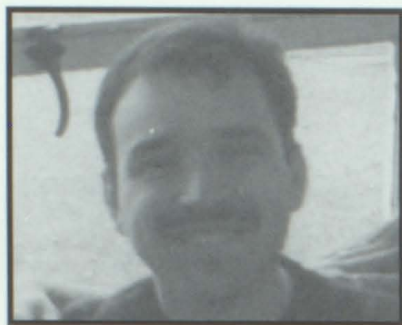
1996 Varsity Soccer Players: Chad Chesnut, Andy Olbrey, Dustin Masters, Dan Pruitt, Tony Morrow, Andy Watson, Gabe Dorsey, Chris Melton, Ryan Little, Tyler Swift, Eric Schade, John Briggs, Justin McGee, Aaron Divine, Eric Merino, Nick Mitchell, Nick Brattin, Sean Sides, Justin Kimbrough, Justin Ackerman, Dane Elrod, Jesse Eickholt

VARSITY SOCCER SCOREBOX

Webb City L,W,W
Willard L,L
T. Jefferson L,W
Hillcrest L,W
Greenwood L
Carthage W,L,L
Truman L
Wm. Chrisman W
McAuley W
Joplin L,L,L
Parkview L
Kickapoo L
Ozark W
Record: 10-13

Varsity Cheerleading

A Little On The Flip Side

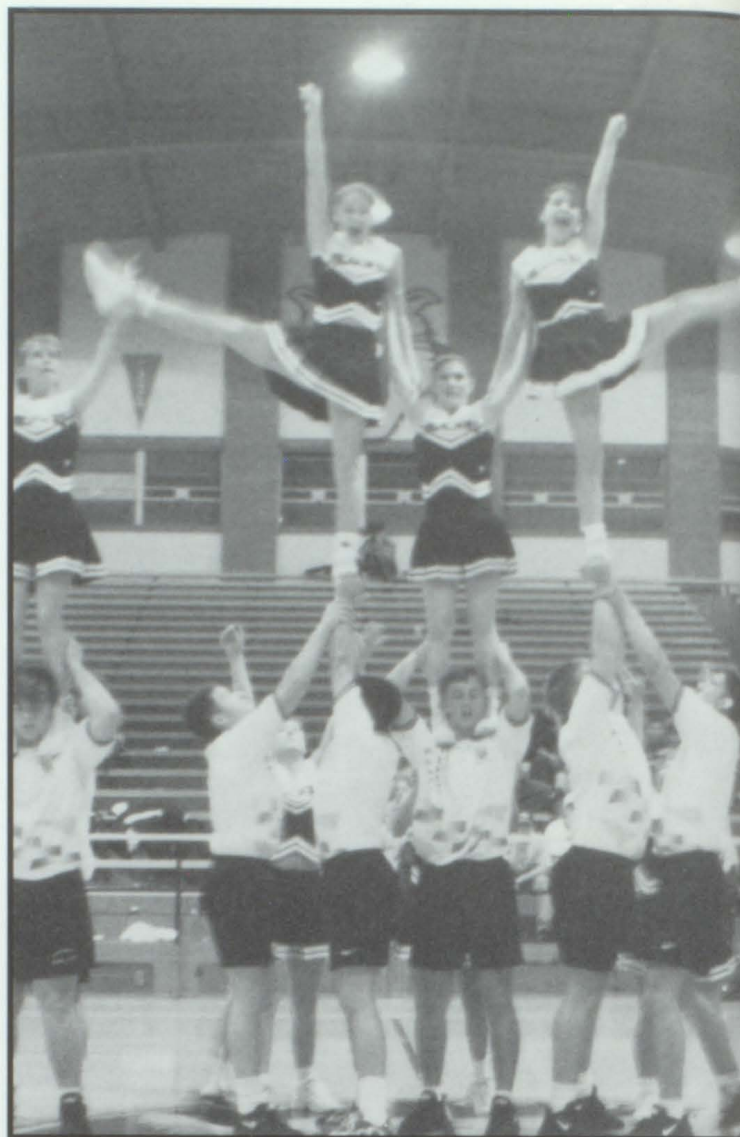


"Cook, remember we all love you and thanks for everything," the Seniors.

Cheerleading at N.H.S. has reached all new heights. This year the Co-ed cheerleading squad was Regional Champs and received 2nd place at the State Competition held at the University of Missouri. This squad worked really hard around all the football practices and games to prepare for these competitions. This year is the last year for many of them and they were really sad knowing that these competitions would be the last ones, but they came out thrilled to receive 2nd place out of the whole state.

Cheerleading is a year round activity that takes a lot of dedication and cooperation to make it through the year. The season starts in March and doesn't end until February. The girls work really hard attending camps and practicing late nights during the summer, to come out shining for the first football game.

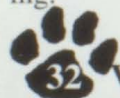
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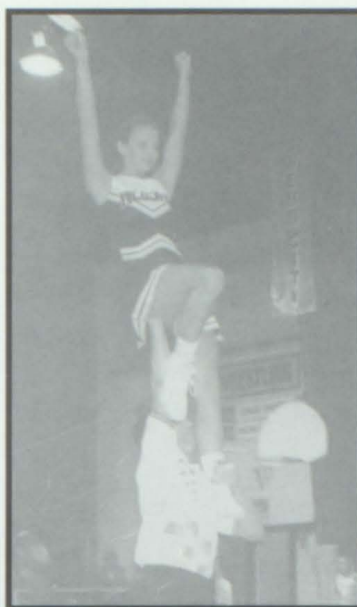
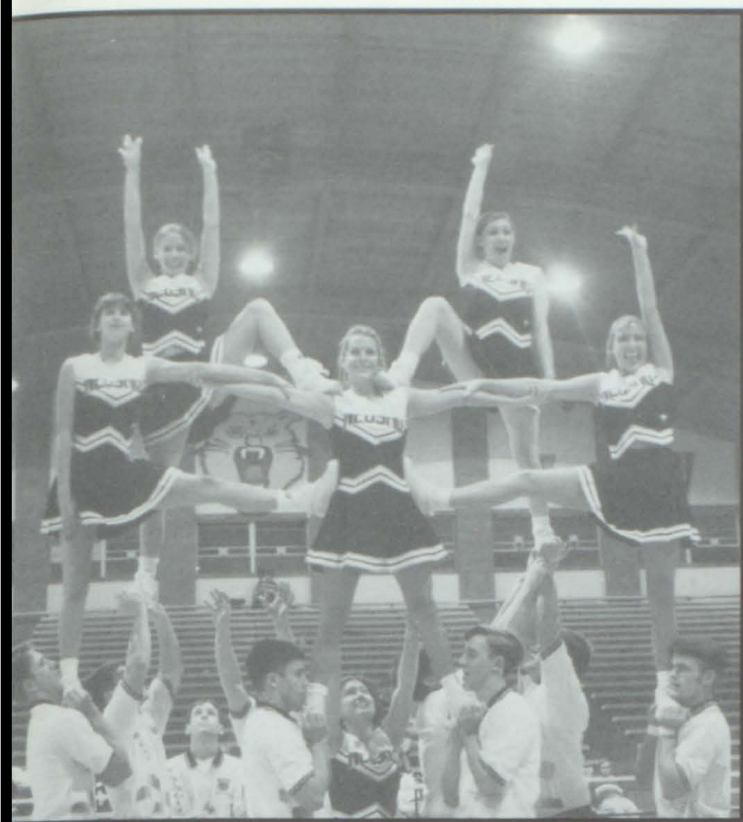


Top: "Willie" (Michelle Conness) was a good person and cat. She could always put a smile on your face.

Middle right: Timing and balance is all part of being on the Varsity squad. These girls show this by doing the "can- can".

Far right: These fine ladies are showing everyone there lovely garters the day of football homecoming.





Left: Lindsay Franks and Jeff Snow got together during a time out and built a chair to get the crowd up.

Far left: "The Wildcat Wall" is always a good way to get the crowd excited.

Bottom left: Lindsay, Arica, Sarah, and Annie got together to take a picture of their last Christmas parade.

Bottom right: The six seniors got together for their last football homecoming to do the "Huddle" one last time before the game.



Back row: Andy Augsburger, Amber Burnett, Drew Tignor, Paul Martin, LaChelle Smiles, Lenny Simek. **Middle row:** Chelsey Cashel, Brad Johnson, Annie Owens, Sarah Stonecipher, Tyler Dewitt, Lindsay Franks, Sarah Crocker, Josh Thompson, Becky Brooks. **Front row:** Cody Williams, Arica Kyler, Michelle Conness as "Willie", Tracy Sinclair, and Jeff Snow.



Two Steps Forward, One Step Back.



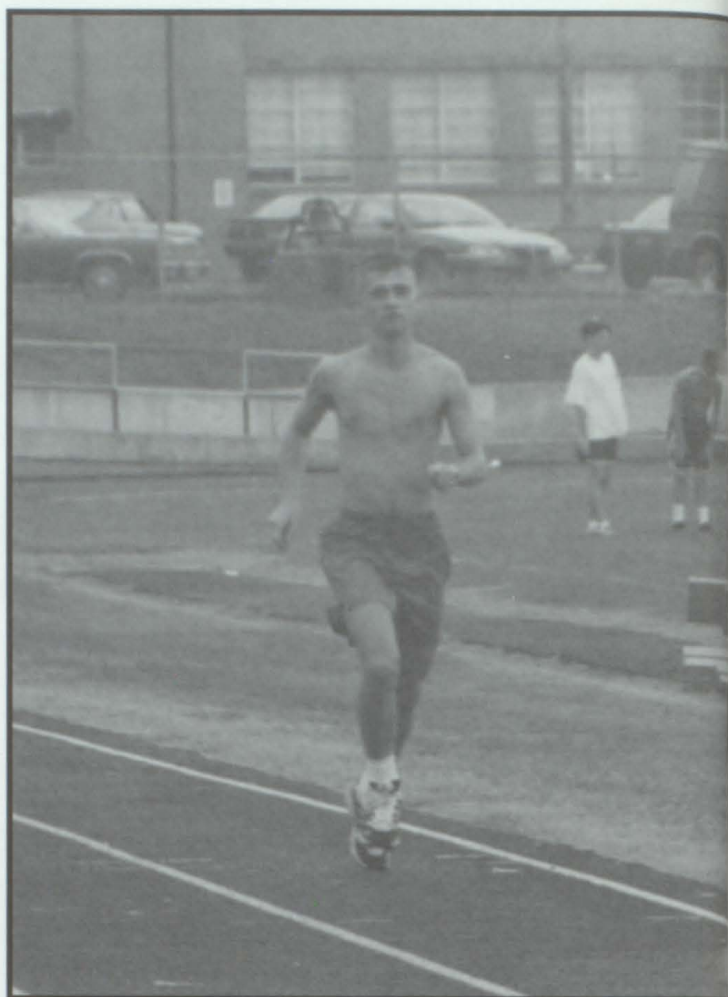
"Our team did really well this year. We were a little dissappointed in districts, but we still gave it our all in sectionals." -Lineberry
Right: Johnathan Foster shows perfect form as he practices for his next invitational at Crowder College.

The 1996 Cross Country team had a winning season. They had a great year with two team members qualifying for sectionals; Darren Wilson-27th and Andy Cole-49th. The team placed fifth in districts. The boys team was also very successful. Their dedication and awesome spirit helped them to be a very sucessful team placing in the top three at five out of eight tournaments.

This year the turn out for girls was very low so they never had a full team, though this did not keep them from competing. The girls team consisted of only four members; Melissa Ewen, Michelle Guppy, Alissa Todd, and Lori Hymer. Good Luck to the Seniors and farewell to you underclassmen.

by Tracy Sinclair

Below: Speedy Gonzales, formally known as Michelle Guppy, speeds around the track. Lower Right: Football Players? No! These guys are practicing for the Neosho Invitational.





Far Left: As the temperature drops a few more degrees Johnathan Foster ups his place in line.



Left: Stretching the limits, Lori Hymer kicks in her last bit of energy to beat her opponent.

Lower Left: "And they're off!" Darren Wilson is the leader of the Wildcat pack in the Neosho Invitational.

Below: Jared Cristy soars around the trees, takes a deep breath, and sets his pace to pass his opponent as the crowd shouts their approval.



Back Row: Coach Lineberry, Brandon Casey, Darren Wilson, Phillip Land, Jeremy Howland, Jared Cristy, Johnathan Foster, Brad Toler, Phillip Treadwell, Joel Barnett, Andy Cole. Front Row: David Mariott, Robert Jarrel, Melissa Ewen, Michelle Guppy, Alissa Todd, Lori Hymer, Kelly Willis, Charles Gaudet.

Scorebox

Invitationals:

Labette County	3rd
Carthage	1st
M. S. S. C.	6th
Springfield	4th
Pittsburg	2nd
Carl Junction	1st
Neosho	1st
District	5th

A SMASHING PAST

Bring It On Home!



Lorelle Hutchins, and Splindled Splinter to Julie Kelly. The Honors-All Southwest Conference awards went to First team Angela Parmely and Marla Adams. Second team went to Angie O'Dell, Amie O'Dell, and Kim Rogers. Coach Gilion thanks all the seniors for all that they have done for the program and that the Rogers game will always be remembered. To all those Cats who will return next year good luck bringing out the Wildcat spirit!

Going two! Alert and ready, Stephanie Cornell rises and yells to prepare second baseman to be ready the ball is coming.



On the toes! -Karen Daugherty shows her spirit for softball by waiting in position during an East Newton game.

Relaxing before the game! In the dugout Julie Kelly, Joy Davis, and Lorelle Hutchins join together for support.

Out at home! Rally up the gloves we have made an out, as Kimberly Rogers, Amy O'Dell, and Angie O'Dell join together with cheer.



Change-up! Attempting to confuse the batter, Joy Davis changes her speed during a Mac County game.



Release! Letting the ball go into full motion, Amie O'Dell watches patiently as Angela Parmley is ready for the ball to come her way.



In position! Angie O'Dell attempts to make an out during a Carl Junction game.



Middle-left: Growing close! Together for a strategy, Amie O'Dell, Lindsey Allen, Karen Daugherty, Lorelle Hutchins, and Julie Kelly combine brains to come up with a plan.

Go two! With good aim, Tammy Harvel throws the ball to second base getting the ball into the infield.

Batter up! Lindsey Allen looks a little nervous before stepping out to warm up with a few swings.



Front: Sarah Crocker and Marla Adams. Second: Karen Daughtery, Stephanie Cornell, Andrea Weems, Tammy Harvel, Angie O'Dell, Christy Goldman, Julie Kelly, Lindsay Allen. Third: Heather Woodrum, Brooke Sammons, Polly Bressie, Sheena Brasiola, Lee Schofield, Davina Dobbs, Amie O'Dell, Shonda Ireland, and Jennifer Powell. Back: Helen Hale, Lorelle Hutchins, Angela Parmely, Joy Davis, Kimberly Rogers, and Rose Alvarado.

LOOKING BACK

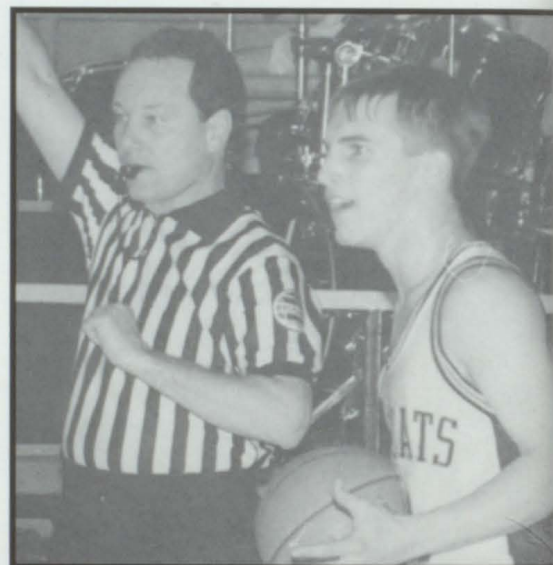
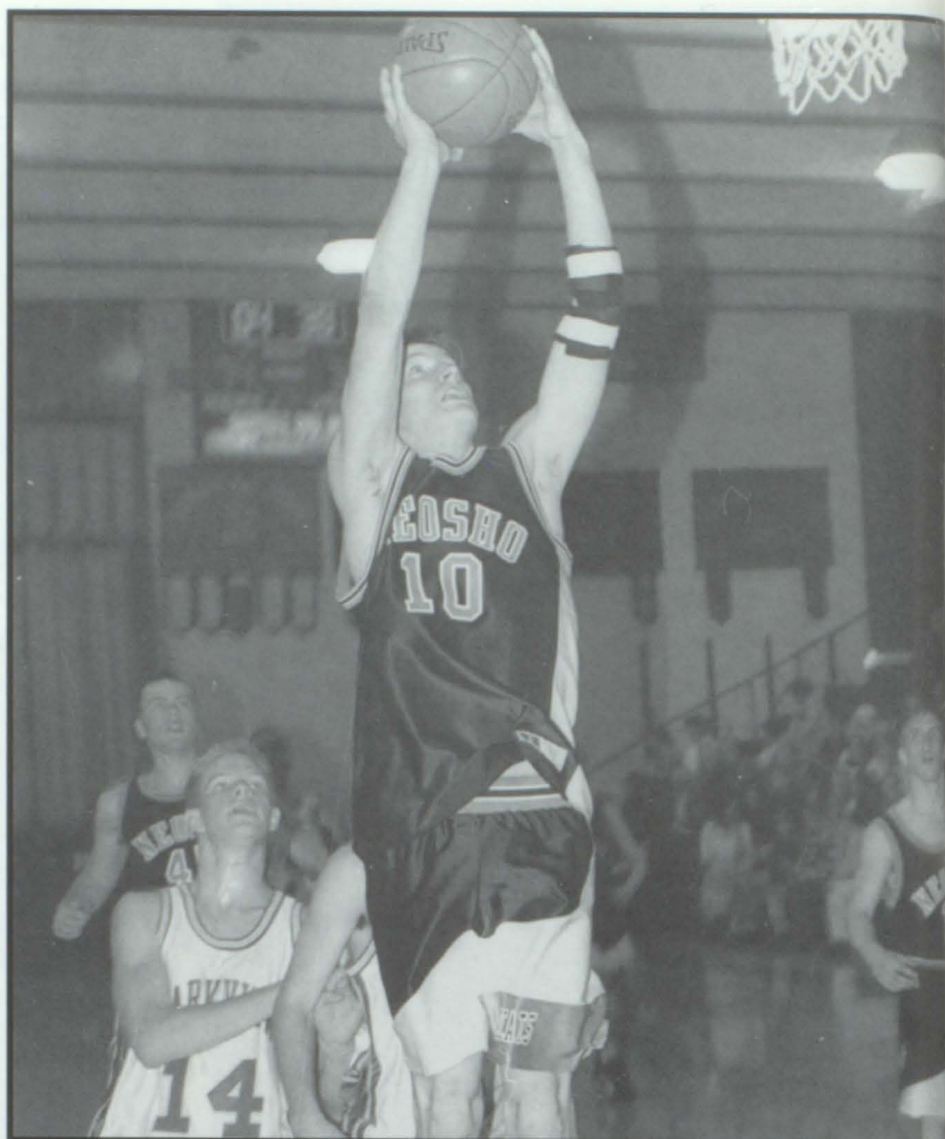
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Adair	L,L	L
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East Newton	W	W
Webb City	L,L	
McCounty	W	W
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"Over and Back" **Varsity Boys Basketball**

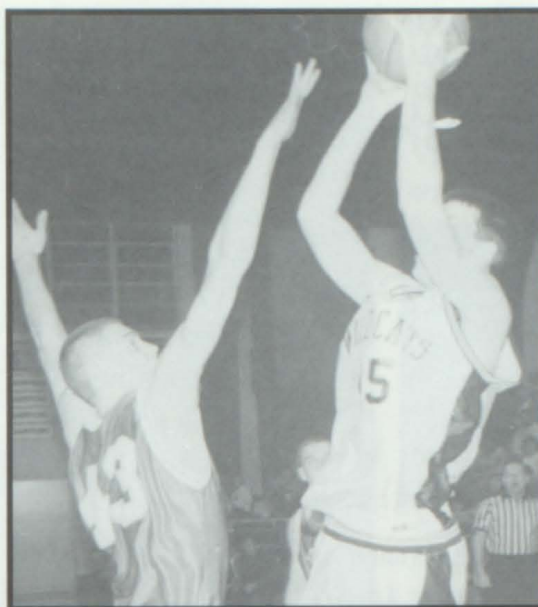
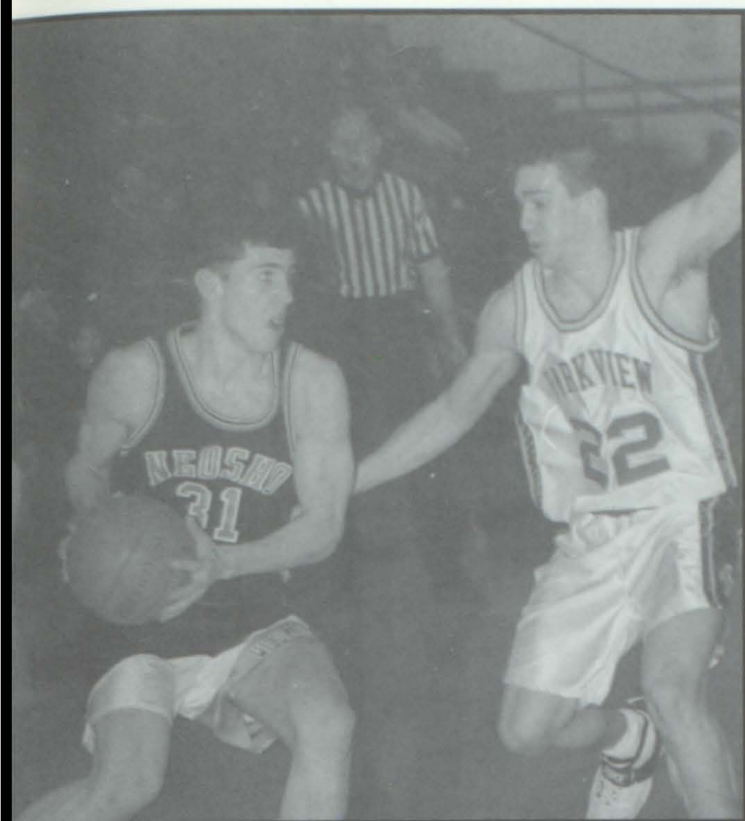


"This group of young men were fun to coach because they played with a lot of heart and gave a great effort every night." -Coach Chenoweth

The 1996-97 basketball team knew from the beginning that this would be a rough season. There were only two returning seniors but the team worked together and faced each game with determination and a positive outlook. They were proud of the way that they played each game, win or lose. They ended the regular season with a 7-18 record and a conference record of 2-6. Jason Wade was awarded with the best field goal percentage and best free throw percentage. Matt Daspit was the best assistant leader and was awarded the best hustle award. Tim Henson was awarded with best defense and 2nd team all conference. Riley Snyder was voted M.V.P. and 1st team all conference. Riley also won the Gary Sims Sportsanship Award.



Top: #10 Tim Henson takes it "over" the top. Left: Attack of the giants; #41 David Madrid looks for a shot. Above: #11 Matt Daspit stops for a quick rendition of Beethoven's 5th symphony before inboundng the ball.



Far Left: #35 Ryan Little looks for an open shot. Left: #45 Jason Wade proves that white men can jump as he shoots over the opponents. Middle: Riley and Ryan take a quick breather before going back in. Below: Ryan Phillips makes the shot for two more points.



Back Row: Coach Chenoweth, #5 Riley Snyder, #31 Ryan Little, #45 Jason Wade, #32 Ryan Phillips, #10 Tim Henson, Assistant Coach, Coach Stuart, Front Row: #11 Matt Daspit, #13 Issac Reed, #12 David McNeil, #41 David Madrid

What's the Score???

Nevada	L,L,L
Carthage	L,W,W,W
Cassville	L
Joplin	W
Grove	L
Hillcrest	L
S. Springs	L
Diamond	W
R. Springs	L
Mac County	L,L
Republic	L
Mt. Vernon	W
Webb City	L,L
Monett	W
Pittsburg	L
Nixa	L
Kickapoo	L
Parkview	L
Record	7-18

Varsity Girl's Basketball



"This season was a learning experience for all of us, but in the end we pulled together and 'jelled' as a team."

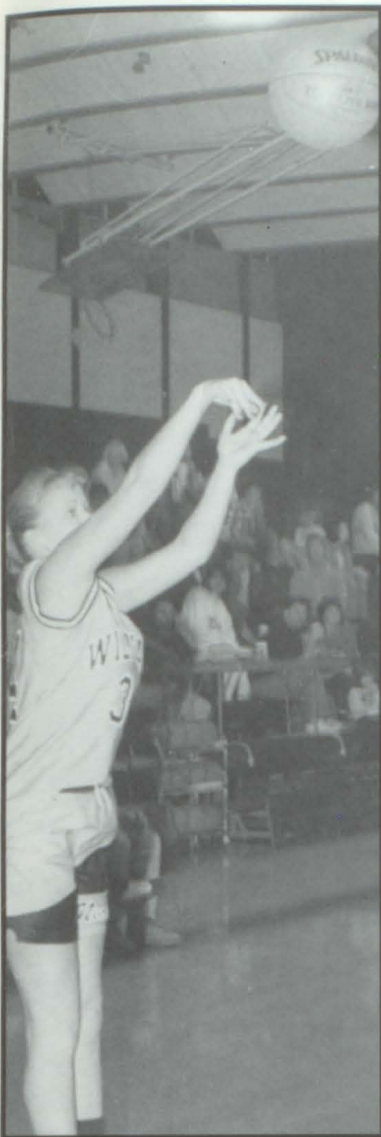
Senior: Kate Ely

The Varsity Girls Basketball team had a winning season of 13-12. Their season started with a fifth place trophy at the Carl Junction Tournament and a lesson in team unity. The Cat's season was highlighted with Conference wins over Mac County and a first round district win over Carthage. They encountered a major loss in the second round of play as they came up against a tough Glendale team. The lady Cat's were a young team with only three seniors, but had strong showings from the underclassmen. These girls will be tough competition in the future. Awards for the team were Angela Parmley for MVP, Marla Adams for Miss Defense, and the Freund-Thompson Sportsmanship award went to Kate Ely. Statistical awards were Charity Henry for free throw award, Jenny Dwyer for the rebound award, Heather Burr for the assist award, and Anna Reynolds for the field goal percentage award. Angela Parmley obtained a place on First Team All-Conference and Anna Reynolds Second Team All-Conference.



Top Right: Sophomore Angela Parmley(42) skies to knock the ball back keeping her opponent from scoring. Angela was this years leading blocker. Keep up the good work! Bottom Left: Senior Marla Adams (32) drives the left side in order to fly past this girl on her way to the hole. Marla scored off the bench to give the Cat's great depth. She would be greatly missed next year. Bottom Right: Junior Anna Reynolds takes off for the basket in one of her many backdoor cuts. Anna's speed and skill lead to many of these opportunities.





Top Left: Junior Laura Osborne (34) hoops it up in one of her Varsity appearances. Laura had the position of double play in both the Varsity and J.V. games and showed not only her pride but her Cat Spirit. Top Right: Freshman Heather Burr (12) uses the deadly crossover dribble to fly past her opponent. Heather showed leadership as a Frosh in handling the ball and experience beyond her years in passing, Leading the Cats in assists. Below: **Team Unity!** These Lady Cats had a turbulent season, but the power of superheroes and black socks went a long way towards making them truly a team!



Front Row: Anna Patete (12). Middle Row: Manager Janneke Los (12), Heather Woodrum (10), Kim Rogers (10), Joy Davis (10), K.K. Sarratt (11), Barbi Hoover (9), Toby Patterson (9). Back Row:: Coach Buttram, Charity Henry (12), Heather Burr (9), Anna Reynolds (11), Branda Edwards (10), Angela Parmley (10), Kate Ely (12), Laura Osborne (11), Marla Adams (12), Coach Gilion. Not Pictured: Julie Kelly (11), Jenny Dwyer (9).

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

C.J. Tny.	5th
Parkview	W
Aurora	W
Grove	L
Joplin	L
C.J.	W
Monett	W
Carthage Tny.	5th
E. Newton	W
Coffeyville	L
Webb City	L,L
Carthage	L,W
Nevada	L,L
Mac County	W,W
Pittsburg	L

Post Season	1-1
Record	13-12

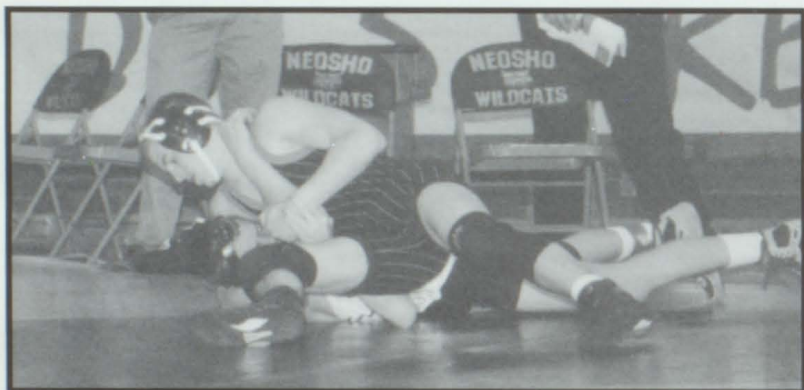
VARSITY WRESTLING

Back In Black



"We had an extremely good season for having a young team with a lot of talent coming back next year. I hope we are conference champs next year like we were this year." **Sophomore Kenny Burleson**

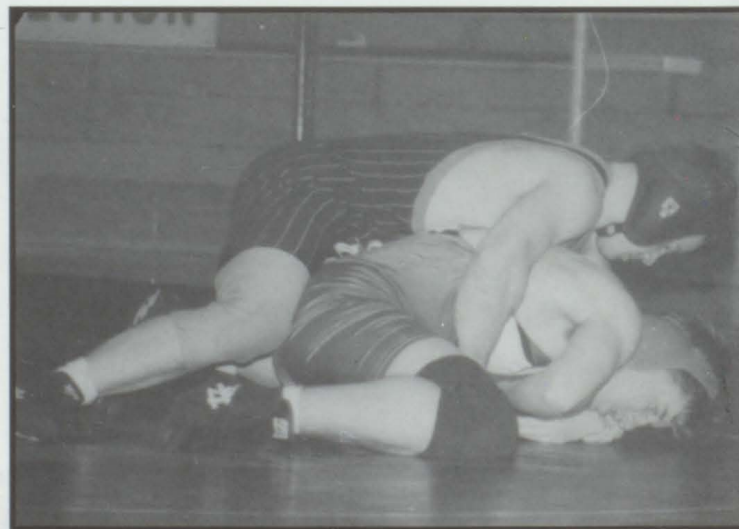
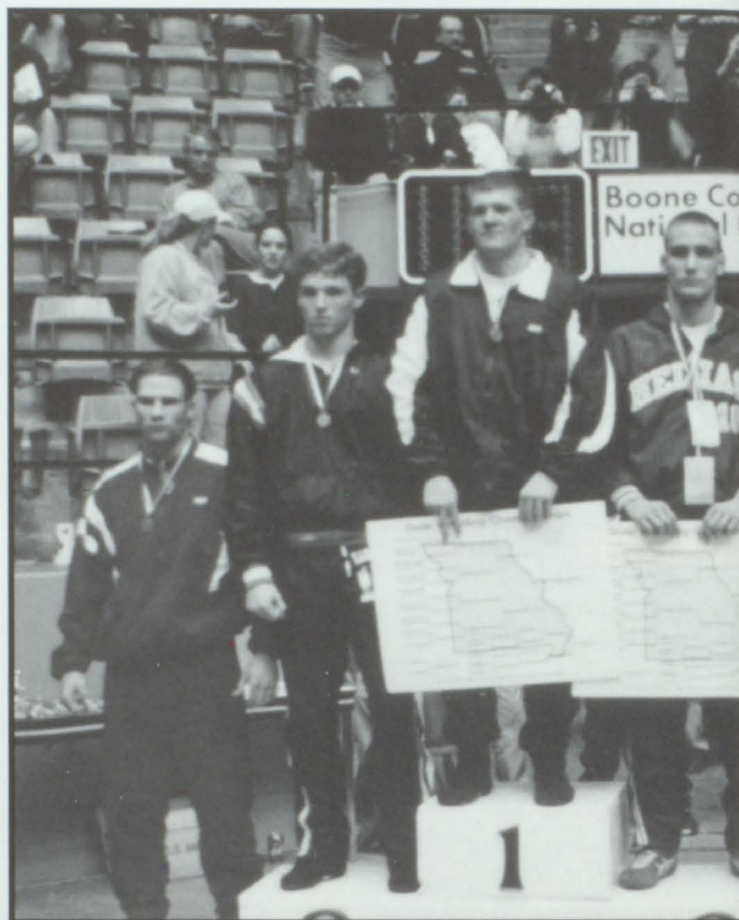
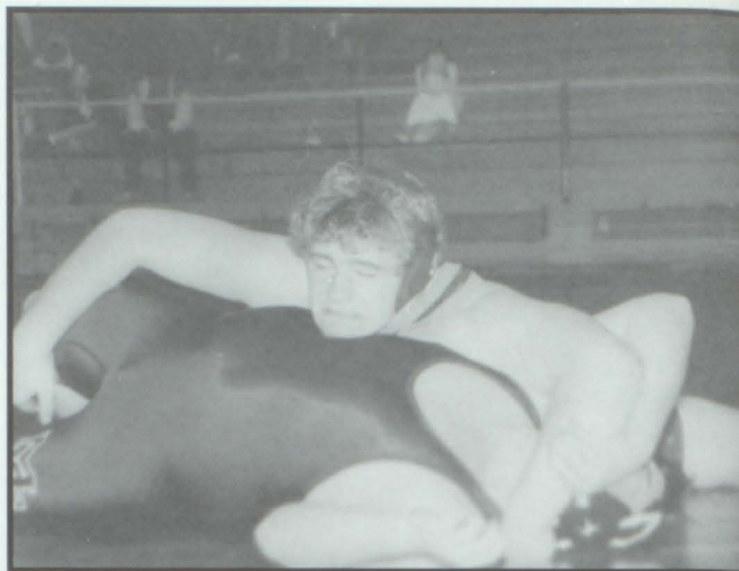
The 1996-97 wrestling team had a successful season with a dual record of 9-3. A highlight of the year came with the 37-27 win over the Carthage Tigers. The Cats were 1997 Tri-Conference champions. The varsity Cats had two District winners (112) Kenny Burleson and (160) Aaron Mitchell. Burleson was also sectional champ. The Cats sent four to the state competition. They were Chris Van Dorn, Burleson, Mitchell, and Justin McGee. Mitchell obtained a third place title and Burleson walked away with a fifth place trophy. Burleson also grabbed the title of District Wrestler of the Year, Academic All-State Wrestler, and Hardest Worker Award. The Underdog Award went to Junior Daric Burr. Sophomore Justin McGee won the Most Improved wrestler. Senior Aaron Mitchell walked away with a new record at NHS with the best record of 122-24 over all. He also received the Curtis Longstreet Award and MVP. This team has learned a lot from him and he will be missed. Next year's team will come back even stronger.



Top right: Sophomore J.T. Mendenhall uses not only his strength, but his head as he over powers his opponent.

Above: Freshman Brandon Kline shows that being young is not always a disadvantage as he takes another one down in District action. Middle right: Senior and leader Aaron Mitchell earned a third place title in this year's State competition after losing a tuff battle in the final round.

Right: Sophomore Matt Moore goes over the top as he tries to force his opponent into submission.





Top left: Sophomore and two time state qualifier Kenny Burleson takes another opponent to the mat in a show of strength and speed. Top right: Junior Daric "the body" Burr rolls his opponent over in one last move before the final pin. Middle: Up close and personal with his challenger, Junior Justin McGee gives the ref plenty to inspect. Below: These Cats had an excellent season with only one Senior. They showed the Cat Pride and determination that comes with being a Wildcat.



Front Row: Johnathan Foster, Justin Covey, Chris Van Dorn, Kenny Burleson, Joe Moore, Nick Pyle, Brandon Kline, John Peacock. Middle Row: Josh Evans, Nathaniel Smith, Mike McQuality, Josh Estes, Joey Howard, Shane Sprenkle, Darius Green, Kirk Brewer, Brandon Mailes, Scotty Albious. Back Row: Coach Elliott, Aaron Mitchell, Justin McGee, William Palmeri, Daric Burr, J.T. Mendenhall, Coach Espinosa.

What's the Score!

Monett	W
Parsons	W
Seneca	W
Ozark	L
C.J.	W
Nevada	W
Mac County	W
Joplin	L
Webb City	L
Carthage	W
Hillcrest	W
Parkview	W

Record 9-3

Girls Track

Looking Back At The Competition

The lady cats track team had an excellent season this year. With only four seniors returning to the team, a large group of underclassmen had to work to their full potential. These girls stepped up to the challenge and their efforts really paid off with some great showings including second place honors in the Southwest Conference with several members of the team qualifying to run in the Sectional track meet held in Rolla. These runners included Andrea Weems, Shawna Smith, Lindsay Franks, and Chelsey Cashel in the 400 meter relay and Lindsay Franks in the 100 meter hurdles.

The athletes' hard work and efforts were rewarded at the Spring Sports Banquet in May where team and individual honors were announced. The MVP award was given to Lindsay Franks who shattered the school record in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.1 seconds. In addition, Lindsay also tied with Shawna Smith for the Tom Thorne Award.

By: Christy Willis



Top Right: Katherine Kelly makes running appear effortless as she breezes towards the finish line.

Right: Chelsey Cashel runs her hardest trying to insure a victory for the 400 m. relay team.



Middle: Anna Reynolds just escapes the pole in this high jump at the Conference track meet.

Bottom Right: Lindsay Franks soars through the air on her way to victory during the Conference track meet. She qualified for sectionals with this 100 m. hurdle.





Far Left: Shawna Smith hold the blocks for her team mate, Andrea Weems during the 100 m. dash.

Left: Alissa Todd shows good form during her leg of the 2 mi. relay.

Bottom Left: Lorelle Hutchins glides over the pole with room to spare on this high jump.

Below: Michelle Guppy flies past the competition at the Conference track meet in the 100 m. hurdles.



Front Row: Sheenah Brasiola, Anna Reynolds, Christine Clark, Shawna Smith, Lindsay Franks, Lori Farrell, & Sarah Leathers. Middle Row: Tara Wagner, Laura Schade, Alissa Todd, Andrea Weems, April Jennings, Tenille Conduct, & Kristi Dick. Back Row: Coach Espinosa, Coach Stuart, Danielle Miller, Christina Hathaway, Jennifer Hagensicker, Kristi Holden, Michelle Guppy, Amanda Toumala, Lorelle Hutchins, Angie O'Dell, Catherine Kelly, Branda Edwards, Christina Mogan, Sarah McFarland, Chelsey Cashel, Sabrina Kerr, & Coach Lineberry.

SCORES

Neosho Open House	1st
Oolagah Relays	3rd
MSSC Relays	NS
Webb City 9th & 10th	NS
Neosho Relays	3rd
Neosho 9th & 10th	3rd
SMS Relays	8th
Monett Relays	2nd
Southwest Conf.	2nd
District	7th

BOY'S VARSITY TRACK



A Hurdle Over A Terrific Season

This season started with an impressive first place title win at the Neosho Open House. The year fluctuated from numerous first and second place titles to the other end of the spectrum. With four Seniors and eighteen lettermen the Varsity Cats were a team to be reckoned with. The persistence and dedication that went into everyday practice and the actual meets paid off in a second place capture of the Southwest Conference title and an eighth place medal in District action. Tyler Dewitt received the Tom Thorne Award. Fourteen lettermen will return next year under the direction of Coach Lineberry. This team will keep the pride rolling as it looks to the past for guidance and the future for courage.



Upper right: Josh Parsons strides out as he takes the lead in the boys' 4x4 relay. Above Joe Moore gets a little air under him during the first run in the long jump. Right: J.T. Mendenhall takes the shot a long way with his great show of power. Middle: **On The Road Again!** Practice makes perfect and no one knows that better than these young men as they hit the pavement for another of Coach Lineberry's road trips.

Brandon Kline concentrates hard to get a good height on the pole vault.





Far left: Senior John Renfro takes pride in balance, speed, and precision on and off the field. Of course the net helps cushion the fall. Left: Is that a Grecian statue floating through the air? No its Darius Greene showing great form in the triple jump. Below: Senior Tyler Dewitt knows that track takes more than practice, skill, and dedication; it takes skin too. After being 'bit' by the hurdles Tyler takes a moment to recuperate at Doug's table.



Front Row: Kelly Willis, Adam Willett, Brandon Casey, Brandon Kline, Joe Moore, Jeremiah Auch, Darius Green, Daniel Russell, **Middle Row:** Coach Stuart, Darren Wilson, David Mariott, Jared Cristy, Robert Jarrell, Brad Morrison, Justin Baker, Joel Phillips, Brad Tolar, Coach Lineberry, **Back Row:** Coach Espinosa, Joel Barrett, Chris Reynolds, Greg Elam, Adam Martin, Tyler Dewitt, J.T. Mendenhall, Sean Sides, Jonathan Foster.

WHAT'S THE SCORE

Neosho Open House
1st
Oolagah Relays
6th
Missouri Southern Relays
NS
Webb City 9th & 10th
NS
Neosho Relays
1st
Neosho 9th & 10th
4th
SMS Relays
12th
Monett Relays
3rd
Monett 9th & 10th
2nd
Southwest Conference
2nd
District
8th



This year's golf team has really been working hard and made a fine effort this year. They had a pretty good season placing 4th in the Cassville tournament, and they finished with a dual record of 3-5 and placed second in the district. They also had five members qualify to go to state, Senior, Eric Schade, Junior, Bryan Clark, and Sophomores, Andy Noah, Kenny Burleson, and John Briggs they placed 15th over all.

This year's golfers had to put up with the freezing cold, wind, rain, and the scorching sun, but if you ask them, they would probably say it was worth it!!!

At Left, Coach Bussey tee's off first to show his team how it is done.



Above: Members of the golf team including state qualifiers: Senior, Eric Schade, Junior, Bryan Clark, and Sophomores, John Briggs, Andy Noah, and Kenny Burleson



Above: Senior Eric Schade takes a few practice swings before he starts playing.

Right: Andy Cole, Andy Noah, Bryan Clark, and Kenny Burleson take a break before they start playing, to go over a few strategies.





Above: John Briggs cleans off his golf ball before teeing off against Carthage.



Above Right: Bryan Clark takes some practice swings before chipping his ball on the green.



At Right: Are they lazy or what?! Andy Cole and Eric Schade drive to the first hole.



The 1997 Neosho golf team. Back: Philip Patterson, B.J. Jordan, Shaun Brunner, Eric Lowery, Cole Woodard, Coach Tony Bussey. Front: Bryan Clark, Mark Hendricks, John Briggs, Kenny Bureson, Andy Cole, Dustin McAffrey, Not Pictured Eric Schade, Josh Ball, Sam Gorham, and Andy Noah.

1997 GOLF TEAM

"A Glancing Blow"

Varsity Boys Baseball



"This team over came a lot this year such as injuries. The success of these guys lies in their enthusiasm, determination, and their desire."

The 96-97 baseball team had high hopes of a good season this year. With several past players returning and several new players, they strived to achieve their goals. They all played their best at every game. You could see that they took the game seriously, but they had a lot of fun with it too. A. Moore, J. Durbin, Joe Russel, and M. Amato made 1st team All-Conference, and C. Nelson made 2nd. Honorable mention was given to D. Madrid and Jake Russell. They ended their regular season with a record of 13-10 and a conference record of 6-2.

Below: Joe Russel gives a mighty swing as he sends the ball to the outfield.

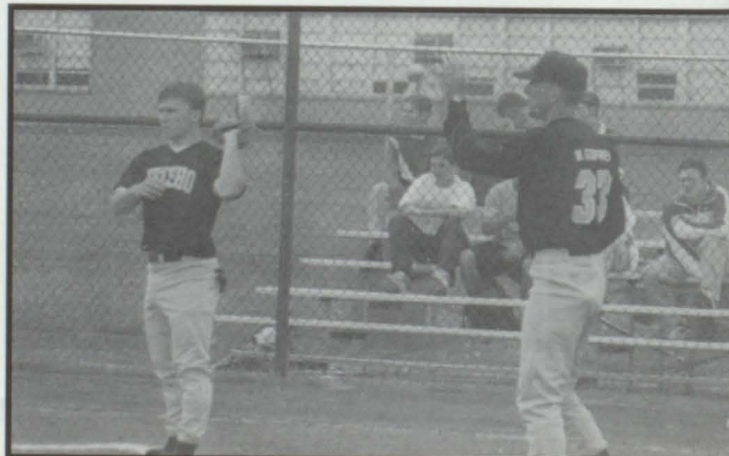


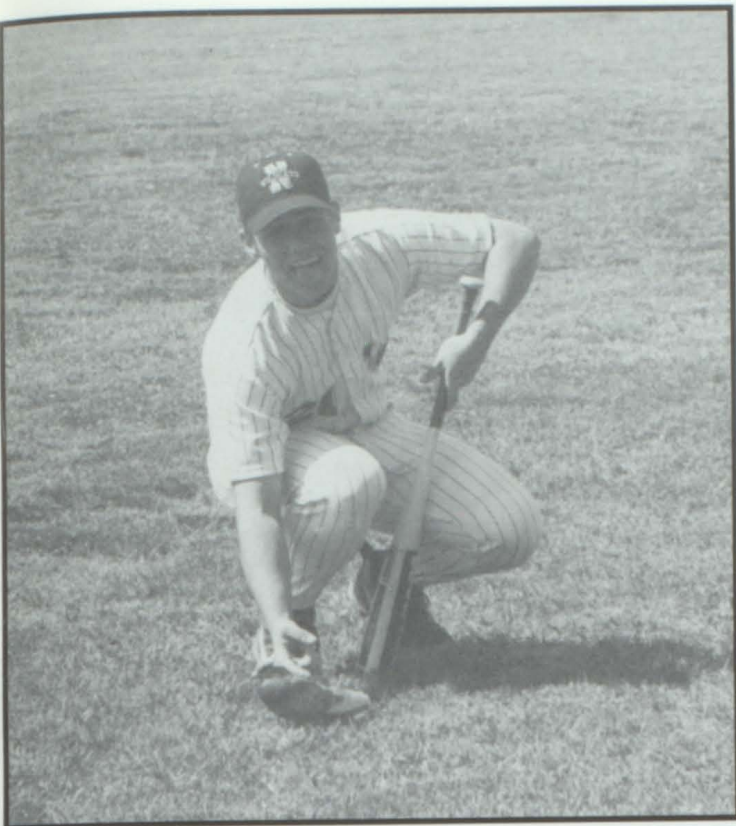
Middle Left: Ryan Phillips shows that a hard, level swing can send the ball a long way.

Middle: Tim Henson gets himself ready for another big game.

Middle Right: Coach Mike Godfrey gives the team words of wisdom for the game ahead of them.

Right: Warming up before game time helps the team get focused for a big win.





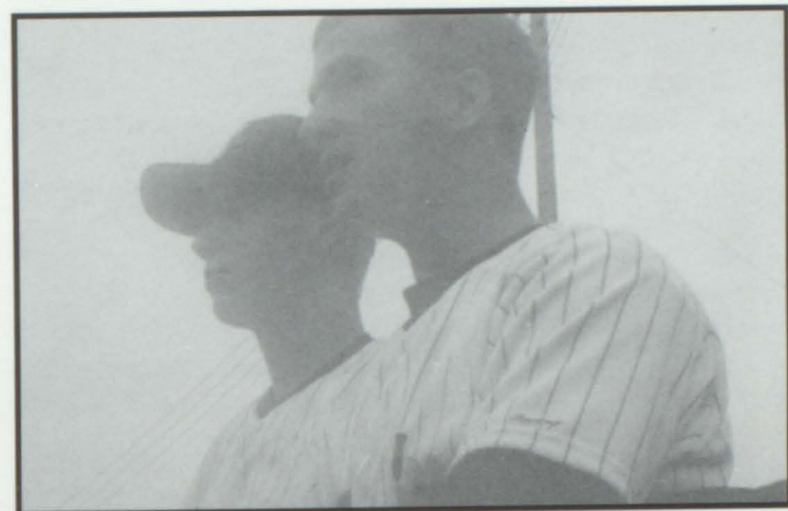
Far Left: Birds in the outfield!

Rodney Pendley nurtures his new found friend!

Left: Chris Nelson winds up for one of his many pitches of the season.

Bottom Left: These guys soak in some rays while they cheer on their teammates.

BottomRight: Mike Amato and Chris Nelson talk strategy at one of their home games.



Top: Coach Burghart, Coach R. Godfrey, Ryan Phillips, Anthony Moore, Tim Henson, Joe Russel, Chris Nelson, Jeremiah Durban, Coach M. Godfrey.

Middle: Mike Amato, David McNeill, Cody Williams, Josh Ball, Rodney Pendley, Jake Russell, Ryan Hughes, Matt Daspit, David Madrid.

Bottom: Blake Henson, Chris Van Dorn, Tony Branscum, Bo Jones, Casey Cotton.

What's the Score??

Berryville	W
Farmington	W
Springdale	L,L
Vinita	L
Mac County	W,W
Pittsburg	W
Nevada	W,L
Owasso	L
Shawnee	W
Grove	L
Bentonville	W
Fayetteville	L
Miami	W
Tulsa-Hale	W
Carthage	L,W
Webb City	W,W
Joplin	L
Glendale	L

A BACK & FORTH MOTION

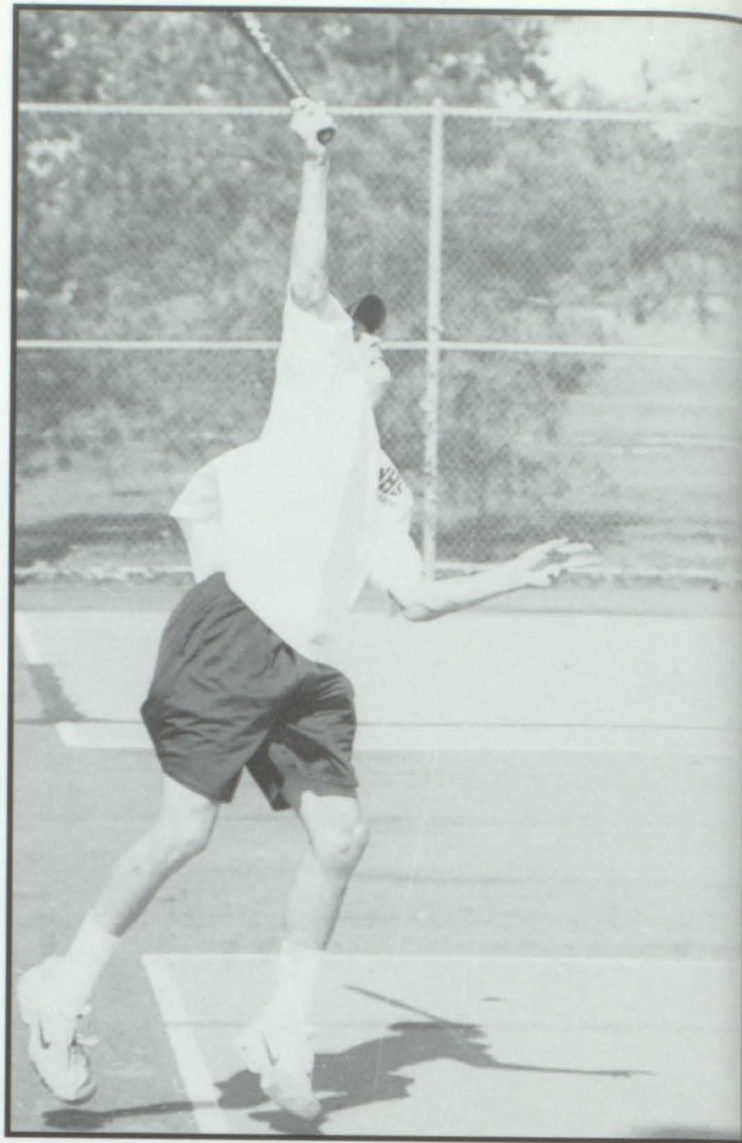


"This season was one of many new surprises and experiences for all of us. For some the new experience was learning how to keep score, for others, playing at the varsity level for the first time, and still others learned about leadership responsibilities. There were

plenty of laughs along the way; apple pies and hair balls, an abundance of broken strings with "the hammer" to the rescue, and open air bus rides. Thanks guys for making the season memorable." -Love- Mom (Coach Harlan)

Although this was a rebuilding season you would never be able to tell except in the win and loss situations. The friendships ignited and the laughs shared will never be forgotten. It was a once in a lifetime chance to be on a team that became more than just teammates, they became friends. Through looking for "Sporks" at every meal to throwed rolls for dinner, they all enjoyed themselves immensely. From first time players to all year round sports enthusiasts, these guys made a bond. It may just have been a few short months but those few months became a reality. They learned hard work and determination no matter what the outcome. By running and jump roping they made their "tennis bods". This group of guys will never forget the eating habits of Chad Chesnut. He is a man who will live up to every dare.

