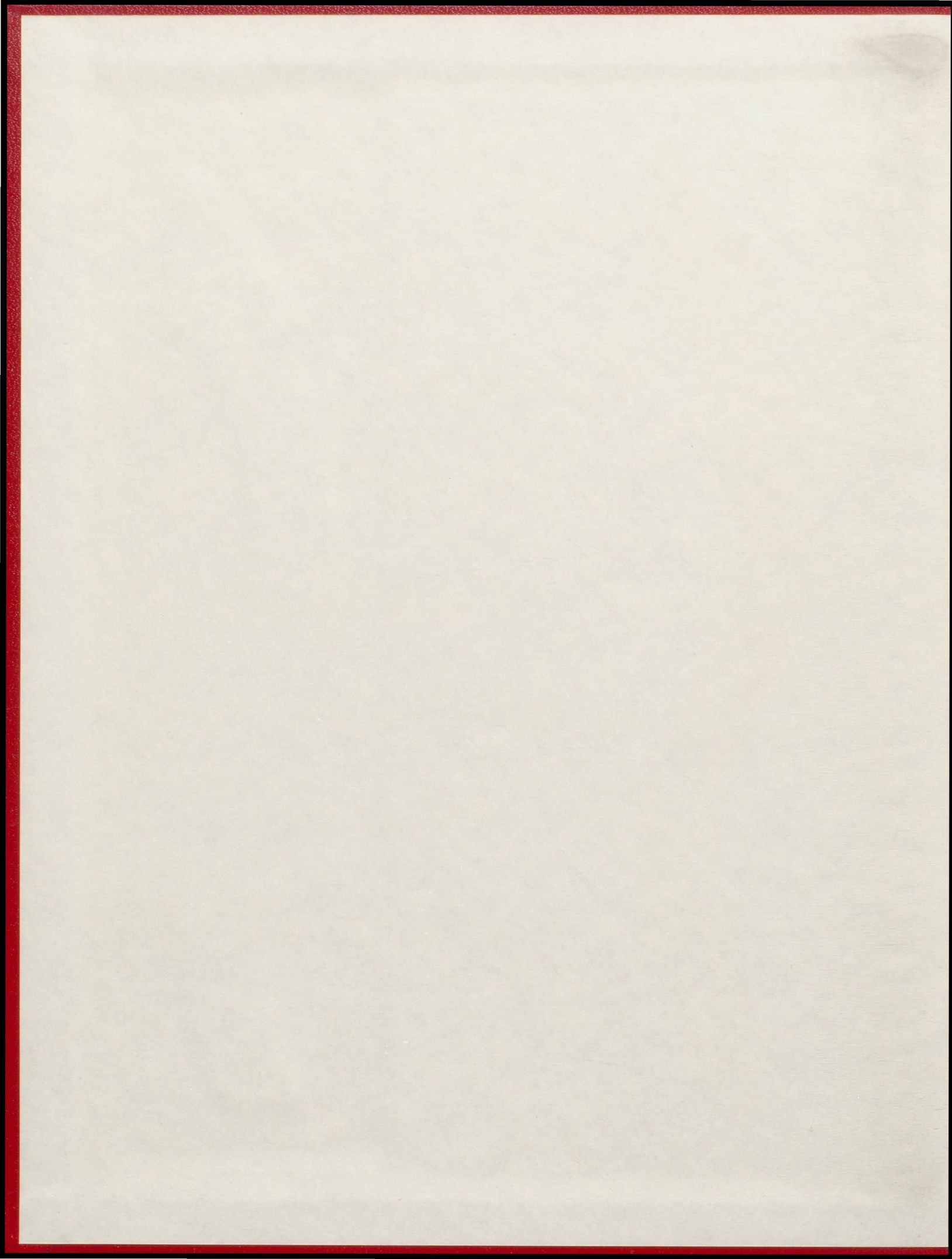


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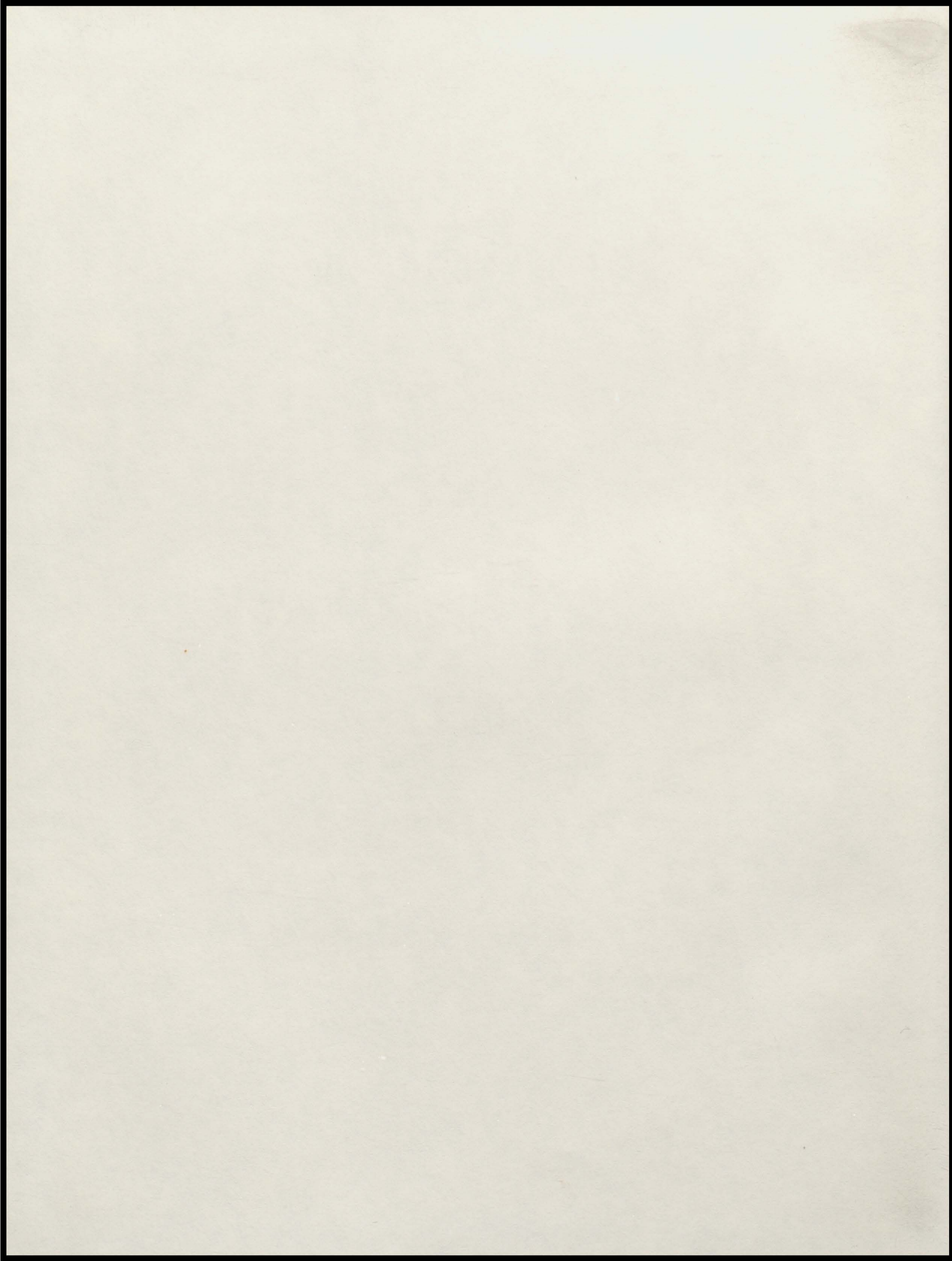
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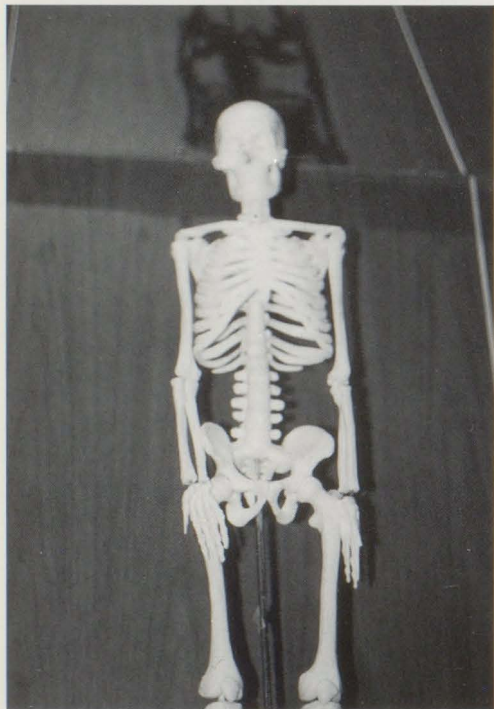
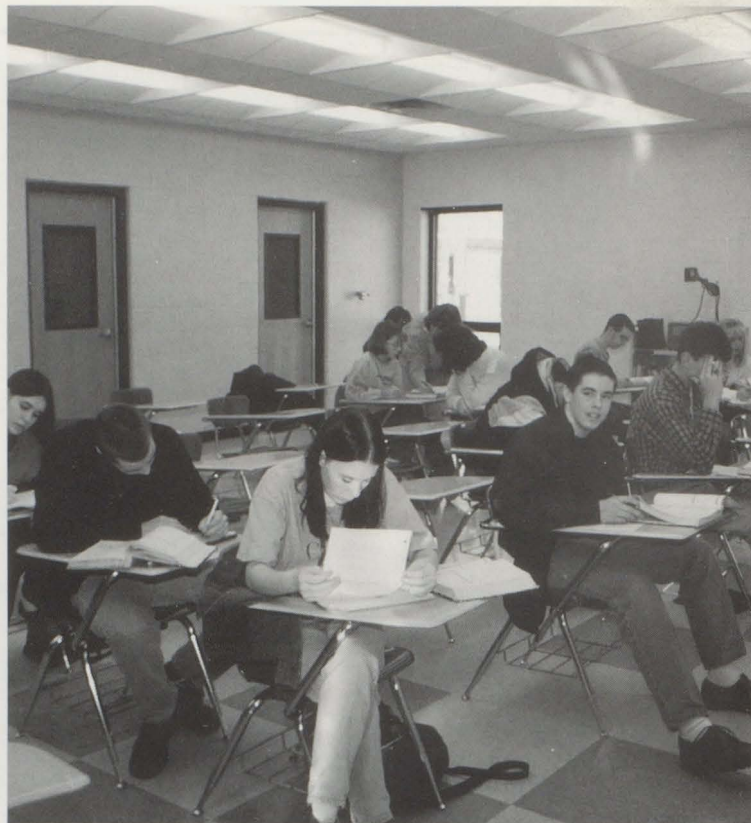


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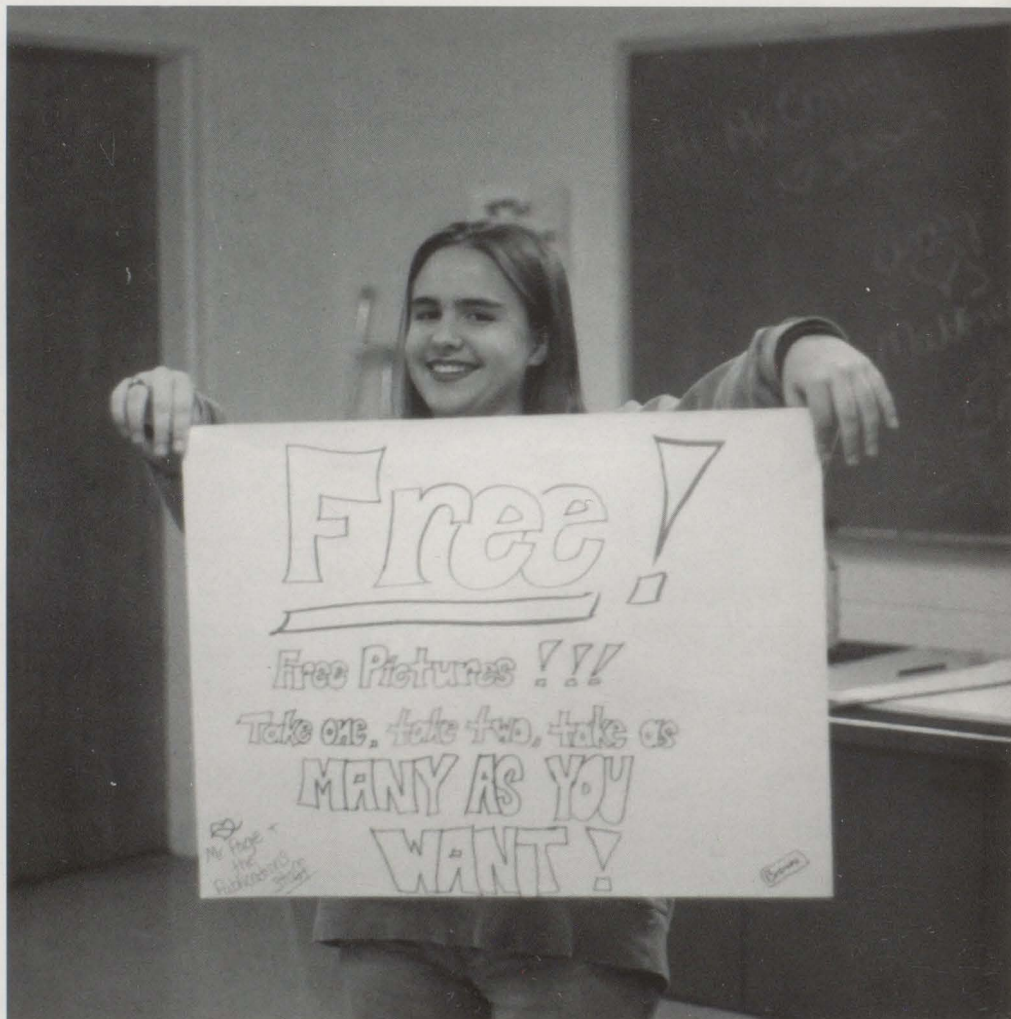
Right: Stephanie Cook, D.J. Ackerson, Melissa Powers, and Brandon Shockley look forward to their first big test.

Below: Clint Grimmett, Monica Buening, and Aaron Merriman, in their own unique styles, anticipate the first day of school.



Above: Opening day jitters or a long first day back, you make the call!

Right: Lindsey Fisher is proud to display the information that school is "free."



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Below Top: Erica Tremblay camps out over the summer waiting for school to open. Bottom: Kevin Ritter struts his back-to-school fashions.



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Looking Forward to Looking Back

At the beginning of this year, it seems like every other year. Everyone has a hard time winding down and getting back into the swing of things. High school is a confusing time as students struggle to discover who they are and who they want to be. Students are entering the adult world and must find a way to balance their school and social lives.

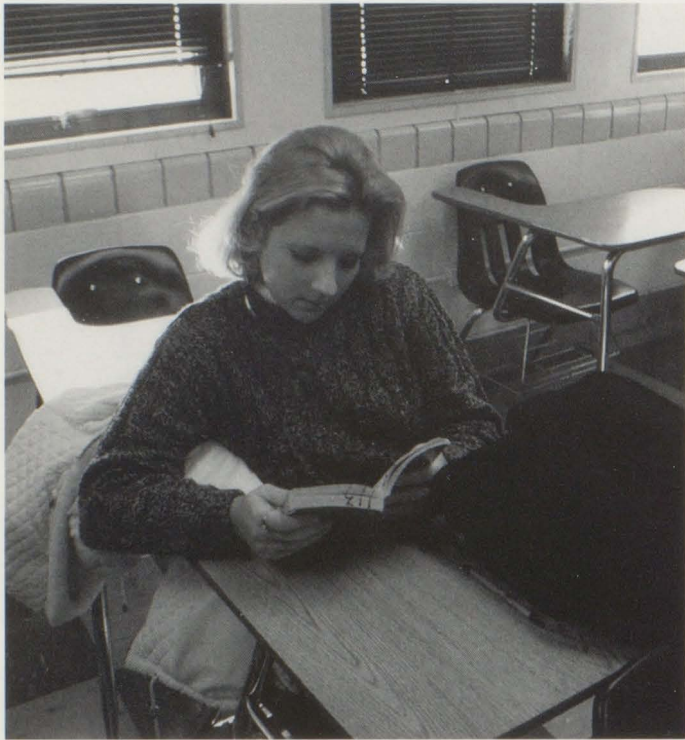
Each class is wrapped up in its own concerns. Freshmen are worried about fitting in. Sophomores are obsessed with getting behind the wheel. Juniors are on their way to the top and must accept new responsibilities such as working the concession stands and decorating for Prom. Seniors realize that the end is near. No matter what memories you might take away from this year, we hope you are looking forward to looking back on the memories we have gathered here for you. **Tiffany Middick**



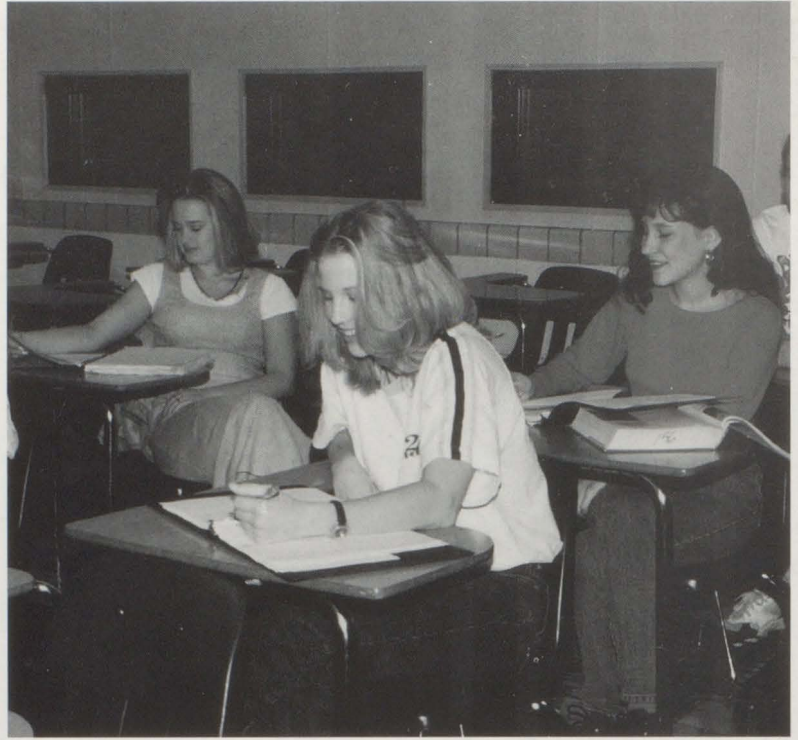
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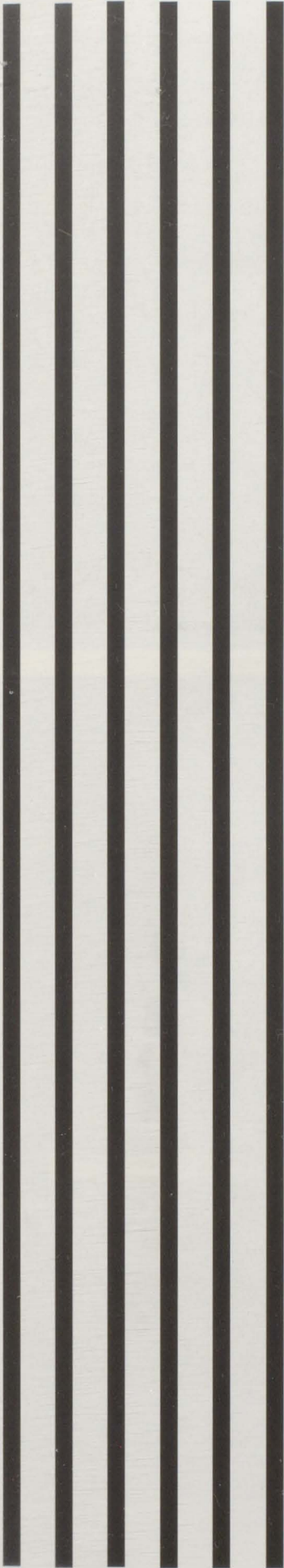
Below: Brande Howard, senior, uses her time in English class to catch up on her reading.



Below: Melania Hanson, Felicia McLees, and Jesse Dobson, juniors, come in before school to finish their homework in Mrs. Miller's study hall.



Above: Row 1-B. Howard, M. Fanning, R. Reaves, M. Graham, T. Schultz, E. Kuhn T.J. Wheeler, R. Rearrick, K. Morehead, J. Woodward, R. Yust, J. Long, T. Dry, D. Goodman. Row 2-S Williams, Z. Massey, D. Bastain, J. Hosp, J. Theil, A. Hughes, C. Elbert, A. Kuhn, J. Moser, M. Page, N. Malone, F. McLees, M. Hansen, T. Durbin, M. Singleton. Row 3-K. Favazzo, K. Rinehart, S. Brown, K. Howard, T. Howard, L. Fisher, D. Packer, E. Tremblay, M. Day, J. Dobson, B. Gibson, A. Heffren, A. Merriman, J. DeWeese, R. Ritter. Row 4-E. Hamilton, M. Wright, K. Parmley, K. Wilson, D. Jackson, N. Woodward, R. Bolt, T. Berry, J. Miller, A. Bell, L. Burns, K. Snider, T. Sampson, T. Smith. Row 5-P. Sweet, J. Cole, K. McDaniel, F. Jones, J. Dillmon, M. Mullin, A. Bates, C. Skaggs, H. Maples, K. Radcliff, B. Griffin, K. Winchester, J. Cook, K. Grimmett.



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The importance of academics has been apparent at Seneca High School. Students are awarded for their academic success in various ways. The Academic Letter Award is one way in which students are acknowledged. Students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or above throughout the school year will receive an academic letter award in an assembly. The Honor Roll is yet another way that students are recognized for their outstanding academic performance. Maintaining an A or B average allows a student to be included on the Honor Roll. Students are awarded for their academic success in many ways, but the most important award they receive is the satisfaction in knowing they've tried their best. With another year behind them, students can look forward to looking back on all of their hard work. **Serena Brown**

Art and Drama Classes

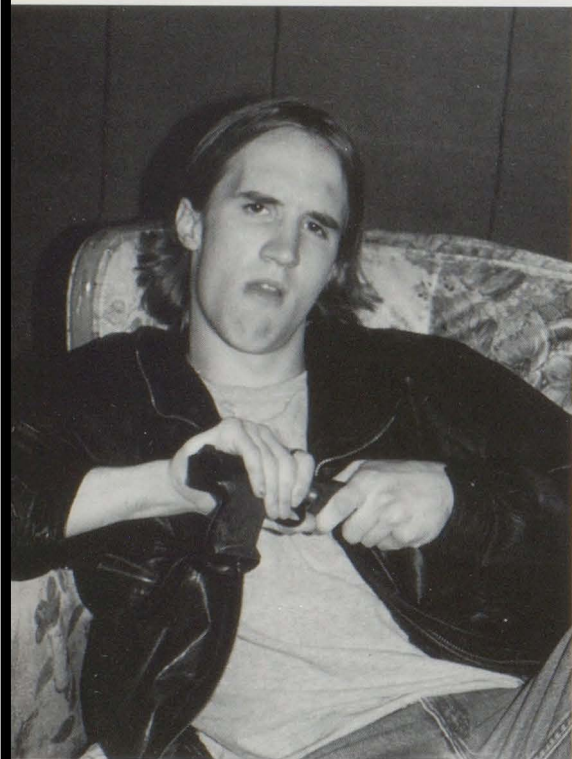
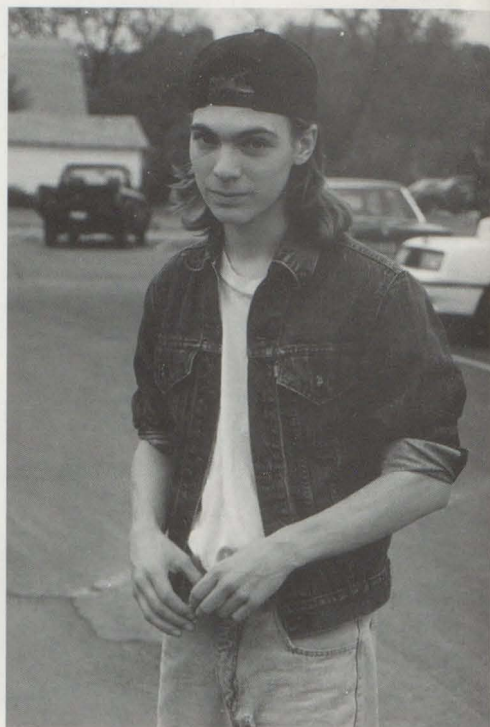
"Dig O.K."

Art classes started out this year with two new classes. For the first time, Mr. Craven offered Photography and Graphic Design. As well, all art classes were eligible to submit art work to the Big 8 Art Show to represent Seneca. Mrs. Morrow, a student teacher from Missouri Southern State College, brought lots of new techniques like glue resist, tie-dye, and sculpting. Everyone in Mr. Craven's art classes learned a lot and is looking forward to looking back on what they have learned.

DeAnna Packer

For the drama classes this has been a year to look back on. With a new teacher and a new program, it has been memorable. The most exciting part of this year has been putting on the school play The Outsiders. Dustin Shipman's corpse rising from the dead at dress rehearsal gave all the drama students heart attacks. Even through all the glitches, the cast put on a wonderful show. After all the excitement of this year, everyone in drama is looking forward to next year. **Mandi Day**

Below: Dustin Shipman as the frail Johnny Cade.



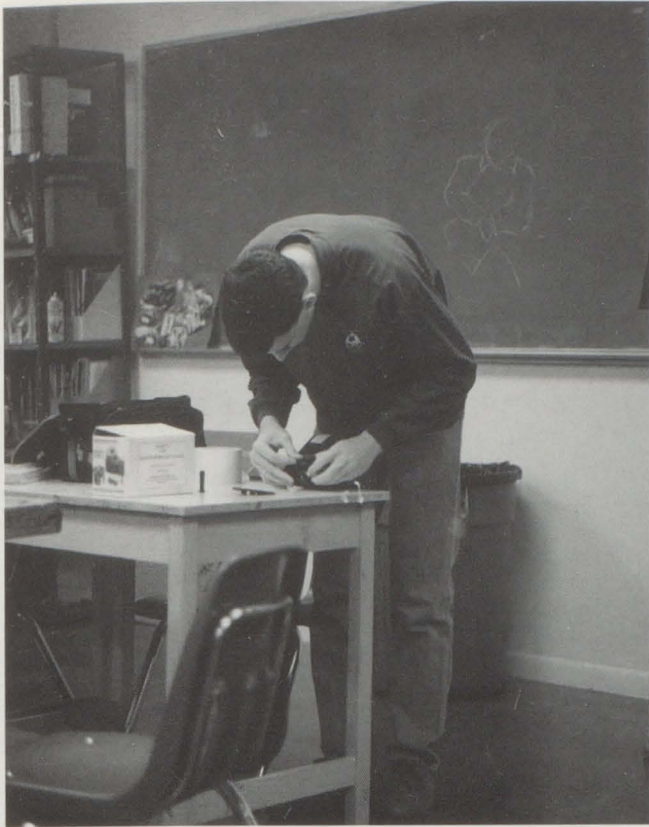
Above: Before the big show, Ben Selove gets into his part as Dallas Winston.

Right: Mr. Craven rocks the house with his Beatles impersonation.

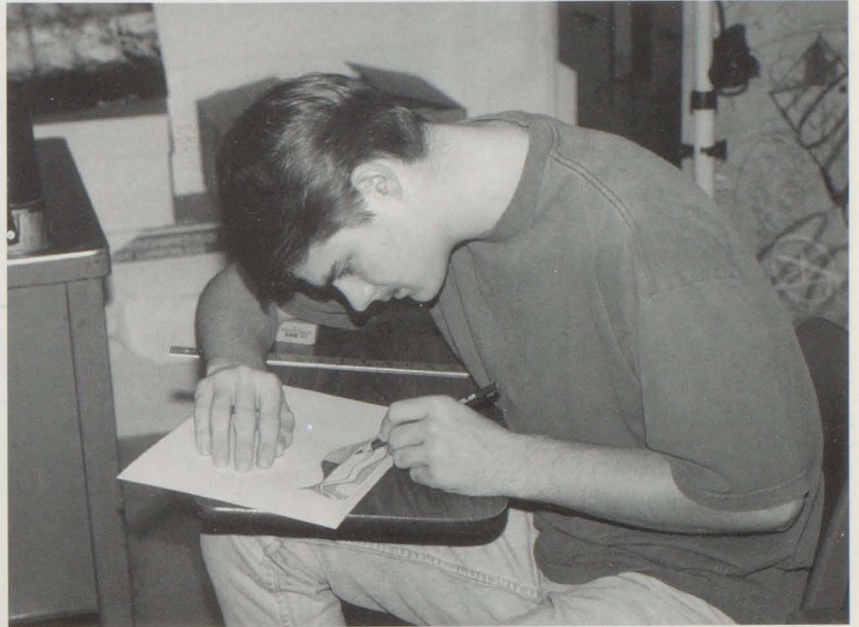


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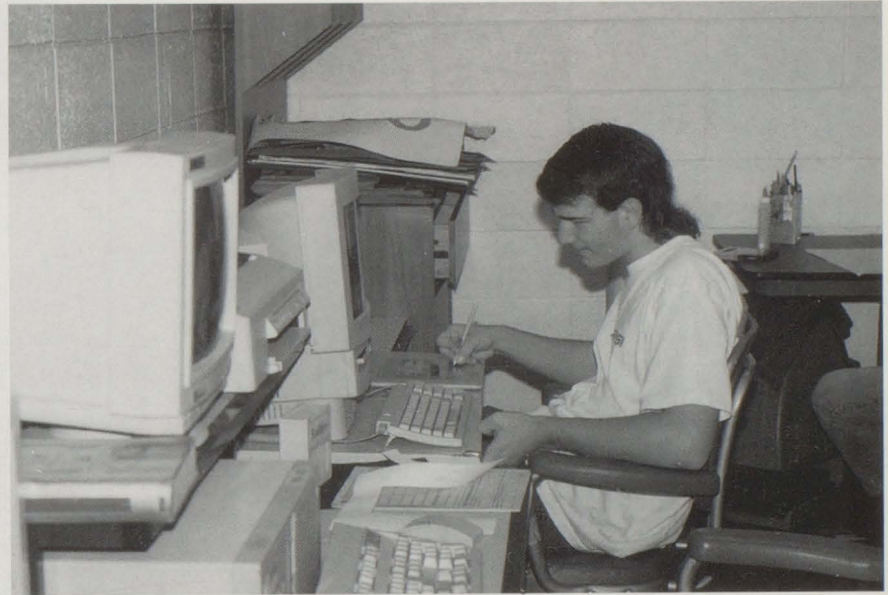
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Left: Aaron Cooper loads black and white film into a canister during photography class.



Below: Jason Porter furiously works to complete a sketch.



Above Left: Tasha Durbin prepares to paint a color wheel in Art.

Above: Josh Judy displays his keyboarding mastery.

Left: The cast and crew of *The Outsiders*.



Right: Sandra Williams, junior, is amazed at the technology available at Seneca High School.

Below: Tiffanie Weter and Jennifer Dragoo approach their assignments with different outlooks.

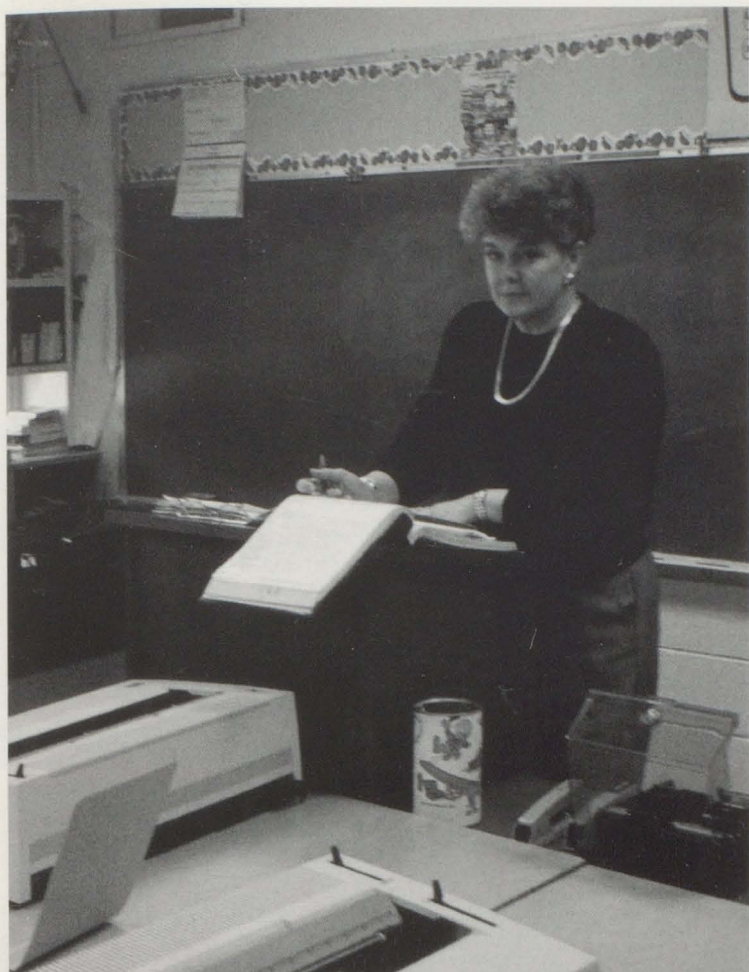


Above: Carie Krusemark busily types at her computer during class.

Above Right: Kar-Kei Mak, senior, and sophomores Lindsey Lawrence and Amanda Watson work diligently at their computers.

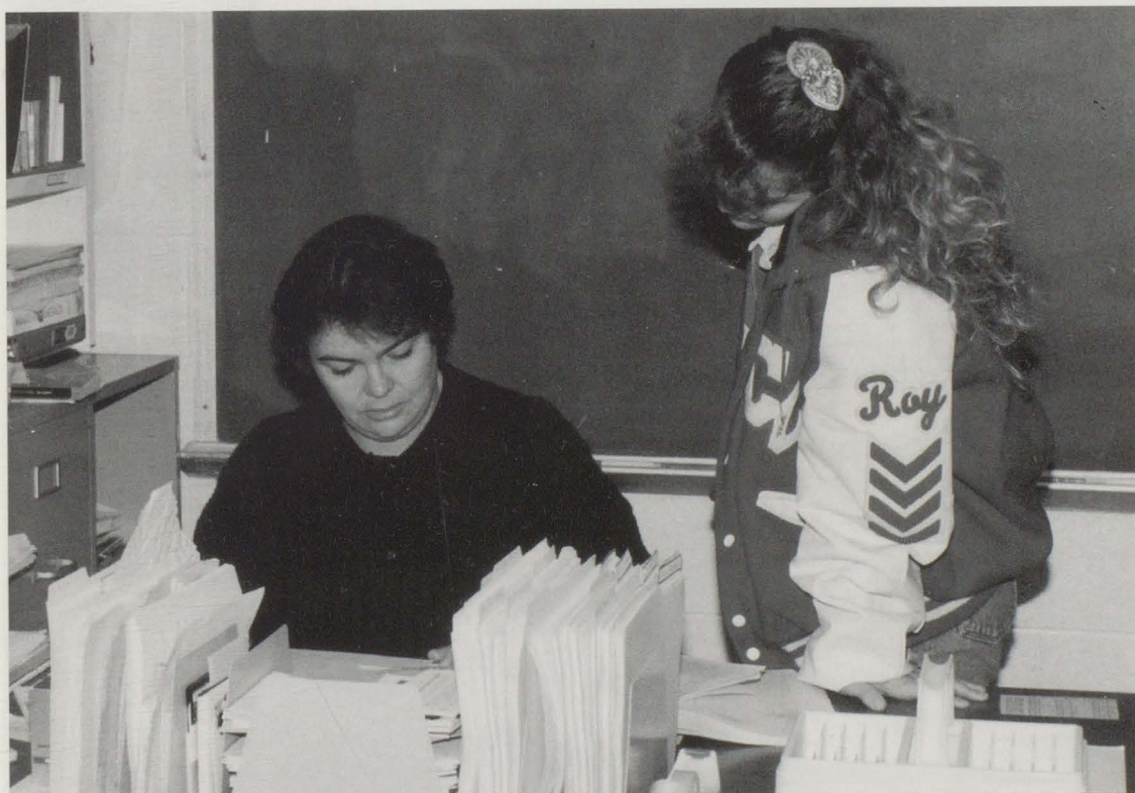
Right: Students in Mrs. Lawson's business class enjoy the opportunity to work with the latest in computer technology.





Business Classes

Business classes are an important part of Seneca High School's curriculum. The three business instructors at Seneca High School are Glenda Eppard, Jennifer Hunt, and Shira Lawson. Word Processing, programming, personal finance, accounting, and desktop publishing are just some of the business classes offered to students at Seneca High School. These classes teach students valuable business skills such as working with computers, writing programs, maintaining their finances, and using shorthand. Also, the use of the Internet by students offers them more sources for research. These experiences will be very beneficial to students as they go to college and begin their careers. **Serena Brown**



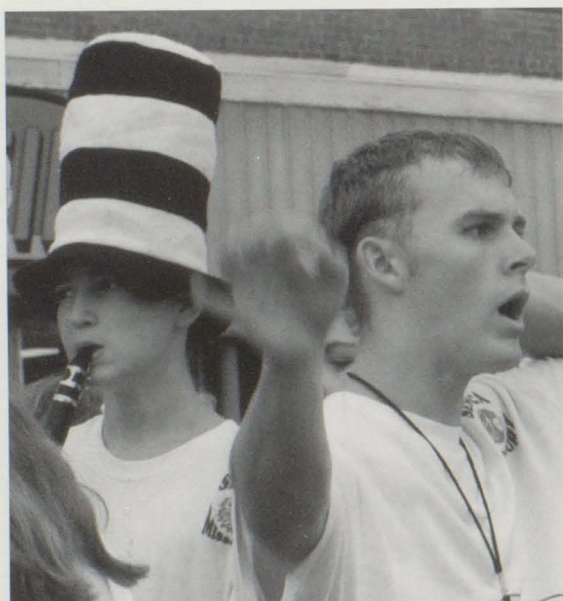
Above: Mrs. Lawson takes a moment out of her busy schedule to look at the camera.

Left: Mrs. Hunt helps senior Laci Duncan on an assignment.

The Band Goes Marching In

The Seneca High School Marching Band definitely had a year that they can look forward to looking back upon. With larger numbers, the band worked really hard to meet their goals. Besides marching in local parades and performing at the intermission of the football games, the band had a definite goal to shoot for. The Band worked hard all of first semester to save money for their big trip to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. Not only did the band find time to march in the parade and perform at halftime of the game, but they also managed to have a lot of fun at some of the famous tourist attractions. "We got to do lots of fun stuff, and we also got to compete with other bands," stated junior Andrea Heffren about the Band's trip to Atlanta. The Band achieved their goal, and they did an excellent job of representing Seneca. **DeAnna Packer**

Below: Tiffany Sampson, Jeremy Dorris, Jared Frierson, and Kerri Snider get in some early morning practice.

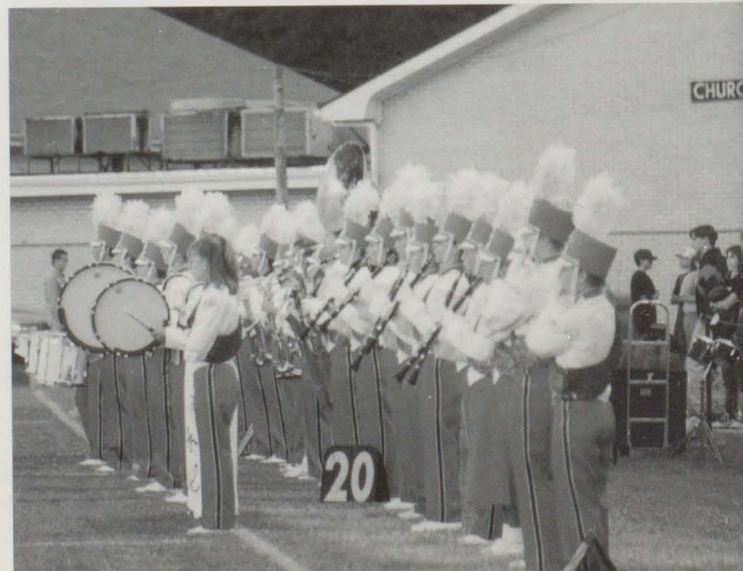


Above: Josh Dodson is unaware that the Cat-in-the-Hat is making a special guest appearance in the band.



Above Right: Leigh Ann Wisdom leads the band on to the field.

Right: The Mighty Marching Indians pep up the crowd with the fight song.



Below: A very spirited drum major, Josh Dodson, directs the Mighty Marching Indians in the homecoming parade.



Below: The Mighty Marching Indians play their instruments proudly down Main Street in the Seneca Indian Day's Jamboree.



Above Left: Senior Kelli Stone waves her flag high and leads the other color guard members in a parade.

Above: The color guard marches on the field with a sense of patriotism for the traditional playing of the National Anthem.



Left: Blake Stephens, Josh Linders, and Jill Elbert stand at attention during a half-time performance.

Below: Kim McDaniel and Christen Lawrence lift their voices in harmony.

Choir/Show Choir

"The choirs were really good groups to work with. They were able to perform top quality music this year." Mr. Campbell.

The choirs proved this by having an award-winning year. Eighteen students were chosen for the All District Honor Choir. At the NEO competition, they received eighteen I's and the Concert Choir received a I in sightreading and a II overall. The Freshman Choir also received a II rating. From there, they went to Districts. Three soloists and two ensembles qualified for the state competition by receiving a I rating. At State, the three soloists, Tara Berry, Misha Roark, and Rachel Whitehead each received a II.

The choirs also performed in many other concerts and programs throughout the year. The Show Choir finished out the year by singing and dancing to a medley from the movie *Grease* at the Spring Concert. **Misty Mullin**



Below: Mr. Campbell directs the Concert Choir.



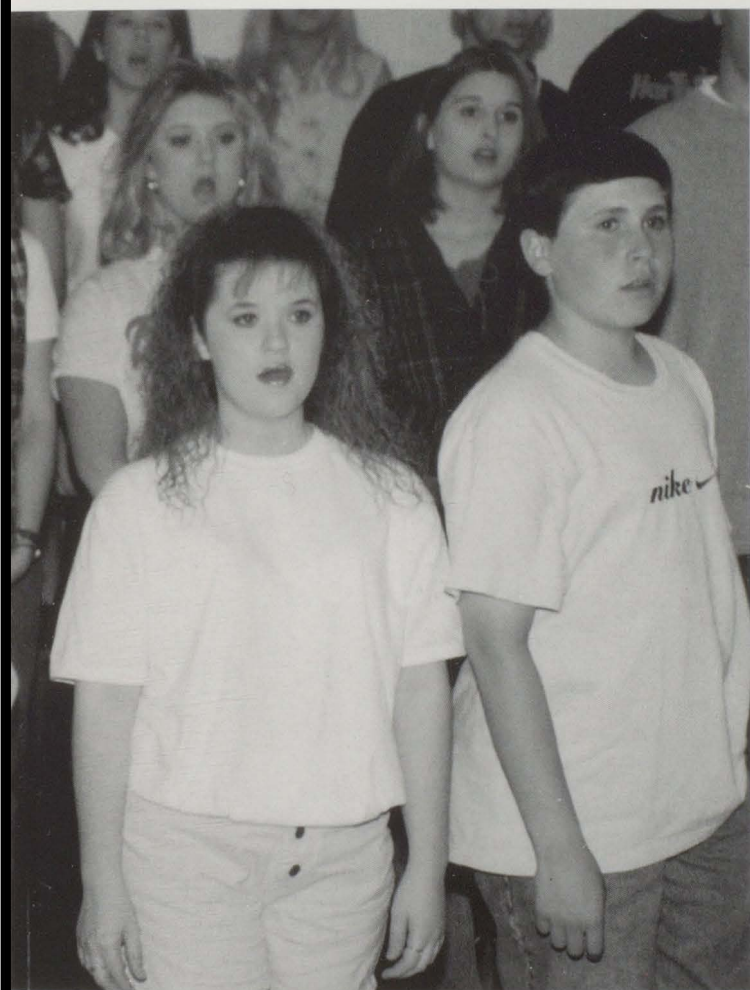


Left: Cliff Reaves models the choir enthusiasm.

Below Left: Amanda Marshall and Jeremy Garrett warm-up their voices.

Below: The Concert Choir ends the year with one final performance.

