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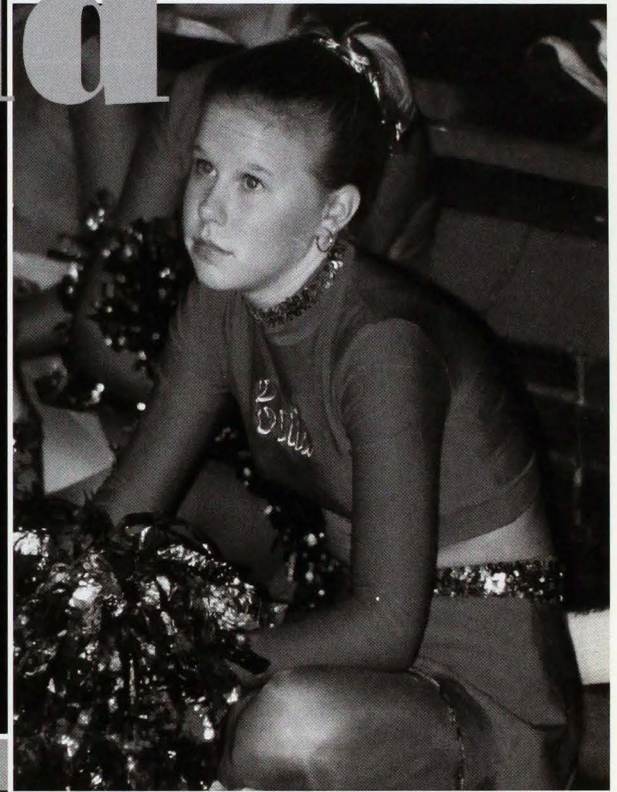
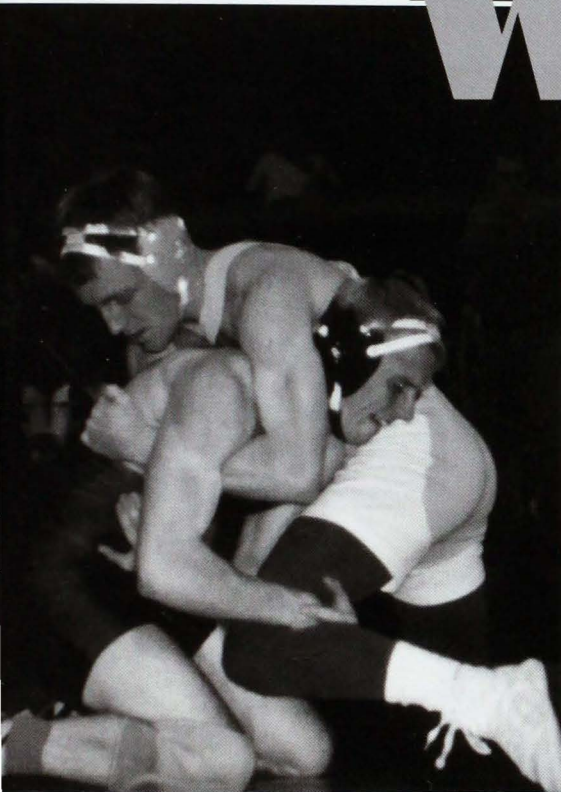
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IN 180 DAYS

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As we look back on our year at Mater Dei, it's amazing what all we did in just 180 days. We sweated through hot August days and shivered once it turned cold; we put off assignments until Choice and stayed up half the night cramming for tests and finishing projects; we cheered at assemblies and cursed the rain at the Halloween football game.

These memories won't soon be forgotten and we hope those memories have been preserved forever in this book of Hi-Lights from 97-98
in which

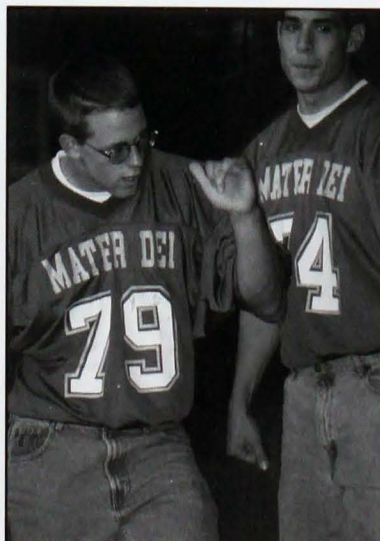
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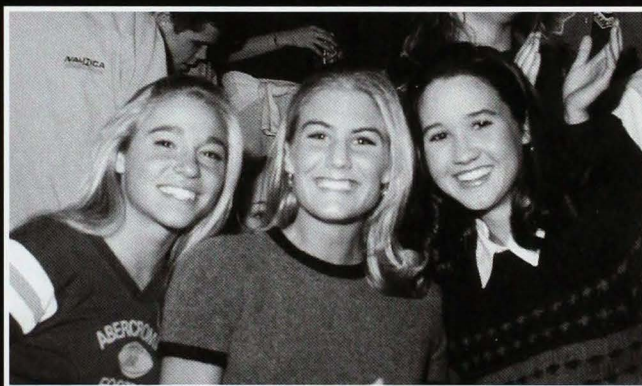
We played together;

We worked together;

We prayed together and

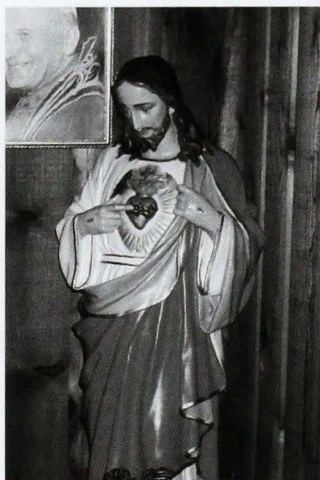
We grew together.





Dedicated

*To Our
Mother Mary*



Letter From A Friend

I just had to write to tell you how much I love you and care for you.

Yesterday, I saw you walking and laughing with your friends; I hoped that soon you'd want Me to walk along with you too. So, I painted you a sunset to close your day and whispered a cool breeze to refresh you. I waited - you never called - I just kept on loving you.

As I watched you fall asleep last night, I wanted so much to touch you. I spilled moonlight onto your face - trickling down your cheeks as so many tears have. You didn't even think of Me; I wanted so much to comfort you.

The next day I exploded a brilliant sunrise into glorious morning for you. But you woke up late and rushed off to work - you didn't even notice. My sky became cloudy and My tears were the rain.

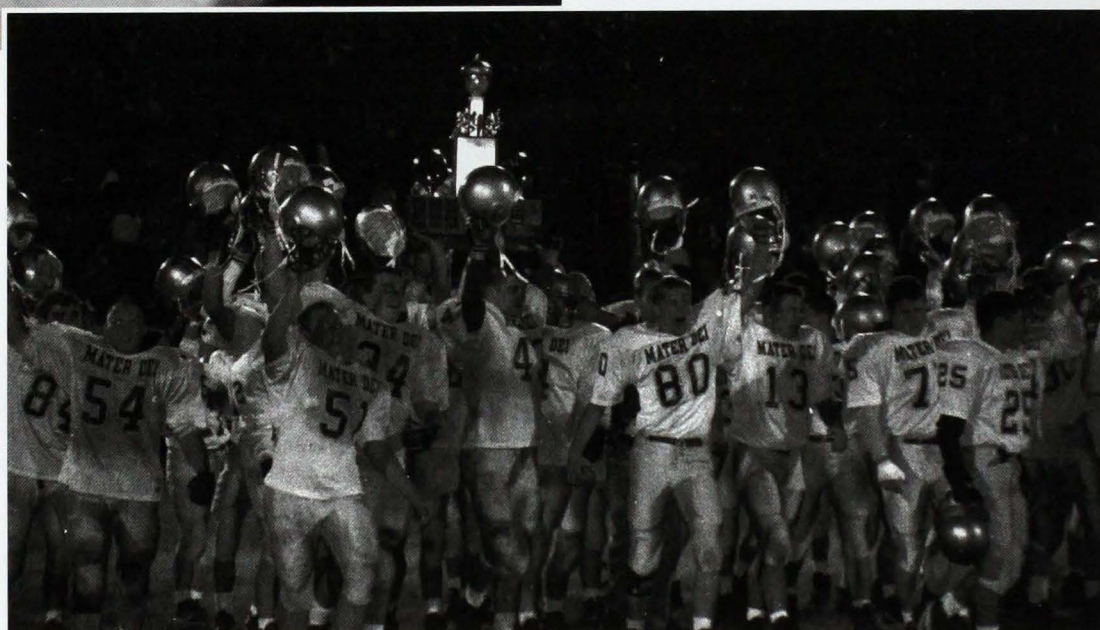
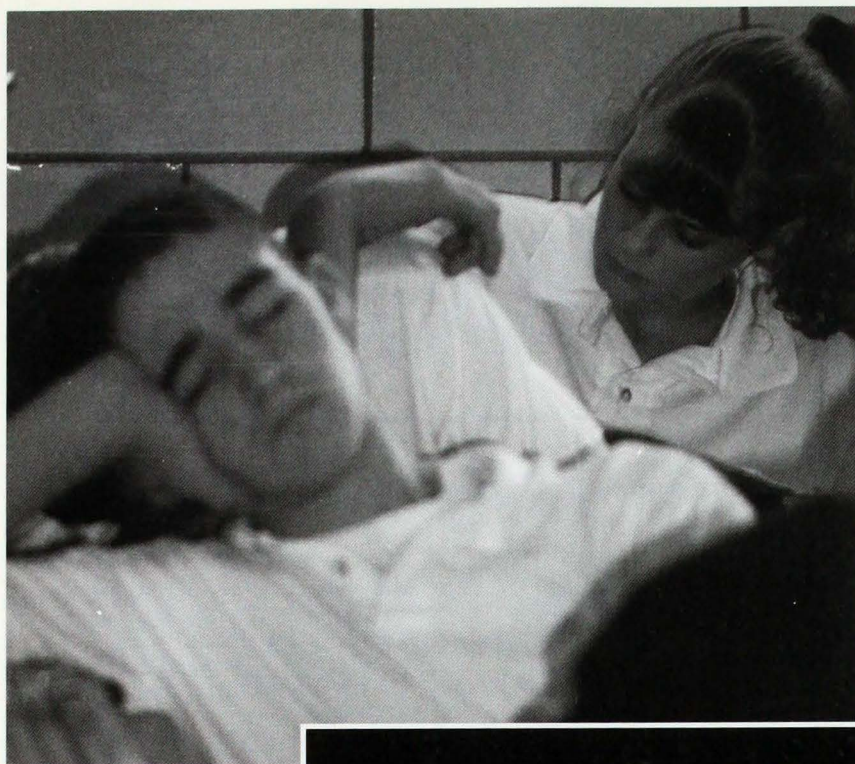
I love you. Oh, if you'd only listen. I really love you. I try to say it in the quiet of the green meadow and in the blue sky. The wind whispers My love throughout the treetops and spills it into the vibrant colors of all the flowers. I shout it to you in the thunder of the great waterfalls and compose love songs for birds to sing for you.

I warm you with the clothing of My sunshine and perfume the air with nature's sweet scent. My love for you is deeper than any ocean and greater than any need in your heart. If you'd only realize how I care.

My Dad sends His love. I want you to meet Him - He cares too. Fathers are just that way. So, please call on Me soon. No matter how long it takes, I'll wait - because I love you.

Your friend,

Jesus



Mater **D**ei students
started the
year
off slowly.

But we dug in quickly
and prepared for a

ROARING year.

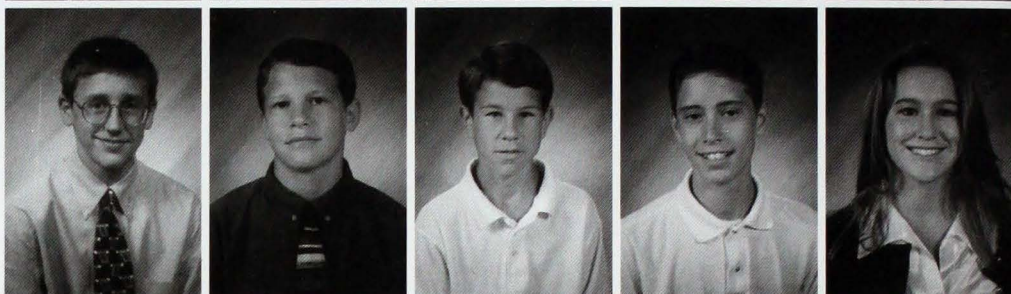


Freshmen

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Jeffrey Anslinger
Lori Appler
Robert Ausbrooks
Nicholas Austin



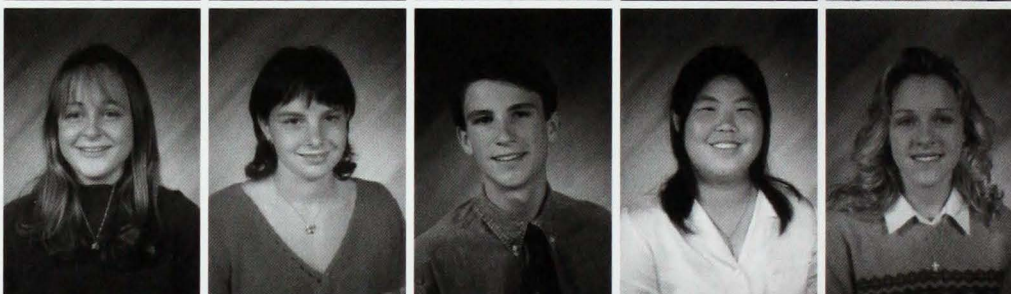
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Alysia Bigge



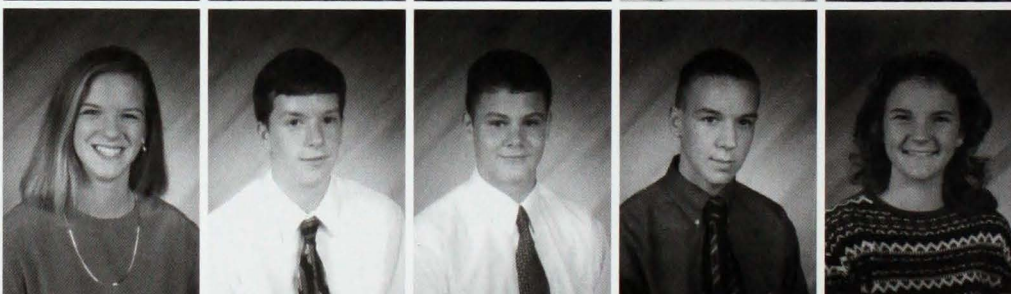
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Barbara Borst
Katie Bradley
Michelle Brown



Lindsey Buchanan
Jocelyn Burgdorf
Anthony Catanese
Laura Cavera
Elizabeth Cohoon



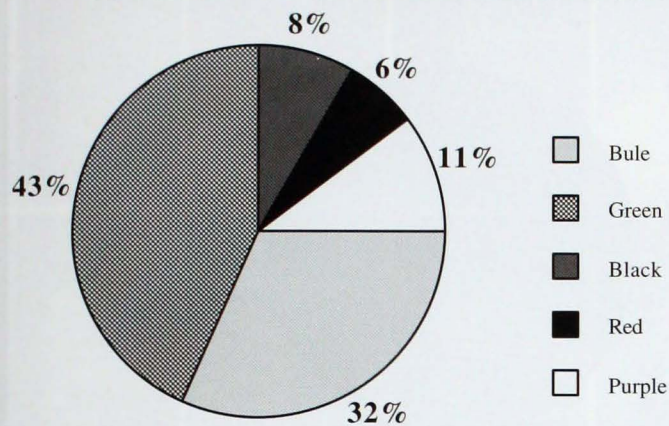
Breanna Collignon
Jason Coomes
Bryan Coughlin
Adam Craig
Jamie Cutrell



Tony Epkey and Matt Goans clap up some Freshman spirit at a pep assembly.



The Freshmen Are Really Green!



Starting out at the first assembly, the Freshmen were traditionally saluted and entitled "really green." Some of them took it to heart. As Lindsay Jost stated, "Green is my favorite color. It always has been."



Eric Dewig
Andrea Dick
Matthew Dubord
Katherine Dunn
Joshua Dye
Natalie Eger

Daniel Elpers
Jennifer Elpers
Julie Elpers
Katherine Elpers
Anthony Epkey
Seth Euler

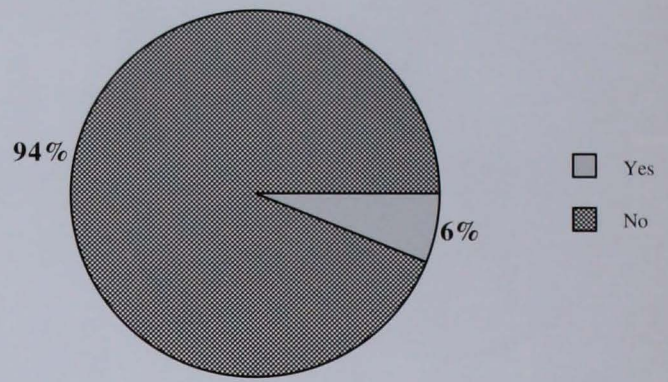
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Keith Fehrenbacher
Tasha Feller
Adam Feulner
Larissa Foley
Brian Frantz

Jaclyn Freeman
Elizabeth Funke
Nicholas Gaffney
Garen Garrison
Matthew Goans
Rebecca Goebel

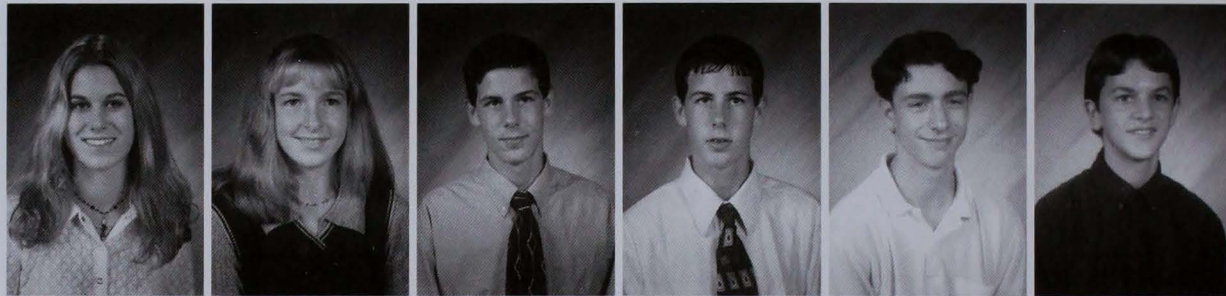
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Amber Haag
Joseph Halbig
Sara Hall
Jessica Happe
Andrea Hargrove

Tricked Again!

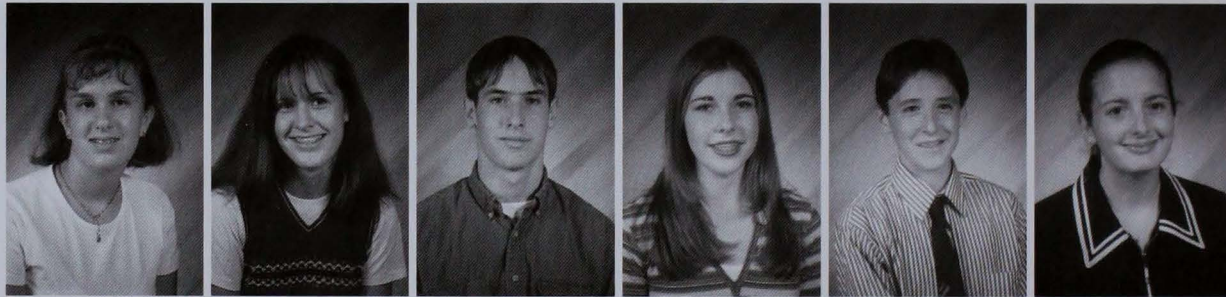
As Freshmen, we've all been offered a five dollar pass granting us freedom to swim in the Mater Dei-ville pool, ride the all-floor-accessible elevator or leave a classroom at any time. This freshman had a similar experience. "Nathaniel Rivers (MD Junior) tried to sell me a Hall Pass," said Tony Epkey.



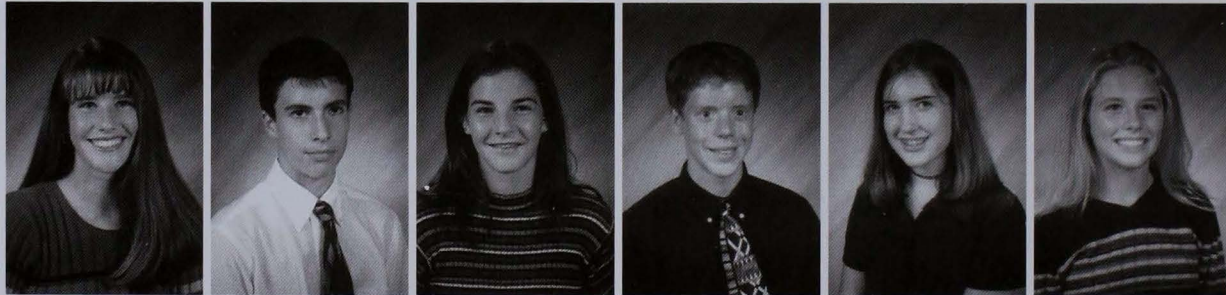
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Keith Herrmann
Scott Herrmann
Shaun Higdon
Jason Hillenbrand



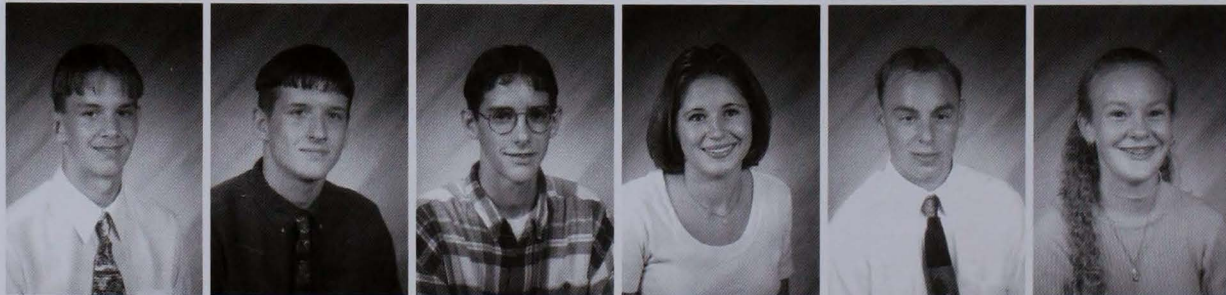
Katherine Hollander
Amy Hoon
William Hoon
Katy Horstman
Brent Johnson
Christina Johnson



Lindsay Jost
Luke Kane
Jade Kempf
Adam Kennedy
Sara Kiesler
Jessica King



Alan Kissinger
Aaron Knight
Nathan Knight
Carrie Krack
Jason Kuester
Natalie Lannert



Misty Lindsey
Erin Loehrlein
Ashley Lottes
Alisha Luigs
Jessica Macke
Jason Magdits





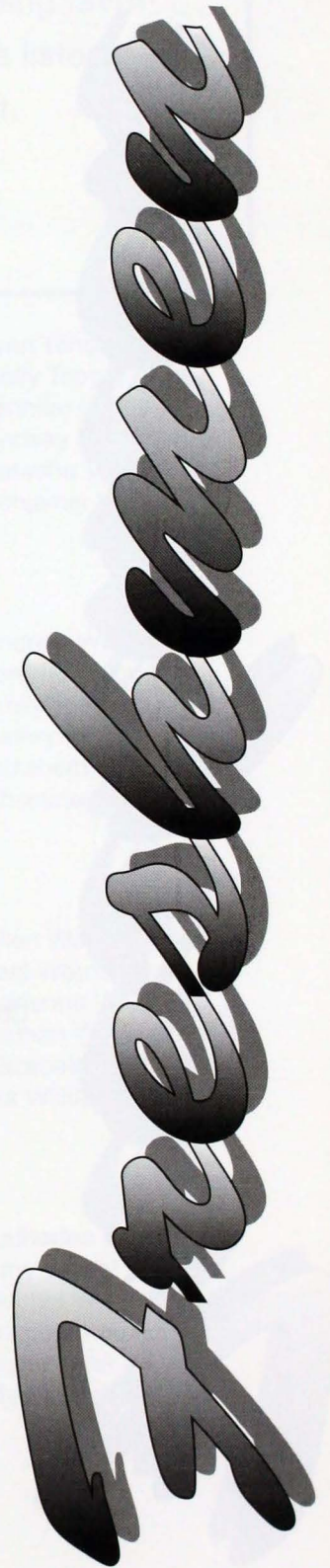
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William Martin
Sarah May
Ryan Mayer
Cassie McCord

April McCormick
Dax Miller
Kristine Miller
Elaine Mindrup
Noah Moran

Jillian Morgan
Ashley Mosby
Amy Muensterman
Kathryn Mull
Crystal Nord

Aaron Pierce
Brandon Porter
Timothy Pritchett
Chad Raben
Matt Raben

Tracey Ramsbey
Erica Rasler
Neil Reddington
Katie Reffett
Robert Reising



Being green, the Freshmen have nothing better to do than gather in the Freshman hallway on the first day of school.

Anthony Rexing

Amy Rice

Kathryn Richardt

Ashley Rister

Amanda Roberson



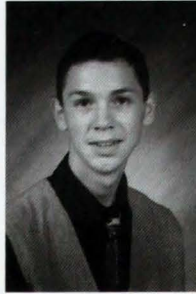
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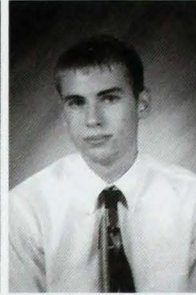
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Neil Schoolfield

Joni Schwartz

Kortney Scott

Jason Seib



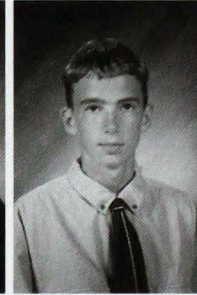
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William Smith

Michael Sotolongo

Sara Stephan

Joseph Stephens



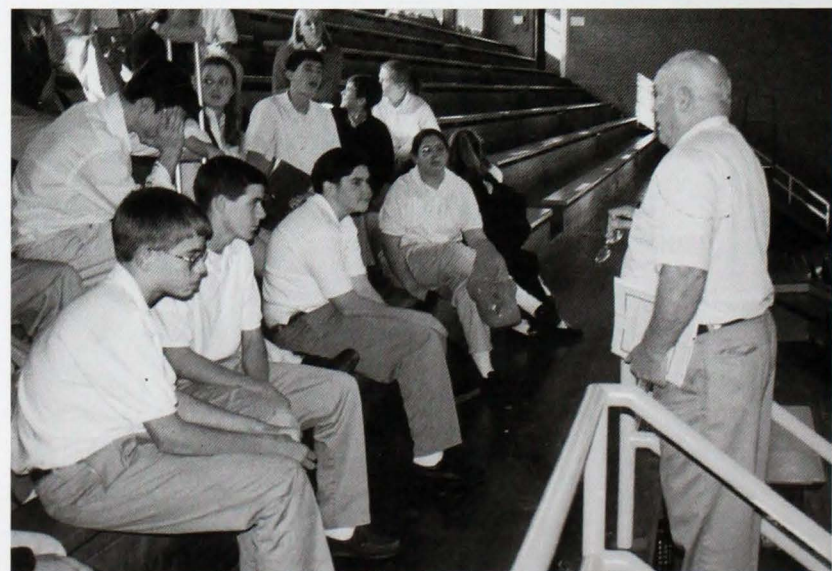
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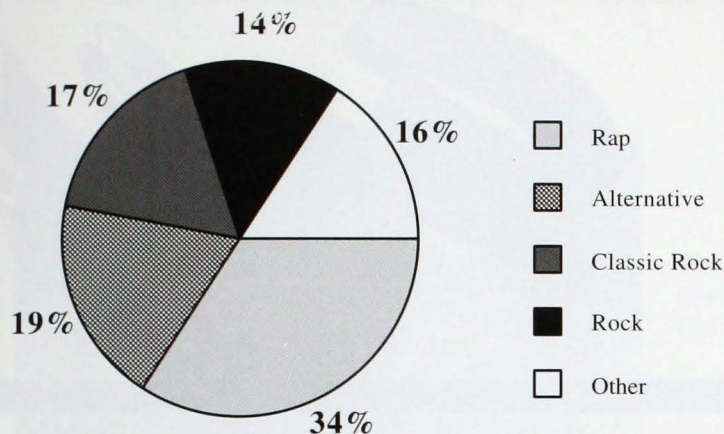
Clinton Tenbarger



Freshmen gym class looks enthused. Mr. Frank Will must have cracked one of his "bad jokes."

Freshmen

Freshmen...Wishing They Rocked!



Music preferences of the Freshmen vary from country to alternative. Even though rap is the leading favorite, Ryan Mayer also enjoys listening to country for entertainment.



Lynn Tenbarge
Molly Topper
Jennifer Urbanek
Lindsay VanNess
Natasha Velotta
Benjamin Verkamp

Andrew Waelde
Jeremy Wagner
Emily Wannemuehler
Kathryn Wannemuehler
Elizabeth Webster
Christine Weil

Allen Weinzapfel
Joel Werner
Adrienne Wildeman
Nathan Wildeman
Elizabeth Wilderman
Tia Williams

Katherine Winnecke
Amy Wright
Rachel Wright
Jamie Yates
Jared Ziliak
Megan Zirkelbach

Girls' Golf

Girls' Golf Tees Off To State Competition

Boasting a record of 83-16, this Girls' Golf season was quite a success. Repeating a clean sweep of City, SIAC and Sectional titles again this year, the girls placed third at Regionals, qualifying them for their first ever trip to State. There the girls placed seventh in the first round and finished up State competition by placing ninth overall.

Seniors Meg Liffick and Lora Stephens provided leadership to help propel the team forward. Liffick's first place in City and SIAC and third in the Sectional tournament gave the rest of the team a boost as did her attitude on the course.

Liffick was not the only one to put up impressive

numbers. Andrea Werner, Jenny Effinger, and Jenni Morrow consistently placed in City, SIAC and Sectional play and was backed up by fifth player Sarah Mesker.

Several Junior Varsity members showed great potential by practicing hard and cheering on their teammates through the whole season.

The team's efforts that led them to such a victorious season impressed Coach Tom Bealmear.

"It was proof that the girls gave 100 percent every time."

Senior Meg Liffick concentrates her last putt of her high school golf career at State finals.



Girls' Golf 70-10

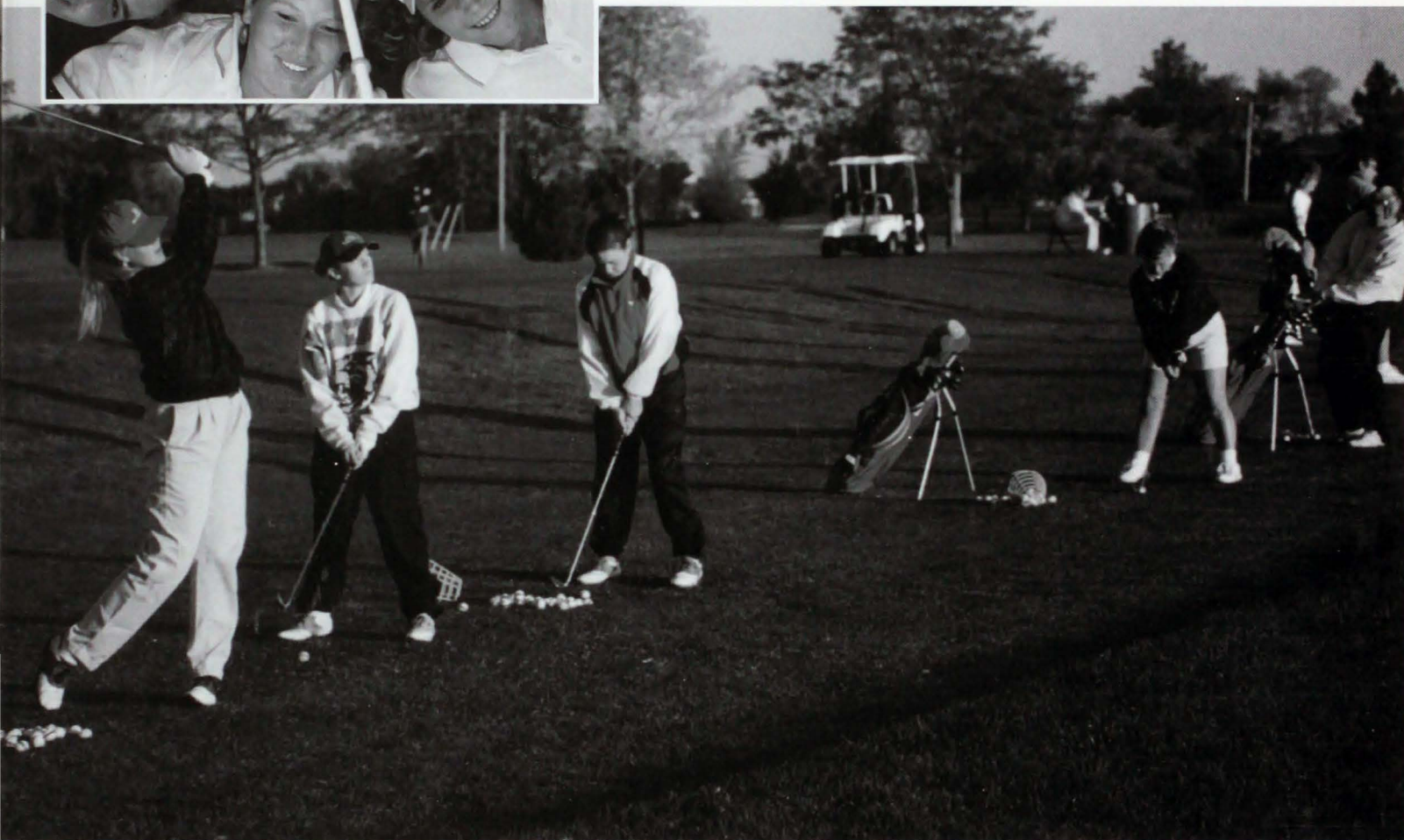
Jasper Inv.	1/10
Central Inv.	1/10
Harrison	WIN
Bosse	WIN
North	WIN
Central	WIN
City	1/6
Reitz	WIN
Castle	WIN
SIAC	1/7
Sectionals	1/14
Regionals	3/9
State	9/18

Varsity: (1st Row) Lora Stephens, Meg Liffick, (2nd Row) Lori Goedde, Sarah Mesker, Andrea Werner, Jenny Effinger, Jill Bartlett, Megan Baumgart, (3rd Row) Cara Messmer, Jessica Macke, Katie Raben, Alisha Luigs, Natalie Lannert and Coach Tom Bealmear.





The 18th hole at Sectionals was the last stop on the way to State.



Practice makes perfect and these girls can attest to that as they warm up at State.

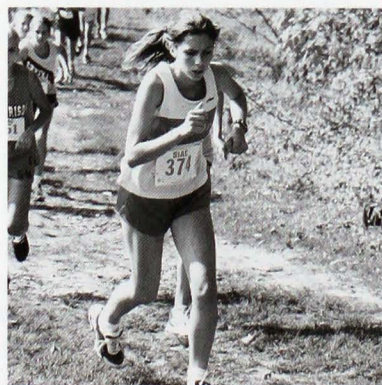
MD students treated the Girls' Golf team like queens on their first ever trip to State.

Junior Jenny Effinger makes the best of a bad situation as she perfects her sand shot.

Working hard up the last hill,
Stephanie Moore makes her
way to the finish at SIAC.



The Wildcats show how it is
done, leading the way from the
beginning.



Passing by all her competitors,
Laura Reising makes her way to
the front of the pack.



Varsity: (1st row) Angela Reckelhoff, Katie Dunn, Mary
Smither, Laura Reising, Stephanie Moore, Jenny Farmer,
Audrey Hinderliter, Katie Hollander, (2nd row) Coach
George Moll, Nicole Feller, Laura Elsner, Amber Haag,
Sarah Scheu, Jessica King, Lynn Spahn and Lorna Fischer.

Girls' XC



Taking On The New Challenges

"The only way to be good at this sport is to create challenges for yourself and conquer them." Inspired by this quote from Stephanie Moore, the Girls Cross Country team took on the challenge of defending their last years' City and SIAC titles.

Things looked promising for the Cats lead by Jenny Farmer and Moore. After a successful season, the girls could only hope to win the City meet. Although the team fell short of first place, they held their heads high as they took second place and had three

All-City runners.

Undaunted, the team set their sights on a SIAC team title. Although they again missed that mark, they showed they had what it took to get there by cheering on Farmer to a SIAC Championship and watching Farmer and Moore being named All-SIAC.

The Wildcats came together to move on to Regionals. They were unable to move on to Semi-State, but they sent two individuals, Farmer and Moore. Farmer went on to finish twelveth at Semi-State and qualify for State, to become the first MD girl to accomplish this in over a decade.

Jenny Farmer leads the pack as she runs her way to State.



It was not all work this season as these girls pause for some fun.

Stephanie Moore, Jenny Farmer and Katie Dunn take a moment to showoff their ribbons after the SIAC meet.

Girls' XC 59-30

Boonville	1/2
North/Bosse	1/3
MD Inv.	6/17
Reitz/Central	1/3
Vincennes Inv.	3/10
City	2/7
SIAC	2/8
Sectional	5/12
Regionals	7/10

Boys' XC

Pushing Each Other To Their Best

The Boys' Cross Country team started out with the odds stacked against them. They had only three returning seniors: David Farmer, Andy Bradley and Brad Angermeier. Even though they had practiced all summer, the chances of a winning season seemed slim. The Wildcats knew the only way for them to be good was to push each other to their best.

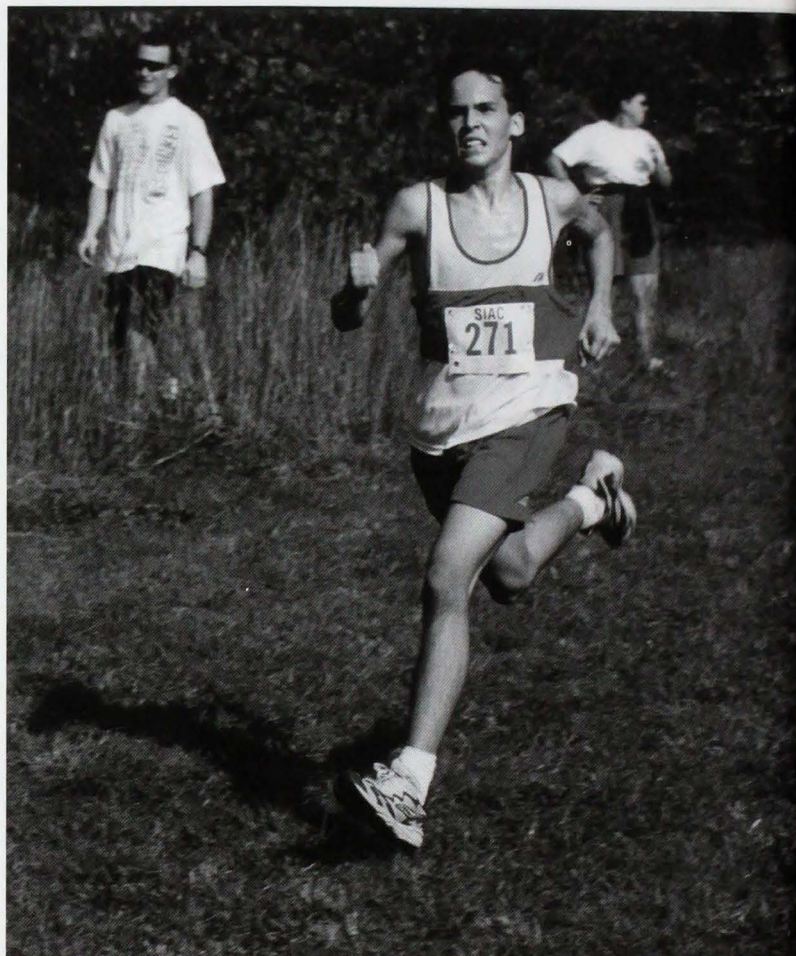
"We all set goals for ourselves this season and looked to each other for the support in conquering them," said senior Andy Bradley. "I personally looked to David Farmer for motivation in reaching my goal."

Farmer and Bradley were

both named All-City and Farmer went on to be named All-SIAC. Although the team was unable to qualify for Regionals, Farmer represented Mater Dei as an individual runner.

"Even though the season didn't go as well as I had hoped, I still had a lot of good times and great memories," Luke Angermeier said looking back on the season.

Peter Amundson, like the rest of the Wildcats, gives it everything he has all the way to the end.



Boys' XC 20-63

Boonville 1/2

Bosse/North 2/3

City 5/7

SIAC 6/7

Sectionals 10/12



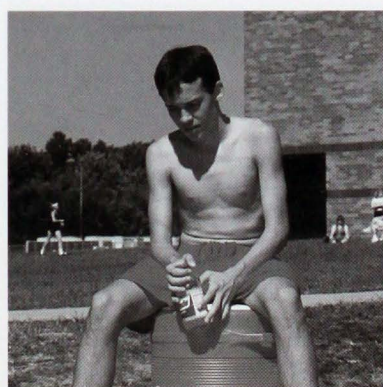
David Farmer leads his team as a Regional finalist.

Josh Hodge, Luke Angermeier and Ethan Freeman team up and attempt to pass yet another competitor.





Andy Bradley finishes the season strong as he captures All-City honors.

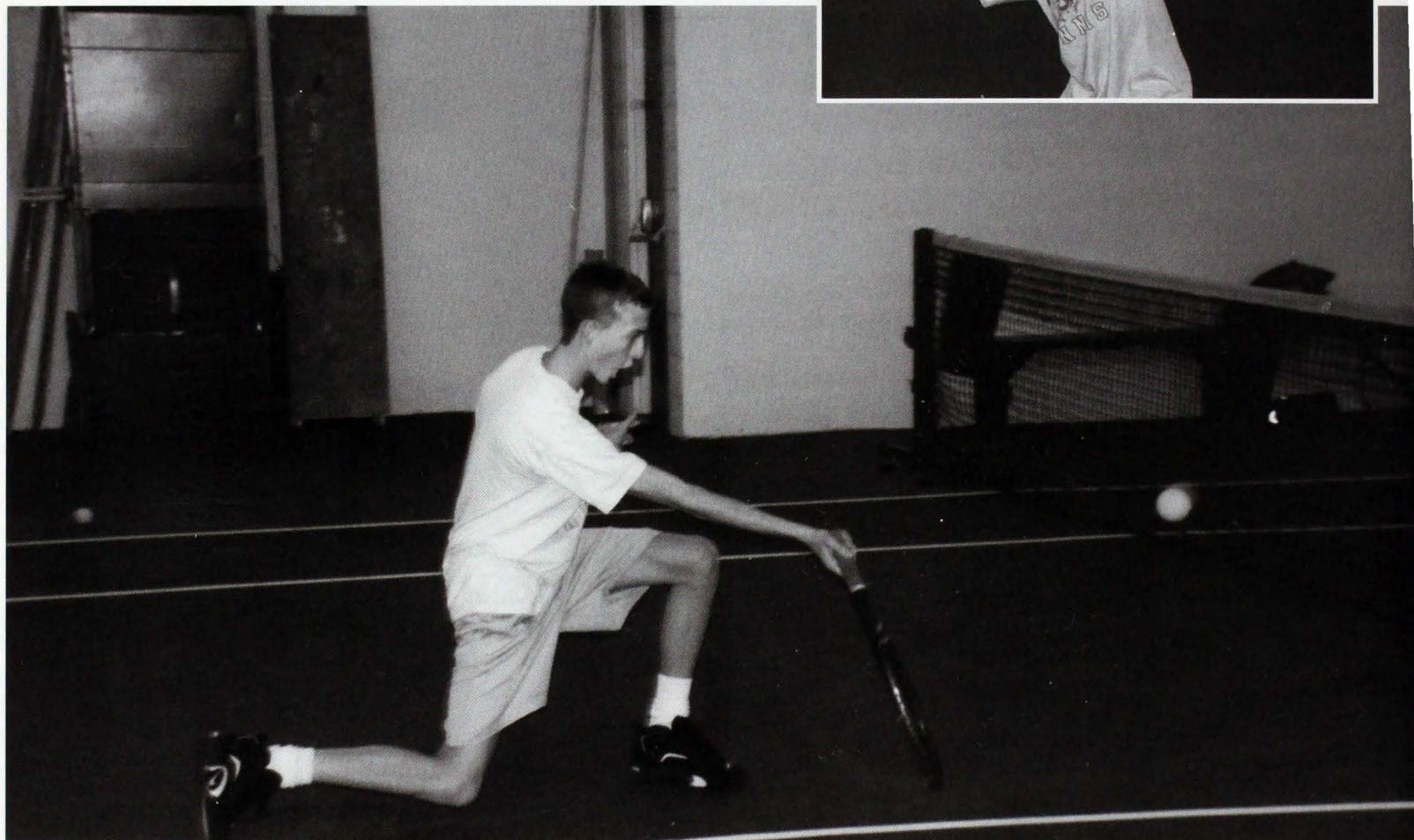
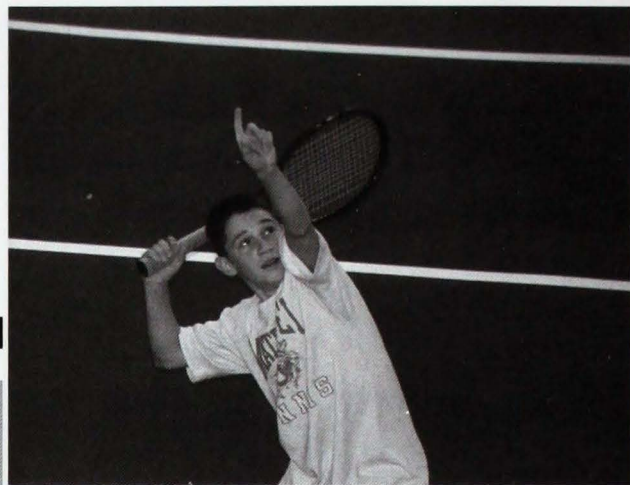


Mater Dei runners lead the pack at the beginning of the race.

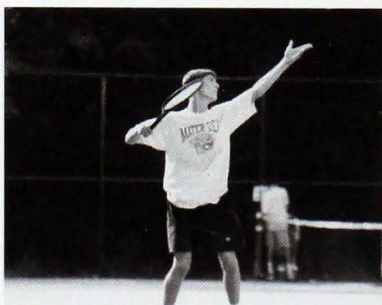
After a long race, Peter Amundson takes a moment to catch his breath and relax.

Varsity: (1st. row) Andy Bradley, Ben Smyth, David Farmer, Ethan Freeman, Peter Amundson, (2nd Row) Coach George Moll, Josh Hodge, Adam Fuelner, Brad Angermeier, Craig Elsner, Luke Angermeier and Coach Diane Moll.

Focusing all of his attention on his serve, Josh Williams prepares a powerful shot.



"Hit the floor!" The agility of Jeff Elpers shows as he crouches to hit the low ball.



Tossing up the ball and winding back, Jimmy Kissel is about to ace another player.

Varsity: (1st row) Josh Williams, Zach Fehrenbacher, (2nd row) Jerry Wagner, Jimmy Kissel, Nathaniel Rivers, Jeff Elpers, Tony Epkey, Dan Werner and Coach Chad Higgins. Not pictured are Charlie Stoltz and Sam Stephens.



Boys' Tennis

"The Winner Screams With Pride. . ."



At the beginning of the tennis season, nobody gave Mater Dei a chance. Last year's losing streak would be nearly impossible to overcome. Even against those odds, they ended their regular season with several victories.

Practices started under a hot August sun. Nonetheless, these ten individuals worked hard nearly every hour during the day with coaches Chad Higgins and John Epkey.

"Six of our seven Varsity members were returning from last year, determined to win,"

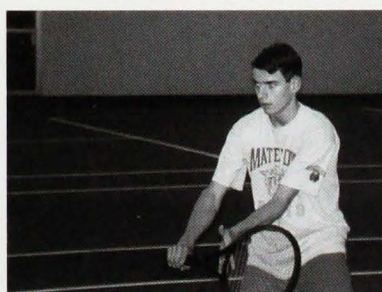
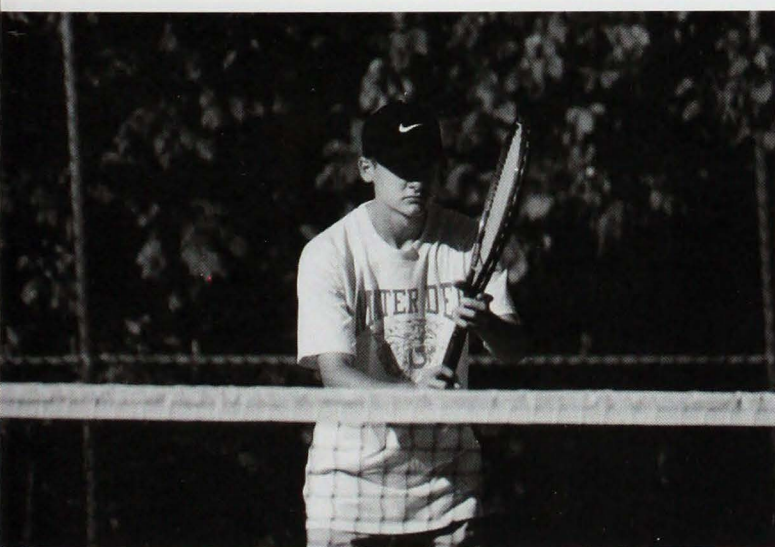
said Dan Werner

They started the season on the right foot by placing 2nd in their first tournament at Washington Catholic. The regular season brought about many challenges, but through the wins and the losses, fan support provided an extra edge for everyone.

"These guys were so great," said Kelly Wildeman.

After a rigorous, fast-paced season, the tennis team emerged as winners. For proof, the team ended with a 10-4 record and a Regional qualifier, Tony Epkey. Ending the year in a circle, they put their hands together, and shouted their war cry, "CATS!"

To celebrate yet another win, Nathaniel Rivers strikes his victory pose.



Keeping his eye on the ball, Charlie Stoltz leans in for a volley.

Covering the net, Dan Werner awaits his opponent's return shot.

Boys' Tennis 10-4

Boonville	5-0
Princeton	3-2
Reitz	4-1
Bosse	5-0
Day School	4-1
Central	3-2
Gibson Southern	3-2
Harrison	4-1
Mt. Vernon	4-1
North Posey	4-1

Girls' Soccer

New Season Full Of Surprises

Anyone who doubted them was in for a surprise. The Girls' Soccer team started from scratch this year with a totally new program.

Without a doubt, the Sophomore class was the heart of the team. They were outstanding and all the awards they racked up were well deserved. By the end of the season these girls were playing like true veterans.

The shining moment of the season came when they tied defending State champion Memorial, 0-0.