"We had fun but we were not good"- Riley Snyder (Senior)



Above: Will Palmieri concentrates hard trying to see how he can learn to improve his game by watching other players.

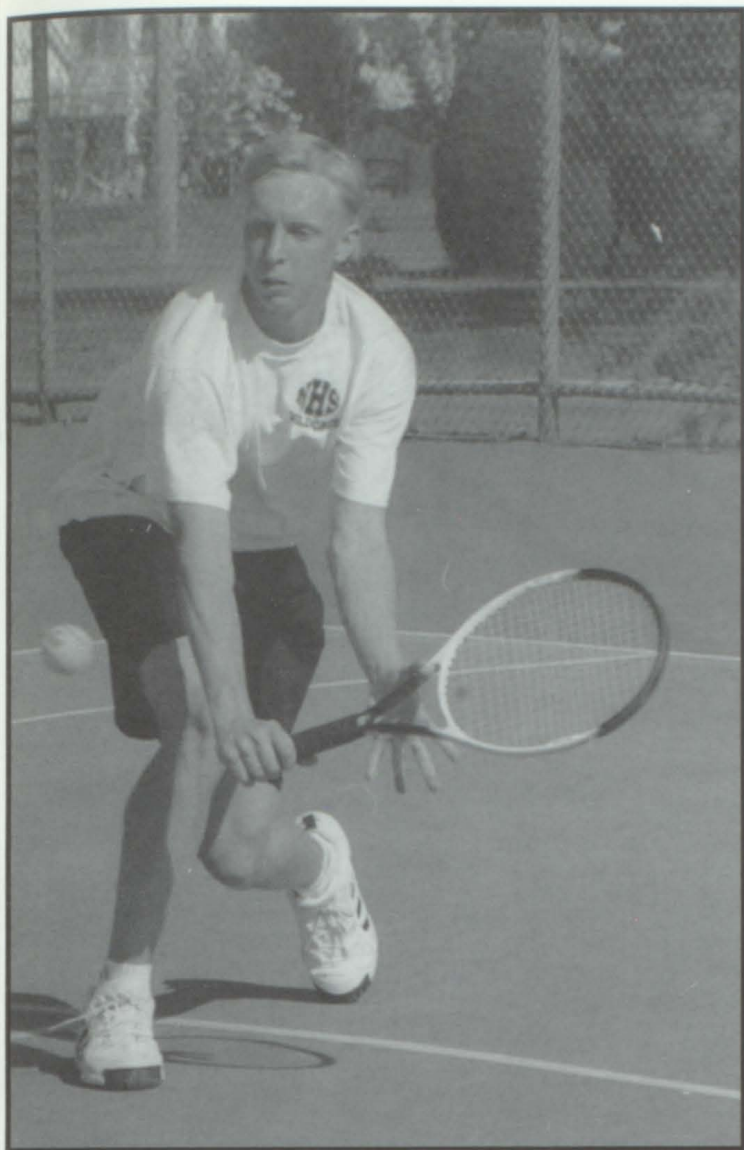
Right: Jason Alford shows his great forehand swing to intimidate the opposing team.

Top Right: Jeff Blauert reaches for his perfect serve, to get that ACE!



Top: These tennis hunks enjoy quality break time while waiting for their turn at the SMSU Relays. **Above:** Michael S., Gabe C., and Silas A. sit with anticipation for their first match of the season.





Far Left: Riley Snyder puts his spin on the low forehand to drop it right over the net.

Left: Will Palmieri reaches for that perfect serve.

Bottom: LEAN!! That is a common phrase Mom (Coach Harlan) often uses. Justin Kimbrough shows that he really does listen to what coach is trying to tell him.



Front: Silas Allard, Michael Schellhorn, Jason Alford **Middle:** Gabe Cook, Phil Land, Will Palmieri, Colin Lentz, Justin Kimbrough **Back:** Coach Harlan, Jeff Blauert, Riley Snyder, Chad Chesnut, Nick Brattin **Not Pictured:** Jeremy Bridges

LOOKING BACK AT THE STATS

Carthage	L
Webb City	L
Grove	L
Nevada	L
SMSU	
Joplin	L
Carthage	L
Mt. Vernon	W
Nevada	L
Webb City	L
Glendale	L
Tournament	L
Joplin	L
Aurora	W
Kickapoo, Joplin, Parkview	L
Districts	

2-12

Weight Training

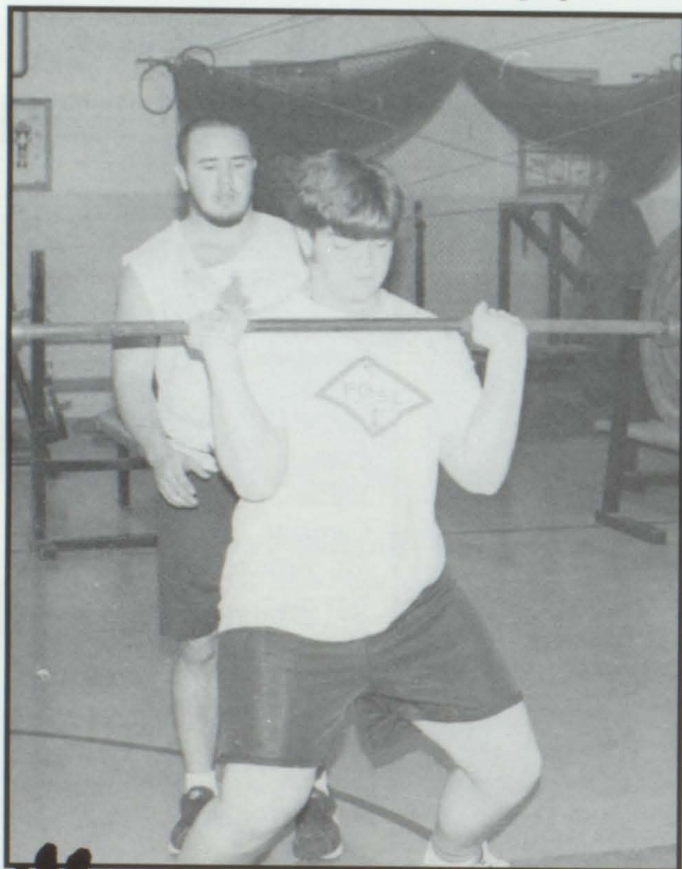
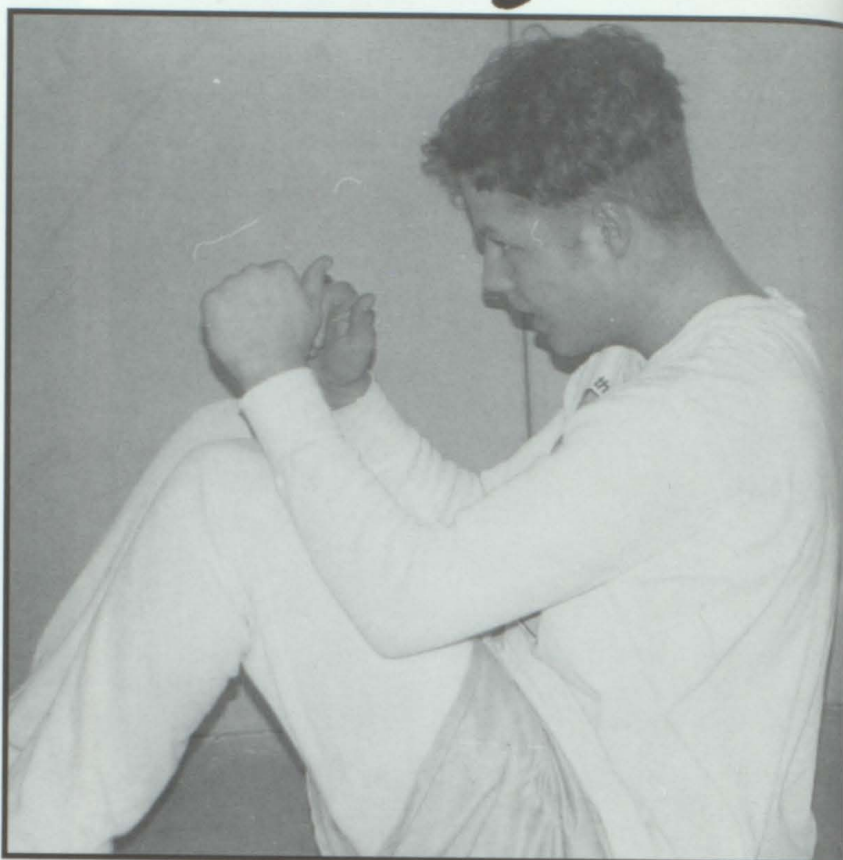
Weightlifting has been a crucial addition to Wildcat sports. It has benefited our sports teams, leading many to successes that have been unknown in Neosho for years. The increase in the athletes' strength and stamina are a major catalyst in the improvement of our overall athletics. The weightlifting program is headed up by Coach Mike Godfrey, who often started the class off with words of wisdom for motivation. The lifters did not compete in any strength meets this year but the intramural competition for honors such as the Elite Club and Iron Man spurred the student lifters towards excellence.

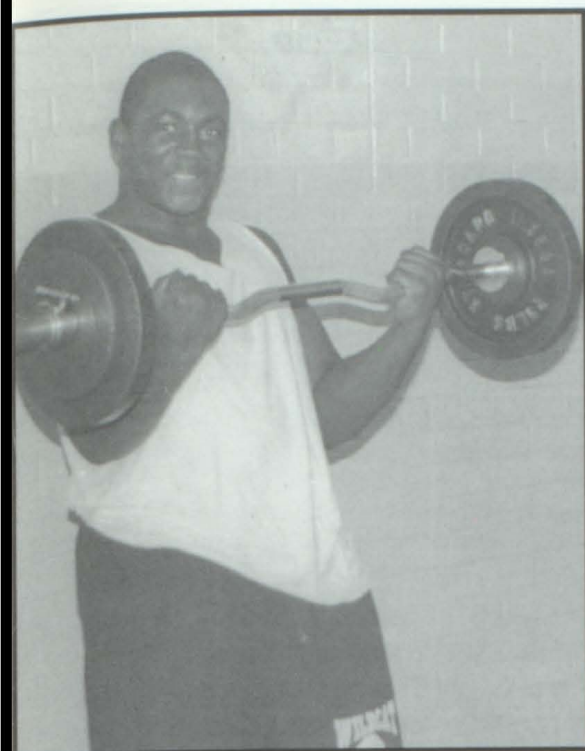
TOP RIGHT: Andy Noah strives for "abs of steel".

MIDDLE RIGHT: Kate Ely shows she's a powerhouse among the Lady Wildcat lifters.

LOWER RIGHT: Anthony Moore shows his reasons for being in the Elite Club.

BELOW: Drew Tignor demonstrates his proper form.





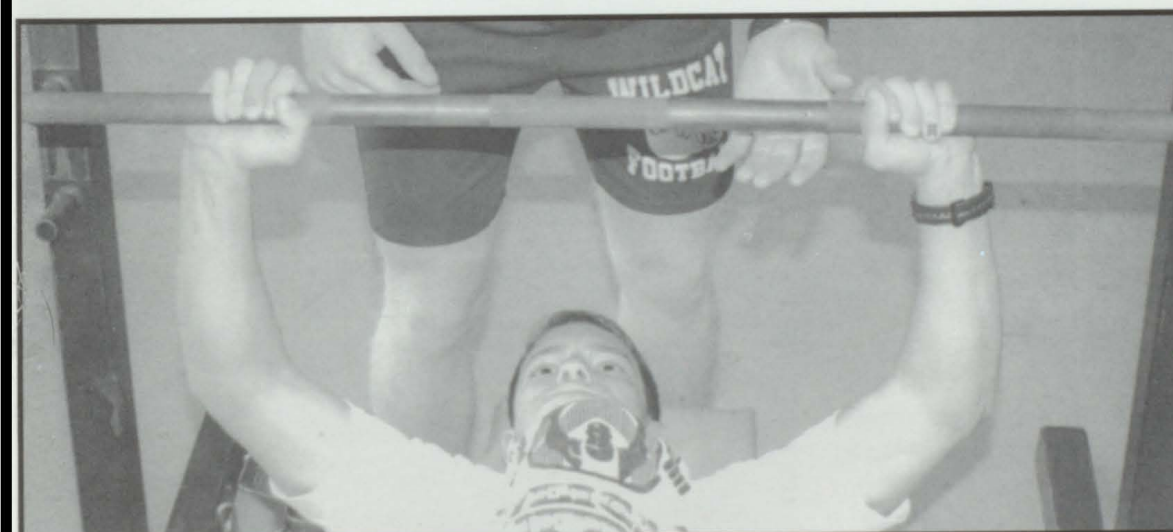
FAR LEFT: Showing off his guns is something Les Davis loves to do.



LEFT: Squats are an important part of the lower body workout, and Amber Alvarez hits them hard in her workout.



LEFT: Julie Kelly and Christina Hathaway know the importance of a good spotter when doing power cleans.



LEFT: Lenny Simek works on his upper body with the classic bench press.

J. V., FROSH, 8th GRADE CHEERLEADING



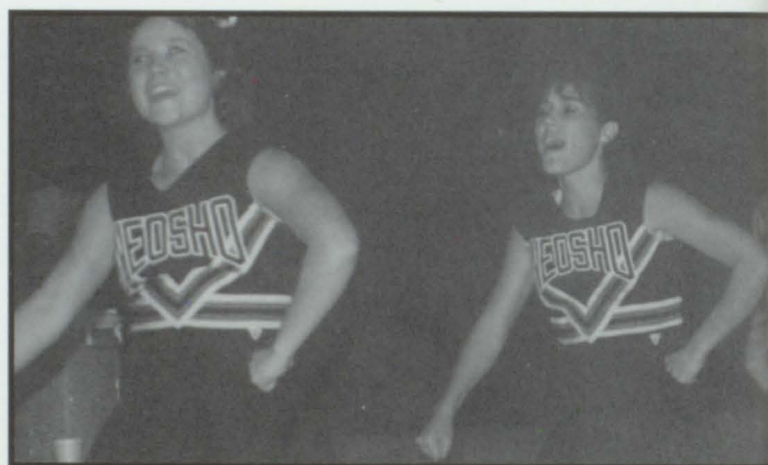
A
LOOK BACK
AT A
SEASON
FULL OF
WILDCAT
SPIRIT

The J.V. squad started out fresh this year with an all new squad and a first time J.V. mascot. The season started early on July 16 when the J.V. squad attended the NCA camp at Southwest Missouri State University. They brought home two spirit sticks for good squad spirit and good mascot. They also won excellent and superior ribbons for cheers and chants throughout the week. They were chosen one of the top ten squads out of their camp. Overall this year's squad had a great year. Their sponsor was Ms. Bahr.

The Freshman squad also attended a NCA camp at SMSU. They won a spirit stick for most spirited squad and a blue ribbon for cheers, chants, and stunts. The captains this year were Amanda Vowell and Lori Farrell. Their sponsor was Mrs. Thomas.

The eighth grade squad attended a one day camp on June 8 this year at Springfield. They learned many techniques that they can take with them to future cheerleading experiences. Their sponsor was Mrs. Thompson.

By: Cody Williams



Top right: Hungry for the taste of victory, Willie devours his prey David Madrid. Middle left: **Wildcat formation!** Not only do they have to know how to yell, but these eighth grade cheerleaders also have to have great balance. Middle right: Lee Schofield and Sarah Pouge have the rythm down at the County. Bottom right: **Eighth grade** Back Row: Amy Greenwald, Jessica Brown, Tammy Cooper Bottom Row: Valerie Snow (Captain), Lindsay Langland, Jennifer Harper.





Top left: Frosh sure do know how to yell. These cheerleaders know more than just how to do a pyramid, they can also get the crowd into it.

Top right: Crystal Quintana and Kendra Keeling have what it takes not only to cheer, but to put up with the cold.

Middle left: Valerie Snow leads her squad to perfect form on this routine.

Middle right: **GO! GO! G. O. GO WILDCATS GO!** These J.V. helped create a winning spirit for these football fans.



Frosh. Back Row: Alissa Todd, Nina Spicer, Amanda Vowel (captain). Middle: Lori Farrell (captain) Bottom Row: Julie Osborne, Cassie Hale.



Junior Varsity Back Row: Trica Shea, Crystal Quintana, Middle: Lee Schofield, Sydney Garrow (Mascot), Kendra Keeling, Bottom Row: Sarah Pogue, Kristen Phillips

8th, FROSH, J. V. FOOTBALL



A Look Back On A Season of Winning!

The J.V. Cats had a disappointing season with a record of 3-4-1, but many had an opportunity to improve their skills on the varsity level. The highlight of the year came when the Cats started the season with a 42-6 victory over Mac County. The Cats showed promise for a future of carrying on the Wildcat winning tradition.

The Freshmen Cats had a good season with a record of 4-2-1. The young Cats showed a promising future with a victory over Webb City. They earned the Co-Conference title with a tie against Carthage. With the way these Cats play, look for next year's title to be all Neosho!

The eighth grade A team went 4-2 for the season while the B team earned a 5-1 record. Though they only play six games, these youngsters had a great season littered with hardwork and determination. Good luck in the future.

By: Joey Linehan



8th GRADE FOOTBALL

A TEAM

CASSVILLE W
WEBB CITY W
EAST NEWTON W
CARL JUNCTION W
NEVADA L
CARTHAGE L
4-2

B TEAM

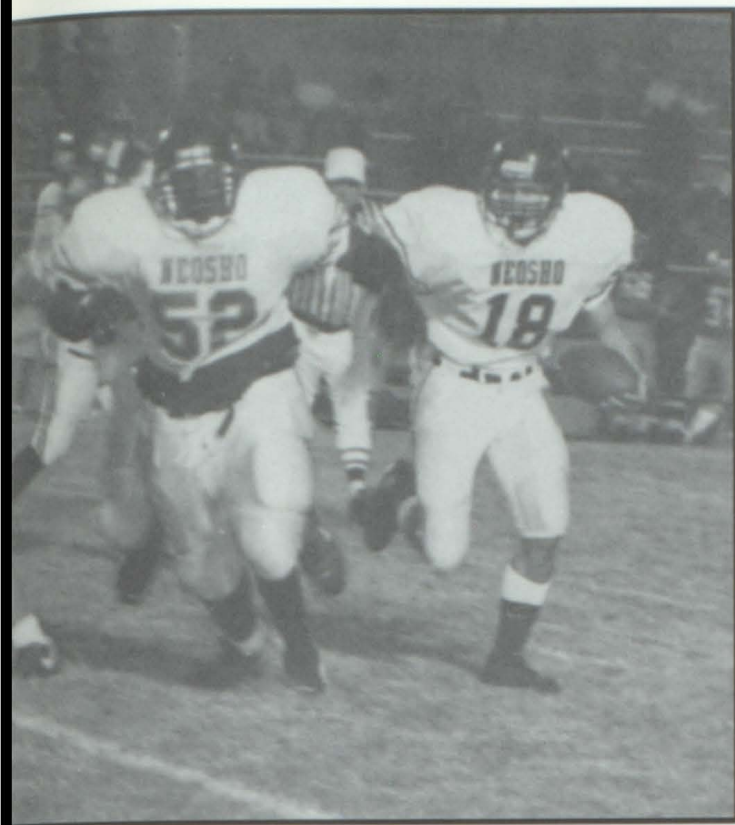
CASSVILLE W
WEBB CITY W
EAST NEWTON W
CARL JUNCTION W
NEVADA W
CARTHAGE L
5-1

FROSH FOOTBALL

MAC COUNTY
W
CARL JUNCTION
W
NEVADA
W
JOPLIN
L
WEBB CITY
W
CARTHAGE
TIE
HILLCREST
L
4-2-1



Top: Freshman Joe Moore shows that dynamite does come in small packages. Middle: Rounding the corner Jeramiah Auch receives a great block from teammate Ryan Cholka as the Freshmen Cats earn great yardage. Bottom: Junior Nathan Babb takes the snap to lead the J.V. Cats down the field.



Top left: Sophomore, Brandon Davis shows teammate Daric Burr the importance of big blockers. Top right: Eighth grade quarterback David Lazure takes off for the races in this play against the Nevada Tigers. Bottom left: Freshman Ryan Cholka knows that taking a hit is not something he wants to do as he puts on the speed to pass this 'Stang. Bottom right: Eighth grader Cui-Cui Sierra won't stop until the whistle blows even if it means getting a little dirty.



8TH. GRD. S. Arrondando, J. Reed, D. Jones, D. Lazure, J. Holloway, J. Morrison, M. Fisher, C. Rebold, C. Cook, M. Jennings, T. Fisher, F. Jennings, J. Fullerton, D. Apt, K. Albious, K. Penn, A. Hale, C. Sierra, J. Gilmore, M. Clark, T. Wilson, J. Willet, W. Russell, B. Carr, J. White, J. Stevenson, S. Wason, D. Dumond, T. Miller, J. Maddox, J. Love, M. Russell, T.J. Hunt, S. Jeffers, K. Ratliff, J. Bates, A. Wynn, A. Rockrohr, T. Haupt, C. Brabury, Ben Estas, Coach Gillispie, Coach Moore.. **FROSH:** J. Babb, B. Henson, M. Bacon, B. Morrison, D. Russell, J. Auch, B. Leach, S. Albious, R. Cholka, A. Schmidt, A. Martin, R. Hammack, A. Gooden, J. Lewis, L. Aragon, R. Montz, R. Bobblett, A. Elliot, B. Mailes, A. Baker, B. Douglas, S. Gorham, J. Montz, C. Kerr, L. Mittag, J. Moore, B. Witcraft, J. Howard, J. Storms, N. Brown, B. Williams, Coach Espinosa, Coach Cummings..

J. V. FOOTBALL WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MAC COUNTY
W
MONETT
L
CARL JUNCTION
W
NEVADA
L
JOPLIN
L
WEBB CITY
L
MIAMI
W
HILLCREST
TIE
3-4-1

VOLLEYBALL

"Backing Up Your Team"

The Lady Wildcat Volleyball teams all came out strong this year. All of the teams learned how important backing up their teammates was. This was the second year for 8th grade A and B teams. Both teams played hard and in the matches they lost it was only by a few points. Their record was A team: 4-11, B team: 6-5. The freshman team had a good season, also. They were frequently seen jogging around town along with their coach, Mrs. Litchy. When Coach Litchy would say, "You can walk now!", the players would keep on running knowing Coach was winded! Their season ended with a record of 4-1-4. The J.V. team thrived this year with Coach Cook. At every game you could see that they were determined to win and win they did. They all worked together and backed each other up 100 percent which really paid off. They ended the season with the feel of success and a record of 15-2. Coach Cook went on to say this about the team: "The Varsity team will remain strong for the next few years because of the determination of these fine young ladies."

By Jill Dodson

Right: Andrea Russell learns the importance of team spirit as her teammates back her up while she runs through the tunnel.



Freshman: Back: #3 Kim Patterson, #55 Geri Russel, #23 Sarah McFarland, #21 Toby Patterson, #25 Barbie Hoover, #32 Tara Hunte, #13 Kristi Dick, Coach Litchy. **Front :** #30 Tenille Boatwright, #11 Michelle Rucker, #12 Karen Muskrat, #41 Sarah Leathers.



SCOREBOX

Rogers	W
Carthage	W
Webb City	L
Nevada	L
McDonald County	W
Webb City	W
Carthage	T
Nevada	L
McDonald County	L
Overall 4-1-4	

Joplin Tournament
Second Place

Eighth Grade: Back:: #12 A. Quinton, #20 J. Biss, #45 A. Bibee, #22 C. Kinnear, #24 H. Keeling, #11 T. Tessmer, #50 K. Piechnik. **Middle:** #25 L. Barnes, #55 A. Kuhn, #32 C. Brasiola, #3 S. Snelson, #35 L. Blauert, #34 A. Mobley. **Front:** #14 A. Russell, #21 S. Garde, #15 T. McNeil, #44 S. Thomas, #10 T. Bridges, #13



SCOREBOX

	A	B
Nevada	W	W
Seneca	L	W
Joplin	L	W
Carthage	L	L
Webb City	L	L
Triway	W	W
	L	W
City	L	W
4-11 6-5		Overall
Seneca Tournament		Third Place



Far Left: These players are taking a re"fresh"ing break from the game.

Left: Leslie Wood runs as she chants, "I think I can, I think I can."

Bottom Left: 8th grade confidence before the game.

Below: Working together will insure a victory!



SCOREBOX

Rogers	W
Wheaton	L
Diamond	W
Carthage	W
Webb City	L
Nevada	W
McDonald County	W
Webb City	W
Sarcozie	W
Purdy	W
Carthage	W
Joplin	W
Nevada	W
McDonald County	W

Overall 15-2

Diamond Tournament
Placed First

Back: Coach Haupt, Manager Ashley Qualls, #10 Leslie Woods, #33 Branda Edwards, #10 Jenny Dwyer, #43 Julie Osborne, #44 Sondra Wise, #24 Heather Burr, #34 Stephanie Spence, #22 Sydney Garrow. Front Row: #14 Svenja Beilfuss, #45 Laura Schade, #31 Janneke Los.

J. V., 9th, 8th Girl's Basketball



Get Back Court on a Great Season

The J.V. Cats had a record of 9-7 this year. They were outsize every game, yet showed heart and determination as they ran the length of the floor and never gave up. Kim Rogers was the leading scorer and rebounder. Heather Woodrum won the Hustle award. The J.V. was made up of one Senior foreign exchange student, two Juniors, three Sophomores, and two Freshmen.

The Freshmen team had an unbelievable undefeated season. Their record was an unprecedented **19-0**. This years girls came away with a perfect season. Coach Lineberry said it was because of their hard work and great attitudes that made their season so great. This Freshman group was the only freshmen girl's team that has ever had a perfect season. They also came away with the Southwest Conference Championship.

The eighth grade lady Cats had a record of 10-5 for the A team and a record of 0-12 for the B team. They had two girls named to the All-Tournament Team at the Carthage Tournament. They were Heather Keeling and Autum Mobley. This years girls were coached by Ms. Litchy.

WHAT'S THE SCORE ?

J.V.

Parkview	L
Aurora	L
Joplin	W
C.J.	W
Monett	W
East Newton	W
Coffeyville	W
Carthage	W,W
Nevada	W,L
Mac County	L,L
Pittsburg	L
Webb City	W,L

Record 9-7

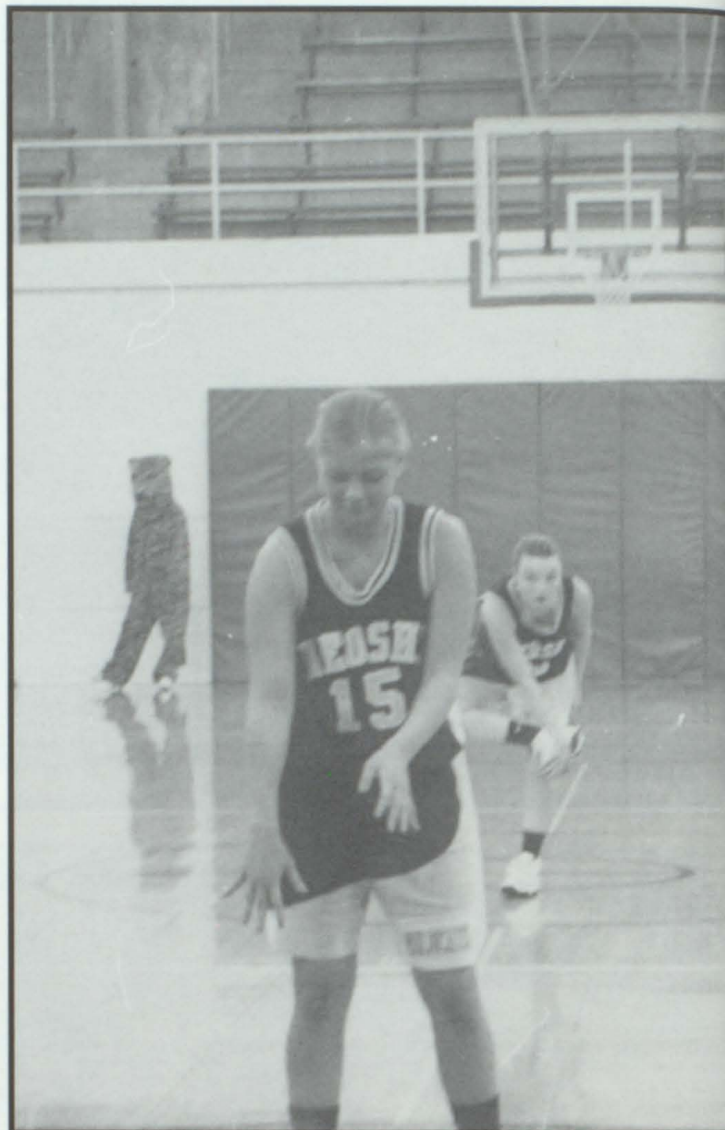
What's the Score?

8th Grade

A	Team	B
LWL	Webb City	LLL
WL	C.J.	----
W	Nevada	L
WWW	Carthage	LLL
WW	Joplin	LL
L	Seneca	L

Eighth grade girls team: Front Row: Amanda Bradford, Julie Nelson, Janet Butts, Tera Workman, Tammy McNeil, Cassie Calton. Second Row: Timber Seals, Erin Glore, Lori Allen, Autum Mobley, Cassie Kinnear, Lindsey Blauert. Top Row: Coach Litchy, Cori Taylor, Elizabeth Hailey, Morgan House, Heather Keeling, Amanda Quinton.

Below: Junior K. K. Sarratt (15) takes a moment to go through her routine on the foul line. K. K. was the leader of the J. V. this year on and off the court showing that it takes heart, determination, and skill to be a Lady Cat.





Top left: Freshman Tara Branham takes it to the hoop in a blur of left-handed madness. Top right: Eighth grader Amanda Quinton battles for the ball in an effort to out rebound her opponent. Bottom left: The J.V. Lady Cats take a moment to regroup and plan their strategy after a time out. Middle: Eighth grader Autumn Mobley goes strong to the hole no matter what's in her way. Below: Freshman Sarah McFarland shows perfect form in one of her many scoring attempts.



The Undefeated Freshman Girls Front Row: Tara Hunte, Michelle Rucker, Tara Branham, Lindsey Allen, Tami White Back Row: Coach Lineberry, Morgan Baker, Sarah McFarland, Kelly Carter, Geri Russel

WHAT'S THE SCORE!

FROSH

Joplin W,W
Pittsburg W
Lamar W,W
Nevada W,W
Hillcrest W
Webb City W,W
Carthage W,W
Joplin Tny W,W,W
Aurora W,W
Mac County W,W
Record 19-0

Back it up with defense...

8th 9th & J.V. Boys Basketball

The Junior Varsity, Ninth, and Eighth grade teams all played hard and to their best ability. The Junior Varsity had a disappointing season with a record of 2-18. Matt Major was the lead scorer while Jeramiah Durbin lead the team with the most rebounds. Chad Henry helped out by making the most free throws and Ryan Hughes had the highest three pointer percentage. Dustin Weitzell carried the highest field goal percentage for the team while the most assists were made by Nathan Babb. The Junior Varsity team was coached by Jim Stuart.

The Freshmen had a great season with a record of 10-7 and tied for second in the conference. This team gets stronger every year and should be outstanding in the years to come. Bob Gillispie really enjoyed coaching this Freshmen team.

The Eighth grade teams had excellent seasons, also. The "A" team ended up with a record of 7-7 while the "B" team finished at 8-2. The Eighth grade teams were coached by Mike Austin.

Right: Lance Mittag drains a basket for the Wildcats as they play against Mac. County.



8th GRADE

Back Row: A. Wynn, M. Fisher, M. Clark, T. Haupt, G. Hadley, T. LeMaster, J. Reid, M. Porter, D. Williams.
Front Row: N. Layman, T. Fisher, J. Birch, F. Jennings, J. Holloway, B. Mittag, D. Jones, D. Danner.



What's the score???

	"A"	"B"
Carthage	WL	WL
Joplin	WL	WL
Seneca	W	W
Webb City	LL	WL
Carl Junct.	LL	WW
Nevada	L	W
Neosho T.	WW	WW
W.C. T.	WL	WW
Record:	7-7	8-2

9th Grade

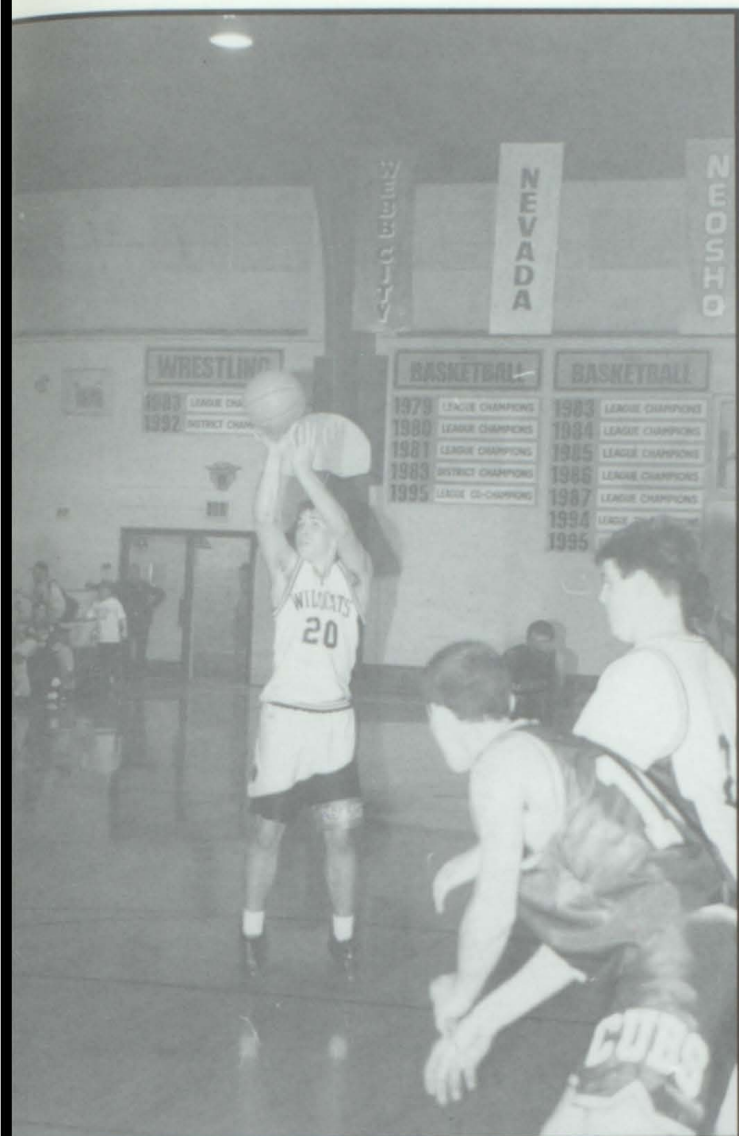
Back Row: A. Martin, J. Miller, J. Storms, P. Treadwell, S. Gorham, J. Deffenbaugh, Coach Gillispie.
Front Row: B. Jones, L. Mittag, J. Babb, T. Branscum, J. Slaughter, C. Cotton.



What's the score???

Mac. County	WW
Lamar	LWL
Webb City	WLL
Carthage	LL
Carl Junct.	W
Pittsburgh	W
Aurora	WW
Nevada	WLW
Record:	10-7





Far Left: Jeremiah Durbin shoots a free throw for another point.
Left: Ryan Hughes is ready for anything. Even that occasional rebound that bounces his way.
Below: Graham Hadley goes up with a tough shot for the Wildcats.



What's the Score???

Seneca	L
Carthage	LLL
Mac County	LLL
Cassville	L
Joplin	L
Hillcrest	L
Republic	L
Mt. Vernon	W
Nevada	LL
Webb City	LL
Monett	W
Nixa	L
Pittsburg	L
Kickapoo	L
Record:	2-18

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Back Row: Coach Chenoweth, C. Henry, M. Major, T. Adams, L. Hixson, D. Wietzell, Coach Stuart. Front Row: J. Macy, J. Durbin, R. Hughes, A. Noah, N. Babb

Junior Varsity and Ninth Grade Baseball



A Glance From the Outfield To the Plate!

The J.V. Cats had a disappointing season this year with a record of 7-8. This record did not show all the turmoil that happened during mid season when many J.V. Cats were moved to Varsity due to injury and the young Freshmen had to step up. With strong showings from the 'Ryan quartet' in the infield, the Cats never gave up and enjoyed every moment of the year. Coach Ray Godfrey lead them with his skill as a coach and his ability to take the good with the bad.

The Freshmen Cats had a good 8-5 season. With many of these young Cats often playing both J.V. and Freshmen ball, they got in a lot of practice and will be a team to be looked at in the future. Coach Burghart kept their spirits high even when they had no umpires and uniforms seemed to disappear during games. These Cats showed pride and heart both on the practice field and during the games.



WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Mac County
WW
Pittsburg
L
Nevada
WW
Bentonville
L
Miami
L
Carthage
WW
Springdale
L
Joplin
LLLWL

7-8



Top right: Sophomore J. D. Macy gets the signs from Freshman Catcher Bo Jones before delivering the heat. Above: Sophomore Ryan Phillips fans another batter with his strong arm. Middle right: The Freshmen team takes a little direction from Coach Burghart before heading out to the field. Bottom right: Freshman Chris Van Dorn takes a moment to scope out the opponents before J.V. action.





Top left: Freshman Ryan Cholka strides out in an attempt to strike down another batter. Tony Branscum knows that balance and power combine to make big hits. Below: Phil Treadwell keeps this batter honest with his strong arm and great catches. Middle: These Freshman know how to take a little time out from the scorching heat while conserving energy. Blake Henson, Chris Van Dorn, and Josh Lewis need all the energy they can get.



Back row: Blake Henson, Bo Jones, Phil Treadwell, Casey Cotton, Ryan Hammack, Coach Burghart. Front row: Byron Williams, Brian Whitcraft, Chris Van Dorn, Tony Branscum, Josh Lewis. J.V. Pictured on Varsity page.

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Nevada	W
Carthage	W,L
Nevada	W,L
Mc County	W,W
Pittsburg	L,L
Pittsburg	W,L
Carthage	W,W



A QUICK GLANCE AT NEOSHO JH TRACK

The J.H. Track and Field Team did an outstanding job this year. Since no records have ever been kept until this year, so all the times and distances will be the future records that the J.H. Track athletes will have to break. This is also the first time in many years that a Neosho J.H. Track Squad has won a track meet. The boys won four track meets and the girls won one. All three relay teams-400 meter, 800 meter, 1600 meter-finished either 1st or 2nd in every track meet this year. The team has had a very good season and their future as successful high school track athletes looks very promising.

Center left: Cui Sierra charges for the finish line coming in first in 100 yard hurdles. Center right: Lisa Whitcraft gets a great start in this race and nothing stops her when she sees the finish line.

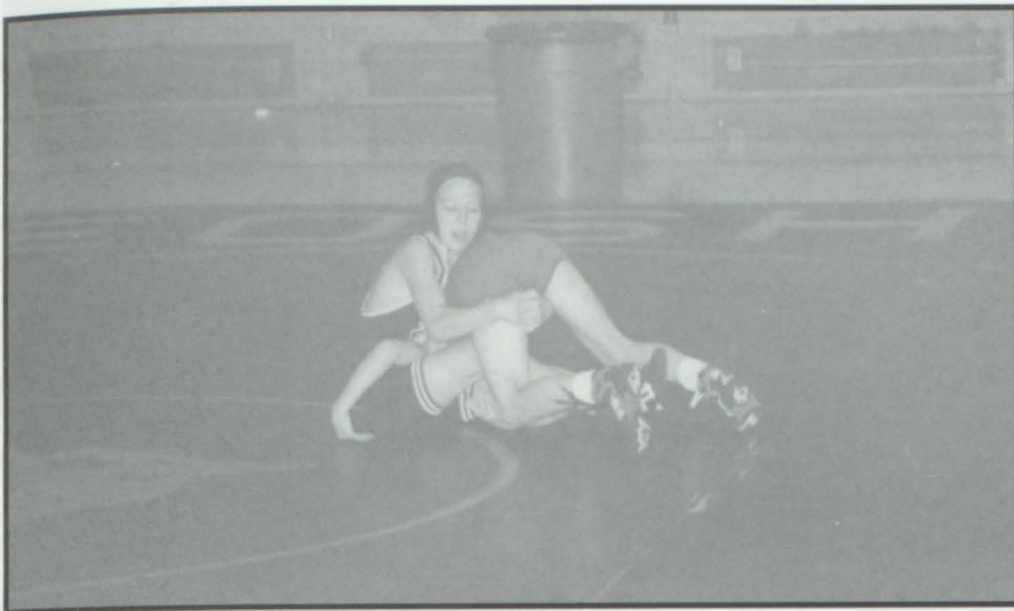
96/97 J.H. TRACK MEETS

March 27--Open House Neosho

*April 3--Miami, OK
Boys 2nd Girls 4th
*April 10--Webb City
Boys 2nd Girls 1st
*April 15--Carthage
Boys 1st Girls 3rd
*April 24--Neosho
Boys 1st Girls 3rd
*April 28--Lamar
Boys 1st Girls 3rd
*May 2--Diamond
Boys 1st Girls 1st
*May 5--Joplin
Boys 2nd Girls 7th



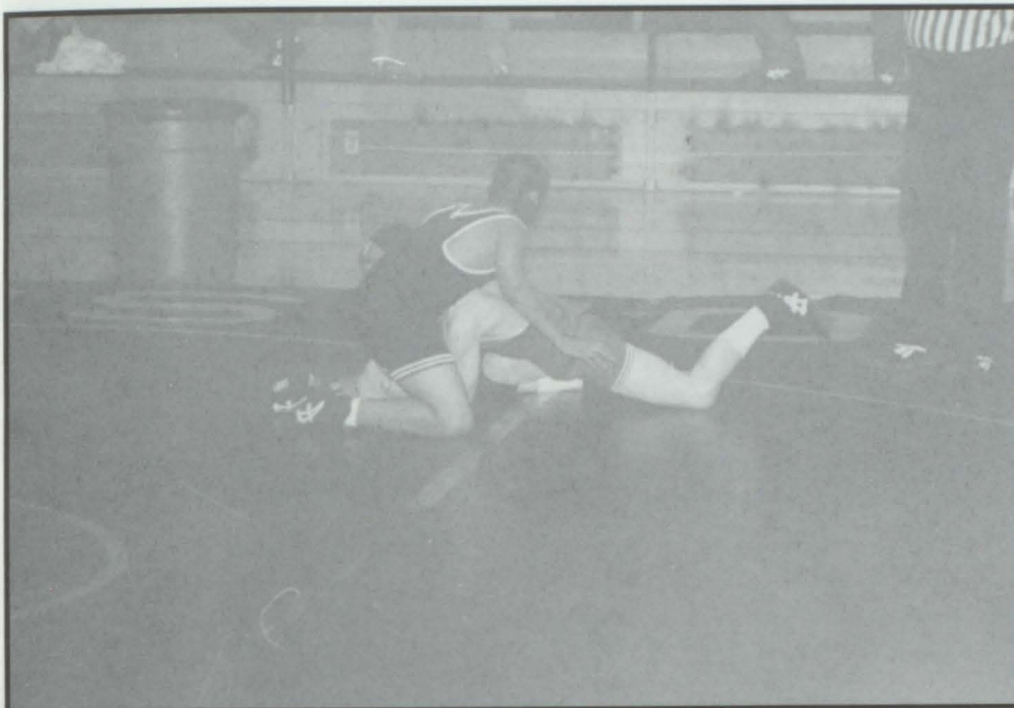
Josh DePreist clears the pole with no problem as he flies through the air.



JH WRESTLING

A FUTURE LOOK AT NHS WRESTLERS

Enthusiasm was the drive behind this year's 8th grade wrestling squad. Although inexperienced, our young wildcats displayed not only a willingness to learn this sport, but also an excitement to compete at high levels of competition. Throughout the year, these athletes improved on a daily basis. No doubt, this class of wrestlers promises to bring a new level of passion to the future of Neosho High School athletics.



Above left: All tied up. Freddie Jennings seems to have twisted his opponent into a pretzel formation, as he shows him what the sport of wrestling is all about.

Left: No pressure. Ken Albious is totally focused on his opponent when he has the upperhand in this match.

96/97 TOURNAMENTS AND DUELS		
Webb	City	(Duel)
Monett		(Tournament)
Ozark		(Tournament)
Carl	Junction	(Duel)
Carthage		(Duel)



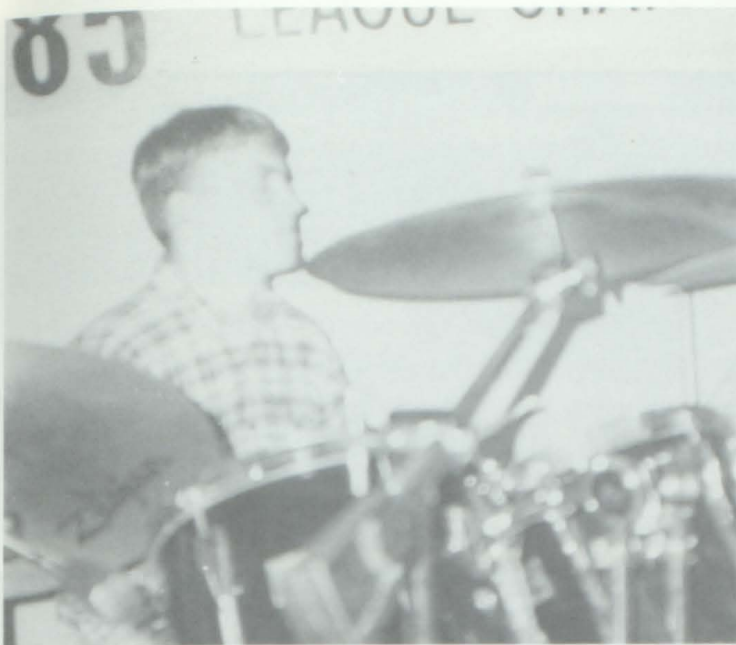
96/97 JH WRESTLERS

Coach Espinosa, Jeff LaMontia, Freddie Jennings, John Stevenson, Tristan Dale, Joe Hatfield, Ken Albious.

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Planning the cover, Tracy Sinclair, Christine Zartman, Annie Owens, and Mrs. Branscum brainstorm on ideas.



Jean Ahsmuhs takes a time out from the stress of yearbook for a breather.



Neosho Yearbook Staff, Front: Jill Dodson, Pam Sigars, Christy Willis, Annie Owens, and Travis Long. Middle: Tracy Sinclair, Cody Williams, Ragan Mitchell, Niki Mahan, Jean Ahsmus, Christine Zartman, Kate Ely, and Jenny Wilson. Back: Joey Linehan, Kim Olson, and Arianne Payton.



To type or not to type, Niki Mahan takes a sigh as she begins to think about what page to start working on for the Yearbook.



Hard-working and determined, Annie Owens and Sarah Stonecipher rely on the machines to put finishing touches on the pages.

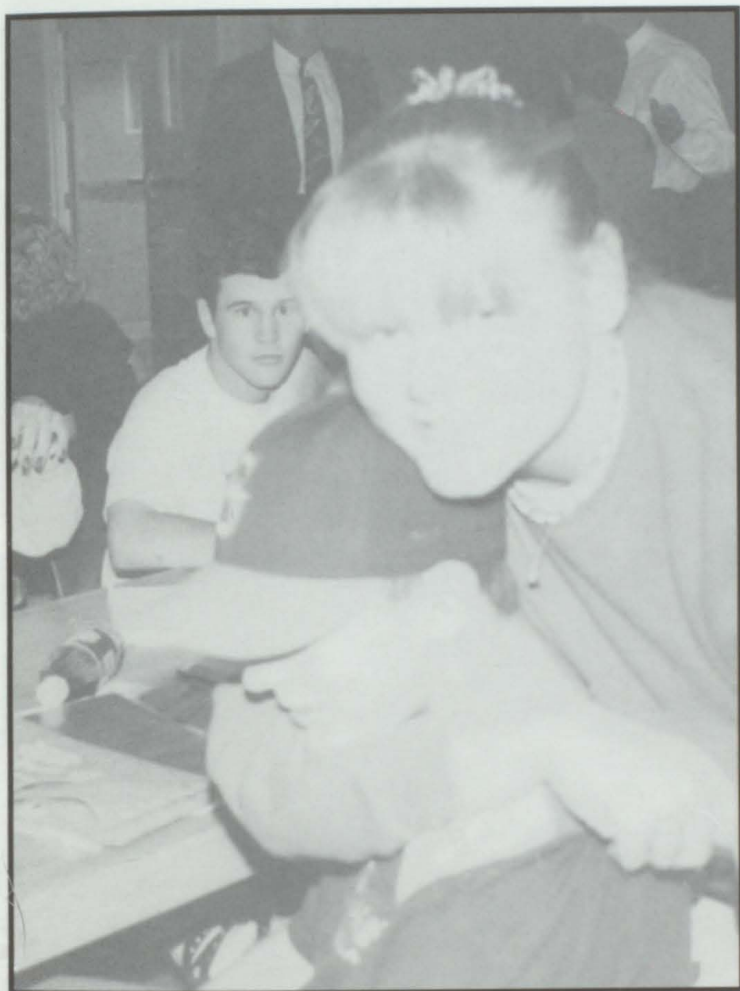


Neohimo looks back

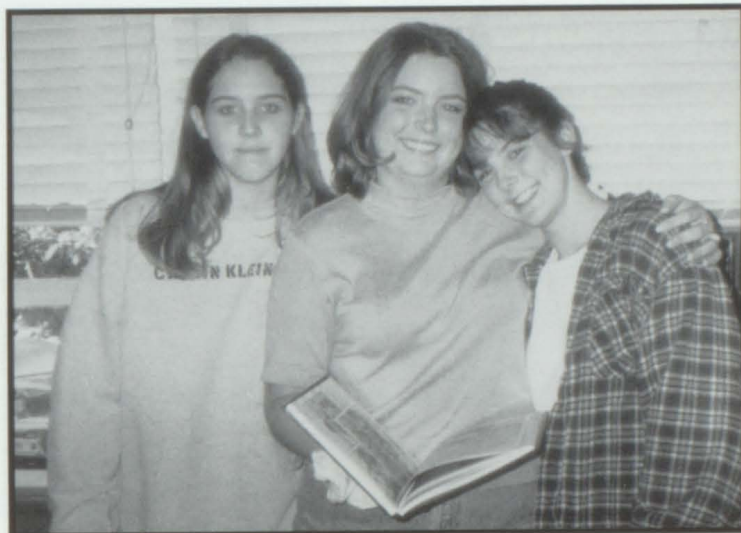
What will our theme be? What pages will I do? When are our deadlines? How do we do this? Only a few of the questions asked and answered during the course of the year. Second year staff members helped lead the way to the finish of another edition of the NEOHIMO.