Bottom: Cliff Reaves and Daniel Jackson harmonize.



Foreign Language Classes Open New Opportunities

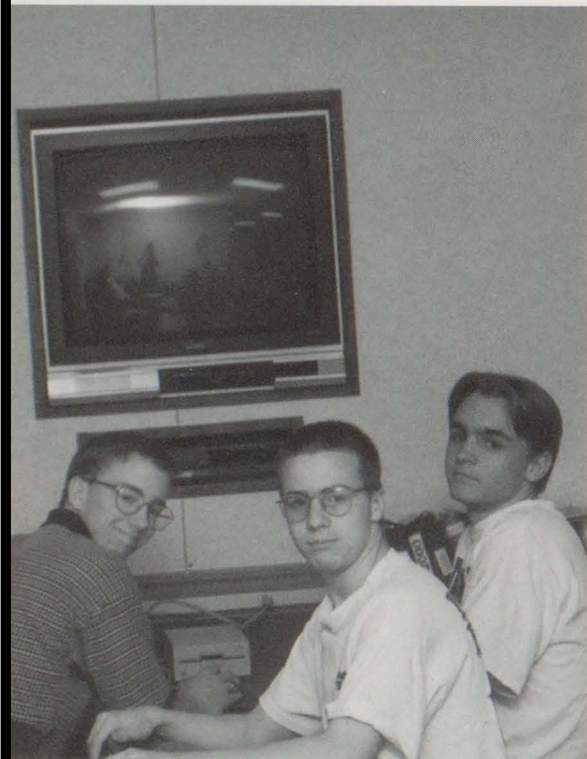
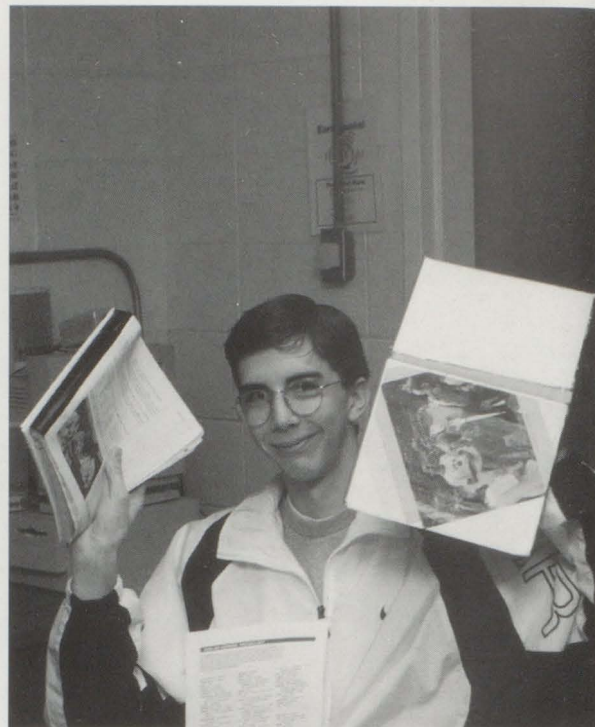
Foreign Language is an opportunity for high school students to prepare for the cultural differences in our American society. The foreign language classes offered at SHS are Spanish and German.

The Spanish students participated in many different activities throughout the year. Spanish I classes decorated confetti eggs and participated in a game where the losers had the eggs smashed on their heads. Spanish II classes read books about Spanish speaking countries and then wrote reports over their cultures. Spanish III students shared their knowledge of Spanish with the elementary students as they taught them to say their colors in Spanish. All of the hard work and memorization involved in learning Spanish paid off as the students ended the year with these fun activities.

German classes this year had just as much fun. They participated in foreign language week by decorating the school with flags and maps. Another plan for the week was to offer a variety of foods in the cafeteria with cuisines from Scotland, Spain, Germany, China, and France.

Foreign Language is very important to everyday life. Mrs. Shadwick put it best when she said, "Everyone should learn a foreign language because of the global economy." **Jamie Dillmon**

Below: Gerod Hall is proud to display his German literature.



Above: Robert Long, Joel Wyrick, and Joe Goodman take a break from their German.

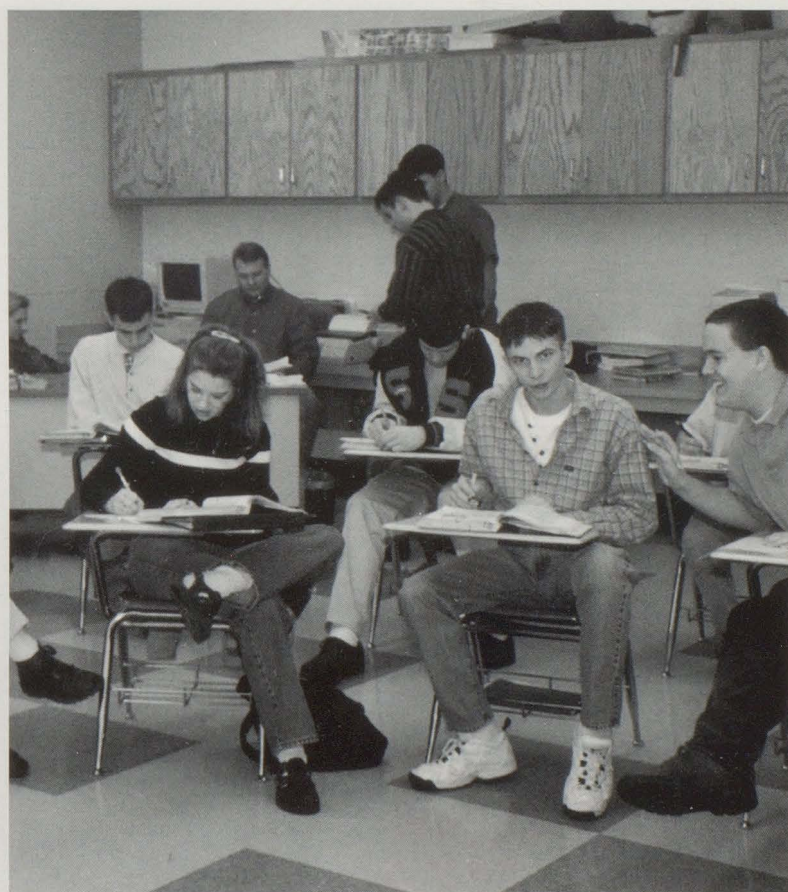
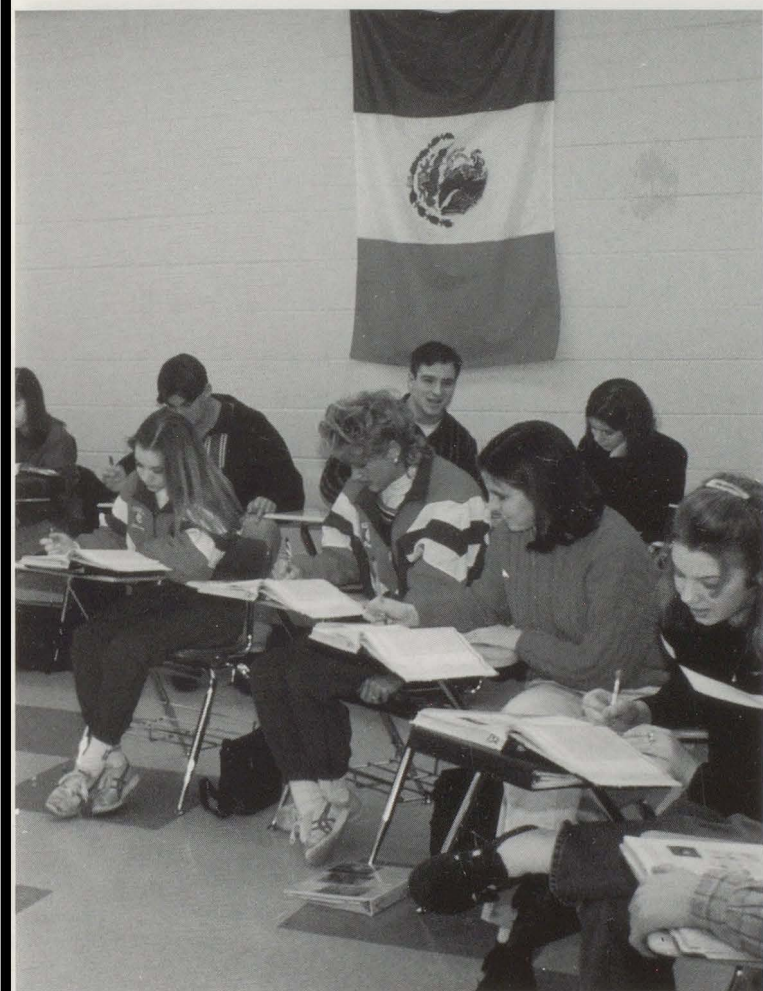
Right: Jared Jenks tries to help Laci Greniger understand her Spanish assignment.





Left: Super-sub Bob Hampton and Justin DePriest speak the universal language of chess.

Below: Tiffany Howard and Justin Skaggs work hard to master their new language.



Above: "Coma Esta" from the Espanol estudiantes.

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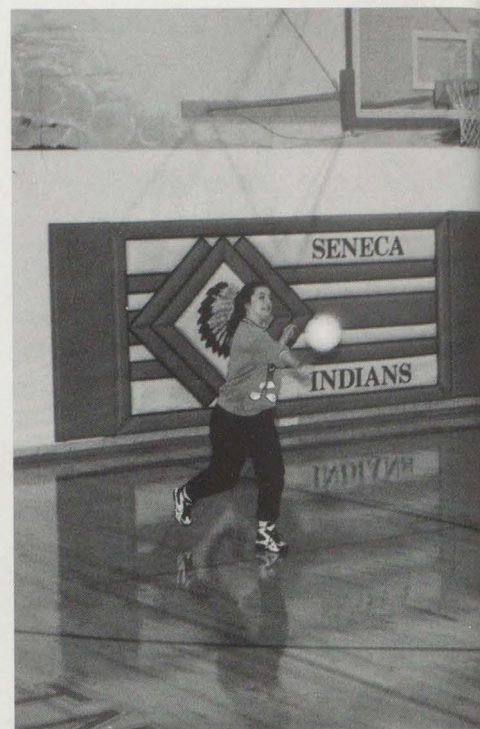
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Health/Physical Education Classes

Hopefully, everyone who has ever taken a Health class will remember the important life lessons they were taught. CPR, child-care, disease awareness, good nutrition, and exercise planning were just a few of the lessons they learned that could be carried into their adult lives. These are skills that students can use, no matter what they might do in their future careers.

The students in the physical education classes participated in many different activities. They had to pass various skills tests such as: running the mile in a certain amount of time, a sit-up test, and a push-up test. In the freshman girls' P.E. classes, the girls got to divide up into small groups and teach the rest of the class a new game or activity that they invented. When asked to comment about the freshman boys' P.E. class, Coach Hermann replied, "I have 60 freshman boys in my class. We don't have time to have fun." It appears that although they didn't get to try a lot of games, the boys were obviously in better shape at the end of the year than they were at the start. As Coach Hodge said, "Our goal is not only to help people live longer, but also to live better." **Misty Mullin**

Below: Amy Jones prepares to serve the ball over the net.

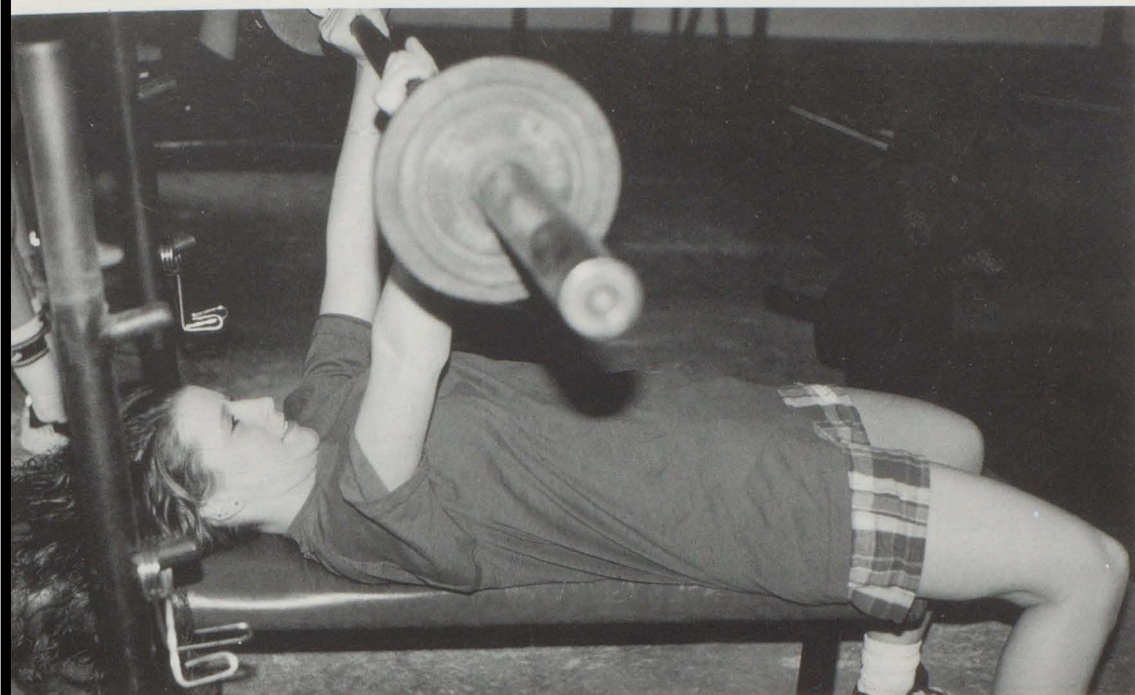


Above: Eddie Tesch celebrates a goal-we think!

Right: While Daniel Snider sets a pick, Jeremy Massey displays the skills he has developed over the years in P.E.



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Left: Amber Johnson workouts on the bench press.

Below: John Beckham tries to tag Roger Peterson in a game of dodgeball.

Left Bottom: Jill Kholer, Becca Dees, and Adrianna Mello indulge in a game of volleyball.



Left: Matt Shockley gets ready to make his move to the goal.

Below: April McDonald revels in the joy of doing dishes.

Right: Juniors Keri Snider and Amanda Cox take the time to pose for a picture in shop class.



The Family and Consumer Science classes have a lot to look back on during the course of this year. Creative foods class prepared the secretaries a turkey dinner; health classes learned to set goals with sugar cubes; students dealt with the "Baby Think it Over" doll; and fashion classes sewed together boxer shorts and made quilting pillows. These are the many experiences which girls and boys alike shared and will take with them into their adult lives.

With a new teacher, Charles Yust, students were up for new challenges this year. While making projects for themselves to use at home, students learn skills that they can use in future careers. Students must work dili-

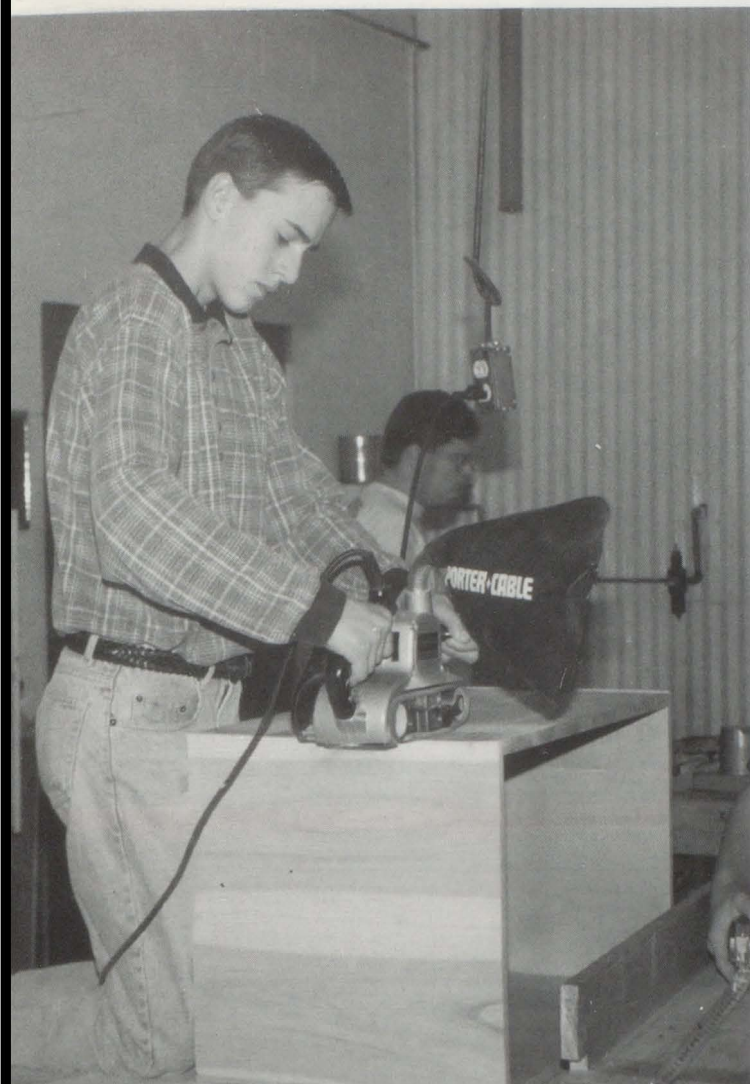
gently and precisely to produce a finished product. All of their hard work and dedication is something that these students can look back on with pride. Years from now, students can look back on their finished products and remember their times in shop. **Melody Wright**

"The main focus is in developing skills for life." Carolyn Hill

Family and Consumer Sciences, Shop Classes



Above: Sophomore Shawn Kinch sands down his project



Left: Junior Jacop Hosp applies his wood-working skills.



Left: Senior Krisy Whitely serves up some delicious dessert.

Below: Jessica Cole, Tramanda Hembree, Sonya Farmer, and Trisha Goller stack sugar cubes to learn about goal-setting.



Left: Matt Shear and Ricky Schultz enjoy a fine cooked meal.

Above: Lacie Greninger, Leigh Ann Wisdom, Jeremy Harbaugh, and Shannon Hirdler stack cubes to the sky.

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Language Arts welcomed a couple of new additions this year not only to the staff, but also to the curriculum. Mrs. Hampton and Mr. Page joined Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Rhine in a goal of enhancing the English Department.

"I expected to be hit with the study of nouns, verbs, and literary terms when I first walked into my LA II class," Sophomore Erica Tremblay reports, "but I was surprised to actually have fun and learn at the same time." A few of the events that have gotten students so excited about this aspect of their education included trips to the Crowder College Library, entries in the Joplin Globe Newspaper Contest, and the annual excellence at MSSC and PSU English Days. The programs also included the reading, researching, and acting out of classic dramatic pieces, and an investigation into journalism.

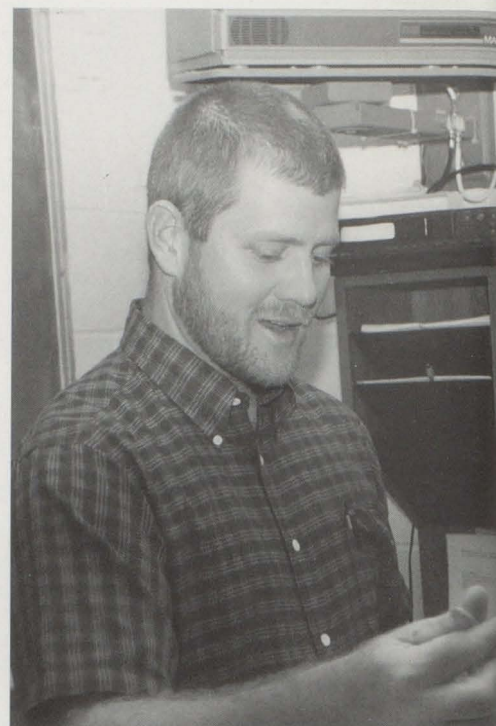
When asked how her year went, Mrs. Hampton replied, "I wasn't quite sure how the pupils would react to my ways of teaching, but they responded with enthusiasm. My dream, and the dream of all educators, is to reach the kids and teach them to think for themselves so the learning will never cease." Overall, the 96-97 school year is agreed to have been a success, and the new staff members turned out to be most effective.

Along the same lines, Seneca's Social Studies was improved. Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Hermann, and Mr. Neal expanded their students' as well as their own horizons when it came to examining our history, government, world neighbors, and current events.

Junior Amy Poor commented by saying, "Well, I learned a lot from Mr. Hunt in 10th grade, and I was worried that I would be let down this year. But Mr. Neal made the 11th grade great. I especially liked his Mr. Potato Head tie."

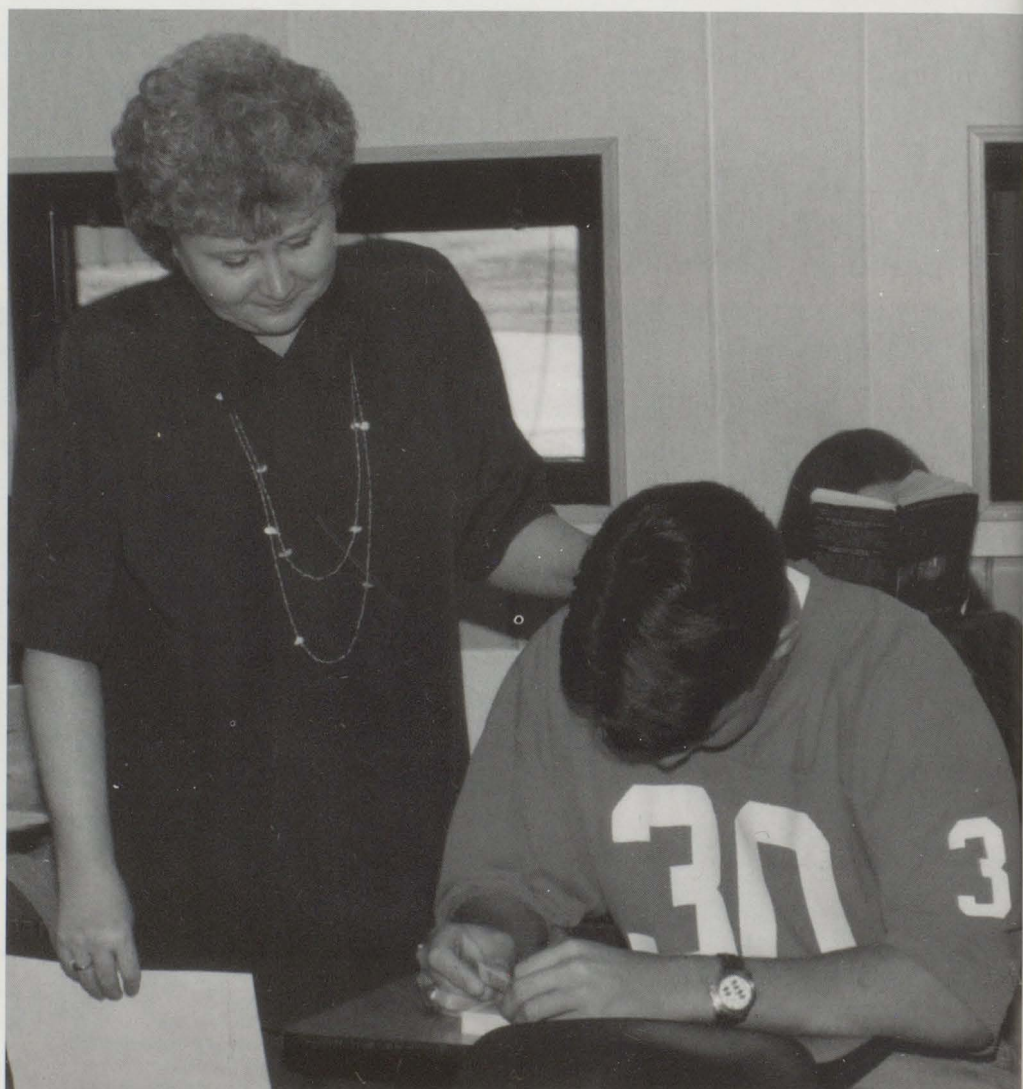
"I tried to influence my pupils the way I influence my team," Mr. Neal replied. "To absorb the past is to learn from our mistakes and progress through the process." **Stacia Gilstrap**

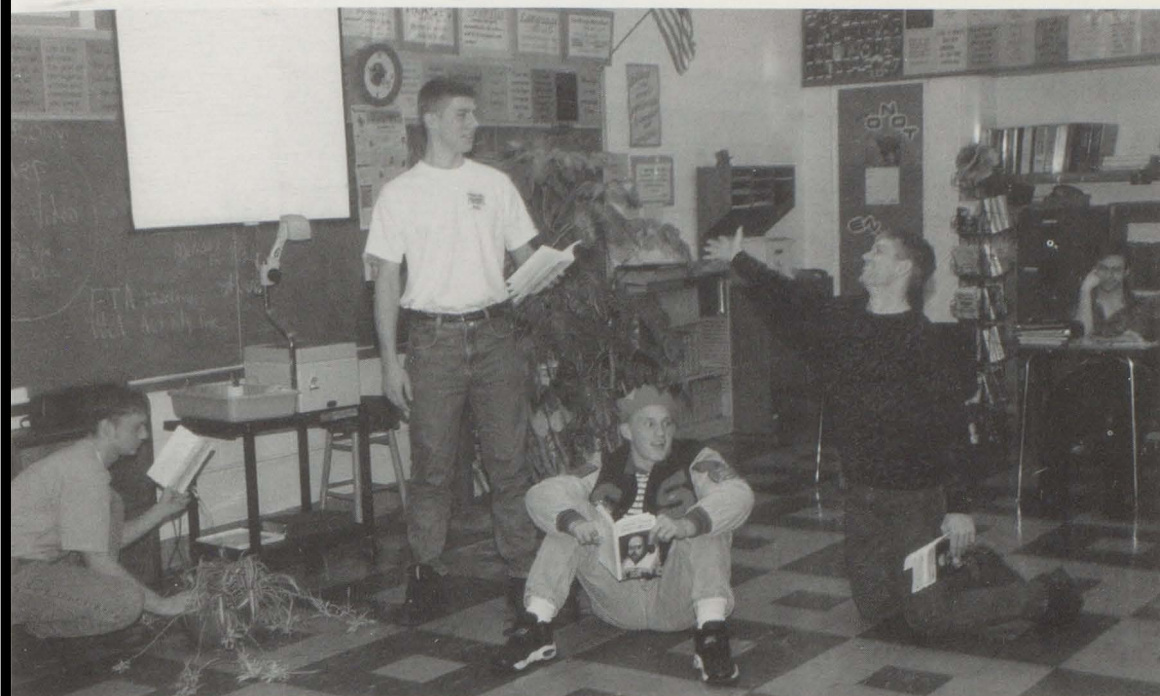
Below: Mr. Whitehead pauses in the middle of a lecture to gaze at his pencil.



Above: Robin Bolt does some research for American Government.

Right: Mrs. Hampton guides Dustin Lash through a difficult chapter.





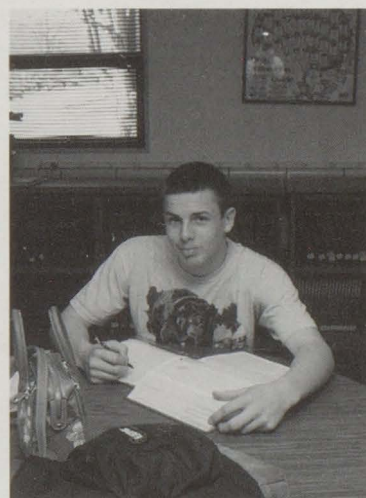
Left: Austin Wilson, Mitch Singleton, Tobin Schultz, and T.J. Wheeler act out a scene from a Shakespeare play.

Below: PSU English Day winners. Serena Brown, Josh Judy, Tara Berry, Paul Sweet, and David Goodman.



Far Left: Frances Mead is once again spell-bound in Mrs Miller's class.

Left: C.B. Davidson does some research for his English class.



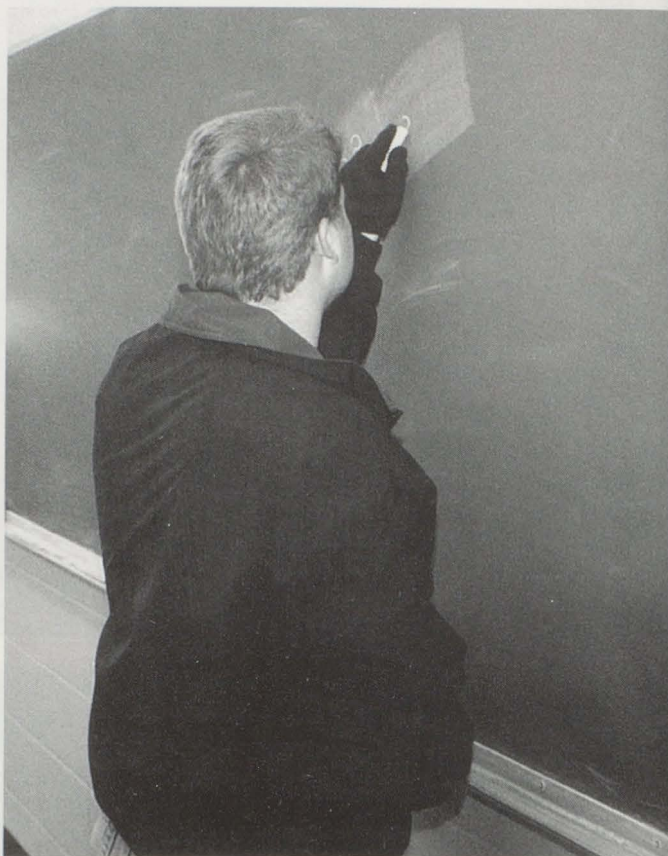
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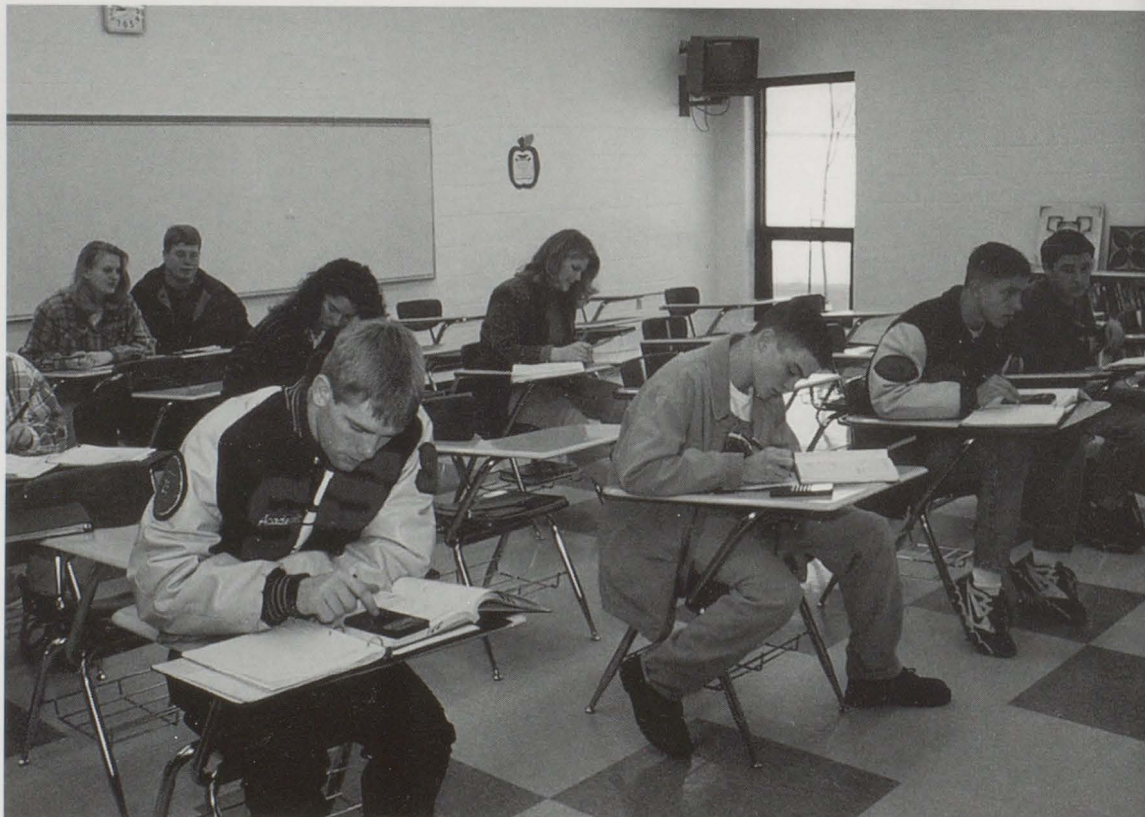
Math this year, like any other year, has left a big impression on all of us. Sophomore Jamie Dillmon remarked, "Geometry has left me totally clueless, but Algebra II has been tons of fun!" While math has also left most of us looking forward to looking back on a passing grade, it is a very important part of everyday life. Or as Junior Tiffany Sampson put it, "Math has been a lot more than just working problems. We got to make polyhedrons, and we learned a lot more than what an angle bisector is...we learned that it does not say R.S.V.P on the Statue of Liberty."

Likewise, science inspires challenge and endless possibilities. It has brought about many changes, and it holds a different meaning to everyone. Sophomore Sonya Farmer sums it up, "To me, science is a world of discovery. It helps open your mind to the fascinating possibilities of nature." **Krista Winchester**

Below: Mike Bard shares his knowledge with Mrs. Feroe's trig class.



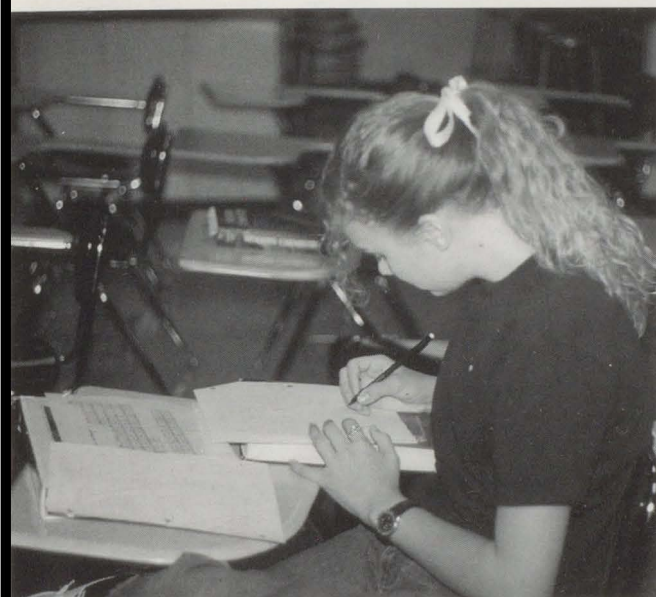
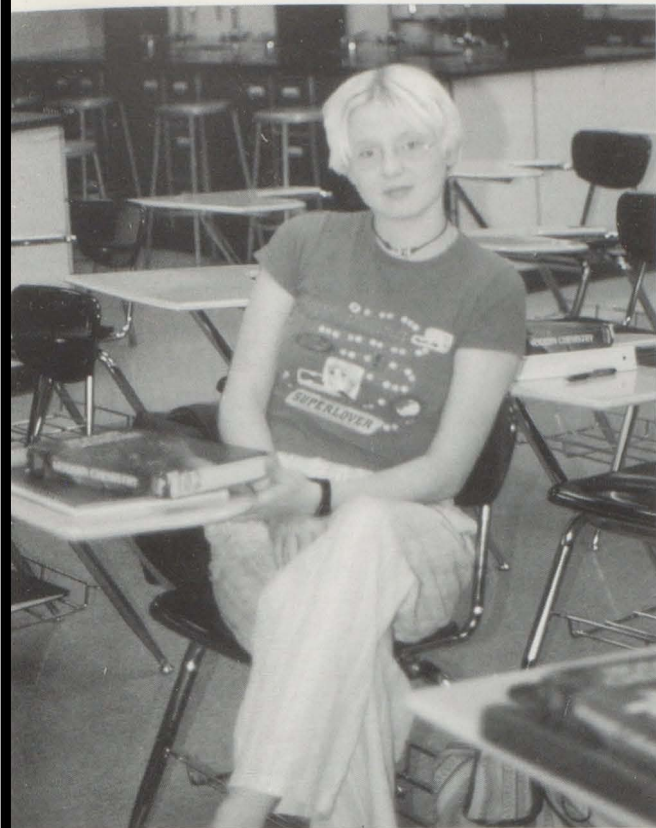
Right: Mrs. Feroe's trig. class hard at work. Front Row-T.J. Wheeler, Cody Ritter, Jeff Long, Patrick Patterson. Middle Row-Jamie Cook, Kacie Grimmett. Back: Riki Slaughter, Mike Bard.



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Left: Yvonne Gommlich studies her science through osmosis.

Below: The mischievous DeAnna Packer bunny-hops away from the desk of Miss. Johnston.



Above Left: Watch out! Tasha Durbin at work.

Above: Mrs. Inbody takes time to enlighten Heather Hamilton and Angela Puckett.

Right: Mrs. Snider's trig class catches up on their assignments. Left to right: Front row-Melody Wright. Second row-Tasha Durbin, Kaci Moran, Kim Morehead. Third row-Melania Hansen, Andrea Heffren. Fourth row-David Bastian, Mike Blair. Back row-Jacob Hosp, Chis Elbert.



Publications and Speech Classes--A year of change

This year the publications staff went through a lot of changes. When asked what he thought about his first year as an adviser, Mr. Page said, "Advising a yearbook is an experience everyone should have the privilege of doing at least once in a lifetime. It is truly an experience I shall not soon forget." This year's co-editors were Michelle Graham and Kara Rinehart. Kim Morehead was in charge of photography. The staff had a lot of fun doing the 1996-1997 *Warrior*. The queen and king of the *Warrior* yearbook were Kaci Moran and Justin DePriest. When Jamie Dillmon was asked how she thought the yearbook would turn out, she said, "I hope it turns out well. We have put a lot of hard work into it." We are in high hopes of having a successful yearbook for the 96-97 student body. **Kim Morehead**

Mr. Mandeville, as the new coach for Seneca's speech team, has found his niche in helping the progression of the academic department. After nine consecutive tournaments, the group found an even larger success at the two district speech contests: the Missouri High School Students Association and the National Forensic League. Five students: Chelsi Barnes, Shannon Hayes, Andrew Poor, Adam Cook, and Elizabeth Hamilton went on to State competitions. Their continuing efforts to achieve excellence proved to Mr. Mandeville, as well as to the three High School speech-related classes, to be a great accomplishment. **Stacia Gilstrap**

Below: All work and no play! DeAnna Packer, Chelsi Barnes, Vane West, Adam Cook, and Stacia Gilstrap demonstrate their dedication to the speech team.



Above: Crystal Gilstrap creatively comes up with a story.

Right: Stacia Gilstrap, Mandi Day, Lindsey Fisher, and DeAnna Packer take time to pose for a picture.



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Below: The five lucky winners who made it to State. From left to right: Andrew Poor, Adam Cook, Elizabeth Hamilton, Shannon Hayes, and Chelsi Barnes.



Below: The Speech squad. 1st row-Melissa Eckhardt, Chelsi Barnes, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Dustin Shipman. 2nd row-DeAnna Packer, Chris Howard, Stacia Gilstrap, Ashley Bates, Vanessa West, Phillip Curry, Andrew Poor, and Derrick Whitehead. 3rd row-Mr. Mandeville, Erica Tremblay, and Ben Selove.



Above: The Publications staff. 1st row-Mr. Page, Melody Wright, Serena Brown, Kara Rinehart, Kim Morehead, Michelle Graham, Erica Kuhn, and Jesse Dobson. 2nd row-DeAnna Packer, Lindsey Fisher, Mandi Day, Stacia Gilstrap, Misty Mullin, Jamie Dillmon, Krista Winchester, Kim McDaniel, Crystal Gilstrap, and Lindsey Lawrence.

Left: Jodie Crowder, Kara Rinehart, and Katie Favazzo show their enthusiasm during first hour.

Far left: Erica Tremblay, Chris Howard, Ashley Bates, and Ben Selove enjoy their moment in the sun.

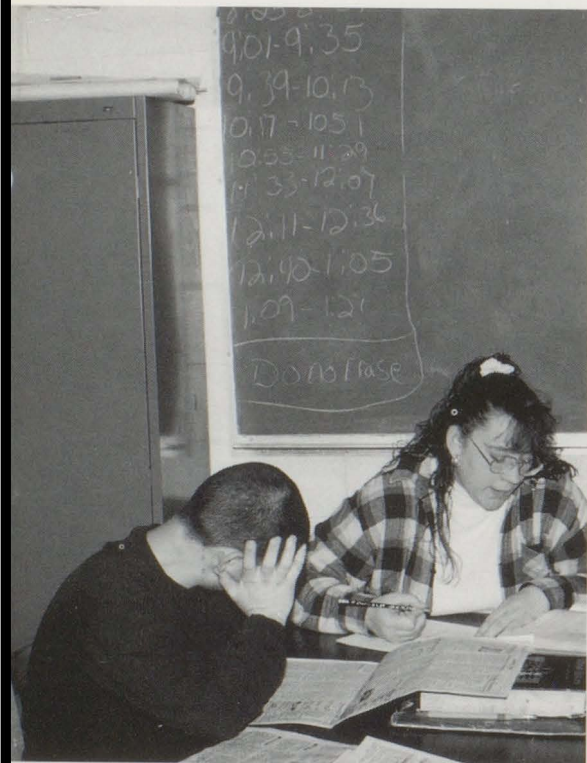
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Below: Mrs. Tomlin smiles for the camera.

Special Services

This year, Special Services classes are looking forward to looking back on a lot of fun memories. Each year the Special Olympics give the students a chance to compete in a relaxed environment and have a great time. As Mr. Jones commented, "I've always said that everyone should participate in the Special Olympics at least once in a lifetime. It will give you a whole new outlook on the human experience." The students also got the chance to put on a play for the Elementary Special Services students, and they are very excited about working towards a grant for school-to-work materials.

One of the special services offered at SHS in recent years has been the study skills program headed by John Rhine. In his last year, Mr. Rhine wanted to leave Seneca with this comment, "The experience of working with students at Seneca High School has been very enlightening. I have truly enjoyed each student and gained an understanding and respect for each of you. You are a great bunch of guys and gals. -Best Wishes in the future-" **Krista Winchester**



Above: Jeff Mitchell and Renee Wallace put in some study time.

Right: Noah Eifert, Everett Renfro, Jennifer Wren, and Amy Whitehead take a break from their studies to look at the camera.