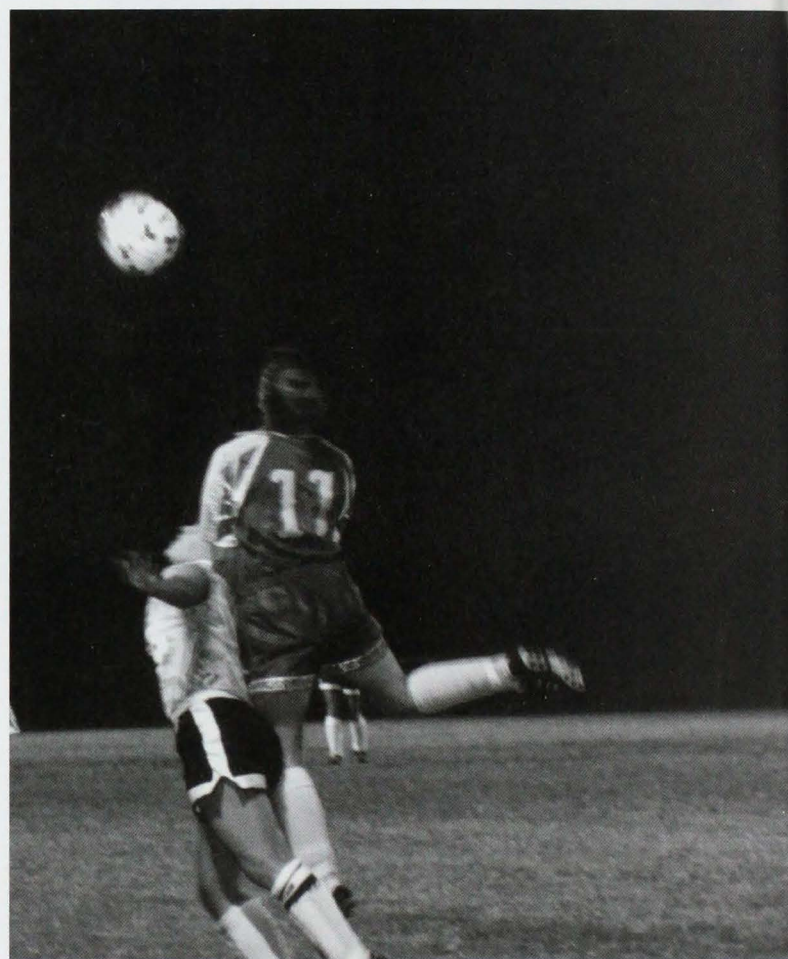
Unfortunately, their final game was a heartbreaker with Central in the Sectional championships. Throughout the game the score was tied

until the last fifteen minutes when Central struck luck and scored, ending the Wildcat's season 10-7-1.



The ecstatic Lady Wildcats congratulate each other after scoring. The team really came together on and off the field.

Playing heads above the rest, Sophomore Gina Utley was named to the All City, SIAC and First Team District teams.



Girls' Soccer 10-7-1

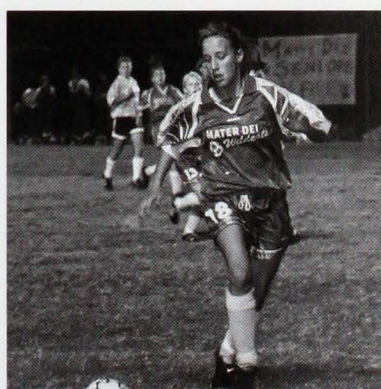
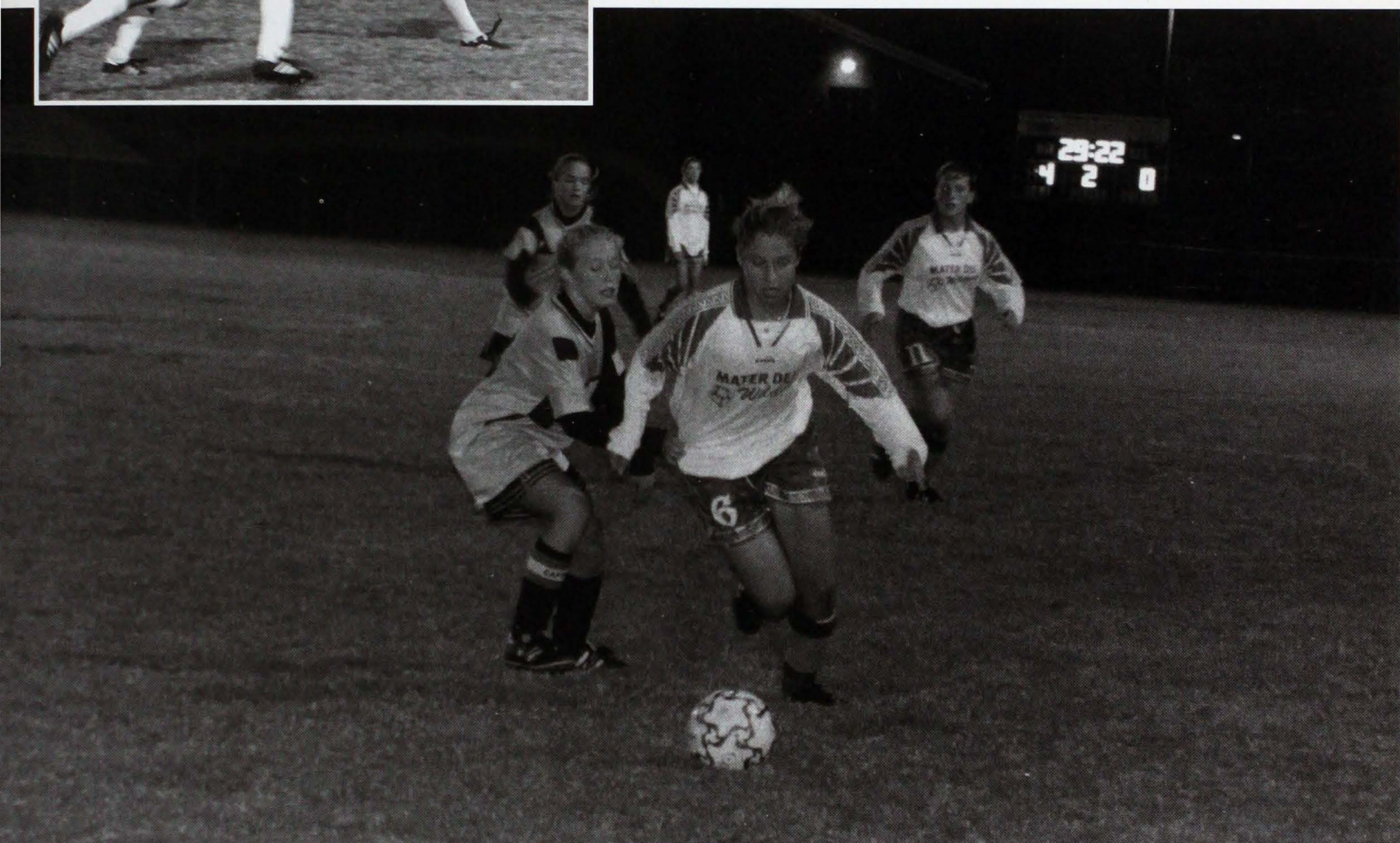
Northview	10-0
Mt. Vernon	5-0t
North	1-0
Day School	1-0
Mt. Vernon	4-0
Jasper	3-0
Boonville	2-0
Henderson Co.	6-0
Memorial	0-0
Bosse	3-1
Boonville	8-0

Varsity: (1st Row) Renee Rietman, Sarah Wright, (2nd Row) Erin Govert, Kortney Weber, Megan Zirkelbach, Gina Utley, Amy Wright, Lindsay Jost, Alex Moll, (3rd Row) Coach Tom Williams, Julie Fischer, Jennifer Reffet, Darlene Dippel, Lori Appler, Shay Grasso, Coach Rob Schoenstein, Jennifer Vick, Kathy Little, Emily Steinback, Dana Kemper, Ashley Lottes and Coach Bryan Wannemuehler





Once again, stopper Shay Grasso kept the ball far from our goal. Throughout the year, Grasso prevented most attackers from ever getting close to our goal.



Nothing held back the Wildcats or Sophomore Jennifer Reffett from winning possession of the ball.

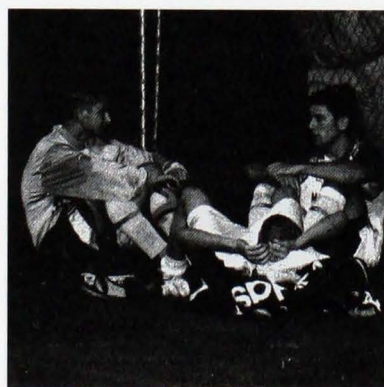
Amy Wright meets the challenge of being a Freshman on the Varsity team.

Reserve: (1st Row) Melissa Oliver, Jennifer Moll, (2nd Row) Christine Weil, Kelly Messersmith, Andrea Hargrove, Renee Rietman, Jocelyn Gibson, Elita Sheridan, Tia Williams, (3rd Row) Coach Tom Williams, Jaclyn Freeman, Jennifer Tornatta, Jessica Happe, Ashley Lottes, Stephanie Ulrich and Julia Schenk.

The Varsity Boys' Soccer team rejoiced together after scoring a crucial goal against Mt. Vernon.

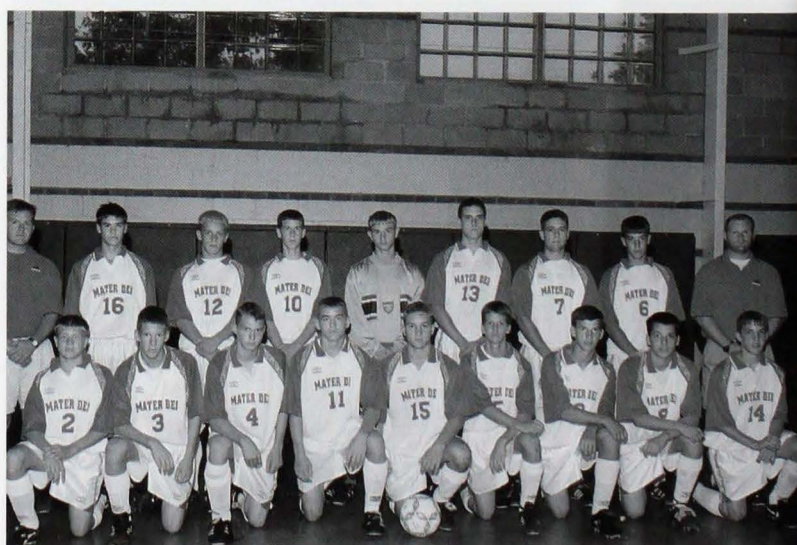


Sophomore forward Jake Tucker blows by a Central defender.

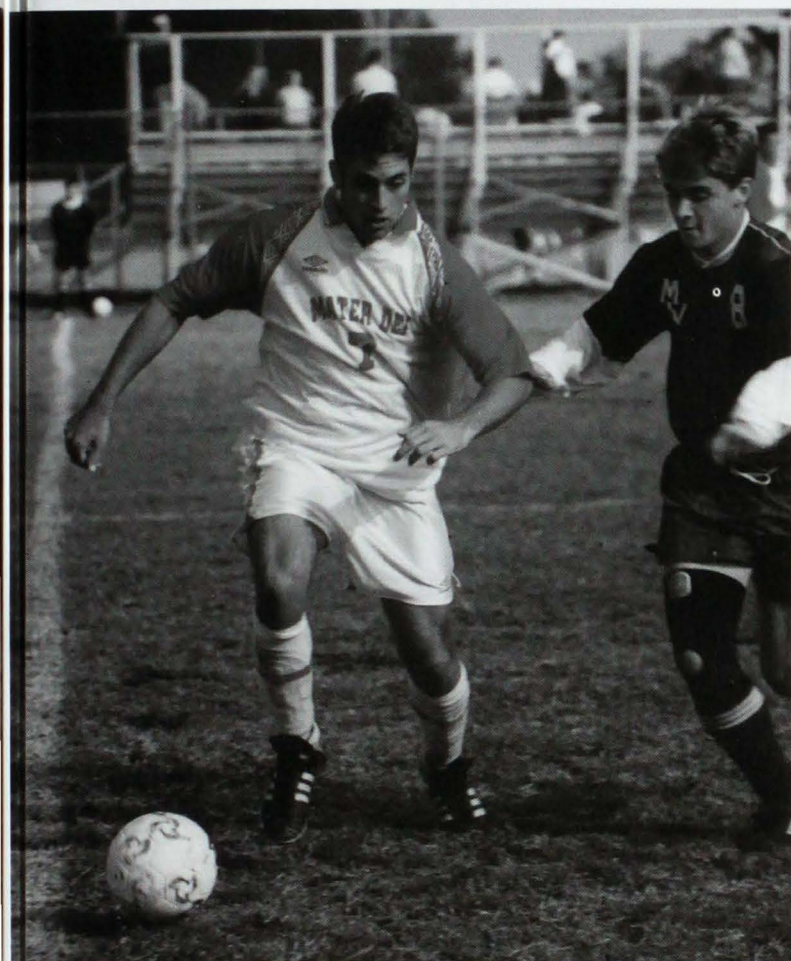


Seniors Jon Straus and Neil Kassenbrock take a break after a tough win.

Varsity Soccer: (1st Row) Matt Adler, Nick Austin, Cory Mueth, Jake Tucker, Tony Paul, Chris Austin, Jeff Kirchoff, Tim Pigman, Noah Moran, (2nd Row) Coach Jon Bordfeld, Kyle Babcock, Dax Miller, Scott Herrmann, Jon Straus, Eric Kassenbrock, Neil Kassenbrock, Jason Kirchoff and Coach Brad Schultheis.



Boys' Soccer



Young Team Becomes Better Each Game

The inexperienced Mater Dei Boys' Soccer team entered the season not knowing what to expect. Although the team was led by its three Seniors, it was mostly composed of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen.

The season opened with a tough loss against our parochial rival Memorial. Despite the set back, the young Wildcats rebounded with substantial victories over Boonville and Sectional champion Mt. Vernon.

As the season progressed, they started to mature and gel

as a team. The Wildcats finished the year with eight wins, eight losses and two ties and fell just minutes short of becoming Sectional champions after a mistake and a fluke goal.

Seniors helped the team grow with their leadership. All-City forward Neil Kassenbrock, four year letterman Jason Kirchoff and Kiwanis Award winning goalie Jon Straus provided a model for these younger players to follow.

Senior All City forward Neil Kassenbrock holds off a rival player from Mt. Vernon.



Reserve Soccer: (1st Row) Jason Magdits, Nick Beach, Clint Tenbarga, Ben Barnes, Adam Kennedy, (2nd Row) Coach Jon Bordfeld, Kyle Babcock, Blair Borries, Tim Pritchett, Joe Traylor, J.R. Mezo, Nathan Knight, Noah Moran and Coach Brad Schultheis.

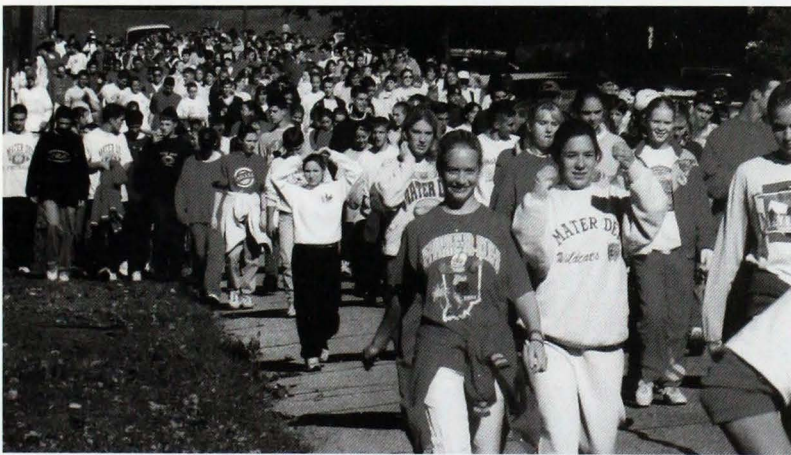
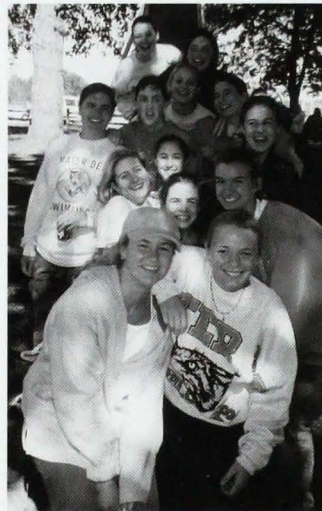
Boys' Soccer 8-8-2

Floyd Central	1-0
Central	3-1
Boonville	1-0
Holy Cross	2-0
Mt. Vernon	2-0
Day School	3-0
Mt. Carmel	5-0
Sectional	
Reitz	2-1

Walk-A-Thon

Students Walked For \$6,000 An Hour

Traffic jam! Junior girls learn only one at a time on the slide during the Walk-A-Thon break.



Students of MD fill the streets as they march to their Walk-A-Thon destinations.

With the teachers lagging behind, Senior Andy Coomes takes charge and leads the walk safely back to Mater Dei.



We walked and walked and walked and walked and...

An estimated 600 Wildcats walked the 7.5 mile journey this year.

Many dangers faced the Wildcats on the four-hour trip. They had to brave blisters, leg cramps, crossing the treacherous Lloyd Expressway and the putrid smell of the sewage treatment plant.

The walk was walked, the candy was eaten and the conversations went on and on. All dangers were narrowly escaped and the third annual Walk-A-Thon was declared a success.

"The Walk-A-Thon is a good way to raise money and have fun at the same time," commented Junior Jenny Effinger.

Over \$24,000 was raised for school improvements with \$2,000 being donated to the Capital Campaign to help pay for the future renovation of Mater Dei and Memorial.

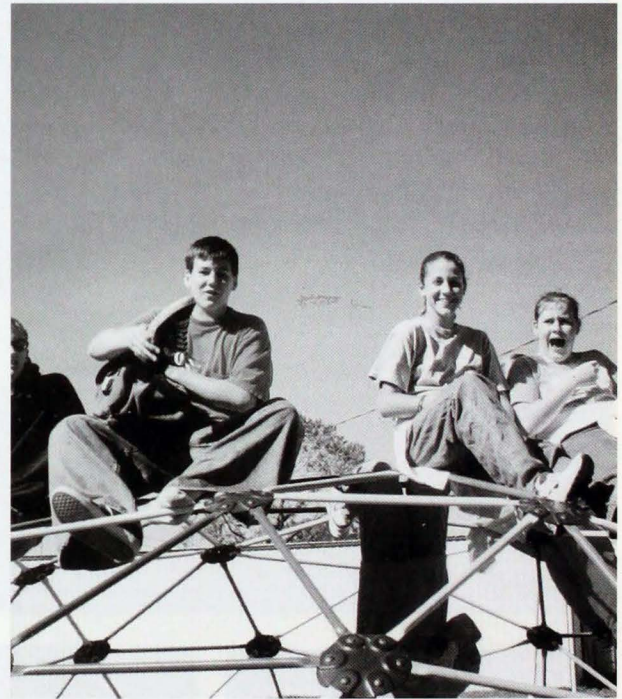
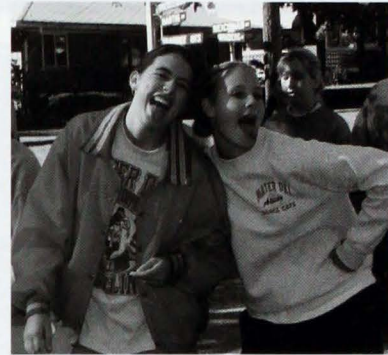
Not only was the Walk-A-Thon beneficial for the school, but the students also enjoyed walking to raise money instead of what the alternative might have been.

"It's way better than selling cheese and sausage!" remarked senior Andy Coomes.



While some people used candy as a source of energy, Senior Andy Funke munches on his own "power food" to keep him going the 7.5 miles.

Juniors Katie Will and Alicia Wilderman show no signs of fatigue on the walk.



Sophmores Eli Todich and Andy Overton along with Freshman Christine Weil and Joni Schwartz stretch their legs on the jungle gym.



Sarah Mesker, Amanda Uhde and Crystal Spivey walked with troublemaker Mr. John Wells until he learned how to walk in his first Walk-A-Thon.

Valleyball

Volleycats Reach Lofty Goals

Hard work and dedication paid off for the Girls' Volleyball team as they looked into their 1997 season with high hopes and aspirations. They knew they would be facing the new class system and the expectations put on them by their winning tradition; so starting long before the season, the Volleycats were always in the gym pushing themselves to reach the lofty goals they set for themselves.

"Everything we strived for through the conditioning and drills paid off," said Carrie Sitzman. "This was not just another season."

Stizman was right as their efforts shined through and several Volleycats had an

outstanding year.

Carrie Sitzman, Natalie Emge and Brianne Lemberg received numerous awards, including First Team All-City, All-Metro, All-SIAC and Honorable Mention All-State. Emge went on to receive the honor of being named Player of the Year for the City and All-Metro.

Reaching for the sky, Brianne Lemberg is ready to smash the opponent.

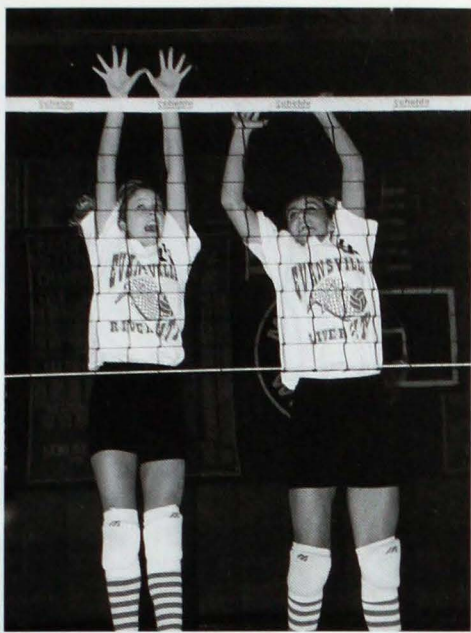


Varsity Volleyball 27-11

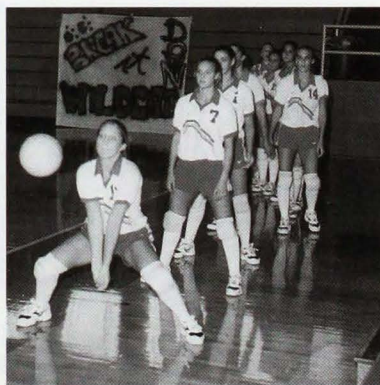
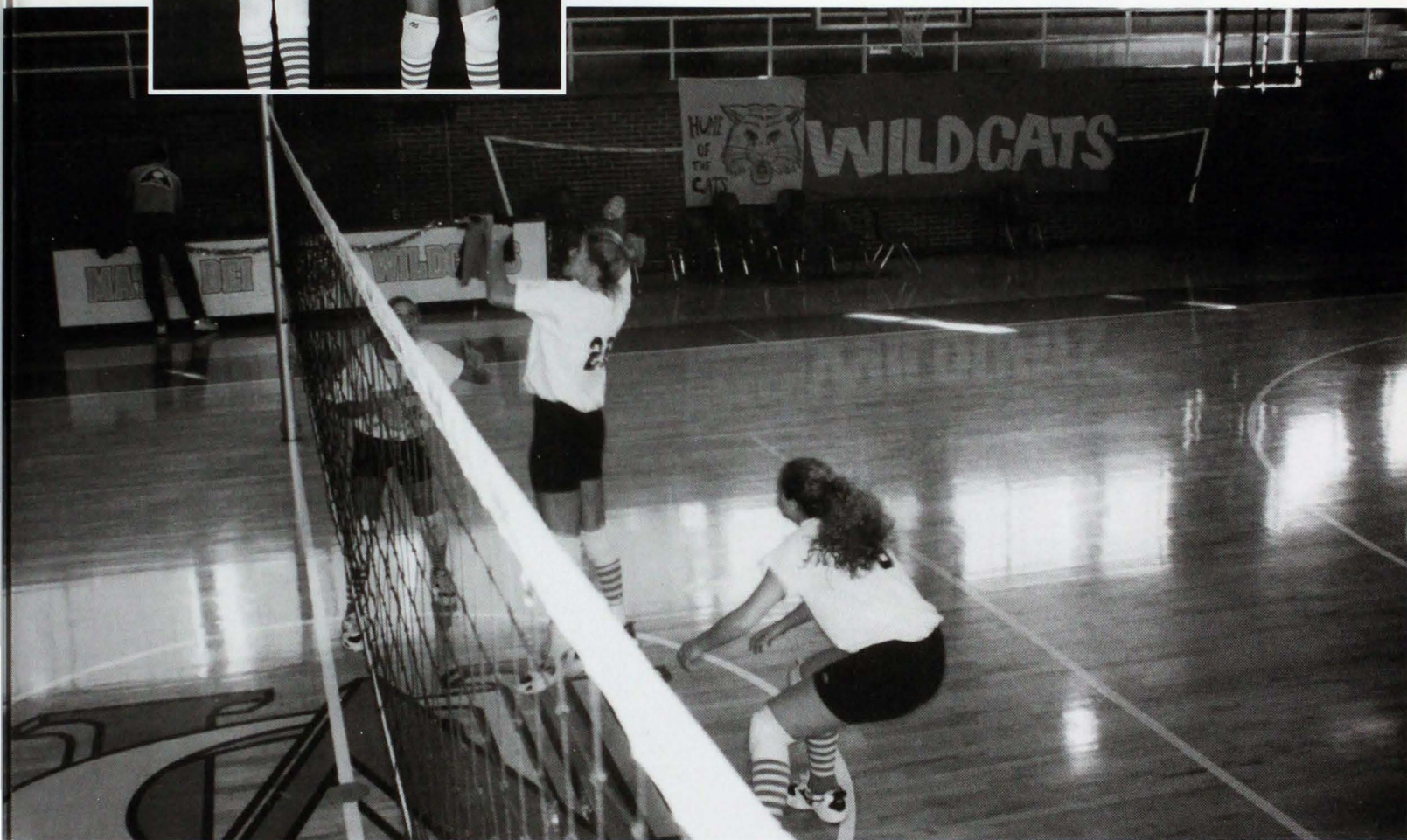
Central	2-0
Gibson Southern	2-0
Boonville	2-0
Memorial	2-0
Reitz	2-0
North	2-1
Mt. Vernon	2-1
Barr Reeve	2-0
Bosse	2-0
Harrison	2-0
North Posey	2-1
Wood Memorial	2-0
Southridge	2-1

Varsity: (1st Row) Carrie Sitzman, Kira Crowdus, Natalie Emge, (2nd Row) Kendra Schmitt, Angela Luigs, (3rd Row) Andrea Haller, Theresa Adler, Brianne Lemberg, Jessica Weis and Coach Darlene Quinlin.





Playing above the net, the volleycat defenders were ready to stop the competition at the net.



Natalie Emge, Andrea Haller and Carrie Sitzman work on their game techniques during practice.

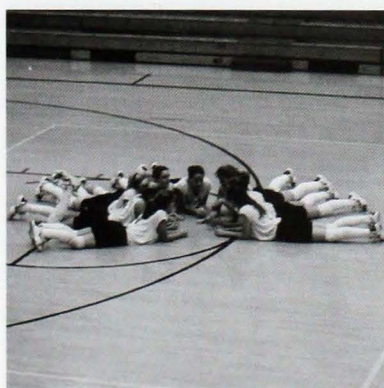
Reserve player Carrie Goebel warms up before her big match.

Reserve: (1st Row) Katie Wannemuehler, Lindsey Buchanan, (2nd Row) Natalie Zimmer, Sarah Kothe, Sarah Gries, (3rd Row) Coach Sheila Dale, Carrie Goebel, Jamie Tepool, Jessica Adler, Nicole Droste and Coach Darlene Quinlin.

Practice makes perfect and Natalie Emge and Brianne Lemberg show us a perfect example.

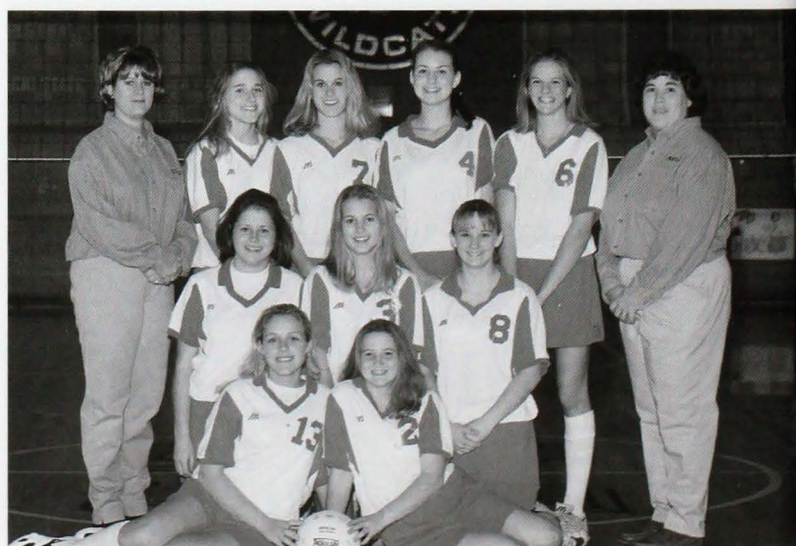


Congratulations are in order for the Volleyscats after they win their twentieth Sectional title.



"Coming together as a team," as Carrie Sitzman said, "kept it from being just another season."

Freshman: (1st Row) Elizabeth Cohoon, Katie Martin, (2nd Row) Carrie Krack, Andrea Dick, Amy Rice, (3rd Row) Coach Stacie Goebel, Katie Bradley, Linsey Hart, Jillian Morgan, Breanna Collingnon Coach Darlene Quinlin.



Valleyball



Volleycats Further Their Tradition

Keeping the tradition alive this season was not an easy task for the Volleycats.

The ultimate challenge of the Volleycats' 28-11 season was playing the Memorial Tigers. More than 1,000 fans packed the gym to cheer the girls to their 15-7, 15-10 victory.

Their Sectional tradition continued as Southridge fell and the Volleycats captured their twentieth consecutive Sectional crown.

But the glory and the tradition did not stop there.

By defeating Mitchell in the Regionals, the team advanced to Semi-State for the first time since 1992.

The Volleycats continued into the final round of Semi-State by defeating South Dekatur and ended their season by being named one of the Final Four teams in the Class 2A Division.

Carrie Sitzman slams the ball for a kill.



The back row defense was always ready to step up and help their front line Volleycats.

Despite the hard work and effort, the team shows that they still have time to goof off.



The Reserve team spiked their way to the top and an outstanding year.

Drum major, Keith Wildeman salutes to signal the end of the performance.

Drum majors Anna Ward, Keith Wildeman and Meaghan Topper could always take a break from performing for a quick picture.



The band gets the crowd pepped up and involved at football games by playing along with the cheers.



The band takes the field to entertain the crowd and to showcase its Seniors at the Senior Day performance.

Marching Band

No matter what the weather, the band was there to play. Their dedication shined through at football performances, contests and practices.

They started practice in the summer with a week long band camp. All day practices, the sun and heat could not diminish their enthusiasm. The Seniors even kept up their "Black Thursday" tradition of hazing the Freshmen.

The band first marched at home football games. Although there were no competition or awards to win, they performed at every home football game faithfully, rain or shine.

At contests the Marching Wildcats stood out, especially their drum majors. Seniors Meaghan Topper and Keith Wildeman and Junior Anna Ward took honors in some of the eight contests the band competed at.

The band's dedication and hard work did pay off. Over the summer, the Wildcats traveled to Hawaii to march in the seven mile King Kamehameha Parade.

With little recognition throughout the season, the band kept their spirits high. Their hard work and dedication, in the end, paid off for them.

With little recognition throughout the season, the band kept their spirits high and their hardwork and positive attitude intact. It is that dedication that makes the band so good and what it has become over the years.

Dedication And Hard Work Show



Band camp shows its lighter side when the Seniors dressed up Freshman Aaron Pierce on "Black Thursday".



The band works hard at a Jasper performance and brings home an award for drum major.



The drum line, one of the most important parts of the band, really gets the fans involved in the game.

Football

Wildcats Have Standout Season

Even from the 25th row, the glittery gleam of the raised gold helmets could be seen as the Mater Dei Wildcats proudly accepted the West Side Nut Club trophy after conquering their westside rival, the Reitz Panthers, by the score of 14-6.

Many memories were made this season and the victorious raising of the gold helmets ranks as one of the greatest.

"I'll really miss raising my helmet to the crowd after winning a game as thousands of fans are screaming," said Rob Mallory.

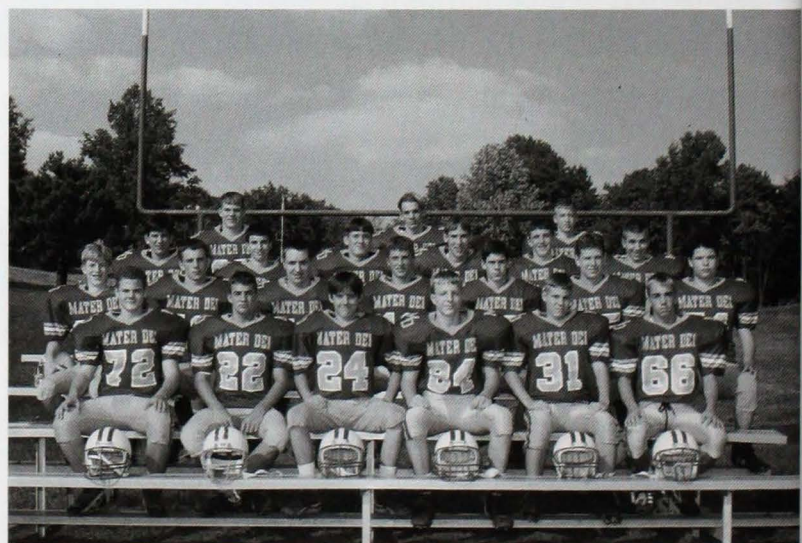
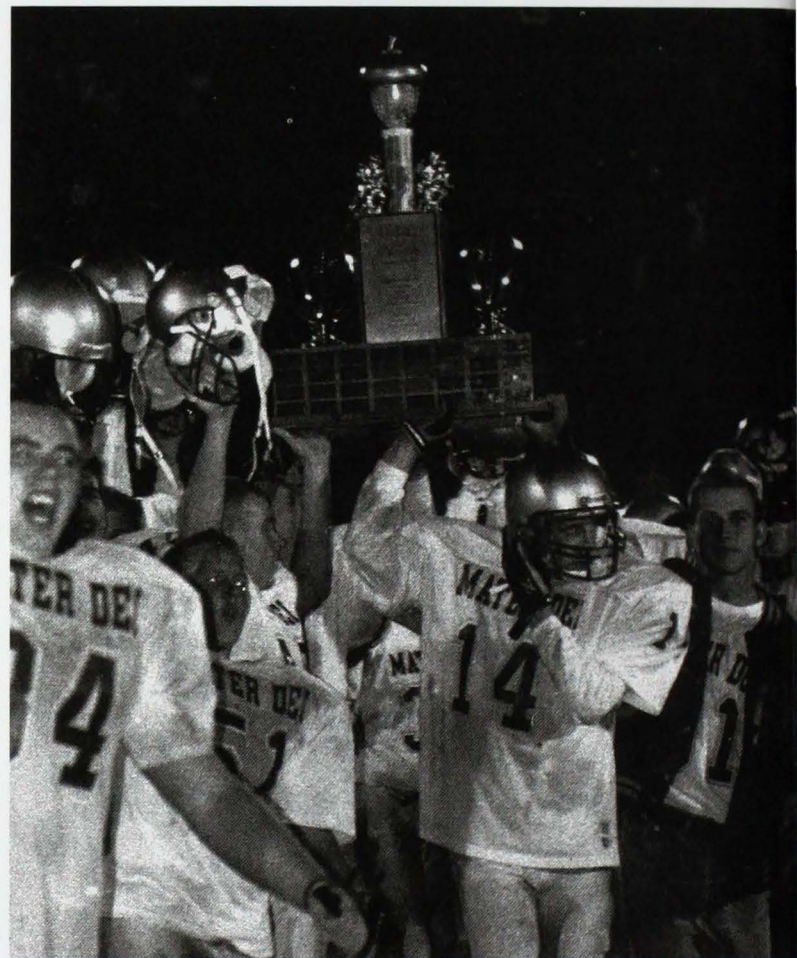
Throughout the sweltering pre-season conditionings of July and the bone-chilling

practices of late October, the Mater Dei football team proved it had what it took to endure a demanding yet memorable season.

After finishing the season with a 9-4 record, the Wildcats hoped to have gone further but felt they had a successful season. This was evident as several players raised personal trophies of their own, including Brandon Boots's First Team All-State and Jeremy Herrmann's Second Team All-State awards.

The westside bragging rights were awarded to the MD Wildcats after a triumphant victory over the Reitz Panthers by the score of 14-6.

Freshman: (1st Row) Bryan Coughlin, Eric Dewig, Brian Frantz, Nick Gaffney, Jared Ziliak, B.J. Porter, (2nd Row) Chris Stratman, Albert Schmitt, Ben Verkamp, Alan Weinzapfel, Keith Herrmann, Dom Faraone, Andy Waelde, (3rd Row) Billy Smith, Luke Kane, Aaron Knight, Matt Hoon, Neil Reddington, Nathan Wildeman, (4th Row) Garen Garrison, Alan Kissinger, Jared Schiff.



Varsity Football 9-4

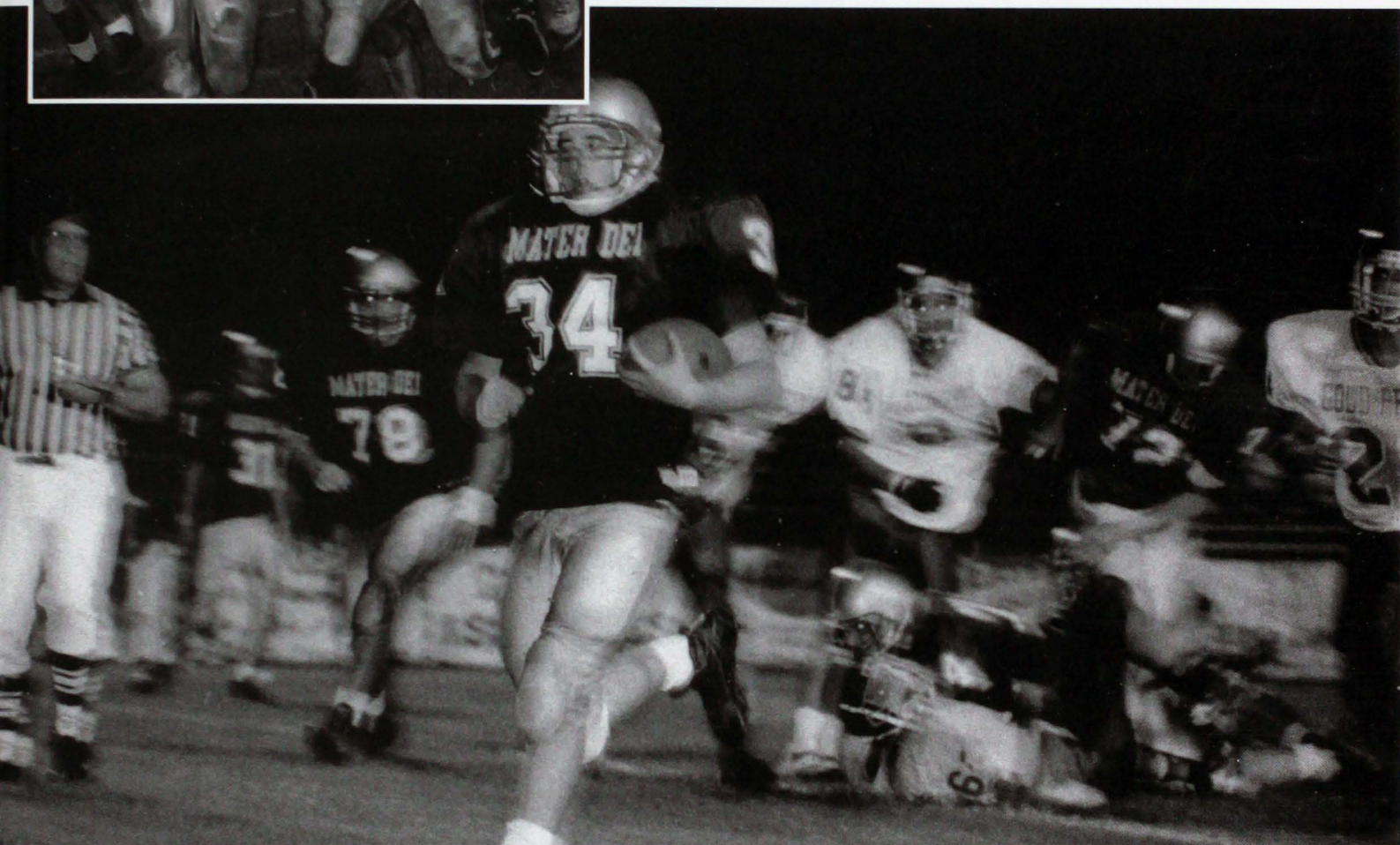
Memorial	30-29
North	42-14
Bosse	28-19
Sullivan	41-18
Castle	32-24
Reitz	14-6

Sectionals

Mitchel	47-8
South Ridge	35-13
South Spencer	34-6



With help from his teammates, JD Wargel is able to gain yards for the Wildcat offense.



Senior Adam Siemers leaves his opponents in the dust as he makes a move down the field.

Varsity: (1st Row) Tim Scott, Adam Siemers, Josh Waterman, John Stoffleth, Dan Schrader, Ryan Scheu, Chris Droste, Jason McCord, Brandon Boots, Jeremy Herrmann, Matt Vowels, Joe Ramsbey, James Whitney, Rob Mallory, Dustin Lannert, (2nd Row) Kevin Folz, Adam Tenbarga, Benny Faraone, Andy Woehler, Adam Schiff, Tony Unfried, Josh Reising, Chris Waelde, Joe Lamble, Brian Eickhoff, Josh Sandwell, Chad Martin, Ahren Baumgart, Cory Spaetti, (3rd Row) Dan Jankowski, JD Wargel, Nick Miller, Peter Helfrich, Nate Schiff, Ike Miller, Dave Hisch, Robert Schmitt, Ryan King, Dustin Macke, Philip Beck, (4th Row) Jason Dewig, Mark Cole, Josh Ziliak, Tim Unfried, Justin Elpers, Jon Martin, Kevin Alvey, Barry Steinkamp, Nick Masterson, Nathan DeVillez, Jacob Boehman, (5th Row) Matt Dressel, Clayton Westerfield, Andrew Schroeder, Adam Weinzapfel, Andrew Baumgartner, Josh Jureczki, Jason Lewis, Mike Moers, Jason Scheller, Adam Goebel, (6th Row) Jacob Ziliak, John Webster, Jeremy Elpers, Ben Stephens, Brad Kempf, Matt Weber, Josh Gidcumb, Nick Goebel, Doug Moore and BJ Porter.

Homecoming

"How Do I Live"

The Wildcats showed they knew how to live by celebrating their Football Homecoming with a rousing victory and a night full of dancing and memories.

Combining excitement and anticipation, the Wildcats prepared to fight the Sullivan Golden Arrows. Running onto the field, their eager determination was evident. The Wildcats quickly let their opponents know they meant business.

That determination was paused only at halftime for the coronation of the new King and Queen by Mater Dei-ville Clerk Dan Werner. The anticipation was finally broken as Brian Pope and Katie Faraone were named 1997 Football Homecoming King and Queen.

Beginning their reign and watching over the game, the team came back out on the field for the second half.

The second half was even better than the first as the Wildcats continued to dominate the Arrows. The team could do no wrong and triumphed over Sullivan by the score of 41-18.

The excitement continued as Mater Dei celebrated its mighty homecoming victory with a dance following the game. Opening with the Court dancing to the theme song "How Do I Live", the Wildcats danced into the night to cap off a perfect night of excitement and celebrating their homecoming victory.

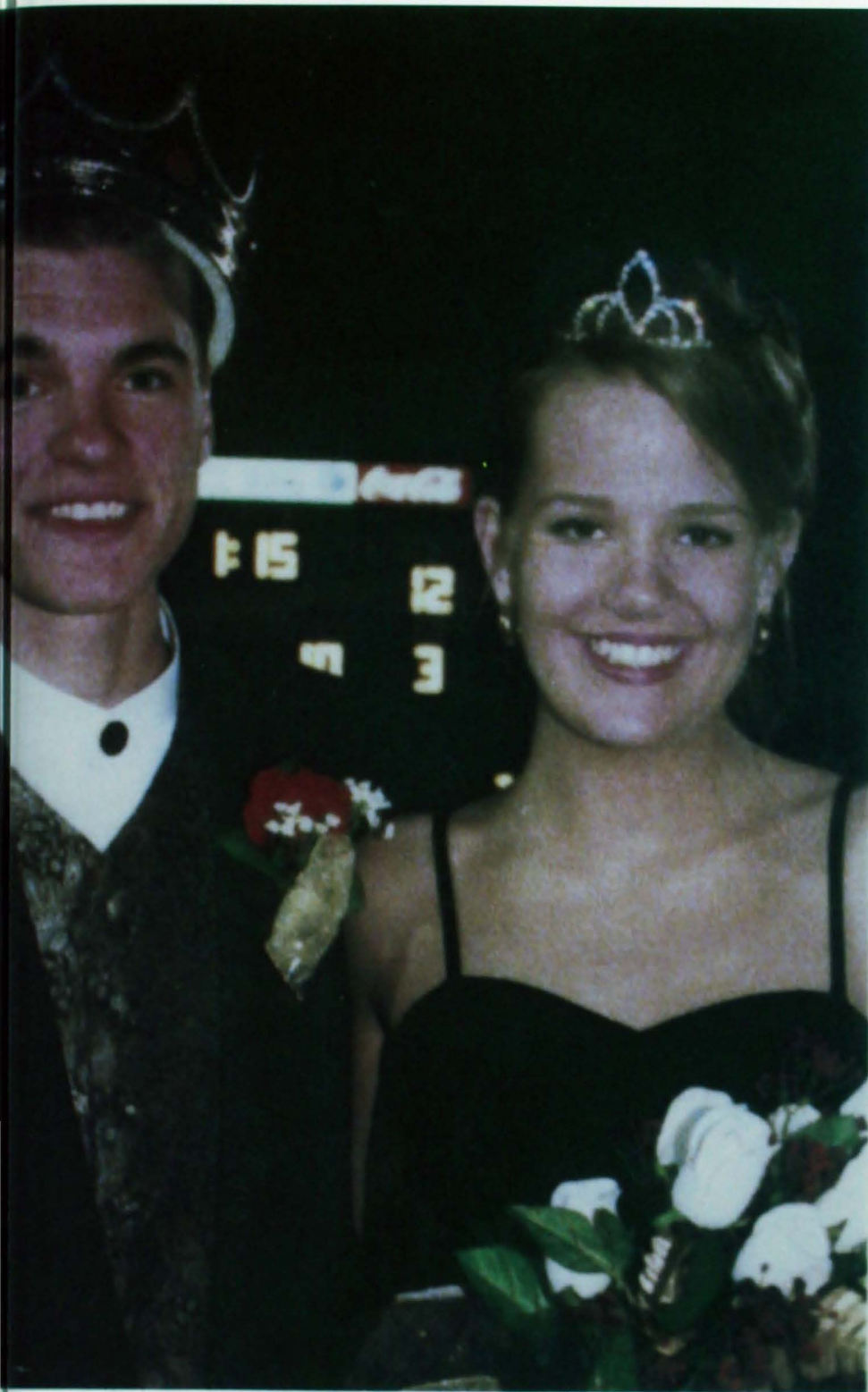
Ryan Hayden celebrates the homecoming victory with a dance.



The Wildcats and Golden Arrows get ready to face-off.

The Royal Court: Clerk Dan Werner, Albert Schmitt, Carrie Krack, Matt Adler, Sara Gries, Chris Austin, Michelle Langton, Chris Maynard, Cari Miller, King Brian Pope, Queen Katie Faraone, Natalie Emge, Neil Kassenbrock, Angela Paulson, Josh Hodge, Anne Schili, Mark Walker, Jessica King and Eric Dewig.





Katie and Brian think they could learn to get use to being treated like royalty.

Senior guys get down.



The Flag Girls helped set the mood as the Homecoming Court is presented.



Senior, David Farmer shows off his advertising skills.

In a successful defensive surge, Seniors Adam Siemers and Brandon Boots take down a Harrison player.



Senior Chris Droste and Junior JD Wargel share an adrenaline rush after the Wildcats chalk up another 6 points.



Once again, Senior Brandon Boots is left open after receiving a great pass. Boots, a key player, had exceptional year with 1208 receiving yards.

Football



New Coaching, New Faces

After 21 years as head coach at Mater Dei, Mr. Frank Will felt it was time to retire. With a 131-98 record, he stood as a valuable asset to the Mater Dei football program and his absence left some big shoes to fill.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that as Mr. Mike Goebel stepped up to the challenge, the Wildcats would continue on with their outstanding football tradition. Previously, the head offensive coordinator, Coach Goebel was named head coach of the

Wildcats at the conclusion of the '96 season. Coach Goebel stepped out of Will's shadow and led the Wildcats to a Sectional title in his first year.

The young, new Freshmen players also had success this year as they claimed the City and SIAC titles. Led by Freshman Albert Schmitt, these young Wildcats made their mark with an impressive record of 8-0.

Making the kick for the point after is Tony Unfried. Holding the ball for him is Justin Elpers.



Senior receiver Brandon Boots dodges an opponent at the 40 yard line.

Although he's grasped by an opponent, Ryan Scheu makes every attempt to receive a pass.

Freshman Football 8-0

Central	28-6
Memorial	39-0
North	28-0
Bosse	35-12
Harrison	54-0
Jasper	53-7
Castle	22-15
Reitz	27-6

Seniors Natalie Emge and Emily Knapp make their way to the dance floor in a fashionable way.

One thing you can always bet on seeing at the Christmas Dance is beautiful corsages like this one.



Juniors Matt Riordan and Roger Wilderman pose for one more picture before heading to the dance floor.

Seniors Erin Goebel and Jill Spaetti create quite a scene as they show off their dancing styles.



X-Mas Dance

Do a little dance... get down tonight!

The Christmas Dance is one of the most anticipated nights of the school year. The search for a dress, the making of reservations and the final finishing touches are put into place.

Some could not wait for December 13 to arrive while others wished they had another week to prepare for the event at USI. Nevertheless, the day arrived whether we were ready or not.

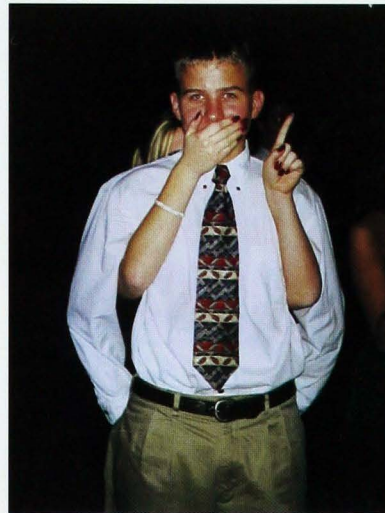
Getting ready was worked in throughout the day for most as some girls applied their fake nails at the wrestling tournament. Junior Theresa Adler, who purchased her dress a few days before, spent about three hours primping after an hour long hair appointment.

But not everyone had it so hard. Junior Chad Martin used a mere ten minutes to prepare himself.

Following the preparation period, many chose to go out to eat. Some let loose and made reservations for fancy restaurants while others opted for Taco Bell.

When 8:00 eventually rolled around, groups and couples began to arrive looking as though they were heading to a Hollywood party. The dance floor filled quickly as the music drifted around the room and a night of fun and dancing began.

Dancing The Night Away!



Cat got your tougne? Junior P. J. McDonald tries to guess who has his.



Angie Hayden, Megan Zirkelbach and Natalie Miller make themselves known on the dance floor.



It's hard for anyone to go an entire evening without food. A hungry group of Juniors had the right idea after the dance.

Basketball

New Classes, Same All Out Style

All Out.

This was the motto for the 97-98 Boy's Basketball season. The feeling of playing "All Out" followed the team through out the season.

The Wildcats were led by four Seniors and head coach Roger Sills. They entered the season with diversity in classes with three Sophomores and five Juniors joining the four Seniors. The boy's came in with high expectations due to the outstanding effort of last year's team which was Mater Dei's first winning season since 1981.

The Wildcats entered Indiana's first season of class basketball with an impressive showing beating Vincennes

Rivet 92-57. The team then fell into a slump only to get on a hot streak at the end of the year when it was needed most.

The Varsity finished the season with an 11-11 record, including two wins in the SIAC. Unfortunately, the boy's fell 3 seconds short of becoming Mater Dei's first Sectional Champs. Through this the Wildcats put on a show for their fans beating North Posey and Sectional favorite, 10th ranked Perry Central.