Staffers spent one day at a yearbook workshop sponsored by Josten's at PSU. They had the opportunity to work with a company artist, work on theme ideas, talk to other yearbook staffs and learn some of the basics of producing a yearbook. Most did not realize the effort it would take to finish the job.

Each staff member completed a share of pages, met their deadlines (sometimes just in the nick of time), learned some new concepts in production and technology and in the end were able to complete this memory/history book for the 96-97 student body.



Kate Ely chokes Cody Williams as Travis Long thinks this is awfully early in the year for such punishment.



Nothing like bringing back memories, Arianne Payton, Christy Willis, and Pam Sigars look back through the yearbook thinking about what they use to do.

Among the Yearbook Staff many memories are told, and Christy Willis appears to be telling a good story as Niki Mahan and Ragan Mitchell listen intently.

Right: Do you think these students have seen the movie Anaconda, and if so do you think they would still be holding this snake? Middle: Science Club Members Left to Right: Nick Pyle, Jacob Mason, Levi Mittag, Justin McGee, Danielle Miller, Bobby Carr, Amber Alvarez, Austin Letts, Lindsay Bowers, Christina Hathaway, Coach Elliott, On the Sign: Julie Kelly, Josh Smith.

Below: Mr. Jemes assesses the damages done to his model airplane on its first flight.



Above: Nat and Rebecca team up on a class project. Above Right: These students test sound waves, I think they just like hearing their own voice.



Science Department

The science department has always been a very exciting part of Neosho High School. This year the Science Club went on several trips. They went spelunking (cave exploring) and hiking in Devil's Den, AR. They visited the always popular, Branson, MO there they went to the Omnimax Theater.

They also went on a over night float trip at the Mark Twain National Park in Dora, MO. The Science Club wasn't the only busy science group this year. The science classes also stayed very busy doing such things as competing in the MSSC Science Fair and classroom projects were always fun.



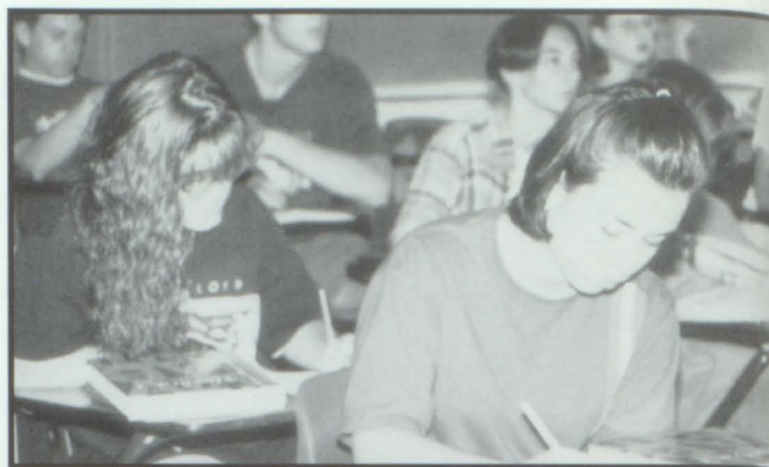
Top left: Lindsay Franks and Danielle Miller show that they are no scaredy-cats when it comes to science.

Above: Careful thought and planning go into the constuction of this project.

Bottom left: Mr. Elliott is no stanger to the woods or to the plant life that life that lives in it.

Middle: 1996-97 Math Club.
Front Row: Rebecca Hanschu, Annie Owens, Robin Kenny, Crystal Hanna, & Helen Hale. Back Row: Bobby Carr, Shaun Brunner, Betsy Leighninger, Beth Kenny, Jason Shaver, Jason Beckerdite, Jesse Eickholt & Austin Letts.

Right: Christina Mogan and Becca Thomas study diligently for Mr. Haupt's Algebra final.

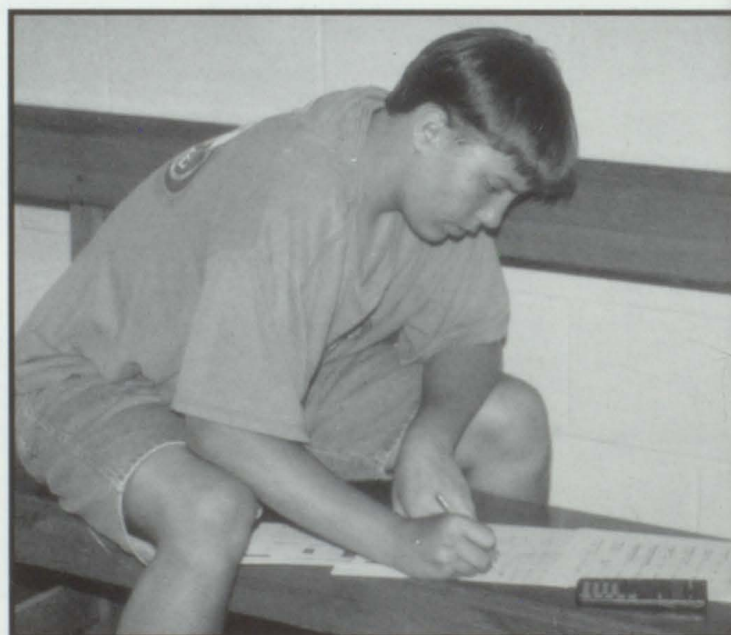


Above: Mr. Chenoweth demonstrates on the overhead to his eighth grade math class how to do some problems dealing with measurements.

Right: Amanda Johnson manages to keep herself busy in Mr. James Algebra I class even though it is the last week of school.



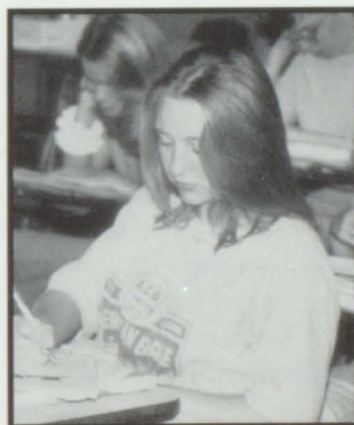
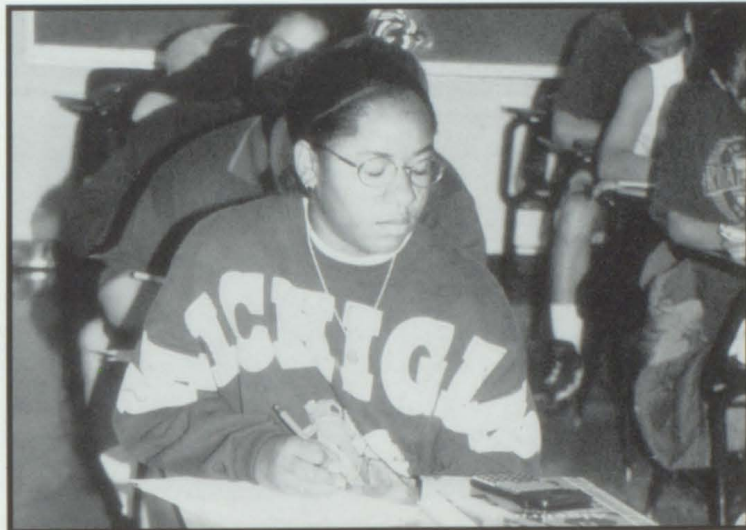
Right: Robert Montz loves Algebra so much that he even does it when he isn't in class.



Math Department

The Math Department at Neosho High School consists of various classes from general math to trigonometry and calculus. However, students at NHS are able to participate in many activities in addition to the daily homework problems. For instance, Mr. Haupt's trigonometry class had a guest speaker in the Fall, Officer Douglas with the Neosho Police Department. He demonstrated how to calculate the speed of cars who are involved in accidents. Also, his classes participate in trig cheers such as "cosine cosine, sine sine." In addition to math classes, students may also participate in the Math Club which meets periodically to work out sample math problems. These sample problems are used as practice for competitions against area schools held once a month at MSSC. As usual, our club did very well, placing 8th in the state for 5 out of their 6 meets and Jason Beckerdite was the top scorer of all schools in the state of Missouri.

By: Christy Willis



Above: Kim Sparks appears to be in a state of deep meditation while reviewing for a test in Mr. Haupt's class-maybe she's just sleeping.

Left: Amanda Vowell works on a worksheet in Mr. Jessen's Algebra I class.

Left: Chris Hains looks to be studying madly for the final in Mr. Jessen's Algebra I class.

Right: NFL officers for the 1996-97 school year (left to right): Daniel Keaton-Historian, Carey Moore-President, Jason Beckerdite-Vice-President, and Gabe Cook- Secretary.

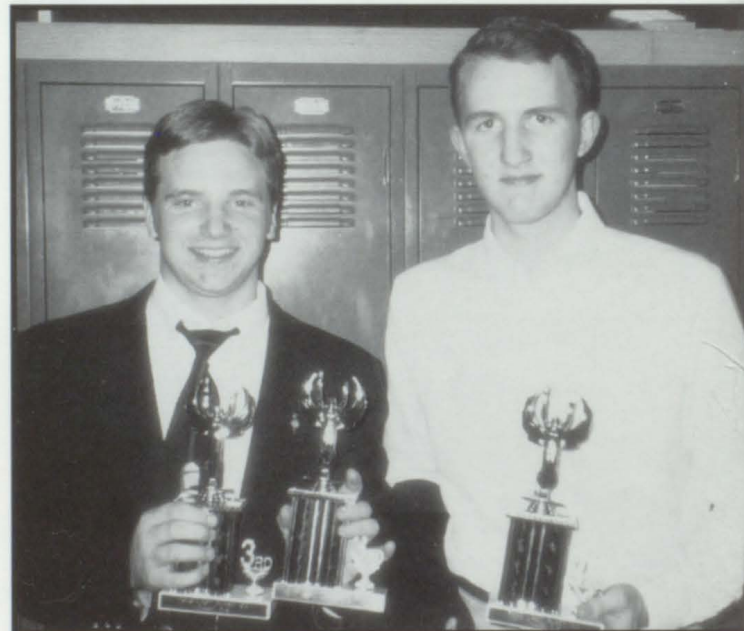


Below: Mr. Watkins and debater Allison Hunter are "all dressed up" because of a bet at the previous weekend's tourney. What a "Barrel of Monkeys" these two are!



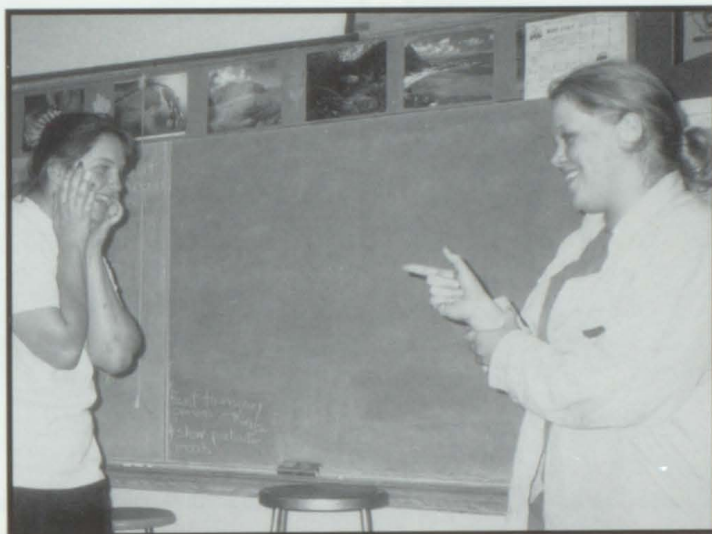
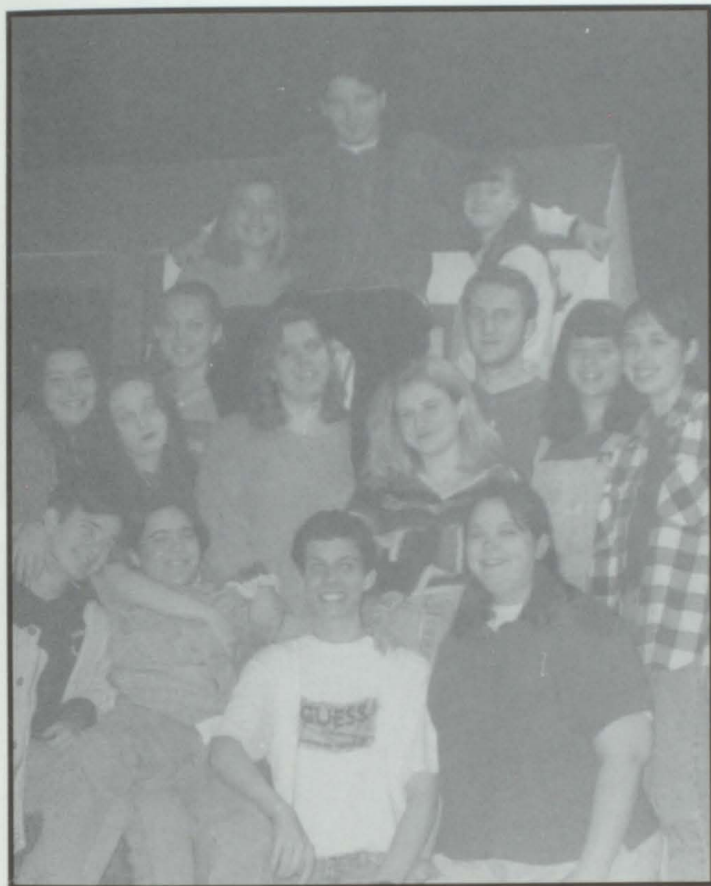
Above Right: Good times are had by all at Debate Awards Night(Gabe C., Tanya P., Allison H., Beth K., Tim K., Nick T., Josh S., Charity M., and Justin C.).

Right: "Debate Brothers" Daniel Keaton and Jason Shaver display their trophy's after a well deserved fight. "This year, as a squad, we had many goals. We not only met them, we exceeded all expectations. It was a lot of fun and a great honor to be part of such a winning program."-Daniel Keaton, Senior.



Speech & Debate

The Debate Squad did an outstanding job representing our school at a variety of tournaments this year. Their achievements showed when the trophy case filled to maximum capacity in no time at all. At many difficult tournaments, Neosho came out well on top. They won 1st place out of 45 schools at Parkview, 1st out of 33 schools at the Lee Summit competition, and 1st out of 40 schools at the Kickapoo/Glendale tournament, just to name a few. There will be five participating at Nationals this summer in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, this summer. They are: Carey Moore (who double qualified in LD Debate and Foreign Extemp.), Daniel Keaton (who double qualified in Team Debate and Oratory), Jason Shaver (who double qualified in Team Debate and U.S. Extemp), Kenny Burleson (LD Debate), and Gabe Cook (U.S. Extemp.). Brittany Rigdon will represent our Drama Department, also as she heads to Nationals along with the Debaters. Her event, Dramatic Interpretation.

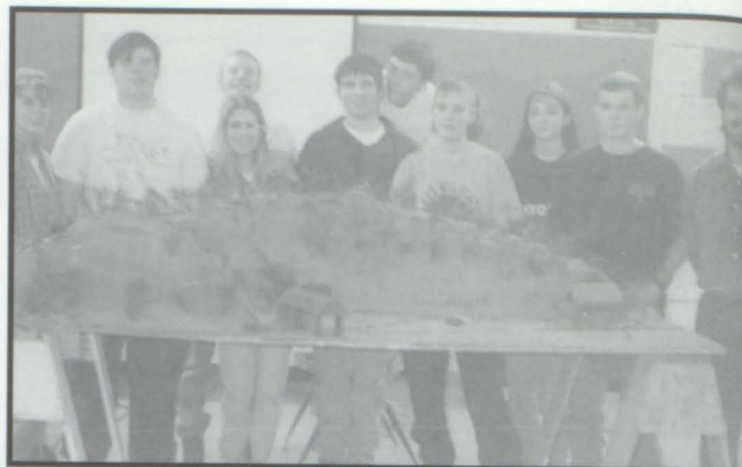


Above: Angie O'Dell and Janneke Los act out a scene in Drama class. Janneke is "James Bond 007" and is out to find Angie's lost puppy!

Left (members of Thespians):

Nick Hopper, Sara Stephenson, Brooke Schuster, Misty Gordon, Jason Shaver, Elissa Davis, Sunny Kendall, Brittany Rigdon, Katrina Lay, Sarah Houte, Leia Needham, Jeff Yost, Josh Sulier, Mickey Corporon, and Carey Moore.

Right: Mr. Evans and his Junior English Class show their interpretation of *Shepard of the Hills*.



Below: Library is our life! We LIVE for reshelving books! Tara Webster, Jennifer Bulington, and Debbie Bogel show their library spirit.



Below: Making faces about Spanish is always a blast!



Right: Carey Moore works intensely on a poster for the Literary Club.



Right: Cowabunga, Dudes! Crystal H. is excited about Spanish, while Wendi B. and Heather C. could care less.



Library, Literary Club, Languages

The 1996-97 school year for the English Department at NHS proved themselves worthy for yet another year. Big English projects for Freshman was reading *Romeo & Juliet*. Sophomores got their fair share of research papers. Juniors were given the honor of reading *Gone with the Wind*. Seniors learned everything from Greek Gods and works of Shakespeare to writing more creatively.

The Literary Club had a successful year doing a variety of activities. On October 17, they traveled to Springfield and watched a nationally acclaimed professional touring company from Boston, "Encore", at the Landers Theater. This was a series of short plays including *THE TELL TALE HEART*, *THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HALLOW*, *THE MONKEY'S PAW*, *THE NECKLACE*, AND *THE CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY*. This year's club was more involved than last years. We enjoyed a guest speaker on the subject of developing characters for a short story/novel. We participated in the effigy for football homecoming and the poster contest for basketball homecoming. Membership this year was up, with a total of 16.

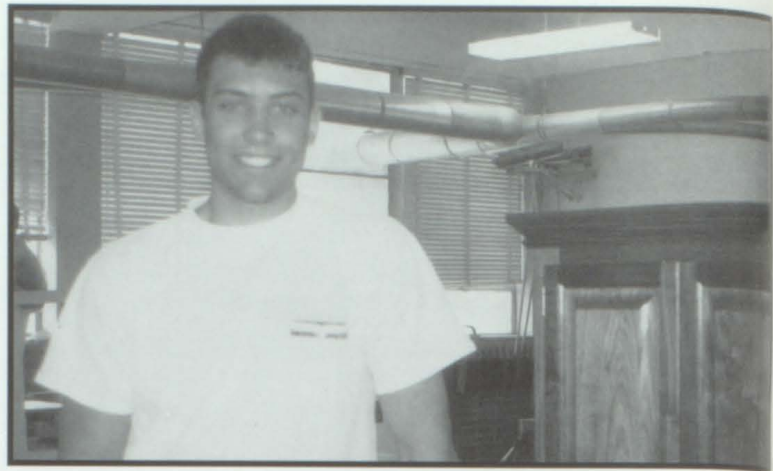
Hablamos Espanol! The Foreign Language Department added another Spanish teacher and continued to educate students in German and Spanish, a language needed for even going to Wal-Mart. In May, about 100 students of the Foreign Language department took a trip to Worlds of Fun.



Members of the Literary Club(above): Brittany Rigdon, Dellaca Reynolds, Sarah Leutzinger, Ms. Ellison, Lianne Leisenring, Christine Zartman, Lisa Watson, Charity Minor, Rebecca Hanschu, Carey Moore, Robin Kenny, Niki Mahan, Suzanne Berry, and Tanya Perse.

DANCIN' ON THE CABINETS!! Mrs. Payne is caught snoopin' through cabinets in the library. Is she putting decorations away or making an even bigger mess? After 46 years of loyal dedication to Neosho High, Mrs. Payne will retire to take some well deserved resting time. Thank you, Mrs. Payne, for all of your help throughout the years!

Right: Jeff Snow with his walnut night stand which placed 2nd in the Advanced Woods division at the Crowder Tech. Fair.



Right: Tim Hembree shows an example of morphing on the computer.



Below Right: The First place knowledge bowl team of Brewer, Snow, Swift, Foster and Willis.

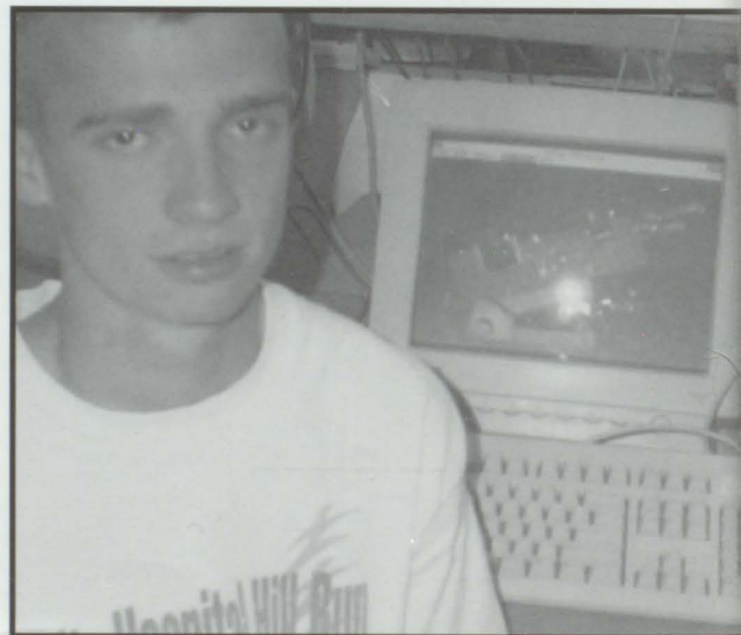
Below: Travis Ducommen plays around with a 3-D rendering of a chess board.



Right: It looks like Chad Chesnut is concentrating hard on his work, but with that grin on his face he's sure to be up to something.



Right: First place state finisher, Jonathon Foster with his award winning Grinder Vice Animation.



Industrial Arts Department

This has been a very successful year in the Industrial Arts Department. At the Crowder Technology Fair, Neosho had the following seven first and second place winners: Jonathon Foster, Anna Patete, Jeff Charles, Jeremy Willis, Jeff Snow, Morgan House, and Nick Hopper. The two high school knowledge bowl teams took first and second place. The first place team included Tyler Swift, Jeremy Willis, Jonathon Foster, Jeff Snow, and Kirk Brewer. The second place team included Andy Augsburg, Travis Adams, Adam Carde, Andy Noah, and Spencer Kelso. Neosho had five out of the top ten finishers in the individual knowledge bowl standings. At the District contest Anna Patete took first in the introduction to Computer Aided Drafting division and Jonathon Foster took first in the drafting and design division and out of 247 entries was named the winner of the prestigious Olan Roberts Award. Both qualified to go on to the state competition where Foster won his division. Students in the Graphics Technology class produced the Thursday announcements on video each week. A new studio will be built during the summer for video production.



Top left: The third place Junior High knowledge bowl team of Valerie Snow, Chris Erlewine, Boon Ducommen, Aaron Willis and Morgan House.



Above: Jennifer Bulington makes last minute adjustments on her piece of work.

Left: First place winner of Computer Animation, Jeremy Willis, shows his expertise in wood working

Above: Phillip Burkhardt works hard.

Right: Amanda, Carolynn, and Shelby have learned the importance of dressing for success.

"Are we done yet?"



Below: Olivia and Lisa build their confidence by reading over their notecards before competition time.



DECA Members

Back Row: J. Workman, A. Bacon, C. Bressie, S. Gray, T. Hembree, O. Wolfe, T. Goodhue, C. Burkhart, P. Sigars,
Front Row: A. Russel, C. Bowma, T. Dewitt, L. Anderson, C. Willis, A. Letts

Right: National Qualifiers
Back: Tim Hembree, Jeremy Workman, Casey Burkhart
Front: Olivia Wolfe, Lisa Anderson



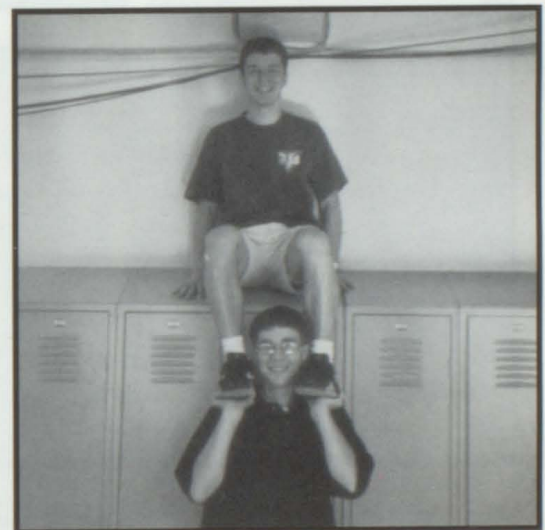
Business Department

The 96-97 Business Department went out to win this year and they certainly accomplished their mission. At the Crowder contest the department received first place in typewriting production and many of the participants received high individual ratings. When all was done the the Missouri Southern competiton they walked away with first place in office procedures and in Public Speaking. They also once again had several individual placements. The year was far from over though. DECA had several members that won at districts in categories such as Retail Merchandising, Civil Consciousness, and Apparel Mastery after that DECA members also won at Nationals for Hospitality Services, Business Report, Public Relations, and General Marketing. All in all the Business Department did really well and with a little luck they will still remain strong over the next few years.



Back: Mrs. Marta, J. Ackerman M. Corporon, S. Marta, B. Burr, A. Marta, J. Russel, J. Brannon, Mrs. Platner
Front: J. Rigdon C. Lentz, R. Hines, S. Wiley

Top right: Two of a kind: Becky and Sherry, the only Senior girls.



Above: Scott and Ryan are really on top of things.

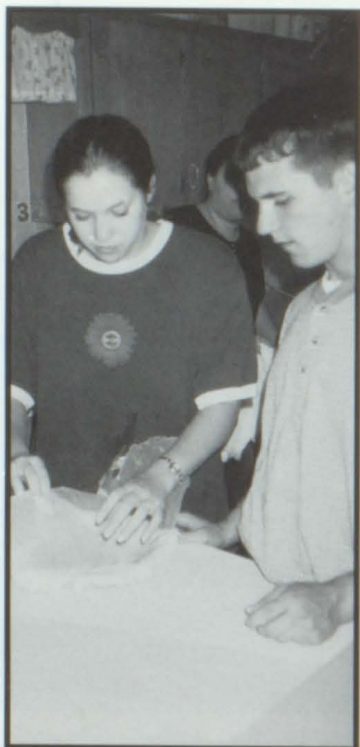


Mrs. Platner tries to relieve her sore eyes by putting tea bags on them.

Right: Ms. Kleiboecker's 5th hour class poses for a picture after a hard day of baking.

Middle: Sarah Briggs slaves over a hot pile of caramel corn, while Andy Watson and Josh Sulier watch in anticipation.

Below: Charla Scoggins and Tony Morrow are learning the essentials in the wonderful world of baking.



Above: Sophomore, Maria Villa and a center helper look like they enjoy playing and helping with the kids at the Cerebral Palsy Center.



At right: These students in Ms. Kleiboecker's 2nd hour class are working hard to finish their quilts.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The 1996-97 Home Ec. classes were really busy this year. From cooking to sewing, you name it they can do it. Mrs. Hulsey and Ms. Kleiboecker's cooking classes have been especially busy learning things such as cake decorating, making Baked Alaska, leg of Elk, and Buffalo Chili. Foods classes are still becoming one of the most popular classes for seniors to take. The clothing classes also worked hard, they made everything from quilts in Ms. Kleiboecker's advanced classes to boxer shorts in Mrs. Hulsey's eighth grade class.

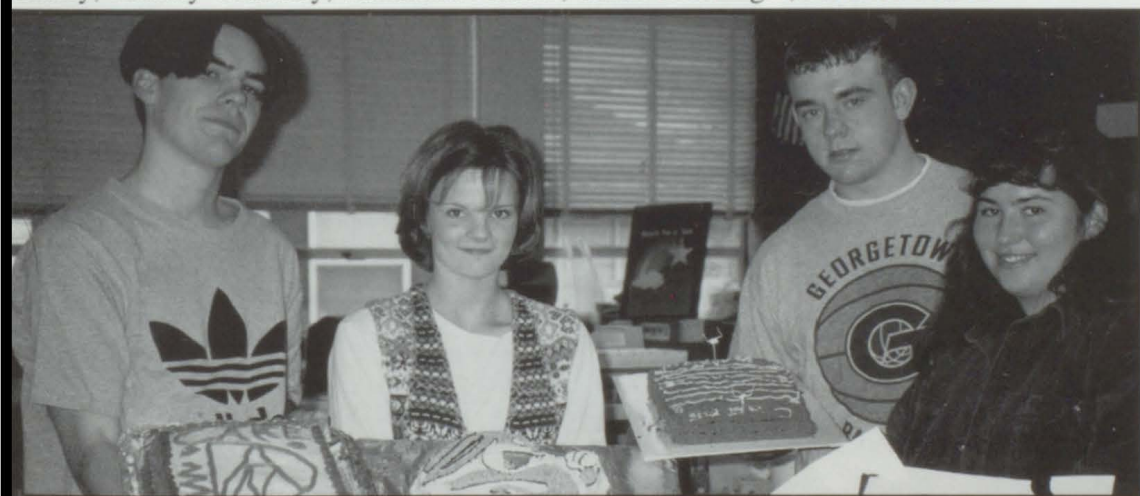
The Home Ec. Department also made a large investment in the purchase of new babies that cry periodically. This investment will give students a true feeling of being a parent. The Future Homemakers of America is the Home Ec. Department's club. They have also been busy raising \$400.00 for the new Ronald McDonald House in Joplin.



Above: FHA Club Members, Back: Niki Mahan, Christine Zartman, Jean Ahsmuhs, Betsy Leighininger, Anna Jones, Shawna Smith, Charla Scoggin, Dolly Noel, Amanda Swem, Deanna Fleming. Front: Morgan Baker, Lori Shields, Janice Stoops, Deanna Janss, Jamie Embry, Chasity Courtney, Samantha Anders, Sarah Leutzinger, Jennifer Martin

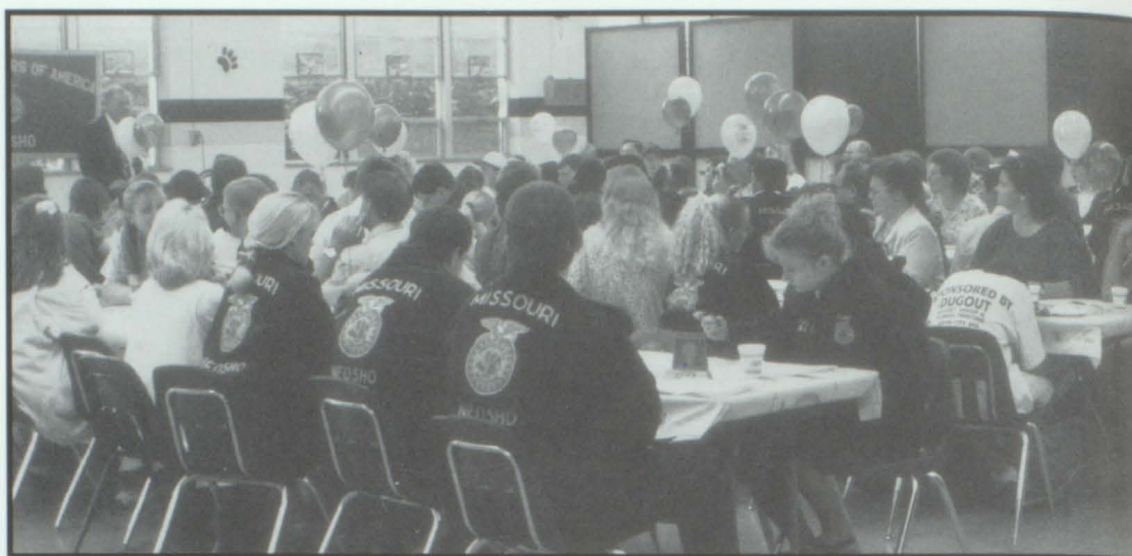


Above: Dane Elrod and Nick Brattin look like they enjoy reliving their childhood days while they dye their Easter eggs.



Left: Dan Auch, Shelby Gray, Duce Lett, and Michelle Conness take time to display their cake decorating masterpieces before digging in.

Awards and other honors were passed out at the FFA banquet.



The theme for the 1997 Christmas parade float is "Barnyard Wonderland".



Mr. Aldritch and son discuss the honors won by the competition teams.

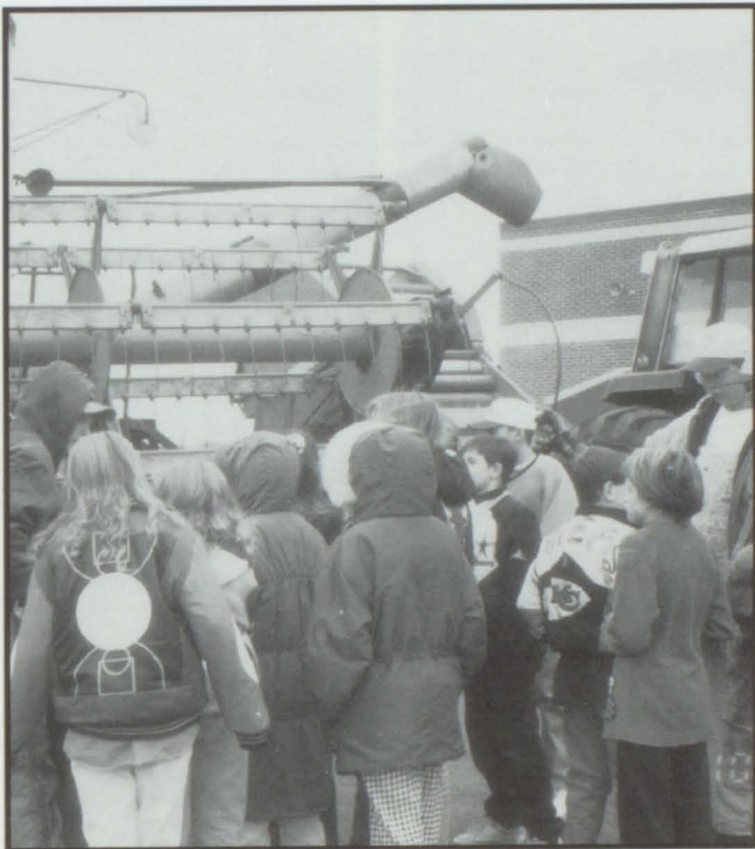
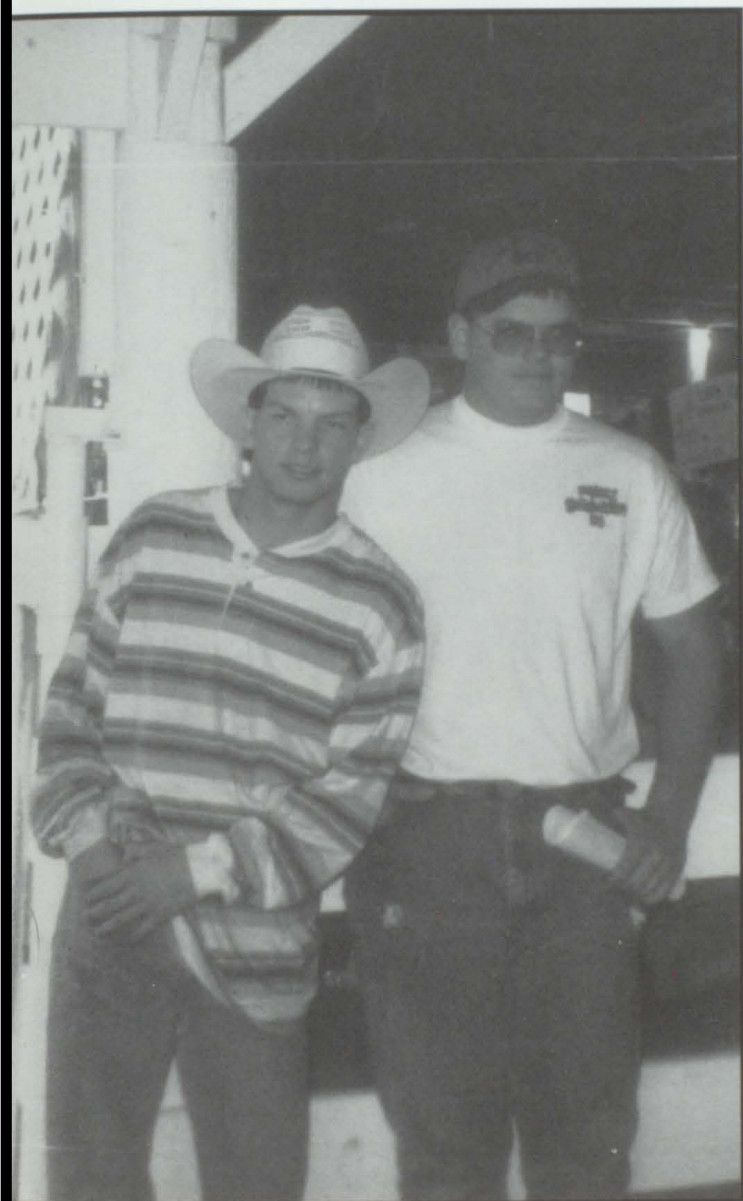


Jennifer Henderson, Brandy Hardesty, and Angela Bradford at Food for America.



Agriculture Department

The Agriculture Dept. had many activities and won many awards this year. The officers for the 96'-97' school year were Justin Houston, President; Becca Bradford, Vice President; Shelbi Gray, Secretary; Brent Hunt, Treasurer; Angela Bradford, Reporter; Josh Andrews, Sentinel; Jessica Edens, Chaplin; and Lindsay Cooper, Historian. This year the students participated in PALS, a mentoring program for students from South Elementary. They also held their annual barnwarming where Shelbi Gray was elected queen. There were two contest teams that went to state including the Dairy Team and the Poultry Team. Three members of FFA were honored as State Farmers, which is the highest degree available at the state level. They were Justin Houston, Becca Bradford, and Shelbi Gray.



LEFT: Josh Andrews and Mark Davis are taking it easy at the Newton County fair.

ABOVE: Josh Andrews, Nick Bradford, and Andy Bradford teach the South School students about farm machinery.

Right: Juniors Laura Osborne, Kim Guppy and Sabrina Kerr help out at snack time.



Right: Aleaka Apt and Angie O'Dell make new friends during story time at the CP center.



Right Middle: Seniors Kristi Cooper and Tracy Welch give a helping hand to aid in Christmas decorating.



Below: Julie Watson sneaks a peak at her neighbors map. Is she lost?



Right: Debbie Bogle and Jennifer Bulington spend some quality time with the kids.



Right: Students from NHS wait behind the barbed wire to see what its like behind bars.



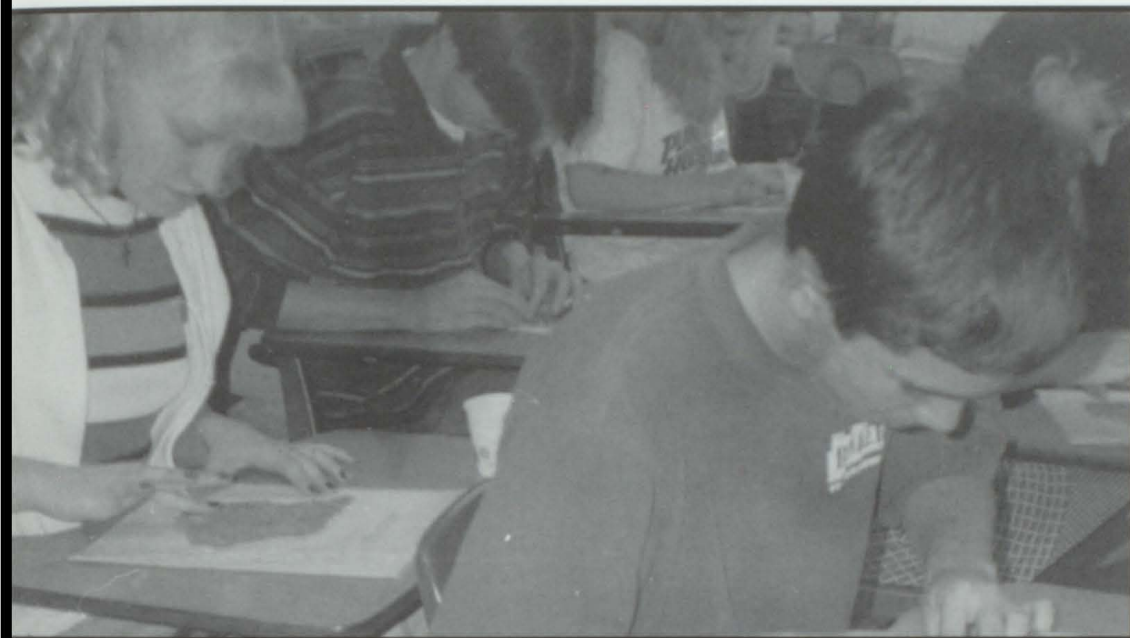
Social Studies

This has been yet another busy year for the Social Studies Department with many field trips and classroom projects. Due to the increased interest in the field of Psychology, this year the Behavioral Science Club was started by Mr. Montz. This club has taken field trips together and brought speakers to the school for their meetings.

Once again, the advanced government classes had the opportunity to tour the capital and see the state legislature in action. The Advanced Government students also had to complete numerous projects including, writing to congressmen, interviewing local politicians, and sitting in on our local government.

The Sociology classes took many field trips to see what they were studying in the classroom firsthand. They took trips to the Cerebral Palsy Center in Webb City, the Residential Care Center in Neosho for the elderly, Clarks Funeral Home, and the Newton County Jail.

This year Mrs. Marta made Geography fun by having the students make cookie maps of Missouri.



Above: Stephanie Kyler and Mac Davis work on rounding out the Ozark hills while making Missouri cookies in Mrs. Marta's geography class.

Top Left: Kenny Burleson puts the finishing touches on his Missouri cookie.

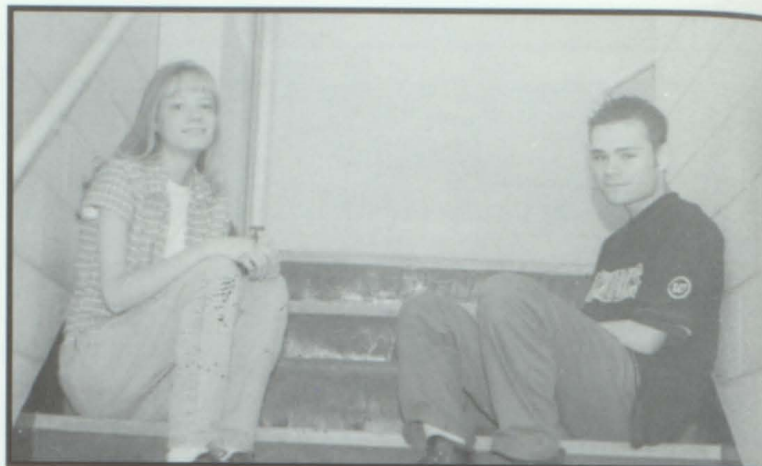
Left: Friends K.K. Sarratt, Stephaine Cornell, Kim Sparks, Sarah Klunder, Lisa Anderson, and Tracy Sinclair, stick together through it all-even jail.



Above: It sure looks like Christina Hathaway and Beth Rasmussen are enjoying Mr. Warren's first hour Art III and Art IV class.

Above Right: Best of Show art show winners, Josh Jennings who took first and Nikki Sanders who took both second and third.

Right: The Neosho High School Art Club: Amanda Scarborough, Sydney Garrow, Cory Sheppard, Sondra Wise, Niki Sanders, and Jeff Blauert.



Right: These 8th grade students in Mr. Jenkins 4th hour class are enjoying themselves (maybe a little too much) as they work on their toothpick projects.

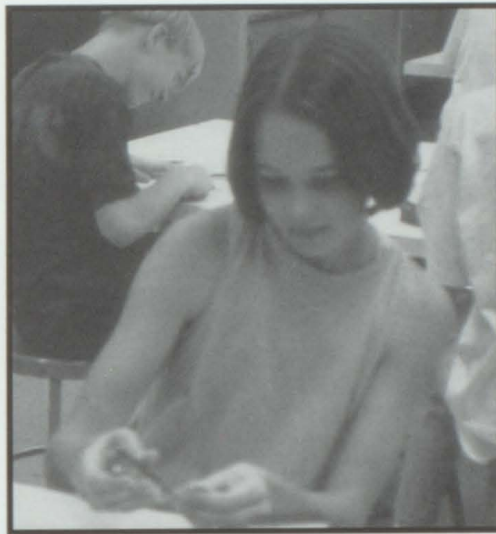


Art Department

This year's art department has really been working hard to create great works of art. The display case outside the nurses office is usually full of art work that Mr. Warren's art classes have done, this shows what great talent that the Neosho High School student body has. The dedication that these students have in their art work really shows.

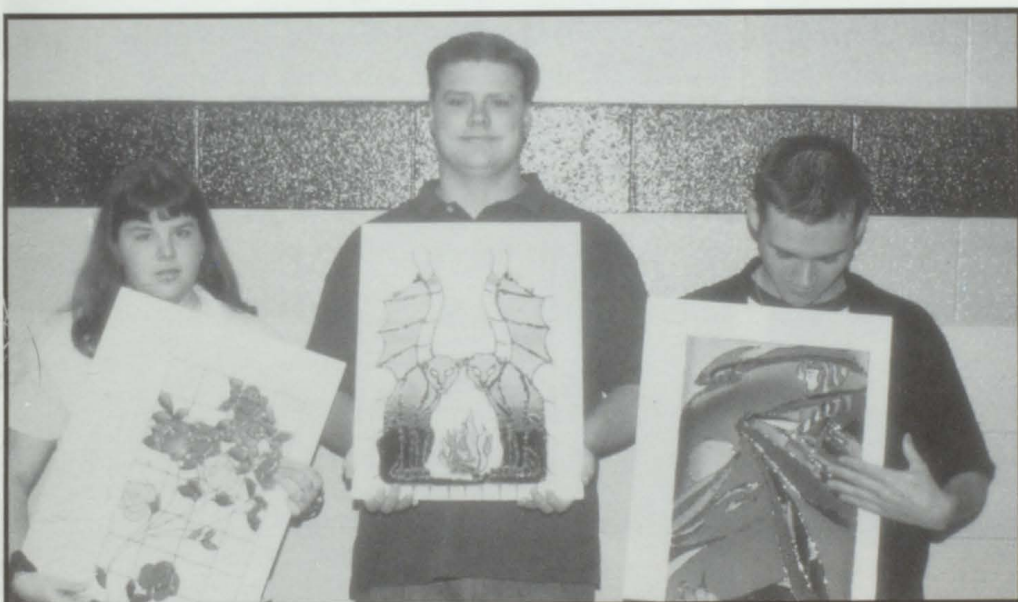
The high school held its annual art show this spring, it was a chance for the students to display their work to the public. Many categories were awarded and many students were recognized for their achievements. Other artists were also recognized with first place awards in these categories: Angela Bradford - Drawing, Dina Boyt - Tempra Painting, Lindy Harmon - Colored Pencil, Chadia Ladbasri - Ink Drawing, Joel Phillips - Paper Construction, Beth Rasmussen - Sculpture, Anna Reynolds - Mixed Media, Jackie Little - Stained Glass, Cory Sheppard - Scratchboard, and Nikki Sanders - Miscellaneous.

The uniqueness and dedication that these students have shown through in their art work is truly special, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.



Far left: Sophomore Sydney Garrow shows off her outstanding artistic talents.

Left: In Mr. Jenkins 4th hour class this student appears to be working hard to complete her toothpick creation.



Left: Amanda Scarborough, Cory Sheppard, and Josh Jennings show off their beautiful and creative stained glass art work.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

This year's F.C.A. had a strong foundation with many fun events and soulfull meetings every Tuesday morning. The year started off with a visit to the MSSC campus to support the football team and hear an inspirational message. Other events that took place were the annual bowl night, scavenger hunt, bonfire, and numerous open gyms. Many things were learned about religion and each member. Even the fact that Coach Elliott had spent a night in jail in his younger years, was reveled in a boisterous game of "I Ain't Never". The F.C.A. was headed by Coach Elliott,

Coach Mike Godfrey, and Coach Ray Godfrey. The president was Senior Kate Ely. Vice President was Tricia Shea. Song leader Lee Schofield gave a little bit of musical talent to the group with her rendition of "I've Got a River of Life" and the many other favorite songs. The Junior High F.C.A. President was Jeremiah Auch and Vice President Alan Schmidt. The sponsors were Caoch Litchy, Coach Burghart, and Coach Austin. The Junior High met every other Wednesday and had a large turnout every time.

By: Cody Williams



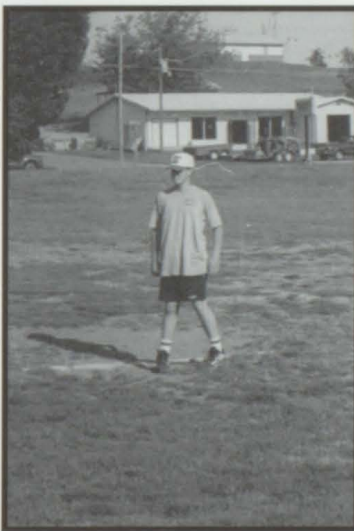
Top left: Back Row: Coach Mike Godfrey, Will Palmeri, Ryan Phillips, Kate Ely, Lauren Laymen, Tricia Shea, Jonathan Nichols, Lee Schofield, Coach Elliot. Front Row: Danielle Miller, Lindsay Franks, Kendra Keeling, Julie Kelly, Sabrina Kerr, Kristen Haupt, Drew Tignor. Top Right: Julie Kelly is leading an inspirational devotion from her Bible during one of the many Tuesday meetings they had in Coach Elliot's room. Bottom Left: Back Row: Sam Gorham, Aaron Baker, Phil Treadwell, Tony Branscum, Tim Haupt, Brad Morrison. Third Row: Casey Cotton, Tara Branham, Tara Hunte, Barbi Hoover, Lindsey Allen, Karen Daugherty, Michelle Rucker, James Keezer, Sean Cooper, Nathan Becknal, Adam Martin, Mrs. Litchy. Second Row: Mr. Burghart, Kelli Baird, Erin Glore, Christin Smith, Jenny Dwyer, Jessica Brown, Amanda Bradford, Amanda Kuhn, Tammy McNeil, Geri Russel, Nick Layman, Cole Woodard, Brian Sides. Bottom Row: Ryan Cholka, Jeremiah Auch, Allen Schmidt, Brandon Kline, Ryan Hammok, Freddie Jennings, Ben Estes, Josh Depriest. Bottom Right: Getting a little help for her devotion Tara Branham looks to Coach Mike for guidance.