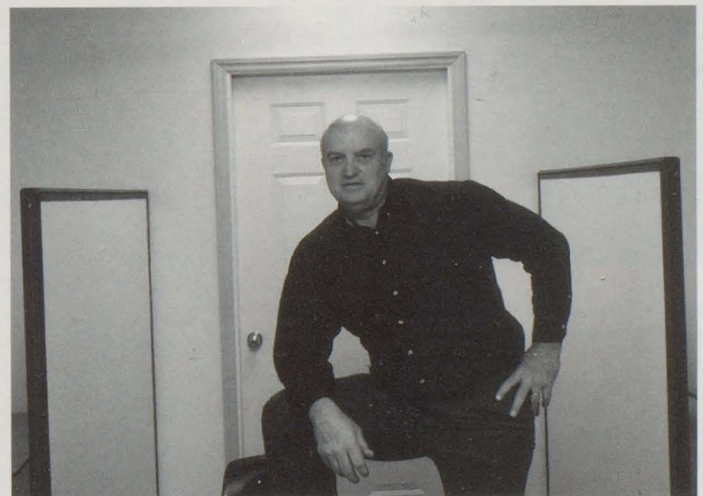
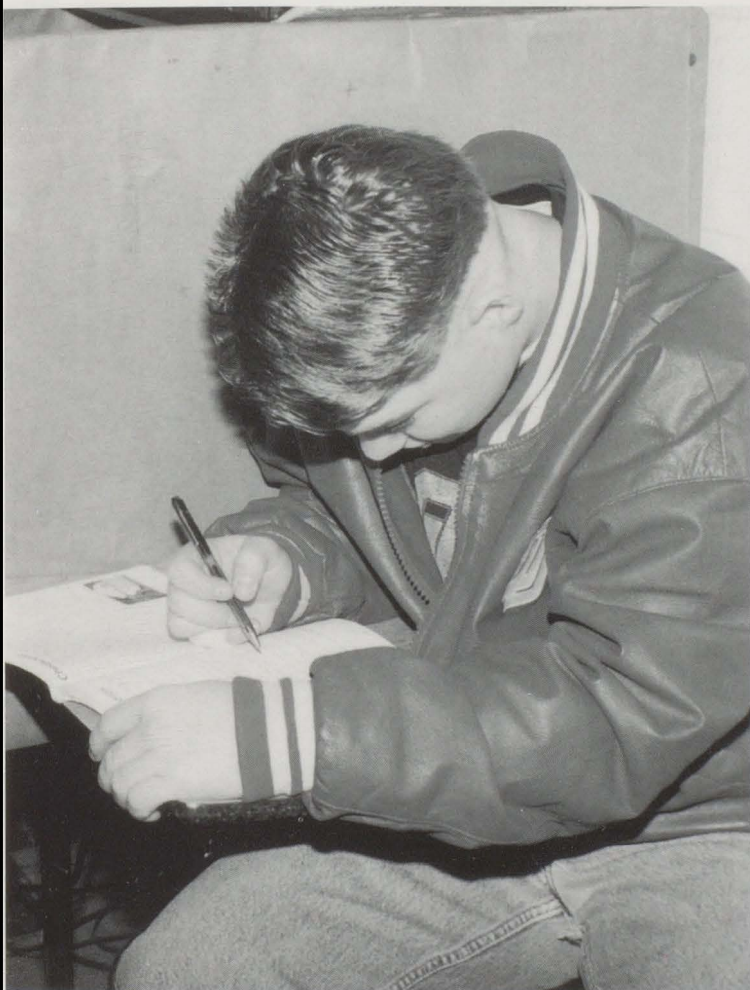
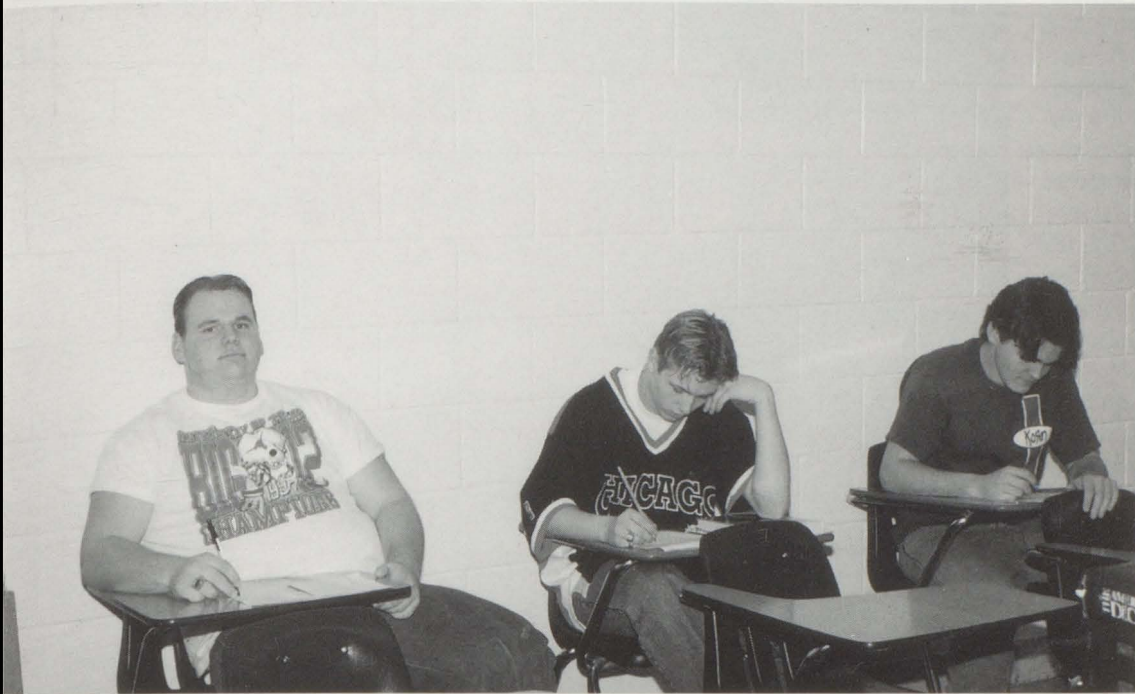


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Left: Cody Slatton, Bryon Hansen, and Derrick Whitehead take advantage of their extra study time.

Below: Renee Wallace uses the technology of SHS to help her with her homework.

Bottom: The legendary Johnny Rhine strikes an intimidating pose in ISS. Cheeseburger anyone?



Above: Jerod Eidson concentrates on his assignment.

FFA's goal is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The students that are involved with the Seneca FFA feel that they are successfully accomplishing this goal through persistence and perseverance. Whether it's furthering knowledge in a specific study or preparing for a judging event, students involved in FFA and Vo-tech are continuously active. This year members of FFA have a lot to look back on, such as: the National Convention, the entertainment of elementary kids with agricultural activities, highway cleanup, and competition with the judging teams. Vo-tech students work in the shop to construct useful equipment to take to various fairs and contests. They also prepare for the State Convention where many students will receive state recognized awards. "This year has been great. I believe there are two reasons for that: one being our group of exceptional officers, and above all our advisor Mr. Enslow. He was behind us all the way," stated Kelly Barwick. **Melody Wright**

Below: Seneca FFA officers. J. Drake, W. Gill, F. Hembree, M. Helm, B. Morris, M. Denison, K. Barwick, K. Parmley, and Mr. Enslow attend an officer meeting.



Above: Amy Jones and Kelly Barwick model the friendship they have developed over the years.

Right: K. Barwick, B. Morris, A. Jones, G. Beckner, W. Gill, J. Dragoo, J. Drake, J. Wren, M. Slatton, M. Helms, M. Denison, K. Parmely, I. Helms pose for a picture at a National Convention.



Vocational Agriculture Classes



Left: Amy Jones, Faron Hembree, Max Helm, Karla Parmley, Gina Beckner, and William Gil pose for a group picture while they attend the Area 7 Banquet.

Below left: Amy Jones takes time from her SAE project to smile pretty for a picture.

Below Right: After a long day of riding, Kelly Barwick poses for a picture.



Left: Amy Jones attends an Awards Ceremony for her accomplishments.

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Due to the obvious variety of people at this institution, you are bound to see many strange behaviors.

DeAnna Packer

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Right: Spring Lockwood, Misty Mullin, Lori Burns, and Roger Peterson display the affection that is so apparent at Seneca High School.



Above: Jason Hudson and Troy Pierson model their school spirit at the Homecoming pep rally.



Above: Shasta Rentfrow and DeAnna Packer barely crawl out of bed in time to make it to school.



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The people who walk through the halls of Seneca High School, no matter where they might come from, are all alike in a number of ways. For some, it's their similar interests and personalities. For others, it's their desire to receive an education that will prepare them for their futures. As for the rest of us, we're here to have fun and to graduate. The times may change and so might the people, but no matter who we are or where we might be in the future, we can all look forward to looking back on what might have been some of the best times of our lives.

Jodie Crowder

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Looking Back at Days Gone By

The 1997 Senior Class has a lot of things to look back on. From our freshman year with all the new things to learn and do, to our senior year where we thought we knew everything, it has been an exciting four years. Our junior year we got to go to the prom, which was new and exciting for most of us. Throughout all of these years we have made a lot of wonderful memories to look back on.

Starting high school was a big adjustment for most of us. The school was so big and there were so many new faces that we had many adjustments to make. Yet, we made it through all the years when we were the "under-dogs". Suddenly we were on top. Everyone was looking up to us and watching what we did. We had to be careful what we did because we realized we had an impact on everyone else. Basically being a senior to most of us means "graduation!" stated Sally Wood.

Most of us will cherish the times we have spent at Seneca High School, and hopefully we will carry these memories throughout the rest of our lives.

Kara Rinehart



Class Flower: Yellow Rose

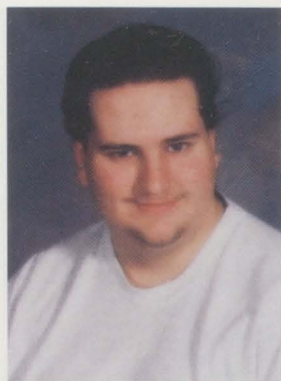
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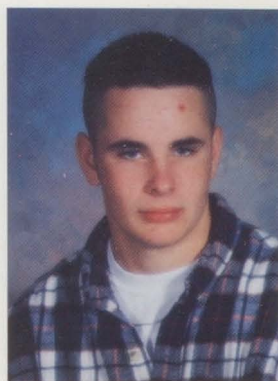
*Class Motto:
"Shoot for the moon. Even if
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you will land in the stars."*



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John Annis



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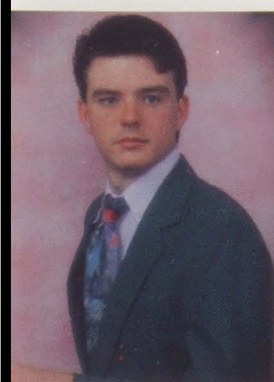
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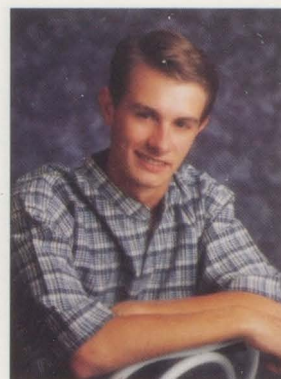
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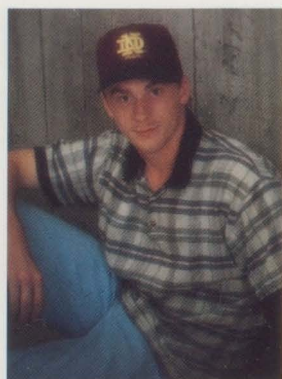
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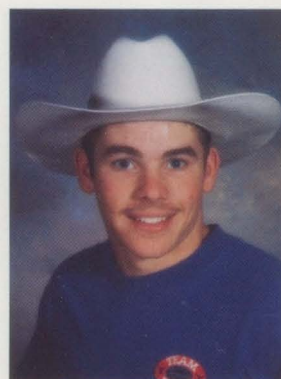
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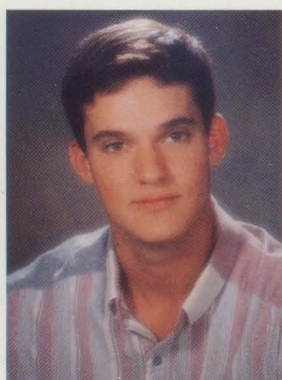
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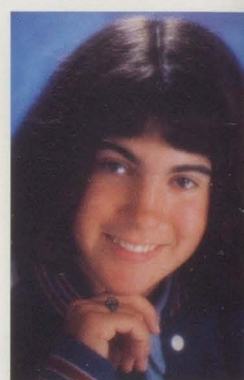
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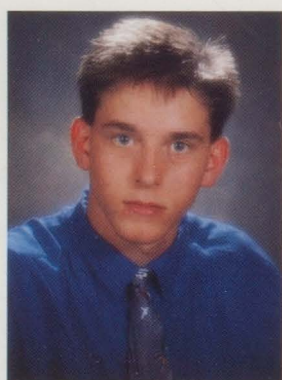
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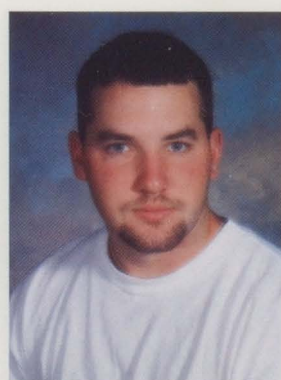
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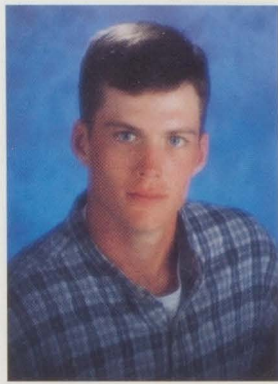
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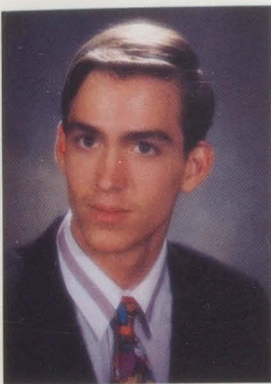
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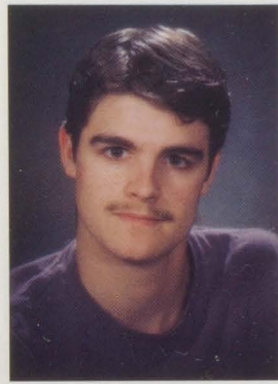
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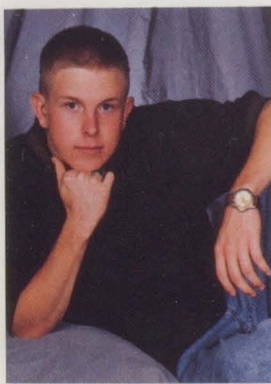
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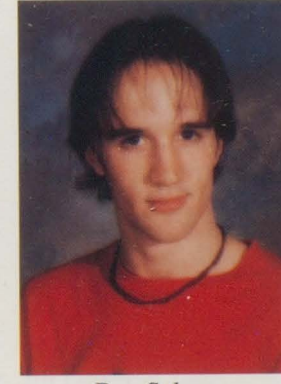
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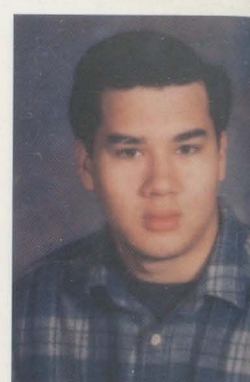
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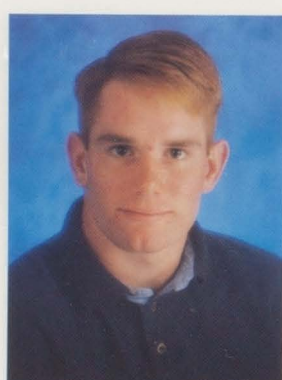
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Henry Hirdler
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William Murphy
Jason Smith
James Wren



Jason Woodward



Melody Wright



Rob Yust

Junior year, for most students, is a revolutionary time for making decisions that will affect the rest of your life. Of course, it's also filled with wonderful memories that you can look back on for years to come.

Along with being a junior comes certain responsibilities: driving, working concession stands, and decorating for Prom and Homecoming. Colleges start to take notice of your test scores and athletic abilities, responding with tons of letters trying to entice you to their school. Tiffany Middick says, "Be prepared for junk mail." But, not all colleges are created alike, you may find the one you're looking for.

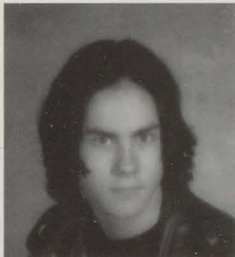
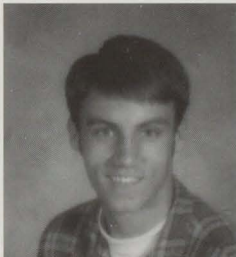
The Class of 1998 has always been close-knit and did well at setting a good example for other classes. Small cliques gave way to a larger group of friends who trusted and depended on each other. A loss of any member would affect the group in a way some people could never imagine. Tasha Hall probably put it best when she said, "We're just one big happy family."

Jesse Dobson

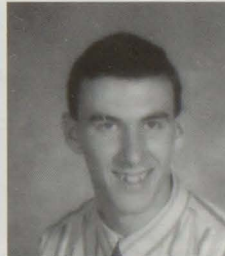
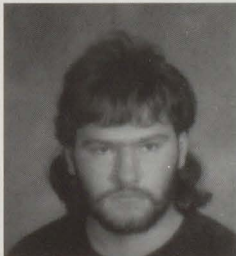
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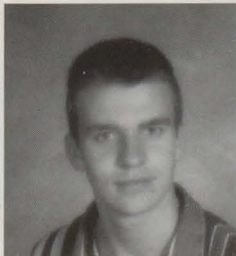
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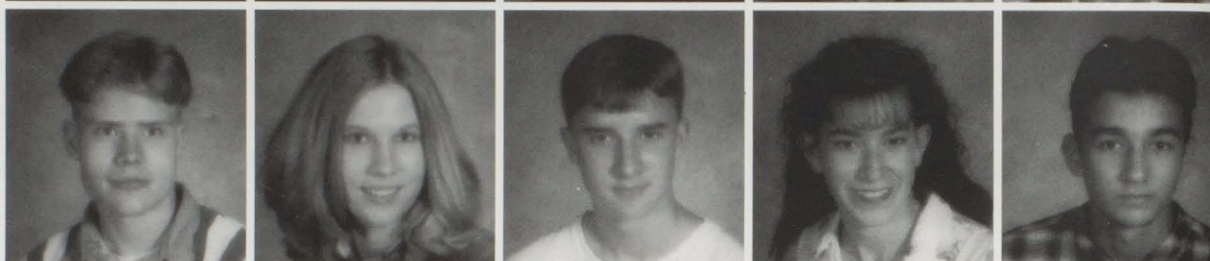
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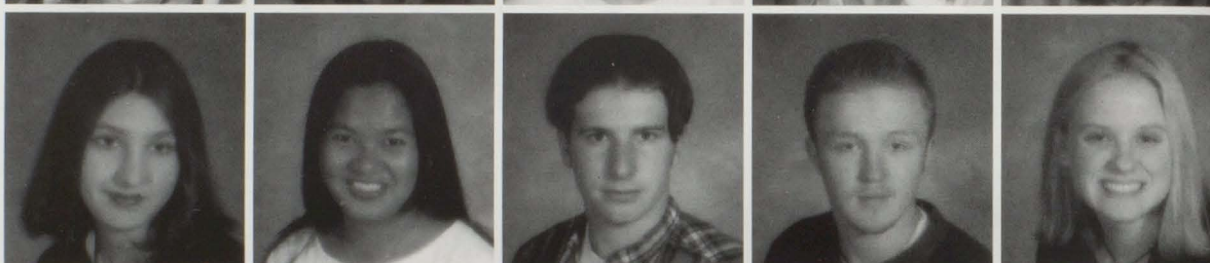
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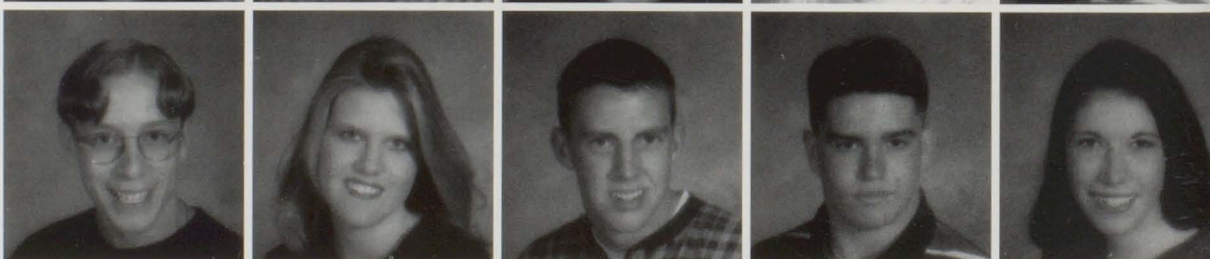
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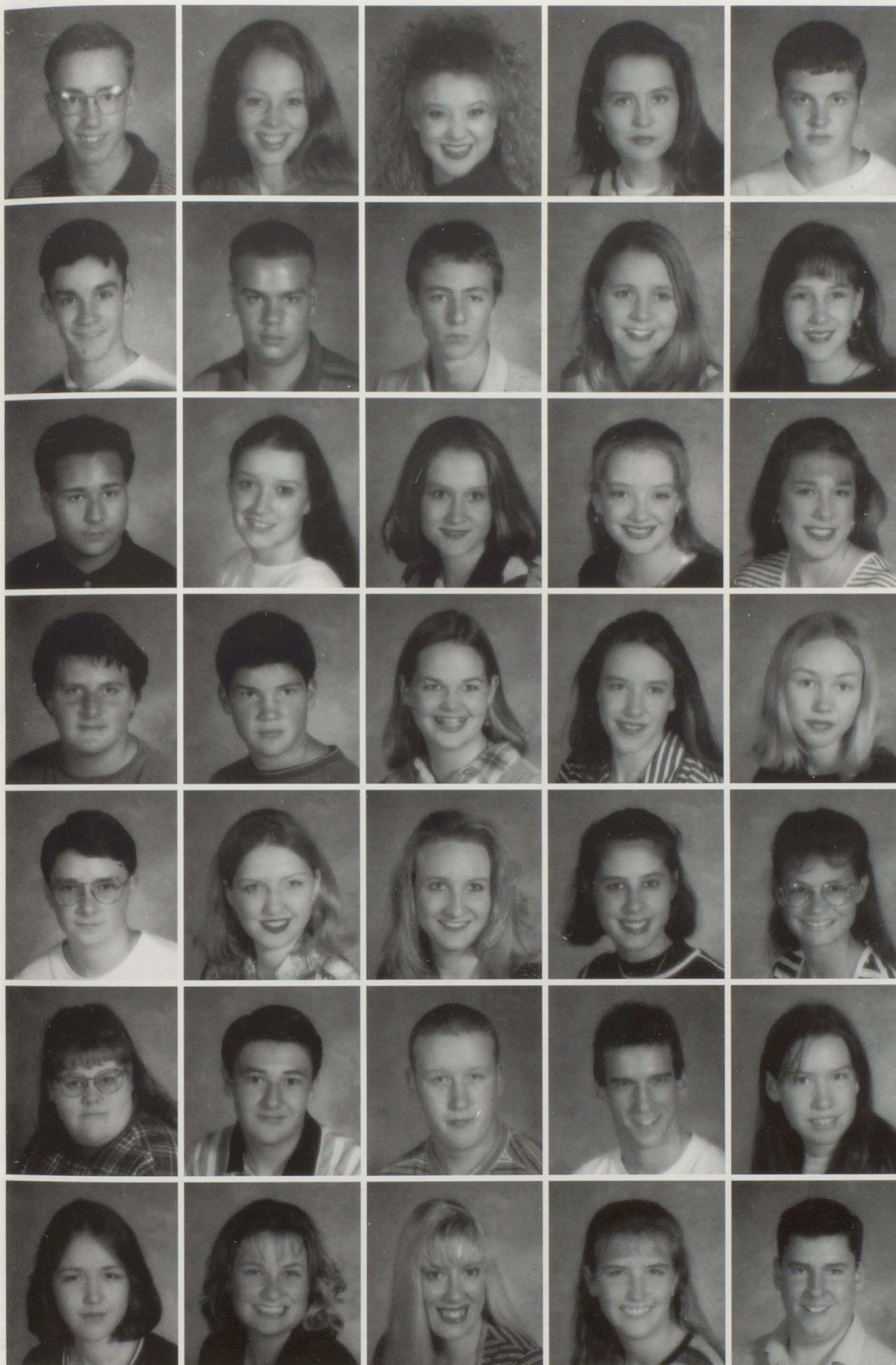


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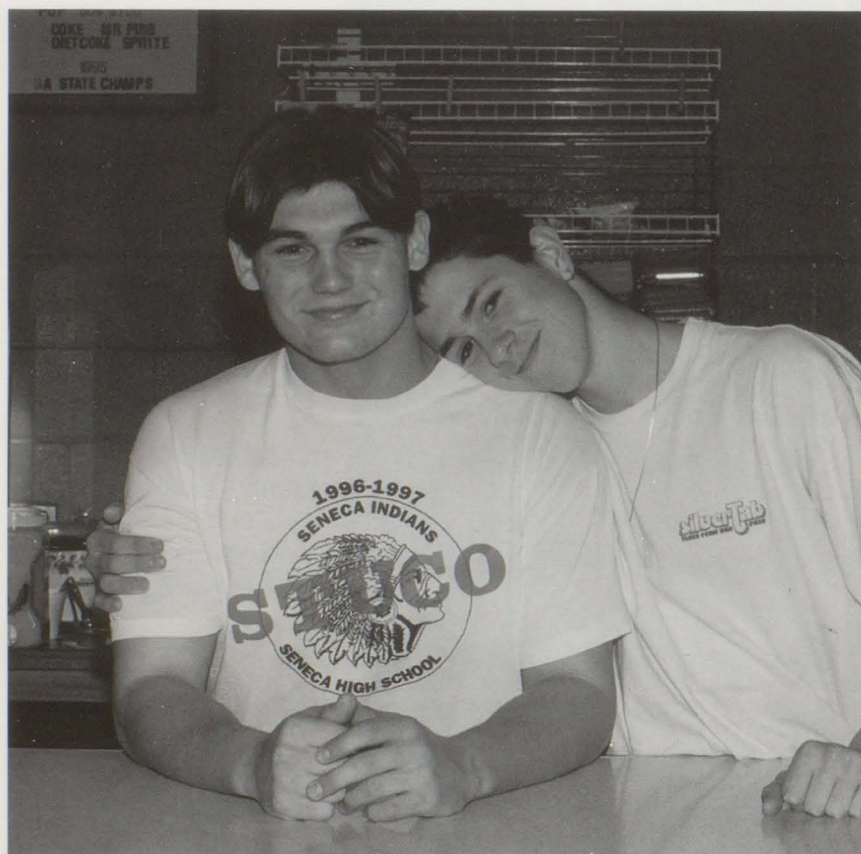
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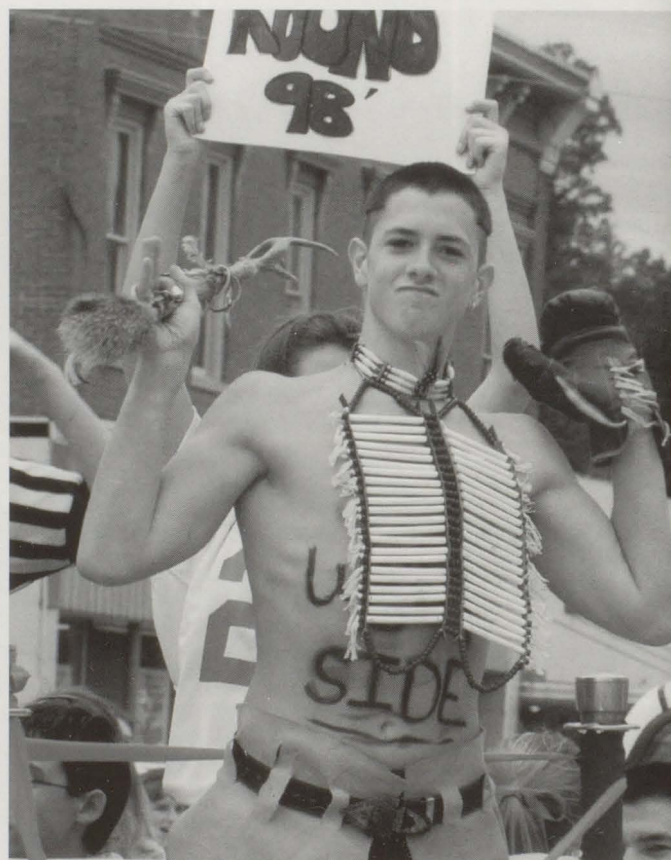
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Above: Jr. Phillip Wade attempts to bond with Jr. Chris Elbert while working a basketball concession stand.



Above: Jr. Phillip Wade spices up the Junior Class float during the Football Homecoming parade.

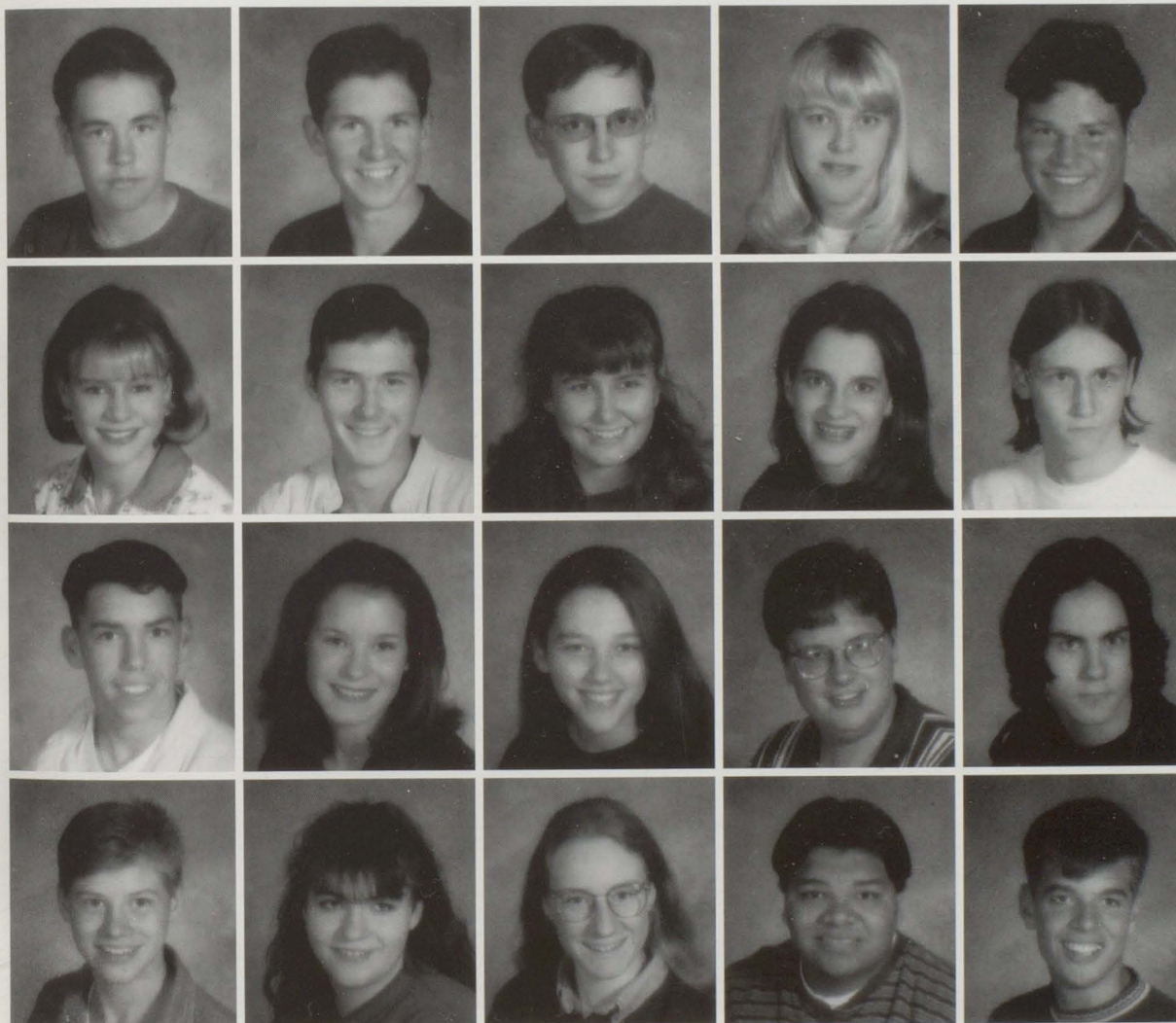


Your sophomore year is a difficult time filled with many changes and added responsibilities. You are no longer a freshman, yet you don't have the benefits of being an upperclassman. It is a time of change.

There will be many struggles for you to face and overcome throughout the rest of your high school career. Your sophomore year presented you with many such opportunities. You may not think so now, but this time will have prepared you for the future. Just remember that, "Life is a succession of moments, To live each one is to succeed." -Corita Kent

Hopefully, as you look back upon this time, you will remember all the good times, even though there were some disappointments along the way. This will be a time to remember and share. **Misty Mullin**

Left: Class Officers. Tara Berry, Catherine Singleton, Jake King, Cliff Reaves, and Brad Blacketer.



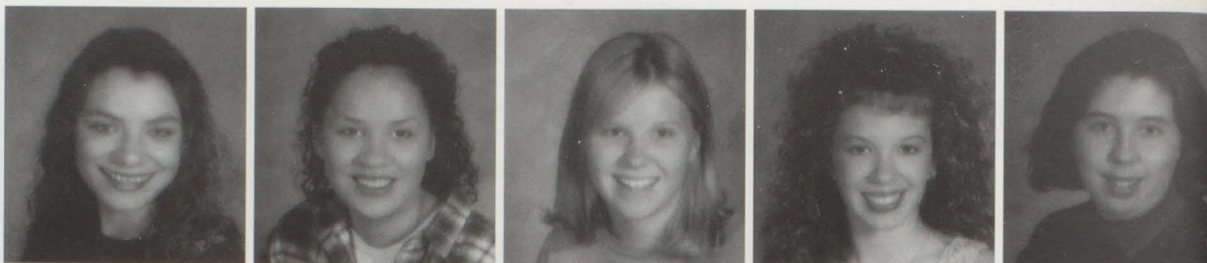
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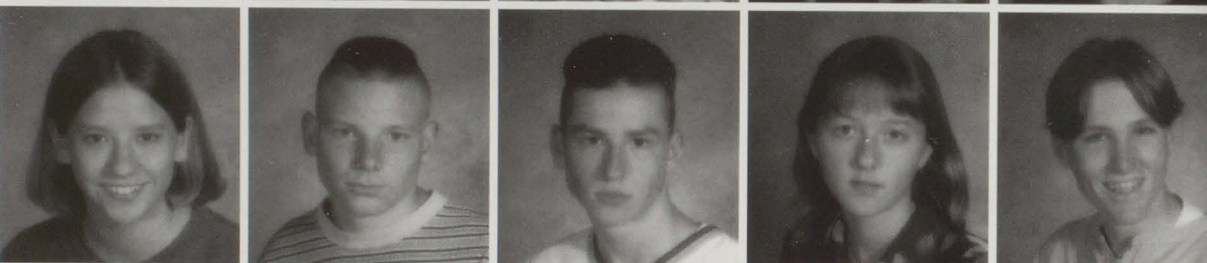
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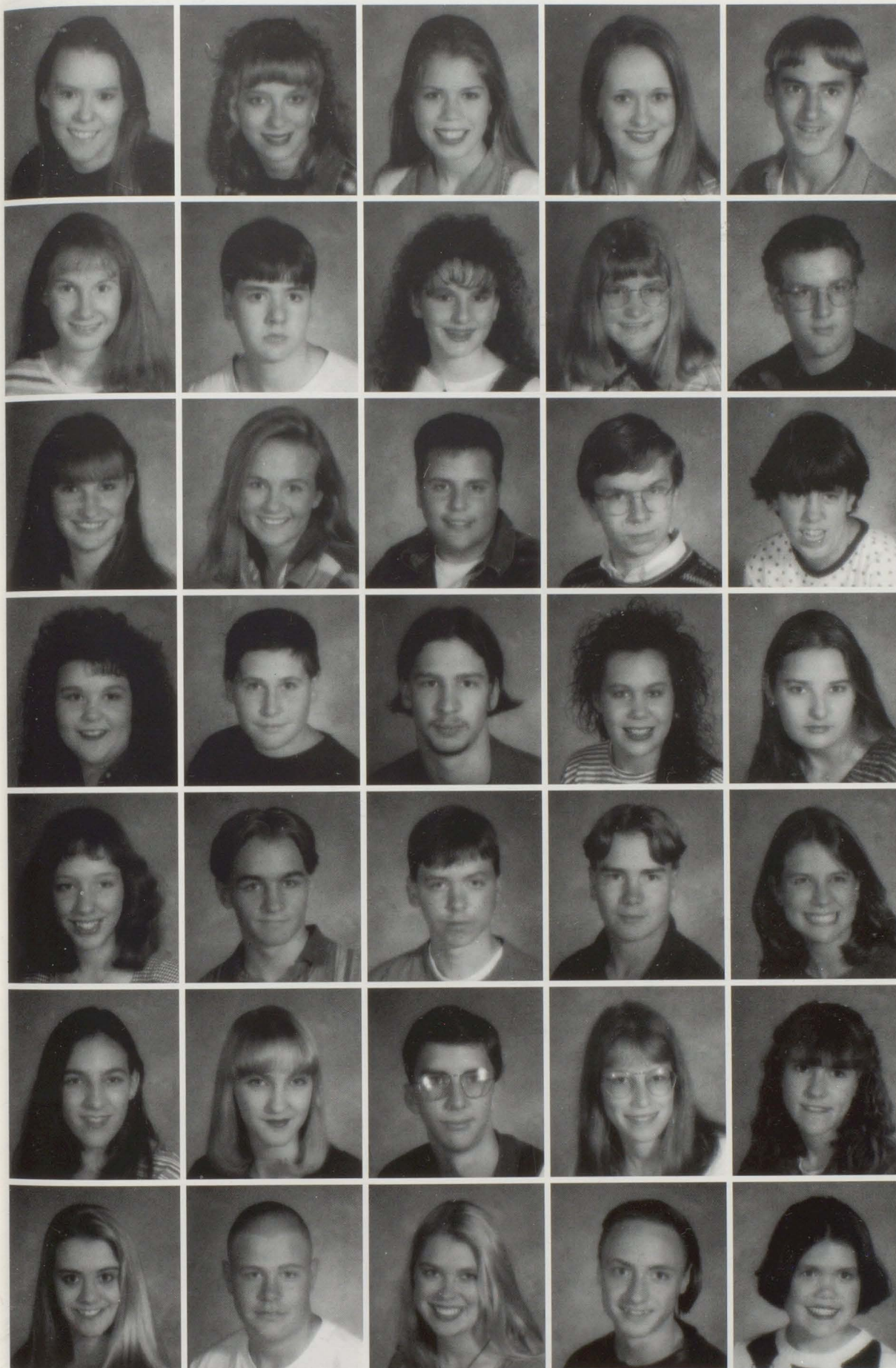


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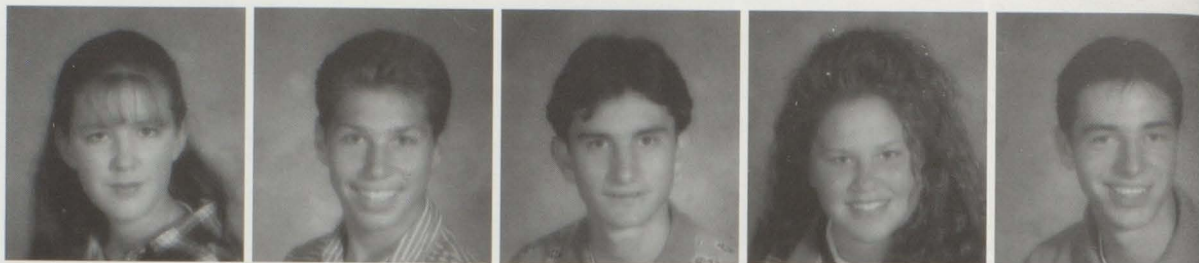
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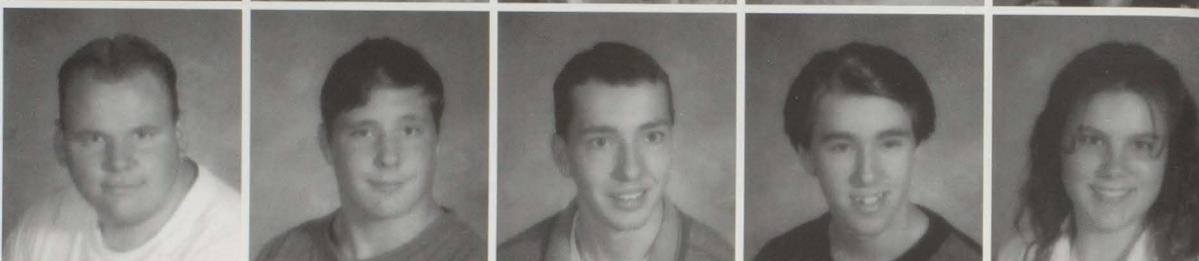
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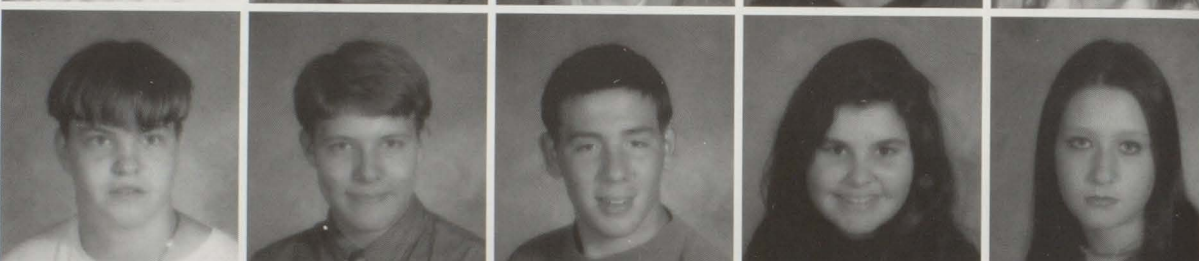
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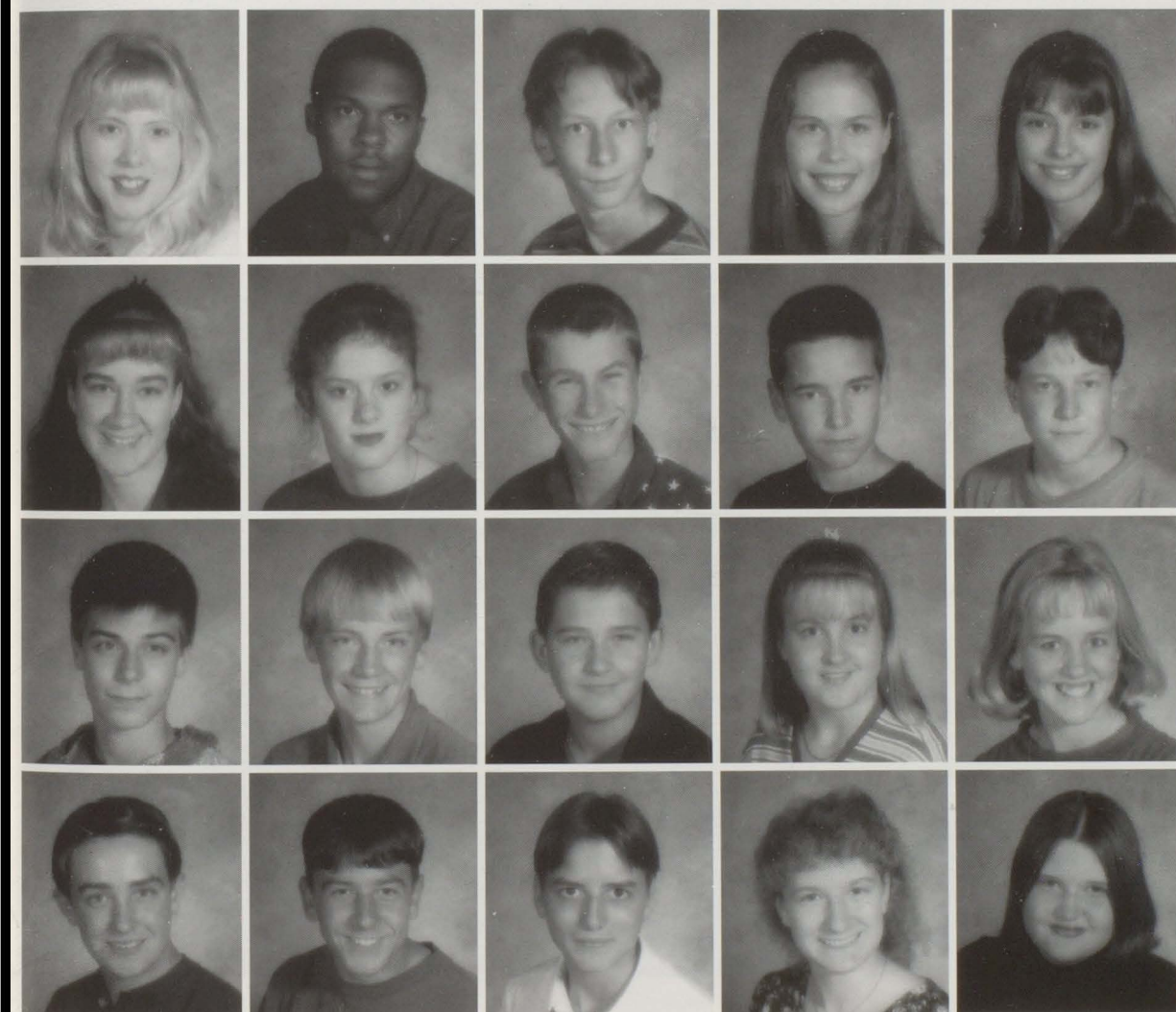
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After looking forward to being in high school for so long, not all of the freshman class members are sure it was worth the wait. From the first day of school, to getting last place on their float in the homecoming parade, things weren't exactly living up to their expectations. Said freshman Joey Nesvold, "I thought going into the 9th grade was a step up, but so far it hasn't proven to be."