The Mater Dei Boy's Basketball team huddles before the game.



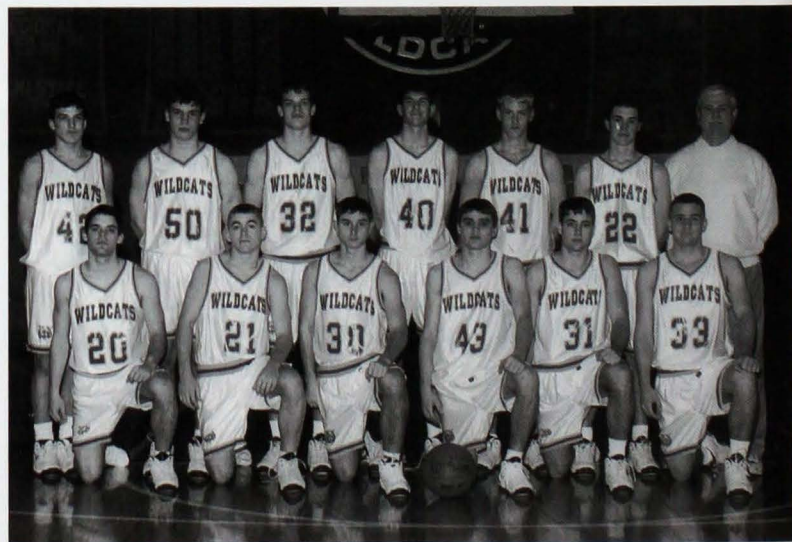
Varsity Basketball 11-11

Vinc. Rivet	92-57
New Harmony	84-62
North Posey	74-46
Wood Memorial	61-55
Castle	94-75
Wash. Catholic	83-43
South Knox	72-64
Day School	87-54
Central	83-62

Sectional

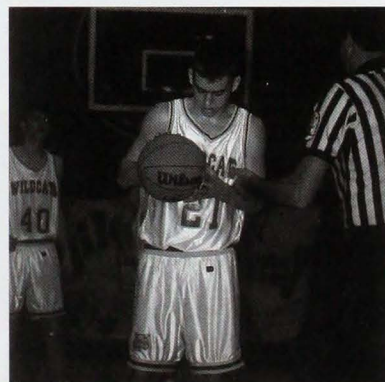
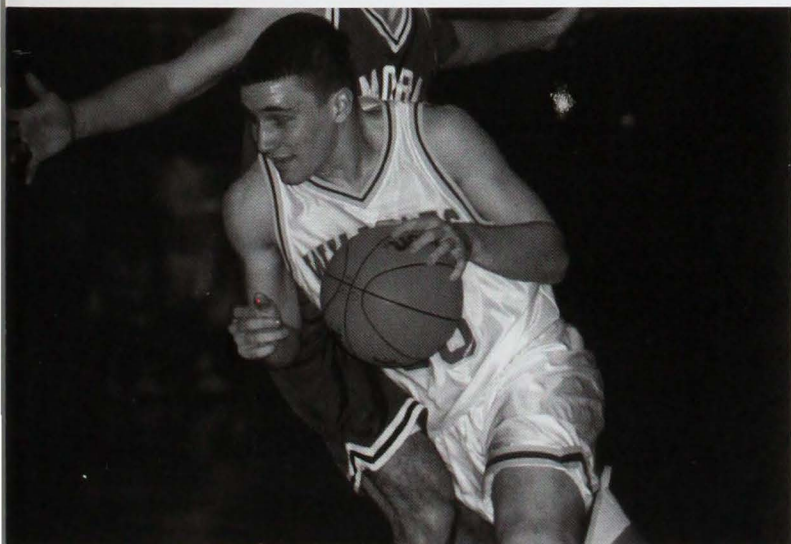
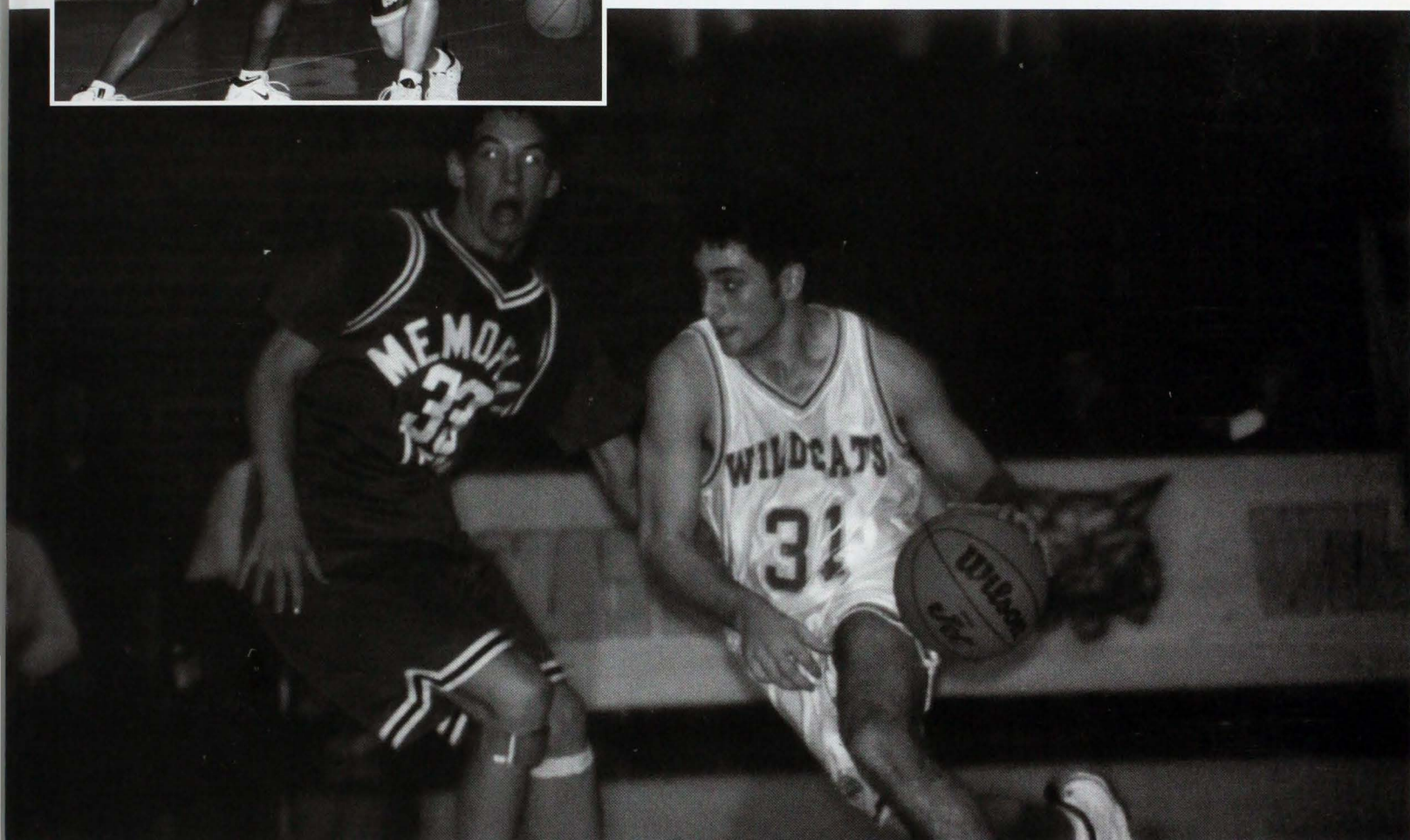
North Posey	54-51
Perry Central	60-52

Varsity ; (1st row) Chris Maynard, Jake Tucker, Jon Straus, Andy Woehler, Neil Kassenbrock, Adam Schiff, (back row) Matt Moore, Dustin Macke, Benny Faraone, Curt Sills, Ryan Hayden, Justin Elpers and Coach Roger Sills.





Chris Maynard looks around his opponent to make a pass.



Neil Kassenbrock dribbles around his opponent in the battle between Evansville's two Catholic high schools.

Jake Tucker concentrates on the ball before he prepares to take a free throw.

Adam Schiff goes around a Memorial player on his way to the basket.

Homecoming

“My Heart Will Go On”

One highlight of the 1998 Basketball Homecoming was the crowning of King John Funke and Queen Kira Crowdus.



When one considers that the song “My Heart Will Go On” was the theme of the movie “Titanic” and of the homecoming dance, ironic similarities arise. Just as months of preparation and excitement awaited the maiden voyage of the *Titanic*, our 1998 Basketball Homecoming took months to create. As time grew near, representatives were chosen by the student body. Senior class representatives included Jason McCord and Kira Crowdus; John Funke and Beth Ritzert; and Dustin Lannert and Evelyn Rexing. The court decided on their stunning attire while others created the perfect atmosphere for a memorable time.

An enormous iceberg stopped the *Titanic* as it almost did our dance. Snow and ice set the dance back an extra week. Through it all, hopes remained high for the crowning and a victorious game was sure to follow.

John Funke and Kira Crowdus were crowned King and Queen and the Mater Dei Varsity Basketball team pleased the crowd with a victory of 83-43.

Following the game, music played on in celebration as everyone journeyed to the cafeteria for a dance. No sooner than everyone arrived, the dance, just as the *Titanic*, “sunk.” Technical difficulties with the sound equipment brought the dance to an early end. Despite such mishaps, the memory and legacy of the 1998 Homecoming will live on.



The court awaits the announcement of who will be King and Queen.

The 1998 Homecoming Court: B.J. Porter, Andrea Dick, Nick Masterson, Traci Fehrenbacher, Josh Reising, Sarah Jost, Dustin Lannert, Evelyn Rexing, Kira Crowdus, John Funke, Beth Ritzert, Jason McCord, April Altstadt, Jorge Sarasquette, Andrea Haller, Brad Kempf, Katie Wannemuehler and Nick Austin.





Sophomores Darlene Dippel and Sara Knapp didn't allow the shortened dance to ruin their fun.

Kortney Scott and Jade Kempf take time out from dancing to pose for the camera.

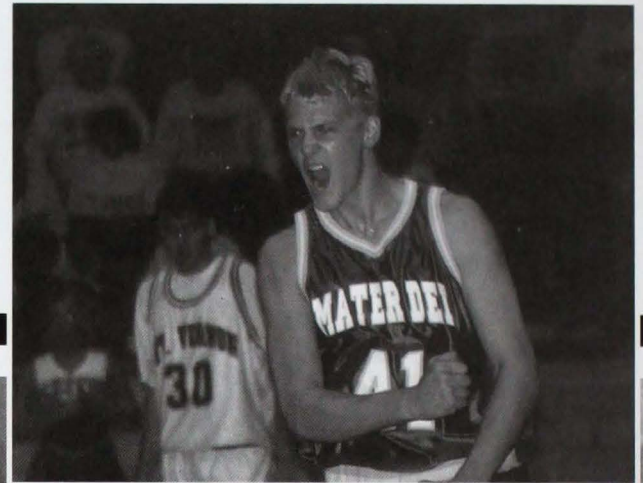


One of the most important parts of Homecoming is the picture taking. Just ask Jill Bartlett, Kendra Schmitt, Julie Fischer, Jessica Weis and Angela Luigs.



These five senior girls make their last homecoming memories with close friends.

Ryan Hayden shows some fire in a heated rivalry game against Mt. Vernon.



Jon Straus hits the floor as he goes "All Out" in a close game.

Reserve: (1st row) Andrew Schroeder, Adam Adler, Mike Lahr, Matt Weber, Matt Dressel, (back row) Jared Schiff, Jacob Weis, John Kiefer, Adam Weinzapfel, Nick Goebel and Coach John Goebel.



Reserve Basketball 14-5

Vinc. Rivet	67-41
Mt. Vernon	45-43
New Harmony	71-10
North Posey	55-35
South Spencer	63-42
Memorial	70-55
Wood Memorial	57-29
Castle	55-53
Tecumseh	56-24
Wash. Catholic	64-18
South Knox	59-45
Day School	50-43
North	50-41
Central	64-42

Basketball



Basketball Team Gains Respect

As the class system entered Indiana, there were some mixed feelings towards it. The Mater Dei Boy's Basketball team was filled with anxiousness in what the new class system would bring. Finally the Varsity would face schools thier own size instead of schools that are 3A and 4A.

Through the season, you could see the fun and excitement that the boys brought to the floor. Coach Roger Sills brought to this team enthusiasm and hustle that was evident in all his players. The

Varsity entered the Sectional as one of the favorites. These boys did nothing but prove that they were.

Even though the young men fell just three seconds short of being Sectional Champs, officials at the Huntingburg sectional said that they have never witnessed a team that played with so much heart and pride. In the end this was no consolation prize for the boys, but they did put on great show.

At the end of the boys' journey they gained the respect of all those in small, rural schools who cheered against and looked down on the boys from the big city.

Coach Roger Sills explains how to do it to Sophomore Matt Moore.

Frosh Basketball 15-5

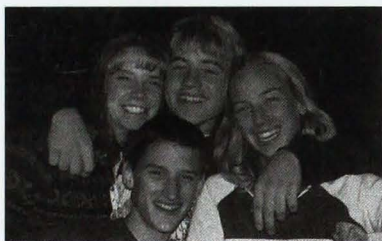
Gibson Southern	55-35
Memorial	59-37
North Posey	64-25
Reitz	58-40
Boonville	67-54
Harrison	50-48
Central	63-44
Bosse	58-44
Mt. Vernon	57-27
Castle	57-43
Central	46-33
Reitz	64-49
Harrison	64-49
Reitz	50-38



Freshman: (1st row) Albert Schmitt, Noah Moran, Matt Goans, Nick Austin, Matt Dubord, Jerry Wagner, Keith Herrmann, (back row) Neil Schoolfield, Nathan Wildeman, Tony Rexing, Billy Smith, Garren Garrison, Dominic Faraone, Joe Halbig, Tony Epkey and Coach Tom Bellameare.

Seniors Stephanie Stoneceipher, Kathy Little and Heidi Tenbarger show their crazy side at the Varsity Basketball game against Reitz. The Wildcats always let the Panthers know who's #1 when it comes to Westside pride.

Junior buds Seth Weber, Julie Fischer, Roger Wilderman and Angela Paulson snuggle up between football plays.



Senior girls are pumped for another exciting night of football action versus Harrison at the Reitz Bowl.

MD fan apparel goes beyond the basic sweatshirt. Sophomores Katie Dewig, Debra Wade and friends show off their unique style.



Fan Support

The one thing more impressive than the incredible athletic ability at Mater Dei is the tremendous fan support. At every major sporting event, red and gold dominate the crowd.

When the call came to fill the gym for MD's big volleyball game against Memorial, students and faculty joined together to pump up the Volleyscats.

"We had a lot more support this year than in the past. Not only do we want to win for ourselves, we want to win for the fans too," said Senior Volleyscat Kira Crowds. "The fans pushed us harder."

Rob Mallory, a committed Senior veteran volleyball fan, noted how the team responded to the fans.

"I think the enormous crowd inspired them to play better than usual."

A two hour drive, nippy noses and numb toes didn't dampen the fans' spirits at the football Sectional Championship at South Spencer. The true test of loyalty came when spots in the bleachers were quickly filled and latecomers were forced to line the field.

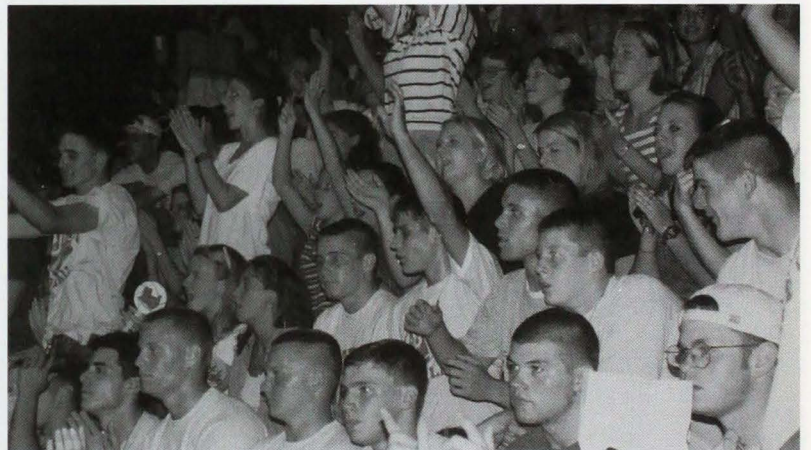
"They inspire us when they cheer. It fires us up and makes us want to work harder," said Junior football player Dave Hisch.

In the world of sports, you win some and you lose some, but the Wildcat fans are always the stars.

Dedicated Fans Go The Extra Mile



Make no mistake about it: fans love #78, a.k.a. Brian Eickhoff.



The Volleyscats excite the crowd as they "kill" the Memorial Tigers.



Do you see what I see? Juniors Sarah Scheu and Jenny Effinger take time out to goof off for the camera.

Dance Cats

Shake Your Booty

Junior Jocelyn Gibson puts a little attitude in a move known as the dip.



The dance ensemble proudly presents our spirited colors of red and gold.

Dancecats (1st Row): Mindy Schenk, Stacy Eluer, Leanne Bauer, Stephanie Rexing, (2nd Row) Charlene Kirsch, Angie Sotolongo, Jocelyn Gibson, Alicia Wilderman, Katie Keller, (3rd Row) Crystal Nord, Julie Booth, Racheal Sammet, Katie Morrow, Jennifer Tornatta, Kourtney Scott, (4th Row) Amanda Roberson, Jade Kempf, Jamie Cutrell, Ashley Rister, Kathy Winnecke and Mrs. Julia Kunkler

This year Mater Dei combined the style and spirit of a dance team with the artistry and coordination of the color guard into the new and improved Dance Ensemble.

The year wasn't all fun and games. Hard work, determination and effort poured out of every single one of their routines. The squad gave up a class period and dedicated it to practicing for upcoming sporting events, learning new moves and dancing more as a team. They displayed unity and grace together on the sidelines at the basketball games and showed their moral support to all of the players.

The dance team filled the year with creativity and excitement. Captain Leanne Bauer deserves credit for coming up with several of their snazzy routines.

"I've taken dance lesson ever since I was three years old. I've just combined all of the moves that I've seen over my years at Jan's School of Dance," said Leanne Bauer.

The girls pepped up the crowd before every home football game and preformed at all of the home basketball games during half-time. They always had the student body on their feet when they showed off their stuff at several assemblies.

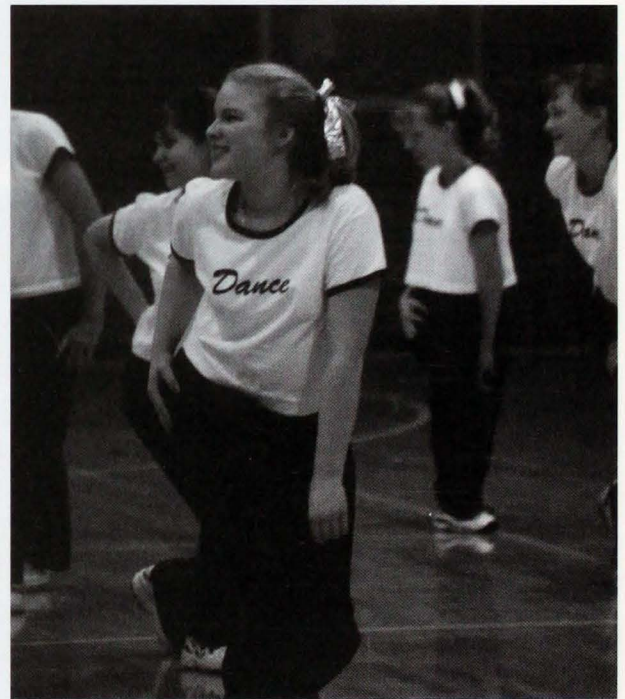
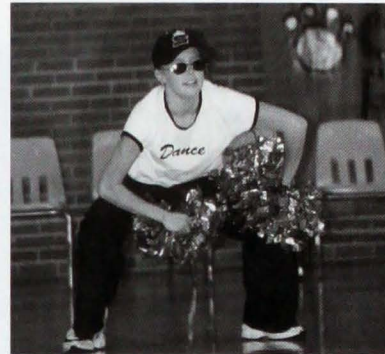
Faced with the challenge of a new adventure, the squad was led by four Seniors and had an impressive and successful first year together.





Team captain Leanne Bauer leads the squad in an exciting display of team unity in front of a home team crowd.

Senior Stacy Euler looks tough during her final performance in front of a Mater Dei crowd.



Junior Katie Keller strikes a pose with a smile while having fun entertaining the crowd.



Sophomore Rachel Sammet puts all her effort into a practice round of their homecoming performance.

Cheerleaders enjoy being the center of attention and Junior Kerri Vowels is a prime example.

Senior Sarah Werner fires up the Mater Dei student body at a pep assembly.



Junior Jessica Butler expresses her true love for Willie the Wildcat.



Freshman: (1st Row) April McCormick, Katie Reffett, (2nd Row) Joni Schwartz, Amy Hoon and Natasha Velotta. Not pictured are Katie Mull and Natalie Eager.



Cheerleaders

What would sports be without the players? That one is obvious, but have you ever considered what sports would be like without the cheerleaders?

Exactly! You probably haven't. Cheerleaders are often overlooked and definitely deserve more credit than they get. What you see at football and basketball games is just a fraction of the work these girls put in during the season.

While most people are looking on to summer break in May, tryouts for the next school year's cheerleading squad are kicking off for the season to come.

Practice started shortly after the 96-97 school year ended with the girls practicing from 6-8 every morning, five days a week.

"It was hard to get up every morning, but the practice has paid off," said Reserve cheerleader Jessica Butler.

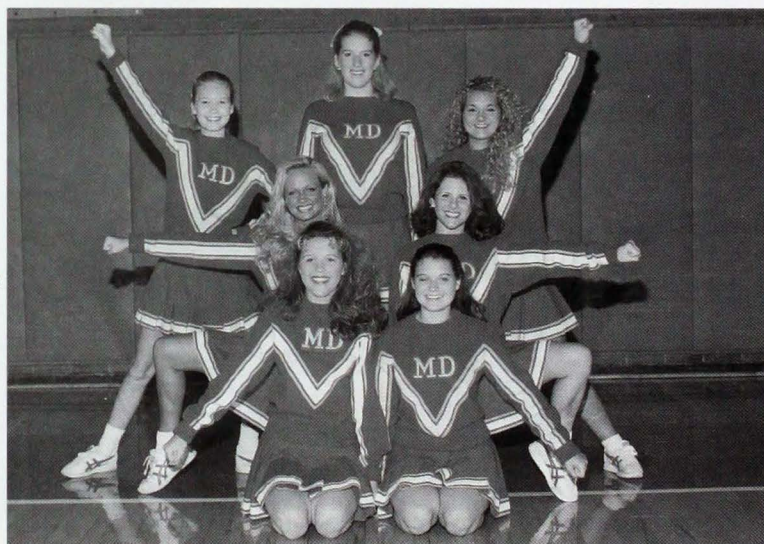
They practice dangerous stunts, cheers and chants twice a week during the season. They also make posters and treats for the football and basketball players.

Even with all the hard work and dedication put into the sport, "Cheerleading gives me a chance to show my school spirit and support our teams," said Reserve cheerleader Pam Steinkamp.

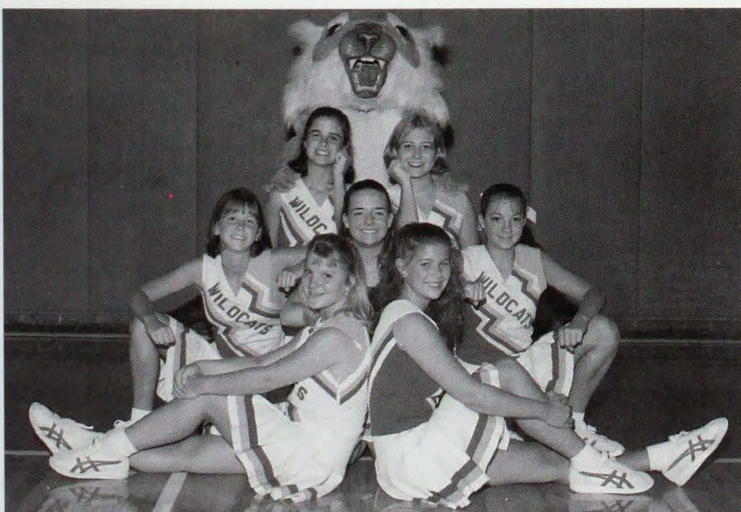
Dedication And Hard Work Fire Up The Crowd



Teamwork is the name of the game as Varsity cheerleaders work to balance Natalie Shetler.



Varsity: (1st Row) Julie Beudel, Sarah Werner, (row 2) Natalie Shetler, Kerri Vowels, (2nd Row) Andrea Masters, Becky Pictor and Stefani Reidford.



Reserve: (1st Row) Lindsey Helfrich, Pam Steinkamp, (2nd Row) Nicole Elpers, Kelli Adcock, Carla Waller, (3rd Row) Jessica Butler and Stephanie Wargel.

Student Government

Student Council Is A Tradition All Its Own

Student council members Andrea Haller and Brian Pope work hard to set up for the homecoming dance.



Junior homeroom representative Jamie Rexing does her part to make the food drive a success.

Mater Dei has many traditions. From the annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to wrestling state to May Day, the traditions at Mater Dei are strong and long lasting. One of the most recognized tradition is our student-run government.

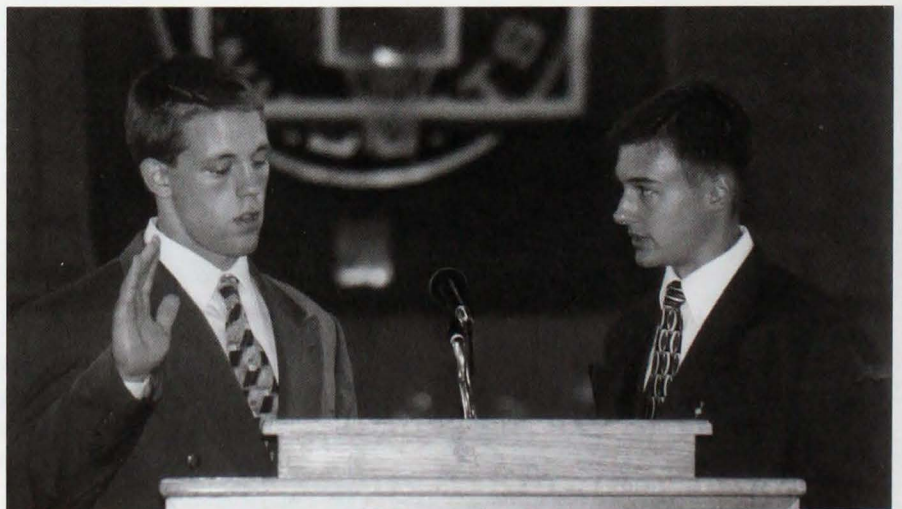
Throughout the year, the student council takes part in and organizes many school activities, including the Campus Cleanup Day, the organization of all the school dances, the annual can food drive, the talent show as well as putting together the May Day activities.

For the 1997-98 student council term, Jason McCord presided over the student government as Mayor while Jeremey Herrmann served in the capacity of Judge and Dan Werner as the Clerk.

Throughout the city of Mater Dei-ville, our leaders provide us with a safe and efficient school to learn and play in. With the assistance of the student police force, the student government enforces the laws that Judge Herrmann has provided.

"The Mater Dei student government has been a standing tradition for many years. It will continue to be for many more, I'm sure. I am proud to say I was a part of it," said Clerk Werner.

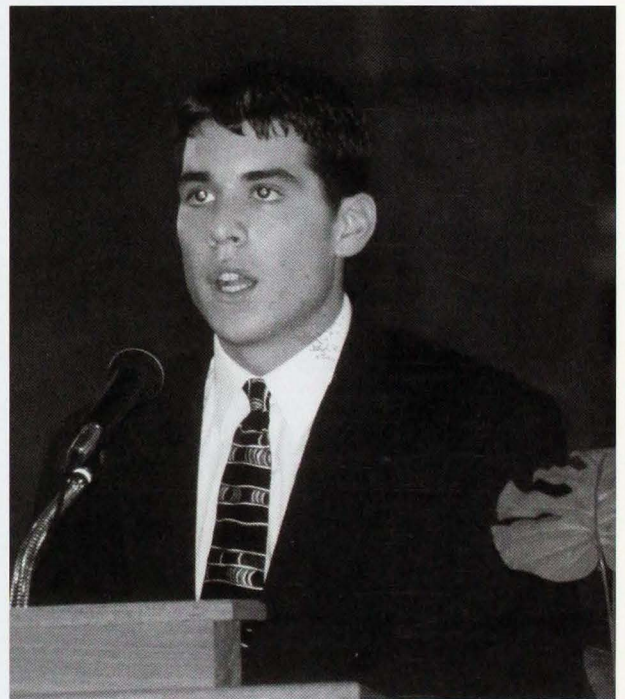
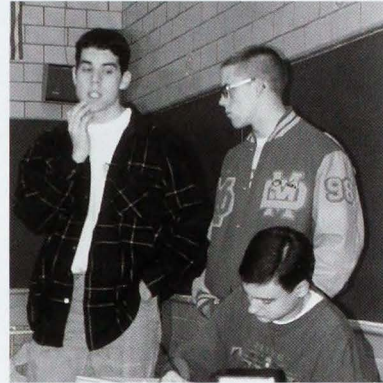
Clerk Dan Werner swears in Judge Jeremy Herrmann on Innauguration Day.



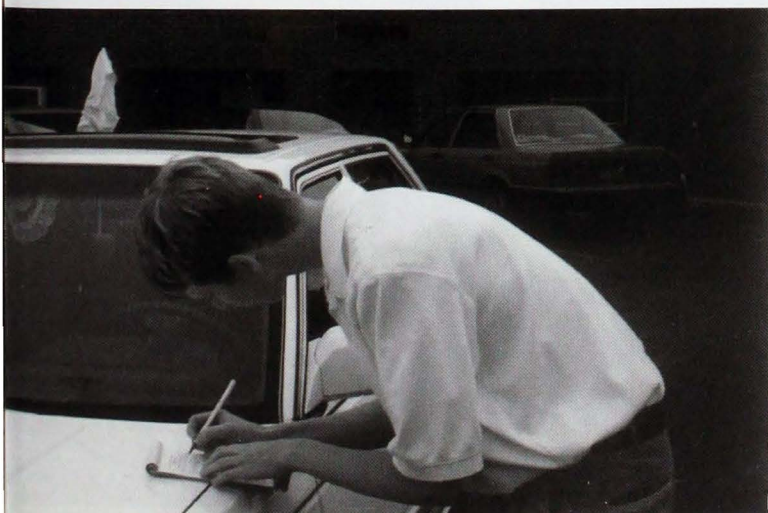


Carrie Sitzman and Sam Stephens, newly appointed officials, take the oath of office during the Innauguration Day ceremony.

With the assistance of Mayor McCord and Judge Herrmann, Clerk Werner takes the minutes at the student council meeting.



Newly-elected mayor Jason McCord gives his innaugural speech.



Mater Dei-ville police officer Matt Riordan writes up the Mayor for "indecent exposure."





The **Y**ear
progressed,
Snow fell, Santa came
and our

SPIRITS SOARED!

Sophomores Renee Rietman, Anne Schili and Kelly Messersmith try their best to synchronize their applause at an assembly.

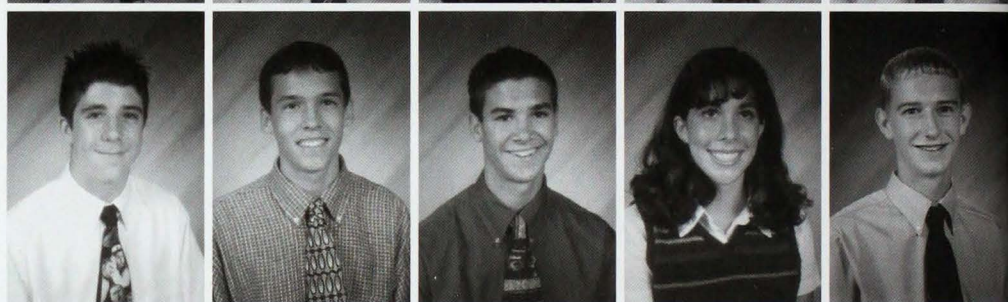


Sophomores

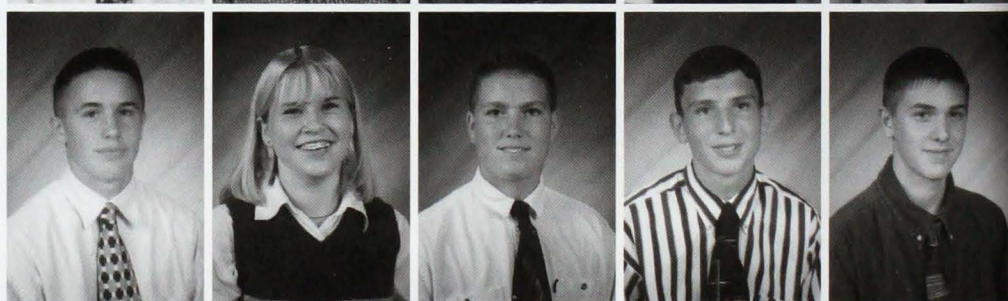
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Daniel Altstadt
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Kyle Babcock
Kristen Baehl
Mark Bauer



Andrew Baumgartner
Jodi Bittner
Jacob Boehman
Brian Brown
Eric Brown



Anh Bui
Sara Burdette
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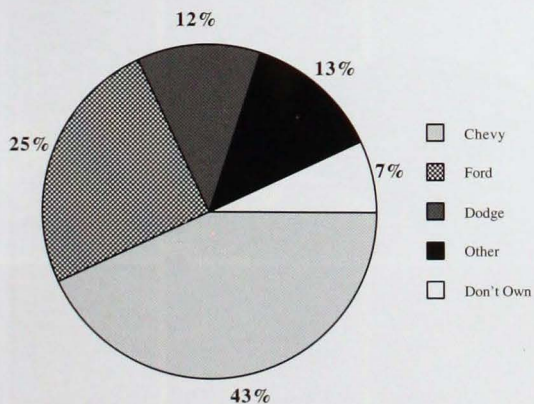
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Matthew Dressel
Nicole Droste
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Jeremy Elpers

Justin Elpers
Nicole Elpers
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David Fehrenbacher
Traci Fehrenbacher

Zachary Fehrenbacher
Christopher File
Brandon Frazer
Mark Freeman
Natalie Gaffney
Joshua Gidcumb

Adam Goebel
Angela Goebel
Carrie Goebel
Nicholas Goebel
Blake Goedde
Lauren Goetting

Shay Grasso
Sarah Gries
Jason Hall
Andrea Haller
Mitch Happe
John Harmon



After finally passing driver's education with Mr. Frank Will and Mrs. Darlene Quinlin, the Sophomores were given a ticket to freedom: their license. With this ticket and a vehicle, whether it be a 1960s boat full of rust or a brand new sports car, the Sophomores get where they want to go.

Sophomore Drivers...AAAH!!

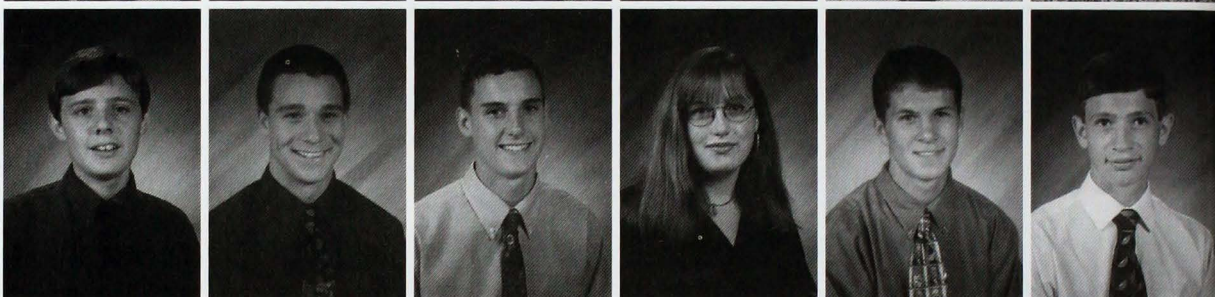
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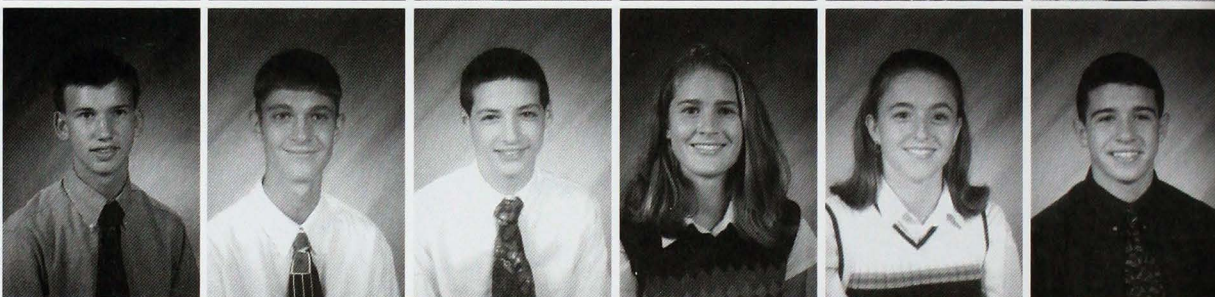
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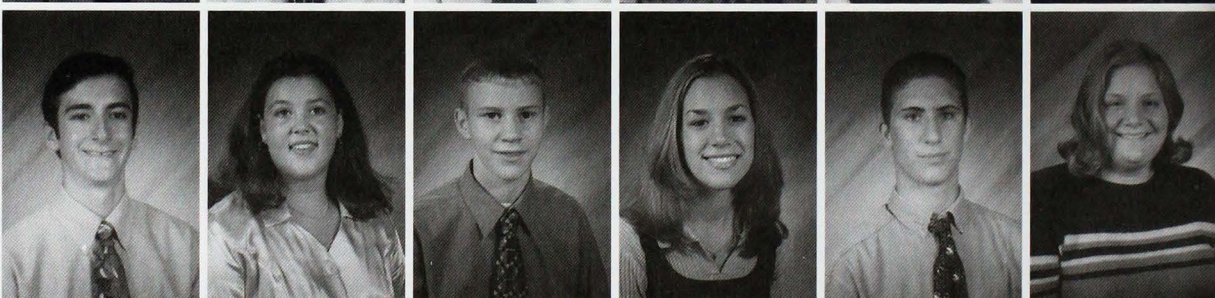
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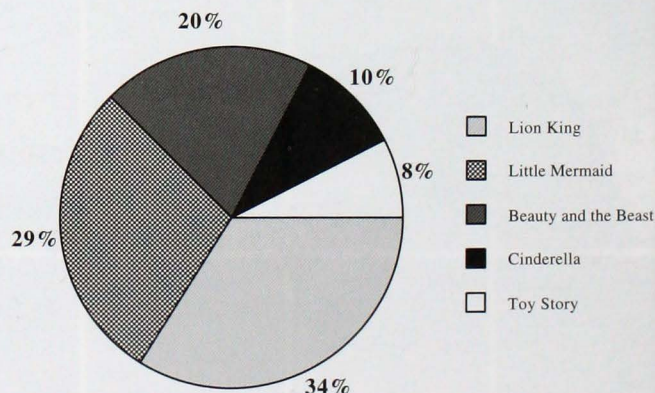
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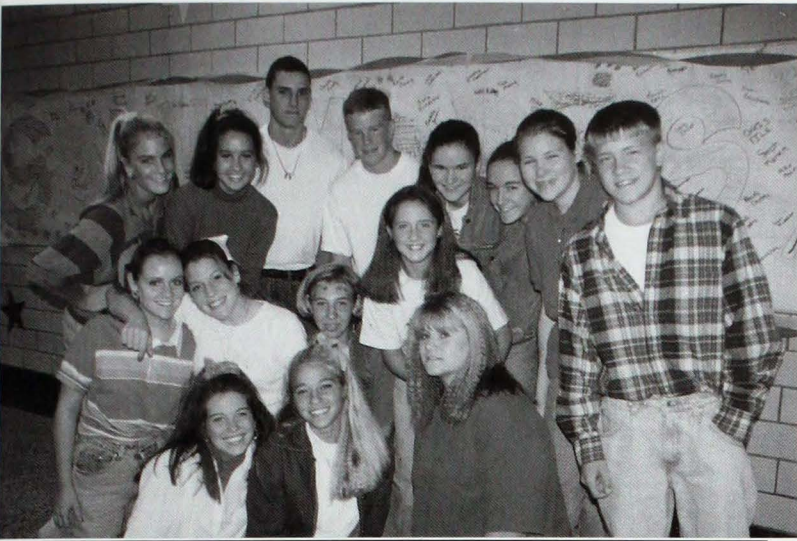


Disney movies are as popular as ever and each Sophomore has their favorite. From "Under the Sea" in *The Little Mermaid* to the "Circle of Life" in *The Lion King*, each movie seemed to have a song to captivate the heart at one time or another.



Snow White and 168 Sophomores

Looking rad are these spirited
Sophomores dressed for 80s day.



Cory Macke
Adam Maddox
Stephanie Markin
Jennifer Martin
Jonathon Martin

Kristen Masters
Nicholas Masterson
Kelly Messersmith
Cara Messmer
Shaun Meyer

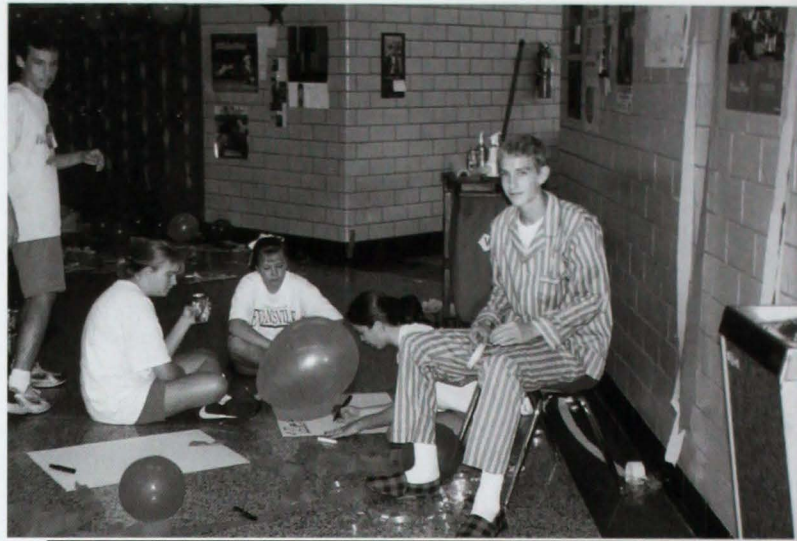
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Douglas Moore

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Daniel Musick
Kimberly Muth
Benjamin Niemeier

Melissa Oliver
Andrew Overton
Heath Patchin
Derek Paulin
Timothy Pigman
Katie Raben

80s

Determined to beat the Seniors in the hall decorating contest, Sophomores Peter Amundson, Kim Doshier, Jessica Herrmann, Traci Fehrenbacher and Mark Bauer give their creative best.



Sophomores

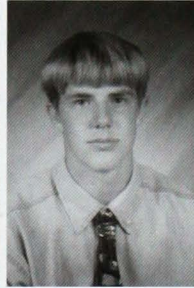
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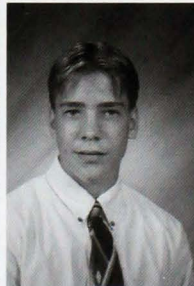
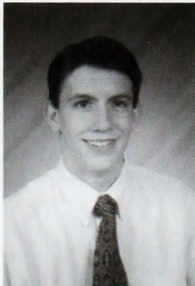
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Jason Scheller



Julia Schenk
Ryan Schenk
Tricia Schenk
Anne Schili
Jill Schlichting



Phillip Schmitt
Aaron Schnur
Andrew Schroeder
Megan Schutte
Paul Schutz



Beth Sears
Jessica Shea
Amber Singleton
Charissa Spaetti
Jamie Spahn
Jennifer Steinkamp





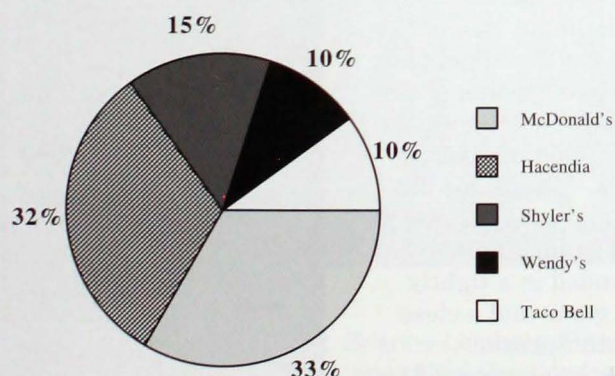
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Beth Stofleth
Charles Stoltz
Christopher Stratman
Tammy Titzer
Eli Todich

Joshua Todich
Jennifer Tornatta
Matthew Traylor
Jake Tucker
Stephanie Ulrich
Timothy Unfried

Gina Utley
Debra Wade
Mark Walker
Carla Waller
Adam Wathen
Matthew Weber

John Webster
Adam Weinzapfel
Nick Weinzapfel
Jacob Weis
Clayton Westerfield
Kelly Wildeman

Sheila Wildeman
Joshua Williams
John Williamson
Jacob Ziliak
Joshua Ziliak
Natalie Zimmer



When it comes down to having the munchies, the Sophomores know the hot spots of fine dining. Whether it be fast food or an elegant meal, they can find the best dishes in town.

Sophomore Stomachs Are Growling

Amanda Schenk works in past the defense to take a shot during the game against Central.



Lady Wildcats

Strong End to Season



Amanda Schenk struggles to get the ball to Julie Fischer.

The Girls' Basketball season got off to a rough start; however, the girls were nothing short of pleased with the way the season ended.

They worked hard at practices and dedicated many hours of work to try to improve their record because no one expected the girls to go very far after a weak start to the season.

But when the going got tough, the Wildcats got going.

"I'm proud of the team for

the way we all pulled together in the tough times," said Captain Rachel Schenk.

The girls had a strong showing in the Sectional play. They started off with a 49-39 victory over Wood Memorial. This was a wonderful victory for the girls. They came out energized and ready to play in the second game; unfortunately, it ended in a tightly contested game and a close lose to South Spencer.

The girls' put a strong finish to a rough start in the season, ending with a final record of 6-14.

Girls' Basketball 5-15

Reitz	55-39
North Posey	46-32
Reitz	60-32
Central	50-44

Sectionals

Wood Memorial	49-39
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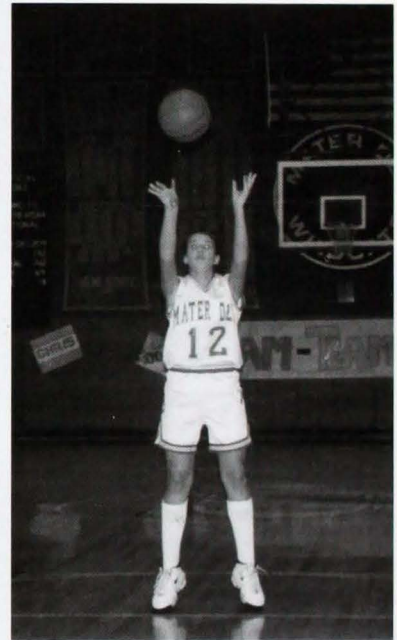


Jami Alstadt tries to maneuver past a defender.

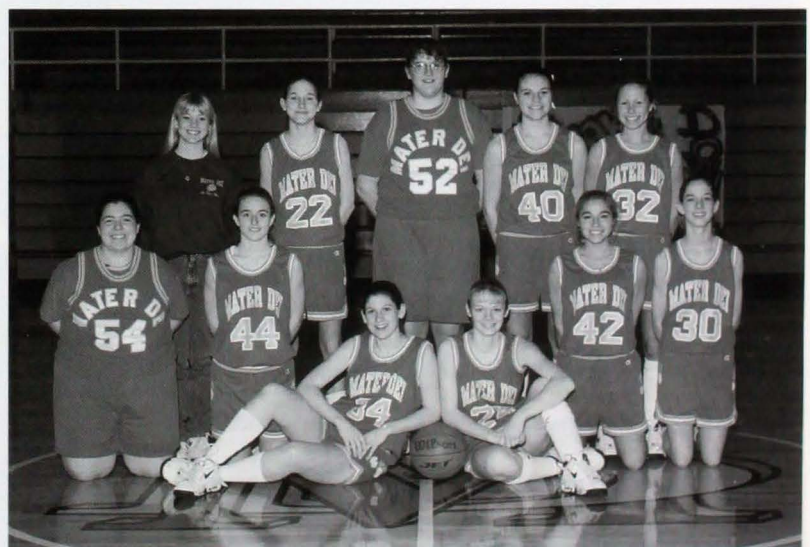
The team gets fired up before the start of a tough game.



Traci Fehrenbacher takes a shot after an over the back foul was called.

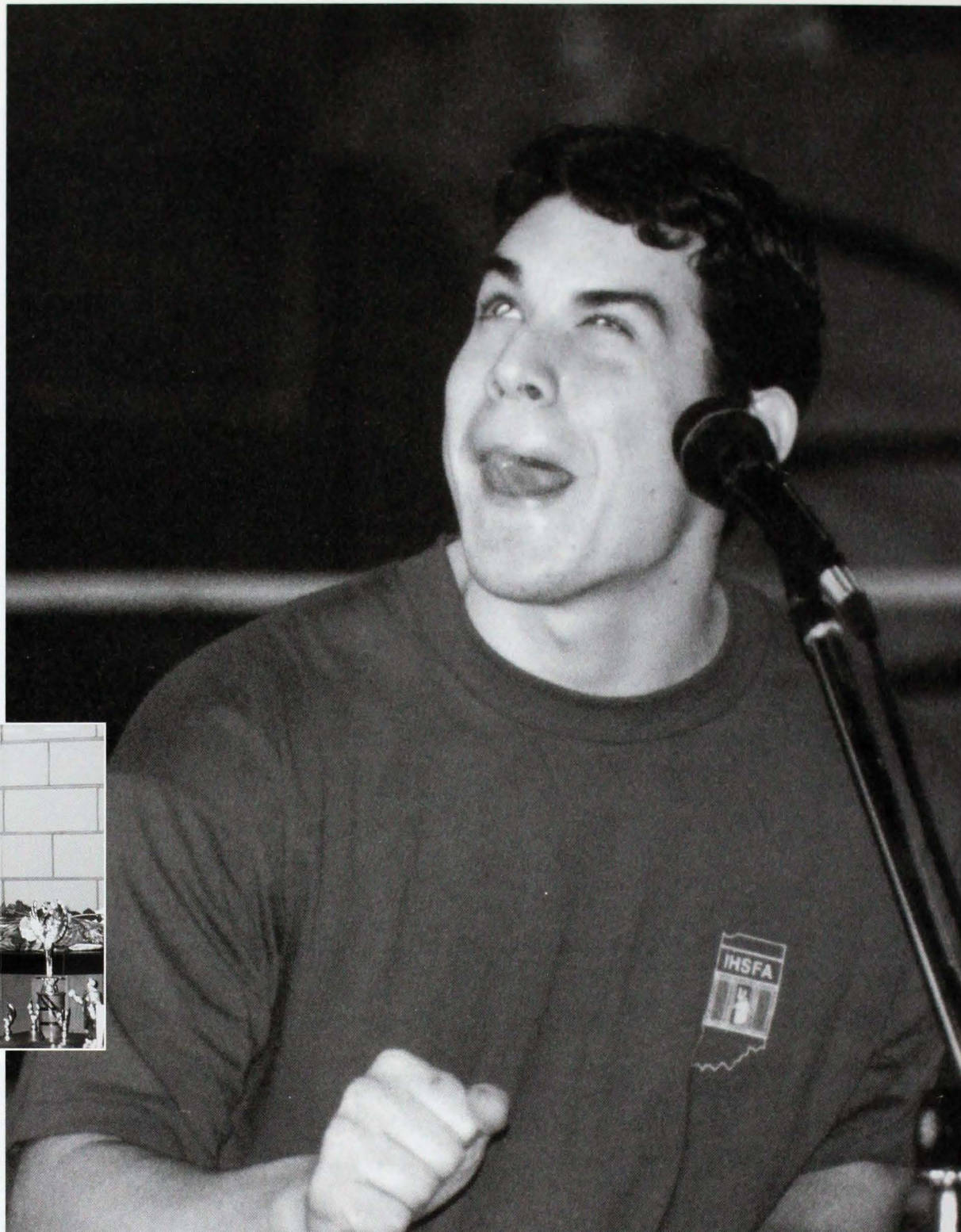


Varsity Team
(1st Row) Audrey Hinderliter, Brianne Lemberg, Rachel Schenk, Julie Fischer, Jami Alstadt (2nd Row) Lindsey Buchanan, Amanda Schenk, Jessica Adler, Angela Luigs, Traci Fehrenbacher and Renee Rietman



Reserve Team
(1st Row) Jill Bartlett, Andrea Werner (2nd Row) Rachel Wright, Sarah Kothe, Renee Rietman, Alisha Luigs. (3rd Row) Manager Misty Lindsey, Katie Bradley, Emily Wannemeuhler, Jessica Happe and Katie Wannemuehler.