Physical Education

Eighth grade through Senior year some of us have the great opportunity to become a yellow person or as the school likes to refer to them as Physical Education Students. Boys and girls of all ages come together to participate in all kinds of activities such as archery, softball, kickball, and endless bowling. One perk to being in regular P. E. is that they are the first to be allowed on the hill, of course they have to exercise while doing it, but some things just can't be avoided. Coach Buttram, Coach Mike Godfrey, Coach Harlan, and Coach Bussey had the job of trying to keep thirty kids from being bored with new games like speed ball and fun events like running the loop.

By Cody Williams



Far Left: Coach Buttram lays back and gives it her all as she helps out her class in a little softball competition against Coach Mike's class. Above: Lisa Brown-ing, Julie Watson, and Janneke Los take a moment to enjoy the sun after a strenuous round of kickball. Left: This is no picnic as many of the P.E. students know when Coach Buttram is up to bat!

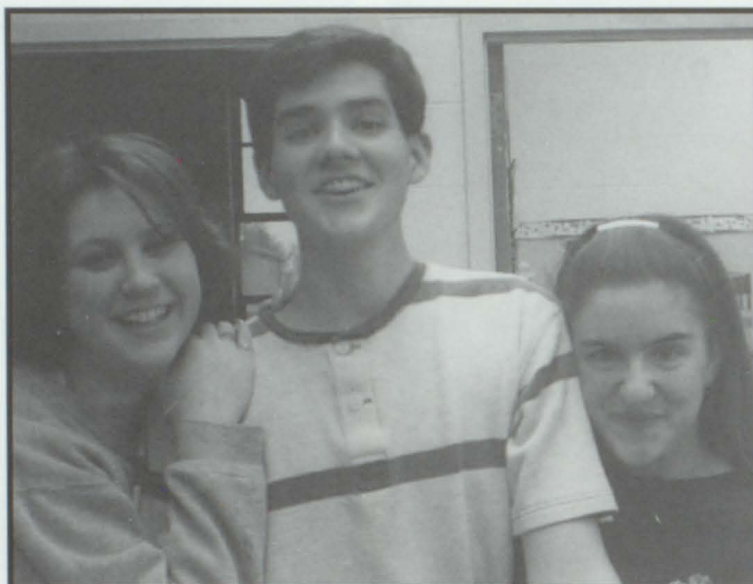
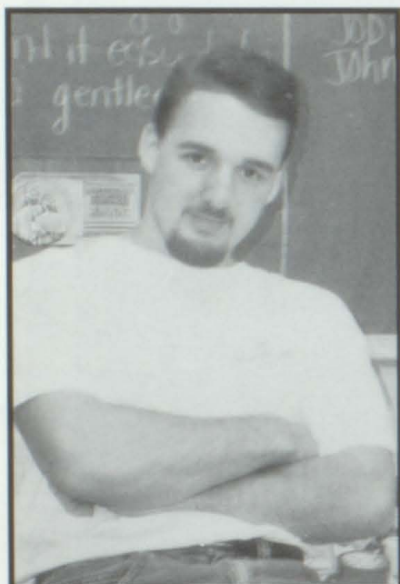
Remember Me This Way. . .

This 1996-97 school year was a big success for the Wildcat Chorale department. All throughout the year they worked hard and it really paid off. They were a bunch of good kids with beautiful voices. You could see the talent really stand out with each performance that they had.

The choirs started off by having all the choirs sing at the High School auditorium. The Concert and the Cecilian choirs joined together to sing "America the Beautiful" with perfect harmony. They performed in various places throughout our community and did an outstanding job. They also had many members travel to Columbia, Missouri for State competition. They had the most entries in the state competition than anyone in our school district.

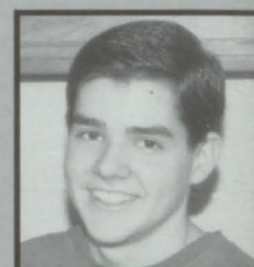
As a lasting tradition, each year the Cecilian choir chooses two outstanding and respectable students to represent them as Mr. and Ms. Cecilian. This years Mr. and Mrs. Cecilian were Christian Lentz and Lisa Anderson. First runner up was Amanda Adams. Since there was only one Senior male, Christian won hands down.

The choir department has a very special and talented group of young individuals who not only sing but dance. They are the Wildcat Choraleers. They put on many outstanding performances. They performed for all of the elementary schools and also for the high school. Good Luck to all of you in the future! By Tracy Sinclair.



"It has been a great year in choir and I was very glad to have been apart of such a wonderful group."

**Ms. Cecilian
Lisa Anderson**



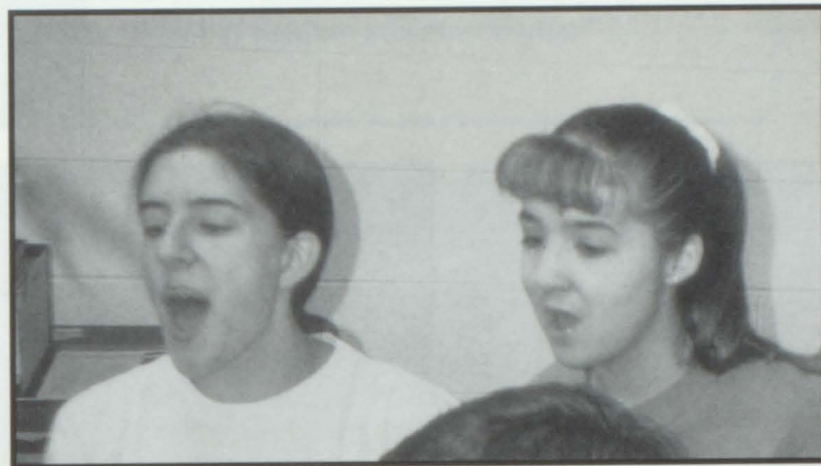
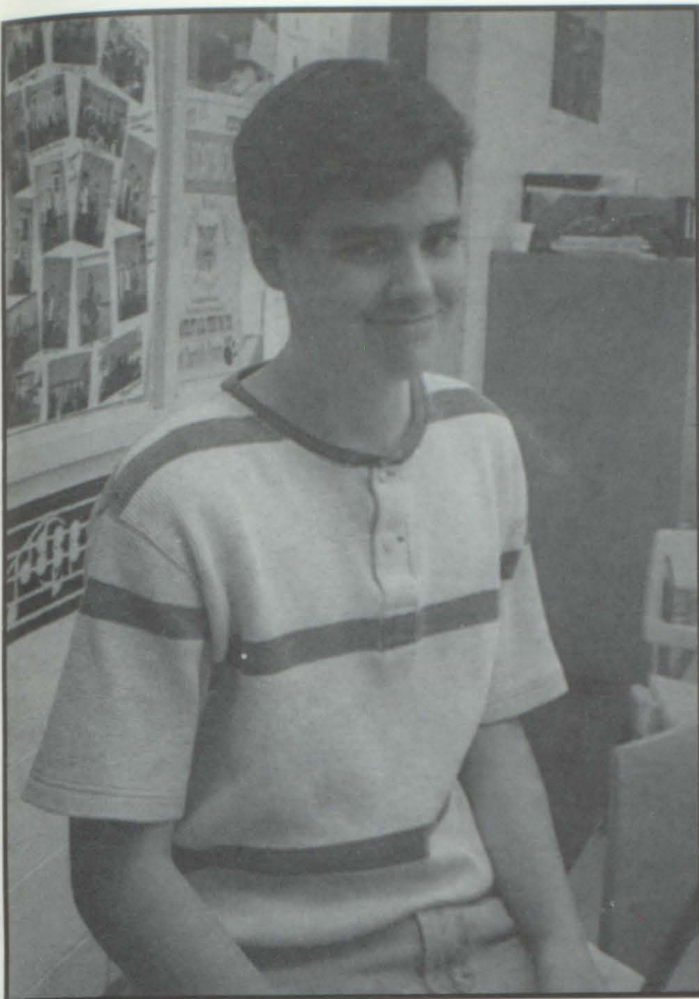
"Even though I was the only senior guy, I still had fun and it was a honor to be chosen. The competition was fierce!"

**Mr. Cecilian
Christian
Lentz**



The Back Row: Deanna Fleming, Dellica Reynolds, Johnathan Nichols, John McReynolds, Jason Byrd, Jeremy Nichols, Jenny Wilson, April Abernathy, Ariane Payton. Middle: Rebecca Hanschu, Gary Rockrohr, Christian Lentz, Amanda Adams, Emmy Dobbs, Sara Deffenbaugh, Jill Dodson.





Above: In choir, seniors Rebecca Hanschu and Janet Butler sing a lively song about wizards, a dog named Toto, and red slippers.

Top Left: Senior Christian Lentz gives us his adorable smile that makes all of the females swoon! Sigh.

Top Right: In Cecilian Choir, these girls really know how to sing and to make the music sound just right. Sr. Johanna Pace, Sr. Jodi Kronkow, Jr. LaChelle Smiles, and Sr. Lisa Anderson.

Middle: These are the people who make up the notorious Neosho Show choir, also known as the Choraleers.

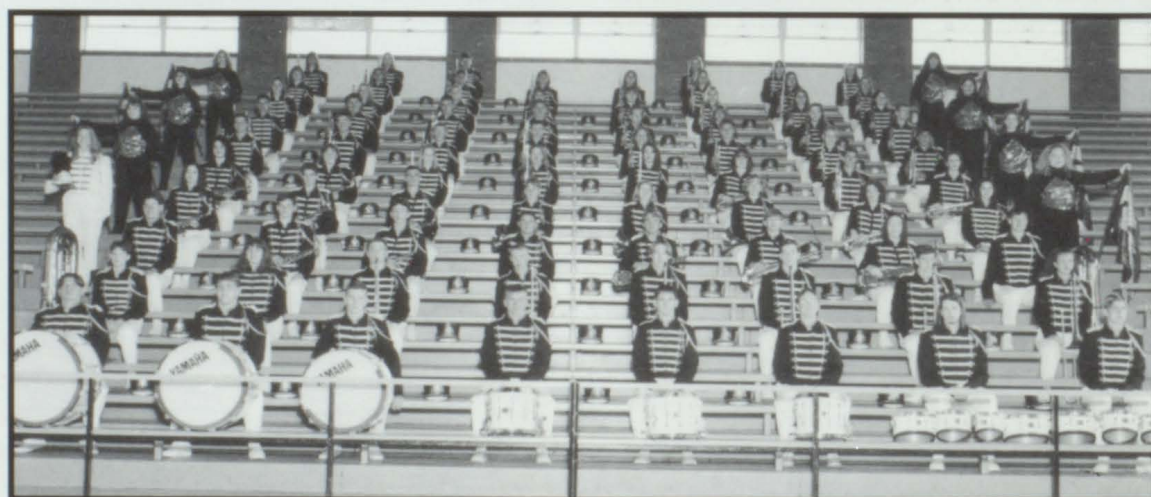
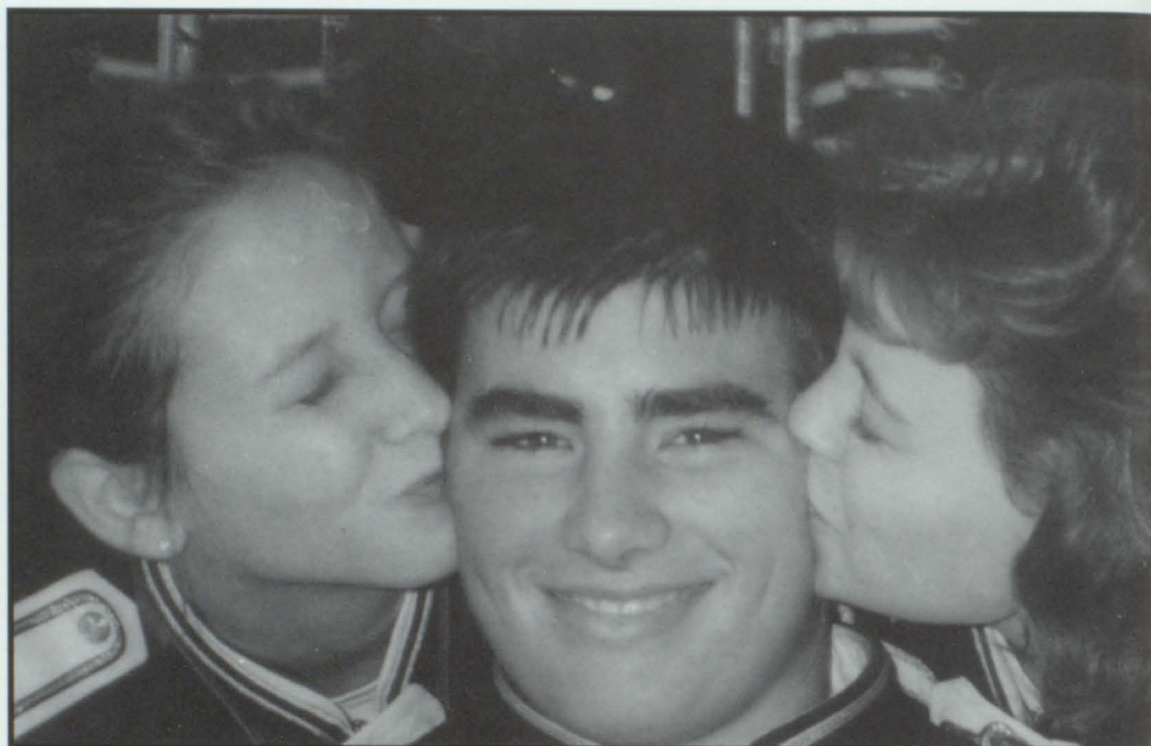
Left: These Handsome Jacks are serenading to all the lovely ladies of Neosho High School.

Right: The Neosho Wildcat Band is marching to the beat of a different drum, in the Fall Festival parade.



Russel Shows True Colors...

Two girls for every guy. Some guys have all the luck! Junior, Rex Russel shows that a little charm can go a long way. Seniors Suzanne Berry and Sarah Briggs are captivated by his outstanding musical talents.



Top: The 1996-1997 Wildcat Band!

Wildcat Band

In 96-97, the Wildcat band showed their true spirit in every performance. They did a "Positive Attitude Show" for the South School Tigers, with three Seniors speaking on positive role models. They also took a day long trip up to the Tulsa State Fair playing their contest numbers including the theme song to Mission Impossible. The band participated in several concerts this year opening with a concert in Big Spring Park. Other performances included the Fall Festival, the Christmas Parade, All Band Night, Yearbook Assembly, Baccalaureate, and Graduation. A few of their showcase numbers were *King Cotton*, *Castlebay Overture*, *Robinhood*, and *The Lion of Lucerne*. Mr. Kelso did another outstanding job of leading the Wildcat band to a fantastic year!



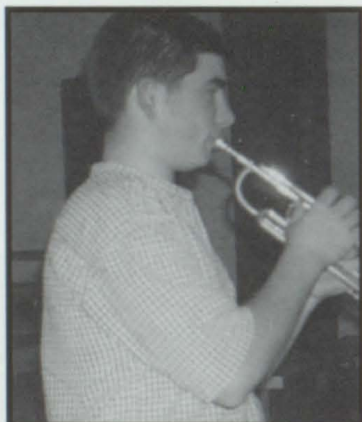
Top Left: The 96-97 Flag girls are multitasked. This year they divided their time between playing their instruments and twirling their flags. Top Right: These fine gentlemen are trying to shed a "fine beacon of light" on the subject of attracting girls. It looks like they are doing a pretty good job! Bottom Left: These "underclassmen" are practicing to take over their mentors places next year. Bottom Right: Charla Scoggings is showing her pizzazz as Drum Major.

Jazz

The Neosho Jazz Ensemble had another awesome year. They did a wonderful job at "pepping up" the pep assembly and they did an outstanding job during the Yearbook Assembly. They performed at the Tulsa Unlimited Performance, they did two elementary school performances and they also performed at an awards concert. Suzanne Berry, Jeremie Bridges, Ryan Hines, Robin Kenny, Eric Shade, and Scott Wylie got All District Awards this year. Suzanne Berry and Jeremie Bridges also received Outstanding Jazz Soloists Awards at the Four-State Jazz Festival. Suzanne Berry, Cassie Blankenship, Jeremie Bridges, Ryan Hines, Julie Kelly, Robin Kenny, Eric Shade, and Scott Wylie all got awards in citation at IAJE, (International Association of Jazz Educators). Congratulations to all who accomplished these wonderful achievements. These guys really made the Jazz Band what it is and the graduating seniors will be greatly missed.

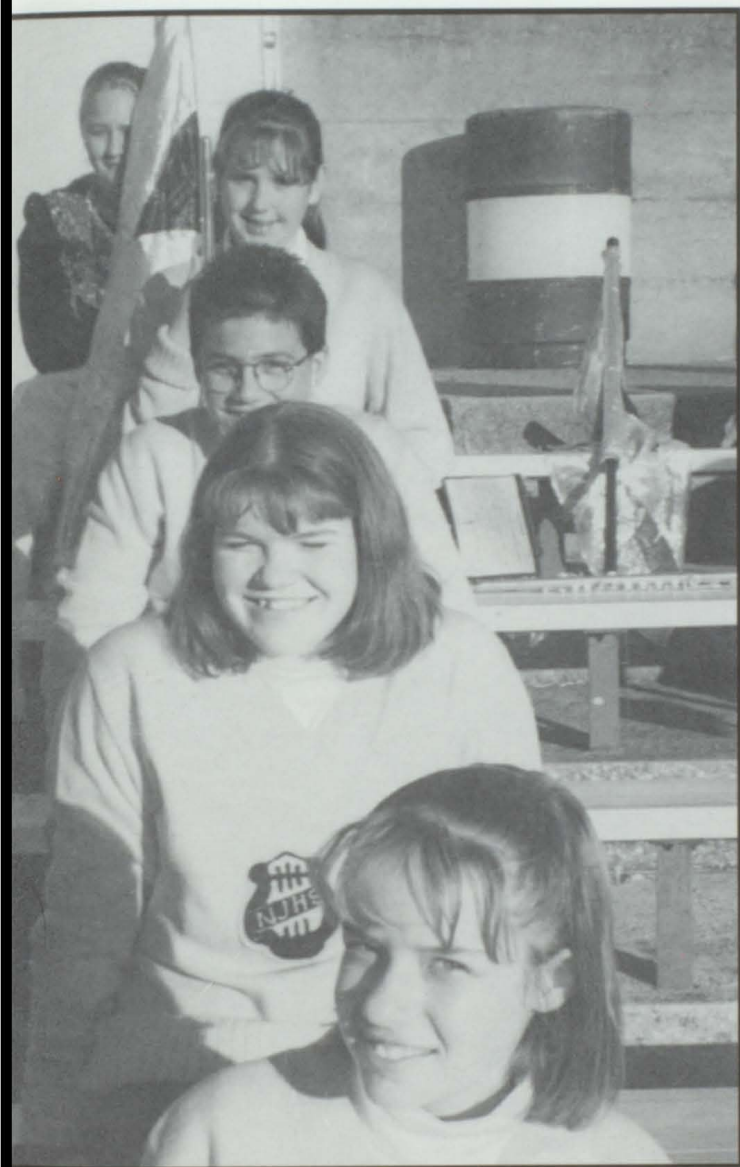


Top Left: While the Sax players play on, Cassie Blankenship stares off into deep space. Right: Student of the Year and great piano player Suzanne Berry plays a merry melody at the 1997 Yearbook Assembly. Bottom Left: Rex Russell tries to make some sense out of that thing called a trumpet, looks like he's doing a pretty good job!



Black and Gold

The 1996-1997 Black and Gold Band played their hearts out at the Jr. High football games this year and did a fantastic job entertaining the fans with their playing and also their marvelous *personalities*. They teamed up with the Wildcat Band for All Band Night and performed several numbers that stopped the audience dead in their tracks. With kids like these moving up in the band world, the Neosho Band will keep up its good name and keep on bringing in those trophies.



Top Left: Taking a well deserved break these kids root their team on. Top Right: Audrey Montez and Amanda Watson show that band is a great place to make lasting friends. Bottom Right: Planning to step up into the Wildcat Band, these Black and Golders don't need directions, they've got all the bases covered.

Jr./Sr. High Orchestra

The Neosho Jr. and Sr. High Orchestra did a great job this year. At NEO, the Jr. High recieved many awards, letters, certificates, and medals. They even took and outstanding group of young people to districts. The Sr. High also took a large group to districts, had a spring concert, earning just as many awards as the Jr. High. This year their hearts were broken when the String Clinic with Joplin was canceled due to bad weather. Cheer up guys and look forward to next year. You will do a great job!

Top: The 1996-1997 Sr. High Orchestra.

Top: Chris Chandler, Eileen Willis, Summer Denny, Tonya Howland, Niki Mahan, Laura Osborne, Stephen Widder, Ragan Mitchell, Ken Hewitt, Katy Begey, Sean Johnson, Shelly Sears, Luke Renfro.

Middle: Ryan Smith, Jedeanna Hickman, Dolly Noel, Amanda Swem, Cassie Valandry, Jenny Laura, Tara Wagner, Casey Burkhart, April Willis.

Bottom: Kim Rogers, Davina Dobbs, Carla Whitworth, Melody Mitchell.



Back: Chris Brown, Adina Hadley, Rachel Mitchell, Stacie Crouch, Jessica Beck, Aaron Renfro, Stephanie Wead, Joel Baker, Tasha Edwards, Dustin Patrum, Kevin Reynolds.

Middle: Elizabeth Stockton, Marlena Howe, Erin Williams, Crystal Henson, Kristi Francisco, Crystal Doyle.

Bottom: Jennifer Libby, Courtney Faulkner, Cristin Smith, Amie Davis.

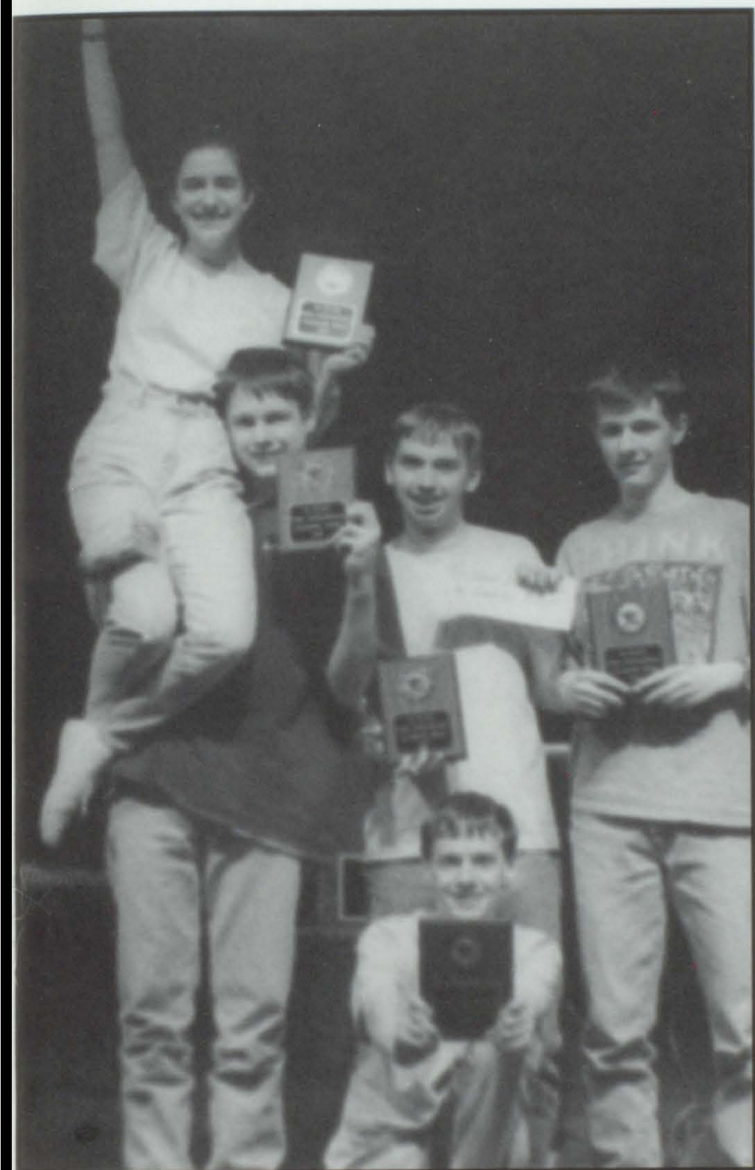
Not Pictured: Joanna Peterson.



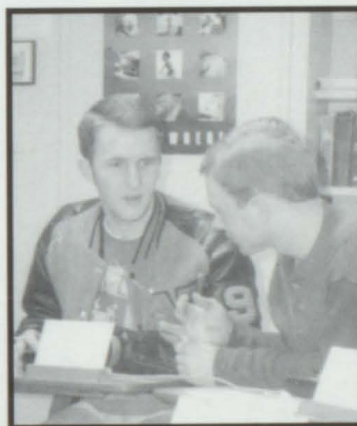
Academic Bowl

This year's 9th Annual Academic Bowl started off with a bang by featuring an all time high of thirteen teams. These teams competed for top honors throughout the week. They showed knowledge in subjects ranging from mythology to radiology. Each team spent many an hour mind boggled as they reached for the top. To their disappointment, only one team could place first. That team was Manitobian Bum's Desire for Communist Manifesto. The members were Bobby Carr, David Mariot, Zack Adem, Randy Betts, and Rebecca Hanschu. In a close second came Smarter Than You'll Ever Be with members Scott Wylie, Ryan Hines, Suzanne Berry, and Eric Schade.

This year a new development took place with the traveling team. This year's members were Jason Beckerdite, Jason Shaver, Rebecca Hanschu, Brittany Rigdon, James Rigdon, Bobby Carr, Andy Long, Silas Allard, and Nick Taylor. They won districts and got fourth in the Southwest Missouri Mind Games. Special awards went to Jason Beckerdite, Brittany Rigdon, and Jason Shaver who were named to the all district team. The Fastest Buzzer Award went to Jason Beckerdite. A picture of the team can be seen on the Clubs and Academic Division page 71.



Above: Tommy Girls' Sarah Deffenbaugh, Jean Ahsmuhs, and Nikki Mahan glance back before answering how quantum physics is accomplished.



Left: Liama Jihad members Jason Beckerdite and Jason Shaver are contemplating what Aristotle would look like in spandex.

Left: The winners, Manitobian Bum's Desire for Communist Manifesto, show off their trophies in a moment of pure joy.

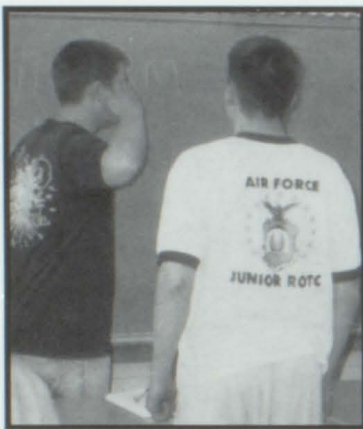
Right: These members of the ROTC Color Guard play an important part in the football games every fall.



Right: Nat Davis, Mac Davis, and James White land another jet while playing the flight simulator computer game.



Right: Neosho ROTC take a break from the excitement at the Joplin Airshow.

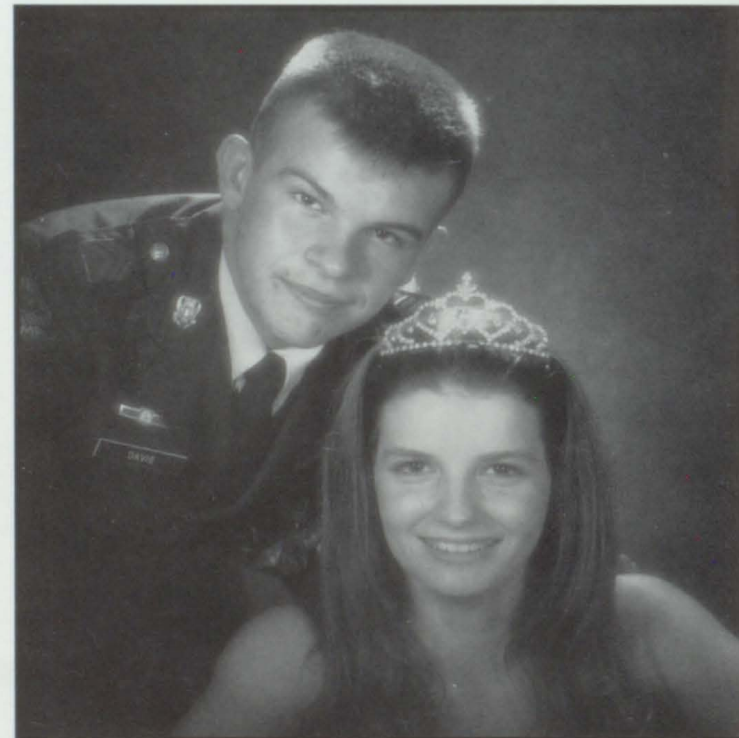


Above: Jason Patrum prepares the class for instruction.

Right: The 1997 ROTC Court was announced at the annual Military Ball in February. Front row: Misty Wilson and Queen Dawn Mulholland. Back row: Melinda Smith, Vicky Kelly, Amber O'Brien, and Charanda Gary.



Right: 1997 ROTC King, Nat Davis, and Queen, Dawn Mulholland.



ROTC

The Cadets of the MO-41st AFJROTC had the opportunity to participate in many different activities this year. They experienced, first-hand, the core values of the Air Force: integrity, service beyond self, and excellence. The ROTC unit visited the Joplin Airport Aerobatics Competition to talk with pilots and instructors. Through all of the fun, our cadets worked hard for drill meets and other competitions. The Exhibition drill team placed first at Nevada, the Mandatory drill team placed second at Nevada, and Dawn Mulholland received a first place trophy for the Individual Drill Down. The corps also worked hard to win the Battle of Cadet Stars. In addition to competitions, members of ROTC also volunteered their time and effort at the Fall Festival, Senior Center, Food Basket Brigade, as well as presenting colors and sabers at various events. It was a wonderful year with a new instructor arriving, CMSgt Ron Gilbert. He, along with the remaining cadets are very enthusiastic about the years to come.



Above: Helen Hale, Chris Melton, Mac Davis, Vicky Kelly, and Robert Jarrell stand proud beside their first place trophy at the Battle of the Cadet Stars.

Left: James White demonstrates how real marching is done at the Neosho Christmas Parade.

Left: Helen Hale and Dawn Mulholland stop for a breather during a tour of Whiteman Air Force Base.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This year the student body did a wonderful job in choosing our Student Council members. Every member worked hard to try and accomplish goals such as trying to get pop machines for our school. They had a pop machine proposal meeting July 10 with the School Board and chose COKE company as their supplier and now we have pop machines in the Junior and Senior High. They did many community service projects such as two highway cleanups and collecting food baskets for the National Guard Armory food basket brigade by collecting over 1,000 cans of food. This year the Student Council had a big success on the computer match sales where they raised \$430. They also donated \$45 to the George Washington Carver National Monument Walk for Parks.

Keeping up the tradition of the spirit of homecoming, the Student Council delivered the eulogy and made an effigy of the mascot of the rival team. The effigy was then sacrificed to our traditional homecoming bonfire.

Student Body Officers:

President, T. Sinclair, V. President, C. Scoggin, Secretary/Treasurer, K. Haupt.

Student Council Officers:

Sr. President, N. Davis, Sr. V.P., C. Henry, Sr. Sec./Treas., S. Smith, Jr. President, J. Sulier, Jr. V. President, A. Jennings, Soph. President, S. Spence, Soph. V. President, C. Kelly, Soph. Sec./Treas., S. Smith.

Below: This COKE machine, one of Student Council's many accomplishments, goes to show just how hard they really do work.



Top row: Sarah Smith, Kathryn Kelly, Aleaka Apt, Sabrina Kerr, Shawna Smith, Kristen Haupt, Charla Scoggin, Jean Ashmus, Tricia Shea, Tracy Sinclair. Bottom row: Jenny Laura, Sabrina Caywood, April Jennings, Josh Sulier, and Charity Henry.

JUNIOR HIGH LEAGUE

This years League members were involved in many activities such as Math-a-thon, Walktoberfest, Fall Dance, Spring Dance, Walk for Parks, Tulsa Trip, Popcorn Day at La-z-Boy, Safety Poster contest with La-z-Boy, Easter Egg Hunt with Head Start, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. They also set eight goals to achieve. These goals included purchasing new speakers for the Junior High gymnasium, installing shower curtains for the girls' dressing room, landscaping the Junior High entrance, repairing the outdoor Science Lab, purchasing a lighted and programmable marquee for the Commons Area, painting the lockers in our halls with two color combination, placing doors on the boys' restroom doors, creating a separate Salad Bar line in the cafeteria. The last three items were found to be prohibitive from the Jr. High pop machine monies. They are now new proposals for the Board of Education to consider. The many activites that were held had good to excellent attendance. The money used for these things came from the pop machine money. If the league continues to grow and successfully set and accomplish goals, the organizaton will leave a mark on the community and the student involved.



Right: David Marriot realizes that he forgot to change out of his band uniform.

Below: These three girls look like they have had a little too much fun.



Executive committee members: J. Slaughter, J. Lewis, T. Patterson, E. Hailey, G. Russell, T. McNeill, A. Hunter, M. Pietrzak, W. Hampel, B. Sides, S. McFarland, S. Sides, L. Hargett, J. Burr, D. Janss, A. Todd, P. Treadwell.

1996-1997 League members:

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Top right: Lauren shows she has what it takes to be a true Key Club member.

Below: Beth Kenny always gets her man.



KEY CLUB

Back: Mrs. Kenny, T. Kenny, R. Beckholt, J. Beckerdite, C. Willis, J. Shaver, A. Letts, R. Kenny, B. Leighninger, S. Briggs, L. Hargett
Middle: T. Conduct, B. Kenny, D. Burch, M. Baker, L. Layman, J. Dodson, B. Bulla, S. Deffenbaugh, T. Marion

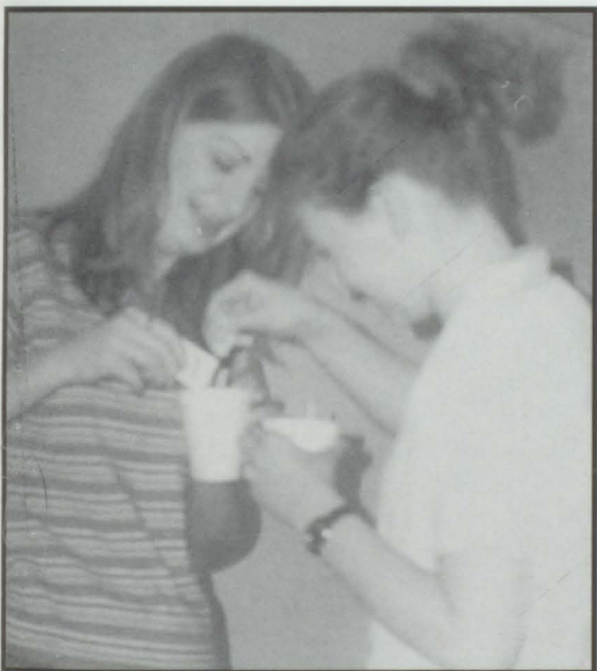


Left: These two Key Clubbers show their endless love and devotion to the club. Right: Lauren and Sarah are all smiles as they prepare to deliver their daffodils for the American Cancer Society.



Key Club

When you think of Key Club the thought of hard work usually comes to mind. This can occasionally cause a problem when recruiting new members. Fortunately this year it was not a problem with 30 active members. Members participated in such events as canned food drives for Crosslines, highway cleanups, Christmas Caroling at nursing homes sponsoring dances and Daffodil days for the American Cancer Society. As always the most anticipated event was for the annual MO-ARK Convention held this year in Springdale, Arkansas. Members always look forward to seeing new faces from other schools and friends made from past years. This year at convention several members participated in different events. Beth Kenny was elected Lieutenant Governor for the seventh district, and also took 2nd in Oratory. Betsy Leighninger was awarded with the distinguished secretary award, and the club itself was awarded for participating in the single service project.



Above: Jill and Linden show that good friends can be made through Key Club.
Left: Emmy is her fun-loving self as always even with all her responsibilities as Lt. Governor.

Top: These members show hard work and determination finishing their poster. Above: Sara and Sarah learn the joys of making hotel coffee.

Builders' Club

The two main events at the Builders' Club assembly included a pig kissing contest and a pie in the face for Mr. Rogers. The winners of the kiss a pig contest were Mr. Austin and Mrs. Litchey. As the junior high branch of Key Club, Builders' Club is devoted to community service and charity.

RIGHT: (Top to bottom) Elizabeth Hailey, Hannah Collins, Audrey Bowers, Alicia Thurman, Allie Dobbs, Stephanie Bowers, Cori Taylor.

Pucker up and kiss this pig.



Mr. Austin looks like a real pro at this pig kissing thing.



LEFT: Ms. Litchey was rather timid at first but she finally kissed her first pig.

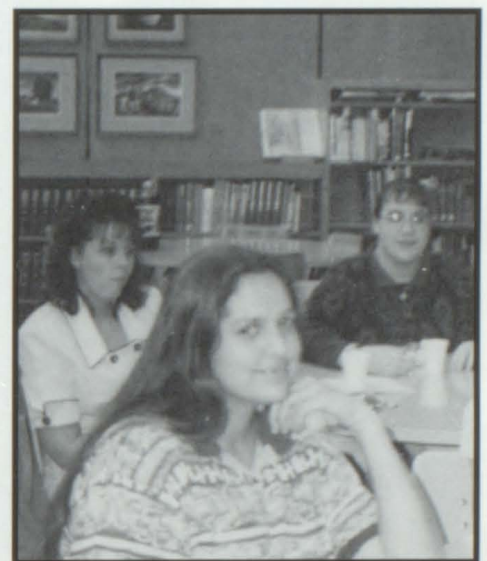


RIGHT: I hope Mr. Rogers likes banana cream pie.



Future Teachers of America

Future Teachers of America had a very successful year. Their many activities kept them busy. They started the year by having an Ice Cream Social in September. This was to recruit new members and to help them all to get acquainted. Though the Ice Cream Social did not turn out as expected, they still recruited a good size number of people for this year's club. In October the entire club attended the state convention in Columbia, Missouri. The club had a great time at the Retired Teacher's Reception. The turn-out was good at this November event. In September, they club visited the Missouri State Southern College campus for cadet teaching day. For a good ending to the eventful year of FTA all of the club members "shadowed" a teacher of their choice for one day to study their teaching abilities for possible future reference skills. Below: Deanna Flemming, Sherri Marta; President, Marena Ballard, Tosha Armstrong, Angela Letts, Leia Needham, Helen Hunt, Annissa Marta, Rachelle Harris, and Carla Whitworth. Not Pictured: Julie Kelly.

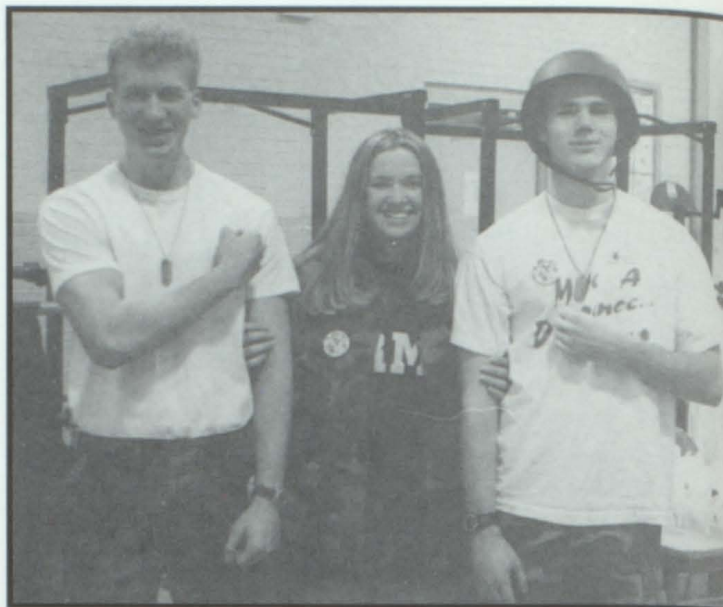


Above: Marena Ballard seems to be having a ball at the Retired Teacher's Meeting. Far left: Mrs. McIntire: reminisces with fellow retired teachers about memories of their teaching years. Left: You can definitely tell that Tosha Armstrong, Angela Letts, and Carla Whitworth are having a great time listening to the teachers tell stories.

Below: Suzanne Berry and Robin Kenny keep themselves busy by writing the names of those people who contributed to the blood drive.



Right: Shaun Brunner, Charla Scoggin, and Jesse Eickholt fit right in with the MASH theme as they appear to be ready for combat at the March Blood Drive.



Above: In accordance with a military hospital theme, students were taken to the blood drive in wheelchairs as demonstrated here by Scott Wylie and Ryan Hines.

Far Right: NHS blood drives bring out both new and old members as shown here. Jason Beckerdite looks on as Kevin Bird revisits those infamous lounge chairs.



Above: 1996-1997 National Honor Society Members. Back Row: Suzanne Berry, Kate Ely, Niki Mahan, Jason Shaver, Scott Wylie, Jason Beckerdite, Jesse Eickholt, Betsy Lieghninger, Shaun Brunner, and Helen Hale. Front Row: Robin Kenny, Annie Owens, Ryan Hines, Charla Scoggin, Christy Willis, Christine Clark, Michelle Connex, and Christine Zartman.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society is an elite group of seniors selected on the basis of several basic qualities. These include such things as scholarship, attitude, citizenship, character, and leadership in their school and community. For this reason, National Honor Society members are encouraged to give something back to their community through the club's two major projects. These include the organization of blood drives held in both the fall and spring. The blood drives allow members to get other high school students involved in community service. The 1996-1997 blood drives yielded 227 pints of blood. This year the club had several firsts as Mr. Goade retired as the NHS sponsor, handing the job over to Mr. Haupt who did wonderfully. In addition, unlike previous years, the club picked themes for the blood drives. These included a hospital theme for the fall blood drive and a M.A.S.H. theme for the spring blood drive.



Above: National Honor Society members Charity Henry, Christine Clark, and Kate Ely seem ready and eager to help contribute to the blood drive goal as they wait in line for a chance to do their part.



Left: Jason Shaver looks a little too happy to be giving blood. Maybe he's just dizzy.



Above: Michelle Conness assists Christine Zartman, a fellow member of National Honor Society, who looks to be a little apprehensive--waiting is the worst part.

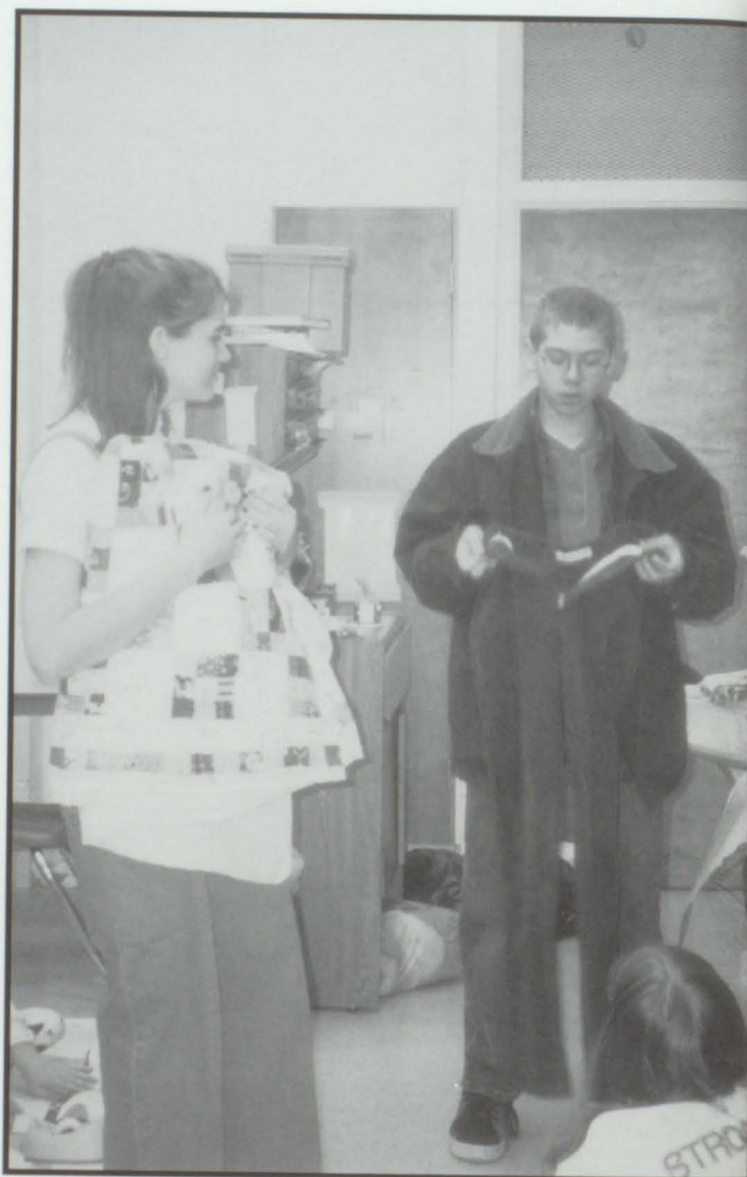
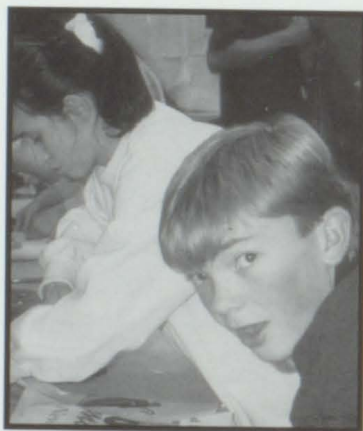
National Junior Honor Society

"I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Junior Honor Society to which I have been selected: I will be true to the principles for which it stands: I will be loyal to my school: And will maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. " Just by listening to the pledge that these upstanding people say you know that what ever they will do they will do with grace. These few words dictate what they do throughout their own life. "It is more than just good grades but actual help throughout the community." They help the community in every area they can. Not only do they help clean up for the school they also clean up the highways. This group of kids is made up of a number of students who show excellence in scholastic ability, leadership, and meet other criteria. Members are: Ninth Grade- Silas Allard, Kindsey Allen, Josh Babb, Aaron Baker, Nathan Brown, Sean Cooper, Justin Covey, Jenny Dwyer, Jim Farnsworth, Julie Osborne, Greri Russel, Cristin Smith, Alissa Todd, Phil Treadwell, Lori Farrell, Lindy Hargett, Barbi Hoover, Allison Hunter, Beth Kenny, Cassie Hale, Tim Kenny, Josh Lewis, Christina McGehee, David Mariott, Adam Martin, Brad Morrison. Eighth Grade- Heather Keeling, Cassie Kinear, Amanda Quinton, Shea Snelson, Carrie Wagner, Cody White, Adrian Wood, Kellie Baird, Lindsey Barnes, Jennifer Biss, Kara Bradford, Heather Cobb, Ben Estes, Gabe Garrow, Elizabeth Hailey, Ben Harp, Tim Haupt, Freddie Jennings.



Above: These members raise money for the Walktober Fest. The money went to diabetes research. Pictured: Adrian Woods, Cassie Kinear, Elizabeth Hailey, Adam Martin, Lindsey Barnes, and Shonda Ireland.

Far right: Gabe Garrow and Heather Cobb examine clothing for the "Giving Tree" and "Share Your Christmas" **Right:** Sean Cooper helps Sally Crocker wrap gifts for the "Giving Tree".



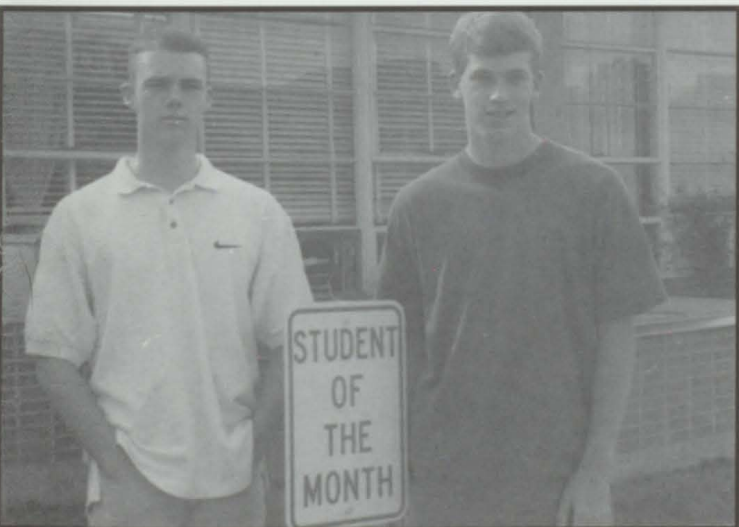
Student of the Month/Year

The student of the month program is a first year program for Neosho High School this year. Students in grades 10-12 were nominated by their teachers and selected by a panel of teachers. The students chosen received a T-shirt from La-z-Boy and were taken out to lunch to the restaurant of their choice by teachers. Those students also received a great reserved parking place in front of the school. At the end of the year one student was selected to have the honor of being Neosho High School's student of the year, and received a one-hundred dollar savings bond. Senior Suzanne Berry was chosen to be Neosho High School's first student of the year.

Those students that were honored by being selected should feel a great deal of pride, because they were selected out of 711 students in the student body. We should look up to these students and strive to be the best we can be, and remember, there is always next year.



Left: The 1996-97 Neosho High School Students of the Month. Back: Suzanne Berry, Robin Kenny, Jon Nichols, Jason Shaver, Justin Kimbrough, Jesse Eickholt, Ryan Hines, Betsy Leighninger. Front: Nikki Sanders, Michele Eberle, Lauren Layman, Jamie Embrey, and Tara Wagner. Not Pictured, Laura Hanschu, Rosio Sanchez, Pam Sigars, Chris Melton, Jason Partum, Ashley Qualls, Amber Alvarez, Ragan Mitchell, and Justin McGee.



Above: Jesse Eickholt and Justin Kimbrough are pretty proud of their honorary parking places in front of the school.



The 1996-97 Neosho High School Student of the Year Suzanne Berry.

