

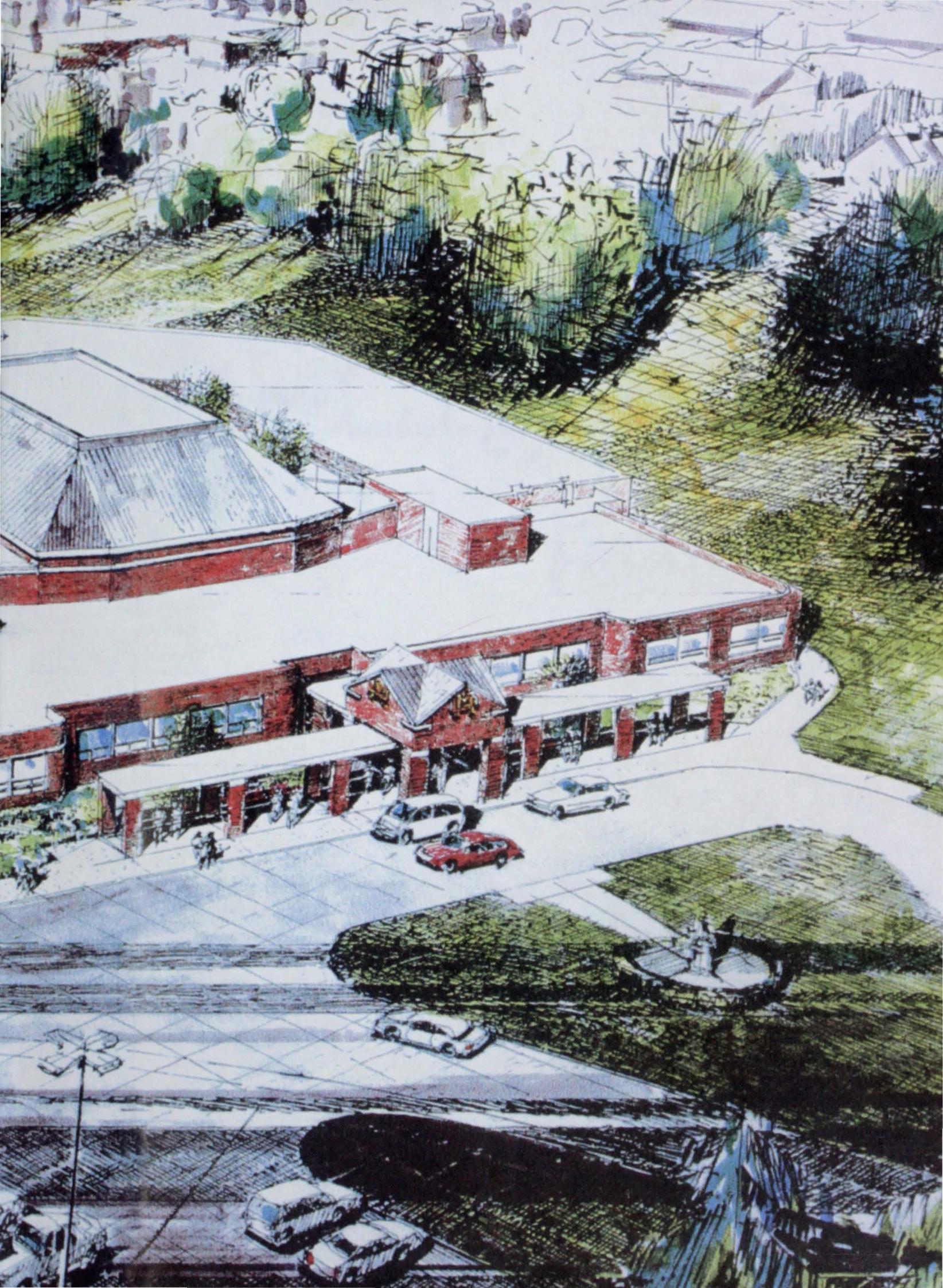


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50th Anniversary Edition





Mater Dei
Yearbook
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Mater Dei High School

1987

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1958

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Population: 637

Volume 50

1962

1969

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WE DEDICATE THIS 50TH PUBLICATION OF THE MD HI-LIGHTS TO THE SPIRIT OF MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL. THIS SPIRIT HAS BEEN PREVALENT SINCE THE CORNERSTONE OF MATER DEI WAS LAID. IT IS THE PRIDE THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE VEINS OF EVERY MATER DEI SUPPORTER AND IS THE INSPIRATION BEHIND EVERY GOLDEN CHANGE.

THIS IS A DEDICATION TO THE MOST REVEREND HENRY J. GRIMMELSMAN, BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE IN 1949, WHOSE "VISION CONCEIVED AND WHOSE UNTIRING EFFORTS GAVE BIRTH TO OUR SCHOOL."

THIS ALSO HONORS BISHOP GERALD GETTLEFINGER WHO CURRENTLY PRESIDES OVER THE EVANSVILLE DIOCESE AND CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR THE GROWTH OF MATER DEI.

FINALLY, WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO THE LOYAL SUPPORTERS OF MATER DEI, PAST AND PRESENT, WHOSE GENEROSITY AND AMBITIOUS DREAMS HAVE ENABLED MATER DEI'S ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND STUDENTS TO SURPASS ALL EXPECTATIONS.

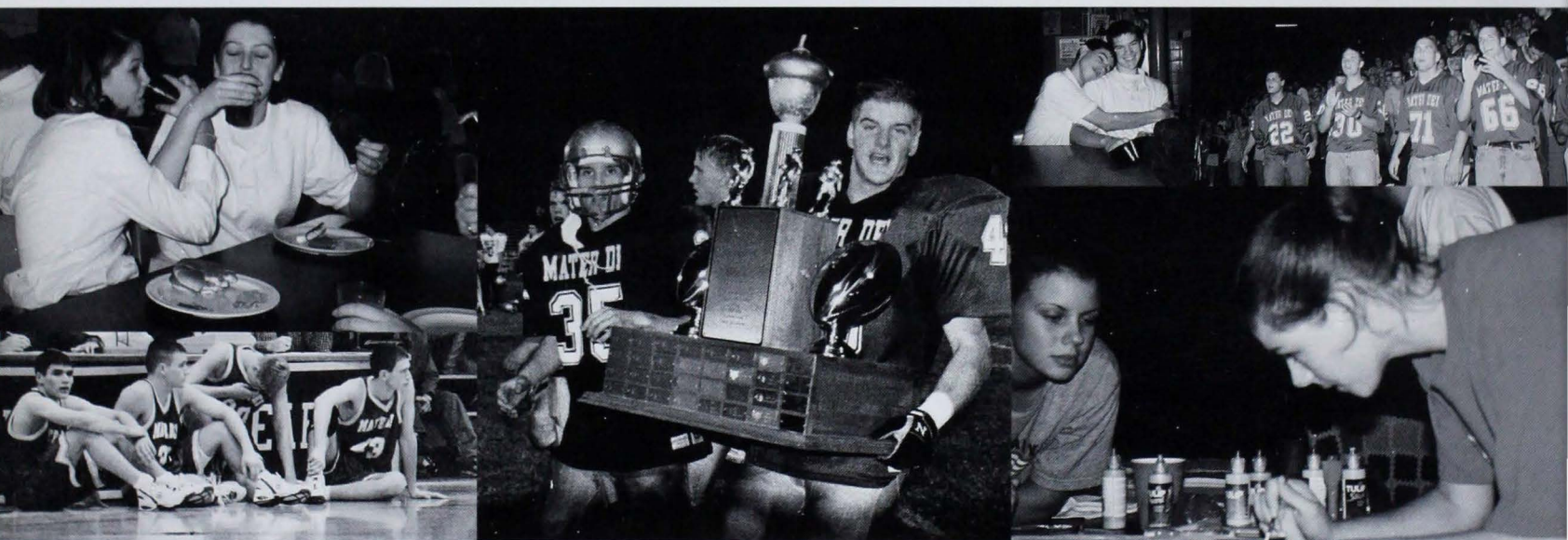




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FIFTY YEARS YOUNG AND
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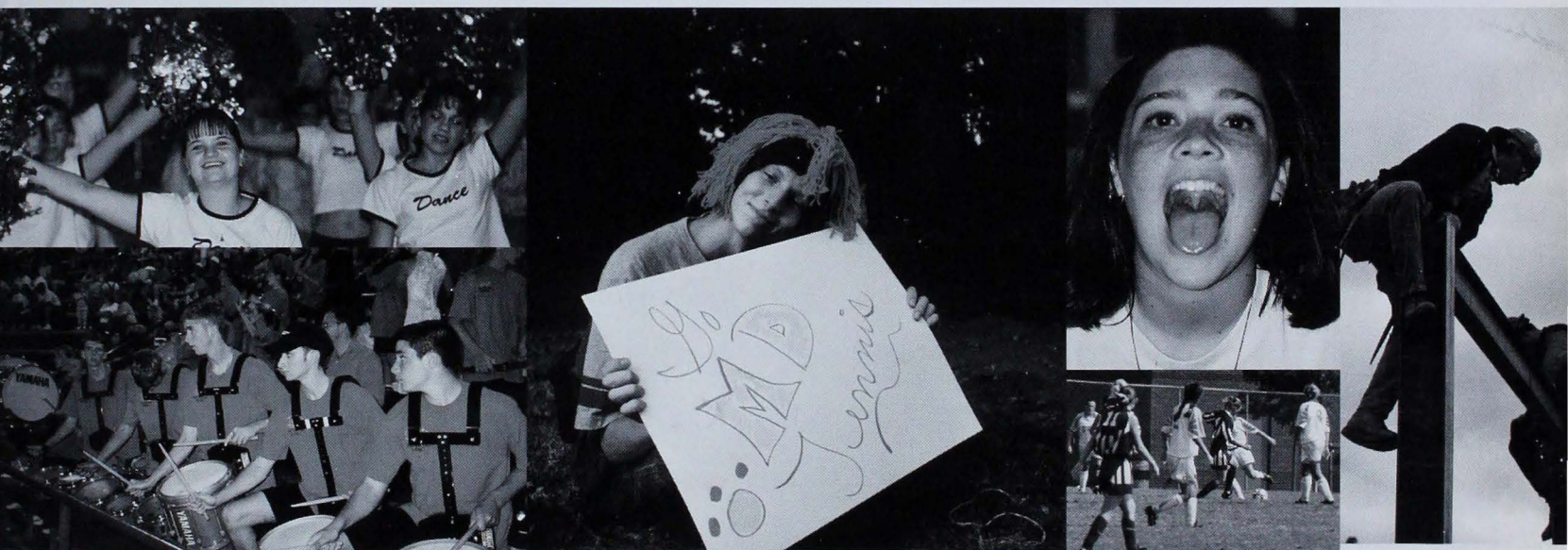
MD KEPT UP THE SCHOOL
SPIRIT AS BASKETBALL AND
WRESTLING BEGAN.
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED
WHILE SNOW FELL AND CARS
STRUGGLED UP THE HILL.



EVERYONE LOOKED BRIGHTLY
TO THE FUTURE AS THE
SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN WITH A
WHIRLWIND OF VOLLEYBALL
AND FOOTBALL GAMES AND
ANOTHER STATE RUN FOR THE
GIRLS' GOLF TEAM.

FRESH AIR, GENTLE
SHOWERS AND THE
SONGS OF BIRDS FILLED
THE AIR AS THE
STUDENTS ROUND OUT
THE YEAR.

AS ITS TRADITION GROWS AND
DEEPENS, MATER DEI THANKS ITS
STUDENTS, STAFF AND SUPPORTERS
FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO
ATHLETICS, SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE.



A TEARFUL GRADUATION WAS
INEVITABLE. ALONG WITH THE
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LAST CLASS ACCEPTED THEIR
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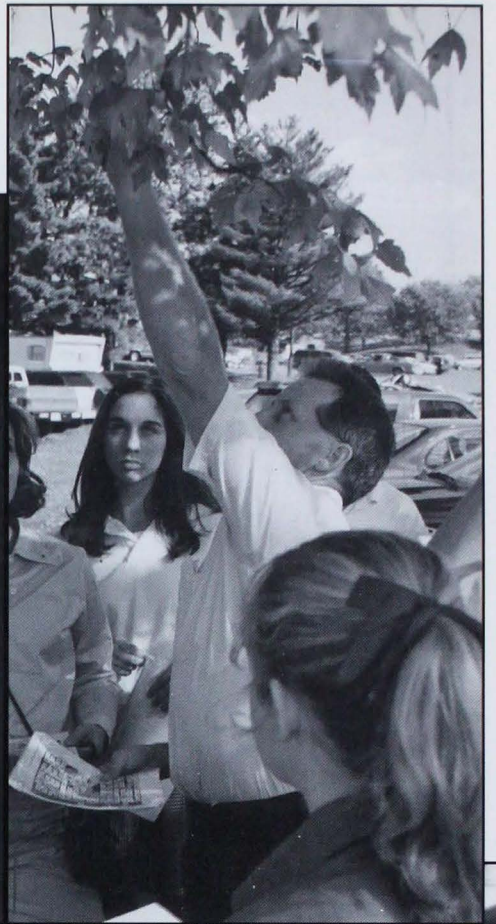
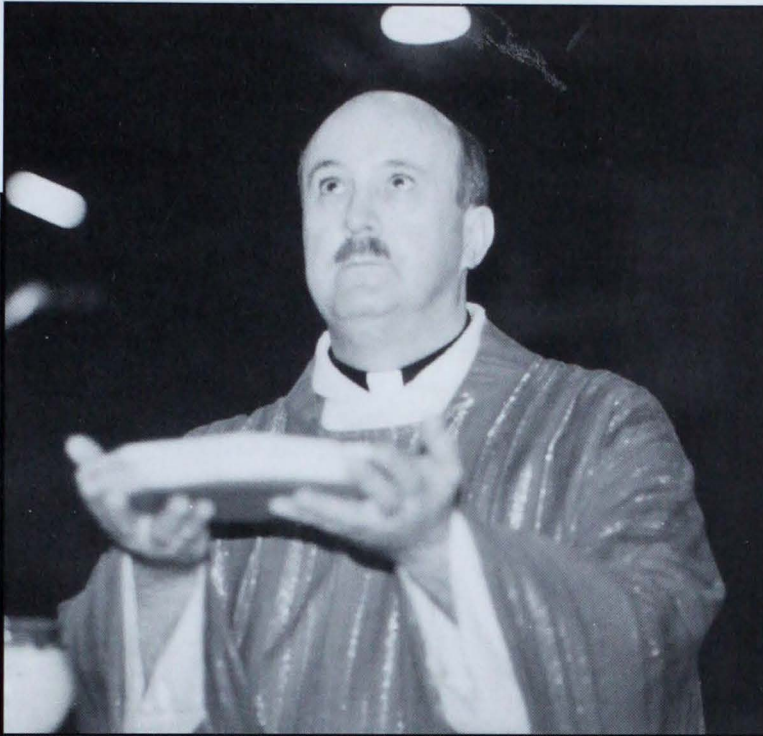
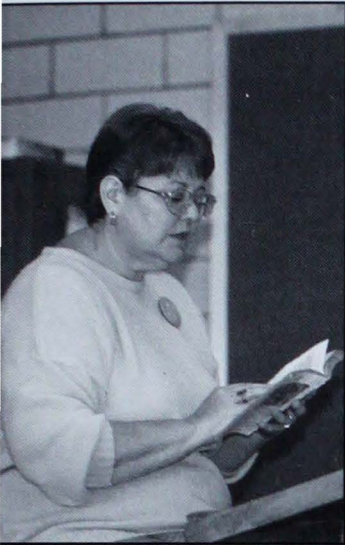
As a grandmother tells the family stories to her grandchildren, Mater Dei must likewise pass down its history to serve as a guide, a beacon for those wishing to grow in the Lord and the community through faith and Catholic education.

In that same family spirit of Mater Dei let us look back and reflect on the good memories.



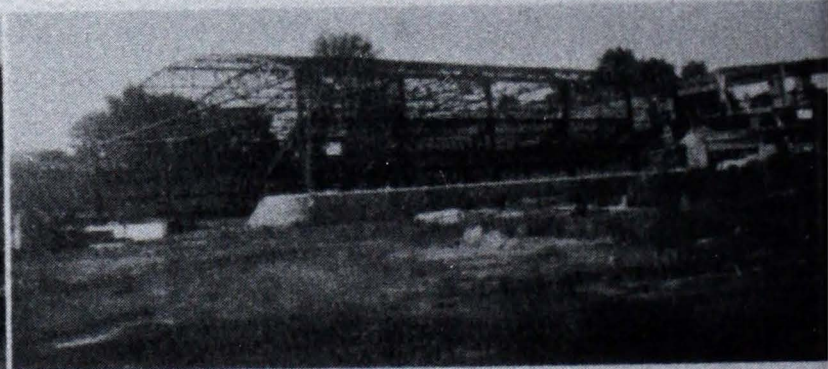
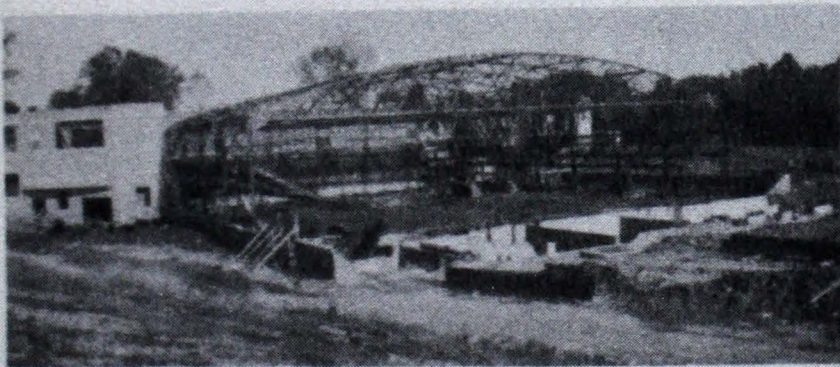
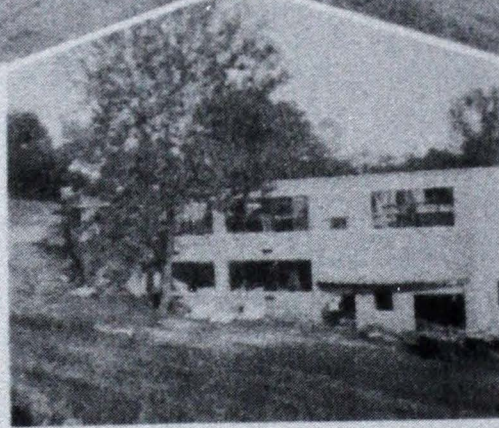
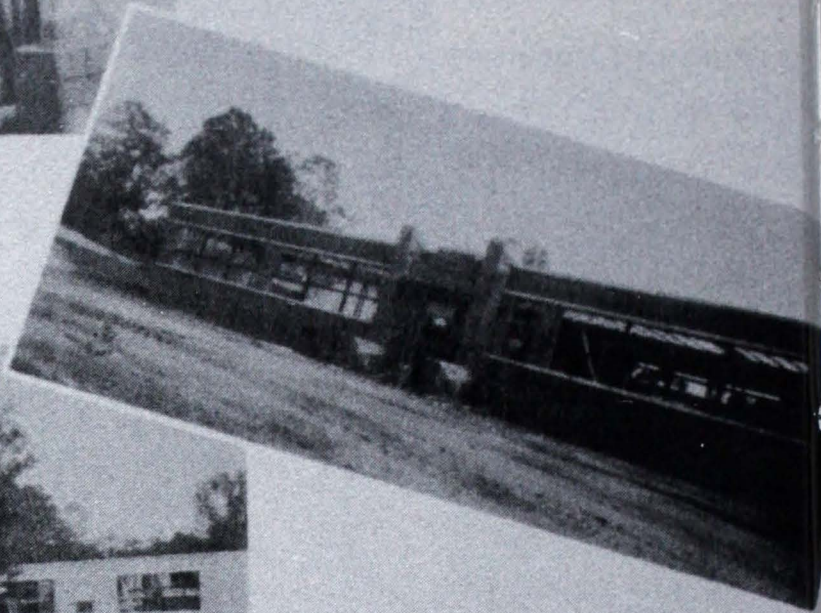
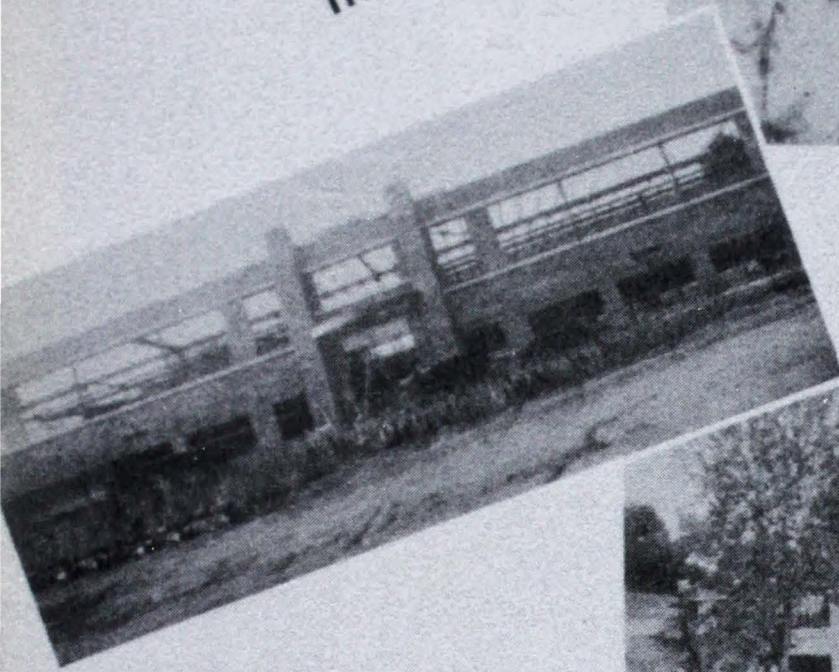
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A SCHOOL GROWS IN EVANSVILLE



Rough Start Beginnings Rising up from the swamp

In 1948 Bishop Grimmelsman's vision for a Catholic high school on the Westside of Evansville became reality when Mater Dei opened its doors for the first time.

Bishop Grimmelsman bought seventeen acres for \$5,000. It was a swamp. In fact, the water was so deep behind where the convent is now located, that people used to take their boats out and fish there.

The purchase was met with ridicule. No one thought that it could be transformed into a model Catholic high school. People called "Grimmeslman's Gulch" and doubted that a high school, or any building for that matter, could ever stand there.

Miller Construction Company, locally owned, won the bid to build the new high school. The school would be built in a "U" shape with the gym on the back.

The project met with some complications along the way that shaped the school into the structure that stands today.

The basement of the school could not be completed because solid bedrock made it impossible to continue construction on the north side of the school, so classrooms stopped at room 106 instead of wrapping around the entire school.

The next major problem facing construction came when the north wall, by the current principal's office, collapsed and was washed away by rain and flooding. The delay was costly and disheartening and

again gave rise to the ridicule.

After all construction problems were conquered, the swamp was officially transformed into Mater Dei High School and its' first class graduated in 1949.

Father Lautner was the school's first superintendent. He served Mater Dei from 1948 until 1955.

When Father Dewig took over in 1955, he realized some improvements needed to be made. The parking lot required expansion because there was only one row of parking spaces; room enough for about ten teacher's cars.

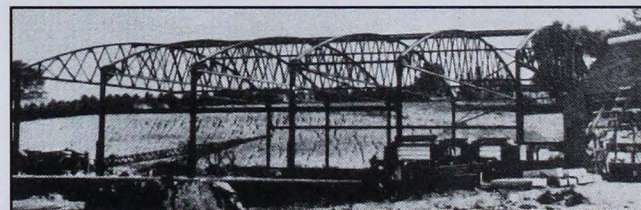
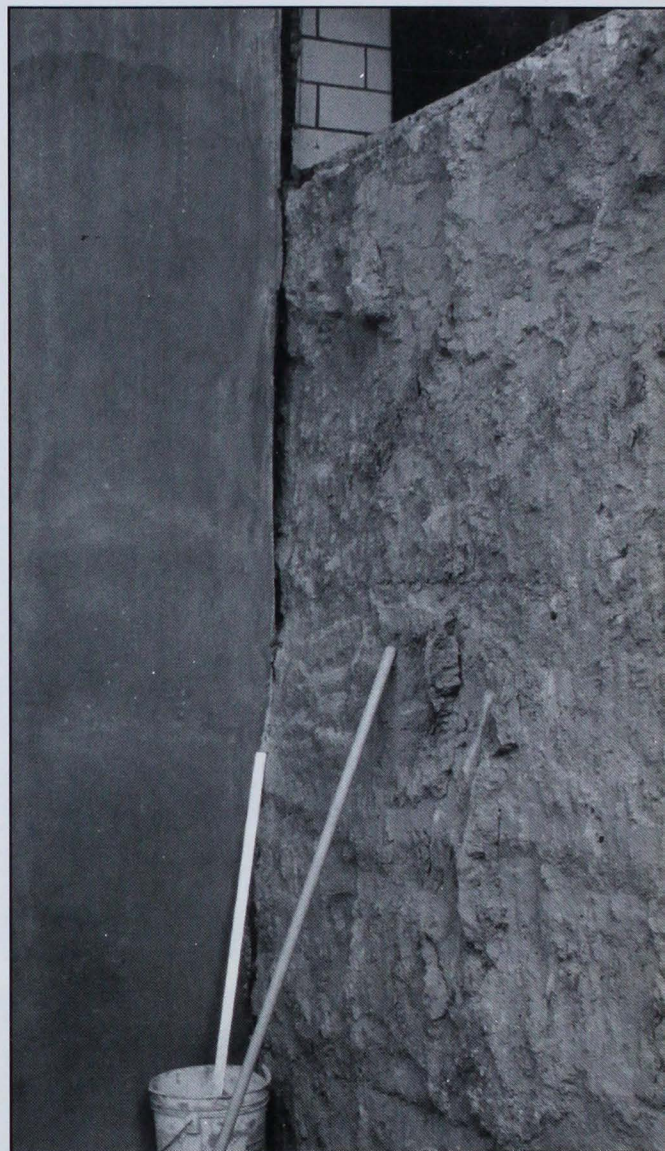
The plan to improve the parking lot was truly a community effort.

Father Dewig got some men, from the Booster Club, to dig catch basins in the swamy area in front of the school, in order to drain the excess water. S.I.E.G.C.O. donated fly ash to cover the parking lot surface until the students could raise \$30,000 by selling World's Finest Chocolate in order to pave the parking lot.

Mater Dei has constantly undergone construction and renovation in order to make things better for students and alumni alike.

Father Dewig summed it up best when he said, "Mater Dei started off as a swamp and now we have a gorgeous campus and it will be even prettier when the newest set of renovations are complete."

Old meets new as the construction project digs down to the original foundation outside the cafeteria to expand the lower level into the new building.



International Steel, located in downtown Evansville in 1949, was the primary steel provider during the construction and featured this photo in their advertisements

The land that later became Mater Dei was originally a lake on Betty Tevault's grandfather's land. Many came to the lake to fish and boat, as this picture shows.



The 1950 Hi-Lights, the first yearbook at Mater Dei, featured the building of the school with this collage showing the various stages of the construction of the "Queen's Palace".

Ron Angermeir is the "flapjack king." Mr. Angermeir cooked pancakes for all the seniors for the first annual Senior Breakfast.



Mater Dei's Friends & Alumni

Contributing to their alma mater

As soon as most of us graduate high school, we won't give much thought to what is going on at Mater Dei. Some graduates, however, still volunteer time and money to making Mater Dei a better place. Their loyalty toward their school has helped Mater Dei become what it is today. The expansion project and renovations to the building were made possible due to the enthusiasm and generosity of the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association. The Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association has contributed over \$200,000 just this year toward construction, renovation and supplies for the new classrooms.

The new auditorium will greatly benefit from the Friends and Alumni Associations contributions. The three heavy drapes that hang in front of the stage and the sound and light systems were funded by the Friends and Alumni.

Since new technological advances have made the internet so accessible for educational purposes, the Friends and Alumni will also help provide internet access to every classroom in the building. They are also providing 25 new classroom computers, 3 computers in the library, and 2 computers for the teachers' workroom; seven new printers will also be provided.

"That group is really something. We could not have done all this without them," said Principal Mary Traylor.

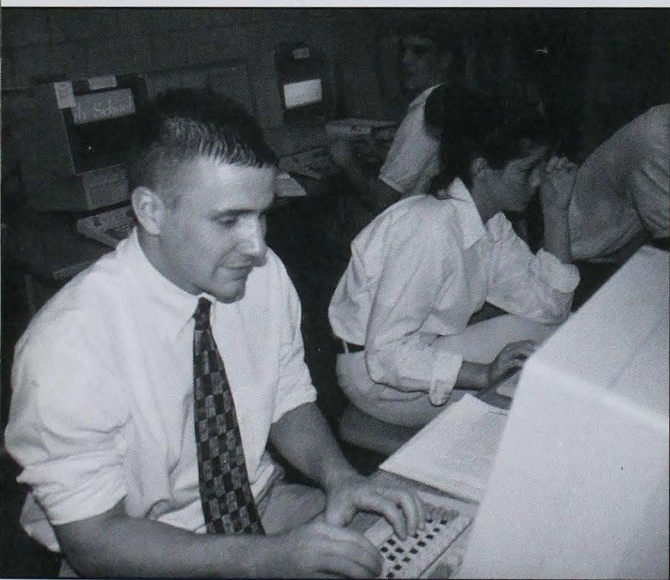
The Friends and Alumni Association doesn't just contribute money to the school; they also volunteer their time to improve the school. Each August, they hold a campus clean up before school begins. They also hold fund-raisers such as the Big Bingo and the monthly lottery.

Not only do they give money school organizations, they also give seniors something special at the end of the school year. Every senior receives a composite picture of the entire senior class, like the ones on display in the back of the cafeteria. Also, beginning this year, the Friends and Alumni will have a breakfast for the seniors in May to honor the graduating class.

To keep all Mater Dei alumni updated with the latest happenings, the Friends and Alumni publish a bi-yearly newsletter called the Red and Gold, which is distributed to everyone who has graduated from Mater Dei. Inside are updates on sporting events, band competitions, and academic accomplishments. The Friends and Alumni also provides class lists for class reunions.

"The Mater Dei Friends and Alumni serve as a connection from the past to now," said Sharon Layman.

The Mater Dei Friends and Alumni is a special group that has contributed so much to our school. Thanks to them, Mater Dei is growing and is full of more tradition and beauty than ever before.



Senior Adam Schiff types happily on one of the computers in the lab. The Friends and Alumni Association purchased 30 new computers for the 1999-2000 school year.

Seniors Margaret Halbig and Gina Conner read the latest issue of Red and Gold, the Friends and Alumni newsletter.





The first annual Senior Breakfast was quite a success. Students lined up to get their fill on pancakes, muffins and sausages.

Alumnus John Schroeder helps trim the landscaping at campus clean-up day.



Senior Crystal Spivey receives the Friends and Alumni Association Scholarship from president Wayne Emge on Honors Night.

Senior Sarah Jost looks hungrily at her nutritious sausage links at the Senior Breakfast.



The wrestling here at Mater Dei will always be a tradition as long as they keep the victories and fan support rolling.

Senior Jill Bartlett crowns our school patroness Mary on May Day.



The senior fans show their spirit and support for the school and football team.



Coach Randy Helfrich and Mike Goebel are both walking traditions.



Mater Dei Tradition

From sports to the May Day Queen

When people think of Mater Dei tradition, they usually think of the athletic programs, but there are many other traditions that represent MD as well.

Mater Dei means "Mother of God," and each year on May 1st the school celebrates May Day. The seniors select a girl who they think is most like Mary. This special girl is crowned and then crowns the statue of Mary. After the crowning and mass, the school plays games and competes in tournaments. This is only one of the many traditions we have here at Mater Dei.

Another MD tradition is saluting the freshmen with the "Really Green" song on the first day of school. Everyone has to go through being a freshman, which means being teased everyday by upperclassman, having to wait last in line to eat lunch, being tormented by Mr. Tom Dick and getting saluted by the entire student body.

Being a small school and competing against much larger schools, Mater Dei has done exceptionally well in all sports throughout the years. The winning tradition is most evident in our wrestling program. Mater Dei wrestlers show their dedication and willingness to work to keep the tradition alive. The other tradition our school has is the fan support and cheering from fellow alumni and present students. Tradition is also seen in our feeder schools, where many people volunteer their time to

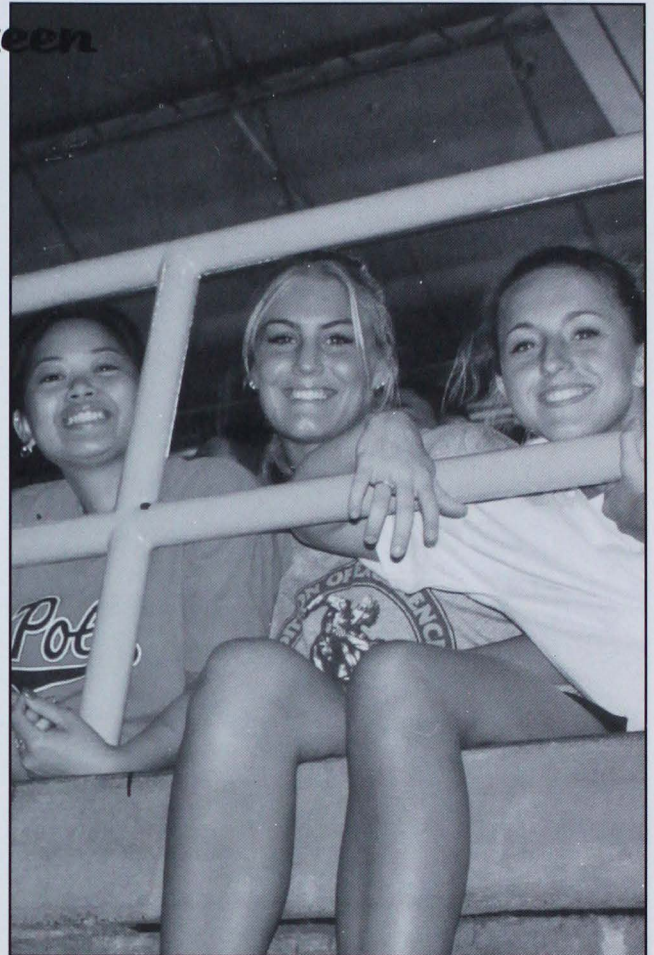
coach and help with the meets. The young athletes look up to the Mater Dei wrestlers and want to follow in their footsteps to keep up the reputation that the MD wrestling program has built.

There are many traditions at Mater Dei, but what holds them together are the strong family values and morals that we maintain in our school. In a way, Mater Dei is more like a strong, catholic family instead of another school. This tradition will hopefully continue and grow stronger throughout the years.

Our school is also unique because we are one of the only three private high schools in the Evansville area. We carry great enthusiasm and pride in everything we join and participate in as a individual or a whole team.

Another unique quality of Mater Dei is its self contained city of Mater Deiville student run government. Our mayor for the 1998-1999 school year was Seth Weber, our judge was Benny Faraone, and clerk Joe Traylor. These three young men did a fine job leading the school this year. If you walk through our school you will see tradition all around you. Banners in the gym along the back wall represent the excellent tradition our school has in athletics from many years past to the present. The wall of mayors represents the tradition of our student run government here at Mater Dei.

The junior girls sit along the walkways and watch the May Day activities.



The tradition that gives our school its tradition and pride is the celebration of the eucharist and our regular masses.

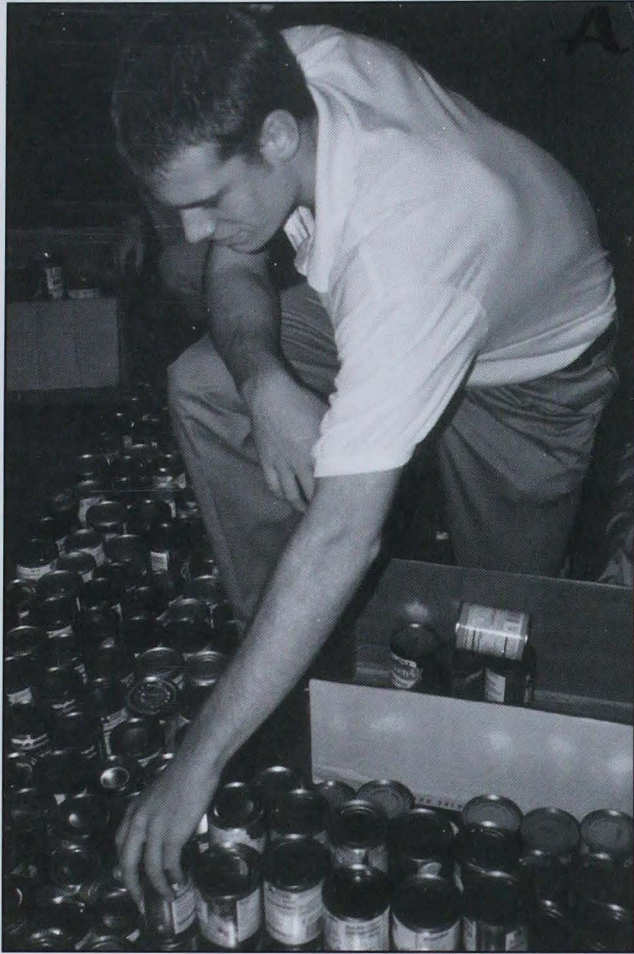
Our student government is very unique and one of the only in the country to have its own city by name.



Mater Dei Community

family feeling draws us together

Senior Benny Faraone sets up cans collected from the food drive for mass.



There is more to Mater Dei than just its students and faculty members; there are many parents, friends and alumni that make the Mater Dei community what it is.

Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association, which was established in 1985, works to see that MD is able to continue its long standing tradition of excellence in education. They collect donations from graduates and are supportive of any projects at the school. Mater Dei provides a place for this group to have meetings.

Mater Dei consists of many families that form one community. Some of these families have two or three generations that have been through the school's halls.

As a school community, Mater Dei reaches out to the larger Evansville community. Many area businesses think highly of Mater Dei graduates. Some become active leaders in these businesses.

While Mater Dei contributes many good leaders to the Evansville community, the same leaders often give back to Mater Dei.

Randy Helfrich, for example, went to Mater Dei during his high school years. Now the school's reserve wrestling coach, he has compiled the longest winning streak in the nation. This not only shows his commitment, but the excellence of the Mater Dei family. Helfrich also has recently become an Accounting and Business

teacher here at Mater Dei. He sent his son John, to Mater Dei, and his daughter, Lindsey, now attends the school.

"Mater Dei is a part of me. I wouldn't think of sending my kids anywhere else," said Helfrich.

Students attending Mater Dei experience the pride and togetherness of the school. Pride is demonstrated throughout the halls and the school is full of spirit at pep assemblies.

"This community is something that I can always count on to be there for me," said junior Matt Weber.

The community of Mater Dei also sets itself apart by showing special organization and caring for others in need. The school collected over 2,800 canned goods to give to needy people in the area for Thanksgiving and participated in adopt-a-family programs in which each homeroom sponsored a less-fortuned family. The student body showed enormous care for a fellow student when his father died and he had to fly to California. Each class collected enough money to pay for his plane trip with some money to spare.

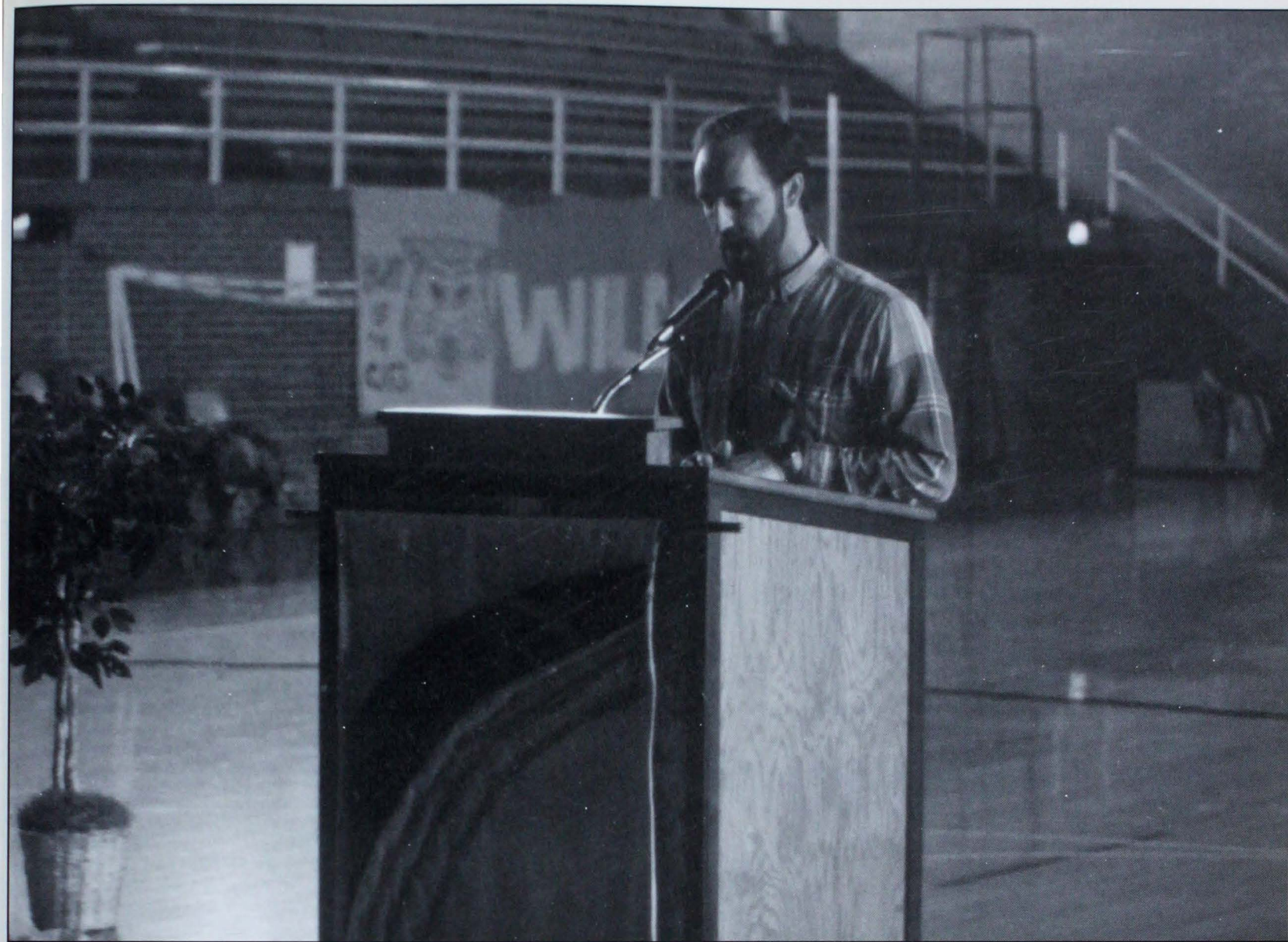
Mater Dei is a family that accepts differences and works together to meet goals. Being a student at Mater Dei High School is a very rewarding experience and each student is given many opportunities to shine.



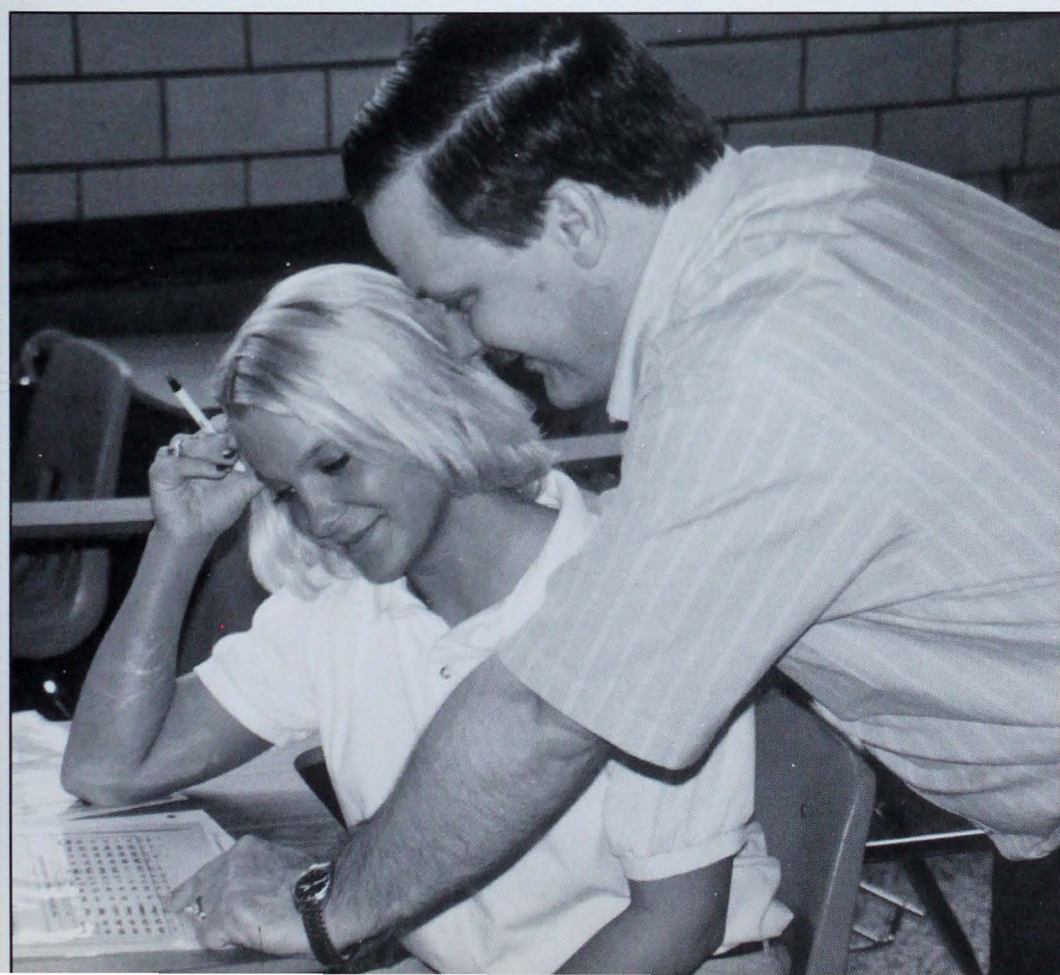
Senior Jenny Effinger does her part by helping out with the freshman retreat.

Parents and fans stand and applaud the efforts of the Mater Dei athletes out on the field.





Father Kenny gives a few inspirational words about the incident at Columbine High School.



Senior J.D. Wargel lights a candle in remembrance of the students killed at Columbine High School.

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MEETING 6:00
MATER DEI
MAR 23**

Wrestling coach, MD grad and teacher Randy Helfrich helps out his daughter Lindsay.



Mrs. Carol Hudgions works diligently on her computer. Next year, Mater Dei will utilize a completely new computer lab.

Our Mother, Mary, is a symbol of Mater Dei that will lead us into the future.



These familiar faces take a well-deserved break outside.



Mater Dei's Future

Construction is more than a facade

The future of Mater Dei lies in the hands of the past and the present. Everything that we have done in the history of this school reflects on the future. This year, Mater Dei's overall appearance will change through the eyes of many people, in its physical aspects as well as others. The new buildings, new technology and other new additions will effect the future of Mater Dei.

The most noticeable part of Mater Dei's change is the new addition. The new auditorium will be the setting for school masses, plays, concerts and other events. Plans are that the creative arts program will be able to expand with the new auditorium. The school musicals and plays will be performed in the new theater. Principal Mrs. Mary Traylor believes that creative arts are very important to a school's total development.

"When you have creative arts, they make your school someplace else," Mrs. Traylor says.

Another aspect of Mater Dei's change for the future is the new technology. The school wants to prepare its students for the next century by giving them the opportunity to have hands-on experience with the newest in technology.

New computer labs and science labs will help the students excel because of the new technology. The new computers, donated to the school by the Mater Dei Friends

and Alumni Association, will all be hooked up with Internet access. Students will be able to do research on the Internet much easier than in past years.

The new science labs will each have areas for conducting lab projects and another area for lectures. This will allow the students to concentrate more on the lectures without lab equipment getting in their way.

The dress code for next year will be made more strict to allow the students to focus on the real meaning of school: to get an education. Many students focus too much on other things like friends and the brand names of their clothes.

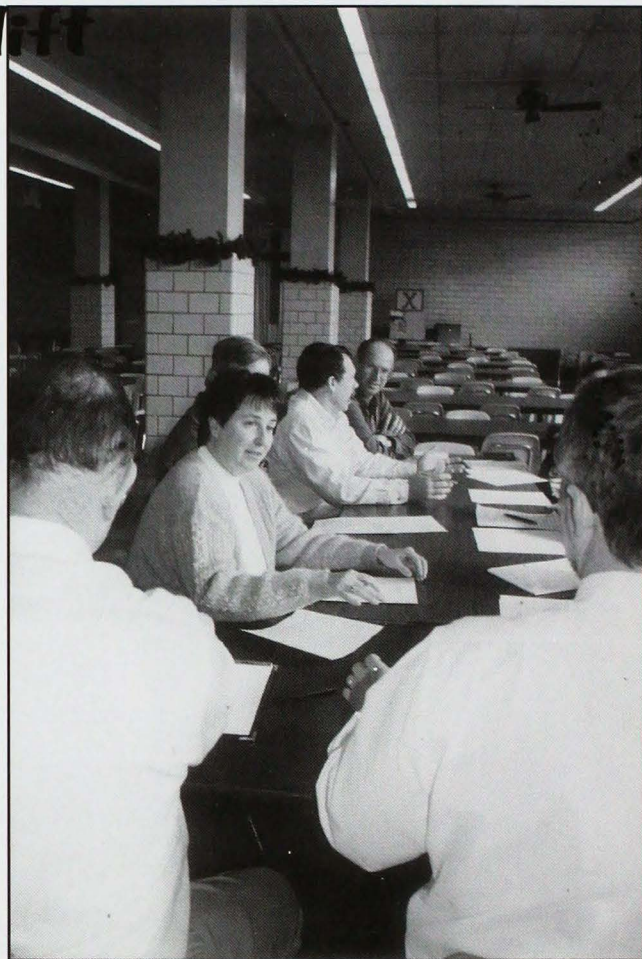
The faculty and administration will be taking a continued look at the curriculum to make sure that Mater Dei students are getting the best possible education. Block scheduling will be improved in some areas to get the most out of it.

Establishing excellence will be hard but will all be worth it in the end. Mater Dei will be a place that we all will want to send our children. It will be the ideal school for getting them ready for the real world.

"We've got a real job ahead of us," added Mrs. Traylor.

Yes, the road was long and bumpy and sacrifices had to be made along the way, but the future of Mater Dei will establish excellence for next generation of students to come.

Principal Mary Traylor discusses construction plans with the workers.



From the past to the future, Mater Dei will always be a symbol of beauty on the west side.

A construction worker peers into a new manhole as new pipes and utility lines are laid in the parking lot.

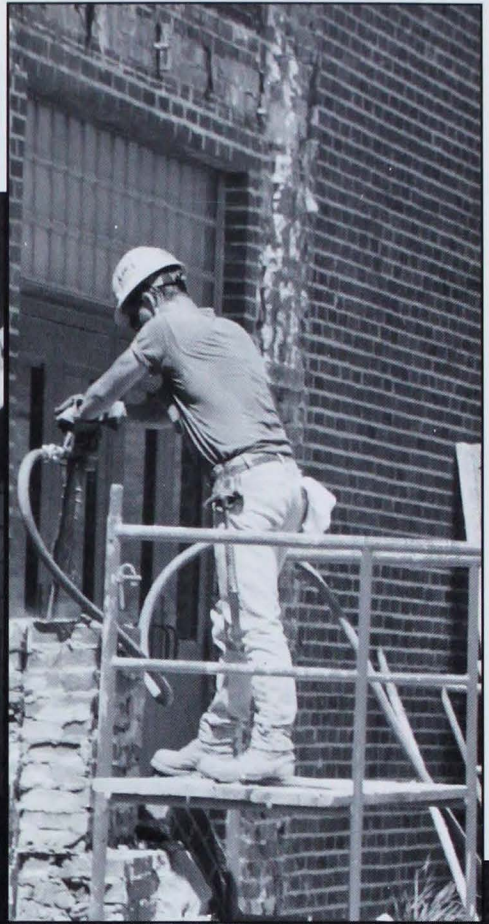


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As many of our parents send us back to school, they remember when they went back after a long summer. They too huddled up at cold football games, cheered on the Volleycats and settled into another school year of studies with their classmates and friends. The tradition of Mater Dei is a family affair and some things will never change.

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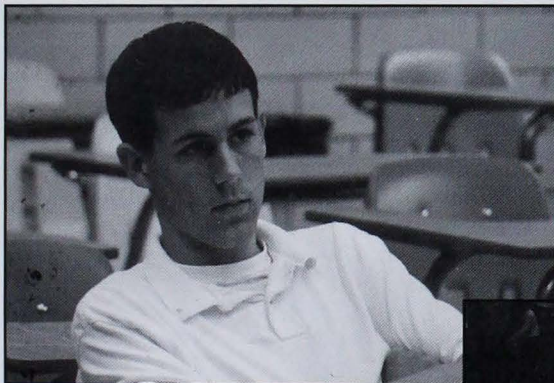
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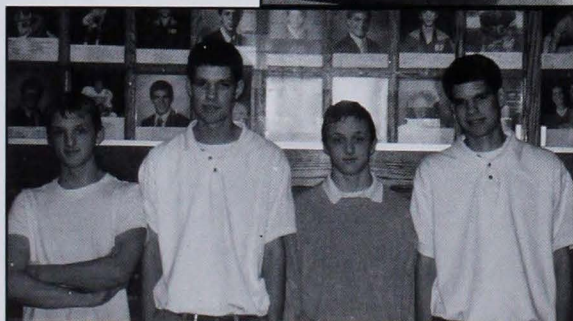
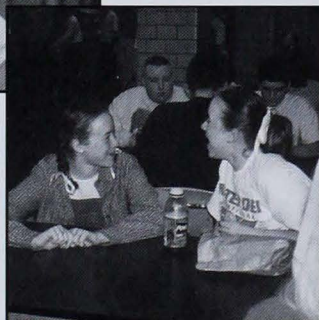


Double Take



Twins are everywhere at Mater Dei.

Make sure your talking to the right person!



Have you ever passed a student in the hall, then turned the corner, only to come face to face with them again? Don't worry your not seeing things. There are multiple sets of twins at Mater Dei this year. The twins have confused teachers, classmates, and parents, so don't worry if you get a little mixed up too.

The following are some twin tales...

Melissa and Lesley Sabel are senior twin sisters. Their thoughts are often alike and their taste in clothes is identical. Melissa picked up a cute shirt to show her sister. Meanwhile, Lesley has the exact same shirt in her hands. This just goes to prove that twins do think alike.

Kim and Kevin Alvey are fraternal twins. Kim recalls singing songs to herself, while walking into their computer room at home. Only to find her twin Kevin playing the same song aloud on the computer.

Jessica and Rachel Scheu are Freshman twins this year. Rachel can start a sentence and somehow Jessica always knows how to finish it.

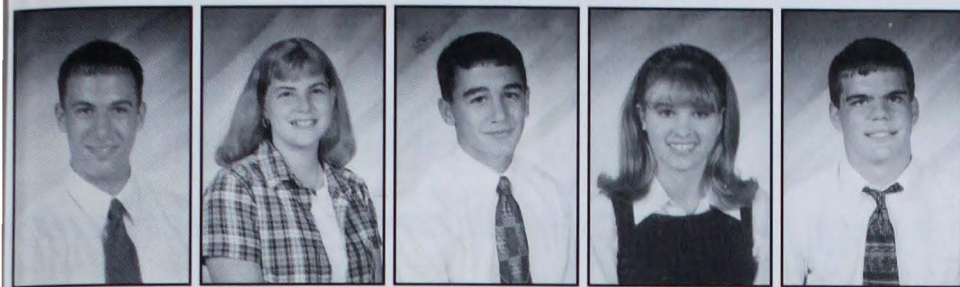
Ashley and Steven Lamble often share dreams. When Ashley shares what she dreamt the night before, Steven has sometimes dreamt the exact same dream.

Eli and Josh Todich enjoy every red day first block together. In Commercial Art, both Todich's sport the same packback.

Kendra and Dustin Paul, Josh and Jacob Ziliak, and Scott and Keith Herrmann have also all joined in the game of confusing teachers, friends, and family.

Mater Dei is filled with twins this year, so don't be afraid to do a double take. Twins may look and act alike, but be sure you know who you're talking to in the halls of Mater Dei.





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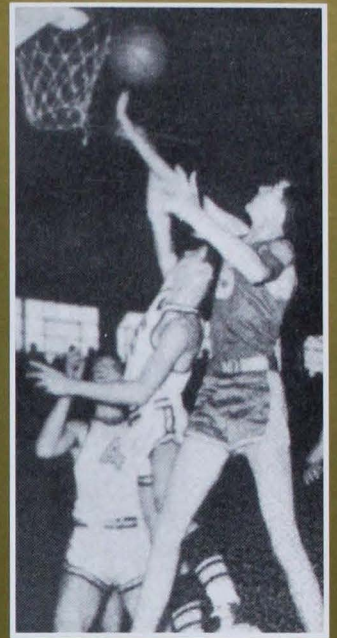
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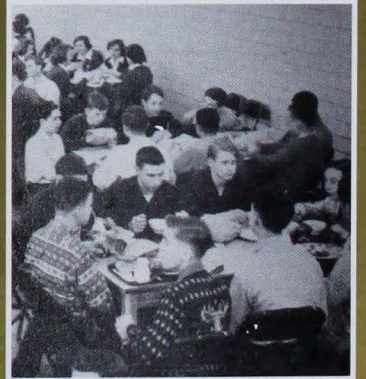


1950

Although 1950 was not the first year of Mater Dei, it was the beginning of many things that make us who we are today. This was the first edition of the yearbook. It was also the start of the football team and basketball team.

Bishop Henry J. Grimmelman was head of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville and filled the school with nuns or priests as teachers.

The school was separated by sexes-each having their own half of the school. One of the many classes taught was home nursing and you could join the championship bowling team or the glee club in your spare time.

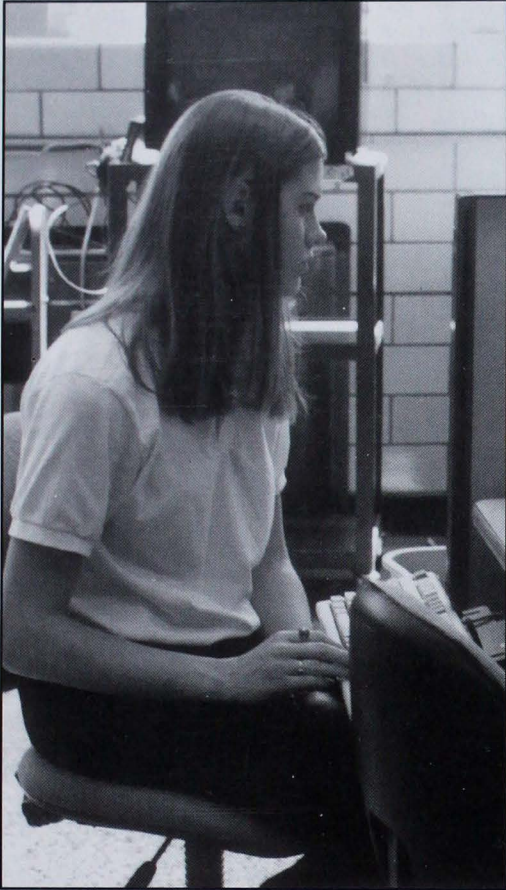


Book Worms

Library Skills

Getting hands-on library experience

The hands of technology are at the tips of Tricia Schenk's fingers as she searches on the Internet.



A central point in every school is the library, and this year steps were taken to give the students a better look at it.

For the first time this year, students could sign up for Library Skills class, a period where the student could learn more about the library and how to use it better by working hand in hand with Ms. Maria Brauns, the media specialist.

Students would perform all the tasks that Brauns would, including cataloging new books, checking out students and making sure audio-visual equipment was in the right classroom when it was needed.

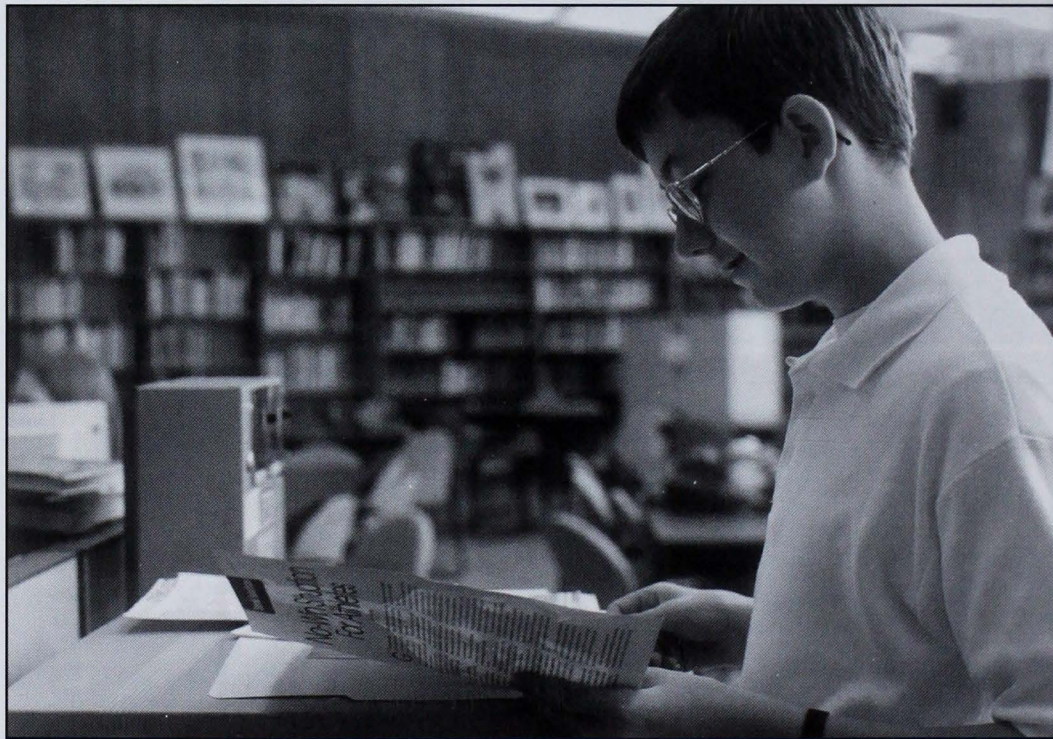
The nice thing about the class was its size. There was only one or two people signed up for

the class during each block. Students had plenty of one on one time with Brauns to get a handle on how the library worked.

But the students did more than just work in the library. They also learned valuable research skills and how to find material that they or other students might need for projects.

The added help in the library was appreciated by all that came in. Ms. Brauns was free to spend more time updating the library and adding on to it while teachers and students researching had an extra pair of hands to count on.

Eventhough the class seemed like a lot of work, it was a valuable learning experience that these students say that they needed.



After returning from distributing audio-visual equipment to the classrooms, Greg Schapker checks out some new research material for the library.

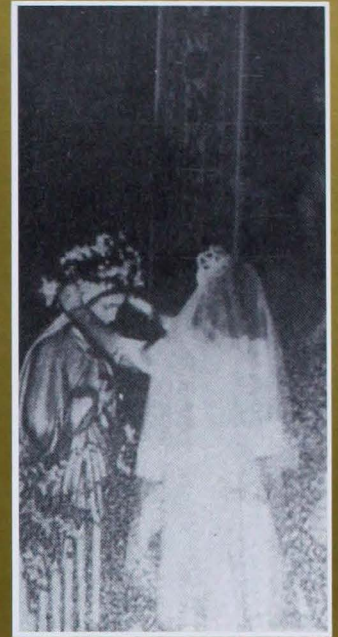
When asked for assistance in research, Lori Schnarre never hesitated to give a helping hand.



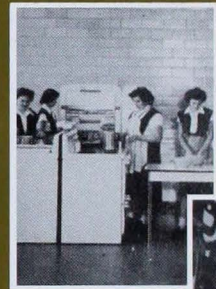
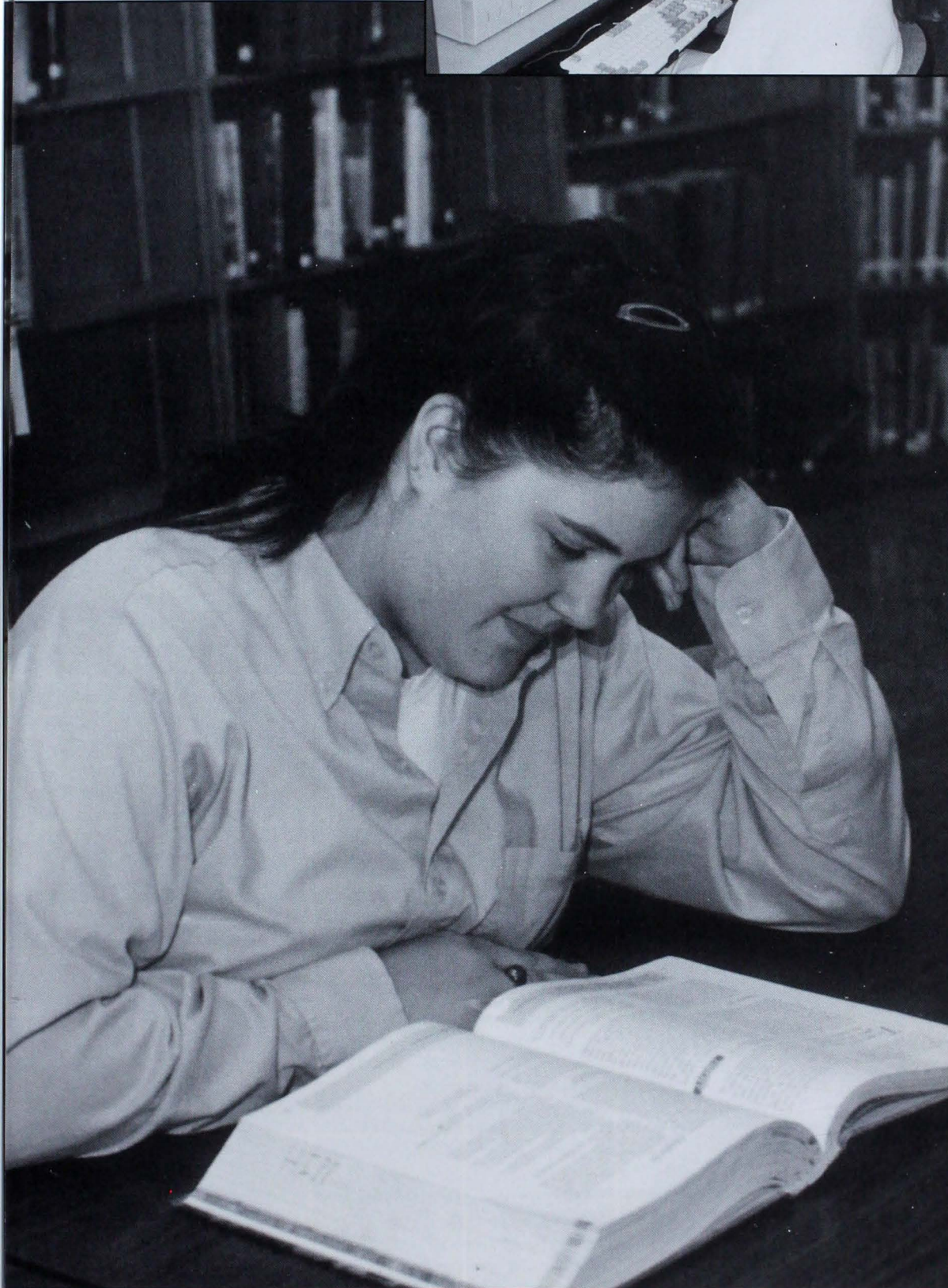
Misty Lindsey diligently types to prepare a paper for the media class.



Many students take advantage of the Internet and library helper Cassie McCord was ready to give a helping hand to students wanting to do research on the computer.



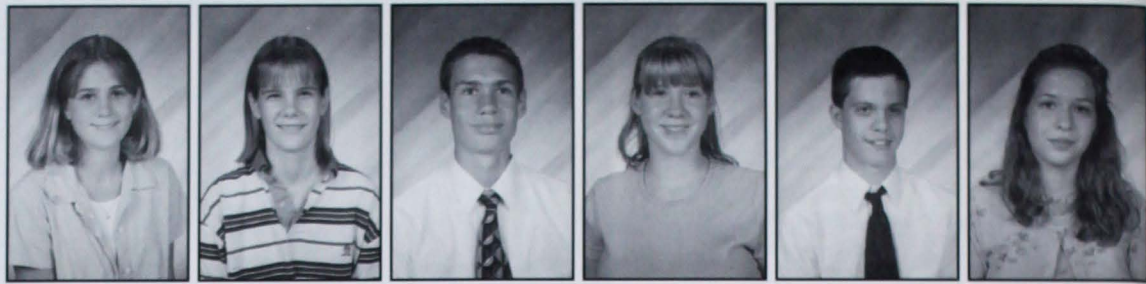
1950



When time allows, students such as Jennifer Coomes entertain themselves with books of their choice.

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Kempf, Audrey E.
Keown, Joanna A.
Keifer, Matthew M.
Kirsch, Joanna A.
Kissel, Jonathan G.
Kite, Megan A.



Knapp, David J.
Ko, Daniel J.
Koch, Ashley B.
Koch, Jeanell R.
Kollker, Blake D.
Koressel, Brian M.



Koressel, Nikolas R.
Koressel, Jacob A.
Keuber, Brian M.
Lambert, Kari L.
Lamble, Ashley E.
Lamble, Steven M.



It All Began With Her



Showing the girls a few moves, Mrs. Adler is back in her element. Her enthusiasm gave birth to girls' athletics at MD.

Firing up the girls' basketball team during her early years of coaching, her emotion and spirit helped lead Mrs. Adler's teams to several titles and the Volleycats to their first trip to state.



Many of you see her around school not really knowing who she is. Over the course of the years, Carolyn Adler has been a student, teacher, coach and now a substitute teacher at Mater Dei; but her biggest impact at Mater Dei was her contributions to girls' sports.

By her freshman year in high school, Adler had her career planned out and it included Mater Dei.

"Freshman year I realized that I wanted to come back to Mater Dei and teach. I believe in a Catholic education and my heart is, and always will be, with Mater Dei," said Adler.

It was a dream come true when Father Mark Kurzendoerfer kept his promise and gave her a teaching job here at Mater Dei.

As a physical education teacher, Adler stepped up for the female students that didn't have sports teams to compete on.

In 1972, Adler began what would become today one of the highest recognized girls' sports at Mater Dei. So with Adler's help, our first volleyball team evolved with Sister Donna Marie as the assistant coach and Sister Mary Francis as the statistician. She also started girls' basketball, tennis, and the first all girl cheerleading squad.

It was her dream that made girls

sports at Mater Dei a reality.

In 1981, Adler ended her full-time career as a teacher here to devote more time to her family. In her absence, she always thought part of her life was missing.

"To tell you the truth, while I was gone, I missed coaching more than I did teaching."

Now she's back after fifteen years doing what she loves—teaching and helping the freshman volleyball players strive for greatness.





Langton, Melissa M.
 Lewis, Scott E.
 Luigs, Jarrod L.
 Mallory, Patrick S.
 Markin, Michelle M.

Martin, Douglas W.
 Martin, Leah C.
 Masterson, Luke R.
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 Mcatee, Daniel J.

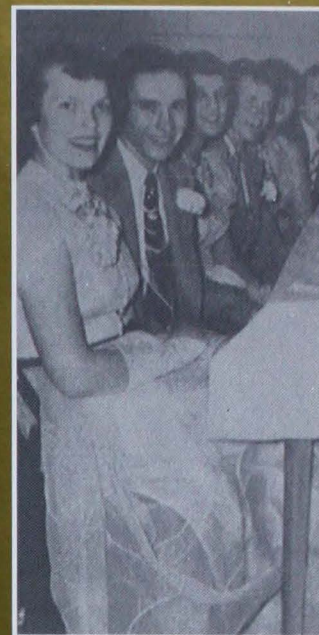
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 McLaughlin, Joseph P.
 Meier, Jessica M.
 Merkel, Adam J.
 Mesker, Jennifer K.

Miller, Abby L.
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 Moore, Craig M.
 Morrow, John P.

Morrow, Kimberly E.
 Muensterman, Jennifer R.
 Mueth, Craig M.
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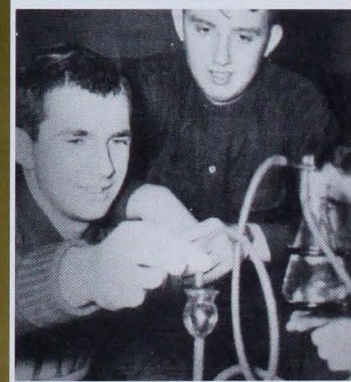
Paul, Dustin L.
 Paul, Kelly R.
 Paul, Kendra M.
 Paulson, Ashley M.
 Pfister, Matthew A.



1951

Looking back at 1951, Mater Dei had to face many challenges, just as any new school would. Mater Dei was forced to learn from its own mistakes; yet, the class of 1951 refused to let any challenges stand in their way. These seniors realized the key to success was cooperation and unity.

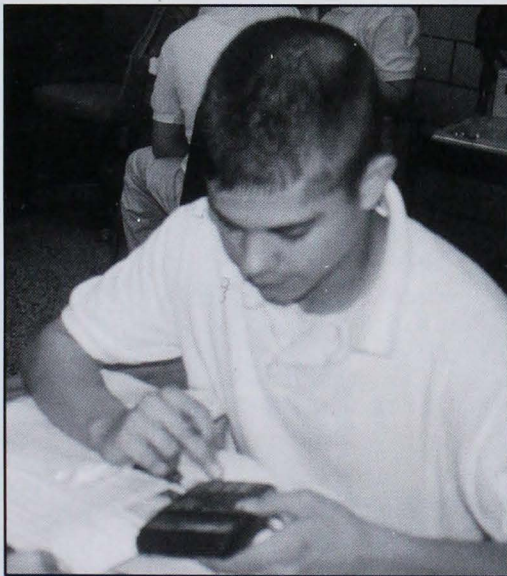
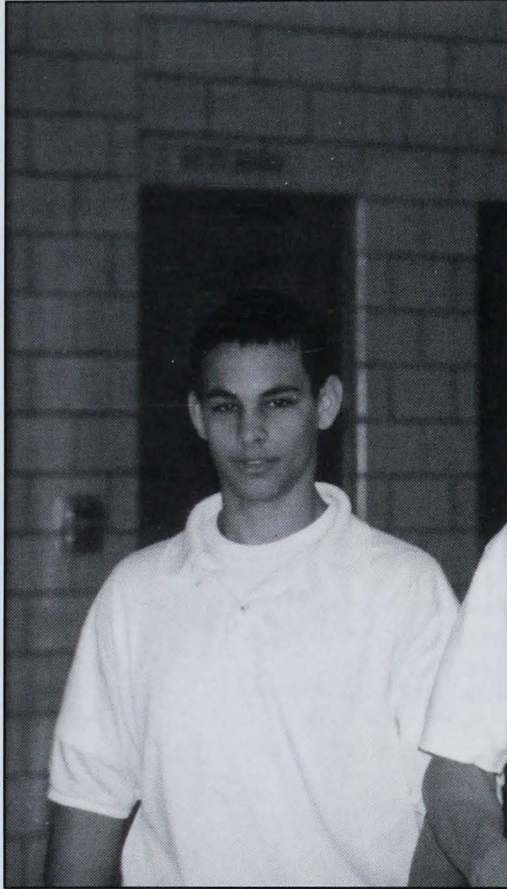
Len Will, the football and basketball coach, led his teams to numerous victories. Mater Dei introduced the city of Evansville to a new amateur sport none other than wrestling. The 1951 wrestling team started a tradition of wrestling excellence, which has continued up to this day.



A Little Break Choice Period

Freshmen gather with Mr. Keith

Jarrood Luigs has a serious look on his face as he rushes to get to a choice before the bell rings.

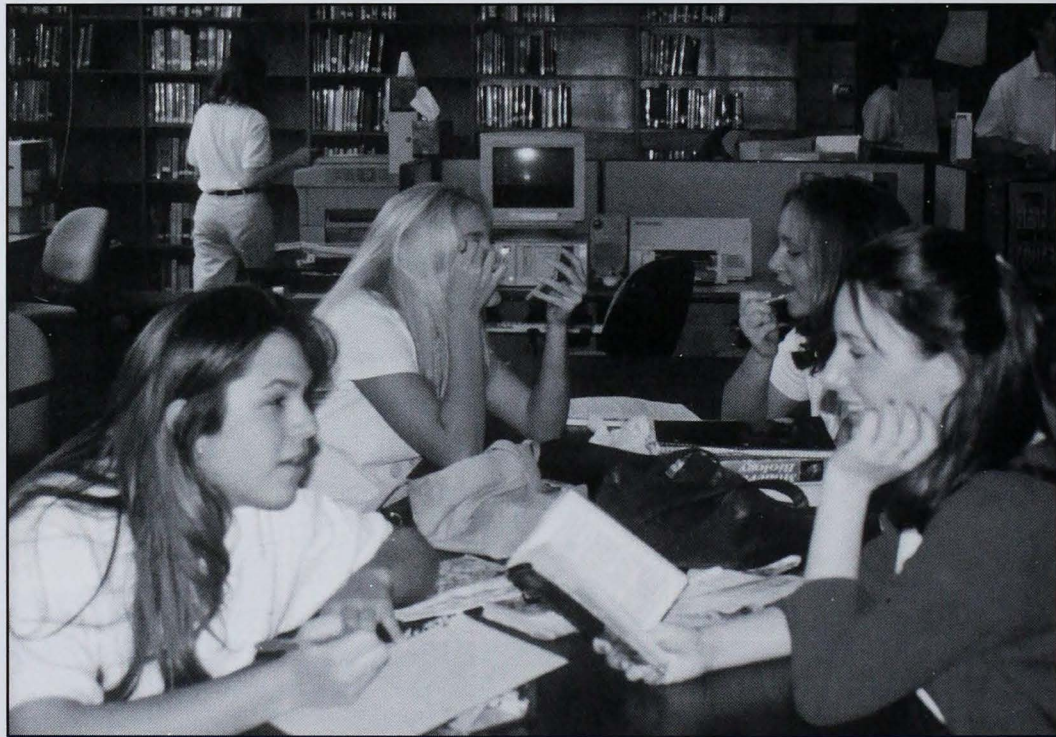


J.P. Morrow fools teachers by pretending to be doing math homework but actually playing games on his calculator.

As the numbers are tallied, the teachers sit quietly in hopes that they will win the big competition. Then the drum roll begins, and Mrs. Mary Traylor says, "Now is the moment you've all been waiting for! And the first place winner is... Mr. Keith!" If everyone didn't know, Mr. Keith won the imaginary competition of having the most freshmen come to his choice everyday. As most teachers disperse, they realize how glad they are that they don't have to put up with tons of freshmen in their room everyday.

You have to admit that being a freshman is tough. All the peer pressure, the homework, and a lot of big changes with their daily schedule. Instead of recess (unfortunately), there is choice.

Many freshmen they said they enjoyed choice. J.P. Morrow says, "I use my choice period to finish homework and of course talk to Mr. Keith!" Sarah Tornatta and Amber Gilles use their time to improve their socializing skills in talking with friends, but every once in a while they get help from a teacher. Many freshmen also said that it gives them time to do last minute homework and study for tests. As all the freshmen do different things to pass time during choice, they all come up with the same conclusion that it serves as a good little break between their morning and afternoon classes. Adam Effinger and Matt Beck agree that anything is better than having class.



Jennifer Muensterman and Michelle Markin use their choice somewhat wisely while Holly Mayer and Kerri Crowdus use it to powder their noses.

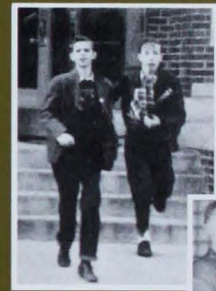
Lynn Eickhoff and Kim Goebel enjoy roaming the halls during choice.



Lindsey Schenk gets help with her math homework from Chelsea Bitter who seems to know the answer.



1951



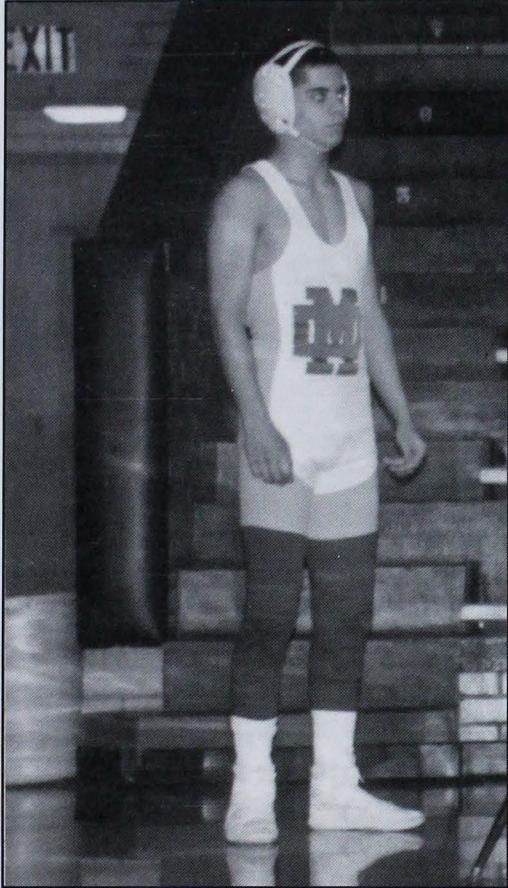
Look at all those greenies. Mr. Keith has won the popularity contest for most enjoyable choice for freshmen.

Undefeated

Freshmen Sports

Continuing tradition of winning

Every match to these Wildcats is important. J.P. Morrow gets focused on his job at task.



To make it through your whole season without a loss, to feel the intimidation of your opponent, the thrill of victory . . . this is the feeling of being undefeated.

Mater Dei has had a long history of quality athletic teams, but the freshmen this year have made a name for themselves by carving out several undefeated seasons.

The volleyball team was coached by Carolyn Adler, former varsity coach and player. They overcame a tough schedule to end their season with a 19-0 record.

John Goebel coached the football team to another undefeated season going 8-0.

"They were a real talented group," said Coach Goebel. "These kids work real hard."

The freshman football team punctuated their

undefeated season by outscoring their opponents by over 300 points.

The boys basketball team was led to a successful season by coach Tom Bealmear. They conquered all opponents posting a record of 21-0. They also had the most wins in the state.

"We had players make the plays. That itself made the season even better," said Coach Bealmear.