On a more positive note, there have been some good times for the freshmen. For instance: some lucky freshmen got to travel with the band to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. Most of them also have had fun participating in the extracurricular activities they didn't have an opportunity to enjoy in Junior high. The freshmen really did have a good year. After all, they were finally in high school.--
Lindsey Fisher

Left: Freshman Class Officers. Jill Elbert, Monica Buening, Brandon Middick, Chris Howard, and Daniel Snider.



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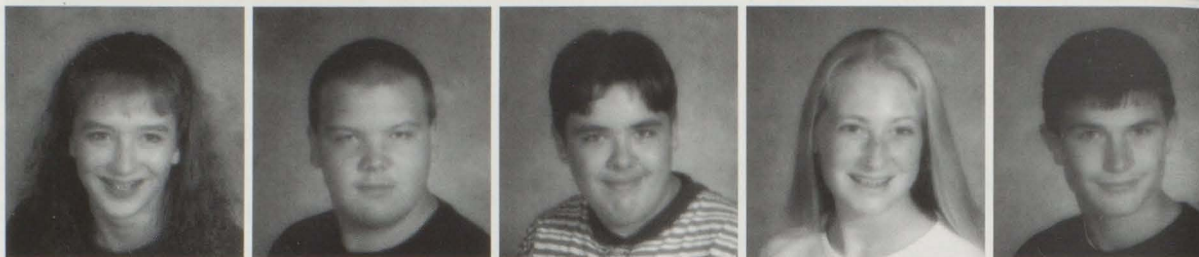
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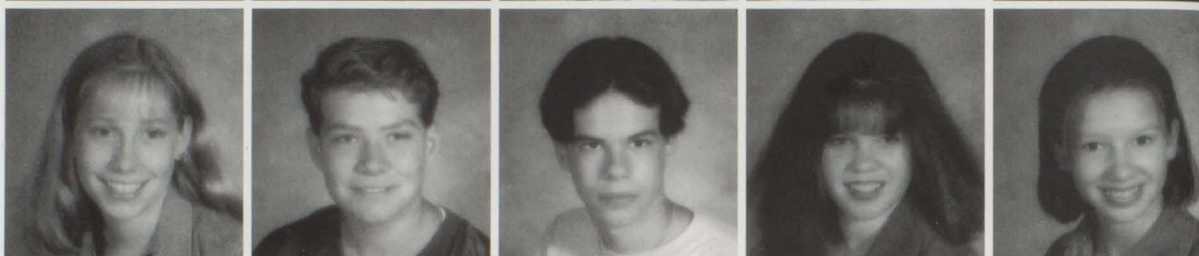
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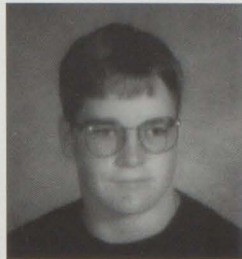


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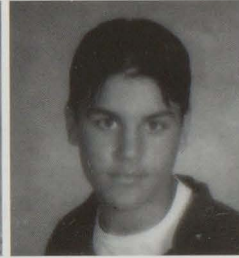
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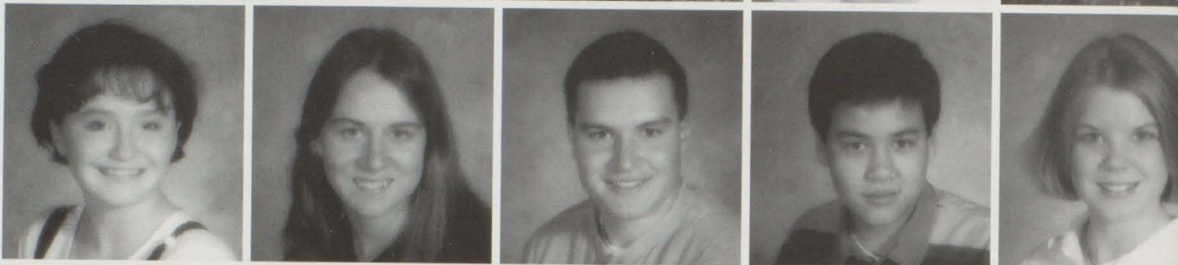


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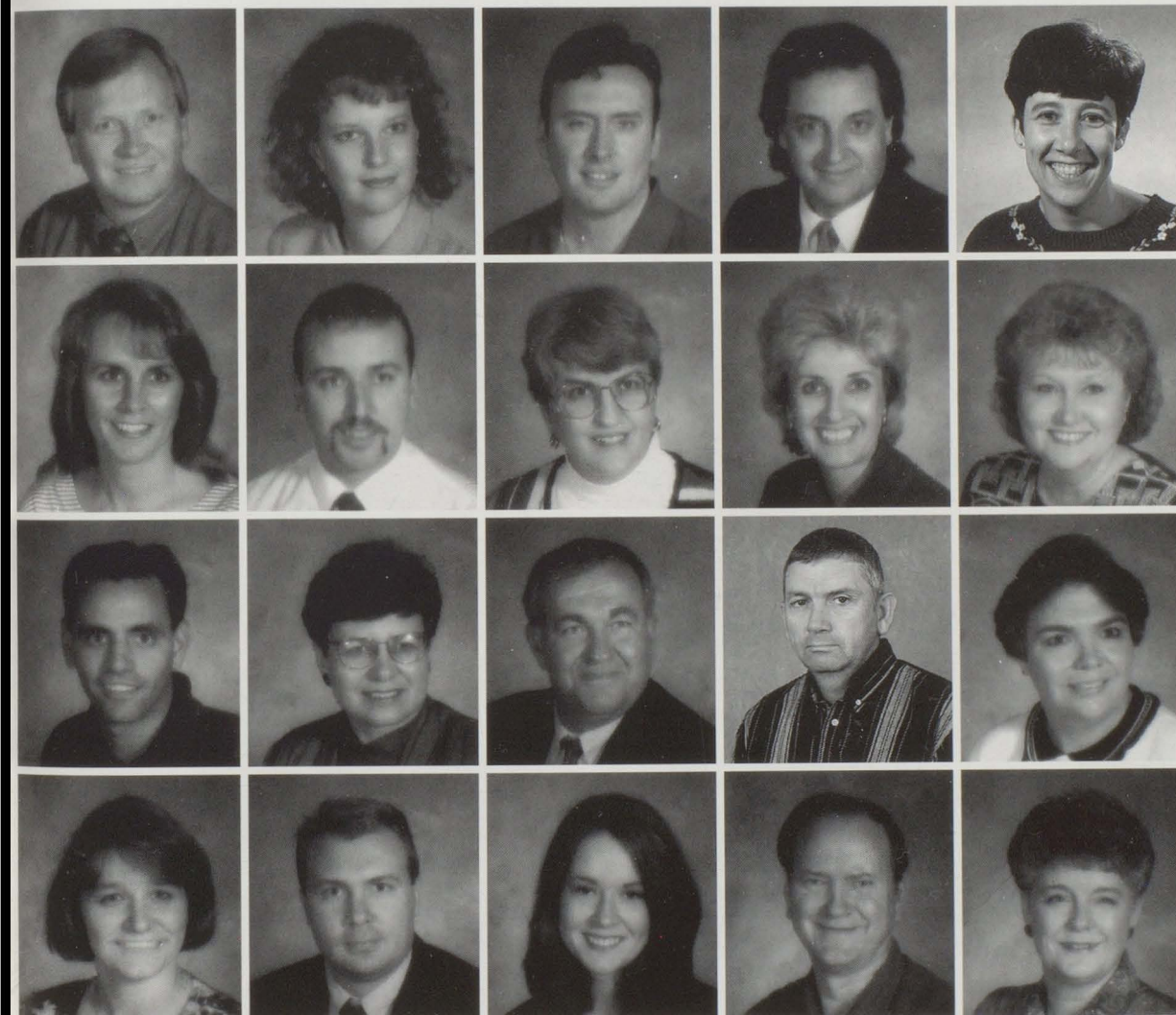
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Below: Superintendent Dr. Arch Gordanier.



Seneca High School not only got some new faces in the student body this year, but they also got some in the faculty. Graduates from many different colleges came to Seneca to join the other returning teaching veterans. All the teachers here, both new and experienced, play an important role in our lives as students. They encourage us to do our best and they challenge us to think. The Staff looks out for our best interests in every decision that they make. They take time out of their hectic schedules to sponsor our clubs and help us with our class projects. We also need to think about the support staff and all the work they do for us.. The support staff of SHS spends a lot of time making our school day go easier. The bus drivers get us to school and take us back home. The custodians keep things running and keep the school looking good. The cafeteria workers make sure we have something good to eat. The secretaries keep everything together and Mr. Hill keeps us in line. All of the faculty and staff help us to have a memorable and interesting year. **Kim McDaniel**



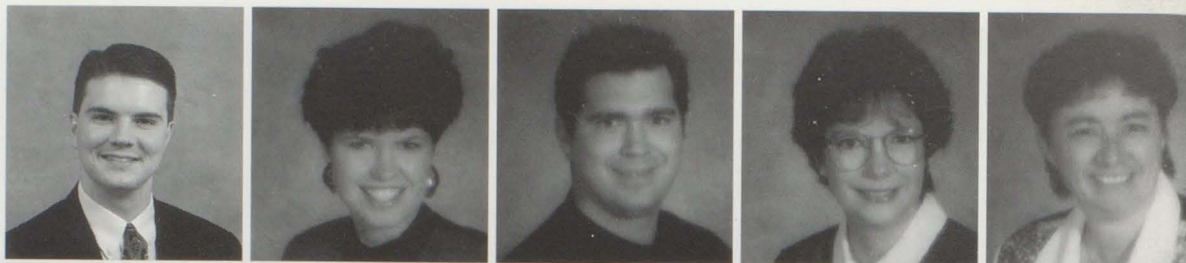
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Above: Mrs. Feroe greets the day with a smile.



Above: Board Office Secretaries. Cheryl Roark, Kathy Morehead, and Jan Cole.



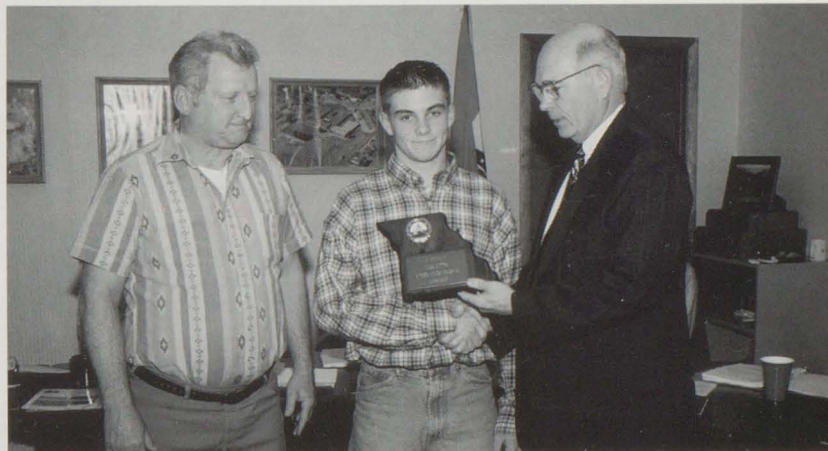
Left: R-7 School Board. Mark Bridges, Frank Skaggs, Kenneth Brady, Gary Roark, Mark Landeth, Arch Gordanier, Anita Singleton, and Greg Sitton.

Below: Coach Triplett and Gary Roark congratulate Cody Ritter for winning his third straight wrestling title.

Bottom: Donna Burris and Maxine Hildreth prepare lunch for the SHS student body.



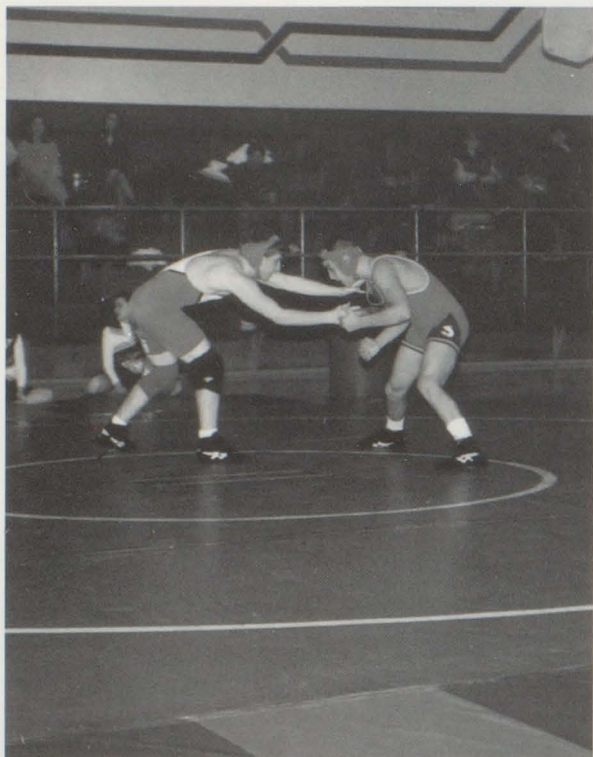
Above: Craig Cole cherishes his birthday gift.



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Below: Freshman Matt Miller gets ready to lock-up with his opponent.



Below: The Varsity team battles one another at the Lawn-chair scrimmage.



Above: Rachel Rearrick signs a letter of intent with Fort Scott.



Above: Junior Josh McCarty launches a three-point shot.

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Warrior 1997

Looking back over the years, athletes have come to know both the feeling of losing and winning. But, no matter what the condition or the outcome may be, the athletes of Seneca High School will always show-up for the next game or match determined to once again do the best they can. Whether you play any of the sports offered at SHS or you are simply a member of the fan club, you still carry the Indian pride with you. The Seneca Indian Tradition for sportsmanship and excellence continues no matter what the score. **Michelle Graham**

Looking back on the 1996-97 cheerleading season, one could say it was an exciting and eventful year. The annual camp was held in July at the SMSU campus. Both squads did exceptionally well. The J.V squad received all blue ribbons and Top Team in the Jr. Varsity division. The Varsity received 1 red ribbon and five blue. They also were awarded the Top Team honors in the large Varsity division. Fourteen girls from the Seneca squads were nominated to try out for the All American squad, seven of them were selected.

With less than a month to practice the Varsity squad competed at the regional competition at Kickapoo High School. The girls took home 2nd place, and then advanced to the State competition in Columbia, Mo. With an excellent performance, they placed 5th out of 17 squads. Every SHS squad that has advanced to state has placed in the top five. Congratulations again!

The wrestling cheerleaders have also had an exciting year to look back on. They have started new beginnings for the wrestling cheerleaders in the future. The girls have had a first time for everything: from hosting pep rallies, to cheering at districts, sectionals, and state. Ms. Lanie Johnston has boosted the squad to new heights. **Erica Kuhn**



Top: Wrestling Cheerleaders. Tashsa Hall, Amanda Cox, Katie Favazzo, Lindsey Fisher.

Above: Jessica White raises above the crowd to get the excitement going.

Above Right: JV Cheerleaders excite the crowd at a home football game.

Right: Varsity Cheerleaders go through the motions at the bonfire pep rally.



Going Through the Motions



Left: Varsity Cheerleaders. Row 1-Holly Elbert, Erica Kuhn. Row 2-Kristel Patton, Casey Durman, Rachel Whitehead, Jessica White, Joy Moser. Row 3-Bree Mitchell, Autum Woodward, Lindsay Irvin, Carol Kelly, Nita Malone.

Bottom: Lindsay Irvin, Carol Kelly, Bree Mitchell, Nita Malone, Erica Kuhn, Holly Elbert, and Kristel Patton are named All-Americans at summer camp.

Below: The Wrestling Cheerleaders go through the motions for a group picture.

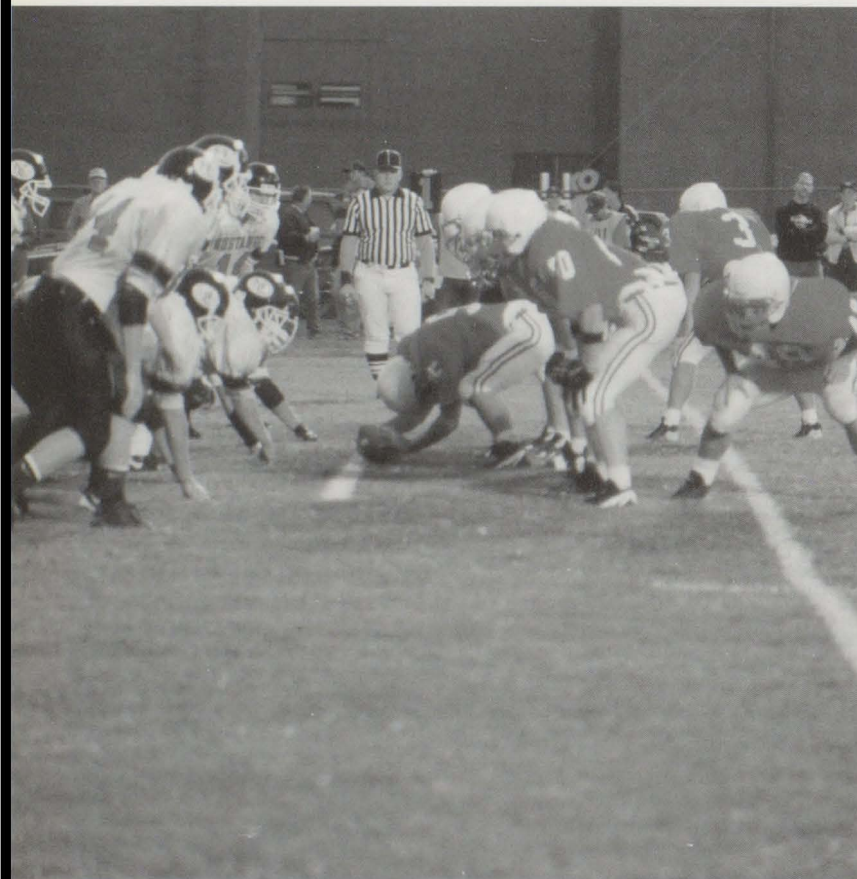
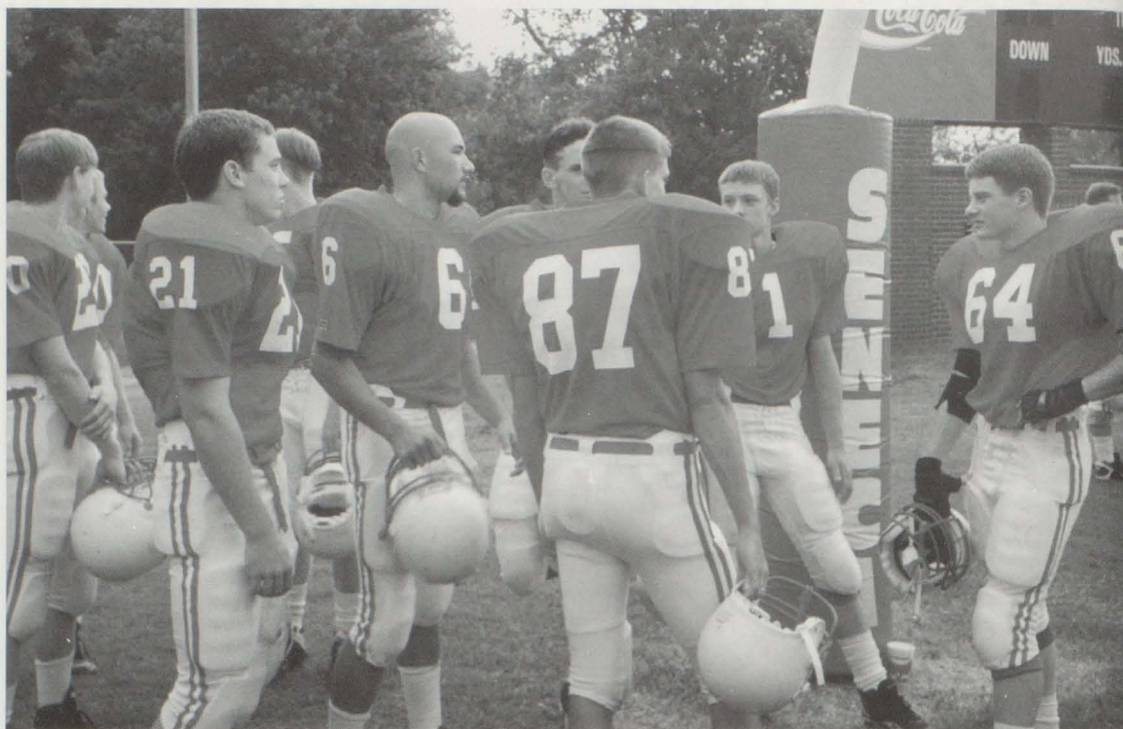
Below Left: JV Cheerleaders. Row 1-Christina Franklin, Bonnie Roberts, Monica Buening. Row 2-Jodie Miller, Krystal Sherwood, Amanda Ball. Row 3-Jennifer Schultz, Shannon Hayes, Ambry Prater.



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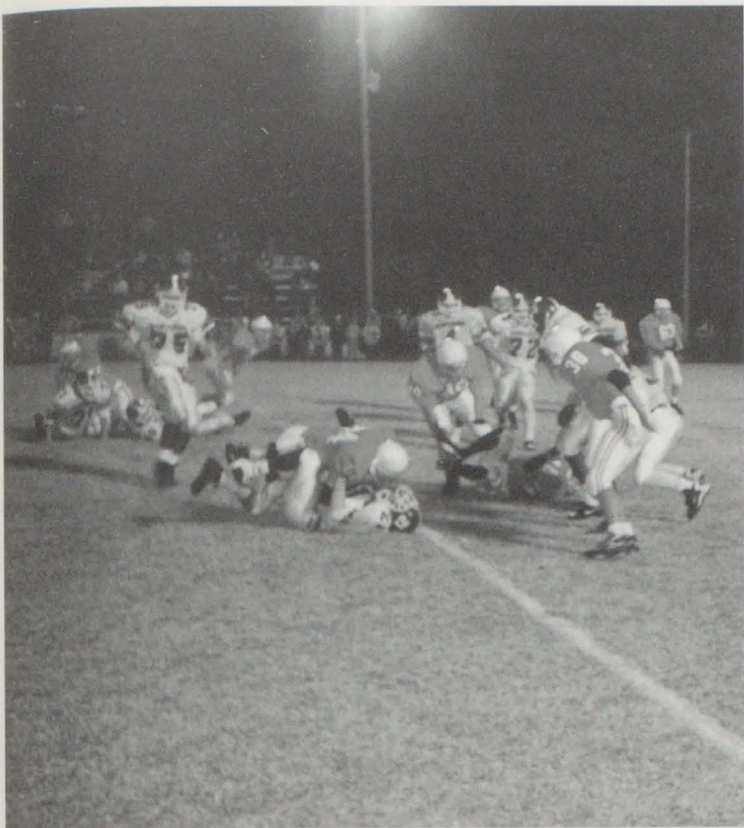
Right: Seniors Justin Depriest, Clayton White, Jeff Long, Troy Dry, Austin Wilson, and Rob Yust psyche up for a big game.

Scoreboard		
SHS		Opp
28	El Dorado	18
37	Mac County	0
13	Monett	14
27	Cassville	28
6	Neosho	8
27	East Newton	14
22	Aurora	38
13	Lamar	7
35	Mt. Vernon	14
35	Carl Junction	0
26	Monett	14
0	Branson	47



Above: The Indians line up for an extra point attempt.

Middle: Seniors Justin DePriest and Troy Dry tackle a Mt. Vernon running back. Bottom Right: Adam Hughes, Kyle Cook, Justin DePriest, and Justin Thiel warm-up as they prepare for the game.

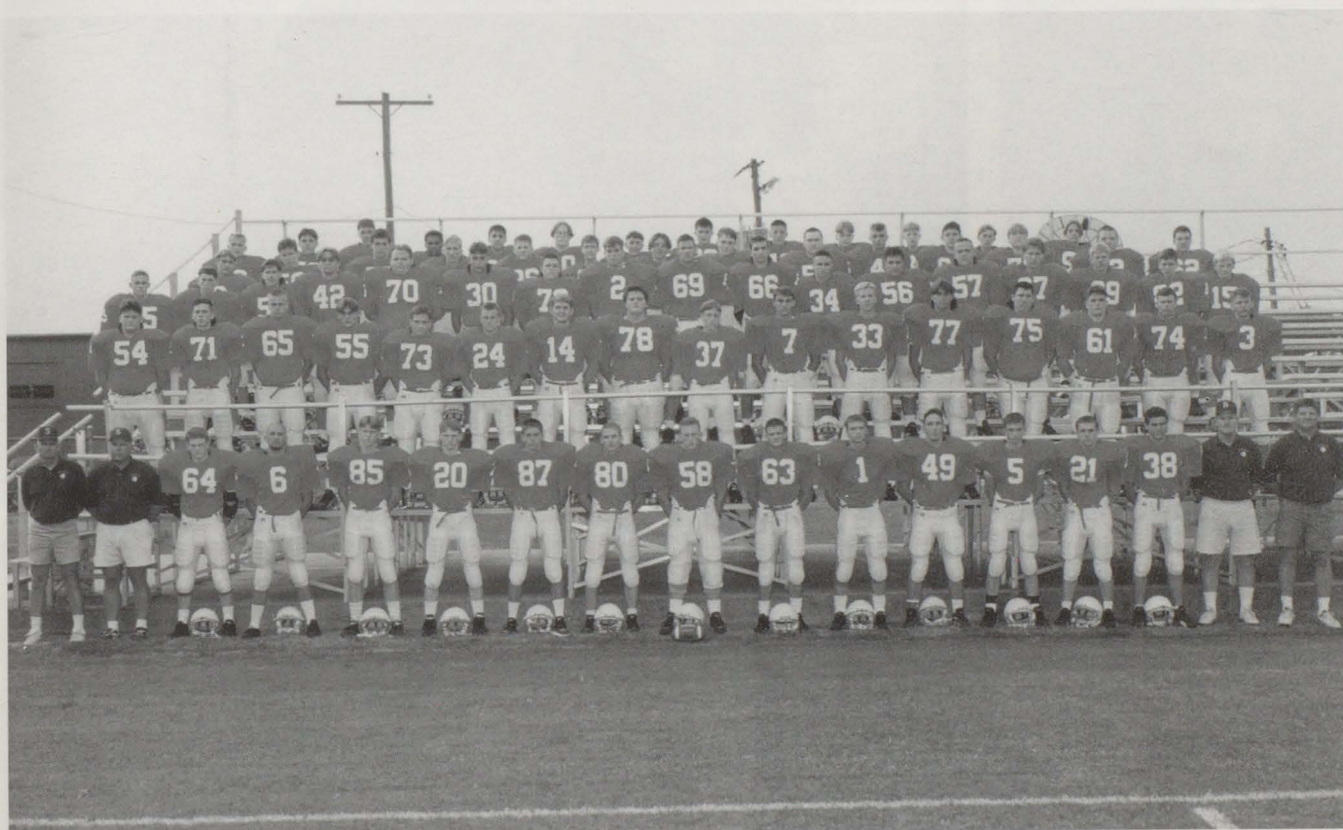


Left: Senior Rob Yust makes a nice tackle.

Football 96

"The Seneca Football tradition is not only about winning, but it's also about staying together as a team even when things go bad. It's about working hard to do the little things right, while consistently getting better week after week." Justin De Priest Looking back over the years, many things have changed, but football will continue to carry on its rich tradition at Seneca High School. This year's team was no exception. The Indians definitely

had their ups and downs, but they showed character by continuing to play with everything they had. Even though the team got off to a shaky start by losing some really close games, the team turned the season around by winning the District and the first round of the playoffs. When asked about this year's team, Coach Hodge replied, "I was especially proud of the courage and loyalty the players had in getting through the hard times." *Michelle Graham*

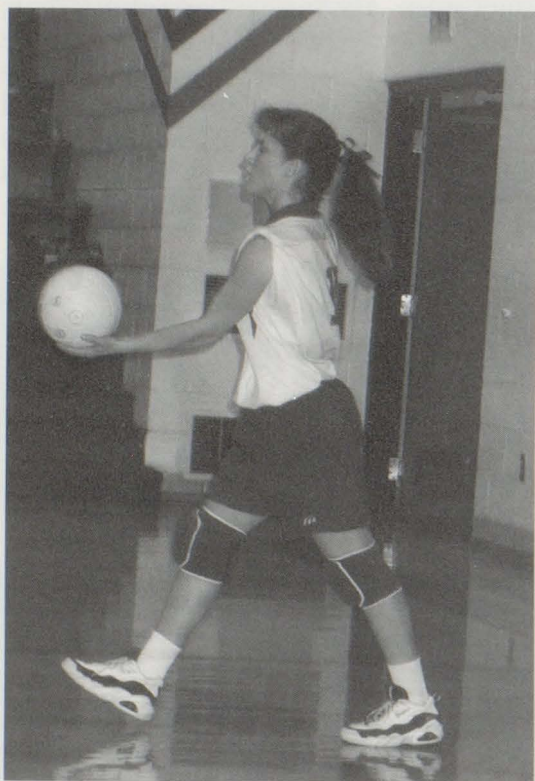


1996 Football Team. Row 1-Coach Tom Hodge, Coach Mike Yust, Rob Yust, Clayton White, Michael Mitchell, Michael Cory, Jeff Long, Bryan Hamilton, Tobin Schultz, Ethan Wilson, Austin Wilson, Troy Dry, Justin Skaggs, Justin DePriest, Jeremy Massey, Coach John Whitehead, Coach Alvin Elbert. Row 2-Tommy Barwick, Casey Merriman, Zach Massey, Chris Elbert, Justin Jefferies, Matt Buening, Adam Hughes, Tim Mills, Jack Kitchingham, Mike Blair, David Bastian, Brent Howard, Matt Shear, Don Lansaw, Zac Hudson, Justin Thiel. Row 3-Daniel Jackson, Brad Blacketer, D.J. Ackerson, Joe Goodman, Cody Slatton, Dustin Lash, Max Helm, Kyle Cook, Keith Wilson, Cory Morehead, Adam Scribner, Tyler Ehrhart, Matt Yaryan, James Rhodes, Jake Mayberry, Brandon Middick, Ben Blair. Row 4-Shaun Daniels, Clayton Adams, Jacob Nunley, Michael Mathre, Clint Grimmatt, Blake Stephens, Tony Wheeler, Phillip Curry, Justin Smith, Nathan Hilsabeck, Rusty Ginger, Zach Rakes, Ryan Davidson, Art Sprouse. Row 5-Brandyn McDaniel, Jake Day, Greg Lankford, Kourtney Alexander, Matt Miller, Zach Lansaw, Justin Burris, Adam Durman, Joseph Rhatigan, Jason Stansill, Aaron Merriman, John Beckham, Brandon Bulter.

Right: Holly Maples sets the ball up for Jamie Cook as Becca Gibson, Carie Krusemark, and Candice Skaggs look on.



Below: Becca Gibson gets ready to serve the ball.



Above Right: Freshmen Volleyball. Row 1-Jill Elbert, Vanessa Kivett. Row 2- Laura Heffren, Sally Cole, Yvonne Gommlich, Faith Standeford, Christina Bryant. Row 3- Lindsay Lash, Becca Dees, Paige Mc Carty, Brandi Bassett, Kally Judy, Jennifer Myers.

Right: J.V. Volleyball. Row 1-Tiffany Howard, Casey Durman. Row 2-Laura Heffren, Lacie Greninger, Jill Elbert, Vanessa Kivett. Row 3-Amanda Lankford, Stacey Gilman, Robin Bolt, Catherine Singleton, Tara Berry, Kally Judy, Kristy Myers.



Volleyball

*Story by
Jamie Dillmon*



The Seneca Lady Indians Volleyball Team looked forward to their 1996 season. Now, looking back, they are greatly satisfied. Their season ended with a record of 7-17-1, which was a great improvement from the previous season, but the accomplishments came with a lot of hard work. Ashley Bates, varsity player, said, "The team had a great season and I am very proud to have been part of a growing program."

Even though the team worked and improved on fundamentals, there was a lot more to the season than who could hit the ball the hardest. To be a good team it takes a lot of communica-

tion. The Lady Indians left everything behind them when they stepped onto the court. They pulled together and worked as a team.

Coach Carlin commented about her J.V. Team, "The team did an excellent job this season and I am very proud of our accomplishments. The J.V. placed first and third in the tournaments they participated in throughout the season." Coach Rhine commented, "The 1996 Seneca Lady Indians took a giant step toward the future, they challenged and gained the respect of the Big 8 Conference." With thirty-three of the thirty five players returning, the outlook is "optimistic".

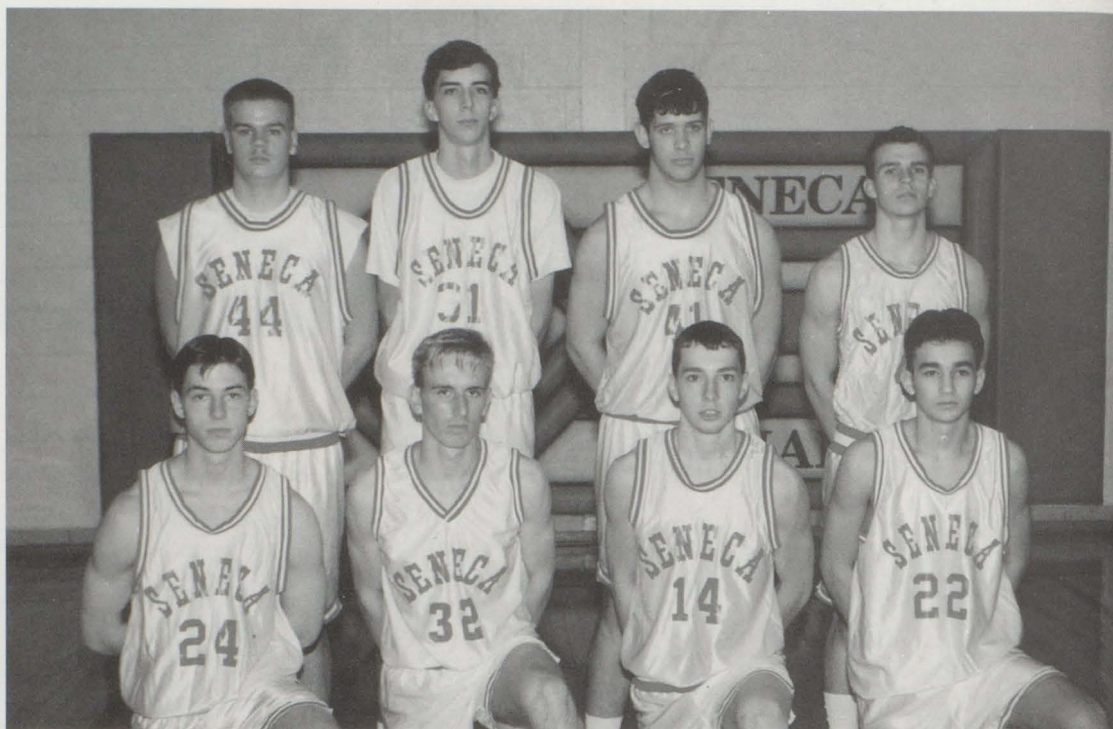


Above Left: Becca Gibson gets ready to set the ball.

Left: Varsity Volleyball. Row 1-Jamie Dillmon, Kristy Myers, Carie Krusemark, Kacie Grimmett. Row 2-Holly Maples, Jamie Cook, Candice Skaggs. Row 3-Becca Gibson, Rachel Rearick, Andrea Heffren, Ashley Bates.

Right: JV Boys' BB. Row 1-Dennis Robinson, Michael Mathre, Willie Spicer, and Ricky Helvey. Row 2-Zac Massey, Gerod Hall, Keith Wilson, and Nathan Creed.

Below: The Varsity huddles up before the game.



Above: Freshmen Boys' BB. Row 1-Jake Mayberry, Brandyn McDaniel, Ben Blair, Joe Rhatigan, and Roger Hoover. Row 2-Blake Stephens, Matt Shockley, Nathan Hilsabeck, Justin Smith, Greg Lankford, and Coach Jerry Myers.

Far Right: Junior Eric Lankford goes for a lay-up, as junior Brent Howard and sophomore Dennis Robinson get in position for a rebound.

Right: Freshman Nathan Hilsabeck dribbles in closer for a shot.



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Left: Junior Justin Thiel dribbles around his opponent.

Boys' Basketball

"I thought that our work ethic helped us to surprise people with the success we had this year," David Bastian said about this year's team. The Seneca Boys' Basketball team started the season with big hopes. They surprised everybody by winning the Pierce City tournament despite being seeded 5th. Nobody knew what to expect from this year's young team, but after the first few games,

it was obvious that the Indians were here to play. The Indians showed a lot of spirit by coming back from a difficult part of their schedule to win the Diamond tournament. As Coach Hermann stated, "The success this year's team has had would be a tribute to the team's hard work and desire." It was truly a year of hard work and determination as the Indians ended their season 15-10. **Michelle Graham**



Above: Varsity Boys' BB. Row 1-Eric Lankford, Brent Howard, David Bastian, and Justin Thiel. Row 2-T.J. Wheeler, Josh McCarty, Jason Woodward, and Zac Massey.

Scoreboard		
SHS		Opponent
67	Pierce City	58
57	Verona	48
46	Wheaton	43
69	Carl Junction	66
45	Lamar	51
57	Monett	38
63	Pierce City	60
45	Webb City	71
42	Willard	61
65	East Newton	48
60	Columbus	59
40	Aurora	57
38	Siloam Springs	49
56	Roland	37
69	Lamar	59
26	Mt. Vernon	33
54	Carl Junction	65
60	Carl Junction	56
55	Diamond	48
48	Wheaton	38
46	East Newton	55
55	Monett	71
67	Diamond	65
66	Cassville	61
52	Mt. Vernon	63

Girls' Basketball

Girls' basketball definitely had many changes this year. With the help of new coaching, the girls pulled off a great year. Coach Neal said, "Coming in I knew that we were going to be more successful than in the past because of the work ethic. I had confidence in the girls. I knew we had a lot of work, but I felt the girls would respond and work hard." Many of the girls agreed. They felt Coach Neal gave them a positive influence and motivated them to work as a team. Rachel Whitehead said, "Our team got better as the year went by. I really look forward to next year." So do we girls. Keep up the good work. **Mandi Day**



SHS	Scoreboard	Opponent
31	Webb City	63
51	East Newton	43
27	Neosho	42
90	Exeter	15
62	Lamar	59
28	Pierce City	49
44	Carl Junction	57
42	East Newton	53
59	Columbus	43
57	Cassville	53
68	Purdy	53
56	Greenfield	68
78	Ash Grove	59
51	Carthage	57
42	Mt. Vernon	75
62	Carl Junction	75
50	Diamond	35
49	Wheaton	44
49	Verona	52
51	East Newton	46
42	Aurora	48
44	Monett	56
49	Lamar	53
54	McDonald County	51
53	Cassville	48
31	Mt. Vernon	47



Above: Girls' Varsity Basketball. Back row-Coach Neal, Karie Krusemark, Jamie Cook, Kacie Grimmert, Holly Maples, and Coach Peters. Front row-Rachel Rearick, Melania Hansen, Becca Gibson, Jill Elbert, Ashley Bates, and Tara Berry.



Left: Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball. Back row-Coach Neal, Callie Judy, Stephanie Hester, Rachel Whitehead, Holly Maples, and Coach Peters. Front row-Jennifer Harbaugh, Ashley Bates, Nicki Woodward, Candice Skaggs, and Christina Bryant.

Below: Jill Elbert passes the ball through the East Newton defense to an open teammate.

Bottom: Junior Jamie Cook once again shoots the ball as an East Newton opponent attempts to block her shot.

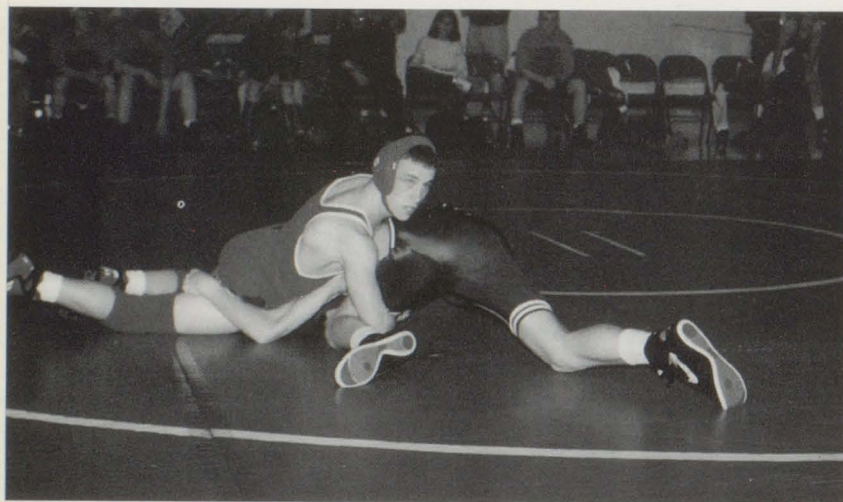
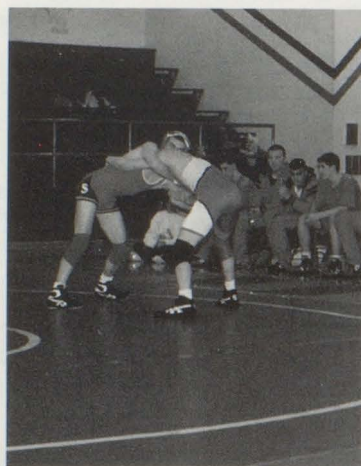
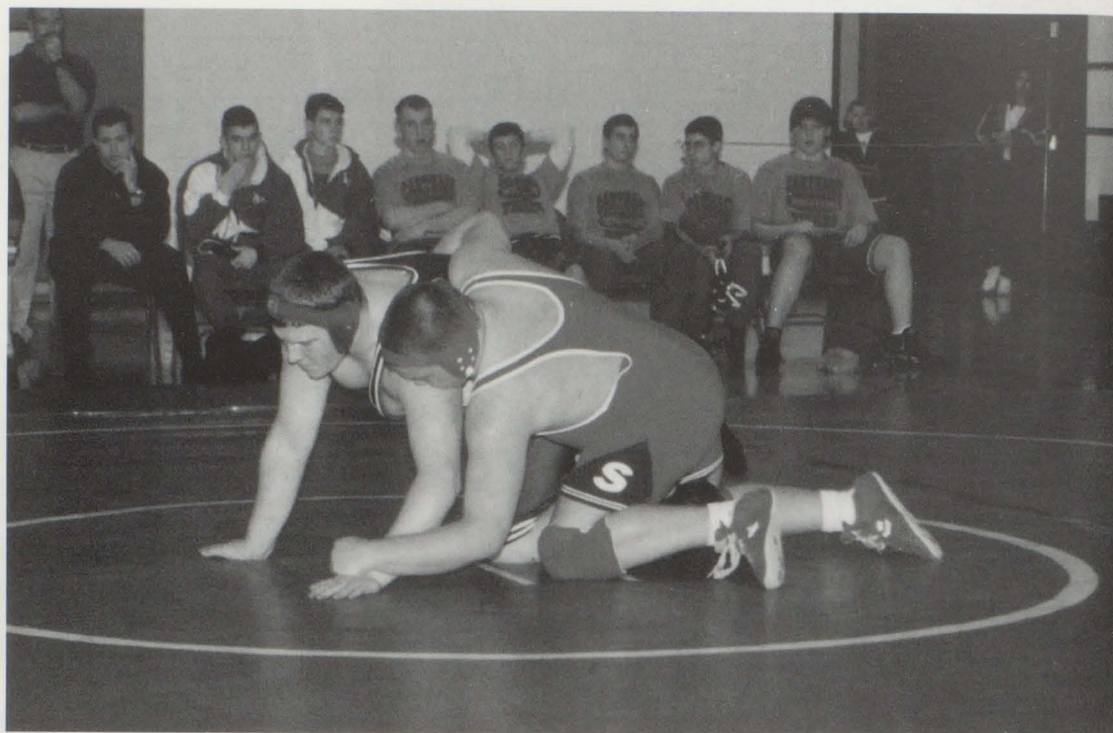


Above: Sophomore Tara Berry lays it in for two.



Right: Ryan Davidson tries to takedown a Carthage wrestler.