Student of the Month/Year

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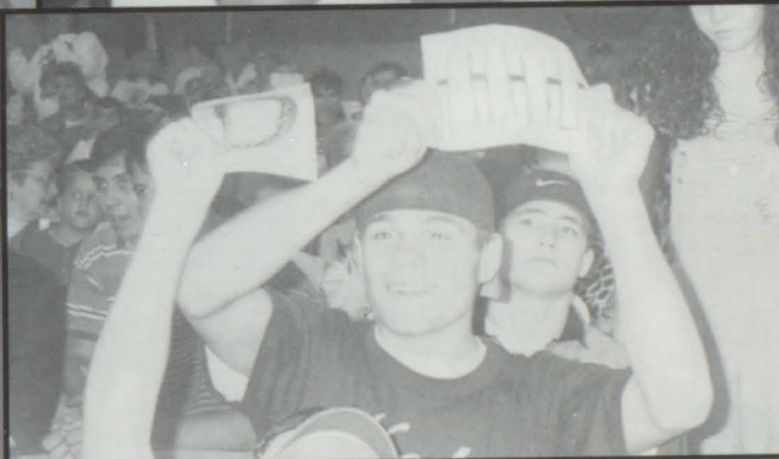
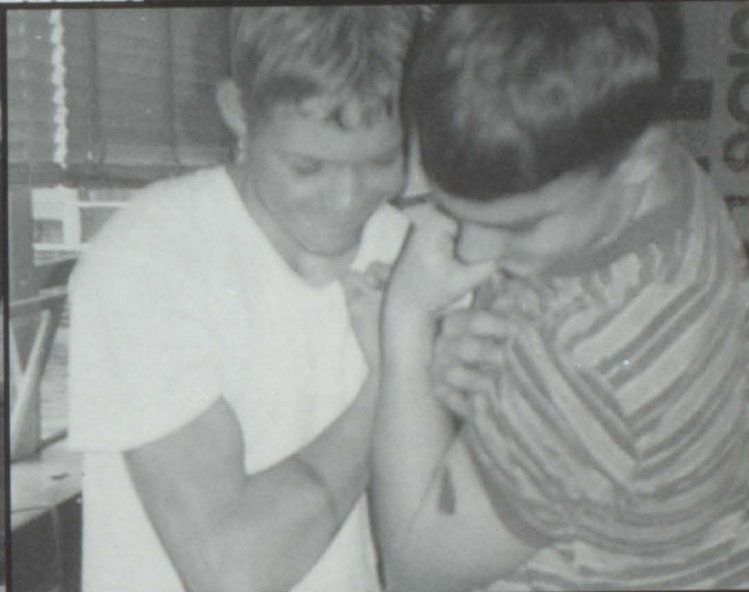
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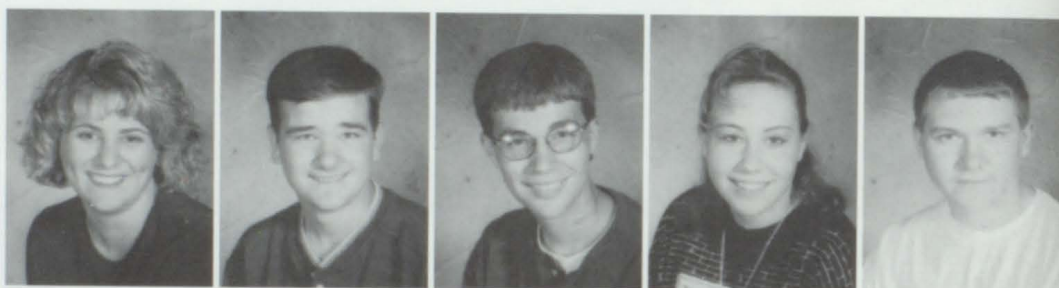




Senior Class Officers

Representatives: Jean Ahsmuhs, Heather Coonce,
Helen Hale, Ray Dunaway
Vice President: Charity Henry
Secretary: Shawna Smith
President: Nat Davis

Christine Zartman
Jeff Yost
Scott Wylie
Kim Wright
Jeremy Workman

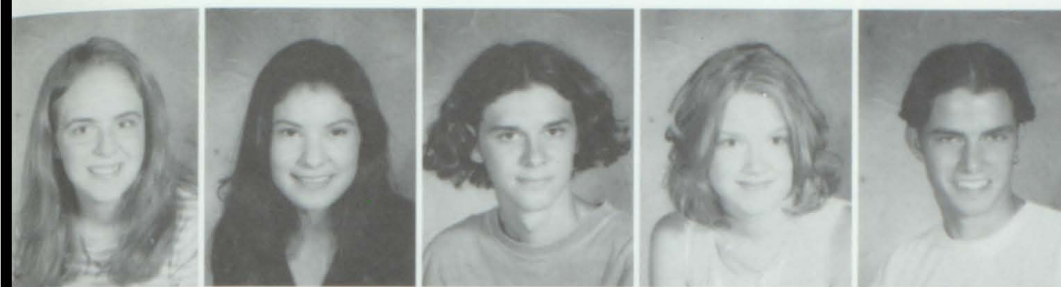


Rob Woodall
Sarah Wofford
Meghann Winchester
Jeremy Willis
Christy Willis



Zeb Williams
Elizabeth Wilkinson
Tammy Wilcox
Billy Westerhouse
Tracy Welch





Lisa Watson
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Tyler Swift



Morgan Sweet
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Aaron Southard



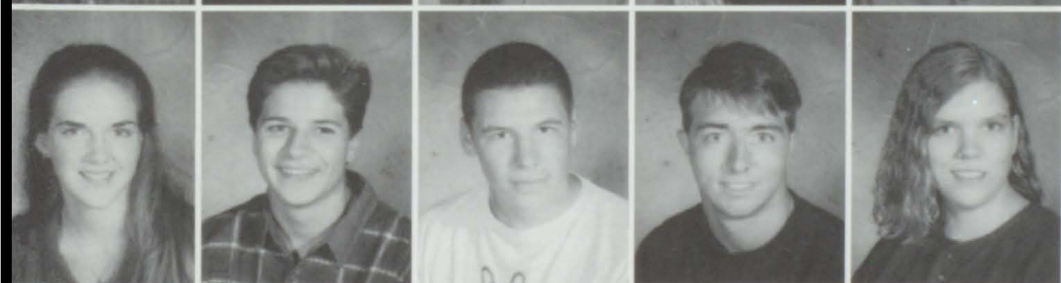
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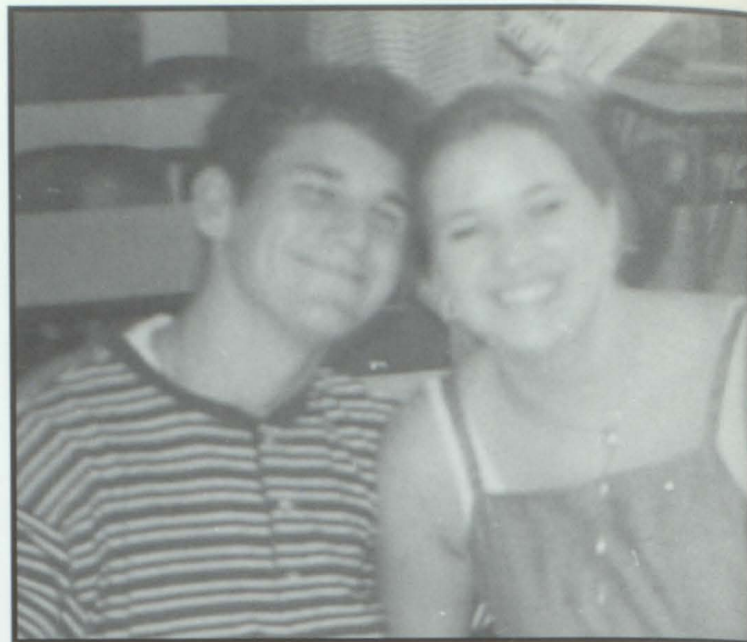


Eric Schade
Amanda Scarborough
Jennifer Sarratt
Nikki Sanders
Alejandro Sanchez



Angela Sallee
Apollo Russell
Joe Russel
Jeremy Robertson
Brittany Rigdon

Right: Set in stone. Tony Morrow and Charla Scoggin, seem to be enjoying their senior year TOGETHER.



Below: Hard at work in the library, Lindsay Franks had no idea that research could cause such a headache.



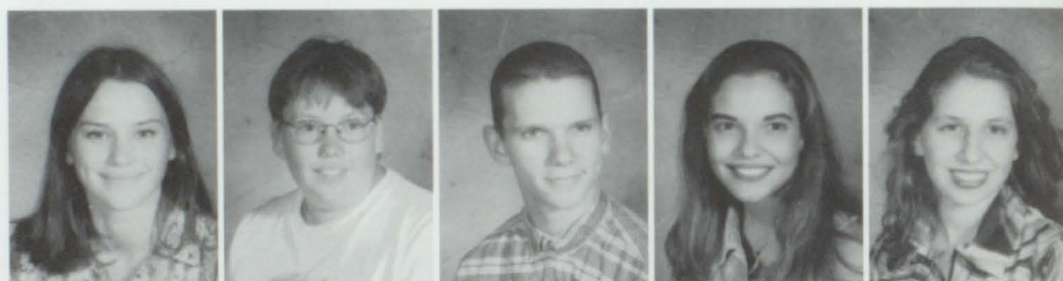
Bottom right: Wendy Barnett and Heather Coonce pause to take a break after another exhausting English class at Crowder.



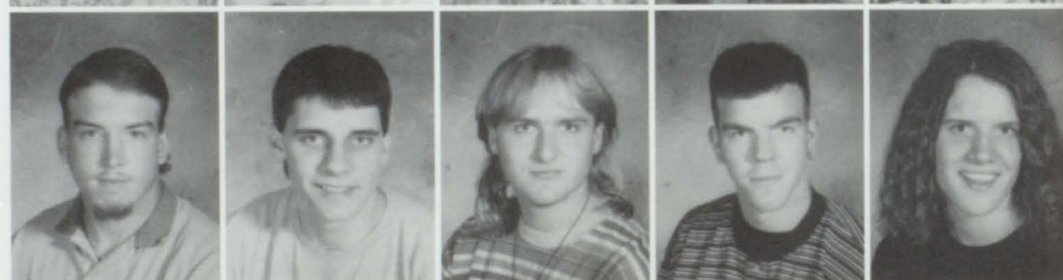
Bottom left: Scott Wylie, Robin Kenny, Ryan Hines, and Suzanne Berry decided it was their turn to take a ride in the wheelchairs provided for the NHS Blood Drive.



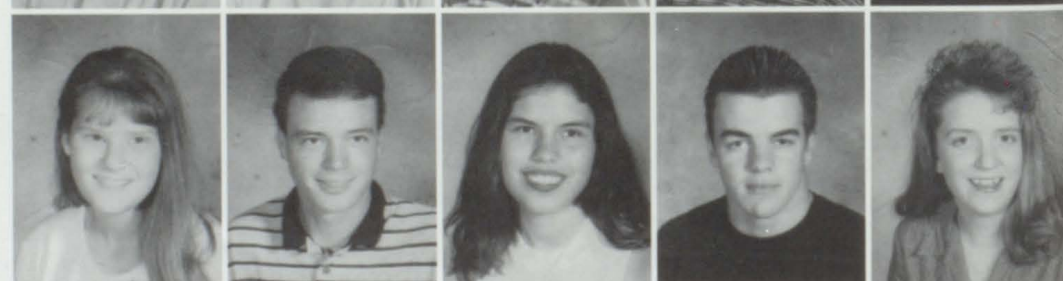
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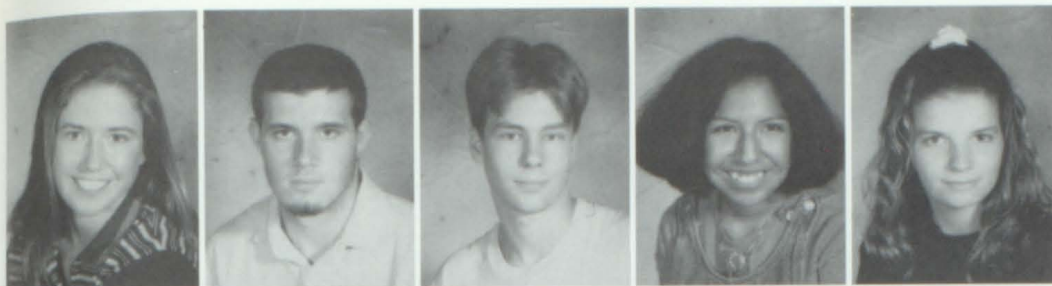


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John Renfro
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Steven Pruitt
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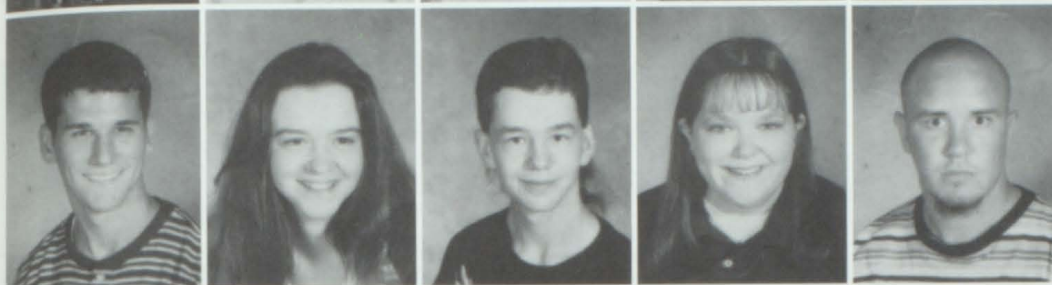


Chasity Payton
Aaron Patterson
Anna Patete
Greg Palmersheim
Johnna Pace





Annie Owens
Rocky Olbrey
Josh Noah
Roxanne Muskrat
Dawn Mulholland



Tony Morrow
Michelle Moore
Ian Moore
Carey Moore
Anthony Moore



Nick Mitchell
Aaron Mitchell
David McNeill
Robert McDaniel
Chip McClellan



Above: Kristi Holden shows off her Wildcat pride at the traditional Football Homecoming Bonfire by getting the crowd pumped and ready to cheer for the big night.

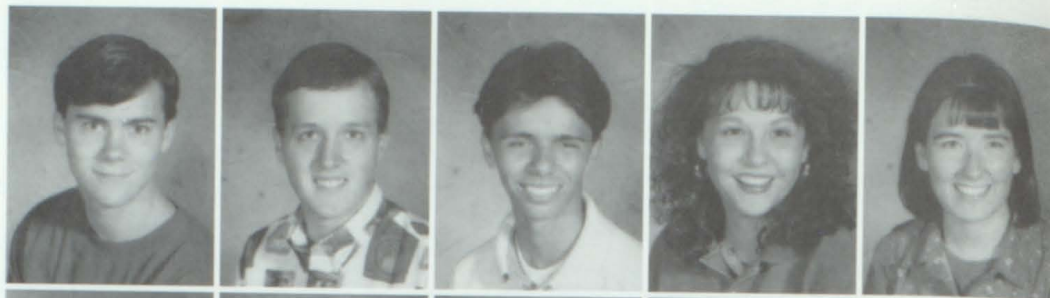


Left: Tracy Sinclair demonstrates her ability to concentrate under pressure as she completes the theme page for the 1997 NEOHIMO Yearbook.

Below: Spending a little quality time with friends, Annie O., Shelbi G., Amber J., Marla A., Christine C., and Jamie C. pass the time by standing in front of the senior lockers.



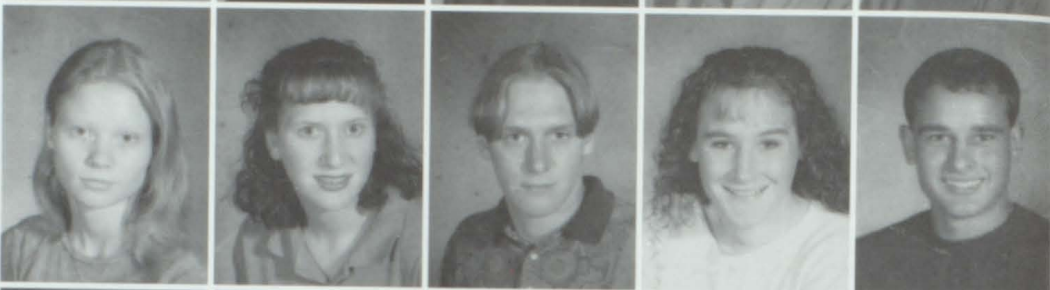
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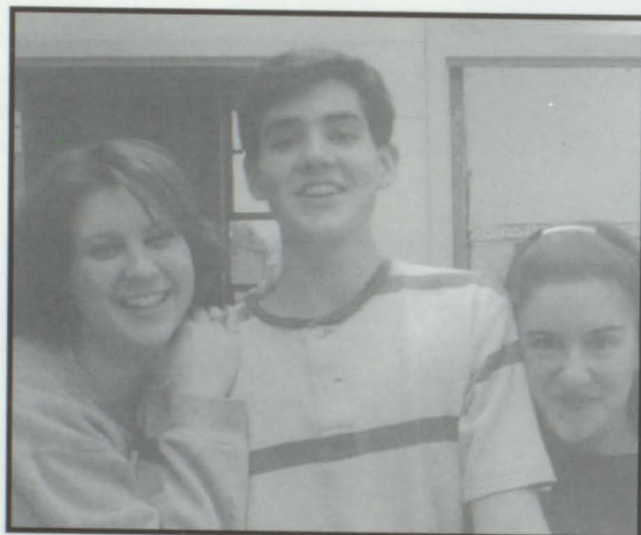
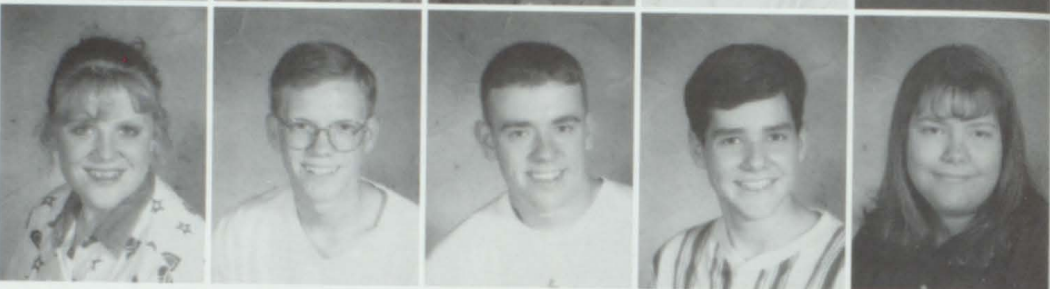
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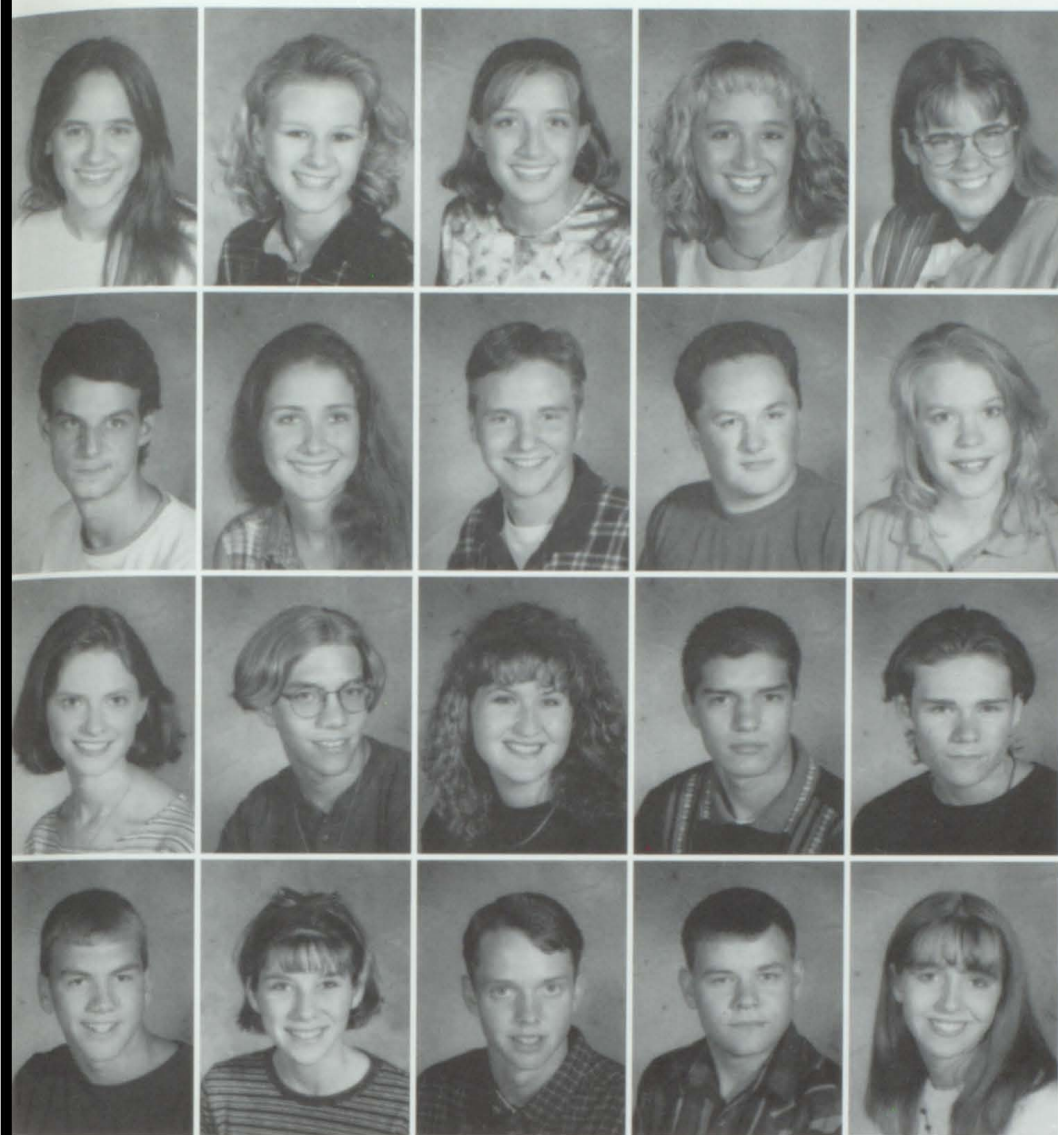
Jenny Lewis
Austin Letts
Duce Lett
Christian Lentz
Betsy Leighninger



Christian L. seems to be getting all of the girls' attention while on break from another fun hour of Choraleer practice with Amanda A. and Rebecca H.



Travis L., Anthony M., Rocky O., Dane E., Mark H., and Andy W. challenge anyone to try to take their seats on the Senior Benches.



Lori Lee
Jenny Leathers
Arica Kyler
Jodi Kronkow
Krystal Kittrell

Kevin Kinman
Robin Kenny
Daniel Keaton
Mike Judd
Amber Jordan

Anna Jones
Adam Jones
Kerry Johnson
Danny Jimenez
Josh Jennings

Jered Hyder
Mary Hutchins
Jeremy Howland
Justin Houston
Melissa Hornick

THE ADDRESS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Is the Internet replacing current Postal Services? We asked the Senior class for possible ideas on their own personalized E-Mail addresses.

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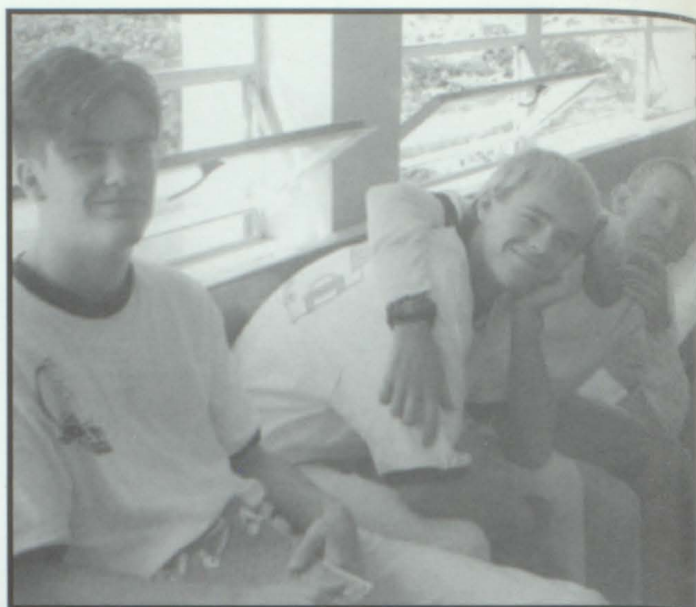




Sarah C. is such a geek that she found herself stuffed in a locker again on nerd day.

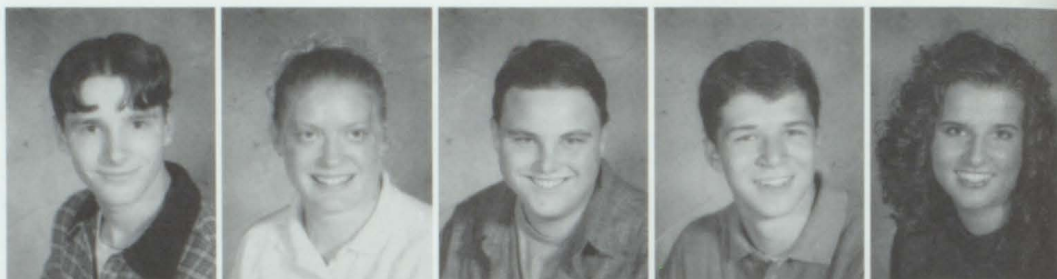


Greg P. amazes us at the football Pep Assembly with his superior ability to always entertain us, this time as an Elvis impersonator.



Dan A., Nick B., and Chad C. appear to be hiding something. Care to share this little secret with the rest of us?

Nick Hopper
Kristi Holden
Rodney Hobart
Ryan Hines
Charity Henry



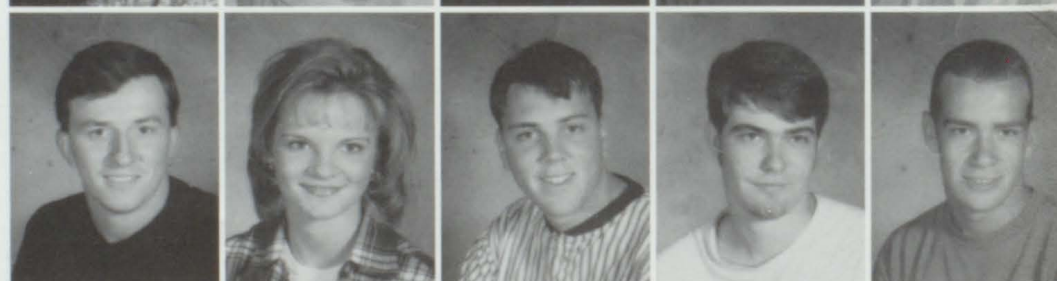
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Ray Haggard

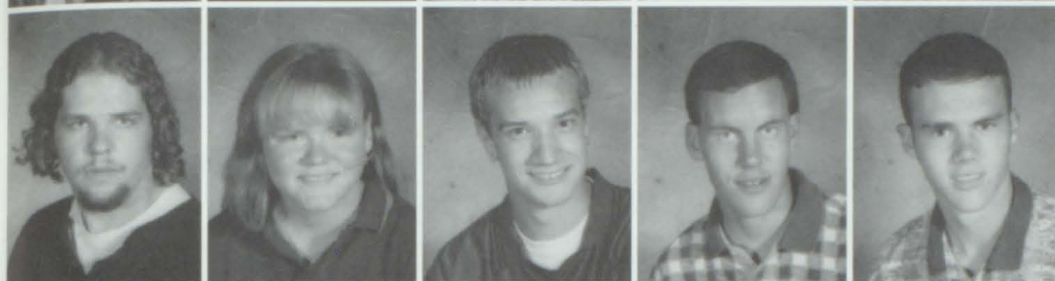


Dustin Guthrie
Shelbi Gray
Jason Graham
Travis Goodhue
Rile Friend





Clyta Friend
Troy French
Lindsay Franks
Jonathan Foster
Frankie Fields



Josh England
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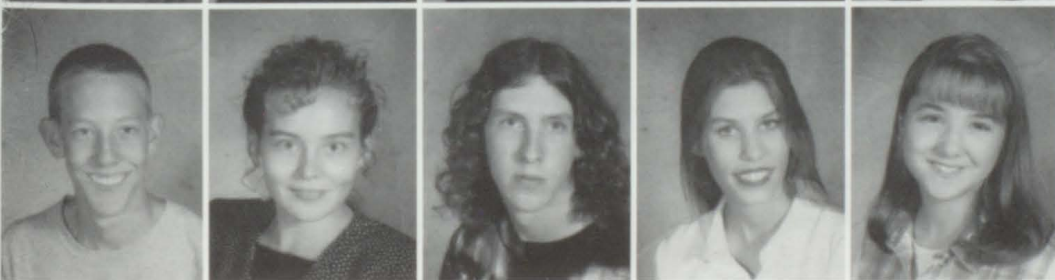
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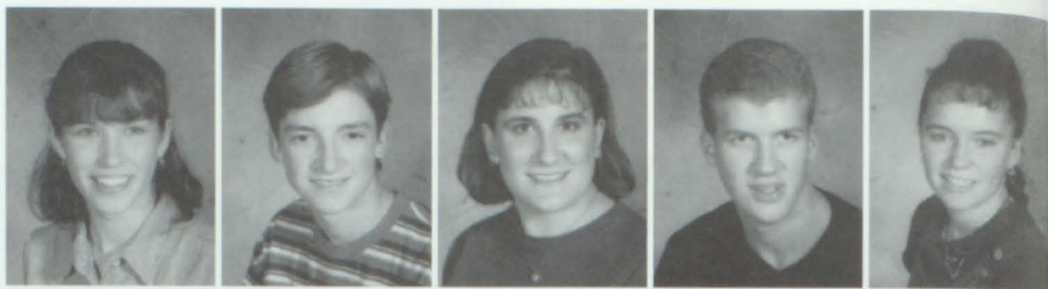


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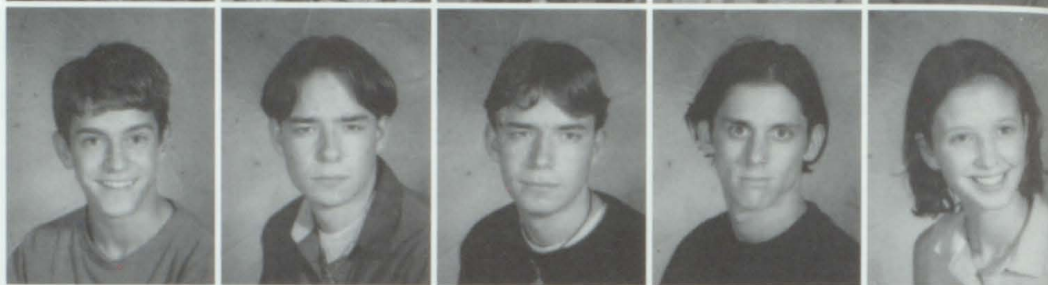
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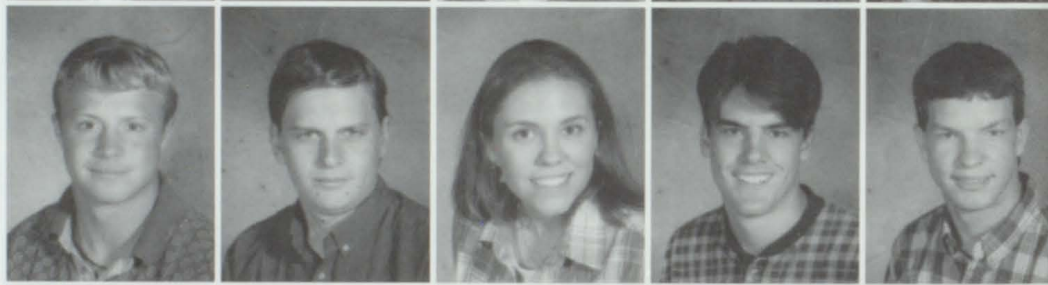
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Christopher Baker
Amanda Bacon
Daniel Auch
Josh Andrews



Lisa Anderson
Carmen Alger
Jean Ahsmuhs
Marla Adams
Amanda Adams



WHAT SENIORS WILL TELL THEIR GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT NHS

"I had Mr. Hively when I was
in school too!"

--Scott Wylie

"I will tell my children that Mr. Goade
retired just because of me, after I came
to class late 3 days in a row."

--Carey Moore

"Well, I'd start every story off with, 'Let
Granny tell you the scariest ghost story
ever.'"

--Jackie Little

TOPICS OF CONVERSATION AT OUR 20 YEAR REUNION

1. "Wow! You look great!"
2. "It's nice to see you. I missed you guys."
3. "Flip out my wallet and say, 'Here's all my
rugrats.'"

--Lindsay Franks

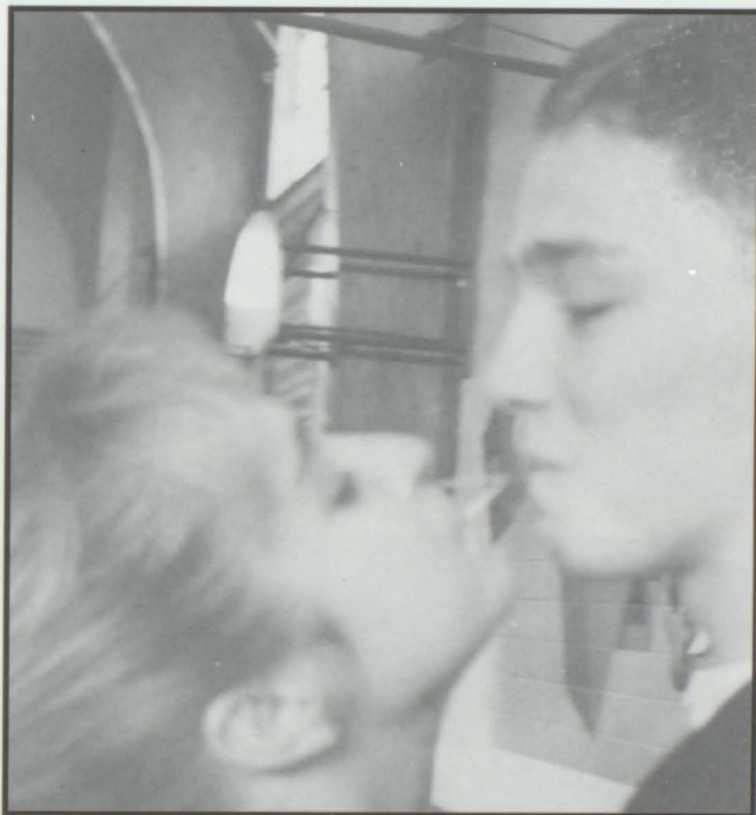
1. "Ross Perot is running again this year."
2. "Mr. Hively's a millionaire after recording
himself reading and selling it as a sleep
aide."
3. "In my 20 years of work I've never had as
great a time as I had in high school."

--Jeremy Workman

NOT PICTURED

Jeramie Chastain
Jeff Curtis
Issac Duncan
Lindy Harmon

Jessica Ramon
Randy Standefer
Gary Tate



Up close and personal. Jodi K. and Aaron M. attempt to pass a
lifesaver down the chain at the football homecoming assembly.



Morgan S. stretches after her morning nap in psychology. Her
theory is "the harder the class, the longer the nap".

SENIOR MEMORIES

A GLIMPSE OF FORGOTTEN TIMES

From the very beginning we have been making memories that will always be with us. Not only are we a class, but in some cases we are a family, too. Each of us have touched each others lives in some way. Maybe you are a friend, enemy, crush, or just the guy who loned me paper in eighth grade English class. No matter what there is something that binds us and makes it a little harder to say goodbye.

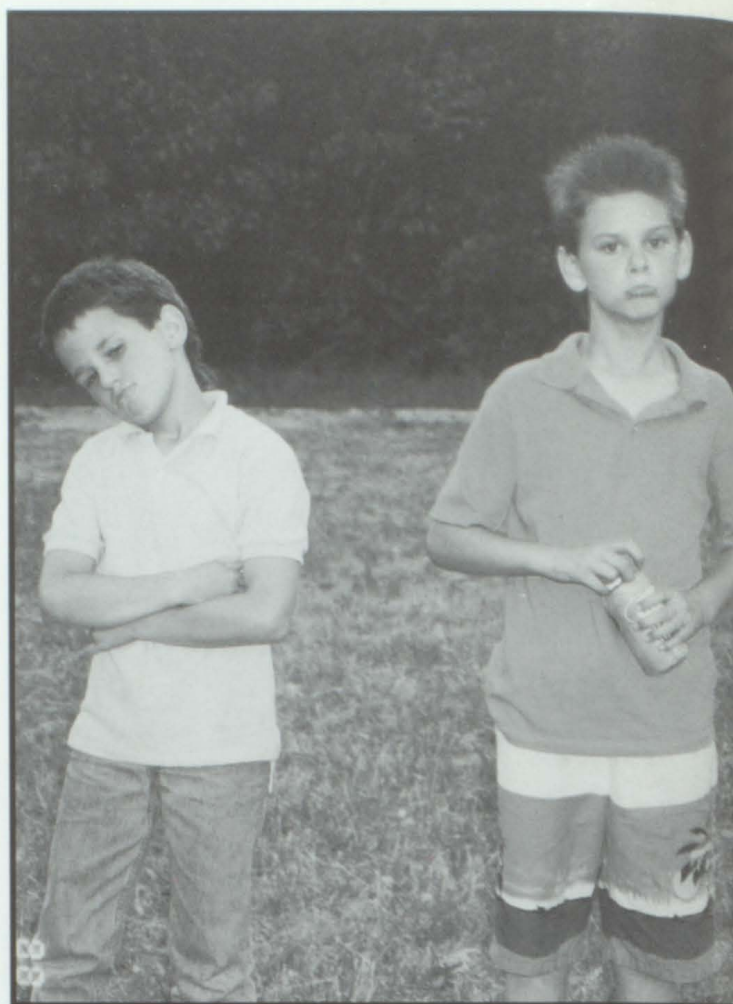
There are things only we will remember: Skateland limbo, Sherry's Dance Center, trips to Pizza Hut on the square, pegged jeans, jams, Jolt drinks, and our ever favorite New Kids On The Block.

Times seemed so hard when we couldn't make our hair stand just right or those braces flashed in our pictures, but we all went through it with a little help from our friends. Now it is time to stand on our own and look to the future, but remember you are not alone.

When times seem to be too hard to handle or the pace is going to fast, take a time out and remember. Look to these pages and recall that time that seemed to be everything. Thank you for all the memories and laughs. I will never forget!

Kate Ely

Top right: **Rebels without their mommies!** Tony M. and Andy W. were the bad boys of Boy Scouts. Far Right Middle: **Yummy yummy in my tummy!** Riley Snyder sure hasn't changed much in his eating habits. Anything's O.K. Left Middle: **Close encounter!** Lindsey F., Morgan S., and Tracy S. know that friends are sometimes closer than they seem. Below: Charla S., Arica K., Kim L., JerryLynn B., Jamie H., and Jamie C., are taking a breather after scoping out the scene at Skateland.



Left: **One last song!** Even in fourth grade we learned to say goodbye, now it's time to do it again.

Above: **One big bash!** Throwing parties have never been that hard for the class of '97; especially Julane W., Anna J., Sarah E. and Jared H.

Right: **Happy Birthday Jamie!** Amanda Adams and Jamie Harris know that friends mean a lot more than presents, but they never hurt. Below: **Whah! Whah! Whah!** Throwing a fit used to be a favorite pastime for many of us, but Sarah Briggs, Amanda Scarborough, and Mark Hendricks know that with our friends things don't seem that bad.



Below: Mark Hendricks, Sarah Briggs, and Susanne Berry party hardy in the *famous* Happy Meal Room. Oh, if those walls could talk! Middle Left: **Toot! Toot! Toot!** Band was a big part of our lives in Intermediate and still plays a role with us even though now we know how to play.

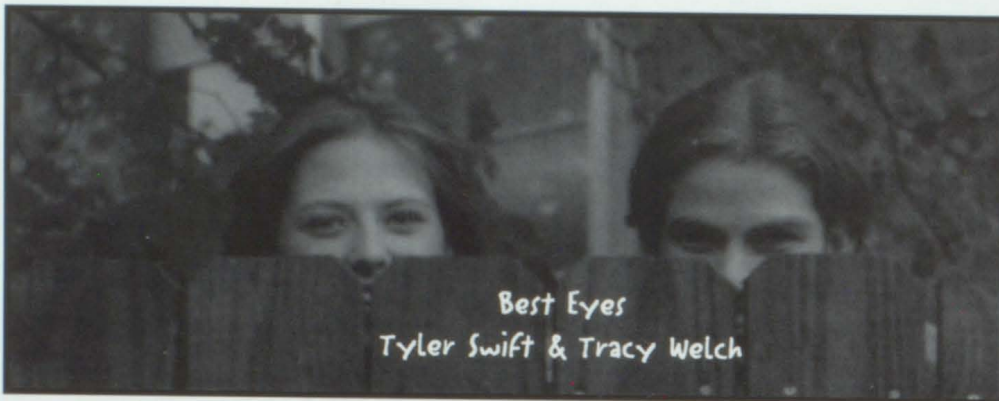


Above: Baseball not only taught these two the art of hitting, sliding, and throwing; but of friendship too. Joey Linehan and Aaron Patterson may look a little different, but the style hasn't changed much. Bottom left: **Say cheese!** Shawna Smith may not have been with us for very long, but she's woven her way into our hearts just like she did back then. Bottom right: **Sweet innocence!** Tyler Swift, Josh Andrews, and Aaron Mitchell may have grown out of that bow, but don't let that fool you they are still as cute as ever and as onry.

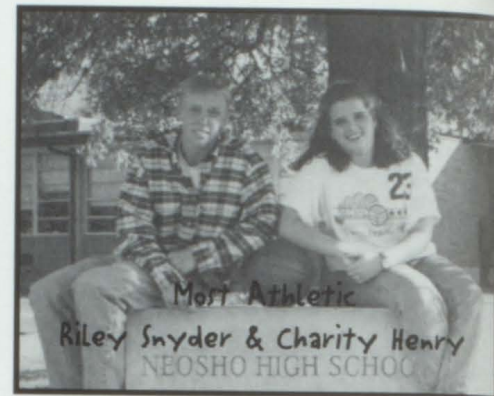
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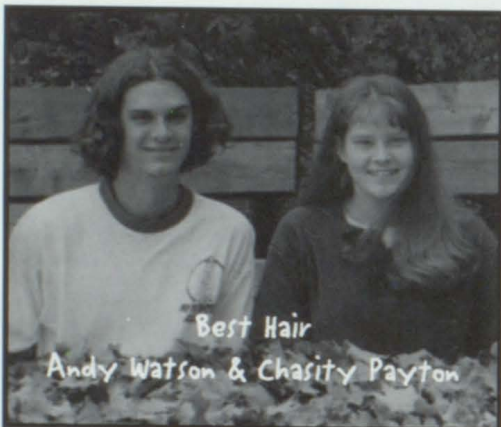
Most Unique
Darrell Mahan & Sam Richardson



Best Eyes
Tyler Swift & Tracy Welch



Most Athletic
Riley Snyder & Charity Henry
NEOSHO HIGH SCHOOL



Best Hair
Andy Watson & Chasity Payton



Best Dressed
Mark Hendrick & Shelbi Gray

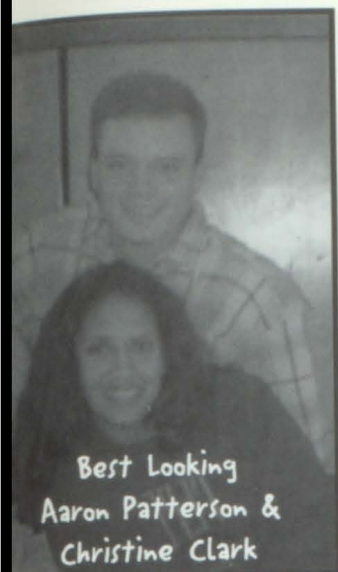


Class Clown
Chad Chesnut & Tracy Sinclair



Best Body
Aaron Mitchell & Marla Adams

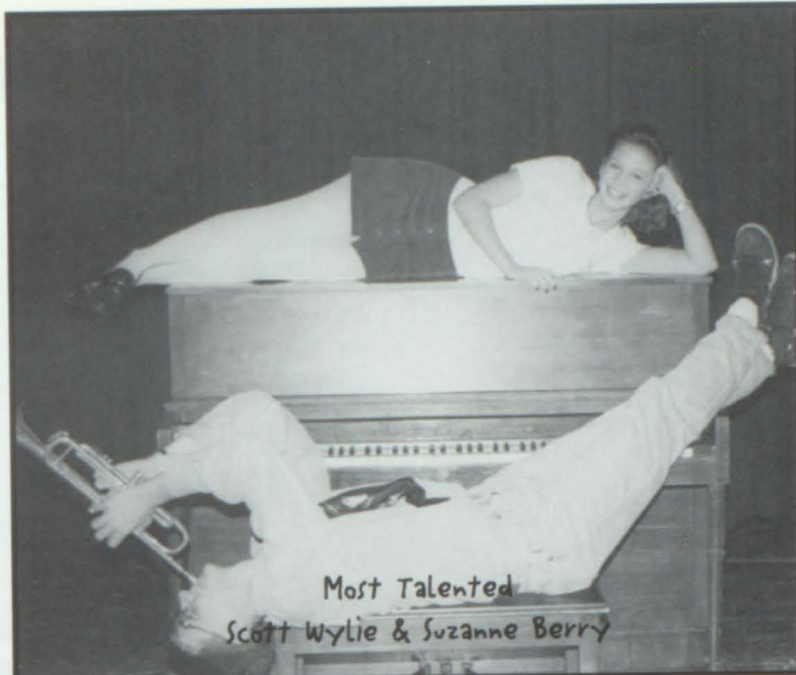




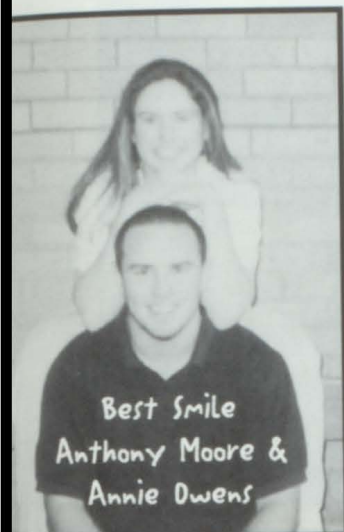
Best Looking
Aaron Patterson &
Christine Clark



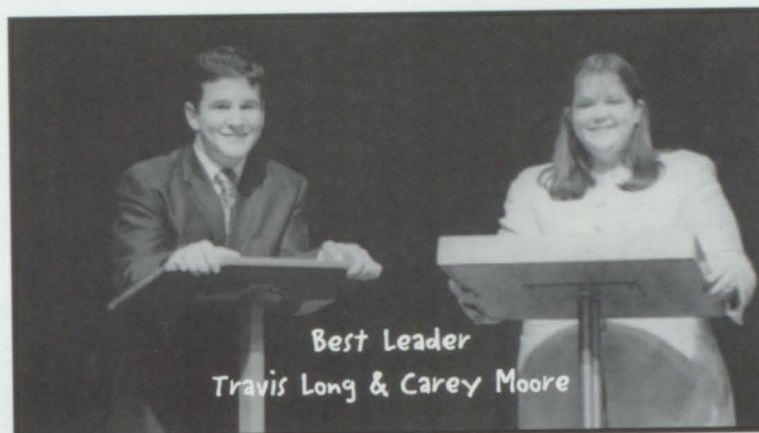
Cutest
Rocky Olbrey &
Sarah Briggs



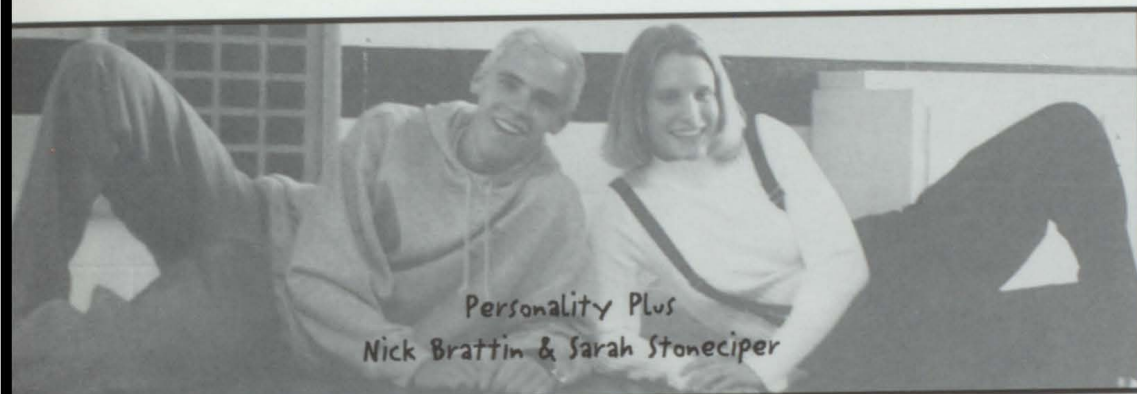
Most Talented
Scott Wylie & Suzanne Berry



Best Smile
Anthony Moore &
Annie Owens



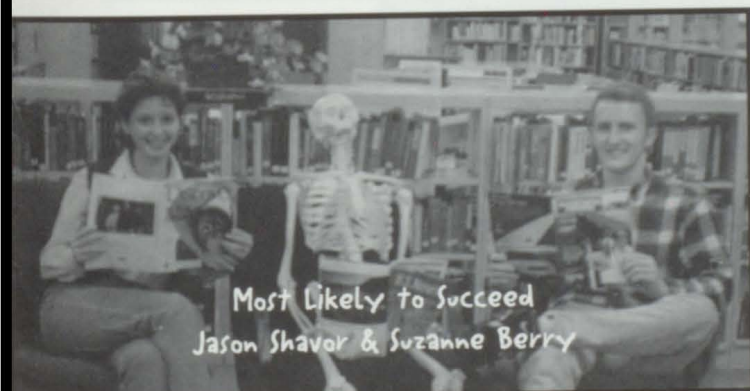
Best Leader
Travis Long & Carey Moore



Personality Plus
Nick Brattin & Sarah Stoneciper



Shyest
Eric Schade &
Janet Butler



Most Likely to Succeed
Jason Shaver & Suzanne Berry



Biggest Wolf/Flirt
Daniel Keaton & Sarah Crocker

Top Twenty Seniors



*Valedictorian
Jason Beckerdite*



*Salutatorian
Suzanne Berry*



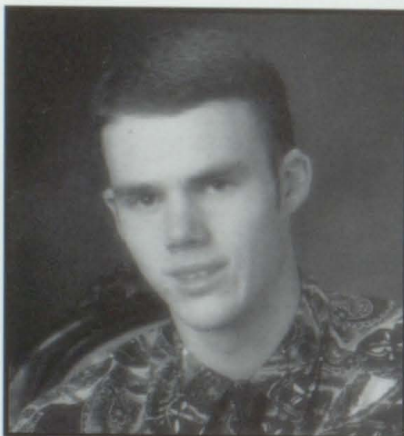
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Shaun Brunner



Michelle Conness



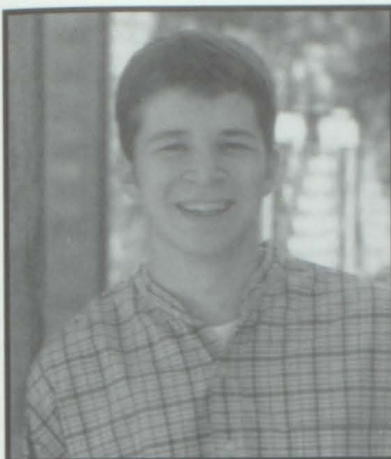
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Crystal Hanna



Rebecca Hanschu



Ryan Hines



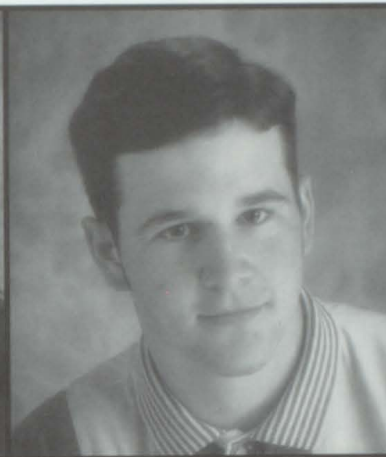
Kristi Holden



Robin Kenny



Betsy Leighninger



Travis Long



Niki Mahan



Annie Owens



Nikki Sanders



Eric Schade



Charla Scoggin



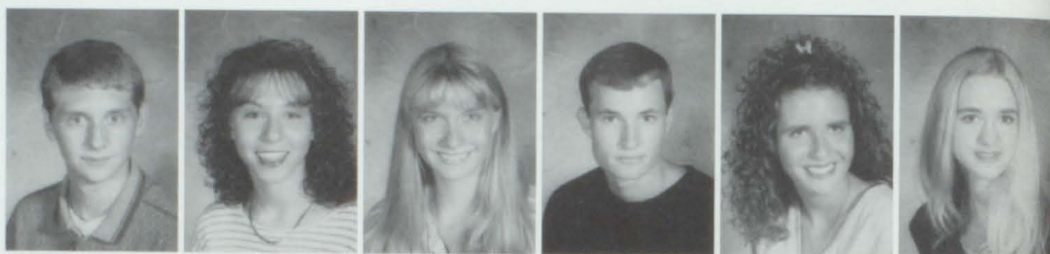
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Christy Willis



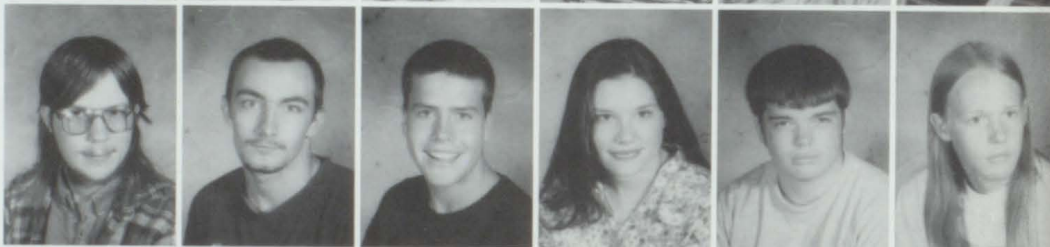
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Olivia Wolfe
Jennifer Wilson
Darren Wilson
Eileen Willis
April Willis



Cody Williams
Cassie Williams
Angela Westfall
Andrea Weems
Tara Webster
Maya Ward



Travis Wagner
Zack Wagner
Jason Wade
Sarah Trout
Drew Tignor
Zack Thomas

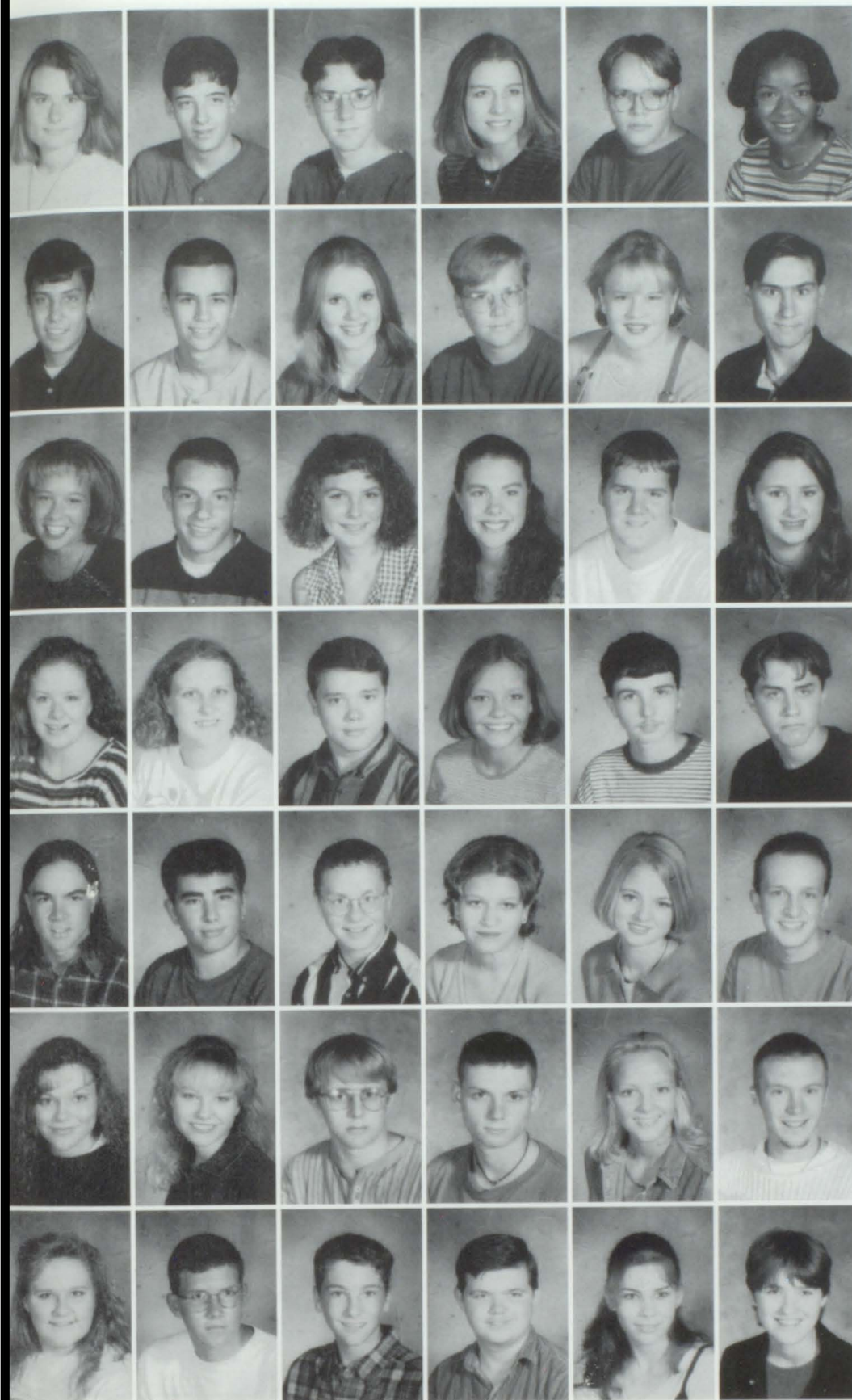


Shannon Thomas
Lesley Thomas
Amanda Swem
Josh Sulier
Chris Sulier
Matt Strohl



Junior Class Officers: Top: Aleaka Apt, Rep. Sabrina Kerr, Rep. Tricia Shea, Rep.
Bottom: Mistie Collins, Rep. April Jennings, V.P. Josh Sulier, Pres.