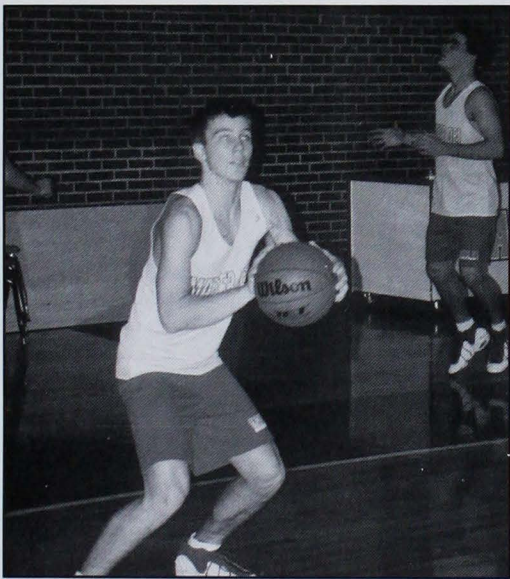
Wrestlers have pressure to keep their record every year. By instructions from several coaches, seasons ended with an unbelievable record of 10-0 for the wrestling team.

This isn't the first year freshmen teams finish their season undefeated. Yet, this class is a continuance of last years unbeaten records. These coaches and athletes conquered their opponents, ending seasons triumphantly and victoriously.



Bring it in and listen up! Coach John Goebel instructs the team during a timeout of a intense football game.

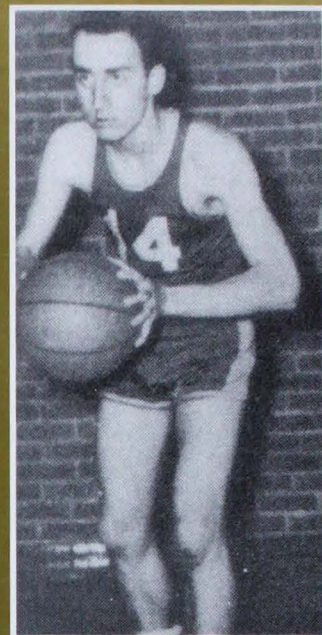
Bob Schmitt manuveres his way to another win!



Jacob Schiff plants to make a shot. It is at this time they practice perfection.



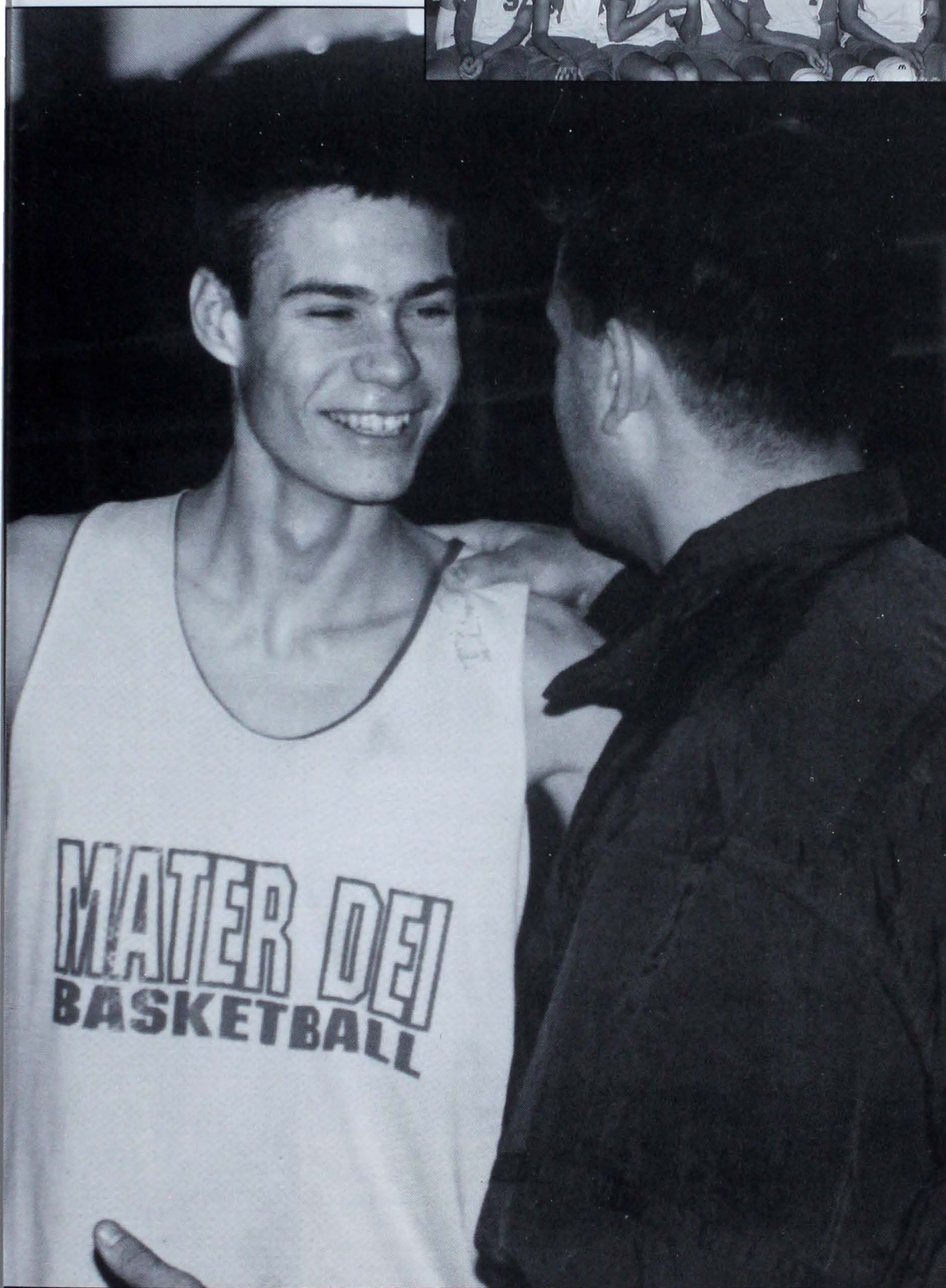
The Volleyball team took time out for a picture before adding another win to their undefeated season.



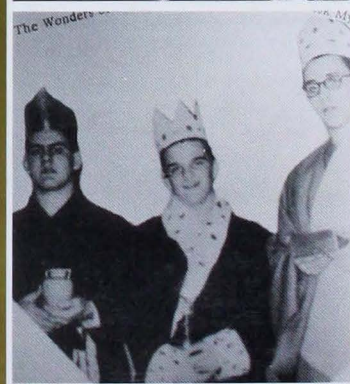
1952

In 1952, Mater Dei was still young and growing. Their yearbook was dedicated to Saint Maria Goretti.

The faculty primarily consisted of nuns, and each year, the school participated in a retreat. Retreat was the most impressive activity in the program of a Catholic high school, and the students meditated for three days. The all-male squad of cheerleaders provided Mater Dei with much school pep and spirit. The Girls Athletic Association promoted an interest in physical development and sponsored many athletic activities for girls.



Matt Keifer is pleased in hearing Coach Bealmear's compliment on his hustling and good positioning under the board.



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Pope, Kimberly N.
 Purcell, Tina M.
 Reckelhoff, Aaron J.
 Render, Shane L.
 Rexing, Jordan S.
 Richardt, Stephanie N.



Richter, Joshua D.
 Riggs, Logan J.
 Rodenberg, Daniel J.
 Ruminer, Anna R.
 Sammet, Nicholas P.
 Scheller, Karen N.



Schenk, Casey A.
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 Schenk, Lindsey N.
 Schenk, Meghann L.
 Scheu, Jessica A.
 Scheu, Rachel M.



Weekly Keepsakes



Like so many other student athletes, senior Brian Eickoff accepts his own, one of a kind keepsake from Mr. Siemers.

The diligent hands of Mr. Siemers manifest his love for Mater Dei. This is only one of the steps involved in making a keepsake. It's evident that time and effort has gone into the contributions of Mr. Siemers.



When passing through the cafeteria, during the course of the day or during the lunch period, you may have seen a stack of laminated newspaper articles with names scripted on the backside along with a business card from Siemers Glass Company. These are the fruits of Jack Siemers' love for Mater Dei.

As a spectator in the mid 60's, Mr. Siemers, a Reitz graduate, sat in the stands cheering on his son, Chris, as he played football for Mater Dei. The pride and joy that Mr. Siemers has felt, given to him by the students as they perform academically and athletically, has led to his contribution today. Quietly and without recognition, Mr. Siemers dedicates his time to reward the students of Mater Dei.

"It's the least I can do," Mr. Siemers said.

And it's no small task. "Every time I pick up the paper it seems like there's always something about Mater Dei," he claims. "It doesn't matter how many students are in the article, each one receives a copy."

Many of you may realize we've been in the newspaper a lot this year, so that means more work for Mr. Siemers. Although, we might think of it as work, it's a hobby to Siemers. If an extra copy is needed, he just runs from

his family operated glass company across the street to the Evansville Courier building. Then it is off the a nearby shop that has an lamination machine.

His support of the school does not end there. When the weekend rolls around, he's ready to go support the Wildcats at any event.

Mr. Siemers' tradition of contribution has continued for over 20 years, giving our students short term confidence and a keepsake of their high school years.





Schiff, Jacob T.
 Schmitt, Brent A.
 Schmitt, Jonathan W.
 Schmitt, Joseph W.
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 Shea, Timothy L.
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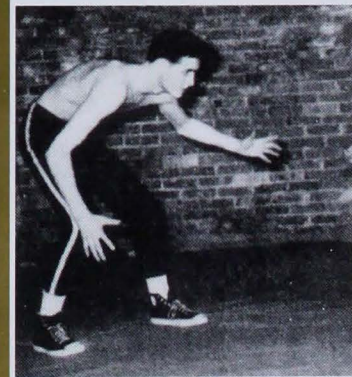
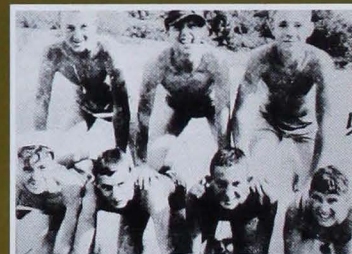
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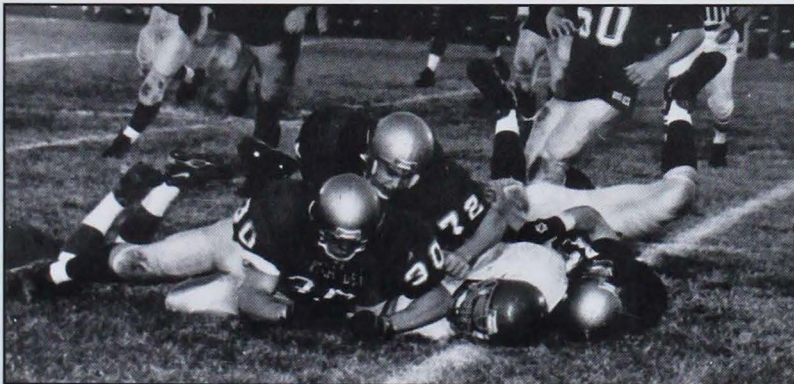


1952



The football team gathers before the crowd to raise their helmets in unison with the Nut Club trophy after a victory against Westside rival Reitz.

Senior Nick Miller scampers to gain yards again. He finished the season with 1,371 yards on 247 carries. He is #2 all-time in rushing yards at Mater Dei.



Mater Dei's stifling defense gave the opposing team fits, many times with several defenders coming in to make the play.

Seniors Tony Unfried and David Hisch complete a tackle against Union County in the Kick Off Classic at Reitz Bowl.



Team Comradery Football

Team's closeness brings victories



Coach Mike Goebel gazes out on to the field to watch over the Mater Dei football team. He concentrates on bringing them to yet another victory. With headset in place, Goebel can communicate with his assistants in the press box who have a bird's eye view to help with calling the right plays to ensure another Wildcate victory.



Although only a sophomore, defensive back Albert Schmitt aggressively brings down a Western Boone running back during regionals.

The 1998 Mater Dei football team had more than talent and skill this year; they maintained a closeness amongst the team that other teams could only hope for.

"We spend all our time together on and off the field. We're proud of that because we know a team that doesn't get along won't go anywhere," said Tony Unfried, senior linebacker and kicker.

The victory sprint starts off the beginning of a pregame practice. After practice, the team retreats to the locker room and receives encouragement from the cheerleaders. After showers, the guys head to a designated senior of the week's house for the pregame dinner.

"We have pregame dinner to get together to be one and focus on the game ahead of us," said Joe Lambie, senior defensive lineman.

Mater Dei's football team believes in showing class, from the way they dress to the way they act. It is all or none when it comes to the uniforms; same sleeves or no sleeves under their jerseys, same white socks and black cleats. Before every game the team gathers to say the "Our Father" and after a common victory, the team faces the fans to raise their gold helmets in celebration of another win.

"The team comradery is a lot better this year between the seniors because we're a senior dominated team," said Andy Woehler, senior wide receiver.

The players' bus returns to Mater Dei to celebrate. As they turn down the hill the varsity players yell a muffled chant of segmented phrases that has been passed down for years which gets lost until the end when the team shouts in unison, "Balls out!" The student body waits to congratulate the players on a well played game.

The players' parents take turns to prepare post-game parties for players and fans; then the varsity players designate a senior's house to spend an all nighter to rehash the game and for more team bonding.

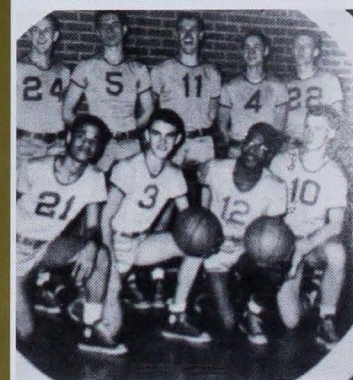


1953

It was a big year when the students established the City of Mater Dei-Ville to govern the school like a small city under the direction of Mayor Joe Hertel.

Another first for this year was the band uniforms. Under the direction of Mr. Robert Hormuth, the band played at all home football games, numerous parades, assemblies and many other functions.

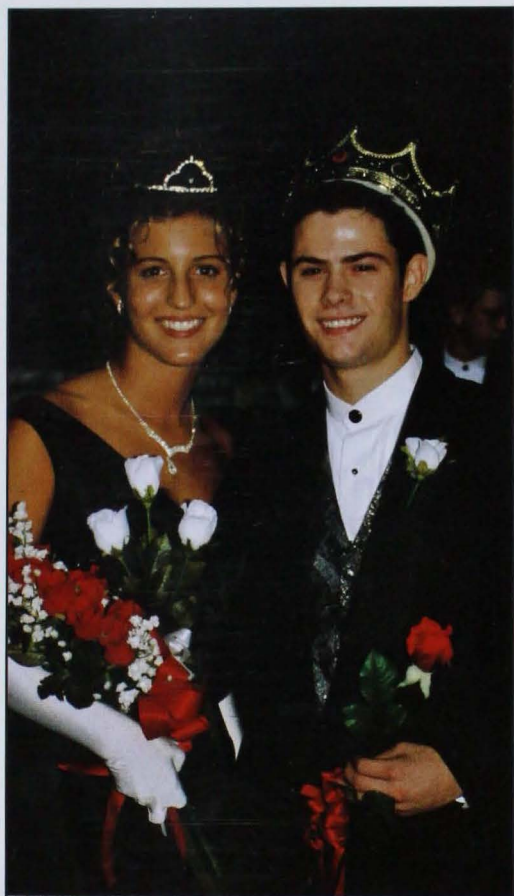
Junior Bill Trainer captured the Indiana State High School Heavyweight Championship, the first teenage wrestler to bring a state championship to Evansville in 33 years of prep wrestling.



Wildcat Football Homecoming

Rain can't stop a night of memories

The rain couldn't dampen the spirits of King Chris Waelde and Queen Jennifer Vick as they reigned over the Homecoming victory and a rain-shortened dance.



Nothing can dampen the spirit of MD football homecoming; not even a hard, cold, driving rain.

The first quarter the 1998 Football Homecoming game was interrupted by the rain and the fans raced to the concession stand tunnel to stay dry. But after skies cleared, the fans migrated back to their seats to watch the Wildcats defeat Bosse 48-22.

Because of the wet, sloppy field, Jennifer Vick and Chris Waelde were crowned Queen and King on the track.

The other representatives for the senior class were Audrey Hinderliter, Chris Austin, Jessica Weis and Josh Hodge. Junior reps were

Natalie Zimmer, Dan Alstadt, Jennifer Tornatta and Adam Maddox; sophomores Jessica Macke, Matt Dubord, Jessica Happe and Nathan Knight; freshmen Kim Goebel, Logan Riggs, Allison Shetler and Jacob Schiff.

Even with smeared makeup, sopping suits and flat, wet hair, the dancers lived up the theme "Don't Want to Miss a Thing".

The rain may have caused the dance to run a bit short, but many memories were made in the rain, under umbrellas or in the tunnel.

The early celebration of Homecoming was the perfect way to start off a great 98-99 year, washing away all doubt of the upcoming football season.



The seniors had a fine group representing them. The senior court consisted of Chris Austin, Audrey Hinderliter, Josh Hodge, Jessica Weiss, Queen Jennifer Vick and King Chris Waelde.

The rain could not dampen the fans' spirits as they cram under the tunnel to escape the rain. All the fans stayed during the whole 90 minute "intermission".



Amanda Uhde, Jennifer Vick and Jessica Weis show that you can still have fun on a rainy day.

The dance ended, but not everyone was not ready to stop; these friends made their way to senior Jessica Weis's house for an after-dance party.



1953



Proving the rain didn't drown Homecoming excitement, senior Jenny Effinger gets down at the dance. The wet dancers made the best of the shortened Homecoming celebration.

As Ike Miller racked up yards all year, it took two Reitz defenders to take him down. He earned All-State honors as a receiver.

Celebrating in the endzone, senior Andy Woehler (84) congratulates teammate Nathan Schiff (85) on a job well done.



Ryan King (30) and Kevin Alvey (60) look to block as Tony Unfried (22) returned an interception for a touchdown against Cenral.

Senior wide-receiver Nate Schiff concentrates on catching the ball as a Western Boone defender closes in on him.



2A Sectional Champs Football

Several records fell along the way



All-State quarterback Adam Schiff lines up to take a snap from Dustin Macke. By the end of this record setting year, Schiff had thrown for 8,743 career yards. Macke helped the Wildcats rack up 5,266 yards of total offense through their 10-3 season and was voted Mater Dei's Best Offensive Lineman for his efforts.



Senior Defensive Lineman Kevin Alvey takes down an opposing running back, one of the many this year.

In mid-August when school starts, so does football fever. Pep assemblies on Friday afternoons are a common occurrence, school spirit fills the halls and MD fans pack the stands to witness another outstanding football season.

This year was no exception and will be remembered as the year the Wildcats broke several records.

Senior quarterback Adam Schiff broke Eric Goebel's 89-90 season record of 7,314 passing yards with a total of 3,370 yards in the 98 season.

"I am very proud of that because I respect Eric Goebel a lot," Schiff said. "Eric helped me out. He was a coach for awhile. I give him a lot of credit for the record."

Schiff's 69 touchdown completions also sets the record for all future quarterbacks to reach.

"It's a honor to be mentioned as MD's top passer. It's something I can tell my grandkids about," Schiff said.

Not only did we have the most valuable quarterback in the state, MD also had the top three passing receivers in the SIAC in seniors Ike Miller, Andy Woehler and Nate Schiff.

"It's a real compliment to Adam and his teammates to earn that statistic. It's a great compliment to the school and the program," said Coach Mike Goebel.

The freshman and reserve teams also met with great success this year. The freshmen ended their season with a 7-0 record, and the reserves finished with an 8-0 record. Both teams took the city title.

In addition to the personal achievements of our players as a team they started the season with a 5-0 record-- the best start since the Wildcat's undefeated 11-0 regular season in 1984.

They finished the regular season ranked second in the city behind undefeated Harrison and third in the conference trailing Castle, but both games were close. The two 5A schools won by a combined total of only eight points.

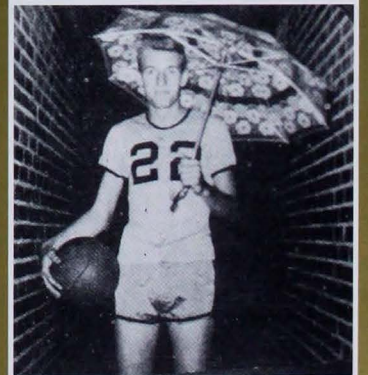
The sectional champs dominated the All-City and All-SIAC teams, placed five Wildcats on the All-State team and had six players named to the Academic All-State team.



1954

The Marian Year was certainly a year of Hope to learn during school days, achieve graduation, and get opportunities offered for the future. The art department expanded allowing over one-hundred MD students to be enrolled.

1954 was exceptionally special. Principal, Sister M. Irmingard, dedicated five years to our high school Mater Dei, meaning mother of God. The statue of our schools patron was added to the campus. This also began the tradition of the crowning of Mary on May 1st. Millie Schnur was chosen to be the first senior girl to crown Mary.



The Loud Crowd

MD Fans

They're there for the Wildcats

Seniors Brittny Wannemuehler and Margaret Halbig show their school spirit by dressing in red and gold for the game.



Mater Dei athletics would not be the same without our tremendous fan-backing. Our fans outnumber the opposing team's at almost every game, regardless of the sport.

Even the sports that used to not be very popular are gaining more and more support each year.

Soccer used to not be one of Mater Dei's strongest sports and there used to be very little crowd following, with the help of fans and hard work by the players they had a winning season this year. Our fans made signs, balloons, and cheered until they were voiceless.

"Our fans are awesome. The signs they make really inspire me to do my best," says soc-

cer player Darlene Dippel.

"The fans have a blast. They make signs and cheer loudly when we play. Their spirit really got us fired up," stated varsity volleyball player Sarah Gries.

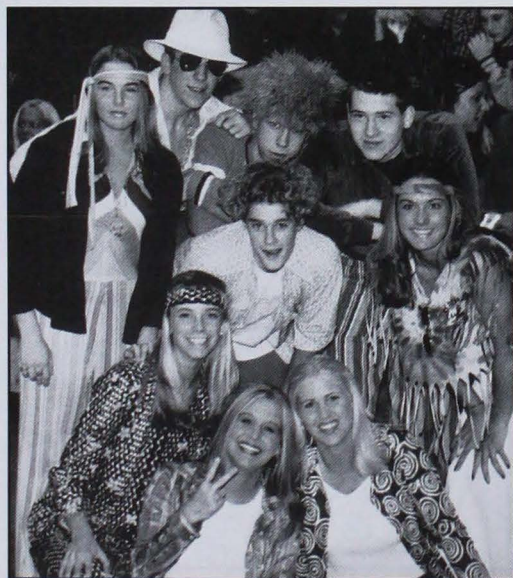
"The fans are great. Our attendance in the last couple years has been excellent. They know about the game and applaud a good play," said Sills.

"I love home basketball games when the band plays. Their songs get us ready to play and when we see the crowd having fun, it makes us feel good and want to give them a good game to watch," says varsity basketball player Jake Tucker.



A group of senior girls get together during a football game to show their school spirit and lend their support to the boys in red and gold at "Flush Them Down the Bowl" night against Reitz.

Another common sight at games is friends getting together, acting crazy and cheering on the winning Wildcat teams.

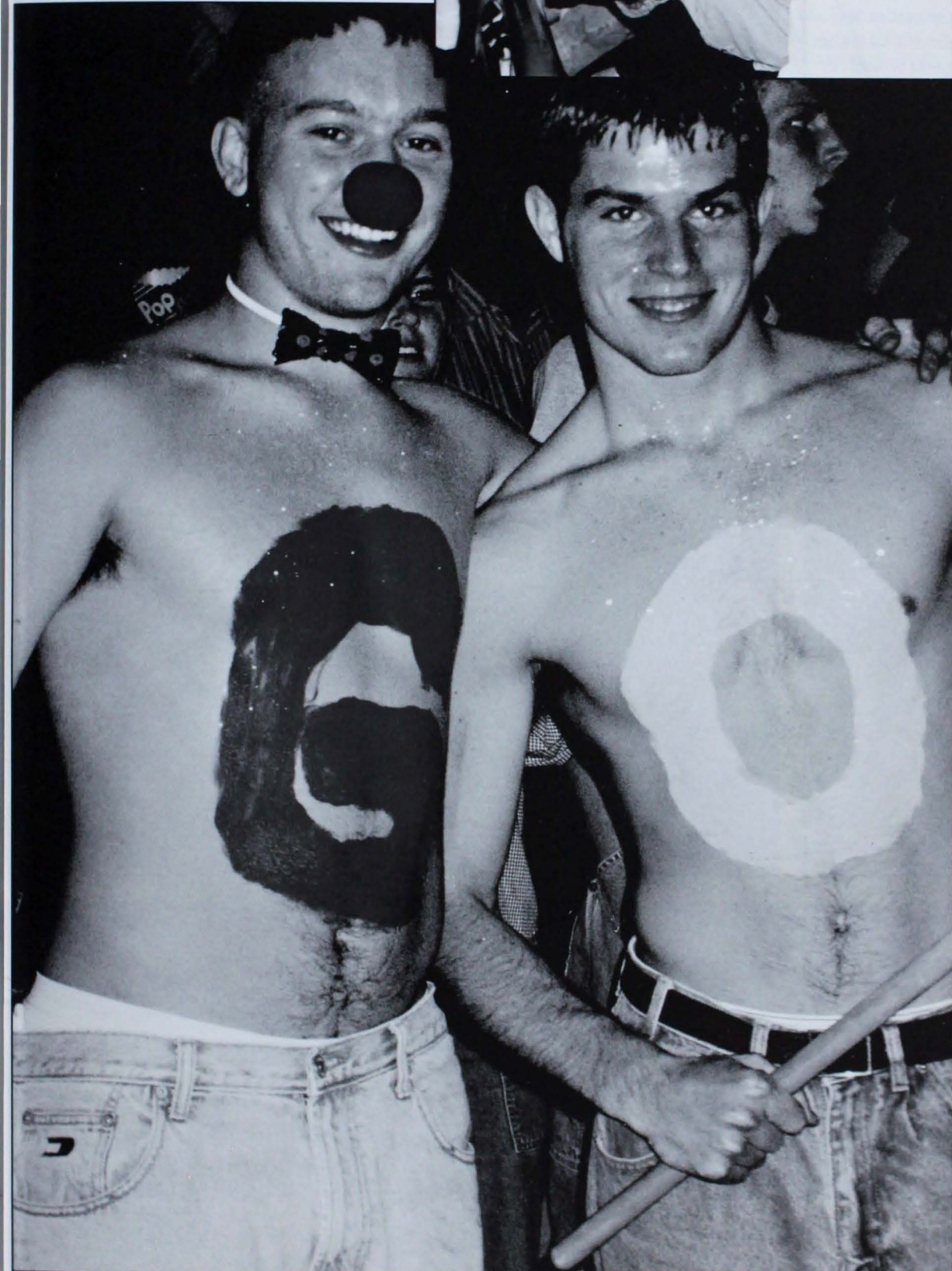


Theme nights made going to games more interesting, especially on the popular "Hippie Night" at one basketball game this year.

Seniors Sarah Jost, Julie Fischer and Angela Paulson show that Mater Dei is number one.



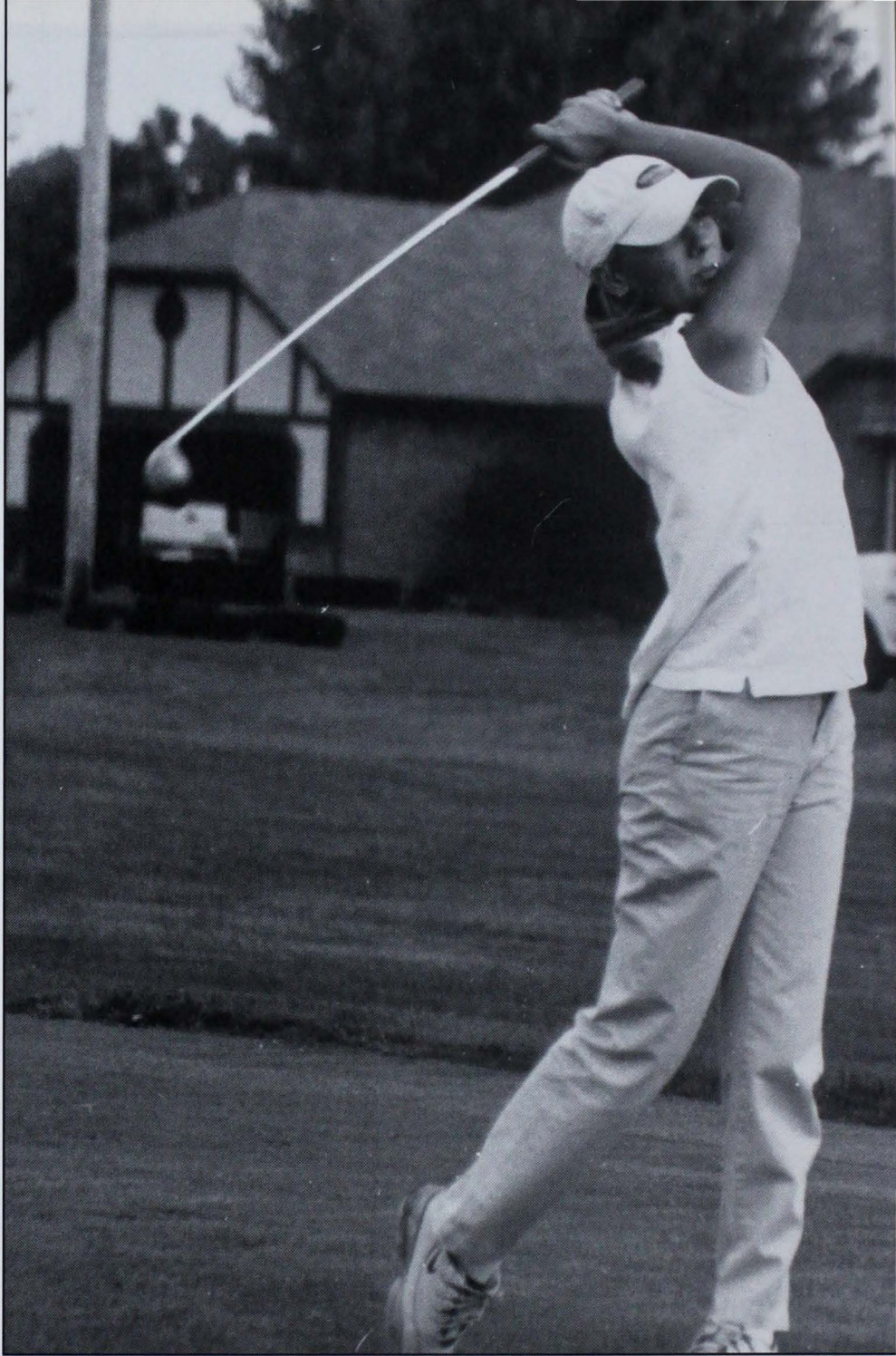
1954



Seniors Tony Paul and Josh Reising wear their enthusiasm on their chests and gladly display their pride for the red and gold.

Sophomore Jessica Macke watches as her ball soars high. She helped to lead the team to the state finals after capturing 3rd place in the IHS AA team regionals.

Senior Sarah Mesker makes the best of a bad situation, a sand shot. This determination was typical of the girls trying to repeat last year's success.



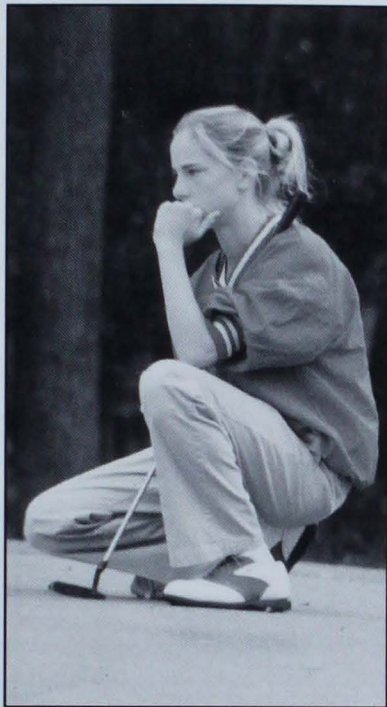
Coach Tom Bealmear takes time out to celebrate after another sectional championship with the six responsible for another great year.

Senior Andrea Werner on her second trip to state competition makes sure every shot got counted as she checks her card.

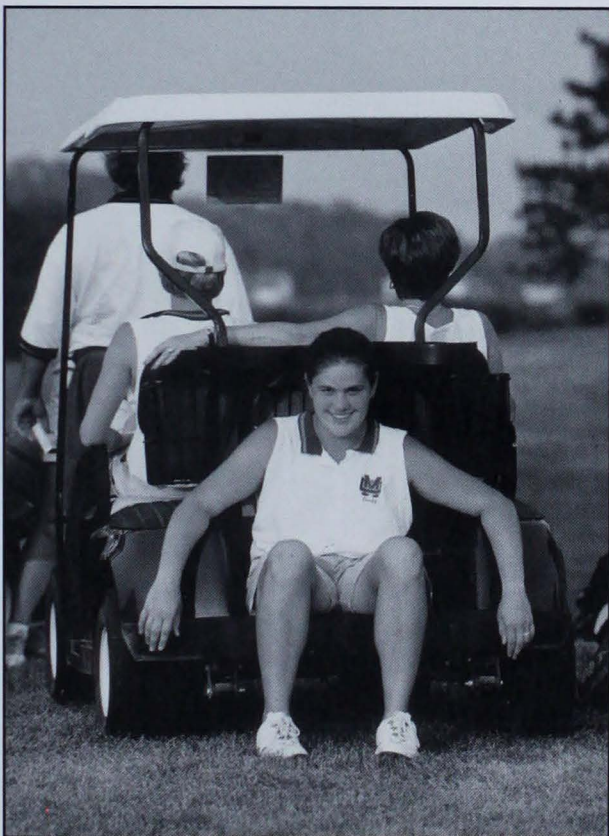


Experience counts Girls' Golf

'Queens of the Green' do it again



Sophomore Alisha Luigs, a fearless youngster that made quite a mark playing on the varsity squad, concentrates on lining her ball up for her next putt. It was a perfect combination of players from last year's state team and some very impressive underclassmen that propeled the team to its second straight trip to the state tourney.



Senior Jenny Effinger relaxes by bumming a ride after an extremely tiring 18 hole game.

The girls had an excellent season this year, making it to state for the second year in a row and topping off the best season in the history of Mater Dei girls' golf.

"Before all the meets and tournaments, the three senior girls helped the unexperienced teammates to feel relaxed and confident so they were capable of shooting their best," said senior Andrea Werner.

Thanks to this leadership the girls accomplished what no other girls' golf team has ever done.

This record shows that the seniors stepped up and worked as a team to help everyone enhance individual game skills and to shoot better scores for the team as a whole. Without the senior girls this team would have had a hard time accomplishing the best Mater Dei golf season ever.

"We're going to miss the seniors next year because they were as good at getting along and being team players as they were at knocking strokes from their own golf game" said junior Cara Messmer.

Golf might be an individual sport, but this team always made up for what was missing in practices, meets or tournaments, no matter what it took.

"The best advantage we had was when one player was having a bad day, another player on the team would pick up the slack," said senior Sarah Mesker.

Seniors Andrea Werner, Sarah Mesker and Jenny Effinger led the path to State with experience once again. Junior Cara Messmer and Sophomores Alisha Luigs and Jessica Macke came up from the reserve team to play in some tough situations. For example, Jessica Macke beat Fuzzy Zoeler's daughter by several strokes to help bring home regionals.

This mix of experiences worked. These girls captured the undefeated title in the city. On the way to State they collected a 1st in SIAC along with a 1st in IHSAA Sectionals and 3rd in IHSAA Regionals.



1955

The storybook tale of "A Year for You" began with a first to Mater Dei- its first edition of the Hi-Lights newspaper. The giving community we are, the American Red Cross was helped out by the students by giving items to the needy. We still have the connection because every spring and fall Mater Dei participates in the Red Cross blood drive.

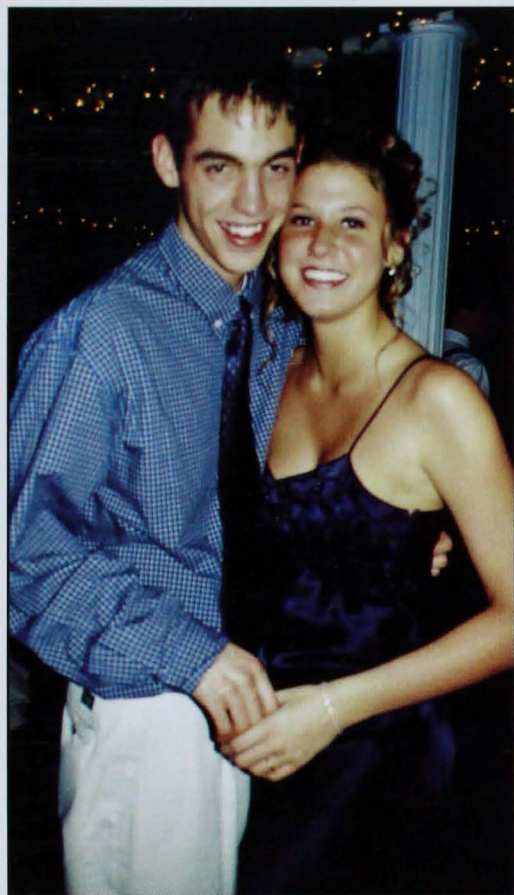
The sports programs grew stronger as the year progressed. The young men and women began the traditions which hold strong today. As the story continued, the Mater Dei community grew stronger.



Christmas Dance Holiday Spirit

Dancing the night away

Spending the night in the arms of someone special adds a romantic touch to the evening as Matt Frantz and April Altstadt demonstrate.



Ready or not December 12th and the annual Christmas Dance came, went and will be remembered as a night of fun and magical memories. But the dance presented many predicaments for students going to the dance. Which dress? Suspenders or sweater vests? Date or group?

Some spent a week or more preparing for this special night such as junior Jake Tucker. "Mike Lahr and I bought matching sweater vests for the special occasion a week in advance."

Getting just the right look was important. "It took me two hours to get my hair done!" stated senior Katie Will. Others spent just 15 minutes in preparation. "I didn't have a hair appointment until the afternoon of the dance!" confessed

senior Stephanie Wargel.

The dance is always accompanied by going out to eat.

Many chose to make reservations and dine at a fancy restaurant. "I ate at Haub's Steak House with a group of friends," commented senior Jenny Effinger, "I thought we'd go all out this year." Then there were others that made a stop at McDonald's or Noble Roman's for a quick snack.

The music started and everyone hit the dance floor. "I got jiggy wit' it," said the senior dancing king Aaron Kunkel.

After all was said and done, all the preparation, whether weeks or minutes before the dance, paid off.



"Amore" at its finest!!! Matt Riordan and Kerri Vowels wait for their food at the Olive Garden before heading out to the dance for an evening full of fun and excitement.

Brad Elpers tries to get a little closer to his lady in red, Lynn Tenbarga, out on the dance floor.



These crazy senior girls are not "angels" but they are doing their best "Charlie's Angels" imitation.

These junior girls are all smiles as they dance the night away. Several fond memories were made, and this magical night will live on forever.



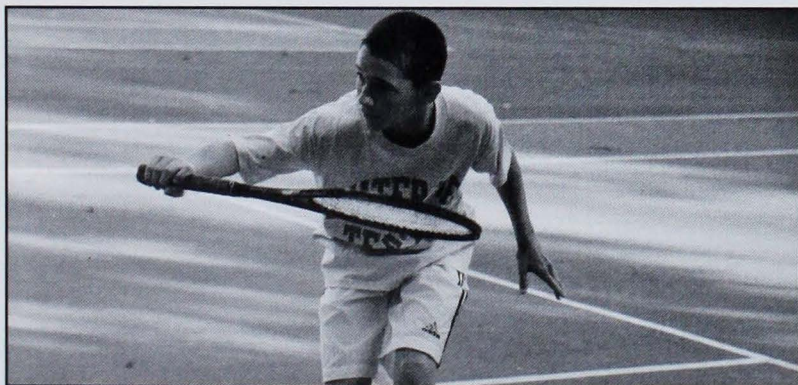
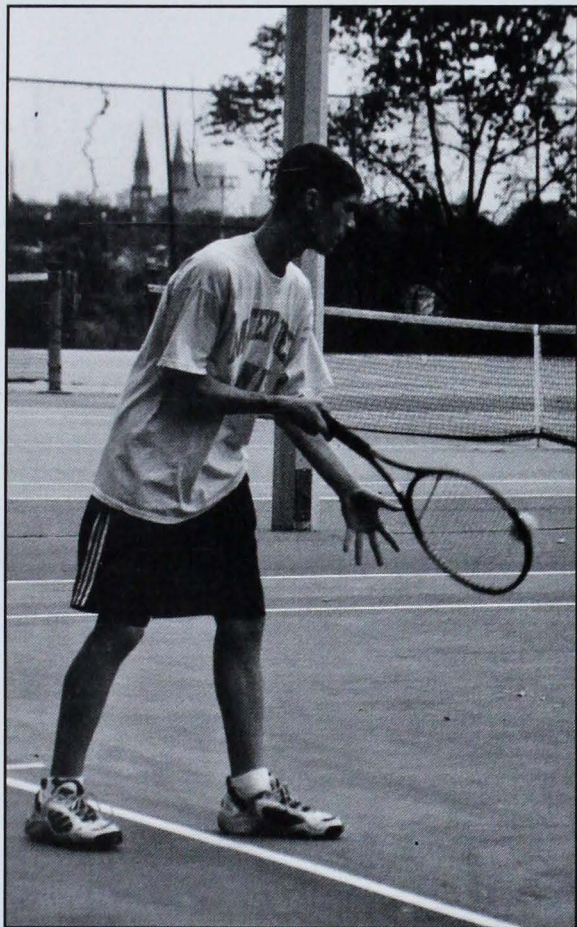
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Seniors Robert Schmitt and Julie Fischer take time out from the last dance of the night to catch a moment in time.

Josh Williams shows his determination, balancing on one foot while reaching to return a tough volley.

Junior Jimmy Kissel proved that he could serve with the best of them as he placed fourth in the SIAC.

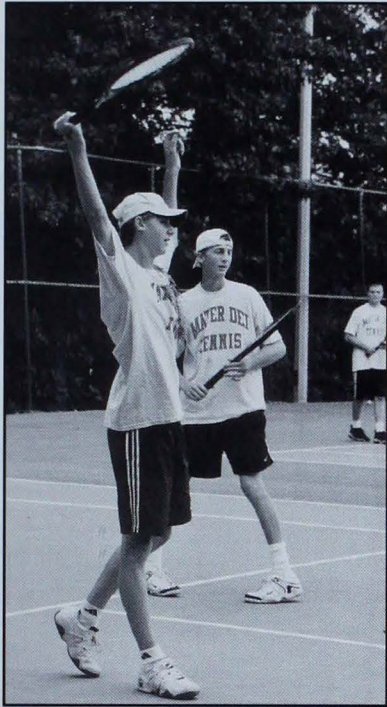


Concentration helps Josh Williams perform with accuracy; just what the Wildcats needed to make their mark in city play.

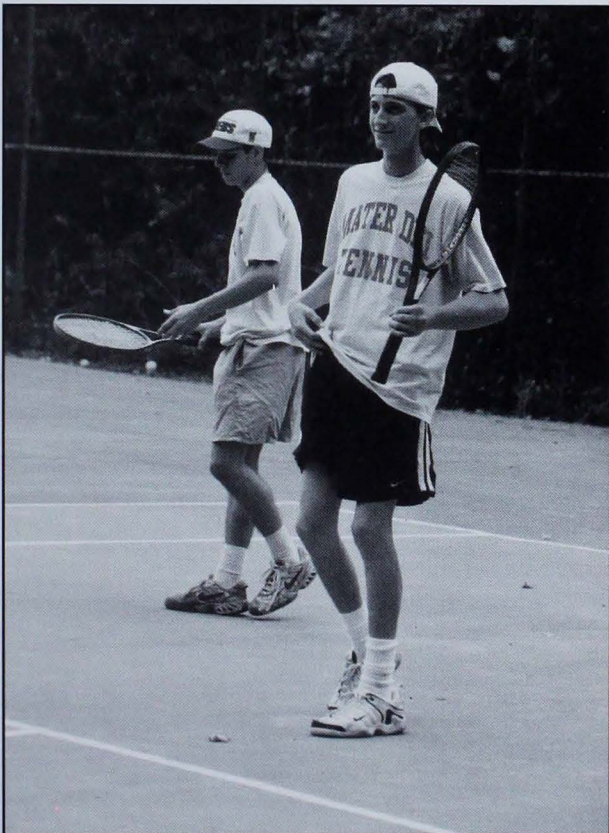
Senior Nathaniel Rivers, junior Jimmy Kissel, and Coach Mike Bacon make the best of a tough and sometimes heartbreaking season.

Determined Dedication Boys' Tennis

Pushing each other to do better



Seniors Nathaniel Rivers and Jeff Elpers are no strangers to victory. Nathaniel Rivers advanced to the final round of sectionals and Jeff Elpers placed fourth in SIAC. Their successes and the team's determination to improve their basic skills were shining moments in the season that many gave up on before it even started.



Senior Jeff Elpers takes time to contemplate his next move while Junior Charlie Stoltz examines his racket. Their attention to detail and desire to do better helped the team grow and gain confidence.

This year's boys' tennis team is best represented by one word—dedication. It's not easy waking up bright and early during summer vacation to face practice in the scorching heat or to carry on without much fan support. But this year's team faced all the challenges that come with a regular season, along with a few others, including a new coach, difficult matches and carrying on without some key players. The boys' great successes, determination and dedication, however, aren't well represented in their misleading season record of 6-6.

After Coach Chad Higgins resigned, Mike Bacon resumed coaching. Bacon presented the team with some new strategies and ideas. Senior co-captains Jeff Elpers and Nathaniel Rivers also aided in encouraging and pushing the other team members to strive to their fullest potential.

"We (Rivers and Elpers) felt like it was part of our job to encourage the other guys," said Elpers.

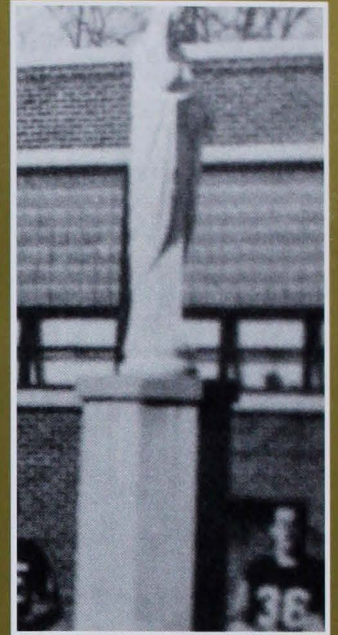
This encouragement led to one of the biggest victories of the season. The boys beat Day School, a historically successful team, 3-2.

"Day School was the biggest match of the whole season. We focused on the match for weeks," said Elpers.

Other than the team's achievements, some of the tennis team members received individual honors. Junior Jimmy Kissel and Elpers placed fourth in SIAC while Rivers and junior Charlie Stoltz advanced to the final round of sectionals.



Ready to return a serve and concentrating on his opponent, junior Josh Williams was determined to make the best of this season.

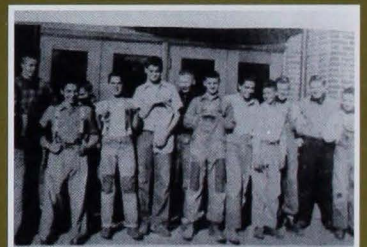


1956

Back in 1956, Mater Dei was thriving. Not a lot has changed since then in terms of school life and activities.

We still have football, wrestling, basketball, speech, National Honors Society, Drama, and the Student Council, but a few things have changed. Back in 1956, Mater Dei took great pride in its gym being the largest in Evansville. Some other activities you won't find today are the agriculture club and an inaugural ball.

While it's hard to compare 1956 to the present, MD will always take pride in who they were and are today.



Coming Together Assemblies

We cheered, laughed and learned

Senior Jessica Butler "Celebrates Life" and tugged our heart strings as she portrayed a young child plagued with cancer.



Assemblies create a large part of Mater Dei history. For years assemblies have been pepping up teams, fans and parents for that very important weekend game.

Not all the time when students gather in the gym are they there to wish the Wildcats good luck. They bring people together to pray at mass and celebrate our faith as a community. The Mass is why our assemblies are so important. During Mass we learn to love and care for each other. This carries over into our other assemblies making them more meaningful to the student body.

Educational assemblies are another type of assemblies held at MD.

Some are to share with the students valu-

able information that can impact their life, such as drug abuse, drinking and driving and sexual issues.

Dan Altstaudt said, "I like the educational assemblies because they give us a chance to learn about things we otherwise wouldn't be able to."

Pep assemblies are really good for the students and sports teams.

"Pep assemblies are fun, especially when everyone participates," said Katie Dewig.

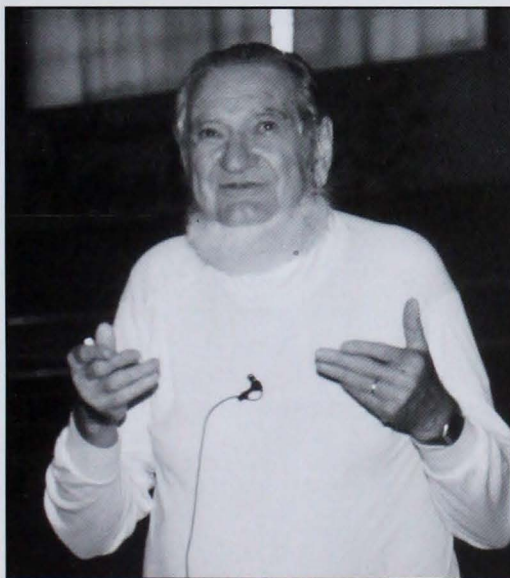
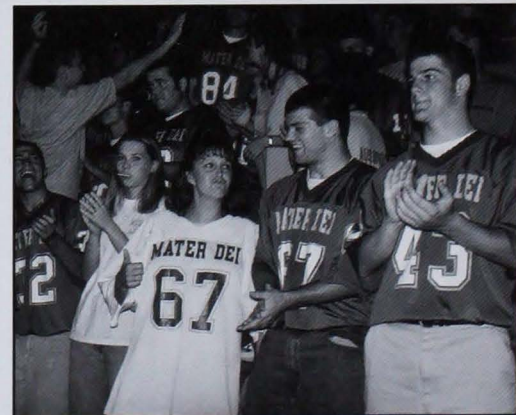
Assemblies also boost the spirits of the team as they prepare for their upcoming game.

When all the student are cheering for a team, it really means something. Assemblies help boost class camaraderie and overall spirit.



With their big smiles and energetic cheers the cheerleaders know how to fire up the crowd.

"It's a matter of skill." Mrs. Shea Renner explains to Dave Hisch some of the finer points of defense as she proudly displays the number 67.

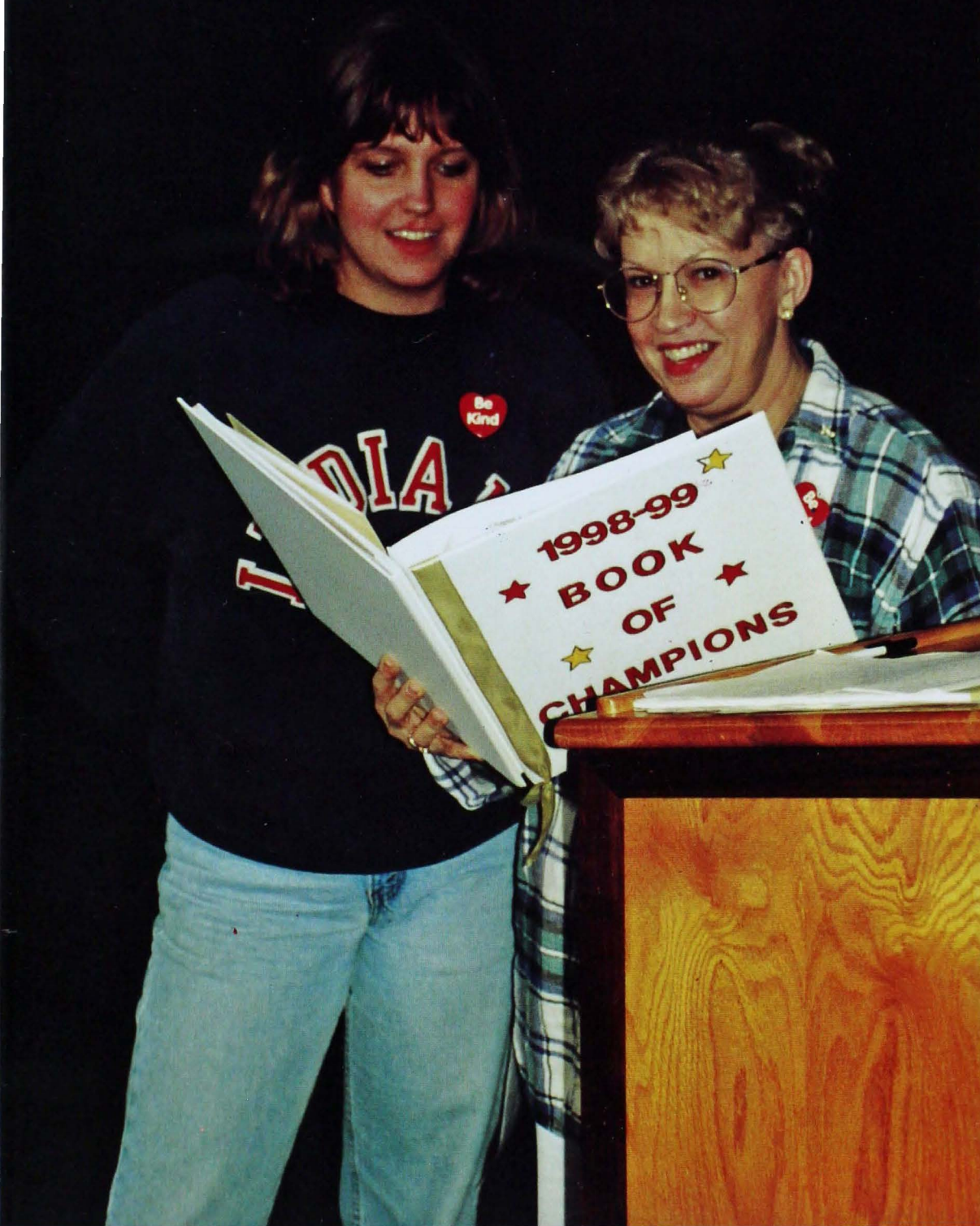


"Let's talk about sex . . ." Dr. Love explains the pros and cons of a sexual relationship with some memorable stories and statistics.

Seniors show the best display of school pride as they clap and cheer on the speaker at an assembly.



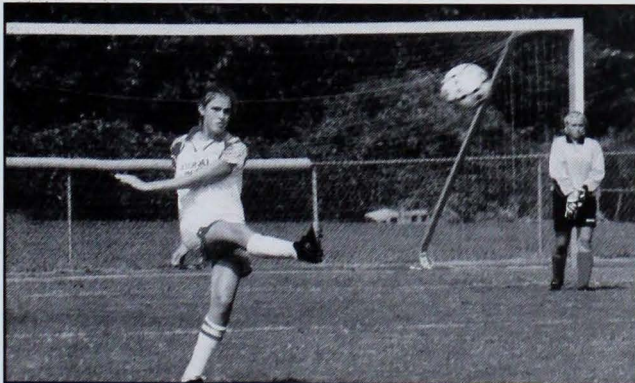
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"Once upon a time . . ." English teachers Brenda Donofrio and Shea Renner read another story from the Book of Champions.

A pass of perfection flies from sophomore forward Lindsay Jost to a teammate waiting to score a goal. This type of teamwork helped the Wildcats in key games, especially in their 0-0 tie with state-ranked, Catholic rival Memorial.

Senior Jocelyn Gibson takes charge as she drives forward, helping the Wildcats to a stellar season full of high points and big wins.



Junior sweeper Shay Grasso was a key defensive player that was also a factor on the offensive end.

Megan Zirkelbach, Sarah Wright and teammates take a few minutes to relax after a tough tie against their Westside rival Reitz.



Taking Charge Girls' Soccer

Stepping up and fighting back



Freshman midfielder Brooke Steinkamp aggressively dribbles around a defender and smoothly passes to an awaiting teammate. Brooke repeatedly proved herself by stepping up to play at the varsity level. As several younger girls stepped up to fill empty varsity roster spots, they played beyond their age and experience.

The Mater Dei girls soccer team's season record did not accurately reflect the heart and desire they played with this season. With a strong will to win, they battled their way through some very close games on their way to a 7-7-3 record.

The girls had many things going against them this season.

When four senior girls did not come out this year, younger players were forced to step up and fill the spots. Among these underclassmen were Allison Shetler, Amy Wright, Ashley Lotus, Megan Zirckelbach, Brooke Steinkamp and Lindsay Jost.

"The freshmen and sophomores really stepped up to the challenge of filling these varsity spots this year and I don't know what we would have done without them," said senior goalkeeper Sarah Wright.

These girls did more than just fill spots on the roster. They stepped up and proved themselves worthy of their varsity positions. Their contributions propelled the team past lackluster preseason predictions.

Those predictions came from those looking at the Wildcats' youth and inexperienced and a schedule full of state ranked teams.

But the girls were determined to do better than those predictions. They fared well against these ranked teams, many times battling it out on the field for a full eighty minutes, and never let on to their age or inexperience.

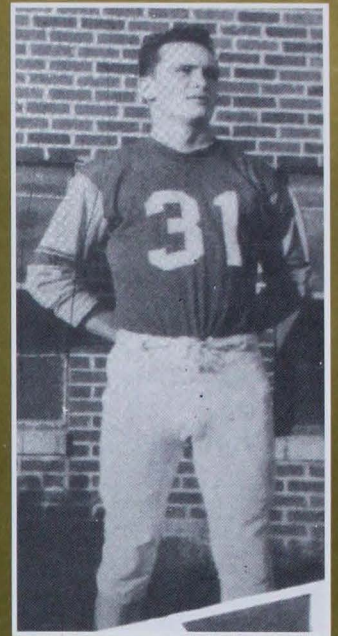
The turning point in their season came with an upset against their parochial school rival Memorial, keeping them scoreless to end in a tie. It gave the girls the confidence and momentum they needed to keep going.



Senior goalie, Sarah Wright, dives in attempt to stop the other team from scoring.



Sophomore Stopper Megan Zirckelbach, steps up for a key defensive stop.

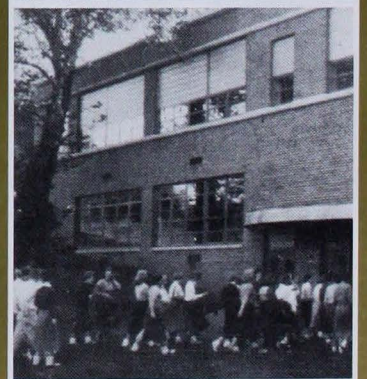


1957

In 1957, Mater Dei was considered to be the "City of truth in the valley of of youth." Rev. Eugene Dewig, the superintendent, and Sister Mary Ether, the principal, led the students through an exciting year.

Music was a fad in 1957. Many people participated in concert choir, the Glee Club, and musicals. Mater Dei's drummers took first in the state while the Marian girls choir received first place in the local contest.

Athletics were also important to the school. The football team had a winning season, while the wrestlers were city champs.



Forward and senior team captain Cory Mueth challenges players from Central to win the head ball during the sectional semi-finals. Mueth was also the first Mater Dei player to ever be chosen for College Showcase (district).

Senior captain Chris Austin looks to shake his defender with the support of teammate junior Tim Pigman close behind.



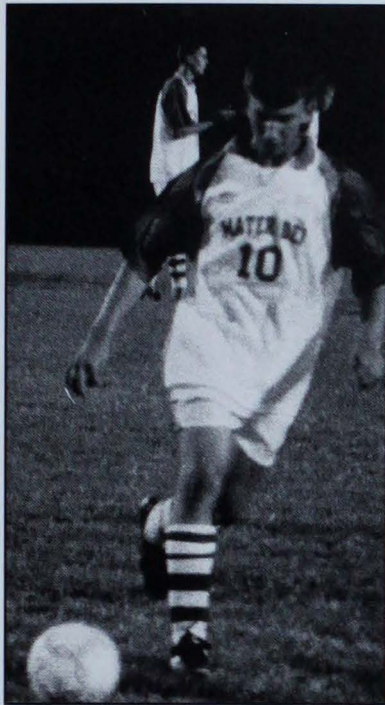
As a show of team unity, the boys huddle together to say a prayer and get each other fired up before the start of the game.

Tony Paul, one of the senior captains, quickly dribbles the ball down field to keep the ball from Central's defenders and attempts to put another goal on the board for the Wildcats.

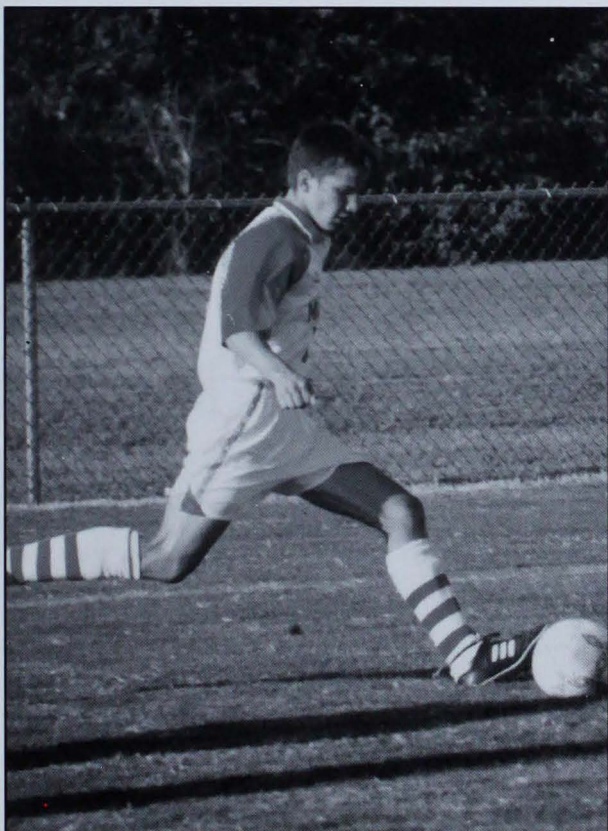


Team Unity Boys' Soccer

New coach, new philosophy



Jeff Kirchoff, junior midfielder, stares down at the ball while he steadily dribbles down the sideline and keeps the ball in complete control and away from his opponent to attempt to score. Kirchoff had a very good and impressive season this year as he helped the team adjust to a new coach and his new way of doing things.



Eric Kassenbrock works to get around two Day School defenders on his way to the goal and the team's first victory.

Simon Kent, the boys' varsity soccer coach, brought a different and new philosophy to Mater Dei. He stressed team unity.

As a new coach, he wanted everyone to grow closer together, so he requested that they all go to the first football game and sit together. The team also gathered every once in a while at the coach's house to eat a meal together and watch game films. This strengthened unity help bring the team closer together.

Simon introduced a different style of playing.

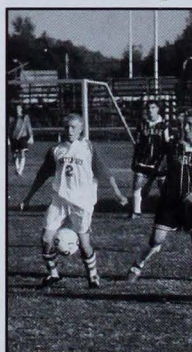
"He would put us in different positions," said sophomore Scott Herrmann. "We had a totally different set up."

Now the team plays a 3-5-2, a scheme with only three defensive players, five mid-fielders, and two forwards. This was a change from their usual 4-4-2.

"At first we didn't like all the things he was doing," senior captain Tony Paul said. But the new formation worked well for the Wildcats. MD wae the only team in the city with a 3-5-2 lineup.

Gradually, as the team grew closer to each other and became better friends they started playing better. To those on the team Simon Kent's philosophy did a world of difference that made them play better and enjoy it in the meantime.

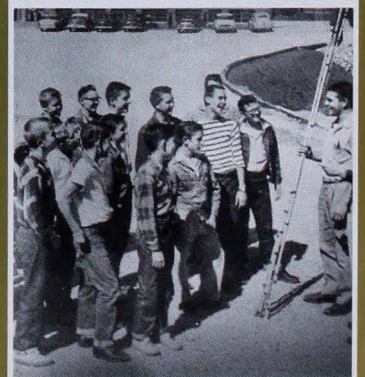
Simon hopes to return as coach and improve on the adjustments he made this year to have even a better season than the previous.



Matt Adler, a junior forward, traps the ball between his legs and prepares to kick it down field before the Day School defender can make a move.

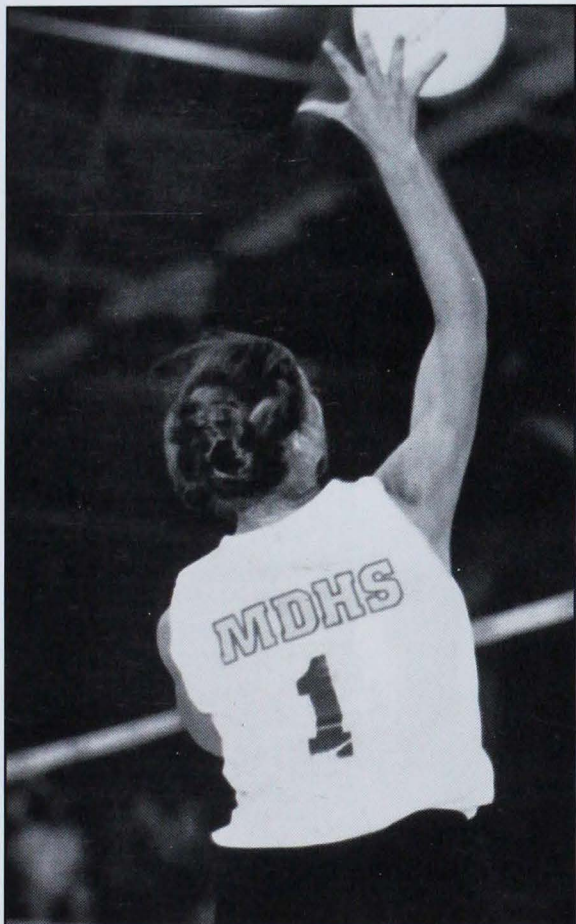
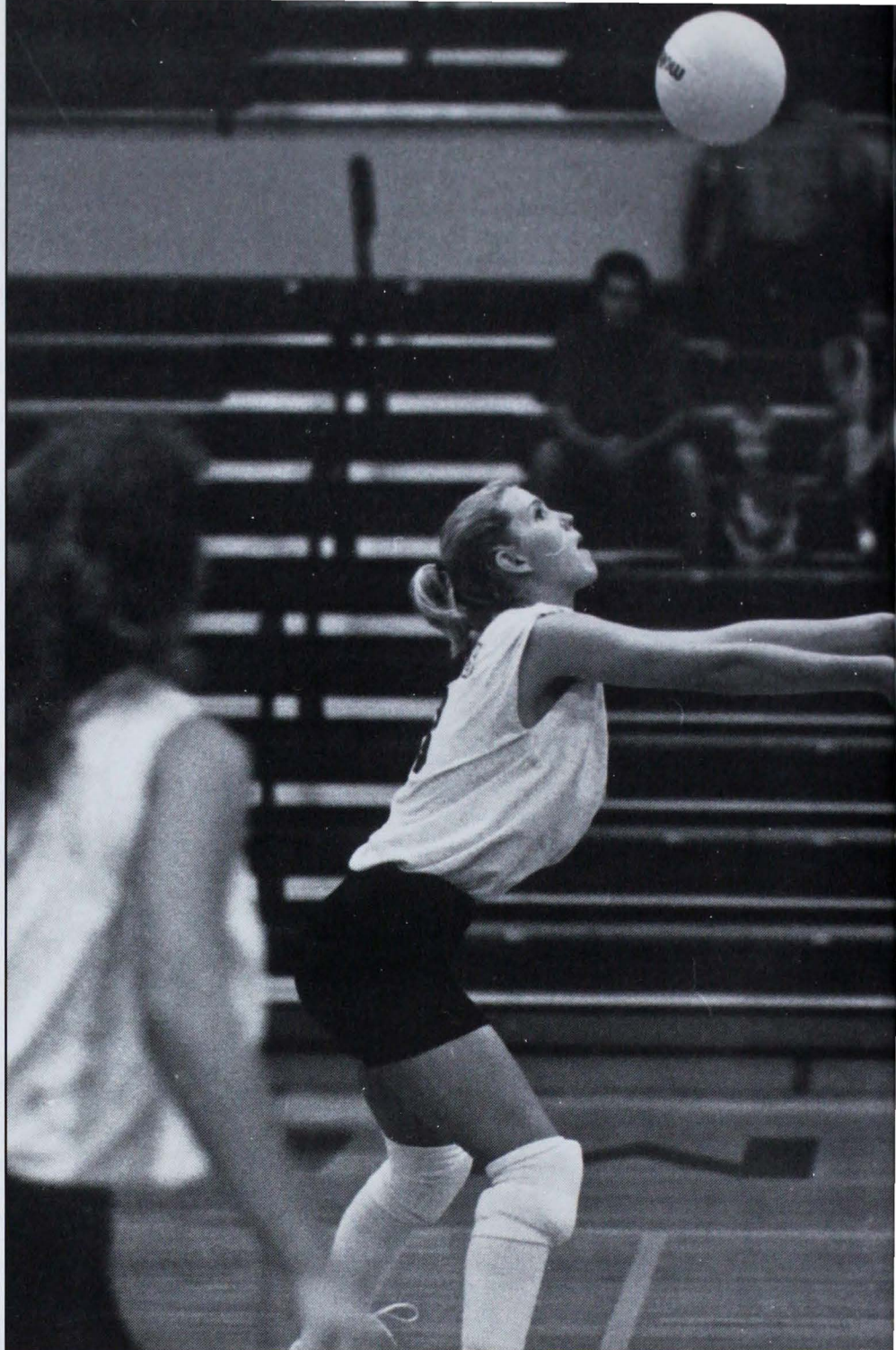


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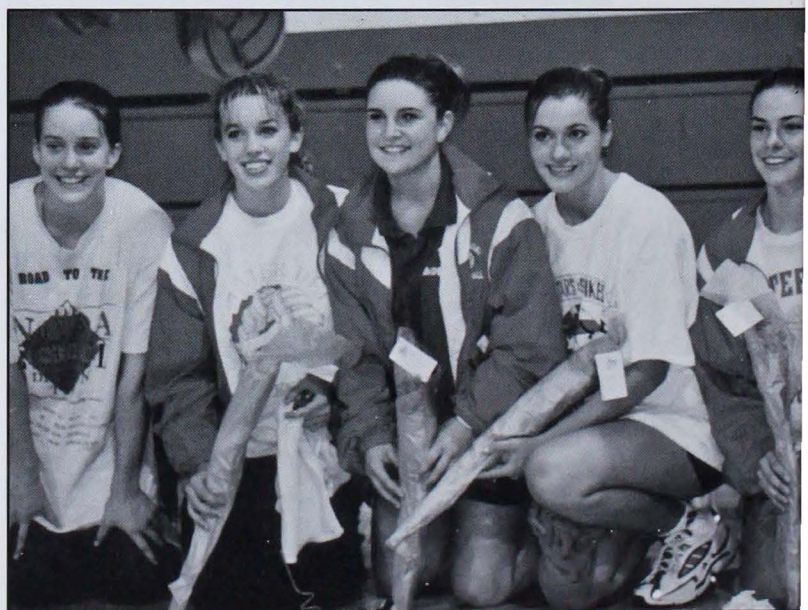
As the ball heads toward senior, Brianne Lemberg, she has total concentration on her next bump.

In the moment of truth all the hard work and dedication payed off as senior Angela Luigs, gives it her all.



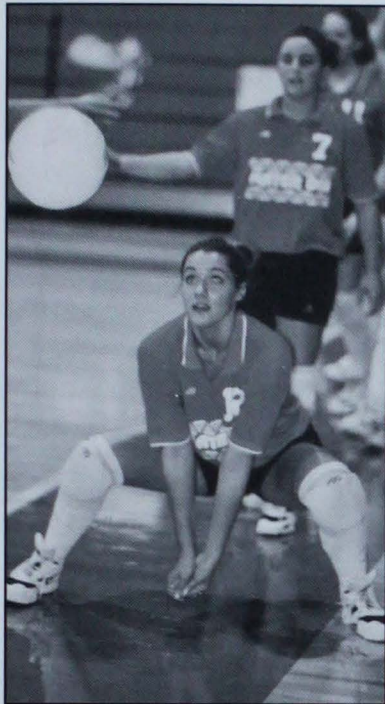
Reserve Volleycats Natalie Zimmer, Sarah Gries, Jessica Adler, Abby Weis, Lacy Haller, Amy Rice and Nicole Droste share a victory meal.

Theresa Adler, Jamie Tepool, Kendra Schmitt, Jessica Weis, Angela Luigs and Brianne Lemberg are recognized on Senior Night.

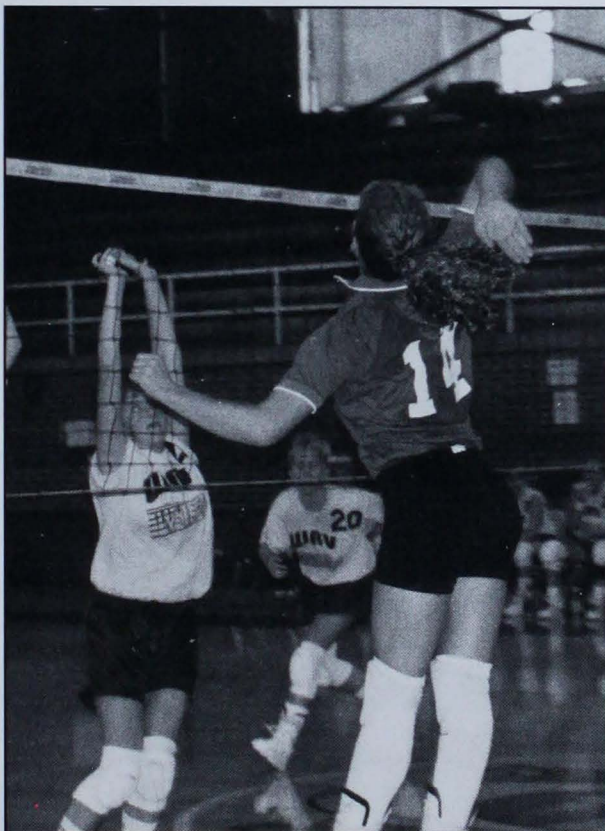


Senior Sisters Volleyball

Finally getting to play together



Senior Jessica Weis's work ethic, skills, and drive show through as she warms up before a game. Her final season at Mater Dei was an emotional one as she finally got the chance to play with her six senior sisters. That sisterhood brought the team together as a whole, making them play not like a team, but as a family.



Jamie Tepool attacks the ball at the net to make sure that her two opponents have no chance to put up a block to stop her.

Heart and dedication were the driving forces behind the Volleys' successful year, led by six of the sweetest senior girls who were just like sisters on and off the court. Over four years Jessica Weis, Angela Luigs, Theresa Adler, Brianne Lemberg, Jamie Tepool and Kendra Schmitt have led their team to undefeated seasons at home.

Laughs, sweat and tears of joy have all blended into their last season of volleyball at Mater Dei.

"When all the seniors got to start Senior Night, you could tell that the past four years of hard work and dedication payed off," said senior Angela Luigs.

The night was especially meaningful as the six seniors had never all played on the court at the same time.

The seniors felt that everyone pitched in to play as a team the whole season.

"It was the most fun of all the games we've ever played," said Jessica Weis. "Mater Dei pride was heard loud and clear in the gym that night. That pride led the team to an undefeated season at home."

"Pregame dinners at one of the teammate's house are a good time to gather and focus on the upcoming game," says Brianne Lemberg. The mission of winning is tough, so a relaxing meal helped them to mentally regain focus.

"Even though only four of the six seniors are planning on competing on the college level, the whole team has helped to improve their skills to the collegiate level," said senior Jamie Tepool.

These seniors' drive raised the standard for the rest of the team. The underclassmen realized the importance of the game to the seniors. They respected their "sisters" and were afraid to disappoint them.

"Whether you're an underclassman or a senior you can be proud to say you were a Volleys," said senior Kendra Schmitt.



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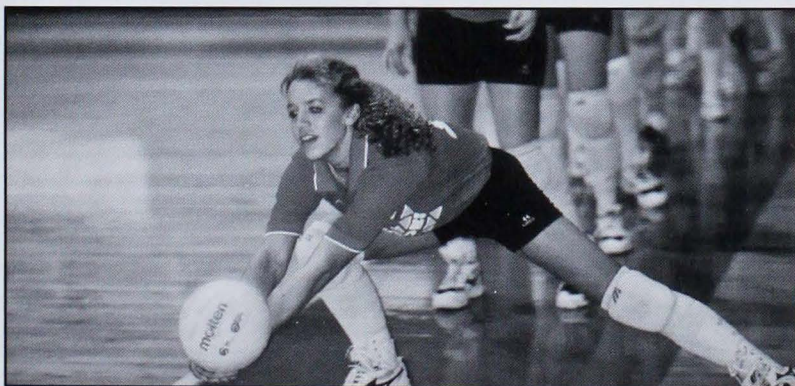
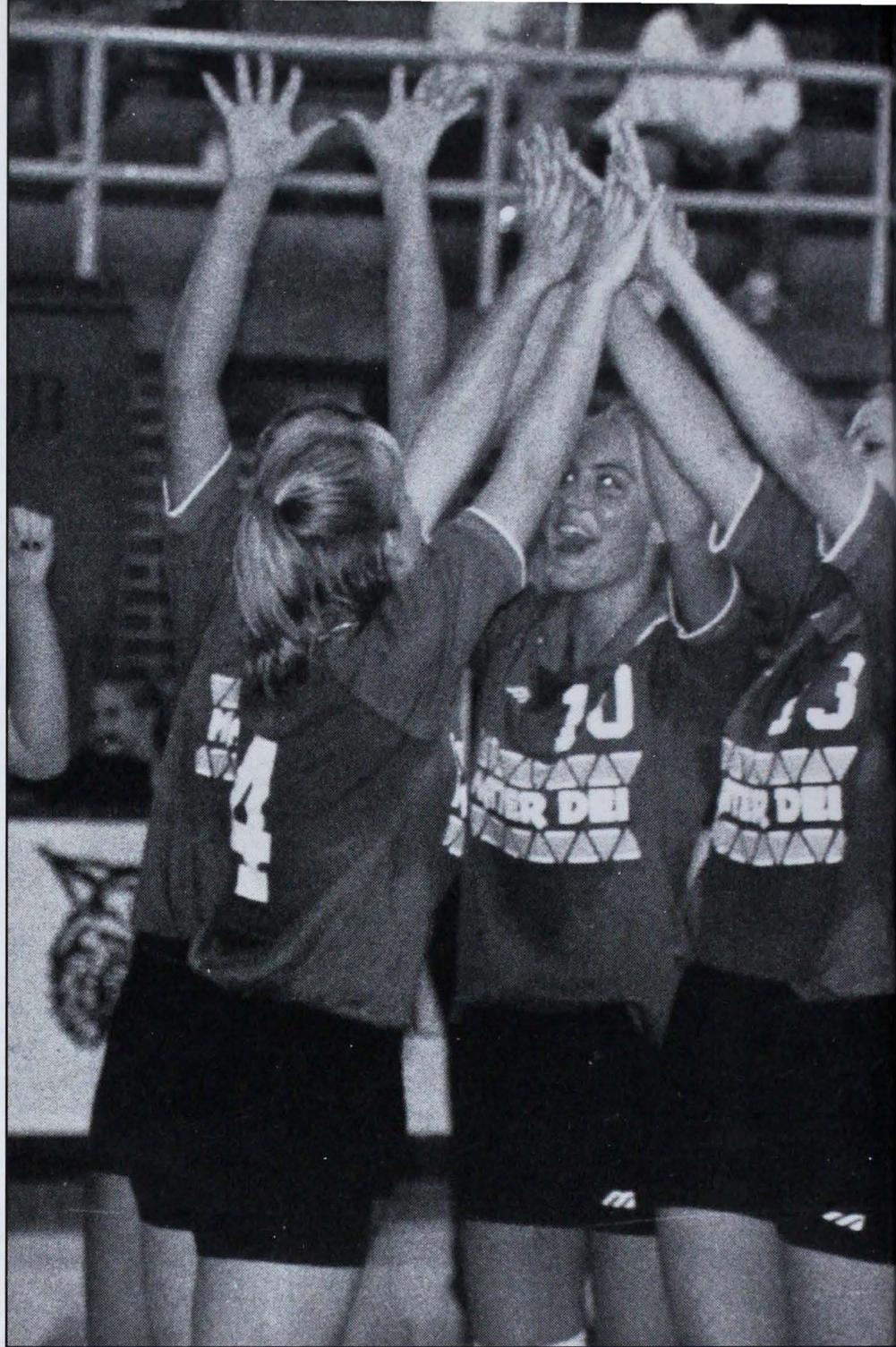
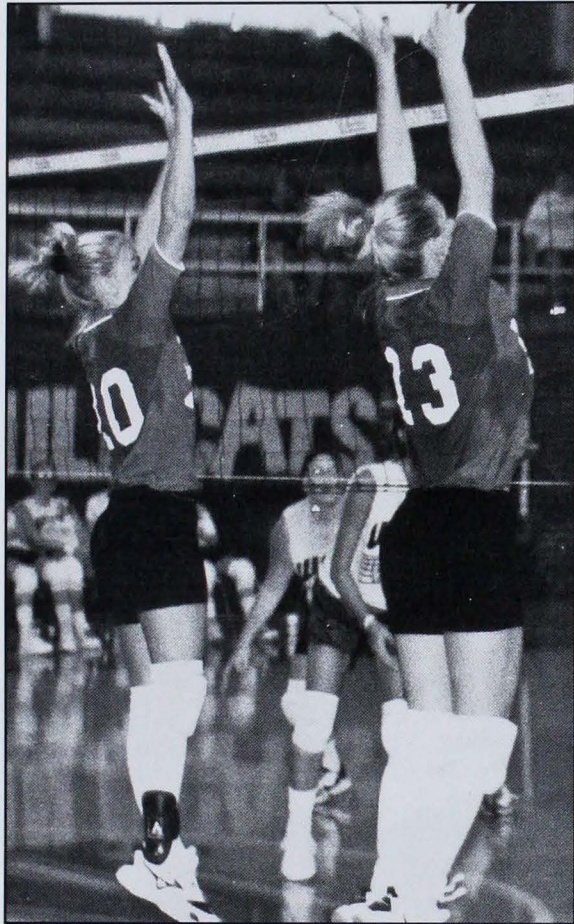
The most active clubs of 1958 were the Young Christian Farmers and Homemaking Clubs. The musical-play entitled "Jeannie" was another first for the dramatic department as their performance wowed the crowds that came to see it.

The fans had lot to cheer about in 1958. The Wildcat football team spent a good deal of time ranked third in Indiana and the basketball team surprised many fans when they were the first in Mater Dei history to win over a city team in sectionals. Our wrestlers captured the city crown and took the runner-up spot in sectionals.