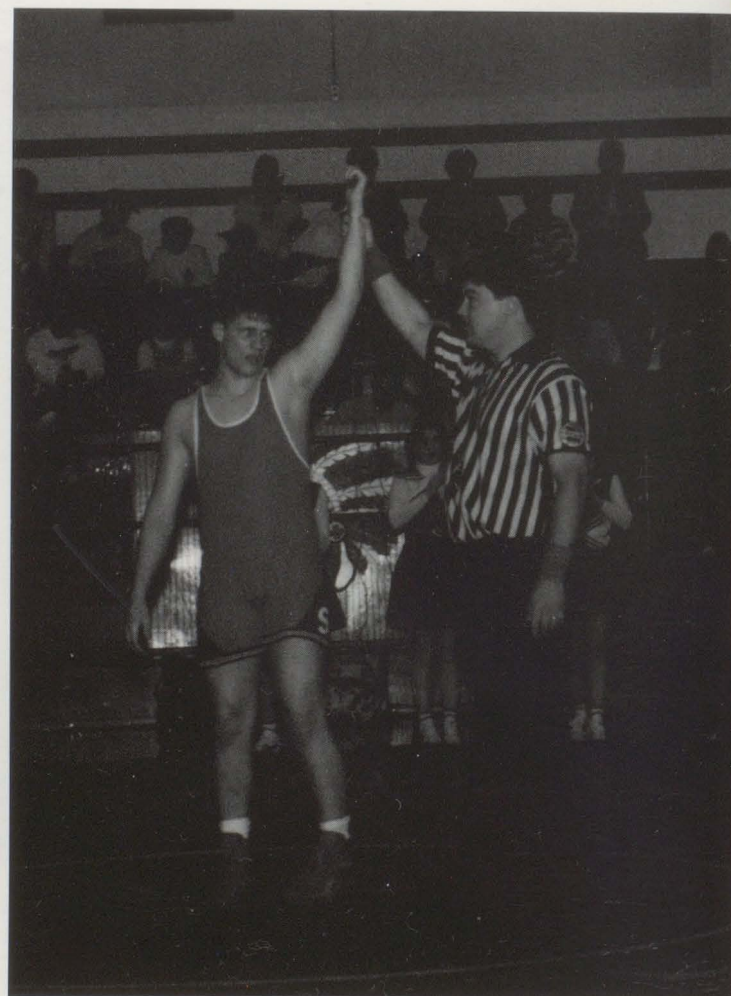
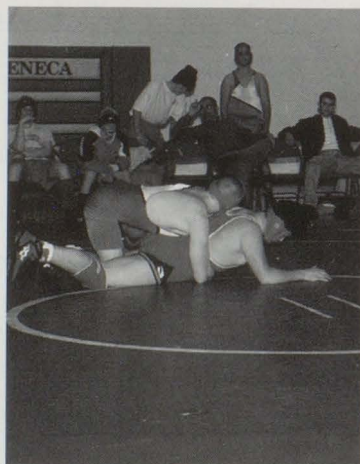
Below: Cody Ritter struggles to take down a Carl Junction wrestler.



Above: Daniel Jackson wrestles towards a victory against Carthage.

Far right: Clint Grimmatt's victory is declared.

Right: Tom Barwick fights to get away from a Carl Junction wrestler.



Left: Cody Ritter four time Missouri State medalist, three time Missouri State Champion.

Wrestling

This year's wrestling season started out with a tournament at Neosho. The team did well at this tournament with three people placing: Cody Ritter, 1st; Matt Miller, 2nd; and D. J. Ackerson, 4th place. All year the tournaments went pretty much the same with one to four people placing and everyone else wrestling very hard.

The District Tournament was held at Pleasant Hill on February 8. Seneca had five team members place: Daniel Jackson, 1st; Cody Ritter, 1st; D. J. Ackerson, 4th; Tommy Barwick, 4th; and Clint Grimmert, 4th. The following weekend the Sectional Tournament was held at the same location, and Seneca's Cody Ritter placed 1st and qualified for State. The weekend of February 20 the Missouri State Championships were held in Columbia, MO. Cody Ritter won his third 1st place state title. He also set a school record of 129 wins, 6 loses and 90 pins. Altogether the wrestling team had a season which everyone will enjoy looking back on. **Lindsey Fisher**



Top row left to right: Coach Dale Naden, Tim Mills, James Rhoades, Ryan Davidson, Matt Miller, Clint Grimmert, Tom Barwick, and Coach Bob Tripplett.

Bottom row left to right: Rhett McIntire, Jake King, Cody Ritter, D.J. Ackerson, and Daniel Jackson.

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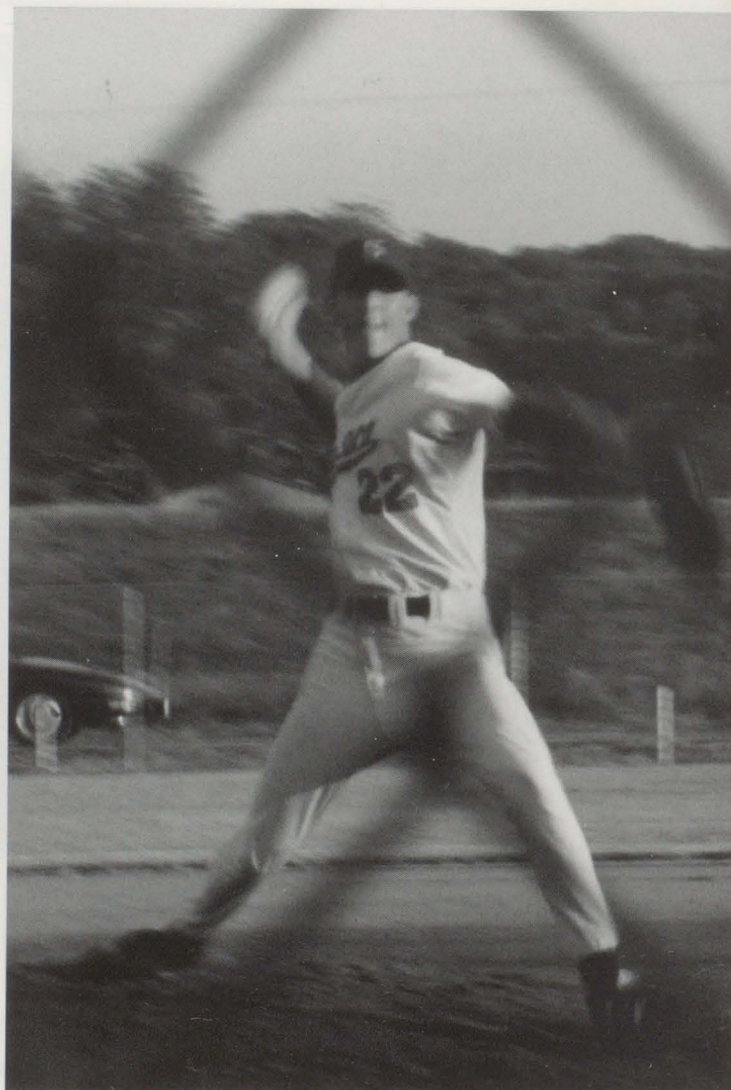
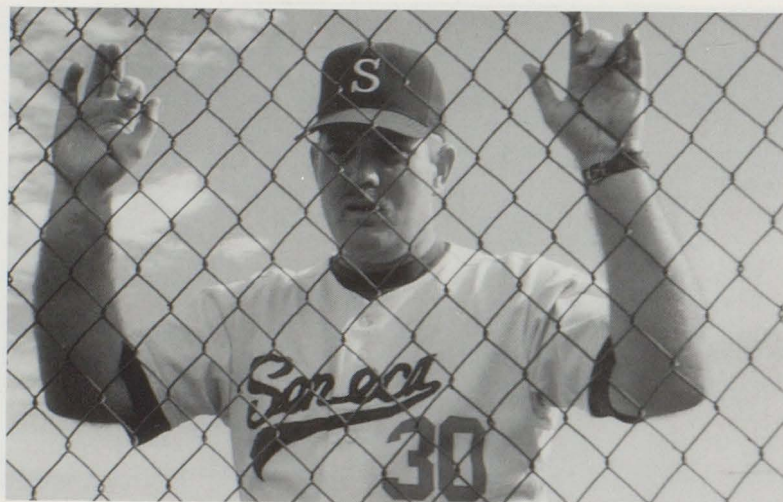
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Right: Senior Night. Row 1-Mike Lynch, Kim Morehead, Michelle Graham, Brian Arwood, Justin DePriest, and Coach Yust. Row 2-Clayton White, Jeff Long, Rob Yust, and Troy Dry.

Below: Coach Whitehead takes a minute during the game to talk to the statisticians about the game.

Bottom: Chris Elbert digs in.

Below Right: Eric Lankford pitches a game against Lamar.



Left: Troy Dry takes a swing at the ball.

Baseball

This year the Seneca Indians have many things to look back on such as Mike Lynch breaking the homerun and RBI record, and several players were selected for the Big 8 Conference team: First team was Mike Lynch, pitcher; Rob Yust, 2nd base unanimous; Chris Elbert, 3rd base; and Justin DePriest, centerfield. Second team was Eric Lankford, pitcher. Honorable Mention included Mike Lynch, 3rd base; and Eric Lankford, as utilities.

The team awards were as follows: Justin DePriest was picked as MVP; Rob Yust had the best batting average; and Chris Elbert got most improved. The Indians ended the season in the second round of district play against El Dorado Springs. It was a good year for the squad with the team ending the season with a final record of 14-6. Coach Whitehead summed up the season with these comments, "We had a great year. We exceeded our expectations." **Kim Morehead**



Above: 1997 Baseball. Row 1-Joy Moser, Aaron Merriman, T.C. Patton, Art Sprouse, Justin Smith, Jake Day, Joseph Rhatigan, Mickey Burns, Daniel Snider, Casey Durman. Row 2-Kim Morehead, Dylon Holt, Rickey Helvey, Chris Elbert, Eric Lankford, D.J. Ackerson, Daniel Jackson, Matt Buening, Michelle Graham. Row 3-Coach Whitehead, Justin DePreist, Brian Arwood, Clayton White, Mike Lynch, Jeff Long, Troy Dry, Rob Yust, Coach Yust.

Track

The 1996-97 track team definitely had a lot of positive things to look back upon. Despite small numbers, the team was able to have a fairly successful year with lots of individuals meeting team goals and personal bests. Becca Gibson placed first in the 800 meter run and Jeremy Massey placed second in the 110 meter high hurdles at the district competition held at Branson. These two individuals represented the school at the Sectionals held on May 24. As Coach Hermann remarked, "This has been a good year, and I feel that these kids will make a good foundation for a strong track team in the near future." But, sophomore Catherine Singleton reminds us that there is also a lot of hard work involved. "Track is a lot of sweat and tears. Word of advice: Stay on Coach's good side." **Krista Winchester**

Below: Josh McCarty, Mitch Singleton, Matt Shear, and Josh Snider take a break from the competition



Above: "Pack it Ladies." Girls relay team-Catherine Singleton, Lindsay Irvin, Becca Gibson, and Timmi Hobbs.

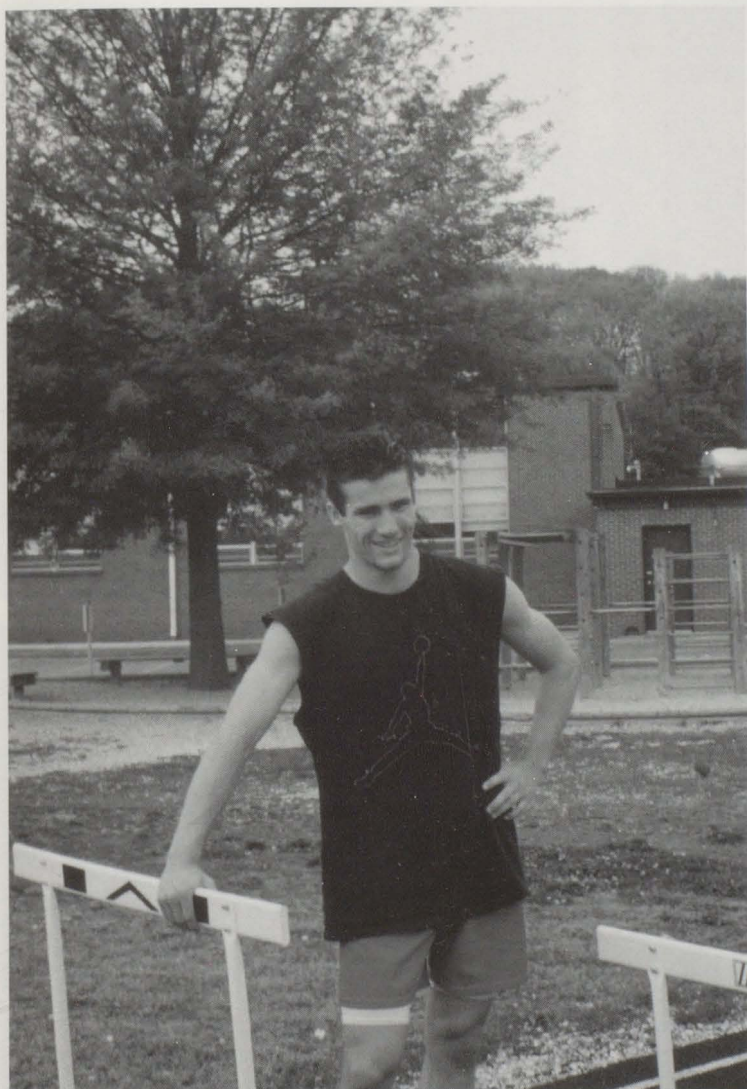
Above Right: Matt Shear gets ready to uncoil.

Right: Coach Hodge presents Sonia Blacketer with an award for her excellence in track.





Left: The 1996-97 Track Team. Row 1- Jennifer Meyers, Laura Heffren, Catherine Singleton, Timmi Hobbs, Andrea Heffren, and Mitch Singleton. Row 2- Misty Mullin, Becca Gibson, Lindsay Irvin, Robin Bolt, Shaun Daniels, and Theresa Baker. Row 3- Raymond Reaves, Adam Hughes, Josh McCarty, Jeremy Massey, Josh Snider, and Michael Mitchell. Row 4- Jason Stansill, Troy Pierson, Tommy Barwick, Roger Peterson, Justin Thiel, and Matt Shear.



Above: Misty Mullin gives Josh Snider some tips on his jumping technique.



Left: Laura Heffren, Timmi Hobbs, and Catherine Singleton break in the new track.

Top: Troy Pierson races to catch his opponent.

Left: Jeremy Massey, the king of the hurdles, surveys his domain.

A Hole in One

This season, golf has gone beyond what administrators and students expected. With Mr. Judd Eidson as the coach, Seneca's ten-person team went on to win the Miami Tournament for the second year and take Conference. For the first time the team also won at Districts. The record held eleven wins, six losses, with great accomplishments for lettermen Jacob Hosp, Victor Koelling, David Bastian, Jeremy Harbaugh, Josh Greer, and Jake Mayberry. The team wrapped up the year by placing twelfth in the state tournament.

Participant Jeremy Harbaugh had this to say, "I have played all sports in high school, and golf has been my favorite because you can relax and talk with friends." **Stacia Gilstrap**

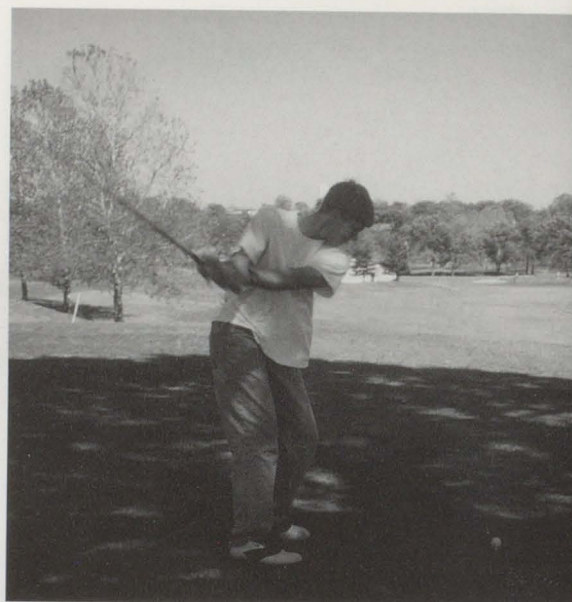
Below: The 1997 Varsity Golf Team. Victor Koelling, Jacop Hosp, David Bastian, Josh Greer, Jeremy Harbaugh, and Coach Eidson.



Above: Victor rubs his eye for luck.

Above Right: Jake Mayberry works on his swing.

Right: Putting away.





Left: Victor Koelling relaxes between holes.

Below: The team works on their putting techniques.



Above Left: Jeremy Harbaugh gets ready to send the ball into orbit.

Above: Jacop Hosp, David Bastian, and Victor Koelling relax while heading to a big tournament.

Left: Jeremy Harbaugh shoots for par as his teammates look on.



Right: Candice Skaggs, Kristel Patton, Holly Maples, Richelle Cox, and Ashley Bates pal around after the game.

Below: Jamie Dillmon lofts one out into the outfield.



Above: Holly Elbert eyes the pitch.

Right: Holly Maples resembles Dottie Henson.



Above: Kally Judy steps into the batter's box to wait for her pitch.





Left: Kristel Patton strikes out the Lamar batter.

Softball

This 1997 softball season was definitely a season to look back upon. It was a rebuilding year with only one senior returning from the previous year. The Varsity team was fairly young with one senior, seven sophomores, and two freshmen. Coach Onstott commented, "Softball, this year, was very encouraging. It was a rebuilding year, and I expect great success in the future. I'm also looking forward to softball being a Conference sport and playing for districts."

In the end, the team's record was 9 and 5. It took a lot of hard work, but the girls had fun at the same time. On the last practice of the season, they scrimmaged Junior Varsity vs. Varsity. This scrimmage consisted of a cart-wheel every time someone touched the ball! Richelle Cox summed up the year with, "The whole season was a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to next year." **Jamie Dillmon**



Above: The 1997 Varsity Softball Team. Row 1-Kally Judy, Candice Skaggs, Richelle Cox, Kristel Patton, Monica Buening, and Jamie Dillmon. Row 2-Coach Blaylock, Amanda Lankford, Carrie Krusemark, Holly Elbert, Ashley Bates, Holly Maples, and Coach Onstott.

Below: Bobby Petrocelli gives a lecture about "Triumph over Tragedy."



Below: Daniel Jackson is carried out of a truck by fire fighters during the docu-drama sponsored by the assembly committee and SADD.



Above: A Power Team member propels Heather Hamilton and Krista Brennan over his head.



Above: A member of the Power Team shows his strength by breaking a baseball bat with the back of his knee.



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pecial Events

The special events of Seneca High School bring excitement, anticipation, and many wonderful memories to students. They are some of the best times of your life. Events such as: Prom, Homecoming, Special Olympics, and Mr. Volleyball, play a major role in our lives and give us a chance to be with old and new friends. Whether it's shopping for the perfect Prom dress or tux, dancing with that certain someone, going out with friends for the weekend, or being nominated Homecoming Queen, special events give us a lot to look forward to and a lot to look back on. **Melody Wright**

Football Homecoming

by Tiffany Middick

This year the students of SHS were looking forward to a chaotic but fun-filled spirit week. Anticipation for the "big game" kept the students' spirits high throughout the week and kept teachers on the edge of their seats. Even though school was dismissed on Friday, the students were still anxious for the arrival of the Homecoming ceremonies. The coronation went smoothly with the Senior candidate, Kim Morehead, receiving the crown. "I was honored to be the 96-97 Football Homecoming Queen. Being surprised was what made it so special." Attendants included junior Joy Moser, sophomore Bree Mitchell, and freshman Jody Miller. After the game, the gym sparkled with lights and laughter. There were also many sighs of relief from the juniors as they looked at all their hard work.

Below: Senior candidate Kim Morehead poses with her crown.



Right: Homecoming Queen candidates: freshman Jody Miller, senior Kim Morehead, sophomore Bree Mitchell, and junior Joy Moser.



Below: Jodie Crowder and Brande Howard wave to the crowd from the senior float.

Left: Tara Berry, Tiffany Howard, and Candice Skaggs rally onlookers from the sophomore class float.



Above Left: Phillip Wade stirs up excitement for the Homecoming Parade.

Above: Rob Yust winds up a punch for Aurora Alumnus, Mr. Page. Seniors Jeremy Massey and Justin Depriest help contain the one-man-gang.

Left: Senior football players raise the roof with their Homecoming routine at the pep rally.



Below: Senior Josh Dodson escorted by Carie Krusemark and Rachel Rearick.

Mr. Volleyball

by Jamie Dillmon

Mr. Volleyball is an honor given each year to the guy that best supports our volleyball players. The candidates are selected by the volleyball players and then voted on by the whole student body. The candidates for Mr. Volleyball 1996 were freshman Chris Howard, sophomore Daniel Jackson, junior Zac Hudson, and senior Josh Dodson. This year the honor was given to Daniel Jackson. Daniel said, "It wasn't something that I strove for in life, but it was nice. It will be something to look back upon in the future."

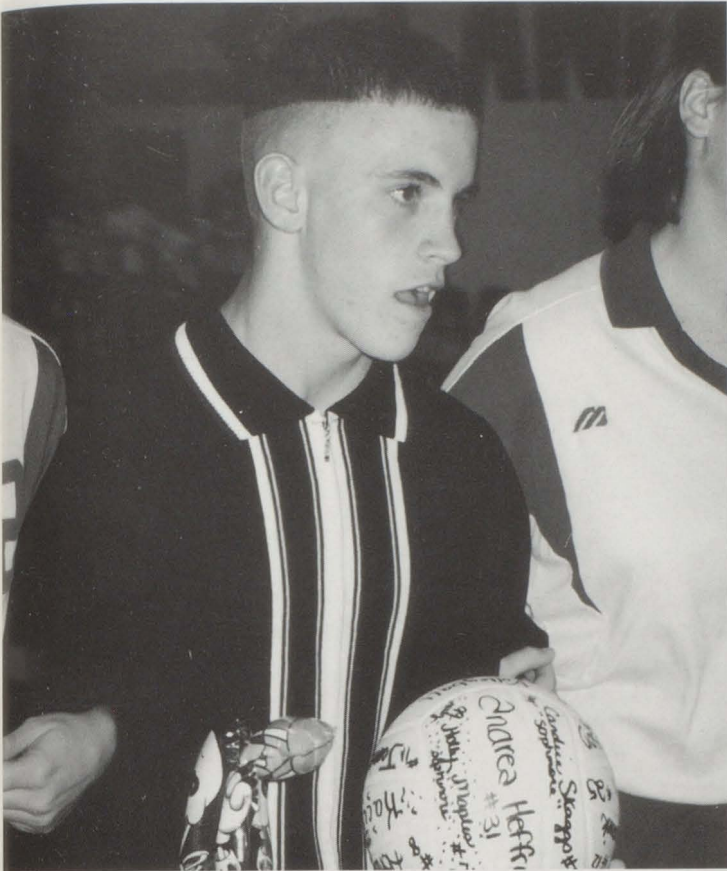


Above: Junior Zack Hudson strolls down the aisle with his escorts Becca Gibson and Jamie Cook.

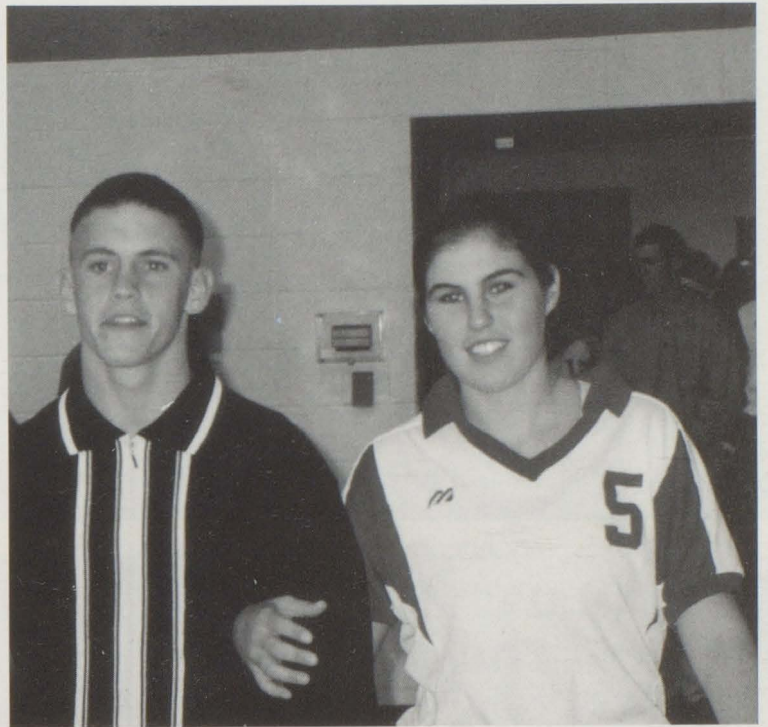
Above Right: Daniel Jackson receives his winning kiss from Rachel Rearick.

Right: Freshman Chris Howard awaits the announcement of Mr. Volleyball with his escorts, Jill Elbert and Ashley Bates.





Left: Daniel Jackson, amazed at winning, receives his autographed volleyball.



Above: Daniel Jackson strolls forward to receive his award with escort Candice Skaggs.



Left: Candidates from left to right: Zack Hudson, Josh Dodson, Daniel Jackson, and Chris Howard.

Wrestling Homecoming

by Lindsay Fisher

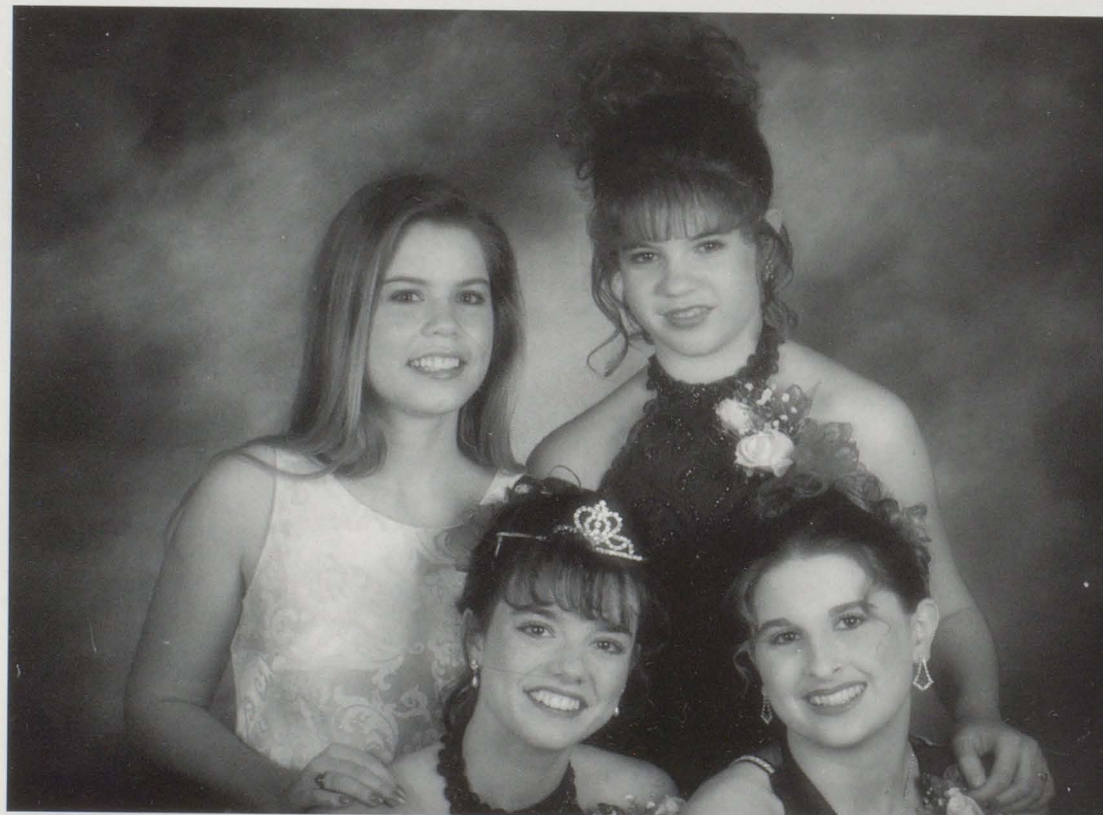
The week of Wrestling Homecoming was very exciting. It began with the Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders holding spirit week: Monday was "Spirit Badge" day, Tuesday "Bell-Bottom" day, Wednesday "Sunglasses" day, and Thursday "Grunge" day. Then on Thursday afternoon, the cheerleaders held the Wrestling Homecoming Pep rally which was full of fun, games, and surprises that got the spirit going for the coronation that evening.

As the anxious candidates waited very patiently, the Seneca Wrestlers worked their hardest in a triple dual against Branson and McDonald County. Between the second and third matches, the coronation was held. The senior candidate Krista Brennan was crowned 1997 Homecoming Queen. When asked about her victory, Krista commented, "I was very honored to receive the title of Wrestling Homecoming Queen. It was a very exciting moment for me."

The evening was finalized when the Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders honored their sponsor, Ms. Lainie Johnston, with four dozen roses.

Right: Homecoming Queen candidates: senior Krista Brennan, junior Natasha Hall, sophomore Richelle Cox, and freshman Holly Elbert.

Below: The 1997 Wrestling Homecoming Queen, Miss Krista Brennan.



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Left: Krista Brennan is crowned Wrestling Homecoming Queen.

Below: Brandon Butler, Daniel Jackson, and Rhett McIntire get down at the Homecoming Pep-rally.



Above Left:: Flower girl, Erica Green, and Crown bearer, Derrick Ackerson, are escorted by D.J. Ackerson and Brandon Butler.

Above: Queen Krista Brennan is escorted by Cody Ritter.

Left: Cody Ritter wrestles towards a victory at Homecoming.



Below: T.J. Wheeler blocks a Mt. Vernon player from going to the hole.

Basketball Homecoming

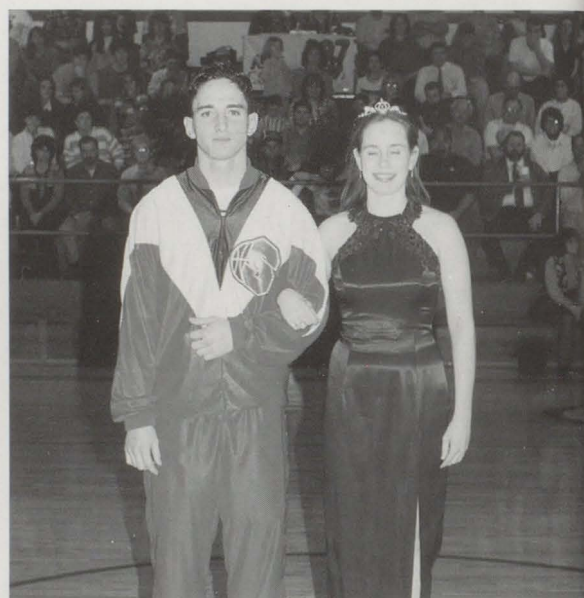
After being postponed for two weeks due to the bad weather, the Seneca Student Body finally celebrated Basketball Homecoming on January 31. Needless to say, there wasn't the usual spirit week, but the enthusiasm was still there come game time. Senior Natasha Lindo was crowned the 1997 Queen. Her court consisted of junior Amber Kuhn, sophomore Robin Bolt, and freshman Beth Hampton. After the game, there was a dance held for both the Basketball and Wrestling Homecomings. **Tiffany Middick.**



Above: Jason Woodward escorts Natasha Lindo to the center of the court to accept her crown, as Casey Durman, Josh McCarty, Carol Kelly, Kyle Cook, and Autumn Woodward look on.

Above Right: Troy Dry escorts the 1996 Basketball Homecoming Queen, Mandy Peak.

Right: Brent Howard shoots at the basket, while David Bastian and Justin Thiel get ready for the rebound against the Mountaineers.



Below: T.J. Wheeler and Erica Kuhn escort the crown bearer, Flint Whitehead, and the flower girl, Bethany Peters.



Above: Pictured is the 1997 Basketball Homecoming Queen, Miss Nataha Lindo.

Left: Candidates for the 1997 Basketball Homecoming are from left to right: senior Natasha Lindo, freshman Beth Hampton, sophomore Robin Bolt, and junior Amber Kuhn.



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Warrior Coronation

The 1997 Warrior festivities were held on Tuesday, February 11. It was an exciting night for all that attended. Candidates were freshmen Clint Grimmatt and Megan Hunt, sophomores Paul Sweet and Kristel Patton, juniors David Bastian and Jesse Dobson and seniors Justin DePriest and Kaci Moran. When the moment came to announce the 1997 King and Queen, all the candidates were very nervous. The announcer said, "And now the 1997 Warrior King and Queen are... seniors Justin DePriest and Kaci Moran!" Following the coronation, all the candidates were escorted to the stage where they had their picture taken.

Kara Rinehart

Below: The 1997 Warrior King and Queen, Justin DePriest and Kaci Moran.



Right: The 1997 Warrior candidates. Back row: Paul Sweet, Justin DePriest, Kaci Moran, Jesse Dobson, and Clint Grimmatt. Front Row: Megan Hunt, Tawni Mailes, Kristel Patton, and Nick Ritter.





Below: Junior candidates, David Bastain and Jesse Dobson, pose for a picture.



Top: Posing so adorably are the Flower Girl and the Crown Bearer, Tawni Mailes and Nick Ritter.



Above: The freshman candidates were Clint Grimmett and Megan Hunt.

Bottom: Paul Sweet and Kristel Patton were the sophomore candidates.

Below: Kaci Moran eagerly exits with her diploma.

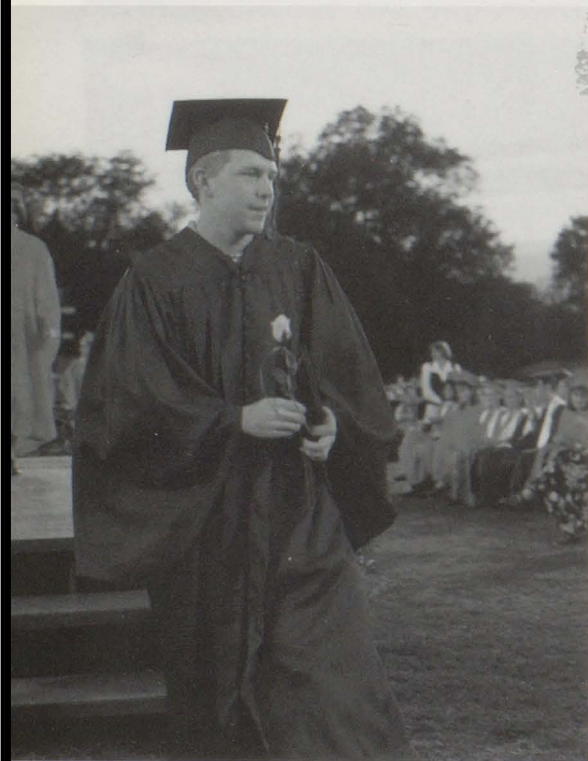
“Great Expectations”

On Friday, May 16, all of the Class of '97's anxieties and expectations became realizations. You could have cut the tension with a knife in the moments preceding the graduation ceremony. Of course, along with all of the nerves, came excitement: excitement about the unknown, the future, and everything that lies in store for the rest of the graduates' lives.

The Invocation was led by Michelle Graham. This was followed by the Salutatory address,

given by Serena Brown and the Valedictory address, given by Keri Howard. Each senior waited anxiously to cross over the stage signifying a transition to a new life: a transition denoted by receiving a diploma. The ceremony concluded with Josh Dodson giving the Benediction, and the traditional cap toss/silly string free-for-all.

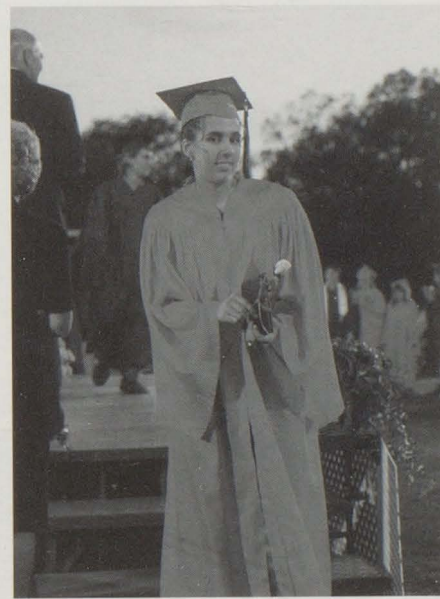
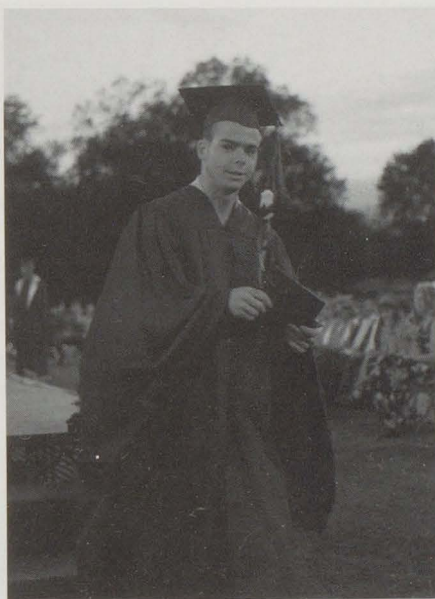
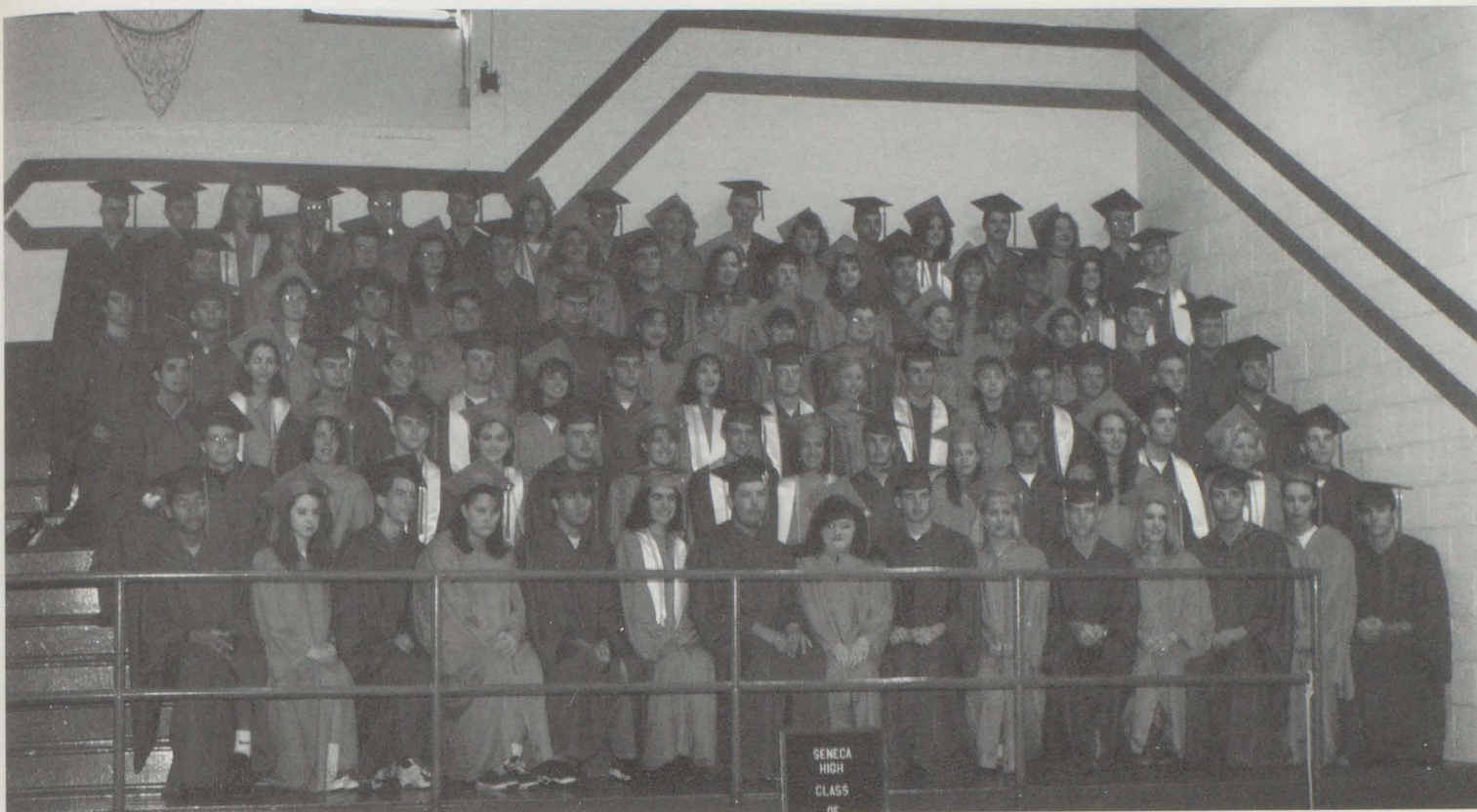
Congratulations to the graduating Class of 1997 and good luck. **Jesse Dobson**



Above: Matt Reber strolls away with a sigh of relief.

Right: The seniors get some early practice in for the big evening.





Top: The 1997 Graduating Class.

Above Left: Josh Linders practices his crossover into manhood.

Center: Adam Cook smells the sweet scent of freedom.

Above: Tera Brown poses with her diploma.

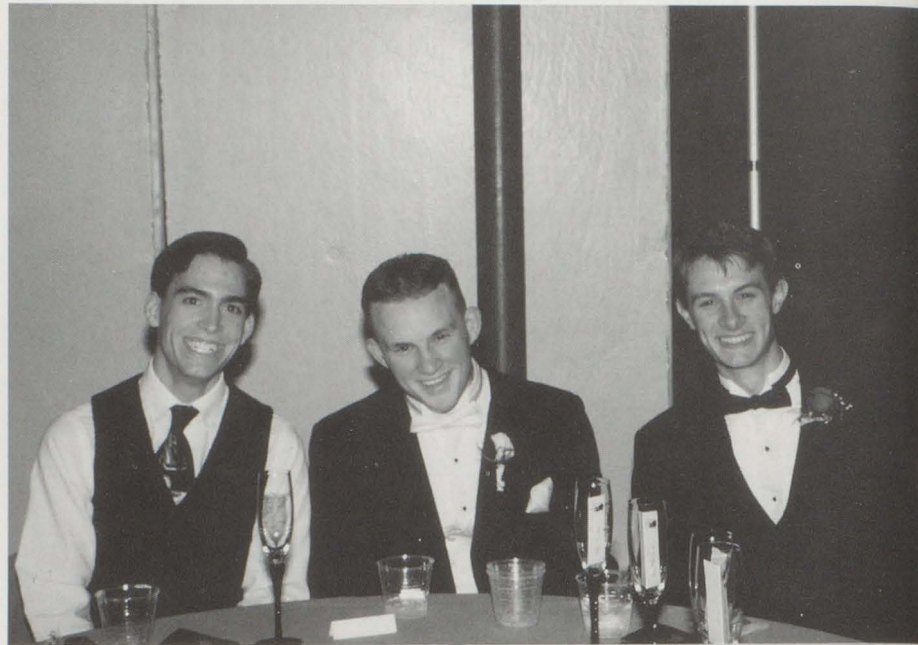
Left: Valedictorian Kerri Howard delivers her address.

The weeks preceding Prom were filled with anxiety, excitement, and, in some cases, chaos. The Junior Class Prom Committee experienced all of these first hand, due to the fact that we were in charge of the Prom of 1997. When the night finally arrived, everyone was dressed to a T and ready to party. There was plenty of room for just that. Precious Moments provided ample dancing and resting space for all of the would-be Prom go-ers. Everyone arrived at the dance with stories of bad directions, lost drivers, and 20 degree weather. Another popular topic of conversation was everyone's dining experience, low lighting and foods you couldn't pronounce all seemed to go along with the Prom.

After the hustle and bustle of the dance, some of the Promers headed to 4th Street Bowl for some late night billiards, video games, and bowling, sponsored by SADD. The evening went from formals and tuxes, to sweats, tee shirts, and jeans; and from dancing to dozing off in the car on the way home.

Looking back on the evening, we can all speculate on what could have been different or better, but I can safely say everyone enjoyed it. We juniors are looking forward to next year-when we don't have to decorate! **Jesse Dobson**

Bowling Balls & Bowties



Top: Senior "men" Dennis Pierson, Tobin Shultz, and Miles Fanning pause for a Kodak moment at Prom.

Above: Justin Depriest and his date Tammy Roe take a moment from the bliss of the evening to smile for a picture.

Above right: Prom King TJ Wheeler and his Queen Rachel Rearick dance their song after being coronated as the evening's royalty.

Right: Seniors Michelle Graham, Kim Morehead, and Kaci Moran take a moment from their busy night to pose for a classic Prom picture.