Janice Stoops
Benjamin Stillions
Christian Stier
Sara Stephenson
Thomas Stephens
Kim Sparks

Jeff Snow
Ryan Smith
Jeannie Smith
Charley Smith
Charity Smith
Cameron Smith

LaChelle Smiles
Leonard Simek
Pam Sigars
Tricia Shea
Nathan Sharpe
Wendy Shadwick

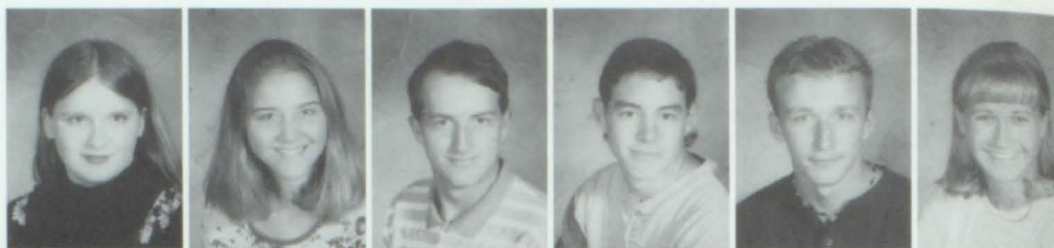
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Khristi Sarratt
Willie Sandefer
Seth Sampson

Rodney Sammons
Rex Russell
Jonathan Russell
Angela Rowlan
Sage Rose
Gary Rockrohr

LaDonna Robinson
Sunny Roberts
Joe Ringstaff
Ryan Rhoades
Anna Reynolds
Isaac Reed

Beth Rasmussen
Drew Pogue
Sean Plume
Willie Phelan
Cindy Peters
Tanya Perse

Cyndi Perse
 Ariane Payton
 Phillip Patterson
 Joshua Parsons
 Clay Pannell
 Laura Osborne



Kim Olson
 Josh Olinghouse
 Angie O'Dell
 Dolly Noel
 Jonathan Nichols
 Jeremy Nichols



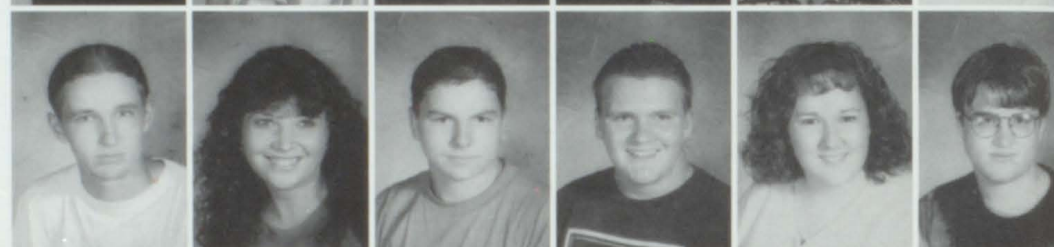
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 Brian Mitchell



Charity Minor
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 John McReynolds
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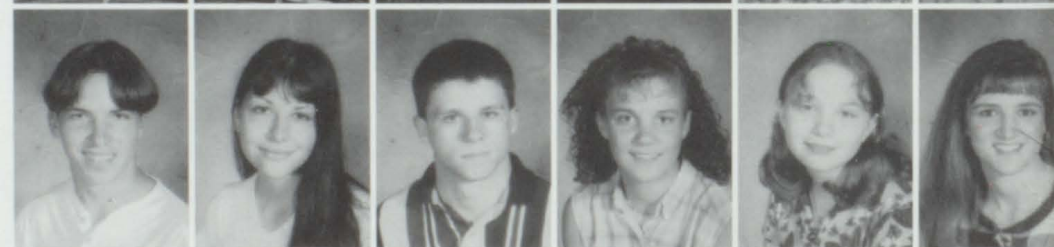
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 Paul Martin
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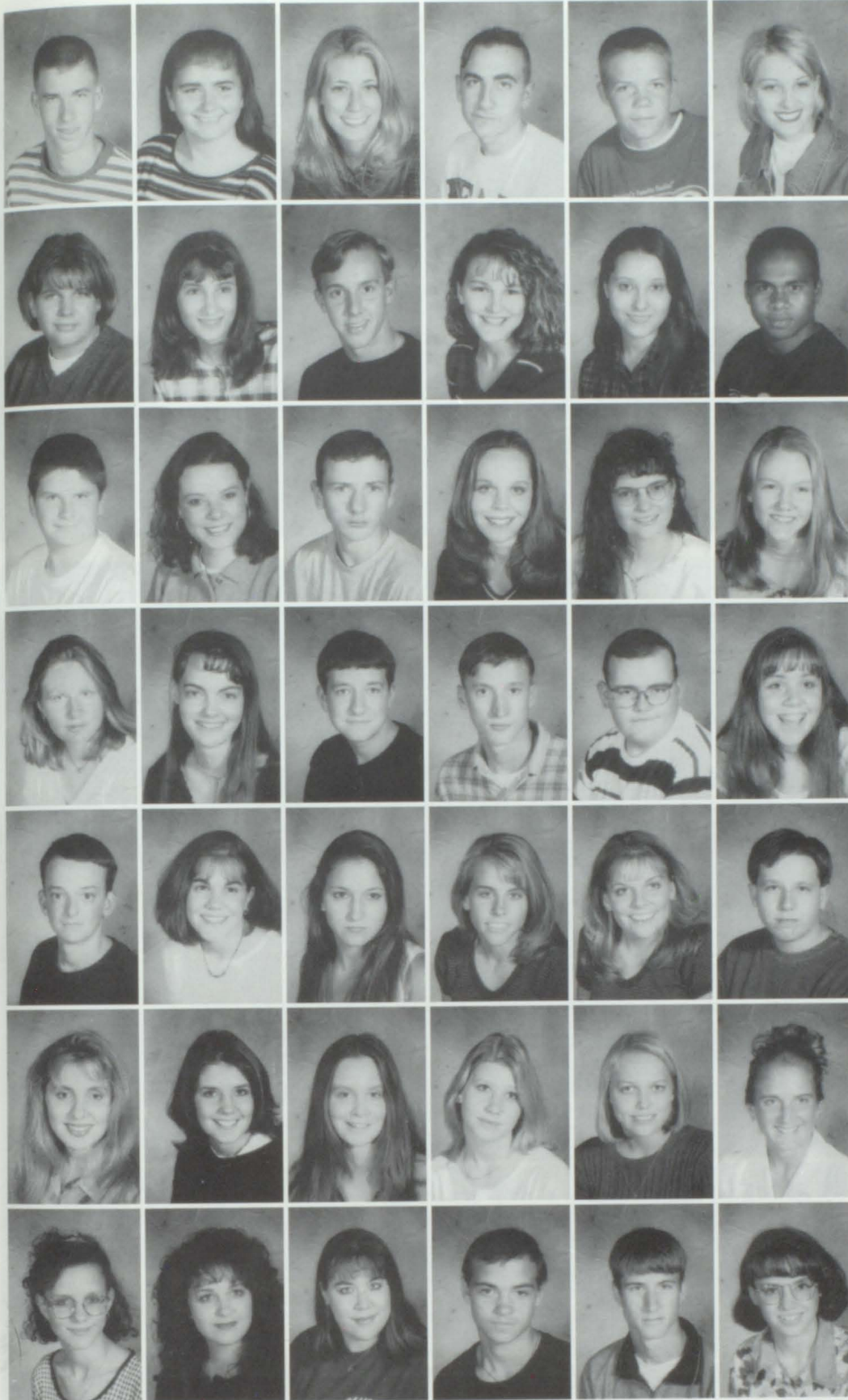


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 Ryan Little
 Sarah Leutinger
 Lianne Leisenring
 Ryan Leathers
 John Latta



Robert Krattley
 Nichole Kaszuba
 Derrick Keller
 Julie Kelly
 Sunny Kendall
 Sabrina Kerr





Justin Kimbrough
Amy Kinkade
Sarah Kluender
Gary Kaiser
B.J. Jordan
Lisa Jones

Ashley Jones
Chris Johnston
Brad Johnson
April Jennings
Amber Jeffers
Jonas Jack

Brent Hunt
Melissa Hughes
Chuck Huff
Tonya Howland
Christie Houston
Katie House

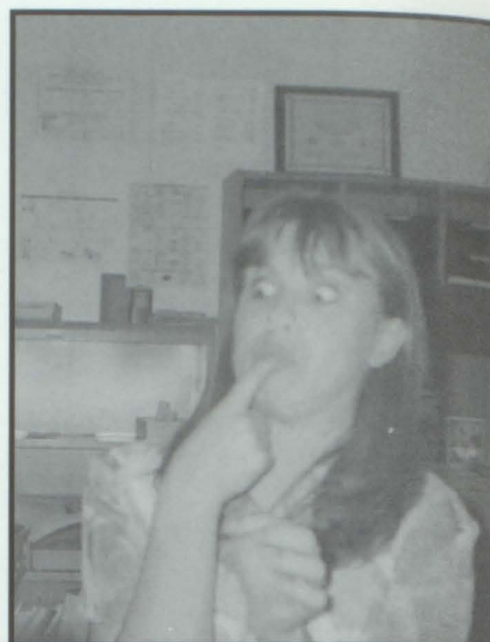
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Tim Henson
David Henry
Jennifer Henderson

Dallas Hawkins
Kristen Haupt
Christina Hathaway
Tammy Harvel
Brandy Hardesty
Chris Hailey

JoArna Haddock
Kim Guppy
Susan Grieb
Toni Grantham
Mistie Gordan
Christi Goldman

Debbie Giron
Sonni Forehand
Deanna Flemming
Jeremiah Farmer
Josh Estes
Jamie Embrey

Right: Cody Williams and B.J. Jordan show off their HUGE muscles. Far right, Jessica Brannon takes a moment to recover from the exhilarating display of Cody and B.J.'s mighty pythons.



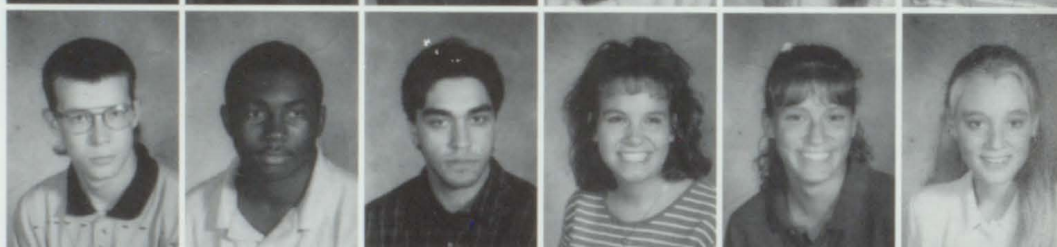
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Chris Ellis
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Travis Ducommun
Jill Dodson



Emmy Dobbs
Sheri Dick
Summer Denny
Amy Denmark
Sara Deffenbaugh
Shannon Deffenbaugh



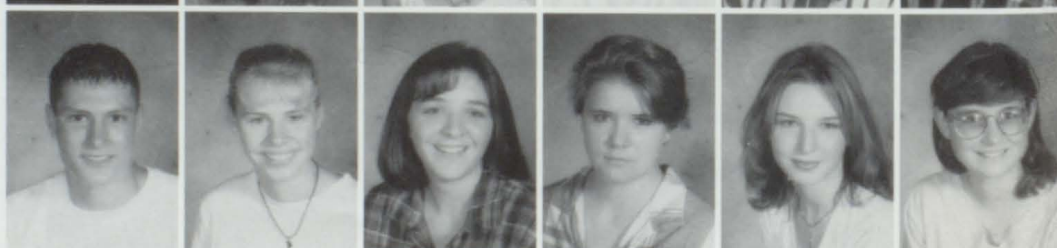
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Jeremy Cooper
Melissa Cook
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Amber Cable

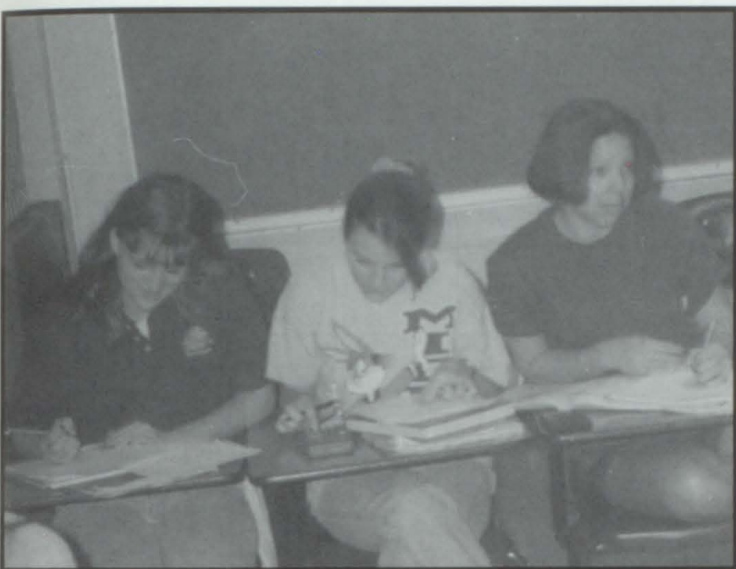


Daric Burr
Jennifer Bullington
Rebecca Bulla
Stephanie Brinkley
Tia Bright
Malissa Bridges





Left: Members of the Junior class prepare themselves for the long and tiresome year ahead. Below left: TRIG. BUDDIES! Sabrina Kerr, April Jennings, and Amber Alvarez think three heads are better than one when it comes to Mr. Haupt's chant: SINE, COSINE, COSINE, SINE; COSINE, COSINE, *SINE*, SINE! Below right: Daric Burr shows his class spirit during the football homecoming rally.



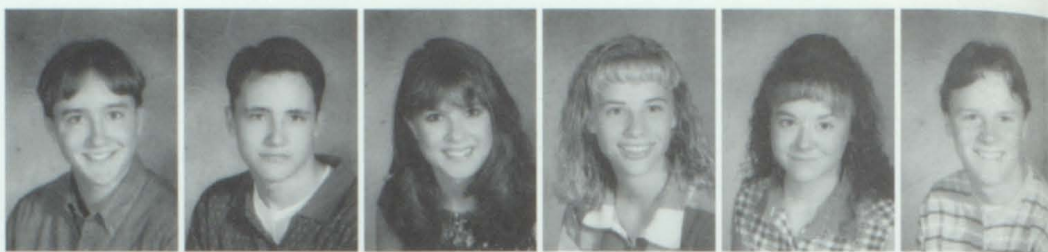
Last year, the school board decided to allow everyone to receive the old athletic jacket. We asked the Junior class, in a survey, what their thoughts were on this subject.

23 % thought that this was a good decision

26% had a different opinion

51% thought it should stay with sports only

Jeremie Bridges
Kirk Brewer
Jessica Brannon
Becca Bradford
Angela Bradford
Kris Bouma



David Boothe
Clinton Bond
Debbie Bogle
Amy Bledsoe
Chris Blankenship
Cassie Blankenship



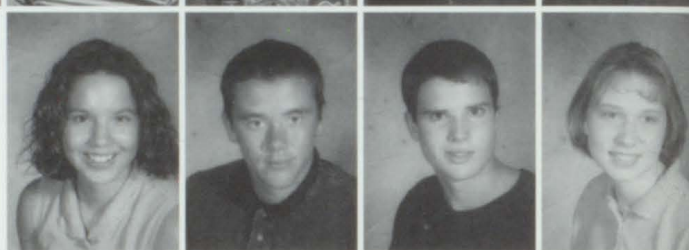
Hetal Bhakta
James Berryman
Melissa Bean
Dustin Bates
Andrea Barnett
Jason Barkfelt



Nathan Babb
Andy Augspurger
Melissa Askey
Cecil Arehart
Aleka Apt
Mike Amato



Amber Alvarez
Travis Adams
Jon Abernathy
April Abernathy



Not Pictured...

Christina Clark
Sharon Gilmore
Luke Hixson
Sean Johnson
Danny King
Anthony Lee

Andrea Leivan
Eran Olsen
Anthony Ori
Josh Roberts
Monty Shap

Tony Thompson
Brad Toler
Shaun Villandry
John Wakeley
Kristen Weems
Donald Wilson

Next Year's Seniors...
What they are looking forward to
the most.

1. *Being at the top of the school.*
2. *Being the oldest at school.*
3. *Getting ready to go to college.*
4. *Easier classes.*
5. *Graduating.*



Left: Kristi Sarratt, Laura Osborne, Misite Collins, and Anna Reynolds pose for a quick shot after school.

Bottom Left: Les Davis, Daric Burr, Christina Hathaway, and Kirk Brewer are taking a breather between their stressful classes.

Below: This stud muffin, Ryan Little, thinks he's All That. Far be it for us to tell him otherwise!



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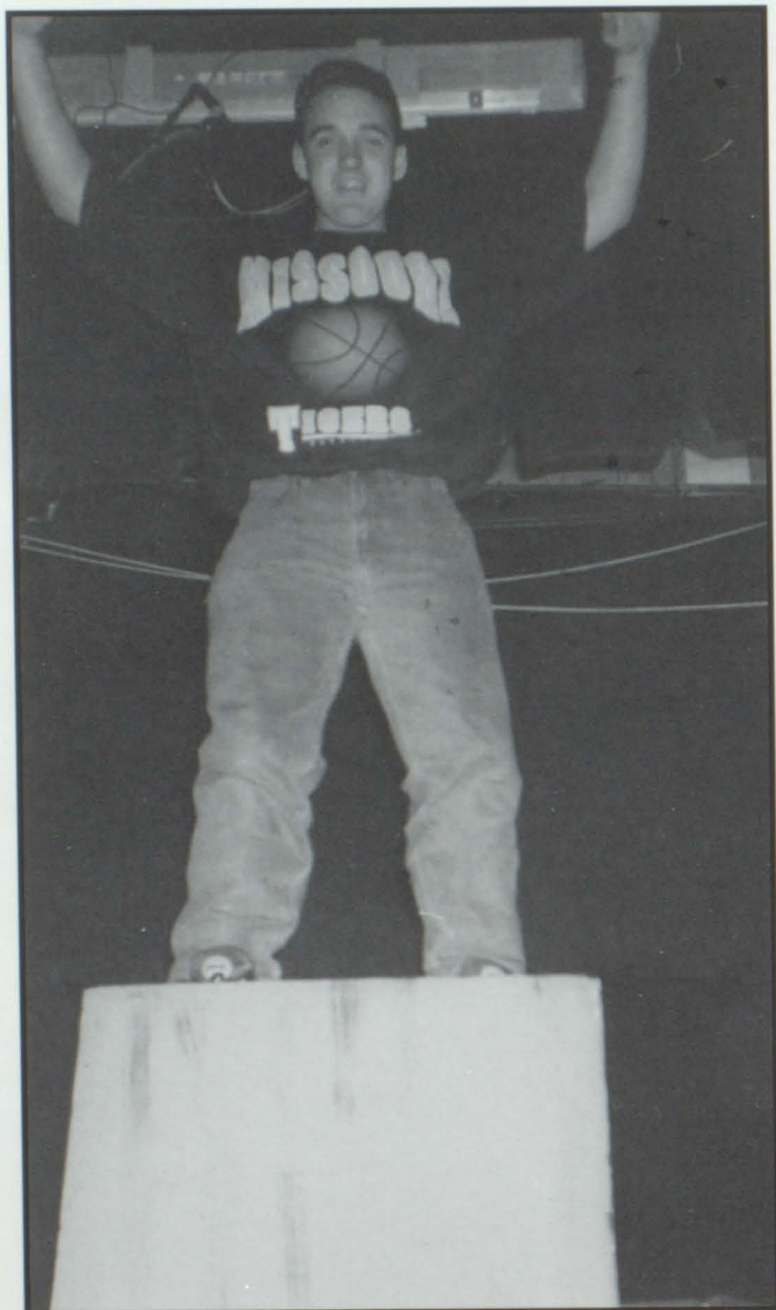
Right: April Jennings and Andrea Weems...Don't they look sweet!



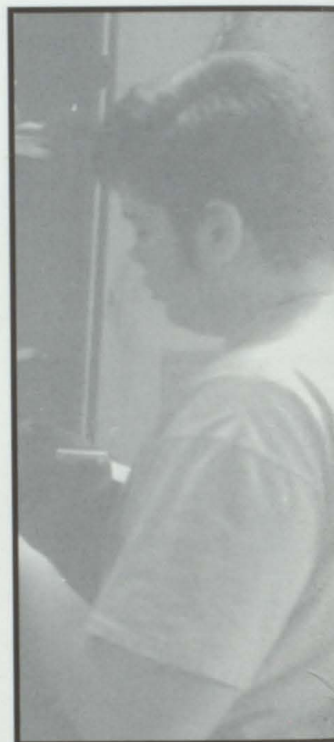
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Below: Isaac Reed looks cool standing there by his locker.

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Above: Jeremy Nichols shows his manliness by climbing and conquering the huge, three foot high, box!



Above: Drew Tignor busies himself getting his homework at the end of another exhausting day.



Above: Jonathon R. looks really interested in To Kill A Mockingbird.

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Above: Sage R., Sara D., and Rebecca B., are smiling their way into the future.



Above: Kristen H., Sara K., and Sabrina K., are excited that the day is finally over.

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Below: Cassie B., and Nichole K., show a loving act of kindness before going to their next class.





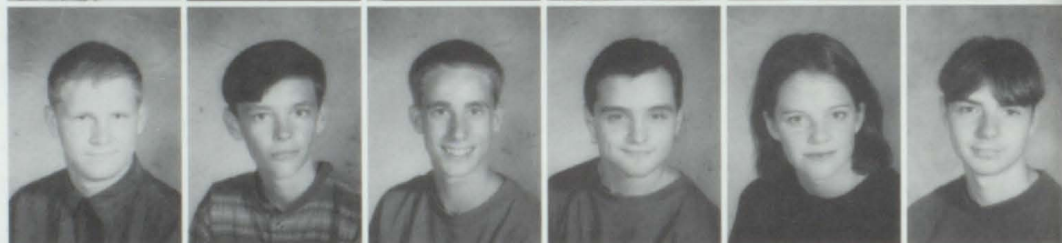
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 Leslie Woods
 Heather Woodrum
 Sondra Wise
 Amanda Winchester
 Adam Wimpey



Misty Wilson
 Kelly Willis
 Amee Willis
 Brandon Wilkinson
 Carla Whitworth
 Mark Whitley



James White
 Justin Whaley
 Terrance Wethington
 Tim Weems
 Julie Watson
 Ben Watkins

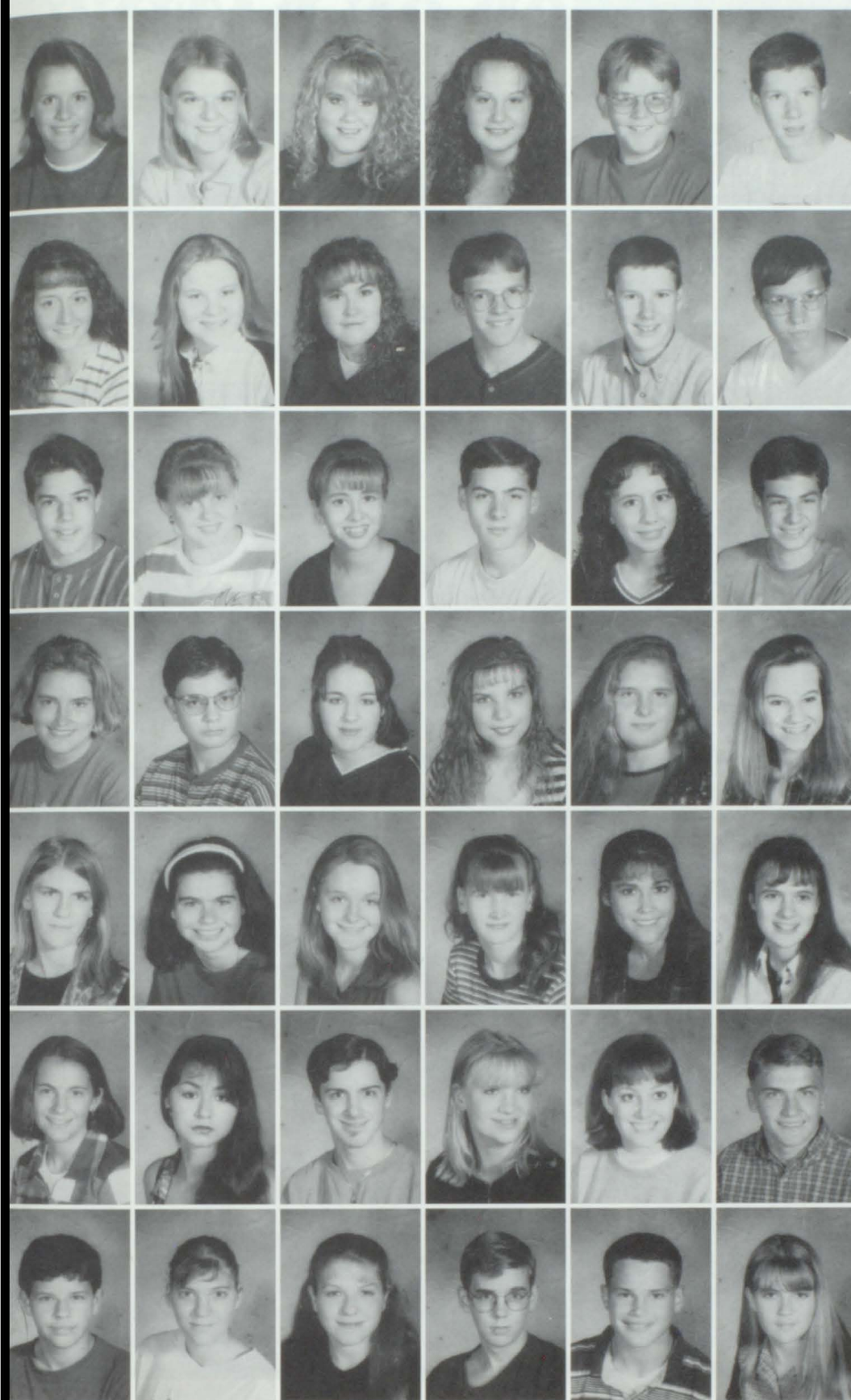


James Warner
 Tara Wagner
 Maria Villa
 Samantha Vaughn
 David Vailes
 Delphia Upshaw



Sophomore Class Officers: Jenny Lara, Jason Patrum, Sec. Sarah Smith, James Rigdon, Sabrina Caywood, V.P. Catherine Kelly, Pres. Stephanie Spence





Amanda Tuomala
Amy Tunney
Sarah Troxel
Cindi Troxel
Adam Tomlinson
Kristopher Thurman

Miranda Thompson
Heather Thompson
Rebecca Thomas
Josh Thomas
Cris Therman
Casey Sulier

Shayne Sprenkle
Jamie Spencer
Stephanie Spence
Stephen Snyder
Sarah Smith
Nathaniel Smith

Melinda Smith
Justin Smith
Heather Smith
Cassandra Smith
Jennifer Simpson
Sara Simek

Kimberly Shields
Robin Sells
Amber Secrest
Brooke Schuster
Lee Scholfield
Sarah Schmidt

Laura Schade
Rocio Sanchez
Shannon Sampson
Brooke Sammons
Sara Ruth
Jake Russell

Jesse Ruby
Joanie Rose
Kimberly Rogers
James Rigdon
Greg Richardson
Sherry Rhoades

SOPHOMORE SCOOP ON DATING

In a recent survey we tried to find out your most exciting, embarrassing, or romantic moments while you were out on a date. We really didn't know what we were in for! Here are the startling results:

5. When we were out to dinner, his other girl friend that I didn't know about, walked up to our table and started yelling at him!

4. We snuck out and went on some private property where there is a beautiful stream and waterfall. We stood in the moonlight and kissed for the FIRST time.

3. We went to the lake and he made me dinner out in the middle of no where. He bought me two dozen roses. It was so SWEET!

2. A FLY flew into my mouth while we were kissing! YUCK!

1. MY BEST FRIEND RAN OVER MY BOYFRIEND WITH HER CAR! OUCH!



Sidney Garrow, Staci Alvarez, Lee Schofield, and Laura Schade show that they learned more in weightlifting than just how to get buffed BODS!



Matthew Reynolds
Kati Reynolds



Heather Reniker
Jaime Renfro



Josh Reid
Christina Rector
Crystal Quintana
Stephanie Quick
Ashley Qualls
Nick Pyle



Daniel Pruitt
Jennifer Powell
Sarah Pogue
Ryan Phillips
Kristen Phillips
Joel Phillips



Rodney Pendley
John Peacock
Missy Peacher
Jamie Patterson
Jason Patrum
Anglea Parmley



William Palmieri
Mark Palmer
Adrienne Owens

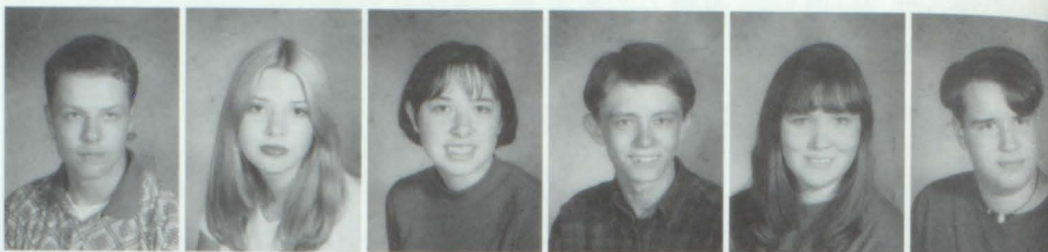


Mary Ogle
Amy O'Dell
Lisa Nunn



These Sophomores scream enthusiastically as they win the spirit award for Football Homecoming.

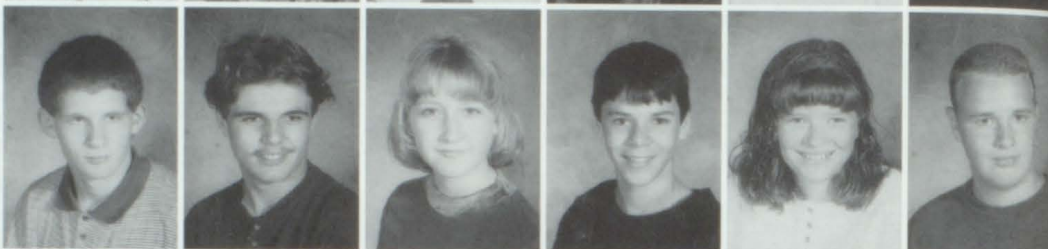
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Jennifer Nelson
Leia Needham
Jason Moss
Lee Morrison
Jason Morris



Matt Moore
Michelle Montz
Christina Mogan
Melody Mitchell
J.T. Mendenhall
Jamey Melton



Mike McQuality
Justin McGee
Lori McDonald
Noah McClain
Misty McCammon
Heath Martin

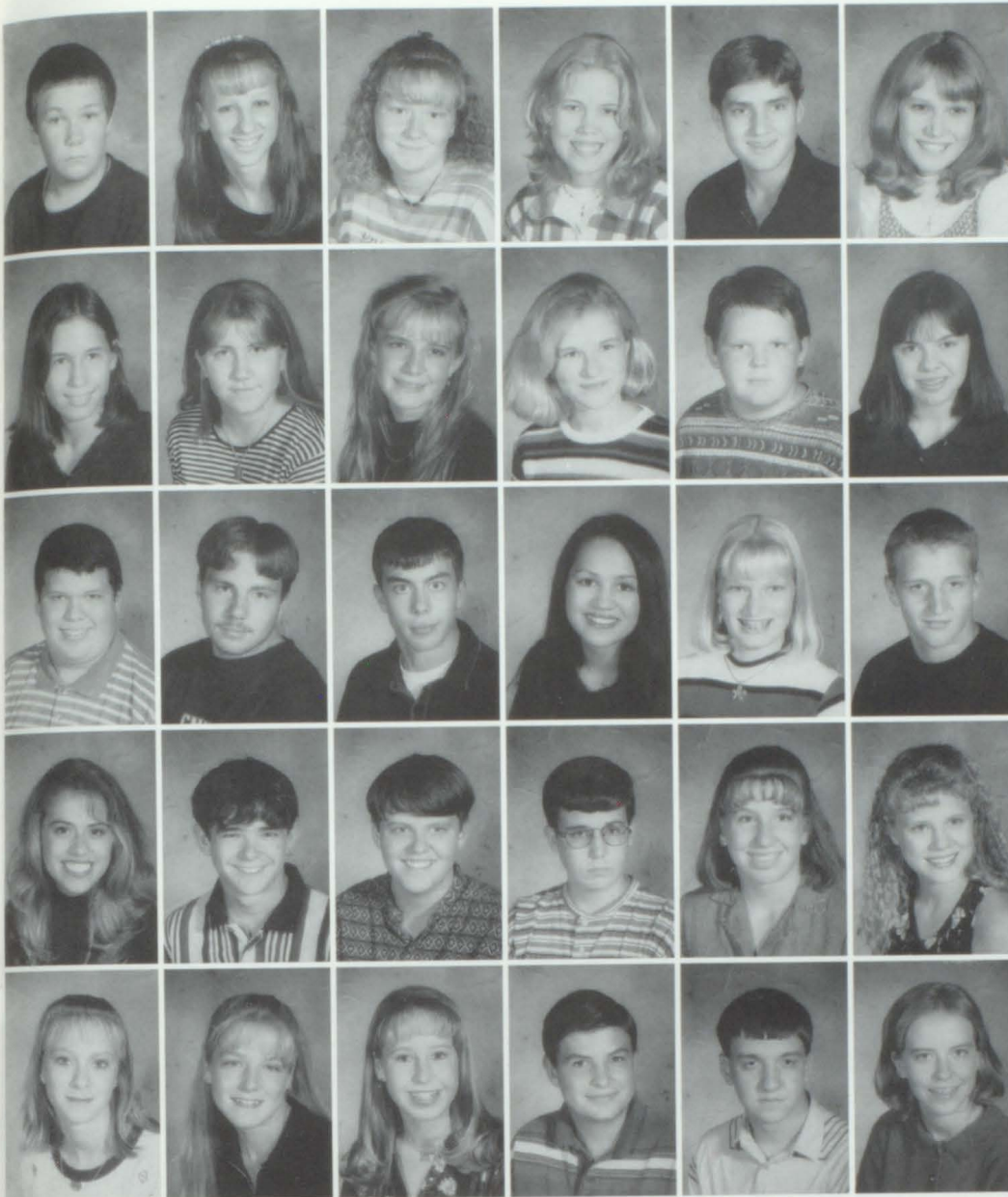


Amanda Martin
Annisia Marta
Michelle Manning
Matt Major
David Madrid
J.D. Macy



Left: Andy Noah, shows the official "IT RULES" sign fur ther support of the Neosho Wildcats! Right: **TROUBLE, TROUBLE!** Darius Green, takes a moment to ponder just what went wrong, that resulted in an interesting visit with Mr. Lewis. Bot- tom: These Sophs show, that even though you goof off, work can still get done!





Chris Maclain
Tamara Lyttle
Tomi Lyster
Angela Letts
Colin Lentz
Mindy Lee

Alisha Lee
Tara Lazure
Lauren Laymen
Katrina Lay
Justin Lawson
Jenny Lara

Jared Lankford
Rick Lane
Philip Land
Chadia Ladbasri
Stephanie Kyler
Dusty Kuhn

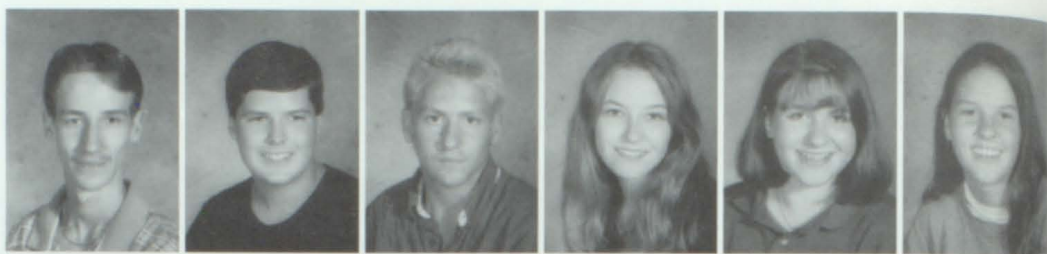
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Tylan Kittrell
Brian Kippes
Sarah Kimbrough
Cassie Kesinger

Vicky Kelly
Catherine Kelly
Kendra Keeling
Steven Jordan
Travis Jones
Stephanie Jones

WHAT THE UNDERPAID SOPHOMORES SPEND THEIR MONEY ON!

The Sophomore class started this year doing many firsts. Along with that is the very first job and with that is an abundance of extra cash! When asked what they spent money on the Sophs had an abundance of answers. Ranging in the top were clothing, parties and boyfriends/girlfriends. At the end was school supplies, class rings, and cars. This shows that these Sophs look great when they take their boyfriend/girlfriend to some awesome parties. However, they don't have a car to get there and they also maybe grounded due to lack of interest in school.

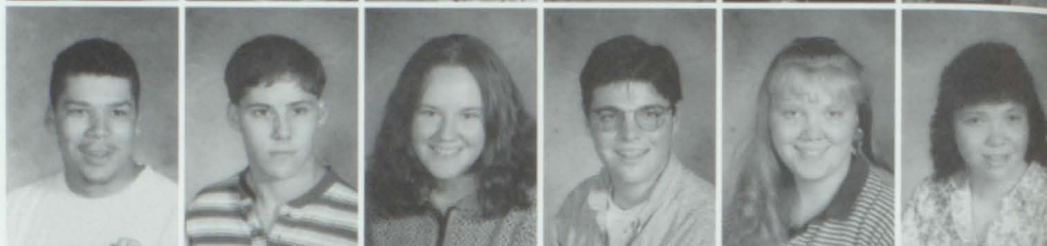
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Robert Jarrell
Nadine James
Shonda Ireland
Lorelle Hutchins



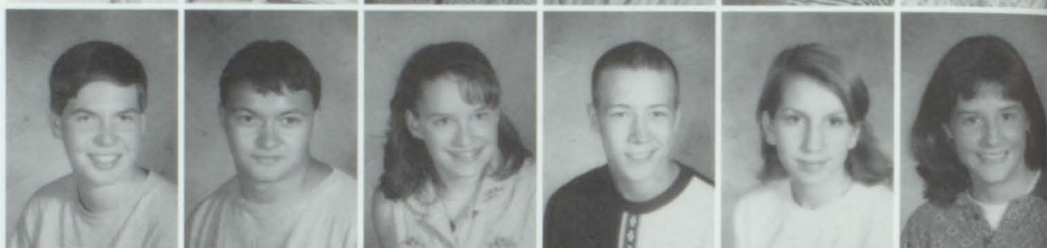
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Ryan Hughes
Heidi Hubbard
Brandon Howard
Clay House
Sarah Houk



Johnny Horton
Wesley Hood
Nicholle Hensley
Chad Henry
Shellie Hembree
Rachele Harris



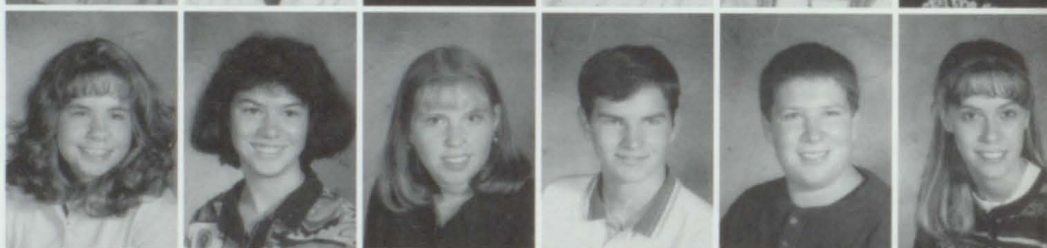
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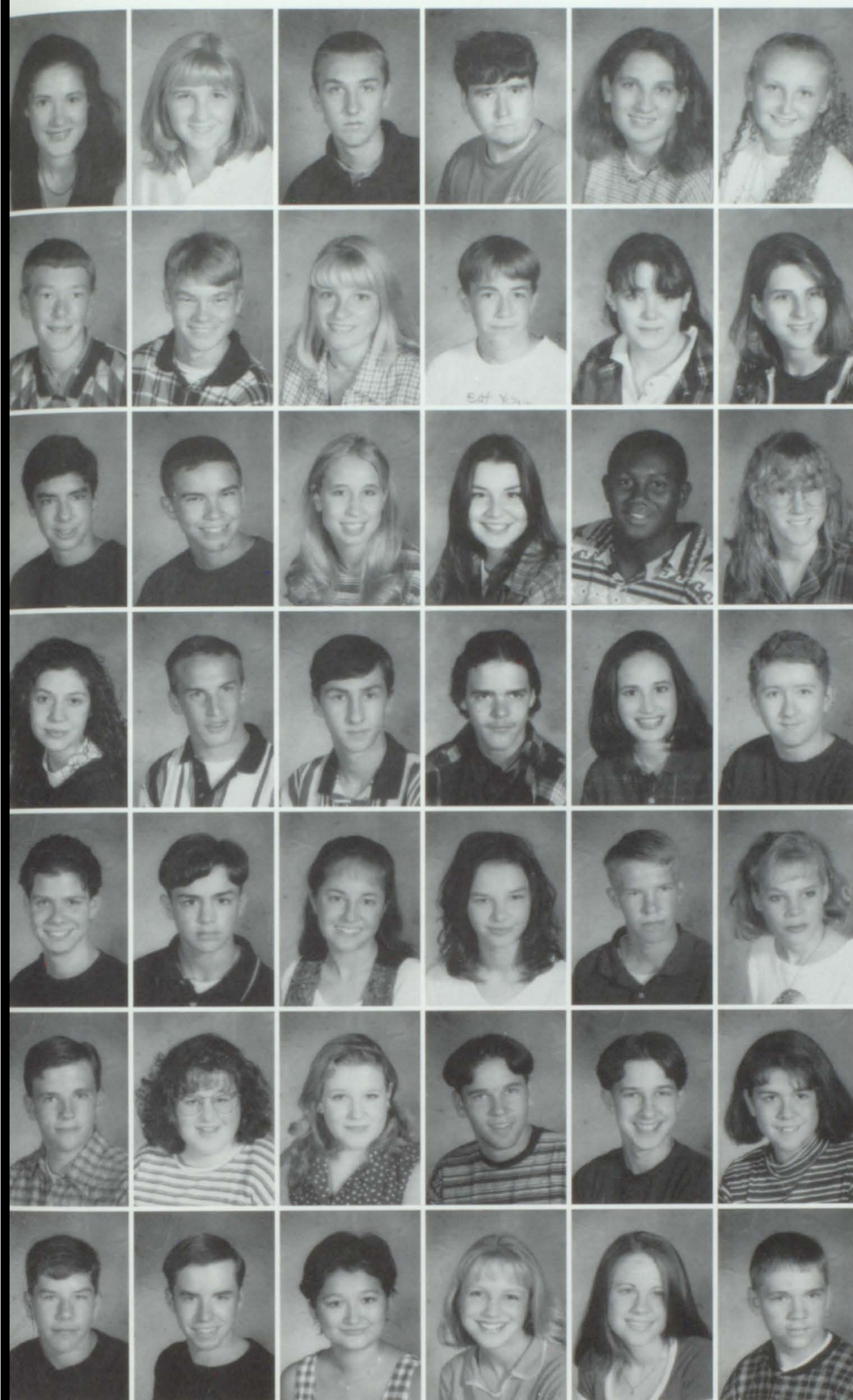


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Melanie Friend
Kathryn Frankey
Ryan Fletcher
Alex Fields
Missy Ewen



Josh Evans
Shawn Erlewine
Damon Embrey
Jonathan Ely
Jamie Ellis
Jason Ehnen





Branda Edwards
Michelle Eberle
Willy Eads
Jerry Dyer
Christina Duvall
Olivia Duncan

Gabe Dorsey
Phillip Doke
Davina Dobbs
Aaron Divine
Katrisha Dickinson
Aaron DeLaunay

Brad DeGraw
Mac Davis
Joy Davis
Elissa Davis
Brandon Davis
Becky Davidson

Tandy Daugherty
Matt Daspit
Dustin Daniels
Aaron Crumbliss
Sally Crocker
Shane Coyle

Michael Corporon
Gabriel Cook
Sarah Conness
Tenille Condict
Andrew Cole
Kristy Coffman

Lee Coffman
Shannon Cobb
Brittany Clouse
Jared Clark
Dakota Cholka
Teresa Chenoweth

Dustin Charlton
Christopher Chandler
Sabrina Caywood
Chelsey Cashel
Amanda Casey
Matt Carr

Adam Carden



Rachel Butts



Amber Burnett



Kenny Burleson

Lisa Browning

Regina Brown

Gina Brown

Becky Brooks

John Briggs



Polly Bressie

Brandon Bressie

Ray Bradshaw



Nick Bradford

Andy Bradford

Dina Boyt



Ben Boyt

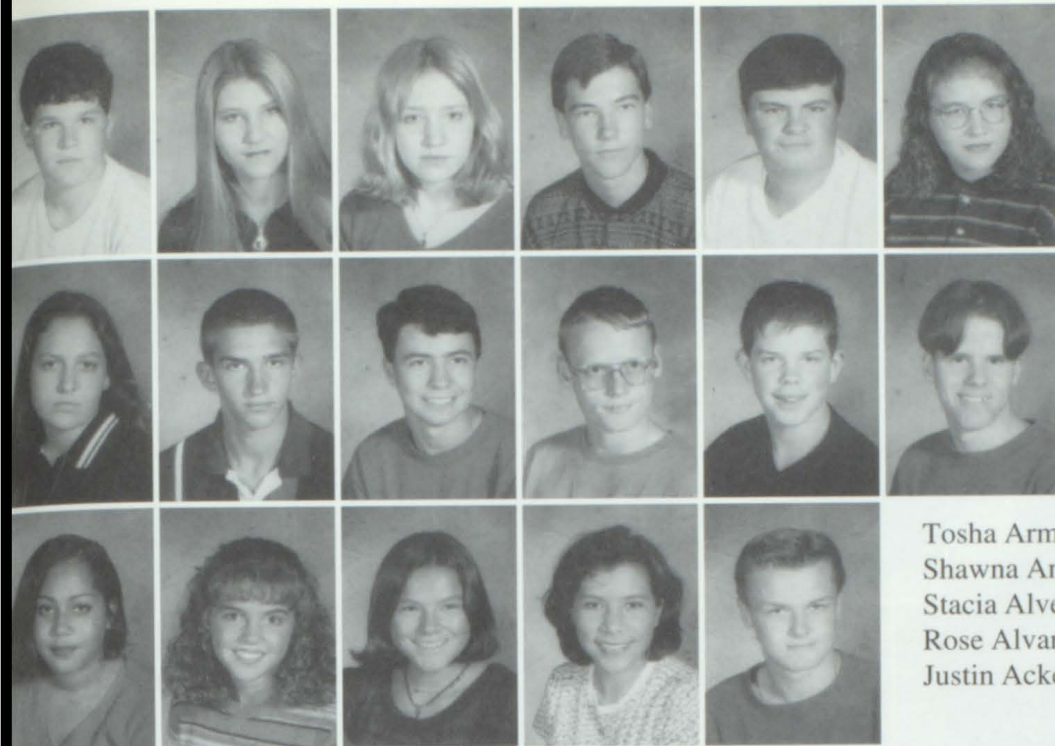
Lindsay Bowers

Matt Born



Top: Ryan Phillips is the epitomy of concentration as he listens to words of wisdom from Coach Stuart. Bottom: Ryan (Dog) Hughes takes the left hand stance while replaying Coach Mike's sermon on the proper hitting stance.