The Mater Dei Vollecats triumphantly huddle together in celebration of another big victory.

The other team takes a step back when junior Nicole Droste and senior Brienne Lemberg take over the net.



Senior Jamie Tepool goes down to dig up the ball and set up a play. The Vollecats strived to play more like a team this year.

Junior Vollecat Andrea Haller plays above the net and makes a statement as she slams home another kill.



Coming together Volleyball

Girls learn valuable lesson this year



Junior Carrie Goebel reaches high to defend the home courts. The girls had a lot to defend this year as they set the mark for all other teams to match. They put together a streak of 86 city wins over the past 18 years. The loss that ended that streak was bittersweet, waking them up to the need to come together as a team.



Always in the right place at the right time, junior Sarah Gries digs to bring up another pass and set up her teammate for a killer return volley.

The season started off with long summer practices that continued on for several months. They sacrificed long hours on the court that seemed to them would never end; just like their streak of city wins.

"The quality time we spent together helped us play as a team instead of individuals," said senior Brianne Lemberg. "The loss to Memorial helped us realize we weren't playing as a team; after that we decided we needed to work harder."

Even as a junior, Nicole Droste understands the importance of the team unity.

"By the end of the season, we were all clicking with each other," said Droste.

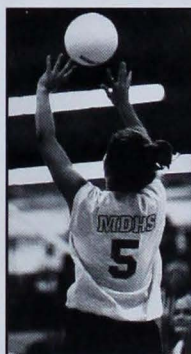
Playing a tough game against Memorial, the girls saw a streak of 86 consecutive city wins over the past 18 years come to an end.

"In a sense, the loss was bittersweet," said coach Darlene Quinlin. "It was upsetting to lose, but it alleviated some of the pressures the streak put on us."

That game gave the Volleyscats a new focus for the season.

"In practice, we have drills that work on passing, hitting, and serving, but you can't teach confidence to the girls; the loss to Memorial taught them that," Quinlin said.

The '98 Volleyscats were a much better team than the record and stats will ever let on. But more importantly, they learned the most valuable lesson in sports: how to be part of a team.



Junior Jessica Adler sets her goals high for victory as she sets up a pass. The Volleyscats worked hard everyday to perfect their skills on the court.

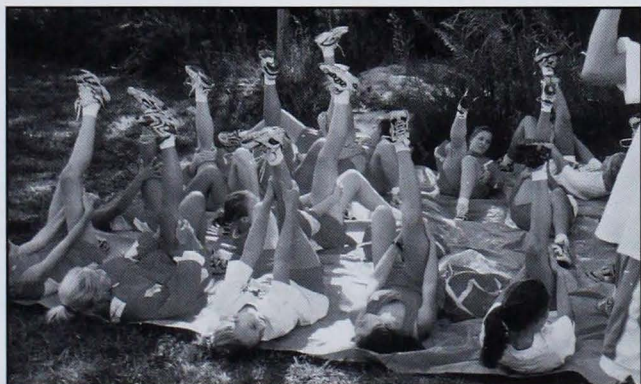
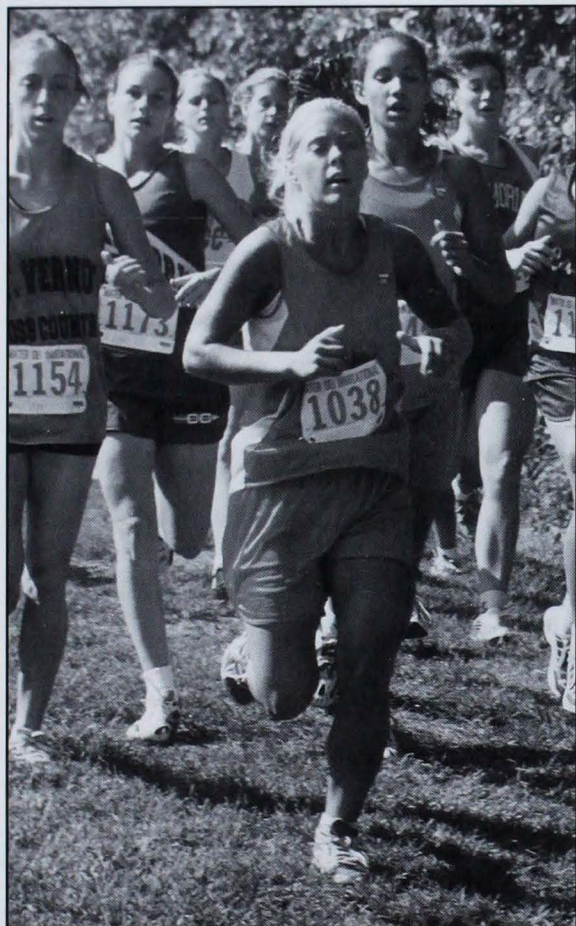


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Teamwork is so important as the MD girls stick together to put distance between them and their competition.

Senior Sarah Jost personifies the spirit and drive of the team as she pushes herself harder to work her way to the front.



The girls pushed each other all year long, both on and off the course to make sure they were at the front of the pack all season long.

As usual, senior Jenny Farmer takes the lead and holds it from the very start of the race. She led the team as she made a trip to state.



Semi-State Bound Cross Country

Not all fun and games for the girls



Senior Julie Fischer keeps her distance and leaves behind her trailing opponents. The girls set some very high goals for themselves this year, hoping to leave the competition following them the whole year. Finishing the season at 80-19 and winning the city title, the girls felt that they reached those lofty goals.



Senior Lorna Fischer fights her way up a stamina draining hill at the MD Invitational Tourney.

The overall talent of the girls' Cross Country team was high, just as their goals were. They all set a team goal to take another step, from regionals to semi-state.

"We've been to regionals before and we want to get past that to semi-state," said senior Sarah Jost.

The girls ended the season 80-19, winning city and the Vincennes Lincoln Invitational.

"For it being my first year running, winning city as a team was really exciting. The Vincennes Lincoln Invitational was important because a lot of experienced teams were there," said senior Julie Fischer. "After we won that, I knew that we would be strong in the post season."

Although, they were competitive all year, the Cats also had some fun.

"We goof off to a certain extent, but when it comes time for the race we are all very serious," said senior Jami Altstadt.

The diversions were good, keeping them from overfocusing on winning.

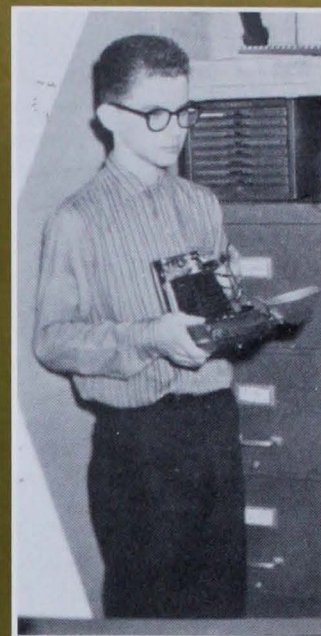
"We don't get in a one track mind where all we think about is winning," stated senior Mary Smither. "We are relaxed and comfortable enough to get the job done without letting the pressure get to us."

Even though the season took a lot of hard work, the team's comradery was the best part about it.

"Being together as a team has made this season more special," stated senior Sarah Jost.



Wanting to show her spirit and support, Senior Jen Moll proudly displays a banner to cheer on Jenny Farmer at the state meet.



1959

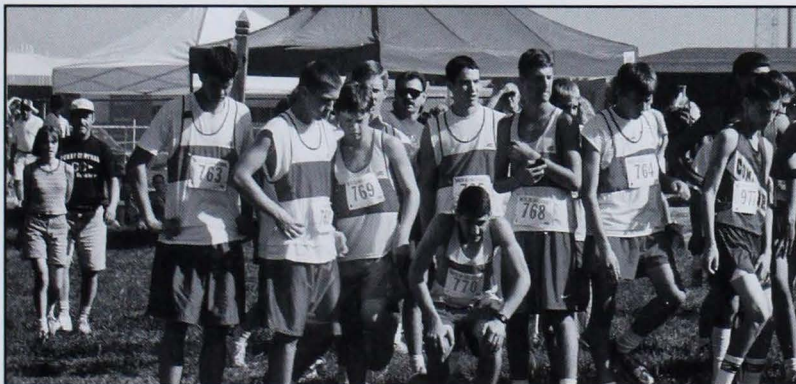
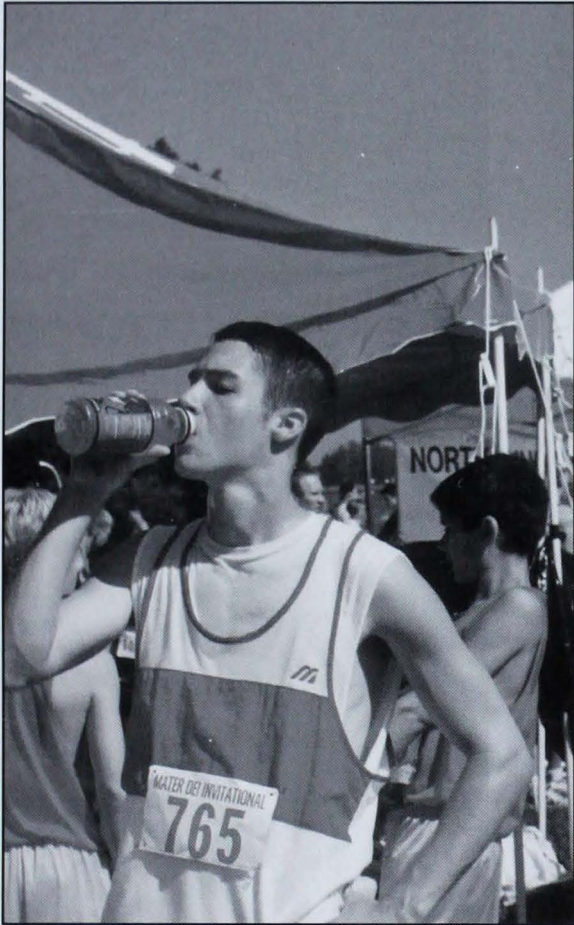
The year 1959 was an exciting year. After just 10 years, the school had to make plans to grow again.

In the fall of 1958, the Wildcats entered their replica of the miracle at Lourdes float in the Fall Festival parade. The male cheerleaders supported the Wildcats as they began to make their mark in athletics. Senior Jerry Browning turned his play on the football field into hardware and money as he won various awards and scholarships. The varsity wrestlers won their sixth city championship in just the last seven years.



Senior Josh Hodge, showing the determination of the whole team, pushes himself through injuries to become a leader of the pack.

Senior Kevin Spahn quenches his thirst after a tough race at the Mater Dei Invitational. Like his teammates he enjoys a well deserved break after a hard meet.



The boys, working together as a team, stretch out in preparation for their next big race, in hopes of another victory.

Mater Dei boys continue to lead the pack as they set the pace early during the grueling race, hoping to wear down their competition.



A Rebuilding Year Cross Country

Boys' final record was misleading



Junior Ethan Freeman is determined as one of the team leaders to run his best and push himself as an individual to enhance the performance of the team as a whole. Early injuries to key runners made it important for everyone on the team to have their best race everytime they stepped out onto the course.



Sophomore Adam Feulner gives all that he has to turn the corner and to come on strong through the last leg of the race.

The boys' cross country team had a rebuilding season this year. From their record, it doesn't look like much was accomplished, but the truth is quite the contrary.

Due to early season injuries to key senior runners Josh Hodge and Curt Sills and the loss of some other runners, young underclassmen were forced to step up.

Freshmen, Brad Buedel, David Herron and Nick Sammet stood out as some of the major point scorers, despite their age.

There were a few bright spots in the season as well.

The team defeated Washington Catholic once and Boonville three times, both of whom were expected to beat the boys. The team also improved as compared to their scores from the beginning of the season. Ben Smyth, one of the out standing team members who was named all-city, improved his time by several seconds through the course of the season.

"We definitely improved throughout the season, both as individuals and as a team," said senior Kevin Spahn.

Going through a tough season, one may find it hard to push on, but the boys' cross country team showed some inspiring heart and dedication this year.

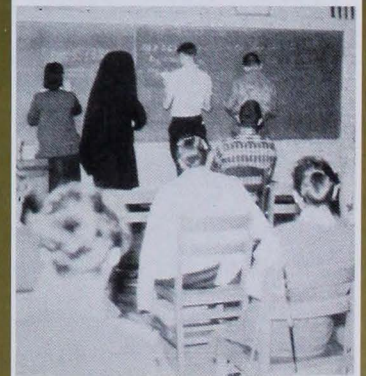
"With temperatures soaring, the heat unbearable, excruciating pain throughout your body, odds stacked against you and it doesn't look like you're going to make it, you just have to keep running." Spahn says.



Senior Ben Smyth, a true leader of the team, does sprints out in the heat to improve his times. Smyth also was named to the all-city team.



1959



Heavenly Noise Vocal Choir

Letting Voices Rise to Heaven

Officer Shirley Baker and Mrs. Shay Barnett pepped-up and exciting mass with some upbeat music.



Kerri Vowels and Sara Beth Celments show enthusiasm as they lead the choir at mass.

In the past two years, Mater Dei's choir has improved greatly with the help of director Shay Barnett. Mrs. Barnett started an after school singing group for women. These girls performed at the Christmas concert along with the concert choir. She was also planning on splitting the class into two groups. Since they have grown up to almost 40 students, she feels that they may need an advanced class for students. Mrs. Barnett deserves the credit for the growth of the choir. Many of the seniors have been in it for at least two years. Others, such as Jenny Schmitt, have been in choir for four years.

"The choir is very grateful for what Mrs. Barnett has done for us over the last two years," said senior SarahBeth Clements.

"There is one thing we are lacking," Mrs. Barnett noted. The choir hasn't met its full

potential. They have many talented girls, but are in need of male voices. "This handicap makes our selection of music limited," added Charlene Kirsch.

This year's choir schedule consisted of a Christmas and spring concert. They also sang at the school masses. They volunteered to sing at nursing homes and Christmas at the zoo. In January, many students participated in the University of Evansville solo and ensemble contest. Many of them made it to state, including Jamie Schmitt, Emily Elpers, Cassie McCord and Valerie Murray.

Mrs. Barnett isn't the only person appreciated by the choir. Miss Cathy Moore, the pianist, takes time out of her schedule to accompany them.

"She makes the music more pleasing to listen to and her talent makes us sound better," said Gina Conner.

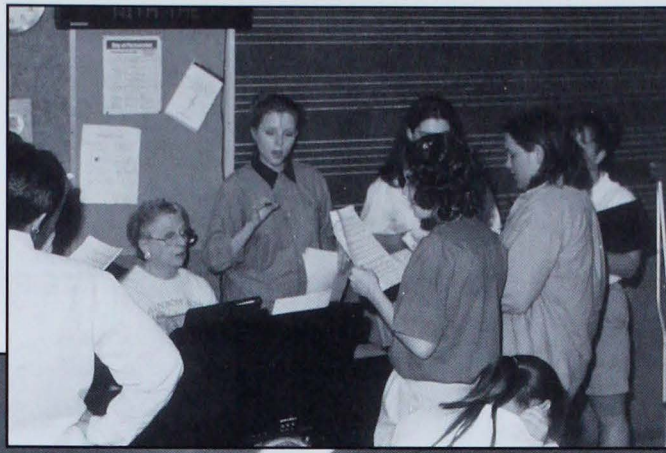


The whole choir leads the student body at mass with their joyous tunes.

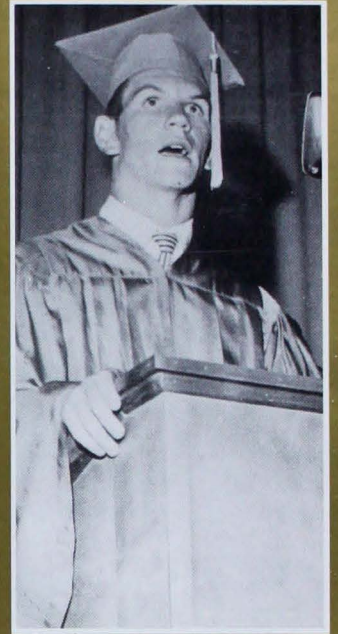
Senior Margaret Halbig shows off her piano expertise at mass as she accompanies.



Mrs. Barnett conducts the choir around the piano as Miss Moore plays.



Freshmen Kelly Paul, and Seniors Angie Sotolongo and Lisa Reising focus on their music as they practice in choir class.

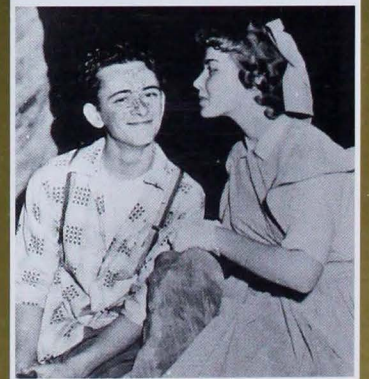


1960

With a school population of over 750, Mater Dei's size did not hinder it in capturing honors and recognition.

At the annual honors banquet, 280 students were honored for their academic and extracurricular work, including valedictorian Rodger Duncan, those that put on the play "Hulkerberry Finn" and David Debes, Kiwanis Arion award winner.

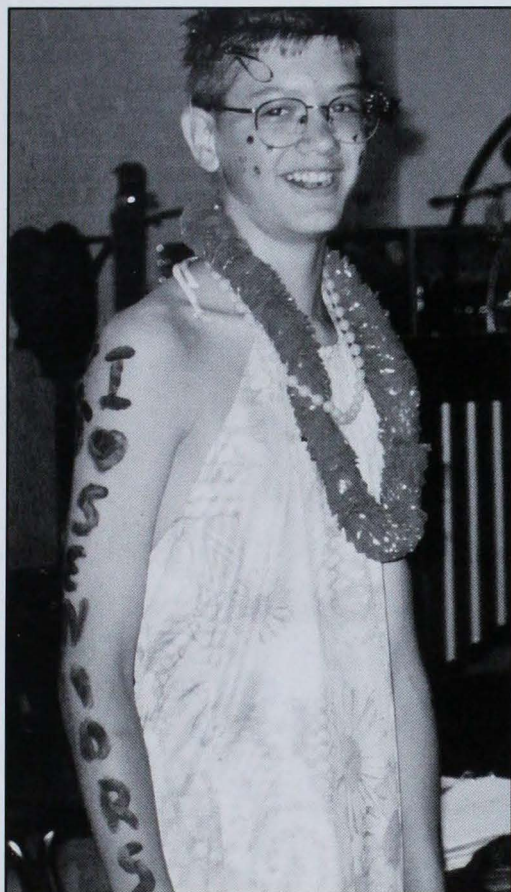
Classroom life was exciting this year. Sister Mary Pierre's English II boys created a miniature setting of Gareth and Lynette while the librarians displayed 1,200 titles at their book fair.



Marching Wildcats Band

Awarded for stellar performances

Chris Collins showed his respect for the seniors during summer band camp through an annual freshman hazing ritual.



The season starts in the blistering summer heat of July and August. Band members stand in the heat for hours, staring at charts with tiny dots try to figure out where in the world they are suppose to be standing. All the hard work and long hours are always rewarded with results and lots of fun. The highlight of camp was a huge water fight provided by German Township fire trucks. It wasn't long before water made mud and everyone was covered in it.

Before the contest season officially starts the band gets to test their talents at football games. The band enjoys showing their school spirit and getting a chance to perform.

The band marched through a season of

successes lead by drum majors senior Anna Ward, and juniors Beth Stofleth and Rachel Sammet. Drum majors captured four caption awards for best drum major along with the band's percussion, guard and music trophies. The season ended on a high note with a Division I rating at regionals.

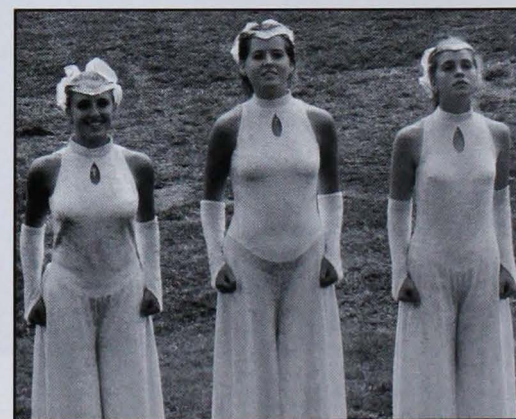
The loyal band parents are a driving force behind the band. Band moms created flags and altered uniforms. The band dads built an addition and ramp on the back of the band room.

The music didn't silence after the last contest. Many band members also participated in All-State Band Percussion Ensemble, State Solo and Ensemble and All-State Marching Band.



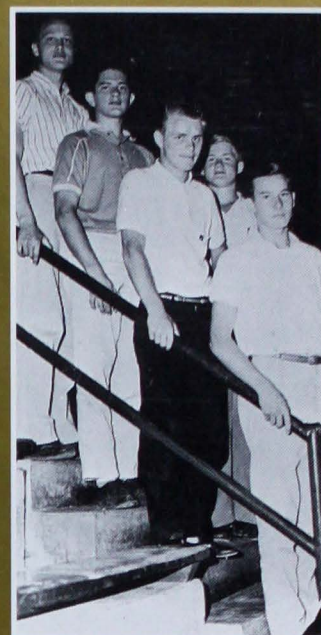
The MD percussion ensemble, standing ready to play, performed their way to another successful season by capturing several awards and honors.

One of the highlights of the marching band season were the drum majors. The band was led this year by senior drum major Anna Ward and junior drum majors Rachel Sammet and Beth Stofleth.

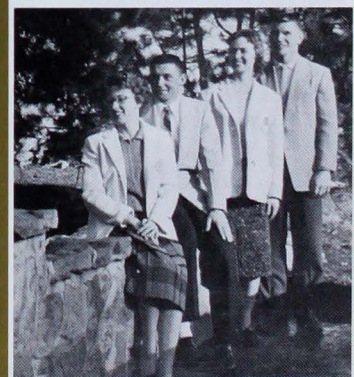


Doing battle with cans of shaving cream, Jen Sotolongo, Angie Sotolongo, Brian Wilderman and Chris Folz break the tension of summer workouts.

The Mater Dei Marching Wildcats put everything they have into another stellar performance as the guard puts the cap on their routine.



1960



Sophomore Anthony Catanese, displaying Mater Dei's pride and joy, holds up yet another trophy won by the Marching Wildcats.

7 Miles of Fun Walk-A-Thon

Stepping out to raise some money

Kelly Messersmith, Gina Utley and Natalie Miller are captured in a moment of pure out of school joy as they do their part to raise money for Mater Dei.



On the warm sunny day of October 15, 1998, 612 Mater Dei students decked out in red and gold to walk 7.5 miles to raise money for their school.

"We raised about \$23,000. This will definitely come in handy to the school, especially with the new expansion plans for Mater Dei and Memorial," said Sister Mary Francis.

"I love the walk-thon because you get to be outside and spend time with your friends," commented junior John Webster.

Most students had a fun and relaxing day, but if you were experiencing any physical pain, the school's big, white van followed the students to pick up the injured. The drivers Mr. John

McMullen and Mr. Scott Whitehouse said that very few people ever come sit in the van, and if they do, they don't stay long.

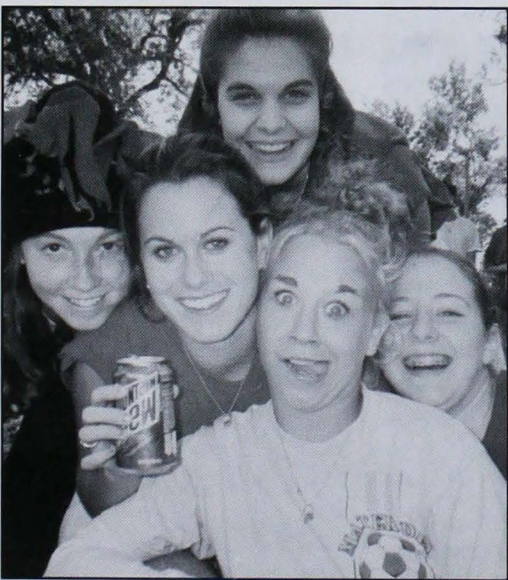
"I had a lot of fun, but I'm sure these motorists who were stopped by our walk didn't have much fun," commented junior Lindsey Helfrich.

During the nearly four hour walk, the students and five police escorts stopped traffic on four streets. However, since this was the fourth year the school has held this event, many motorists knew what to expect.

"I like walk-a-thon. It's a good fundraiser for the school and it's a much easier than when we used to sell cheese and sausage," said senior Barry Steinkamp.

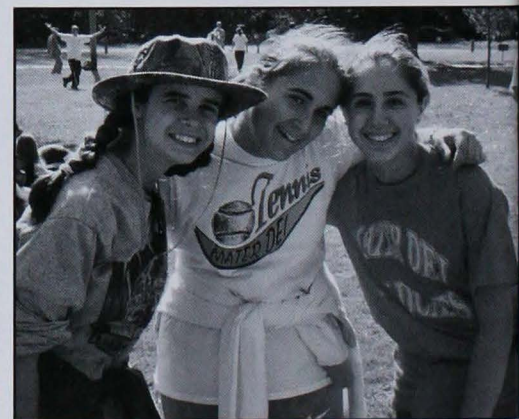


These junior girls are the best of friends and make the walk-a-thon more fun as they pose for their favorite group shot.

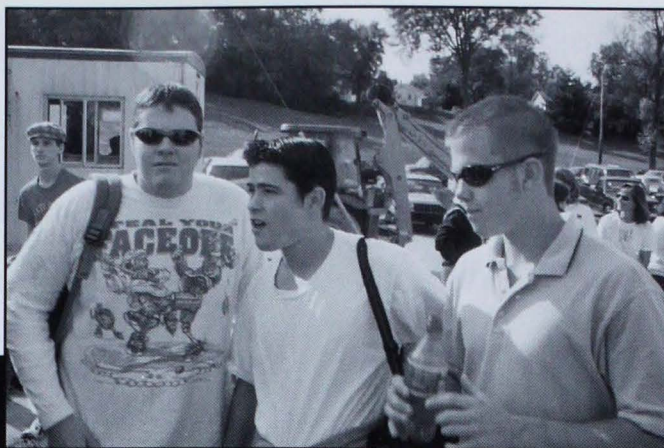


Kasie Adcock and sophomore friends experience the loopy after-effects of walking the first 3.75 miles at 9:00 a.m. and daring to do the Dew.

Jessica Butler, Brittny Wannamuehler and Deidre Messmer take a well deserved break at Howell Park, the so-called half way point of the walk-a-thon.



Eager to embark on the 7.5 mile journey, junior Adam Maddox and seniors Chris Waelde and Tom Feller take their places at the front of the pack.



The streets of Evansville were lined with red and white as 612 Wildcats walked to raise near \$23,000 for Mater Dei. That's about \$3,066 an hour!



1961

The 1961 edition was dedicated to Mr. Len Will, his patience, good humor, gentle understanding, and able leadership for the Mater Dei community. Mater Dei's spirit was prominent starting with the priest and nuns on the faculty.

Even though the spirit remains today, there has been many changes. The typewriters have been replaced with computers. May Day is still celebrated with its full intentions but is not as formal.

The roar of the 60's had begun at Mater Dei but when it did, they were ready.



Student Government Mater Dei-ville

Taking the world into our own hands

Mayor Seth Weber hangs tinsel at USI. He was faithfully decorating for the '98 christmas dance.



The Mater Dei student government originated in 1952 by Monsignor Lantner. Our unique government is modeled after a city. The student government of Mater Dei-Ville is one of the few programs in the nation of this type. Mater Dei-Ville was recognized as a separate city, and presented its own charter in 1956 by the Mayor of Evansville, Vance Hartke.

The student government plays a large role in the community of Mater Dei-Ville. The government is responsible for many events around school. The members collect canned food, Christmas gifts for the poor and rice bowls.

Presiding over the Mater Dei student government is Seth Weber as Mayor, with Benny

Faraone as Judge and Joe Traylor as Clerk. Other members of the council help inform the homerooms as to what is going on at school while student police officers help enforce the laws.

While the student government upholds its tradition of organizing activities and fund-raisers, individuals also continue a tradition within his family. Seth has followed the tradition by becoming Mayor like his brother Matt was in 1993.

Nearly 50 years ago Monsignor Lautner developed the concept behind Mater Dei-Ville. It was a promising idea to have students actively participating in the affairs of the school. Mater Dei-Ville continues to serve our school well and help it run efficiently today.



Beth Stofleth lines up cans in the shape of a cross for student government. The cans were donated to homeless shelters on Thanksgiving Mass.

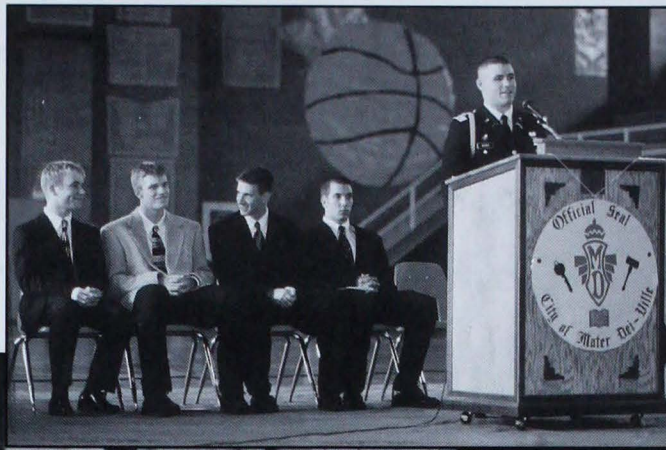


Mater Dei Police Chief, JD Wargel, along with other Mater Dei-ville police officers, raise their right hands while taking the oath of office.

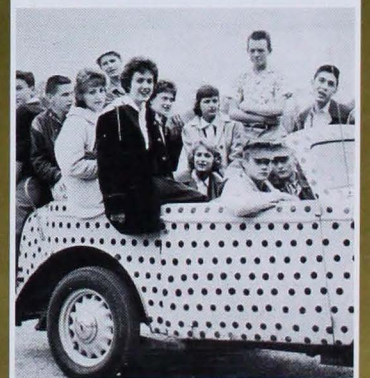
Mayor Seth Weber talks about the pride he has in Mater Dei during his mayoral inauguration speech.



1993 Mayor, Lt. Matt Weber, speaks to the student body during the Inauguration of his younger brother, Mayor Seth Weber.



1961



Once again competing against Memorial for the Riley Hospital chain link, sophomores Kathy Winneke and Natasha Velotta and senior Jamie Schmitt help piece the chain together.

Chosen scholars N.H.S.

Giving back to the community

Jill Bartlett peeks at the camera during her initiation to the National Honors Society after participating in the ceremony.



The National Honor Society has been around Mater Dei for a number of years. Mrs. Debbie Haton has been the group's sponsor since Sister Jane Michele retired.

"It's been so long ago, I don't remember when I took over," replied Mrs. Haton. She takes care of nomination forms, checks eligibility and organizes the National Honor Society committee which is in charge of picking students who match the mandatory criteria.

To be eligible for the National Honor Society one must be a Junior or Senior, maintain a 3.2 grade point average or above, and meet academic, leadership, character, and service standards.

The chosen students are inducted at Mater

Dei during a ceremony including family and friends. The ceremony starts with each new member lighting a new candle to represent their membership. They then light the one candle of knowledge after the four that show the pillars of NHS are lit.

The National Honor Society tutors at grade schools, volunteers at the Reitz Home, helps at school events like open house and back to school night, and holds a fund-raiser to raise money to give to a charity of the group's choice.

"Being a member gives us a chance to give back to the community and school by volunteering, tutoring, and raising money," said senior member Jessica Weis.



Charlene Kirsch follows the other members in lighting the candle as part of the initiation to the National Honors Society.

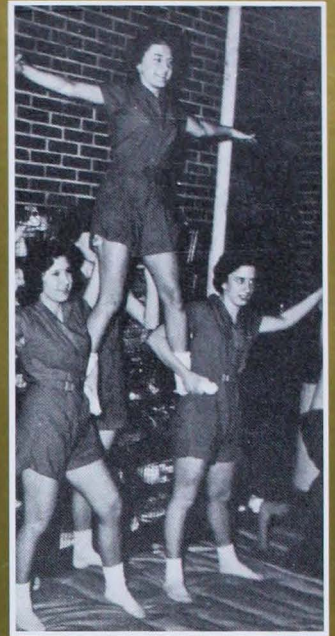
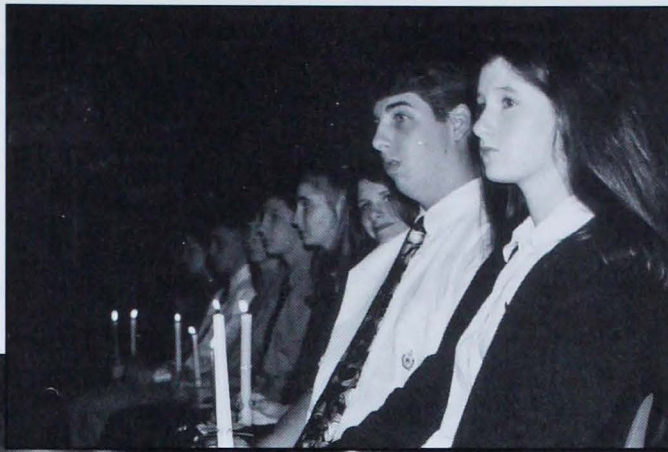


Senior Ben Smyth takes part in the ceremony lighting his candle, as do the rest of the members of the National Honor Society.

Jessica Weis, senior member of the National Honors Society, shakes Principal Mary Traylor's hand during the ceremony.



Seniors, Jennifer Moll and Curtis Schmitt, listen carefully to the speakers during the National Honor Society ceremony.



1962

A lot has changed since 1962. You won't see the basketball players romping around during halftime in robes made by the home economics class, and you won't be able to walk out behind the school and play on the tennis courts. We no longer have the Little Legion that "prays for vocations and fosters good moral conduct, with special fidelity to the sixth and ninth Commandments." Even though a lot has changed since 1962, one thing that will never disappear is the tremendous spirit of *Mater Dei*. This is who we are and will never be lost no matter how many years go by.

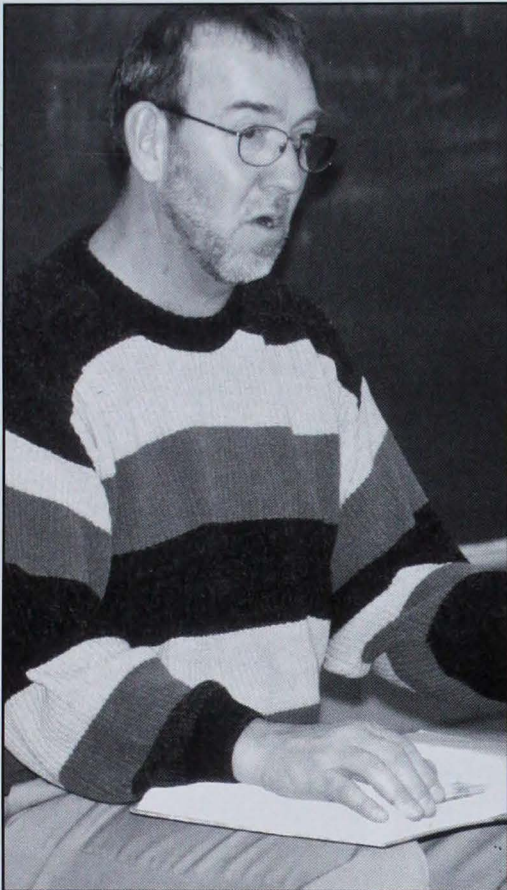


Senior Sarah Burdette lights her candle as a symbol of her initiation into the National Honor Society

Exploring Literature English

Exploring activities out of class

New addition to the English staff, Mr. Becker, eloquently explains the joys of being an English teacher to his class.



English; it shapes our lives and defines our culture. English class offers us a break from reality to study the writings from all different time periods and our language. The English teachers here at Mater Dei have a great passion for the English language and literature but they also are very involved in other activities outside the classroom.

Mrs. Donofrio and Mrs. Reneer are involved in Ophelia, where they lead in-depth discussions about serious issues with senior girls. They are also very involved in school pep assemblies where they make entries in the Book of Champions.

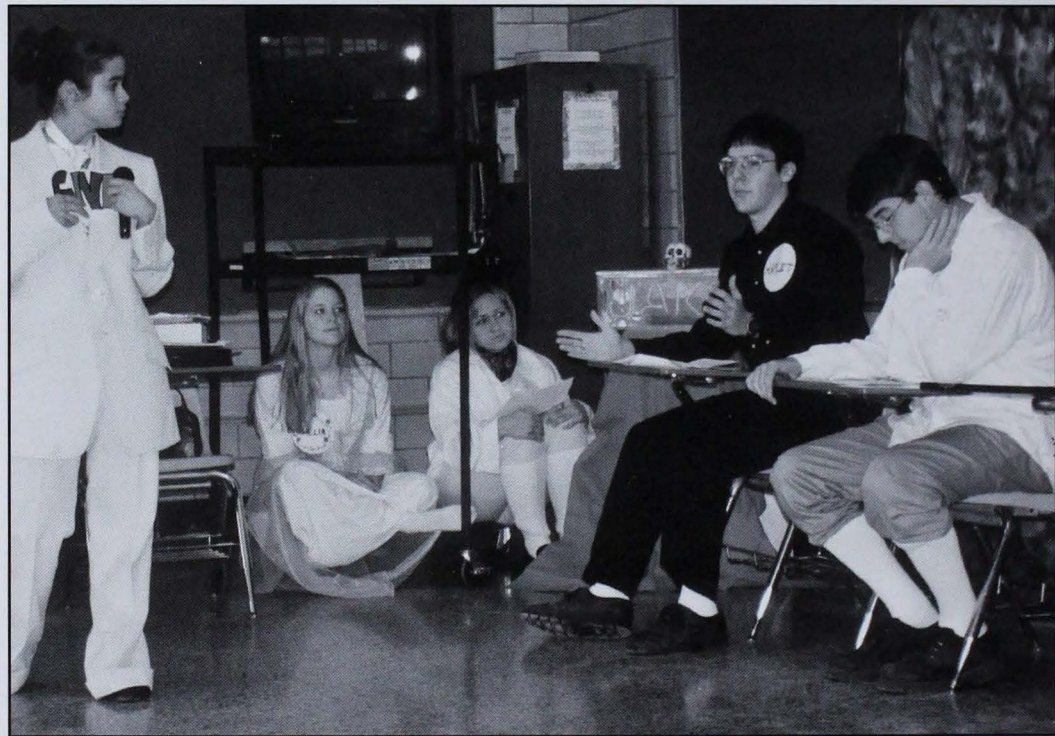
Ms. Rogge is involved in coaching aca-

demnic superbowl team. She is the head coach of the Mater Dei English squad.

Ms. Freeman is the sponsor of CATS and TEENPOWER, where students learn how to promote making good decisions and still having a good time.

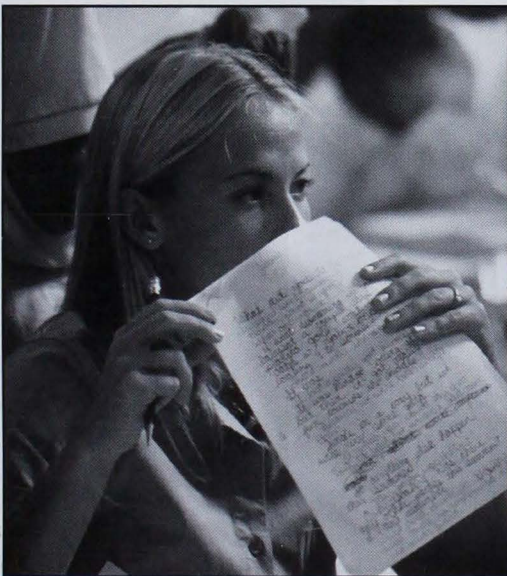
Mr. Becker is an experienced kayaker and loves the outdoors. He's been on numerous adventures and never runs out of stories to tell about them.

All of these teachers, though very unique, are united by one common bond, they have a passion for their field. We are blessed to have such a diverse and interesting English department and we have much to learn from them.



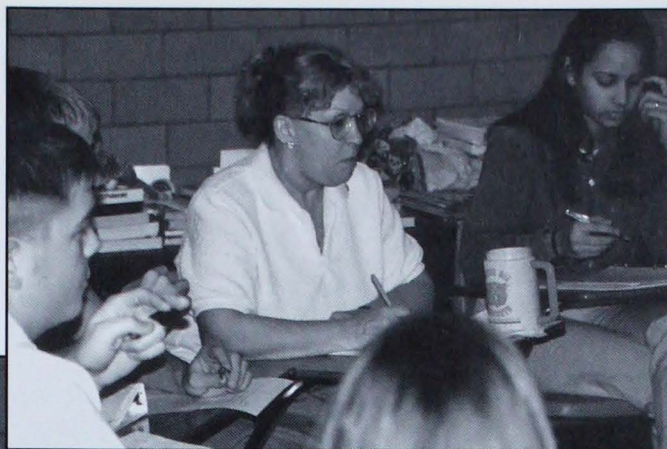
Boring is a state of mind. These seniors prove that English class is never boring for them as they turn Shakespeare's famous drama, Hamlet, into a talk show mirroring Jerry Springer.

Sophomores Tia Williams, Katie Elpers and Scott Beard get in touch with their Greek heritage as they portray the mighty gods of Mt. Olympus.

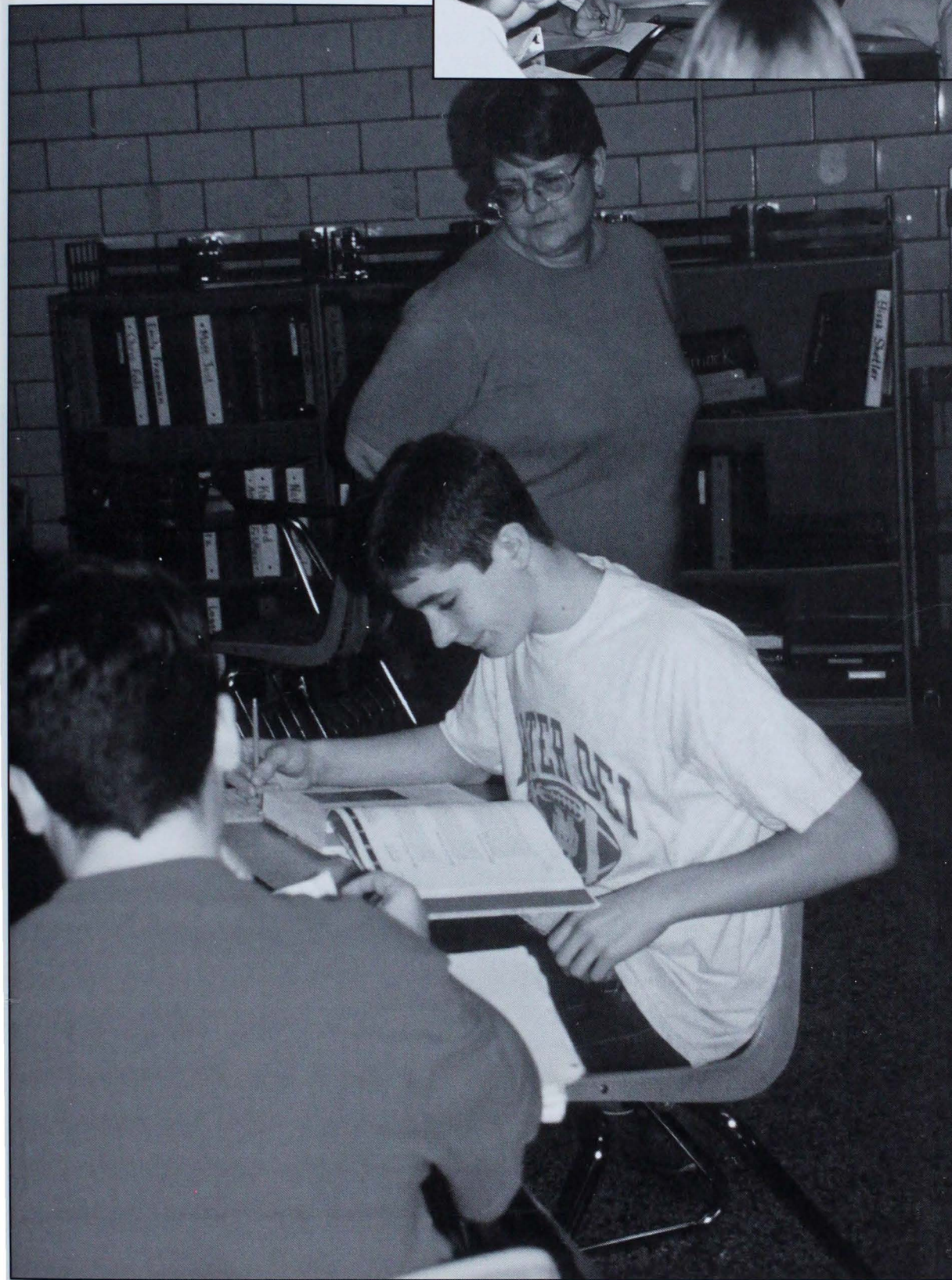
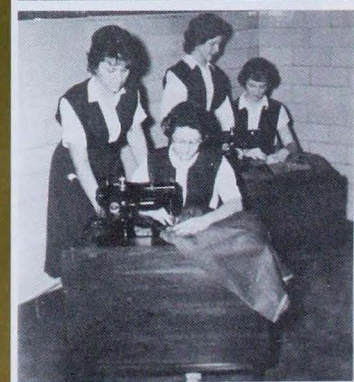


Sophomore Jessica Macke sits pondering away, trying to bring her writing a step closer to a Pulitzer prize.

Why read silently by yourself when you could discuss everything together. Mrs. Donofrio seems to think this strategy really works.



1962



Ms. Rogge observes her students as they work diligently on their reading assignment.

Keyboards and Ledgers

Business Ed.

Teaching more than just typing

Dealing with computers is just one of the joys of business class.



In Mater Dei's business program, students learn to enter the busy world of business and finance. Students work hard to practice and achieve these essential job skills.

With a wide variety of business-type classes offered at Mater Dei, students can learn valuable, real-life skills in accounting, computer applications, and economics.

Business classes also offer a taste of the real world. Economics students take part in the Stock Market Game to get acquainted with how the stock market works. Groups of three or four compete against other teams in their region to see who can make the biggest profit.

The atmosphere in classes is relaxed so the students can offer input and suggestions as if contributing to a real business. In Sr. Mary Francis's

Business Law classes, students work in groups to present the class with information from their assigned chapter.

Computer applications classes worked in pairs to open an imaginary "business" that they would manage themselves. Inventory, cashflow and monthly audit forms were just some of many tasks that had to be done in order to keep the business alive and flourishing.

"I enjoyed computer applications because I got to work with my friend Deidre Messmer to run our business, Mardee's. It was grueling work, but it helped me to better understand how a real business works," said senior Margaret Halbig.

Business classes give students knowledge they will apply throughout their lives, whether balancing a checkbook or using their skills to run a business.

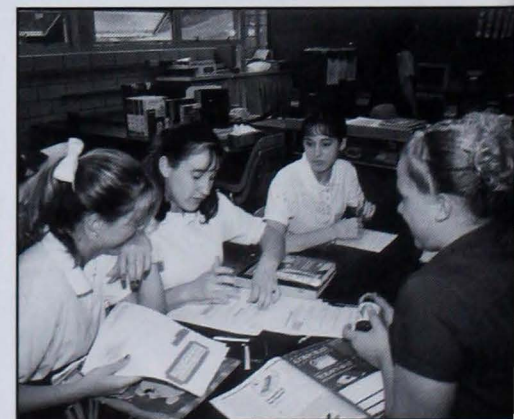


Freshmen Jessica Goebel and Audrey Kempf show that two heads are better than one when it comes to studying.

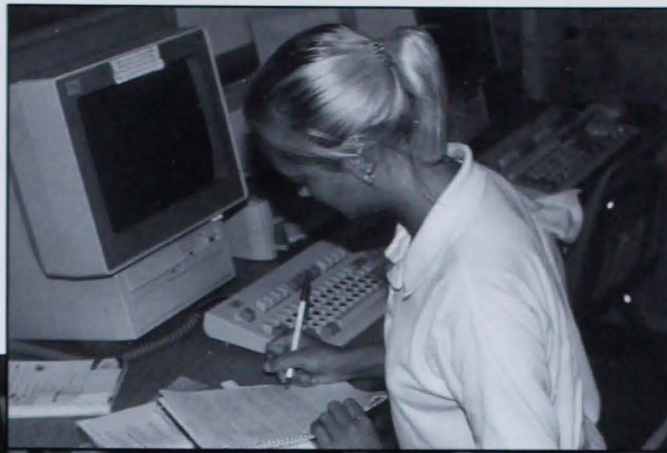


Senior John Reis proves that he can fall asleep anywhere, including his computer.

Freshman Kelly Paul and her freshman friends work on a business assignment together.



Senior Natalie Shetler postpones computer work to complete a written assignment.



1963

The year 1963 was a year of commitment and praise. Hard work and manners were a must.

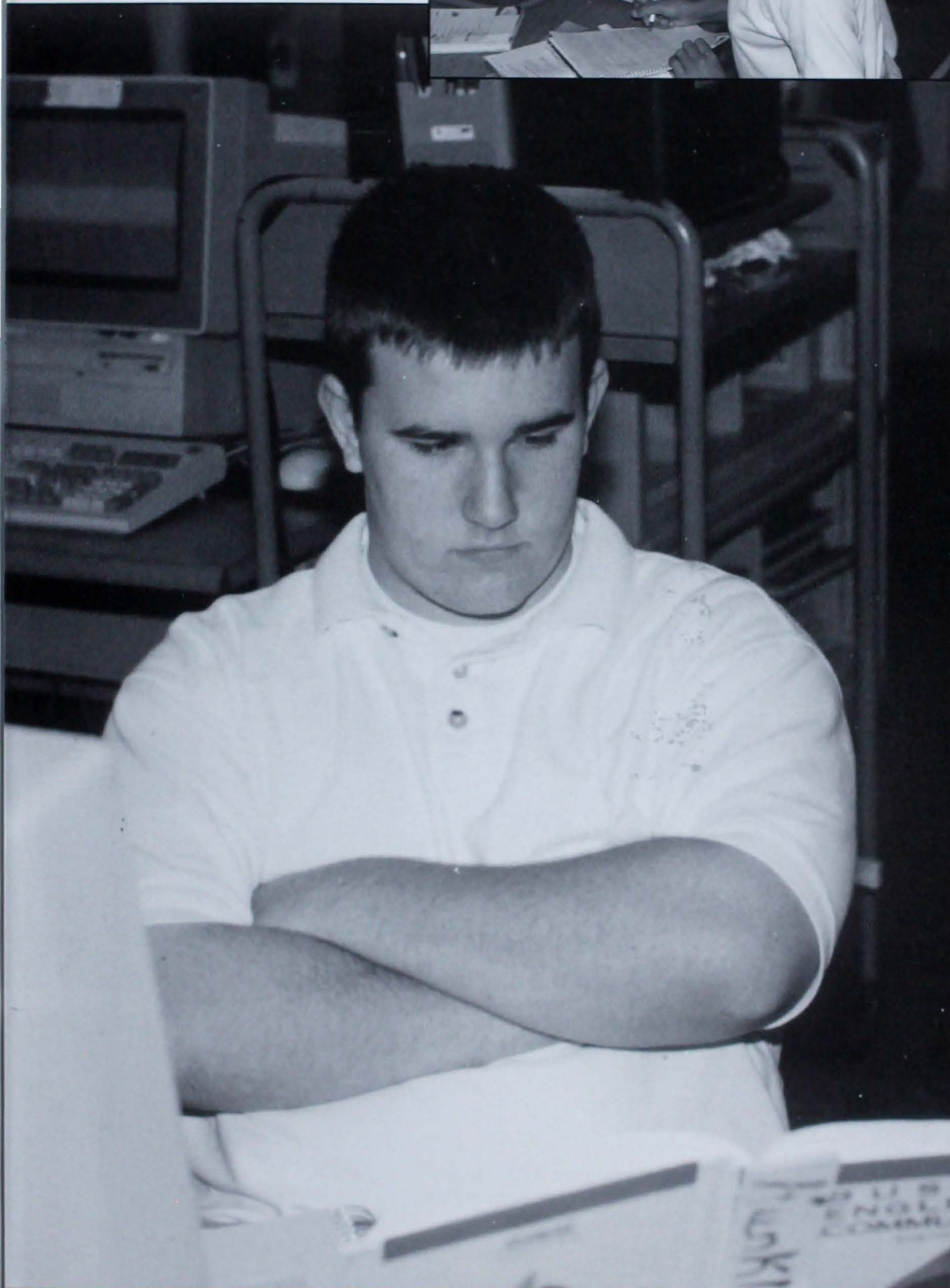
The students were expected to work in the cafeteria by scraping trays and scrubbing tables.

The school year revolved around their love for God and Mary. The Nativity scene was performed in the annual Christmas panorama. The faculty was comprised of sisters, priests, and lay people.

Music was also a huge part of the year. Mater Dei had first place clarinet winners and Regional First Award Winners at the Solo and Ensemble Music Contest.



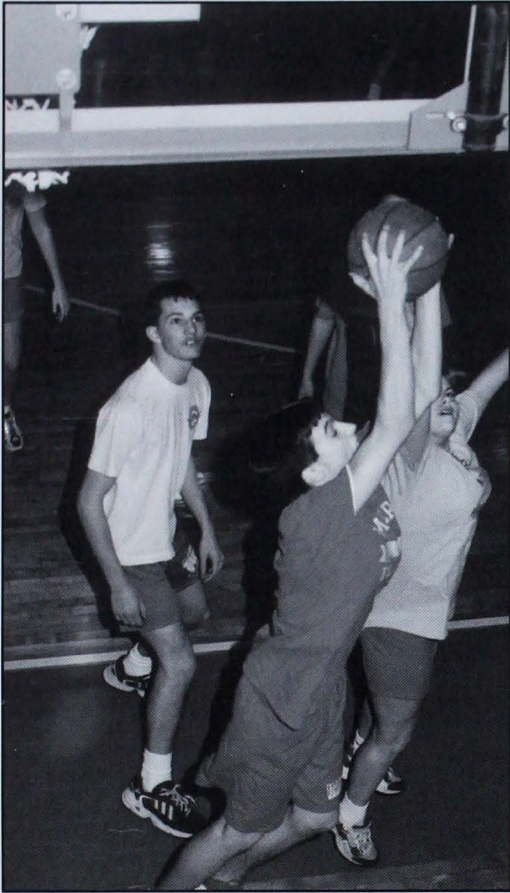
Junior Heath Patchin catches up on his business reading



Pumping Iron Physical Ed.

Wildcats work at getting in shape

Freshman Greg Fisher challenges one of the freshman girls in his class as he struggles to keep the ball and his manly pride.



After enduring a class that seemed more like an 82 minute lecture, who wouldn't like to escape the traditional desk and chalkboard method of learning and frolic about the gym, with classmates, having fun and getting fit?

Physical Education is a class offered to all grade levels at Mater Dei. Its purpose is to help a student remain physically fit, while teaching them new sports, skills, teamwork and allowing them to have fun and break the classroom monotony.

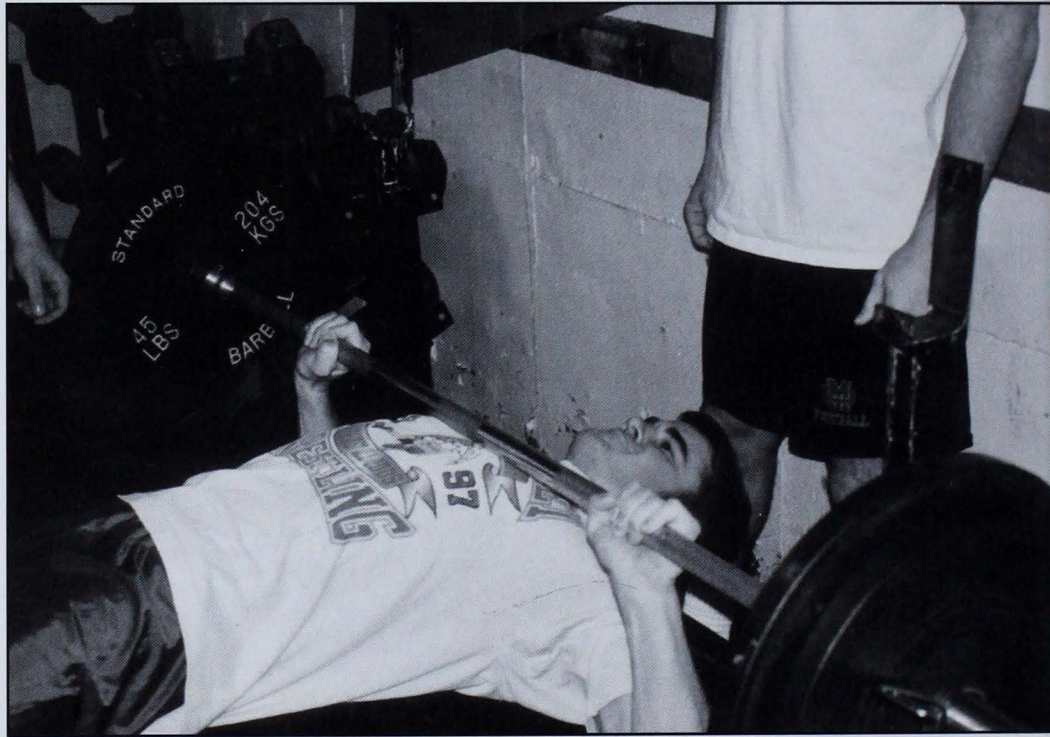
Freshman Jacqueline Butler stated, "P.E. is a great break between classes. Sometimes I get really tired of listening to teachers lecture all day and P.E. gives me a chance to exercise and have fun without sitting at a desk."

Other students use P.E. as a supplement for trips to the gym.

"I am usually pretty busy after school, so I can't always exercise," confessed senior Pam Steinkamp. "Advanced P.E. allows me to get in a good workout during school."

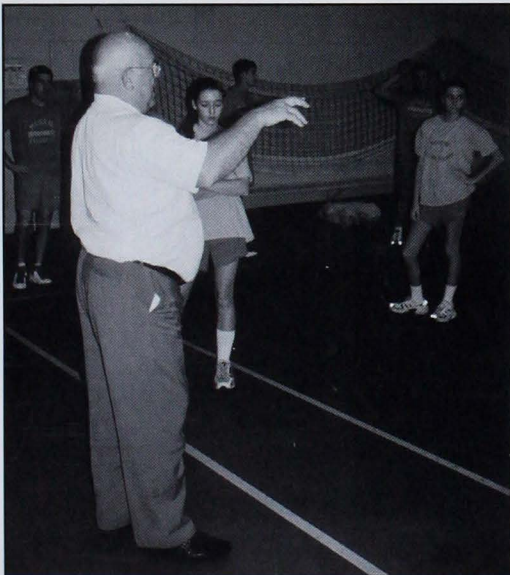
P.E. doesn't have to be only for exercise. Mr. Will makes sure his students get a healthy amount of laughter mixed in with their workouts. He has become infamous for the string of "bad jokes" he brings to class with him.

When it comes to P.E. it doesn't matter whether you're a star athlete or the clumsiest kid in your class because it's a great way for all students to have fun and get fit.



Jason Dewig repeats to himself, "I think I can, I think I can," as he struggles to bench the massive weight.

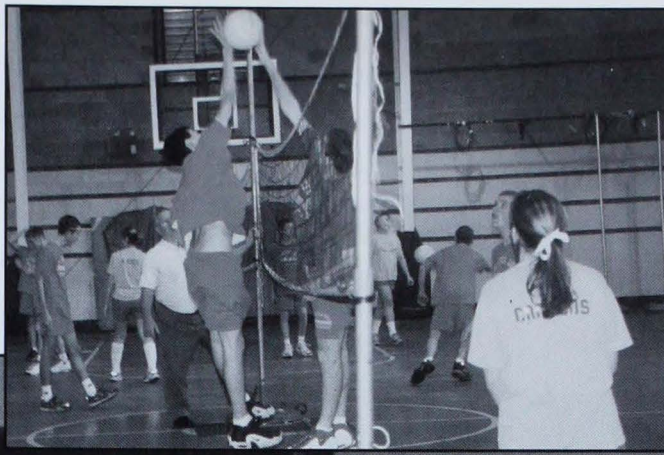
Mr. Dipple wants you to participate in P.E. Being a professional umpire on the side, he can better explain to you the basics of many different sports.



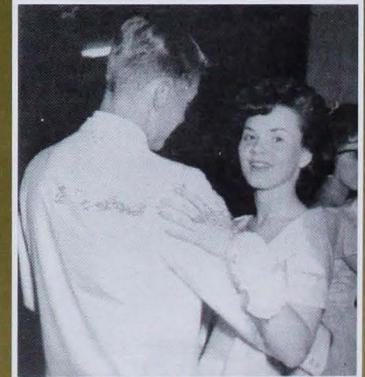
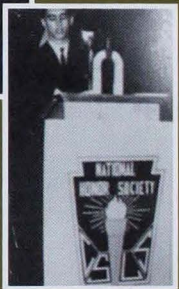
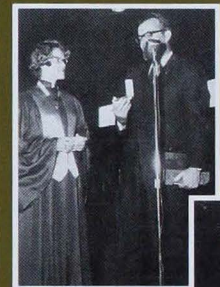
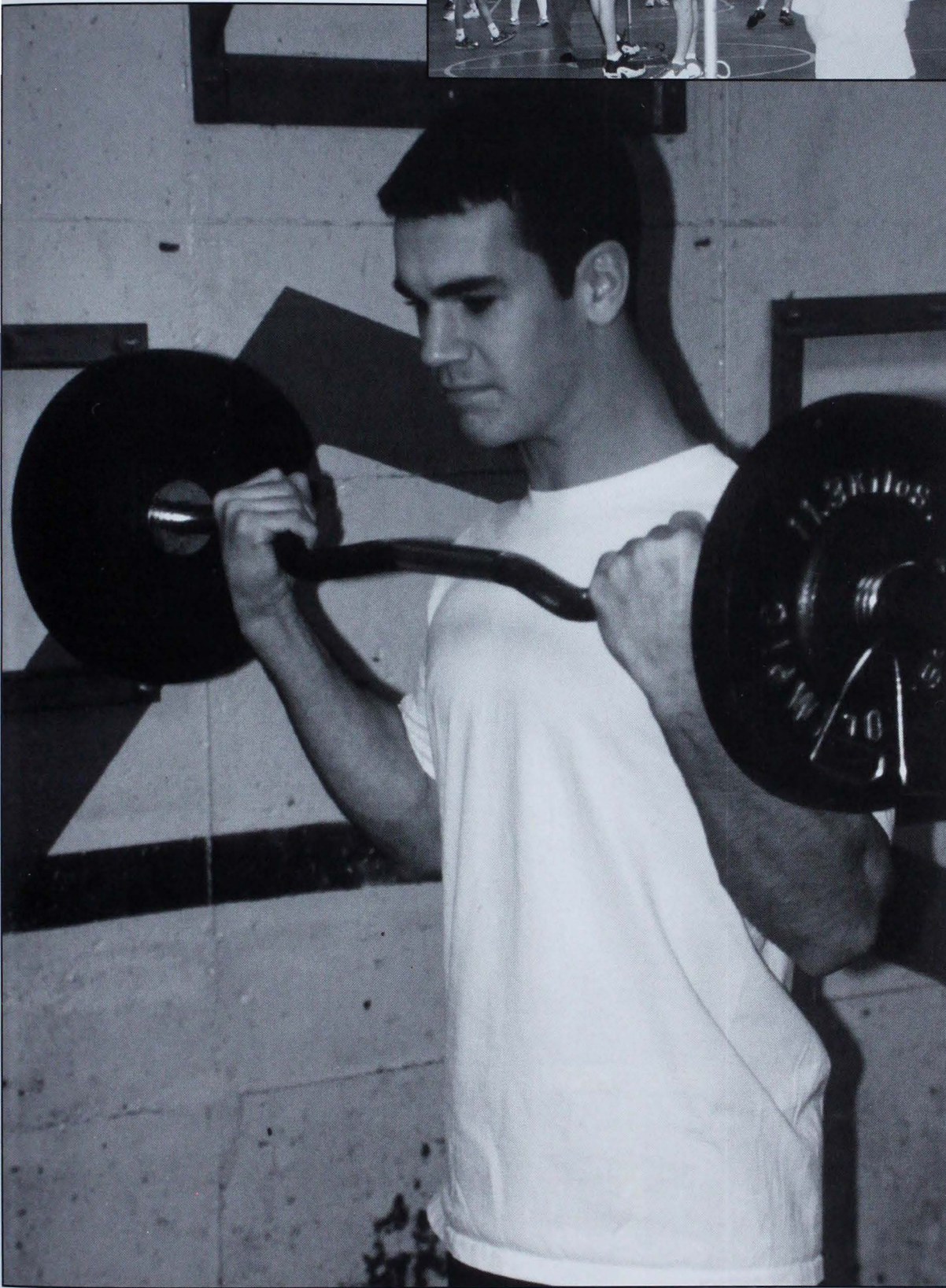
"Bad joke, bad joke." Mr. Will makes exercising a little more fun by mixing it with laughter.



The freshmen don't just get to try out a new game; they get to experience the joy of domination of that game.



1963



Nick Masterson shows off his bulging biceps as he tries to improve his bicep curl.

Nothing

The chills of the cold winter

Gold

reminds us of the warmth and

Ever

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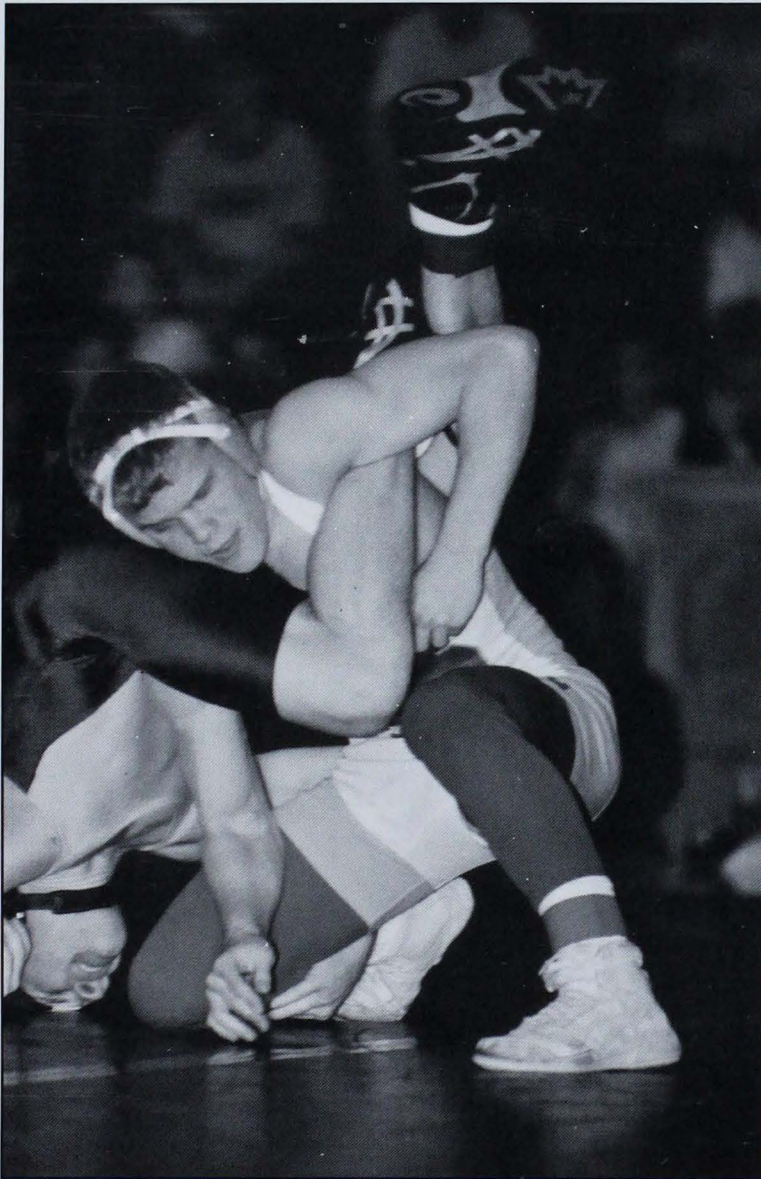
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Mater Dei High School.

Too Much

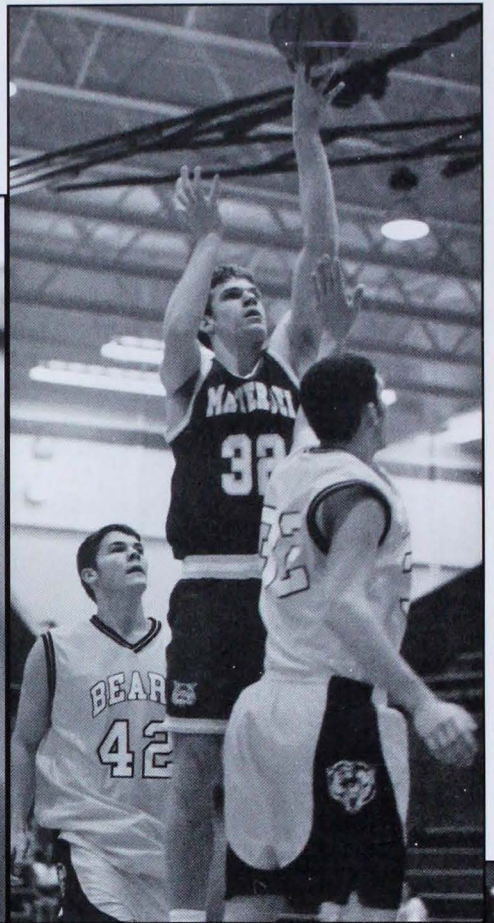
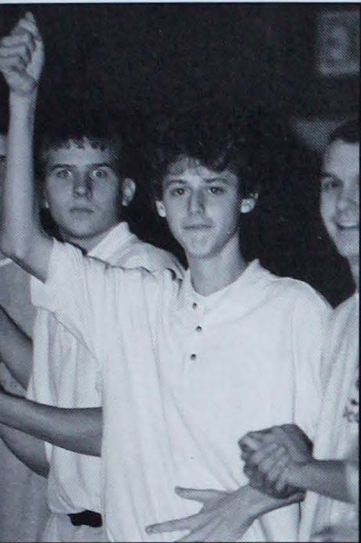
As the years have gone by, the experiences and memories were shared as one in the Mater Dei community. The hearts of many joined together for a common goal, such as teammates and fans pulled the wrestlers and boys' basketball teams to historical accomplishments, or classmates getting each other through tough semester exams.

This winter a time capsule was found which revealed fifty years of treasures, memories and keepsakes, treasures that we are continuing to add to every day.



Nothing Gold Ever Changes . . . Too Much





Class of 2001

Adcock, Kasie L.
 Anslinger, Jeffrey B.
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 Bigge, Alysia P.
 Bohleber, Neal C.
 Booth, Julie D.

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 Burgdorf, Jocelyn C.
 Catanese, Anthony P.
 Cavera, Laura L.



What a Difference



Bobby socks, saddle shoes, and poodle skirts were a common fad in the 50's.

You won't see this at football games today. The Pom-Pon squad was big in the 70's, but the chorus line broke up in the 80's.



Girls didn't used to have much uniform "freedom," and jumpers were regulation. Now girls can wear slacks, shorts or skirts.



"The tradition is still the same," says Jeanne Thomas, math teacher and 1981 graduate of Mater Dei. That's why everyone keeps coming back. After 50 years, the school has seen some important changes to the campus, school activities and boys' and girls' equality.

The differences between boys and girls were very pronounced, even to the point where the school was divided into a boys' side and a girls' side. There was no mingling except possibly at lunch and that was discouraged.

Girls were further segregated by the lack of girls' sports. The boys were the only ones who enjoyed the privilege of competing in athletic events. Even the cheerleaders were boys. Until later, girls were only expected to support the teams.

Other than sport limitations, girls also fell under a different dress code. The girls used to be limited to wearing jumpers, vests, plain white shirts, skirts and knee socks. Now girls and guys are allowed to wear the same thing including shorts and different colored shirts.

Not everything was against the girls at that time. The Sady Hawkins dance, held in the spring, gave the girls a chance to ask the guys out.

Not everything has changed completely.

Homecoming was celebrated in the same fashion as we do now, with a week of spirit days and pep assemblies. Everyone showed off how much red and gold they could dig up and how loud they could cheer for unblemished records or for mere encouragement for the big game that weekend. The week built up to the crowning of Miss School Spirit.

Like today, May Day was a big affair.

Everyone fought to be the one competing in many of the same games and contests between the classes that have been passed down to the student body today. After Mass, everyone looked forward to the crowning of the May Day Queen. The whole day took place in the gym so everyone could see and cheer each other on. And just like today, the seniors then sat in the same exact section the seniors sit today.

Even through all the changes, Mater Dei is still that same small little catholic school, down the hill on the Westside of Evansville that it has been for the past fifty years. The same values and lessons are still being taught through the classroom and school activities.

And that can never change.



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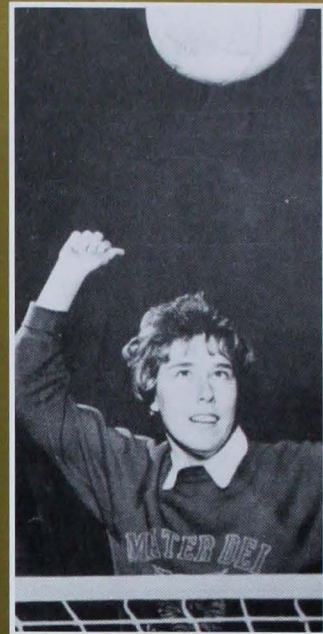
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Feller, Tasha N.
Feulner, Adam J.

Foley, Larissa A.
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Funke, Elizabeth R.
Gaffney, Nicholas D.

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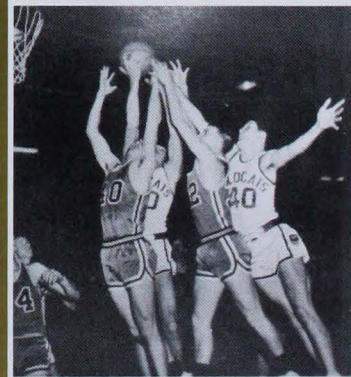
1964

Because of his recent assassination, Mater Dei dedicated the 1964 yearbook to John F. Kennedy. Another tragedy suffered at Mater Dei was the loss of student, Steve Dolletzki.

The wrestling season went well when they placed fourth in state finals.

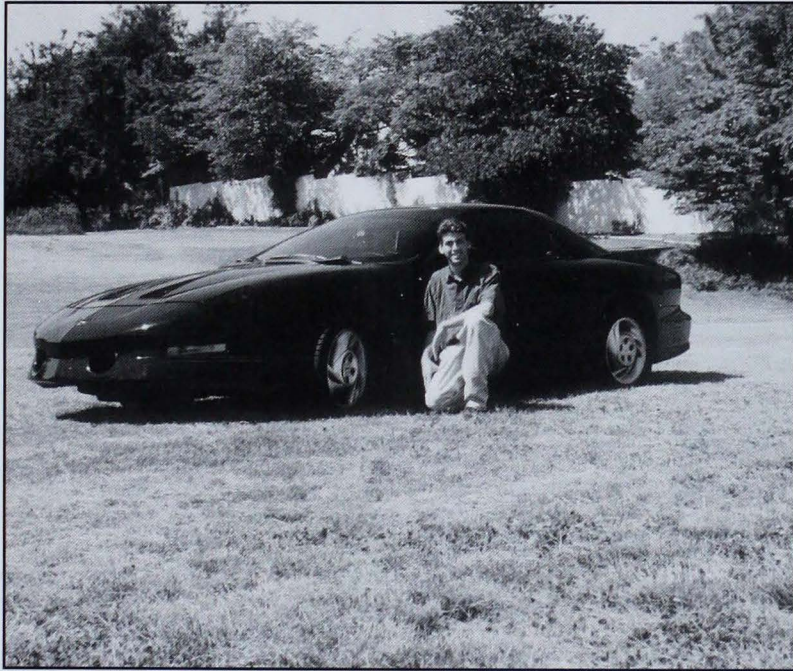
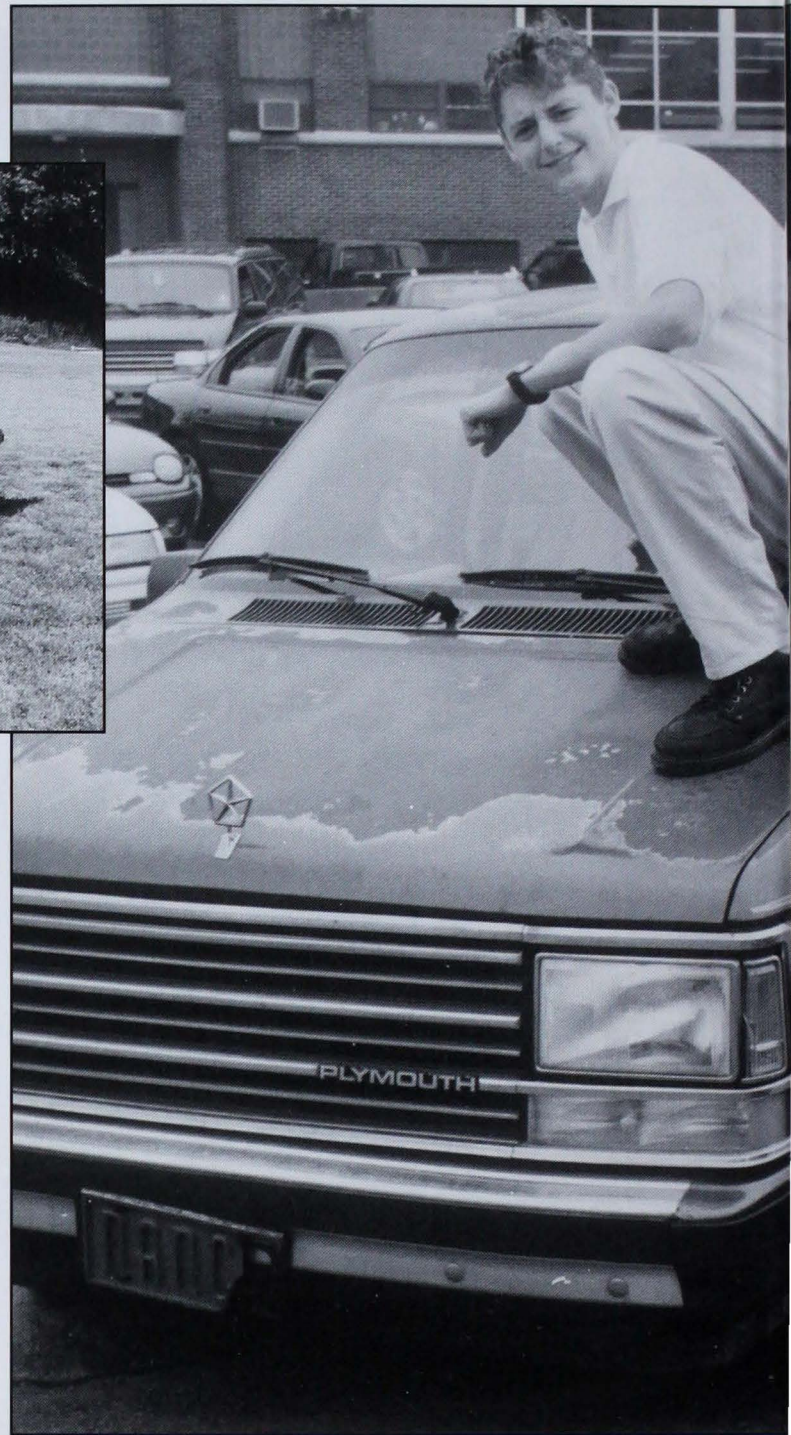
This year the band obtained a first division rating in the annual state music contest. The latest feature of the band included fourteen flag girls.

An impressive graduating class with eleven scholarship winners brought this year of improvement to an end.



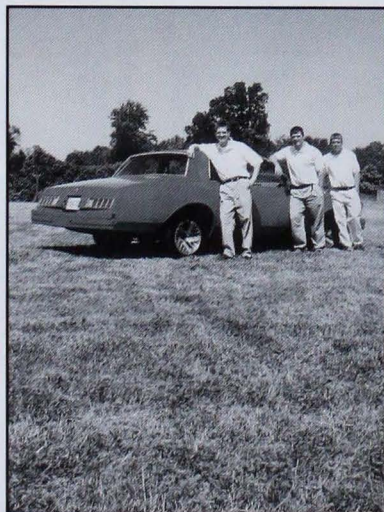
Senior Benny Faraone along with Senior Joe Lamble are all smiles as they display Benny's "Big Blue Boat."

Senior Nathaniel Rivers proudly perches himself on the hood of "Nancy," the infamous family minivan.



Senior Mike Sammet proudly displays the object of his affection.

Seniors Tim Hertel, Dave Hisch and Joe Lamble showcase Hertel's newest automotive investment: a red Monte Carlo.



Good friends and cars go together, according to senior Ryan King.



Beauty Vs. Beast Cool Cars

Making a statement on wheels



To some people they are just a means of transportation, but to others, they are their pride and joy. Yes, we're talking about vehicles. Many MD students are well known for their rides; some because of the luxury or rarity and others because of their poor condition, size or otherwise. Some students have spent years making their cars meet their qualifications. They are sleek, smooth and fast, and most of their owners aren't afraid to put them to the test.

Boat, ghetto, sled - the names go on and on for Benny Faraone and Ryan King's large tattered cars. But they don't seem to mind. In fact, they seem to be quite proud of the large number of people that are able to fit in their rides. The more the better is their motto and their friends are right there to agree with them.

Senior Nathaniel Rivers drives a rather unusual vehicle for an 18 year old student: a Dodge minivan. Even with the sunburnt paint and the "Nancy" license plate, Rivers is never ashamed to show up to school rollin in Nancy.

Some students put a lot of time and money toward making their rides as sweet as can be. Tim Hertle has had his engine in his bright green caprice, but recently merged it into his bright red Monte Carlo.