Mayor Jason McCord shows his more mischievous side at a speech assembly. Jason performed his humorous interpretation for the student body before the team traveled to Indy for State competition.



Coach Donofrio awards Sam Stephens the Coach's Award at the speech banquet. Stephens also qualified for Nationals in the category of foreign extemp.

Speech: Something to Talk About

Over the course of the season, the speakers traveled from town to town and state to state collecting awards.

For most people, public speaking is a nightmare; prompting cotton mouth and butterflies. However, some students at MD take on the challenge with gusto.

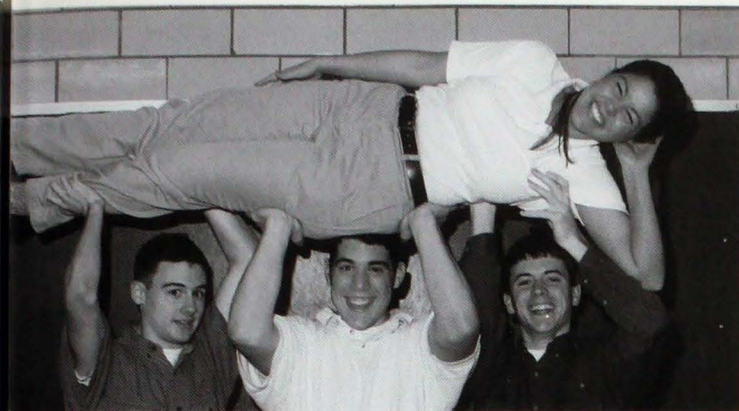
The speech team once again had an outstanding season. Coaches and varsity members worked hard to

build on last year's success long before the first meet in December.

After a very successful regular season, the team qualified seven members for state competition, including double qualifiers Meaghan Topper, Jessica Butler and Emily Elpers. The student

body held a special good-luck assembly sending them off to a fifth-place finish.

The story is not yet over because four seniors qualified for Nationals held over the summer in St. Louis. Meaghan Topper, Sam Stephens, Dan Werner and Jason McCord represented Mater Dei.

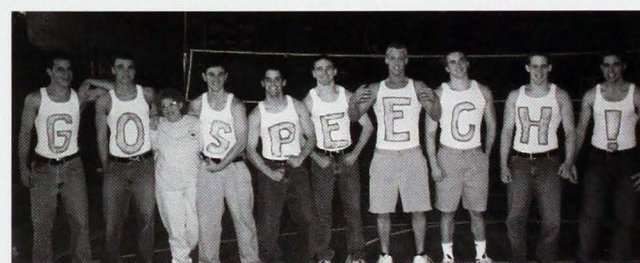


The four national qualifiers, Dan Werner, Jason McCord, Sam Stephens and Meaghan Topper, clown around after practice.

National qualifier Meaghan Topper performs her prose for parents and friends at the annual speech banquet.



Juniors Emily Elpers and Jessica Butler let the emotions flow as they perform their duo during practice.



Senior boys prove they are strong speech supporters. They got their chance to strut their stuff during the State-bound speech assembly



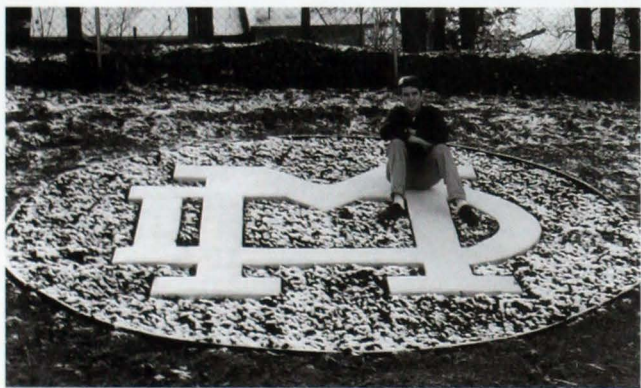
The seven state qualifiers and their two outstanding coaches: (1st Row) Mrs. Brenda Donofrio, Meaghan Topper, Jessica Butler, Emily Elpers, (2nd Row) Dana Kemper, Katie Raben, Fr. Mark, Jason McCord and Dan Werner.

The Grimm Reaper (Andy Funke) seeks his next victim, Junior Ben Smyth, during the Red Ribbon Week activities to raise awareness of the dangers that drugs and alcohol present.



Eucharistic Minister Liz Vindhurst gives Junior Jamie Rexing communion during the Advent school mass.

As part of their Lenten sacrifice, Mater Dei students gave money to the Rice Bowls.



Junior Brian Wildeman proudly displays his Eagle Scout project as well as his Mater Dei pride.

In their annual trip to Washington, DC, Teens for Life members Kathy Winnecke and Charlene Kirsch join thousands of others in the March for Life on the 25th anniversary of Roe V Wade.





Senior Chris Droste does his part to keep his campus clean.



Adam Pierce and Neil Kassenbrock give up a few hours of their summer vacation to help make MD shine.

Wildcats Give Back To Their Community

Giving back to your school and community is important and reflects our Catholic values."

Benny Faraone

Community service has always been an important part of life at Mater Dei. There are several groups that both provide help and allow students to become active in helping out on campus.

The Service Club, sponsored by Mrs. Karen Blue, gave back to their community by visiting nursing homes and selling the Human-I-Tees shirts as a

fundraiser.

Teens for Life is a pro-life group that stands up for what they believe in by speaking out against abortion. Throughout the year, they had fundraisers such as Pennies for Life. This raised money the group put towards a trip to Washington, DC to participate in the Right to Life March. "It's a moving experience to take part in,"

said junior Charlene Kirsch.

Mrs. Becky Larson sponsors CATS, or Cats Are Taking Steps--against drugs and alcohol. They sponsored a speaker on driving responsibly and preparing Red Ribbon Week activities.

The community of Mater Dei is a strong one because of its caring students and their commitment to each other.

Sophomore Julia Schenk perfects her butterfly stroke.



Mater Dei Swimming

Cats Not Afraid of Water



Junior Sarah Scheu up to take a breath in the breast stroke.

Led by Seniors Leslie Dixon, Terra Muensterman and Kari Nurrenbern, the girls on the swim team captured many of their season goals.

The season kicked off like every other with the annual relay meet at Tell City. The team took their first win at South Spencer and then defeated Evansville Day School. In one of their final matches, Mater Dei narrowly triumphed over NE Dubois.

The girls swam aggressively against many talented teams; unfortunately the Tecumseh meet couldn't have come at a worst time for Mater Dei. In this heartbreaker the girls were forced to swim with less than a full team and fell just a few points short of a victory.

The 1997-98 swim season ended on a positive note as Nurrenbern and Liz Webster advanced individually to Regionals. They were joined by the relay team of Nurrenbern, Webster, Lena Ruminer and Jamie Schmitt.

Girls Swim Team 3-8

South Spencer 87-83

Day School 87-79

NE Dubois 98-64



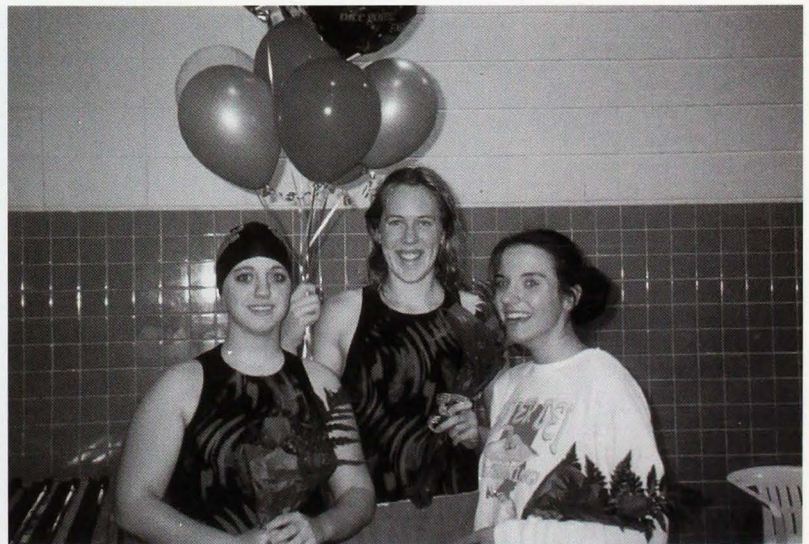
Swimming toward the surface, Freshman Christine Weil works hard to improve her dive in practice.

Coach Jessica Cummings gives some special instruction to Freshman Elizabeth Cohoon.

Sophomore Lena Ruminer gracefully glides through the water as she back strokes to the finish line.

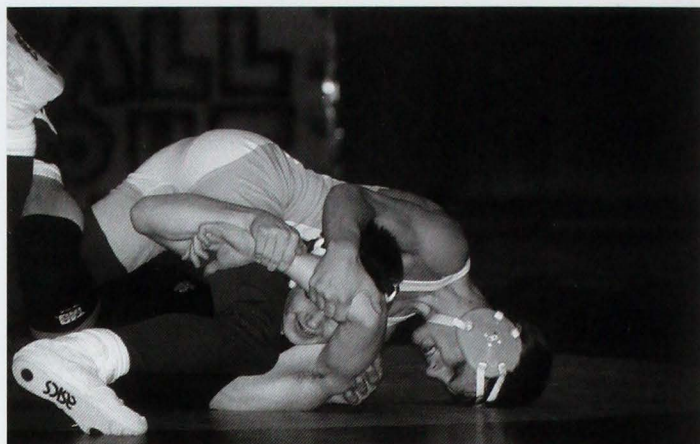


Swim Team
(1st Row) Abby Johnson, Lena Ruminer, Julia Schenk, Kristen Baehl;
(2nd Row) Julie Wittgen, Elizabeth Cohoon, Liz Webster, Erin Lambert, Kari Nurrenbern, Kim Doshier, Jamie Schmitt, Christina Weil; (3rd Row) Coach Jessica Cummings, Lorna Fischer, Leslie Dixon, Sarah Scheu, Jenny Effinger, Terra Muensterman, Anna Hutchison, Angie Niemeier and Valerie Murray.

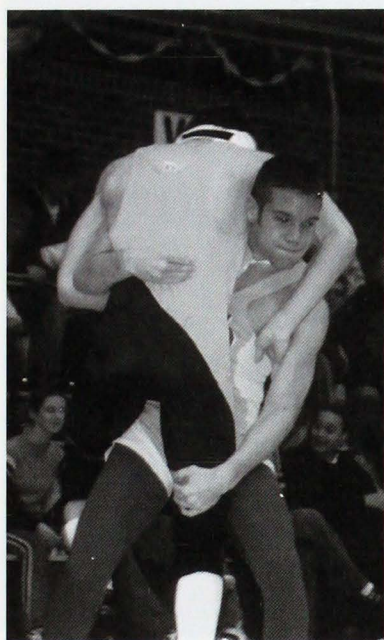


Seniors Terra Muensterman, Kari Nurrenbern and Leslie Dixon are congratulated on their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

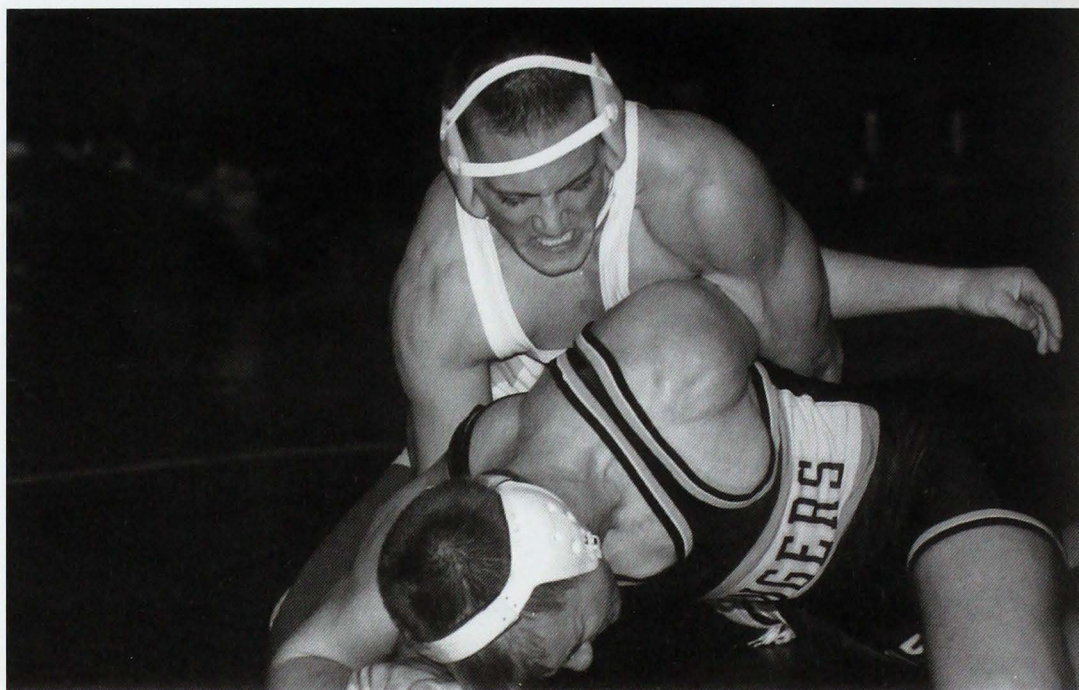
Senior Curtis VanNess gets ready to add yet another pin to his remarkable record.



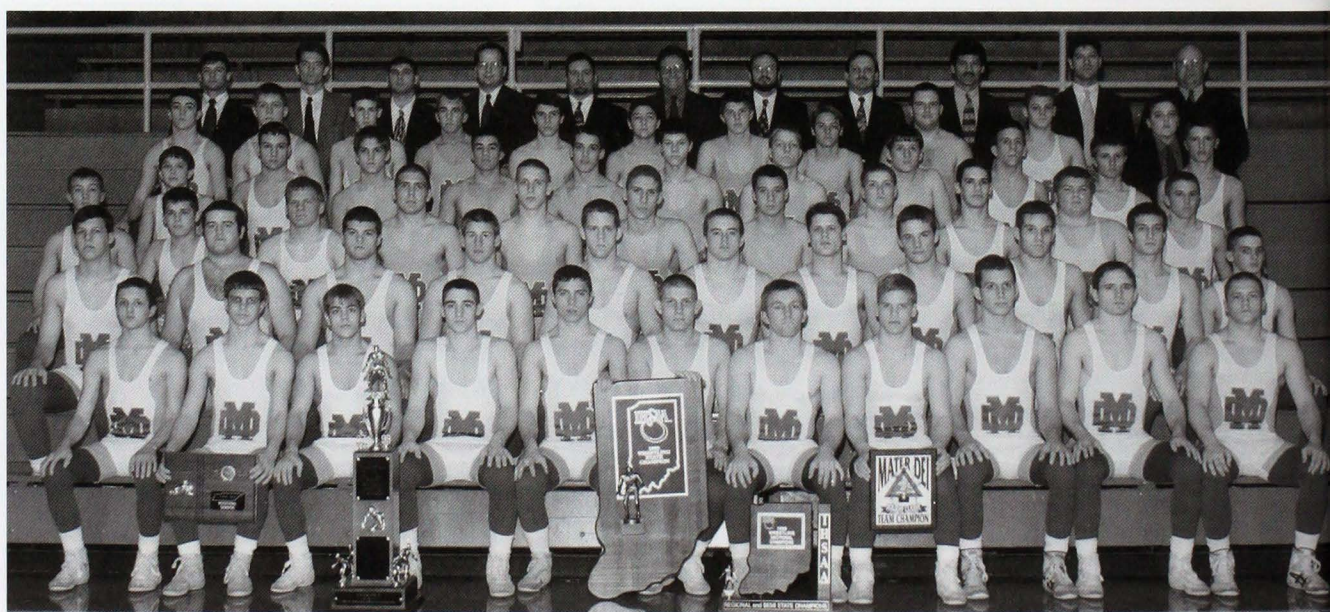
Junior Nick Miller gets ready to throw down yet another opponent.



Senior Tim Scott shows his opponent who is in control.

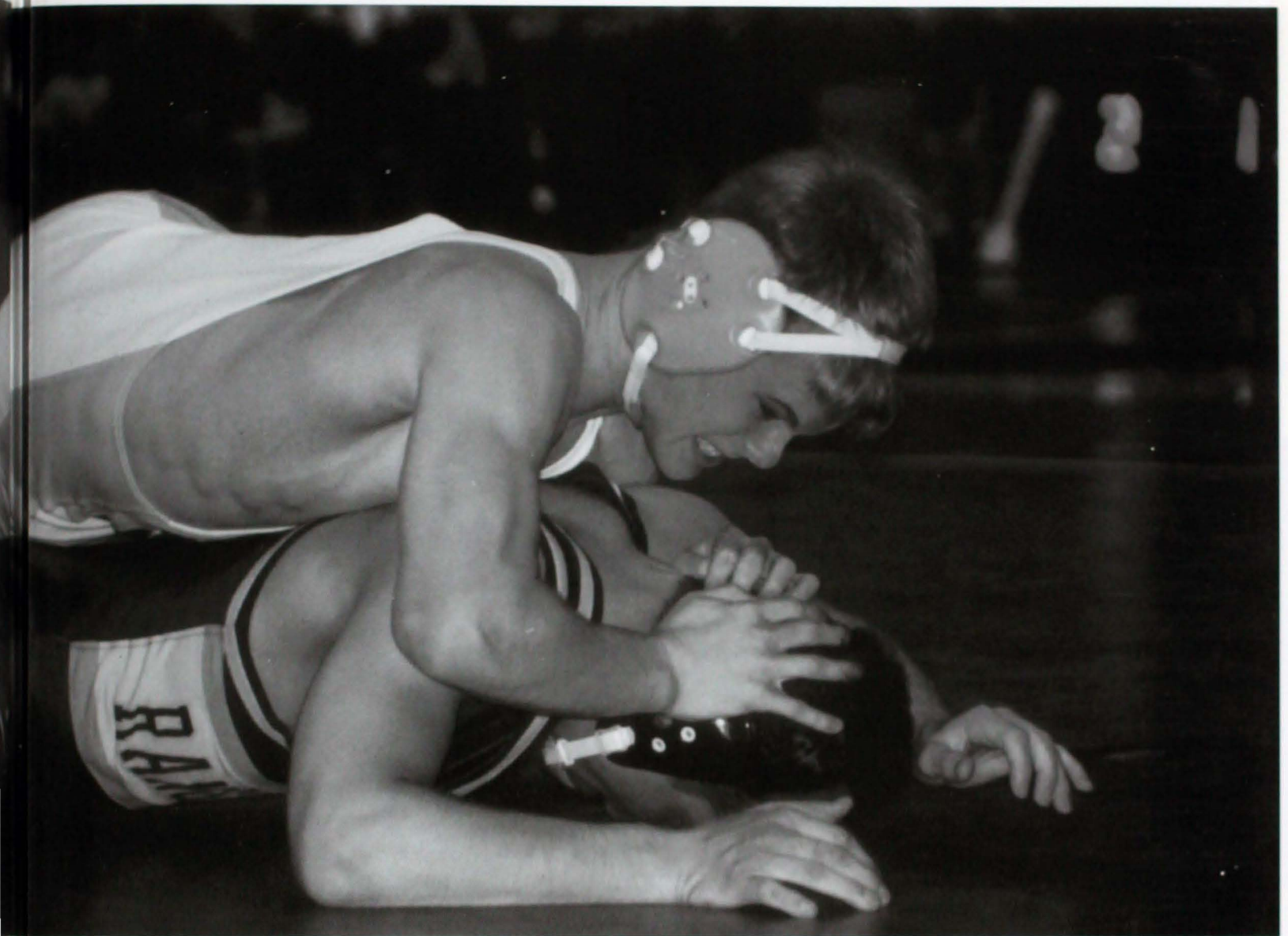


(1st row) Eli Todich, Curtis VanNess, Greg Schaefer, Matt Walker, Chad Martin, John Helfrich, Mike DeWitt, Dan Jankowski, Brandon Boots, Rob Mallory, Tim Scott, (2nd row) Josh Sandwell, Brian Eichoff, Dave Hisch, Kevin Alvey, Jeremy Herrmann, Adam Siemers, Tony Unfried, Ryan King, Nick Miller, Jim Whitney, Mark Walker, (3rd row) Jeremy Elpers, Mike Conkling, John Rudisill, Joe Lamble, Tim Unfried, Jason Lewis, Josh



Jureczki, Jacob Boehman, Nick Masterson, John Martin, Andrew Baumgartener, (4th row) Bobby Ausbrooks, Tony Paul, Chad Raben, Eric Dewig, Jason Scheller, Craig Elsner, Nick Gaffney, Aaron Knight, Adam Goebel, Nick Weinzapfel, Allen Weinzapfel, (5th row) Neil Reddington, Matt Raben, Keith Herrmann, B.J. Porter, Luke Kane, John Martin, Ryan Schenk, Paul Hite, Mark Cole, Bryan Coughlin, (6th row) Chip Elderkin, Rolletter, Philip Zenhoefer, Dr. James Macke, Pete Weinzapfel, Mr. Herb Neighbors, Dr. Randy Oliver, Randy Helfrich, Mike Goebel, Steve Anslinger and Joe Dippel.

Junior Danny Jankowski bares down on his opponent before pinning his way to victory.



Wildcat Wrestling

Varsity Wrestling 24-1

State	3-0
Smi-State	56-9
Regionals	2-0
Reitz	69-9
Floyd Central	65-3
North	71-0
Memorial	69-3
Central	61-9
Esse	80-0
Farrison	63-6
Castle	75-0
Frest Park	67-3
Suthridge	68-0

Before their season even began, there were many doubts put upon Mater Dei's wrestling team. Critics questioned whether or not Mater Dei had the ability to produce another state team. Proving themselves true, the Wildcats came out and successfully defeated Reitz, thought to be their strongest area challenger, by the score of 60-9.

From here on, Mater Dei had a nearly flawless season with its only defeat at Oakville. The wrestlers used this loss as a source of motiva-

Sweet Taste Of Victory

tion, helping them realize that they were a team of young men that could never let their guard down.

With Regionals approaching, the wrestlers still tasted their defeat. They knew that the only way to make it to State was by victory; they couldn't afford to lose a second time. After breezing through Regionals and Semi-State, the wrestlers ended the season with a sweeter taste than they started with.



Eli Todich takes another competitor to his back, giving himself one more win to add to his record.

Senior Rob Mallory raises the Sectional trophy with pride after his sweet victory over Bryan Crick of Central.



Wildcat Wrestling

The Heart of a Wrestler

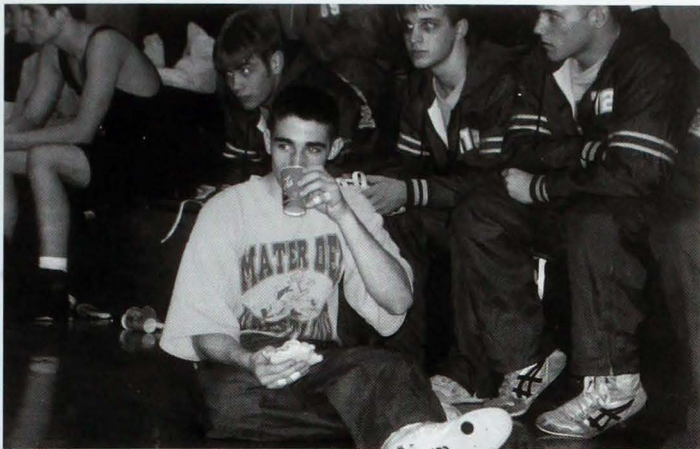


Senior Jeremy Herrmann contemplates the task that lies before him.

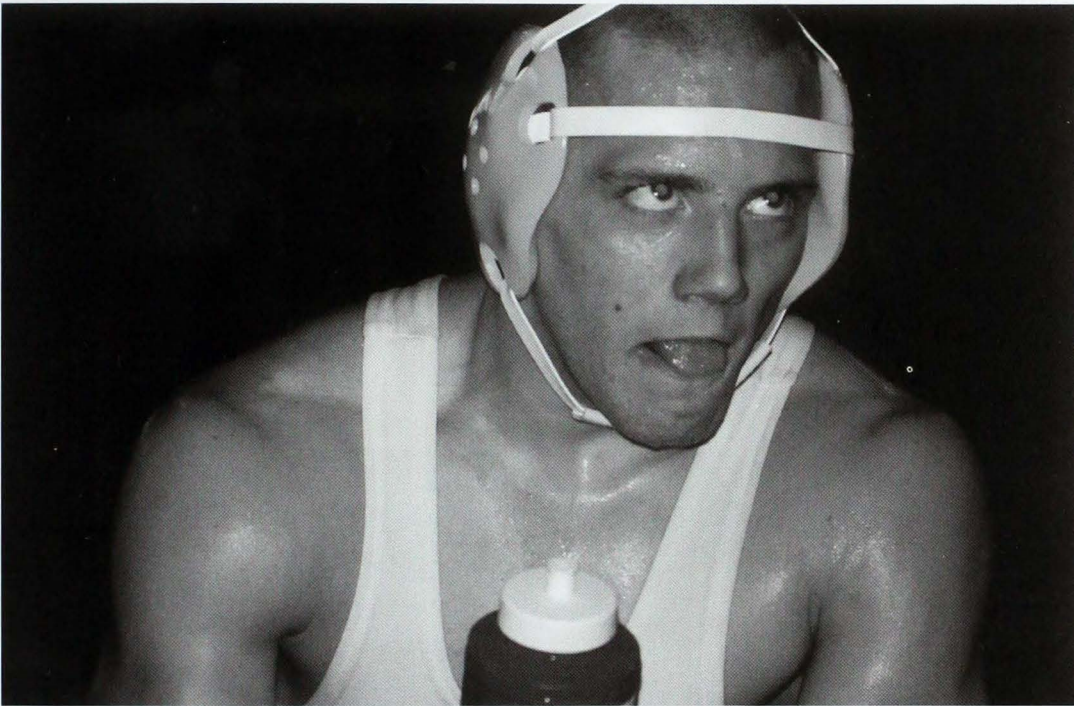
It might often be wondered what would make someone sacrifice food, weekends, time and basically life as he knows it just for a sport. But if you ask any Mater Dei wrestler, he'd tell that it's not simply a sport, it's a part of his life. It's no secret that the Mater Dei wrestlers put in countless hours of hardwork and sacrifice every day of their season on the mats. Even before the pride and glory can be felt, each one of them must be

willing to eat, sleep and breathe this enduring sport, wrestling. So what exactly gives the wrestlers the drive they need to endure the pain and succeed? This drive comes from the heart of each wrestler who is willing to accept the ups and downs of the season. These young men have learned to look at a loss not as a failure, but as a way of learning. They use this work ethic to make every match a positive experience, causing them to feel pride and glory every time they walk on and off the mat.

Reserve Final Record	
Memorial	71-4
Harrison	79-0
Harrison	71-0
Central.....	70-3
Mt. Vernon.....	76-0
Jasper	64-6
Floyd Central	72-12
Reitz	68-2
Southridge.....	79-0
Castle.....	66-7
Forest Park.....	72-9
North	78-6
Bloomington South ...	84-0

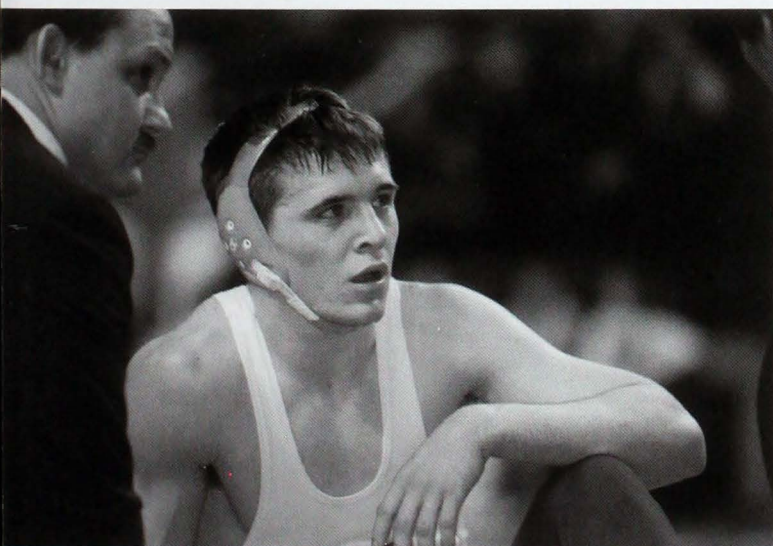


After a week of fasting, Senior Matt Walker indulges in what he believes is a feast fit for a king.

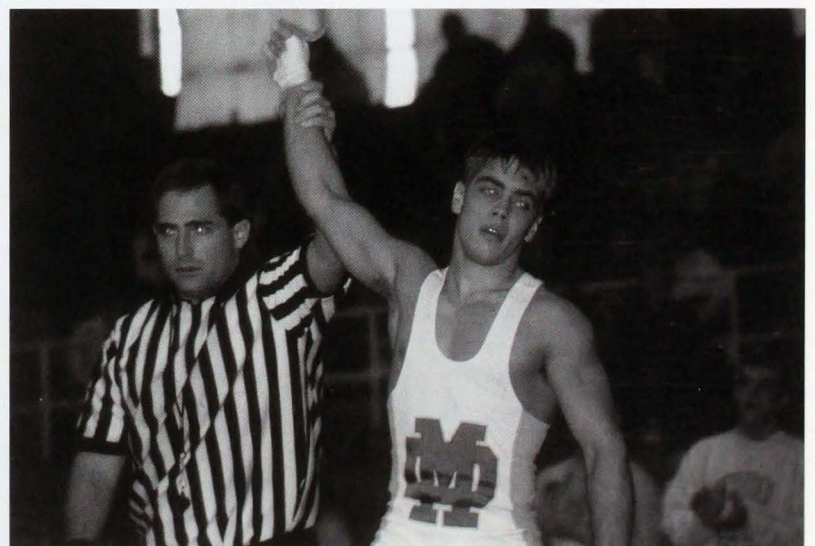


Although worn and tired, Senior Tim Scott still has enough energy to maintain an intimidating stare.

Coach Mike Goebel and Randy Helfrich rejoice with Nick Miller after another thrilling victory.



Senior Rob Mallory looks to Coach Randy Helfrich for guidance.

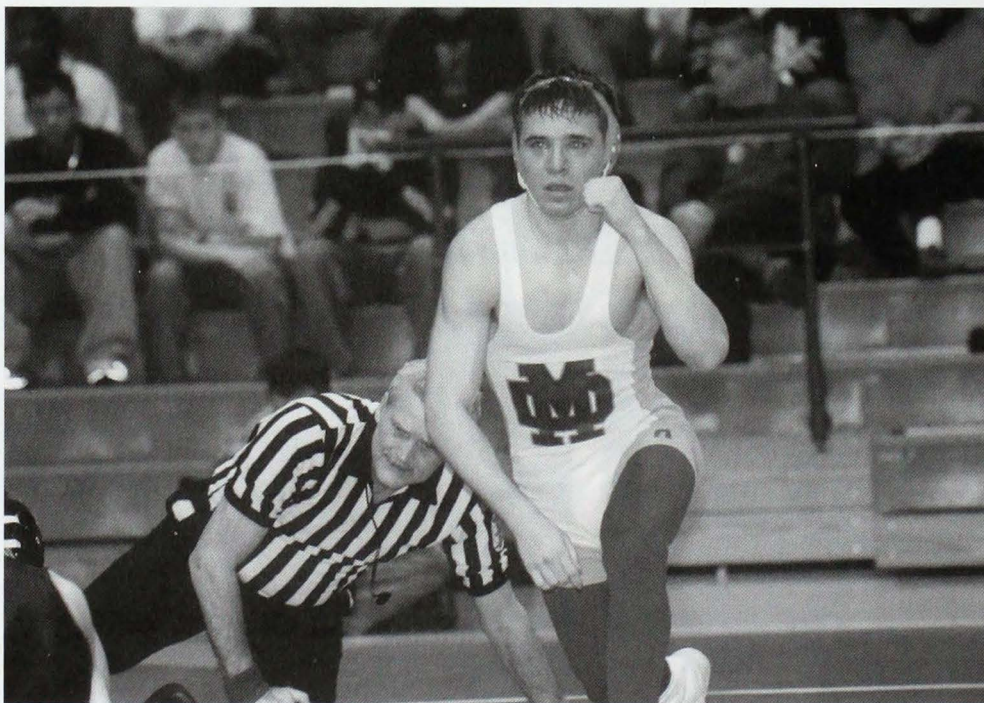


On his way to his 45-0 record, Greg Schaefer's arm is held in victory by the ref.

"These were four years of memories that could never be replaced in my heart." - Senior Greg Schaefer

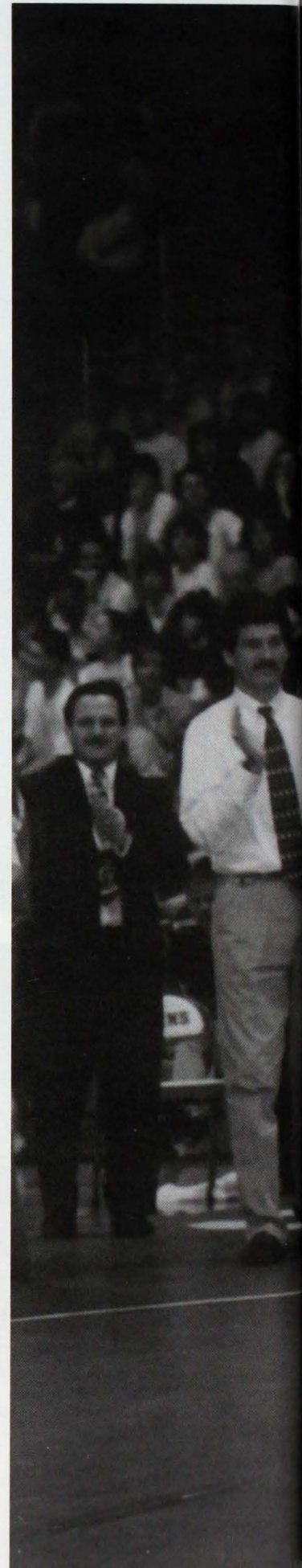
Legacy of Champions

Holding up the State trophy after their sweet victory over Portage, the Senior wrestlers couldn't have imagined anything else besides being the State Champs; being the best is all they have ever known throughout their Mater Dei wrestling careers. As Freshmen, these young men began a four year legacy of excellence paced by their own two time State Champion Greg Schaefer. This year Schaefer completed their storybook ending by capturing his second State crown while helping the team to their fourth consecutive State title.

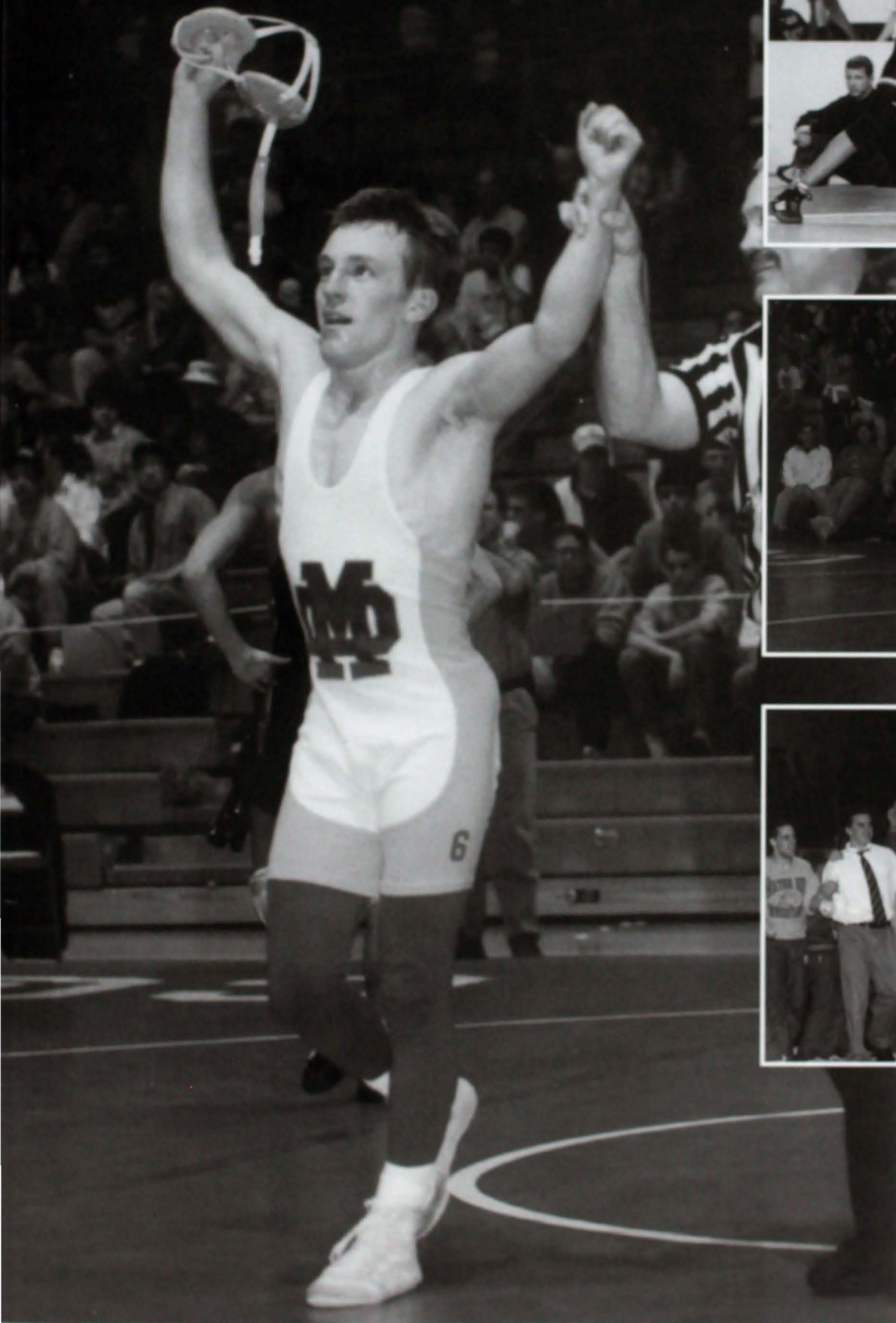


Senior Rob Mallory looks to the crowd for approval after defeating yet another opponent in their storybook run.

The Mater Dei wrestlers hold their hands high to let everyone know they are number one for the fourth straight year.

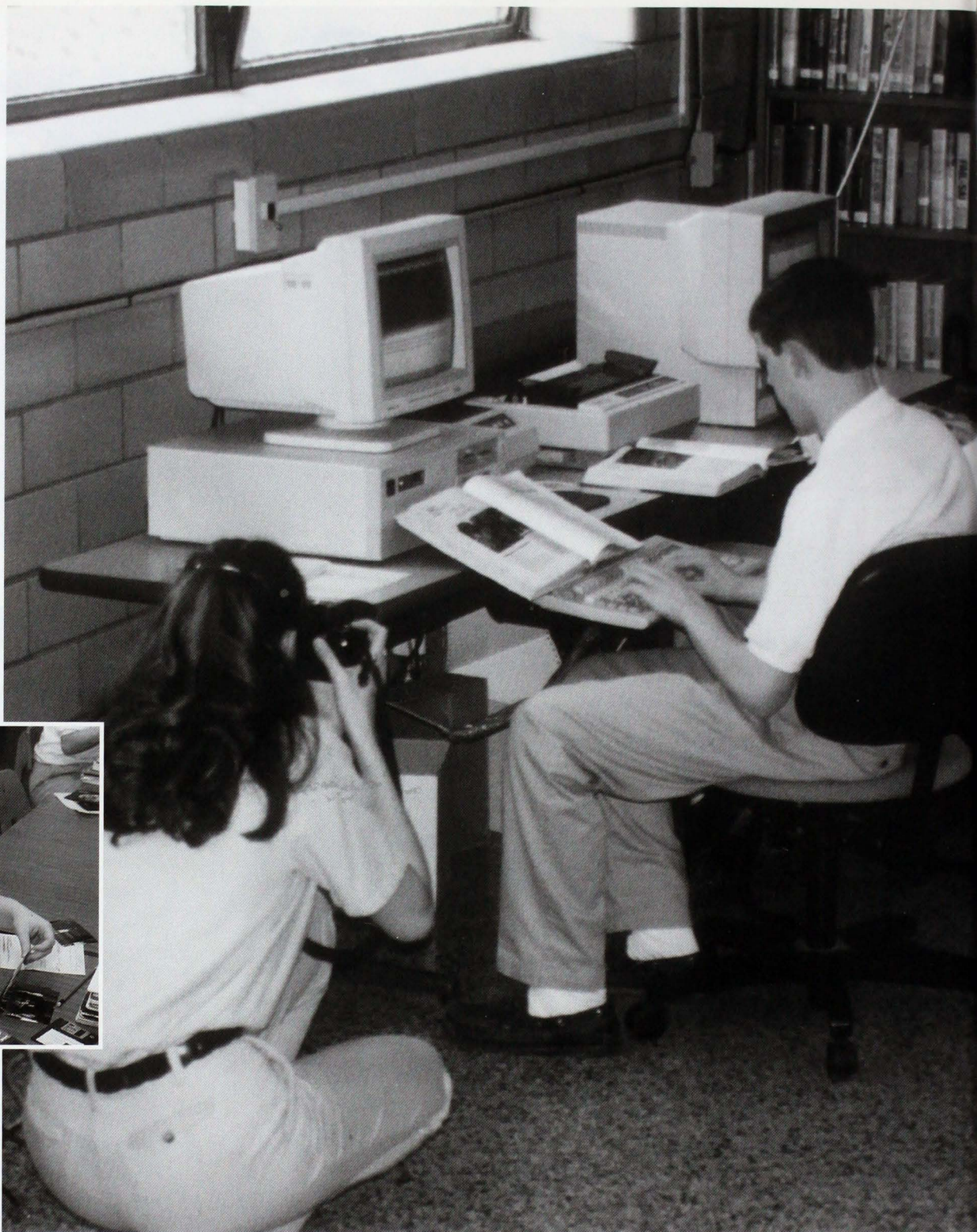


State Champs



Like a true champion, Senior Mike DeWitt raises his hands high as he walks off the mat for the final time as a Mater Dei wrestler.

Junior Crystal Spivey captures a quiet working moment in the library on camera.



Senior Michelle Bohleber crops photos in yearbook class.

Student Publications

Journalists sacrifice time in their publications--the newspaper, Hi-Lights, and the yearbook, Around Our World in 180 Days.

The Journalism Department kept busy throughout the year. Much effort and time went into each aspect of our publications. From selling ads to making deadlines, the journalists seemed to be everywhere interviewing and snapping pictures.

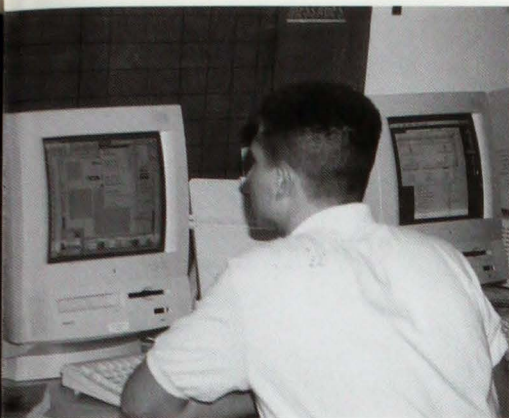
Headed by Mr. John Wells, the classes proved

successful in their works. The Newspaper class, awarded at a banquet at U.S.I., received seven awards. National Awards were given to yearbookers Andy Coomes, Katie Faraone and Kathy Little for their excellence in photography.

The year was filled with new experiences including

the re-opening of the ancient dark room and the invention of Treat Week.

Although the year ended successfully, we are ready to pass on the huge and awesome responsibilities and time taking jobs to next year's staff and hope they have as much success as we did this year.

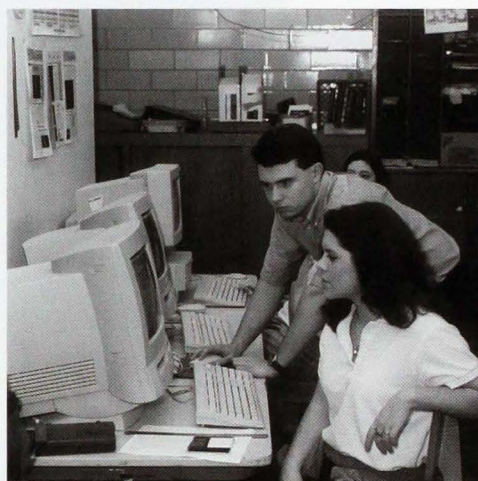


Senior Andy Coomes dedicates his time to figuring out the difficult computers.

Sometimes choosing which picture to use can be the hardest decision. Juniors Jessica Butler and Brittny Wannemuehler discuss their options for a page layout.



Newspaper co-editors Julie Hart and computer genius Richard Morris make final edits and corrections on the *Hi-Lights* newspaper



An important part of journalism is selling ads. Senior newspaper staffer Kelly Martin tries out her sales pitch on a potential undertaker.

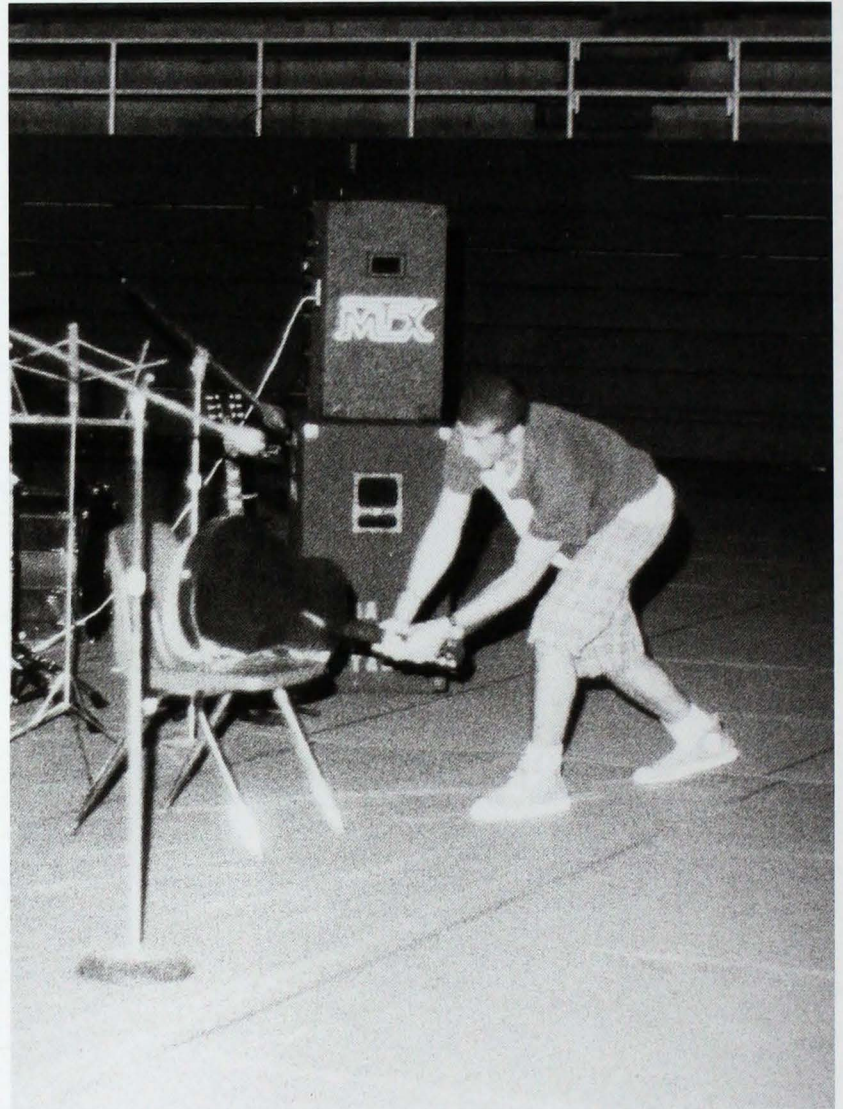


Journalism Advisor Mr. John Wells provides an entertaining lesson for members of yearbook staff.

Dan Werner and Nathaniel Rivers show off while they are getting ready to play in the next act.



Jorge Sarasquete stopped the show and brought the house down as he ends his set by smashing a guitar.



Meg Lifick cheers Katie Raben on as she gives a stirring performance of "My Heart Will Go On".



Not only did they look the part in their caps, but they sounded th part in their raps.



Marc Cole gets the students out of their seats as he raps Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby".



These rappers delighted the crowd as they performed their version of several rap favorites.

Showing Off Their Stuff

The crowd knew, the performers felt and Jorge Sarasquete proved that the talent show was truly a "Smash Hit".

The 1998 annual Talent Show was quite a smash.

With the student body oozing with talent, it wasn't hard to make the evening a blast. The crowd really got into it when they started singing along and dancing in the stands.

Nathaniel Rivers hosted the event and kept things

light with his humor, but it was the groups the crowd wanted.