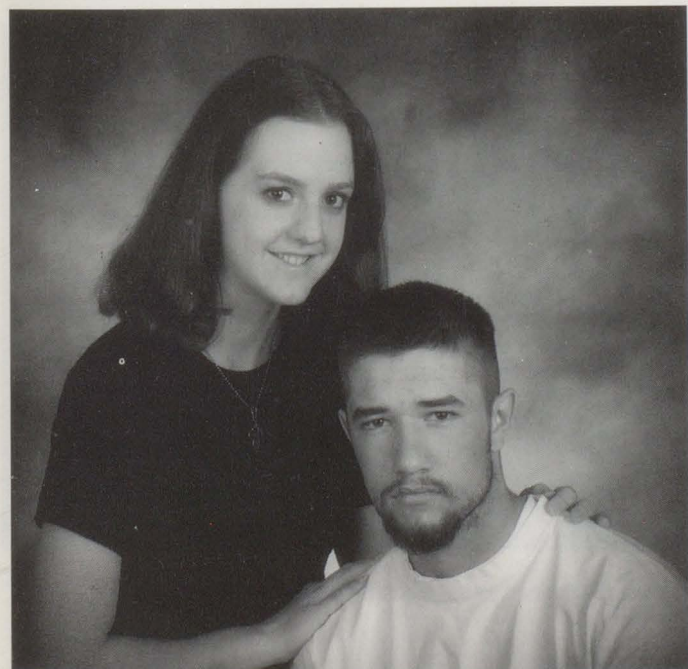


Above left: Senior Erica Kuhn and Junior Nita Malone put a unique prom twist on the Hokey-Pokey.

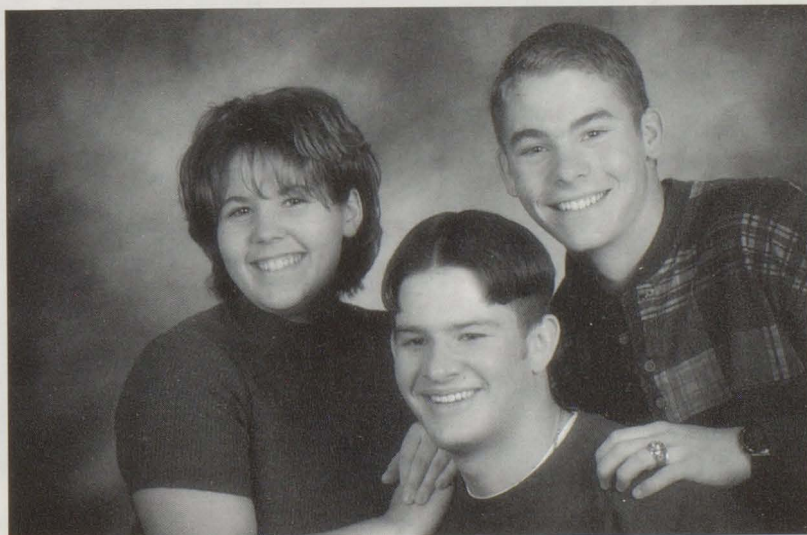
Above: Jeremy Massey politely offers his date Becca Gibson a glass of punch.



Left: Eric Lankford, Bree Mitchell, Adam Hughes, Erica Kuhn, Nita Malone, Matt Buening, Tiffany Howard, and Justin Thiel pause for one last picture before departing for Prom.

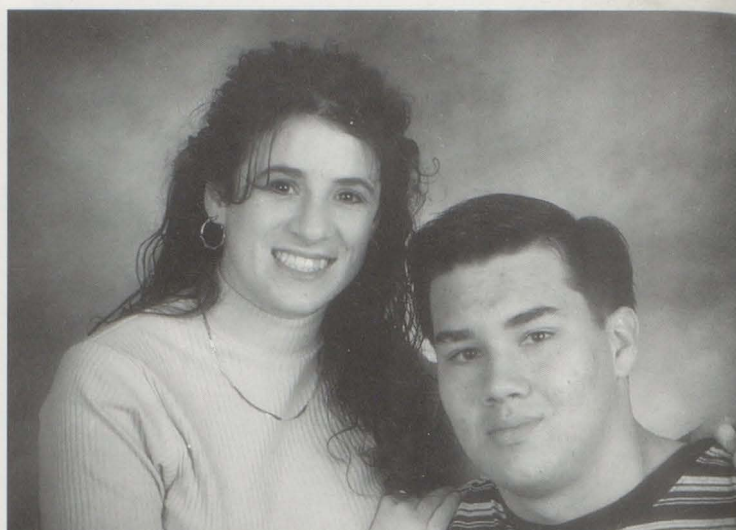


Left: Most Unusual--Chandy Richardson. Moodiest--Clayton White. Below: Best Personality--Kaci Moran, Ethan Wilson, and Bryan Hamilton.





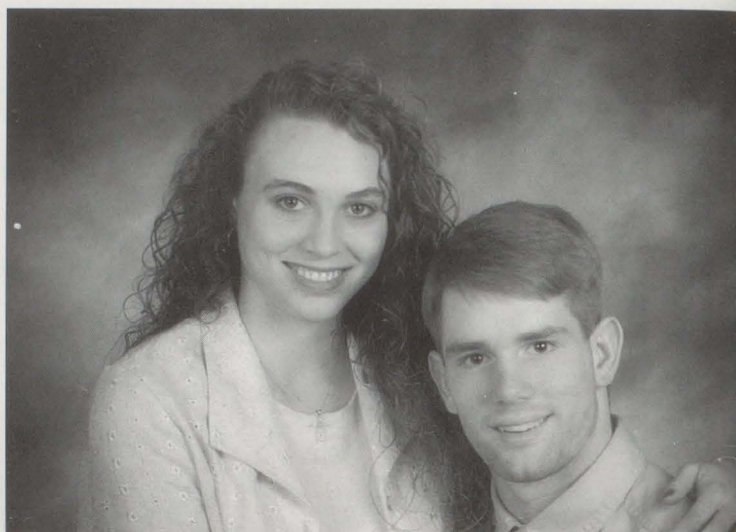
Best Legs--Sally Wood and Troy Dry.



Worst Driver--Katie Favazzo and Josh Snider..

Who's Who in the Class of 97'

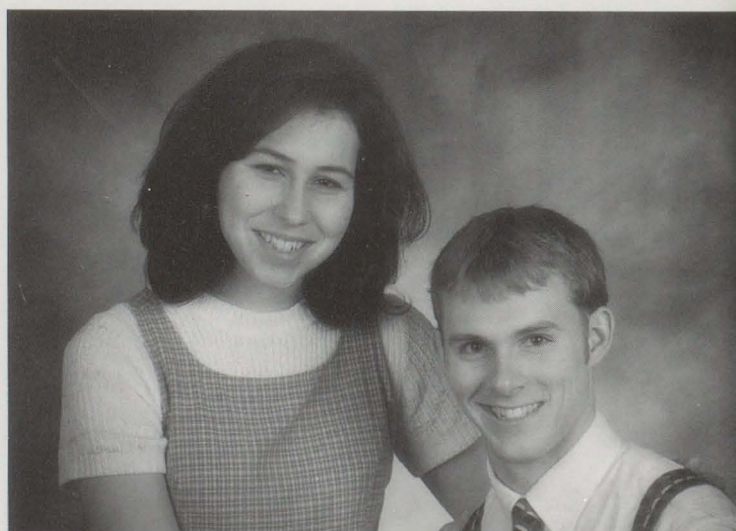
Not pictured: Most Unusual--Aaron McDonald and Moodiest--Jodie Crowder.



Mr. and Mrs. SHS--T.J. Wheeler And Rachel Rearrick.



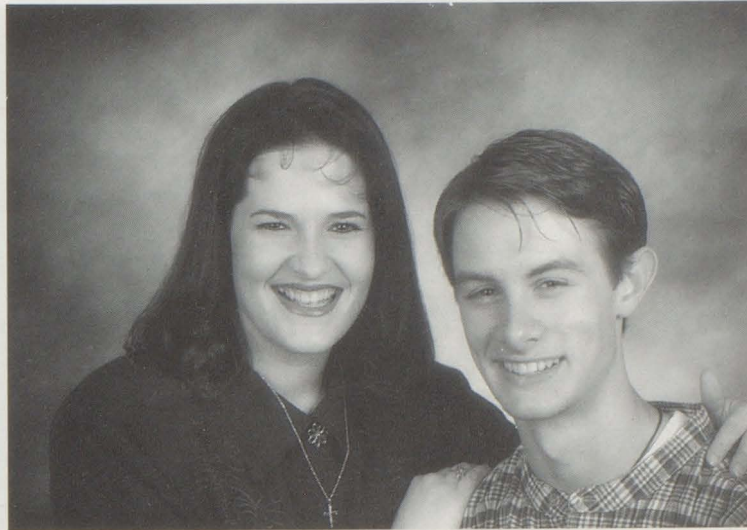
Class Clown--Holly Weineke and Justin Skaggs.



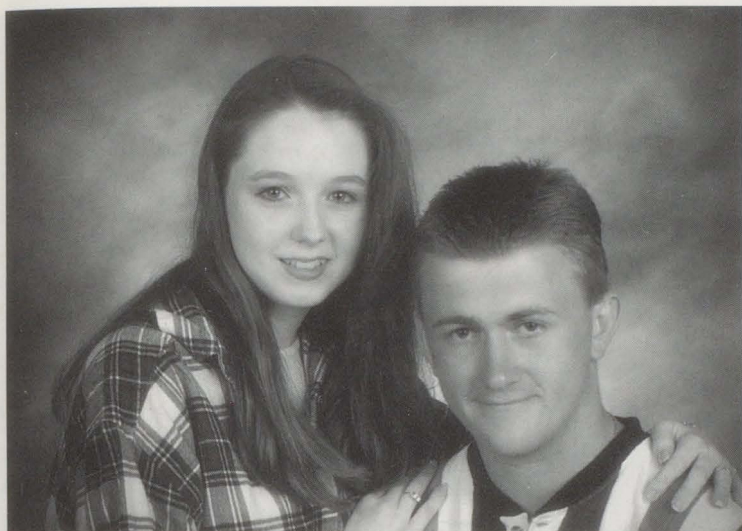
Most Musical--Elizabeth Hamilton and Josh Dodson.



Best Dressed--Karrie Parmley and Rob Yust.



Prettiest Smile--Kara Rinehart and Miles Fanning.



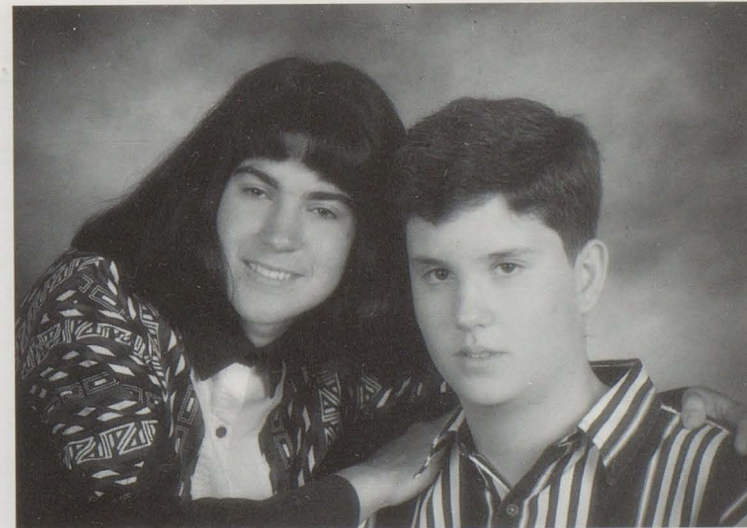
Shyest--Michelle Cory and Rick Allen, Not Pictured--Jonathan Dragoo.



Most Likely to Succeed--Serena Brown and David Goodman.



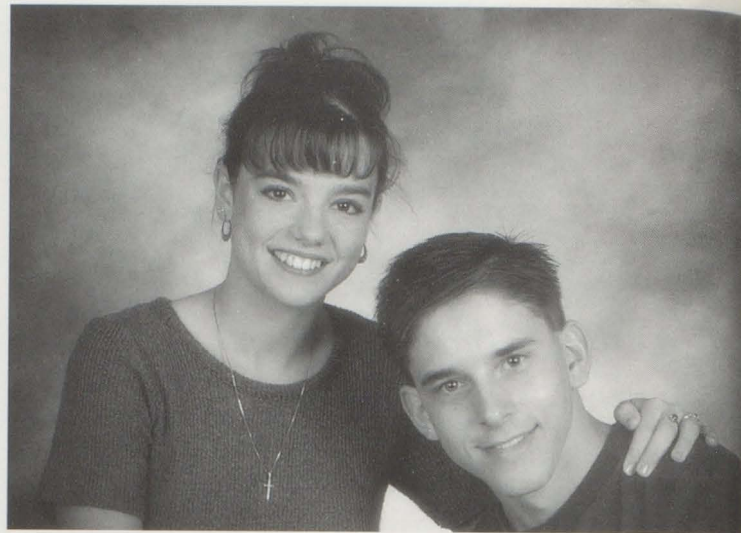
Most Artistic--April King and Adam Cook.



Most Academic--Keri Howard and Raleigh Ritter.



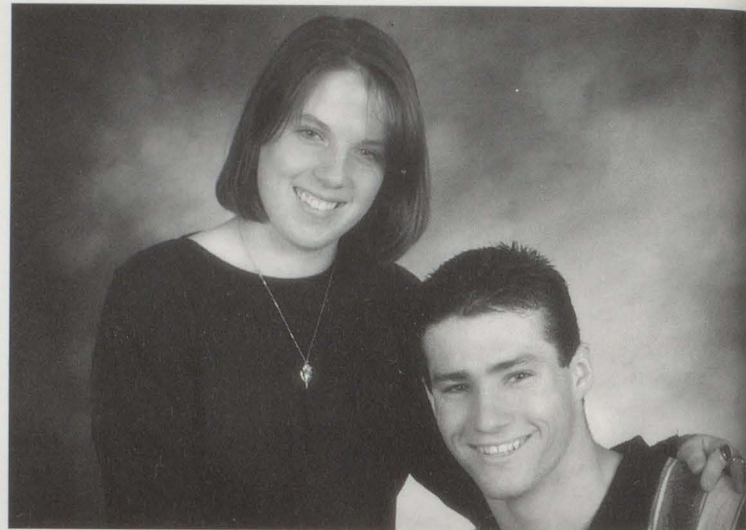
Best All Around--Kim Morehead and Justin DePriest.



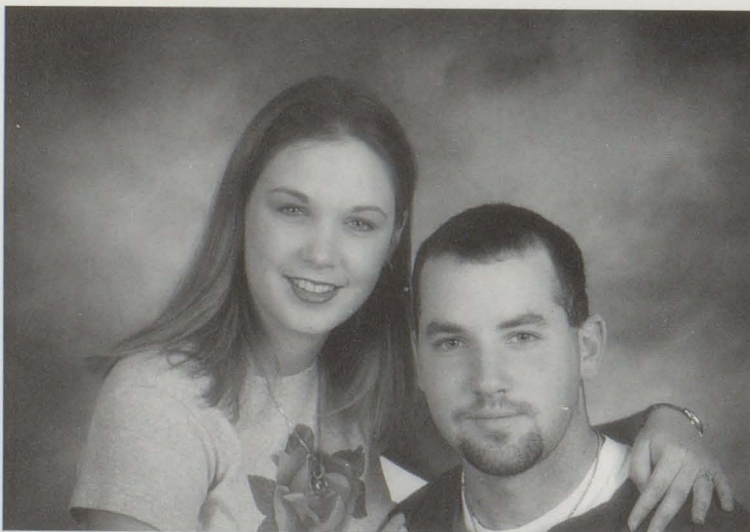
Typical Seniors--Krista Brennan and Jeff Long.



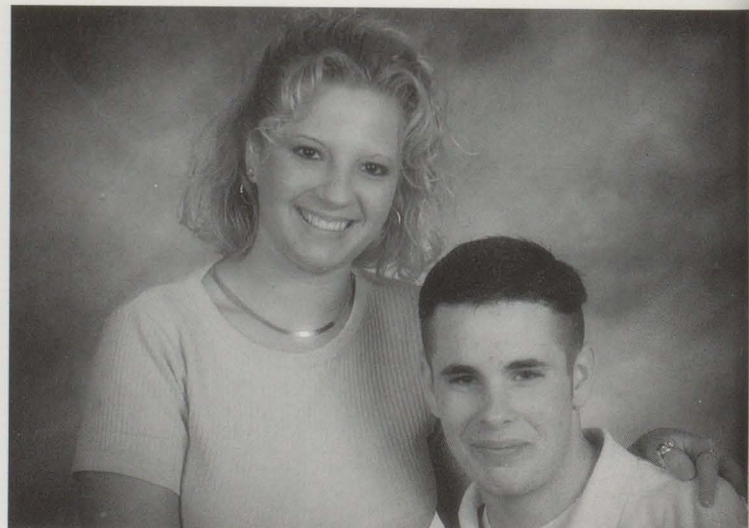
Most Courteous--Lacy Miller and Jason Woodward.



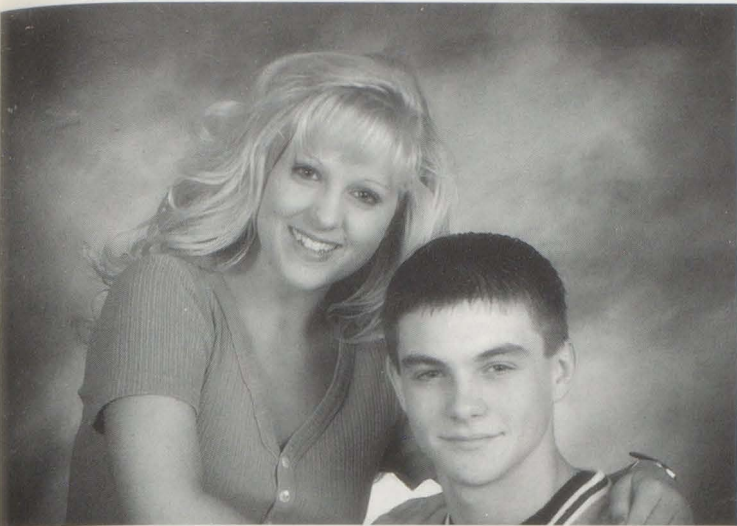
Most Athletic--Carrie Krusemark and Jeremy Massey.



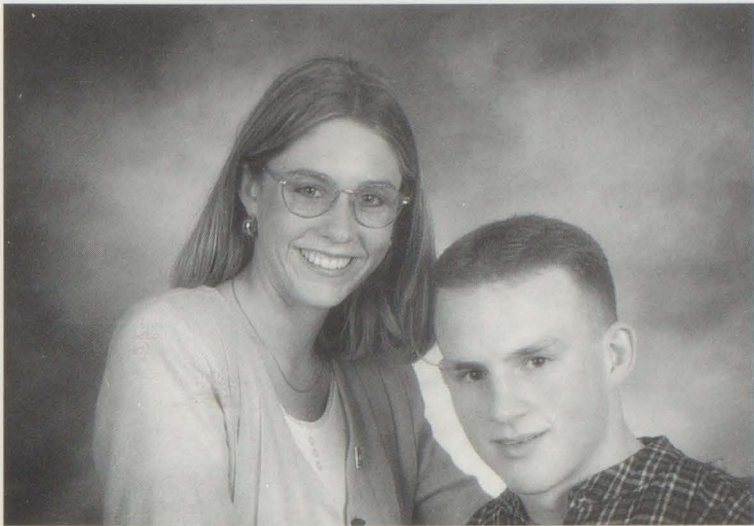
Prettiest Eyes--Linsey Scritchfield and Mike Lynch.



Class Flirt--Brande Howard and Brian Arwood.



Best Hair--Krissy Whitely and Cody Ritter.



Most School Spirit--Michelle Graham and Tobin Schultz.



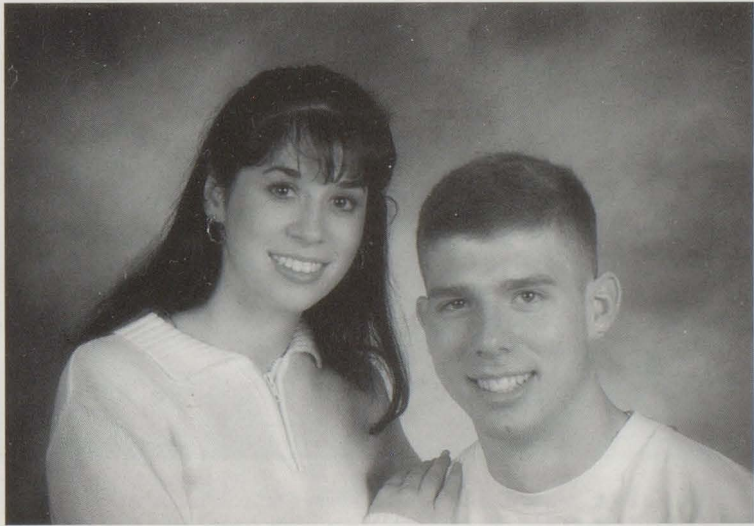
Biggest Whiner--Erica Kuhn and Brandon Danel.



Best Looking--Natasha Lindo and Austin Wilson.



Best Dancer--Mandy Duncan and Ben Selove.



Most Stressed Out--Kim Favazzo and Mitch Singleton.

Mr. Hill donates his blood during the Red Cross Bloodmobile sponsored by Key Club.




Below: Papa Skaggs displays his fatherly genius.



Above: FTA and FHA went to the nursing home to sing Christmas carols and visit with the residents during Christmas time. Pictured left to right: Amy Jones, Tanna Ray, Melody Wright, and DeAnna Packer.



Above: A group of students are lined up with their faces painted white during SADD week to represent how many people are killed by drunk drivers every day.



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Throughout the year many students are involved in clubs for a number of reasons. Some get involved so they can spend time with their friends. For others, it is an opportunity to make a difference in their school and community.

All of the clubs benefit the students. Clubs offer an opportunity for students to have fun with safe activities such as dances and parties. Others sponsor events that help the needy. At Christmas, some of the clubs collected canned goods and distribute them to sheltered families. Some took Christmas presents to unfortunate children in the area. The blood drive is yet another club-sponsored activity that benefits the area. Regardless of what club a student is involved in, these organizations will continue to have a positive impact on SHS. **Kara Rinehart**

Student Council

The Student Council had many expectations for this year to reflect back on such as: The Senior Citizen Banquet, Make-a-Wish Tournament, candy cane handout, and farewell to the foreign exchange students. The student council is an organizational group that helps keep the school together and function in a proper way. To start the year the Stuco honored the 1982 alumni class at football homecoming. Stuco planned and organized football homecoming by sponsoring a parade, a pep rally, the introduction of the alumni, and giving a tour of the school to the '82 class.

Every year the Stuco holds an annual Make-a-Wish Tournament to help raise money for children who are dying and want to fulfill a dream. The candy cane handout is something fun that the Student Council does at Christmas. At the end of the year the foreign exchange students are given a farewell party. When Erica Kuhn was asked how being president of the Student body was, she said, "I didn't know how much work it took to organize events, but after Mr. Craven stepped in with a helping hand, it made Stuco a great year." **Kim Morehead**

Below: Student Council officers. President Erica Kuhn, Vice President Michelle Graham, Co-Vice President Elizabeth Hamilton, and Sec/Treasurer Lori Burns.

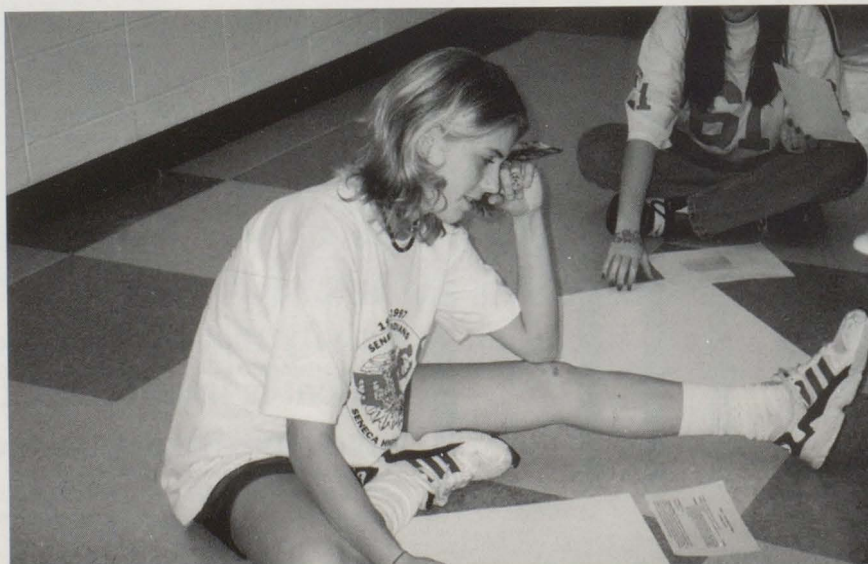


Above: Bent Howard, Vice-President of the Junior class, dares Jeff Long to take it to the hole at the Make-a-Wish tournament.



Above Right: Freshmen class officers. President Brandon Middick, Vice-President Monica Buening, Sec/Treasurer Daniel Snider, Representatives Chris Howard and Jill Elbert.

Right: Catherine Singleton works diligently after school.





Left: The Student Council of 1996-97.

Below: Junior class officers. President Felicia McLees, Vice-President Brent Howard, Sec/Treasurer Chris Elbert, Representatives Amanda Cox and Adam Hughes.

Bottom: Sophomore class officers. President Jake King, Vice-President Brad Blacketer, Sec/Treasurer Catherine Singleton, Representatives Cliff Reaves and Tara Berry.

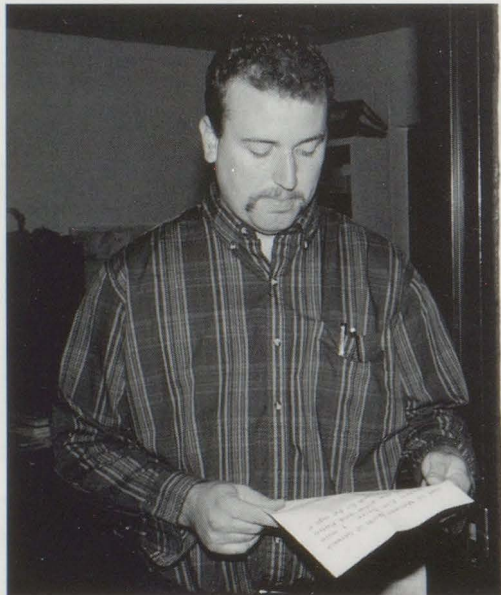


Above: Senior class officers. President Katie Favazzo, Vice-President Melody Wright, Sec/Treasurer Chris Elbert, and Representatives Amanda Cox and Adam Hughes.

With 35 members this year and the election of new officers, FHA has had yet another busy and productive year. FHA started off this year by traveling to MSSC to attend the Regional meeting, which was an excellent opportunity for members to learn more about themselves. During FHA week, members helped prepare breakfast for the teachers, sold Happy Grams, sent their "secret valentine" various 'thoughtfuls' and set up baby food label displays at participating area daycares and the school to help the Children's Miracle Network. To help the fight against birth defects, FHA participated in Walk America. FHA also collected pop can tabs and Smitty's receipts to help support the Ronald McDonald House. FHA continues to be actively involved and has achieved much success this year. **Melody Wright**

FFA also had a great year under the leadership of Mr. Enslow. They participated in the Ag Olympics held in Lamar. Several Seneca students did quite well, and the FFA basketball team actually won the tournament. The highlight of the year came at the annual Missouri FFA convention held in Columbia. According to Billy Hembree, "It was awesome. I only got 2 hours sleep in 3 days. There was so much to do. We did everything from a presidential dinner to shopping-cart derbies." Besides these two main attractions, FFA also did a number of events that promoted the Seneca community and helped develop individual character. It was another great year for the Seneca FFA chapter. **Brandon Danel**

Below: Rebecca Wallace and Tramanda Hembree, along with their feathered friend, tend to the Greenhouse.



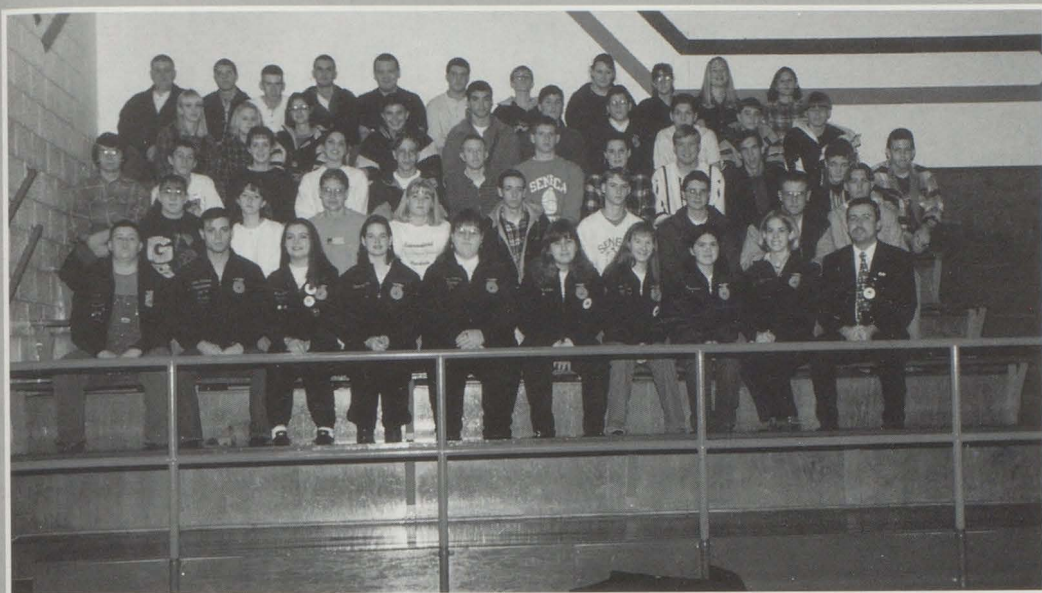
Above Right: Melody Wright and Lacy Greninger stir up some school-cookin for the faculty.

Above: John Beckham asks Mr. Enslow to look over his work.

Right: Amy Jones and Tanna Ray visit with a resident of the Seneca Home Place.



Future Farmers of America



Left: Row 1-M. Helm, F. Hembree, A. Jones, B. Morris, K. Parmely, G. Beckner, M. Denison, S. Higginbotham, C. Singleton, Mr. Enslow. Row 2-R. Wallace, S. Miller, C. Hamilton, J. Schultz, W. Adams, M. Corey, J. Nelson, J. Drake, D. Mills. Row 3-J. Eppard, J. Beckham, S. Rentfrow, L. Wisdom, J. Kitchingham, M. Reber, J. Woodward, K. Sullivan, J. Dragoo, T. Pierson, R. Wilkins, E. Bradshaw. Row 4-M. Denison, K. Hoover, C. Palmer, A. Durman, C. Morehead, D. Gatlin, W. Gil, J. Rhoades, J. Nesvold, R. Hoover. Row 5-J. Hudson, B. Hembree, C. Merriman, N. Hilsabeck, R. Davidson, A. Sprouse, C. Smith, R. Wallace, L. Leonard, R. Dees, J. Kohler.

"FFA has helped me grow a lot as a person, and it has also helped me get a scholarship for college." Brandon Danel

Future Homemakers of America



Left: Row 1-Mrs. Hill, H. Kennedy, M. Duncan, M. Wright, K. Parmley, C. Cotten, L. Duncan, A. McDonald, J. Miller. Row 2-T. Ray, M. Johnson, T. Smith, M. Hansen, N. Hall, C. Groth, L. Greninger, K. Sparks, M. Powers, S. Huffman. Row 3-C. Richardson, K. Stone, N. Lindo, T. Ehrhart, L. Scritchfield, A. Merriman, A. Jones, M. Gosney, C. Cotten, B. Basset, A. Johnson.

"FFA has really helped me prepare for my future as an independent adult." Melody Wright

Art Club

Right: Row 5-W. Grotjohn, J. Judy, C. Hamilton, C. Franklin, A. Merriman, J. Smith, C. Merriman, I. Helm, M. Mitchell, R. Lannon, and A. Marshall Row 4-A. Merriman, A. Martin, T. Durbin, A. Heffren, J. Day, B. Middick, J. Mayberry, B. McDaniel, S. Brown, M. Reber, A. McDonald, K. Snider, and C. Uto Row 3-P. Wade, M. Johnson, N. Bilke, B. Selove, C. McCall, A. Scribner, N. Woodward, R. Cox, B. Heidrick, C. Batson, S. Hester, N. Lindo, R. Whitehead, and J. Miller. Row 2-M. Hood, A. Poor, D. Packer, D. Madison, J. Bowman, A. Massey, A. Cox, J. Cook, B. Gibson, H. Kennedy, C. Groth, L. Greniger, C. Parmley, M. Wright, and F. Jones. Row 1-A. McDonald, G. Smith, J. Murdock, E. Cooksey, S. Woods, M. Duncan.



“Art Club is really cool. I am Spartacus.” Keri Snider

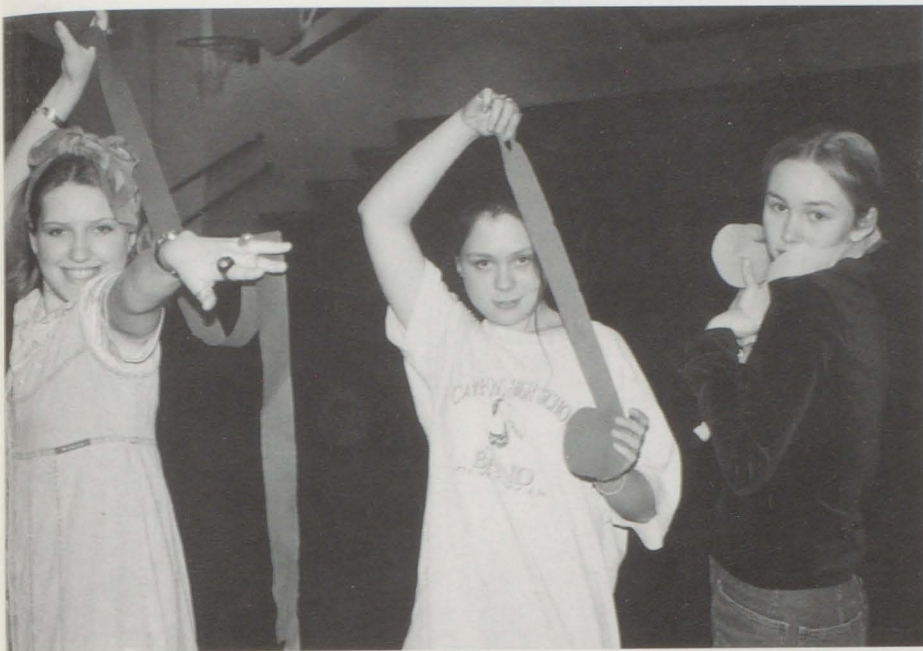
Foreign Language Club

Right: Row 1-L. Lash, M. Blair, T. Berry, C. Singleton, A. Heffren, K. Brennan, B. Howard, M. Yaryan, B. Selove, N. Malone, A. Kuhn, J. Moser, K. Wilson, J. King, M. Singleton, and Mr. Jenks. Row 2-E. Lankford, B. Mitchell, H. Maples, C. Skaggs, T. Howard, C. McCall, N. Woodward, K. Wilson, J. Greer, S. Williams, C. Batson, L. Fisher, D. Packer, and Mrs. Shadwick. Row 3-L. Heffren, A. Prater, M. Sheer, J. Dobson, E. Kuhn, C. Kelly, C. Durman, L. Cryer, J. White, M. Cole, K. Winchester, M. Mullin, A. Bell, W. Kinnard, M. Danel, H. Kennedy, and T. Sampson. Row 4-D. Lansaw, M. Buening, J. Elbert, L. Irvin, H. Elbert, A. Woodward, J. Rhatigan, C. Howard, R. Ritter, R. Bolt, K. Radcliff, C. Lawrence, A. Bates, F. Jones, and A. Lankford. Row 5-J. Skaggs, C. Ritter, M. Miller, J. Stansell, D. Bastian, B. Howard, C. Elbert, M. Buening, J. Hosp, T. Barwick, D. Jackson, T. Shultz, and C. Growth.



“FLC has helped me see the world with a globular perspective.” Monica Buening

Below: Spice Girl wannabees DeAnna Packer, Gabriel Smith, and Jill Murdock model the moves that lost them the opportunity to be big stars.



Foreign Language Club members this year not only had a lot of fun, but they were also very involved in finding ways of helping the community. During the Christmas season, FLC members wrapped presents and distributed them to neighborhood children. The club also participated in a food drive where they collected canned goods and other nonperishable items for needy families. A sophomore stated, "Foreign Language Club was really cool this year. It was fun going to Seneca Head Start and seeing what the kids wanted for Christmas." **Jamie Dillmon**

It was an amazing year for the Art Club. They had a really cool Spring Dance. Members used their artistic skills to decorate the gym and construct a backdrop to take pictures. The dance was a success for the Art Club with its own photographer, lip syncing, fun games, and a live performance by the "Screamin Baloney Chickins."

The Art Club was also involved in other artistic activities beneficial to the community, like painting business windows for Christmas. After an action packed year, the Art Club would like to say, "Thank-you, Seattle." **DeAnna Packer**



Above Left: Gabby Smith devotes herself to her masterpiece.

Above: Chris Howard and Robin Bolt take a break from their intense language repartee.

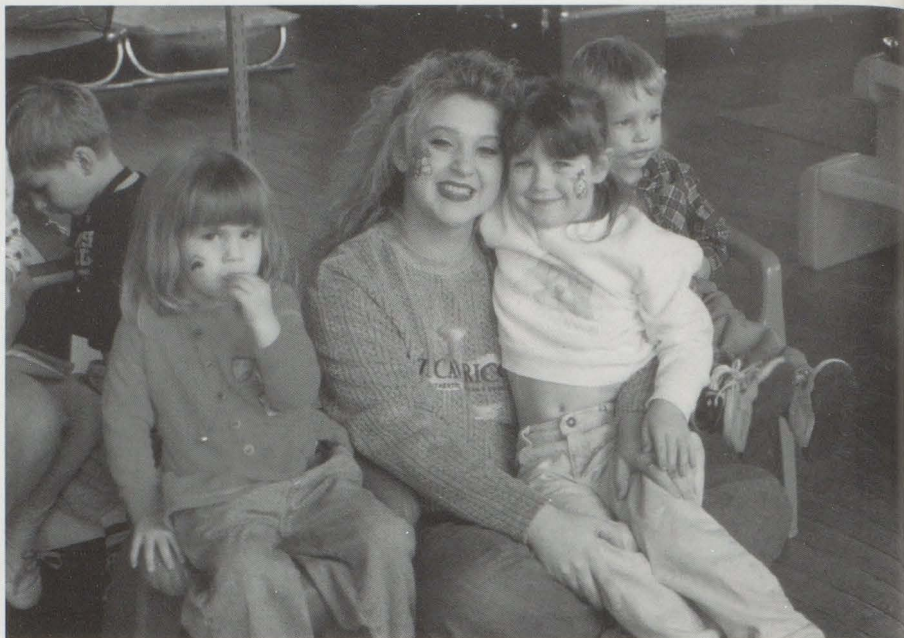


Left: Jill Murdock stretches out after decorating for the Art Club Dance.

Below: Coach Hodge entertains the crowd at the FTA talent show. Bottom: Josh Judy models his professional image by holding the door open for Mrs. Lawson.



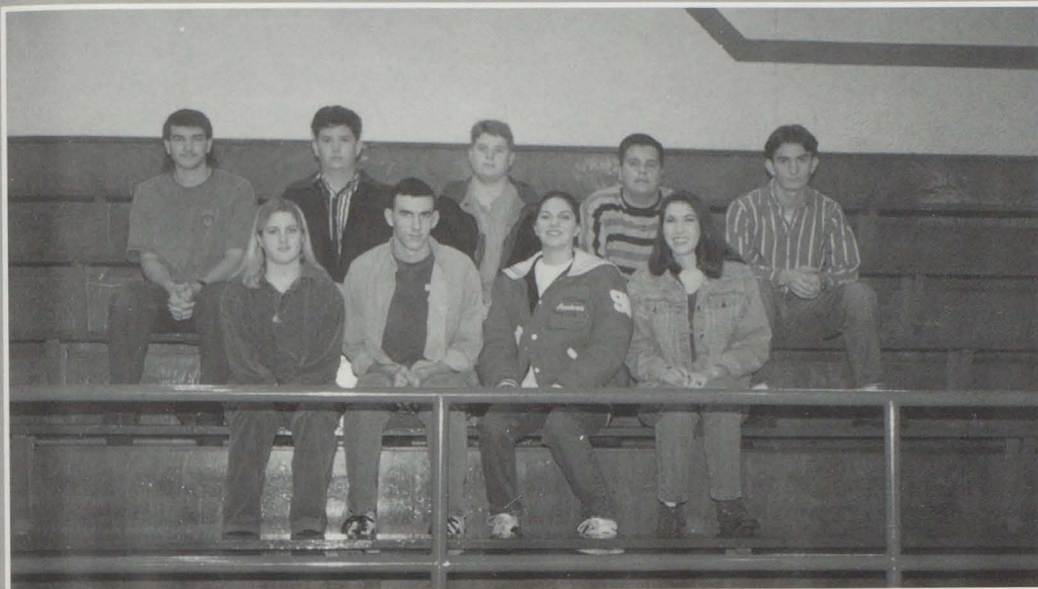
Below: Nita Malone finds a friend as FTA visits Kidz' Korner. Bottom: Michelle Graham and Kara Rinehart spread the holiday cheer to an elderly lady.



FTA is an organization that gives students the opportunity to learn about teaching as a career. FTA encourages students to look to the future to see what job occupations that they might be interested in. FTA activities give the students opportunities to work hands-on in teaching situations. Throughout the year FTA has participated in many things. They visited Kidz' Korner to interact with preschool and day-care children and a nursing home to sing Christmas carols for the elderly. They also shadowed a teacher. Shadowing teachers of their choice for a day helped them see what a teacher's day is really like. In February, junior and senior FTA members were guests of the Education Department at M.S.S.C. While there, they toured educational classes and participated in seminars related to the teaching career. A new addition to the FTA activities this year is the Variety Show which enables the club to offer a scholarship to a senior FTA member. Andrea Heffren commented, "FTA is all of fun. It prepares you for what you need to expect if you want to be a teacher or work in a day-care." **Jamie Dillmon**

Future Business Leaders of America is an organization that teaches students how to communicate with others and work together in a business setting. FBLA students attended contests and participated in various events this year, like the March Dimes, for which they raised \$676 and received a plaque. They also attended the State Leadership Convention in Columbia, MO where they participated in leadership workshops, toured exhibits, attended various seminars, and voted on next year's state FBLA leaders. Participating in FBLA obviously helps to prepare students for their future careers. **Misty Mullin**

Future Business Leaders of America



Left: Back row-Josh Judy, Raleigh Ritter, Micheal Bard, Tyler Ehrhart, Mike Ricks. Front row-Christina Bryant, Aaron Cooper, Leigh Ann Wisdom, Spring Lockwood.

"The whole idea behind FBLA is to make students aware of business working requirements in America." Mrs. Lawson

Future Teachers of America



Left: Row 1-Jamie Cook, Micah Johnson, Keri Snider, Tiffany Sampson, Lori Burns, Jill Murdock, Erica Tremblay, DeAnna Packer, Lindsey Fisher, Shannon Hayes. Row 2-Kacie Grimmer, Tasha Hall, Holly Kennedy, Angela Anderson, Theresa Baker, Andrea Heffren, Josh Dodson, Kacie Moran, Kim Morehead, Michelle Graham, Sandra Williams. Row 3-Crystal Cotton, Christina Franklin, Lindsay Lash, Laura Heffren, Mike Burns, Bonnie Roberts, Raymond Reaves, Tobin Schultz. Row 4-Nita Malone, Amber Kuhn, Joy Moser, Candice Skaggs, Holly Maples, Erica Kuhn, Justin DePriest, Justin Skaggs, Justin Jeffries, Jesse Dobson, Mike Blair. Row 5-Jacob Hosp, Adam Hughes, Cody Ritter, Jeff Long, Felicia McClees, Tiffani Weter.