Hertle is not the only one with a new ride. Mike Sammet is now driving his new Trans Am after selling his gold-spoked Camaro. Matt Adler, Aaron Schnurr, J.D. Wargel and Matt Riordan

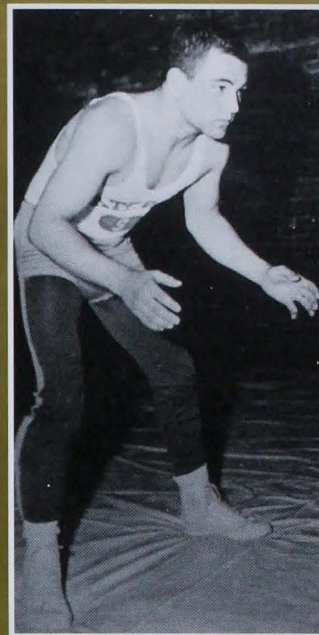
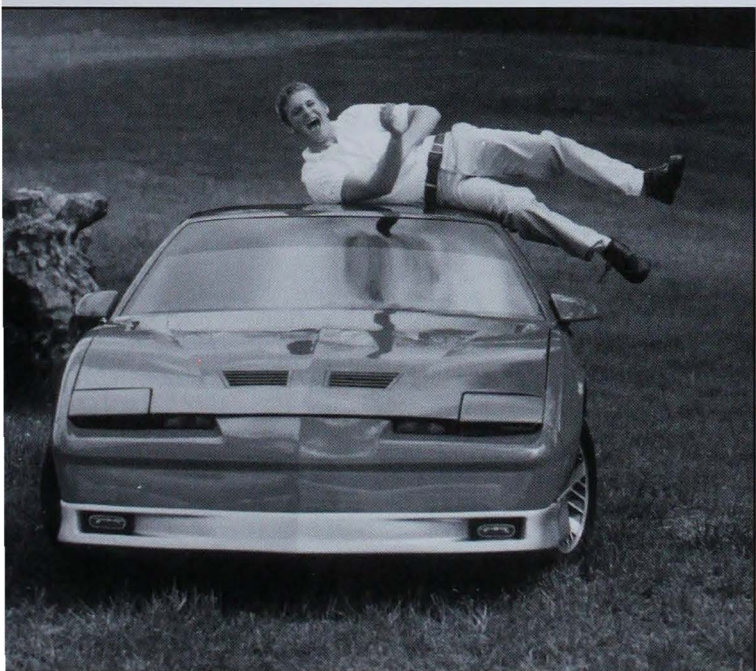
all drive restored cars from the 1960s. The heads turning and the compliments received are nice, but affording the up-keep on old cars is not cheap. For one, the engines aren't too leanant on gasoline, along with paying for parts and necessary improvements.

So while some of you drive your cars every day, getting 50 miles to a gallon, never needing repairs and never needing to give your car anything but gas, remember that some students are willfully spending more money just to get those heads to turn.

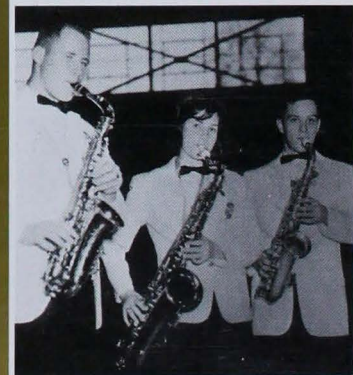


Admiring the fruits of his labor, junior Matt Adler loves to show off his beautifully restored classic.

Junior Brad Elpers can't get enough of his beauty on wheels.



1964



Class of 2001

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Kennedy, Adam M.
Kiesler, Sara B.
King, Jessica L.
Kissinger, Alan J.



Giving of Themselves



The job of the attendance secretary is a mighty one, but is helped greatly by volunteers like Mrs. Moore.

Volunteers are needed for almost every aspect of life at Mater Dei, from penance services to extracurricular events to even the every day cleaning of the school.



Mater Dei is an outstanding school because of the people that support it and take care of it, especially our volunteers. These people freely give of their time and effort but rarely are commended for their assistance.

How many people would get up at 7:00 in the morning to come to Mater Dei to donate their time without getting paid or getting recognition? Not many would; but one lady, Rosie Freeman, gets up that early to come to Mater Dei to volunteer for a couple of hours.

"I will always have a special place in my heart for Mater Dei," said Freeman.

Ms. Freeman comes in on Wednesday mornings, collects the attendance sheets and delivers the composite of all the students that are sick that day.

"I volunteer because I'd rather be around young people than old people. It makes me feel young," she said.

Another greatly appreciated volunteer is Joe Pry, the quiet janitor seen by students in the halls between classes.

He has volunteered his time to help the maintenance department keep the school clean. During the day, he sweeps the halls and cleans around the main office.

Of course it is no surprise he

helps out in the main office. He is the father of secretary Ms. Dawnelle Gollnick and has been volunteering here since his retirement in August of 1997.

"I see students sitting on the floor and I don't want their pants to get dirty," said Pry.

Mater Dei's volunteers are truly dedicated to assisting the community by helping at various events throughout the school year and on a regular basis. These people certainly deserve great recognition for all that they contribute to our school.





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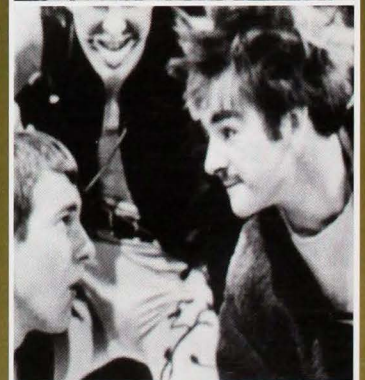
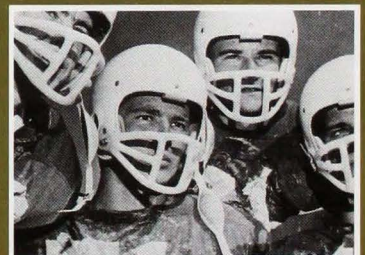


1965

Although 1965 was a fascinating year, it didn't have much of a good start. The seniors lost one of their classmates in September. Dennis Weis, voted "Most Valuable Player" of the track team, died in a motorcycle accident.

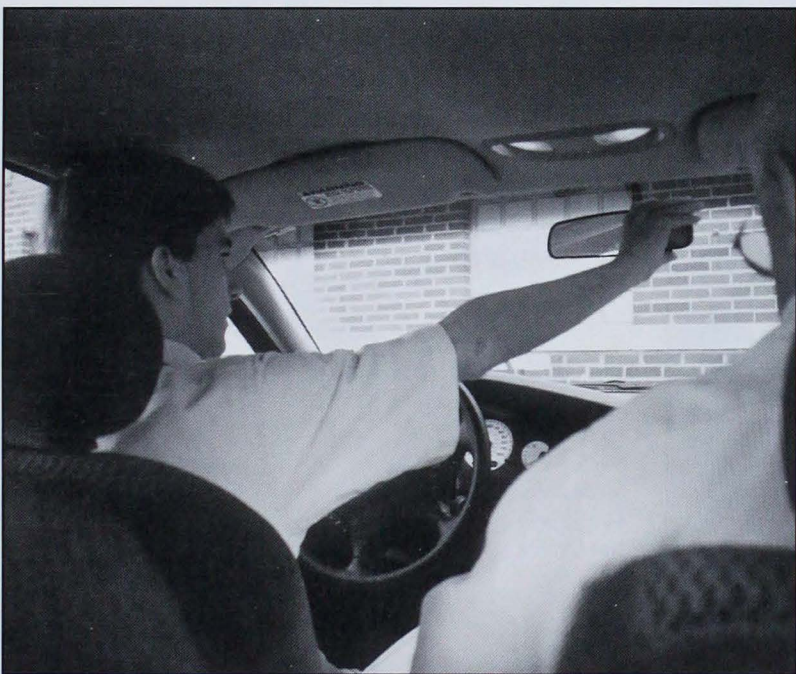
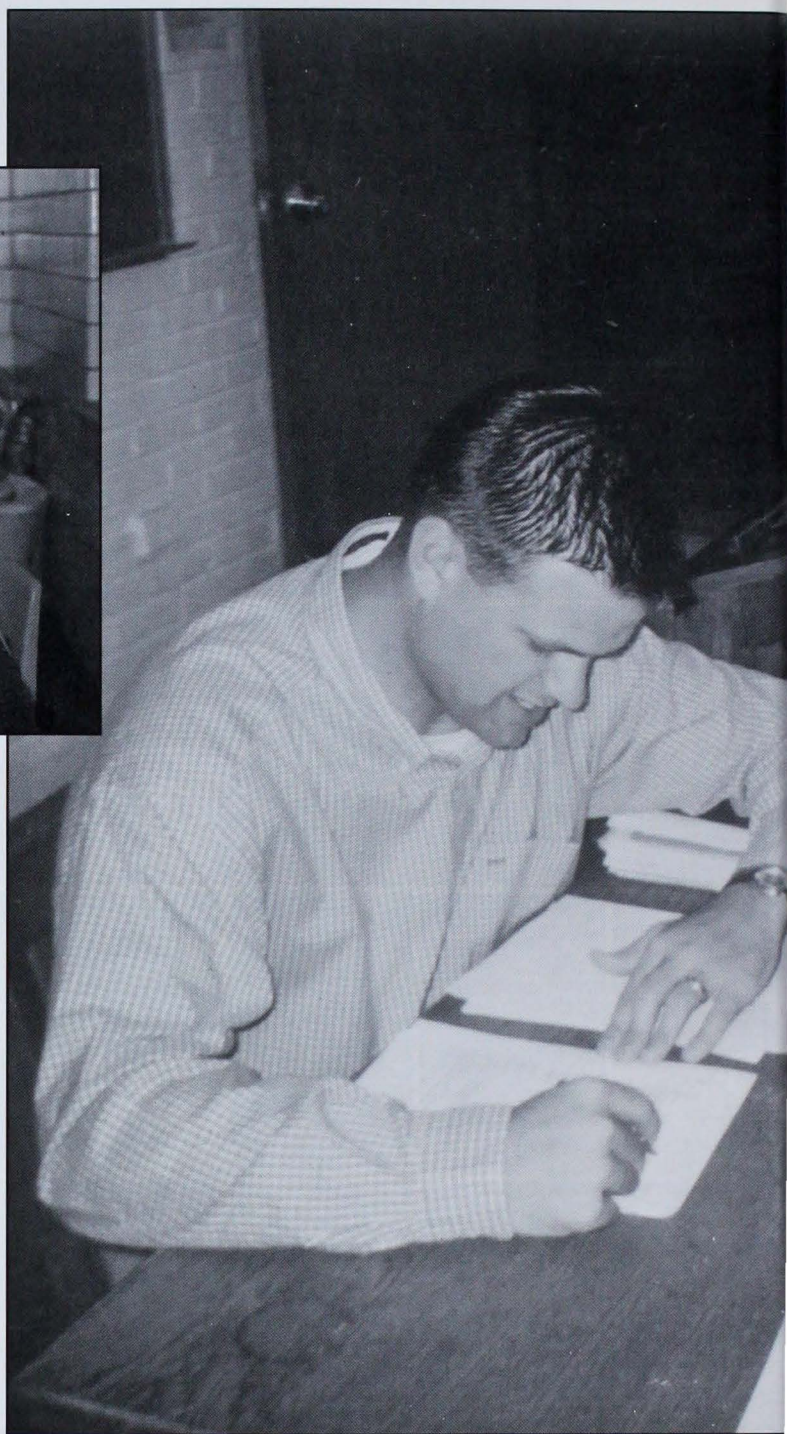
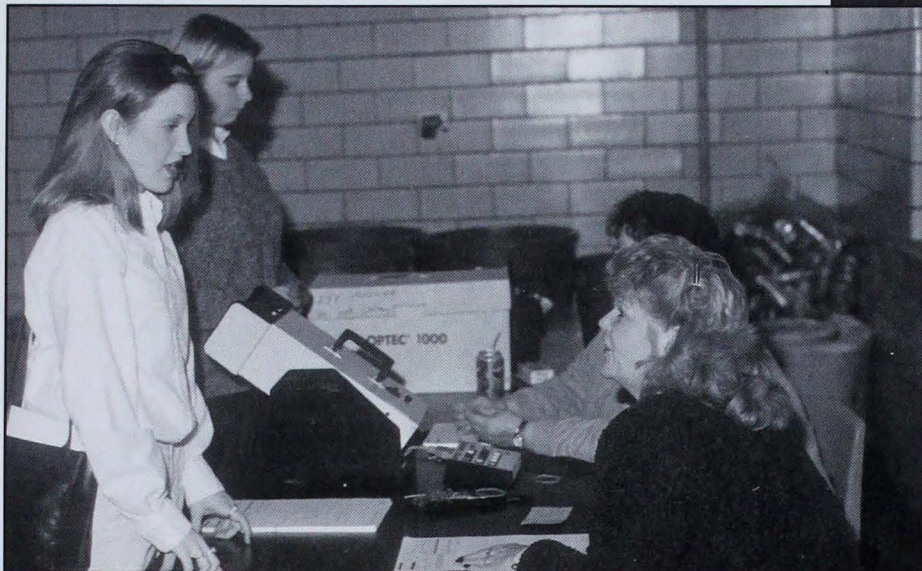
Despite the tragic beginning, the students moved on and focused on having an enjoyable and fun-filled year.

This year in sports all of the teams had great seasons. The wrestling team placed first in the city championship and the football team appeared to be the strongest team in many years.



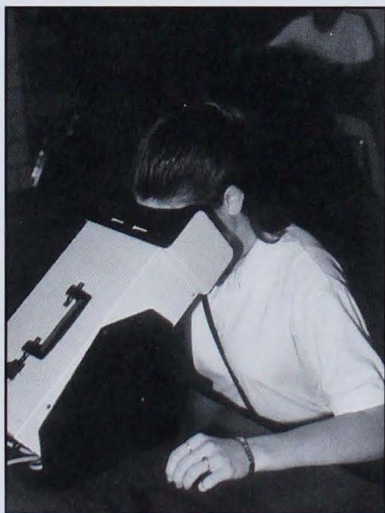
Sophomore Jennifer Elpers answers the license branch lady's questions to complete the process of getting her driver's permit.

Mr. Bealmear, the in class driver's education teacher, grades tests with a smile because his students do so well.



Sophomore Anthony Catanese adjusts his mirror, preparing to drive with Mr. Will in drivers' education class.

Taking her eye test, sophomore Christine Weil goes through the procedures in order to get her driving permit.



With her new license, Jackie Helmerich talks about freedom with classmate, Lori Appler.

Watch Out Driving Force

Sophomores have hit the road

For most sophomores, so far, turning sixteen is the most exciting part of your high school career. But after working hard in driver's ed., then passing the driving test and getting your license, what comes next?

What kind of things come along with getting your license?

"The one thing that I always think of is freedom, being able to go wherever you want. The fact that you can stop off at a friend's house or get something to eat after school is great," explains Christina Johnson.

You have your license, what now?

"The first thing I did was go out with friends. We went wherever we thought of at the time," Jackie Helmerich said.

Along with getting your license comes having to constantly deal with the parents saying: "Sweetie, take your sister to dance class", "Honey, can you go to the store for me?", and "Sugar, can you run some errands for me?" But most sophomores enjoy running for their parents, at first, just so they can drive.

There has been a new law created in January '99 that the '01 graduates have to follow. For some, this law is good because they have three months to become better drivers by themselves without constant distractions from their friends. For others, they think this law is totally unfair.

"I think this is a very good thing to put into practice because students

need all the practice they can get," Mr. Frank Will says.

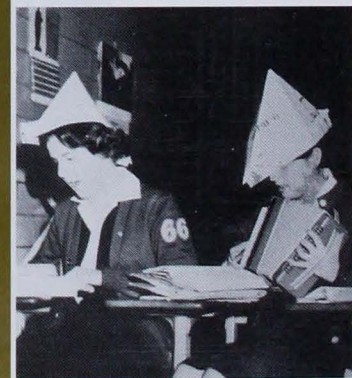
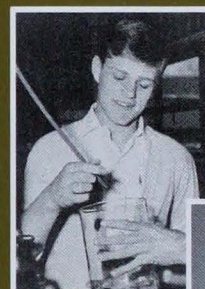
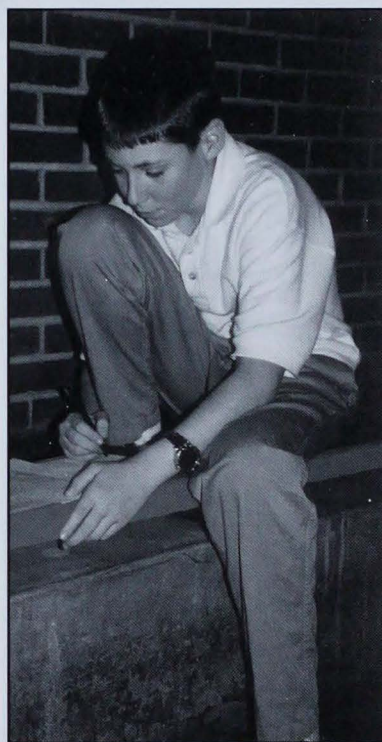
Mr. Will continues after many years to teach the students everything they need to know about driving safely and with caution.

"At first Mr. Will made me nervous because I thought he was strict. Then, I realized he was only there to help and teach," said Cassie McCord.

In any case, when your sixteenth birthday comes around, you can't wait to enjoy the freedom and fun of the privileges of getting your license.



1965

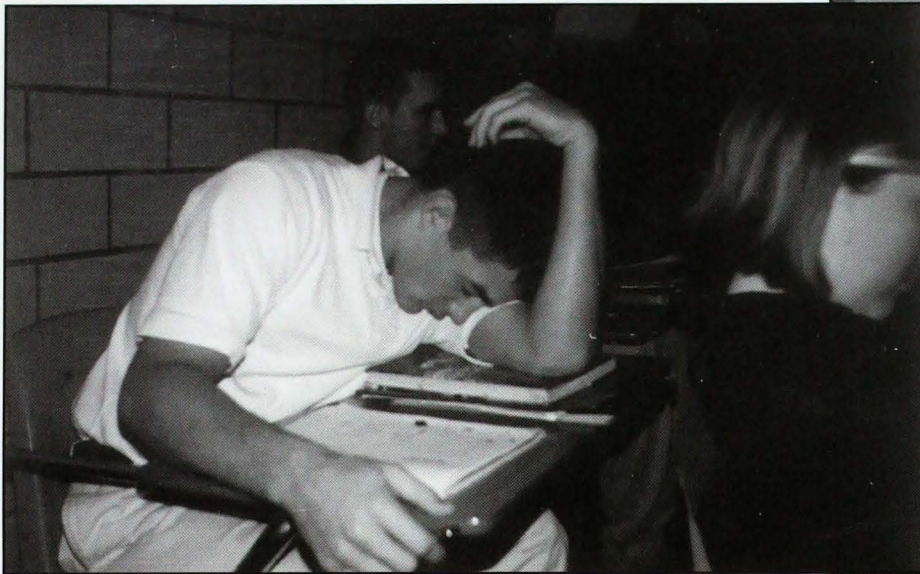


Sophomore Clint Tenbarge, concentrates while taking a drivers' education test, trying to make good grades to pass the class.

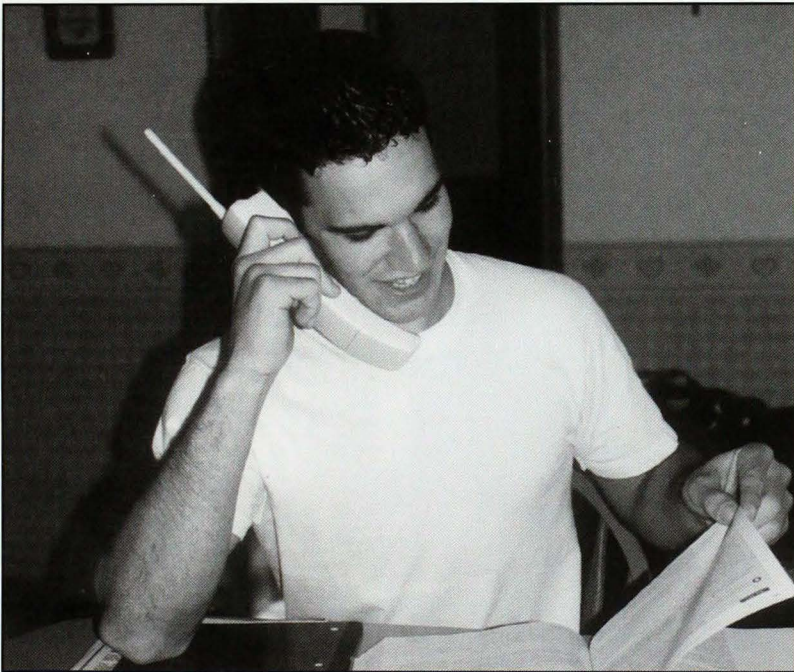
Mr. Will, finished for the day, shows his students their grade sheets.



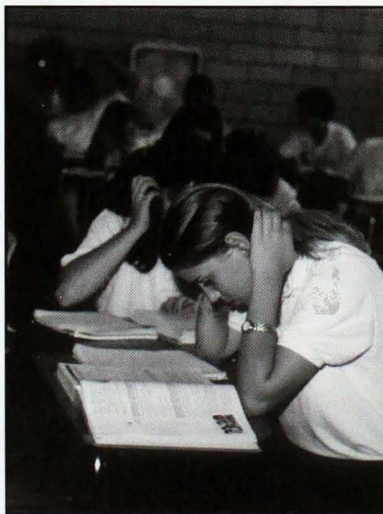
Failing to focus in class,
Sophomore Eric Dewig prefers
naptime over classtime.



Freshman Kim Goebel takes a break
from her homework to do
something a little more enjoyable.



Junior Nick
Masterson works
on both his study
and social skills.



Frustrated,
sophomore Lynn
Tenbarger tries to
focus on her
homework.



Seniors Haley Baker and Nathaniel
Rivers put their heads together for
a group effort.

Stressing Out Study Habits

Stepping stones to the future

According to the Mater Dei Student Handbook, "ten hours of homework should be completed per week. In general, a student should always have something to do." Most students have plenty to keep them occupied and have different ways of accomplishing it, some better than others.

Many Mater Dei students take the traditional route of studying at a desk in a quiet area. But, there are some variations.

"I can't study at a desk. I have to be spread out across my bedroom floor so I can see everything right in front of me," says junior Laura Knapp.

Other students choose to do homework while lying on their bed, some like to watch TV, and others prefer listening to the radio during their study time. And some students mix their study styles up.

"I do some homework, watch a little TV, do more homework, talk on the phone, and then finish my homework," says sophomore Elizabeth Cohoon.

There are the dedicated students like seniors Roger Wildeman, Kerri Vowels, Richard Morris Jr., and Jessica Weis, who study together in the mornings and during Choice to prepare for calculus tests.

And there are the procrastinators who tend to wait until the last minute.

"I don't do homework until about 9:30," says Freshman Kim Goebel. "Sometimes I wait and do it during other classes."

Finally, there are those who

don't do homework at all.

"I gave it up fourth quarter," says junior Adam Maddox.

Junior Dan Alstadt put it plain and simple when he laughed and said, "I don't do homework."

Homework is a big part of Mater Dei, whether we like it or not. Even if we don't get 10 hours of mind blowing homework, we get enough to develop good skills to take us through life. All of us learn to adapt in our own ways to cope with the agony of homework.



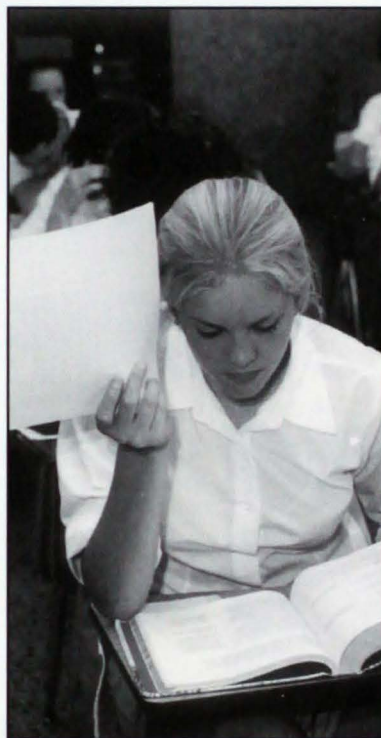
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The "World of the Young" never ceases to exist, especially for the graduating class of 1966.

These students were determined to overcome obstacles and extend their education through field trips and special projects in their classes.

In foreign languages, teachers started to use various methods to help the students learn, even using singing, reading, conversation and compensation.

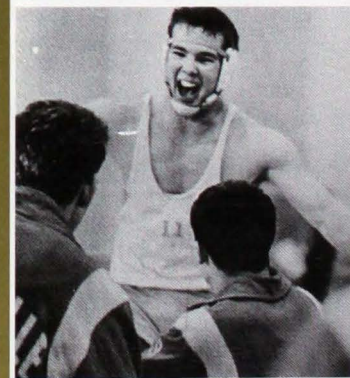
The football team stumbled early in the season, but they came back and earned the right to be known as "most improved team in town".



Using the Choice period to her advantage, freshman Holly Mayer crams for a literature test.



Trying to stay awake during class, Junior Debra Wade concentrates on her homework.

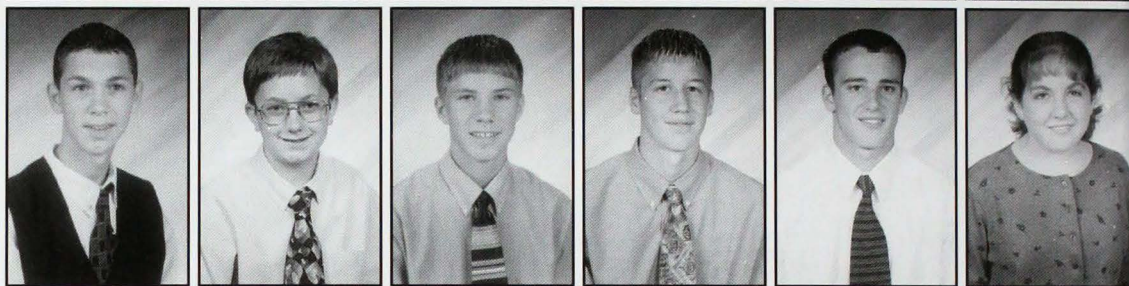


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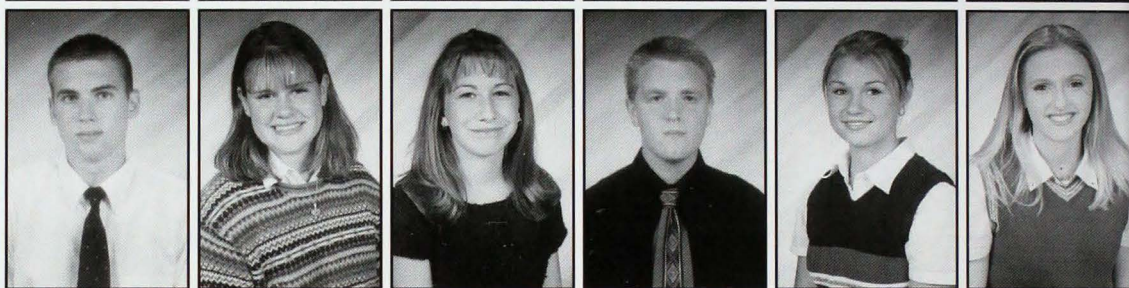
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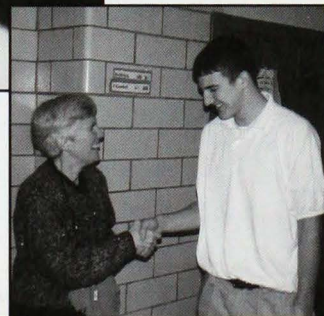
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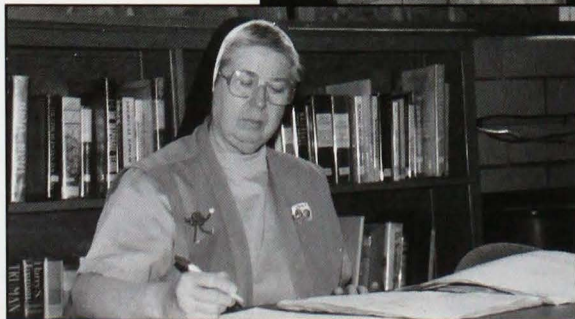
Heavenly Sight



Sr. Donna Marie congratulates Junior Matt Moore on his performance throughout his basketball season. Sr. Mary Francis works on the stats that she keeps for several teams every year.



Sr. Mary Francis looks on in attentively while the wildcats bring home another victory.



Normally it's hard to pick out distinct voices screaming at a sporting event. But here at Mater Dei, two voices always seem to stand out. It is not unusual to see Sr. Mary Francis and Sr. Donna Marie yelling with the best of 'em at a wrestling match, and, if not familiar with who they are, one guess they are nuns.

Sr. Donna Marie and Sr. Mary Francis had fun as Mater Dei's loudest and most supporting fans for more than 25 years.

"They get into it just as much as anyone else, if not more," said senior Dave Hisch.

Being nuns, Sr. Mary Francis and Sr. Donna Marie haven't always had the opportunity to attend the student athletic events. At one time, the sisters were encouraged to not partake in the events.

"I remember when I first came to Mater Dei, it was frowned upon for the sisters to go the athletic events," said Sr. Mary Francis. Things have changed since then and the nuns have taken advantage of the privileges for many years now.

The two nuns have seen many exciting moments, and it is hard to single out one particular event, but Sr. Donna Marie remembers the 1997 wrestling team state competition.

"The theme was 'Against All Odds.' I remember Mike Bishop and Tommy Jankowski overcoming their injuries for victories," she said.

The student body will always have memories of Wildcat sports, but they will also have one vivid memory of two of the biggest fans.

"It's always exciting to watch them at the wrestling meets because they get so fired up," said senior Sarah Jost. "They yell at the refs and move with the wrestlers. You'd never guess that they are nuns!"





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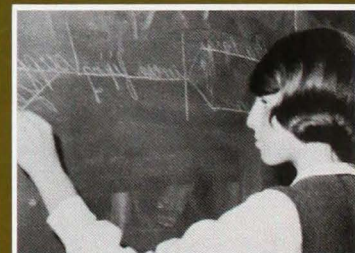
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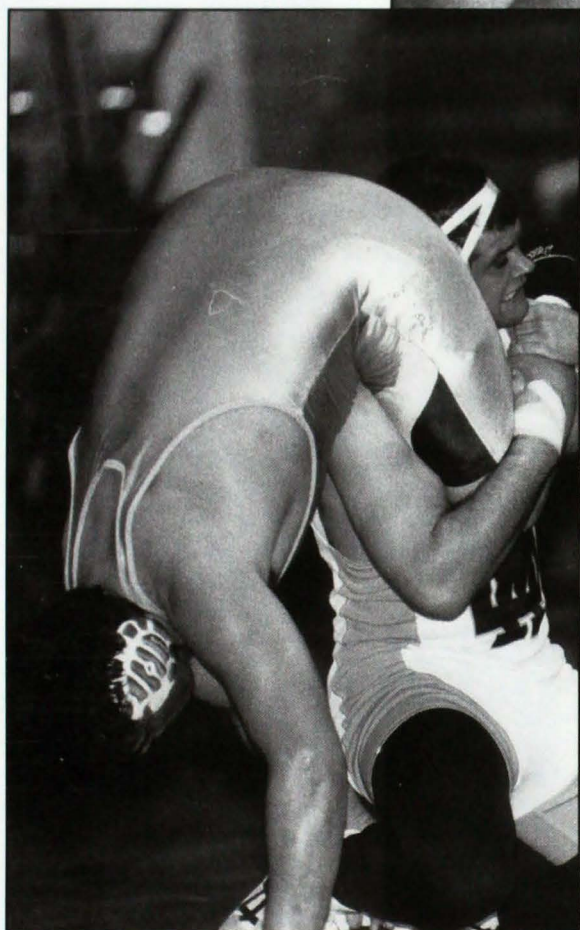
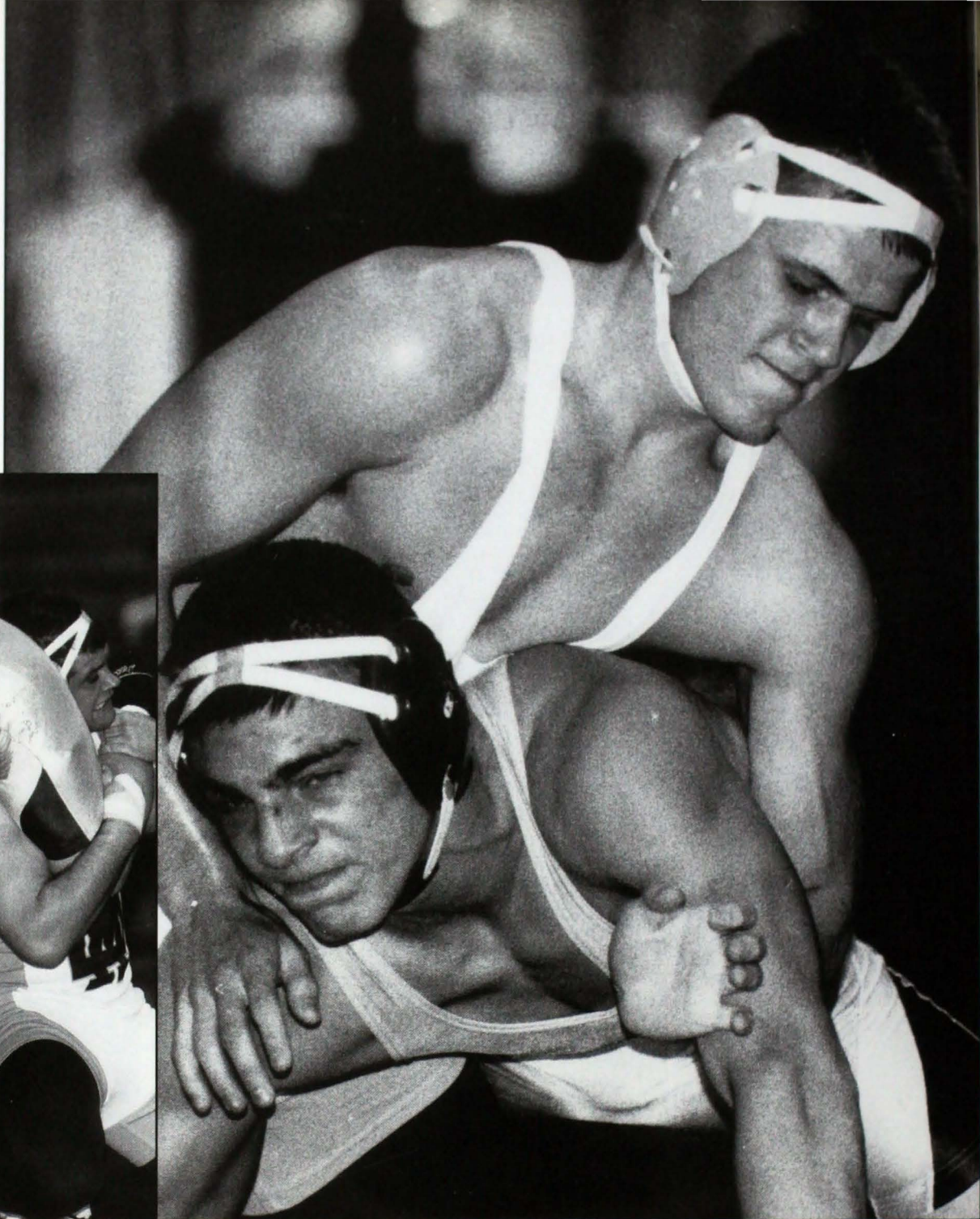


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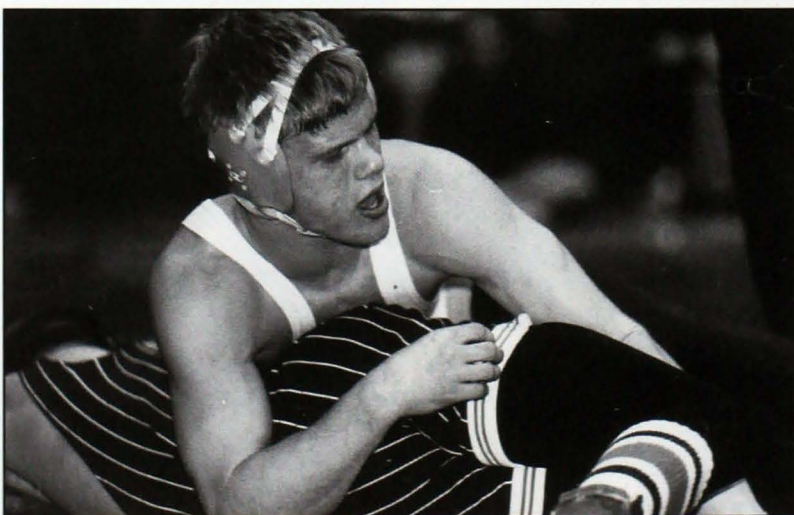


171-pound senior Tony Unfried works at maneuvering his opponent while looking for a spladle opportunity.

The very outweighed Dave Hisch gives everything he has as he lifts his opponent for a takedown.



Dan Jan-kow-ski, at 145 lbs., catches a breather as he dominates over his opponent.



130-pound senior Chad Martin muscles his way to a single-leg takedown.



Stepping Up Wrestling

Seniors fill key leadership roles

When the wrestling team stepped out on the mat for their first meet of the season against Reitz, everyone held their breath. After losing several valuable graduates, many thought there was no way this year's team would be as good as last year's.

The shaky line-up, featuring seven underclassmen, was divided on experience; however, the seven seniors realized the task ahead and stepped up to lead the team.

"The seniors have done an

excellent job of making the younger wrestlers feel welcome and a part of the team," said head coach Mike Goebel.

"We were unsure at first. We knew that they (lower-weights) weren't the dominant wrestlers that we had in place last year, but we hoped that they'd step up," said 171 pound senior Tony Unfried.

Hopes turned to reality when underclassmen Bobby Ausbrooks, Chad Raben, Matt Adler, Mike Conkling, Neil Reddington and Eric

Dewig proved themselves worthy of varsity status. Ausbrooks, weighing in at 103, and Dewig at 152 went on to qualify for the state finals.

"The seniors have done their part in getting us ready for what we have to do, and they always come through," said Ausbrooks.

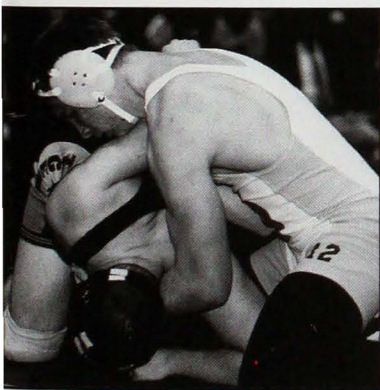
Not only did the seniors motivate and inspire their younger counterparts, but the team became more unified than past teams over the course of the season.



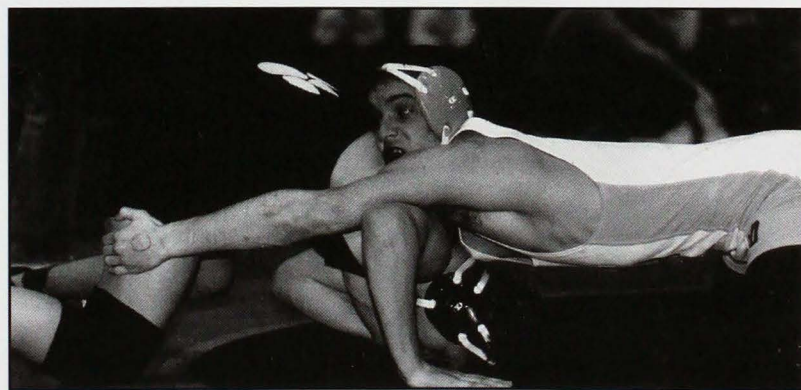
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Mater Dei took a whole new appearance from the landscaping to the athletic department. The parking lot was freshly blacktopped while the Mary statue was high-lighted. In 1967 the convent was added at the top of the hill at the Westside campus.

The Rev. Eugene Dewig summed up the improvements by saying, "We've certainly made progress. We've corrected many problems and plan to do much more in the future." His words couldn't be more true as just over 30 years later we are doing just that.

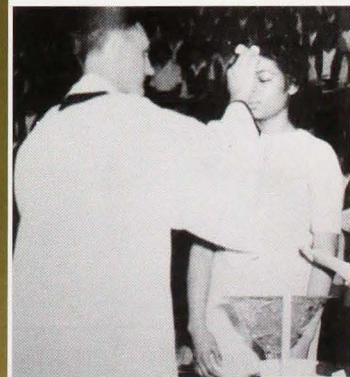


Senior Ryan King, at 189 lbs., works for the hammer-lock to get an advantage over his opponent.



Nick Miller rides out his competition in hopes for another victory at 160.

Although the fans' cheers are plentiful, nothing is quite the same as the encouragement from teammates.



Careful planning and artistic talent went into each motivational poster the MatCats created. Senior Brittny Wannemuehler concentrates on one outstanding display of fan support.

Senior MatCat Laura Elsner copies standings from the Holiday Classic for future programs. The MatCats worked hard throughout the season to keep everything in order and running smoothly.



Seniors Sarah Mesker and Crystal Spivey capture the year on film for the wrestler's scrapbooks.

The reserve wrestlers prove they're in touch with their feminine side at the individual state assembly.



Positive Effect MatCats

Behind this year's 'Drive For Five'

For several years now, the Mater Dei wrestlers have made quite a name for themselves in Indiana, but you never hear much about the forty girls who stand in the shadows.

The Mater Dei MatCats, formerly referred to as the Matmaids, have been a part of Mater Dei wrestling program since 1979, a year after Mr. Mike Goebel became coach. "There was an interest in supporting wrestling. There were some students interested in helping out, but they didn't know how. There was a group of four the first year, and after that it took off. They have a

real positive effect on the program," commented Coach Goebel.

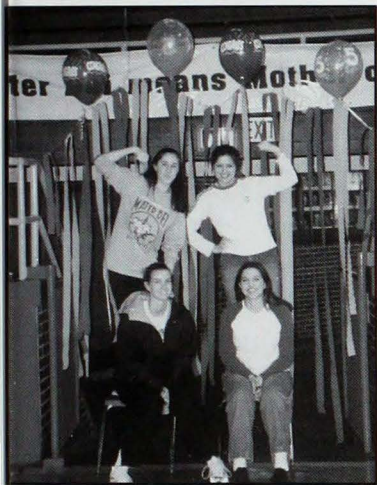
The MatCats are a key part of the wrestling program. "Besides taking stats, video, and pictures at each meet, we also run tournaments such as the Holiday Classic and we make posters, scrapbooks and organize assemblies for the wrestlers," said senior MatCat Jennifer Moll.

The MatCat's "season" is quite different from the wrestlers. "We pretty much work most of the school year," commented junior MatCat Cara Messmer. "We begin with our

fundraisers in September and finish our scrapbooks in May."

Many might think that the MatCats never have fun, but they do. "I have a lot of fun at the meets, especially the road trips. It's also fun to make posters. Once we made a poster where we covered our feet in paint and walked all over the paper," said senior MatCat Brittany Wannemuehler.

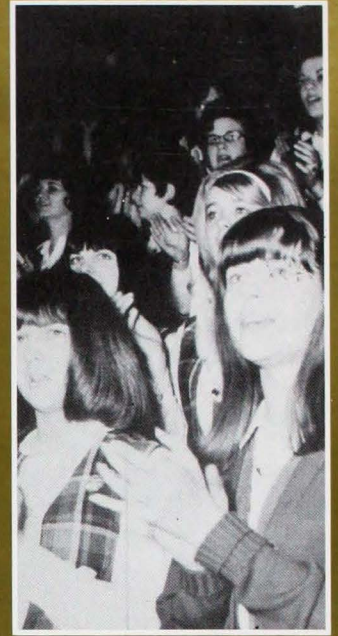
"In the end, all the work is worthwhile when the wrestlers do well because we feel like we have contributed to their success," said senior MatCat Amy Krack.



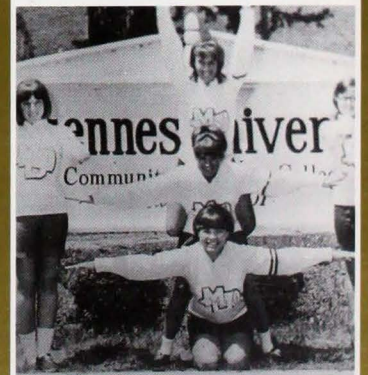
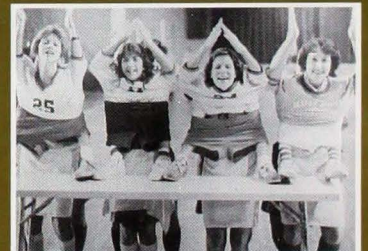
The making of champions takes half inspiration and half perspiration. The MatCats decorated the gym for the glorious homecoming of our state champs.

The MatCats portrayed the wrestlers in a more relaxed setting in their skit before the team headed to Indy for individual competition.

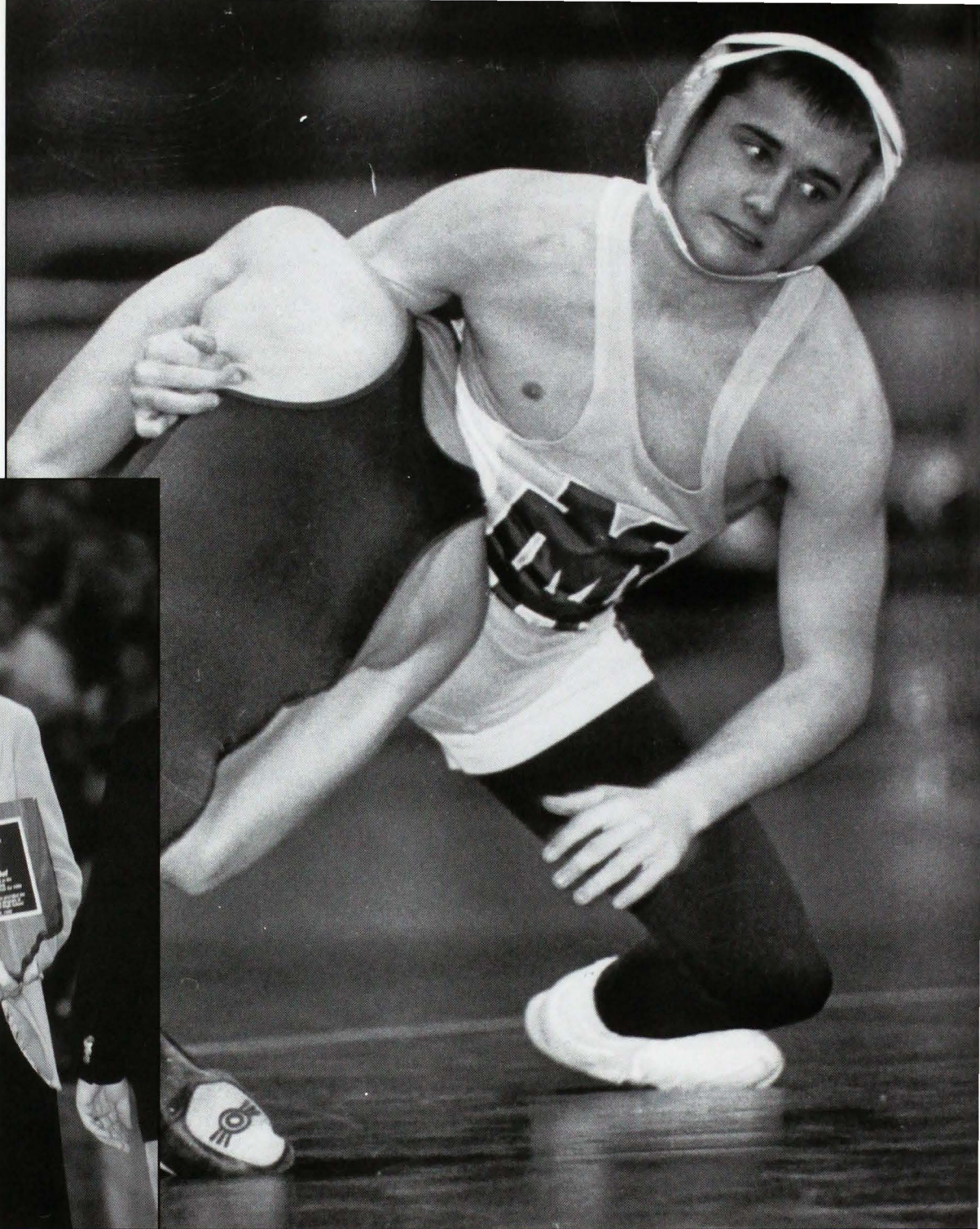
"MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" The air was alive with a new energy as the MatCats put up posters at the homecoming celebration.



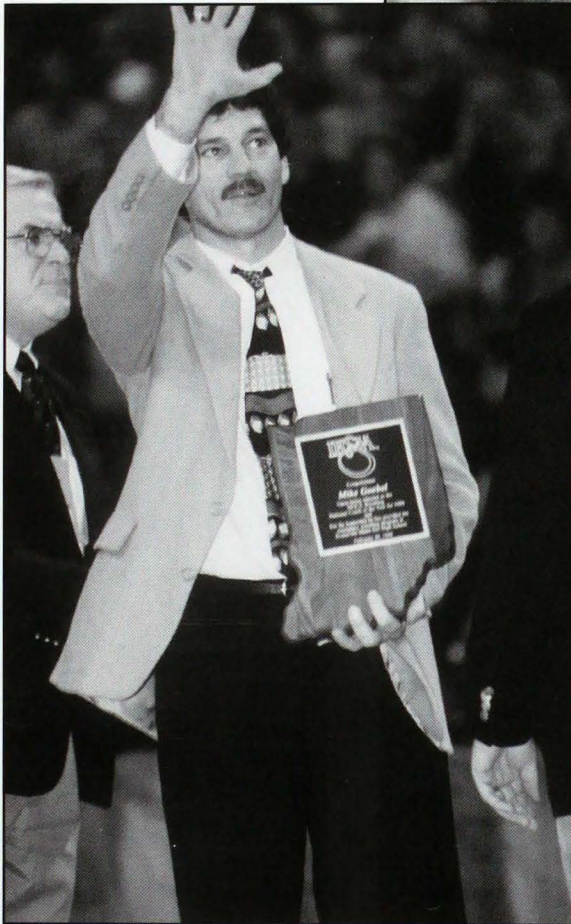
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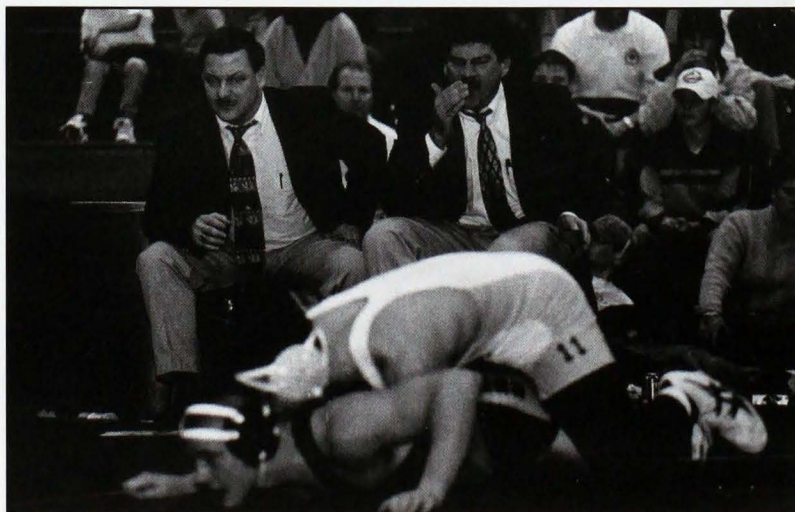
Junior Mike Conkling, uses the muscles he has worked on all year to throw his opponent in a hook and take him straight to the mat for one more pin in his 125 lb. weight class.



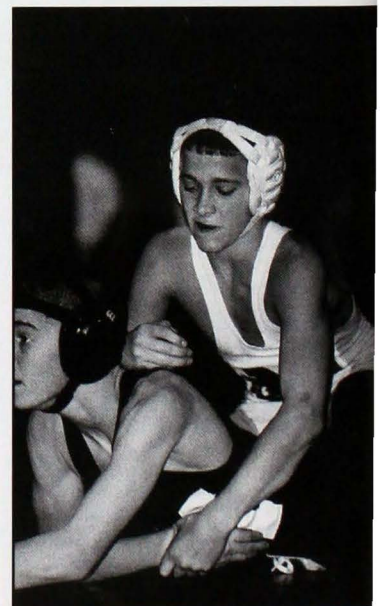
Coach Mike Goebel thanks the thousands of supporters at Market Square Arena upon receiving a well deserved award for Inter-Scholastic National Coach of the Year.



With two of the top coaches in the nation on your side, it's easy to see how Mater Dei wrestlers tower over their opponents and have won five consecutive state titles.



103 pound sophomore Bobby Ausbrooks works for hand control over his opponent. Ausbrooks controled most of his weight class as he qualified for state competition as a sophomore.



Coaching Staff

Wrestling

Coaches among best in the nation

Despite some early-season setbacks, the wrestling Wildcats are undefeated, but has one ever stopped to wonder where all their motivation and inspiration comes from?

Some of it comes from the fans. The fans follow them to every meet. However, the major portion of the wrestlers' desire to wrestle can be found in the corner of the mats on any given match ... that is, the entire coaching staff.

Led by head coach Mike Goebel

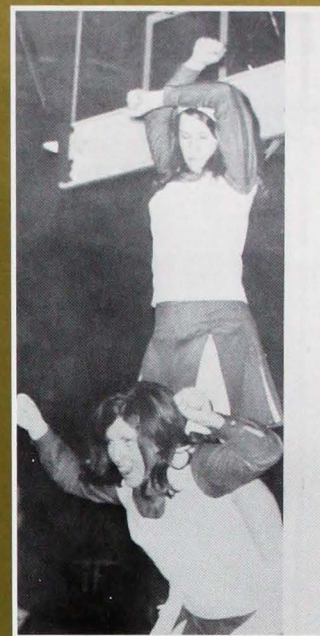
and assistant coach Randy Helfreich, several MD wrestling veterans like state champ Chip Elderkin, Steve Anslinger, Phil Zenthoeffer and Dennis Wannemuehler devote a tremendous amount of their time to coaching the Wildcats. Each one offers his own personal insight into the sport, creating the wrestling dynasty that exists today.

The structure of the coaching program of MD wrestling is impressive enough without mentioning the attention it's received; however, at the

SIAC tournament, Mike Goebel received the National Inter-Scholastic Coach of the Year Award.

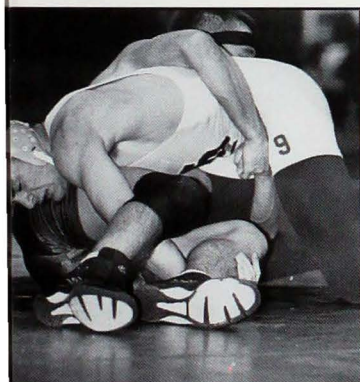
The attention didn't stop there. Assistant varsity coach Helfreich, who also serves as head reserve coach, was recognized by *Sports Illustrated* for his illustrious 333-0 record.

It's no wonder that MD's wrestling program continues to dominate. After all, every new move and word of advice the wrestlers receive comes from the best in the business.



1968

"Our Town-68" captures a mood of progress in developing the new look of Mater Dei-ville and Evansville. As the city expanded with its Civic Center and other attractions, Mater Dei echoed with its Student Council, headed by Mayor Bill Noelle. Among the highlights of the year were the Inaugural Ball, Sadie Hawkins Dance, and the new "Spirit Week," to prepare for the opening of the Sectionals in basketball. Mater Dei again set the pace as it continued to reign as the "Wrestling Capitol."

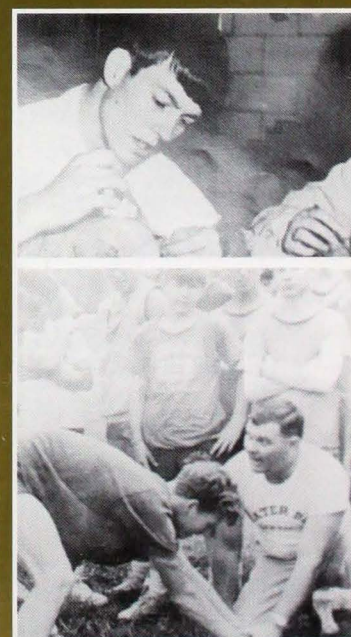


Sophomore Eric Dewig works for a stage double-leg takedown. Eric proved his skill by qualifying for the state as a sophomore in the 152 and weight class.



Coach Goebel and the rest of the Mater Dei wrestling team rise to their feet in an exciting match at Brentwood.

Freshman Mike Conkling anxiously awaits the slap of the mat from the referee. This pin will add another victim to his list of the conquered in the 130 weight class.



Senior Dustin Macke shows his sheer determination and emotion as he works around his opponent to lead the Wildcats to victory over North Posey.

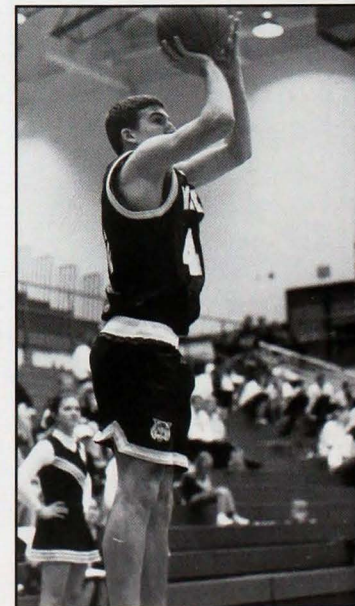
Senior Andy Woehler gains some altitude as he adds another basket to the Wildcat's lead.



Surrounded by Wildcats, this Forest Park player finds the Mater Dei defense impenetrable.



Junior Matt Moore shows off his beautiful shooting technique.



Superstitions Boys' Basketball

Pre-game rituals bring good luck

Prior to every game, the MD boys' basketball team goes through its unique set of rituals.

After a strenuous pre-game practice, the team travels to Fazolis in order to build up energy and begin focusing on the game at hand.

On game day, everyone dresses in the lockerroom, wearing everything from the same low-cut socks to lucky underwear.

"I try to wear the same pair of lucky underwear to every game," confessed junior Adam Weinzapfel.

"They get washed between games," he reassured.

Once the team is dressed and ready, they huddle up and pray the Hail Mary.

"We pray the Hail Mary because it gives us strength and gets us focused on the challenge ahead," stated senior Andy Woehler.

The superstitions don't stop when the ball is tipped, however. Senior Dustin Macke carries one ritual to the free throw line.

"I bounce the ball three times

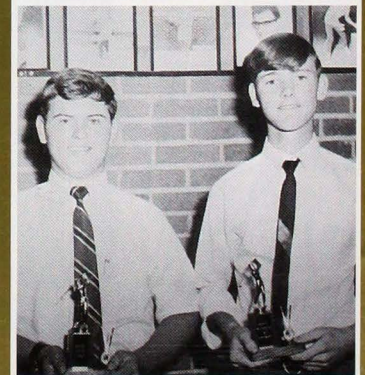
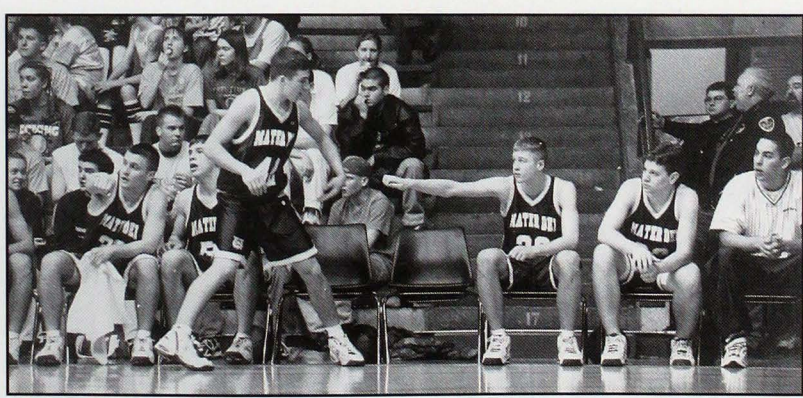
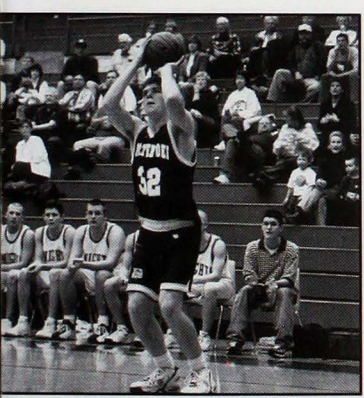
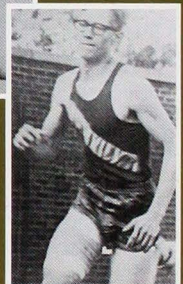
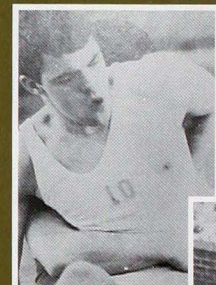
before every shot," Macke said. "I was just taught to do it that way and nothing else feels right."

Regardless of superstitions, the Wildcats have proven that they have all the right moves. Their pre-game rituals may help build confidence but their talent and sheer ability are what shine through on the court.

Senior Curt Sills put it best, "We all have our own individual rituals and superstitions, but when we step out on the court we become one team with one goal."



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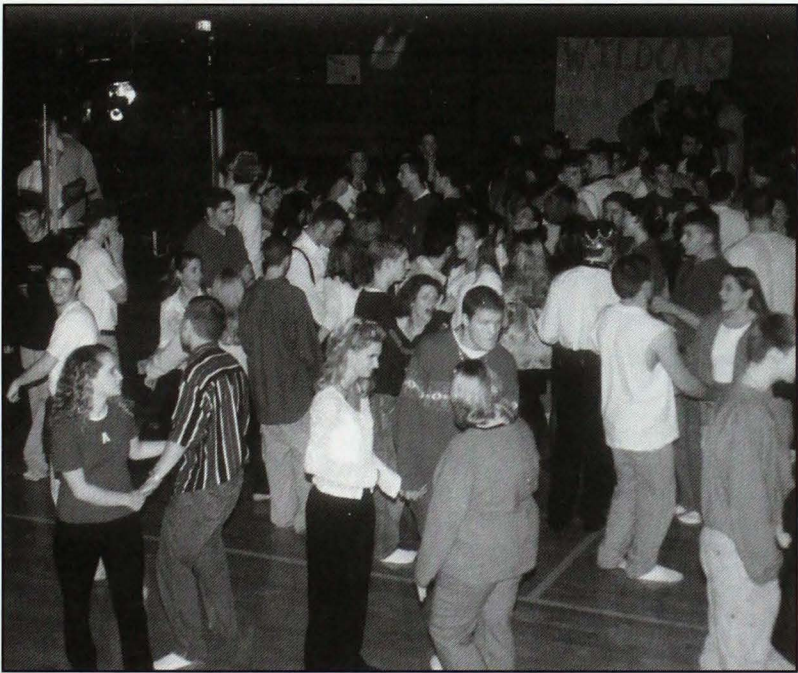
Senior Benny Faraone, just inside the three point arc, puts in an open jumper.

Which way? That way!! The MD bench erupts with emotion as the game against Castle is taken into double overtime.

Sophomore Jared Schiff congratulates teammate Matt Moore on the hard work and dedication he showed on the court.

King Josh Reising and Queen Jill Bartlett take a moment to capture their regin.

Senior Amy Krack shows everyone how to have a good time at her last homecoming dance.



Everyone enjoyed the dance even though it was moved to the gym because of flooding in the cafeteria.



Richard Koester sports his yellow suit along with his sidekicks Nathaniel Rivers and Jeff Elpers at the dance.



This years court was dominated and well represented by students from St. Philips.

Spirits Flying High Homecoming

Royalty reigns, memories made

We began basketball homecoming week sleeping in our P.J.'s during class. Then, we sent a hillbilly message out to Boonville that we were going to "Send them back to the Boonies". Several students representing each class expressed their talent and school spirit staying after school to decorate the gym which has taken place of decorating the halls. By Friday everyone was ready for homecoming and the game by showing their school spirit in royal red and gold.

At the pep assembly each class was challenged to "wrap up a victory" by using toilet paper. Unfortunately, the senior dominated spirit was dampened by the juniors who won the challenge; however, it did not hurt the meaning of basketball homecoming week.

Not only were we victorious over the visiting Pioneers, it was a night to honor the Homecoming Queen and King and their court.

"There was a lot of excitement in the air as we waited to see which one of our classmates would be crowned," said senior Jen Moll.

Jill Bartlett and Josh Reising were crowned by Mayor Seth Weber during halftime of the varsity game. The court was a commradery of St. Philip's graduates which were Kevin Folz, Julie Fischer, Ben Verkamp, Noah Moran, Ryan Dewig and Jeremy Musgrave. Even the crown bearers, Alex Goebel and Beth Fischer, had roots from St. Philips. The homecom-

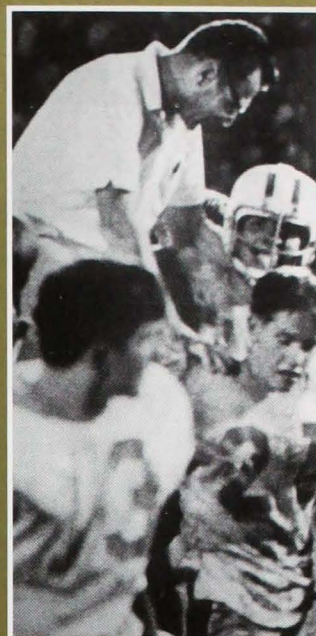
ing queen, Bartlett, was also a native of St. Philips. The rest of the court consisted of Jessica Butler, Robert Schmitt, Lena Ruminer, Kelly Messersmith, Brad Elpers, Matt Weber, Katie Bradley, Katie Reffet, Anna Ruminer and Karen Scheller.

The dance was moved to the gym because construction had caused flooding in the cafeteria; however, the foul weather didn't dampen spirits as the dance began and the Queen and King danced the night away to "Angel Eyes".



Josh Reising gratefully accepts his reign as he was crowned King by Mayor Seth Weber.

During the pep assembly, Brittny Wannemuhler and Jeff Elpers represented the seniors in "wrap up a victory" contest by using toilet paper.

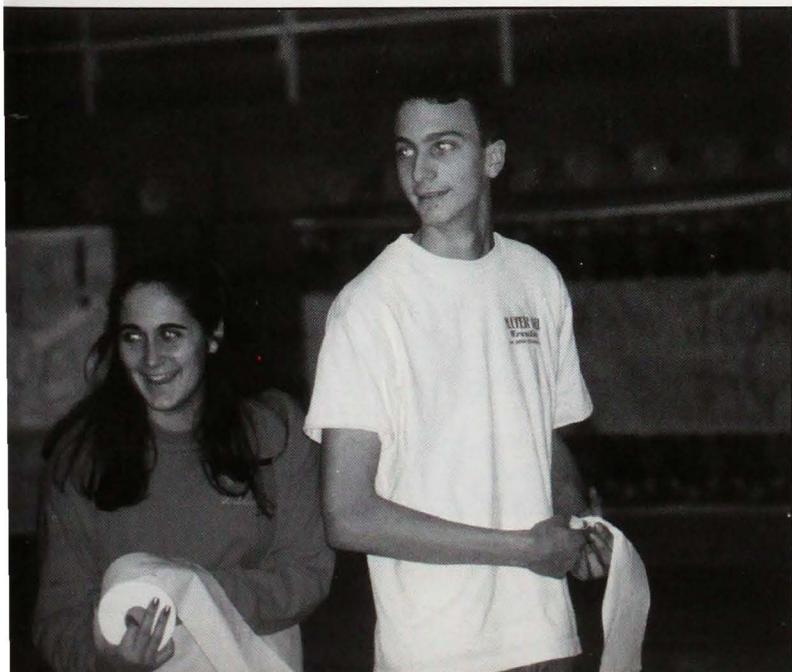
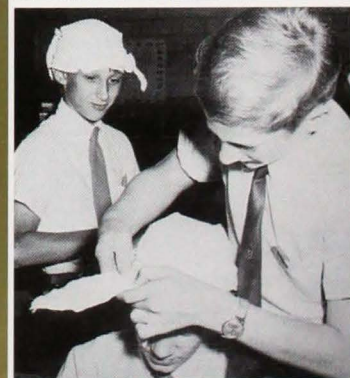


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The state ranked football team shut out its first seven games and scored a record 263 points. Coach Len Will retired and was carried off the field after his team beat Reitz 12-0 before 12,000 screaming fans, and Wayne Emge broke the city two mile track record with the time of 10:06.

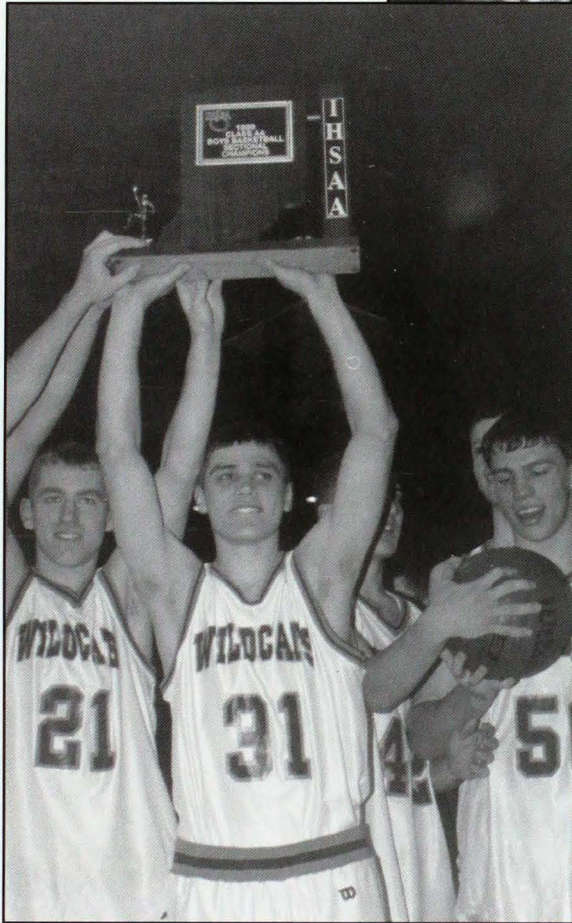
The journalism department won four awards, and Chris Borries was crowned MD's first homecoming queen.

Some seniors exercised their first admendment rights by protesting presidential candidate George Wallace in Washington, D.C.

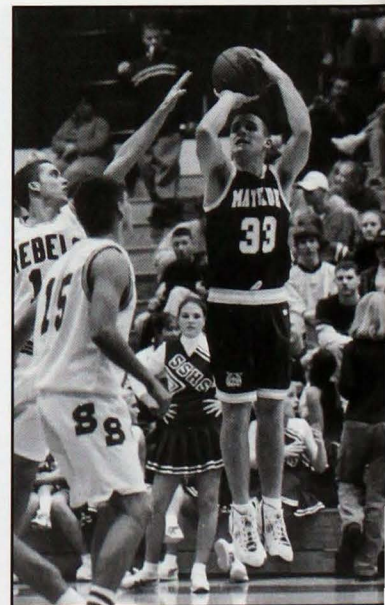
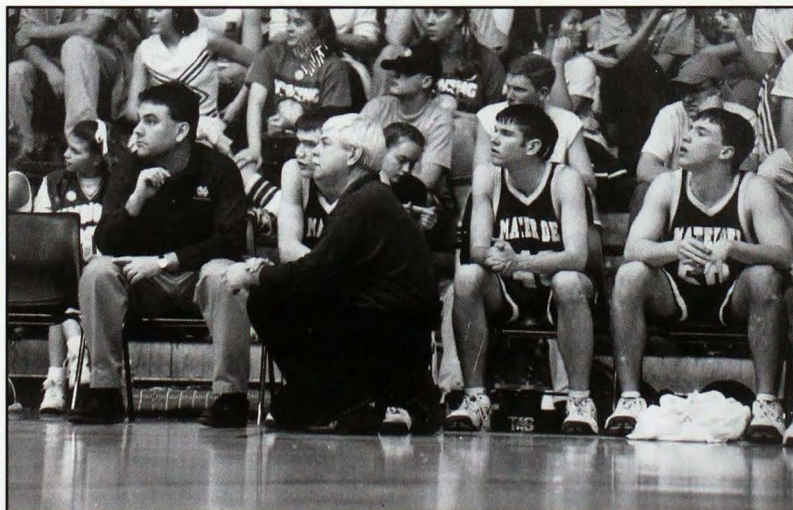


Junior Jake Tucker gives it everything he's got as he goes to the hole against the Rebels of South Spensor.

Junior Jake Tucker and Seniors Andy Woehler and Dustin Macke triumphantly display the Wildcats' first ever Sectional Crown.



Coach Sills and Coach John Goebel watch as their Wildcats battle for another victory on their way to Mater Dei's first sectional title ever.



Adam Schiff prepares to drain another three pointer against the South Spensor Rebels. Schiff provided the senior leadership the team needed.

Sectional Champions Boys' Basketball

Historic basketball in the making

Boys' basketball has always been considered a weak link in Mater Dei's strong athletics. This year's team, however, was determined to prove that they were the start of a new era in Mater Dei basketball. When they put their minds to it nothing could stand in their way.

All doubt about the Wildcat's ability was shattered when the freshman, lead by Coach Tom Bealmear, completed a record breaking, undefeated season. The varsity

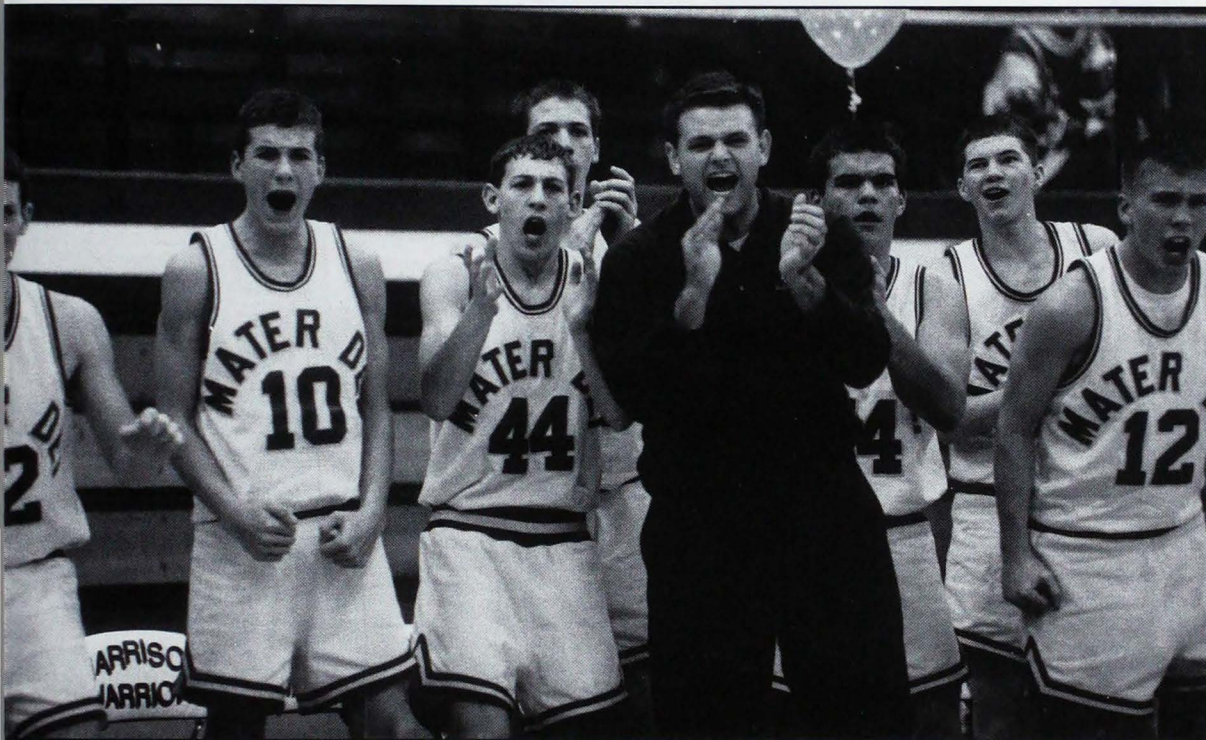
wouldn't be outdone. So, lead by Coach Roger Sills, they captured their first ever sectional crown.

"There's been a 49 year drought," exclaimed Coach Sills, "but tonight's forecast is rain."

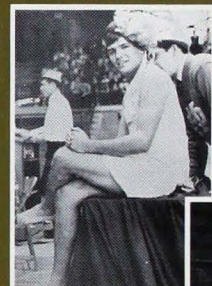
After holding the Perry Central Commodores to a shutout in the first 8 minutes of the sectional championship, the Wildcats battled three more grueling quarters to finally attain their long awaited first basketball sectional victory.

"It felt great to know we were the first ever sectional champs at Mater Dei. We knew we could do it and we knew it was about time," commented senior and leading rebounder Benny Faraone.

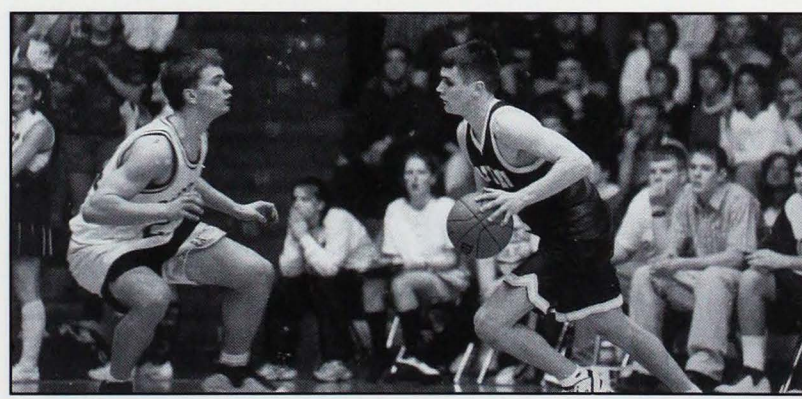
The driving force behind the wildcats is best summed up by senior leading scorer Adam Schiff, "Our togetherness and camaraderie is really what pushed us. We became so close that in the heat of battle you wanted to win for your team as well as yourself."



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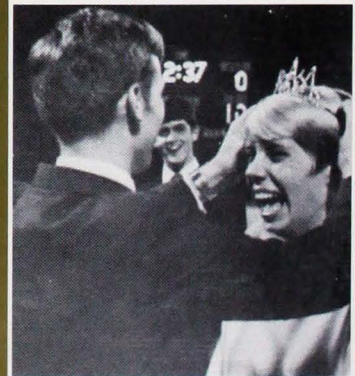


Curt Sills helps cut down the net after Mater Dei won its first Basketball Sectional title in school history.



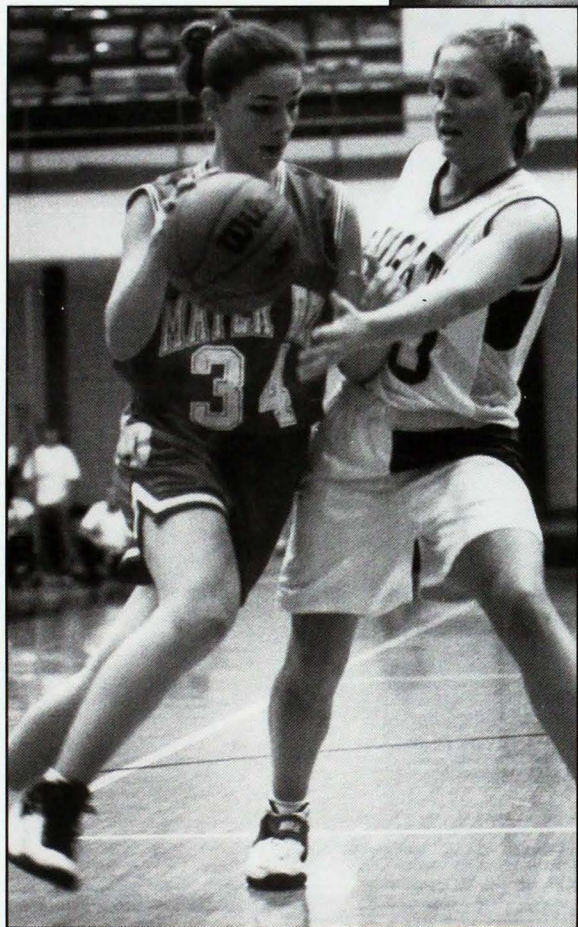
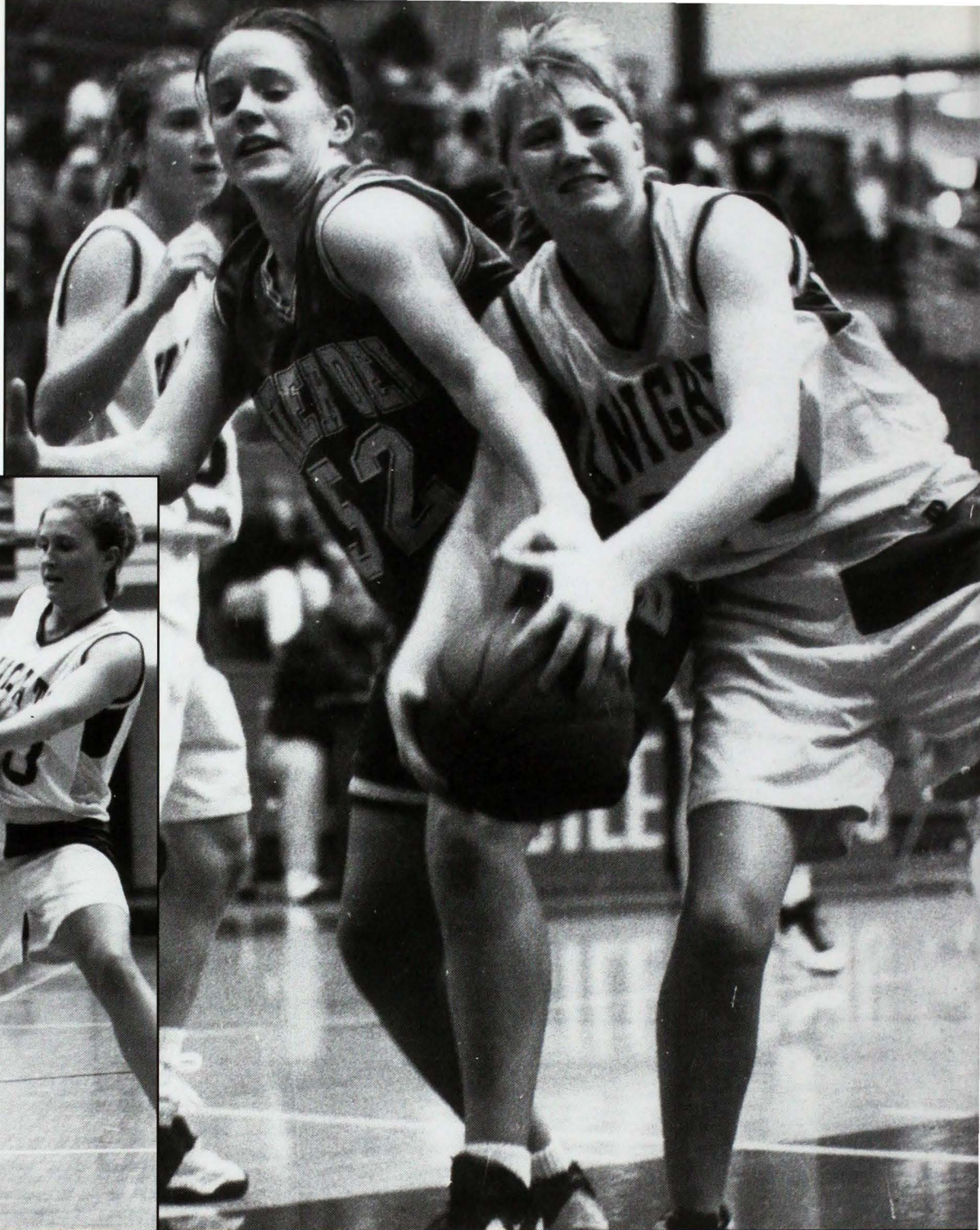
Freshman coach Tom Bealmear cheers his team on to an undefeated season.