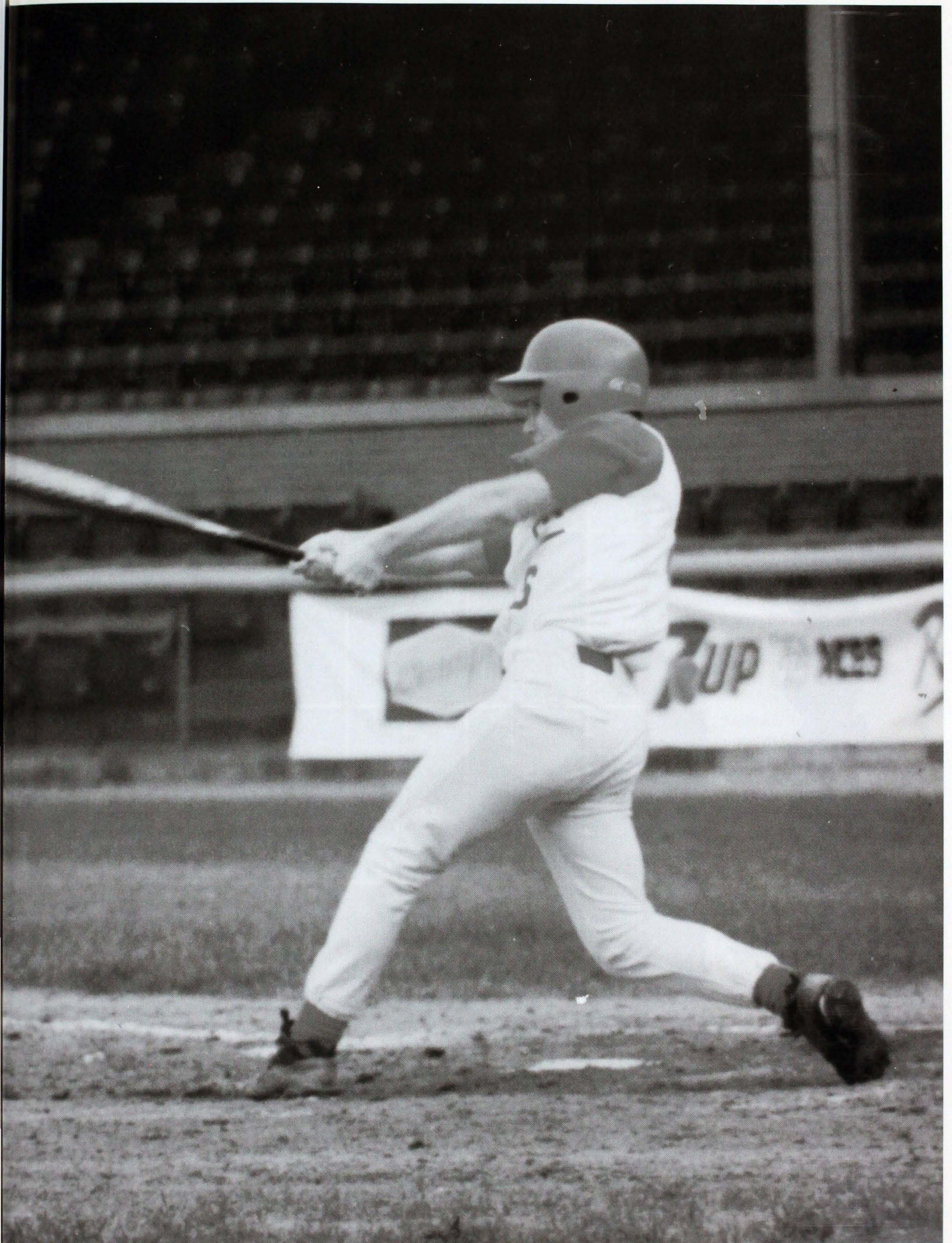
Several of the groups got the crowd going, including "Rapper's Delight" with Nick Buchanan, Seth Weber, Matt Riordan, Joe Traylor and Gerard Wilderman, but the solo acts made the biggest impact of the evening.

Katie Raben stunned the crowd with an excellent version of "My Heart Will Go On" and Julie Hart captivated them again with her solo of "Landslide".

On the lighter side, the crowd got a kick out of Ben Niemeier dancing to "Bille Jean" and Marc cole rapping "Ice Ice Baby."



When the **RAIN**
FINALLY stopped we got down to
Business and did our
THING.



Donna Adams
Theresa Adler
April Altstadt
Jami Altstadt
Kevin Alvey



Kimberly Alvey
Michael Alvey
Lucas Angermeier
Jennifer Ausbrooks
Christopher Austin



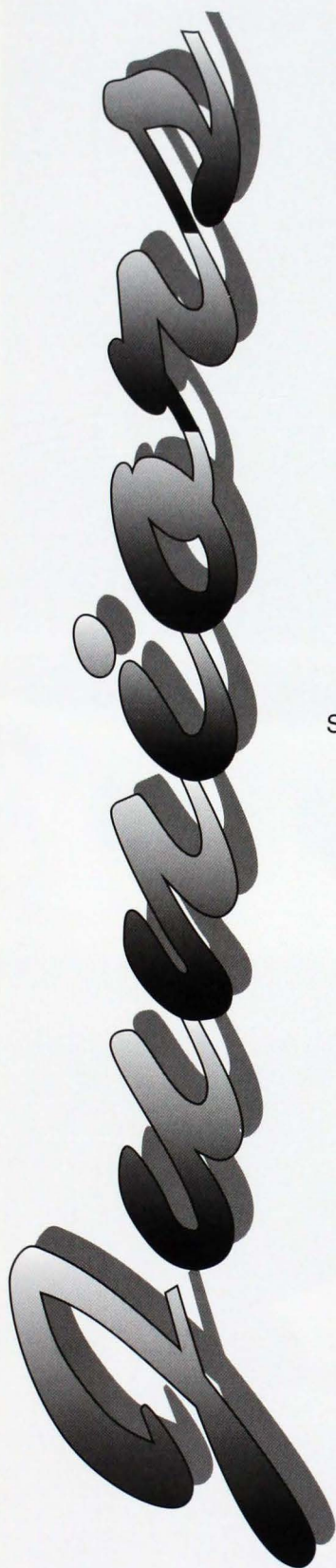
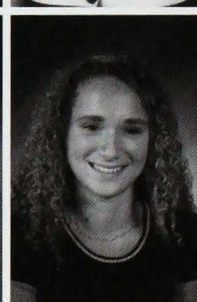
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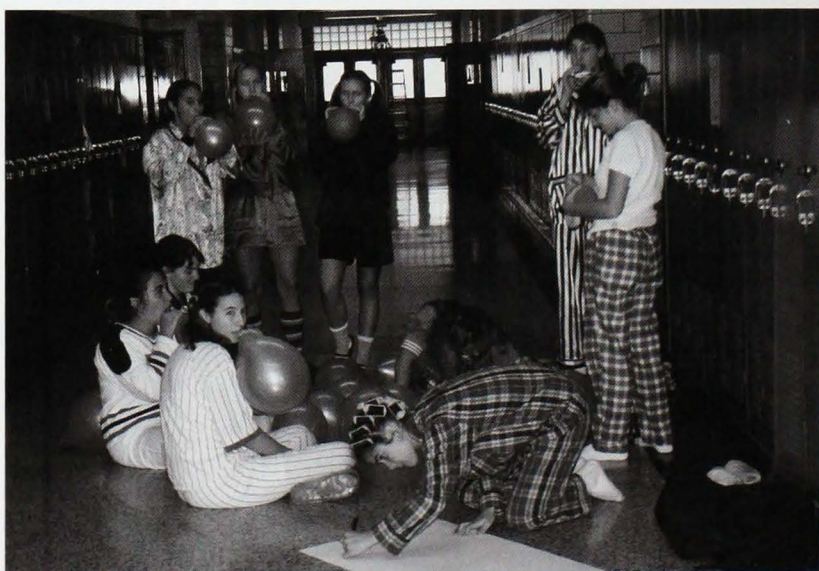
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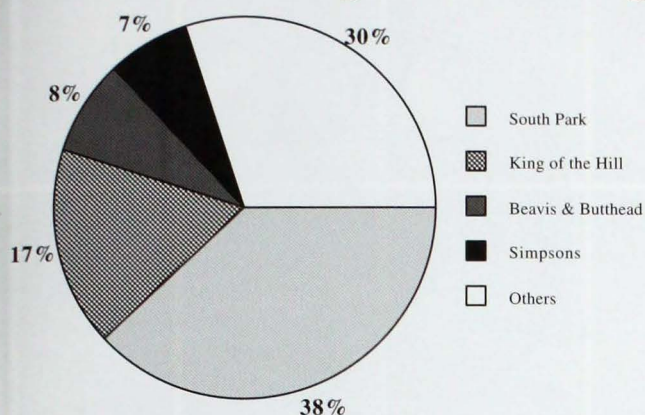
Regina Conner
Brikelle Cox
Krista Dausman
Lora Dick
Jenny Effinger



These Juniors aren't spending Pajama Day in bed. They're working hard to fill their hall with spirit.



"Hey! They killed Kenny!"



All kids have a love for cartoons, even Juniors in high school. Over the years, the favorites have varied from Winnie the Pooh to Beavis and Butthead to the newest hit, *South Park*.



Brian Eickhoff
Amy Ellert
Emily Elpers
James Elpers
Jeffrey Elpers
Laura Elsner

Bernard Faraone
Jennifer Farmer
Thomas Feller
Julie Fischer
Lorna Fischer
Kevin Folz

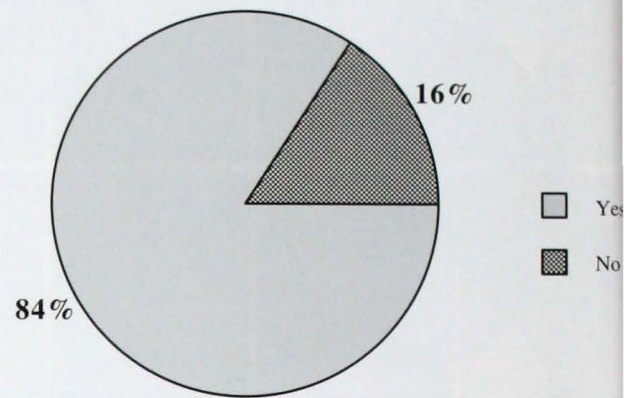
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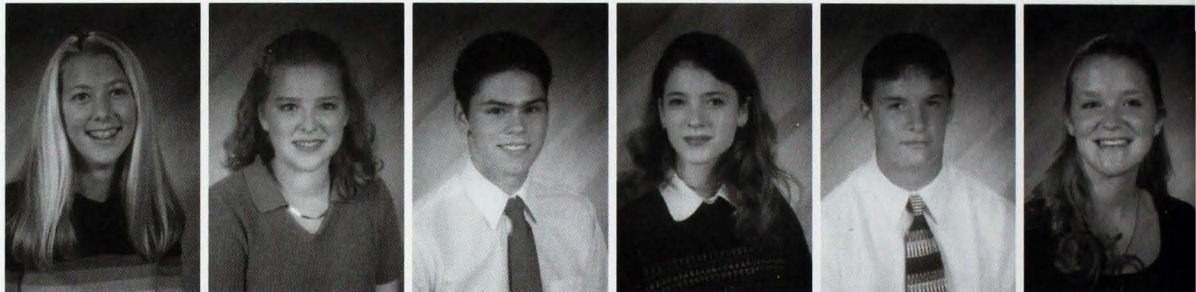
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Abigail Johnson

Working Overtime

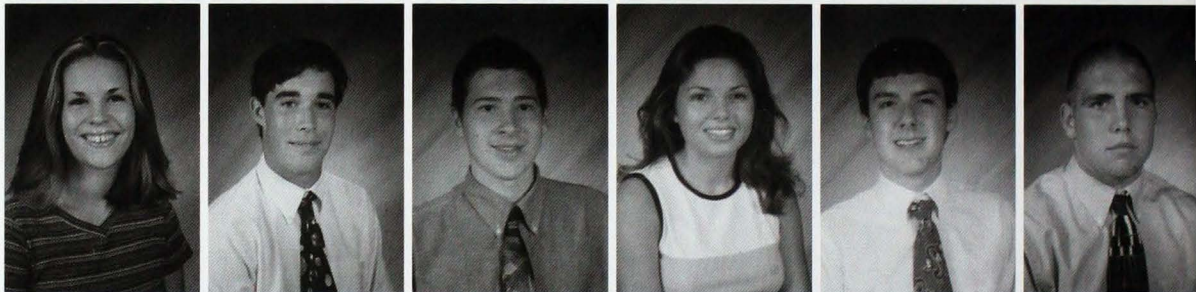
As many Juniors know, the responsibility of holding a job and keeping the grades up is more difficult than it may appear. Money earned seems to go fast with Junior, paying for gas, clothes and weekends.



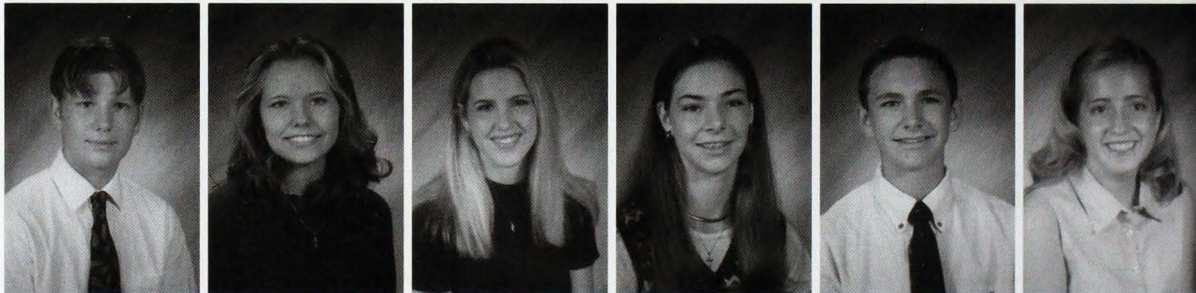
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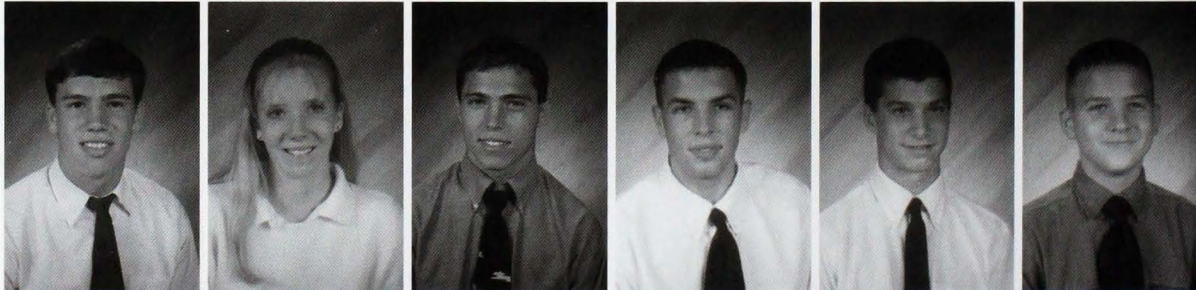
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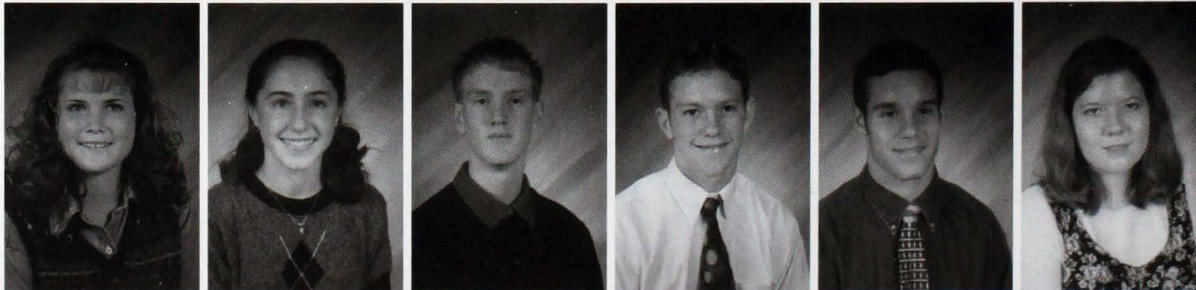
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Dustin Macke
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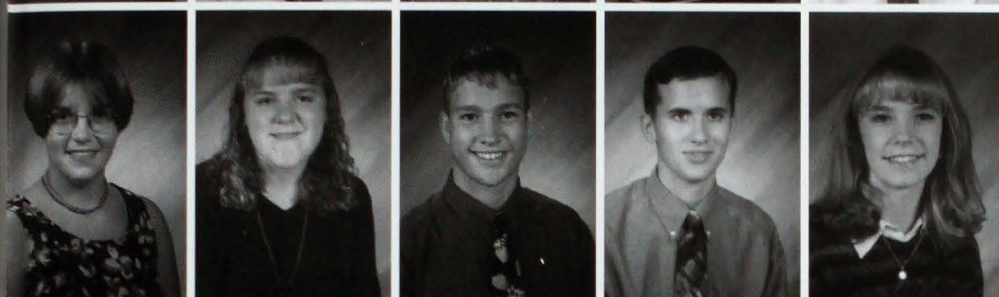


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Deidre Messmer
James Mezo
Isaac Miller
Nicholas Miller
Michelle Mills





Jennifer Moll
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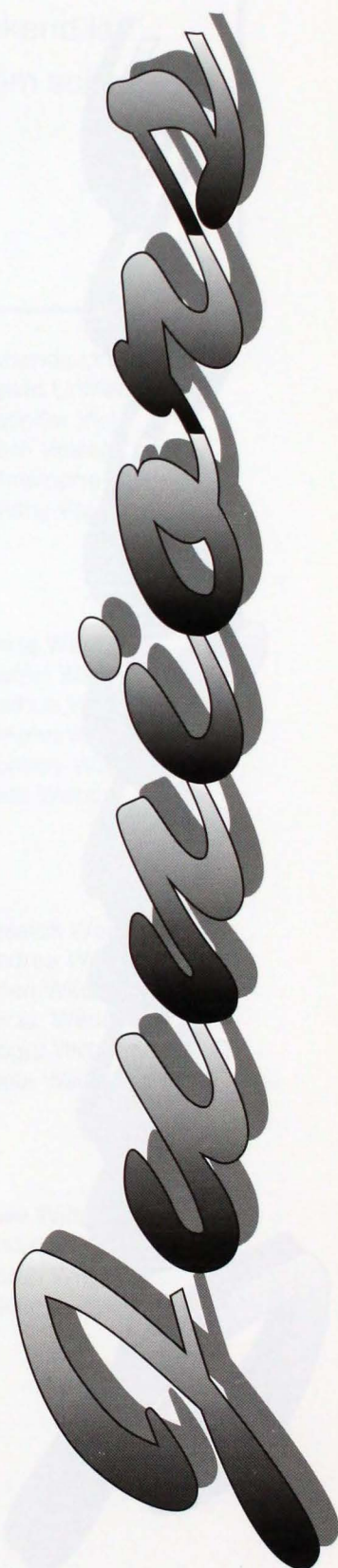
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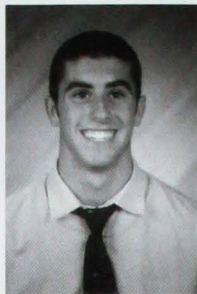


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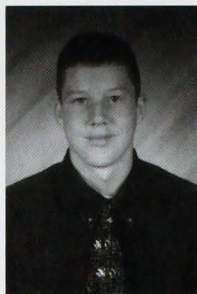
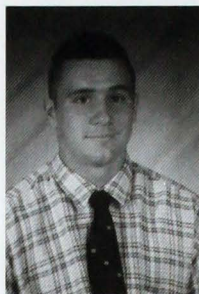


Two heads are better than one!
Juniors Josh Reising and Michelle
Langton put their ideas together
during a class project.

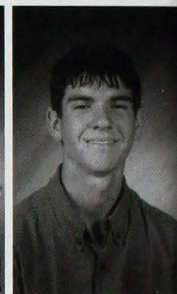
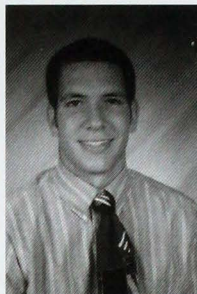
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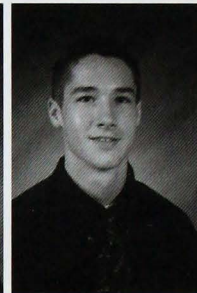
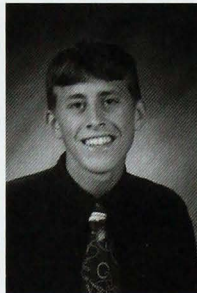
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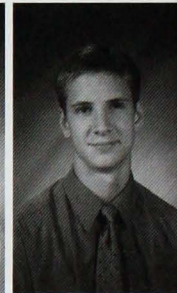
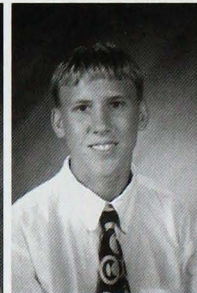
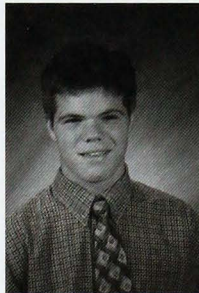
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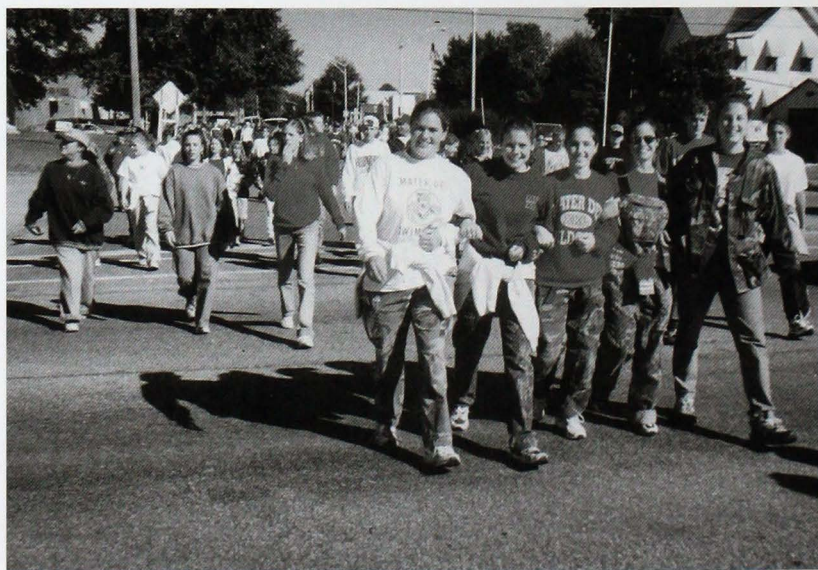
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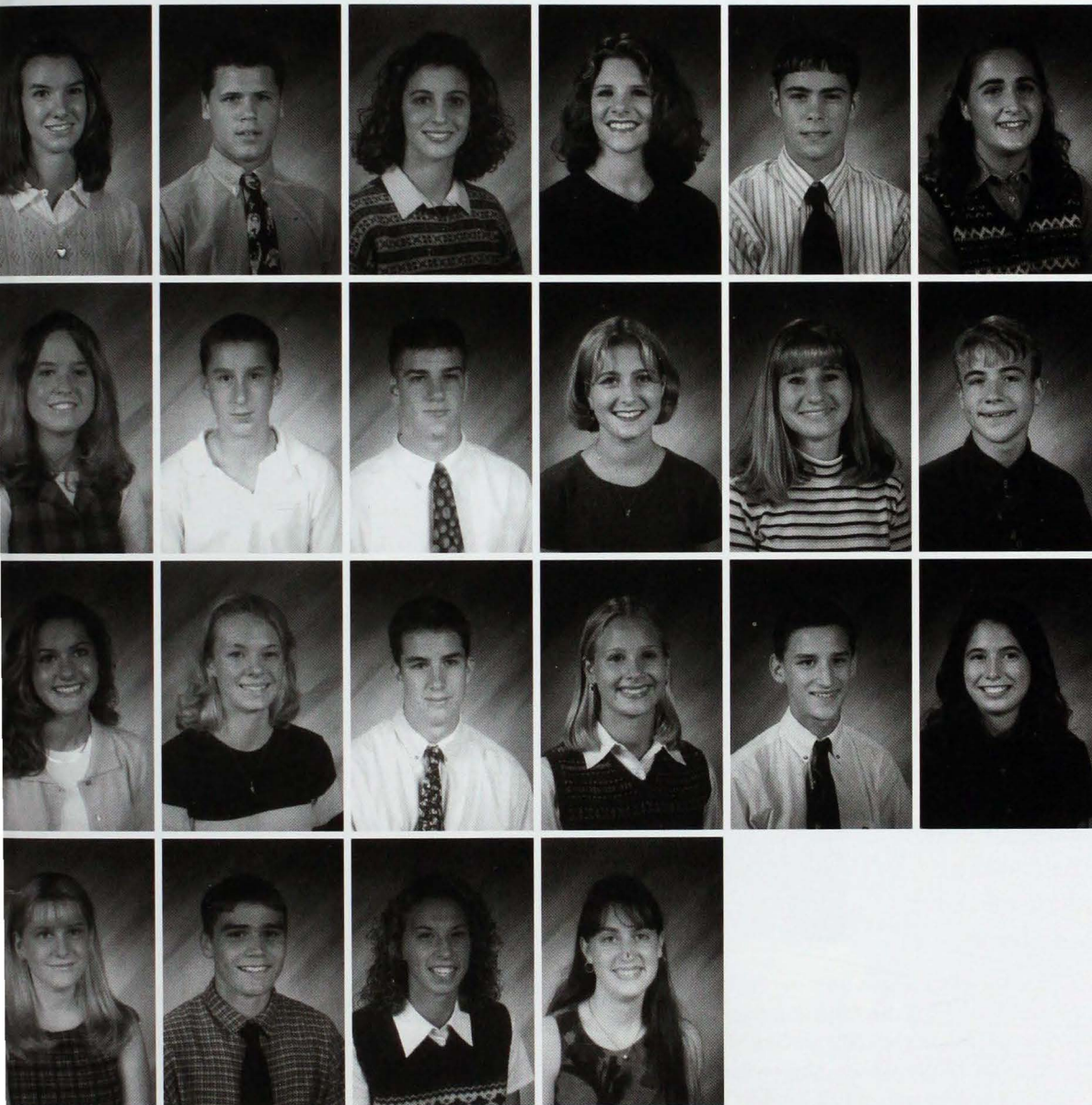
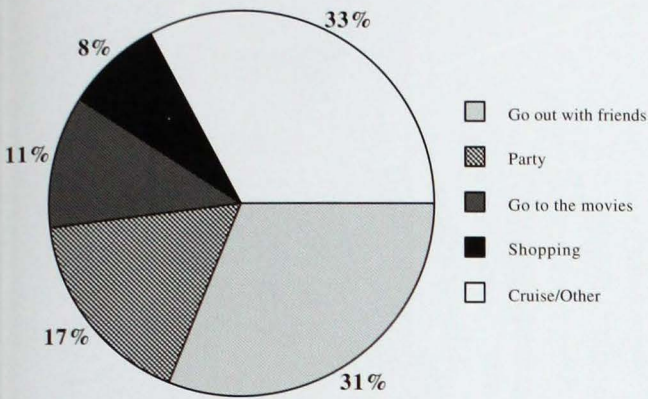


Look out! Junior Jenny Effinger, Sarah Scheu, Deidre Messmer, Jessica Bulter and Margaret Halbig bravely march across the Lloyd Expressway during the Walk-A-Thon.



T.G.I.F.

Even though there's not much to do in Evansville, Juniors have found their own ways to have fun. The whole weekend is spent having a good time away from school and out of the house.



Amanda Uhde
David Unfried
Jennifer Vick
Kerri Vowels
Christopher Waelde
Brittney Wannemuehler

Anna Ward
Daniel Ward
Joshua Wargel
Stephanie Wargel
Kortney Weber
Seth Weber

Jessica Weis
Andrea Werner
Brian Wildeman
Alicia Wilderman
Roger Wilderman
Katie Will

Julie Wittgen
Andrew Woehler
Sarah Wright
Michelle Zirkelbach

Working behind the scenes.

Service Personnel

When we stumble in at 7:15 every morning looking blurry-eyed and yawning, we fail to realize the hard work that has already been done at Mater Dei before some of us even emerge from our warm beds. The maintenance staff and the secretaries arrive as early as 6:30 to begin all the hard work involved in running a school. When we anxiously run out of the building at 2:30, their work is not yet done.

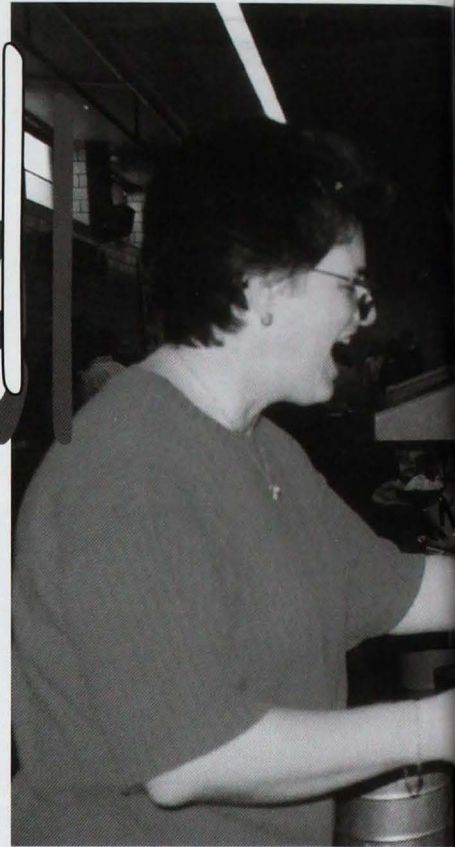
Terry and Warren Bailey are the school's two maintenance workers. Not only do they arrive early and stay late, their job is hard and not always pleasant.

Typing memos and newsletters, taking sick calls and compiling report cards are only a few of the many responsibilities of the secretaries. Although we could all do without the last task, it is a vital part of school life.

Cooking probably isn't your favorite activity, but just imagine cooking for 650 students and staff five days a week. The work doesn't stop when lunch is over; the pots, pans and dishes are waiting to be cleaned.

We see these people every day, but their importance is not always recognized. Next time you see any one of these behind-the-scenes players, let them know how much we appreciate them and what they do for us.

Service with a smile. Freshmen Jessica Macke and Katie Wannemuehler share a laugh with Mrs. Murray during everyone's favorite block: lunch.



Secretary Sherri Risaldo takes a call while trying to figure out what is wrong with this report card.



The secretaries take time out from their many tasks to pose for a quick photo. From left to right, they are Sherri Risaldo, Molly Weber, Sharon Layman, Carla Wildeman, and Dawnelle Gollnick.





Lunchlady Land (1st Row): Sue Greulich, Roseanna Ames, Cora Leta Ritchie, Linda Skelton, (2nd Row) Pam Schenk, Tonya Schenk, Lori Karges, Tammy Kueber, Julie Payne, Judy Brown and Mary Jo Kirchoff.



Terry Bailey and Warren Bailey: the Grime Busters.

Terry works hard to bring the dark and dull gym halls to a bright shine.

Front row: Kevin Folz, Matt Vowels, Chris Maynard, Andy Woehler, Adam Schiff, Nick Miller, (2nd Row) Nathan Schiff, Ike Miller, Justin Elpers, Rob Mallory, Chris Kuebler, Josh Hodge, (3rd Row) J.D. Wargel, Dustin Macke, Kurt Sills, Dustin Lannert and Ryan Scheu.



State Bound Team Makes MD History

The Mater Dei Boys' Baseball team made history this year sending its first team ever to a State Championship Title game.

That trip is all the more sweet as the team had to battle some tough obstacles on their way. A rainy season meant that stamina and endurance were at a premium. Rescheduled games piled up on top of one another making for several games in a row with few breaks for rest or practices.

Entering the post season, the Wildcats were greeted by large numbers of fans, even though the school year had let

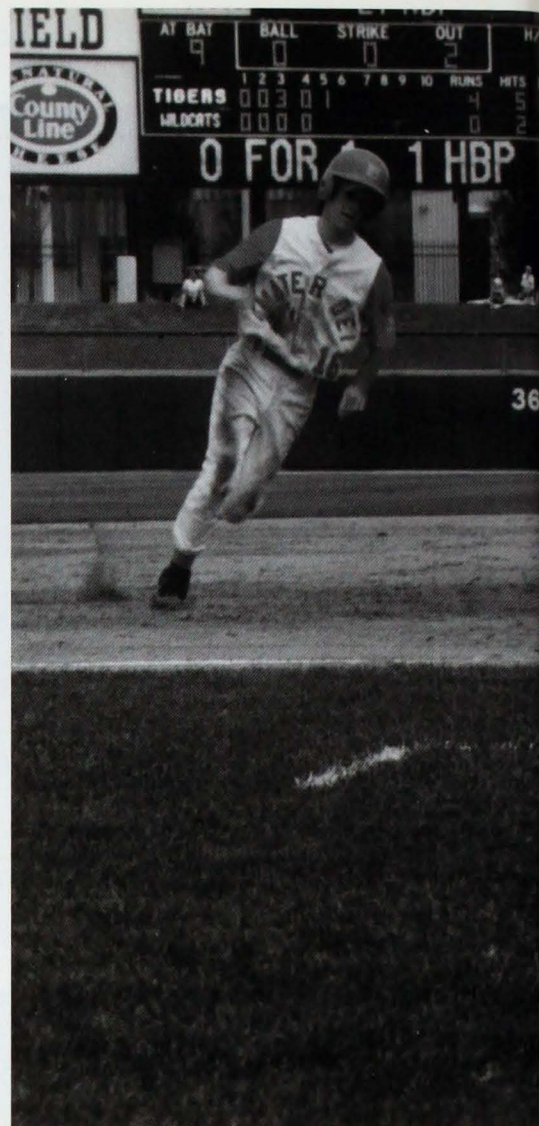
out. A convoy of parents and fans made the trip to Indianapolis to cheer the boys on in their first State game.

Although there is still a chapter to be written where Mater Dei takes its first State Title, there was much to be said about the team and their sportsmanship. The boys displayed real class as they got so close to making history, but received some close and questionable calls.

Coach Darin Knight credits the team's success on the leadership of the Seniors. Their skills, desire to win and superior attitude led the team to Indy.



Mater Dei Wildcats hold their heads high as they receive their runner-up medals after the State game.

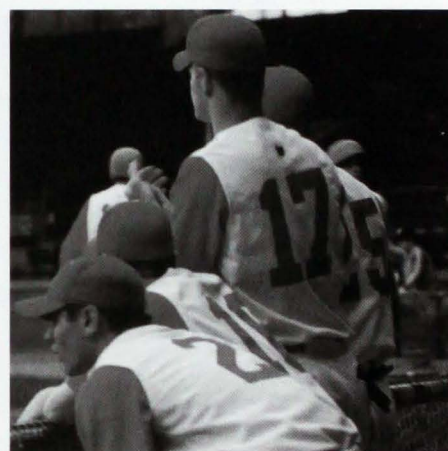


Before the start of the next inning, Coach Darin Knight and Assistant Coach Steve Ricketts gather with the team for some words of inspiration.

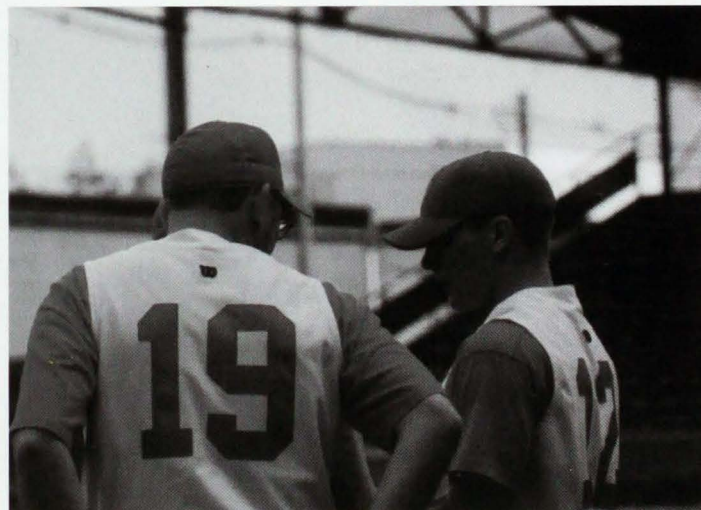


Rounding third on his way to home, Ike Miller scores Mater Dei's first point in State baseball competition.

Juniors Andy Woehler, Ike Miller and J.D. Wargel look on and cheer as they await their turn at the plate.



The fans followed the team along post season journey, including these fans at Indy.

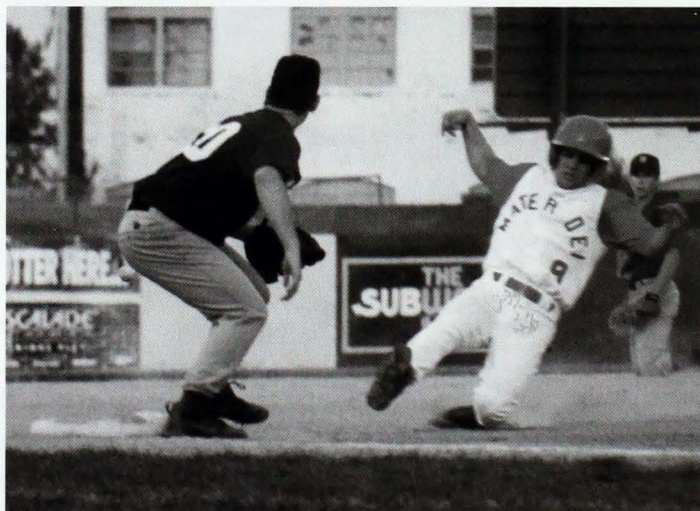
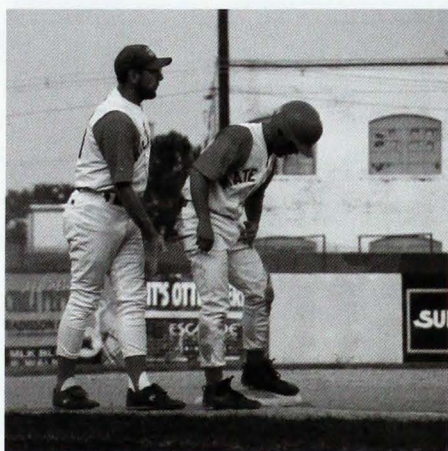


Coach Darin Knight and Junior Adam Schiff discuss the strategy for the before the game against westside rival Reitz.

Sliding into third, Senior Chirs Keubler makes a "dusty" getaway.



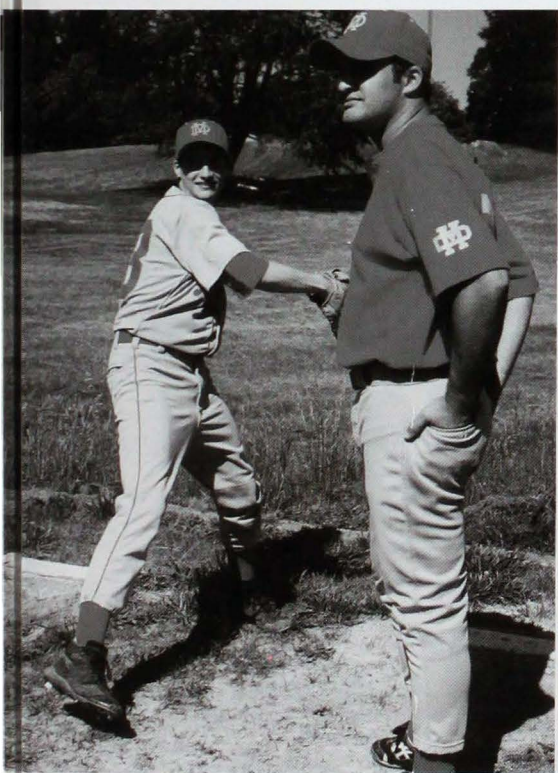
Coach Darin Knight gives his runner some last minute advice as the runner dusts himself off and sets his sights on home plate.



Senior Chris Maynard isn't afraid of a little dirt if it will get him on base.

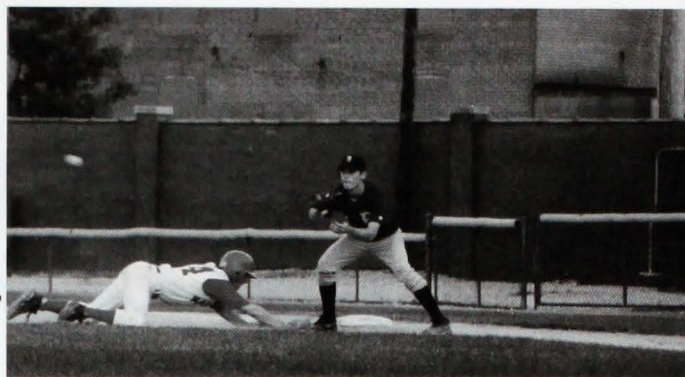


Coach Daryl Adler gathers his team together for some words of wisdom before the game. His words proved to be so wise that they helped lead the Junior Varsity team to an undefeated record of 12-0.



Constantly trying to improve themselves, the Bat Cats look to their coaches for tips on how to do things better.

Reach!! Senior Chris Keubler shows his ability to stretch in order to avoid being picked off by Reitz's first baseman.



Senior Leadership Pays off

On March 2, 1998, practice for Boys' Baseball and a promising season began; Seniors Rob Mallory, Dustin Lannert, Chris Kuebler, Ryan Scheu, Matt Vowels and Chris Maynard took charge.

As they took the field for the first time, they might not have expected how far they might go.

Following the Senior leaders, the team went to its first ever State Championship Title game.

"I am so impressed with this year's Seniors," said Coach Darin Knight. "The leadership is great. They've really pointed

the team in the right direction."

The team's outstanding record of 15-8 says a lot about "the right direction."

Senior Dustin Lannert received the Kwanis Award for his outstanding leadership.

Looking to next year, Coach Knight remarked that there will be eleven Juniors returning to the team to fill the opening leadership roles.

On the reserve field, Coach Darryl Adler led the team to a record of 12-0 and will add some great winning experience to a team hopes to take a repeat trip to State next year.



Junior Dustin Macke winds up for the pitch while concentrating on his aim

Three ready to move on.

Retirements

The Mater Dei community will feel the effects of retirements as three well known faces choose to move on.

Principal Herb Neighbors announced that the end of the 1998 school year would be his last, but his legacy will live on. A long time teacher and principal for 8 years, Neighbors's dream of expanding Mater Dei became reality as the Capital Campaign kicked off this year.

One of MD's most memorable teachers has decided to hang up her English style book. Mrs. Mary Pattison is leaving Mater Dei to spend more time fighting for Tibet's freedom from China. Even though many students over the years have called her class one of the hardest they have ever had, they also claim that they learned more from her than most other teachers they have had.

Of course with mixed emotions students also said good bye to Mr. Mike Bussier. As Dean of Students, many students crossed his path on the wrong side, but all will admit that he will be missed next year.

One of Mr. Herb Neighbors's strong points as a principal was his ability and willingness to talk to the students of Mater Dei.

At the last Mass of the year, students lined up to pay their last respects to a teacher that has left her mark on her students.

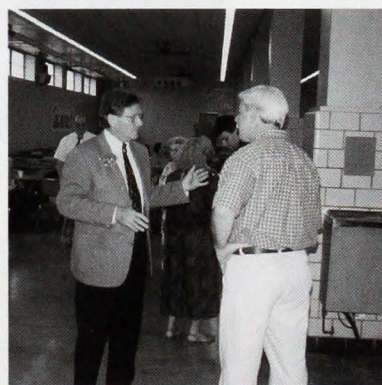
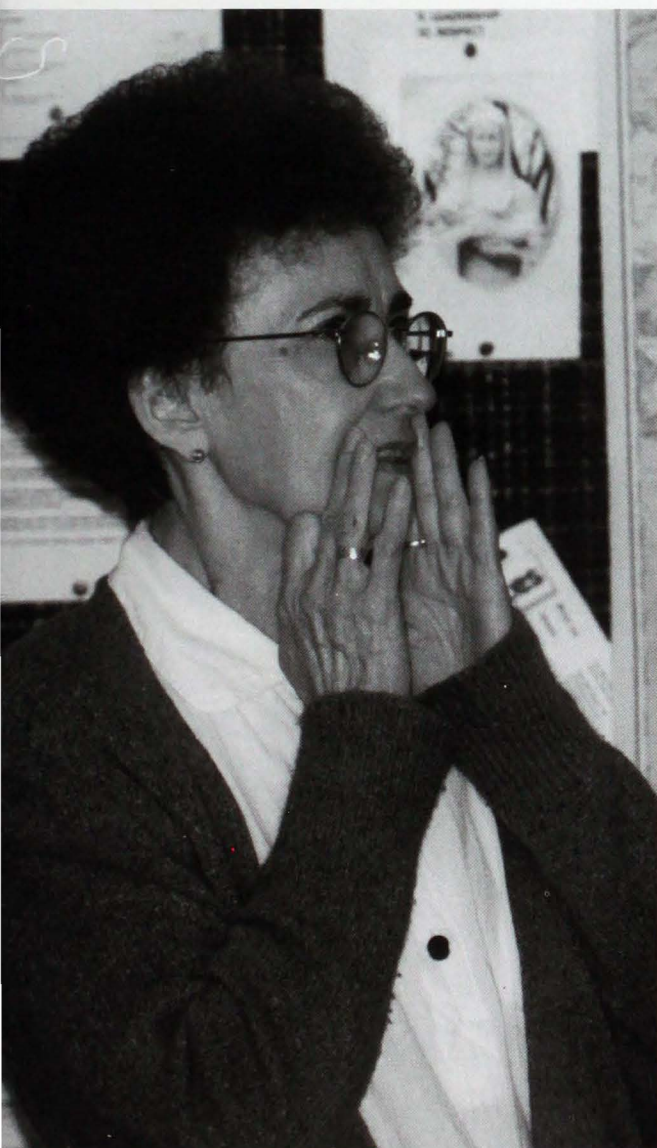


Mr. Herb Neighbors said that one of the hardest decisions he has ever made was to leave Mater Dei, but he is confident in his decision and ready to tackle new challenges.





Although Mr. Mike Bussier is used to talking to parents, this was a different situation as he is saying farewell instead of what a student has done wrong.



Principal Herb Neighbors takes a couple minutes to talk to Mr. Roger Sills as he says good bye to the Mater Dei community.

Mrs. Mary Pattison was, if nothing else, a memorable teacher of English and activist for the freedom of Tibet.

Animation comes to life!

Play Time

Blasting back to the past and providing education and entertainment, this year's play "School House Rock Rocks" exposed the talents of several students at Mater Dei in a musical masterpiece. Young as well as old were able to enjoy several memorable songs from the 1970's cartoons, including "Three is a Magic Number" and "Conjunction Junction."

"This was a completely different play than what we are used to," said cast member Jason McCord. "Musicals are hard to pull off, but I think we did a great job."

The cast of the play not only performed four different shows in one weekend, they spent hours after school rehearsing for several months. They even created the settings and props themselves.

"This was a great group of people," said director Cathy Kirsch. "They pulled together and gave all they could. Many were surprised that they could actually do this."

The cast of this year's play included Jason McCord, Brian Wildeman, Haley Baker, Charlene Kirsch, Jamie Schmitt, Nathaniel Rivers, Emily Elpers, Angie Sotolongo, Heather Knapp, Jenny Schmitt, Sarah Burdette, Katie Raben, Paul Schutz, Molly Topper and Christine Weil.

Almost Broadway. The cast of the play sang and danced their hearts out. "Outstanding choreography," was Nathaniel Rivers comment on the production.

As an actor and an artist, Emily Elpers shows off her creative talents by helping paint the setting.

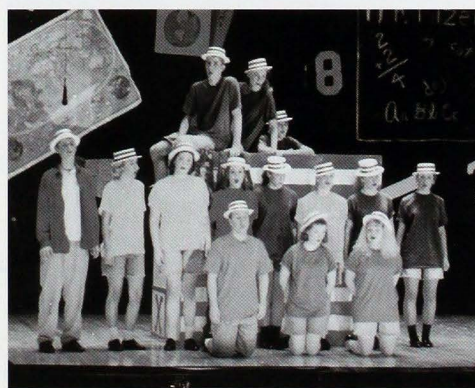


At the academic banquet, Mrs. Traylor proudly presents Sara Burdette with a drama participation award.





With the help of Charlene Kirsh and Molly Topper, Christine Weil performs a section of a song from the play.



Bright lights and action. The cast of the play gave a stirring performance at St. Ben's Auditorium.

Playing a teacher on the first day of school, Nathaniel Rivers tries to figure out how to make his classes interesting.

Boys' Golf Team: (1st Row) **Nathan Wildeman**, Chris Austin, Ethan Freeman, Adam Raben, Seth Wiuler, **Josh Gidcumb**, Adam Maddox, (2nd Row) Jacob Boehman, Joe Ramsbey, Andrew Schroeder, Lucas Angermeier, Allen Weinzapfel, Paul Hite, Shaun Meyer, John Williamson, John Harmon and Coach Tom Bellmear.



Boy's Golf Team Rebuilds

The 1998 golf season was a struggle for the Wildcats; it was a year of hard work and hard knocks. Although the season's record was not a winning one, many of the players improved and the future looks bright for the young team.

Underclassmen dominated the Varsity Boys' Golf Team. Sophomore Shawn Myer played number one, Sophomore John Harmon, with the lowest average of the team, played number two. The third player was Andrew Schroeder and the fourth man on the team was Paul Hite, both Sophomores.

Senior Joe Ramesbe and John Williamson, a Sophomore, shared the fifth place spot.

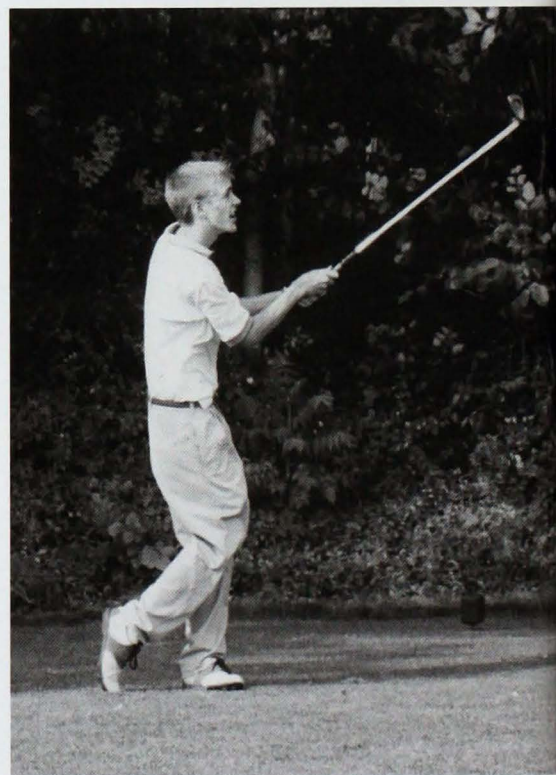
The golf team placed 8th out of 13th at the Vincennes invitational and 9th out of 15th in the North Knox Invitational.

The season's bright spot came at the Bosse meet when the team turned around their misfortunes and found themselves the winners. It was a boost the a young team not used to being at the top.

"This team has potential for a winning season and looks very promising for next year," said Coach Tom Bellmear.



Teamwork pays off as Andrew Schroeder and Paul Hite get together to show who is number 1.

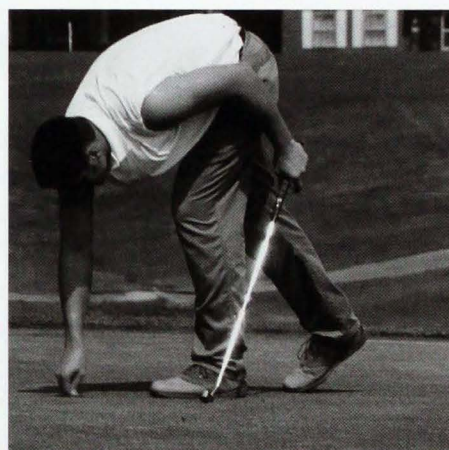


John Williamson drives the ball to help Mater Dei's score against its cross town rival Memorial.



Competition between team members helped keep their talents sharp, just as it did for Andrew Schroeder and Shaun Meyer.

Joe Ramsbey marks his ball as he gets ready to put the finishing touches on this hole.



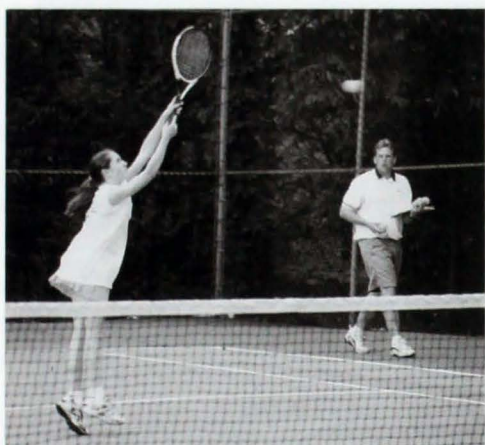
Careful thinking by Paul Hite and the team helped them make the best decisions on the green.



It was not all work as these Juniors stop at a break in the action.

Kari Nurrenburn showed the team her ability to be a strong leader after pulling off some big victories against the top singles players in the city.

Junior Deidre Messmer stretches out to reach a volley while Coach Chad Higgins oversees her valent effort.



Coach Chad Higgins gives the girls some words of wisdom as they concentrate on the match ahead of them.



The Girls Tennis Team went down swinging, shown here by Junior Brittny Wannemuehler, when they unfortunately drew Central in the first round of Sectionals, the only team there that they hadn't beaten.