"Being President of FTA kept me pretty busy throughout the year, but it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed doing it." Kim Morehead

Key Club

Right: Row 1-M. Blair, T. Berry, C. Singleton, J. Woodward, A. Heffren, B. Howard, M. Graham, B. Sealove, E. Kuhn, N. Malone, A. Kuhn, J. Moser, R. Reaves, M. Fanning, M. Singleton, R. Cox. Row 2-J. Hosp, K. Patton, H. Maples, C. Skaggs, T. Howard, C. McCall, N. Woodward, R. Bolt, S. Williams, L. Prater, L. Burns, C. Uto, S. Gilman. Row 3-A. Martin, N. Durbin, J. Dobson, C. Elbert, D. Bastian, B. Gibson, D. Holt, K. Morehead, S. Brown, S. Lockwood, T. Smith, J. Miller, T. Baker. Row 4-R. Schultz, K. Grimmett, A. Cox, J. Cook, C. Krusemark, S. Wood, F. McLees, N. Hall, T. Weeder, J. McCarty. Row 5-C. White, J. Skaggs, C. Ritter, R. Yust, J. DePriest, M. Lynch, J. Dodson, T. Schultz, D. Jackson, T.J. Wheeler, R. Rearrick, A. Wilson.



"Being President has given me more responsibility, but I couldn't do my job without the help of all the other club members. It is a real group effort." Austin Wilson

National Honor Society

Right: Row 1-C. Elbert, J. Thiel, J. Hosp, M. Blair, K. Morehead, M. Graham, R. Reaves, L. Burns, J. Cook, K. Grimmett, A. Heffren, Mrs. Hampton. Row 2-H. Kennedy, J. Miller, J. DeWeese, M. Singleton, S. Brown, K. Howard, J. Moser, N. Malone, E. Kuhn, A. Hughes, S. Williams, Z. Massey, E. Hamilton, C. Richardson, M. Wright, K. Rinehart, T. Smith. Row 3-R. Yust, T. Dry, J. Long, J. DePriest, J. Dodson, T.J. Wheeler.



"It has been an excellent year for the NHS due to their active involvement in the school and the community." Mrs. Hampton

Below: Raymond Reaves and April Evans take a break from the competition.



Key Club has always been an active club at SHS. For many years, the Key Club has hosted and attended many Blood Drives and Special Olympics. Both activities promote the school and serve a noble cause. This club really speaks for itself and for helping others. Coach Hodge has been the proud sponsor of this club for many years and much of the success of the club can be attributed to his leadership. The Key Club is about working together and helping others in need. **Erica Kuhn**

This year the National Honor Society under the leadership of Mrs. Hampton has had a very successful year. With the induction ceremony held earlier this year, thirty new members were given the opportunity to participate in 96-97 NHS activities. Members handed out carnations to all the teachers in order to show their appreciation to the faculty for all the hard work that they do. National Honor Society donated two trees to the elementary school and baked cookies as a treat for the residents at the Seneca Home Place. As with every year, it is a true honor to be a part of the National Honor Society. **Melody Wright**



Above Left: Racheal Rearrick wakes up after passing out from giving blood.

Above: Justin Thiel, Joy Moser, Nita Malone, Jesse Dobson, Jacob Hosp, Zach Massey, Adam Hughes, David Bastian, and Mike Blair are proud to display their induction to the NHS.

Left: Mr. Cook expresses his gratitude to NHS members Austin Wilson, Kim Morehead, Michelle Graham, and Raymond Reaves for their donation of trees to the elementary playground.



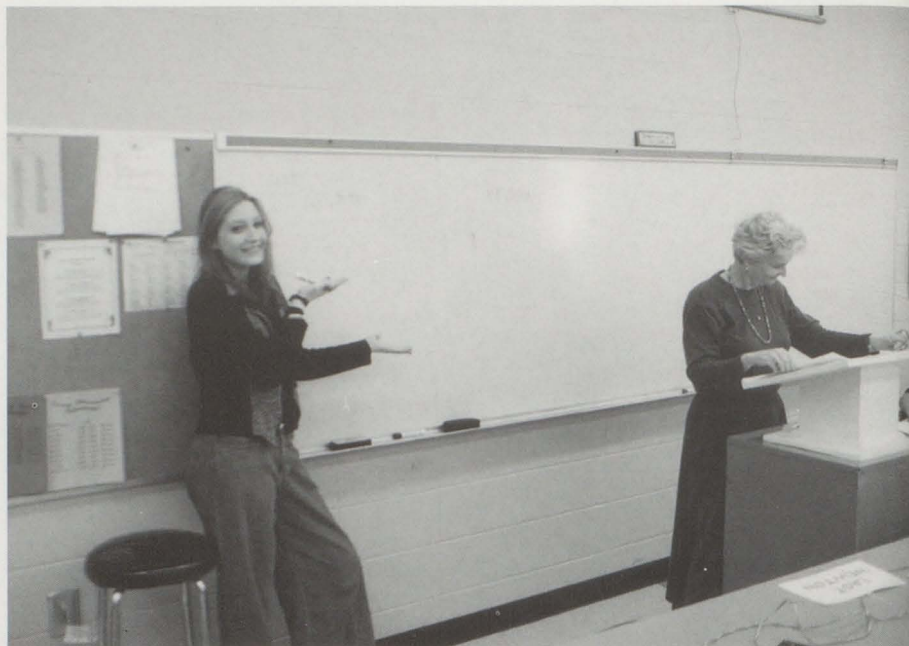
Knowledge Bowl

One tradition in academics that has never failed over the years is that of the Knowledge Bowl. Led by Mrs. Shadwick, students and teachers alike participate in a question and answer game in the school library.

The questions asked range from literature, history, mathematics, art, etc. Just about anything you want to know can be heard in the intense trivia game. Now that Seneca's Knowledge Bowl is sponsored by the state, the interest has increased severely. Fueled both with their 'thirst for knowledge' and a need to have fun in competition, freshmen through seniors alike remain active in this event year after year.

"I believe that the Knowledge Bowl is important because often emphasis is placed too much on athletics and too little is placed on academics." Mrs. Shadwick states, "This program aids vocabulary, math skills, and valuable information. All of which will keep on helping through career searches and daily life." **Stacia Gilstrap**

Below: Erica, Vanna White, Tremblay points out the benefits of a good education.



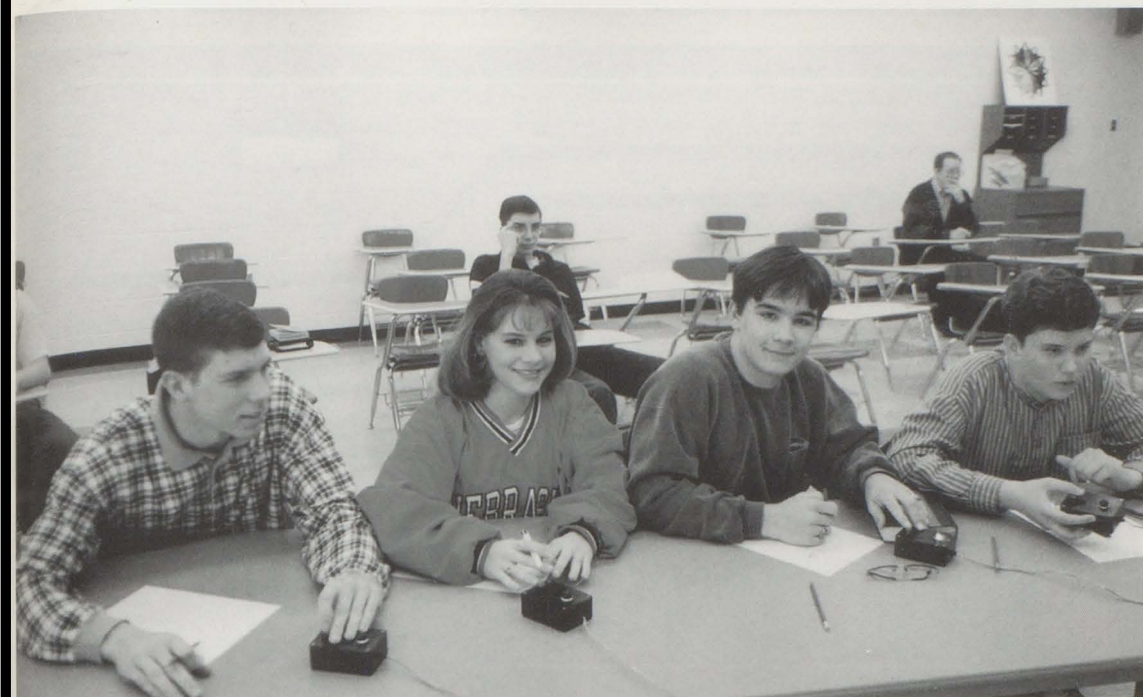
Above: Christy Cotten gets set to answer another tough question.

Above right: Coach Hermann stares in awe at the manical Shadwick.

Right: Carol Kelly gets ready to pounce on the buzzer.



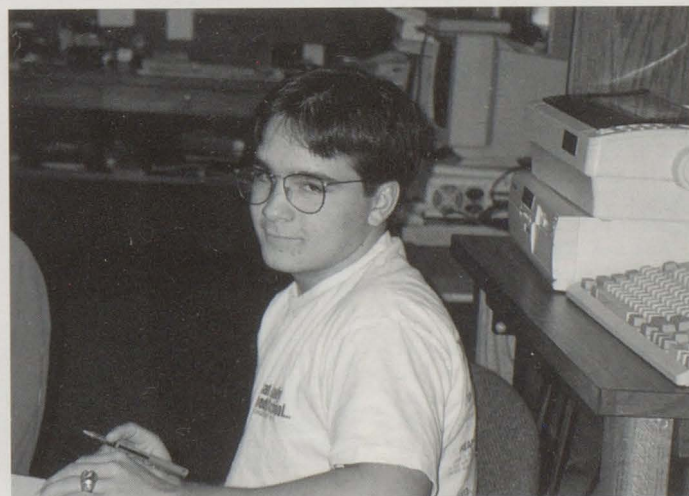
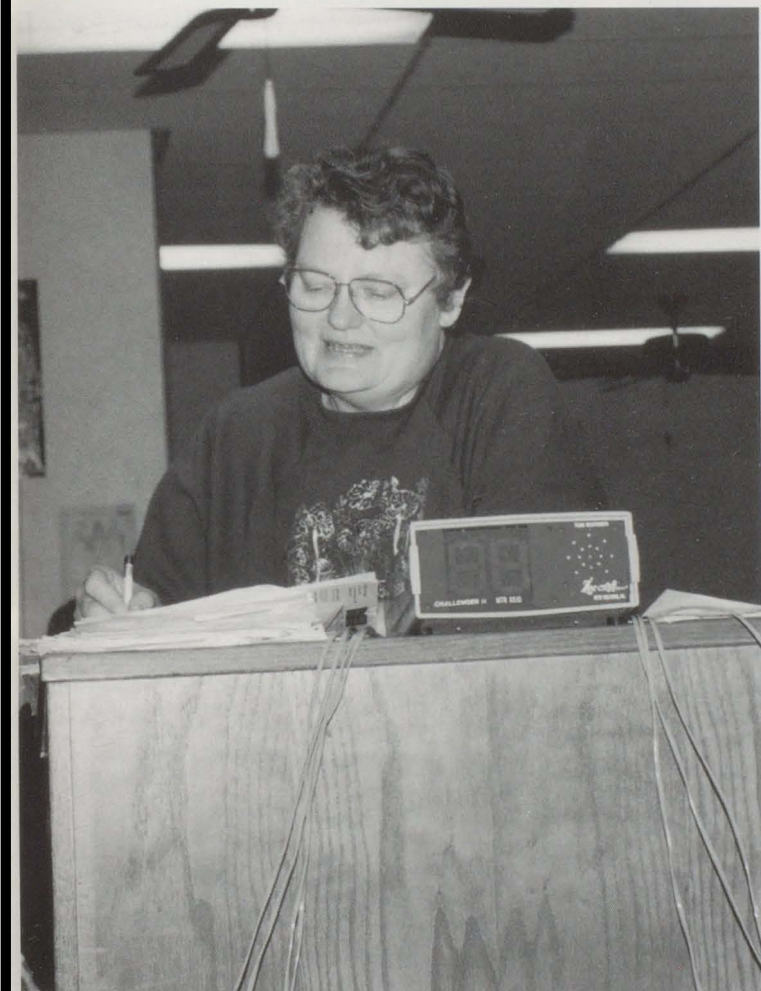
"I have to admit, I enjoy playing Pat Sajak." Anne Shadwick.



Left: Part of the Big 8 Team. Mitch Singleton, Ashley Bates, David Goodman, and Raleigh Ritter.

Below: Jennifer Schultz and Greg Connelly telepathically combine their knowledge.

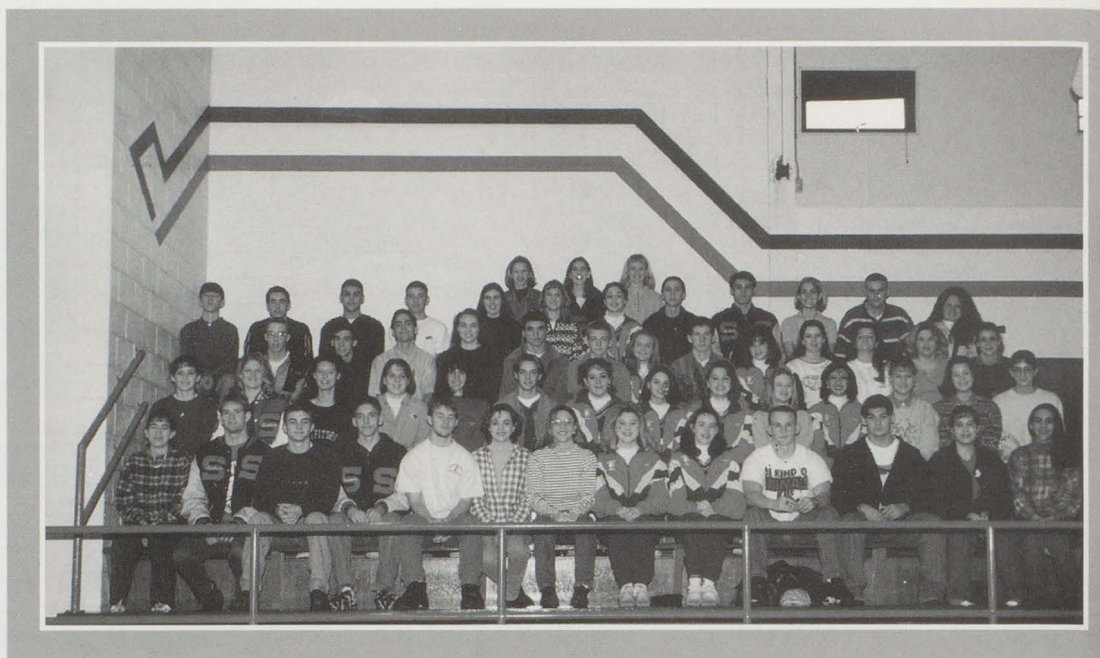
Bottom: David Goodman, confident with his skills, flaunts his knowledge.



Above: Mrs. Shadwick practices her clever game show host expressions.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

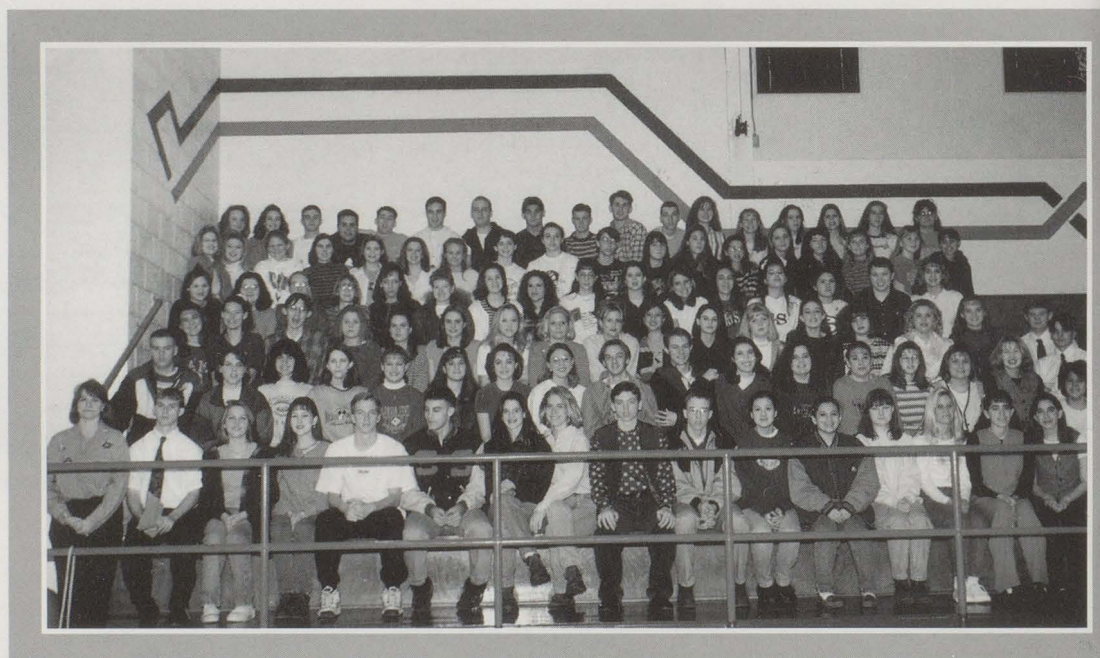
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"FCA brings out a lot of good leadership qualities in my fellow Christians." Clayton Adams

Left: Row 1-J. Inbody, J. Dodson, T. Weter, F. McLees, D. Bastian, M. Blair, T. Berry, C. Singleton, S. Granger, R. Long, K. Snider, C. Uto, J. DeWeese, M. Danel, A. Heffern, L. Heffern. Row 2-Z. Massey, C. Krusemark, K. Howard, S. Brown, A. Bates, M. Wright, K. Morehead, M. Graham, R. Reaves, M. Fanning, S. Lockwood, A. Bell, J. Miller, T. Smith, L. Prater, L. Burns, B. Butler, K. Moran. Row 3-A. Cox, J. Cook, M. Johnson, T. Durbin, A. Martin, L. Fisher, S. Williams, B. Howard, B. Mitchell, E. Kuhn, L. Irvin, J. Schultz, J. Miller, H. Elbert, L. Lash, M. Hunt, D. Cowgur. Row 4-C. Franklin, A. Puckett, J. Cole, H. Hamilton, T. Goller, M. Cole, R. Holt, K. Radcliff, K. Winchester, M. Mullin, L. Greninger, B. Griffin, S. Gilman, S. Higginbotham, A. Lankford, B. Hampton. Row 5-A. Kuhn, N. Malone, K. Grimmett, C. Skaggs, N. Woodward, T. Howard, C. Durman, B. Gibson, R. Rearrick, G. Hall, K. Testerman, C. Arnall, B. Roberts, E. Tremblay, M. Day, T. Sampson, Y. McLoud, A. Ball. Row 6: M. Page, J. Moser, C. Ritter, T. Ehrhart, B. Blacketer, J. Jeffries, M. Yaryan, W. Spicer, C. Elbert, M. Buening, A. Hughes, M. Eckhardt, S. Cook, R. Cox, C. Barnes, C. Cotten.

SADD



"SADD has been a real eye-opener for a lot of students at Seneca High School." Jesse Dobson

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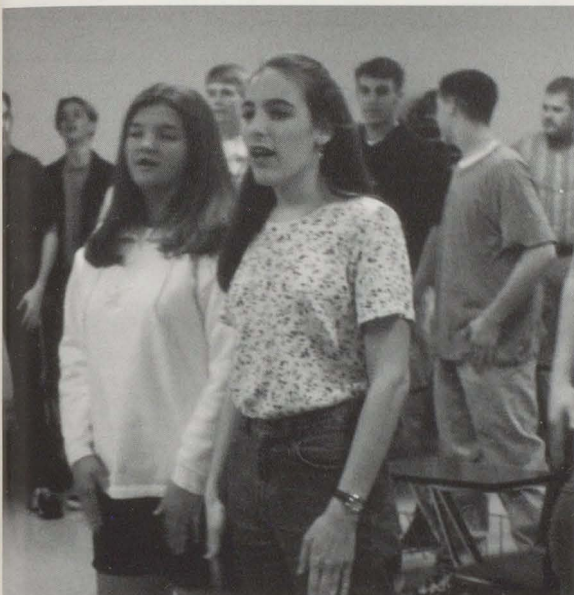
At the beginning of the school year, SADD members signed a Contract for Life stating that they would never be in a situation involving drinking and driving. During a week of activities related to the prevention of drunk driving in the fall, the school sponsored a Docu-Drama to show students the effects of mixing alcohol with driving. There was also a White-Out Day, in which SADD members volunteered to represent a death due to drunk driving by having their faces painted white. Red ribbons were also distributed to all students so they could show their support of SADD.

During the year, SADD members also collected food for the nursing homes in Seneca. A Christmas Social was held to give students the opportunity to have fun without drinking alcohol. Door prizes, skits, and the Show Choir were among the activities available for students during this event.

President Josh Dodson stated, "I think that the SADD club this year was the best we've had since I've been in high school. I believe that the things we did helped people understand and grow to learn the consequences of drunk driving. I will miss being a part of SADD, but I will get involved nationally." **Serena Brown**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club that brings students together each Friday morning at 7:30 to join in fellowship and worship. As sponsor John Whitehead stated, "FCA has been an inspiration for me this year. The kids have been great to work with. We have had a good group of seniors, and I think next year will be an even greater year for FCA because of their leadership and the example they set this year."

FCA also participates in several activities such as: the Night of Champions at MSSC, See You at the Pole, and the FCA picnic. The president of FCA, Michelle Graham, said, "FCA is one club that definitely gives inspiration. It is an uplifter. I have enjoyed it for the last four years and will miss it greatly." **Krista Winchester**



Above left: Bethany Griffin and Felicia Jones sing at an early morning FCA meeting.

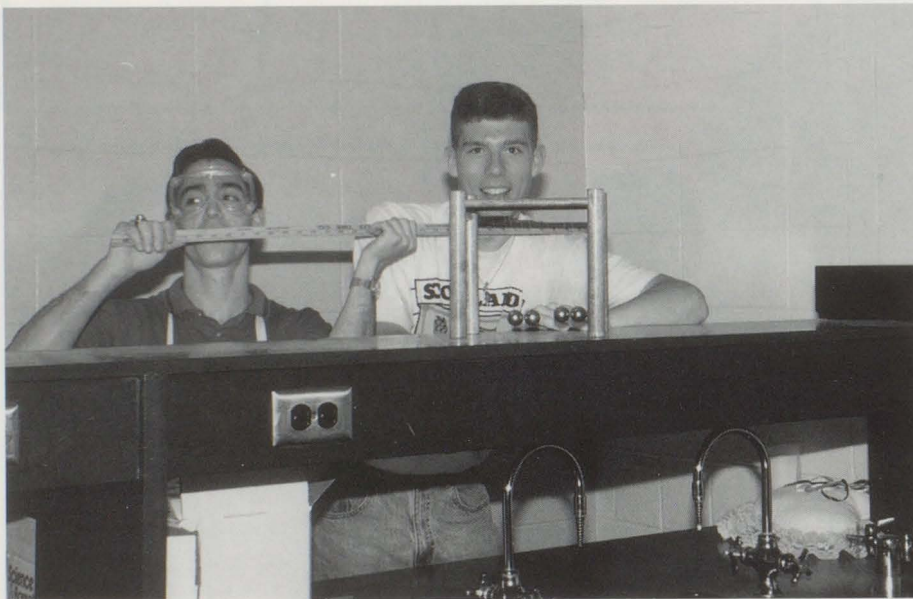
Above: FCA met at 7:30 one morning, throughout the world, for "See you at the pole."

Left: Michelle Graham and Justin DePriest model the effects of drinking and driving.

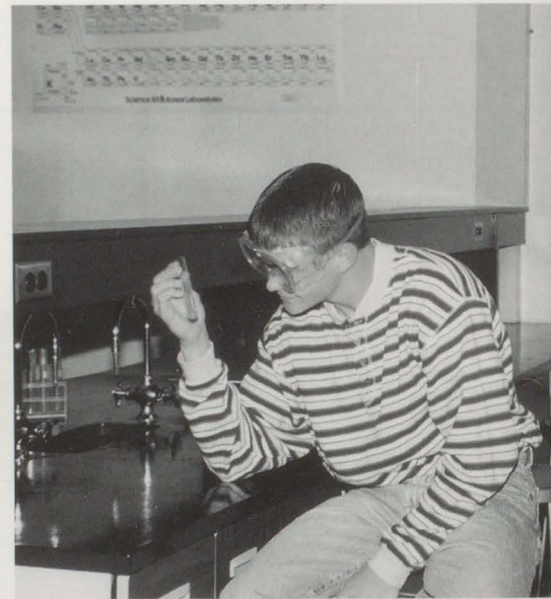
Science Club members have joined in many events this year such as Activity Day meetings and the Spaghetti Supper. Ms. Johnston, sponsor for the 96-97 school year, remarked, "I enjoyed being the Science Club sponsor this year. One thing I'll never forget is helping twenty kids cook spaghetti for seventy-five guests while Mitch Singleton sat in the kitchen reading his science fiction book." Science Club is also looking forward to looking back on a trip to Worlds of Fun on May 10 and a summer canoe trip. **Krista Winchester**

Unity strives to achieve goals in the areas of environmental preservation and awareness, community support, healthy life-styles, and cultural diversity. The Seneca chapter has been involved in a number of projects this year that have focused on these goals. The chapter visited the local daycare in October and November and modeled the important role Indians played in the first Thanksgiving. Students read books, carved pumpkins and made cookies for the children. The Unity students were also involved in Red Ribbon Week, and they visited an Indian museum to explore Indian heritage. Unity is a great club for students who want to get involved and learn about their ancestry. **Tami Gripka**

Below: Mrs. Gripka takes a break from her hectic counseling schedule.



Above: Dennis Pierson and Mitch Singleton display their mastery of physics.



Above Right: Cody Ritter measures the value of a good education.

Right: Brande Howard models her authentic Indian dress.



Science Club



Left: Row 1-J. King, J. Stansell, S. Hayes, M. Eckhart, S. Higginbotham, T. Howard, A. Bates, M. Reber, J. Long, J. Dobson, C. Skaggs, C. McCall, R. Whitehead, L. Fisher. Row 2-T.J. Wheeler, B. Mitchell, J. McCarty, A. Martin, T. Hall, M. Hansen, J. Moser, R. Bolt, C. Singleton, T. Berry, B. Griffin, S. Gilman, A. Cox, J. Cook, B. Gibson, C. Bassett, M. Danel. Row 3-Z. Massey, H. Maples, K. Patton, D.J. Ackerson, K. Cook, C. Howard, T. Sampson, M. Mullin, D. Goodman, M. Fanning, J. Woodward, C. Durman. Row 4-T. Weter, J. Miller, L. Burns, T. Hall, L. Prater, M. Burns, T. Smith, A. Bell, E. Tremblay, R. Cox, J. Dillmon, C. Kelly, D. Mills, J. Eppard. Row 5-R. Long, D. Pierson, T. Pierson.

"Science Club has been a neat experience, but what can you expect with Justin Skaggs as President." **Tiffany Howard**

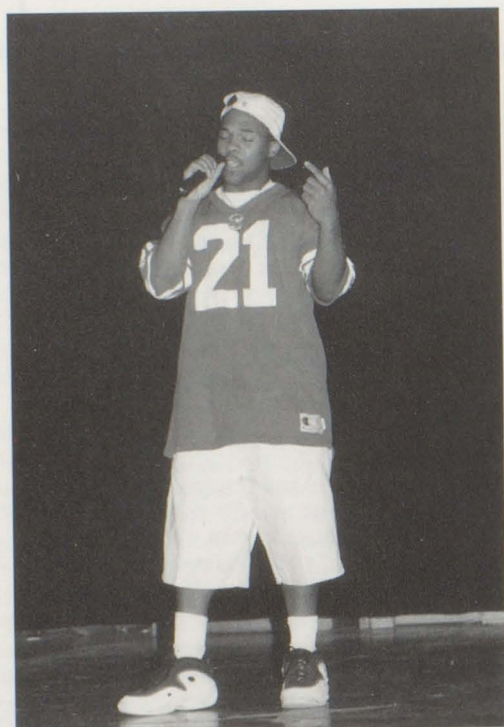
Unity



Left: Row 1-Mrs. Gripka, C. Durman, B. Howard, C. Krusemark. Row 2-T. Pierson, S. Hirdler, J. Wren, J. DeWeese, E. Cooksey. Row 3-T. Goller, H. Hamilton, E. Tremblay, E. Hamilton, S. Cook.

"Unity's goals this year were to explore cultural heritage and to contribute to the community." **Mrs. Gripka**

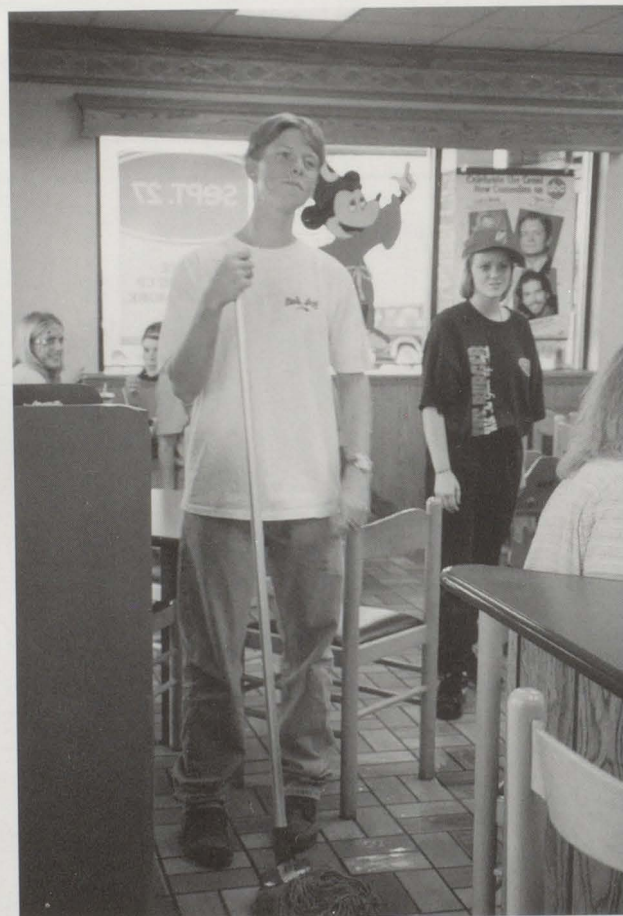
Below: Kourtney, K-Dog, Alexander chills with one of his Cajun raps.



Left: Some of the dudes relax at lunch while playing hacky sack.



Above: Josh Dodson and Robin Bolt wrap themselves in school spirit.



Above: Hardworking Michael Mitchell mops up a little accident at McDonalds.



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At the end of the day, after seven long hours of studying and doing homework, the students of Seneca High School attend to their lives outside of school. Yes, believe it or not, most students have an existence outside of SHS. Many of them are active in school related activities such as sports or clubs. Others try to earn a living or at least provide their own gas money. Some ambitious students just like to hang around. No matter what students might do through the week, you can always bet that they are living for the weekend. **Jodie Crowder**

Seneca High's "Top Ten"

of 1996-1997

Survey results compiled by DeAnna Pa

Favorite Actor

1. John Travolta
2. Tom Cruise
3. Brad Pitt
4. Leonardo DeCaprio
5. 2 Pac
6. Keanu Reeves
7. Jim Carrey
8. Wesley Snipes
9. Harrison Ford
10. Pee Wee Herman

Favorite Movie

1. Scream
2. Grease
3. Romeo & Juliet
4. Star Wars
5. Top Gun
6. Friday
7. The Rock
8. Braveheart
9. Dazed & Confused
10. Goonies

Favorite Actress

1. Sandra Bullock
2. Pamela Anderson
3. Meg Ryan
4. Claire Danes
5. Sharon Stone
6. Michelle Pfeiffer
7. Demi Moore
8. Alicia Silverstone
9. Olivia Newton John
10. The Landlord from *Kingpin*

Favorite Group or Singer

1. No Doubt
2. 2 Pac
3. Bush
4. Marilyn Manson
5. Keith Sweat
6. Alannis Morissette
7. Smashing Pumpkins
8. The Eagles
9. Beatles
10. Neil Diamond

Favorite TV Network

1. NBC
2. MTV
3. ABC
4. HBO
5. The Cartoon Network
6. Fox
7. ESPN
8. CMT
9. Comedy Central
10. TV roots your mind

Favorite Hair Color

1. Brown
2. Blond
3. Black
4. Red
5. Green
6. Bald
7. Purple
8. Blue
9. White/Gray
10. Clear

Favorite Color of Socks

1. White
2. Black
3. Red
4. Purple
5. Blue
6. Green
7. Yellow
8. Orange
9. Jill's Bee Socks
10. Burnt Sienna

Favorite 70's Song

1. "Low Rider"
2. "Stayin' Alive"
3. "American Pie"
4. "YMCA"
5. "Sweet Home Alabama"
6. "I'm a Believer"
7. "Sweet Caroline"
8. "Hotel California"
9. "Greased Lightning"
10. "Chevy Van"

Favorite Car

1. Mustang
2. Camaro
3. Corvette
4. Impala
5. VW Bug/Bus
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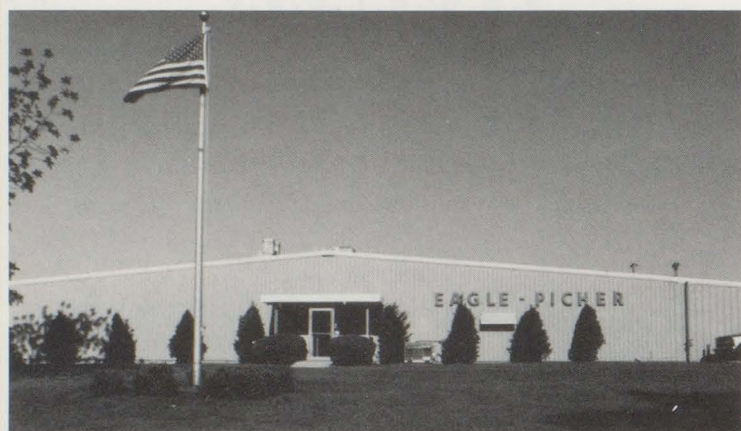
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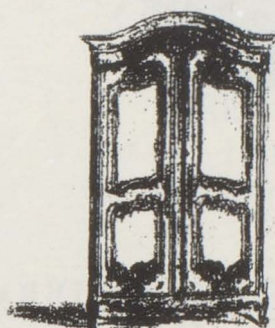
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Below: Brande Howard shows off her school spirit while she quenches her thirst.



Below: Stacia Gilstrap uses her own method for absorbing knowledge.



Above: Gabriel Smith and Danielle Madison show a little affection during photography class.

Right: Amy Poor demonstrates wild bird calls in her spare time.

Right: Hey, is that Superman? No it's just Erica Tremblay showing off her ballet skills.



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elow: Adrienne West, Damyon Fisher, Stephanie Snow, Vanessa West, and
sh Linders form a special bond while waiting in the lunch line.



Moments to Look Back On

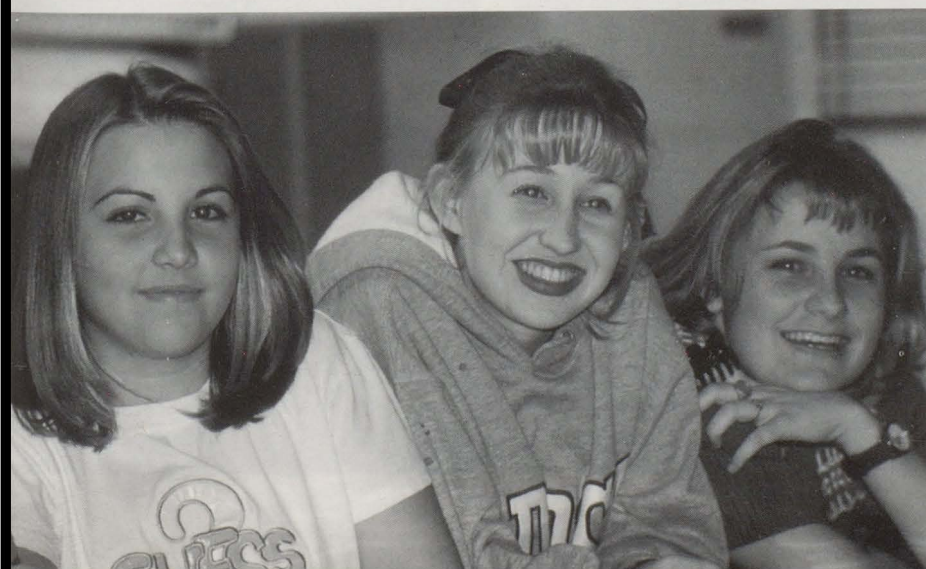
Once again I have decided to bring together the moments that we will not too soon forget. The advantage to being a yearbook photographer is that you are always ready to capture special moments on film. These are the moments that many will look forward to looking back on again and again. If your camera is ready, you have the power to preserve all of your cute, special, entertaining, and funny memories for everyone to enjoy. **DeAnna Packer**

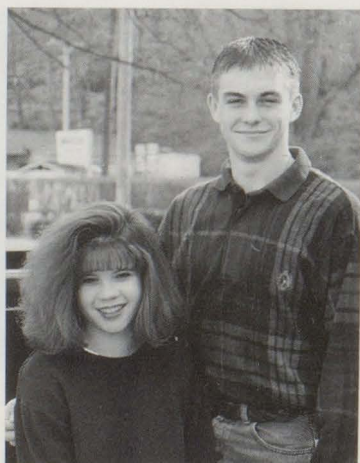
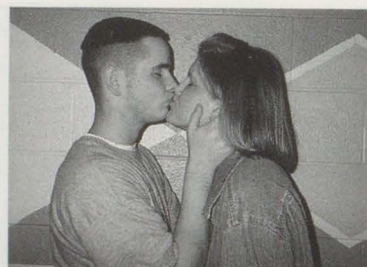
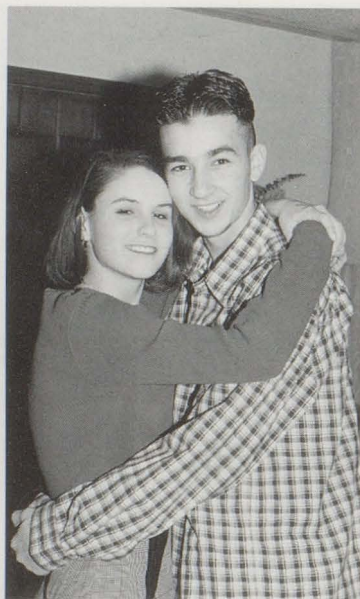
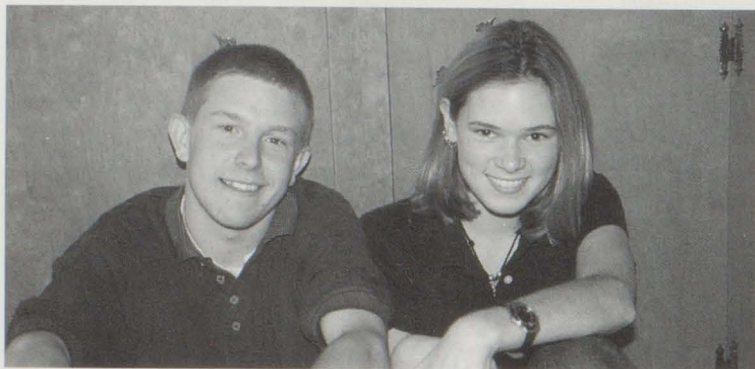
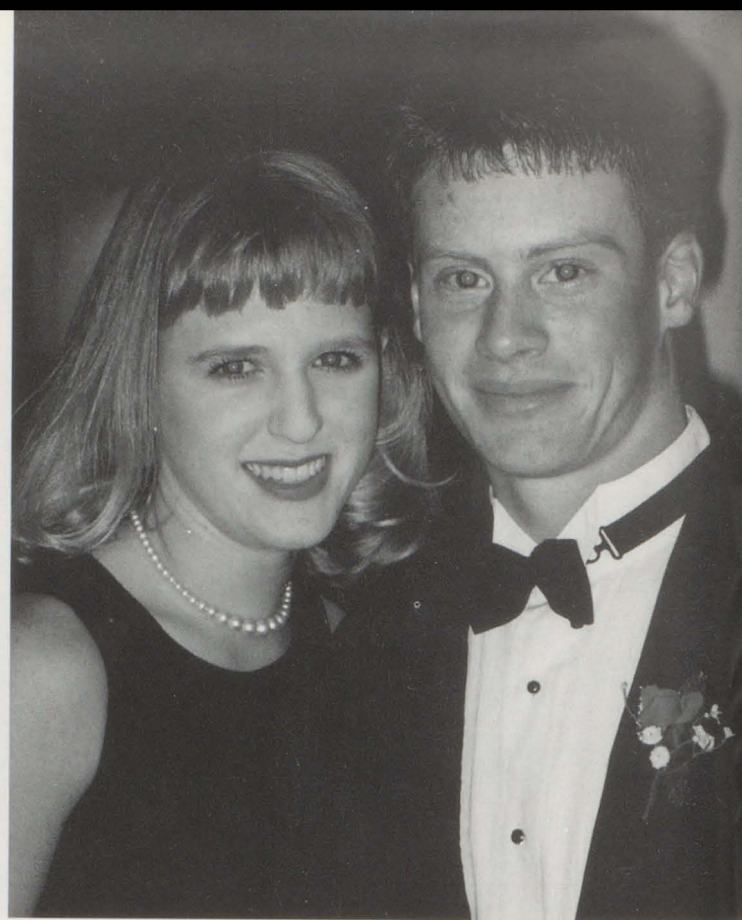
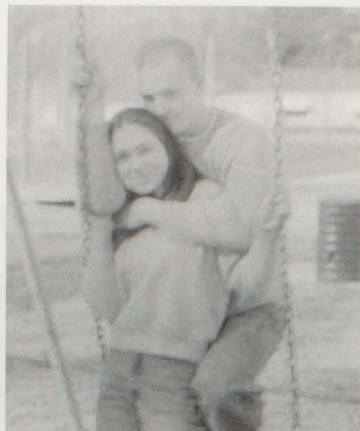
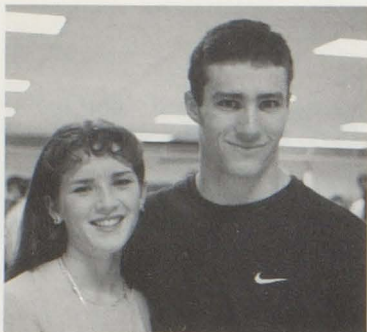


Above left: Laura Groth gets in touch with her Italian side.

Above: Jill Murdock begins her climb to stardom by practicing at home.

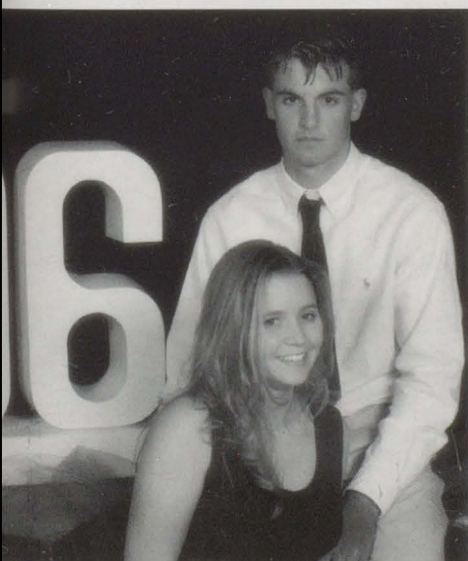
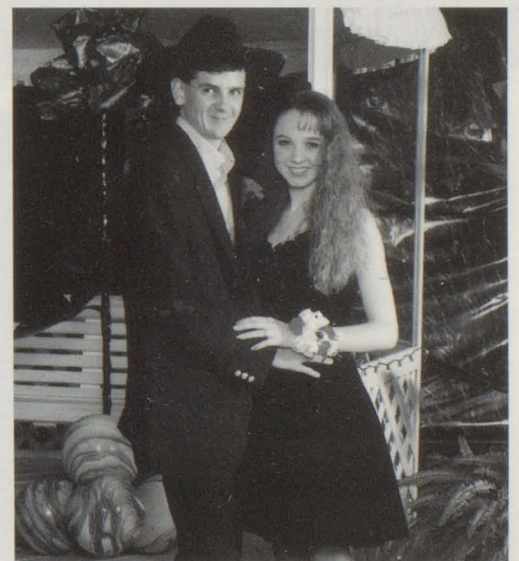
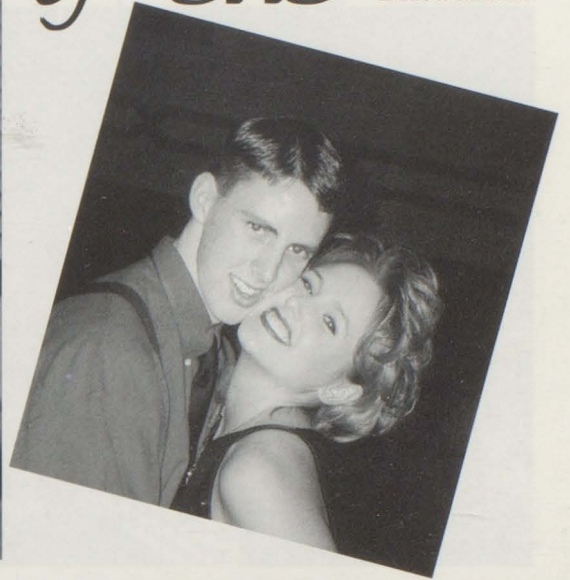
Left: Tiffanie Weter, Lori Burns, and Lacey Prater fulfill their junior duty by working in the concession stand.