Andy Woehler drives to the basket against a Forrest Park defender.

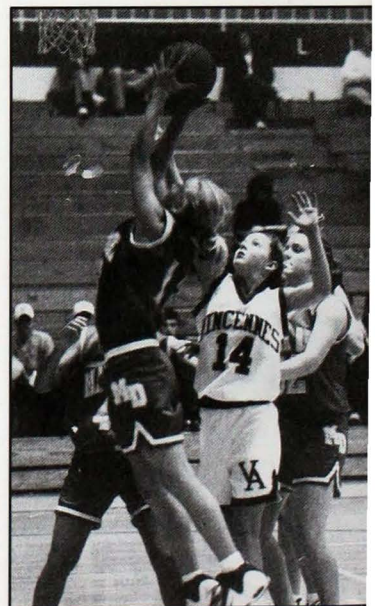


Theresa Adler's fight for the ball personified the tough, never-ending spirit of the team.

Senior Angela Luigs put the move on a Castle defender as she heads for the hoop.



Coach Missy Groben gives the exhausted girls a pep talk and some pointers for an upcoming game after practice.



Julie Fisher shoots for the stars in a game against Vincennes.

Fundamentals Girls' Basketball

There is more than just the Ws and Ls

From the stands, the Wildcats record may not seem all that impressive, but if you ask the girls, their record isn't what counts.

"Even though we always wanted to win, one of our main focuses was to go out and play our hardest while having fun," said senior captain Julie Fischer.

"With having a new coach this year, we all had high standards set for the season," said senior captain Angela Luigs. "We weren't only looking for a

good record this season, but mainly focusing on learning the game to be more intense."

Coach Groben taught them the fundamentals and made sure that they were having fun at all times.

Reaching goals was the main focus of all the girls and the coaches. At the very beginning of the season, they all sat down and wrote out both team and individual goals. The same goal kept coming up over and over. That was the goal of winning. Their

goal of winning went much deeper than just winning a certain amount of games or winning sectionals, it was to win back the respect for Mater Dei girls basketball.

"In my eyes, I feel we reached our goals and came out with a winning season," said senior captain Jill Bartlett. "Coach always told us to never give up and always play with heart, and we did just that. We all knew that we had gained respect back for Mater Dei girls basketball."



1970

Along with the beginning of a new decade, 1970 brought about changes in all aspects of the school. The first major transition for students was mixing of homerooms. Mater Dei also changed their monograms, using pinable gold bars to reward the students academic achievements.

Mater Dei was different from every other school in town. It was the only school to have a truck as a driver's ed. vehicle in the city. Even though things were different, one thing has never changed. Mater Dei's high expectations from their students athletes and faculty never decreased.



Senior Andrea Werner concentrates on her freethrow attempt at practice.



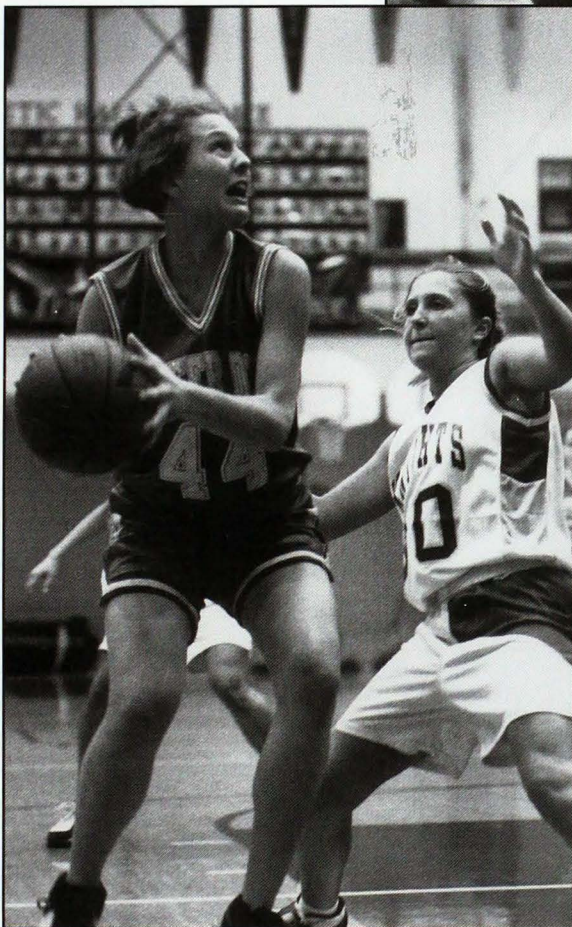
After practice the girls come together as a team to demonstrate their Wildcat pride.

Coach Groben gives the healing touch after Andrea Werner hurt her ankle against Castle.



Senior Angela Luigs goes up for a lay-up to score another Wildcat basket.

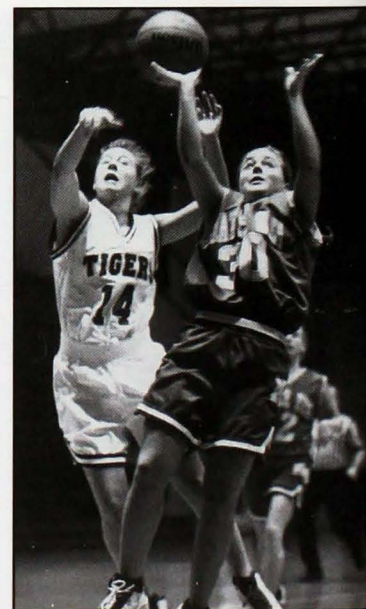
Freshman Kim Goebel concentrates on her next move, getting closer to the basket.



The girls get together during a practice to show their spirit by yelling, "Pride".



As sophomore Lindsey Buchanan goes up for another shot, she is confident that it will go in for two more points.



Team Pride Girls' Basketball

The team's dedication brings victories

Thanks to the Mater Dei booster club, the girls' basketball team is winning in style. This year, the booster club helped to provide new uniforms, gold tear-away pants, shoes, and basketballs for the girls. Led by Coach Missy Groben and the five senior girls, they had a fairly good season.

"It's no fabulous record, but we're improving and working harder," commented senior Theresa Adler.

Senior Jill Bartlett adds, "This year we are young and only a few

players have varsity experience. We are working on being on the same page and playing as one team."

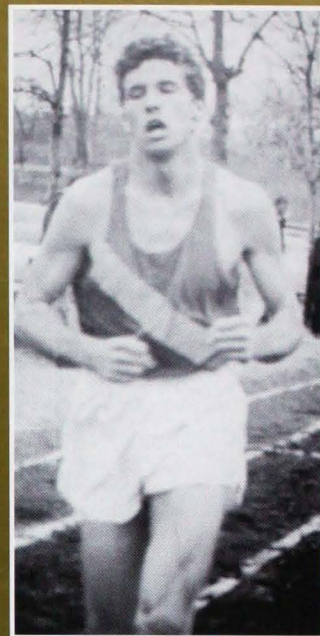
New and old traditions have also helped pep the team up for victory. One of the team's old traditions is saying the Hail Mary really fast and adding an original prayer that all of the girls know and has been in use since before the seniors were playing.

"When our new coach heard it for the first time, one girl actually had to write it down, because she didn't

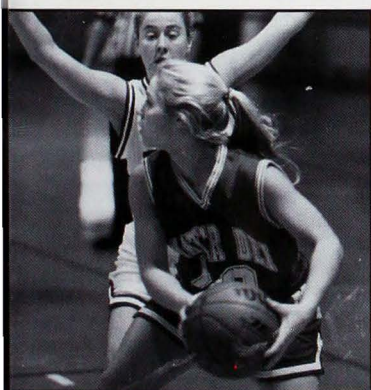
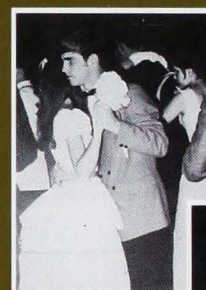
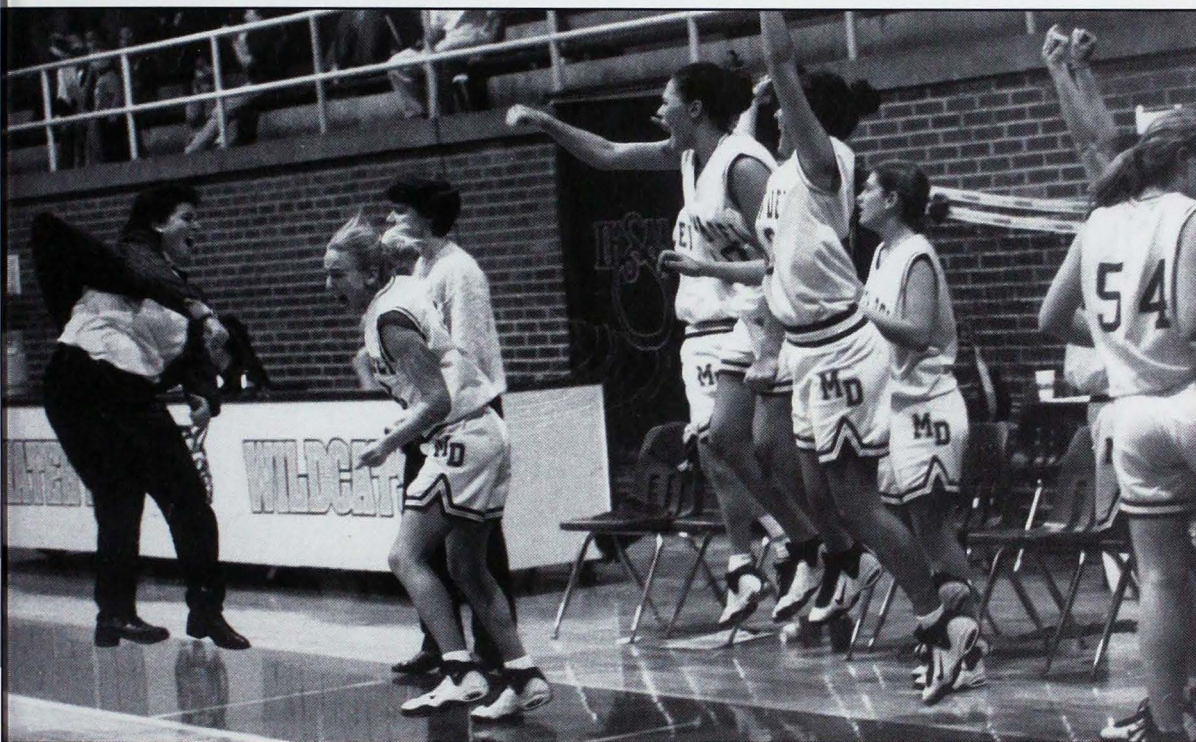
understand us," said senior Andrea Werner.

Another tradition, that is new to the team, is the wooden "Pride" paw print. The paw print, made by Coach Groben, hangs in the girls' locker room. Before every game, the girls run by and hit it for good luck.

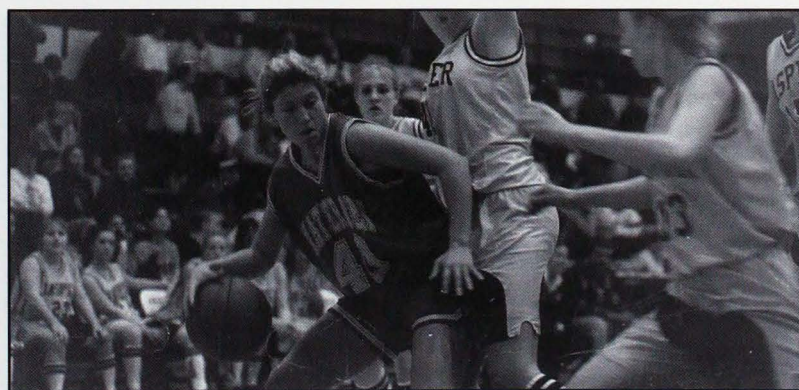
Traditions old and new, along with pride and team spirit have helped the Lady Wildcats grow closer as a team, while elevating their game far beyond their original goals.



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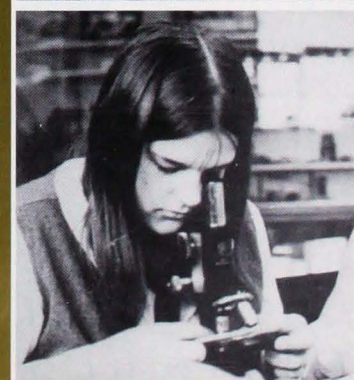
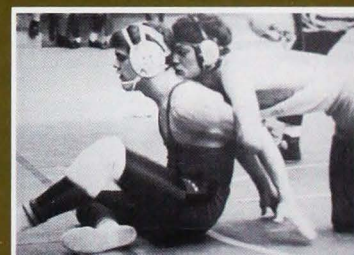


Senior Renee Rietman attempts a move in fighting to get around the other team's player.



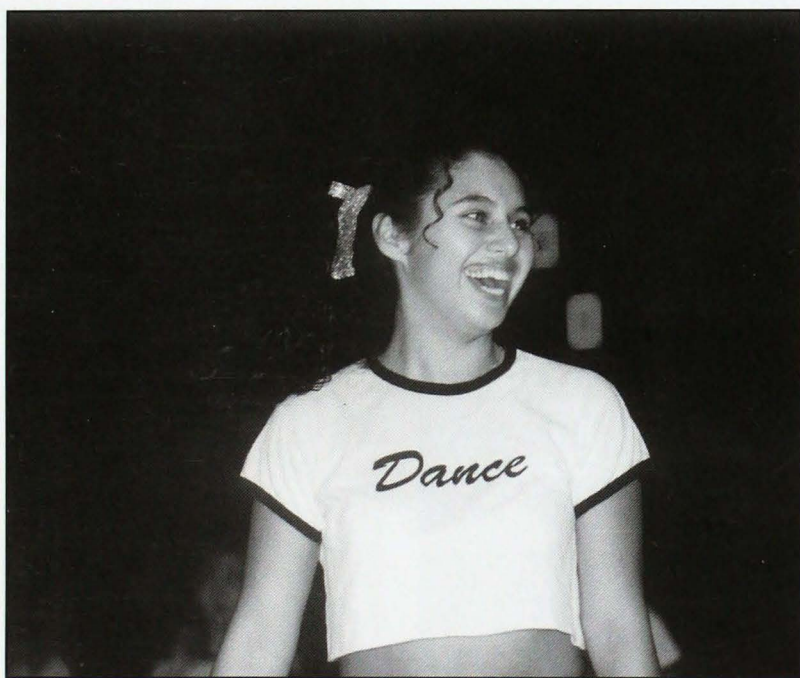
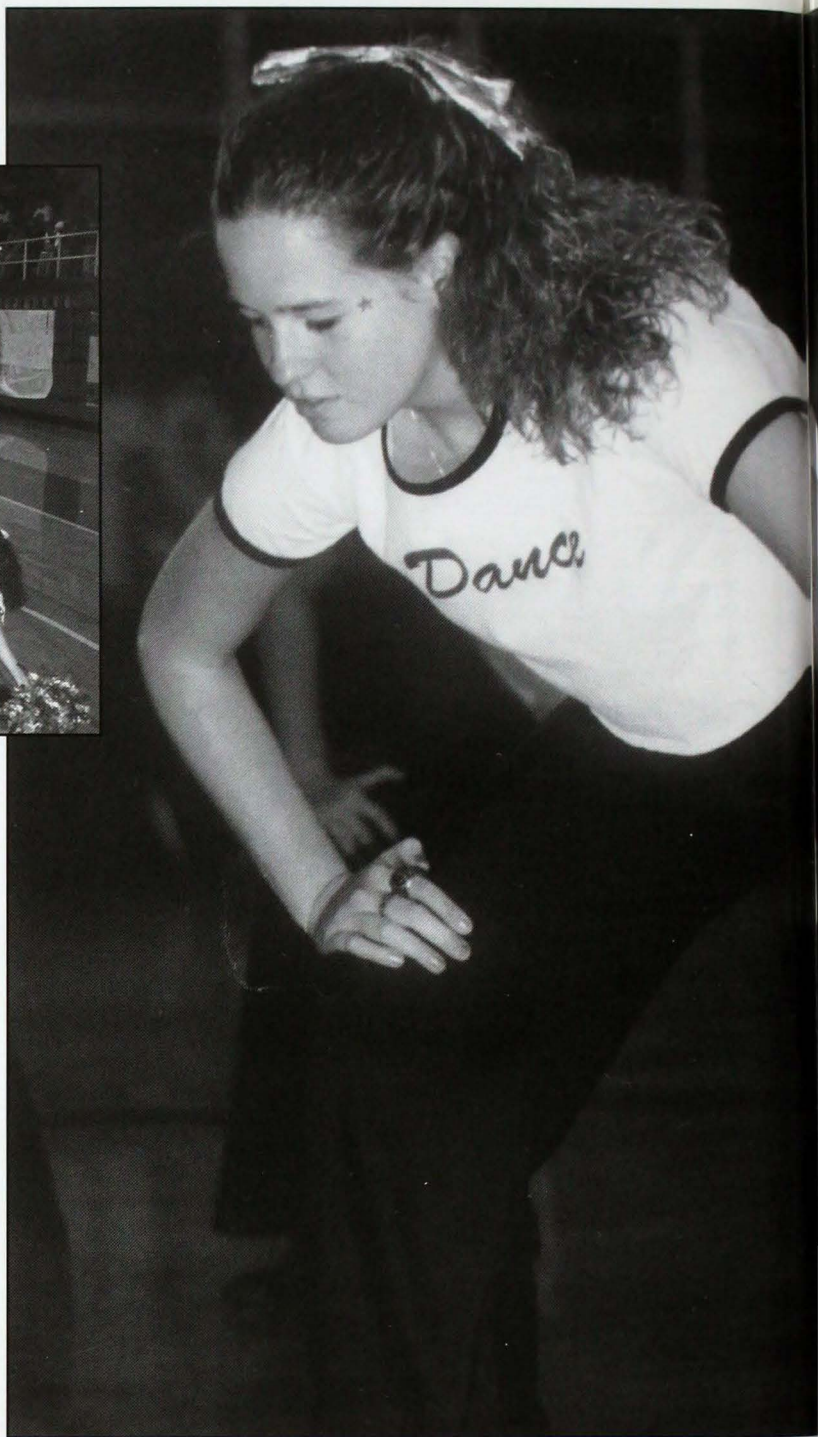
The girls' basketball team jumps for joy as they win another tough game in the final seconds.

Senior Jill Bartlett dribbles around a Jasper player, working her way in for a shot at the basket.

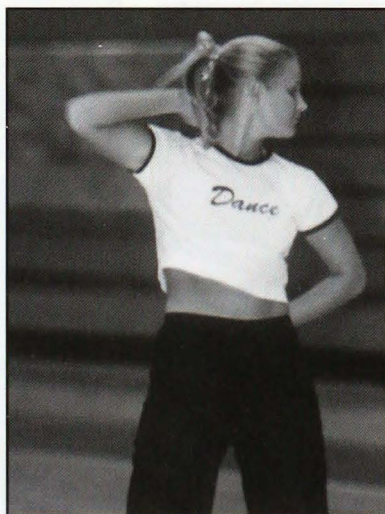


The Dance Cats thrill the Wildcat fans once again with another stellar performance.

Senior Anna Ward busts a move at an assembly in effort to pump up the student body.



Senior Joceyln Gibson smiles as she performs for the Wildcats. Jocelyn was one of the many seniors who helped lead and motivate the team.



Senior captain Alicia Wilderman performs with her squad. Alicia led the Dance Cats through a great season.



The Dance Cats hard work and dedication at camp brought home several awards.

Squad learns Dance Cats Practice makes perfect

This year was a great year for the Dance Cats. They danced their way back to the "original" team instead of being combined with the flag attendants. This was considered a very positive decision among the Dance Cats and raised the morale of the team.

"I liked it a whole lot better, it was more organized and we had more fun this year. More people had a chance to join without having to do color guard," said Jocelyn Gibson.

The Dance Cats have tried a lot of new ideas this year to improve the squad. The dancers found new ways to strut their stuff, by trying different dances and using a variety of moves such as flips and ballet. The Dance Cats really showed the westside what they were made of when they joined the Reitz Hilltoppers in a performance at the Mater Dei vs. Reitz basketball game.

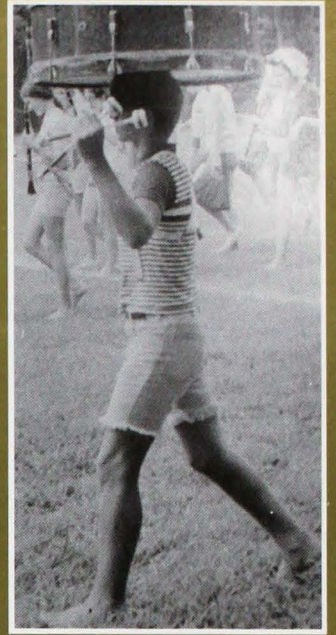
The girls have stayed motivated by their team captain Alicia Wilderman and co-captian Katie Morrow. Alicia showed the team how hard work pays off by making an All-Star team that traveled to Paris, where she participated in a parade.

"It was an unbealivable experience to perform in front of so many people halfway around the world," said Wilderman. "I really enjoyed dancing in such a beautiful city."

This year the sponsor for the Dance Cats was Julia Kunkler. Alicia and Katie really came through and

showed their dedication to the Dance Cats when Mrs. Kunkler had her baby in mid-season. The captians determination and effort really came through and kept everything going.

As the Dance Cats look back on the season, they are proud to say that they accomplished all of thier goals. The squad feels like they continue to get better each year. Through their hard work and dedication, the Dance Cats pulled of another successful year.

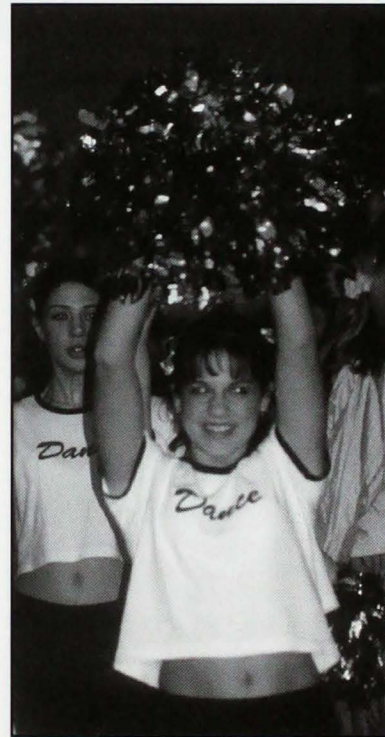


1971

The 1970-1971 school year was definitely a unique one. The science department added Earth Science to its list of classes and the journalism students published their own newspaper on their own printing press. The Mater Dei Science Club spent a weekend of camping at Pounds Hollow in the Shawnee National Forest.

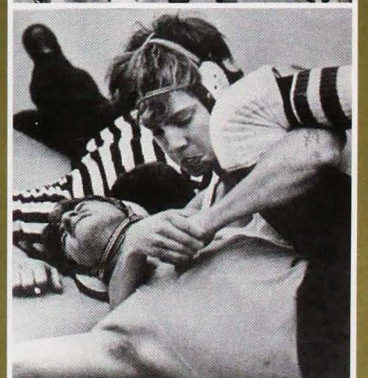
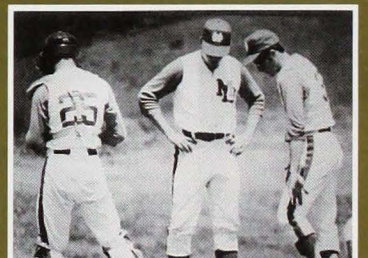
In the sports area, Mater Dei's tradition continued. Being the best in the city, the MatCats won their thirteenth city crown.

At the end of the school year, 153 seniors spent their class trip at Coney Island rather than Kentucky Lake.



Sophomore Amanda Roberson works on her performance at camp where the squad won most spirited.

Juniors Jennifer Tornada and Rachel Sammet are all smiles as they perform during halftime at a basketball game.

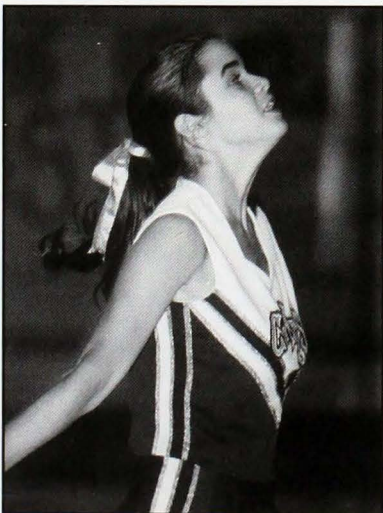


The varsity cheerleaders get in formation as they prepare to lead the crowd in a cheer at the Mt. Vernon football scrimmage.

Senior Stephanie Wargel cheers the Wildcats on at the football Jamboree.



The cheerleaders show off their "Men in Black" sunglasses in support of a Channel 14 promotion.



Senior Jessica Butler, leads the wildcats in a cheer at an assembly.



The cheerleaders pose before taking 2nd at the North Posey County Fair.

Squad looks Cheerleading for a bright future



The cheerleaders had another successful year as they cheered Mater Dei to the top. The three seniors; Jessica Butler, Pam Steinkamp and Stephanie Wargel decided to all lead the squad instead of having one team captain. This year the squad concentrated on improving their motions, fundamentals and stunts. Looking back at all the hard work and long hours, the girls feel that they accomplished their goals.

"Out of my four years as a cheerleader this was our best year as a squad and we accomplished a lot," said Jessica Butler.

The girls hard work paid off when they won 2nd place in a competition at the Posey County Fair. The cheerleaders give a lot of the credit to their coach Kelly Laymen. Kelly helped them with new cheers, tumbling, and stunts. Without Kelly's help the goals the girls set would have been impossible to reach. The girls also had the advantage of practicing with Kelly at Mega Gym.

"It was nice to have our own gym to practice in," said Stephanie Wargel.

"If it wasn't for Kelly Laymen taking the time out to coach us, the cheerleading program would still be struggling," said Pam Steinkamp.

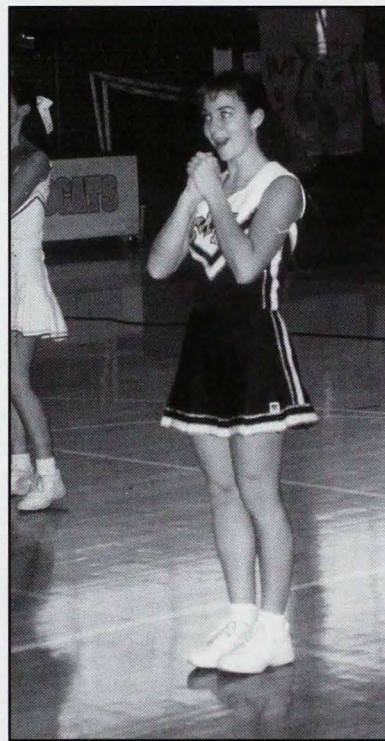
Ms. Lisa Wannemuler also helped the girls throughout the season. After two years with the cheerleaders, Wannemuler decided to resign from her position.

One of the most exciting

experiences for the team was when the boys won the basketball sectional. They had the opportunity to cheer on the crazy and excited fans to a victory. This is a memory that the girls will never forget.

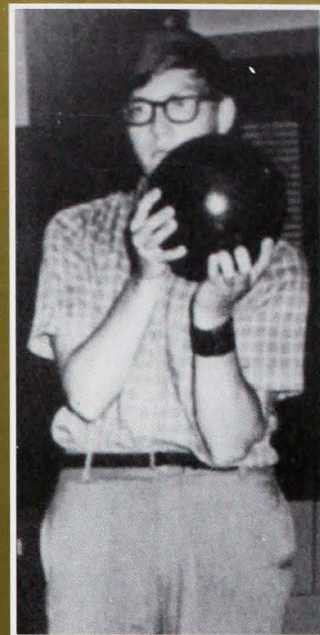
"It was really exciting to be a part of something that will live in Mater Dei history forever," said Jessica Butler.

The squad hopes that this years improvements has started a new tradition and that they will continue to grow through the years to come.

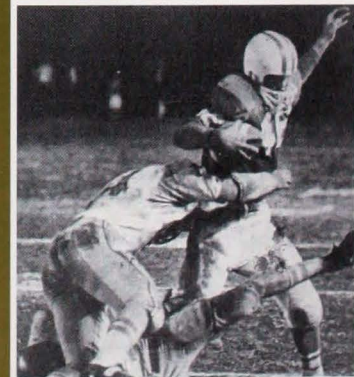
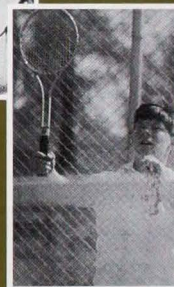
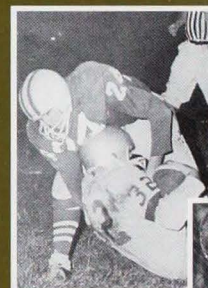


Junior Carla Waller shows her enthusiasm while leading a cheer during one of numerous assemblies throughout the year.

Seniors Jessica Butler, Stephanie Wargel, and Pam Steinkamp hold their piece of the net as they celebrate the first basketball sectional in Mater Dei history.



1971



Freshmen Amanda Nurrenbern takes off in the backstroke while competing in a dual meet.

After winning another meet, senior Abby Johnson shows her excitement with a big smile.



The Mater Dei swimmers take time out to show their friendship while at practice.

Junior Julia Schenk gasps for another breath before digging in deeper for a strong finish.



Making a splash Swimming

Team compiles 1st winning record

Even though the team is relatively new on the Mater Dei sports scene, one team is ready to make a splash. The 98-99 girls' swim team is building a tradition and for the first time ever in their 7 year history the team finished with a winning record.

The 17 member team was supported by its strong freshman class. These 8 girls are the cornerstone for the team's future, which looks bright thanks to volunteer coaches Robert Thomas, a USI lifeguard, and Leslie Dixon, a former team member.

The season looked bad for the

team early on because they had no head coach. Lifeguard Thomas stepped up and took on the challenge. He not only gave the team a coach, but he gave them a new attitude. The team had always been about having fun, but when they reached their goal of beating Boonville for the first time ever, it was also about victory.

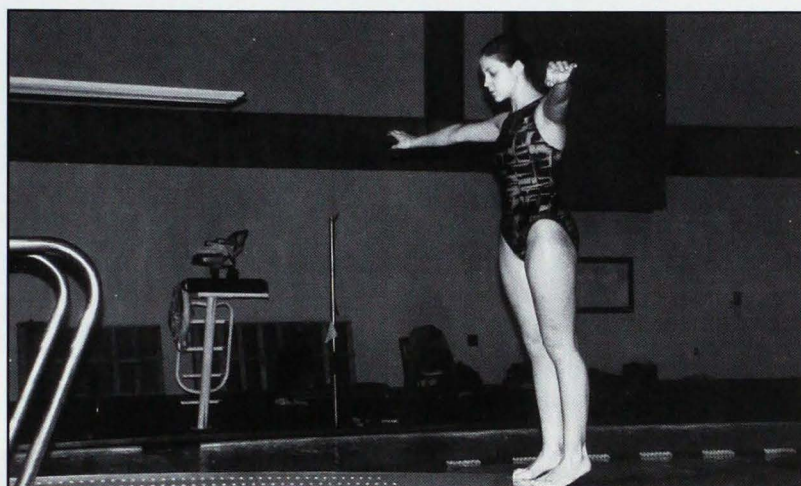
This attitude showed again when junior Lena Ruminer set a new school record in the 500 yard freestyle. She was the first Mater Dei swimmer to break the 7 minute mark.

It was Ruminer's record-setting

swimming and the team's renewed energy that helped the team reach some important milestones this season.

The team's unity and new found pride gave the girls strength to fight when they were down. At their Northeast Dubois/Heritage Hills meet the team was missing two key swimmers and at least four girls swam sick. Despite all this they managed a 29 point victory over runner up Heritage Hills.

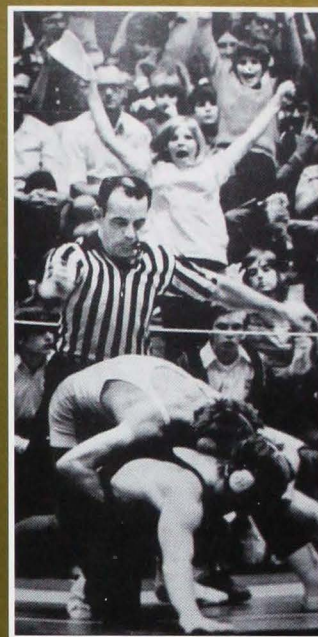
The 98-99 girls swim season can be summed up in the motto printed on their sectional t-shirts: "Can't touch this!"



Robert Thomas does a little coaching with Amanda Nurrenbern gives. This USI lifeguard stepped in to save the Mater Dei swim team.

The whistle sounds and all the swimmers dive in as they race the clock and each other in a record-breaking year for MD's team.

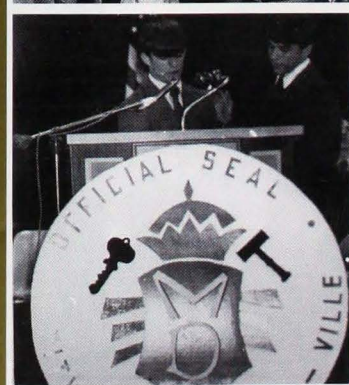
Balancing her fears and emotions, sophomore Christine Weil stops and prepares for her next dive during practice at USI.



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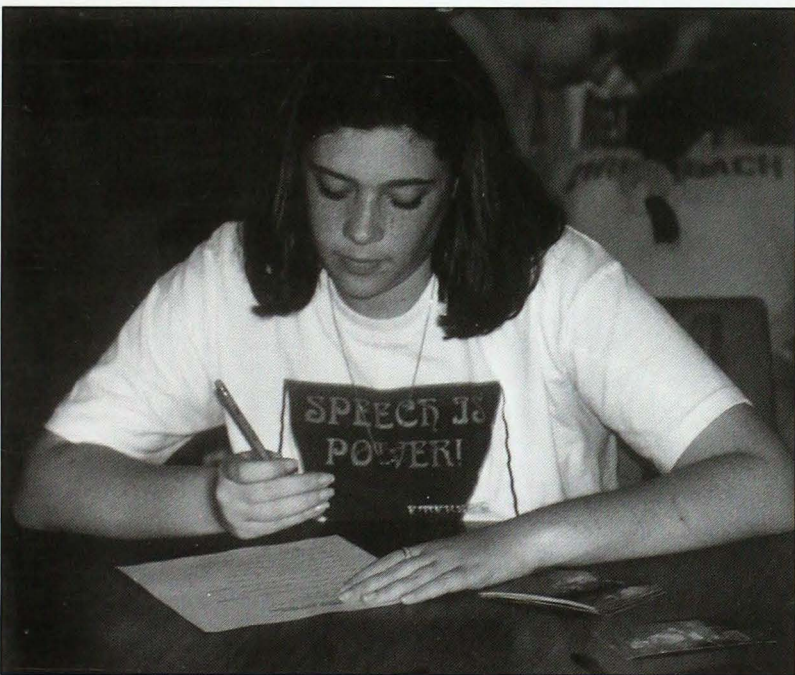
The students of 1972 set high marks for others to shoot for.

The Wildcat football team placed several players on the All-City Honor Team and the AllState squad: senior Gerard Boots also won honors on the All-SIAC team and was a wrestling state finalist. The wrestlers won city and went on to capture the SIAC title. Greg Baumgart was voted the most outstanding tennis player. In track, a new school record was set for the mile by Dan Gutzweiler, and John Hillenbrand broke the high hurdles record. The seniors of '72 also set a record number of scholarships given.



Chief Editor, Crystal Spivey sitting and staring into space is stressed out about a late newspaper deadline.

The newspaper class gave Mr. John Wells his Christmas gift and told him they appreciate his kindness.



Haley Baker is debating on what to write for a new newspaper story.



Aaron Kunkel and Jennifer Moll discuss a cropping wheel measurement for a newspaper ad.



Matt Riordan and Richard Morris are reading their newly published spring newspaper.

Hi-Lights Newspaper

50 years of print journalism

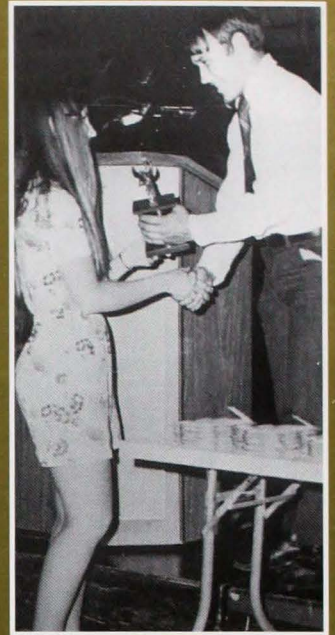
This year the Mater Dei Hi-Lights is celebrating it's 50th anniversary. The newspaper this year was more time absorbing because not only did the staff have to publish a newspaper every two months, but also they added a three page retro section that recapped major events for the past decades. These retro sections made the newspaper more demanding because each story from the past had to be scanned in separately and edited. Then the stories were arranged on a newspaper page layout in photo shop. Once the newspaper staff had the retro sections finished for each paper then they had to prepare the rest of the articles that pertained to this year's activities and students.

For the newspaper this year the staff originated a third page in depth feature story for every paper published. The first feature story was about teen pregnancy and the hassle of being a kid and trying to raise one yourself. The second was "sweet sixteen no longer so sweet", explaining how the driving age is working its way up to a higher age. The third, "voices from beyond" talks about past graduates and their views on life in college. Last but not least, "teens and gambling," a reality here at Mater Dei during professional championship games.

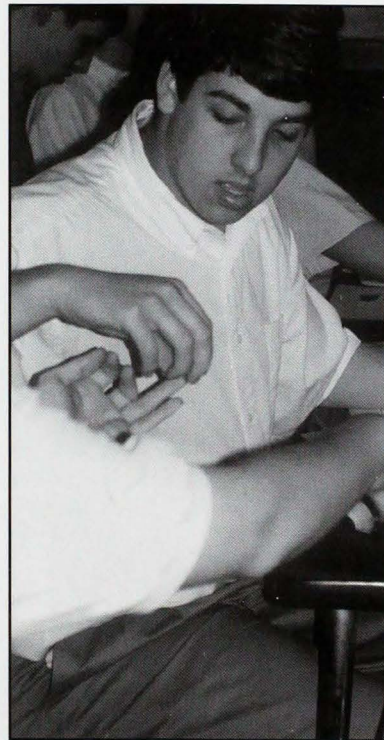
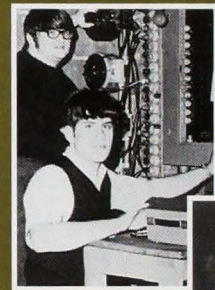
This year the Hi-lights was introduced to the world wide web by our online editor Richard Morris, Jr. This is for the alumni that would like to see the new and the old hi-lights. Now they can with the address www.mdhi-lights.org.

lights.org.

Bringing the Mater Dei Hi-Lights online was a tedious and time consuming assignment. The layout of the paper has to be converted from Aldus Pagemaker and formatted to fit Microsoft Front Page where then Morris scans in the photos and captions where he then uploads the papers onto the internet. "I was glad to be the first person to bring the school publication online and into the twenty-first century," said Morris.

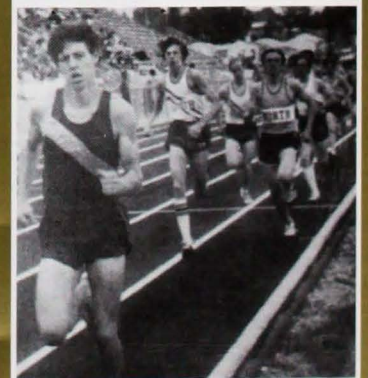


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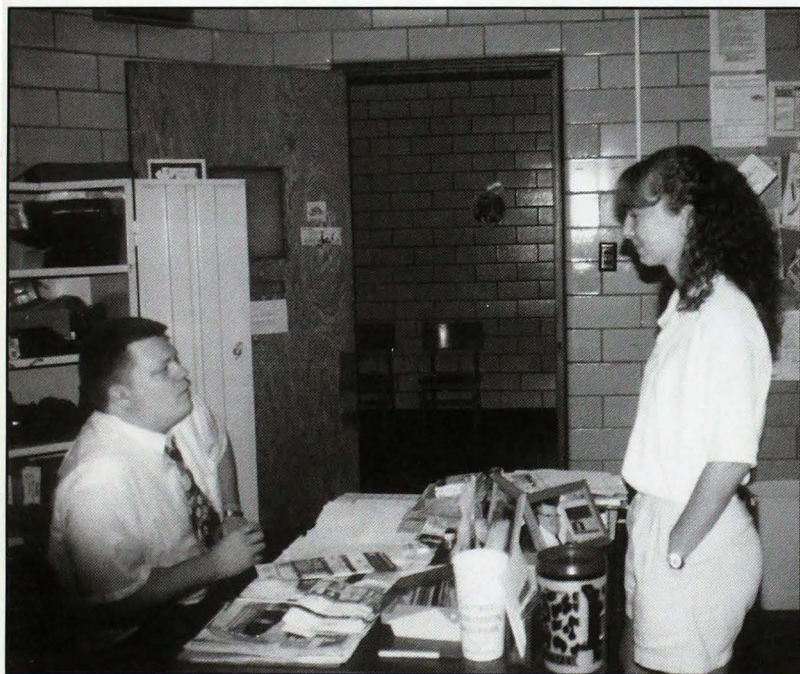
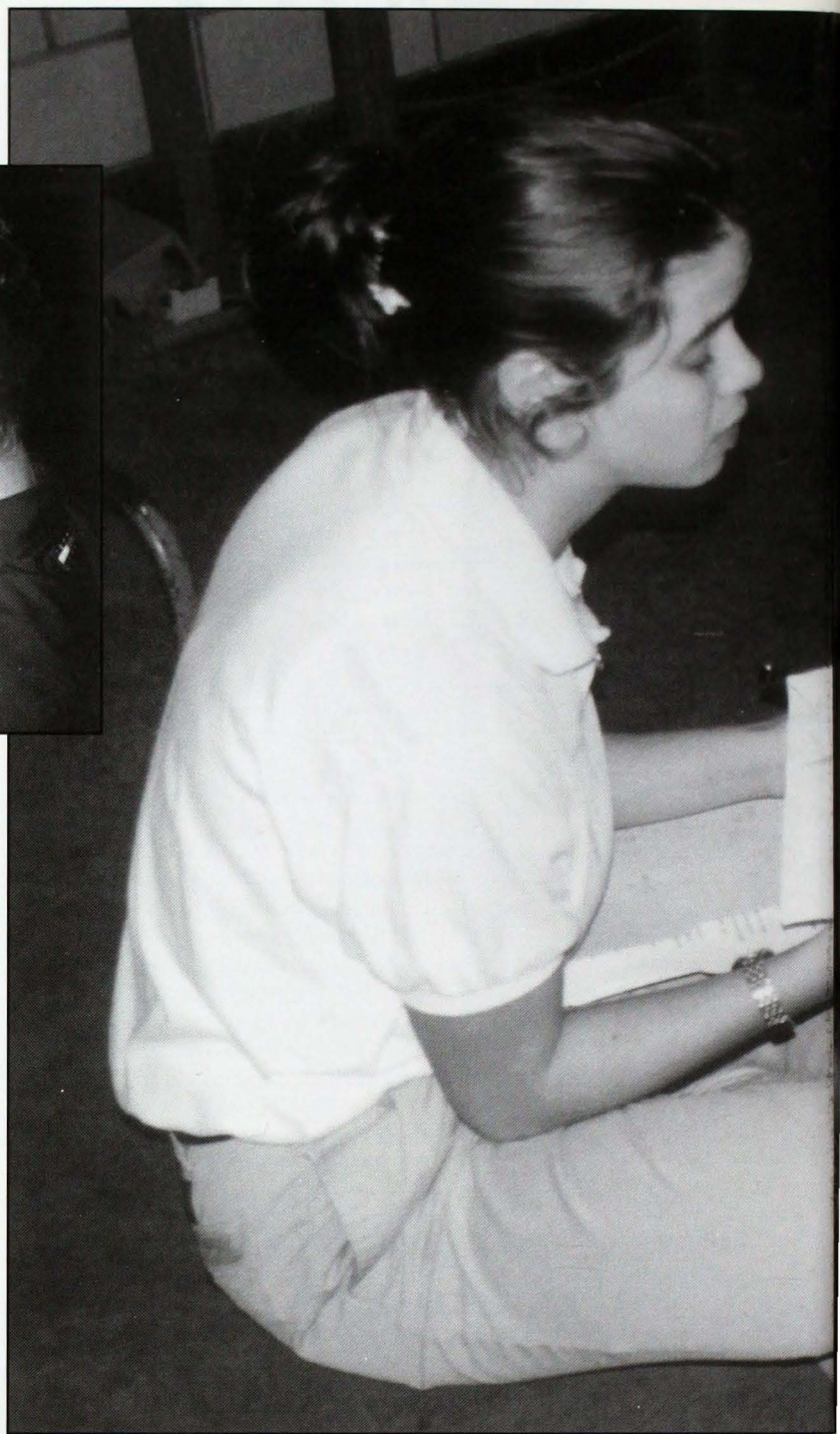
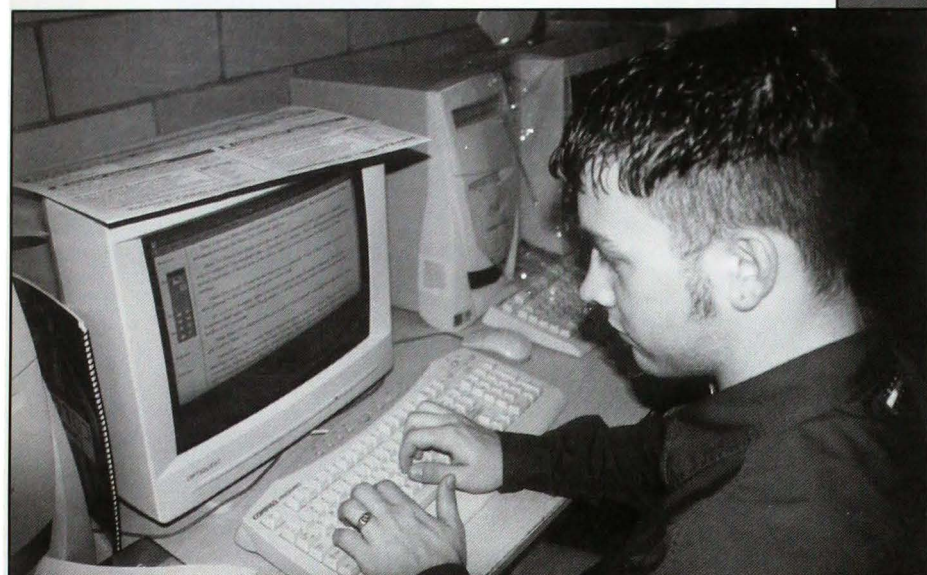
Second Semester newspaper staff Curtis Schmitt receives a piece of tape from another classmate to tape down his entry for the layout contest.

Crystal Spivey, Matt Riordan and Nathaniel Rivers, all are cutting out articles for the layout contest.



Tony Paul works diligently to type his yearbook story.

Editor Jessica Butler spends yet another day revising the page by page ladder diagram of the yearbook.



Mr. Wells and Magan Baumgart discuss some of the year book's finer points.



Angela Paulson thinks deeply about an important decision about her yearbook layout.



Senior Tony Unfried sorts through yearbook receipts to issue new yearbooks to anxious students.

Highlighting the Year

Yearbook

Looking Back on 50 Years

Every fourth block on red days a mass of students are scattered all over the journalism room working diligently on various random tasks, while Mr. Wells and editor Jessica Butler are going mad with frustration. It could be nothing else but yearbook class, and this year business is going not at all usual.

This year, as Mr. Wells started his second year here at Mater Dei, he was faced with the overwhelming task of finding a way to celebrate fifty years of Mater Dei tradition and fifty Hi-lights yearbooks in one book, a task not to be taken lightly, considering the rich past of our Mater Dei High School. The Idea that surfaced was to recap the events of fifty years on the edges of every odd page. This year's yearbook became almost like a fifty year book with several pictures and stories showing key events of the schools history.

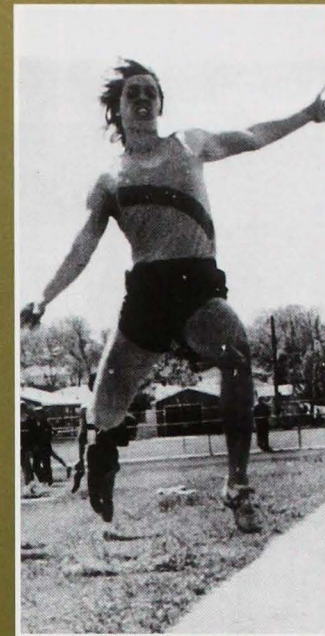
In charge of the painstaking task of coordinating the "retros" was Amanda Uhde. She, along with many other members of the yearbook class, worked many long hours to make them a success.

"I was glad that several people in the class volunteered to help but we really didn't know what we were getting ourselves into," said Uhde, "It ended up being a very long and tedious process but in the end it was worth it when we saw them in the book."

The "tedious process" involved many tasks, including searching through forty-nine yearbooks for key

events, finding, taking, and retaking pictures out of the old books; cropping the pictures and keeping them with the right page, which is not always easy to do.

In the end, all the hard work has paid off and the yearbook has shaped into a unique compilation of not only this year but the past fifty years. The book shows the incredibly rich past and tradition we have at Mater Dei. It has become a yearbook like no other and the perfect comemoration of Mater Dei's fifty golden years.



1973

This year of 1973 brought several "firsts." Spirits were soaring and the teams at Mater Dei made major accomplishments.

The community of Mater Dei-ville inaugurated its first girl mayor; girls also made their debut in the track world. The boys golf team defeated Reitz for the first time in MD history. Seniors were awarded their first out to lunch.

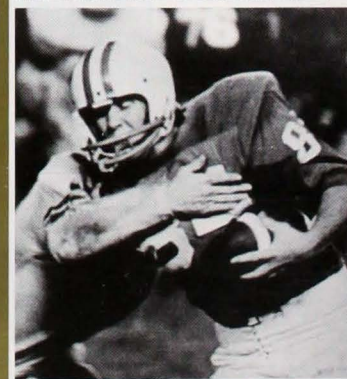
The football team finished an impressive season with a final record of 7-3. The baseball and basketball teams and the cross country team captured the city title; the Mat Cats swept the City, SIAC and Sectional titles.



Senior April Schmitt pauses to examine the new yearbooks as she unpacks them from their boxes.



Seniors Deidre Messmer and Brittny Wannemueller take time to appreciate last year's yearbook.

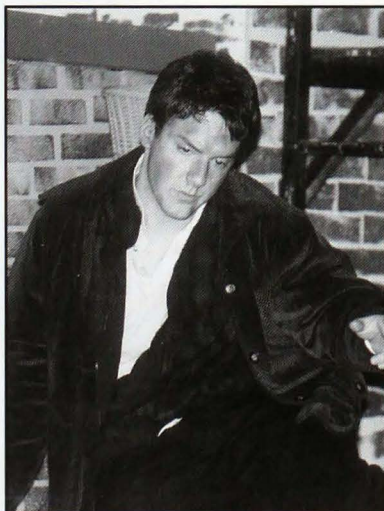


Senior Josh Reising takes Junior Josh Williams to the dentist's chair.

Junior Josh Williams sings to Audrey II about her eating too much.



Junior Josh Williams and Charlene Kirsch played the leads roles in "Little Shop of Horrors."



Senior Aaron Kunkel played the role of the drunk guy.

Senior Jamie Schmitt Junior Roxanne Frank and Senior Emily Elpers played the roles of the street



Taking Root Speech/Drama

Team works through tough year

Many students hate to get up in front of people and speak, but not those in Speech and Drama. Those students put in several hours practicing their speeches for the various competitions they compete in and for the shows they perform for the play.

The speech team had a strong year and stuck through the hard times. After changing coaches in the middle of the year, the team knocked down and worked for the adversity.

Several members showed the grit of the team by qualifying for state. Sixteen speakers went to state and watched Christina Johnson go to the semifinals and Molly Topper take seventh in prose. The team ended up with a sixth place over all.

The determination of this year's speech team to overcome was evident in their performances.

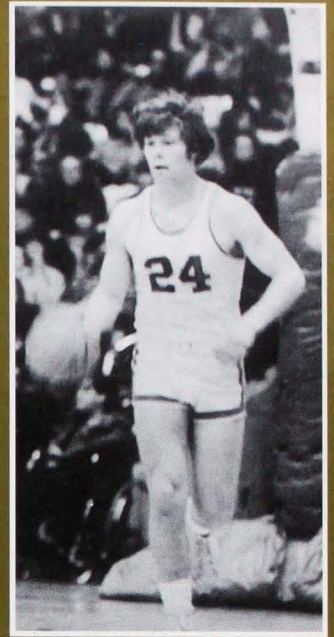
Another high point of the year was the revival of the Congress team. Under Mr. John Wells, the team debated a set of 12 bills ranging from needle exchange programs to ending the embargo of Cuba.

This year the Drama Department took on the challenge of producing the musical "Little Shop of Horrors". The cast and crew performed the play four times at the Memorial Auditorium. The long hours of rehearsing and singing practices paid off for the troupe with a impressive crowd attendance.

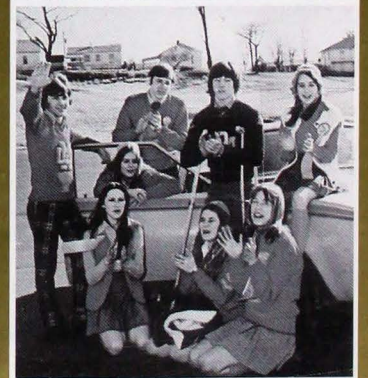
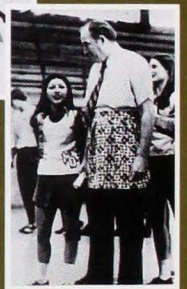
"We had a bigger turn out then we expected," stated senior Aaron Kunkel who played the drunk guy. Josh Williams and Charlene

Kirsch played the leads of Seymour and Audrey in the "Little Shop of Horrors." The highlight of the play was when a big plant came out and Seymour had to kill people to feed it.

The highlight was only the major technical obstacle of this production. Audrey II, the man-eating plant, was actually a set of props to show the various growth stages of the plant. The largest one took two people to operate, one for the voice and one for the choreographed movements.

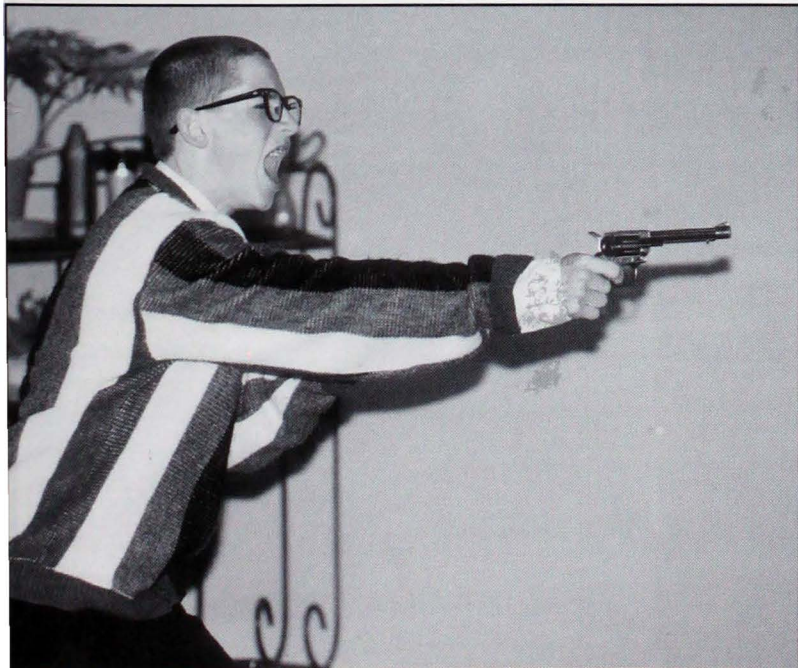


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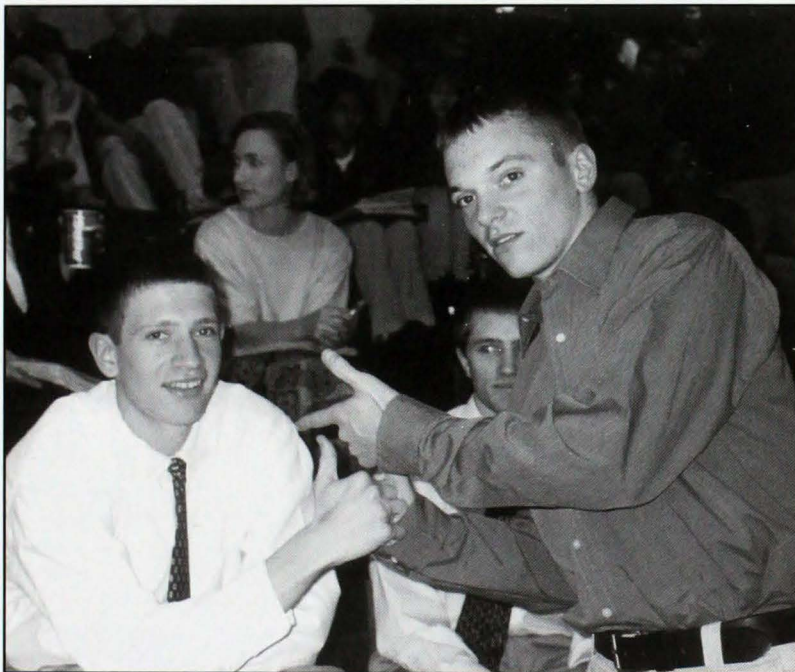
Senior Josh Reising sings his solo "I Am Your Dentist."

Junior Josh Williams tries to shoot at Audrey II in hoping to kill her.

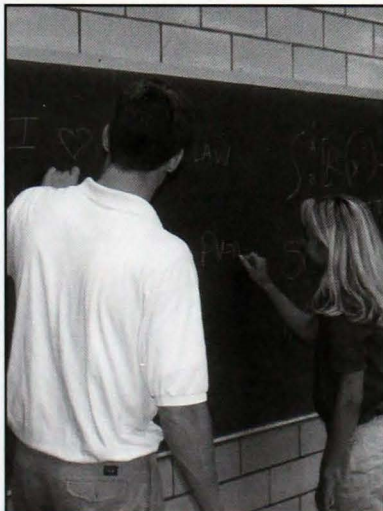


Coach Rogge and her English team take a moment to pause in glory after their first place victory.

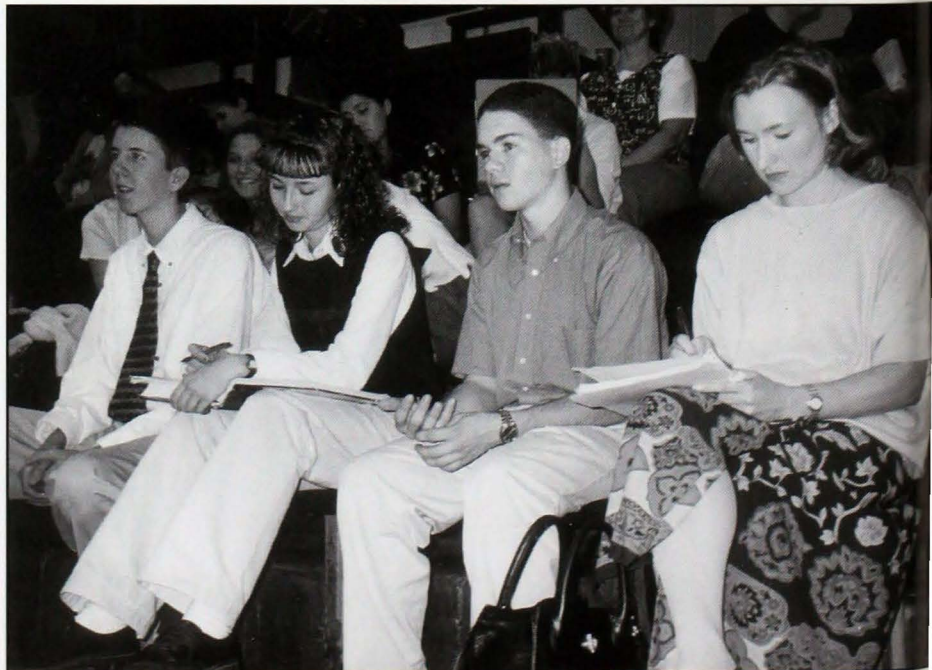
Tim Pigman, Jennifer Moll, Dan Musick, and Abby Johnson are pleased with their victory in Interdisciplinary.



Senior Philip Beck congratulates Junior John Kiefer on a job well done during the math competition.



Seniors Benny Faraone and Sarah Jost review their formulas for the Science team.



While waiting to compete, the math team takes the chance to do some last minute cramming.

Student Scholars

Academics

The Age of Enlightenment



Not all competitions at Mater Dei involve athletics.

Every year a group of students get together to form the Academic Super Bowl Team. Twenty-one students participated in the different categories of Science, English, Fine Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Interdisciplinary. Each squad is allowed to have three to five members except for the Interdisciplinary squad, which is allowed four to seven members.

During the competition, there are three members on the floor at a time. The captain stays on the floor at all times and substitutions can be made after ten questions.

This year's theme for the competition was The Age of Enlightenment. The students received an outline that shows them what they need to study. They do all of their studying on their own time whether it be during choice, during lunch, or after school.

A practice competition was held at Castle where the Fine Arts team and the Social Studies team took first place. The English, Math, and Interdisciplinary team finished second.

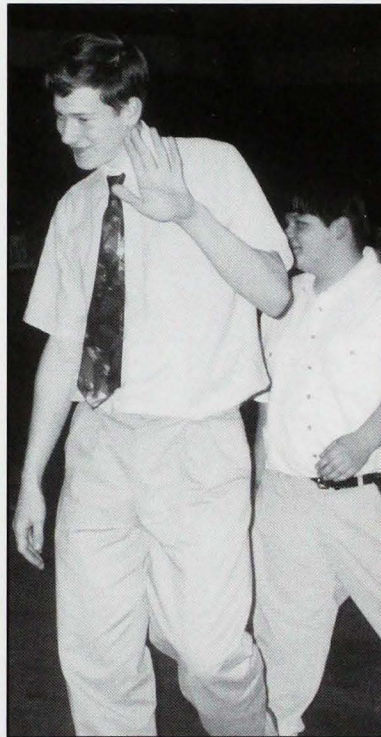
The Academic Superbowl Team then went on to compete at North to try and qualify for State. Although the team wasn't as successful as they had hoped to be, their future is looking bright.

"We are an extremely young team with some great promises," said English coach Mrs. Rogge. "We did well this year, but we have great

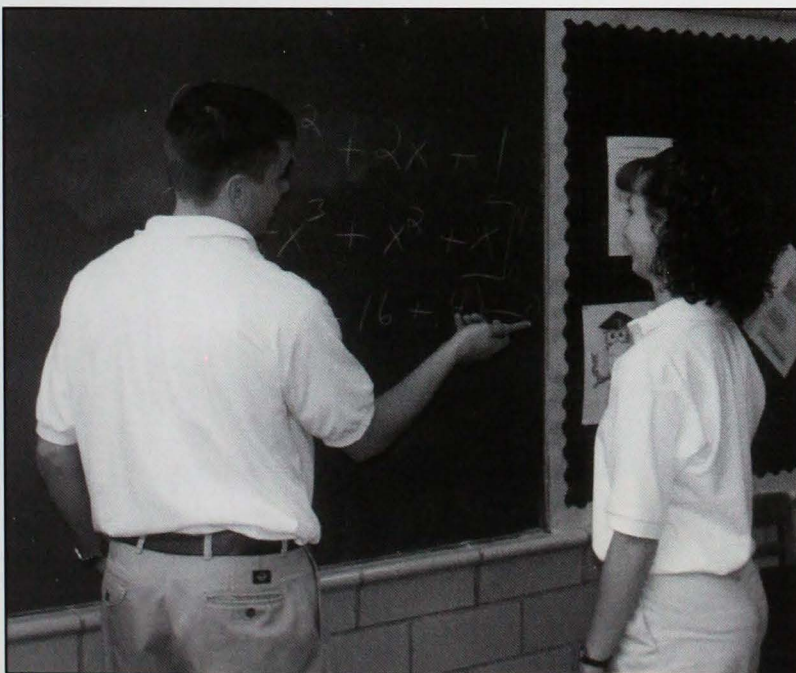
potential ahead."

The coaches of the Academic Super Bowl Team were Mrs. Rose Rogge for English, Mr. Steve Rode for Social Studies, Mrs. Lisa Wannamueller for Science, Mrs. Laura Hall for Math and Mr. John McMullen and Mrs. JoAnn Volz for Fine Arts. Each teacher takes their team and helps the students find the needed information on their subject.

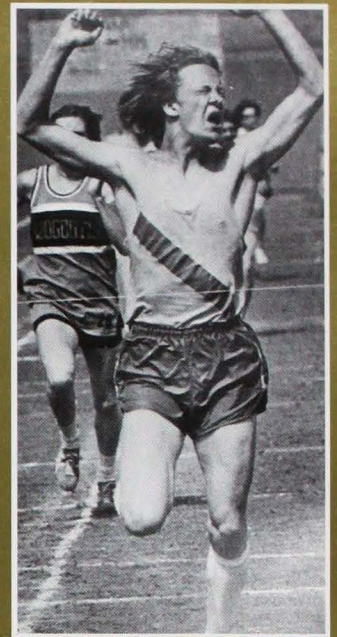
Although there are five different squads, they all work together to form one team.



Senior Richard Koester struts his stuff after a tough competition.



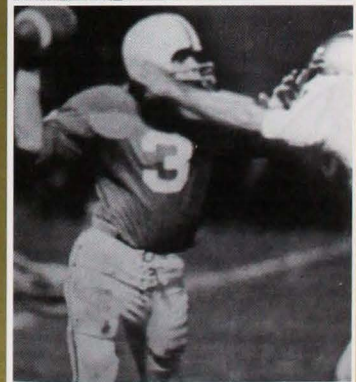
Senior Philip Beck helps sophomore Julie Elpers while studying for the math competition.



1974

The year 1974 wrapped up 25 years of Mater Dei memories and led the Wildcat community into 25 more wonderful years. To add to the excitement of the school's anniversary were many new additions. The first Oral, Audio, Visual class was added to many students' schedules.

An assembly was held to wish Mr. Len Will on his retirement. Well-know people such as Evansville Mayor Russell Lloyd, Mike Blake, Eighth District Congressman Roger Zion and Bishop Shea joined the student body in giving recognition for Mr. Will's 25 years of service to MD.

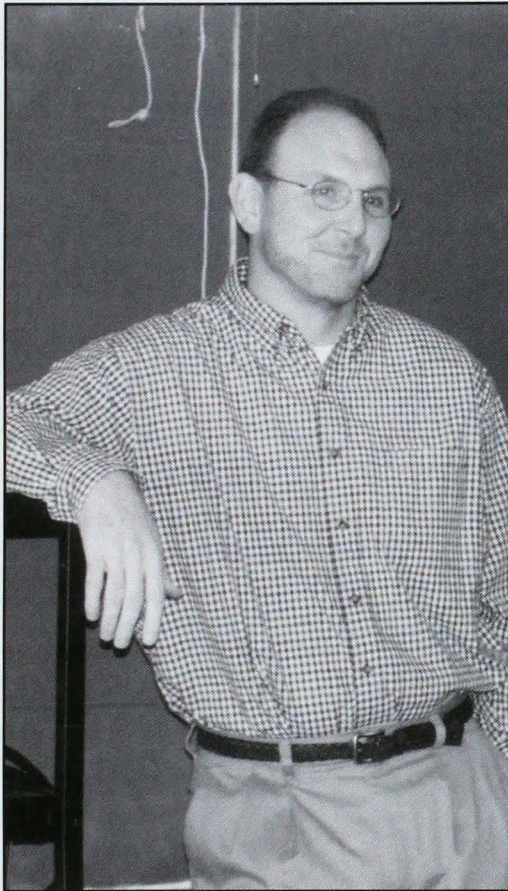


Worldly Wise Teachers

History

Talents go beyond the classroom

Mr. Darin Knight and his ease style are popular with many history students.



Mater Dei would not be the same without history. It is a huge part of the Mater Dei tradition of excellence.

Our history department is made up of many diverse teachers. Mr. Mike Goebel, Mr. Steve Rode, Mr. Darin Knight, Mr. Dave Wathen, Mr. John Goebel, Sister Donna Marie and Ms Wynn Mitchell lead us all through our many important history lessons.

When not in the classroom, they all dedicate their time to different activities.

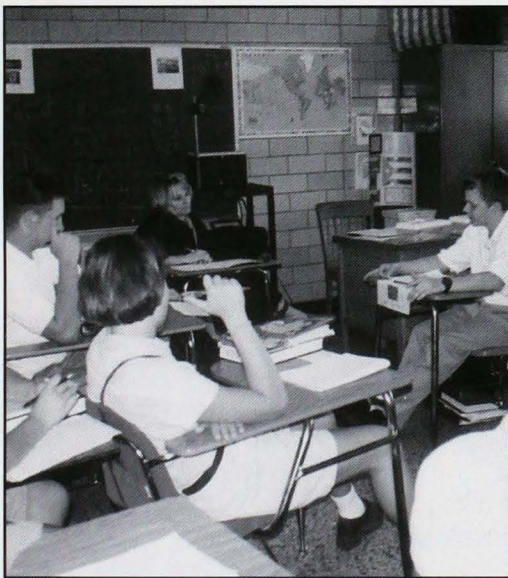
As we all know, Mr. Mike Goebel coaches football and wrestling. Mr. John Goebel, coaches basketball and football, and Mr. Knight, who coaches baseball, can also be found on football

sidelines.

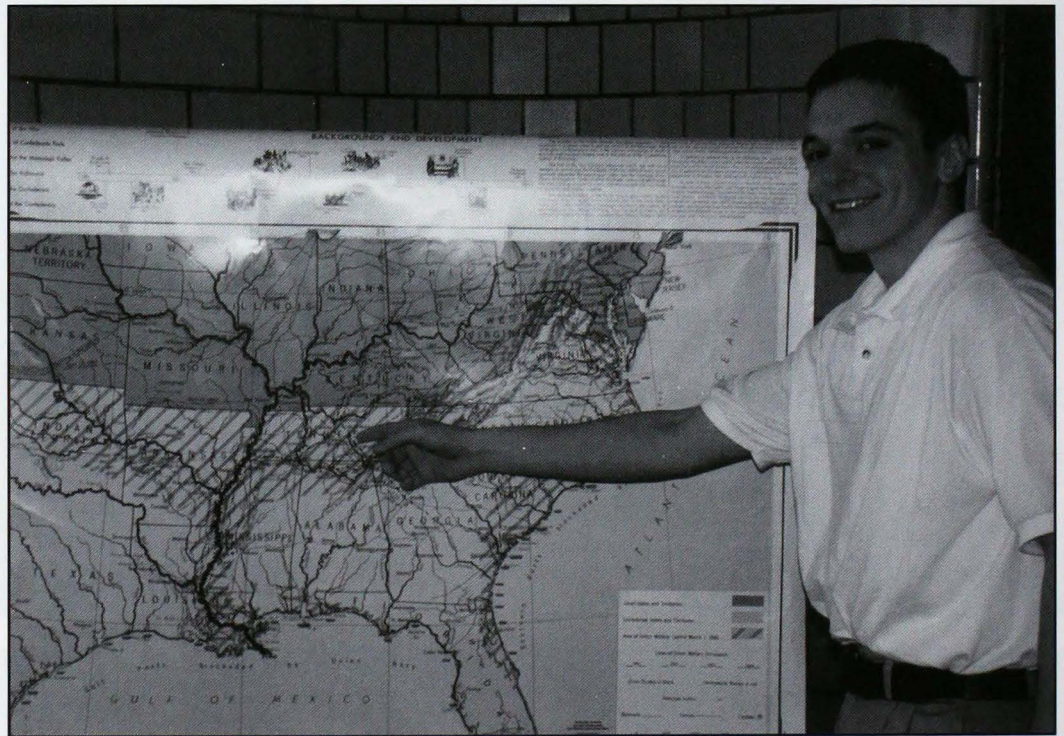
Sister Donna dedicates most of her free time to working outdoors because she loves nature.

Ms Mitchell worked hard this year on a special Civil Rights week for the students at Mater Dei. She organized speakers and a special mass for the occasion.

This year, the history department had to accommodate for more students because beginning with the class of 2001, students are required to take three semesters of US history and two semesters of World History. The extra semester is an attempt to make the best of block scheduling and to go more into depth to give students a leg up when they head to college.

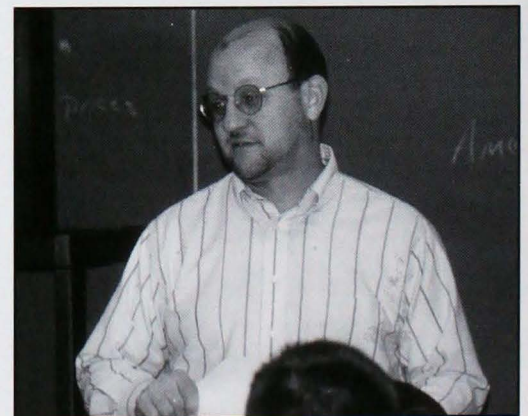


Deep thought and concentration go into Mrs. Wynn Mitchell's classroom discussions on civil rights during an integrated unit she spearheaded.

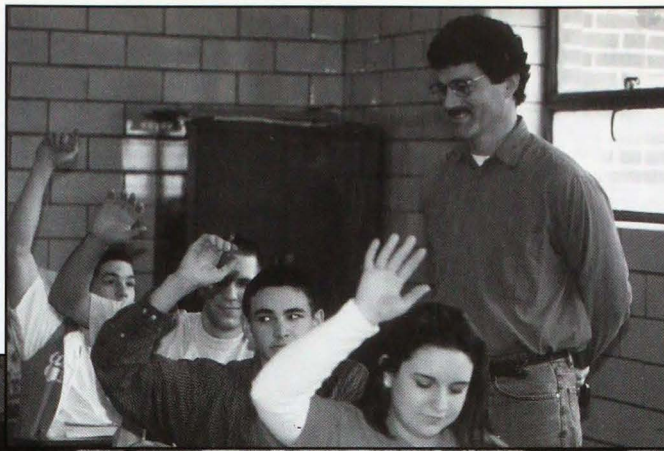


Put on the spot, Philip Beck has trouble finding Indiana on the map.

Mr. Wathen knows everything when it comes to world and church history.



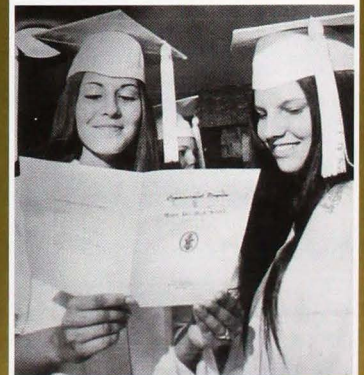
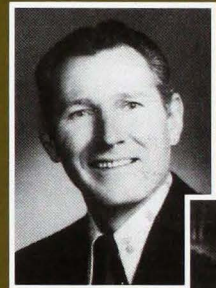
Mr. Mike Goebel smiles as his government students eagerly participate in class.



Students take careful notes as Mrs. Mitchell shows the relationship between world events and how it affected the United States.

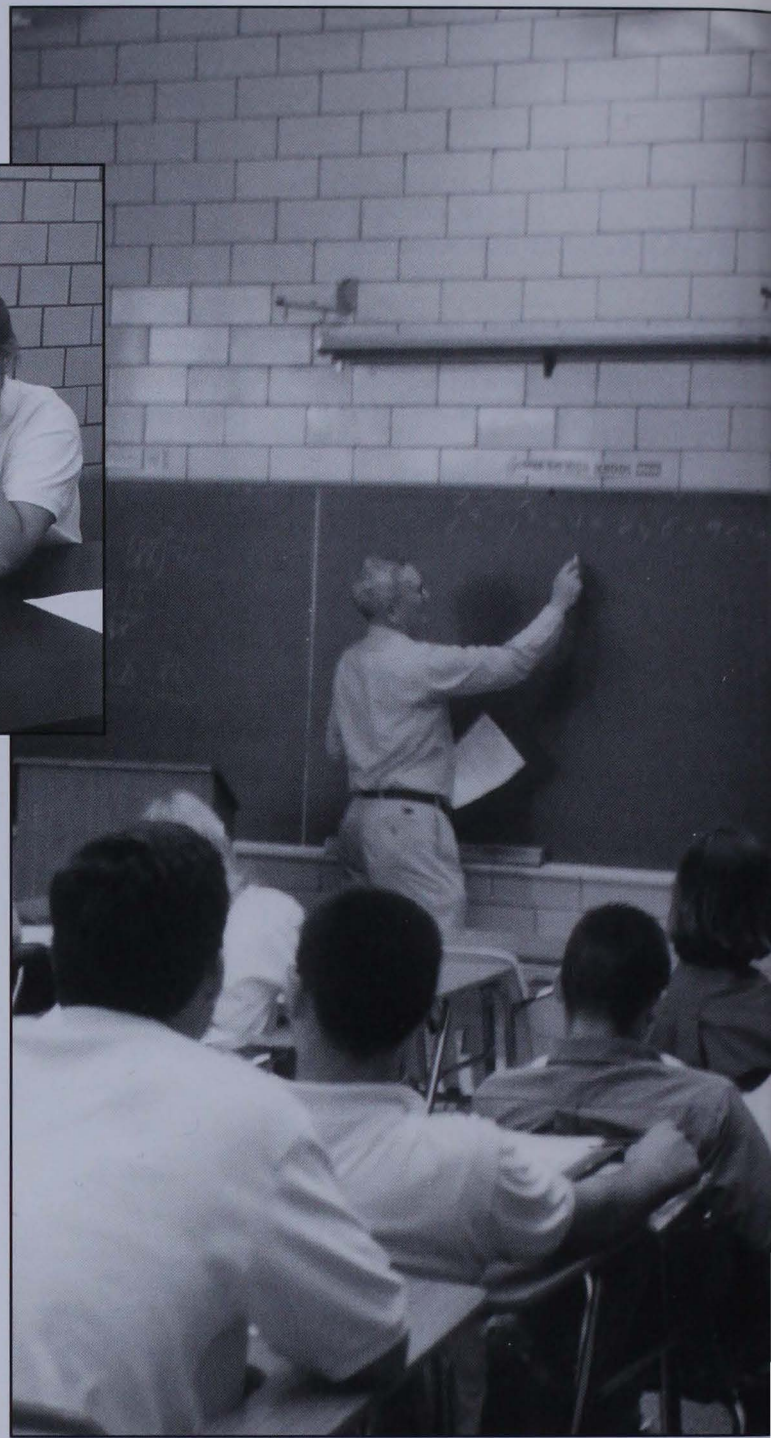


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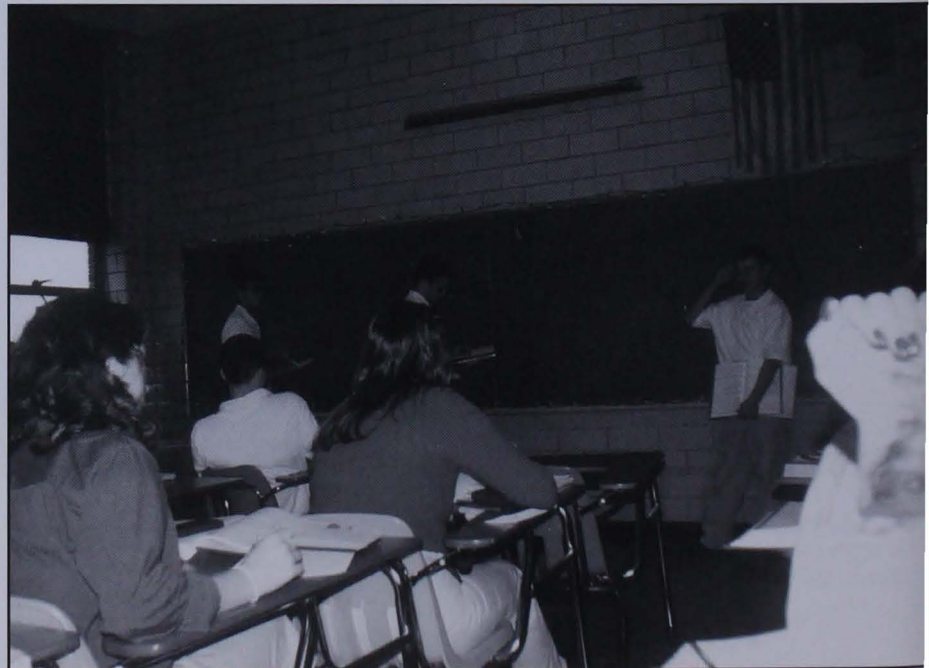
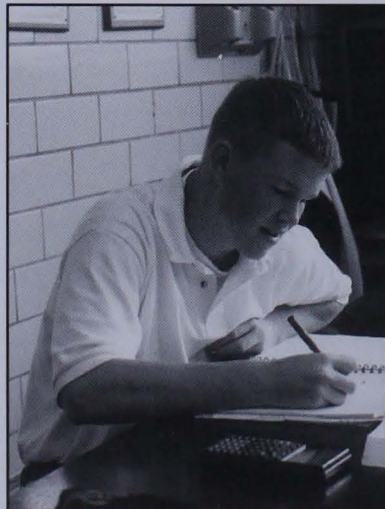
Mr. Keith explains some difficult math problems to juniors, Kim Doshier and Jennifer Steinkamp.

Mr. Keith demonstrates an Algebra I problem to a group of attentive freshmen.



Mrs. Thomas knows the importance of looking into the future of children.

Shaun Meyer works diligently on his groove for math.



Keith Fehrenbacher, Seth Euler and Albert Schmitt take their turn at "pass the chalk."

The Numbers Game

Mathematics

Classes go past basic equations

The math department has done many interesting projects this year, that not only enforce math skills, but also writing skills.

Mrs. Thomas's Algebra II classes did many projects that pertain to math, but also taught about the past and look into the student's future.