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Aimee Birkes
Katy Begey
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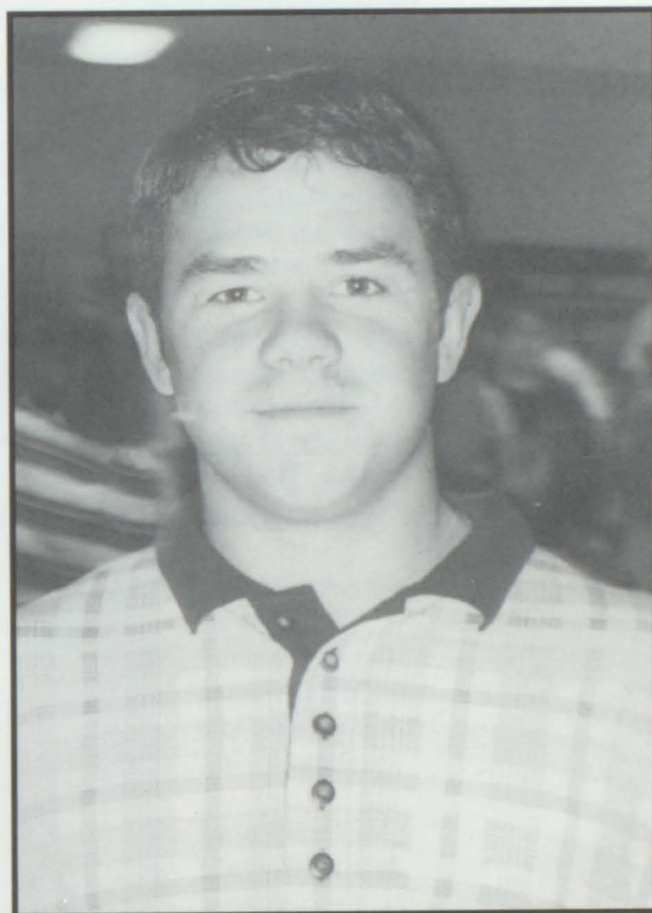
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Sophomore Not Pictured List

*Jason Alford
Jeff Charles
Alyson Eaton
Kim Friend
Heather Jordan
Annette Mulholland
Heidi Smith
Tim Torres
Dustin Weitzell*

*Wendy Baxter
Jeremiah Durbin
Mike Eaton
Brandon Hines
Andy Long
Ben Rogers
Melissa Stevens
Brandy Tumbleson
Adrian West*



Top: Matt Moore takes a moment to shine up his dating skills with this macho stance. I really don't think its working! Bottom: These girls took part in their first ever Homecoming hall decorations. They found out that sometimes willingness doesn't always lead to winning, but it was fun anyway.





Fresh. Exec. League members Top: P. Treadwell, L. Hargett, G. Russell. Next: S. Sides, J. Lewis, A. Todd. Next: S. McFarland, A. Hunter, T. Patterson. Last: J. Slaughter, M. Pietrzak, D.Janss.



Caron Woods
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Sean Wilson



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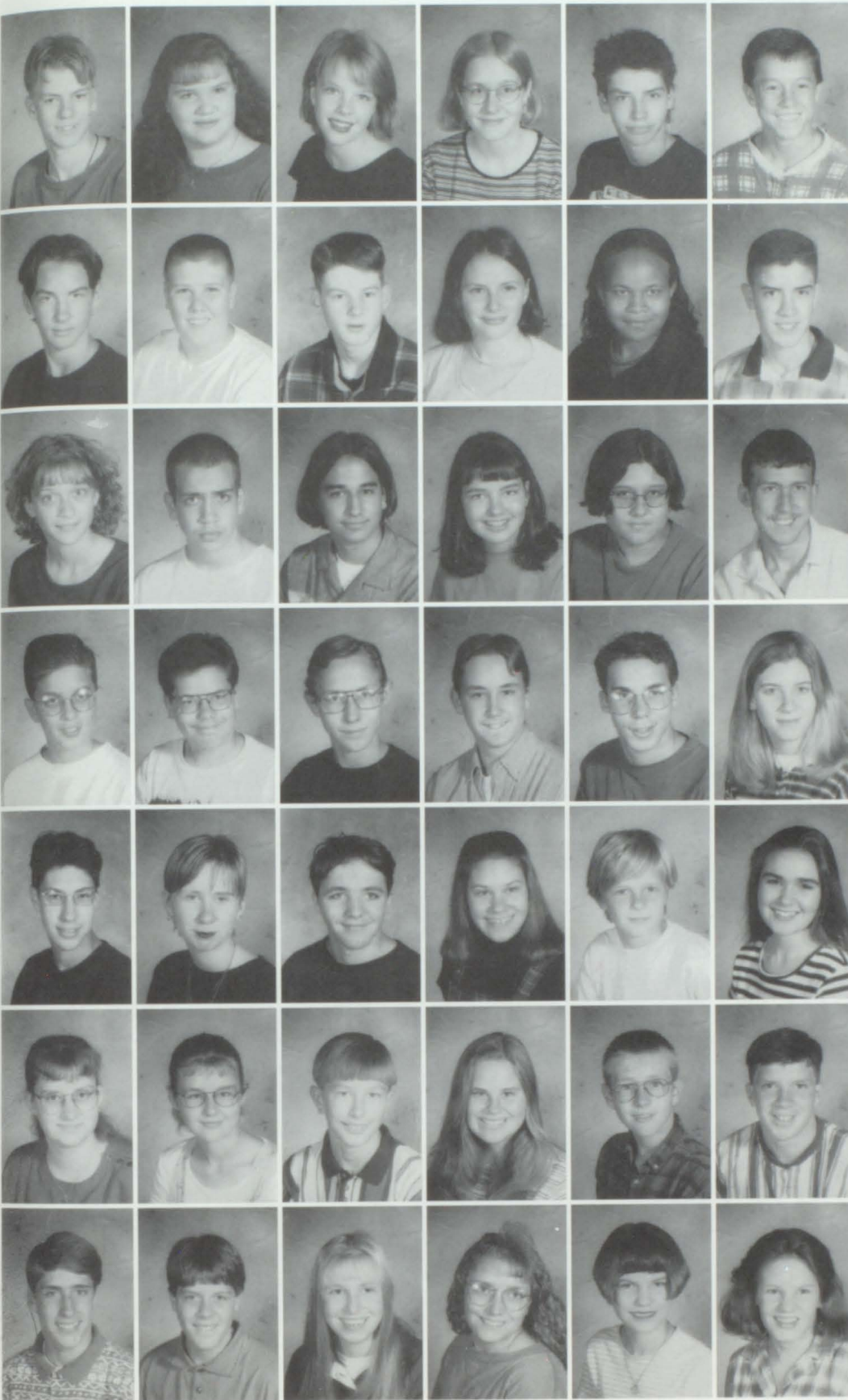


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Justin Weston
Anne Westerhouse
Kristen Weems



Melissa Weems
Johnathon Wead
Erica Watson
Jesse Walls
Adam Wagner
Amanda Vowell





Shawn Villandry
Wendy VanWinkle
Kristian VanWinkle
Rachel Vansandt
Micheal VanGrinsven
Chris VanDorn

Steven Vailes
Jacob Turner
Travis Troutman
Erin Trout
Ursula Tresvan
Philip Treadwell

Alissa Todd
William Thomsen
Nicholas Taylor
Emily Taylor
Atticus Taylor
Cory Tate

Brandon Tate
Ryan Swem
Justin Summitt
Derek Storrs
Joshua Storms
Deana Stonecipher

Nathan Stogsdill
Elizabeth Stockton
Daniel Stephens
Nina Spicer
James Spencer
Amy Spearman

Samantha Snders
Tammy Smith
Joshua Smith
Cristin Smith
Christopher Smith
James Slaughter

Sean Sides
Clayton Shilling
Lori Shields
Shiela Seymour
Jessica Sexton
Jennifer Severs

What Makes Scream

"People with Hearing Problems."

Beth Kenny

"My brother"

Caleb Andrews

"When my brother talks on the phone all night long!"

Blake Henson

"The thought of the nuclear holocaust which will end in nuclear winter and all of mankind will choke to death on the dust of which we are composed."

Silas Allard

"If a man eating snake jumped out of the wood at me I would scream like a mad man!!"

Chad Schweitzer

Ronnie Sellers
Chad Schweitzer
Allen Schmidt
April Scheuerman
Michael Schellhorn

Jon Savage
William Sacks
Sarah Russell
Marcus Russell
Daniel Russell

Caroline Russell
Geri Russel
Mechelle Rucker
Noah Rose
Danny Rogers

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Kevin Reynolds
Chris Reynolds
Joshua Rey
Mike Raulston

Andy Ramon
Matt Quinton
Chris Price
Crystal Powers
Sheri Pogue

Sylvia Pilkenton
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Meagan Pietrzak
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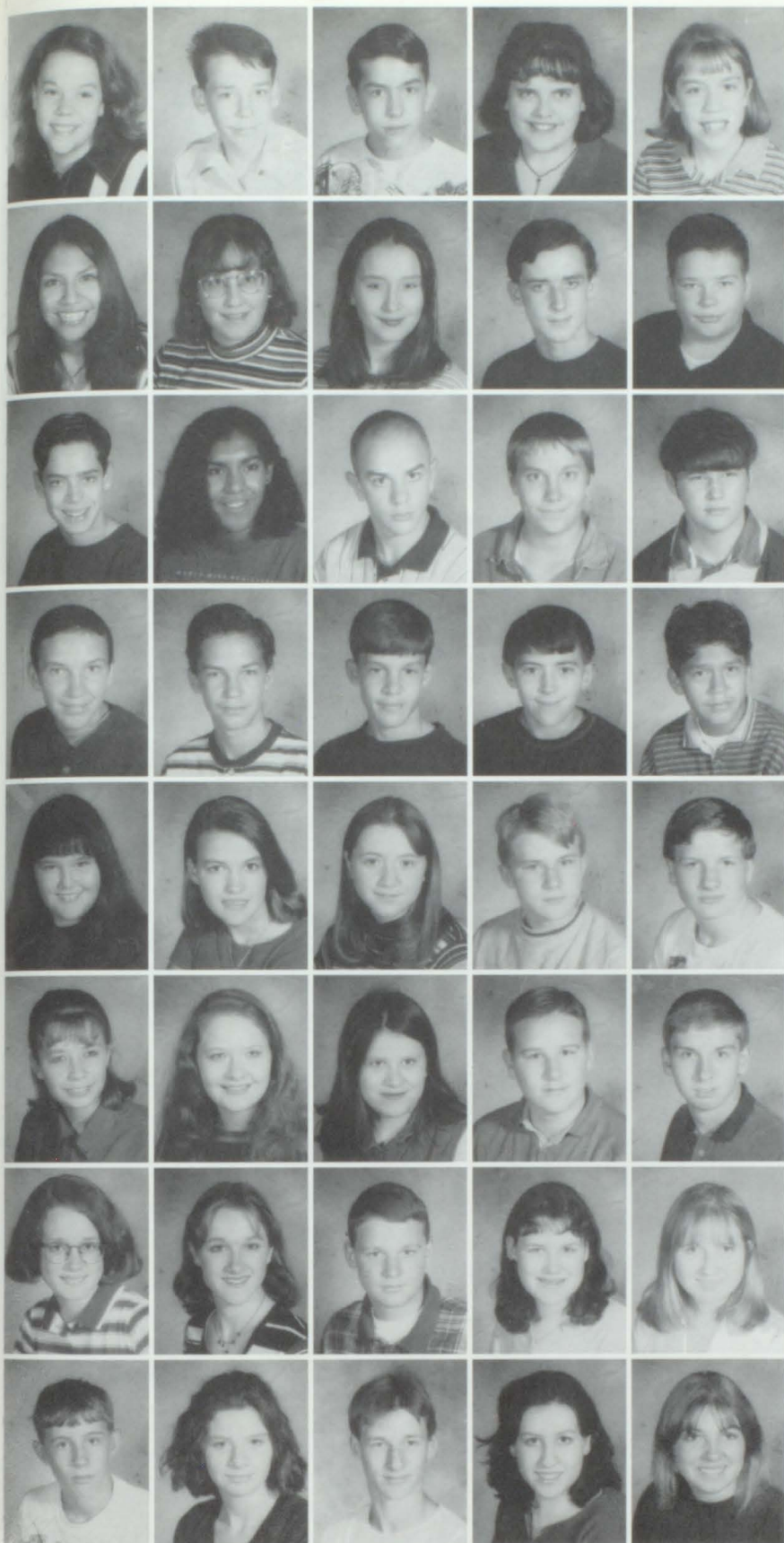


"Ice Cream"
Alena Jordan

"Forget homework on weekend."
Ursula Tresvan

"Girls that twirl their hair."
Jeff Heathman

"Spiders"
Paige Gatewood



Amber O'Brien
James Nunn
Nick Noah
Adrienne Neville
Jennifer Myers

Karen Muskart
Amanda Murray
Tiffany Mosley
Brad Morrison
Shane Morgan

Tony Morey
Arianna Morneo
Joe Moore
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Jeremy Montz

Levi Mittag
Lance Mittag
Brandon Millard
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Sarah McFarland
Andrea McClain
Richard McCarty
Matt McBride

Mary Mattingly
Michelle Matlock
Shila Martinez
Adam Martin
David Mariott

Tara Marion
Jessica Marcum
Brandon Mailes
Stacie Mahan
Rachelle Lynn

Eric Lowry
Stacy Linehan
Dale Lindsay
Jennifer Libby
Sashe Lewis

"I just want to scream when you're walking down the hall and somebody decides to stop right in front of you when you're not watching!"
Jennifer Libby

"When people act really ditzzy to impress someone. No one likes someone who is stupid!"
Tara Martin

"When I am carrying wood to our fireplace and a cricket that is real big falls in my hands."
Matt Leer

"When you ask a girl out and she says, 'I just want to be friends,' its like the ultimate way to hurt a guy's feelings."
David Mariott

"When people wear heavy makeup and totally mat their hair down and wear exposable clothing."
Tammy Smith

"Bananas in P.J."
Josh Walker

"Having classes with upperclassmen and they think they're better than you."
Allison Hunter

"Haunted Houses."
Michelle Guthrie

"Snakes"
Sarah Leathers

"Parents"
Robbie Boblett

"Soph. Girls."
Cory Knight

"Homework on the weekend"
Ryan Cholka

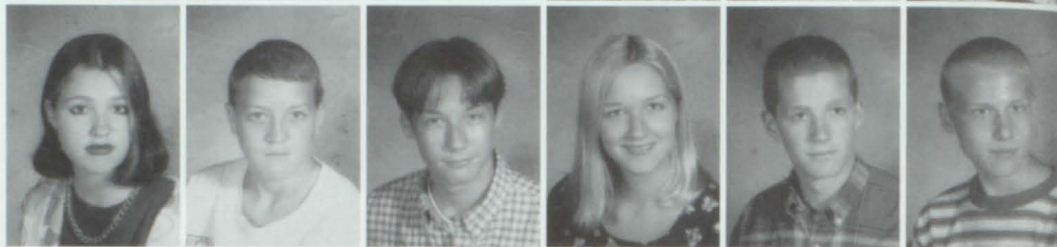
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Tasha Kershner
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Beth Kenny
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Rick Jones
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Gil Johnson
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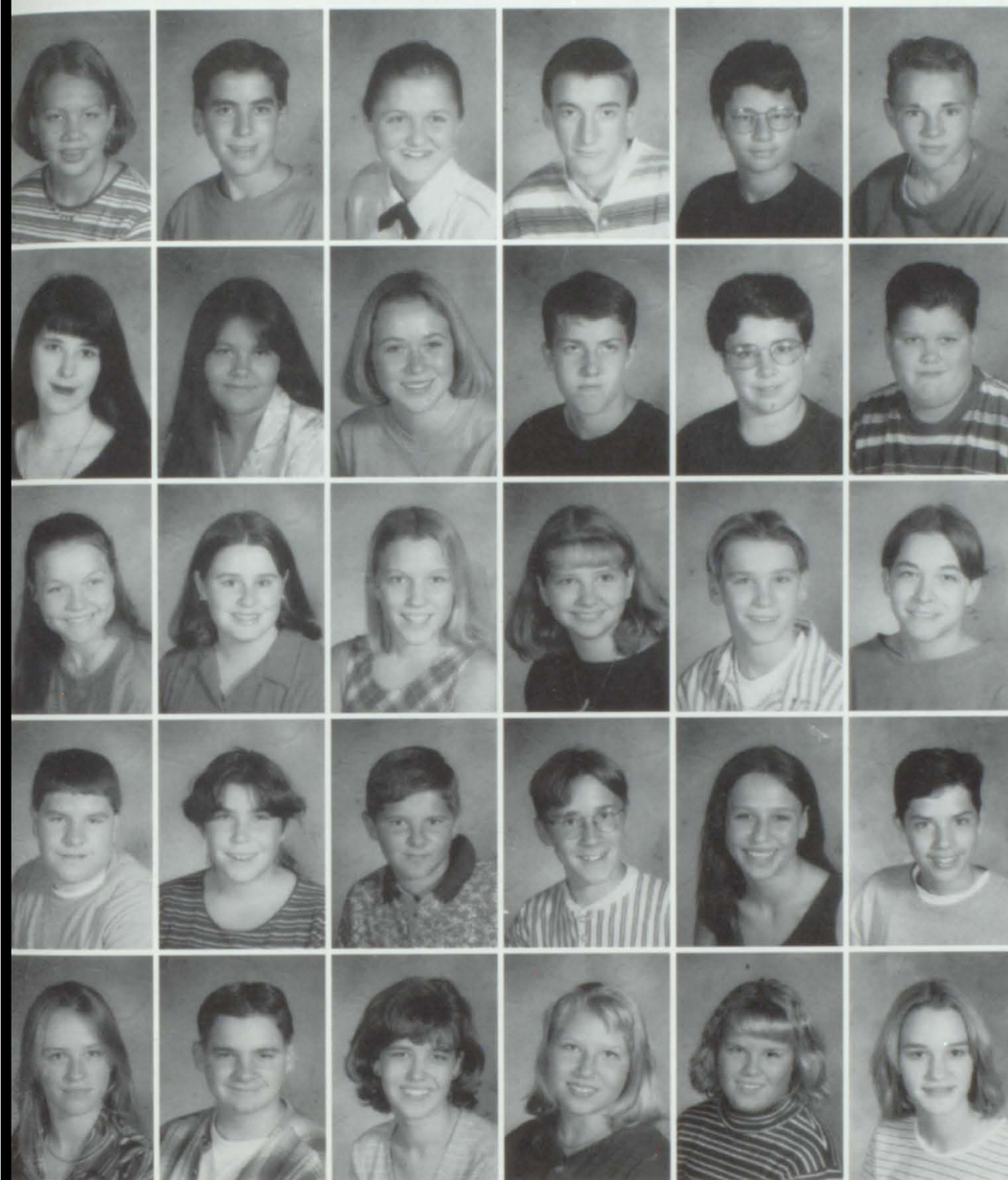
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Danny Hilst





Left: At a pep assembly, we wonder if this is Jeremiah Auch or another Cindy Crawford look alike?

Right: Halloween Jr. High Dance, Danica Burch is the typical teenager, while Beth Kenny poses like her normal self.



Sarah Hierholzer
Jesse Herrman
Chrystal Henson
Blake Henson
Jason Heifner
Jeff Heathman

J.J. Heathington
Matasha Harris
Lindy Hargett
Joey Hanna
Ryan Hammack
Josh Hall

Cassie Hale
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Sam Gorham
Sarah Goodhue
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Kris Goewert
LaQuesta Gillespie
Charles Gaudet

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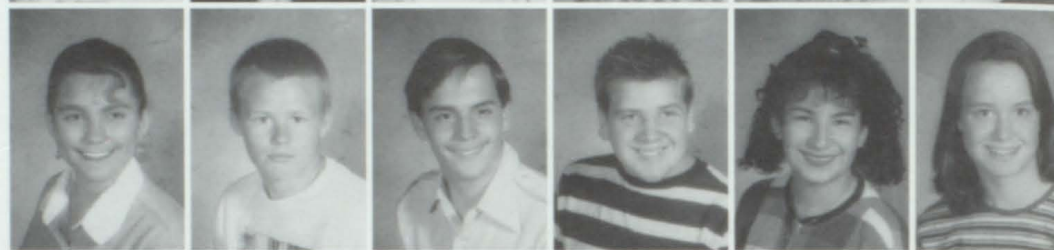
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Adam Daugherty
Paul Daniels
Elizabeth Curiel
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Justin Covey
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Casey Cotton
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Hannah Collins
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Ryan Cholka
Darrel Childers
Melissa Carter
Kelly Carter
Bobby Carr
Heather Burr



Telephone Time

In the Survey taken in the fall of 1996, 242 students responded in how much time they spent on the phone per day.

Here are the results:

128 Talk on the phone less than 1(one) hr.

81 Talk on the phone for 1-3 hours.

38 Talk on the phone for MORE than 3 hours.

The Class of 2000's
response to

Dating Hours

90 date an average of 1-2
times a week

21 date an average of 3 or
more times a week

46 are still waiting for the first
date

75 parents say no dating



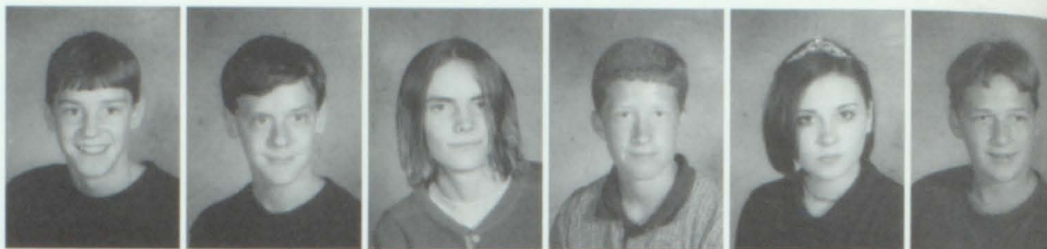
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Charity Bradshaw

Rusty Bradley
Macia Boylan
Porsha Boyce
Michael Boyce
Johnny Bowzer
Stephanie Bowers

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Ron Bonham
Seth Bommarito
Robbie Boblett
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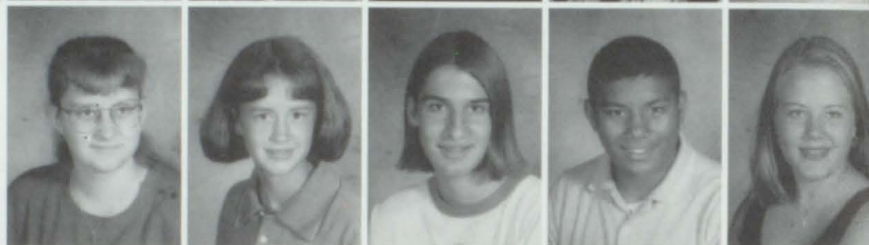
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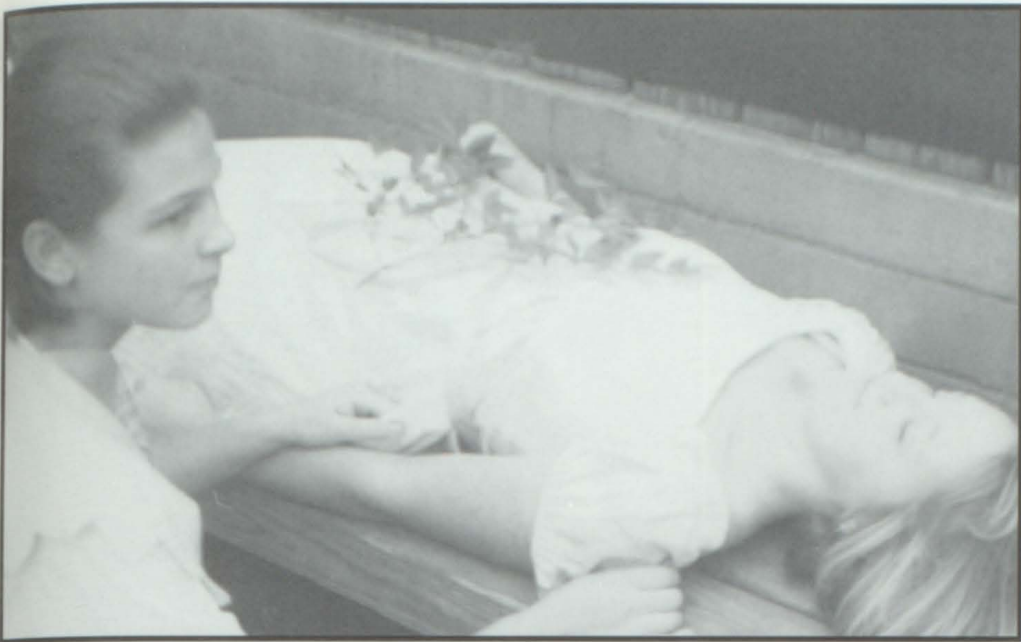
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Silas Allard
Scotty Albious
Elizabeth Ahsmuhs



No MOSHING in
the Jr. High
Bleachers, Nick!
What is David
Mariott thinking of
now?!!
Where's Ricky
Jones?
Silas, this is NOT
a rollar coaster!



Not pictured: Amy Turney,
Jeremy Summitt, Amanda
Sturgeon, Coy Spann, Greg
Roles, Tim Proctor, Max Prier,
Christy Pfaffmann, Ryan
Patton, Wendy Murphy, Buck
Marsh, William Hunniford,
Jason Haner, Shauna For-
ester, Natasha Faulkenberry,
James Earnhart, William
Copeland, Jenny Combs,
Nancy Cobb, Jared Beauvais



Left: Geri Russel & Barbie Hoover practice the death scene in Romeo & Juliet.

Middle left: Allison Hunter & Allisa Todd show that bad hair days are only part of being in band.

Middle right: The "King" and his court seem pretty happy at this Halloween Dance.

Bottom left: Interesting, very interesting thinks Elizabeth A. at a pep assembly.

Bottom right: Waiting on the Freshmen bleachers for another assembly has never been so FUN!!





8th grade Executive Committee: Jenny Burr, Tammy McNeill, Elizabeth Hailey, Wade Hampel, Brian Sides.



Adam Wynn
Tera Workman
April Woodall
Adrian Wood
Brice Wolgamott
Tyler Wilson



Aaron Willis
Mark Williams
Erin Williams
Daniel Williams
Justin Willet
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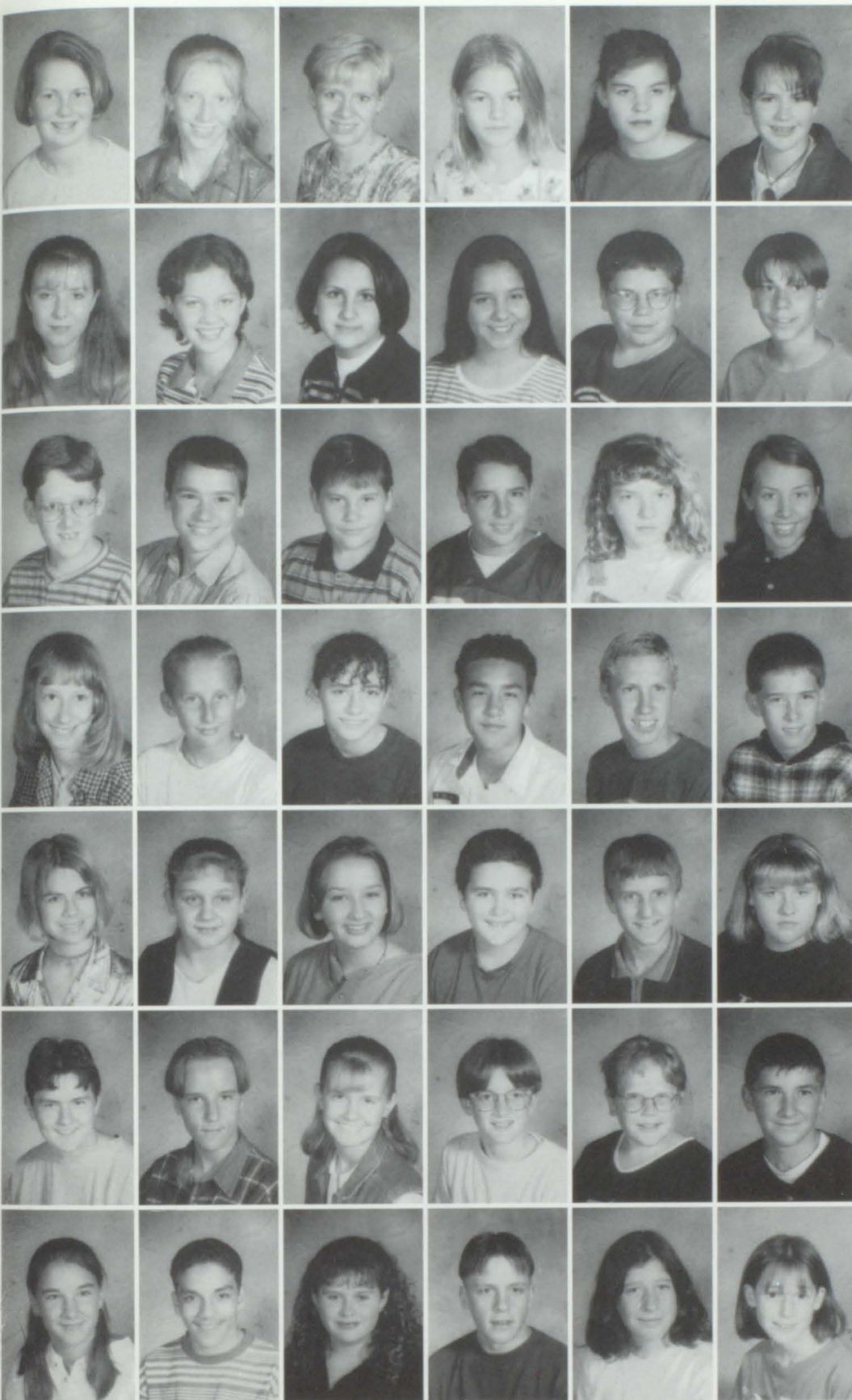


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Michelle White
Joe White
Lisa Whitcraft
Chelsie Welch
Amber Weems



Stephanie Wead
Amanda Watson
Shelby Wasson
Kayla Walton
Adam Wall
Brett Walker





Carrie Wagner
Ashley Vangorp
Erica Toumala
Heather Tracy
Hannah Tolbert
Alicia Thurman

Shawna Thomas
Shala Testerman
Taylor Tessmer
Cori Taylor
Phillip Swem
B.J. Strouss

Micheal Stier
John Stevenson
Rusty Stephens
Levi Steel
Ashley Southard
Valerie Snow

Shea Snelson
Billy Smith
Natasha Sissell
Cui Sierra
Brian Sides
Kevin Sharpe

Jessica Selsor
Kimberly Sells
Timber Seals
Mark Schuster
Vince Schoonover
Racheal Sanders

Gabe Sanders
Greg Sammons
Lacey Salsman
Matt Ruth
Matthew Russell
Wade Russell

Andrea Russell
Jonathan Rucker
Amanda Ruark
Anthony Rockrohr
Shilah Robertson
Kandy Reynolds

Erin Carey and Miranda Akin show that science can be fun as they proudly display their latest creation.



A quick hug from your friends and a smile gives you confidence to face the day.



Aaron Renfro
Jason Reeves
Jon Reed
Dreama Rector
Cliff Rebold
Kurtis Ratliff



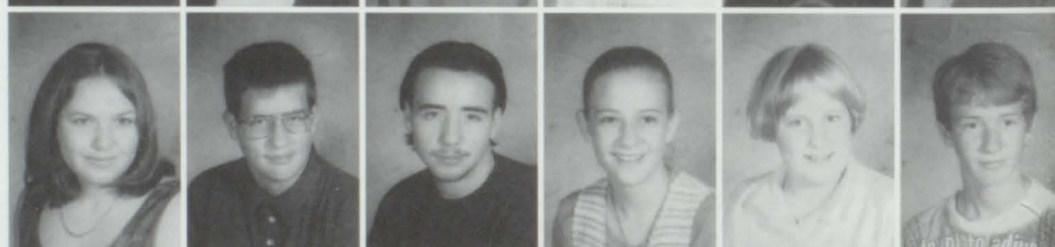
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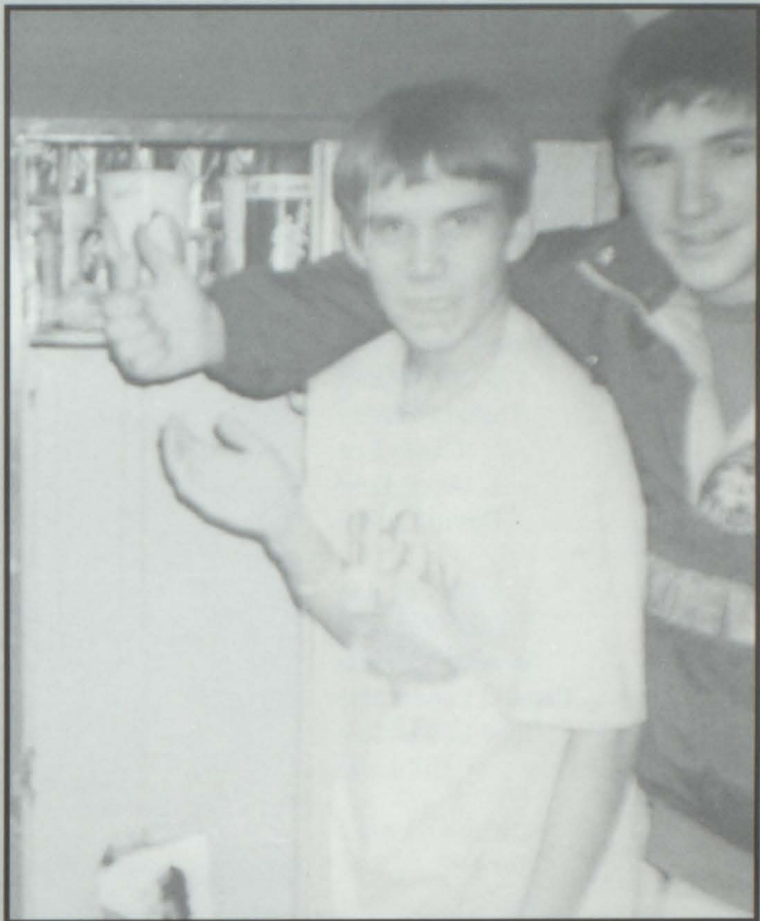
Mandy Muncy
Alisia Morrison
Cora Morgan
Dixie Moorehead
Amie Moore
Audrey Montez



What's In Your Locker??

We surveyed the 8th grade class and asked what the most unusual things in their lockers were. Here are the top 10:

10. Ticket stubs
9. Bug stickers
8. Happy meal toys
7. Dried weeds
6. Mass of tape shaped like an egg
5. Sheets
4. Flashlight
3. Small T.V.
2. Witchdoll
1. Airplane Emergency Instructions



Autumn Mobley
Blake Mittag
Rachell Mitchell
Kile Mitchell
Tim Miller

Hollie Millard
Jessica Mikeska
Justin Myer
Steven Melton
Tammy McNeill

Wesley McKay
Josh McHaffie
James Merideth
Tiffany McDonald
James McDaniel

Amanda McClintock
Byron Mayfield
Phillip Mattingly
Brandon Matlock
Shila Martinez
Jamie Martin



Stephanie Marshall
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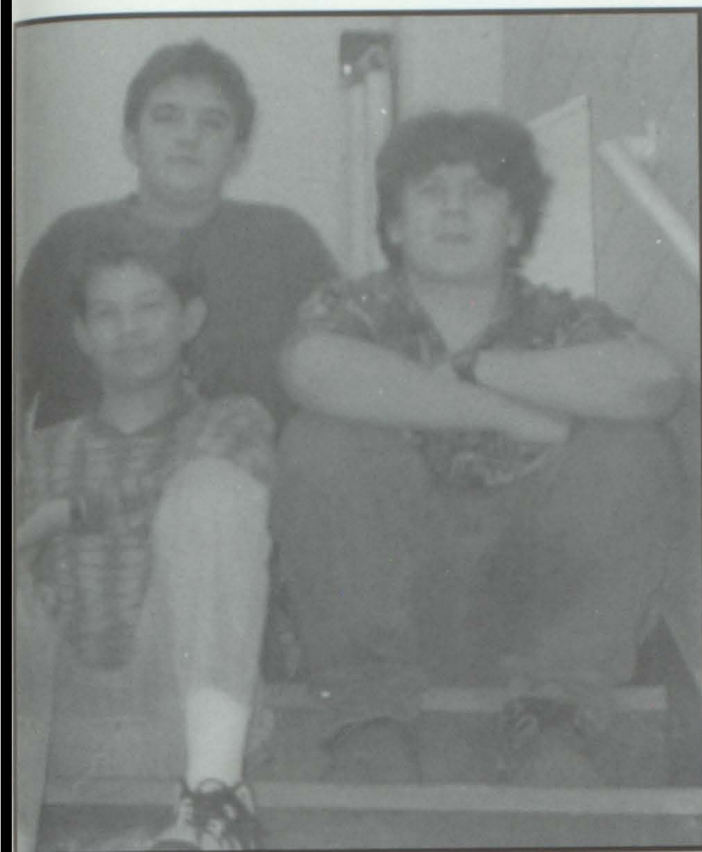


Nick Layman
Sarah Lawson
Amanda Lawson
Patricia Lauderdale
Chad Lauderdale
Bill Latta



Above: These two are definitely up to no good, no one can look this happy in class, can they?

Below: These guys have found the perfect place to take a break from class and hide from their teacher.



Brandon Lantz
Lindsay Langland



Trisha Lane
Jeffrey Lamontia



Amanda Kuhn
Gary Kroll



Melissa Knight
Josh Kissel



Cassie Kinnear
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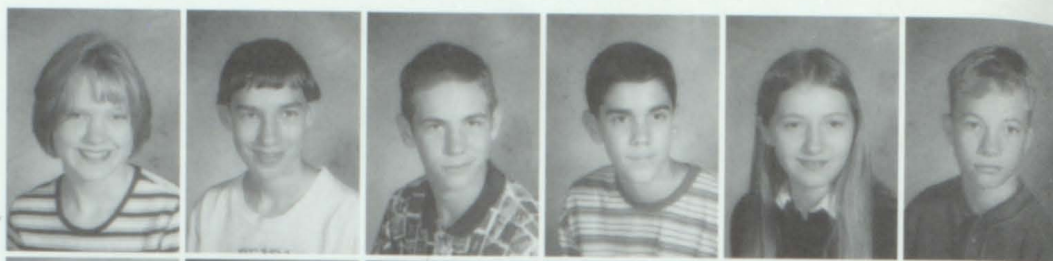


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Stuart Jeffers



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Keara Janisch
Charles Jacobs
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T.J. Hunt
David Humphreys

Morgan House
 Andy House
 Josh Holloway
 Tim Haupt
 Jessica Hathaway
 Joe Hatfield



Mellissa Harris
 Jennifer Harper
 Ben Harp
 Mike Harms
 Michelle Harmon
 Robert Hanschu



Wade Hampel
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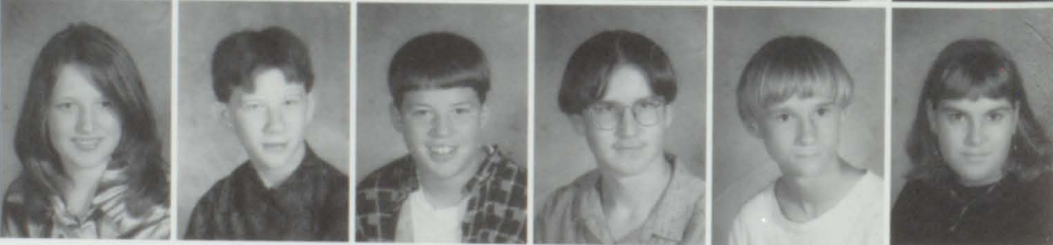
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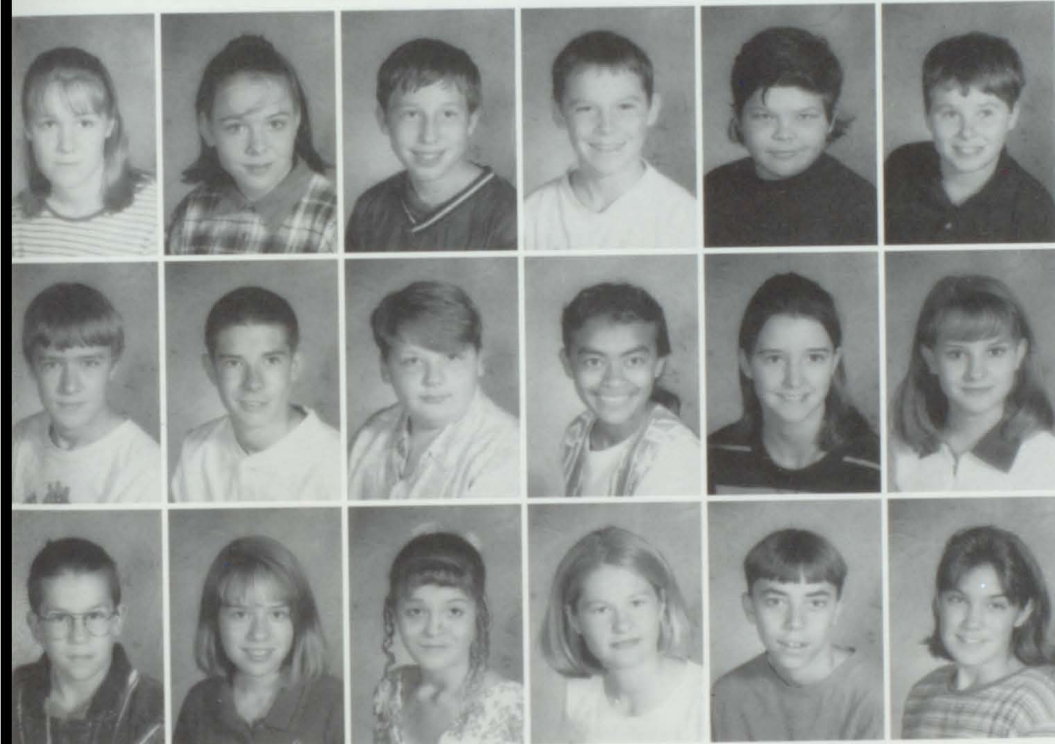
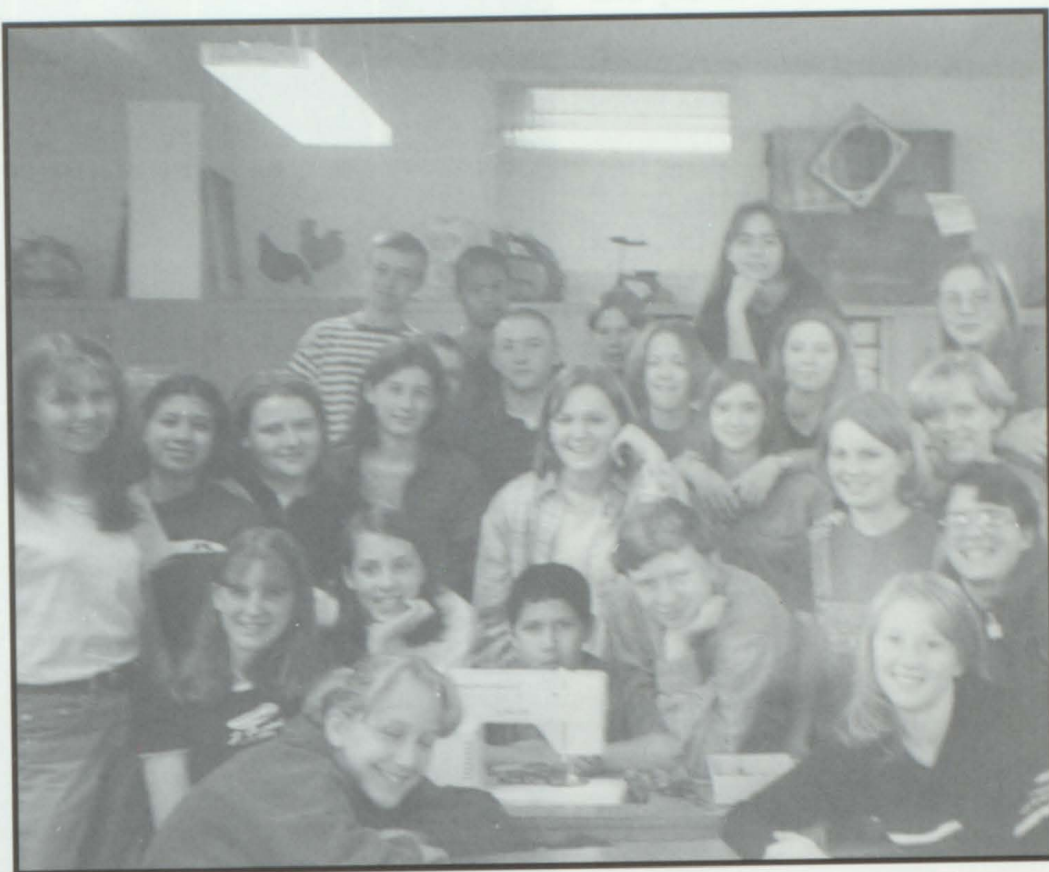
Melisse' Durbin
 Steve Dunaway
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 Jeremy Dry
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elow: Tammy McNeill shows off
r excellent seamstress abilities.



A feeling of accomplishment, these students are taking a quick break from sewing and getting ready to go home.

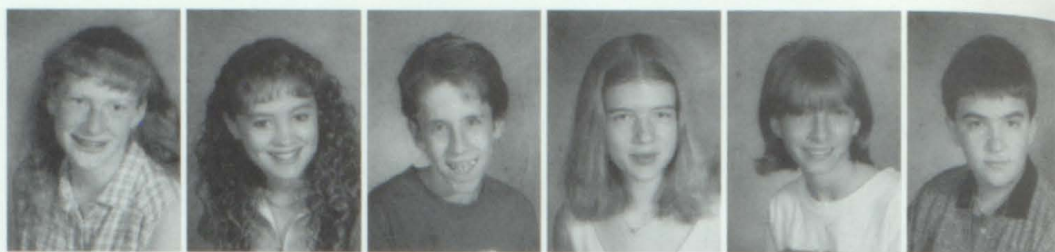


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Holly Carver
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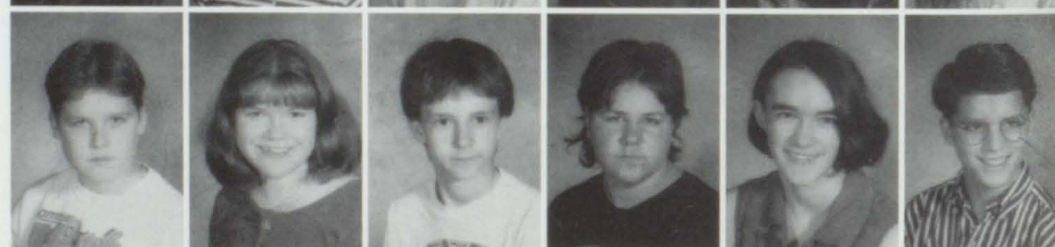
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Jessica Bogle
Chuck Bock



Future Plans

Do you have big dreams and plans for the years to follow High School? We surveyed you to find out just what those plans were. Here is what you told us:

- Go to college and get a degree in Meteorology.
- Adopting twin girls.
- Graduating, staying single and INDEPENDENT!!
- Getting married and having a job because I want a life.
- Going into the military.

- Going to college on a scholarship, I hope!
- Going to become a doctor
- Go to college so that I can get money.
- Become a Marine Biologist.
- Join the Circus!!!