Girls' Tennis (1st Row): Brittny Wannemuehler, Deidre Messmer, Elita Sheridian, Angie Reckelhoff, Amanda Uhde, (2nd Row) Melissa Oliver, Jenny Hillenbrand, Tracey Ferenbacher, Clarla Waller, Natalie Jansen, (3rd Row) Christi Ulrich, Stephanie Ulrich, Kari Nurrenburn, Angie Goebel, Katie Bradley and Coach Chad Higgins



Girls' Tennis Slams It Home

The tennis season started off on a wet note. The nasty weather kept the first weeks of practice indoors and two weeks of competition was rained out.

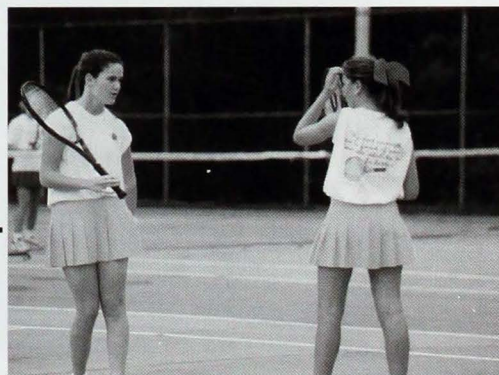
But those weren't the only problems the team was forced to face; they had to overcome problems with the school van. The squad was stranded out at Harrison when the old vehicle ran out of oil and refused to move. Another time they were stuck by a stopped train and showed up late for their first match.

But the season also was blessed with many positive

additions: a new coach, an excellent team and two returning Varsity players. The team had a special attachment to each other

After their first tough victory against Day School, confidence grew and the team blossomed. Led by Seniors Kari Nurrenburn and Christie Ulrich, the team united and formed a powerful group. The girls truly played as a team.

All of their hardwork paid off in the end. The Varsity team had a successful season and the JV team took first in the city tournament.

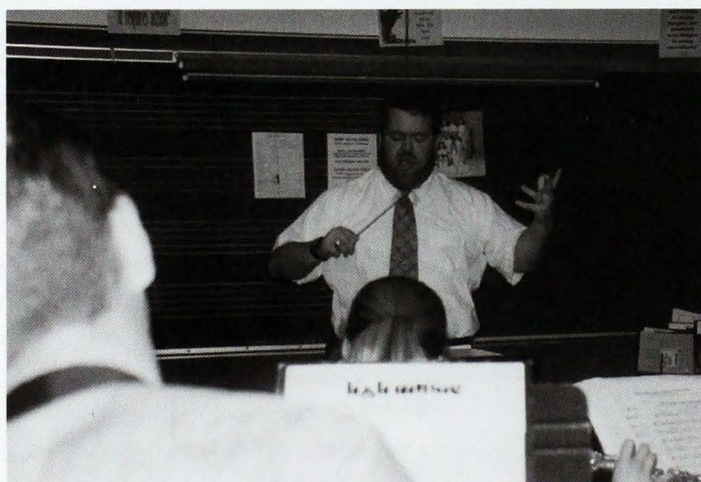
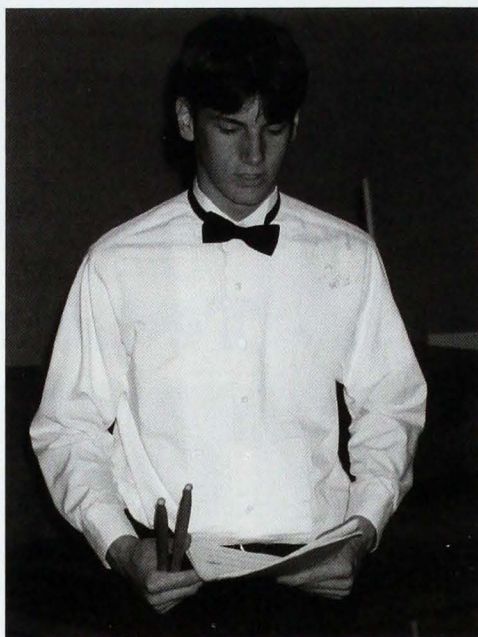


Sophomores Angie Goebel and Tracy Fehrenbacher discuss their strategy while facing the challenges of playing doubles together.

Senior Christie Ulrich reaches for the sky and serves up an ace.

Blak4e Goedde knows that being familiar with the music is one of the keys to being a successful musician.

The band flourished under the strong leadership and watchful eye of Director Tom Mace.



Freshman Mike Sotolongo adds spice to the percussion ensemble's performance during a school pep assembly.



Concentration is the key for Junior Anna Ward as she awaits her cue from Mr. Tom Mace.



And the band played on...

MD Musicians



Hard work and dedication pay off for Sophomore Paul Schutz as he hits the high notes.

Performances, such as this one during the May Day celebration, bring out the true talent of our Mater Dei musicians.



The sweet notes of the flutes played by Senior Megan Topper and Sophomore Rachel Sammet add to the wonderful sounds that come from the music room.

And the band played on...

Not many people consider what Mater Dei would be without its many extra curricular activities. Have you ever imagined a basketball game without the fast paced music of the pep band or Mass without the melodius notes of the concert band?

Both of these are so regular at Mater Dei that we often overlook their many contributions and the effect they have on our spirits and attitudes. We often take them for granted.

Behind the scenes, the different bands put in as much work and time as they need to achieve their many trophies and awards throughout their seasons.

Under the leadership of Mr. Tom Mace, the concert band and the jazz band both do various appearances, such as masses and several performances throughout the year.

The pep band, headed by Mr. David Hughes, played at many of the school pep assemblies and basketball games. They played favorites such as "Hey!", "Another One Bites the Dust", and the school song.

The differnt bands not only provide entertainment and spirit at school events, but they also showcase the musical talent of many of our Mater Dei students.

Amanda Schenk gets ready to catch the ball thrown to her and record an out.



The New, Young and Talented

As spring showers came so did another season for the Girls' Softball Team. The girls' team came in not knowing what to expect from the new coach Kerrie Nosko. Mrs. Nosko, a MD graduate, was part of the first ever Mater Dei softball team.

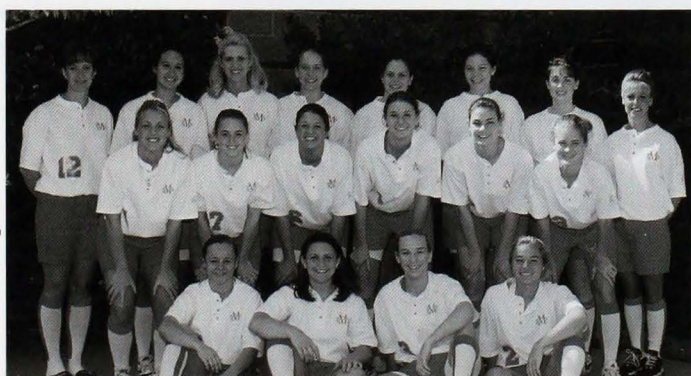
The girls came into the season very young, stocked with mostly underclassmen. The Lady Wildcats, without a Senior, had to depend on two Freshmen and four Sophomores while the rest were Juniors.

The lady's got off to a blazing start with 11 wins and

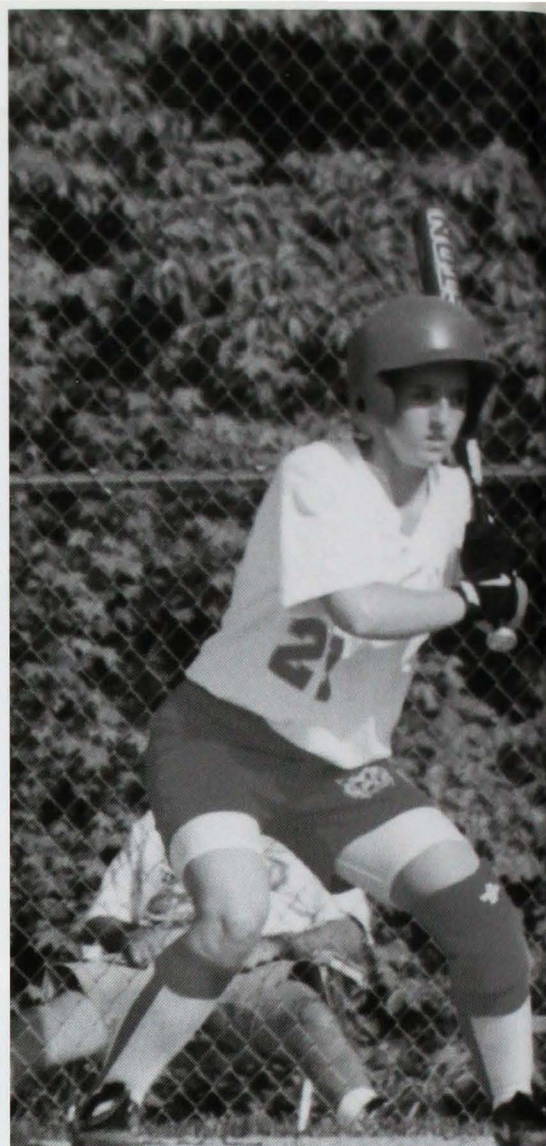
one loss with three huge victories over powerhouses North and well respected Harrison.

The Lady Wildcats were out to defend their Sectional championship from last year. They did that and more as they advanced all the way to a Semi-State berth.

The fact that the team was so young, that there was not too much experience to draw upon and that there was a new coach in the dugout did not seem to bother the Lady Wildcats. Their impressive showing all season long demonstrated their determination to win.



Varsity: (1st row) Lindsay Buchanan, Kendra Schmitt, Julie Fischer, Renee Rietman, (2nd row) Elizabeth Cahoon, Sarah Kothe, Jami Alstadt, April Alstadt, Angela Luigs, Laura Knapp, (3rd row) Coach Heather Stewart, Jessica Adler, Brianne Lemberg, Theresa Adler, Amanda Schenk, Laura Elsner, Michelle Zirkelbach and Coach Kerrie Nosko.



The Mater Dei softball team gathers together as they prepare to play some defense.



Sophomore Sarah Kothe watches a pitch go by as she bats.



The dugout is relaxed and ready to have some fun as watch their fellow teammates bat.



Coach Kerrie Nosko shouts out instructions to Sarah Kothe as she prepares to score from third.

Sophomore Sarah Kothe gets ready to put her bat on the ball for another LadyWildcat hit.



There was no one stopping the Lady Wildcats as they slide under the tag at home on their way to an undefeated city record.



Renee Rietman trots across the plate on to an easy score and a successful season.

April Alstadt puts all her body into the pitch and her dominating performance this year.



The Young Forced to Step Up

As the Lady Wildcats came into the season, they knew they might have some problems.

First off with no Seniors on the team and some of the younger players would have to fill the leadership roles. Five Juniors did just that and led the team to its strong showing this year.

The dominating pitcher April Alstadt was one of the leading forces behind the team. Behind her consistently strong pitching, the team was able to advance to Semi-State competi-

tion. Her leadership on the field helped focus all the Lady Wildcats on their post-season goals.

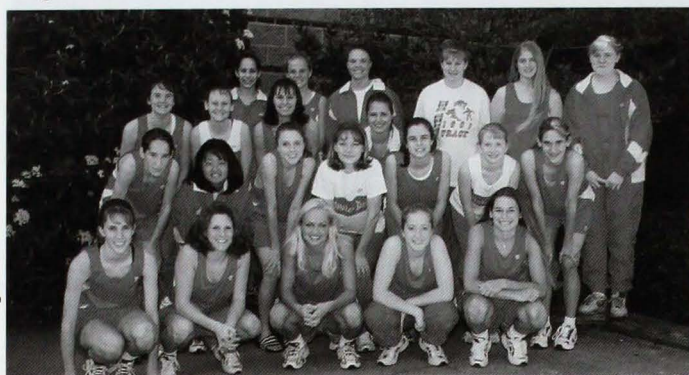
In the dugout the girls had to adapt to changes that come with a new head coach. Those changes were productive as Head Coach Kerrie Nosko led her squad to dominate both in the city and on the road against non-SIAC opponents.

The young Lady Wildcats made their mark this year as a team to watch next season as their leaders take the field again as Seniors in 1999.



Reserve: (1st row) Katie Martin, Katie Dewig, Katie Dunn, Katie Wahnemueler, (2nd row) Kristin Weil, Elizabeth Cahoon, Lindsay Buchanan, Michelle Zirkelbach, Jessica Herrmann, (3rd row) Coach Heather Stewart, Jodi Bittner, Lindsay Hart, Erin Lambert, Rachel Wright and Natalie Lannert.

The Girls' Track Team: (1st row) Jackie Freeman, Kerri Vowels, Natalie Shetler, Laura MacGregor, Krista Dausman, (2nd row) Jenny Farmer, Mary Smither, Stephanie Moore, Jenny Harris, Jessica Butler, Tammy Titzer, Nicole Feller, (3rd row) Jamie Cutrell, Tia Williams, Lori Appler, Carrie Krack, (4th row) Amber Haag, Jessica King, Jessica Happe, Kim Doshier, Kim Alvey and Angie Niemeier.



Girls' Track Is On Their Way

The Mater Dei Girl's Track Team started off new this season. With coach Mrs. Angela Strehl stepping aside, they looked to the supervision and guidance of Jim Nolan, the current boys' coach.

The girls may have struggled a little teamwise, but they had some great individual runners. Junior Jenny Farmer and Senior Stephanie Moore both brought in numerous long distance points.

Farmer took here speed to State competition in two events. That trip to State earned her a second place in the 1600 meter

and a third place finish in the 3200 meter run.

Advancing to Regionals, Moore finished her career at Mater Dei off with a spectacular season.

On the field side, Senior Jenny Harris advanced to Regionals while posting some outstanding discus distances.

The Girl's Track Team shows a lot of potential in the years to come with a strong showing of this year's freshman. The team promises a lot of experience next year losing only two, yet very talented, Seniors to graduation.



It's not unusual to see Junior long distance runner Jenny Farmer ahead of her competition.



Lori Appler makes her mark as she soars across the long jump pit.



Stephanie Moore, a four-year long distance runner, gives her competition a run for their money here.

Freshman Jessica King takes in a few pointers from Coach Jim Nolan.



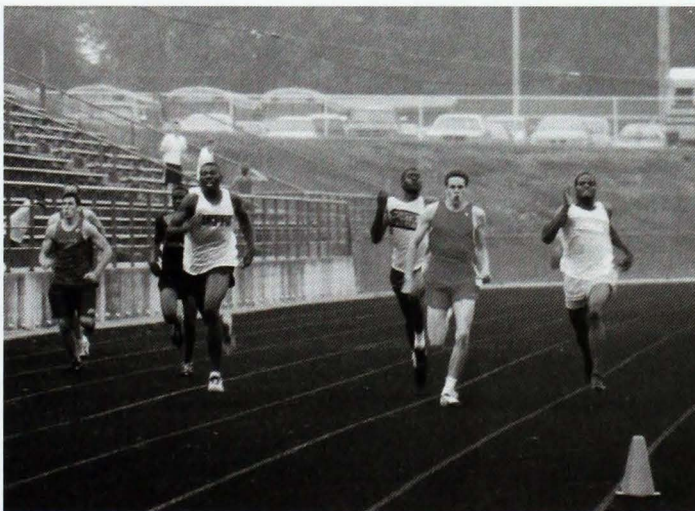
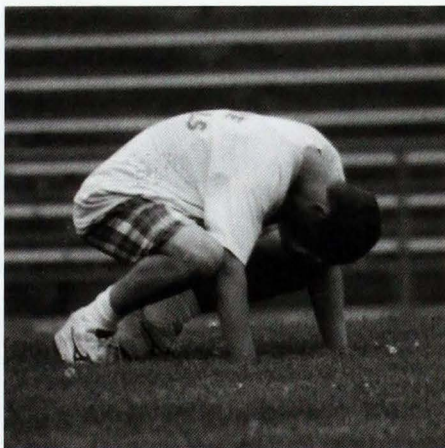
Taped ankles and shins are all part of running track. Here Freshman Jackie Freeman is assisted by Coach Bryan Geathouse.



Competition is tight as Junior distance runner Lorna Fischer works her way to the front of the pack.

Everyone wants to be the leader of the pack. Senior David Farmer proves his spot is in the front.

David Farmer demonstrates his method for warming up before a big race.



Senior Bryan Schmitt proves how getting ahead and staying ahead leads to sweet victory.



A steady pace and rhythm are important in long distance running. Senior Andy Bradley demonstrates those abilities..

The Boys' Track Team: (1st row) David Farmer, Joe Stephens, Jimmy Kissel, Josh Todich, Nick Austin, Kevin Spahn, (2nd row) Marc Cole, Bryan Schnitt, Dan Schroeder, Andy Bradley, Jorge Sarasquete, Ben Stephens, (3rd row) Adam Feulner, Garen Garrison, Dominic Farone, Ben Vercamp, Jason McCord, Ben Farone, Joe Traylor, (4th row) Adam Tenbarger, Pete Admundson and Coach Bryan Greathouse.



Boys' Season Built Teamwork

This year's Boys' Track Team might not have been the best in history, but it did showcase the talents of some of Mater Dei's best runners and gave the Seniors a chance to be leaders on the field.

The 1998 Boy's Track Team had some big shoes to fill after a promising 1997 season, but this year was a tough one plagued by rain and tough City and SIAC schedules.

Senior David Farmer was one stand out on the team. After dominating his City and SIAC competitors, he took his long-distance abilities all the

way to the State meet.

Senior Brian Schmitt proved his worth on the track by finishing first in the City championships in his best event: the 400 meter dash.

But what the team lacked in speed and awards, it made up for in teamwork.

One of the shining accomplishments of the team was the leadership of the Seniors as they helped the underclassmen grow and develop. The Freshmen and Sophomores made strong showings this year and have high hopes for the years to come.



On your mark! Get set! GO! Junior Kevin Spahn prepares for take off at the gun.

Senior Bryan Schmitt tries not to get too emotional after his victory in the 400 meter dash.

Academics are important too.

Scholarship

Not only do students at Mater Dei excel in athletics, they have also achieved many academic accomplishments.

Leadership, scholarship, service and charity are the four qualities required by students to become a member of the National Honor Society. In return to the community, members peer tutor other Mater Dei students. They hold meetings and raise money by creating different fund raisers, such as selling student ID cards and collecting change for the Ozanan Shelter.

Students at Mater Dei don't just demonstrate their academic abilities in the classroom; they have proved themselves in various extracurricular activities as well.

They don't just compete academically in the classroom but outside as well. Led by Coach Rogge, the English squad captured their second State title in ten years.

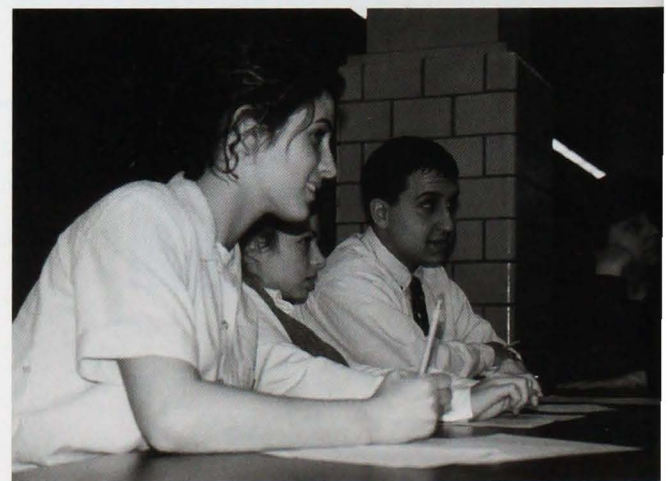
Other teams this year represented Mater Dei well and presented a tough challenge for other schools to overcome. Successful in their competitions were the Academic Super Bowl teams and the Spell Bowl squad.

This team puts their heads together to come up with the answer during Academic Super Bowl season.

The English squad is full of smiles as they take time out to pose for a photo after capturing the State Championship.



During Academic Super Bowl, Juniors Amy Krack and Jennifer Vick with Sophomore Paul Schutz consult with each other over a challenging question.





Seniors Jeremy Herrmann and Rob Mallory present a check to the Ozanam Shelter as part of a National Honor Society service project.



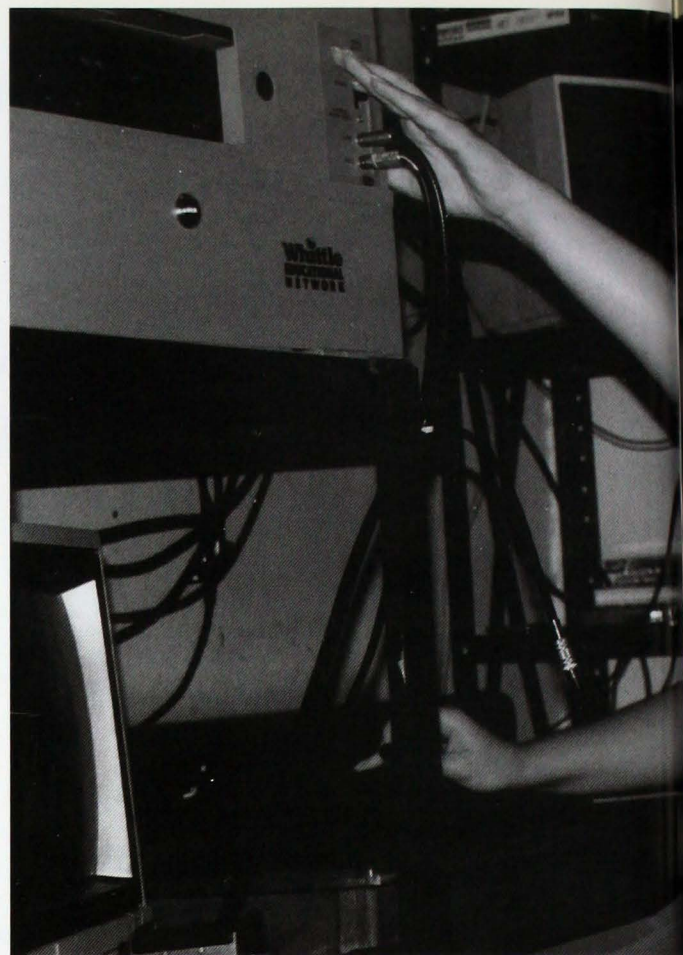
Freshman Amber Haag and Jaclyn Freeman balance academics and extracurriculars as they hit the books during a track meet.

Senior Katie Faraone is flattered and gratefully accepts the Leadership Scholarship presented to her by WFIE TV 14 and Citizen's Bank.

Assistant Director Aaron Kunkel
ques up the VCR for the show's
opening and closing graphics.



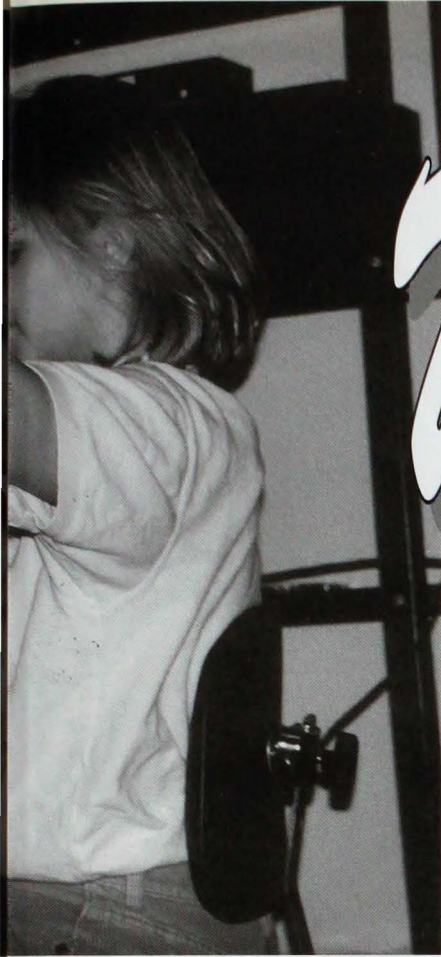
The entire cast of Wildcat
Watch celebrates their last
show of the school year. The
year proved to be a successful one
with new graphics and a new,
redesigned set.



Anchors Haley Baker and Angie
Sotolongo provide the students of
MD with the daily news. Their
"Haley & Angie Tuesdays" became
tradition on Wildcat Watch.

Keeping up informed.

Wildcat Watch



Director Kelly Martin prepares to "flip the switch to external," which in English means go live on the air with Wildcat Watch.

Wildcat Watch anchors Seth Weber and Alicia Wilderman go over the announcements before the show to ensure they are done right.

Mater Dei can boast many unique things, from high academic excellence and standards to a long winning tradition in sports like wrestling and volleyball.

But for the past five years, MD has been airing the national Channel One news program, as well as their own daily news program called Wildcat Watch.


The show features the daily announcements, as well as some special programming. The crew covered everything from sports to birthdays.

Wildcat Watch was taken over by Ms. Maria Brauns, the new Mediat Specialist. Even though she had not previously worked with such a program, she got lots of help from Executive Director Kelly S. Martin.

Between the two, Wildcat Watch took on a new look, largely in part due to new graphics and a new set that Martin designed.

The two also got help from the assistant directors, including Juniors Richard Morris Jr., Charles Bouch and Aaron Kunkel.

"This year was great. This has been a great experience for me the last two years and I know it will help me in my future career—TV production," said Martin.



Anchor Nathaniel Rivers plays back the recording of the show to see what he can improve upon for next time. The students record every show for this very reason.

MD honors its students.

Honors Night

Mater Dei takes time out each year to honor its students and their academic accomplishments.

The annual event may be lengthy and hot in the gym, but the night is to give students the credit they deserve for the hard work and effort that they put into their studies.

From a wide variety of presenters from several different organizations and universities, students received scholarships and awards based on their academic achievements at Mater Dei. Those accolades ranged from small monetary awards to full ride and Lilly Endowment scholarships.

The whole student body had a chance to partake of the event the next day as the program was repeated. This also gave teachers and staff a chance to recognize students that had given of themselves to help make Mater Dei the school it is. Awards honoring everyone from police officers to newspaper and yearbook editors were given out in front of the whole student body.

One of the most common sights at Honors Night is the receiving of an award as the student shook the hand of the presenter.

Students received a wide range of awards from several different organizations and universities, including the military.



Parents and siblings cheered on those honored and receiving awards or scholarships.





The scope of Honor's Night is vast as several of Mater Dei's scholars receive recognition for their hard work and dedication.



Mr. Tom Liffick was just one of the many presenters that gave out several thousands of dollars of scholarship money.

Parents had lots to clap about as many of Mater Dei's students were named as academic honorees.





The day before *finals*,
And *all* through the **SCHOOL**,
Not a student was ***slacking***,
Unless they're a
fool . . .

On any typical day at school you can find Ms. Maria Brauns in the quiet library. But when summer rolls around, you'll find Ms. Brauns riding her bike - not a Schwinn, but her Harley-Davidson. Last summer she participated in the "Little Sturgis" bike rally in Sturgis, Kentucky.



Robert Schleter has an interesting hobby. While diving off the coast of Florida to explore old sunken ships, he has had some unusual encounters with marine life. "Once I saw a lady put a shark to sleep in her hands by rubbing its nose," he said.

For 9 months out of the year Mrs. Becky Larson "trains" her students at the sewing machine and in front of the stove. But in her free time she trains a different kind of breed: her two yellow labs Kody and Harley. Kody has received the highest honor as the Hunting Retriever Champion- Master Hunter and is the only one in Evansville with that title.



"Drew Carey - I mean John Wells." Journalism teacher Mr. John Wells is the spitting image of comedian Drew Carey and is known simply as "Drew" among his friends. "I have been practicing my autograph and I'm waiting for the day to use it," he said.

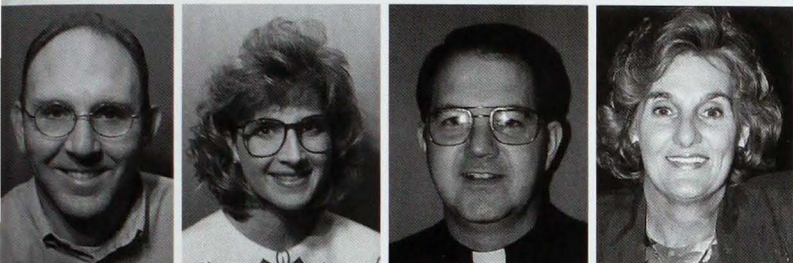




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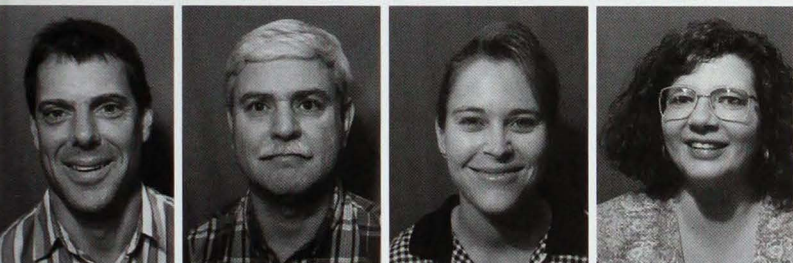
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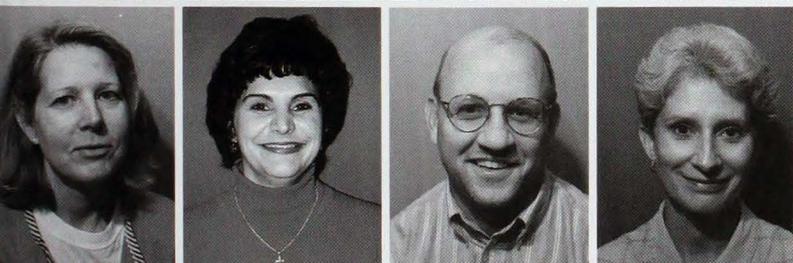
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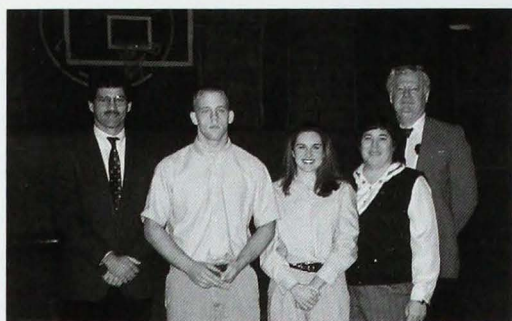


John Wells
Scott Whitehouse
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Faculty

The Kiwanis Award is one of the most coveted award for athletes because it recognizes both athletics and academics. With Coaches Mike Goebel, Darlene Quinlin, and Mr. John Groben, Jeremy Herrmann and Kira Crowdus receive their Kiwanis awards.



SUCCESS & ACHIEVEMENT

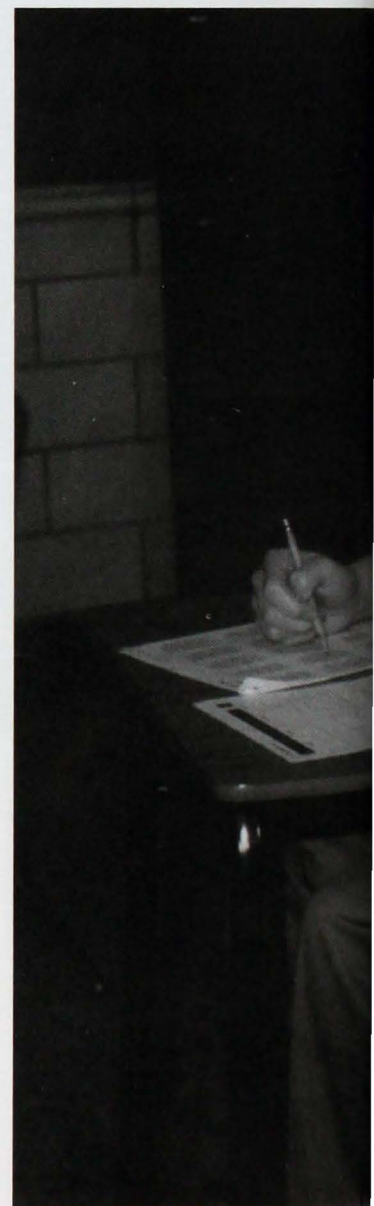
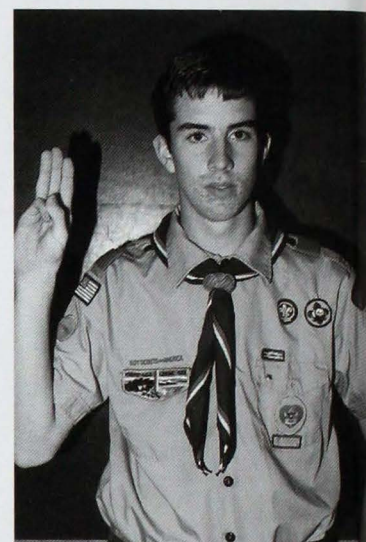
One of the most important goals at Mater Dei is the pursuit of excellence. Through different awards and honors, Mater Dei students show that they are up to the challenge and strive for greatness. From the outstanding ISTEP+ scores by the Sophomore class to the numerous scholarships received by the Seniors, students prove that academics are very important and are of the finest caliber at our school.

"The student's put a lot of time into what they do," says Mrs. Julia Kunkler. "They set their goals and most of them achieve what they want. Their talents are always rewarded in one way or another."

Mater Dei has always received recognition for excellence in students. This year's Sophomores proved they were of the highest caliber by earning some the state's best ISTEP+ scores. 97 percent passed in language and 88 percent passed in math. Mater Dei prides itself with 95 percent of the graduating class attending college next year, most with scholarships.

Outside of school, many students continue to excel and receive honors. Several students are active members in the Boy Scouts of America, Young Life and church activities. It's nearly impossible to recognize the achievements of every student, but no matter what the activity or organization, Mater Dei students always take pride in what they set their minds to.

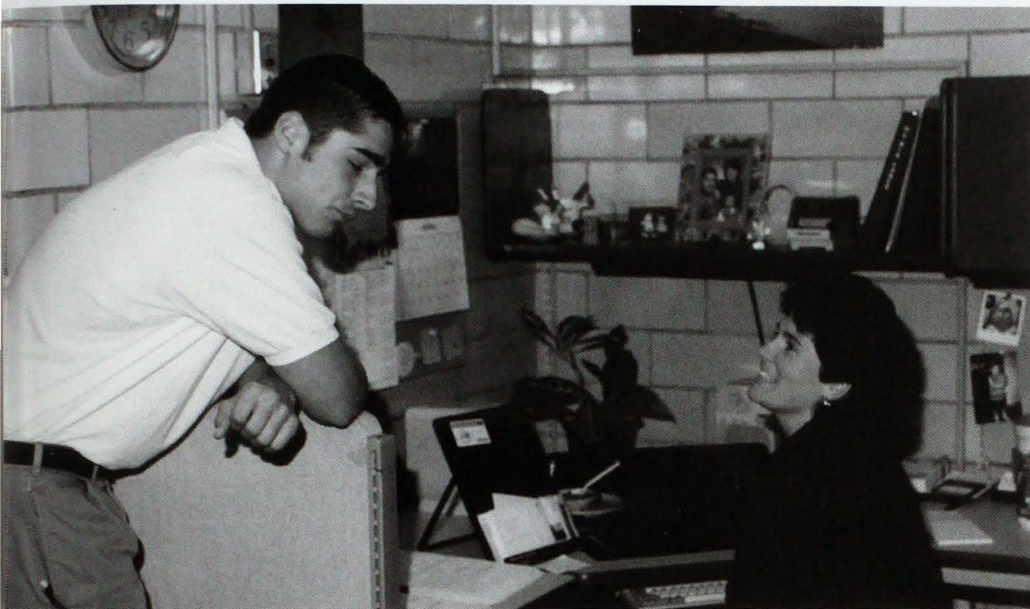
**"Today's
preparation is
tomorrow's
success."
-Stephanie
Stonecipher**



Returning from her trip to Washington D.C., Kristi Winterheimer displays her awards and souvenirs.

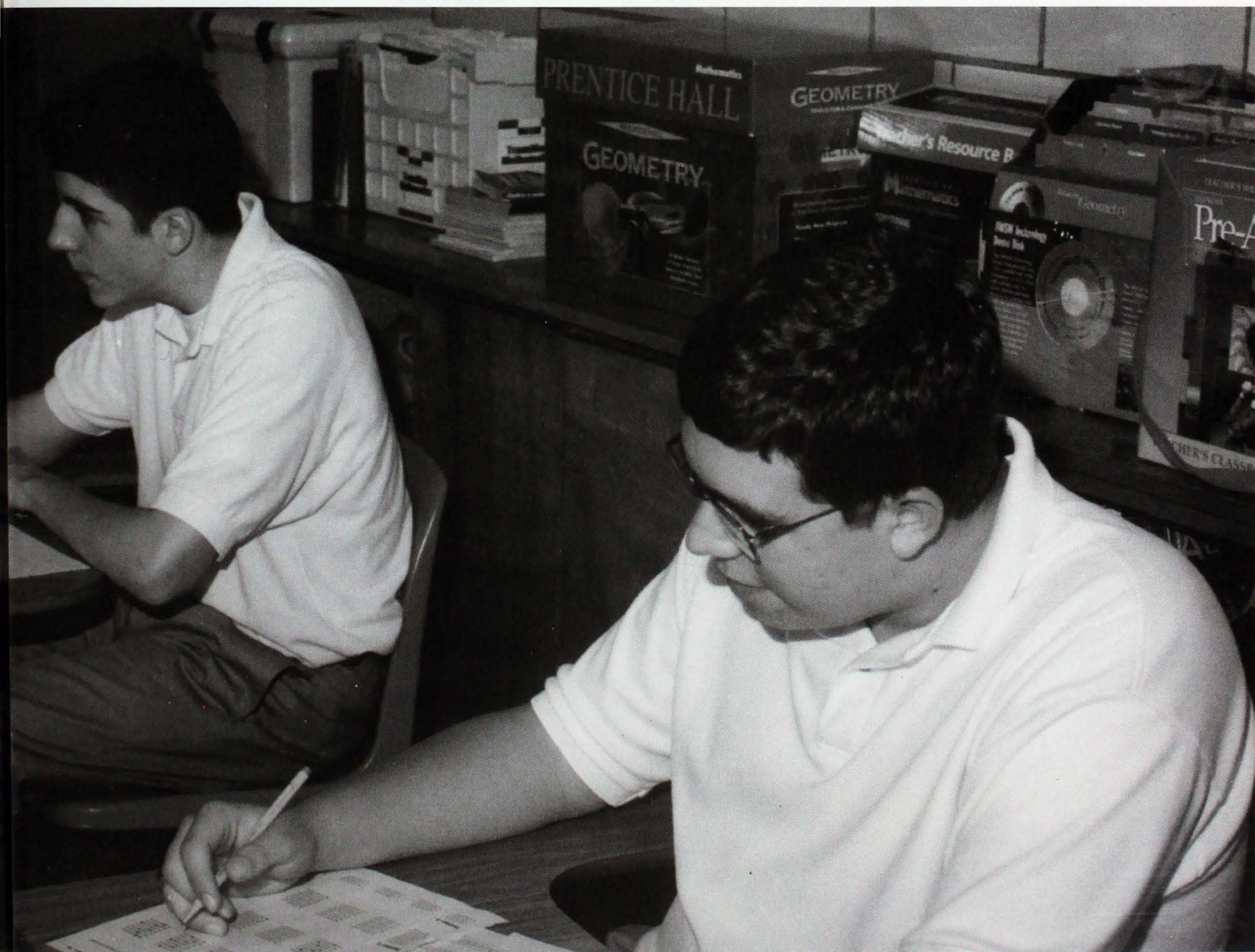


Boy Scouts is an adventure for every young man. Brian Wildeman proudly shows his salute as he has received the highest honor of Eagle Scout.



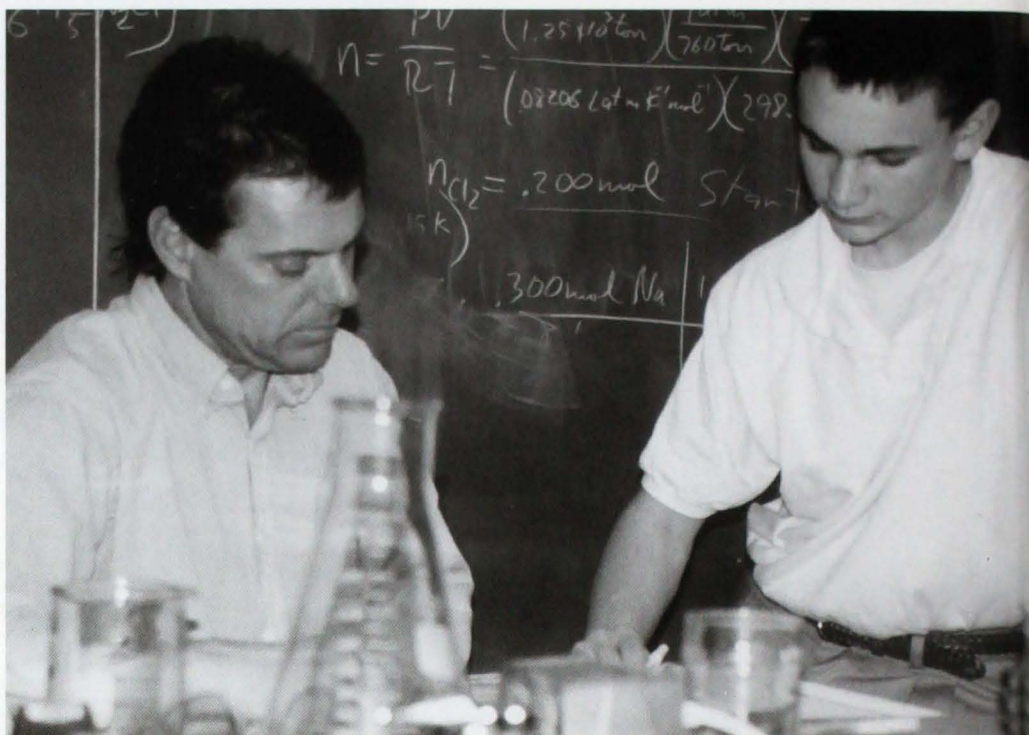
College can be quite a chore for Seniors. However, Mrs. Rosaldo is always willing to help confused seniors like Joe Ramsbey.

Even though it may be a hard test, Dan Altstadt and John Harmon prove that the ISTEP+ is no match for our sophomores.



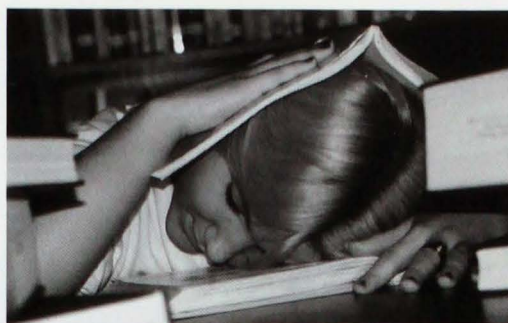
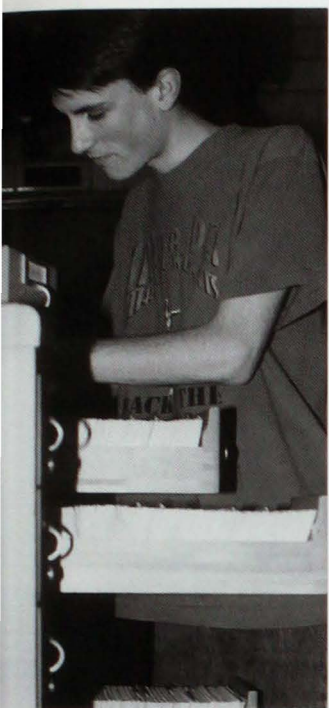
Searching for an answer, Freshman Anthony Catanese utilizes the card catalogue to locate the reference he needs.

On the verge of confusion, Advanced Chemistry student Brian Luigs seeks guidance on his assignment from Mr. Schleter.



Three heads are better than one! Sophomores Amber Singleton, Lindsey Helfrich, and Kelli Adcock get through their mountains of homework by putting their heads together.





Just taking a break! Sophomore Lindsey Helfrich "rests her eyes" and hopes to learn the rest through osmosis.

Procrastinator's

Creed

**"There's
always
Choice!"
- Andy Funke**

"Why did I wait sooo long?"

At one time or another we've all asked ourselves this question. High school is about friends, fun and procrastination.

The main advantage of block scheduling was supposed to be the added time for labs and cooperative learning. Most students here, however, see it as a great advantage because there are two days, instead of just one, to finish their homework. Not only that but block scheduling has also blessed us with a 27 minute period to complete our 3rd and 4th block assignments that we couldn't find time to do in the 48 hours before.

We all know homework is supposed to be done at home. Sometimes, however, there are more pressing matters to take care of.

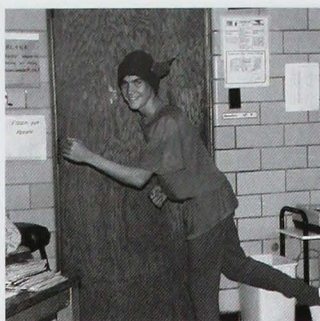
"The hard part about homework," stated junior J.D. Wargel, "is you've been at school all day and you just want to sit down and relax at home."

No matter how many times we wait till the last minute to get something done, as long as it's finished why does it matter when or where we do it? Live your life on the edge, wait until choice to finish your homework.



Juniors SarahBeth Clements, Kerri Vowels, Heather Knapp and Cara Maddox use their choice period to exchange ideas and finish up homework.

Nathan Scheller poses as the Greek god
Hermes in his Western Literature class



Different & UnIqUe

Classes, homework, teachers. Same old thing, day in day out.

High school can get pretty monotonous and boring, but gratefully some of Mater Dei's students help liven things up. With eighty-two minute blocks, students must take it upon themselves to make class exciting and fun.

Activities such as "Treat Week" in Yearbook class, dressing up as Greek heroes in Literature class and kissing the specimen you are supposed to be dissecting are just a few examples of the ways students here try to add a little spice to classroom life.

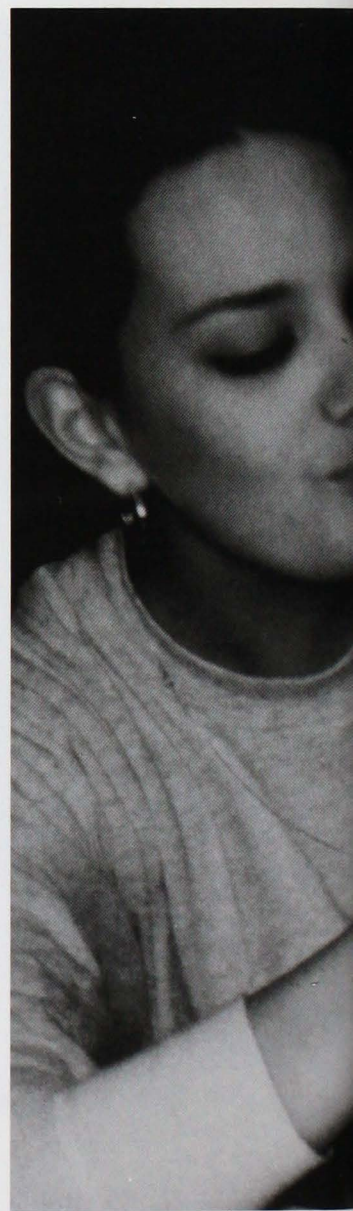
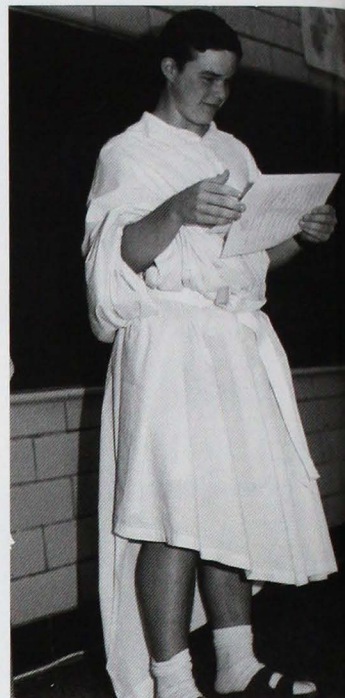
By breaking up some of the same old routine, these students are doing their part trying to make everyone's lives better, whether it be purposely pouring milk on themselves in the cafeteria or simply making jokes to ease the tension.

In today's world there is so much stress that is involved in the average students' life and there are only a few class clowns to liven things up. These people who sometimes go against the norm and risk getting in trouble are unique people who deserve to be recognized. We are all indebted to them for their added humor and entertainment that are such necessary parts to the school day

Tossing his pizza dough into the air, Ryan
Kirsch shows he has high hopes for the future.



**"Life is too
important to
take seriously."**



Wathen wears the latest fashion in bedsheets.



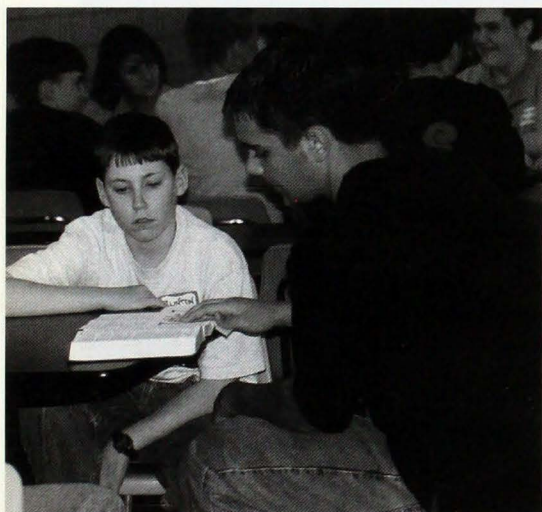
Brad Angermeier and Nick Buchanan are perfect examples of studious typists.

Stephanie Rexing and Cari Miller look on as Katie Faraone shows them how to get acquainted with their shark.



Mr. John McMullen shows his concern for students by taking time to talk with them.

Senior leader Justin Rexing reads a Bible passage to his group at the freshmen retreat.



The retreat was full of activities and reflection, but there was also time for friendship and fun.

The getting close to your classmates is taken a little too far by Seniors Jon Straus and Brian Pope



Retreats

Retreat days are meant to give each class a day to grow in their faith and to get to know each other better. Meeting in different places on different days, each class started a retreat to meet their own needs.

Even though the Freshmen stayed at Mater Dei, the day was still beneficial to the

class. They took part in several activities that let them demonstrate how they have grown together as a class.

The Sophomores took their retreat to the Catholic Center, but the Juniors, however, are planning a retreat over the summer before their Senior year even starts.

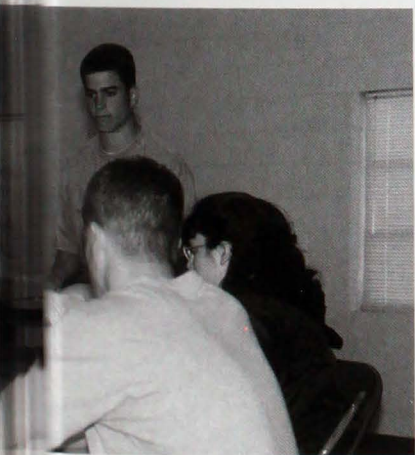
The Senior in their last class retreat went to Holy Angels Church in New Harmony. Inspired by special guests and alumni to tell them what to expect after they graduate, the Seniors made their retreat a special day to reflect on their role in the Catholic community as alumni of Mater Dei.



Freshman Laura Cavara takes time out to read out of the Bible while her group looks on.



Mikaelah Becher does a reading at a prayer service for the Seniors at Holy Angels church.



Senior Dan Adler passes out papers for an activity the Seniors will do.



The Seniors tried to make this retreat memorable. They took a break to walk around and talk to everyone.

Senior Meaghan Topp
along with her escort
John Stofleth await
there turn to place a
flower before Mary.

May Day Celebration

The Mater Dei community stops for May Day to honor our Patroness with a day full of reflection, activities and traditions.

The annual celebration starts off with a Mass to honor the Virgin Mary. This year, Katie Faraone had the honor of capping off the liturgy with the traditional crowning of the statue of Mary.