First semester, the classes studied Indian rug making. Then they designed and created on paper a "rug" that they thought looked like what an Indian would make. Second semester, Algebra II students took a look into their future. First they researched three careers they were interested in. They had to find out about schooling, salary, and any other interesting facts about the careers they picked. Then they had to write a short report on each career and interview one person from any of the three careers that they picked.

"It was fun doing math homework that wasn't really math," says junior Cara Messmer "It gave me a good grade that made up for some of my bad grades."

After they got their individual projects done, they got into groups and created job catalogs. They each put in their researched careers and interviews.

"It was great to see all the hard work and effort that the students put into these job catalogs," says Algebra 2 teacher Mrs. Thomas "They turned out better than anything I ever expected."

Another project, although not new at Mater Dei, is the eighth grade Algebra, taught by Mr. Keith. Mr. Keith brings in eighth grade students

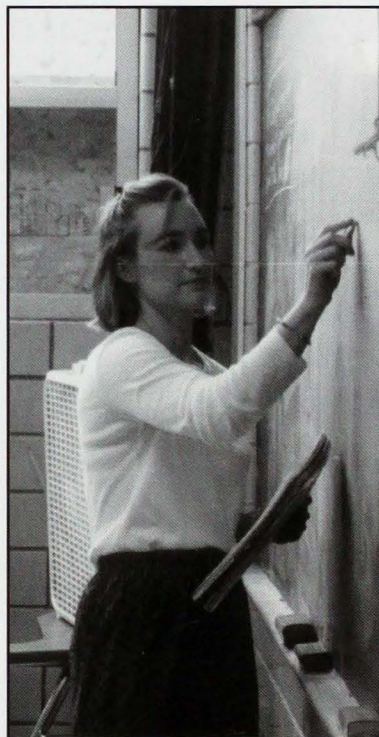
from the Westside schools who excel in math to Mater Dei. They study the Algebra I course and so when they come to Mater Dei or any other high school, they can go ahead and take Geometry. This program puts students who excel ahead instead of holding them back.

"It was a great opportunity," says freshman Roxanne Frank who took the course last year as a eighth grader. "Besides just giving me a head start on credits, it gave me an idea of what high school was going to be like."

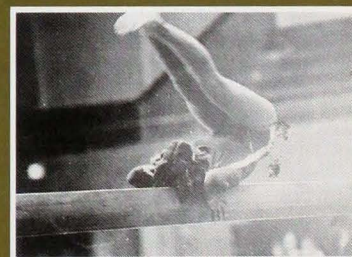


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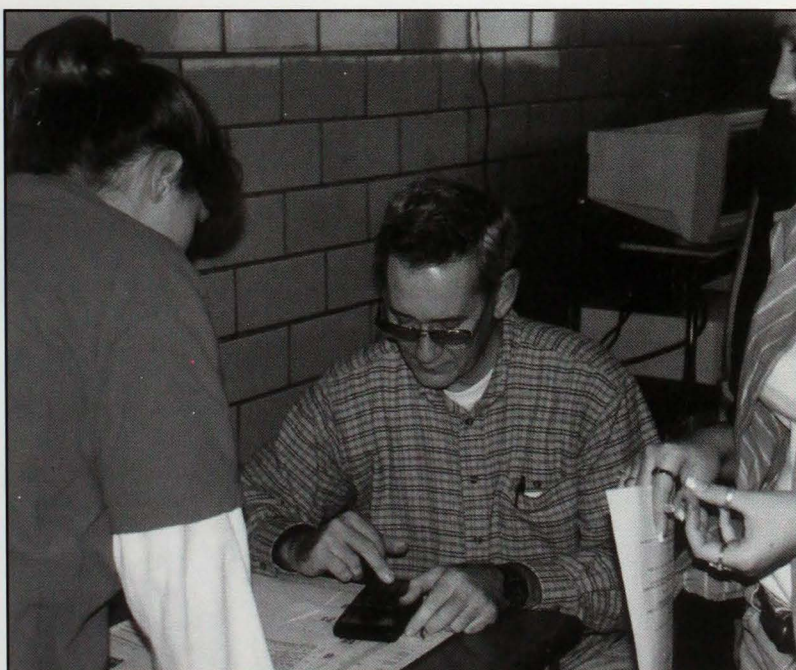
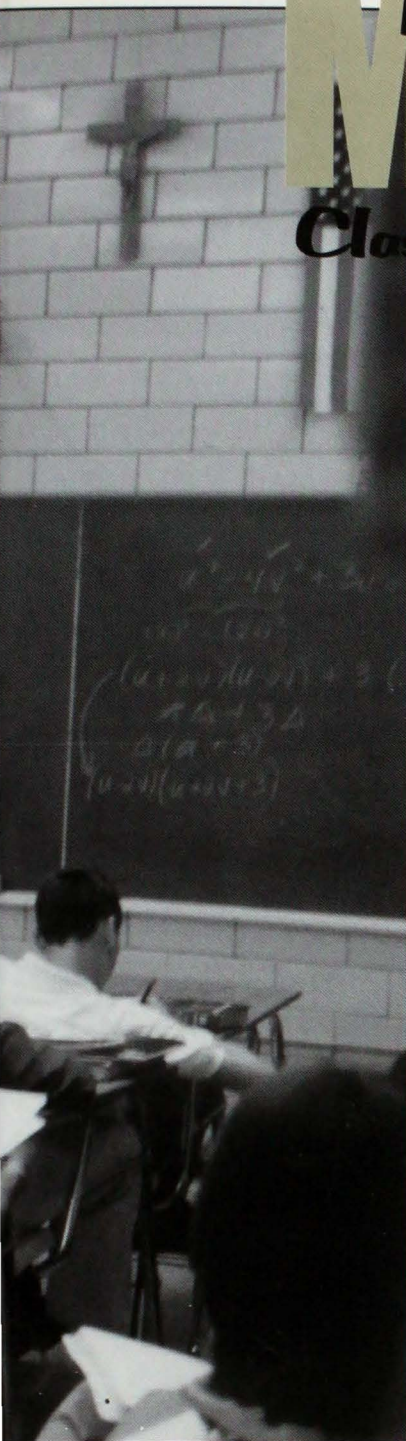
The year 1975 was filled with enthusiasm and school spirit. Ford was in the Whitehouse, "Welcome Back Kotter" was on T.V. and Mater Dei wasn't letting the fun pass them by. Bell bottoms and knee highs were in style and Mater Dei ruled the city in athletics and in academics. Pat Debes was king of the basketball court, Becky Hilako was the first queen of basketball homecoming and the sectional winning volleyball team was on top of the city. Mater Dei was filled with many diverse activities such as a gymnastics team, a yoga club, and an intermural bowling league.



Mrs. Hall tries to help explain a Geometry problem by writing it out on the board.

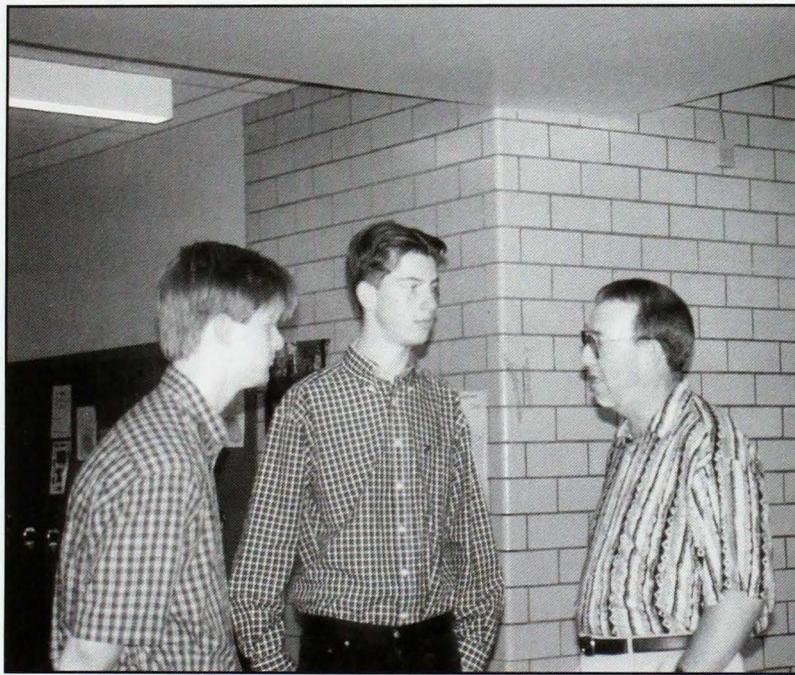
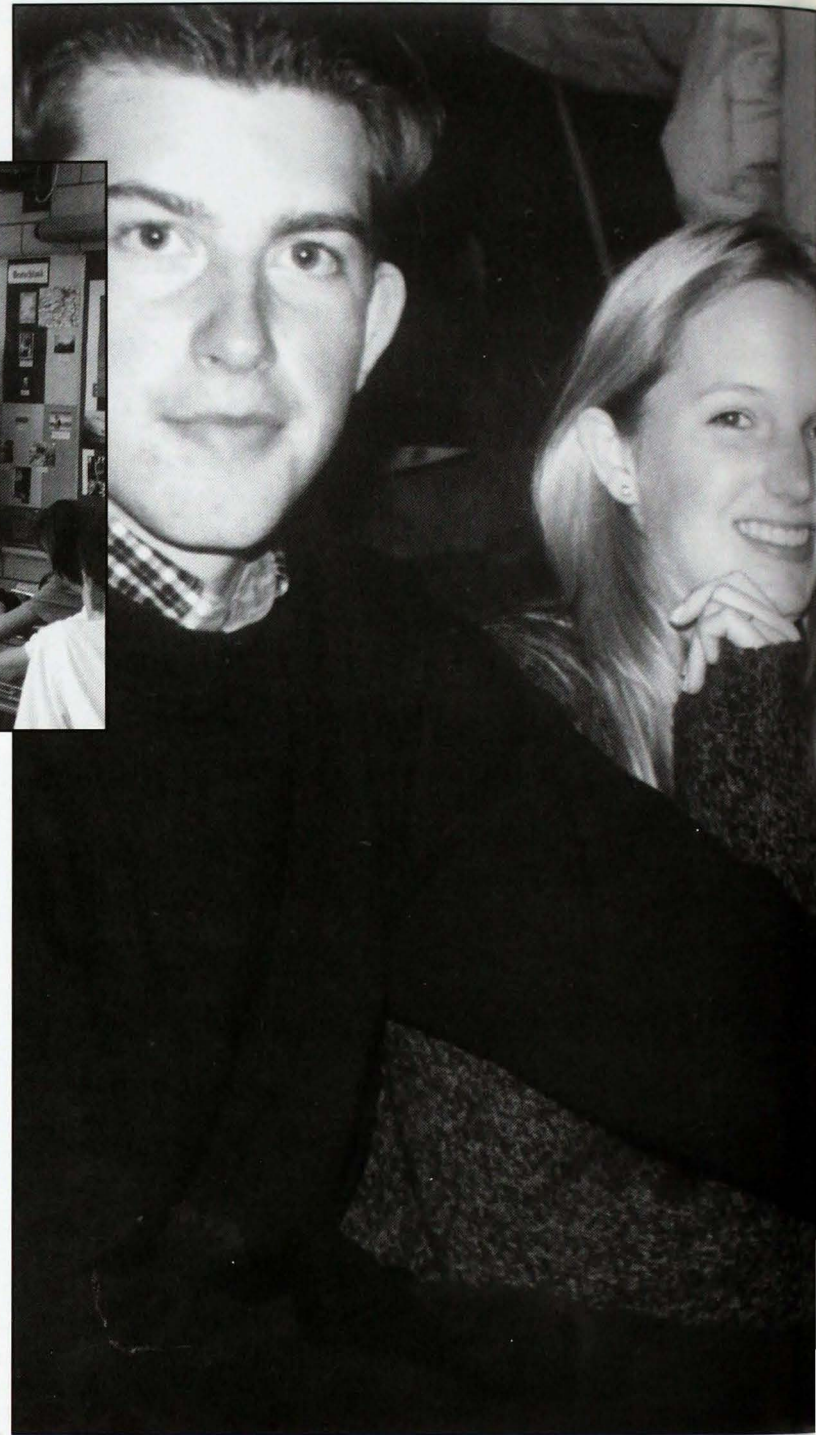
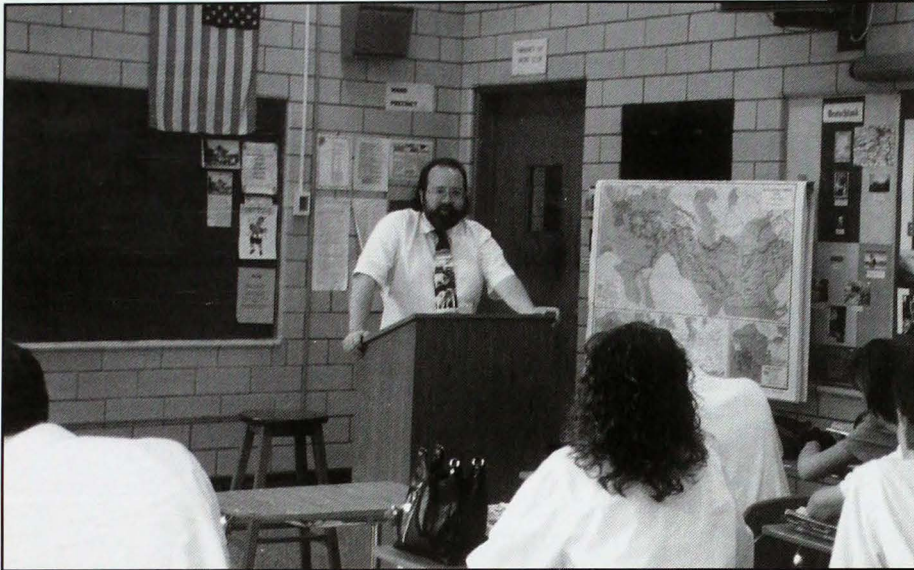


Mr. Keith helps on of his students with a difficult Algebra problem.



Mr. Rode's German students listen intently as he gives another lecture.

German exchange students, Carl, Verina, and Jan, quickly adapted to the cool weather of the fall football games.



Lucas and Carl, two of the German exchange students get an English lesson from Mr. Becker.



It is definitely an improvement Ms. Vick!



Mater Dei students are making the connection between our culture and others.

Spanish and German Languages

Crossing the cultural borders



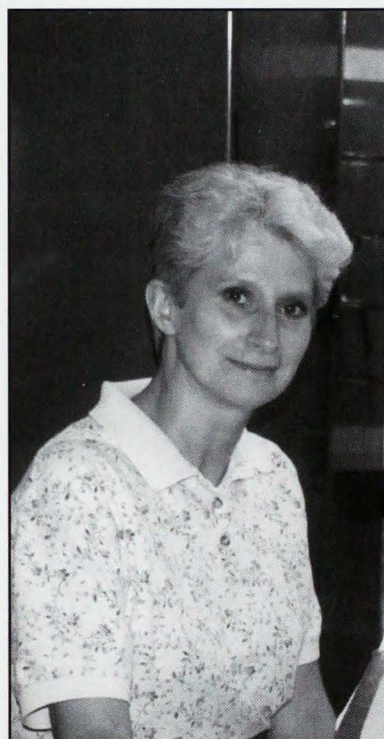
Hola! Guten tag! When most students hear these words they want to run! However, thinking back on your forgin language classes, you might remember some of the fun things you did. In Mrs. Berberich's class you always got to play the fly swatter game, which always made for some good competition. You can never forget hall passes and roaming the halls in thirty minute shifts. And the fiestas! All the food!

Some Mater Dei students are brushing up on their Spanish and getting ready for a big trip. There are five MD students including Deidre Messmer, Brittny Wannemuehler, Josh Williams, Dan Musick and Jill Schlichting packing their bags and heading to Spain, England, and France for a two week trip; they will be traveling with students from Tecumseh High School. On this trip, they will ride a train overnight and enjoy a day in Africa. Deidre and Brittny said this trip will be their graduation gift from their family and will easily be savored.

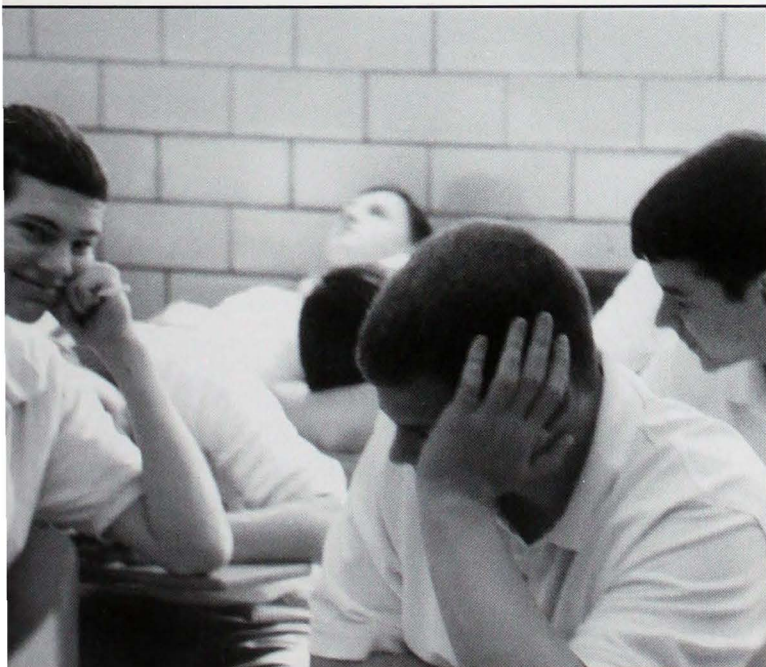
There is another group of students going on a big trip. Stephanie Wargel, Dan Rodenberg, Brian Eickoff, Brian Wilderman, Kerri Vowels, Curtis Schmitt, Lorna Fischer, Michelle Zirkelbach, and Nathaniel Rivers are getting ready for a one month stay in Germany. During their trip they will be visiting places like Munich. They will also be going to a concentration camp and also seeing the play, "Phantom of the Opera." In preparation for this big trip these students held a few money

raising events. They sold blank note cards and raffled off a Sony Playstation.

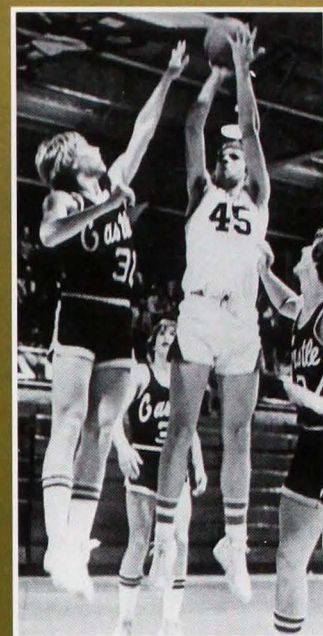
As all of us know we have also had many foreign exchange students roaming the halls of Mater Dei. There was Carlos Morales, Herbert Blank, Angelica, Maria-Alejandra Guevara, Gonzalo Palombo, and the all of the Germans. Some come for days while others stay for months. Blank told us that he was going to be here for six months.



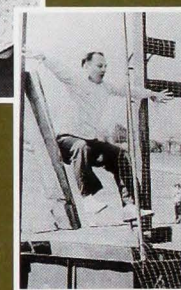
Spanish teacher, Mrs. Weber, takes a second out of her busy schedule to pose for the camera.



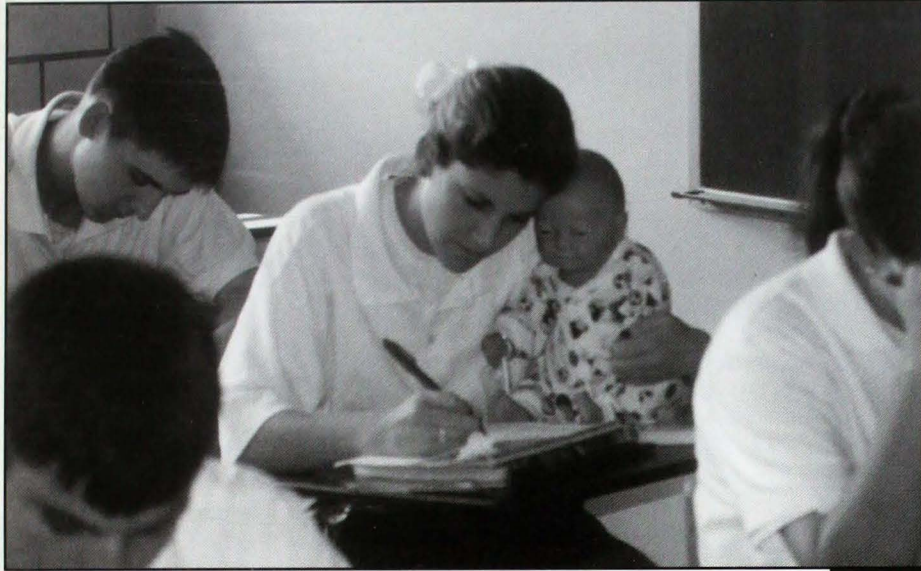
Unaware his picture was being taken, sophmore Brian Coughlin dozes off during Mrs. Berberich's Spanish class.



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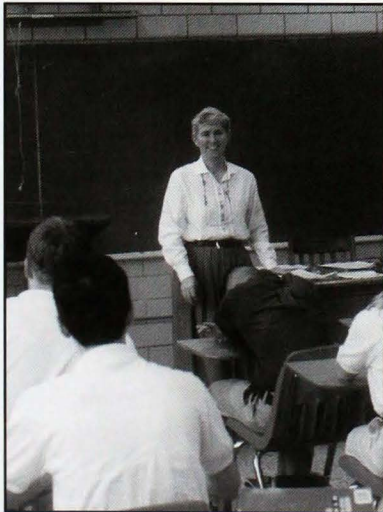
Senior Jill Bartlett holds her baby, trying to not make it cry while she works on her homework.



Senior Deidre Messmer was just one of the seniors that chose to be a Eucharistic Minister this year.



Members of the senior class participate in mass by taking up the gifts.



Sr. Donna teaches students about the different sacraments that you can receive.



Members of the band help to liven up mass by adding music to it

Unique to MD Religion

Students learn about the Word

At Mater Dei we have one aspect in our lives that most schools don't have: God is a part of our everyday lives.

Throughout the year students take part in religion classes, masses, field trips, and retreats to help them reflect on God in their lives. Masses took place once a month and on holy days. The students also participated in Penance services. This gave them a time to pray and reflect upon their lives.

In the classroom students participate in field trips and activities. In life ethics class this year, students had to carry around babies. The babies were computerized to cry. When the baby cried the students had to put in a key to make them stop crying. This helped the students to know how difficult it was to have someone consistently dependent on them. Other students went to the county morgue. The students learned what happens after someone dies. This allowed students to better know what is going to happen when they die. It gets them ready for death. In other religion classes students studied the death penalty and the sacraments.

Many senior students participated in mass by becoming Eucharistic Ministers. Other students participated in mass by reading, taking up the gifts, playing the piano, playing in the band and singing in the choir.

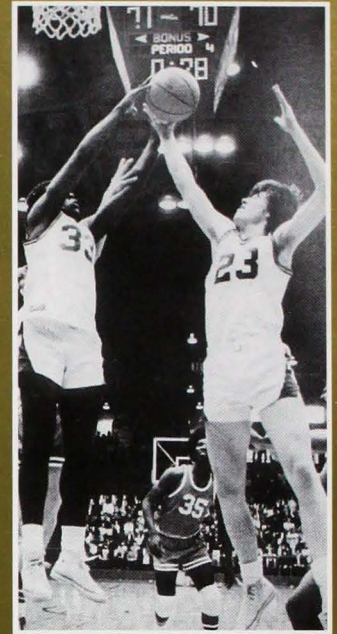
Every year each class has a retreat. The retreats are at different places and at different times for each class so they can meet their own needs.

Some had people come to speak to them like Fr. Ken Steckler and Sr. Jenny Miller, while others had the senior students talk to them.

These retreats are meant to give each class a day to reflect and grow in their faith and to also get to know each other better.

Religion is a big aspect for many of the students that go to Mater Dei.

"God is a big part of my life," stated junior Beth Stofleth.



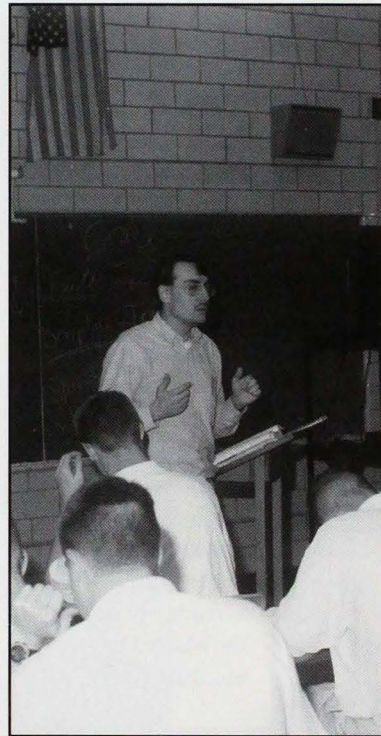
1976

The year of trust would be in 1976. The seniors were allowed to enjoy 'Big Wednesday' of open campus. Mater Dei also gained Mr. Will, coaching his first year of football.

Our basketball team had their best winning record in History posting a 15-7 victory.

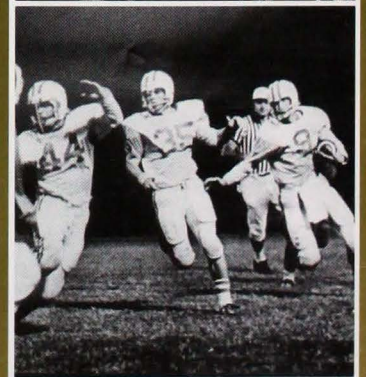
The baseball team won their first sectional. Trust was gained and goals were achieved.

President Gerald Ford stopped here briefly on a campaign tour through Indiana. Students celebrated the President's visit with a free day so they could greet him.



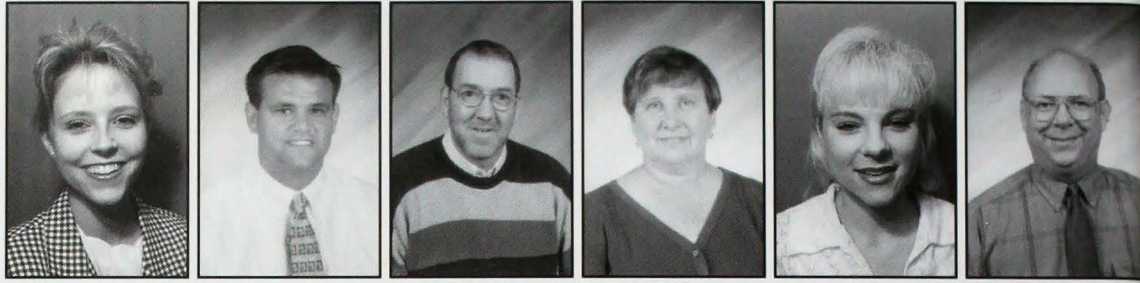
Mr. McMullen and his interesting gestures help make his classes more exciting.

Senior Jocelyn Gibson puts a key inside her baby hoping to get it to stop crying.



Faculty

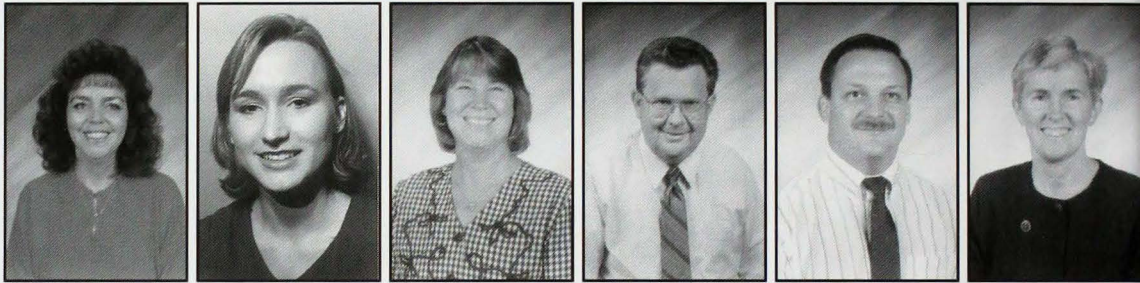
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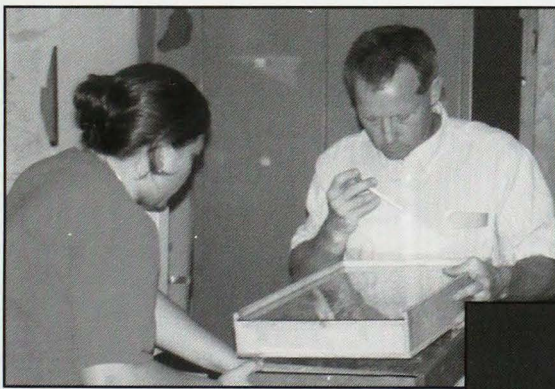
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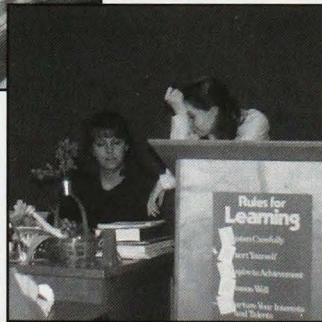
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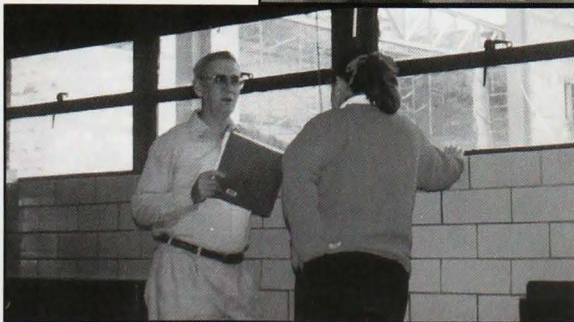
Teachers' Students



Teaching students about nature's creatures has become one of Mr. Vogel's favorite subjects. Mr. Keith discusses the changes he's seen at Mater Dei during the three decades he's been teaching.



Mrs. Reneer critiques an English paper by a student who may come back someday to join the Mater Dei teaching staff.



At Mater Dei there is an unending cycle of excellence. This is mostly attributed to the large number of teachers that were taught by other teachers here at Mater Dei. We have many teachers who have been an inspiration to their pupils who later became colleagues. There are even teachers here who have taught almost half of the faculty.

One example is Mr. Rick Keith, who has not only been teaching at Mater Dei for 31 years and taught and inspired many Mater Dei teachers, but he has also inspired some of his students, Mrs. Angie Strehl, and Mrs. Jean Thomas, to come back to Mater Dei and teach side by side with him in the math department. When asked about this, Keith responded modestly. "I'd like to think so, but I may just be over-the-hill," he said.

Mrs. Shea Reneer says it's a compliment for a student to come back as a teacher, but you have to "switch gears with the person and get used to them calling you by your first name."

From a former student's point of view, it can be rewarding to work with one of your inspirations as an equal. It can also be intimidating.

"You feel like they still look at you as a student," Ms. Jennifer Freeman said. "You're always trying to

prove yourself."

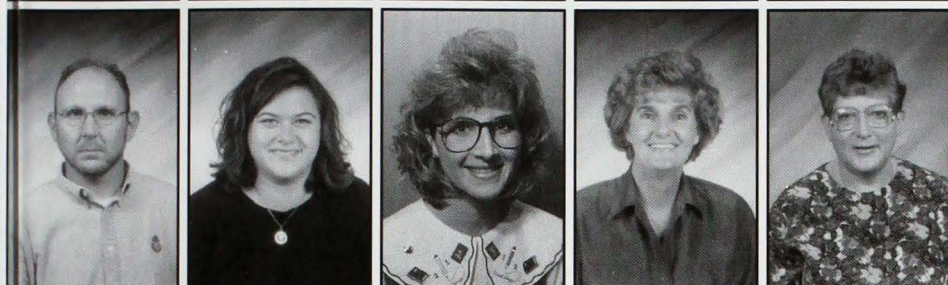
Teaching with one's former students and teachers has its positives and negatives, but one thing is evident, this incredible cycle helps to preserve the rich tradition of excellence at Mater Dei.

The teachers who were once students have seen positive effects by already being familiar to the foundation of the Mater Dei Community. The inspirations teachers instill in the students today may bring them back.





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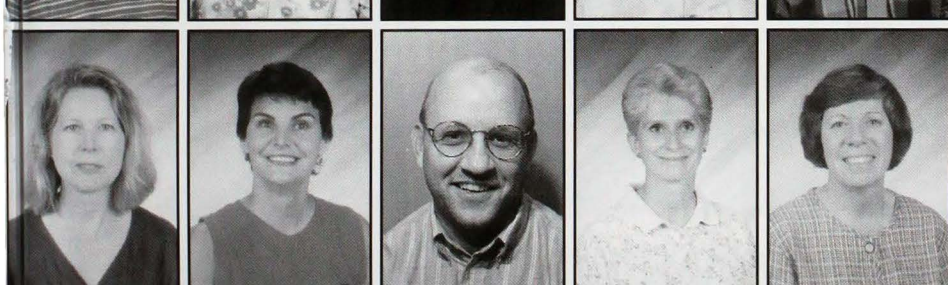
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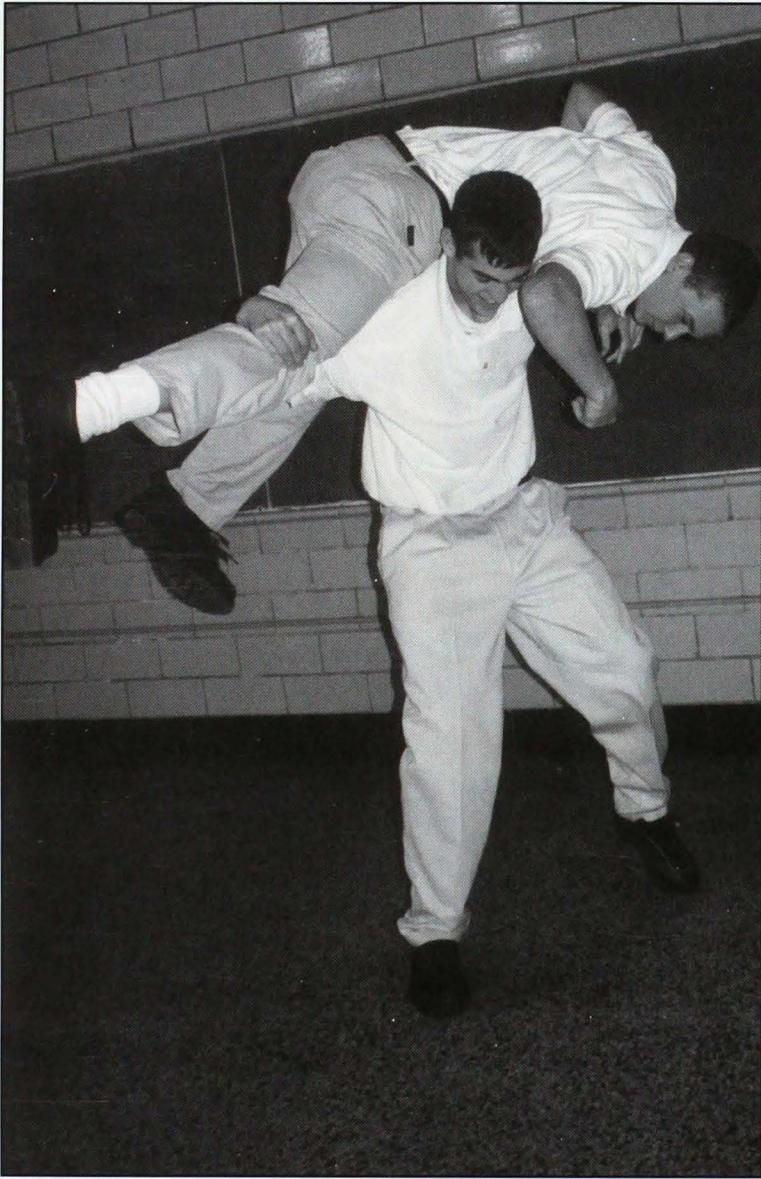


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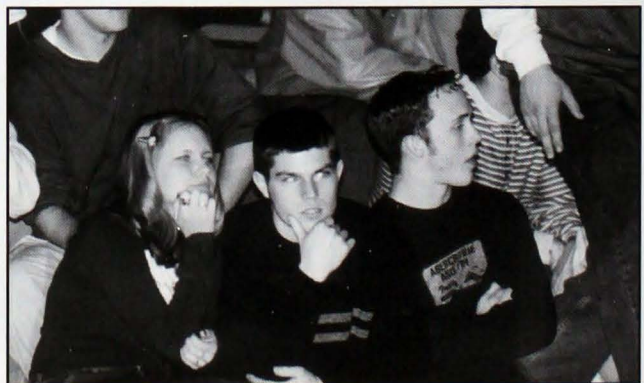
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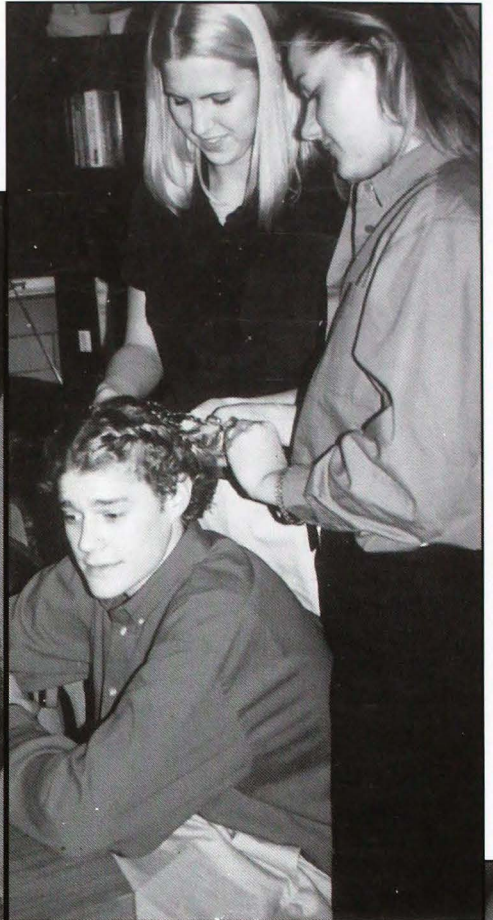
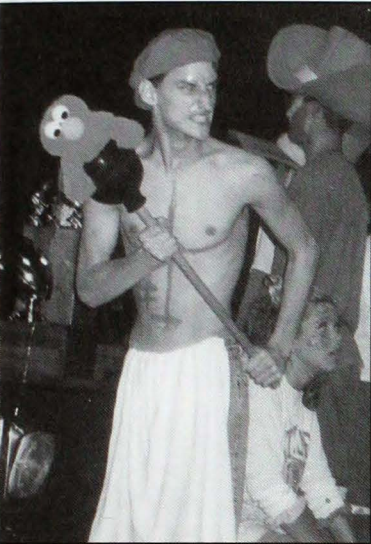
The excitement in the air
chimes with the birds
chirping songs

As the students grow eager
to be long...gone.



Nothing Gold Ever Changes . . . Too Much





Class of 2000

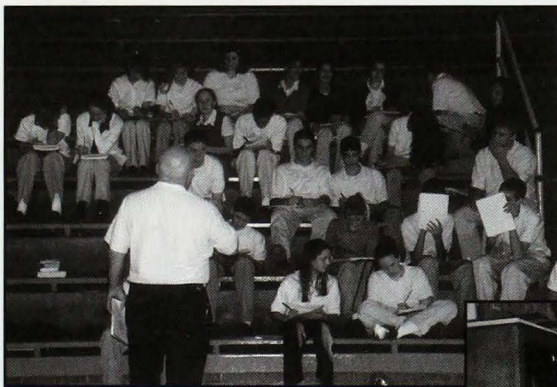
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Mr. Westside Football



Mr. Will Gives freshman their P.E. notes. No one knows more about sports than Mr. Will.

Mr. Westside football takes a break to peer into the trophy case (right). Mr. Will gets his dry towels ready for sweaty P.E. students.



He's been called the Mr. Football of the Westside, but former football coach Frank Will's legacy over the years at Mater Dei goes on beyond that.

"The one thing that sticks out in my mind," said senior Dan Jankowski, "is that he did ordinary things for the school and his team."

Will's dedication to Mater Dei is manifested in the simplest ways, doing the little things that support the sports programs and help out the students. After 21 years as the head football coach, he stepped down to let Mike Goebel take over. Now Will does such things as wash towels for the football and wrestling teams and gym classes. He also takes care of the coke machines, trying to keep them filled.

If he's not teaching, you can find Mr. Will sitting on a stool during lunch, keeping an eye on the freshman hall; or he's sitting in his small office watching the student traffic at the coke machines after school.

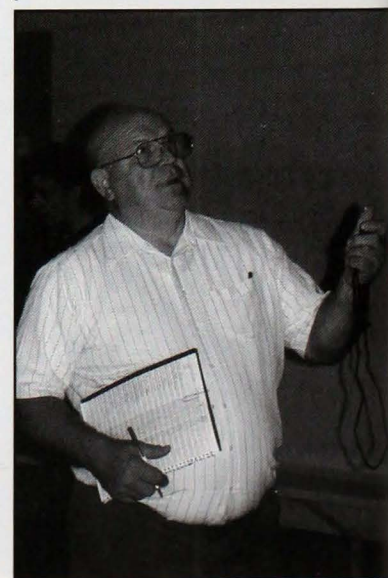
Many times he has a crowd of people standing around him and they wait for one of his theories or a bad joke.

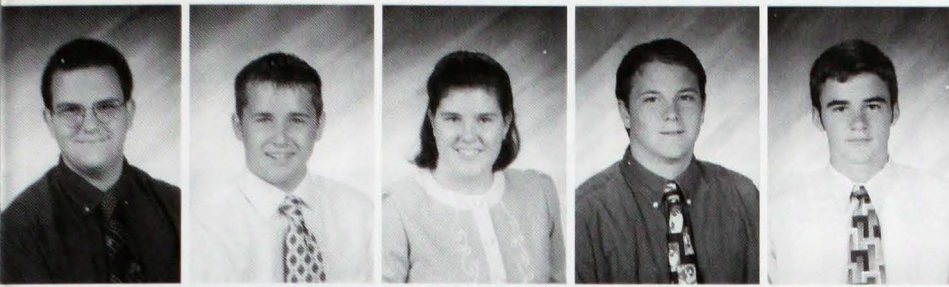
"If the rain keeps up, it won't come down," is just one such notable saying of his.

In his Driver's Ed. class you

might hear a story from his many years of instruction. Some people may remember his stories of parking his dad's buses as a young teenager. Others may remember the old lady that hopped in his car at a stoplight. That's why you should always lock your doors.

No matter what kind of lesson he's trying to teach you, he always has a story to tell to go along with it. On the field and in the classroom, he can come up with something that will keep you interested.

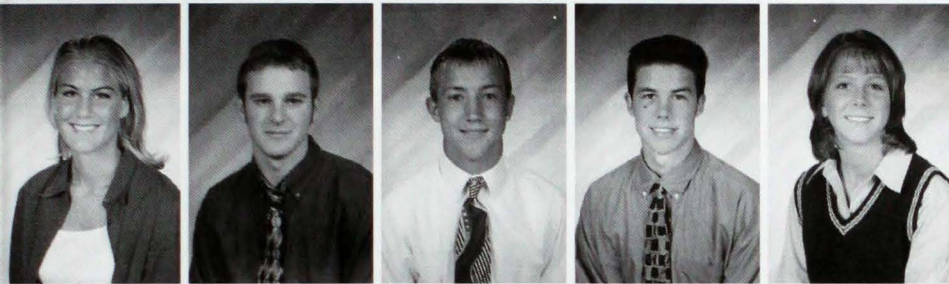




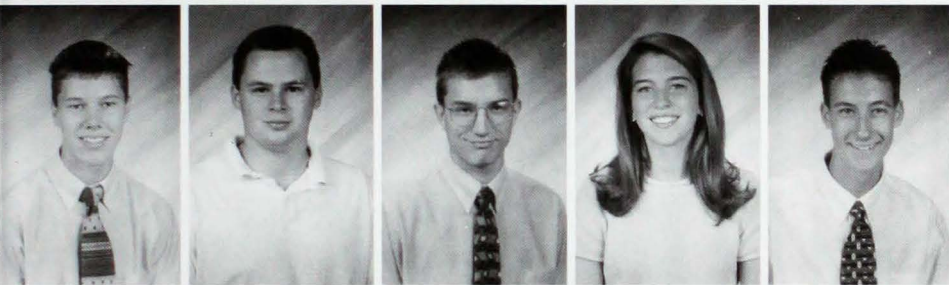
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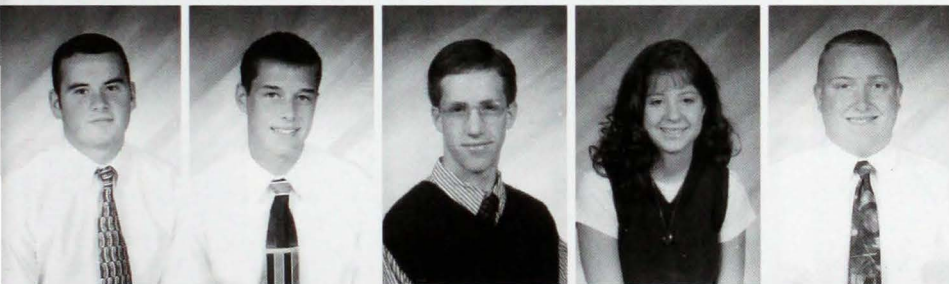
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1977

Our mission is tradition. The 1977 Volleyscats demonstrated their winning ways by taking home their fifth consecutive city title.

In January of 1977 a record-breaking snowstorm of over 10 inches kept school delayed for 18 days.

Also, in 1977 another tradition started with Open Campus/ out to lunch for the first time. Every Wednesday, as it is today, seniors got the opportunity to venture out of the school cafeteria and pick the fastest food of their choice.



Exploring Faith Junior Retreat

God is Good, all the time . . .

A strong faith wasn't the only thing needed at the junior retreat Nathan Devillez found out as he helped with clean-up.

As the junior class strolled into Sarto early that April morning many were wondering why are they were there. However, many found out that the retreat was filled with exciting activities.

Sr. Jane Nesmith started the day off with an ice breaker that woke them up and got them talking.

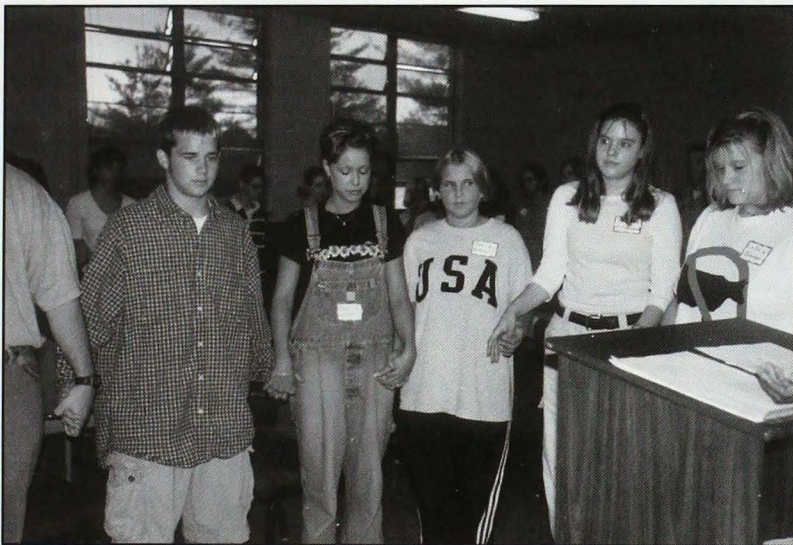
Sister talked to them about how much God is involved in their lives. She told them some of her personal stories and then invited

them to share theirs. This got the juniors thinking about how much they need God. She expressed her points through guitar and voice, by singing spiritual and fun songs, like "If Your Happy And You Know It" and "Amazing Grace".

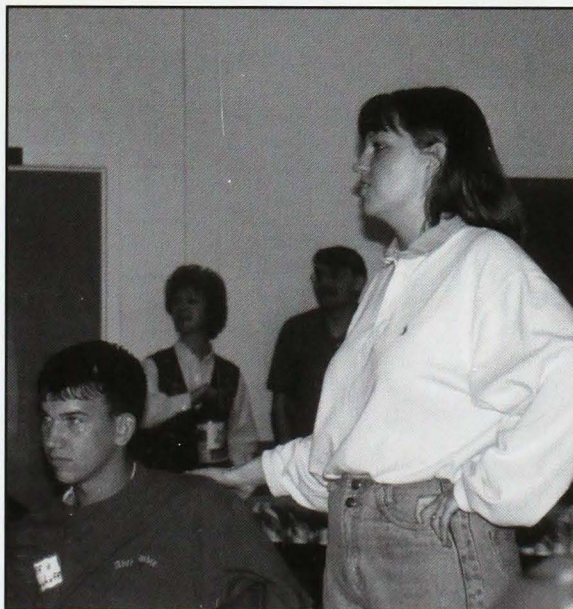
After scarfing down lunch, students went to the gym and enjoyed playing basketball, volleyball, frozen tag and red rover. The afternoon was filled with group activities like skits and the faith walk. During the faith walk

without someone to guide them they where completely lost and afraid. This symbolized without God, they are living a life of chaos. The skits asked them to think about what would Jesus do in a compromising situation.

The purpose of the retreat was to get them thinking about where their lives are headed and where they love and trust. As juniors, they are approaching their last year in high-school. They have one year left before they are out on their own making decisions that can and will affect their future life.



Mike Conkling joins hands with Angie Hayden, Jodi Bittner, Jennie Hillenbrand and Lelia Johnson to take time out to pray and worship with the class.



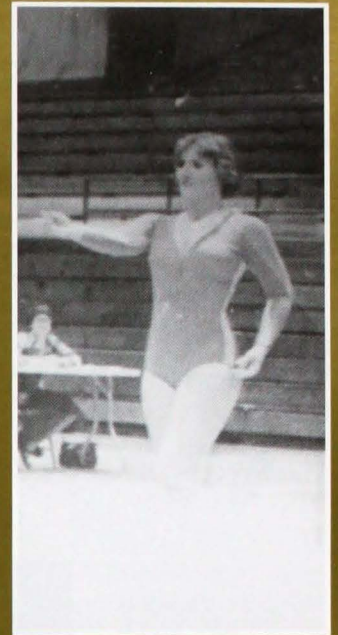
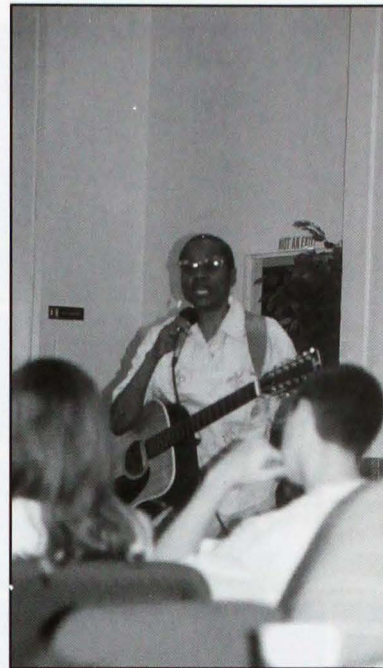
Mrs. Shea Reneer shares some of her own insight with Jeff Kirchoff and others during the retreat.

During the faith walk Josh Jureszki puts a little too much faith in others.

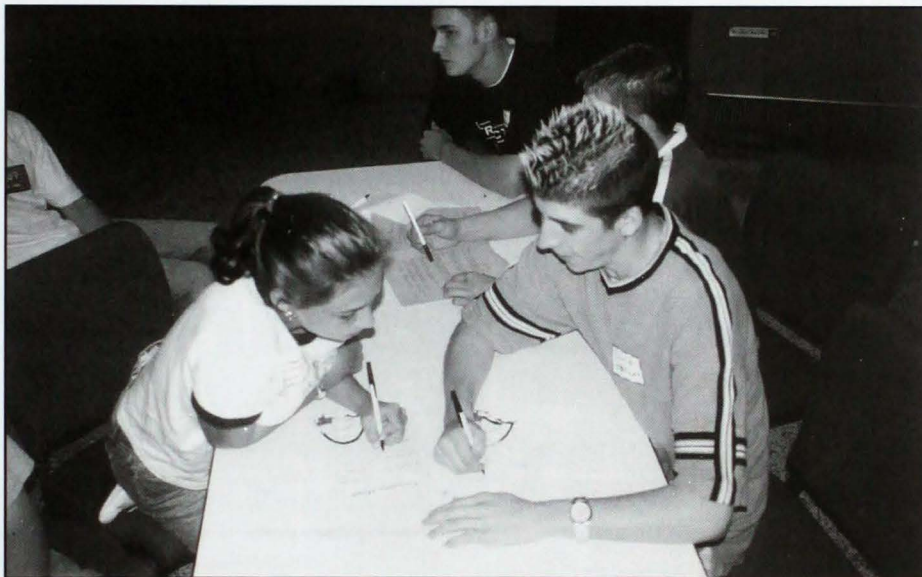


Father Ken, Sr. Nesmith, Sr. Donna Marie and Paul Schutz take time out from the retreat, discussing how God is Good. . .”

Sr. Nesmith constantly expressed her heartfilled faith to the juniors through her entertaining gifts of song and dance.

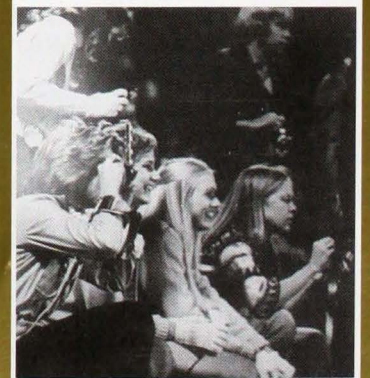
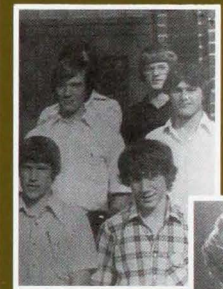


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Juniors Darlene Dippel and Dan Altstadt put their heads together to complete the ice breaker, a worksheet filled with personal favorites.

Junior Jill Schlicting indulges in one of the most anticipated events of the day, lunch.

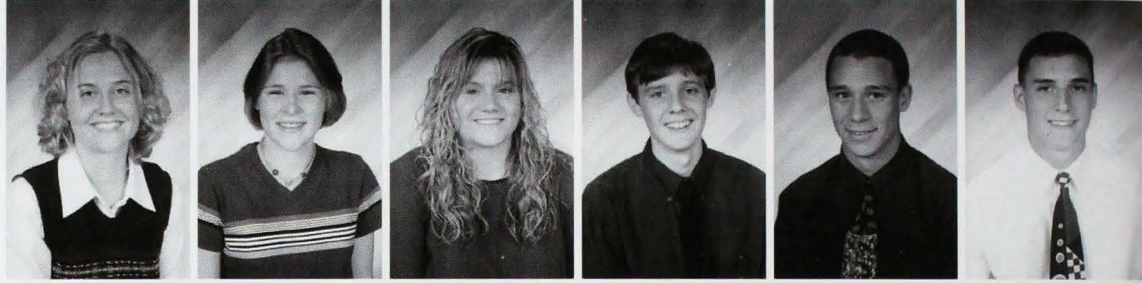


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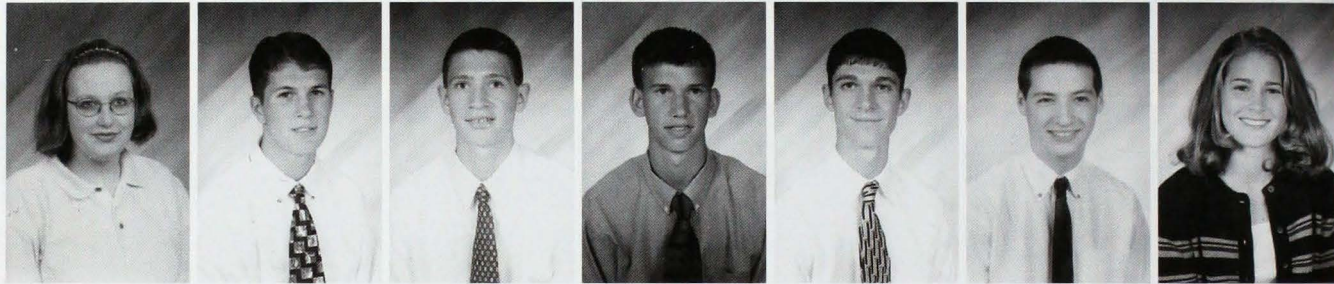
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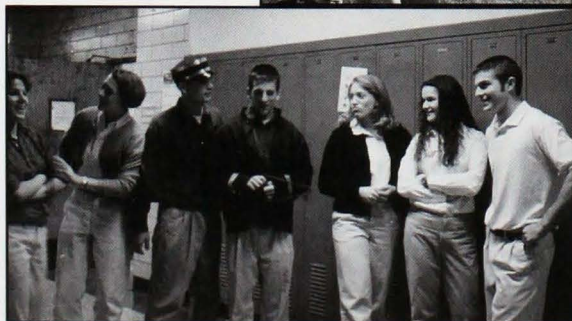
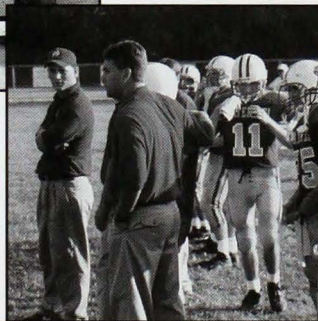


The Goebel Impact



Rita Goebel poses with her 17 children at their Thanksgiving feast.

Mater Dei is becoming known as "The House of 7 Goebel's". (Grandchildren of Rita Goebel left to right are Jessica, Kim, Nick, Adam, Carrie, Angie Goebel, and Josh Reising.) (Bottom Right)



Ask almost any current or past student of Mater Dei and they will all tell you the same thing: They went to school with a Goebel.

The Goebel family has been one of the greatest on-going legacies in Mater Dei history with over 59 Mater Dei graduates, creating many great athletes and memories.

Many Goebel's are known for their outstanding athletic abilities; two that stick out are Eric Goebel and Gary Goebel. Eric made his mark in football becoming the 3rd best passer in the state for career yards while Gary, also known for football, was awarded a full ride to the University of Evansville.

Realizing the sacrifices, including Rita making 10 lunches a day before school, all of them have a deep feeling of pride for MD. "Grandma Goebel," as Rita is more commonly called, "doesn't regret one second of it." As Mater Dei students, her 17 children were ensured the good Catholic high school education which she never had the chance to receive.

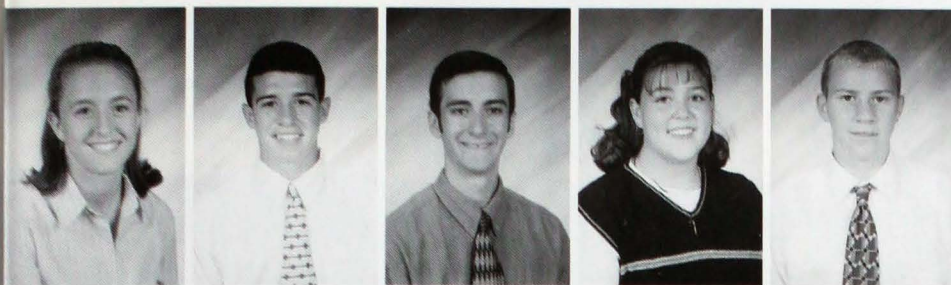
Most of the kids paid for their own education by working and help from their gardener mom. It was hard for her to put them all through, but she was determined to do so and give them what she did not.

Through all the hard work and

dedication, her children helped shape Mater Dei history for 34 consecutive years.

The Goebel family tradition is still going on at Mater Dei. Although all 17 original Goebels have graduated, the 63 grandchildren have, are or will carry on that legacy at Mater Dei. There probably will never be a time when a Goebel will not be attending Mater Dei and that is a good thing, because without the Goebel's, Mater Dei just wouldn't be the same.

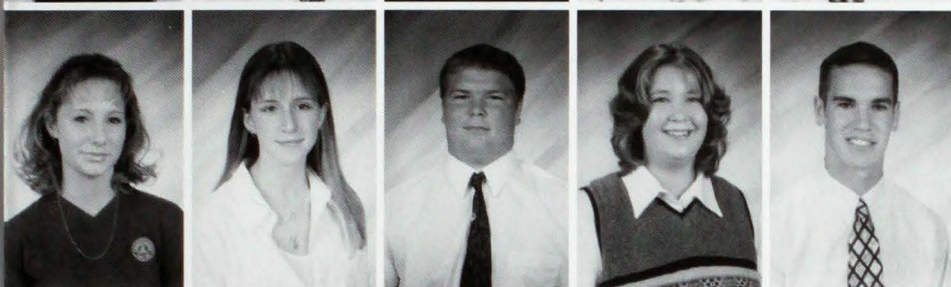




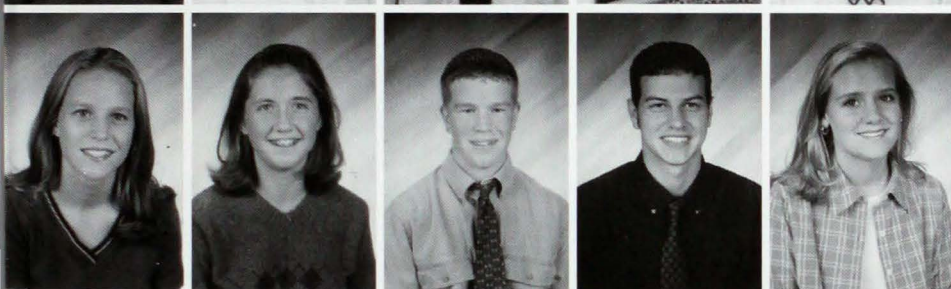
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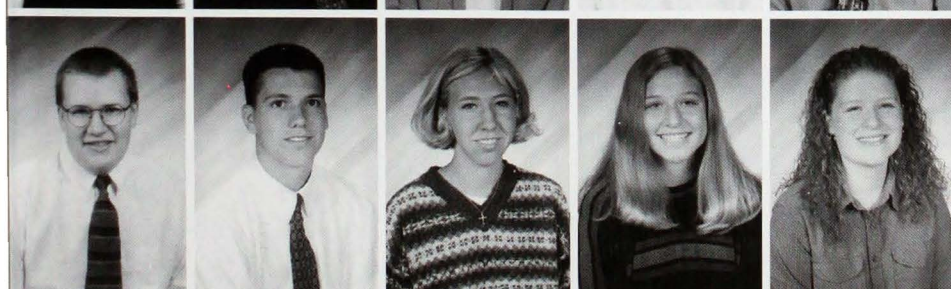
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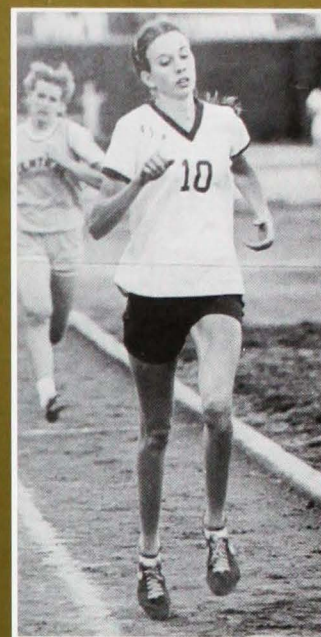
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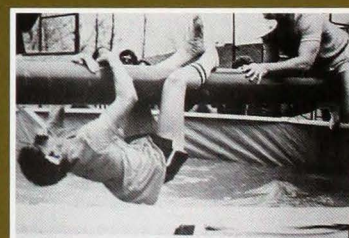


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The year 1978 was like a roller-coaster ride at times. Even though it was a great year with state finalists in wrestling, track, and forensics, it did have its low points. Homecoming was delayed three times because of snow.

Things could only get better, and they did. The Pom-Pom squad made it to state finals, while Mike Grossman's forty-six yard field goal against North was both a MD and city record.

The first ever Almost, Almost Anything Goes competition took place and many other memorable activities helped to make 1978 one of the best rides ever.



Strange creatures PETS

The dog is not man's only best friend

We've all heard the saying that a dog is a man's best friend, but several people at Mater Dei have proven that simple pets like dogs and cats aren't the only animals humans can bond with.

Junior Kim Doshier works at a pet store on St. Joe Avenue and couldn't help but take home an unusual bird named Iago.

"I worked all day at the Pet Food Center and this bird just seemed to interest me. I couldn't

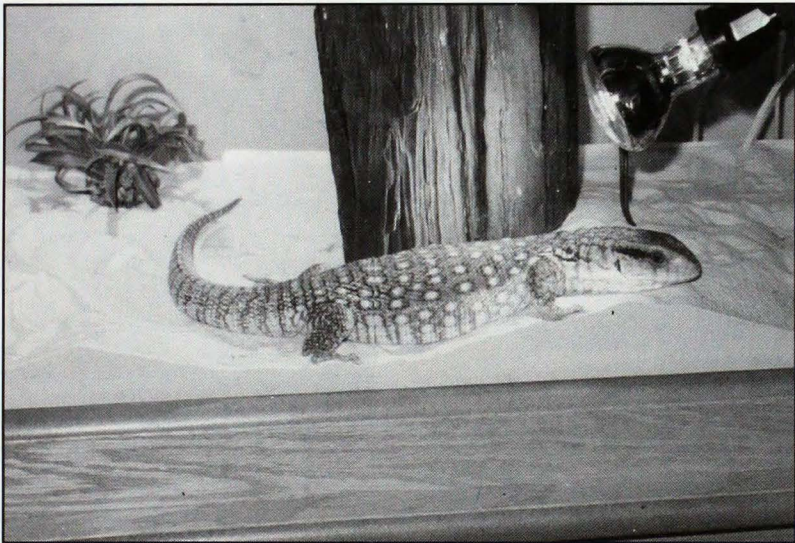
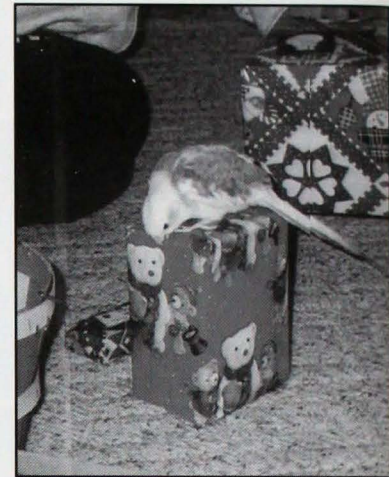
help but bring him home." Iago has a very special talent; he is able to speak English.

One of the strangest pets owned by a Mater Dei student is a monkey. Junior Lelia Johnson, owner of Gabby the monkey said, "I'd always wanted to have an unusual animal, and Gabby was just so cute that I knew I had to have her the first minute I saw her."

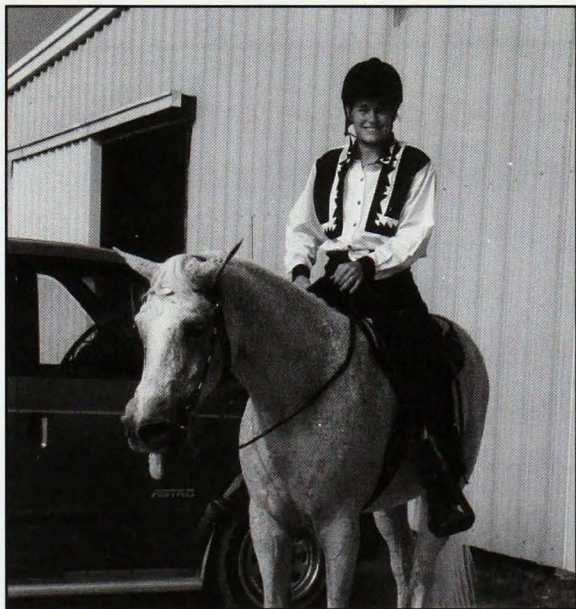
Other people prefer smaller creatures, but they are just as uncommon. Megan Schutte loves her red

bellied toad, and Jessica Shea takes care of her hermit crabs. Senior Andy Woehler named his pet newt Knute Rockne after the famous Notre Dame football coach. Josh Reising chose to call his lizard PJ which was appropriately named after his best friend senior PJ McDonald because both were chubby.

No matter how unique and unusual their pets are, all of these students love their animals and consider them to be a human's best friend.

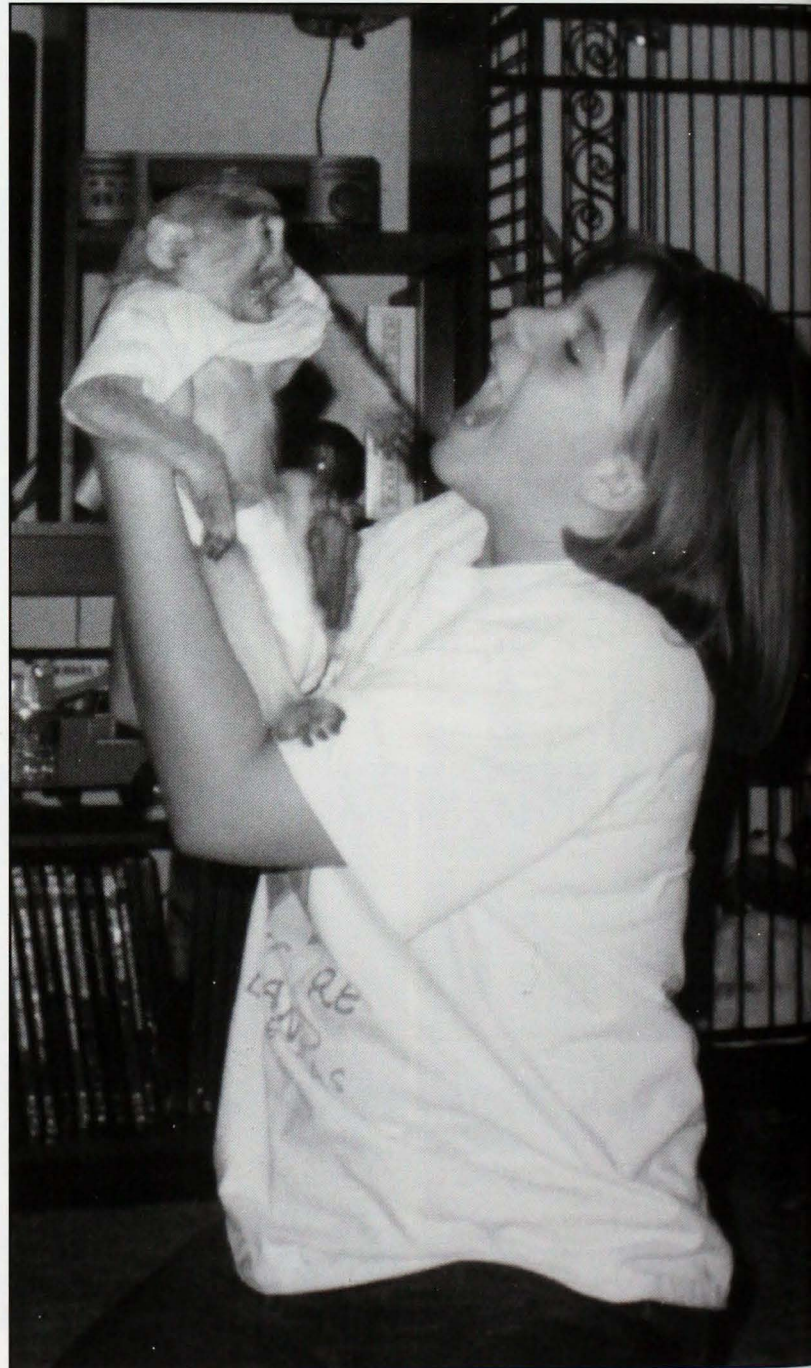


P.J., senior Josh Reising's lizard, bakes in the artificial sun as he takes a relaxing nap.

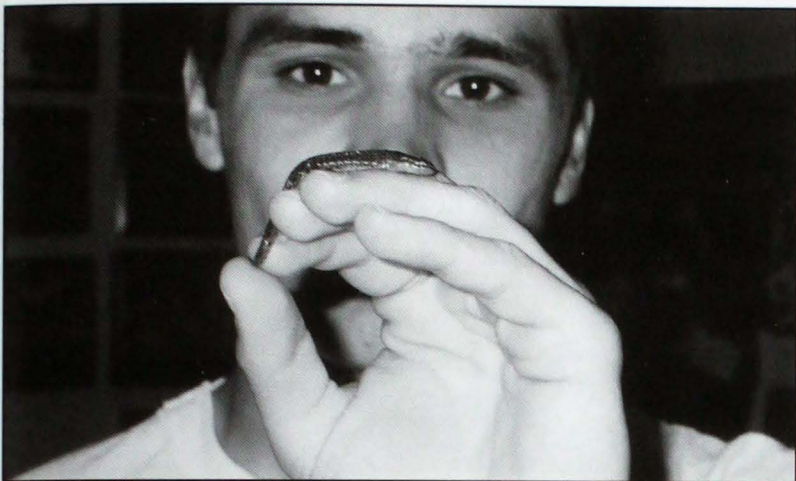


Senior Krista Dausman shows off her love of horses as Hannah, her horse, makes faces at the camera.

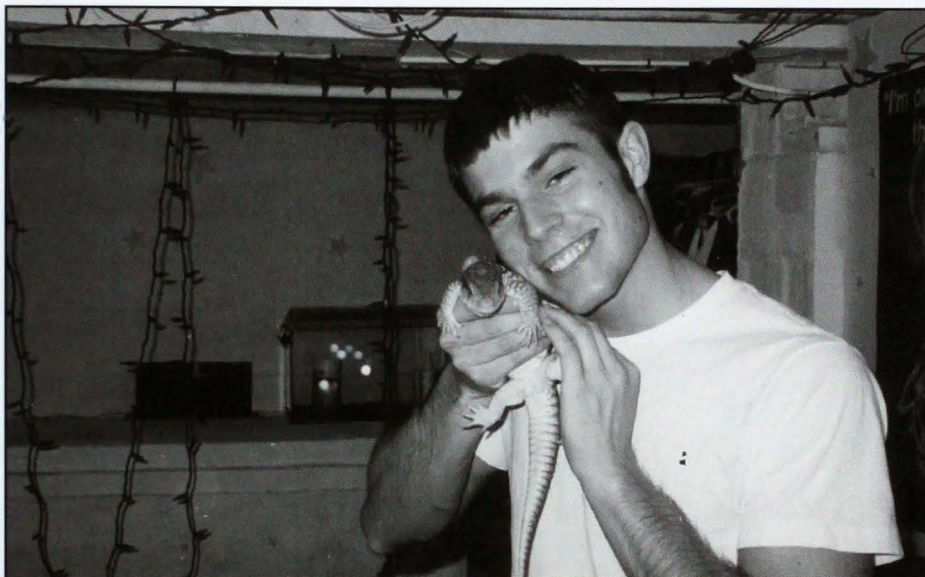
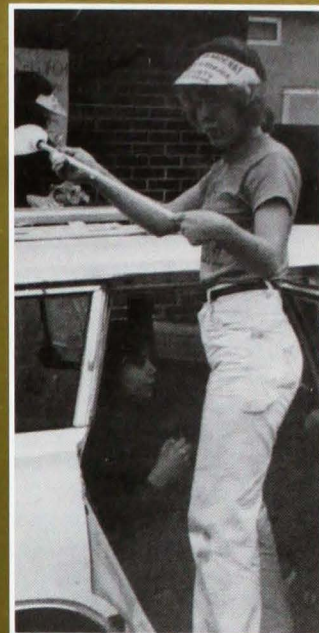
Junior Lelia Johnson and her monkey Gabby are having a contest to see who has a bigger mouth.



Senior Andy Woehler holds his beloved Knute Rockne and encourages him to smile for the camera.



BooBoo, senior Amanda Uhde's gerbil, refuses to cooperate and get his picture taken at Christmas.

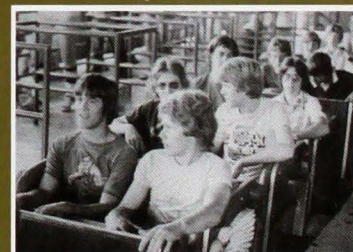


Senior Josh Reising lets everyone see the resemblance between him and his lizard named P.J.



Ahh, isn't she cute? Lelia Johnson's monkey loves to be the center of attention.

1978



5...4...3...2...1 ... Wildcat Watch

Quiet on the set everyone- it's go time

Director's cut. Senior Charles Bouch cues up a graphic to play during the show's opening.

For the past few years Mater Dei has been the proud producer of its very own newscast. The show was overseen this year by the Communication/Mass Media teacher Mr. John Wells, and production itself is done by a student director.

A typical, hectic day of the show is full of surprises.

The announcements are tracked down from several different places and read over. The director cues up a graphic and music to play for the opening. The camera angle is set and

the microphones are given a sound check.

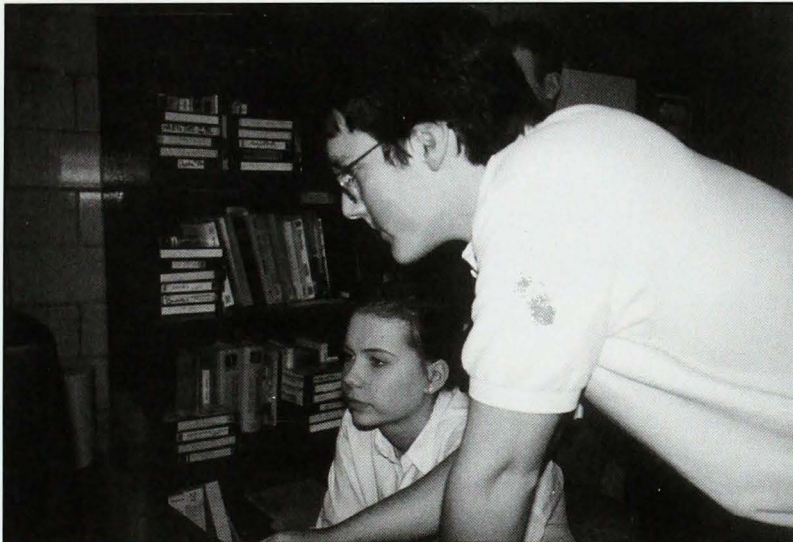
Just maybe, at the last minute, wrestling scores and a team lineup are rushed in the door by our own Mr. Mike Goebel.

"Can you read this?" he asks the panicked director and anchors.

"Sure," they respond. As he shuts the door behind him someone in the room screams. Everyone holds their breath as the opening graphic plays and the show runs (relatively) smoothly.

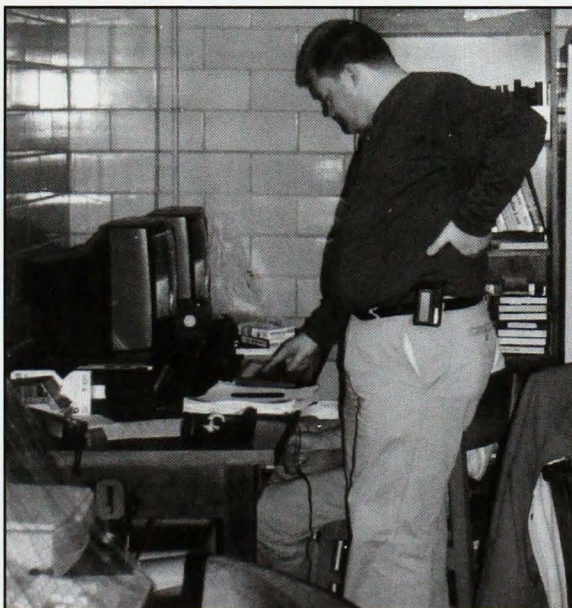
Haley Baker, Charles Bouch, Aaron Kunkel, Andy Overton, Angie Sotolongo, Joe Traylor, Seth Weber and Alicia Wilderman are in charge of Wildcat Watch. They have created a legacy all their own. Who could forget Haley and Angie Tuesdays or Chuck and Andy Fridays?

The high point for the class this year was when a video they produced on the Colorado high school shootings was featured on local television stations as part of a prayer service held at the school.

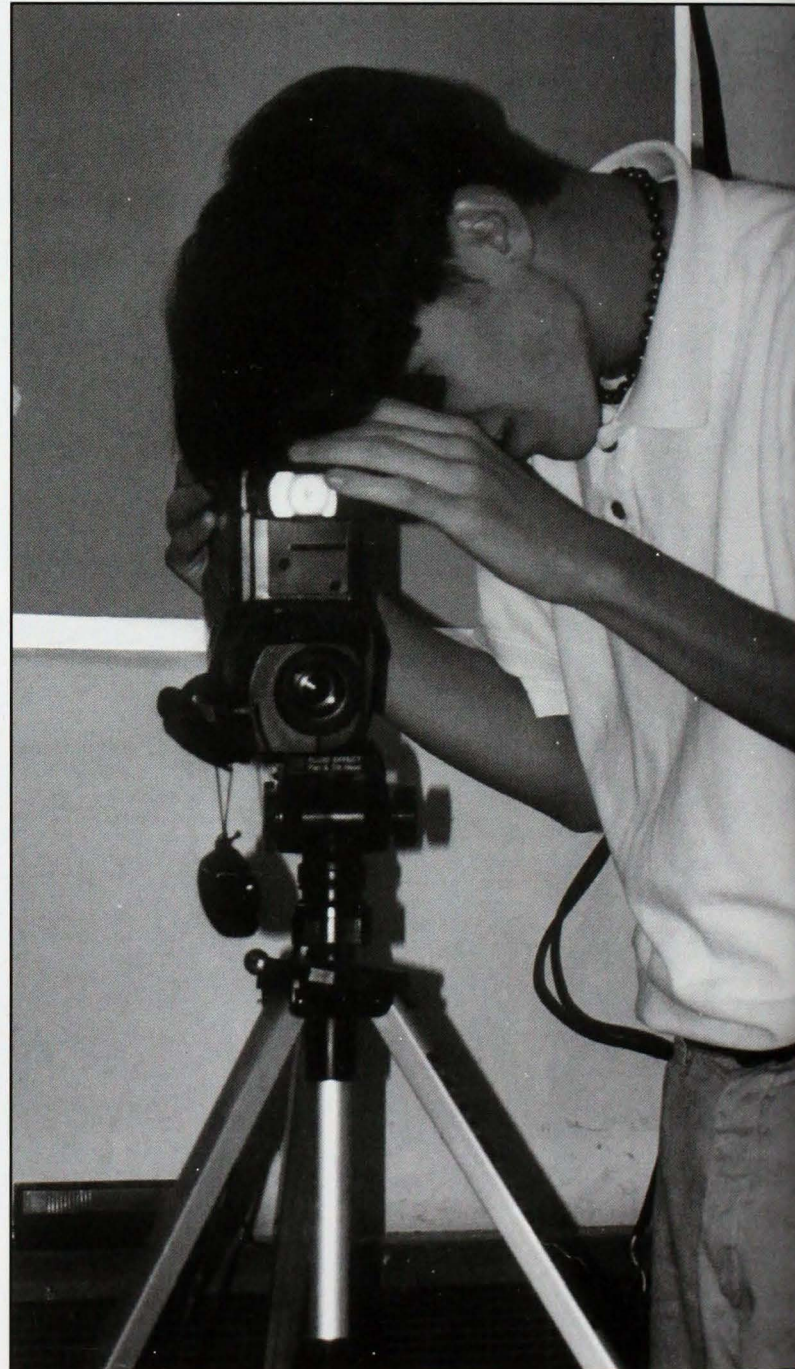


Aaron Kunkel and Angie Sotolongo review and edit some of the tape that they will play on Wildcat Watch.