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Jon Bates
Tamara Barrett

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Joel Baker
Kellie Baird

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Lori Allen
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Miranda Akin
Kristy Adams
Stephen Abernathy

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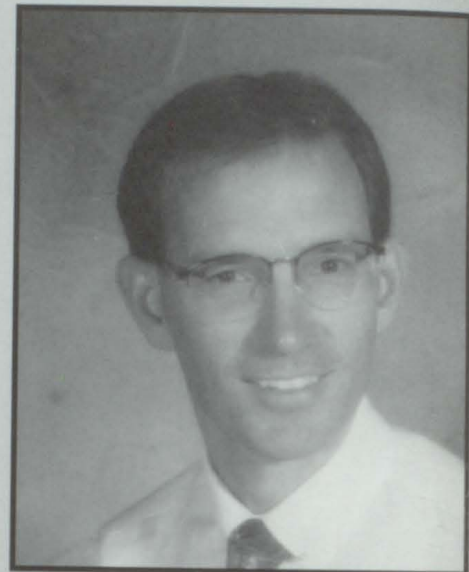
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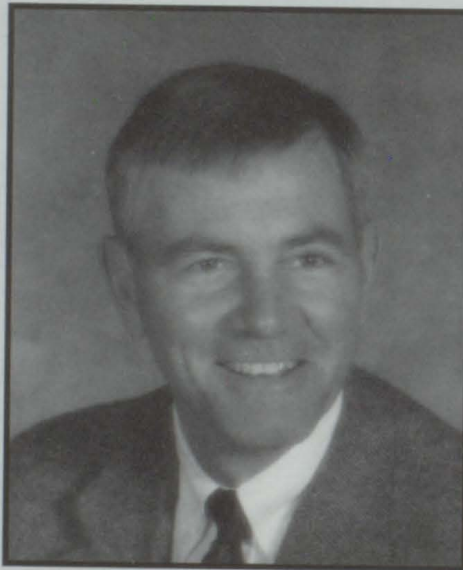
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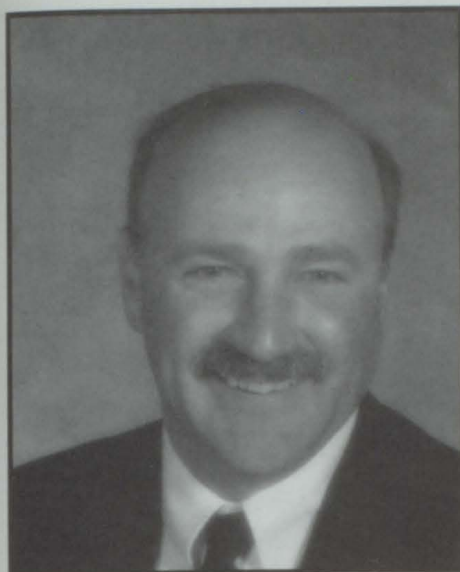




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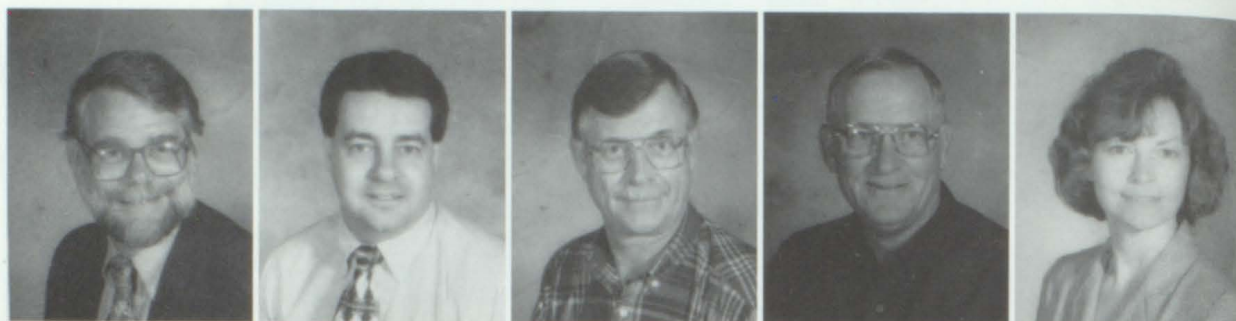


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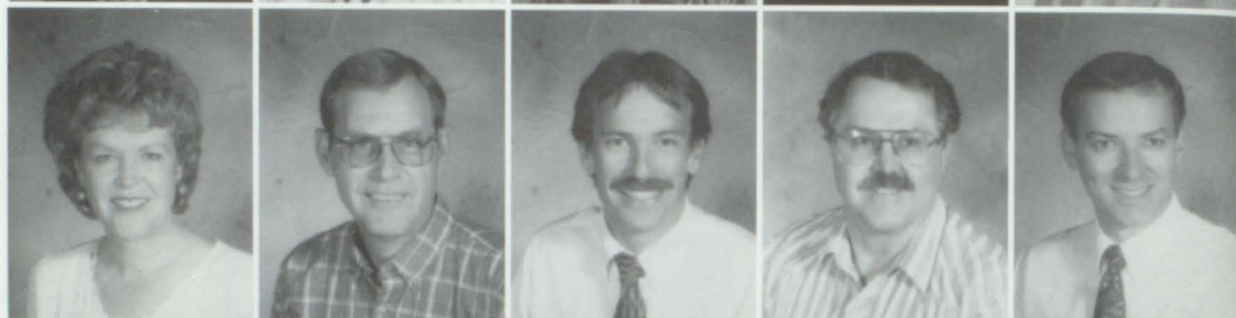
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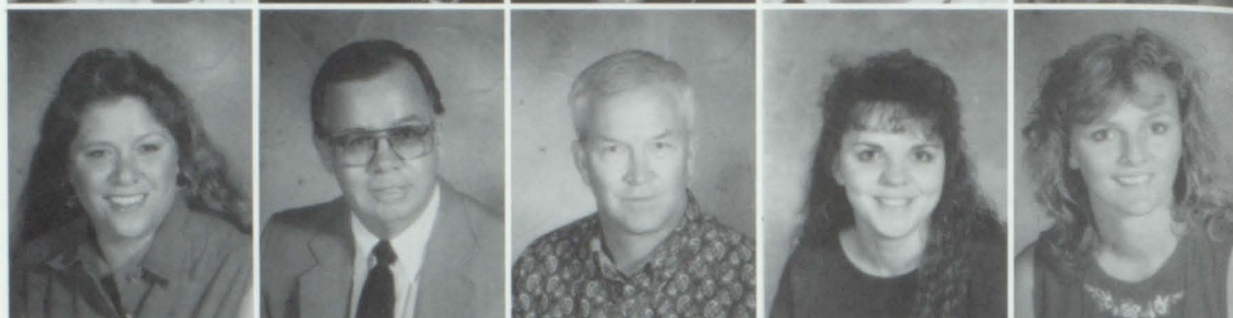
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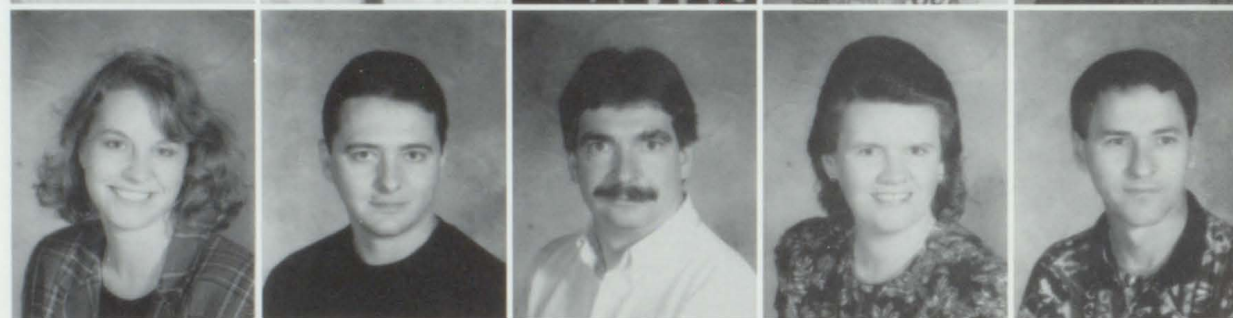
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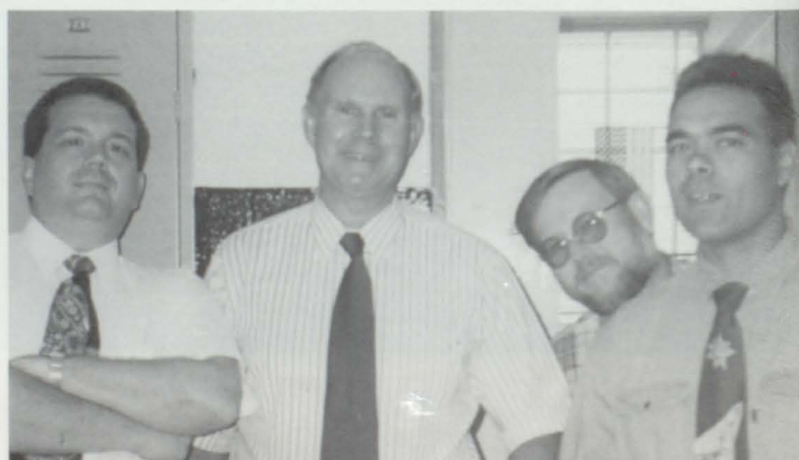
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Mrs. Kleibocker is all
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explanation of
English.





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Shannon Taylor
Assistant Superintendent's Sec.
Jodi Sappington
Central Office Treasurer
Cindy Pruitt
H.S. Attendance Sec.

Kathi Olson
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Sharon Meredith
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Beverly Lewis
Jr./Sr. High Special Ed. Aide
Jeanne Hailey
High School Secretary

Jacque Faulkner
Trans./Maintenance Sec.
Kristi Enloe
Central Office Bookkeeper
Garry Clark
Jr./Sr. High Security
Nancy Chesnut
Jr. High Secretary

Judy Brown
Jr. High Secretary
Ginger Bridges
High School Receptionist
Linda Brewner
High School Guidance Sec.
Beverly Bowers
Food Service Director



Judy Lawson
Maintenance



Jerry Williams
Maintenance



Kim Dilday
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Terri Burton
Central Office Sec.

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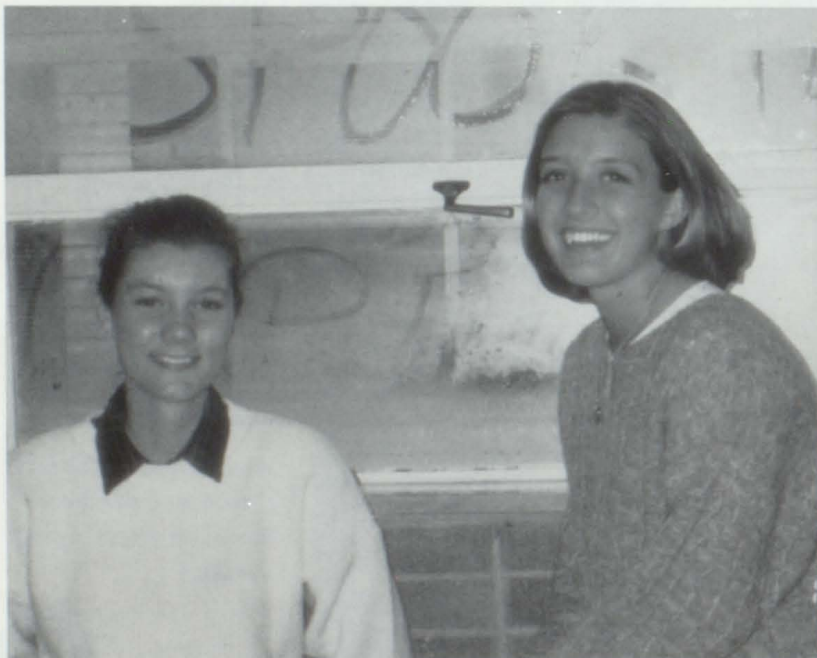
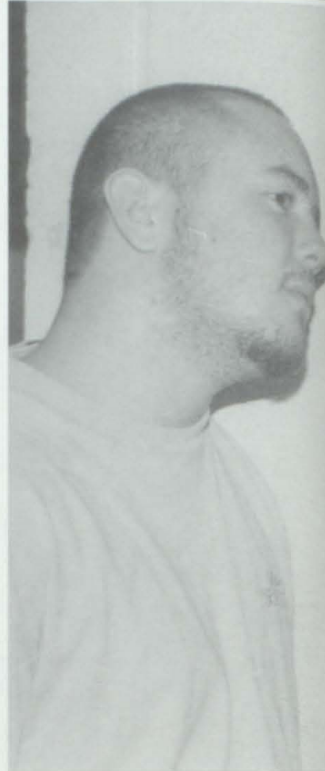
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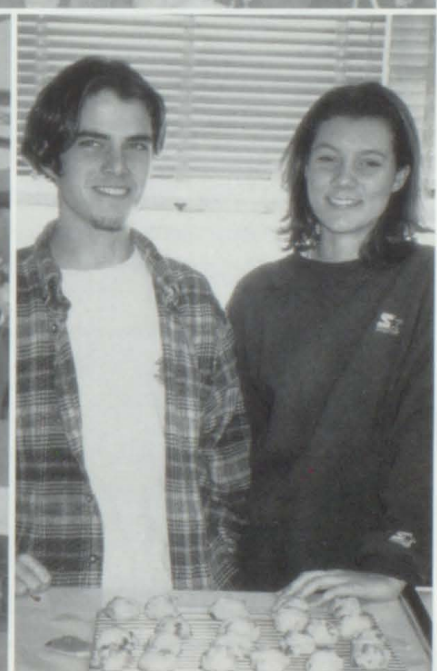
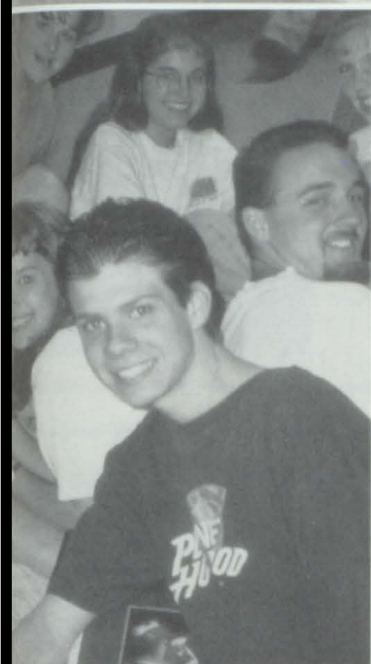
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Anthony,
We are very proud of you
and all of your accom-
plishments. Be the very
best you can be in all your
endeavors and always re-
member God in your life.
With all of love,
Mom + Dad
Matt + Joe

Rile-

Nobody is
prouder of you
than we are. Re-
member your up-
bringing and you
can go far.

We love you!
Mom & Dad



GREG
PALMERSHEIM
CLASS OF *97

Dobber,
Skoozi! Beans and Rice. Congrats Nerdboy, knew
you had the staying power. Keep on riding to the
finish line first. With all your talents, both mental and
physical, your greatest accomplishments are yet to
come. Keep standing proud and true, the world could
use a role-model like you. Keep laughing. 45683968,
GEEKGIRL AND THE DAD.



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"To our baby-gotta love her"

*We're very proud of you for who you are and
who you'll become. You've had a lot of homes
in your seventeen years but always keep the
memories in your heart.*

Love- Dad, Amy, and Brad

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Congratulations Jared!
You've made it! Enjoy
the days and years to
come. May God bless all
you do.

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, Chandra,
Abbey & Brooke



Christy-
I am very proud of the beau-
tiful person you have be-
come. Keep reaching for
your goals and you will have
the world at your hands. I
love you and wish the best of
everything the future holds
for you.

Love,
Mom

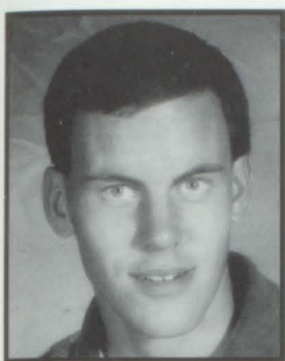


OUR SON, WE LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU



Greg-
From the day you were born you were special. So smart, so sensitive, and so good. It was so much fun to watch you. As you grew you became your own person with your own ideas and ways. It was so exciting to watch you. As you grew more you became more independent... still special, smart, sensitive, and good. We are proud of everything you are and want you to know that we love everything about you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Carolynn,

There's no greater blessing from heaven above than the gift of a daughter to cherish and love. Congratulations!

*Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Paulette*

Heather-

We are so proud of the "Great" person you have become in the first 17 years, we know the future only holds bigger and better things ahead!

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, & B.J.



**Jeffery,
Good luck and
happiness to
your future.
Congratulations!**

**We love you,
Mom, Dad, and
Tiffany**



*Dear Samantha,
You'll always be my little
girl. You're destined for
great things in life.*

Love Mom

**SAMANTHA
RICHARDSON
CLASS OF 1997**



Michael,
We are so proud of the young man you have become. I know your father would have been very proud of you, too. We love you and will always be here for you.

Mom and Ed

*Jamie,
We are so proud of you! We
know that with your kind
heart, beautiful smile and
the Lord leading your life
you will reach your goals.
Love you lots,
Mom & Dad*



Dear Casey!

"Sugar and Spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of." We're very proud to call you our daughter! You have made many Milestones behind you with many yet to conquer. We wish you happiness and success.

Love-Mom and Dad



Chip,

You have become a very special man. One with loyalty and honesty to others. We are very proud of you. Keep God #1 in your life and nothing can stop you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



To a very special girl in our life, our daughter Tracy,
May life bless you and smile on you forever....

Love,
Dad & Mom

Tracy Sinclair

It seems like only yesterday
You came into this world,
A picture of perfection
Mom and Daddy's little girl.
Now you're a young lady
Your high school days behind
Your off to set the world on fire
And see what you can find.
Life is an adventure
Out there lies your world
But no matter where you travel-
You are still our little girl.

Sarah
Marie
Crocker



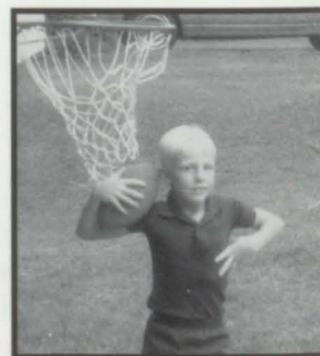
Tyler Walker Swift

Congratulations!

Your Family

Riley,
We can't believe how fast you have grown up. We are so proud of the person you have become. We hope all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Shelly





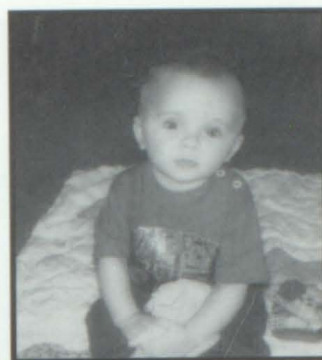
Jean-

From birth to childhood, from gradeschool to graduation, your heart and soul are the only things that can compare with your beauty and your grace.



"Many daughter's do noble things, but you surpass them all."
Proverbs 31:26

How we love you,
Mom, Mike, &
Elizabeth



Dustin-

You have always been the joy in my life. I love you dearly.

Love,
Mom

DUSTIN MASTERS



Jason- From the time you were very young, you have had a strong desire to learn. You have always tried to do your best, and you are a fine young man with a promising future. Always try to do your best and remember-you are never alone. God is always with you, and we will be there to support you and encourage you in your endeavors.

Love- Mom and Dad



Dear Kim,

We've had our hard times, but you made it, & we are proud of you.
Love you much!
(We said it first)
Mom & Mike (Dad)

Kimberly Lodrup



Tracy-Flossie
Well Congratulations!!!
You finally made it. My last one. We wish nothing, but the best for you. May all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you.
Best Wishes!

Love,
Mom, Travis, & Toby



Lindsay-

How quickly the years have "rolled" by! Our precious little girl has turned into a lovely young lady, and we are so very proud of you.

Congratulations
and Good luck!

Our love always,
Mom, Dad,
And Dusty

Lindsay Franks



Jeremy,
It's really hard to believe it's been 18 years since you came into our lives. We are very proud of you. We know you will keep making us proud. It has been a joy watching you grow up. You will be in our hearts forever.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandpa E, Grandma E, & Tonya

David,
We are very proud of you and what you've accomplished in your life so far. Keep your goals high and always strive to do your best in everything you do. Remember-we're always here when you need us -
We love you!
Dad, Mom, & Tammy



Jeri Lynn,
You'll always be my baby girl. Daughters are all beautiful in the eyes of mom, but real beauty comes from within the heart, and you are truly a beautiful daughter and sister. We're all very proud of you and wish you a happy and fulfilling life. Congratulations!
We love you
Mom, Holly, and Heather
P.S. GERAL Remember curfew (famous quote)



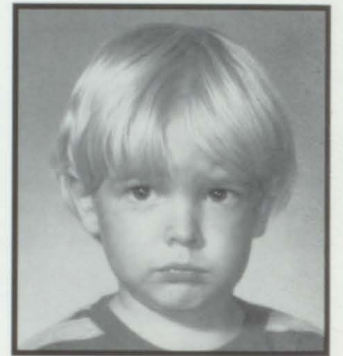
"Spirit is an invisible force made visible in all life"
-Mary Angelou
Congratulations Sarah!
We are so proud of you. You have a beautiful spirit. Your dreams will come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad

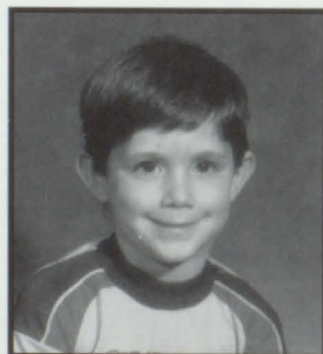


Nick,
Congrats to you from Mom and Dad. You're happy we assume. It's time to get ready for college life...
So would you please go clean your room!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Mark-
Where have these 18 years gone! We are so proud of the person you have become. Set your goals, work hard and there is nothing you can't achieve.
Love,
Mom, Mike, Paula, and Lauren



Anna,
This is the end of one phase of your life and the beginning of a new. Keep your eyes on your goal and do your best and life will be a success. We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Rocky,
We are very proud of you. You will always have our love and support. 'I think I can, I think I can, I know I can.'
We know you can!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Andy & Jessy
X & O

**NIKI,
WE HOPE YOUR
SMILE OPENS MANY
DOORS, AND YOUR
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NESS FOLLOWS YOU
THROUGHOUT
YOUR LIFE!**

LOVE MOM AND DAD



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Mandy,
Congratulations!
You made it! We are very
proud of you. Keep your
faith in God and you'll
have a happy life.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Matthew



*Christine,
Seems like yesterday you were a
little girl, now look at you, all
grown up. We're very proud of
you. You have come a long way
and much further to go. Keep
God with you always and you
will reach your farthest goals in
life.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

Nick- Wow! What a son! You've
been a great joy to us and we look
forward to watching you con-
tinue to grow and mature into the
young man that God intends you
to be! You have a good personal-
ity and a wonderful sense of hu-
mor and we are very proud of
you! May God richly bless you
and always remember:

We love you-
Mom, Dad, and Natalie



Robert - You have succeeded
in many accomplishments.
You have a full and exciting
life ahead of you. With your
capabilities, you can achieve
your goals. Just remember that
I am always here for you. You
are my pride and joy and I am
very thankful to call you my
son.

I love you,
Mom



**WHERE IS THE LITTLE
BOY I CARRIED? WHERE
IS THE LITTLE BOY AT
PLAY? I DON'T REMEM-
BER GROWING OLDER...
WHEN DID THEY?**

**CONGRATULATIONS
RAY!**

FROM DAD AND MOM



*Charity,
You've always seemed to be
"into" something! If it wasn't the
kitchen cabinet, then it's been
volleyball, basketball, student
council, class officer, National
Honor Society, Honor Roll,
Choraleers, ... The list could go
on and on!*

*You have made us so very proud!!
All our love,
Mom & Dad*

Joey - It seems it was only yester-
day we brought you home our 5
lb. bundle of joy and 18 years
later you have continued to be a
joy to our family. I know what-
ever goals you set for yourself
you will achieve. Just a little hard
work and that grin! You can ac-
complish anything. We are so
proud of you.

Congratulations!
Love - Mom & Dad



Tod,

It seems like just yesterday we were putting you on the bus for Kindergarten, where did the years go? We're so very proud of you. You've turned into quite the youngman.

**We love you so much!
Mom & Dad**



TOD SMITH

**CLASS OF
1997**

Christine,

You made it. I am so proud of you. Continue to reach for the stars. You can do all that you desire. Keep God first in your life. I hope all your dreams come true in life because you are my dream come true. I love you more each and everyday. You have become a beautiful young lady. -Mom-



Kate-Thirteen years ago, I sent you off to school wondering if you were ready; now, I send you off into the world, wondering if the world is ready! From pigtails, blue jeans, and t-shirts; your sunny smile, soft heart, and hard head have been constant. Go and chase your dreams; but don't let the world dim your smile, harden your heart, or soften your head. Remember that your brother and I are so proud of you- and we will always be here for you. Love and support always, Mom and Scott

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You've made us very proud. We have enjoyed watching you grow and accomplish so much. Keep God in your heart- Be happy- Enjoy Life-

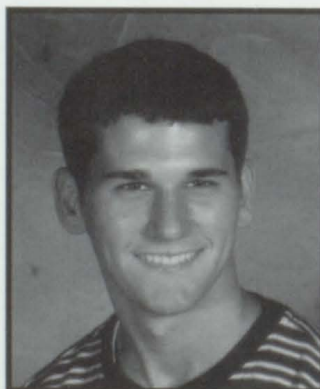
*Love,
Dad, Mom, Travis,
Abby, & Ethan*



**Tony Morrow
Class of 1997**

Best Wishes,

**Tons
Tony Mo
T-Man &
Nonny**



**We love you,
Dad, Mom, Pat,
Shelly, Alec, Kevin,
Jana, Kev V., &
Chris**





Jeannie-

Even at an early age your love for others large and small shines through. You always make me proud!

Love
Dad

Helen-

Yesterday is but a dream
Unchangeable and gone.
Tomorrow is your vision
and still not even born.
But today is yours to live
Its treasure's now to use,
And it can be your best day
You alone can choose.
We're so proud of you!
Love- Mom, Dad, and Cassie



Sweet Shelbi,

You have made the past 18 years the very best for us and all your family! Your sweet and beautiful smile has always given our lives sunshine and happiness. We wish you the best of everything; especially health and happiness. So, enjoy life to it's fullest and know that we are always here for you.

Congratulations!

All our love - Mom and Larry



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Sarah~
On May 11,
1979, a dream
came true-a
daughter like
you. I'm very
proud of you.

Love,
Mom



Charla:

Persons of ability such as you Believe there's nothing they can't do. Nurture your successes thus far earned. Make the most of lessons to be learned. Think not of failure as a setback or defeat. But as another challenge you must meet. Carry always a gentle spirit in your heart o that you and joy are never far apart.

Love, Mom and Howard

Dearest Carey...You started out as such a quiet little girl, the sweetest-natured child we ever saw. But though your sweet spirit has remained, your voice has grown rich as you use it in song, humor, leadership, and praise to your Lord. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. A #1 debater but, more importantly, a wonderfully, precious young lady. Our love, Mom & Angie



Dane-
CONGRATULATIONS!

I hope we have given you a firm and sound foundation that will allow you to continue to grow and find peace and happiness within your heart.

Love, Your Family



Rodney - You have achieved one of the most important goals in your life and there's a whole world out there to explore. Don't ever stop dreaming, because you have the ability to make those dreams come true. Just be yourself, an individual in any and everything that you do for the rest of your life. You have grown to be a wonderful young man, and you have made me proud to be your mom.
Love - Mom



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"Thursday's child has far to go".... and I know you will. Keep smiling!

Love,
Mom

Our Dearest Tina,
Here is our best advice for your future: 1. Keep God the head of your life. 2. Don't "over-tax" your guardian angels. 3. Always follow your dreams, and remember we love you forever.
Mom & Dad



Lisa,
Since you are the oldest child you've had to go thru all the 1st trials of your parents. You've done well, thanks for all your patience & understanding. You'll always be our precious little girl! Keep Jesus 1st!
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Roxanne -
Congratulations! As you go through life there will be many ups & downs. Follow your dreams-reach for the stars-There is no goal you cannot reach. Always remember we will be there for you. We love you!

Mom & Dad



Dear Brittany,
No shoes, a good book, a comfortable place to read--with these 3 things you've traveled far, and made us proud, indeed! Now go! Create! Anticipate all that's ahead of you. Know you're loved by God above and by your family, too!

Congratulations, Britt!
Mom, Dad, James, Ben, & Becky



Amanda- You have reached a very important milestone in your life. We have talked about this many times through our tears. We both agree this is a mixture of happy times and also a sad time. As you begin a new adventure in your life always remember we will always be here for you. We have watched you grow into a beautiful young woman. Please don't give up on your dreams and don't ever be afraid to reach for the stars. We are so very proud of the person you are today and your accomplishments.
Love You--Mom, Dad, Michael, and Casey



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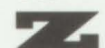
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As you take "A Backwards Glance" at the 1996-97 school year and reflect on the events of that time, we hope you have good memories of the time you spent at NHS. You will remember many things, but as years pass and memories fade things will also be forgotten or at best become questionable. We hope this book will bring memories into focus and serve as a history book of the year. It will be fun to look at upon delivery, but the meaningful opportunities will be in 10, 20 and even 40 years from now. Today is just the beginning and you think that you have all the time in the world to accomplish your goals, but "Life is Short, Play Hard".

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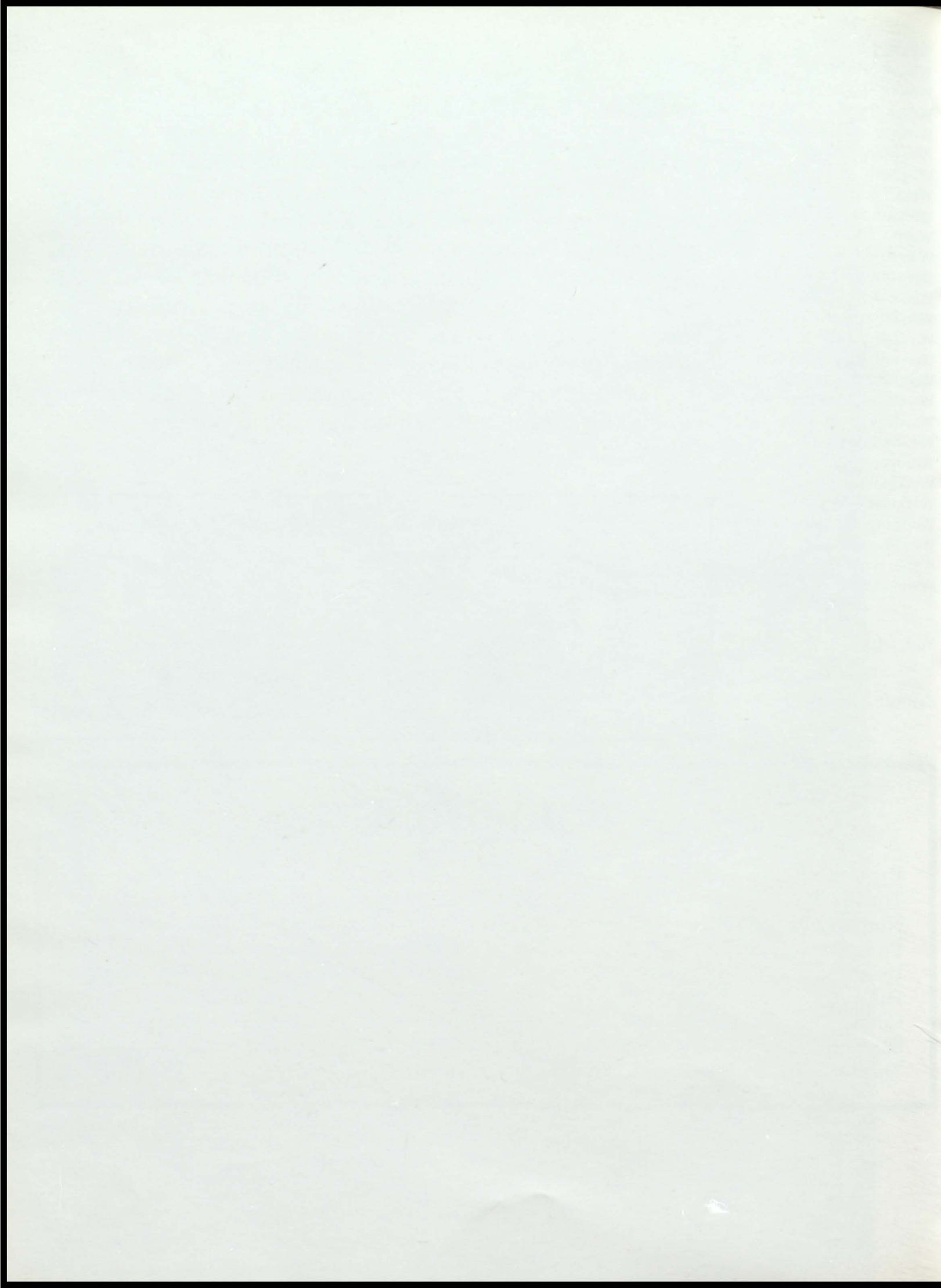
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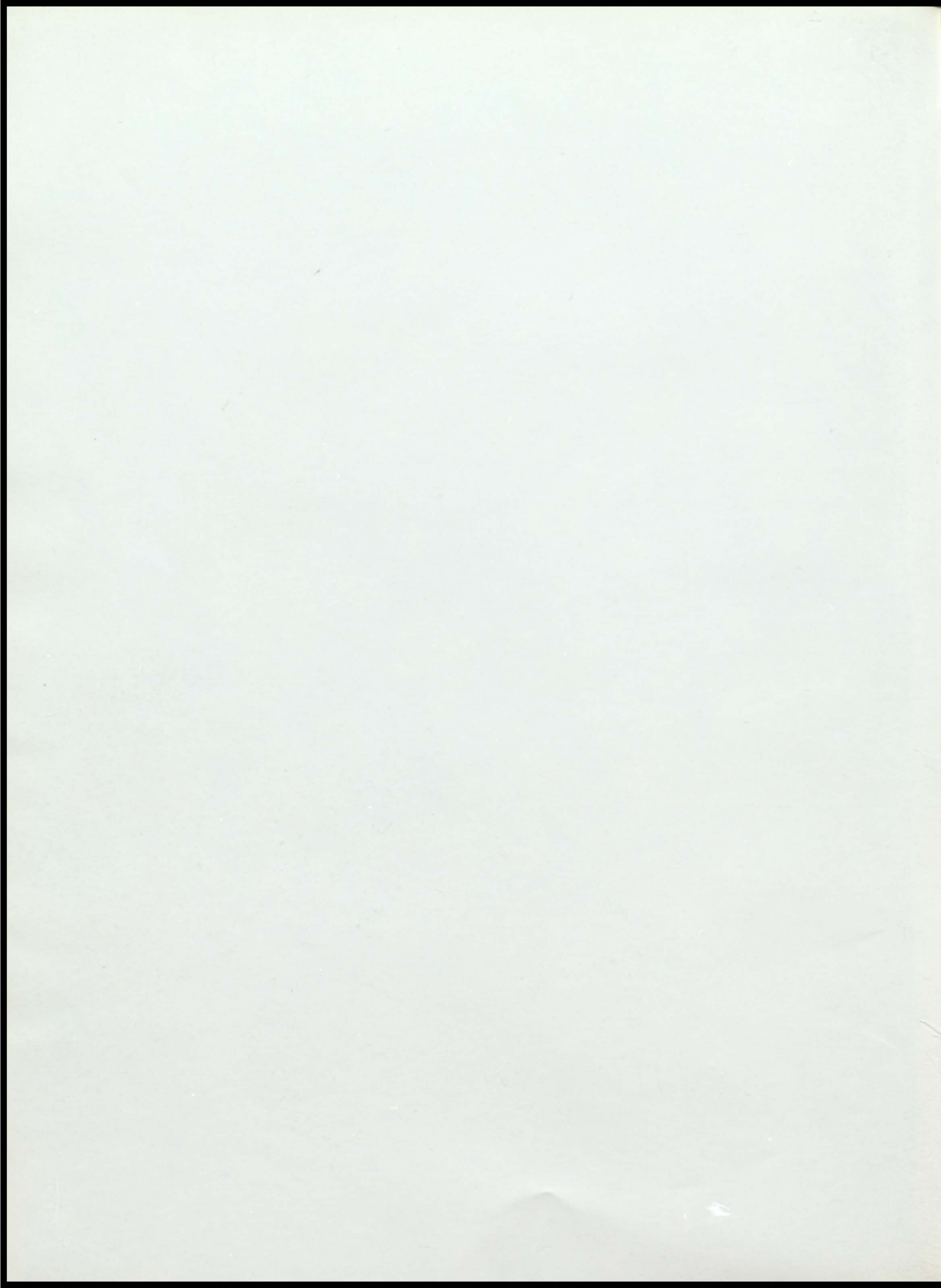
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.



Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.



A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



AP/Wide World



Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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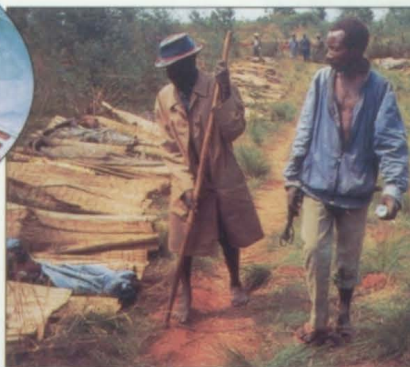
Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



AP/Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

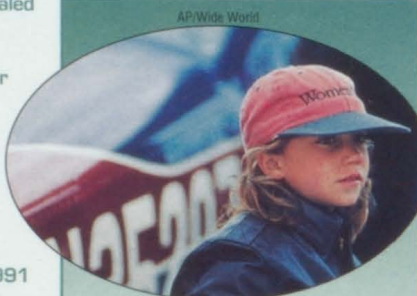
After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

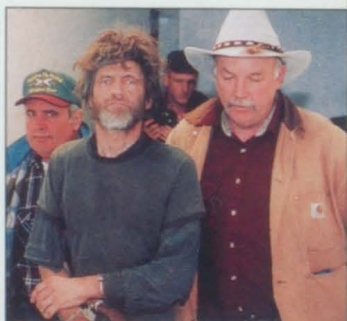
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.

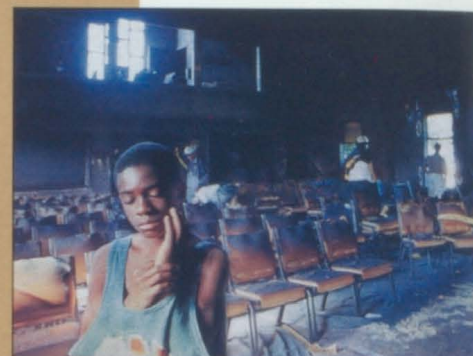


Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.




One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.






Reuters/Archive Photos


 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




AP/Wide World

 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.




AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




AP/Wide World

 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.





Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



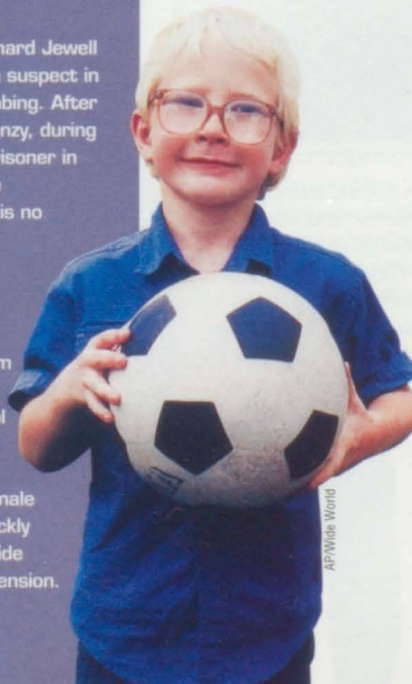
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 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison



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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

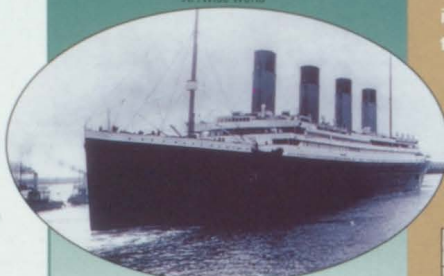
A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited

Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

AP/Wide World



An expedition to raise the

Titanic, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.



NASA



In August, scientists discover evidence of

bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



NASA



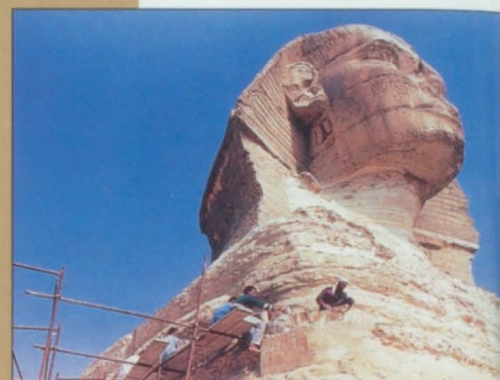
American astronaut

Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.



Egyptians begin work to

preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA



The Mars

Surveyor Trolley, named *Sojourner*, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. *Sojourner*, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.



Satellite dishes

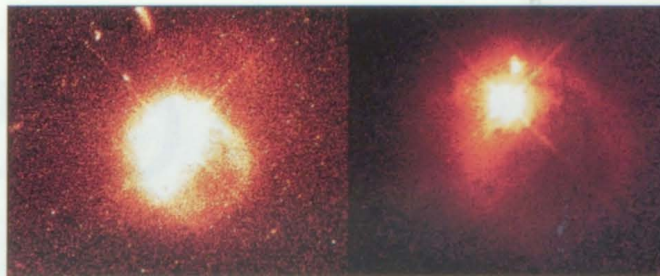
become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.



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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium, Photography by Randy Wilder



California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



AP/Wide World

Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



O-Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.



Smithsonian Institution

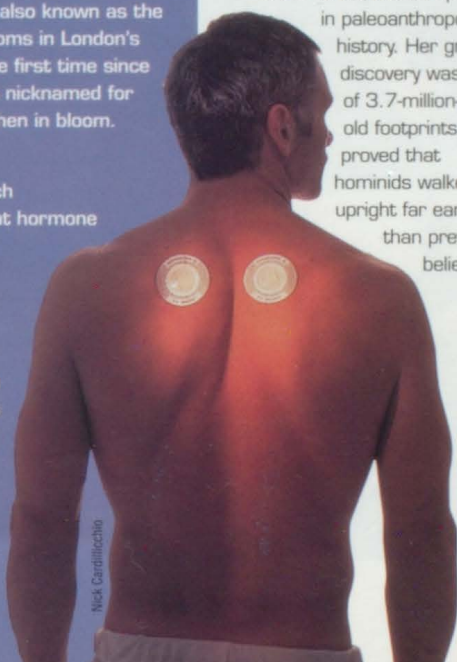
The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.



AP/Wide World

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Castiglione

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.


Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison



 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.




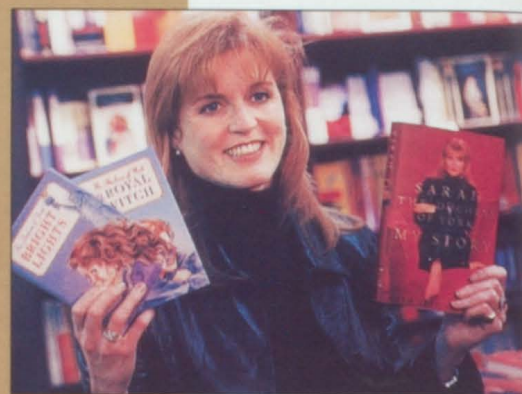
Steve Granite, Retna



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 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.


 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.





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 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



AP/Wide World



Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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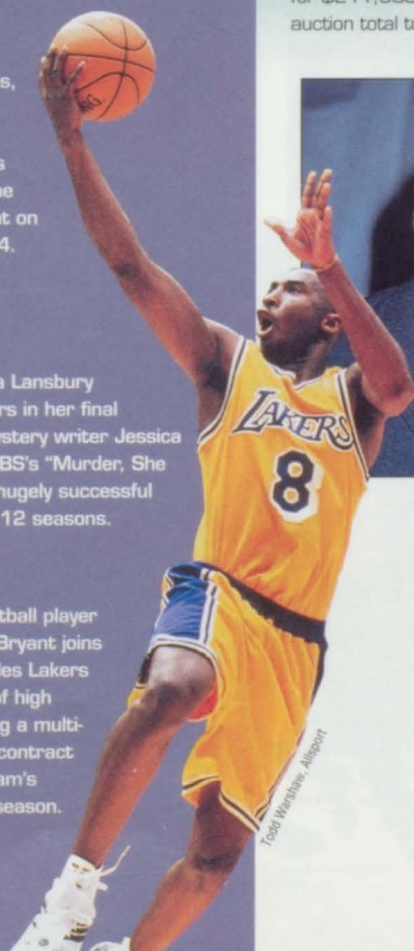
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



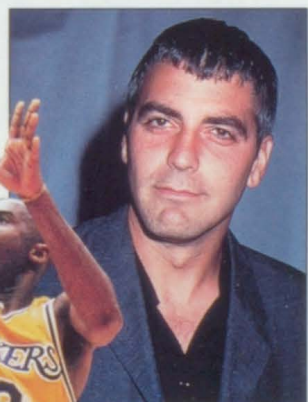
Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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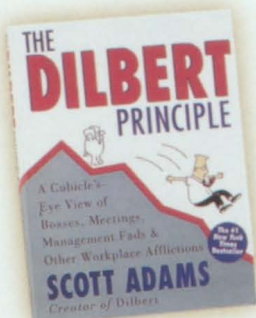
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star

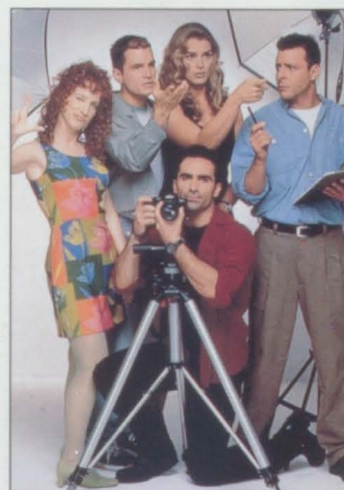
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20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in an apparent random robbery.



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Mosendeler, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



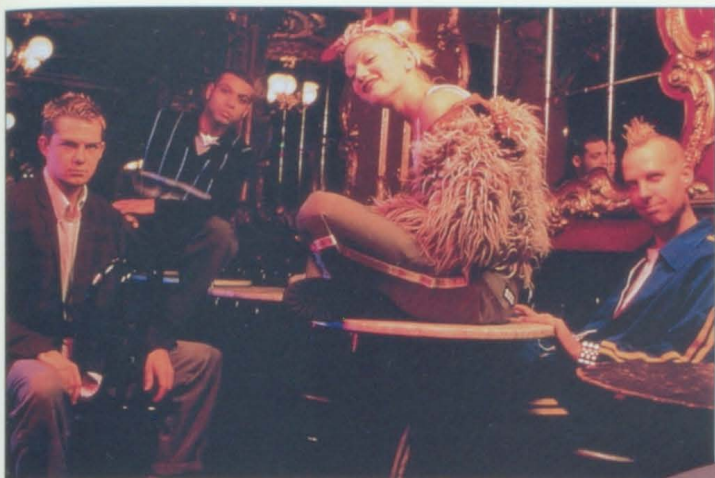
Steve Jennings, LGI

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



Readers/Archive Photos

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Steve Jennings, LGI

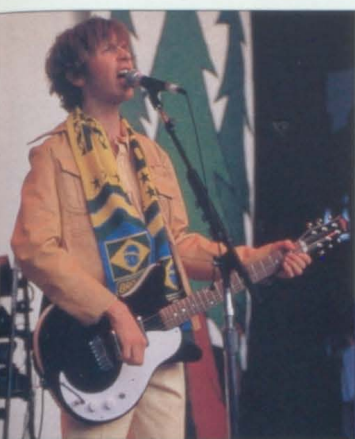
No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adelle Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mossenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Neal Preston, Retna

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



Adelle Starr, LGI

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



AP / Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.



James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Beck, LGI

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

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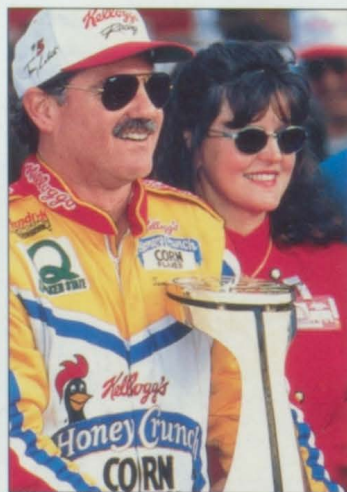


Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

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Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



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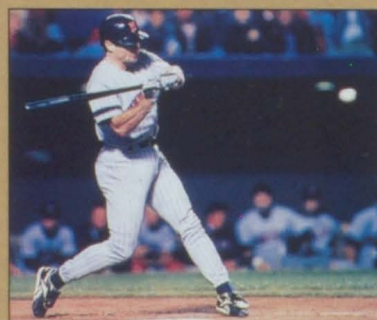
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The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



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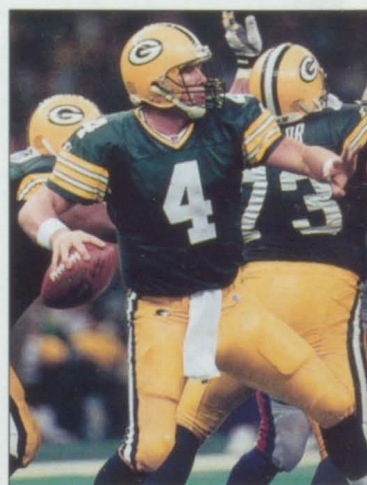


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Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



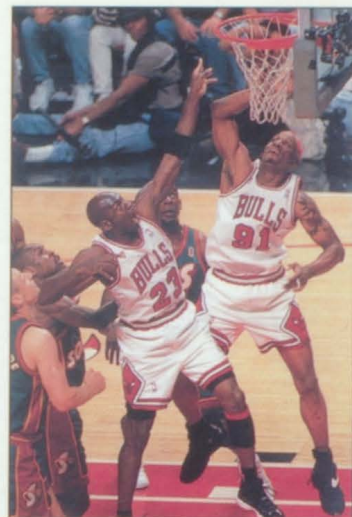
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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



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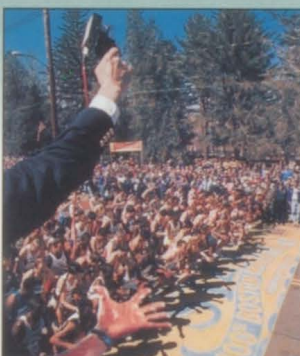
The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



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U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



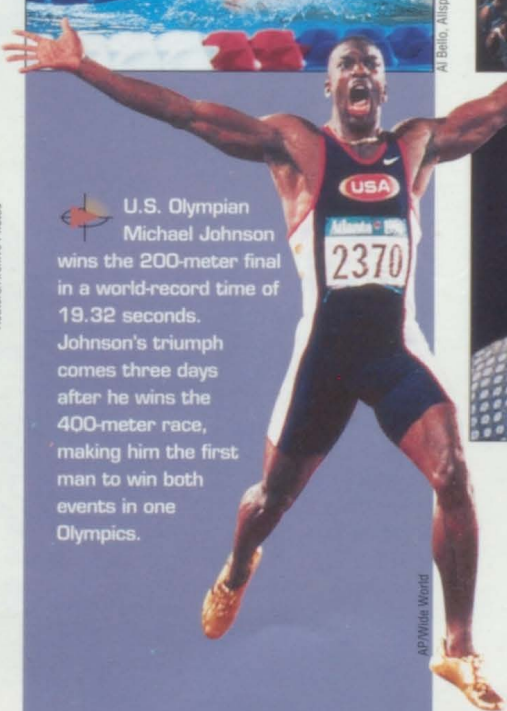
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Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



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U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT Photo

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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