Sweet Hearts of SHS

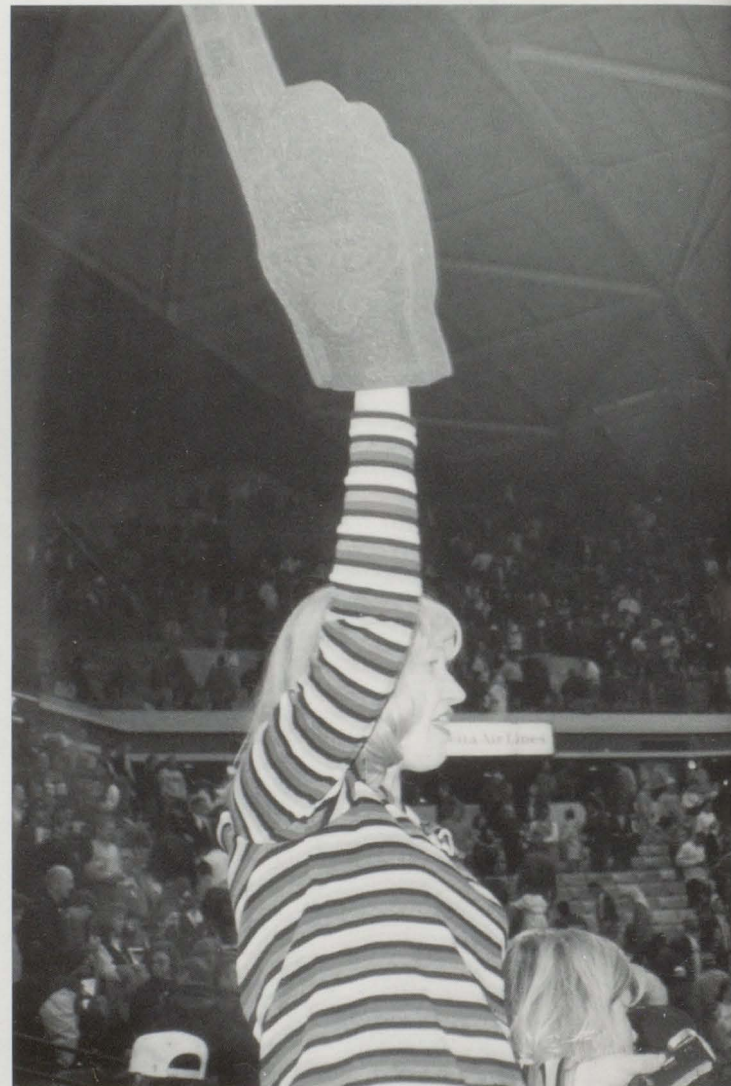
Erica Kuhn



Below: The Band poses against the Atlanta skyline.



Below: Angela Anderson, Lindsay Lash, Keri Snider, Tiffany Sampson, Lori Burns, and Lacy Prater enjoy dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe.



Above: Jonathan Dragoo, Andrea Heffren, and Josh Dodson patiently wait for their halftime performance to begin.

Far Right: Lori Burns cheers for the Bulls

Right: Jeremy Doris, Mandy Elbert, Jill Elbert, Ricky Helvey, Joel Standeford, and Noah Eifert pose on a memorial.



Below: The band at the halftime performance of The Peach Bowl.



Marching to the Peach Bowl

The Mighty Marching Band of Seneca High is proud to be able to look back at this year. The Seneca band had the opportunity to go to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. They received third place in the parade competition and they also had time for many extracurricular activities such as: going to the Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood, the Coca-Cola Factory, and the CNN studios. They even had time to take in a Chicago Bulls and Atlanta Hawks basketball game. Josh Dodson said, "I liked the football game and directing the band in my last marching performance." Andrea Heffren commented, "I liked performing in front of 63,000 fans. It was an experience I will never forget." **Kim Morehead**



Above Left: Jill Elbert takes a break while waiting to perform.

Above: Mike Burns, Blake Stephens, Ambry Prater and Dustin McGriff practice before the parade.

Left: The Band marches in the parade

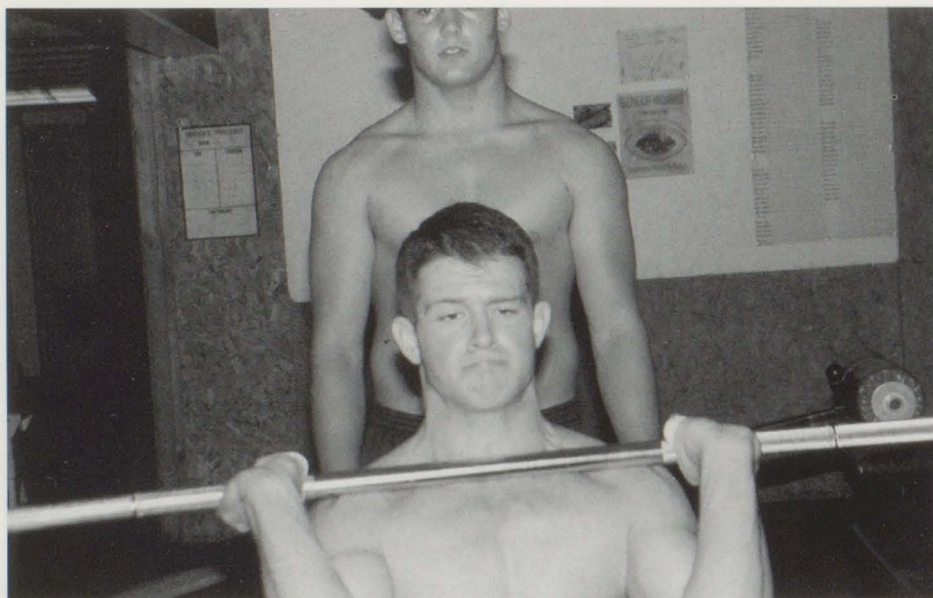
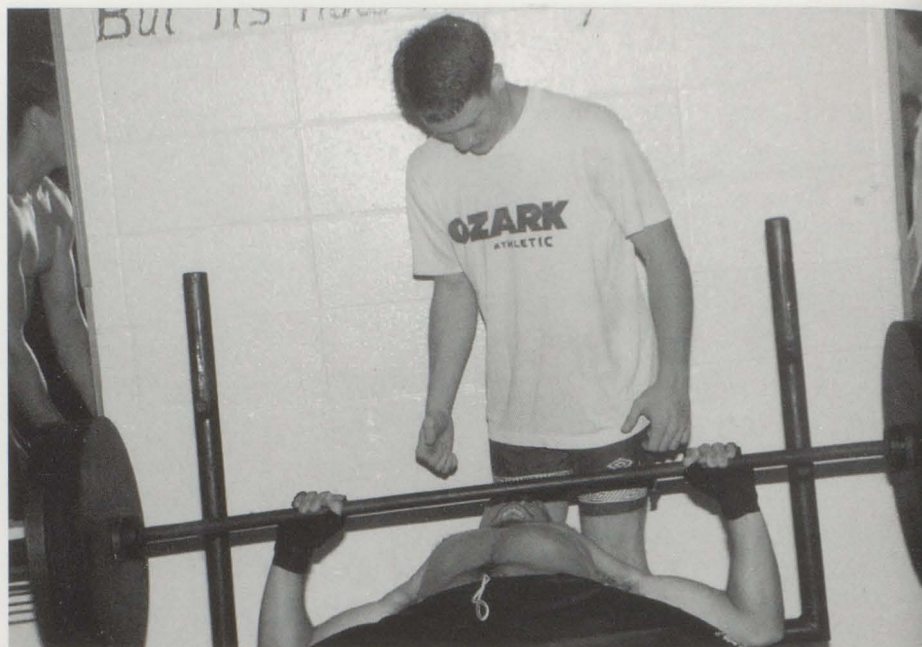


Below: Sr. Clayton White bench presses with Rob Yust help to spot.

Weightlifting

Weightlifting is more than just another class. It is a class to workout in, improve your conditioning, and to feel better about yourself. Flexibility, running, agility, and weight training are all contents of the program. A quote on the wall of the weightroom states, "It's not how much you can lift, it's how hard you work." Coach Yust stated, "This class is not like others. You can work hard and still not get the great grade, but in weightlifting if you work hard you will benefit yourself in several ways."

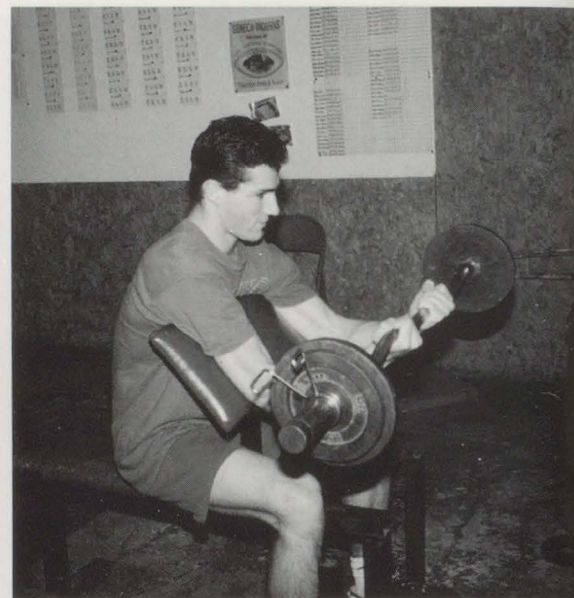
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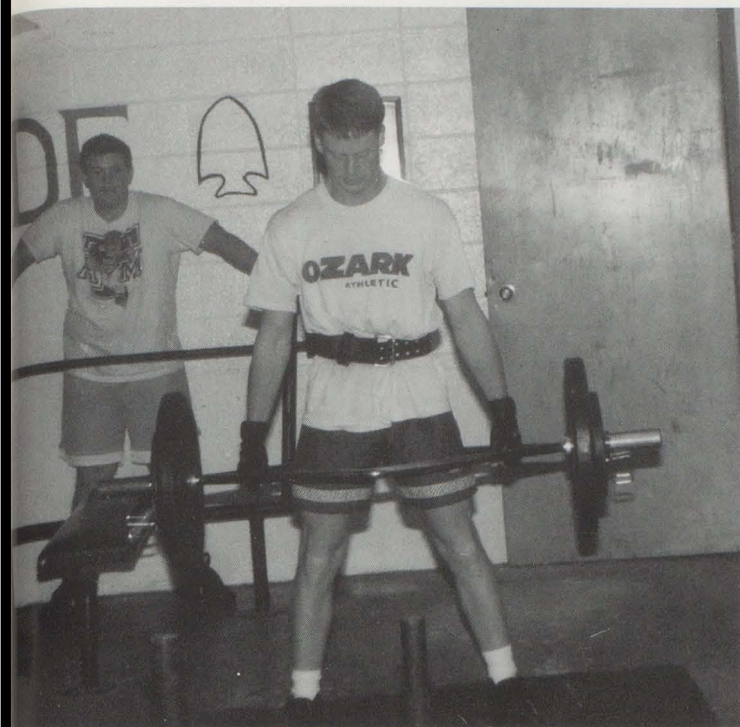
Above: Sr. Ethan Wilson focuses as he does the power clean. Chris Elbert spots.

Middle: Sr. Jeremy Massey works on his biceps using the preacher curl.

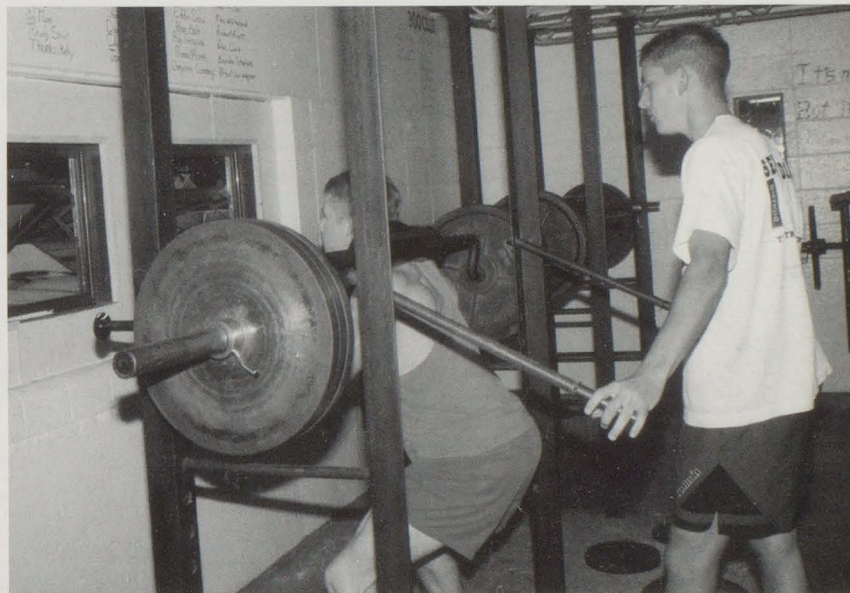
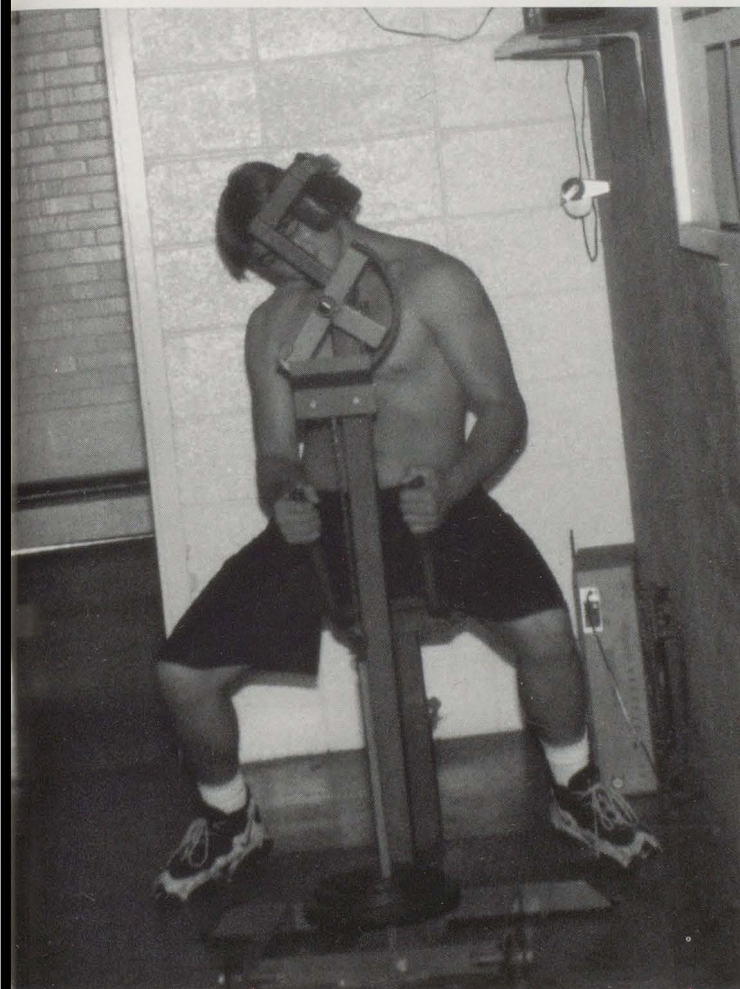
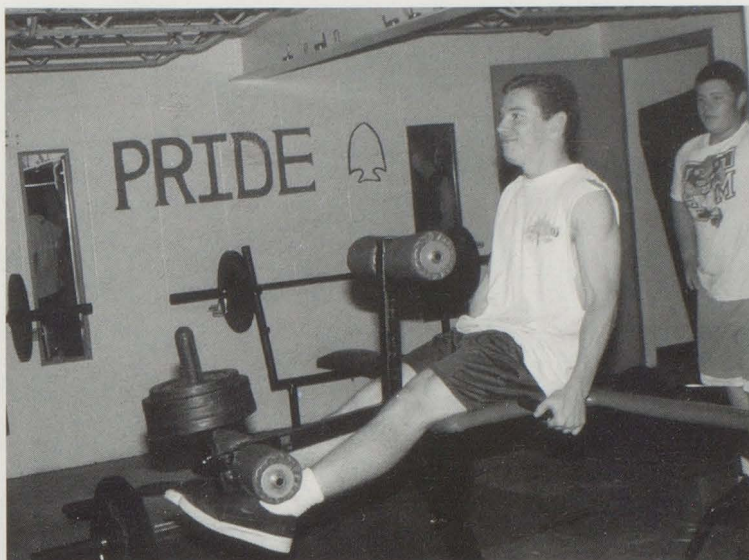
Right: Sr. Troy Dry does the power clean with spotter Adam Hughes.



Below: Sr. Rob Yust works out the lower body using the trap bar.



Below: Sr. Justin DePriest works on the leg extension machine.

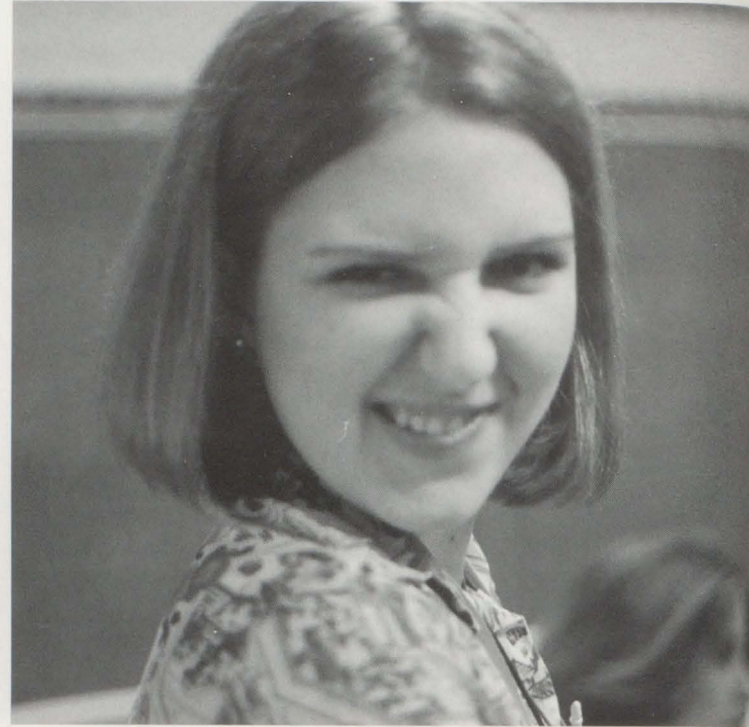


Above: Bryan Hamilton and Jeff Long squat during 4th hour weightlifting.

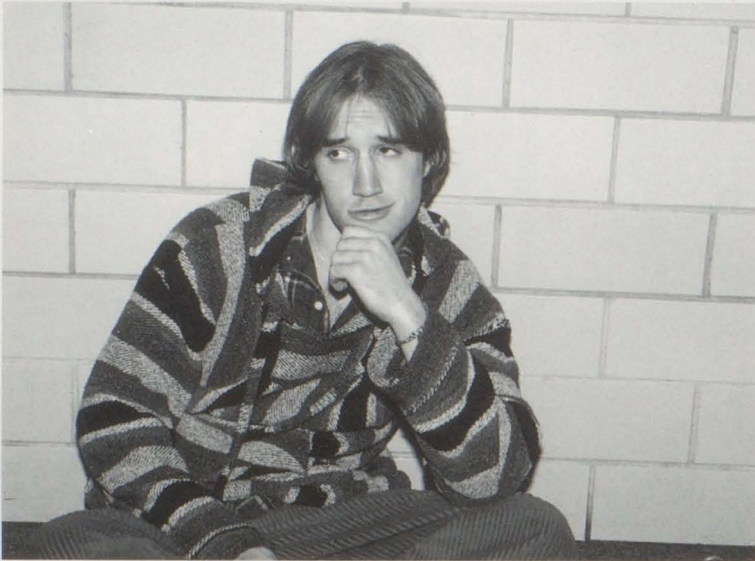
Middle: Jr. Chris Elbert works out on the neck machine.

Left: Jr. Matt Shear works out his arm muscles.

Below: DeAnna Packer cannot quite make up her mind on the new taste of Surge.



Below: Ben Selove or Rico Suave?



Far Right: The demure Gabriel Smith.

Above: Erica Tremblay savors the water of SHS.

Right: Meow! It's the yearbook mascot, Bulp.

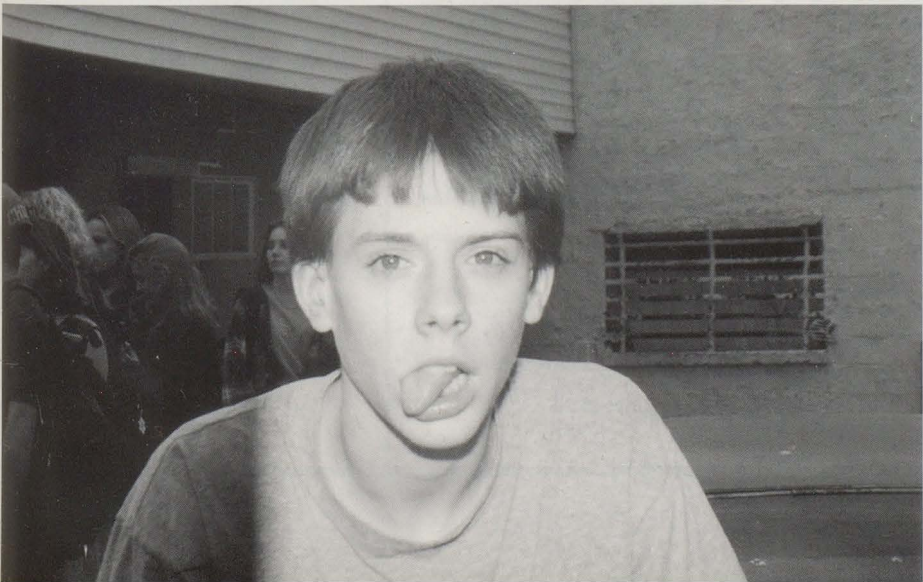


Below: Amy Poor. Enough said!



Funny Faces of SHS

A lot can be said by the expressions on our faces. Just by a simple movement, we can either look happy or sad. The people at Seneca High School are no different. We decided to share some of the oddest expressions we captured on film. **Mandi Day**



Above Left: Lindsey Fisher tries to scare the Publications staff with her clean teeth.

Above: Stephanie Hester meditates on the meaning of life.

Left: Andrew Poor, another victim of Pavlov's classical conditioning.



*Ike,
You've grown from a cute
cuddly babe to a handsome
young man, and we're so
proud of you.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Serena,
Congratulations. We love
you. We have always been
proud of you. We will always
be here for you. We love you
more than the numbers go.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*To Katie and Kim,
Our most precious gifts!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Krista,
We believe fate
smiled at us when you came
along. We knew this would
be able, would be gifted with
love, patience, and faith.
She'll make her way.*

*We love you,
Dad and family*



*Precious baby girl,
Write I Peter 4:8 on your
heart and know that you are
loved as long as you live.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Justin,
You've finally grown into
Dad's hat, but you'll never
grow out of the love we have
for you. We're so proud of
you. Continue to trust in the
Lord.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Natasha,
Our sweet "Purple." We are
so proud of your accomplish-
ments, especially through this
crisis. May God Bless you
through your goals and
future. We love you honey.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Cindy, Mona,
Cathy, Tommy and Nikki*



*Brandon,
We are very proud of the
young man you have become,
and hope you get the very
best out of your life. Keep
God first and you will
succeed.*

*Love you very much,
Mom, Troy, Misti, and Bryan*



*Linsey,
Keep a good attitude, work
hard, and remember, "all
things are possible to him
that believes." We love you.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Amy,
Evan, and Kaylee*



*Susan,
From a cute child to a
beautiful woman ... May the
Lord bless you always.
Congratulations!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Mike,
You finally finished some-
thing!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Michael and Michele,
Two
Wonderful
Individuals. We wish you
Non-stop
Success and happiness.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and
Family*



*Ricky,
We are so proud to have you
as a son. Congratulations on
graduation!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Ethan,
May your life be a reflection
of your smile and your spirit.
Mom and Dad*



*Jodie,
You've changed a little since
this picture was taken, but
deep down you're still the
sweet little girl that I love.*

*Love,
Mom*



*Trisha,
We're so proud of you! Keep
that pretty smile, and
remember we will always
love you. May God bless
you!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Chasie*



*Sally,
We are so proud of you. You
are a great person.*

*Love,
Your family*



*Miss Boo (Krisy),
Papa and I love you very
much. You are very special,
and we wish you the very best
in life.*

Meme and Papa



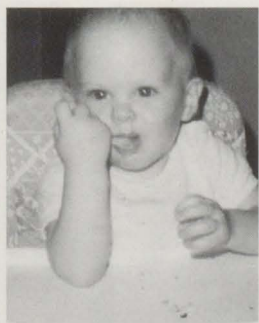
*Congratulations, Melody!
God's grace brought you into
the world. The love and
guidance of your family
prepares you to face it. But
only you can make it your
own. Don't ever stop
believing in yourself!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Clayton,
We're very proud of you and
your achievements in youth.
Hold fast to your faith and
values as you enter the next
phase of your life.*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Riki Lee Slaughter,
Guess who still loves chicken
after 17 years? May all your
dreams come true, sweetie!
We love you.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Kassi*



*Rick,
You're as handsome now as
you were then. Congratula-
tions, and may you always
look to God for direction.
We love you!*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Reeta*



*Kim,
Stay as sweet as you have
always been. Your smile,
quiet ways, and determina-
tion will carry you far in life.
We know you will be
successful.*

*Love you,
Dad, Mom,
Jennell, and Cory*



*Josh,
"Be Strong and courageous...
Do not be terrified or
discouraged... God is with
you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Keri,
and Daniel*



*Mitch,
We're proud of you, Mitch.
Love,
Mother and Dad*



*Tobin,
Thanks for the fun and joy
you have given us. May God
guide and bless you.
Love,
Mom and Dad*



*Raleigh,
You are a special blessing.
You are very proud of you.
We know you will be a
success in whatever you
pursue.
Love,
Dad and Mom*



*Kara-Bell,
You're a beautiful girl, and
we've enjoyed watching you
grow up. You've brought us
so much happiness. Keep
that gorgeous smile and go
for your dreams. We're very
proud of you. We love you.
Mom, Dad, Kyle,
and Krystal*



*Kaci Rene,
Wow, what a Day! It's been
work! It's been fun! We are
proud! Look what you've
done! CONGRATULA-
TIONS!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Tammy,
ect.*



*Keri,
We are so proud of you and
everything you do. May all
your dreams come true.
Keep on smiling.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Kristi*



*Brande,
Dreams come true for those
who work while they dream...
Sweet dreams.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Chris,
and Tiff*



*Amanda is a daughter, a
sister, a friend. She is always
there and always cares. She
makes being a parent worth
while.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
TyDan*



*Miles,
You are a wonderful son,
and we are proud of you for
the person that you are.
Congratulations!
We love you dearly,
Dad, Mom, and
Kelly*



*Troy,
We are so proud of you and
hope you find success in
everything you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
family*



*Justin,
You have brought a lot of joy
into our lives. We are very
proud of you. We can always
count on you to make us
laugh.
We love you,
Mom and Dad*



*Jeff "BO",
We are so proud of every-
thing you have accomplished.
Love,
Dad and Mom*



Rob,
Thanks for the joy, laughter,
and memories. You've
always made us very proud.
With Congratulations and Love,
Mom and Dad



Erica,
You have been a blessing to
us. The joy and love you
have brought into our lives
can only be matched in
Heaven. Reach for the stars!
We Love You.
God Bless You,
Mom, Dad, and
Morgan



Austin (Stumpy),
We are so proud of who and
what you have become. Keep
reaching for the potential
God has given you.
Love Forever,
Dad and Mom



Way to go, Freddie. We're
proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Cody,
We're proud of all the
accomplishments you've
already made. We know
you'll always do your very
best at everything.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Cale,
and Nicholas



Blond baby girl— the gift of
love and laughter,
childhood gone too soon,
we love you now and forever
after.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Joel,
Mathew, and
Brittney



We are very proud of you,
and we love you very much.
And we know you will
continue to do your very best.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Brothers, and
Sisters



Michelle,
You are the light of our
world. We are very proud of
you and the person you have
become. Thanks for the
wonderful memories you
have given us.
Love you bunches,
Dad, Mom, and
Toby



Andrew,
We are proud of you. Best
wishes for a successful
future. God Bless You.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Darin,
We are very proud of the
person you have become.
Thanks for the wonderful
memories you have given us.
God Bless you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Sis



Karrie,
From a little muddy girl to a
beautiful young lady. Hope
your future turns out as good
as you have. We are proud of
you.
Love ya,
Mom and Dad



Jeremy,
We are so proud of you and
all your achievements. Hold
onto your dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Andy
and Wesley



*Matt,
Success is a journey not a
destination.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Kristen*



*Laci,
CONGRATULATIONS!! It's
so hard to believe the same
little girl we bribed with her
first Barbie is now graduat-
ing. We just want you to
always remember you will
always be our "first baby."*

*Love, Sterling, Aunt
Paula and Jamie*



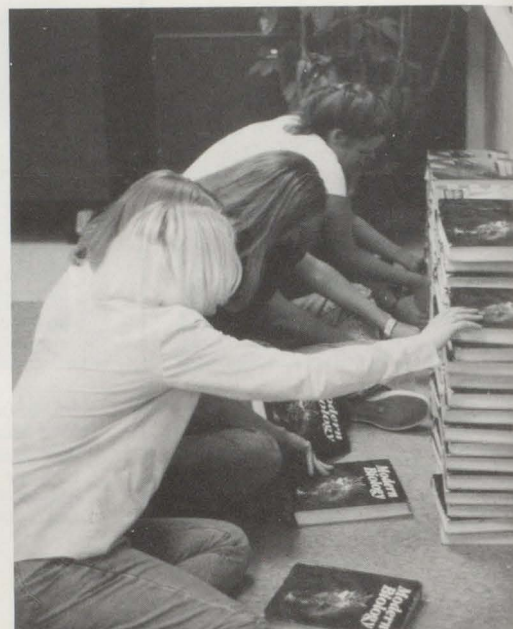
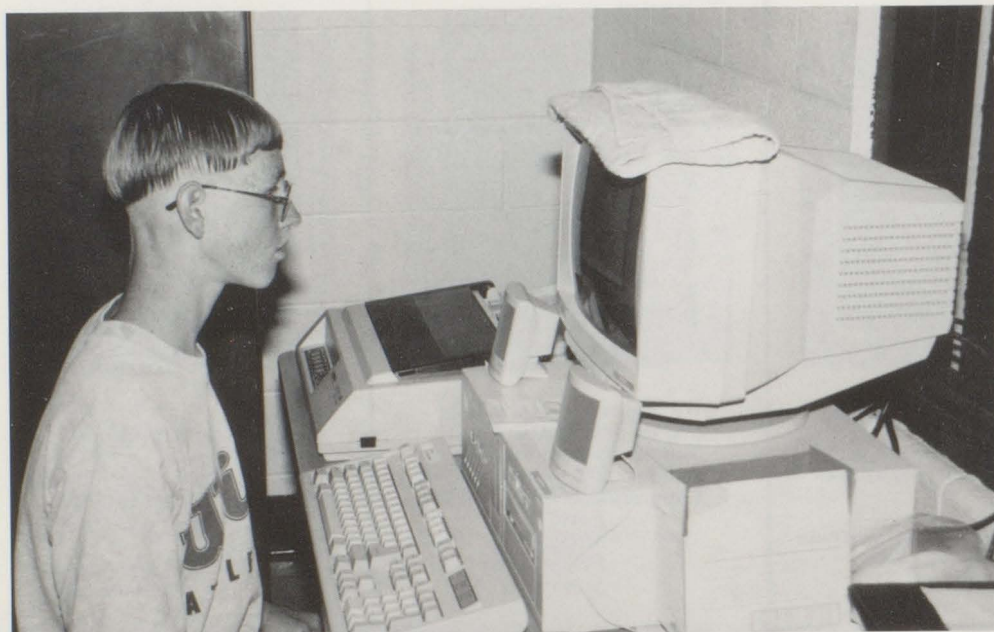
*Dennis,
We have always been so
proud of all that you have
done. What happens from
here is all up to choices you
will make in the near future.*

*Love, Mom and
Dad*



*Congratulations Johnathan,
May this be the beginning of
a successful life. We're very
proud of your accomplish-
ments and hope your future is
all you wish for.*

*Love, Mom, Dad,
and Sis*



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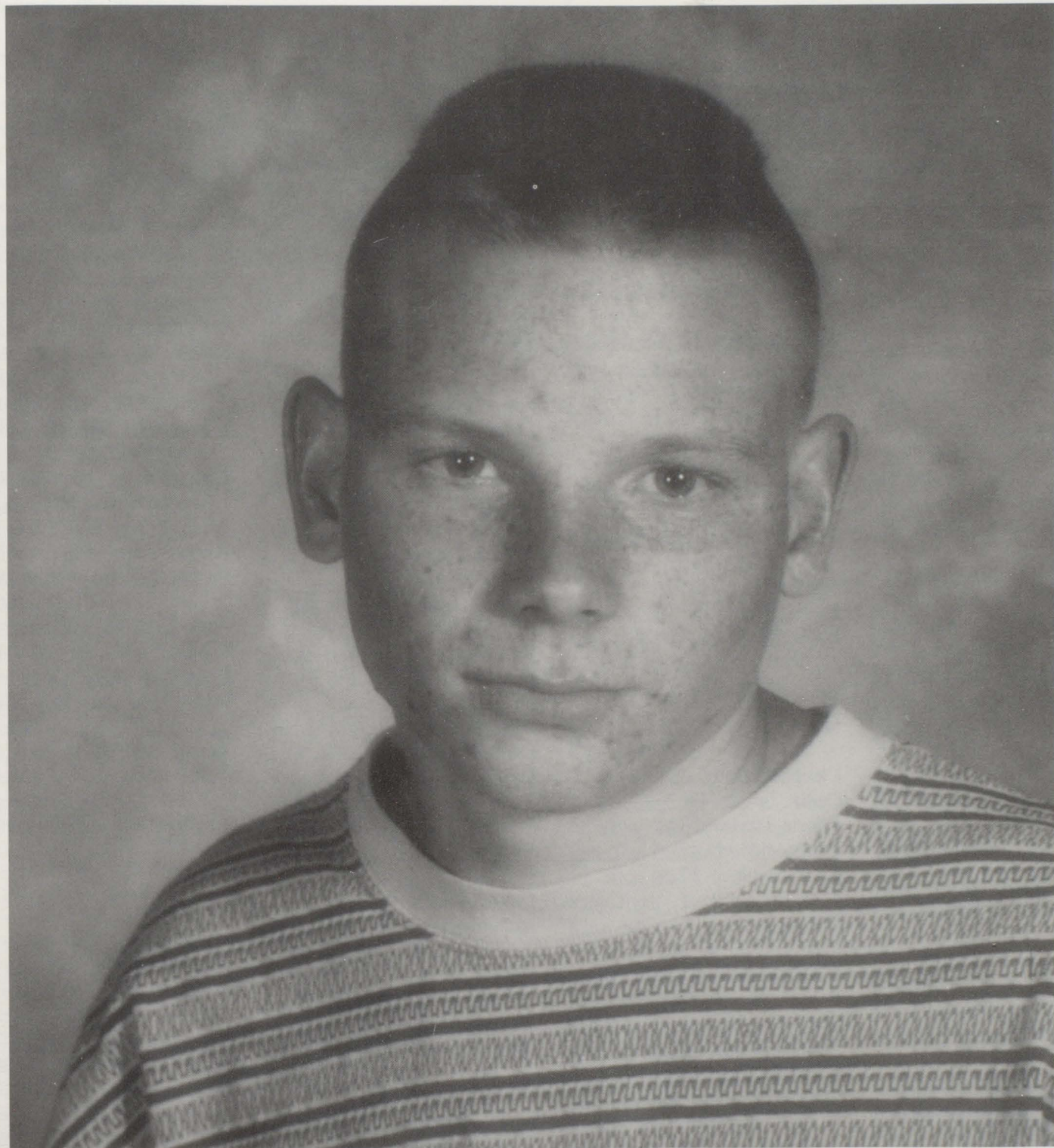
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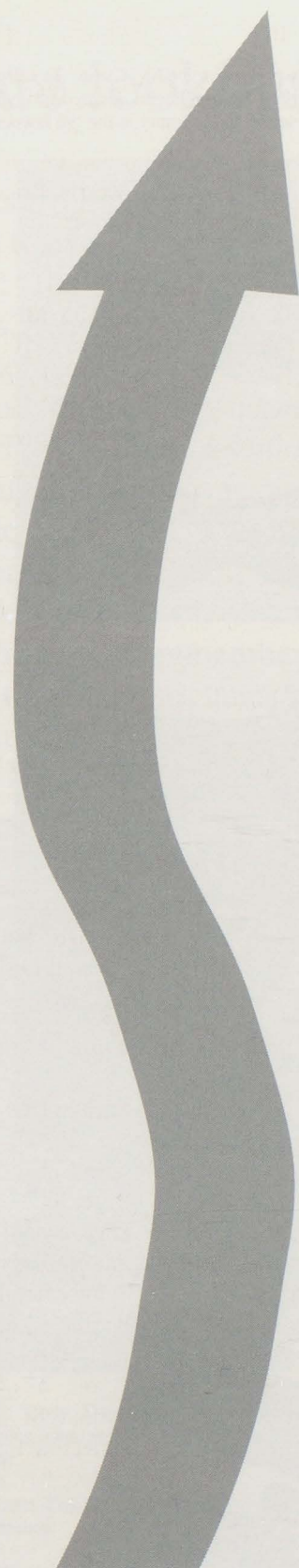
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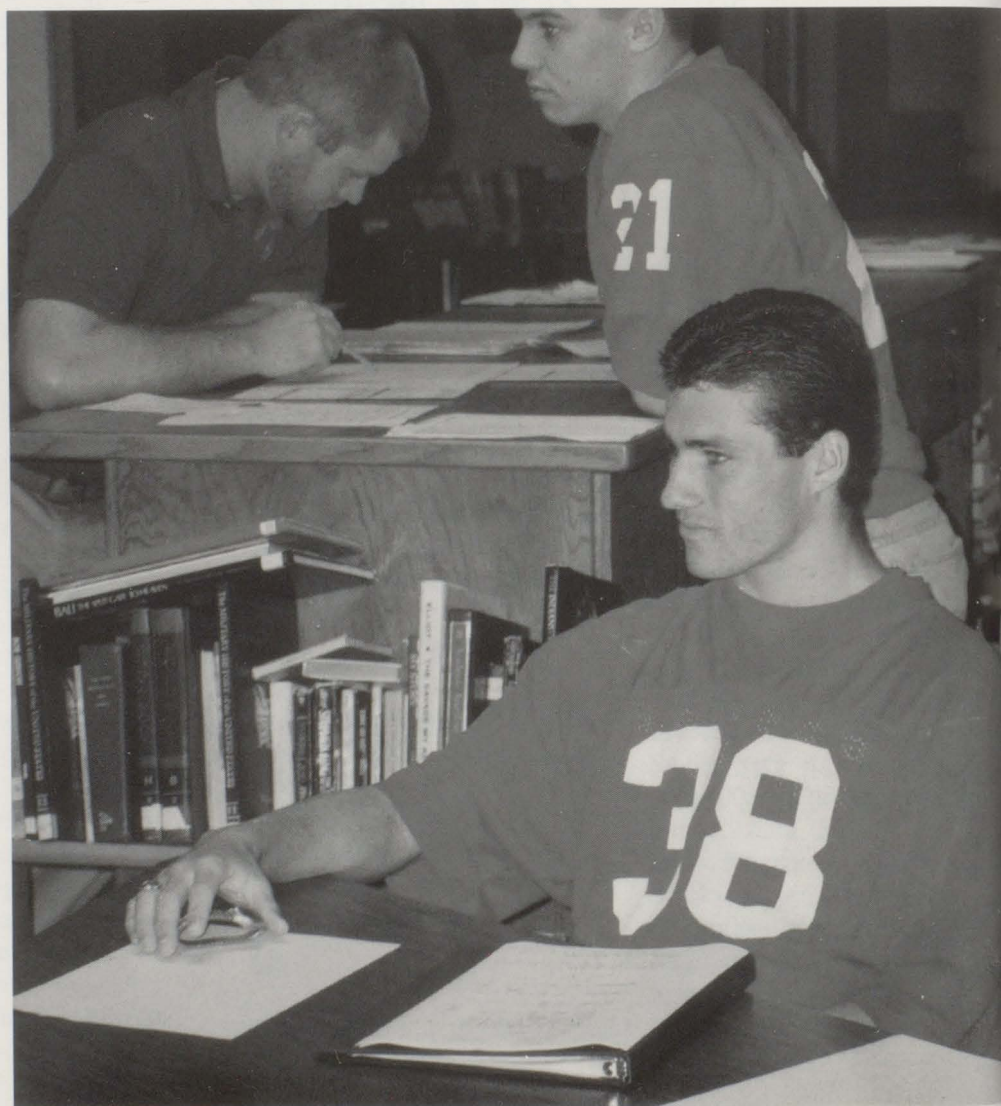
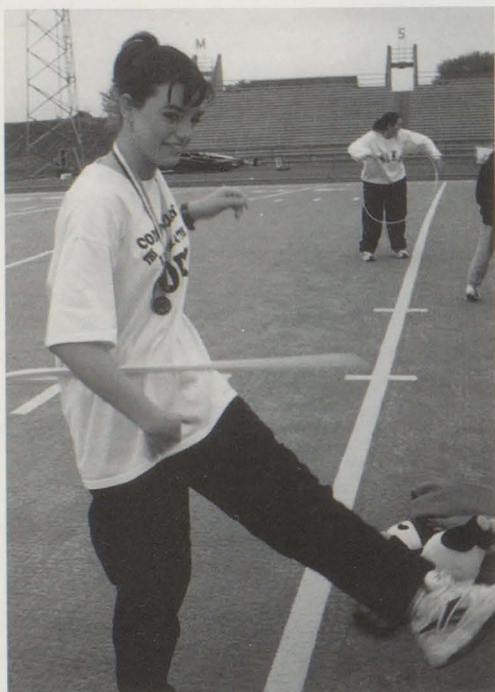
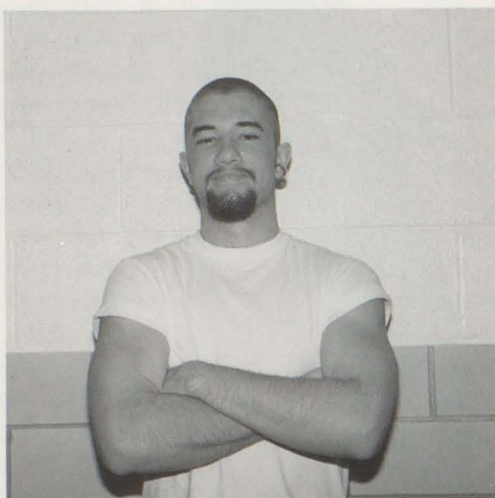
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We've looked forward, now we are looking back.



As freshmen you always look forward to everything high school has to offer: the football games, the lunch hours, Who's Who, special field trips, the hours off, Proms, special events, and all great things associated with growing up. Now as seniors, these are all only a few of the memories we were able to capture this year. As we all part, we leave you with the wisdom of Justin Skaggs. "If you do not remember anything else, remember this: you have to suffer consequences to reap the rewards." **Michelle Graham and Kim Morehead**



Top Left: Cody, Troy, Justin, Rob, Michelle, Tobin, and Austin were among many seniors recognized for Who's Who at a basketball game.

Center Left: Kris Daniels and Sam Brown take time during lunch for a snapshot.

Above: Seniors Racheal Rearrick and Josh Dodson clown around on the way home from Special Olympics.

Left: Kara Rinehart, Tera Brown, and Sally Wood smile pretty in photography class.

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Above: Keep the spirit alive!