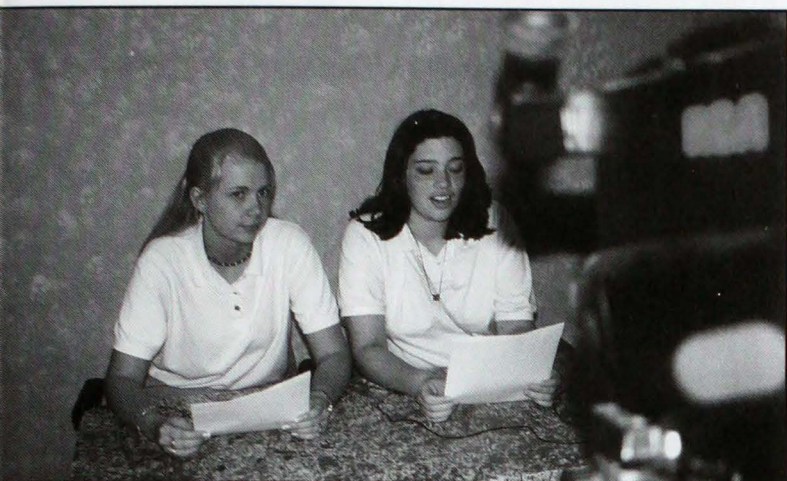
Mr. Wells, the Communications/Mass Media advisor, looks pleased with the completed work from his students.



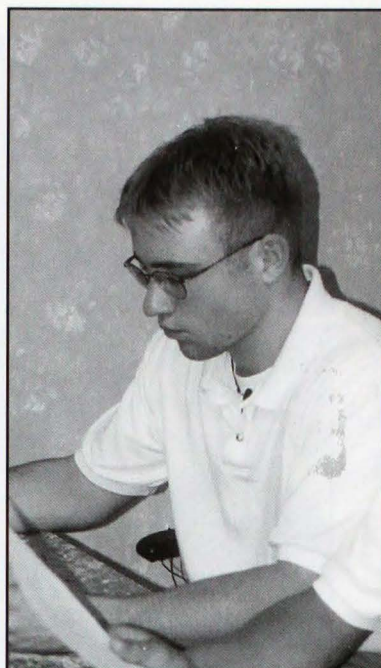
Roll tape. Junior Andy Overton is the man behind the camera. His camera skills helped out in landing him a job working at Fox-7.



A part of a legacy. Seniors Haley Baker and Angie Sotolongo produce an always memorable Haley and Angie Tuesday.



Seth Weber, senior, takes a minute out of his busy pre-show schedule to contemplate the announcements he will soon read.



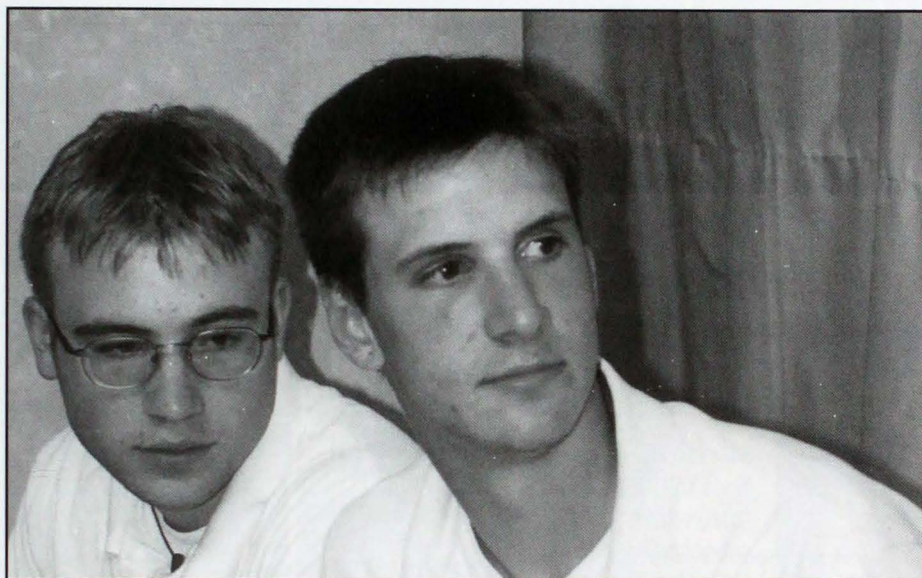
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Mater Dei introduced its very first soccer team and Larry Schentrup was the only person have any experience

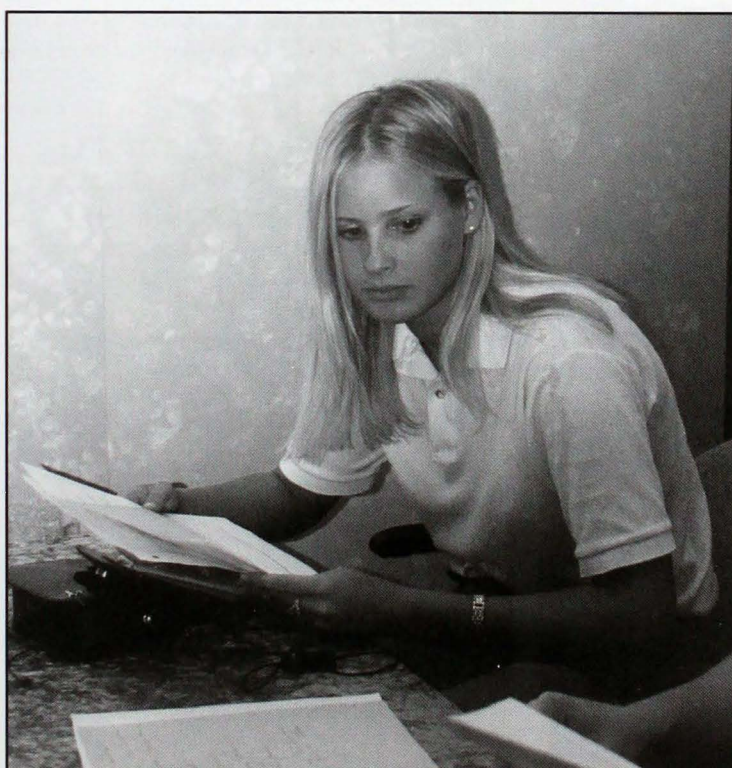
The gymnastics and golf teams dominated the area competition while the basketball team took charge of the city after two heart breaking loses to Memorial.

Under Mrs. Carolyn Adler the Volleycats won their 6th straight city title and 9th consecutive undefeated season on their way to their first state finals.

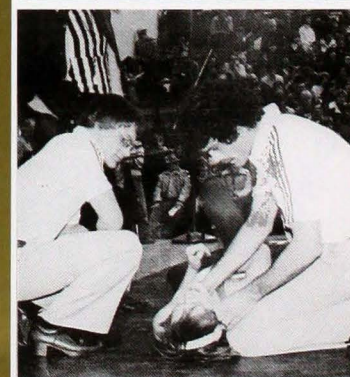
The wrestling team won its first regional title, and Dan Burch and Randy Maurer went all the way to the state finals.



Senior Joe Traylor listens to the last minute instructions from his director. Seth Weber, listens, too, just in case.



With ten minutes until show time, senior Alicia Wilderman puzzles over one of her less legible announcements.



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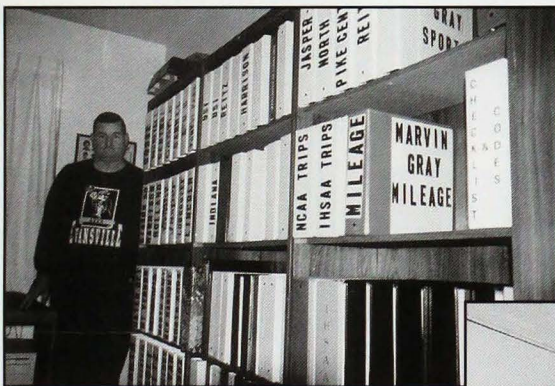
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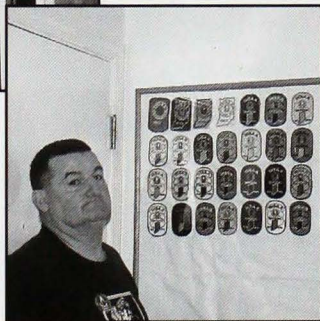


The Super Fan



Marvin keeps bookshelves filled with high school stats and IHSAA referee patches that he says come mostly from Mr. Dippel.

Marvin Gray, Showing off his extensive collection of autographed basketballs and footballs from local athletic teams.



There are few certainties in life, yet you can count on passing the same old man walking on Harmony Way every morning before school, Mr. Frank Will telling a bad joke in the hallway during lunch and Marvin Gray being at every sporting event. Most of us know who Marvin is or at least know what his face looks like, but only a few know the true Marvin.

Marvin is a huge fan of high school athletics, not just Mater Dei's. He attends activities at other Evansville high schools.

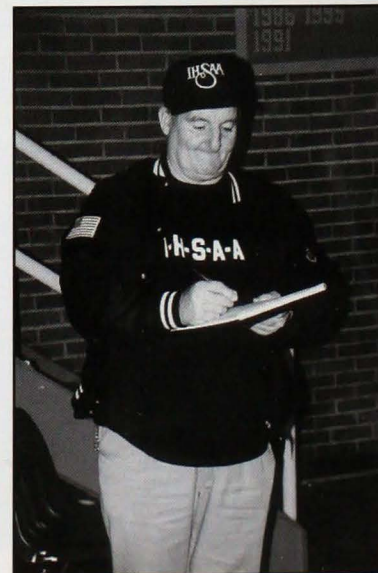
Marvin has been supporting the tri-state area with his enthusiasm and loyalty for over forty years. He intensely watches from the sidelines unless he is talking to another fan. He is self appointed flag chairperson who has taken great pride in raising the flag at Bosse Field, starting with the Triplets and now today's team, the Evansville Otters.

Marvin knows many people in high places who reward him for his dedication to sports and the local community.

Don Mattingly and Bob Griese gave him their high school letter sweaters. He also has a closet full of unique sports memorabilia, including a basketball signed by the 1977 University of Evansville basketball team

before their tragic, fatal plane crash. Umpires take him all over the country to watch the baseball games they officiate, including Joe Dippel, Mater Dei's athletic director and a college baseball umpire.

One of the most notable characteristics of Marvin is his number genius; he can rattle off any hometown stat at any given time. Sports Illustrated has featured him twice in their magazine and he has even been on national television. Without a doubt, Marvin is Evansville's biggest fan.





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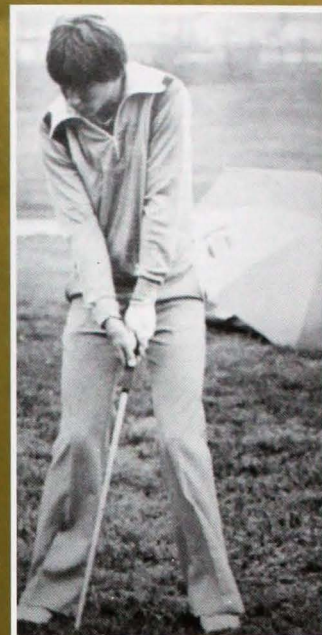
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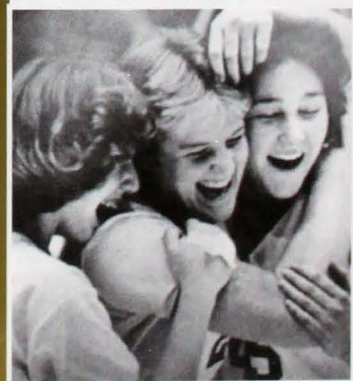
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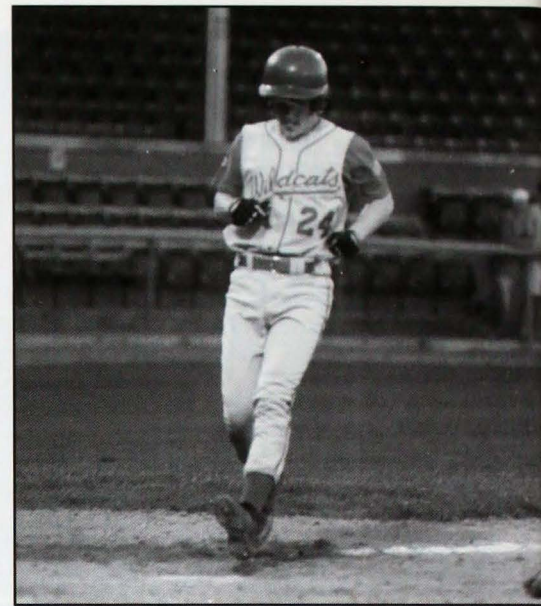


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Opponents faced not only easy scoring by the Wildcats, but accurate pitching, solid defense and unselfish offensive play.

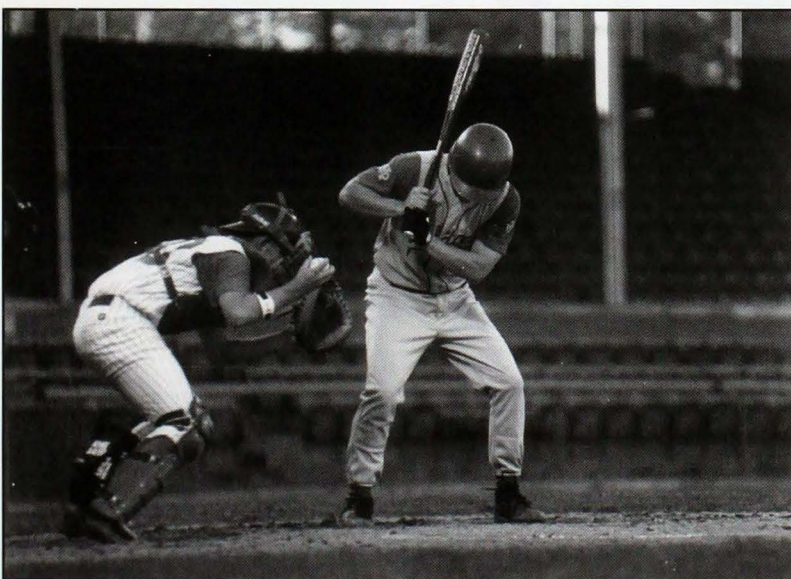
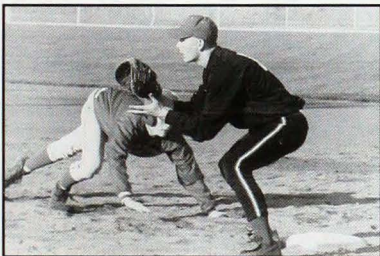
The Wildcats made the tough plays look easy, just as this catcher tries in vain to tag out yet another Wildcat scorer.



The celebration and excitement of the Wildcats' state run was captured by the local news media.

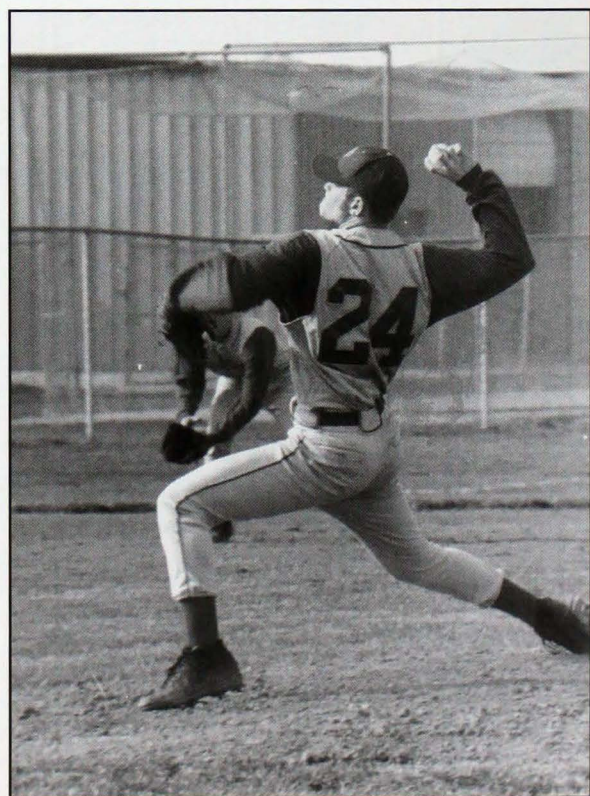


Baserunner Ike Miller dives for the bag before the baseman can get the pick off throw from the pitcher.



Good decision making by Wildcat batters meant that opposing pitchers had to make good pitches every time.

Ike Miller puts the skids on an opponent's attempt to score, thinking that the senior outfielder couldn't make the throw all the way to home plate.



Back To Back Baseball

Rankings and rep don't scare the Cats

This year's baseball team had to overcome many obstacles in getting the respect they have long deserved.

Just last year the team finished the regular season with a respectable record of 16-16. That's when the Wildcats started to turn heads. They managed to win an unbelievable 6 game winning streak together in the post-season that took them all the way to Victory Field in Indianapolis and a chance at the state

championship. They were the first Mater Dei baseball team in history to accomplish that feat. Unfortunately, they lost the game 4-3 on a questionable call at the end of the game.

This year, the Wildcats returned nine seniors to lead a team with some high expectations. Spending most of the season in the top three in the rankings, the team dropped a couple of heartbreakers to Harrison and North. Those loses though were not enough to

keep the Bat Cats from winning the city and SIAC titles outright.

Leading the way for Mater Dei were seniors Dustin Macke and Adam Schiff. Macke led the team from the mound with a winning record and a batting average over .400. Schiff kept his hitting in the .400s also. Justin Elpers, a junior lefthander, backed up Macke on the mound with an equally strong arm.

The seniors seemed to be virtually unaffected by their high ranking all season and the reputation left them by last year's state runners-up. They feel no added pressures and they say it actually raises the level of play of the whole team. They have kept the rankings in perspective and have taken it for what it is worth - not much. They all realize that the only thing that matters is how they finish at the very end and this year the Cats won't settle for anything but the best.



Congratulations was given by teammates as another run was brought home to further the Wildcats' lead.

Outstretched Billy Smith gets to the ball with just enough time to make an out and end the inning.



1980

While the Lloyd was being constructed, the school was making inroads of its own.

The Forensics team brought home several trophies, the band made it to state and the Volleycats took third at state.

Individually, Jenny Vescovi placed seventh at state gymnastics and Tim Boots, the inventor of the "Boots", brought home the state wrestling championship.

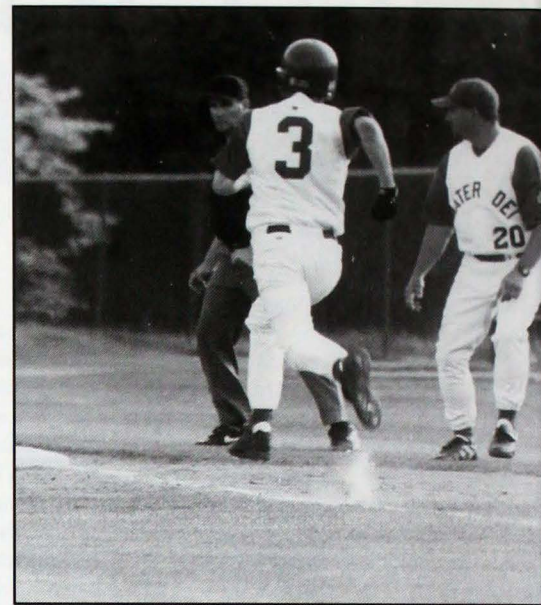
Sadly, though, the school stopped to remember the popular superintendent Mcinrad "Meinie" Schoenbachler.



After a tough battle for the sectional title, the boys are proud to show off their earnings for the Wildcat fans in the stands.



Justin Elpers uses his running ability to beat out the throw to first as Coach Ricketts watches for the safe call.



Brothers Dustin and Corey Macke show their encouragement and celebration after a job well done.

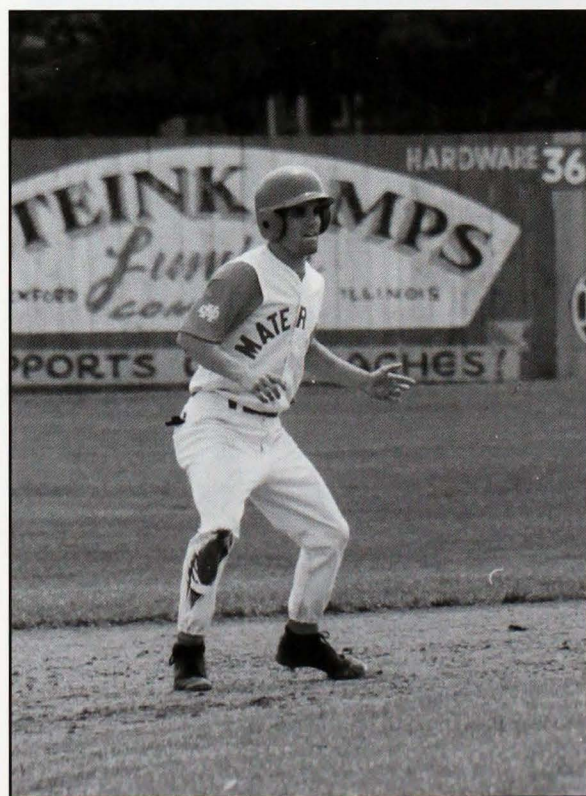


The Wildcats strived all year to have both powerful and disciplined hitting to advance runners into scoring position.



Teammates come out of the dugout to congratulate Ike Miller and Justin Elpers as they score another Wildcat run.

Nick Miller, ready to jump in either direction, takes a huge lead off the bag in preparation for a hit and run.



Well-Rounded Baseball

Wildcats have all the bases covered

As the Wildcats made their march to the state title game, they displayed some key talents that made their opponents cringe and smoothed out the route to Indianapolis and a second chance for the state crown.

Starting with a consistent pitching staff that made few mistakes, the Wildcats made sure that their opponents had a tough time even getting on base. The Wildcats were led by senior pitcher Dustin Macke.

Justin Elpers joined Macke at the mound to provide a second prong to the Wildcat's pitching attack. Between the two, the Wildcats could attribute more than 18 wins to them.

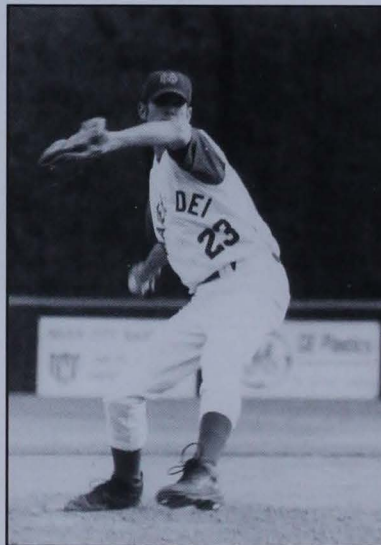
One of the best qualities of the MD pitchers was their control. As an example, at the semi-state championship, Elpers struggled after almost two weeks off from the mound, but then regained his control in the third and dominated the rest of the game.

But Macke's contribution to the team did not stop at the mound. His .400 plus batting average paced the team and put himself on base and advanced runners into scoring position. Adam Schiff joined Macke in the over-.400 batting average club and kept the bats hot for the Wildcats.

No game can be won with just pure power at the plate (not that it hurts either). The Wildcats' were a constant threat to steal a base or bunt a runner forward.

That smart offensive play was backed up by solid defensive play that kept the other team from scoring if they made it on base. Even at the semi-state championship game against Hagerstown, the Wildcats kept the game easily in hand with a 11-3 score.

The Wildcats' well-rounded attack and defense of the field were impressive and proved that the Wildcats deserved their trip to state.



Strength and consistency from the pitcher's mound was a key to the Wildcat's success and repeat trip to state.

Senior pitcher Dustin Macke looks on from the dugout to scout the other team's pitcher.



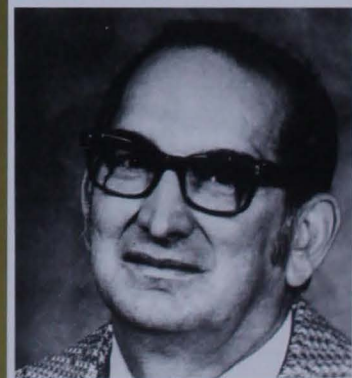
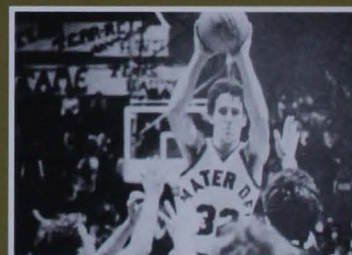
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While the Lloyd was being constructed, the school was making inroads of its own.

The Forensics team brought home several trophies, the band made it to state and the Volleys took third at state.

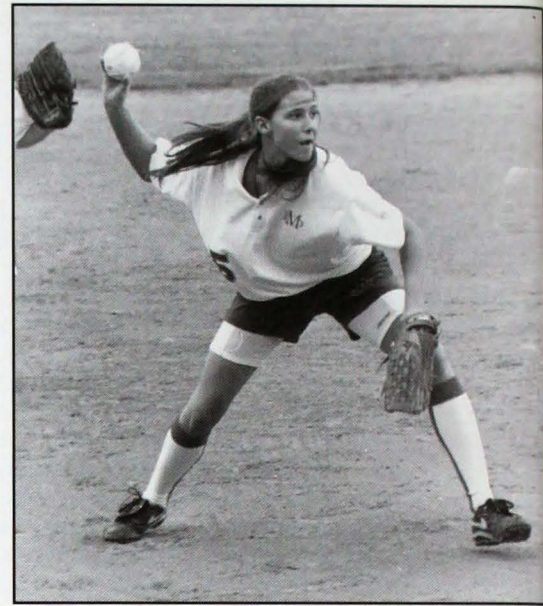
Individually, Jenny Vescovi placed seventh at state gymnastics and Tim Boots, the inventor of the "Boots", brought home the state wrestling championship.

Sadly, though, the school stopped to remember the popular superintendent Meinrad "Meinie" Schoenbachler.

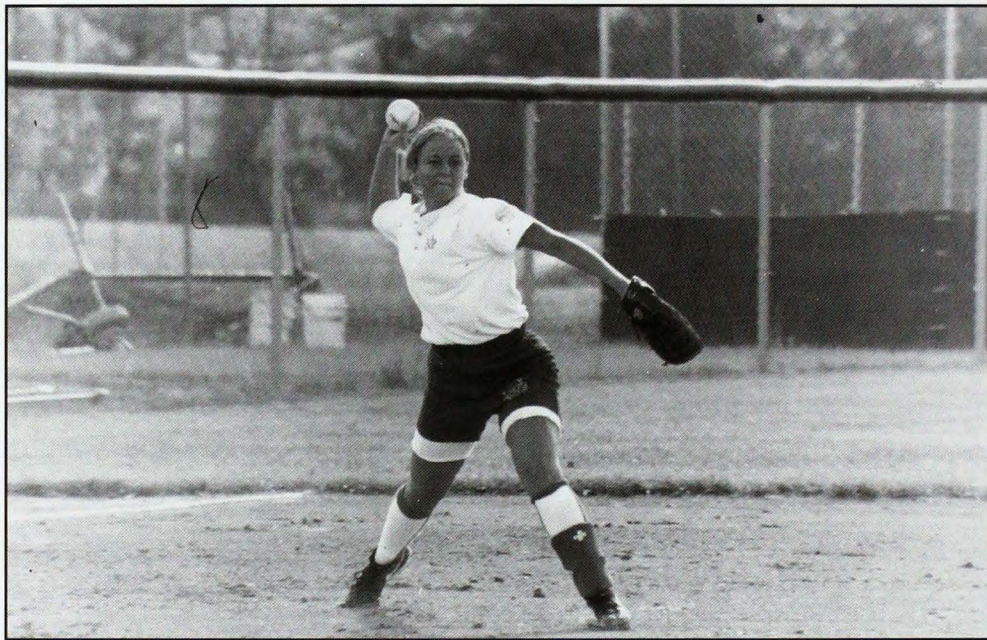


The Lady Wildcats rejoiced as they left the field after another win. The team stuck to it, even when the score was close.

Senior April Altstadt, Mater Dei's state recognized pitcher, was also a valuable player for the Lady Wildcats on the defensive end.



Lindsey Buchanan had the hot bat, but she was also a star as a defensive player.

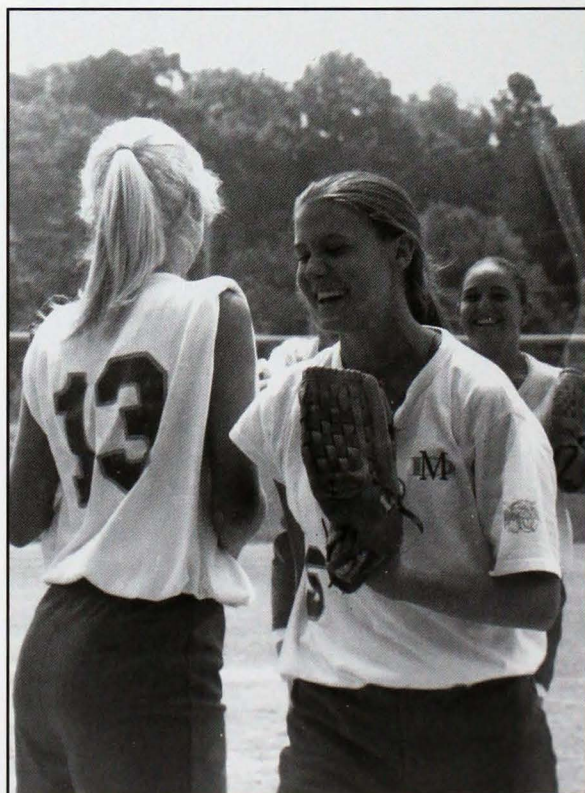


Laura Elsner was just another Lady Wildcat that kept the dream alive with a hot bat. She consistently hit onto base.



Senior Brienne Lemberg snatches the ball and turns to chase down a base runner that made a bad decision to run.

Brienne Lemberg and April Altstadt congratulate each other as Kendra Schmitt rushes to join in the celebration.



Together Again Softball

All from '99 semi-state team return

The Mater Dei girl's softball team had a good outlook for the 1999 season. After advancing to the final game at semi-state last year, they had several reasons to be excited about this season.

Everyone on the 1998 team, including All-State pitcher April Alstadt, returned to the diamond this year. The team graduated no seniors last year, which makes them stronger than some of sectional teams that lost

some key players to graduation.

This vast experience and field tested players made the defense stronger and focused the girls on winning by playing together.

"The difference for us this year is that we know we can go as far as we want, so we're more serious about the game this year," said junior Sarah Kothe.

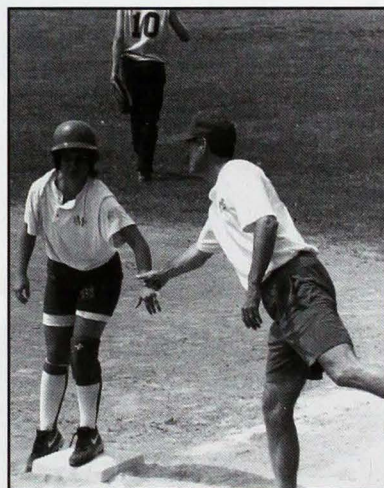
"Our great season last year gives us the confidence to play hard every

game this year," added senior Brianne Lemberg.

Senior leadership led the way in providing confidence and teamwork, two important keys to a winning season. The juniors and seniors have been together for 3 years, giving them the chance to really know each other and be able to count on each other in certain situations. They know how the other players on their team will react and where the strengths on the team are.

Rankings gave the team another positive boost. The team was not ranked, but the the Lady Wildcats beat two ranked teams, Boonville and Memorial. Memorial lost again to Mater Dei in the sectionals, this gave the girls confidence to ignore their lack of acknowledgement in the rankings.

This team took all these factors to repeat their successful post-season run of last year.



Assistant coach Bill Kothe congratulates sophomore Lindsey Buchanan at first after a single.

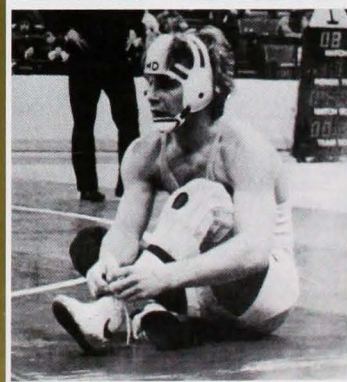
Sarah Kothe slides into home to pull away in a close game against Central.



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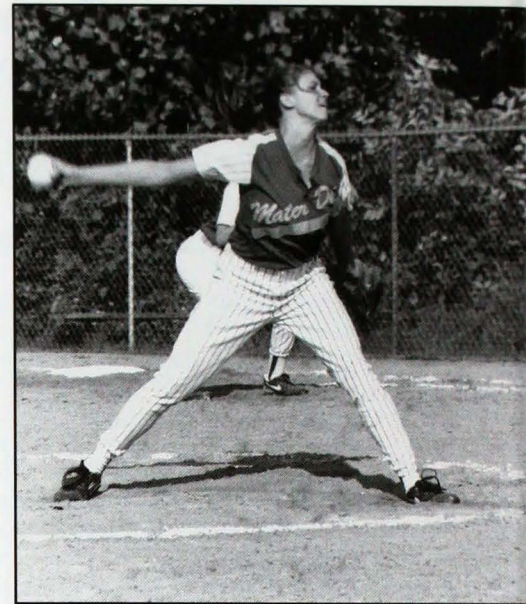
Under the theme of "Respect," the school aimed to make a name for itself in Evansville. Mater Dei-ville signed a charter with the Evansville mayor, making Mater Dei a separate suburb of the city.

In sports, golfer Mark Singer became the first freshman in Evansville to ever win the sectionals. The basketball team unexpectedly defeated city and SIAC champ Bosse in sectionals. The wrestlers brought home their very first semi-state title. Chris Wildeman triumphed as the 145-pound state champ after pinning his opponent with two seconds left in the third overtime period.



Laura Knapp meets Renee Reitman at home as Knapp comes in from third to score again for the Lady Wildcats.

Pitching was one of the strong points for the Lady Wildcats. State ranked pitcher April Alstadt finished the year 24-8.



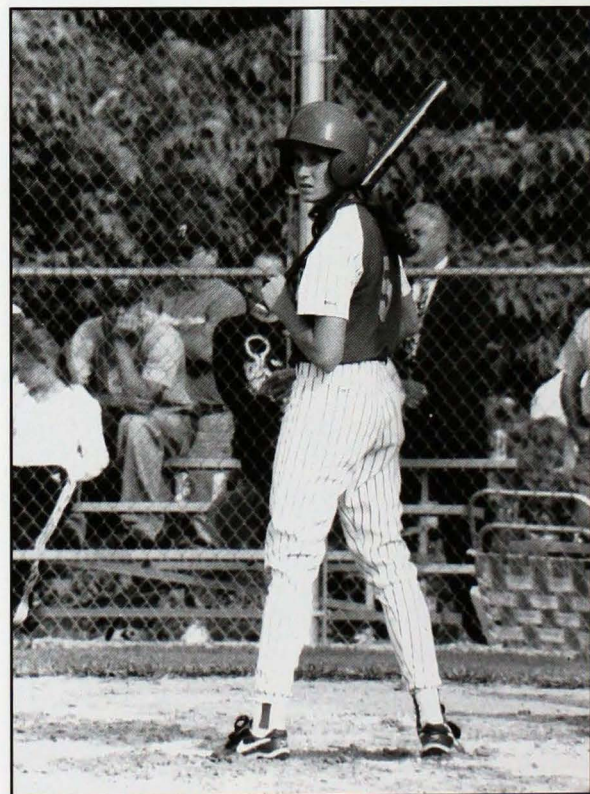
Before the game, the Lady Wildcats gathered on the field to discuss strategy and to remind each other of their quest to repeat last year's success.

The tightness of the team was a key factor that helped the team to repeat their post season run, making it all the way to the state semi-finals.



Sophomore Lindsey Buchanan beats the throw to home against Central.

April Alstadt was a well-rounded player, lighting it up on the mound and at the plate.



Extra Players Softball

Depth takes team to 1st state playoff

There are qualities that help a team win. Skill and ability are important factors to winning games, but can fail when a team plays without their best players.

This is not the case with this year's state-bound Lady Wildcat softball team.

One of the strongest points of the Lady BatCats is the great depth and versatility of their players. When

needed, there is always another girl on the bench that can step up and fill an open position with the skills equal to those of the starter.

"This helps out a whole lot if someone is sick or injured. We always have someone who can fill in for them and do a great job until the original starter returns," stated senior Brianne Lemberg.

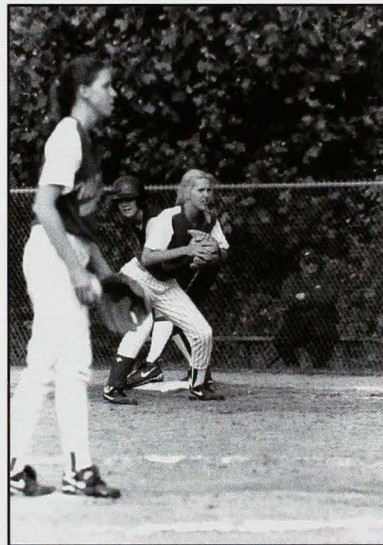
Every position is important and

requires a certain degree of skill particular to that position, and some teams have people that can step up, but Mater Dei has starter-like players that can step up and do just as well as the original starter.

One great example of this is when All-State pitcher April Altstadt had to sit out the first three games of the season. Elizabeth Cohoon, the sophomore back up pitcher, stepped up and did her part to help out the team until April returned. She gave the girls a 2-1 start on the year and one no-hit game.

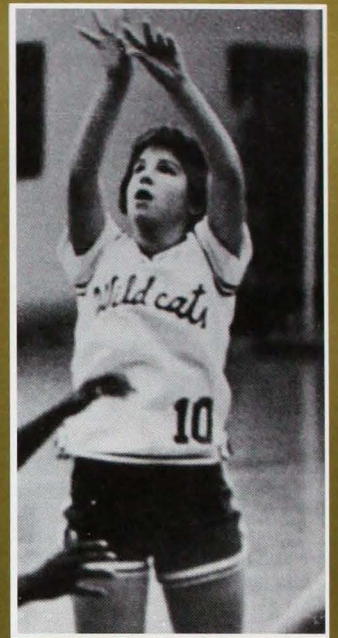
Depth is important when it comes to post-season play, where each game might be the last.

This, along with the fact that the team has all of its players from last year's semi-state playoff team, gave the girls what they needed to make it to their first state championship game in school history.

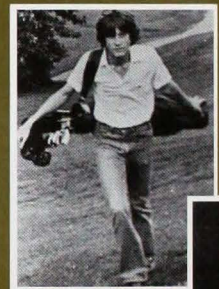


Brianne Lemberg sets herself up to back up April Altstadt as she prepares to hurl the ball into play.

Lindsey Buchanan watches the throw to home as she tags the plate. Her all-out baserunning made her a constant scoring threat.



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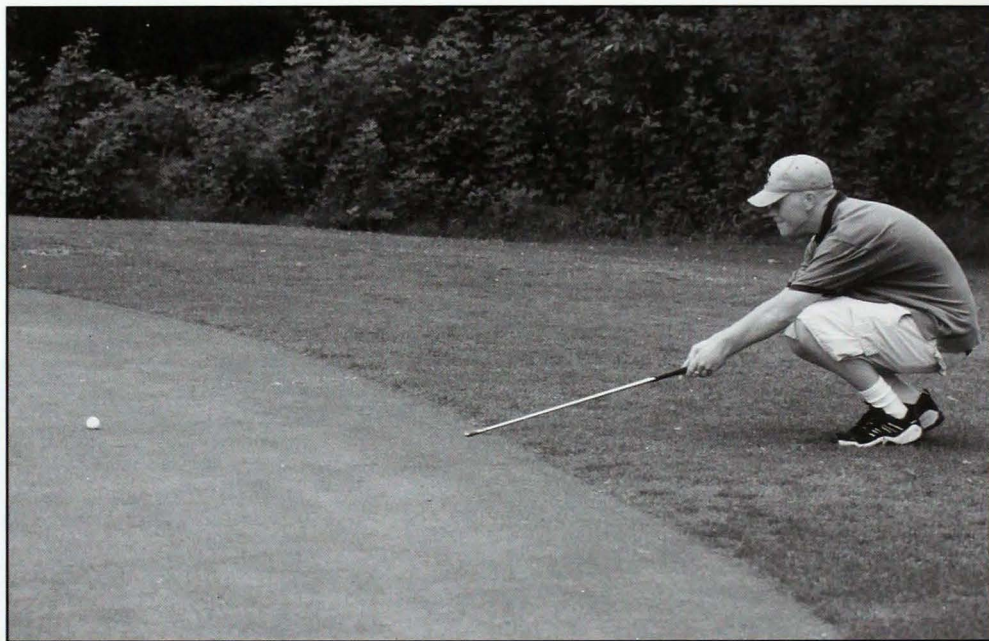
Shawn Meyer's putt out of the rough personified the team's struggle all year long against strong city competition.



Andrew Schroeder chips it up on the green and sets himself up for an easy birdie in a year that was anything but easy.



Shawn Meyer takes some extra time to line up his shot on the green.



Seth Euler confidently puts his putt in the hole. Confidence was a strong point of this year's team.



Andrew Schroeder shows he is right on the money with this shot out of the rough.

Driving for the pin, Seth Euler puts everything he has behind this tee shot.



Determined Boys' Golf

Playing in a really tough conference

This season's boys' golf team was fairly young and stuck in an extremely tough conference with many talented area schools. With three teams in the SIAC that had state potential, (North, Central and Harrison) Mater Dei had their work cut out for them on a tough, long, uphill road.

After competing in the city tournament, the boys shot their best scores of the season. Unfortunately, it was only good for seventh place, five

strokes behind the winner, North.

"Our team works very hard," said coach Tom Bealmear. "They practice everyday, most of them until dark. They're never satisfied with what they've done and their main concern is improvement."

The boys weren't favored in any of their meets, tournaments or sectionals. Despite this, they still enjoyed playing the game and having fun at practice while focusing on the

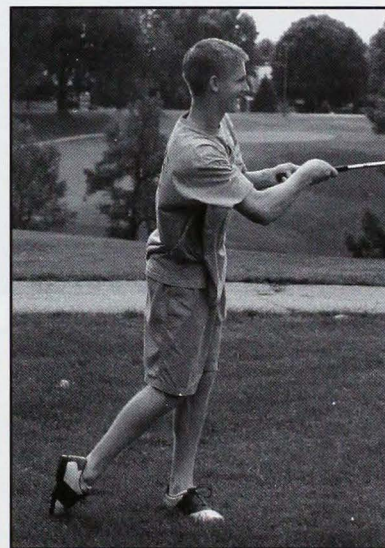
tasks at hand.

"They work hard but are relaxed at the same time. They are a fun group," said Bealmear. "We practiced non-stop, but the city teams were so stacked that there isn't a whole lot we can do."

The team consisted of seniors Chris Austin and Luke Angermeier with juniors Andrew Schroeder, Shaun Meyer, John Williamson and Josh Gidcumb.

Also contributing to the team were the promising and talented sophomore Seth Euler and freshmen Todd Zimmer, John Altstadt, Jacob Koressel and Danny Ko.

"Next year, our scores will definitely improve," said Bealmear. We will be senior strong with an impressive junior, Seth Euler. We still won't get that much of a break because the city teams will also be senior strong."



Andrew Schroeder is happy with this shot. Coach Tom Bealmear was happy with his whole team this year as they shaved off strokes and never gave up.

Shawn Meyer vents his frustrations on this drive. The team had an uphill battle all year, but still came out with a strong showing in the SIAC and sectional meets.



1982

Mater Dei dove into the age of technology with Applepost, a powerful computer. Mr. Tom Dick was in charge of the new addition and offered a Computer Club

The new principal, Mr. Joe Delehunt, was enthusiastic and caring. A group of senior girls nicknamed him "J.D." and created a Joe Delehunt fan club. Mayor Brock Nicholson pepped up the student body.

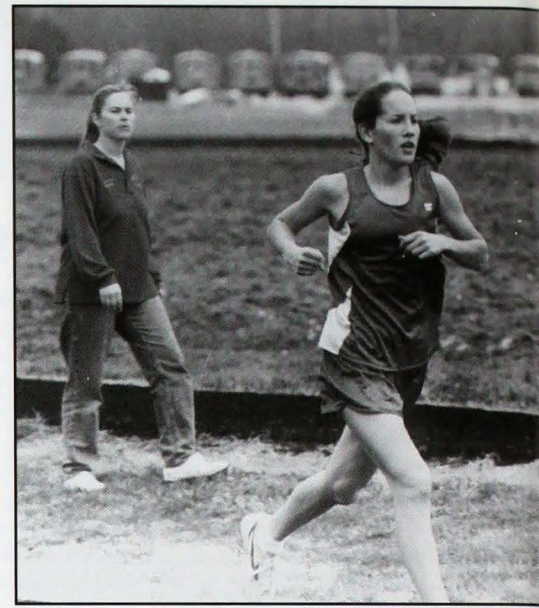
Mater Dei's sports teams dominated, especially in wrestling and volleyball, while radio station WKDQ declared a "National Frank Will Day" for the extraordinary football coach.



Freshman Lacy Haller shows tremendous talent as she blows away the competition.



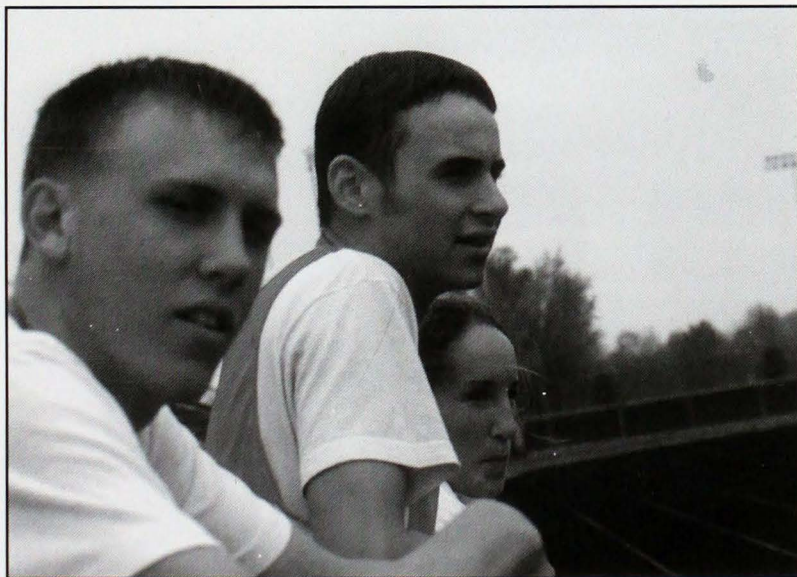
Four year varsity runner, Jenny Farmer, puts in her share of points for the team as well as confidence.



German exchange student, Herbert Blank, enjoyed helping out the track team as he took measurements, kept times and held blocks for the team.



Jenny Farmer pushes herself in the two mile while thinking, one foot in front of the other. Her countless miles of running helped her through her final season.



Members of the boys' team, Adam Tenberge and Donald Reising give encouragement and support to help the girls through the season.

This season the girls' goal was to reach the finish line such as Jamie Cutrell displaying her kick to the end.



Well-Rounded Girls' Track

Girls came to the track with desire

The smell of sweat, the bang of starting pistols and the rhythmic beating of running feet could only mean that track season has come again. Coached by Mrs. Angie Strehl, the Girls' Track team had a well-rounded team and consistently placed in meets. The team took fourth at the Pike Central Invitational and had impressive wins in the City meet over Harrison and Reitz.

"The team had some real depth

this year and we were able to run more competitively. I think we did well because we just went out there and had lots of fun as we ran," said senior Julie Fischer.

The girls showed they had improved since last year by placing several people in sectionals and City. The 3200 relay team of Jenny Farmer, Julie Fischer, Sarah Jost, Jesse King and alternate Lorna Fischer placed third and advanced to the regionals. Farmer

also advanced to regionals by placing fourth in 1600-meter and 800-meter races. These girls took their speed and talent to the state championships at IUPUI.

Farmer felt that this season was not as good as it should have been for her. "I had some real problems throughout the season due to an illness; but as I got better, I ran better," Farmer said.

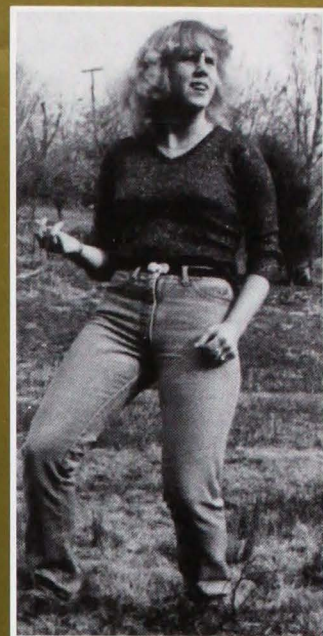
This year's team also had regional qualifiers in shotput and the 200. Kim Doshier placed 4th in shotput and Lacy Haller, who consistently placed in the top three at meets, was second in the 200. Jamie Cutrell placed eighth in the sectionals but did not go on to regionals.

"I had a lot of fun running this year," said senior Sarah Jost. "The relay team has done really well, but the high point of the season was the victory lap after meets."



Kim Doshier looks on after she releases the shotput to see where her effort has landed.

Senior runner Julie Fischer takes every stride for the team as she completes the 800-meter run.



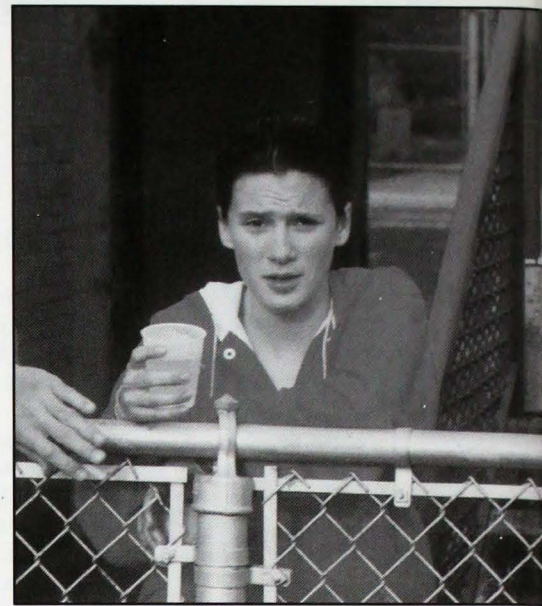
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Jimmy Kissel takes a mad dash off the starting block to give the competition a scare during the hurdles run.



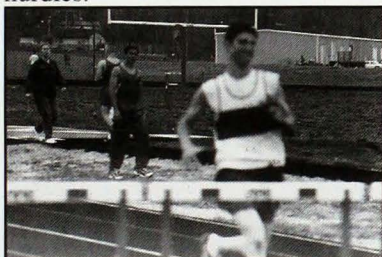
The girls' team members were always ready to assist the boys with refreshments and encouraging words after a hard race.



The multi-talented, red-headed guy, Benny Faraone shoots for distance during the shotput field event before heading off to the hurdles.

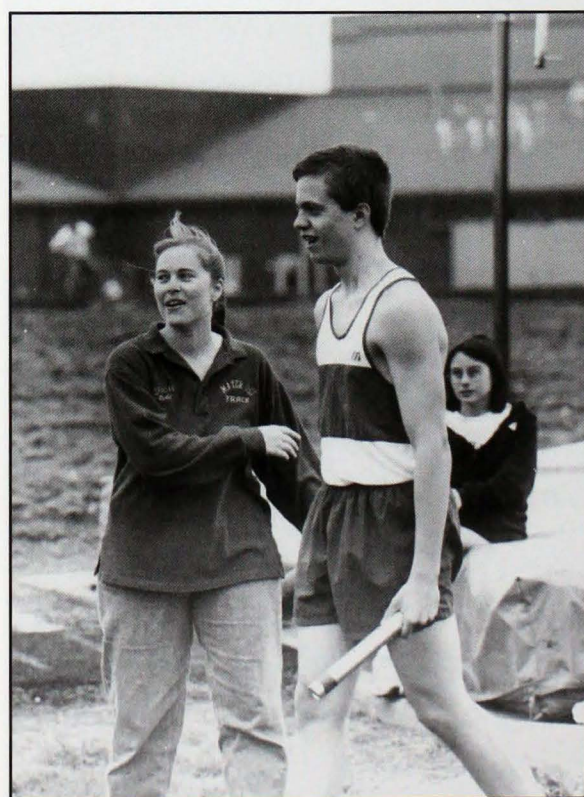


Coach Strehl, after returning from taking last season off, looks on to see the finish of the heated competition of the 300-meter hurdles.



Rising up to the competition, Ryan Dewig is ready to take advantage of the inside lane.

Coach Strehl and Jonathan Kissel are all smiles after the boys showed great endurance and speed to place during the 4x4 relay.



Unrecognized Talent

Boys' Track

Boys have loads of individual talent

The Boys' Track team struggled this year, but they ended the season very competitively. Mater Dei placed in every meet and sent several runners to sectionals. Although the team's record didn't show it, the boys had a lot of individual talent.

Beginning with sophomore Nick Austin running the 400, many individual places were earned at City, SIAC and sectionals. Austin placed 8th at City and SIAC.

Another sophomore that made a name for himself was Ben Verkamp. He placed at City and SIAC, bringing home a 3rd in the shotput.

The juniors earned some recognition through Ben Stevens and Jimmy Kissel. Stevens was a good sprinter, usually placing in the 200. Kissel improved all year on his long jump. By the end of the season he was regularly finishing 3rd.

"The team was like a big family

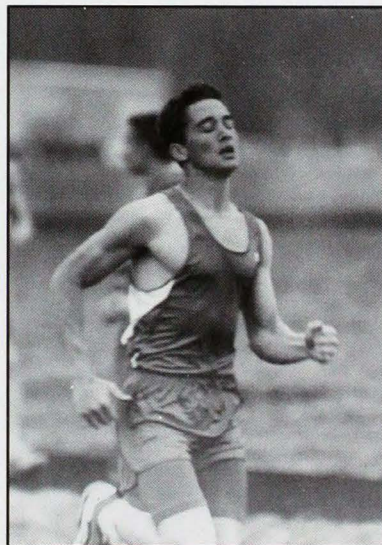
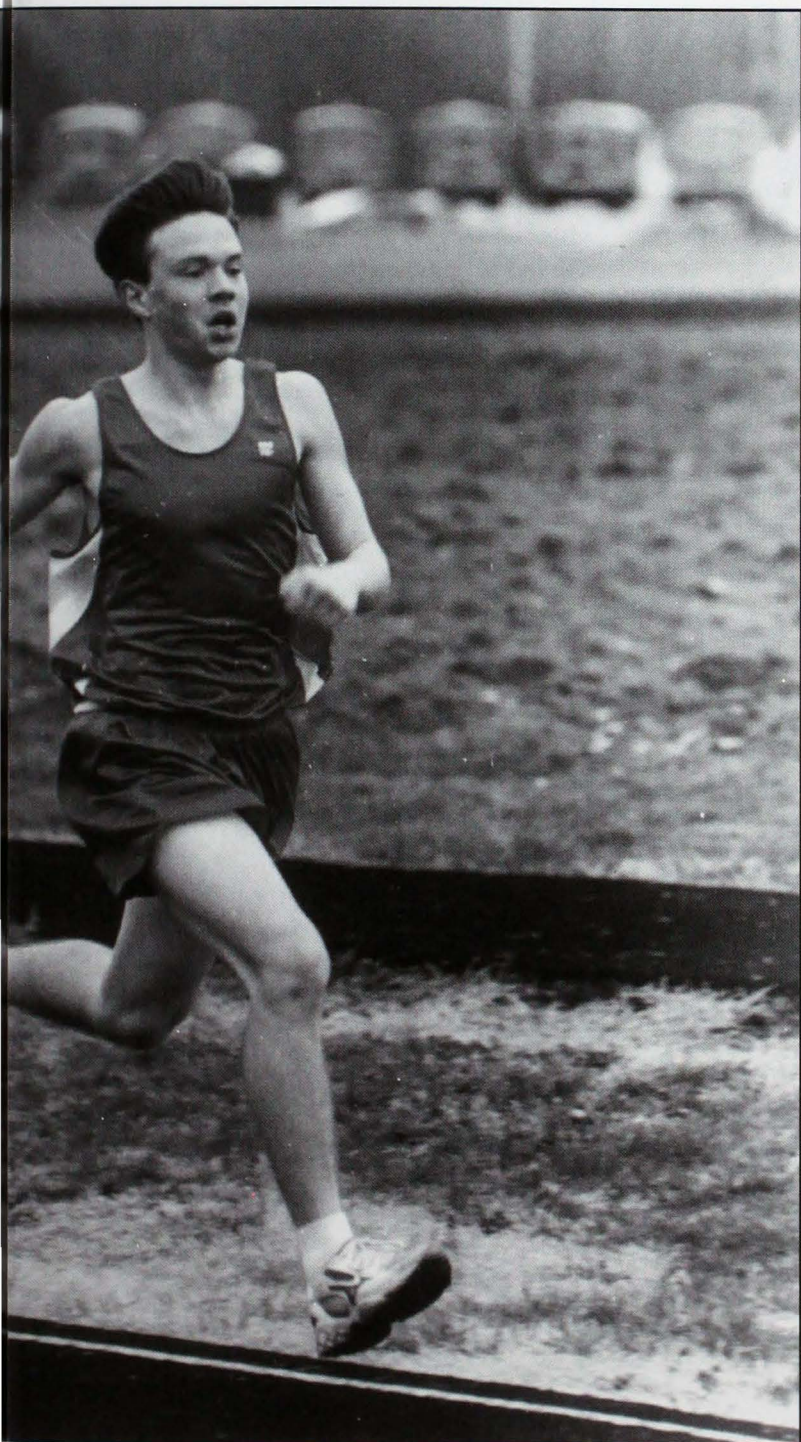
to me," said senior Ben Faraone. "I really had fun running this year."

Faraone, along with Kevin Spahn, were the leading seniors on the team. Faraone ran in several events, placing in all of them. He received a 5th in the high jump and a 7th in the 100 at sectionals. By the end of the season Faraone was running the 300 hurdles, consistently placing in 4th or 5th.

Spahn was known for his sprinting, finishing 8th in the City and SIAC meets in the 100 and 200. He made it to sectionals in the 100 and finished 8th in the finals.

"It's a shame we didn't have a lot of depth in the boys' team," said coach Angie Strehl. "We had a lot of talented individuals."

The team had to battle the lack of respect from their competitors, but they refused to give in and lost sight of their goals.



Jason Dewig closes his eyes and believes, when the race seems the longest, the end is near.

Brad Buedel lengthens his stride to gain a lead on the competition and pumps his arm for victory.



1983

Something as simple as a brown paper bag could explain the journey of 1983.

The focus of the year was being down-to-earth while most of the MD students spent their time working on family farms. For fun, the "St. Philip's Gang" stuck together and the parties at Matt Bequette's house were the place to be. The freshman created the "Greenie Assembly" while the new principal, Mr. Joe Dolehunt, was getting acquainted with the school.

The Gallo Family got a taste of politics while they supported their mother as she ran for Indiana Senate District 49.



One key to the Lady Wildcats' success was their connecting with each other, just as Deidre Messmer does with this shot.



As the ball comes down, Angie Goebel is ready to serve up an ace.



Angela Reckelhoff takes her time to concentrate and see the ball all the way to the racket to ensure a solid return hit.

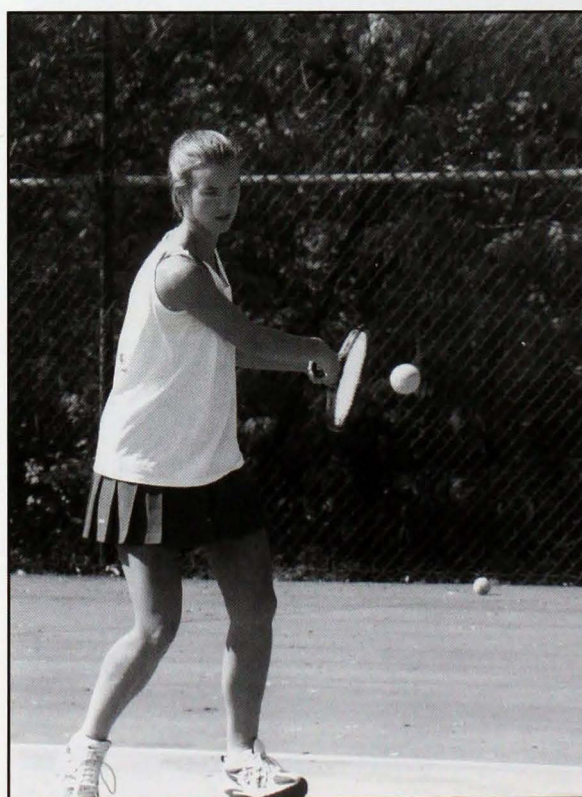


Brittney Wannemuehler moves quickly to cut off and return the ball at the backline.



Deidre Messmer serves up the ball into play as she takes on one of many tough city opponents.

With a smooth swing, Amanda Uhde uses her backhand to return the ball.



Confident Coach Girls' Tennis

Depth was key to the girls' success

Another school year is over and it ended another girls' tennis season. The Tennis Cats had a very productive 1999 season.

"We have a lot of depth this season, because our whole team is pretty equal in ability," said junior Traci Fehrenbacher. "Though our record (5-1) doesn't reflect our team's ability, we've been close in every match."

It was those "close at the end" moments that helped drive the team to

do better each time out. The goal was so close, yet just out of reach so many times. The team was determined to get there in the end.

Deidre Messmer was playing #1 singles with Brittny Wannemuehler at #2 singles and Angela Reckelhoff playing #3. Angie Goebel and Carla Waller teamed up to play #1 doubles and Stephanie Ulrich and Amanda Uhde were covering the #2 doubles spot for the Wildcats.

The starters switch places with alternates Melissa Oliver, Traci Fehrenbacher, Katie Bradley, Allison Moll, Lynn Eickhoff and Amanda Nurrenbern, depending on their opponents.

It said something about the year when the starters were rotated as they were. Coach Blythe Schreiber felt confident enough in all the team members to be able to switch them from match to match.

It was that depth that made Mater Dei the threat it was. Teams could not as easily prepare for the Lady Wildcats assuming that a certain set of starters would walk out on the court. The element of surprise was on their side.

The doubles team of Goebel and Waller moved out of sectional play to advance to regionals where the two had a strong showing, but not enough to advance them further.

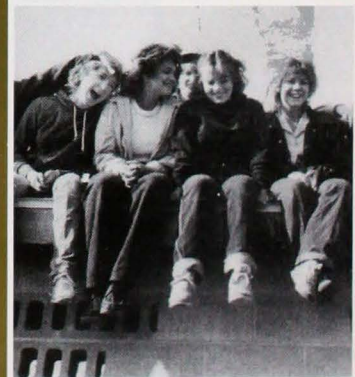
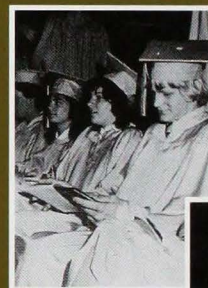


Carla Waller puts some back in to her swing as the Lady Wildcats made their mark in the city and SIAC.

Angela Reckelhoff reaches out to not let the ball pass her by. Her dedication and drive was a model for the rest of the team.



1983



Hungry Mouths Cafeteria

It takes a whole lot to cook for 650

Roseanne Ames, otherwise known as the "potato lady" by her grandkids, dishes out yet another plate of mashed potatoes.

The cafeteria ladies of Mater Dei mean more to this school than most students and faculty realize. These workers do more than come into work at seven in the morning to make lunch for 629 students plus faculty. They also clean up their mess after everyone has finished eating and headed back to class.

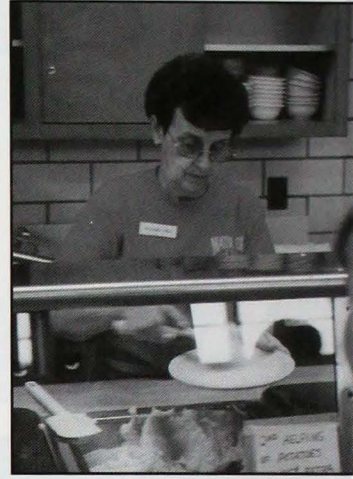
The majority of the workers have a special connection to Mater Dei other than it just being their place of employment. Many of them are

graduates from Mater Dei and/or have sent their children to Mater Dei.

Julie Payne has been working at Mater Dei for 22 years. She has been the "boss" for 10 years which includes making food orders, creating the menu and overseeing the rest of the cafeteria workers. She was a graduate from MD in 1958 and has sent four children through Mater Dei.

Marion Alvey, a 1963 graduate, has sent three children to Mater Dei and her mother and mother-in-law were

also cafeteria workers at Mater Dei. Mary Jo Kirchoff, graduate of 1970, has sent two children to Mater Dei. Roseanne Ames, Beth Ann Murray, Sue Greulich (the "burger lady") and Mary Jane Little have also sent their children to Mater Dei. Rosemary Freeman is part of three generations that have graduated from Mater Dei. Her brother was a member of the first graduating class.



Juniors Shay Grasso and Becky Lutz pay for their lunch that the cafeteria ladies prepare day in and day out.



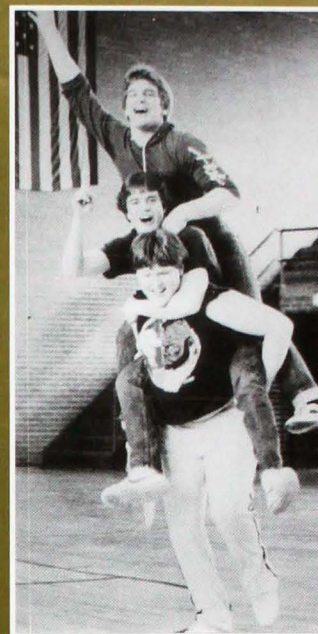
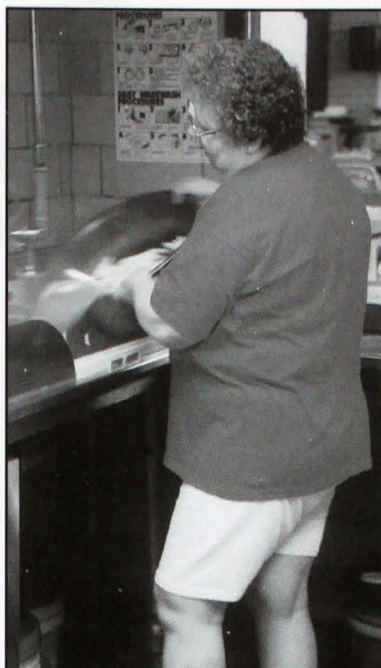
Beth Ann Murray and Mary Skelton take care of the ice cream which always proves to be a busy job.

Julie Payne, the "boss," prepares rolls for the hundreds of students that go through the lunch line.



am Schenk collects money for
alads and bagels every day during
lunch.

Mary Skelton washes the silverware
after lunch A to prepare for the
seniors and freshmen coming for
lunch B.



1984

The memories of 1984 were placed in the yearbook known as *the book*. Spirit Week, "green" freshmen struggling with locker combinations and racing down the hall to beat the tardy bell all had their spot with the sports teams and teachers in *the book*.

The events, familiar to all, had their place in *the book*. There were issues which also found their way into the 1984's yearbook. The football team's unprecedented appearance at semi-state, the consequence at Mater Dei's action at the state wrestling tournament. Weekends were spent cruising at North Park and watching MTV.



Mary Jo Kirchoff does her daily job of collecting money from almost every Mater Dei student.



The line of cafeteria ladies are hard at work shoveling out food to the hungry mob.



Cleaning Up Janitors And risking it all . . .

Not a full trash can in the school safe when Warren Bailey is on the prowl. Even forgotten cans like those of the Drivers' Ed room are taken care of by the Bailey brothers.

In the middle of our classes, we hardly stop to think about the distinctive double beep that pages some of the most important faculty at our school. However, at the sound of that double beep, the custodial staff's work is just beginning.

Terry Bailey, Warren Bailey, Jamie Williams and Joe Pry make up the janitorial staff here at MD. They strive to keep MD running, and sometimes they overwork or put themselves in the eye of danger, as

Terry Bailey found out this year in a potentially fatal fall off of a ladder. Fortunately, Terry's injuries were only a few bruises and a broken leg, but the accident shed a new light on the importance of our janitors and how much they do around the building.

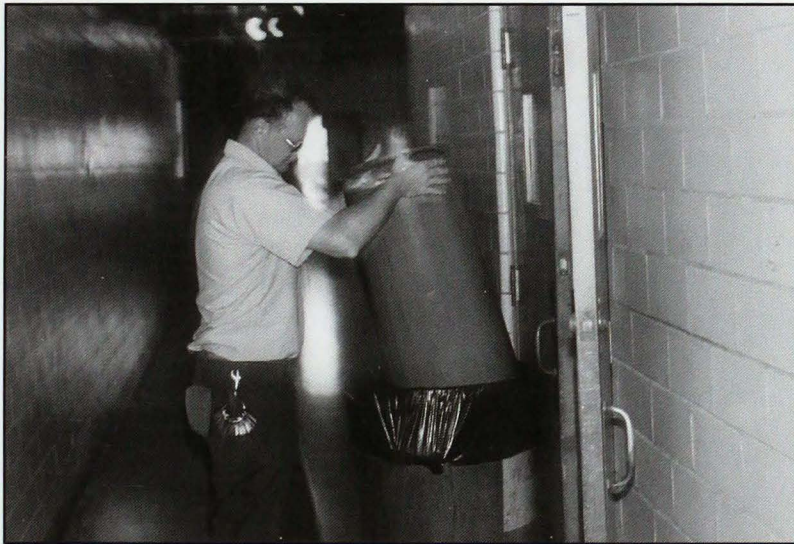
Terry leads them with nine years of experience, while Warren has been working at MD for 5 years; this year was Jamie Williams' first year and Joe Pry's third.

"We couldn't keep up with the

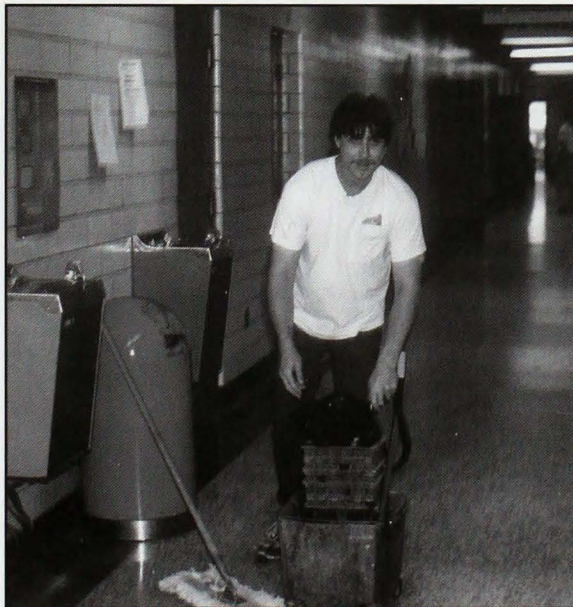
dirt this year very well, but I'll be glad when the whole construction project is over," Terry said. "It's going to look really nice."

MD students know and appreciate the importance of the janitorial staff.

Senior Sarah Mesker said, "The janitors have always been really friendly to me. I'm glad that I go to a school where the janitors know me by my first name. I'm gonna miss those guys."



Terry Bailey takes care of the trash cans on the bottom half of the school as his brother, Warren, takes care of the forgotten ones in the other parts of the school.



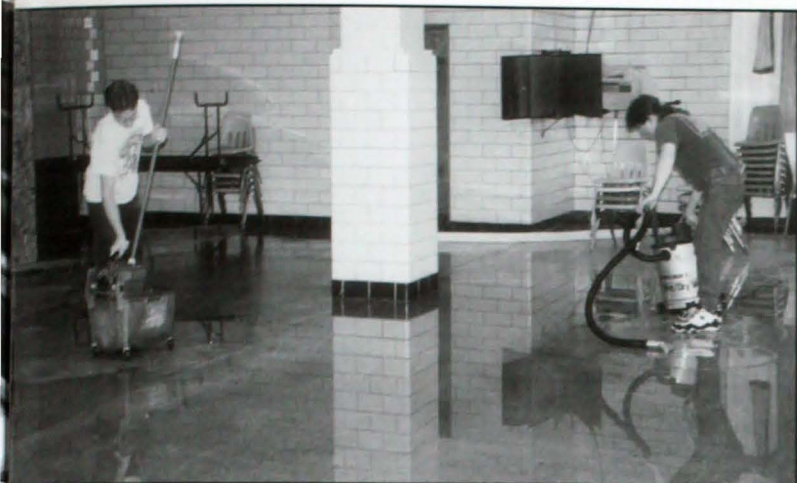
Jamie Williams, still smiling, empties the mop bucket after another long day of work.

Looking studious and ready to work, the janitors gather for a picture in the gym.



The team of Burgdorf and Williams works to rid the cafeteria of the water forced down the back steps of the cafeteria by the construction.

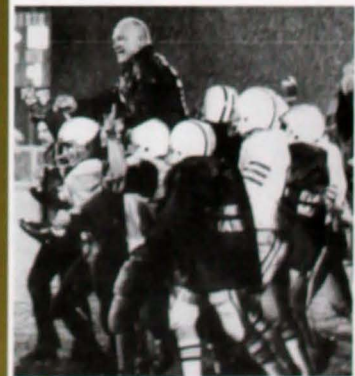
Jared Burgdorf works to clean a flood in the cafeteria after a rainstorm. Burgdorf was member of the Class of 1996.



1984



Terry looks to his next custodial endeavor after he has just finished the cleaning of the gym floor.



Joe Pry enjoys another day on the job at MD. His daughter is Ms. Dawnell Gollinick, the main office's secretary.

Working The Phones Secretaries

Keeping the offices running smoothly

No office can run efficiently without secretaries to answer the phones, handle questions from students and parents and dole out mail.

These under-appreciated women have a tough job. They are constantly bombarded with requests and questions that keep them from the mountain of other work waiting for them, including balancing the school's bank accounts, distributing medicines and copying the school newsletter.

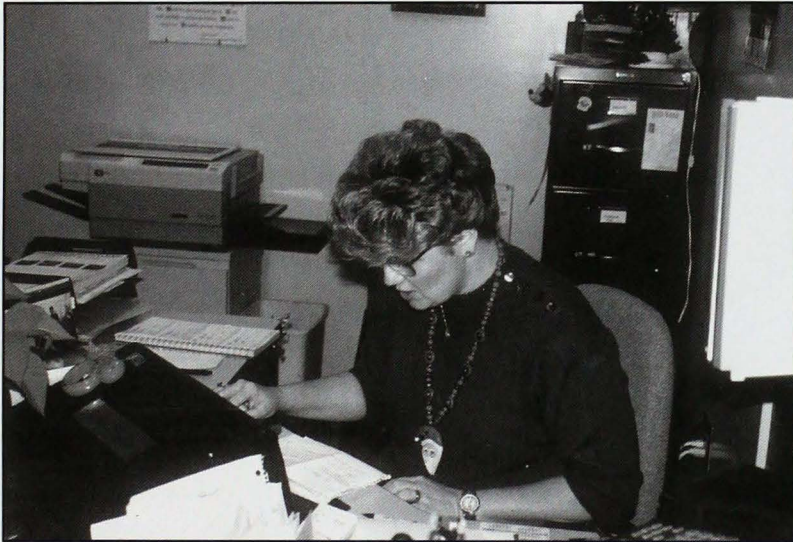
Although it would be hard to say that one was busier than another, attendance secretary Carla Wildeman had a rough job this year. Every morning, she had to collect the lists of absent students, check them against those who had parents that had called in and those on field trips. After distributing the absentee lists for the day, she would then go through the notes from home for those that were absent the day before to see if they were excused or not.

The main office secretaries were

busy too this year. They had to field questions from the teachers as to which room they would be in as construction pushed them around and point students in the right direction looking for those teachers. They also had extra people in the office, from Randy Keys, the building rep for the construction, to the contractors and vendors. Trying to work around them was difficult at times.

But these ladies did their job the best they could and made sure that the school ran smoothly.

Sherri Rosaldo, the guidance office secretary, is one busy woman, sending transcripts, filling out work permits and working with scholarship forms.

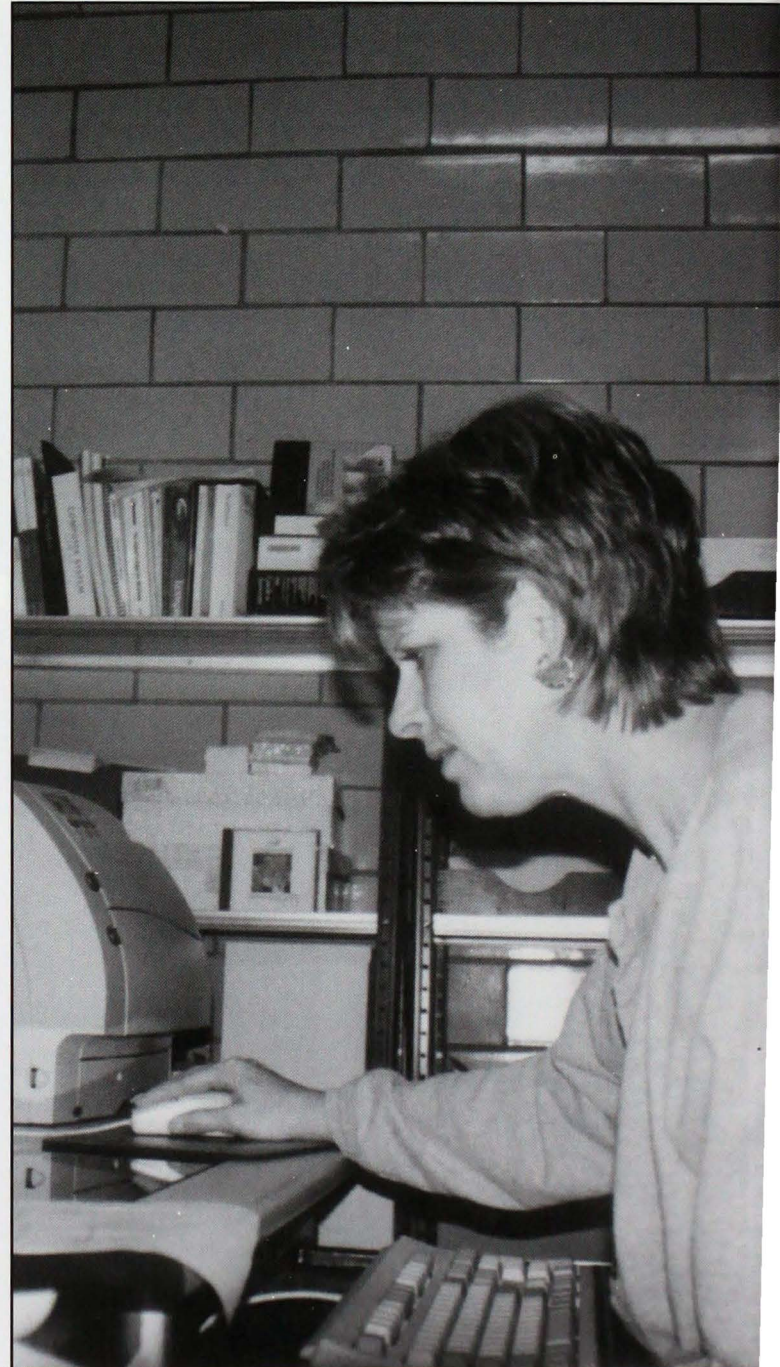


After compiling the list of who is absent, that list must be checked against the notes from parents explaining the student's absence.

The attendance office is always busy, as Carla Wildeman can attest to.

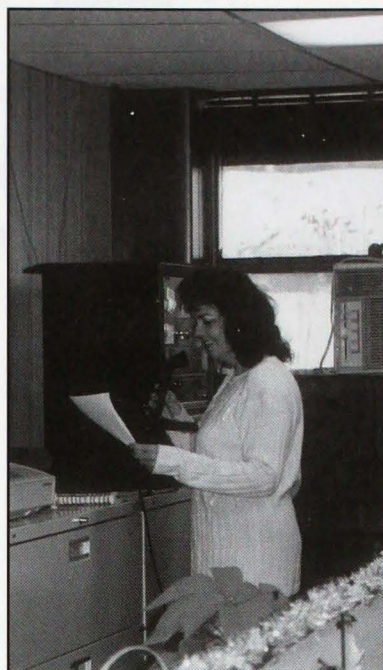
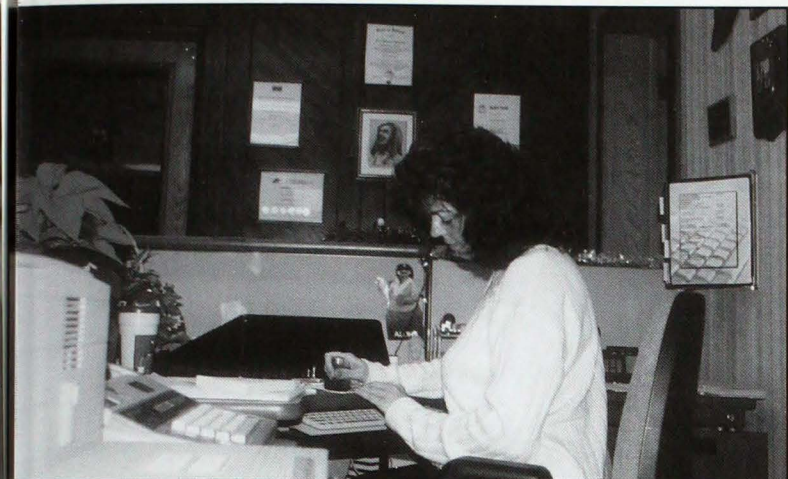


Although she is not one of the regular secretaries of Mater Dei, there is still a lot of work to do in the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association's office.



Dawnelle Gollnick has the awesome responsibility of maintaining order in the main office.

One of the many jobs that Dawnelle Gollnick has is that of reading the announcements at the end of the day.



1985

1985 promised to be a year of surprises and full of new things for the students.

The lunches were shortened to add another class period to the day. The payoff was worth it as the students were given more educational opportunities.

In sports, the Wildcats showed some some new things of their own. The football team posted a 10-0 record with the offence setting a new record of 331 points for the season.