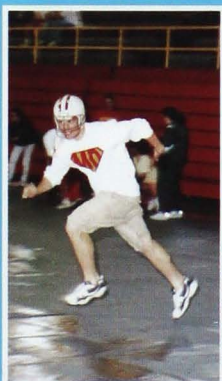
After Mass, the gym was transformed to host several May Day events

Classes competed against each other in several events, such as the bat spin, the "late for class", "balloon on ankle", and an egg toss.

But no Mater Dei May Day celebration would be complete without the crowd favorites of the greased watermelon and the tug of war.

Added new this year was the MD 500. The race, made up of five laps around the gym, pitted class against class in a tricycle version of college bike races across the state.

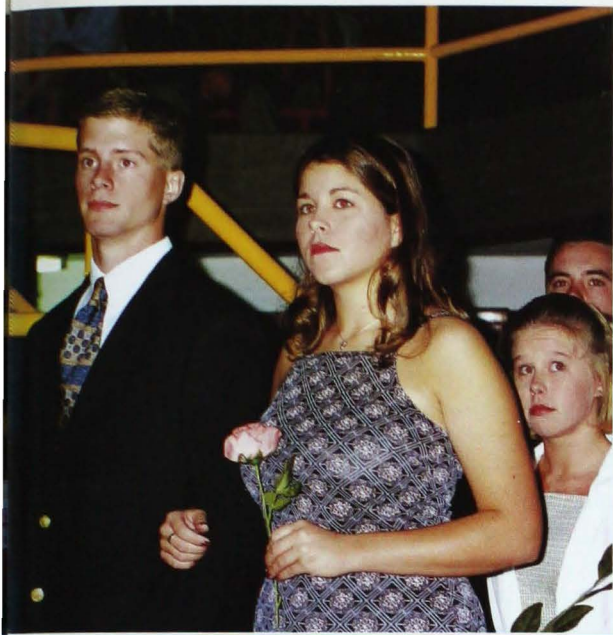
This year's tug of war featured some stiff competition between the classes. The toughest match of all was between the Juniors and Seniors. It looked like it could go either way, but the Seniors pulled it off. Just as in the tug of war the Seniors dominated most of the events to become the 1998 May Day champions.



Senior Steve Jost does his best after his turn at the Bat Spin.

Shaving cream fills the air as Jason Coomes pops his balloon in Sit on Balloon.

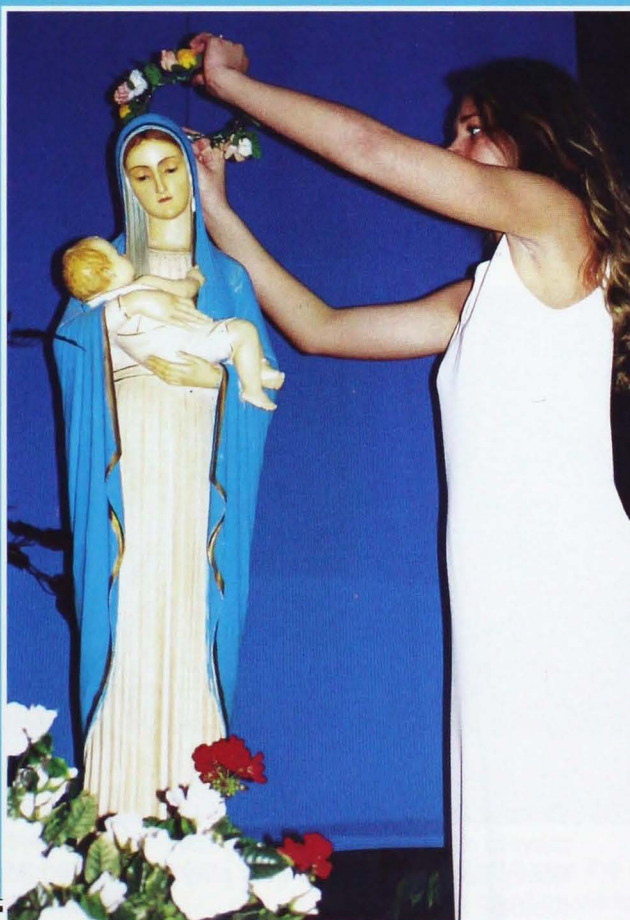




Seniors Greg Schaefer and Emily Knapp struggle in the three legged race.



Students make quite a splash as they dive into creme pies in the pie eating contest.



May Court: (1st row) Leanne Bauer, Kira Crowdus, Tracey Reising, Katie Faraone, Cari Miller, Mikaelah Becher, Laura Reising, Jennifer Barnes, (2nd row) Brian Pope, Matthew Vowels, Jason McCord, Danny Adler, Chris Maynard, Steve Jost, Corey Spaetti and Sam Stephens.

May Queen Katie Faraone crowns our queen mother, Mary.

Assemblies

The bell rings. Everyone files into the gym. The band strikes up the school song and another Mater Dei assembly is underway.

Whether celebrating the triumphant victory of the football team over westside rivals Reitz or wishing the speech team good luck on their way to State, the assemblies

are as exciting and unpredictable as the games students and faculty were asked to play.

Our assemblies were also graced with a new regular, "The Book of Champions." Created by Mrs. Shea Reneer and Mrs. Brenda Donofrio, the book recorded the names and events of State Champions to recognize all our outstanding

students and athletes.

Assemblies helped raise school spirit and allowed all the stress of the school day to be forgotten as we cheer along with the cheerleaders and clap along with the band chants. We've all found ourselves yelling as loud as we can and giving our teams the motivation they needed to succeed.

Yell for the Wildcats and let the cheerleaders lead you. Assemblies were always enthusiastic and exciting with the cheerleaders.

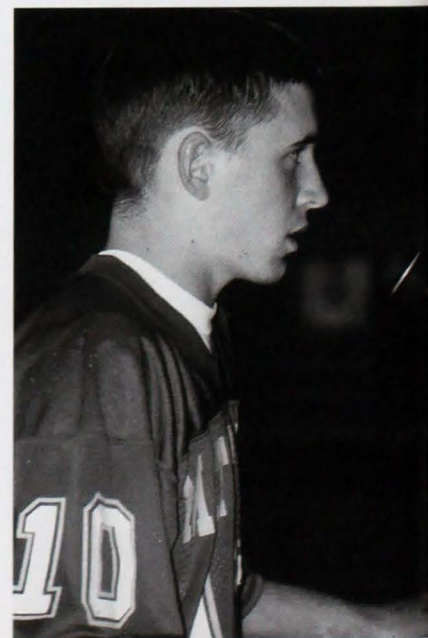


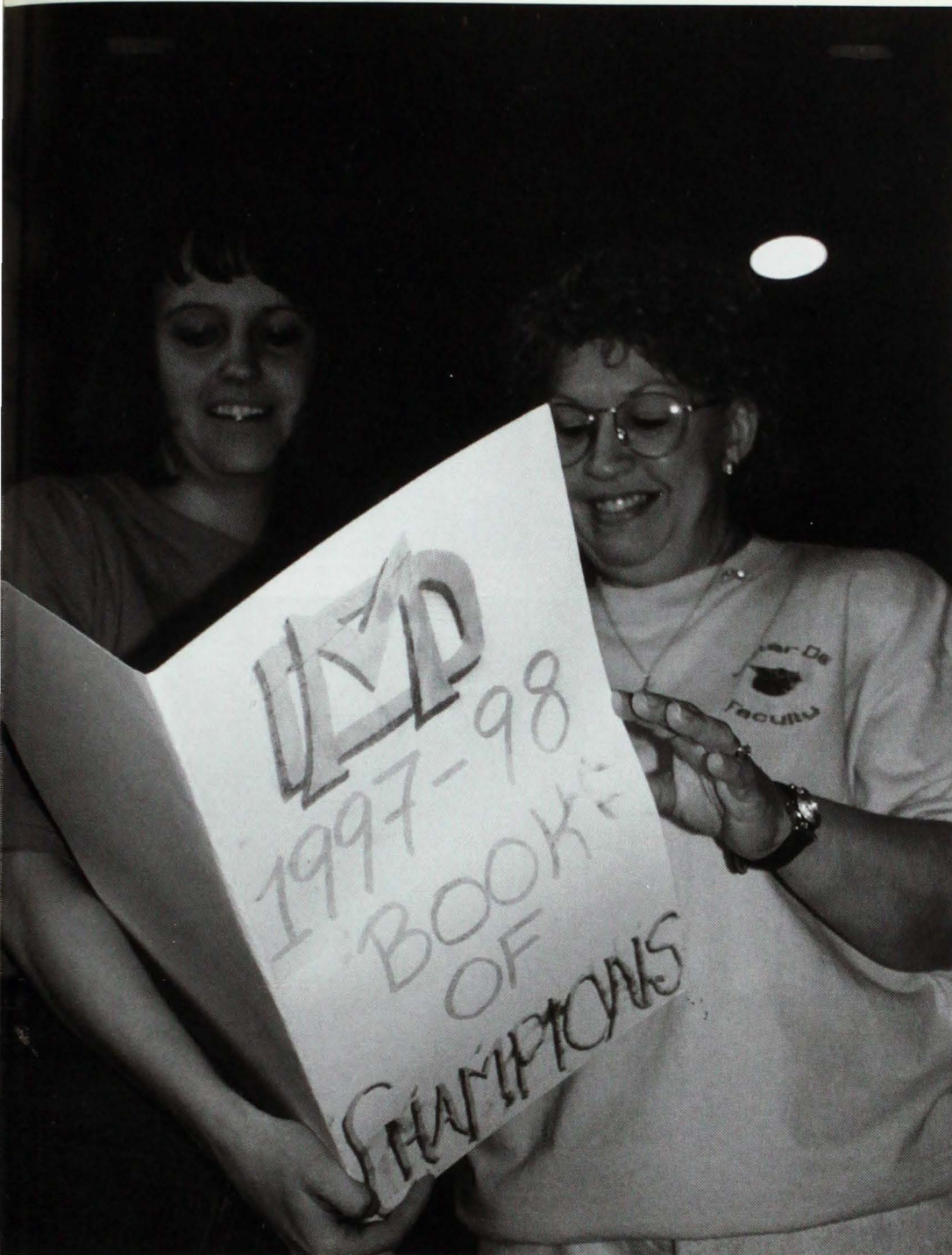
Mr. Mike Goebel was no stranger to speaking at assemblies. He had lots to boast about with a football team advancing to Regionals and a 4-peat State Championship Wrestling Team.



You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around... Senior football players demonstrate that they can hokey pokey as well as they play football.

Senior Rob Mallory proudly addresses the student body thanking them for all their support of the football team.





Mrs. Shea Reneer and Mrs. Brenda Donofrio opened and read from the "Book of Champions" honoring many of the outstanding students at Mater Dei.

Willy the Wildcat leads the freshman class in a cheer against the rest of the school.



Stand up and hollar! Senior Meg Liffick demonstrates how to show school spirit.

Mr. Tom Mace applauds the hard work and effort of the choir and band students competing in state solo and ensemble.

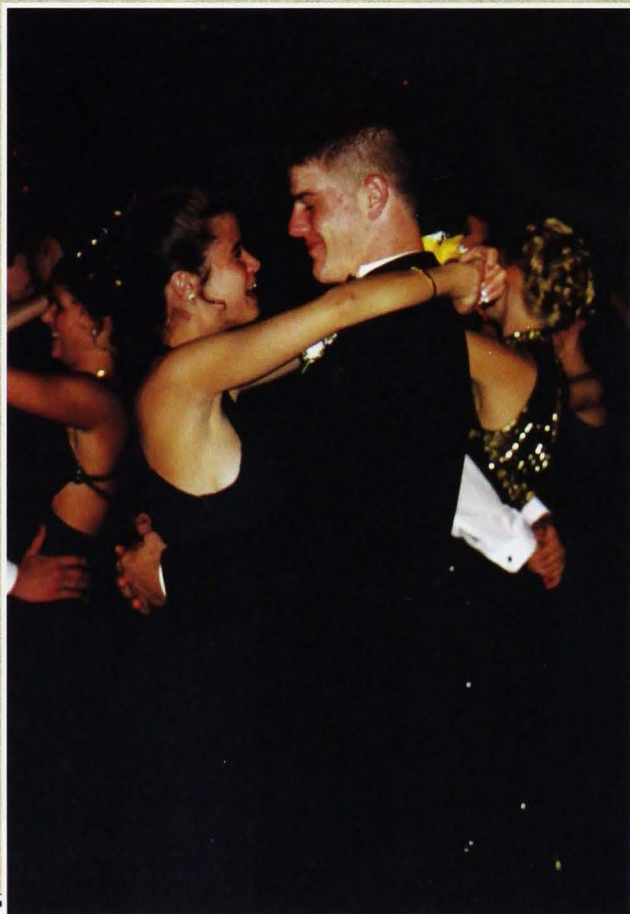
Junior guys strut their stuff and celebrate all the hard work they put into prom.



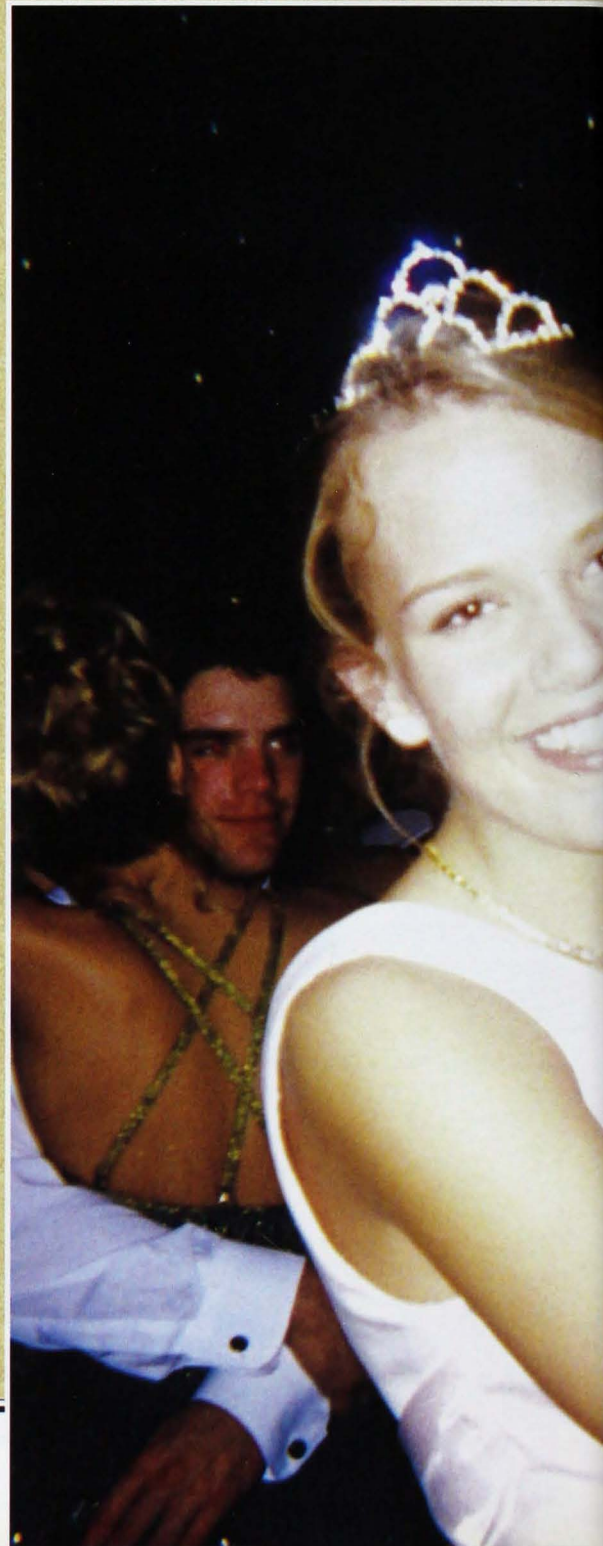
Jon Straus and Stephanie Moore show the classy style of the high society of the city.



The 1998 Prom Court lines up to give parents and students a chance to admire them.



Jessica Butler and J.D. Wargel enjoy spending their evening in the arms of each other.



A few of the beautiful
ladies, Angela Paulson,
Brienne Lemberg and
Jessica Weis.

The City That Never Sleeps



The Junior class transformed the Evansville Coliseum into "The City that Never Sleeps" for the Junior-Senior prom on May 9.

Filled with glitz and glamour, the city was quickly populated with beautifully dressed ladies and handsome gentlemen.

Every city needs royalty and Katie Faraone and Danny Addler were crowned queen and king to reign over it.

Planning for the event took several months, both for those putting it on and those who attended.

Running into several obstacles, the Juniors had to choose several different dates to hold the event and all the arrangements had to be re-scheduled. In the end, though, it all went off without a hitch.

Getting ready for prom started early too. The fun began after being asked out as the girls started to look for their dress, make hair, nail and tanning appointments, lining up transportation and ordering the flowers.

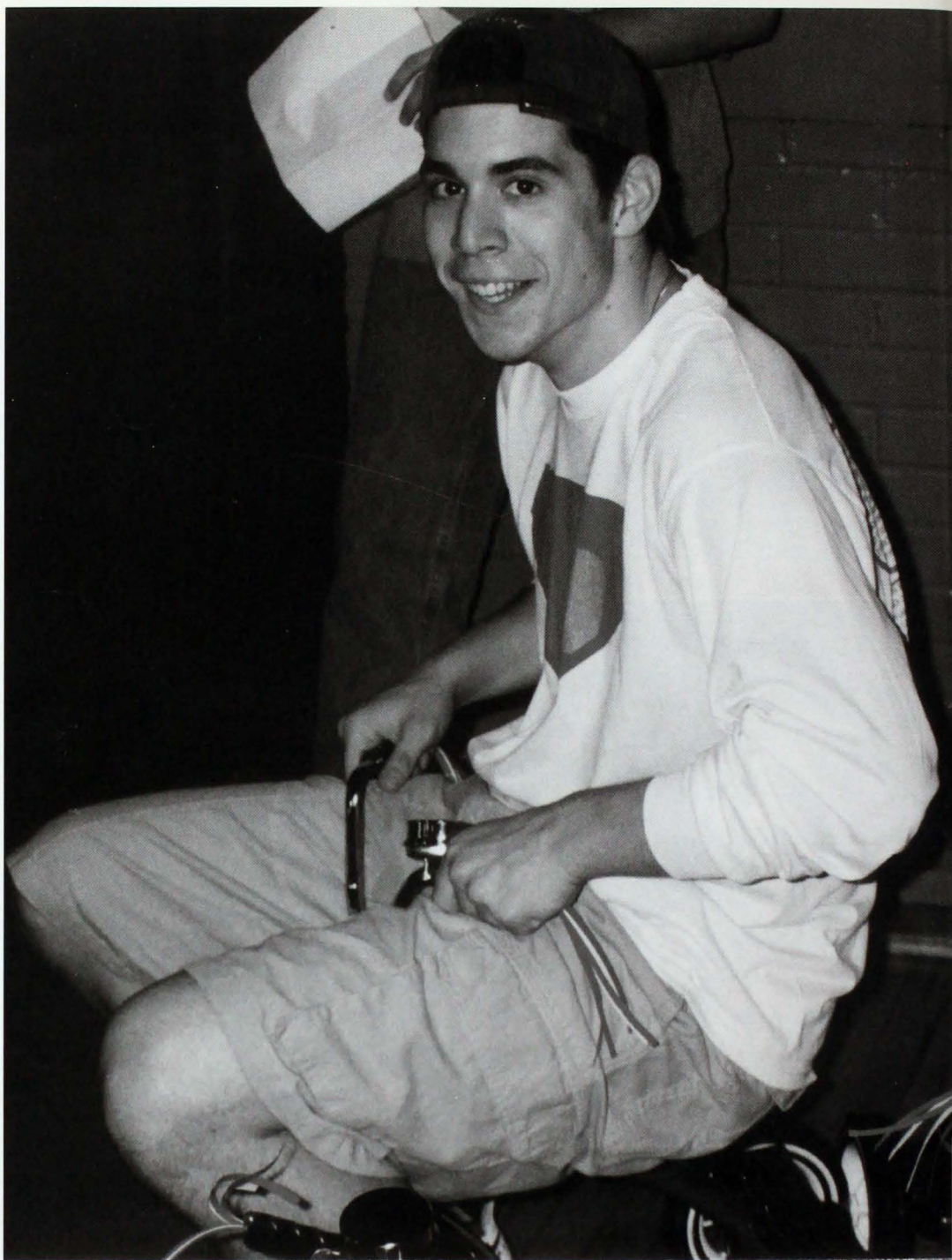


Jamie Schmitt
busts a move!

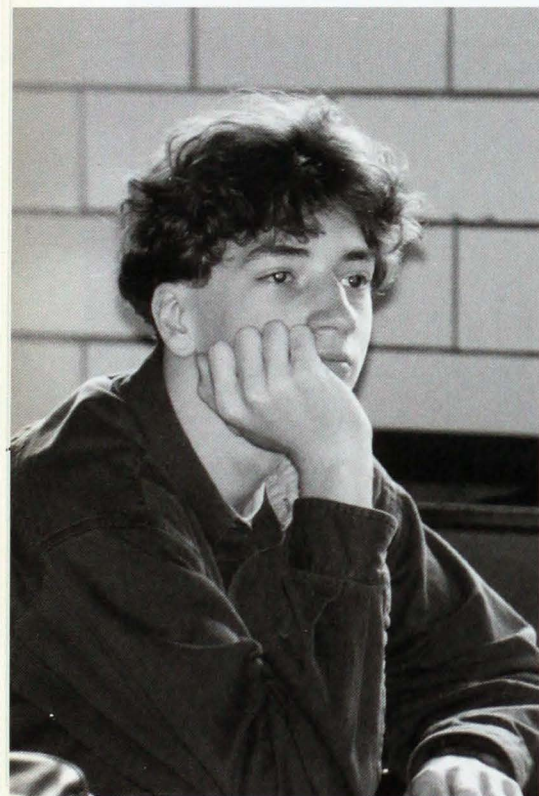
The long anticipated evening was enchanting. Along with the boxer shorts everyone received as souvenirs and the goldfish doorprizes, the night made so many memories that will last forever.

Queen and King, Katie Faraone and Danny Adler, reigned over the prom as they danced to "Love of a Lifetime," by Firehouse.

Mayor Jason McCord shows his best kid smile while riding his Hogg during May Day.



Andy Funke and his hair sit back and enjoy a classic Mater Dei lecture.



Graduation leaves Sara Wilson and her bud Kristi Winternheimer momentarily speechless.

David, one of the last of the Farmer Running Dynasty.. Who'd forget?



Memories

Every class at Mater Dei has its memories. Among these memories are the people that help make them. From fellow classmates to our teachers to what we did as a class, the Seniors will have lots of memories to take with them after they graduate.

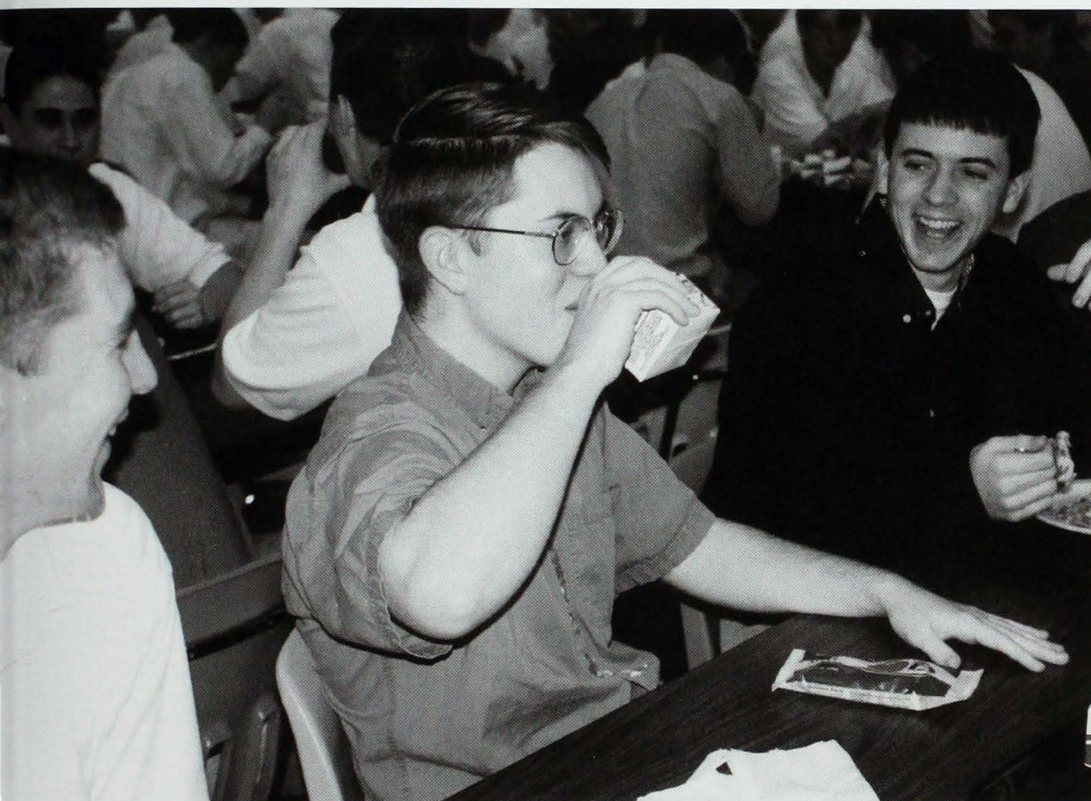
The faculty provided some memorable moments.

Mr. Frank Will and his imaginary friends, Mr. Bob Schleter, the Green Bandit, and his run-in with the law and Sister Dominique were just to name a few of the Senior class's favorites.

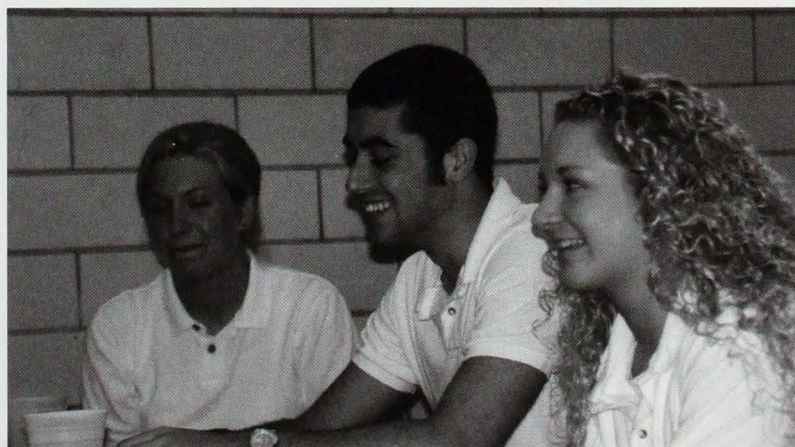
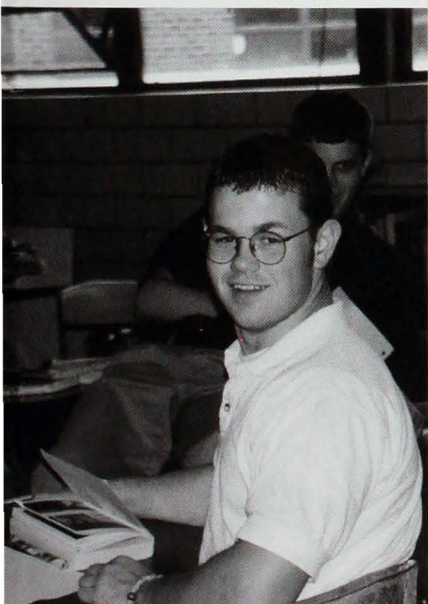
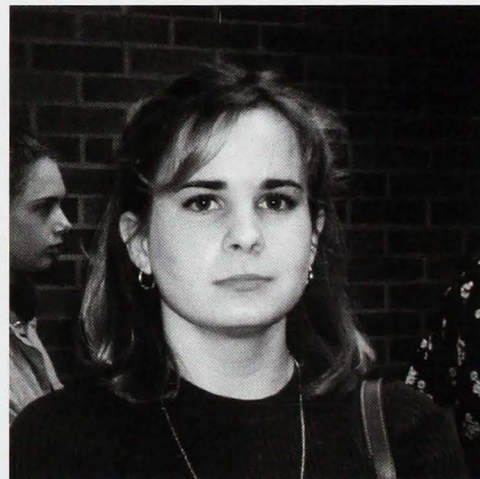
There are Seniors that have made an impression on the whole school, not just the Senior class. The Seniors

themselves have made some events particularly memorable; some more than others. Those names and happenings will be forever joined and remembered together.

From the joking to the fun stuff to the sometimes painful, it is part of who we are and what we did with our time at Mater Dei.



Noah Werner being his usual self. Got Milk?



Dan Schrader, doing what he does best.

Jorge Sarasquete, try saying that four times fast.

Even though Kelly S. Martin joined us half way through our high school years, she quickly fit in as if she had always been here.

Mindy Schenk gets on
of the popular Six Flag
tatoos.

Seniors' Big Adventure

The school year was over, the finals were finished and the Seniors had left the underclassmen behind and were off on their class trip.

The weather on the bus ride down to Six Flags St. Louis didn't look promising for the Senior class trip. It rained the whole way; however, miraculously as the buses pulled into the parking lot, the sun broke through and provided perfect weather for the day.

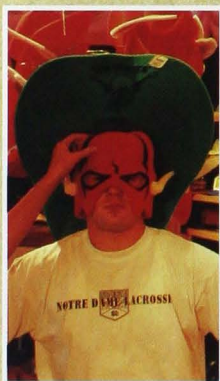
So much to do and see, so little time.

Six Flag's main attractions, the rides, were awesome. The class quickly fanned out to try them all.

The new Mister Freeze rollercoaster was well worth the hour long wait as were the other coasters. Thunder river also managed to soak many of the Seniors.

The most adventurous souls braved the Skycoaster. This ride, similar to bungee jumping, puts three people together and has them pull their own cord. Only a select few took that plunge while many more choose to show their wild side with the ever popular Six Flags tatoo (fake of course.)

This day was the perfect chance for one more opportunity to spend some fun time together as the Class of '98.



Dan Schrader or
Yosemite Sam?

Thunder River sucessfully
soaked two more victims,
Amanda Inkenbrandt and Jill
Spaetti.





The wait for the rides made these guys a little unhappy.



Jeremy Herrmann, Matt Walker and Brandon Boots get ready to take the plunge on a skycoaster.

"Moving on up," Jon Straus braves the rock climb.

Memories

High school is a time that many of us will not soon forget. Our time here has left us with many lasting memories.

Mater Dei sports have left us with many fine memories. Whether it is the four in a row State Championship Wrestling Team to the Lady Wildcats' trip to Semi-

State in softball, fans and athletes both have been there for the excitement.

Even though classtime was usually a time for work, there were plenty of times when someone would say just the right thing to lighten up the mood.

But many of our most vivid memories will be those

when we were just bumming around with our friends at lunch or after school. We gossiped, told jokes or made plans for state wrestling; we talked about the future, homework or about nothing at all.

And that is a part of Mater Dei that will last with us forever.

Field trips are a time to learn outside of the classroom, especially if you are on the annual trip to the county morgue.



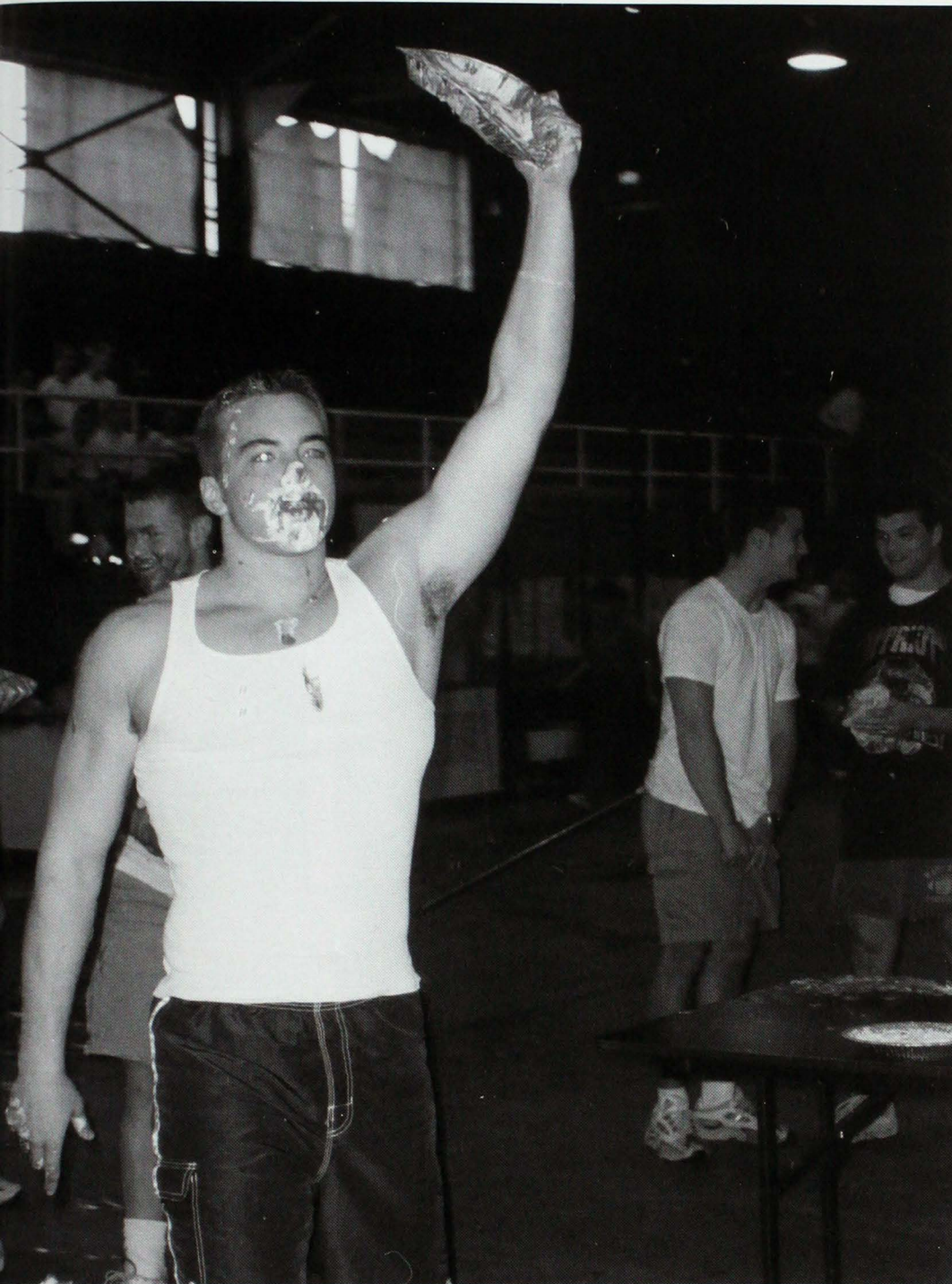
As in life, many of our memories and good times revolve around food, just as these cheerleaders have found out.



Sporting events have always been a source of good times with our friends, on and off the field.

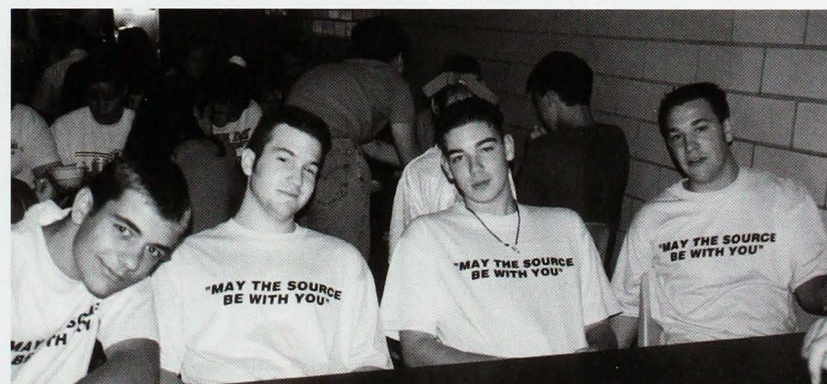
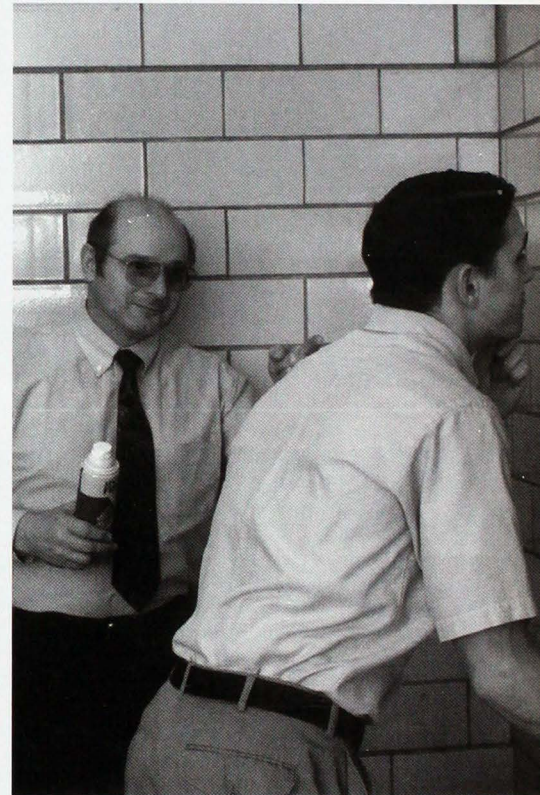
The Boys' Basketball Team had a memorable year as they competed in Indiana's first ever class system.





May Day is one of those days at Mater Dei that can never be forgotten.

One of the most memorable parts of Mater Dei is its rules and regulations, as Robby Mallory found out.

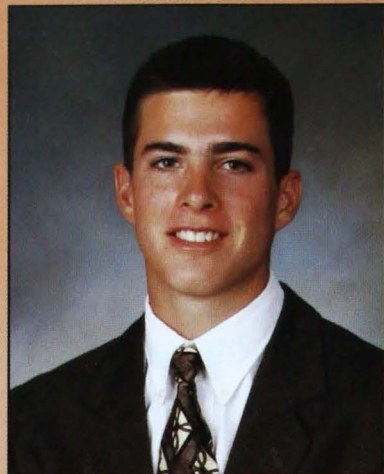


Andy Funke. Enough said.

Peer pressure is not always a bad thing when it comes to your clothing.



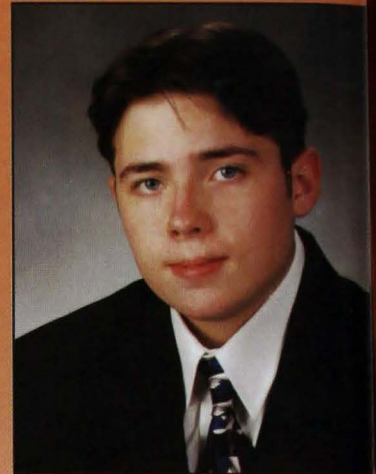
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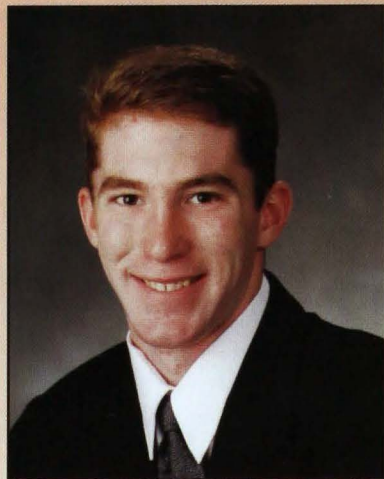
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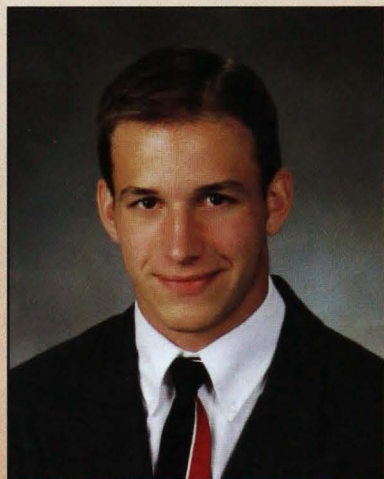
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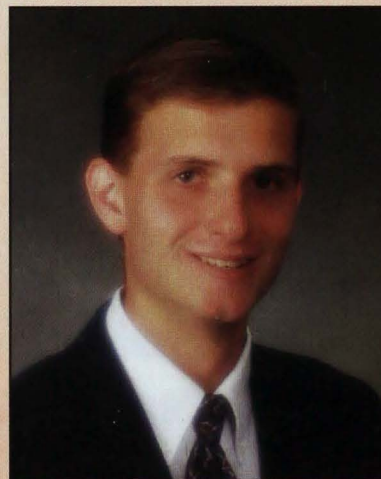
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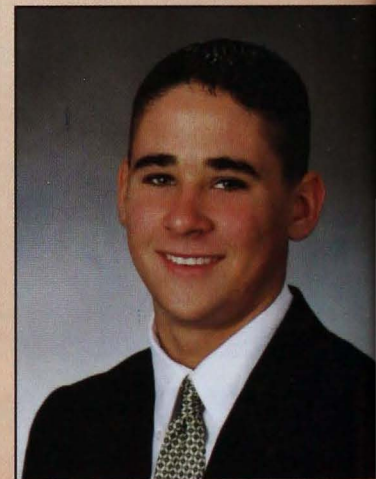
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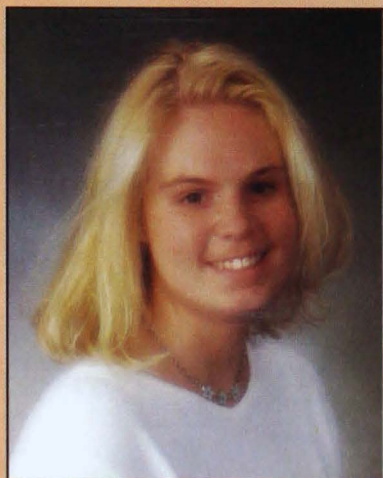
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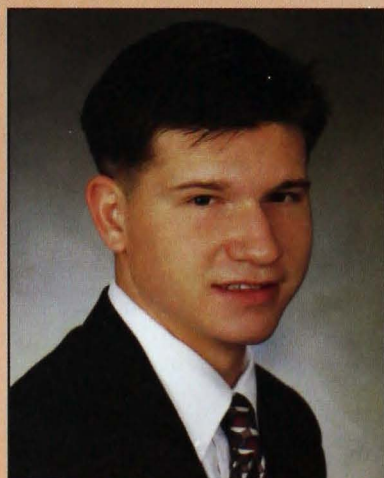
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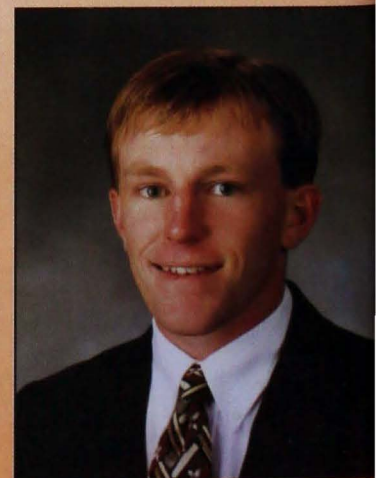
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Michael John DeWitt



Jennifer Marie Barnes



Michael Douglas Black



Julie Elizabeth Buedel



Leslie Marie Dixon



Christopher Lee Droste



Lori Michelle Dubord



Natalie Diane Emge

TO SLOTH AROUND

WITH
STYLE AND CLASS

Who can forget the "Sloth" phenomenon that swept Mater Dei this year? From the constant references to sloths, to the picture of a sloth in Fr. Mark's room, the entire student body knew the real meaning of the Sloth.

It all started when a crew of Senior guys went out and paid about \$100 for an old car.

The banged up brown car with its powder blue vinyl top may have looked bad, but the interior was luxurious and relaxing quickly matching the Sloth name given to it. The boys had to do periodic "repairs" on it, like taping the mirrors back on, but many memorable nights were spent just "slothing" around!



The JEDs liked to spend their time just chillin' by the Sloth.

WE CAN'T DO ANY BETTER THAN THAT

"It's been four years running and these seniors have had a lot of pressure on them to keep it going, but they did it. These guys have known nothing but the top for four straight years," said Coach Mike Goebel.

Who can forget the excitement our Freshman year when Little Schaefer started it off by winning his first State crown. He not only started off the four year run, he finished it by becoming the first ever two time Mater Dei

State Champion and leading his team to a team state victory.

"This is a special group. It's impossible to measure what this meant to them and the school," exclaimed Coach Goebel.

Throughout our high school career, Mater Dei has been at the top.

"Four years in high school, and four state titles; we can't do any better than that," said Brandon Boots.

Senior Champions: (1st row) Curtis VanNess, Greg Schaefer, Matt Walker, John Helfrich, Michael DeWitt, Brandon Boots, (2nd row) James Whitney, Jeremy Herrmann, Adam Siemers, Rob Mallory and Tim Scott.



Stacey Lynn Euler



Andrew Urban Funke



Julie Alana Hart



Julie Ann Helmerich



Jeremy Louis Herrmann



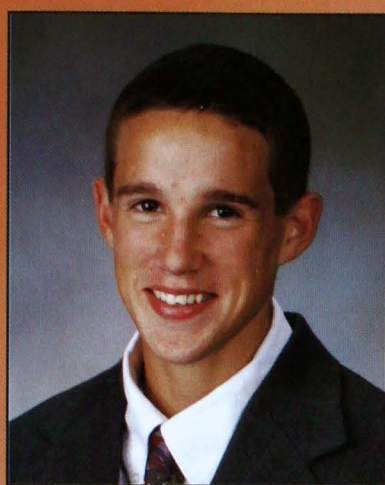
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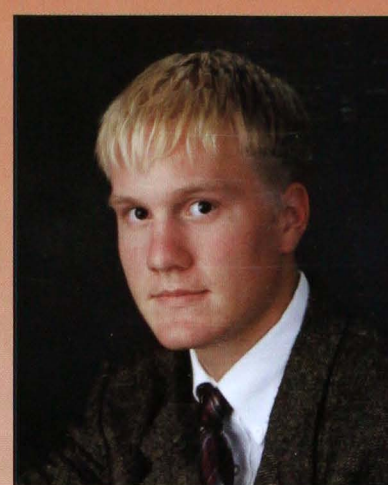
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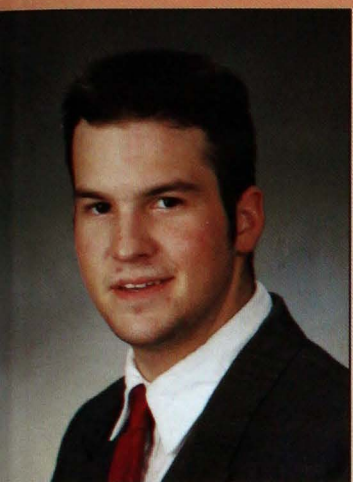
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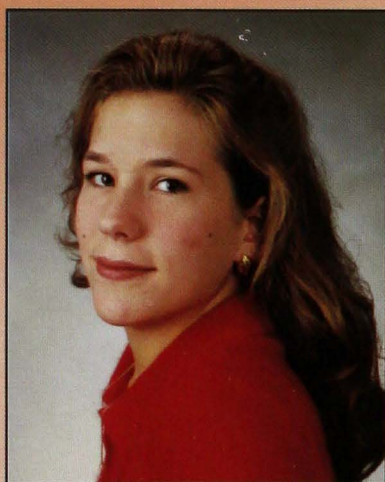
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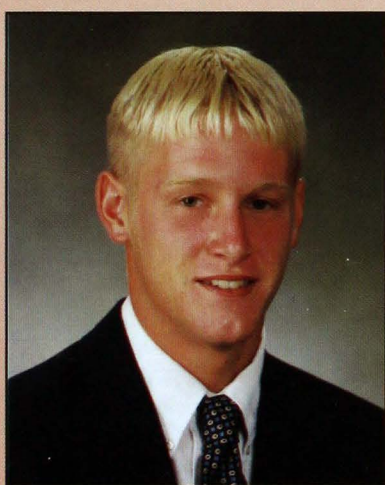
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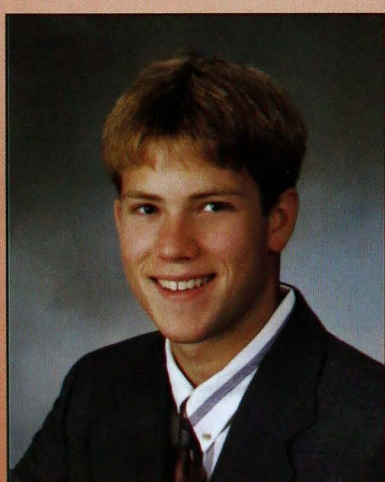
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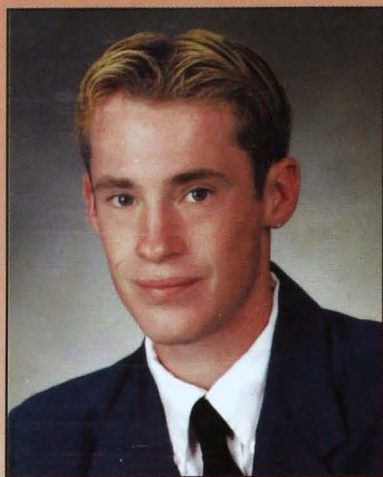
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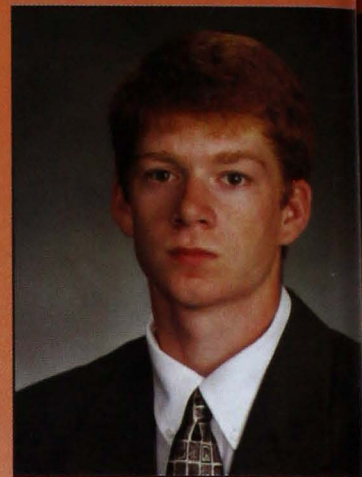
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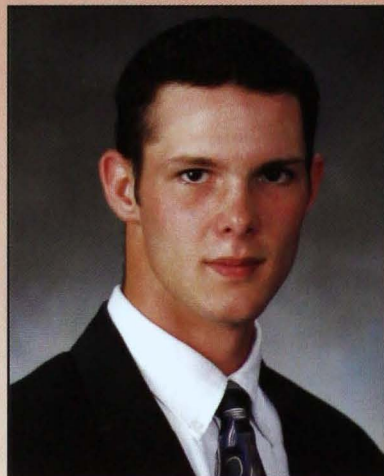
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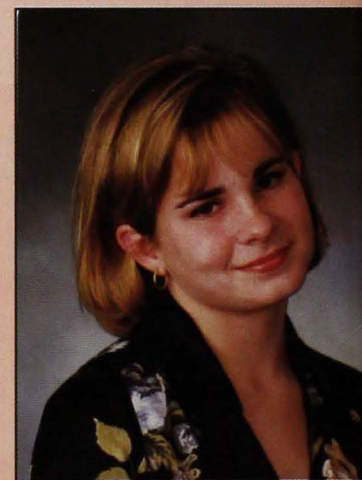
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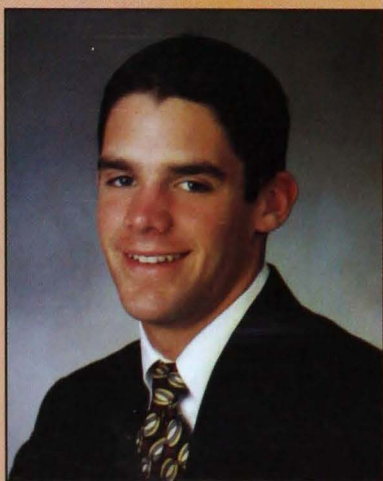
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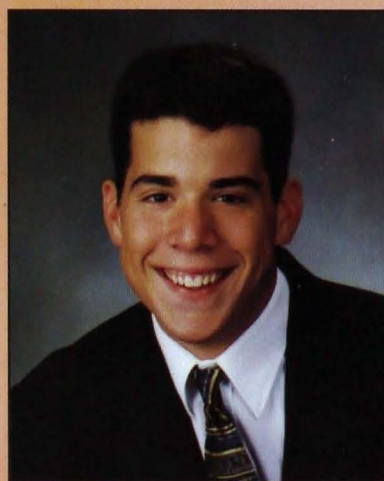
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Stephanie Ann Moore



Terra Michelle Muensternan



Kari Marie Nurrenbern



Christina Lynn O'Neal

TO PARTY SOBER AND CELEBRATE DRUG FREE

Following tradition, the Seniors Drugs.

once again painted a billboard promoting their "Party Sober" graduation party. This year the billboard, designed by Adam Siemers, featured a big MD with a wildcat and the phrase "Party Sober," sponsored by the Family Partnership Against

The painting itself became a little messy. It seemed we got more paint on ourselves than on the sign. Some just showed up for the free pizza and coke, but everyone pitched in to make it look great. The sign was on display on St. Joe Avenue.



Mary Reddington and Steve Jost were just two of the Seniors that contributed to the painting of the billboard.

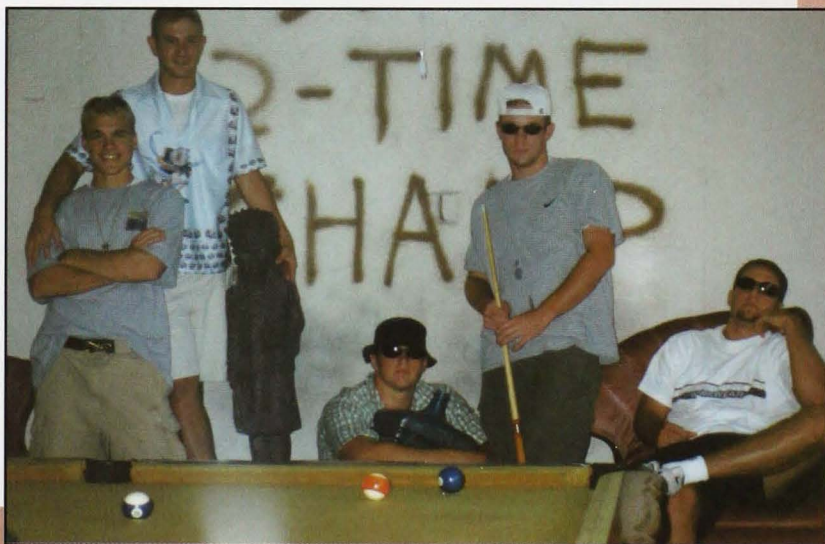
THE BARN BECOMES THE PLACE TO BE FOR SENIOR CLASS

It started six years ago when Ron Straus built a barn for the use of Mater Dei athletes. Little did he know the barn would become a regular hangout for his son Jon and his friends.

Countless memories from the barn will always be unforgettable. From the after-game parties to just chillin' there, no one can forget the barn.

Those huge barn doors opened to everyone and provided a great place to spend our high school years. Even though the loft may be a little shaky and the stairs a bit treacherous, no place else can ever compare to the "Barn."

These Seniors "Chillin in the barn" made lots of great memories together.



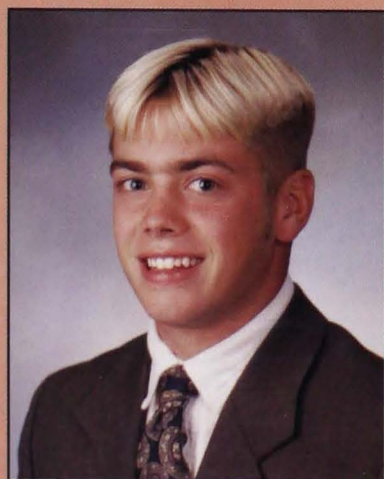
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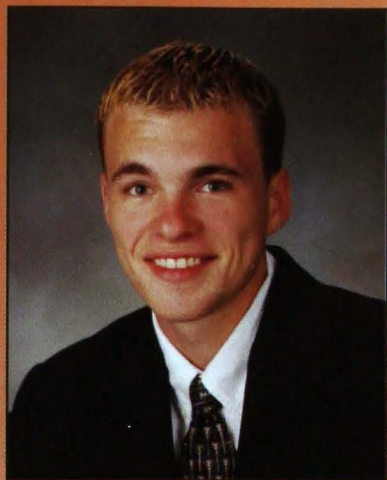
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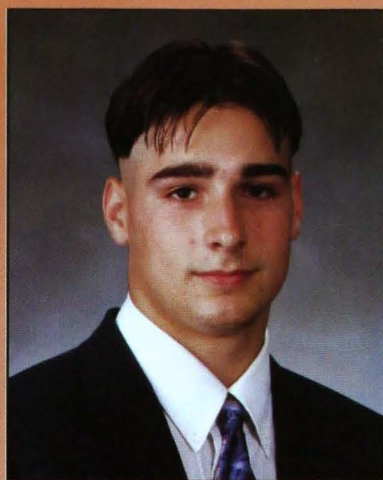
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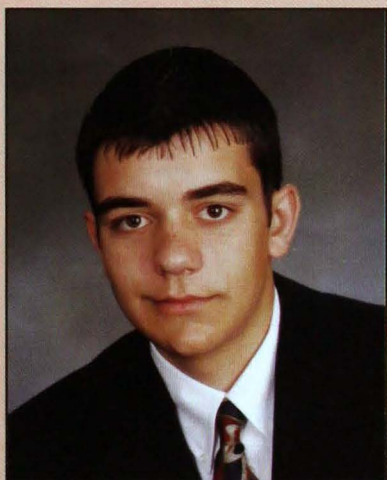
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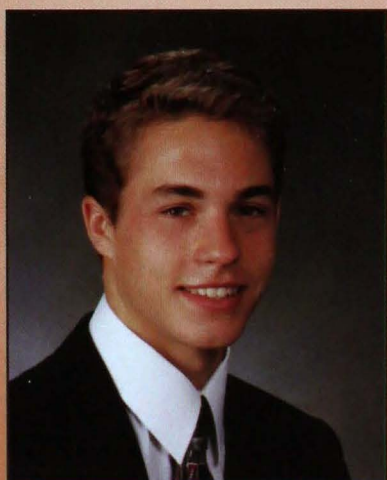
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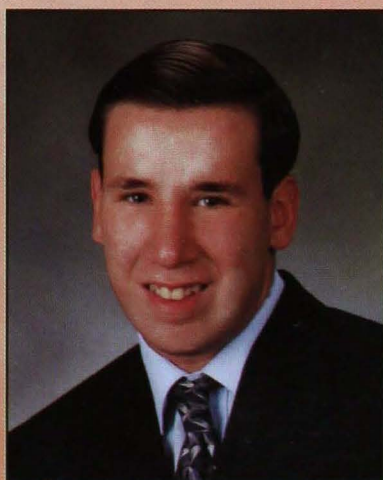
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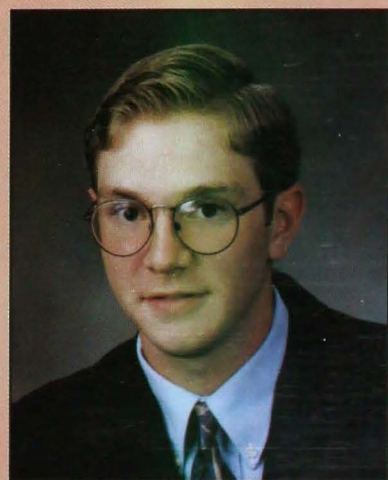
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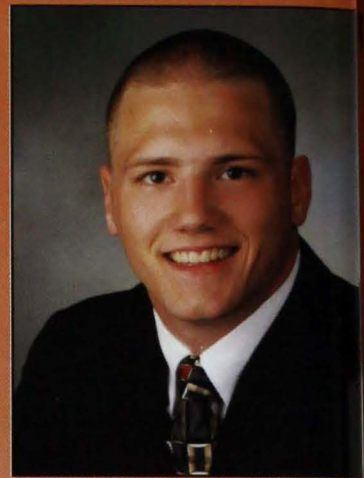
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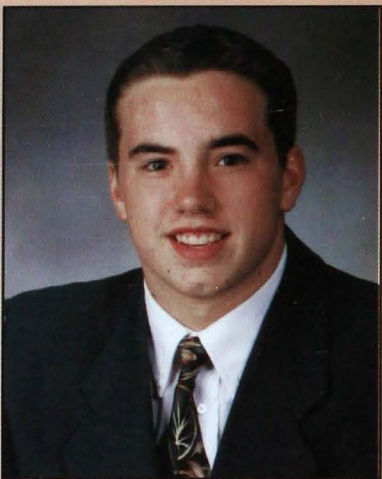
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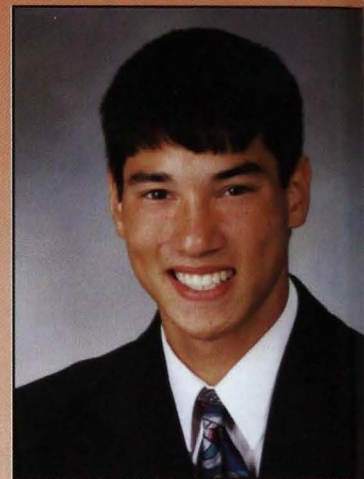
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Renee Elizabeth Shirk



Jill Ann Spaetti



Paul Michael Stoltz



Christina Marie Ulrich



Curtis Michael VanNess



John Andrew Verkamp



Elizabeth Ann Vindhurst

TO REFLECT ONE LAST TIME AS CLASSMATES

On the beautiful morning of April 17th, everyone sleepily stumbled into Holy Angels Church in New Harmony for the Senior retreat.

This was one of the few chances that the Seniors had to spend together before going their own separate ways.

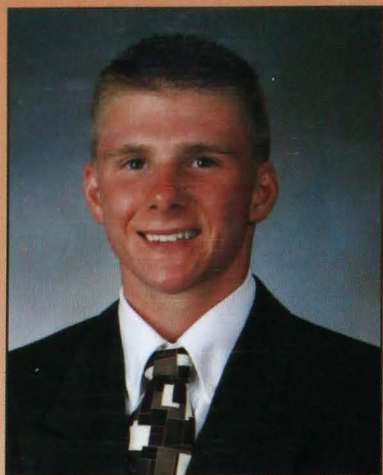
The day ended with a prayer service in the church. This was a time of bond-

ing and sharing when our class as a whole really came together. Numerous people opened up to share their thoughts and feelings about the class of '98.

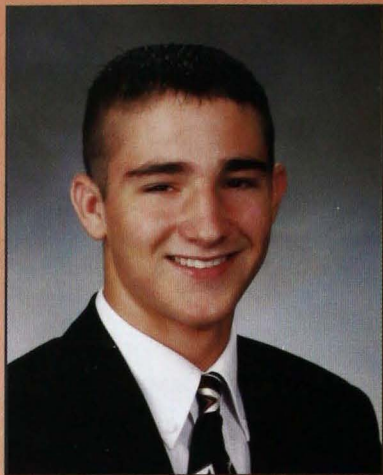
It was a moving experience and put a perfect end to a peaceful day; one of the last that the Senior Class of 1998 would have to share together.



Jill Spaetti and Liz Vindhurst used their break to catch up on sleep lost the night before.



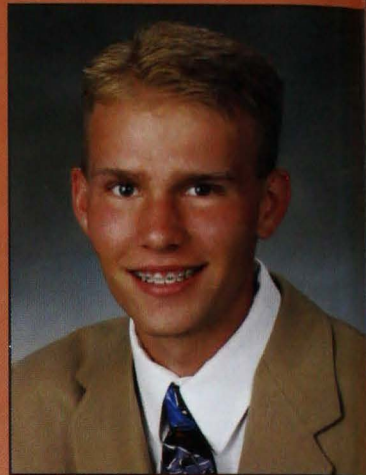
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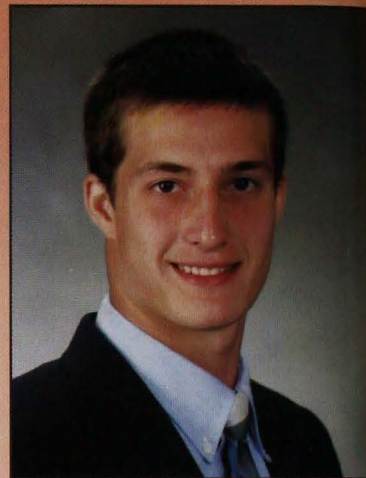
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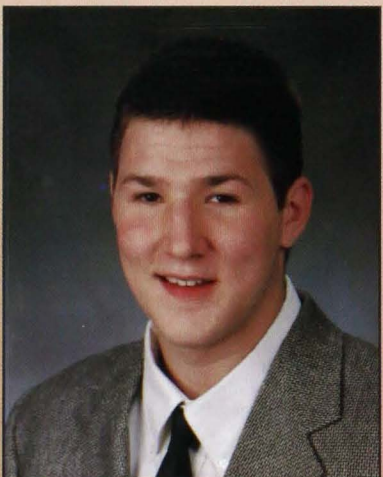
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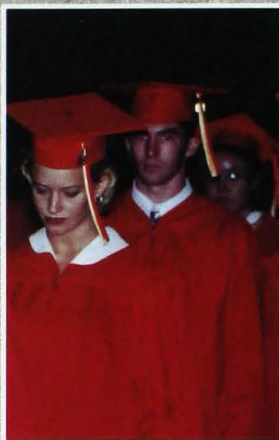
Class of 1998



Making last moment adjustments Erin Goebel fixes her cap just before the ceremony.



Leanne Bauer walks in deep thought after attending the Baccalaureate mass.



Sara Wilson and Becky Reising watch some of Grease at the drive in.



Amamda Inkenbrandt, along with her classmates, search for pictures of themselves on the memory board.



A group of Senior girls
and boys have a little
fun in Rizzo's room.

One Last Night Together



May 22 was a big night for the Senior class.

The evening started off with the Baccalaureate Mass. The Seniors watched as fellow classmates carried up items that identified them as the class of '98. Then as the Mass proceeded they listened to Mike Blake deliver the Baccalaureate speech. The celebration ended with a emotional and sentimental slideshow put together by some of the Senior girls.

Following the Mass was another celebration, the Project Graduation Party. The Senior's parents stood by and watched as their months of hard work and planning turned into a great success. The Seniors were decked out to the theme of Grease. Wearing sunglasses, scarfs and dogtags, they entered the new gym in a mad rush. The Seniors were amazed to see how it had been transformed into the exact setting from the movie Grease.

The evening was punctuated with door prizes and a basket of goodies that included a monogrammed blanket, dorm supplies and gift certificates.

This memorable night was made possible with all the hard work of the parents. Their efforts made the last night for the Senior class one that they will not soon forget.



Leading the mob of seniors, Stacy Euler was the first through the doors.

Kathy Little and Greg Schaefer get closer than expected as they play the "lifesaver game."

With her mom, Mrs. Debbie Haton, Andria Haton shows pride in becoming an alumni of Mater Dei.

Graduation Day

"It's hard to believe it's really over," commented Julie Hart.

After four years, the Class of 1998 made it through it all and was ready to graduate.

While the bishop could not attend this year's graduation, it still went off without a hitch. On Sunday, May 24, the entire Senior class gathered at Robert's Stadium for one last time. This was their commencement.

After opening remarks, the class listened to the commencement address by Father John Davidson. His speech used vivid imagery with stories and parables about life.

Then it was time. Viewed by their family, friends and peers, the Seniors received their diplomas and a class composite. Finally, they were graduates of Mater Dei. Their hard work had paid off.

Later in the ceremony, Teresa Lutz was presented with a medal as the class salutarian.

At his final graduation for Mater Dei, Principal Herb Neighbors then introduced Jeremy Herrmann as this year's valedictorian. In a stirring and emotional speech, Jeremy Herrmann described goals and success and wished the class his best wishes in the future.



Congratulating each other are Jason McCord and Tracey Reising.

Valedictorian Jeremy Herrmann receives words of encouragement.

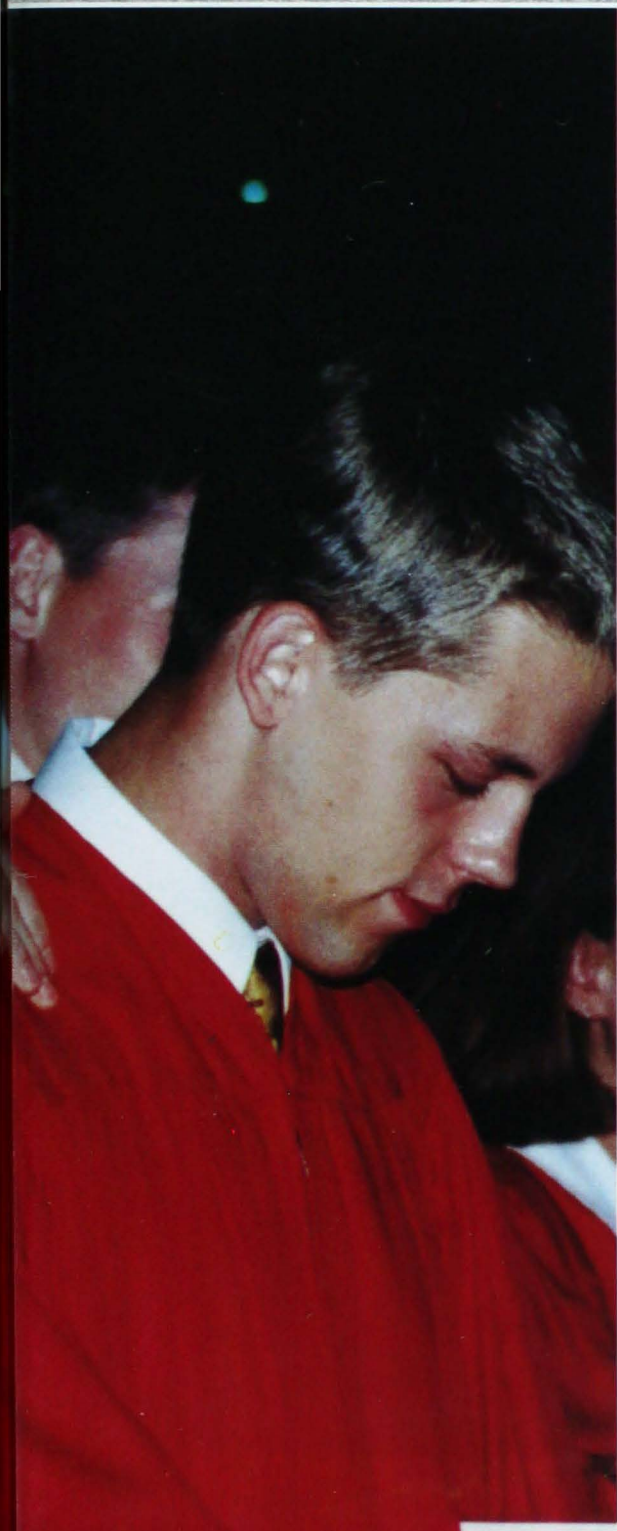
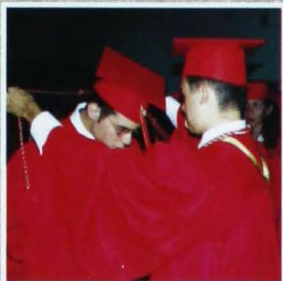




Helping his fellow classmate, Dan Werner places speech cords around Jason McCord.

Like all the Seniors, Chris Kueber receives hugs from his family after the ceremony.

The Senior class marches off the floor to the graduation tune, "Pomp and Circumstance."

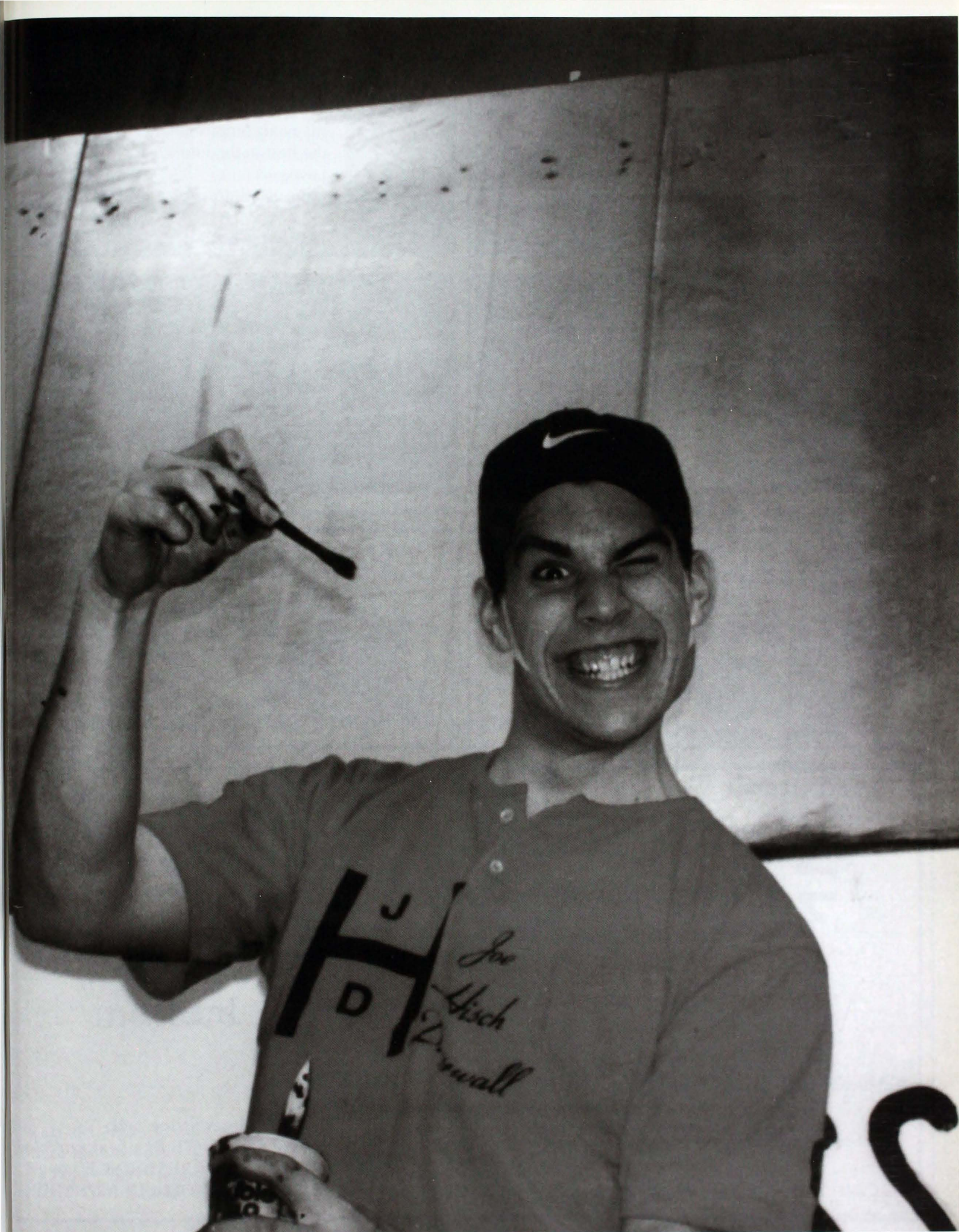


Receiving their senior magazine, John Stoffleth, Steve Hunt and Ahren Baumgart recall the memories they shared.

Before the commencement, Kathy Little and Heidi Tenbarger take some time out to spend together.



The *lockers* are clean,
the **Freshmen** no longer *green*
and time
marches on.





Matthew,
You are a wonderful son who has
brought us great joy in our lives.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Matt Walker



Jason,
Our little clown has grown into a hand-
some man. We are so proud of your
many accomplishments and hope for all
the best in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Cassie and Kelsey

Jason McCord



Josh,
We are so proud of you. You
have brought a lot of joy into our
lives. With all of our love,
Dad, Mom and Jared

Josh Waterman



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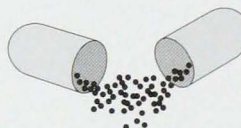
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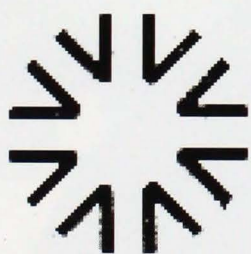
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us, may He continue to bless
you with His gifts of love,peace,
happiness, and friendship. May
Good keep you always safe!
XOXO Mom & Dad

Roxie Helmer



Nick,
We are so proud of you and all you
have accomplished! Good luck nex
year at IU.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Melanie and Lindsey

Nick Buchanan



It's a big step into the "Real
World" . . .And we'll al-
ways be there to help you.
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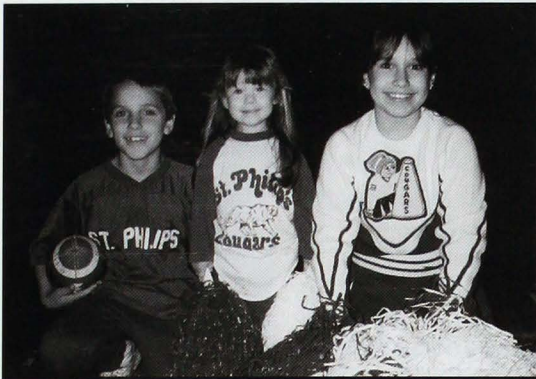
Dustin:
May your future be as bright and
fulfilling as you have made your
past.
Love Mom, Dad, and Natalie

Dustin Lannert



Hope your future is "super."
Love,
Kellie, Kourtney, Mom and Dad

EW Scott



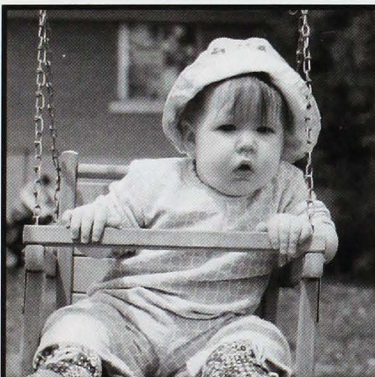
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Love Always,
Mom and Dad



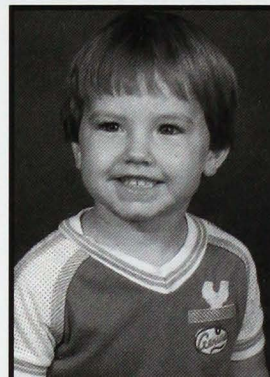
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You are such a special gift
from God. Your compassion
and kindness never end. We
are extremely proud of you.
Go make your dreams come
true! Love,
Mom,Dad and Matt

Lori Dubord



Evelyn,
Have a swingin' time at IU
Good luck in college
Love.
Mom, Dad and Natali

Evelyn Rexing



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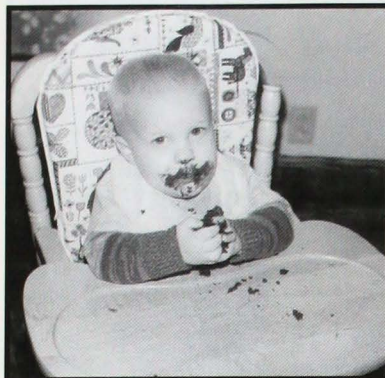
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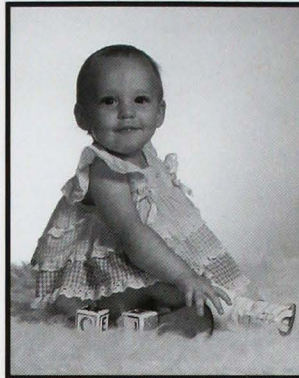


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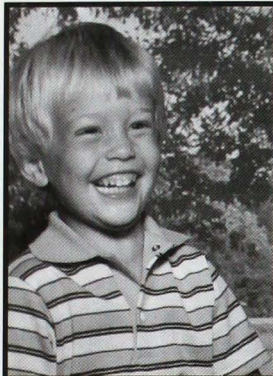
" Why didn't anybody tell me you couldn't eat during wrestling season ?" Good Luck, Curtis. We love you! Mom, Dad, Angela and Lindsay

Curtis VanNess



To a special daughter who has given us great joy. Thanks for all the laughter, kindness and memories the past 18 years. Good luck as you continue your journey in life. Mom & Dad

Jamie Reese



Dear Brian, You have always blessed our home with your laughter and your smile. Always keep your sense of humor no matter what you do. We Love You! Mom, Dad, Adam, Sarah, and Andy

Brian Wathen



Neil, You'll always be "number one" with us. Best of luck next year at I.U. Love Mom, Dad, Ryan & Eric

Neil Kassenbrock



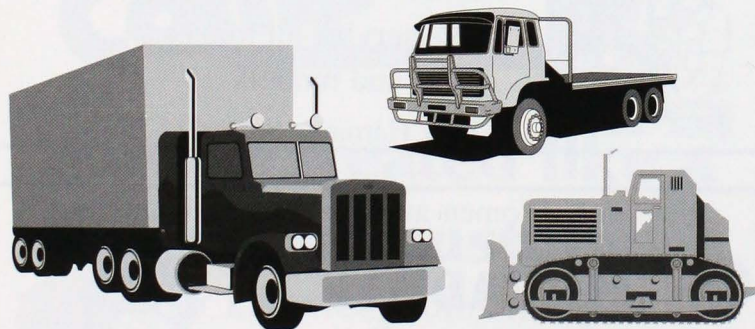
Our Little Artist, You are all grown up now and we couldn't be more proud of the person you've become. You have the power to reach your dreams. Love, Mom and Dad

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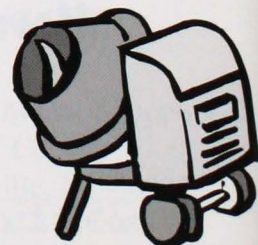
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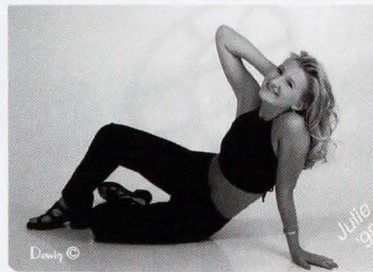


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We wish you much love, luck and happiness for all the things you do.
Love from us all,
Mom, Dad, Tracey Carl and Genna



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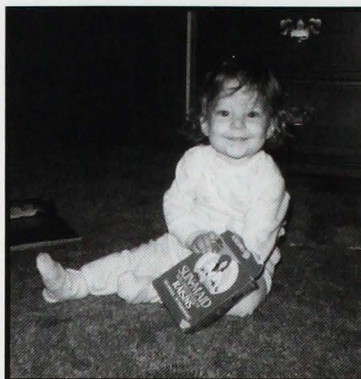
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we're all proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick and Shannon
P.S. Nice ruffles!!

Leslie Dixon



You always light up our lives.
Good luck and may God bless you
always.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and James

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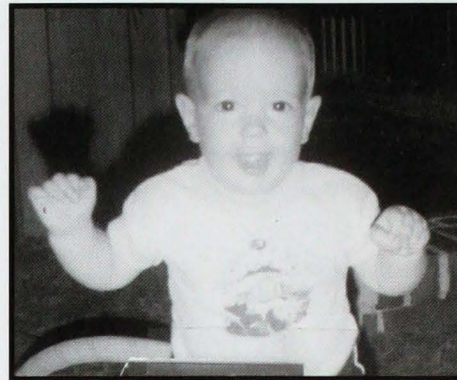
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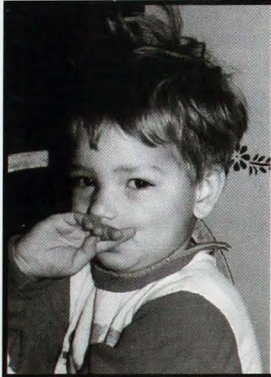
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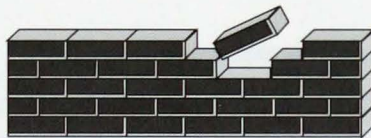


The road has been long and
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come it all. We are so very
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Love,
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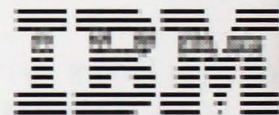
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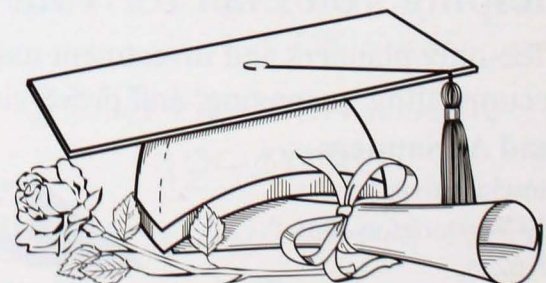


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Nathan Scheller



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You still have that great smile! Best
of luck in the next part of your life.
We are blessed and very proud of
you!
Love,
Mom and Dad and Rick

Liz Vindhurst



Congratulations Kelly on your
high school graduation. We are
very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

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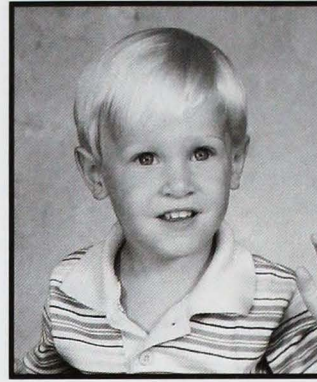
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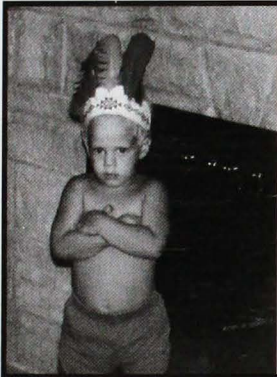
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We'll love you always.
Mom and Dad

Katie Faraone



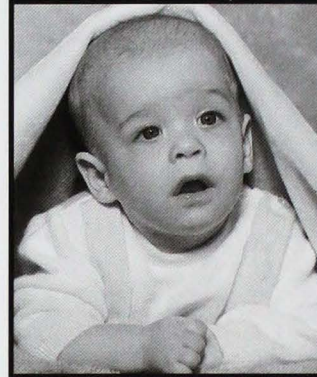
May all your hopes and dream
come true. We love you and
are very proud of you.
May God Bless You
Mom, Dad, and Angie

Ryan Hayden



Good luck to our Big Chubby
Bubby and don't forget the
Chunky Soup!
Love, Mom, Dad, Co, Nat, Jed,
and "Hans"

Christopher Droste



Danny,
Good luck in all you do!
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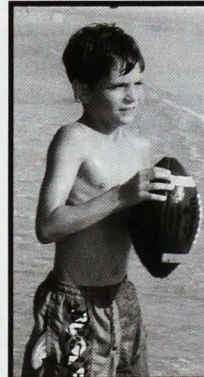
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Mom, Dad, and Adam

Danny Adler



A daughter is beautiful in so many ways.
Beth, we are so proud of the fine young
lady you have become. Your leadership
capabilities, kindness, and always being
ready to help anyone shows through in
all you do. Also, your five brothers say
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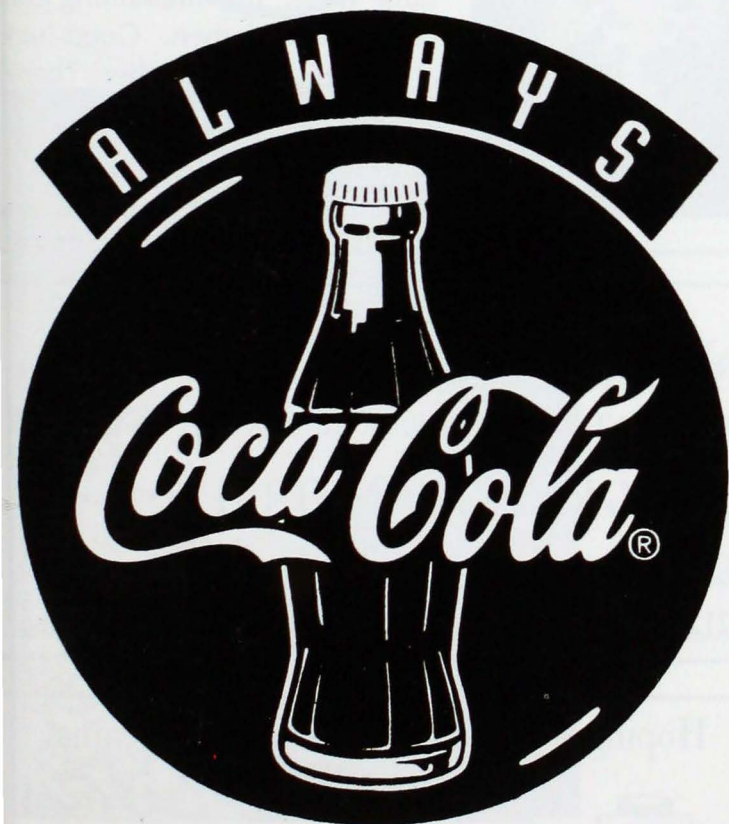
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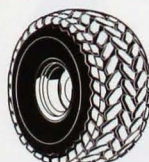
It has been a joy watching you
grow up into a fine young lady.
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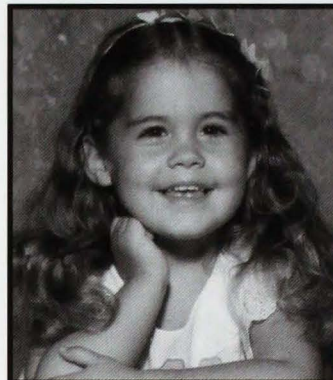


Bryan, you DID IT!
Keep working
hard, keep believ-
ing in yourself, and
keep that grin!
We're proud of
you.
Love always,
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and John



As you look to your future, dare to
dream and continue to light the
world with your laughter and love of
life.
We love you,
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Natalie Emge



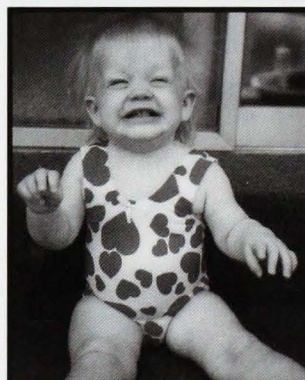
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luck and have lots of fun at UE.
May all your dreams come true.
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Allison

Sarah Hamilton



We're very proud of you and the
many accomplishments you have
done. You will have many more
in the future.
We love you!!
Mom, Dad, and Brian

Keith Wildeman



Andi,
You're lucky! You have not
changed a bit. You are still the
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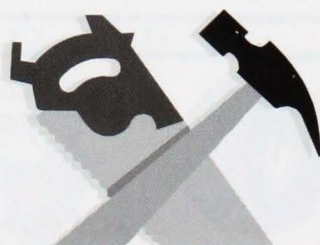
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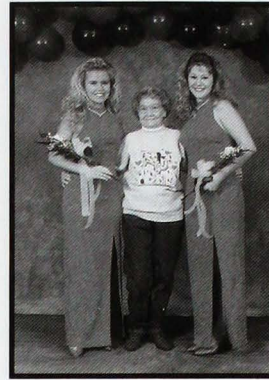
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Stephanie Stonecipher



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Robby Mallory



Good luck Leanne!
We are very proud of you.
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Angie, Mark & Kim

Leanne Bauer



You were always there for me, sis.
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God bless you, honey!
Love,
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Becky Reising



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You have always kept our lives filled with laughter, joy and love.
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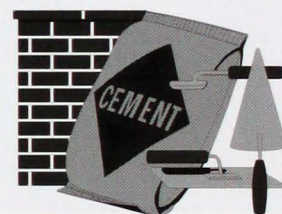
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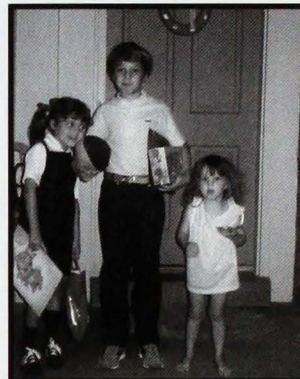
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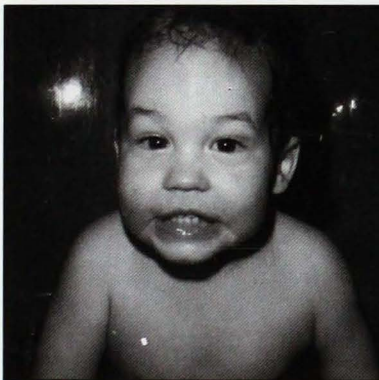
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Thank you for all the wonderful memories the three of you have given us.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Kevin '91, Holly '94, and Stephanie Moore '98



Brian, you've come so far, and we are so very proud. Spread that smile and great personality, all over Purdue's campus, and way beyond. Best wishes in all you do. Our love, and hearts, go with you always! Mom, Dad, Kim, Jennifer, and K.C.

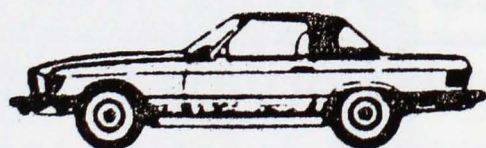


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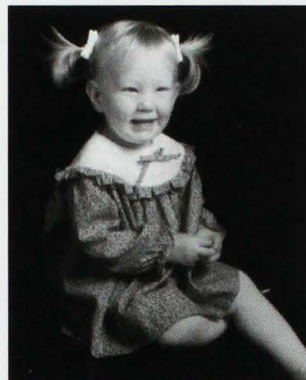
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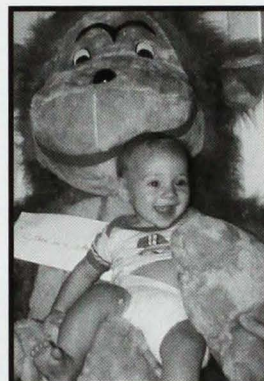
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Renee Shirk



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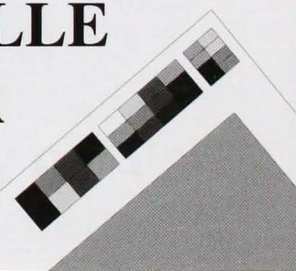
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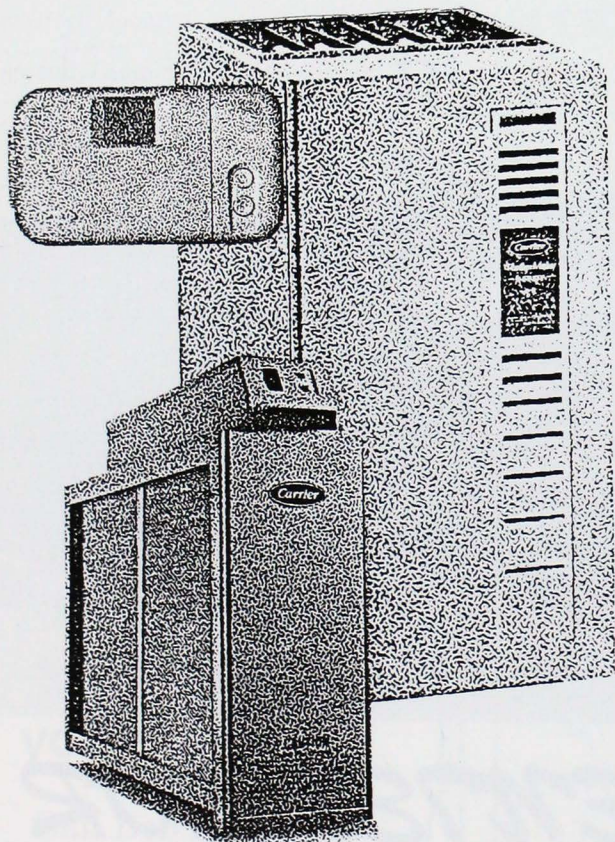
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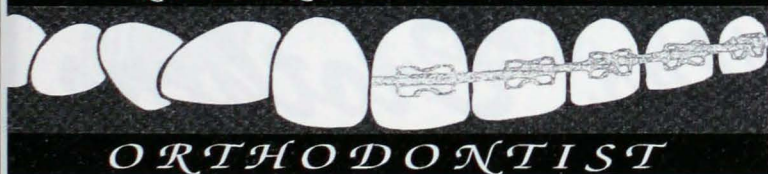
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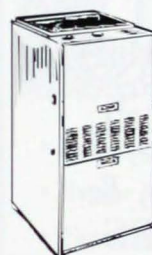
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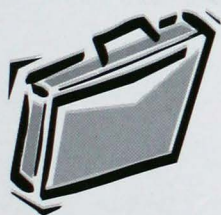
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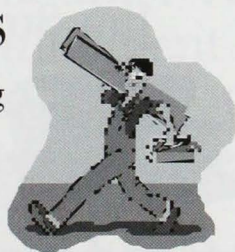


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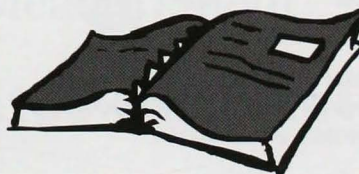
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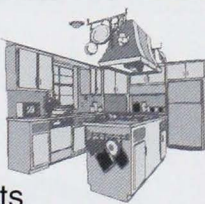
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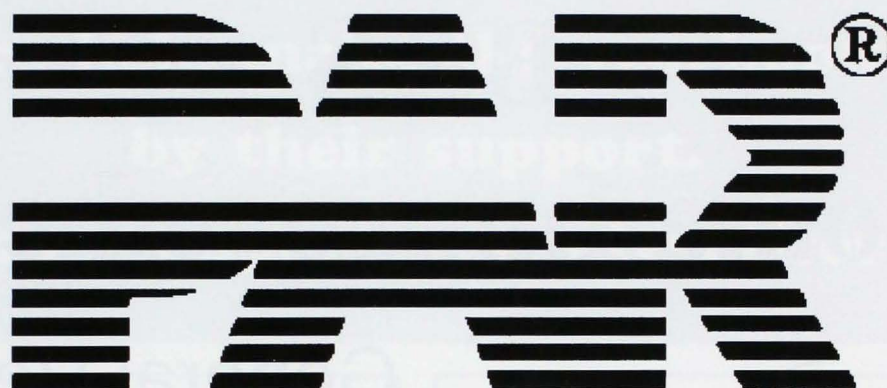
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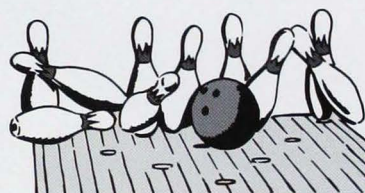
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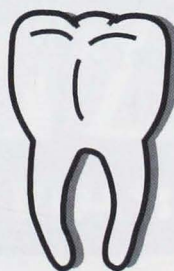
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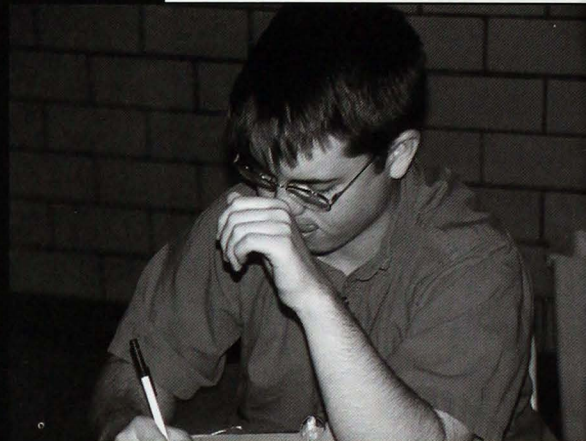
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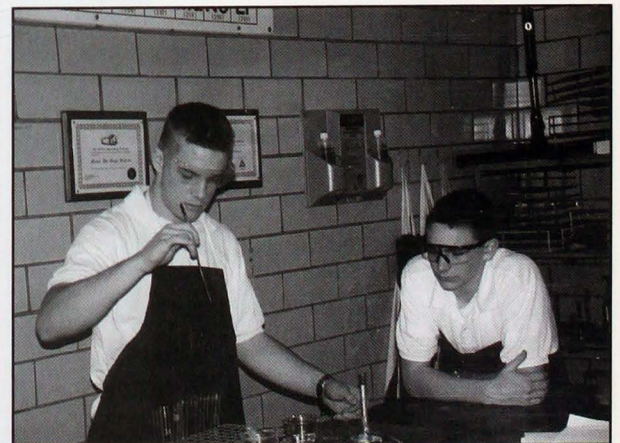
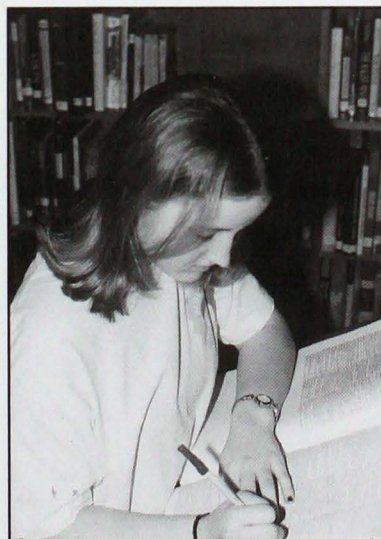
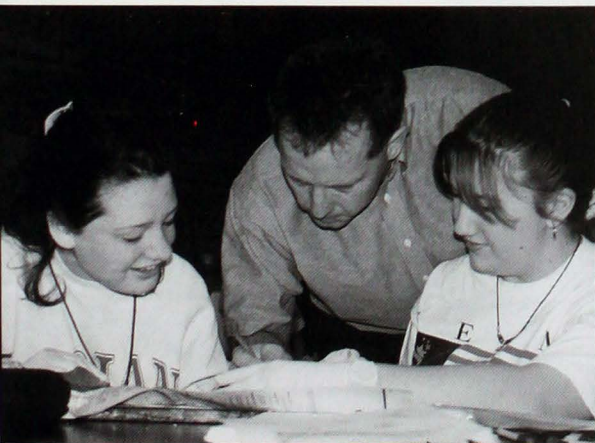
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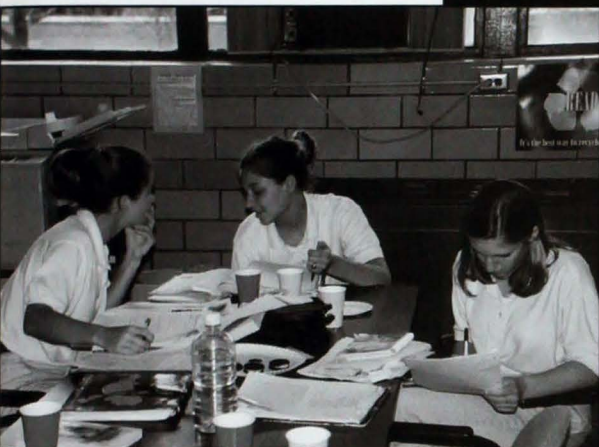
Our look back on the 1997-1998 school year is complete, but these memories will stay with us for so much longer. The people we have met are now our brothers and sisters in the Mater Dei family. The times we have spent, both the good and the bad, have strengthened us for a life of service to our faith, our community and each other.

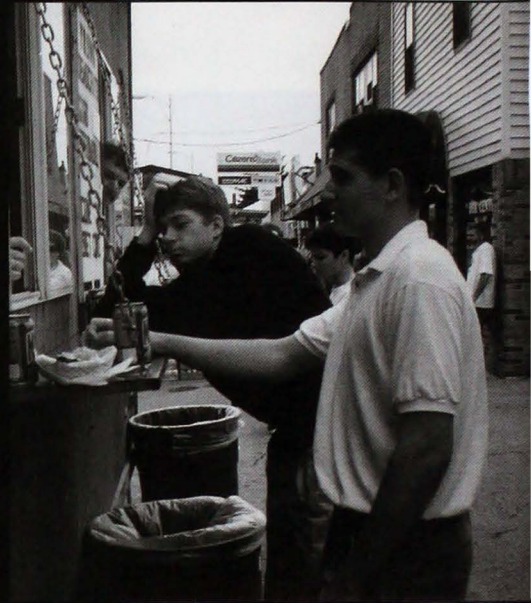
Together we have completed this journey and are ready for the next phase in our lives. But as we go, we can never forget that we . . .



We laughed together;
We played together;
We worked together;
We prayed together and
We grew together.







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