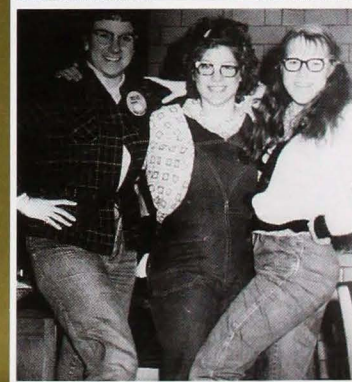
The Batcats went on a scorching run piling up a record 21 wins to become the SIAC baseball Champs.



Sharon Layman takes care of the books, pays the bills and tracks the various bank accounts.



The worst part of her job, Sharon Layman says, is trying to find enough subs to cover all the absent teachers.



Scientific Method Science

"Better living through science"

These girls confer on their data as they collect information on the experiments outdoors.



Some like it.
Some find it fun and exciting.
Some don't.
But no matter what you think of the classes, you have to take a certain number of science classes to graduate.

Science classes are notorious for being boring, but the teachers at Mater Dei take the extra steps to make it fun and exciting. Whether it is the sewer tour or the dissections, students have the chance to get out of the textbook and take a first-hand

look at the field of science. Biology teachers Lisa Wannemuehler and Carl Vogel give the students a real look at life and how it operates through dissecting fetal pigs. The classes identified the organs, the picked out various bodily systems and then compared them to the human body.

Wannemuehler also gets her students involved in physics by taking them outside to drop objects off platforms to test gravity. The experiments are messy, but very visual and

memorable.

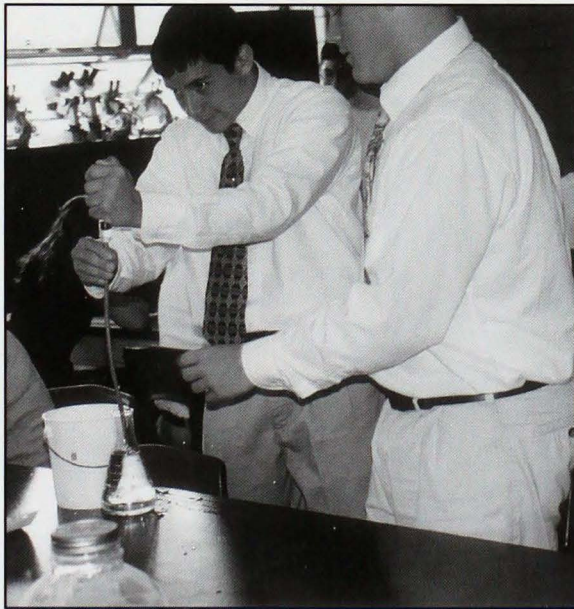
Earth science students have to take what they learn in class and put it to practical use in the field. Tom Dick takes the class to the Garden of the Gods and has them figure their way back to their starting point using only maps and compasses. So far, no one has been permanently lost.

It is true that Mater Dei students have to take science to graduate, but the teachers are committed to making it as fun and valuable as possible and making it a real learning experience.

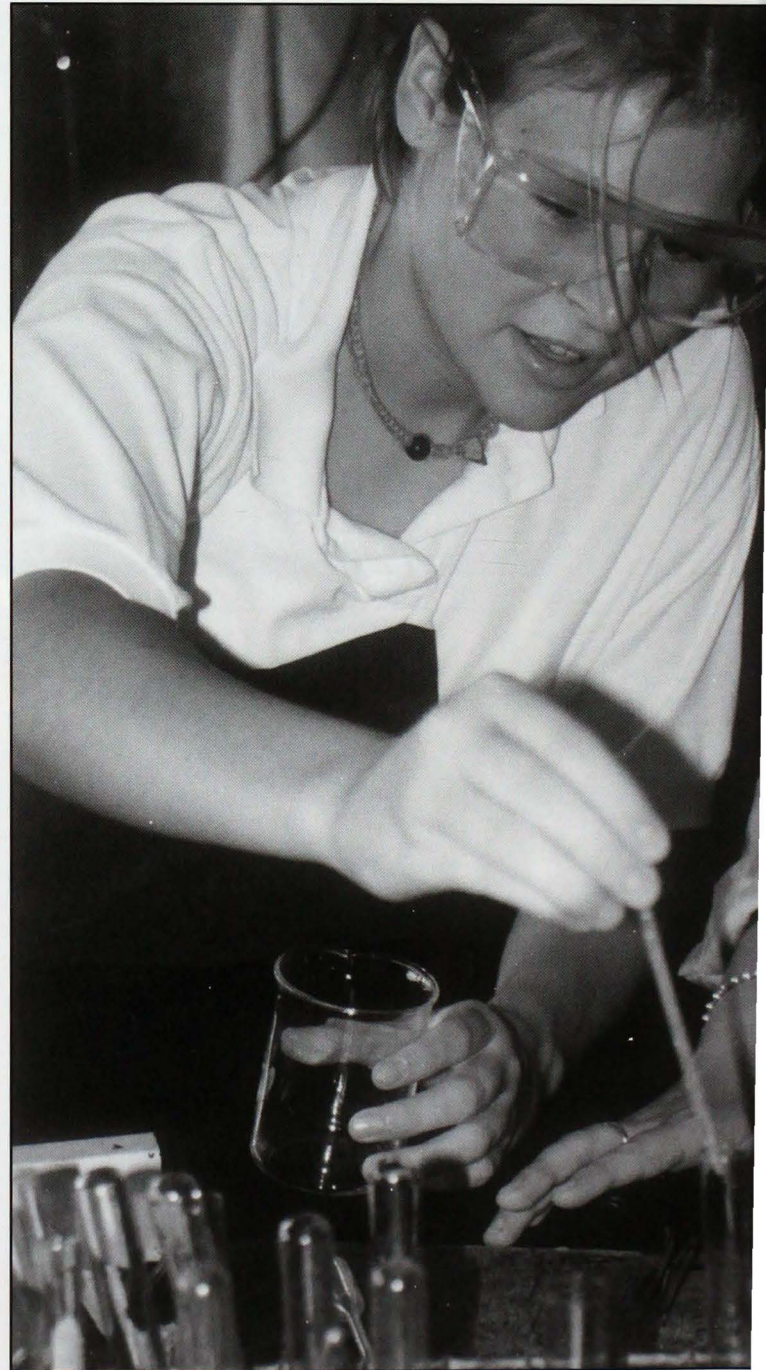


Sophomore Christian Johnson, sporting the classic safety goggles, watches closely as her experiment goes along.

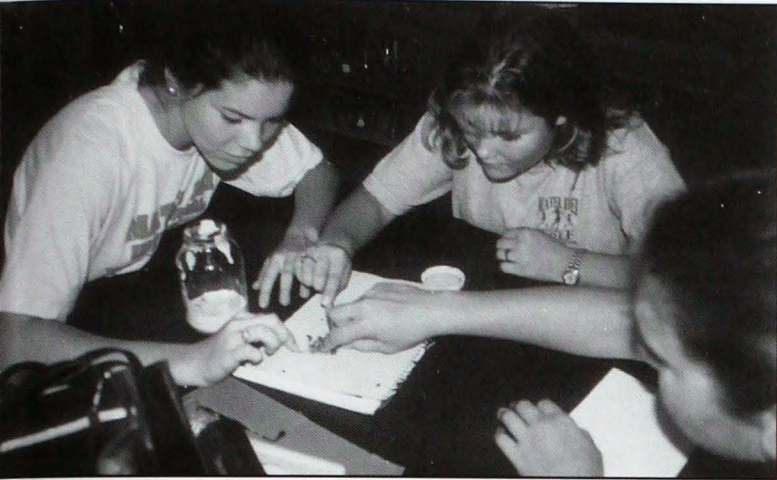
Science can be messy, as the experiment on vacuums forces water up and out of the hose.



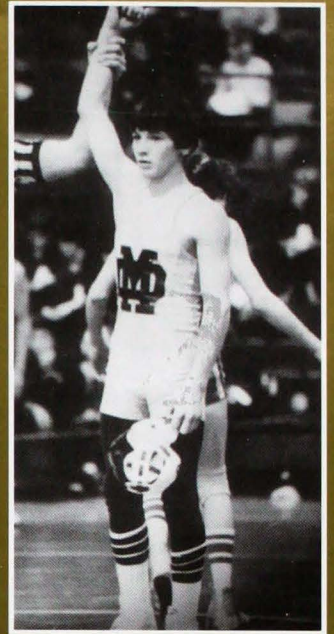
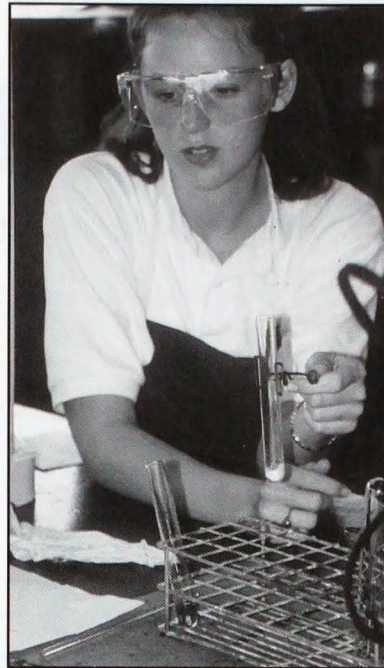
Science involves a lot of hands-on experimentation. Students have to measure exactly and mix in a certain way to get the desired effect.



Seniors Laura Elsner and Sarah Mesker put their heads together to get to the bottom of the problem.



Junior Lena Ruminer mixes dry chemicals and water to see what reaction she can get out of them.

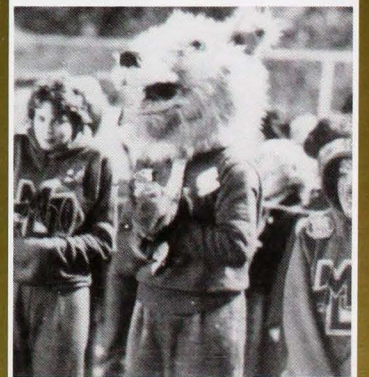


1985



Lisa Wannemuehler takes her class outside to check out nature and see how the world works.

One of the interesting experiments in the science program is when students make submarines.



Competing Fine Arts

Much more than just art classes

Senior Krista Dausman wears the face of determination while concentrating on perfecting her silk screen.



Whether it is drawing, singing, painting, or playing a musical instrument, the Mater Dei student body is full of hidden talent.

The Fine Art program covers a variety of classes consisting of two dimensional (painting and illustrations), three dimensional (sculpture and pottery), drafting and computer graphics.

There are many competitions that Mater Dei art pieces are entered and win. Mrs. Volz says she looks for "good composition and

technique". Mr. Sills agreed but added "size, texture, and creativity". Senior Kevin Spahn went all the way to level three (level before State competition) in the annual Project XL competition with two projects. He also participated in Summer 1998 Vanderburgh County Art Fair, went to State and came back with special merit.

"I just go through books and magazines, look for an awesome picture or face, then I just want to draw it," said Spahn. "Sometimes I combine pictures into one."

The big competition is the Evansville Museum High School Art Show. Pieces were entered by freshmen, Anna Ruminer and Angie Elpers, sophomores Julie Elpers and Matt Raben, and seniors Joe Traylor, Seth Weber and Jessica Weis. Mater Dei came away with seven winners from the eight entries.

Fine Arts is more than just pencil and paint. Students also get to experiment and compete with their voices and instruments in choir and band.

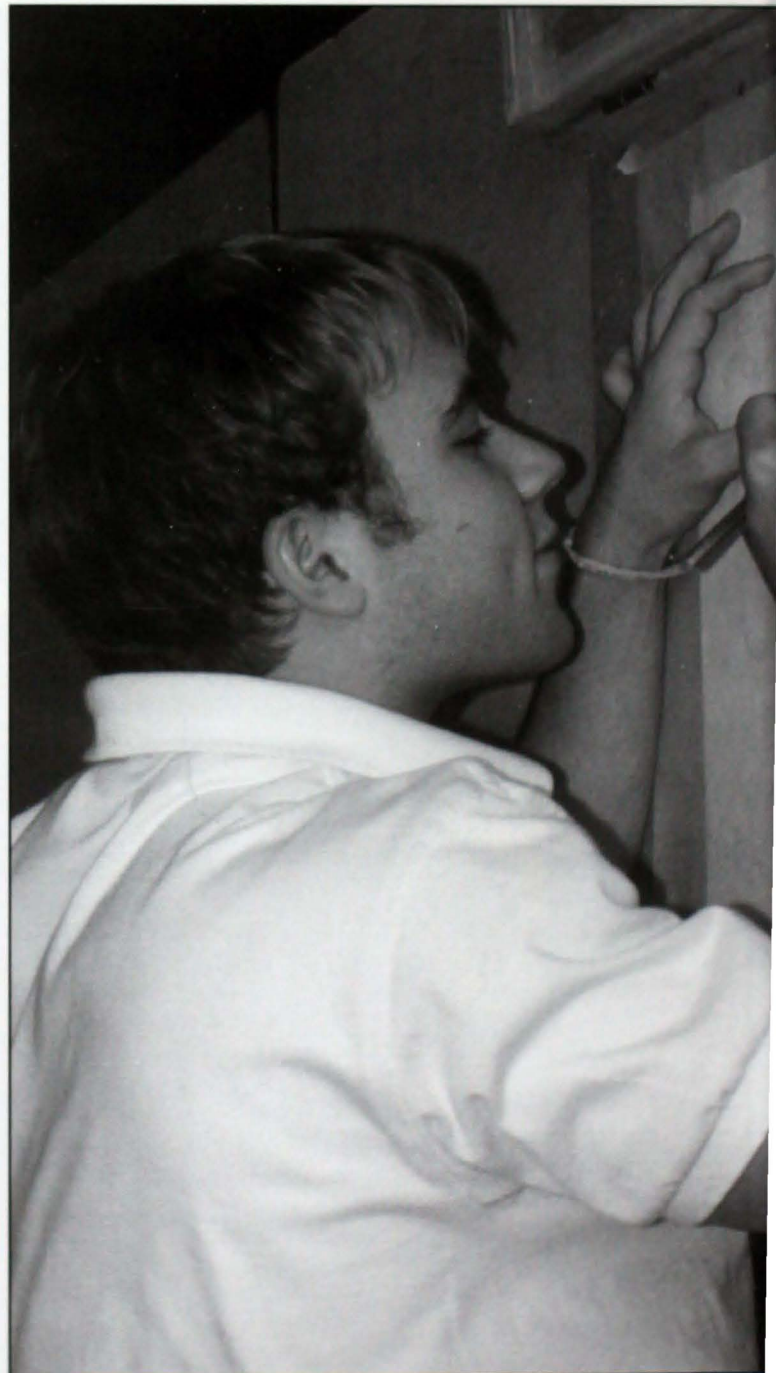


Putting everything they have into their work, the Pep Band adds spirit and life to our assemblies.

With art supplies handy, nothing is stopping sophomore Amy Hoon, from producing a master piece.



Senior Seth Weber gets up close and personal with his work. Maybe we could learn from his strategy.



The Mater Dei Marching Band goes on after a perfect performance at halftime of a football game.



Stand up and sing! Choir seniors Charlene Kirsh and Jamie Schmitt sing with enthusiasm, showing us how it is done.



1986

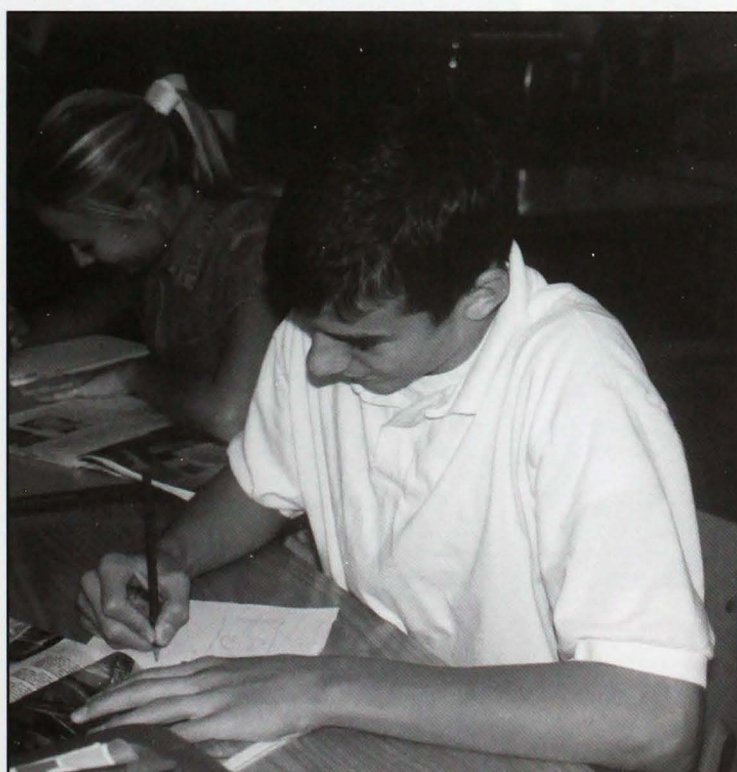
Record censorship was stirring controversy all over the country and the battle between Coca-Cola and Pepsi was just beginning.

The year 1986 was a successful year in every aspect and this was most visible in our athletic achievements. The volleyball team made its first final-four appearance, the wrestling team won its first state title, and the new all-purpose building was dedicated and opened for use. The girls basketball team took the sectional crown while Chris Schaefer was working on his 90 MPH fastball.

The 1986 year summed up with "Catch us if you can."



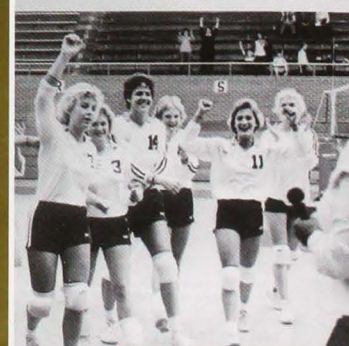
Senior Amy Krack smiles approval to her resulting work.



Drawing is just one of the fundamentals of art class. Freshman Craig Moore and sophomore Jessica Macke demonstrate this skill.



They are presented the sectional crown at High School.



More Than Cooking Life Skills

Students are preparing for the future

Mrs. Larson explains how to make a perfect apron.

Mrs. Larson's consumer science classes have been very busy this year.

"Mrs. Larson really taught me a lot about nutrition," said junior Stephanie Ulrich.

Foods and Nutrition were busy planning whole meals, which included making menus, inventations and preparing the food.

"I'm glad I finally learned how to cook decent food," said junior Stephanie Markin.

They were also busy making

posters on the four basic food groups. They also made refreshments for the Pine Haven nursing home.

"The thanksgiving meal was delicious! I'm glad the people in my class know how to cook!" said junior Melissa Oliver

The Clothing and Textiles class created aprons, pillows, and banners for the religion department.

Interior Design classes designed their dream house or should I say mansion. They made potfolios full of

pictures of their home, inside and out. They had the type of furniture, decor and color scheme in the potfolios also.

"It was fun designing my dream house. I just wish it was actually real!" says junior Megan Schutte.

The Life Skills class kept busy this year by making basic nutrients posters.

"The classes this year were a lot of fun! I just wish we had more time to do more of what I wanted." said Mrs. Larson.

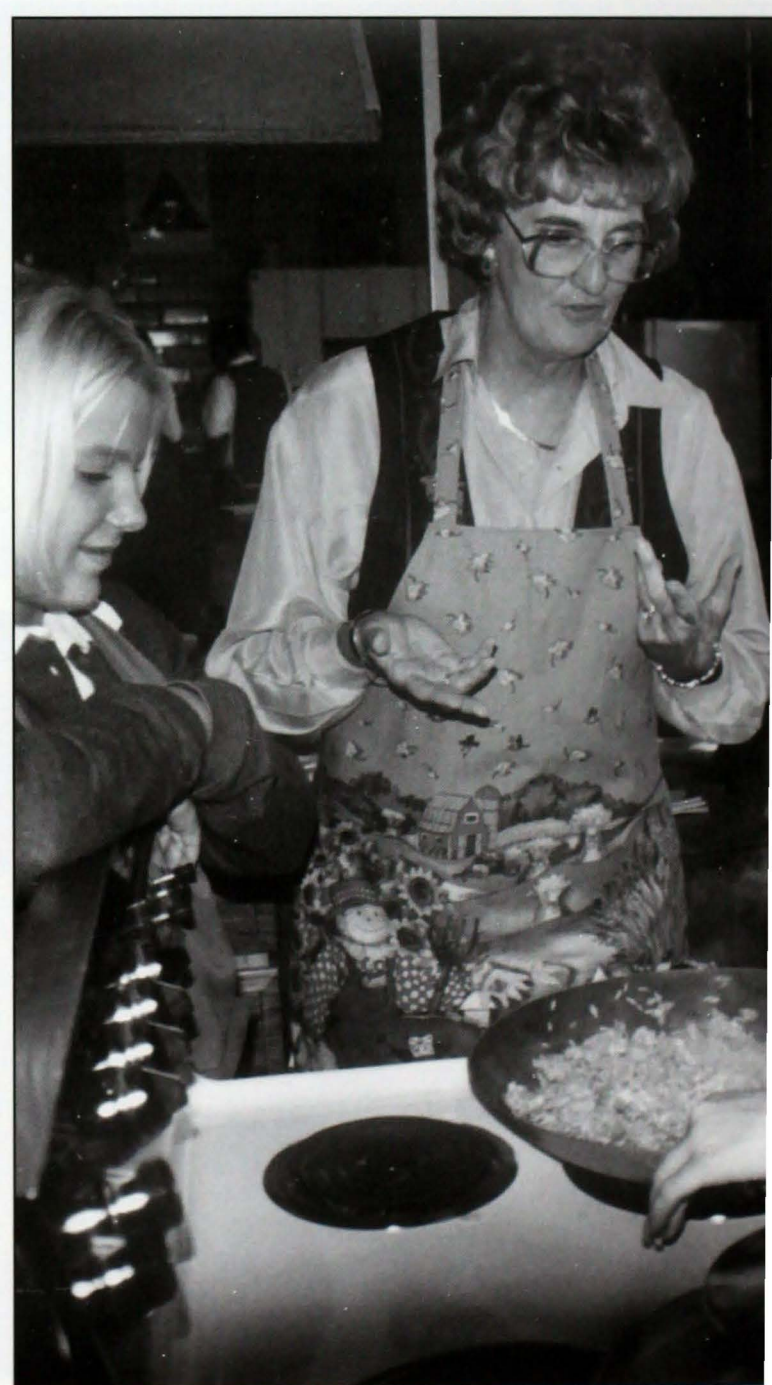


Mrs. Larson preparing her own fried rice.



Tracy Ramsbey, Karen Scheller, and Kelly Spillman discuss the aprons they made for Mrs. Larson's Clothing and Textiles class.

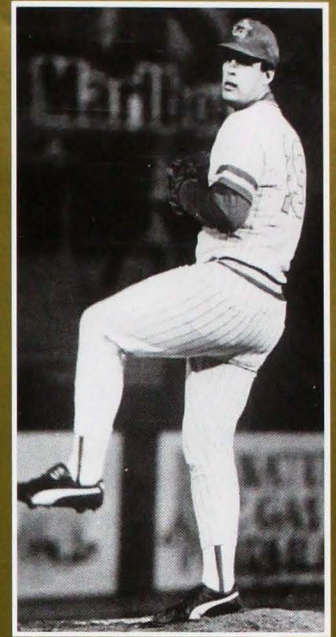
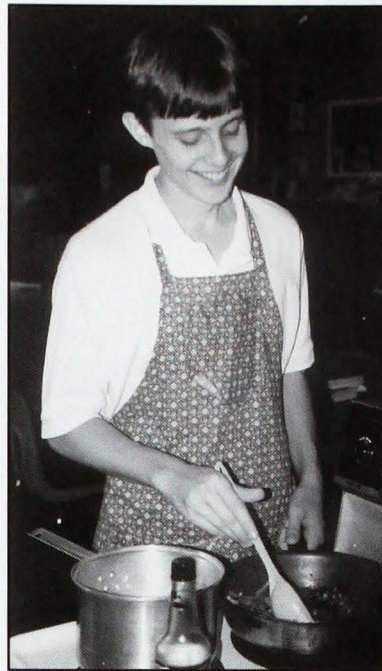
Mrs. Larson explains to Lindsay Helfrich, Mike Conkling and Elita Sheridan how to prepare fried rice.



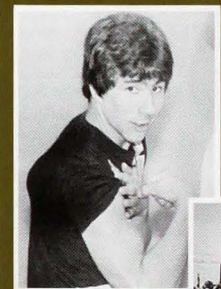
Nathan Knight and Craig Moore practicing their "womanly" skills of sewing.



Nathan Julian (Cheese) preparing fried rice.



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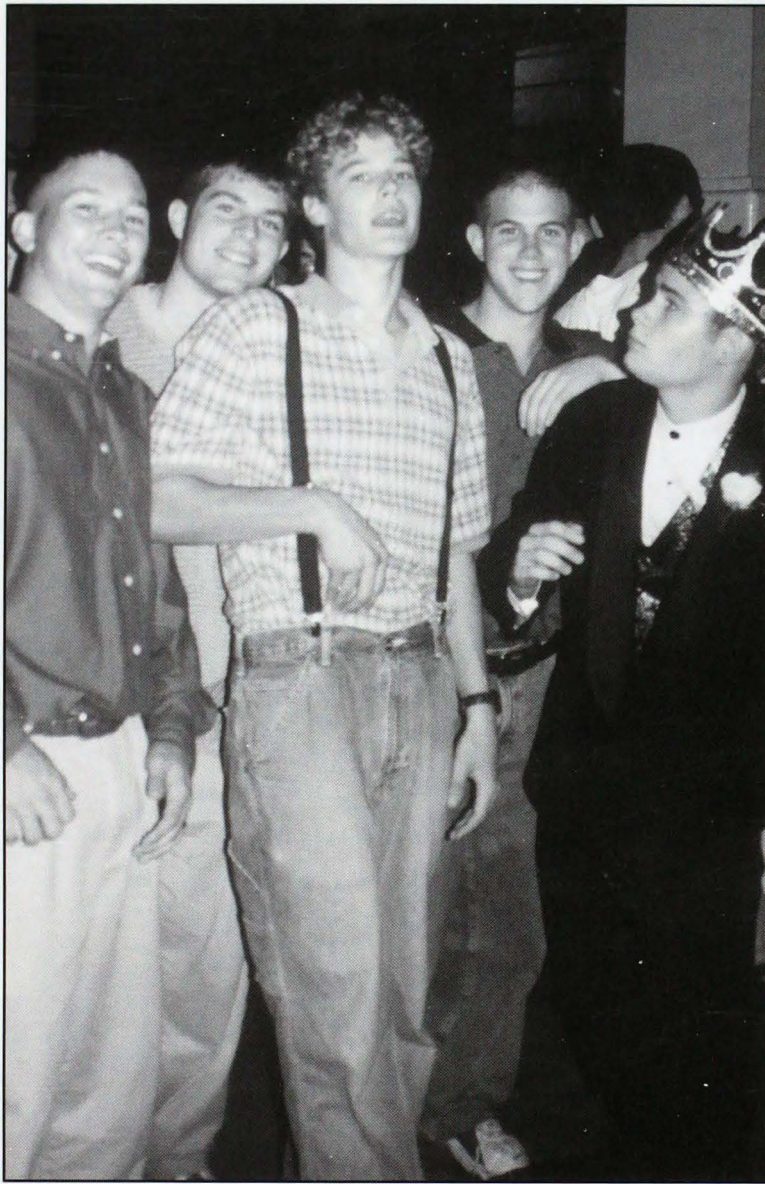


A Thanksgiving feast. One of Mrs. Larson's Foods and Nutrition classes lines up for the food they prepared.



Tim Unfried is looking so cute in his apron eating fried rice.





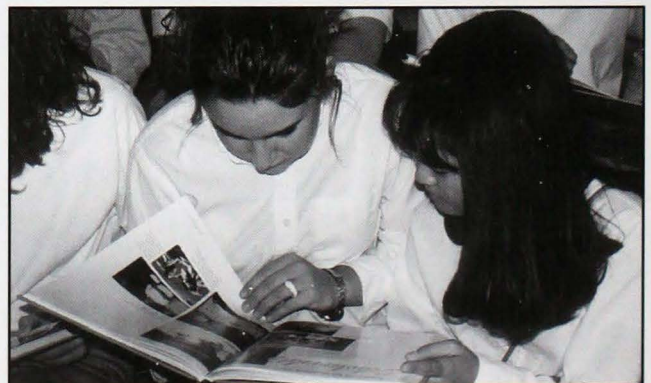
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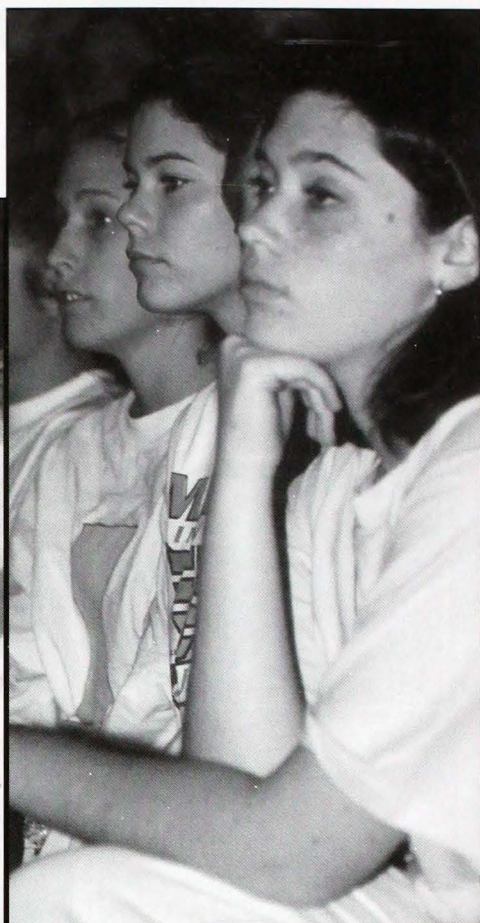
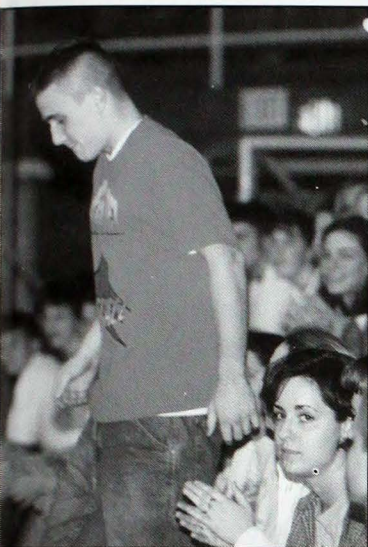
People around the Evansville area have identified Mater Dei students by the state championships, the school uniforms and the excellence in education.

But do these students have lives outside of these halls?

These students are fun, have dreams and are pursuing their own paths once they leave the campus.

Nothing Gold Ever Changes . . . Too Much





After school jobs Part-Time Work

Students workin' hard for the money

It's two thirty at Mater Dei. Students rush to the parking lot to go enjoy the rest of the day. So what do these students actually do after school? Well, most go home to get ready for their after school job. This may not sound like the best thing to do after school, but it gives students many opportunities.

As a teenager, you want to look your best. Having a job gives teenagers that extra spending money

to buy what they want, and to pay for their own car. Jobs are an opportunity for teenagers to show their parents that they are becoming responsible adults. Every student awaits for Friday nights when they get to go out and hang out with their friends. Jobs may take away from your partying time, but you may encounter that the later you get off work, the later you get to stay out.

Junior, Andy Overton, has an

unusual job for a teenager. One day when Andy went on a field trip with his Mass Media class to the FOX 7 studios, he fell in love with what he saw. He decided to fill out an application. To his surprise he got the job and is currently one of the camera men at the station.

After all the hustle and bustle of handling an after school job, later in life you will thank yourself for learning the value of responsibility.

At her after school job, sophomore Jamie Yates keeps the shelves stocked at Target.

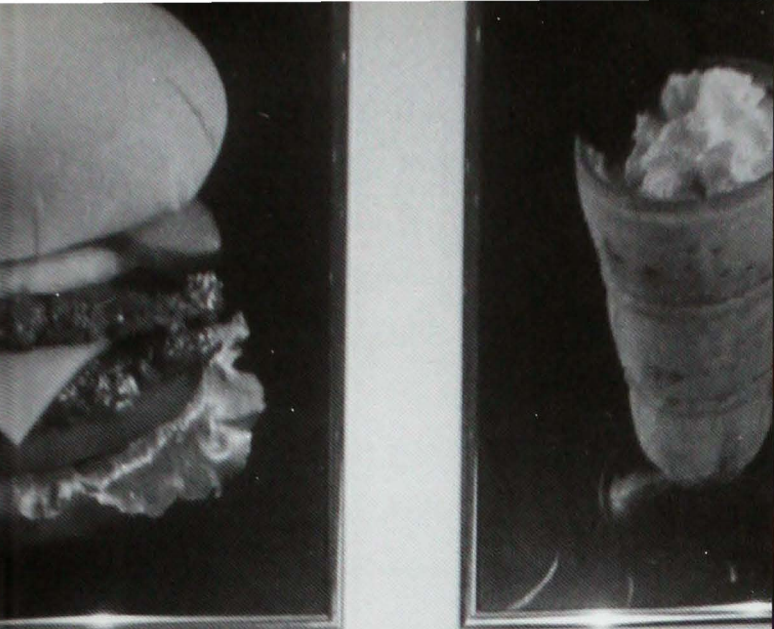
Junior Jason Scheller, rings up a customer at the Shell gas station.



A lot of students work at fast food restaurants. Junior Clayton Westerfield flips burgers at G.D. Ritzzy's.

Juniors Eric Kassenbrock and Andy Lannert, are in deep concentration as they carefully cut keys at Kuester's.

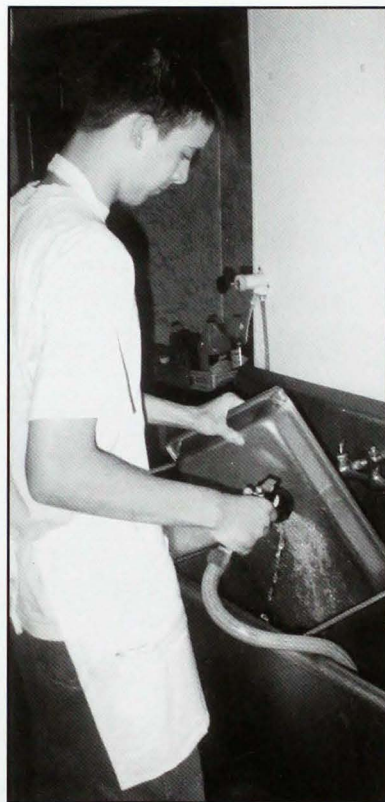




Junior Jennifer Tornatta spends many hours after school as a waitress at Steak-n-Shake.



Junior, Matt Traylor, spends his after school hours washing dishes.



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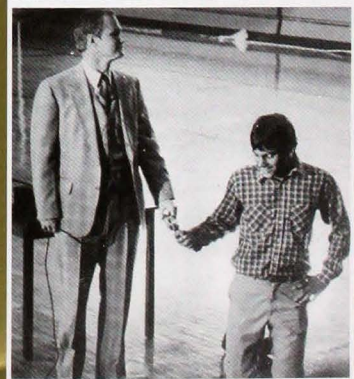
Led by Mayor John Goebel and supervised by Principal Walter Bowman, the citizens of Mater Dei-Ville had a fascinating year. Added to the fall sports schedule was the first Girls Golf team. The team advanced to Regionals.

Other sports also had impressive seasons. Senior Jim Kaiser captured the state championship for the 3200-meter race in XC and held the city record. Senior Bret Schnur won the wrestling state championship. After capturing the SIAC, Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State crowns, they had the second best finish in M.D. history.



Schnuck's wouldn't be the same without Juniors Nathan Julian and Brad Elpers bagging groceries.

At Kempf's Donut Bank, junior Angie Hayden organizes cake order forms.



All Dressed Up The Dating Game

Now where do we go?

Everyone has been through it before. It's that wonderful thing called dating. Everybody remembers your first date. Taking three hours to get ready for it, constantly looking in the mirror to see if you look alright, and doing the armpit check just to make sure you don't stink. It's all part of the game, and not all first dates, or any dates, have gone perfectly to plan. To show you that you aren't the only person that gets em-

barrassed Alysia Bigge has shared her horrible date experience.

"I went to the movies with my boyfriend, and were having a great time just joking around when he thought it would be cool to fart on my head. After he did I was so embarrassed that I walked out of the theater!"

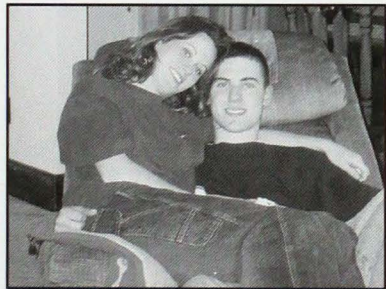
I want to know what was going through this guy's head when he decided it would be cool to fart on

someone's head. Now if that wasn't a total turnoff I don't know what was. Well dating isn't always bad though. Trust me things get better! Amy Hoon told me a story about her boyfriend and the things he did for her.

"The first week that we were dating my boyfriend decided to get me a dolphin beanie because I love dolphins, and the next week he got me a dozen roses. He was so sweet!"

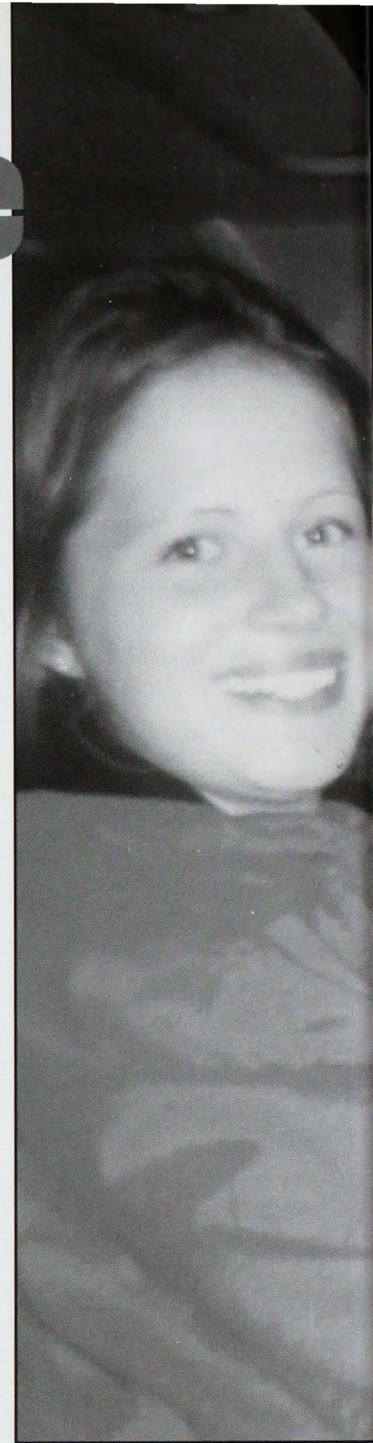
Sophomore, Jennifer Urbanek and Junior, Adam Baxter, are enjoying a break down at Disneyland.

Sophomores Lynsey Hart and Neil Schoolfield spend an evening at home enjoying each other's company.



Sophomores Becky Goebel and Kristen Sizemore get ready for the perfect night out.

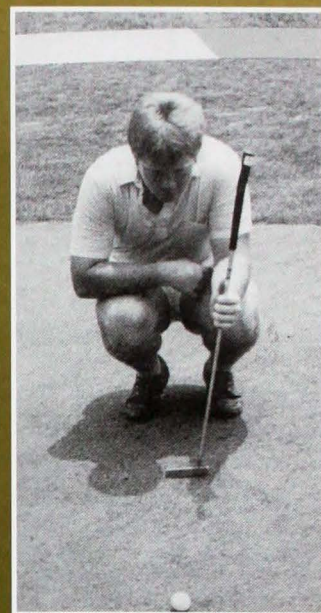
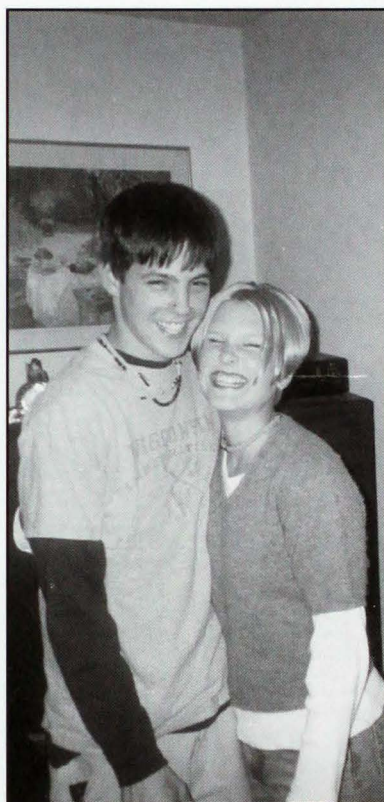
Seniors, Sara Schenk and Mike Sammet are getting one last picture in before they go out.



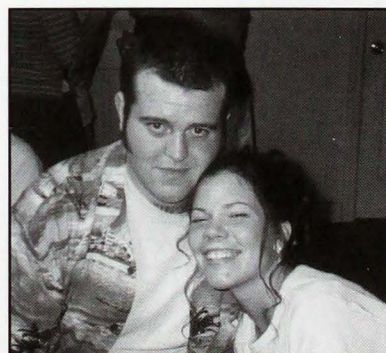
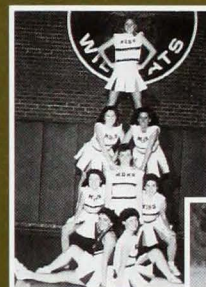


Junior Jacob Weis and Sophomore Carrie Krack are taking the new car out for a spin around the neighborhood.

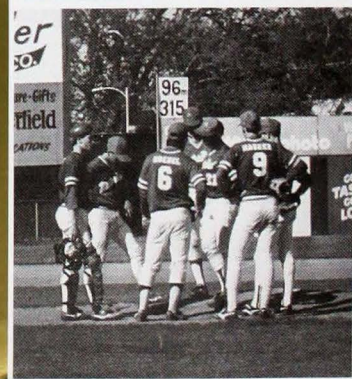
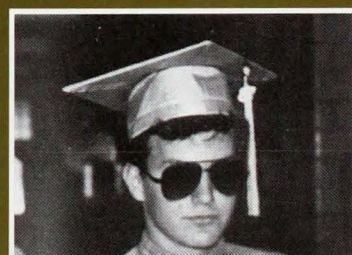
Sophomores Brian Frantz and Megan Zirkelbach are dressed and ready to go out on their big night.



1987



Seniors Laura Elsner and Brian Eickoff enjoy a fun after prom party.



Sophomore Joni Swartz is giving a perfect manicure to sophomore Adrienne Wildeman before their dates come over.

Mission Impossible Parking Woes

Construction project shrinks parking

A parking lot is simply a place to rest your car while you stress out in school for seven hours. But before the 7:20 bell rings, the parking lot is full of speeding, crashing and fighting for a space.

The renovation and addition project took away a significant chunk of parking space for construction trailers and the workers' parking lot. When the upper lot was reduced, the school took steps to limit the num-

ber of students' cars that would be allowed to park at the school.

That is when the parking lot wars started. Tempers flared, the angry gestures flew and nasty words filled the air as students tried to get one of the last few parking spots at Mater Dei.

When school started in August, the sophomores were not allowed to drive to school to save parking spots. Many elected to drive to

school anyway, but park up on Maryland Street.

There were some that went ahead and came down the hill, taking valuable spots from juniors and seniors, causing real parking headaches and heated exchanges between classes. Matters got worse when some refused to get parking stickers.

Luckily, the men and trailers will be moved and this be a problem limited to the 98-99 school year.

Students park anywhere they can, no matter what the paint on the blacktop says.

Our parking spots have now been designated for gravel and construction.



When all else fails, park over a speed bump.

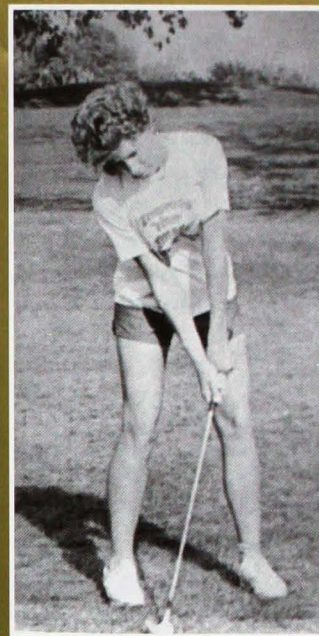
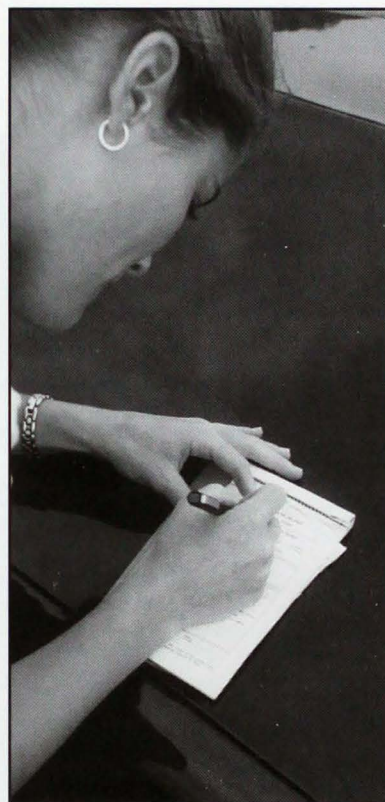
Here's something you don't see everyday an empty parking place.





Junior police officer Jennifer Reffett takes time out of class to enforce the rules of the parking lot.

Jounior police officer Laura Knapp shows no mercy for illegally parked cars.



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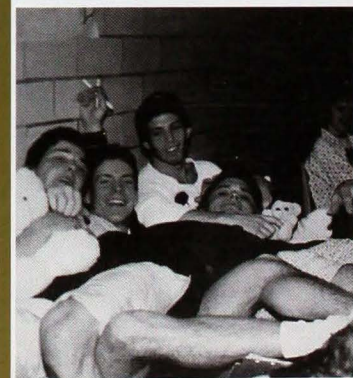
Girls golfer Ginnie Reiner placed first in SIAC competition. The Gridcats (football) defeated our west side rivals, Reitz, and the team captured the sectional title. The Volleyscats had a successful year when their sectional winning tradition continued. For the first time in MD history, the Wildcat basketball team won the Holiday Tournament.

Gabe Zirkelbach was crowned the wrestling state champ for the 103-pound weight class, and Junior Dana Rainey qualified as a state finalist for shot put in track. The boys golf team also traveled to state.



Some students decide to defy the rules and park without a parking sticker

Sophomores without parking permits park on Maryland St. Hey, at least they're not in the parking lot.



Dealing With It School Stress

Students find interesting ways to relax

Between choosing what to wear, what to do, when to do homework and when to squeeze in a few hours of sleep, what should be the most enjoyable years of our lives become the most stressful. Tests, homework, projects, sports, jobs, coaches, teachers and bosses can all add stress to our daily lives.

“Playing a sport during the school year is very stressful. It is hard to go to practice right after school and

then come home and do homework. It feels like there is no time to relax,” said freshman Ali Moll. Students who play sports, have a job, or have many family responsibilities must make good use of their time

Everyone has stress and everyone has different ways to relieve their stress. Some people relax by reading a book, listening to music, or watching t.v. Others may work out, go fishing, or play a game of one on one.

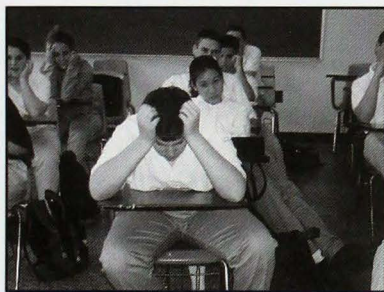
For example, junior Jenn Reffett says, “I enjoy watching The Simpsons or going fishing at my friend, Laura Knapp’s house. Even though Laura and I have never caught a fish, it’s still pretty relaxing.” Still others find taking a nap or getting a good night’s sleep is what they need to relieve their stress.

In this fast paced world, there will always be stress. As students, we have learned how to cope.

Junior Dan Altstadt practices with the Herrel Hardwood and Lewis Industrial softball team to help relieve stress.

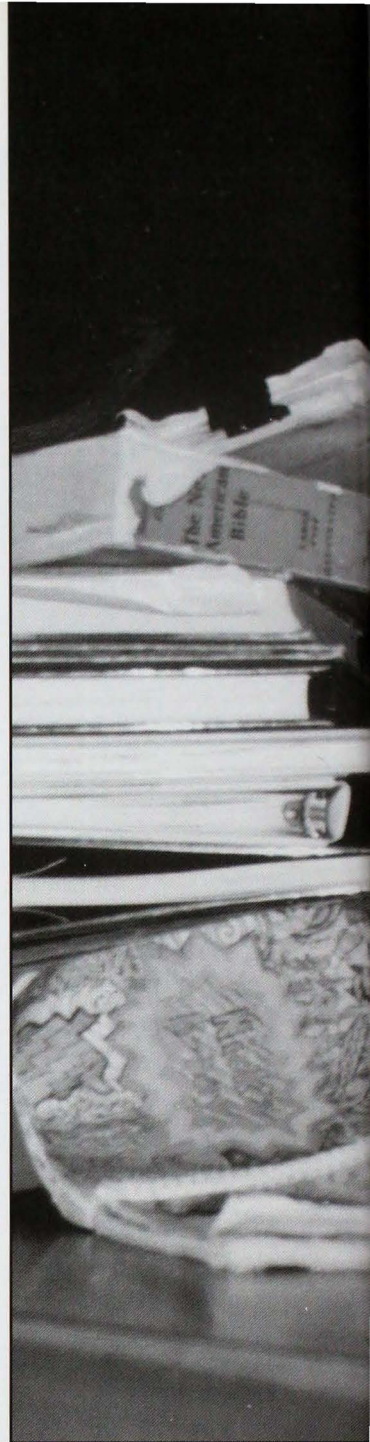
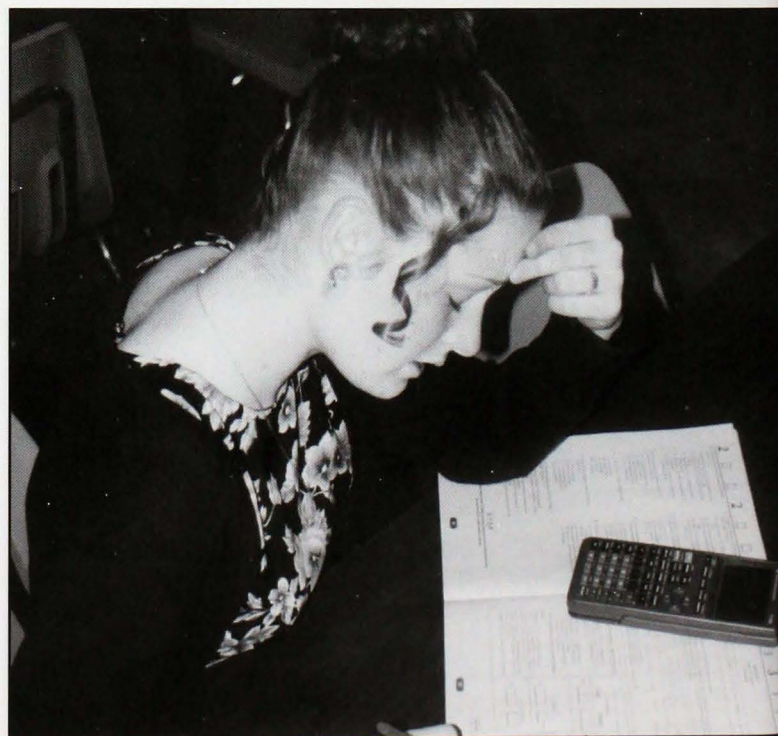


Freshman Brent Schmitt and catechism classmates dread the upcoming test.



Sophomore Katie Bradley takes a much needed break from her studies.

Senior Emily Elpers stresses out while taking a college entrance exam.



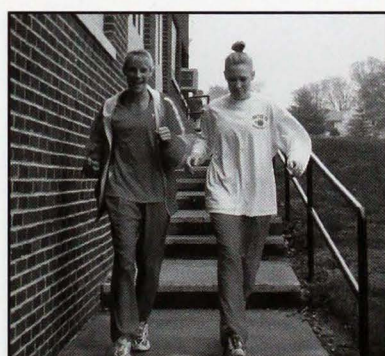
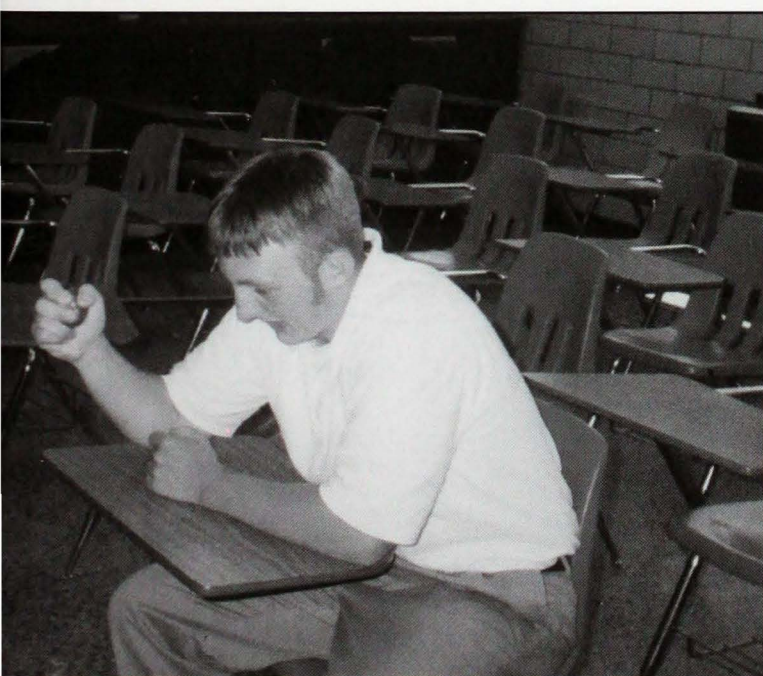
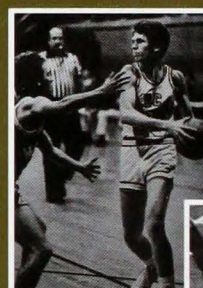


Juniors Jennifer Reffett and Laura Knapp are overwhelmed by their homework.

Junior Renee Reitman says, "I've had it up to here with homework!"

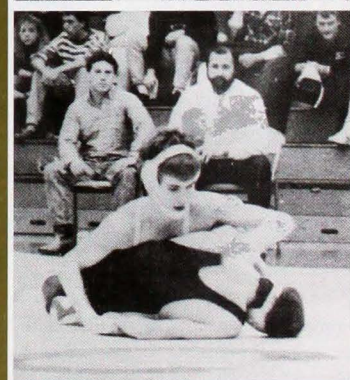


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Freshmen Lacy Haller and Ashley Lamble try to relieve their stress by taking a short jog after a tough day of school.

Freshman Justin Greubel takes out his frustrations on a stress ball.



Making Memories

School Dances

Dancing to get away from it all

A chance to gather together for music, friends and fun. Some get rowdy, some get acrobatic and some get romantic. For some it's a spectator sport while others put their heart and soul into dancing and leave with perspiration-soaked clothes, totally exhausted.

"The best part of the school dances is getting together with my friends," said junior Angie Hayden.

A love of music is something

all teenagers have in common. However, we might not all agree on our favorite *type* of music. Some prefer country with the twang of Shania Twain, others like top twenty artists like Boyz 2 Men, while still others prefer the harder rock of Aerosmith or Pink Floyd. We all love music and it's that love of music that draws us to school dances.

"I like all kinds of music--anything that has a beat so I can move to

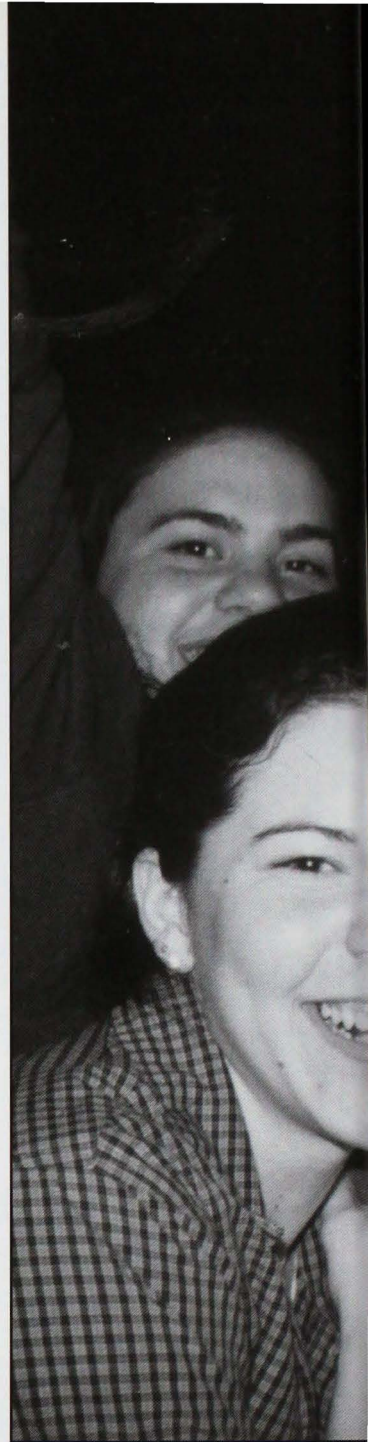
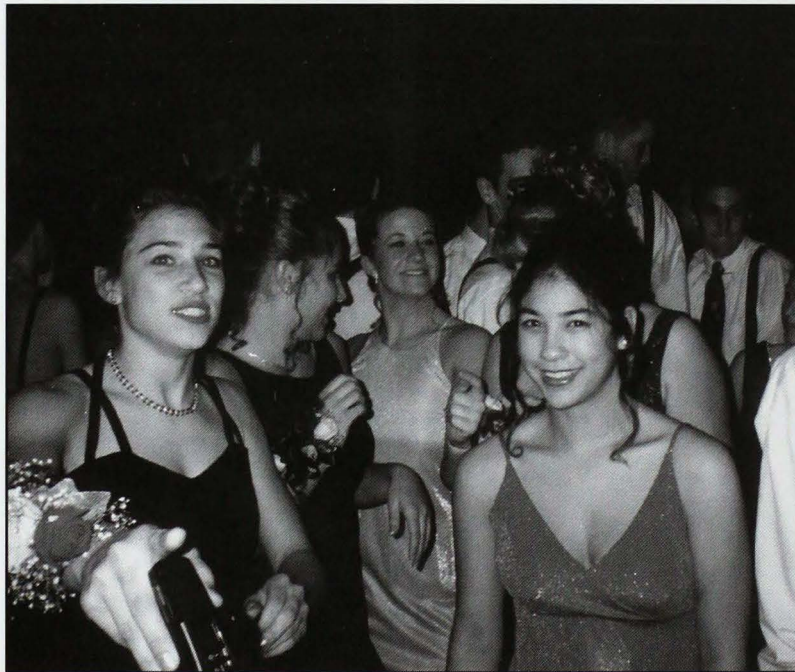
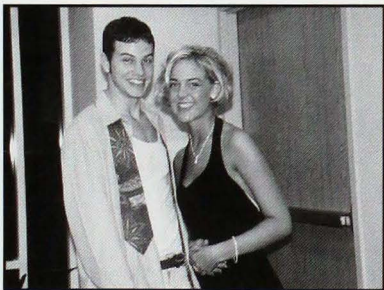
it," said junior Tina Hoang.

Music gives us all a chance to forget about classes, relationships and all our other problems. The music pounds and blares and washes over us until the worries of the day float away. Then we rock to the rhythm, bop to the beat and shout out the lyrics to our favorite songs.

School dances--"getting away from it all" by getting together with friends.

Darlene Dippel and Charissa Spaetti act stunned as they get their picture taken at the Christmas dance.

Wade Miller poses with his sweetheart at the Christmas dance.



Josh Reising, Jill Bartlett, Brittney Wannemuler and Carrie Vowels have fun dancing and talking together at the Christmas dance.

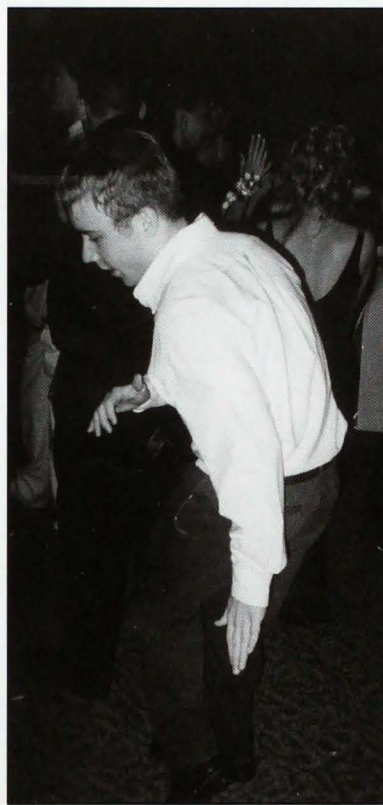
A group of sophomore girls prep up in the bathroom while they take a rest from dancing.





Laura Elsner and Brittney Wannemuler smile at the camera while they are having a blast at the dance.

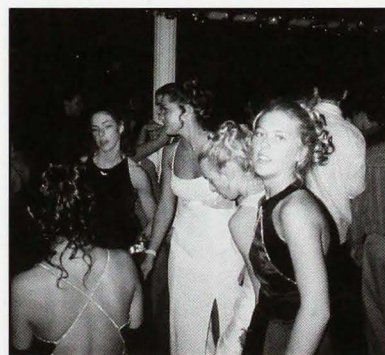
Seth Weber boogies down at the Christmas Dance.



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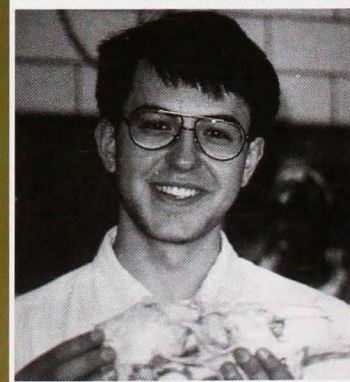
Rainman was the years most popular movie and Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure was "bogus" while students walked down the halls whistling "Don't Worry be Happy." Keds and plaid shirts were all the rage. The decade of big hair and tight rolled jeans was an exciting one for MD Wildcats.

Mrs Quinlin, known then as Miss Rooney, taught the always difficult Driver's Ed class and in health Mrs. Harrington taught fun with fitness. Father Mark was the celebrant at mass and even then Sister Donna was all smiles. And, as always, the Mr. Goebels, were a favorite among students.



A group of senior girls have fun getting down at the dance.

J.D. Wargel, Matt France, Kevin Foltz and Robert Schmitt chill in the lobby before the dance.



Stressing? Relaxing

Kicking back and taking some time out

Stress from school, work, and other responsibilities make it hard for people to find time to relax. But several students at Mater Dei make time to kick back and relax.

Junior Bryan Brown says he lifts weights to relax.

"I go to the Mulberry Center with Doug Moore to lift weights."

Tim Pritchett, a sophomore, says music helps.

"It keeps me occupied and

keeps my mind off school and other troublesome things. It makes me laid back when I feel the flow."

Seth Weber also agrees music helps. "No matter how stressed I am, it always relaxes me to go in my room and pick up my acoustic guitar and write and play music to vent my emotions."

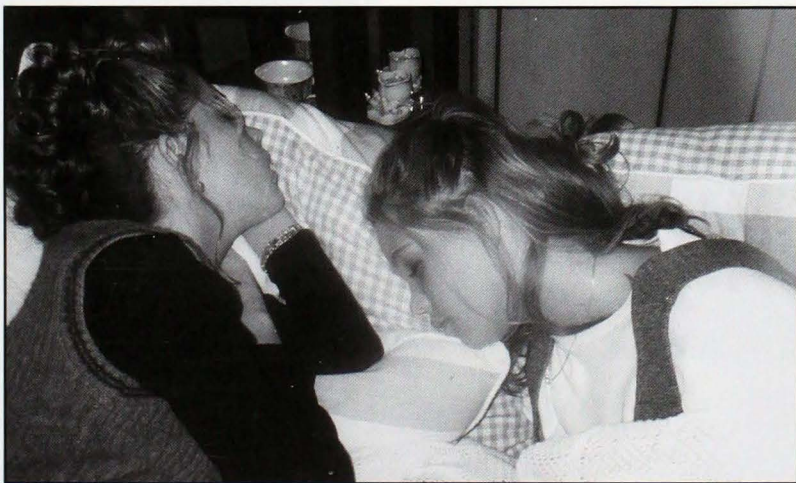
Many people have various ways to relieve stress and to relax. Mrs. Strehl commented, "Who has

time to relax?"

People who do find time usually lay in a bubblebath or go lay in a tanning bed. Some talk on the phone or play with toys. Many enjoy taking time to workout. Other students enjoy hobbies, such as playing music, golfing, basketball, ice skating, or hunting along with many other things. But most students just simply wish there was nothing to stress about.

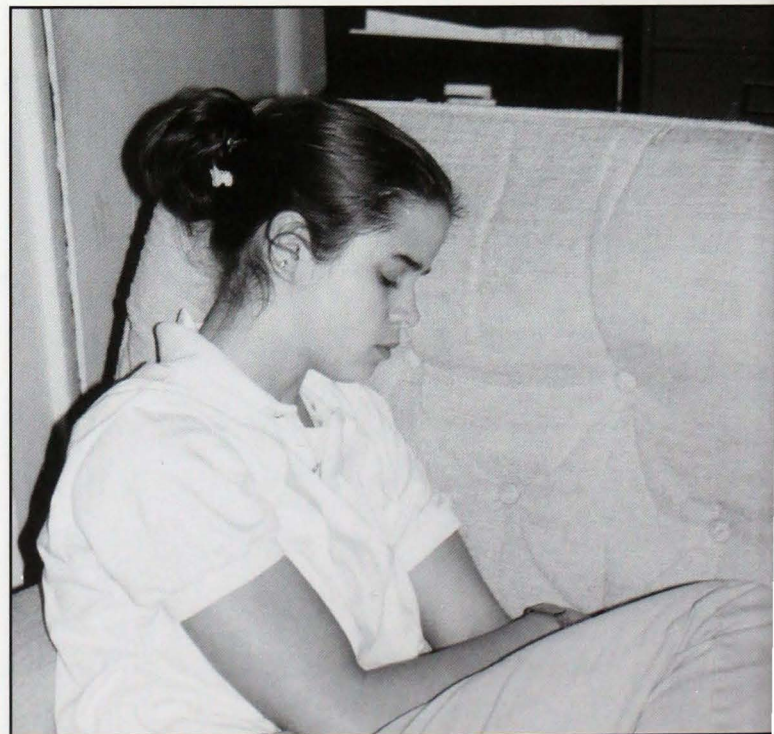
Sophomore Tim Pritchett feels the flow to relax by playing the tambourine with the Mater Dei Pep Band.

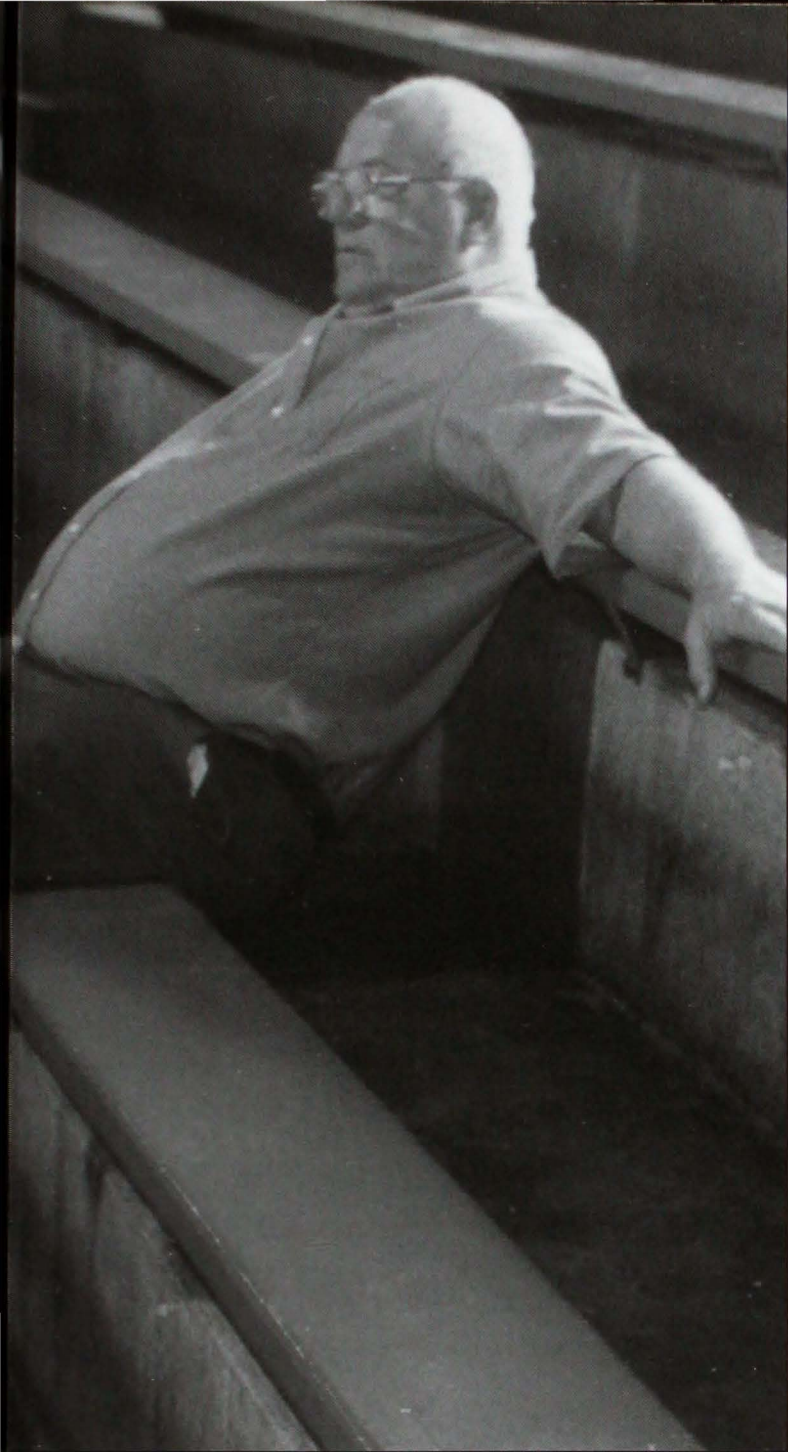
Andrea Haller, a junior, kicks up her feet to make a phone call in an attempt to relax.



Sisters Hollie and Jennifer Morrow catch some z's to forget about the stress of the day.

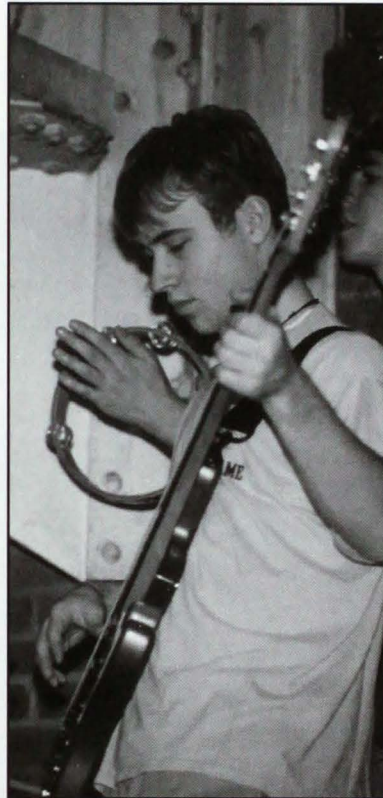
Senior Jessica Butler catches a chance to relax by sleeping in the recliner in the Journalism room.



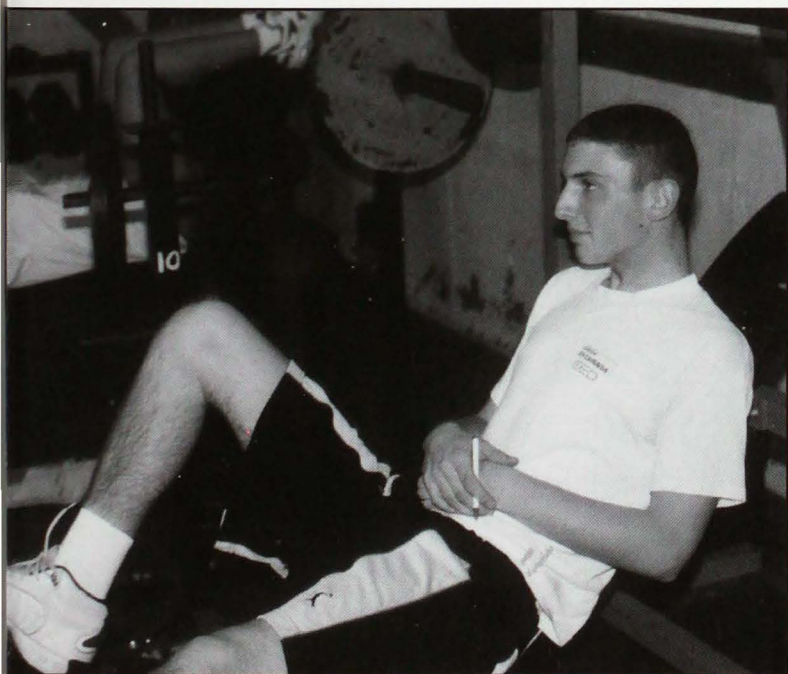
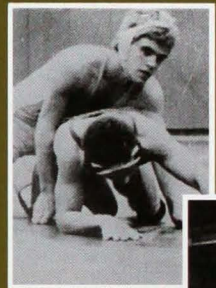


Mr. Frank Will, Driver's Education and Gym teacher, spreads out in the bleachers to take a break.

Seth Weber, our very own mayor of Mater Dei-Ville, plays his guitar when he needs to get his mind off of the stresses in his life.

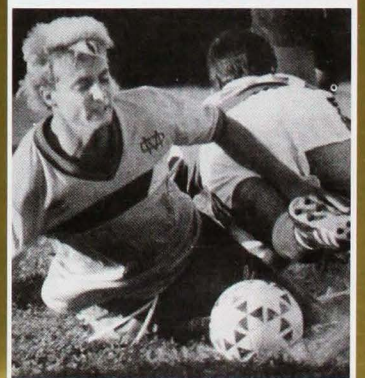


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Senior Aaron Kunkel ice skates at Swonder's Ice rink, a hobby he enjoys that helps him to relax.

Bryan Brown, a junior in Advanced Gym class, takes a break while lifting weights in an attempt at relaxing.



Noise In The Hall Construction

Our classrooms have never been louder

Imagine sitting in class last block, trying to concentrate on the day's grammar lessons. Now imagine that the floor is vibrating, your head is pounding and you can't hear your teachers yelling over the constant droning of a jackhammer. Well, imagine no more because that's the everyday life at Mater Dei.

At the beginning of the school year, windows were knocked out, ceilings were knocked down and a

tradition was lost when the teardrop was demolished. Our peaceful school became a haven for hard-hat clad men making noise.

Even with all the noise, the teachers kept teaching.

Science teacher Lisa Wannemuehler made the construction part of her class. She had her students write poems about construction to help bring out their creativity.

The students are the one's suf-

fering, right? Some students can block out the madness better than others. Sophomore Andy Waelde simply said, "It doesn't bother me."

Some students have a hard time dealing with the madness, though. Senior Kendra Schmitt said that the noise bothers her but, "I just sleep."

Whether it bothers you or not, it has to be done. Soon, the noise will stop, the dust will clear and Mater Dei will be better than before.

Students make their way through the hall between classes with some light congestion, dodging the construction set up in the middle of the hall.

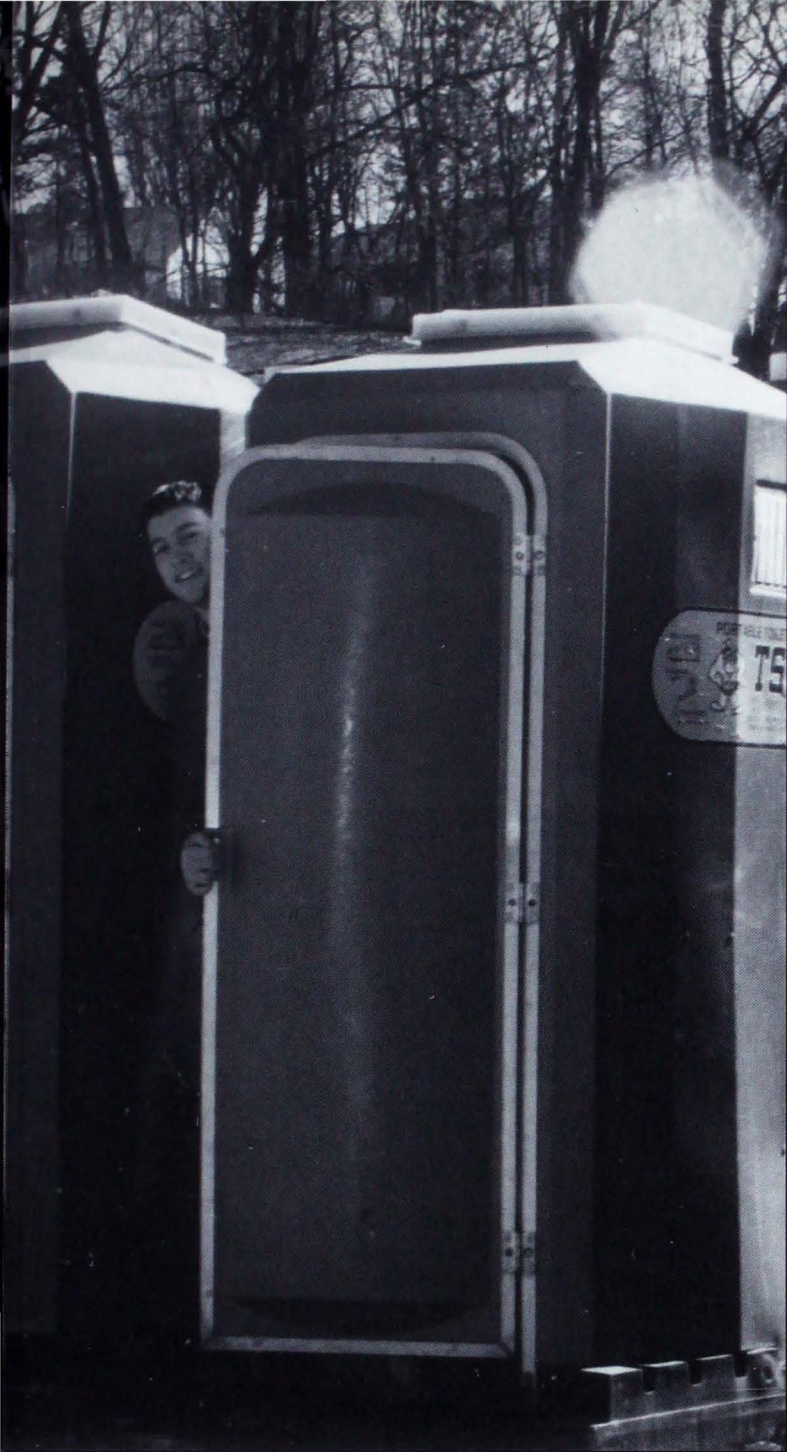
Even during class, the construction workers are taking up the halls, making mid-class restroom breaks a hassle for most of the school.



Mr. Wathen's class was brought to a halt early in the year to test for the estimated time the construction would last in each room.

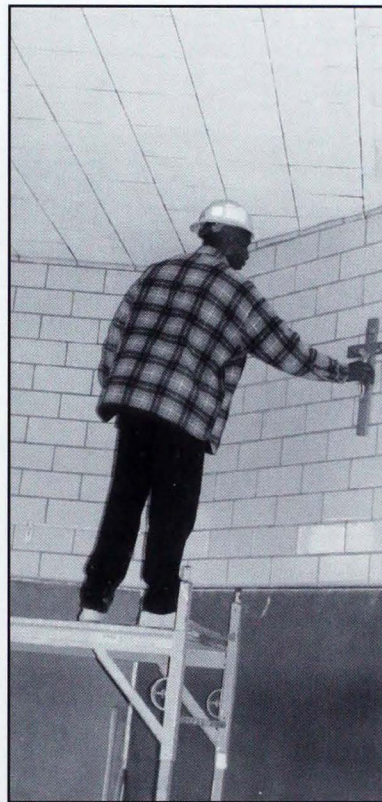
The science department emptied their rooms and transported their valuables to a place far away from the construction. Junior Jim Kissel was happy to help load the trucks.





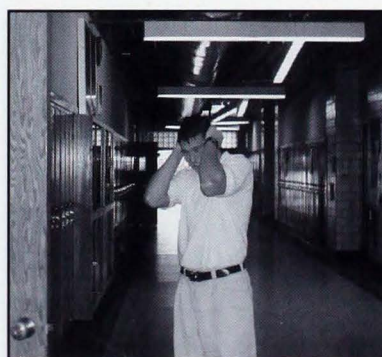
Seniors Tony Paul and Adam Raben take advantage of one of Mater Dei's lesser known additions. Maybe they don't know that's not the new playground equipment.

Before trashing the next classroom, the construction workers make sure to remove everything from the classrooms, even the symbols of our religion.



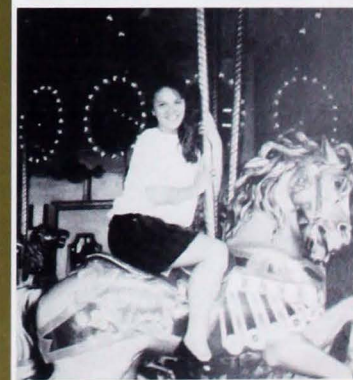
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Milli Vanialli, Paula Abdul and Bette Midler set the style for 1990. The "cool" hair was curly, turtlenecks were in and school spirit was abundant. Mr. Zurstadt was the new kid on the block and *Our Town* was the school play. Sarah Ko was a sophomore and Jennifer Freeman was just a greenie cheerleader. With the transition from florescent shirts and tight rolled jeans to the popular fashion of the 1990's, the class had the big responsibility of being the trend-setters for the decade. They still managed to have their fun. Nevertheless 1990 was definitely unforgettable.



Junior Josh Jurecki cringes as the construction workers make as much noise as they possibly can.

Seniors make their way through senior hall, ignoring the fact that there is no ceiling. This is also the new look in most of the classrooms.



T&I and Sig. School Alternatives

Specialized schools offer special courses

If you have ever driven by Mater Dei in the morning, you probably noticed the group of students gathering outside of the school doors. These students are waiting to catch the bus that takes them to their T&I and Signature School classes. They are part of a program that allows them to learn skills and knowledge that will prepare them for future jobs.

The students involved in the Trades and Industry program have the

opportunity to take courses at Central, North, Bosse, Harrison or Reitz that range from Architectural Drafting and Building Trades to Automotive Service Technology and Welding Technology.

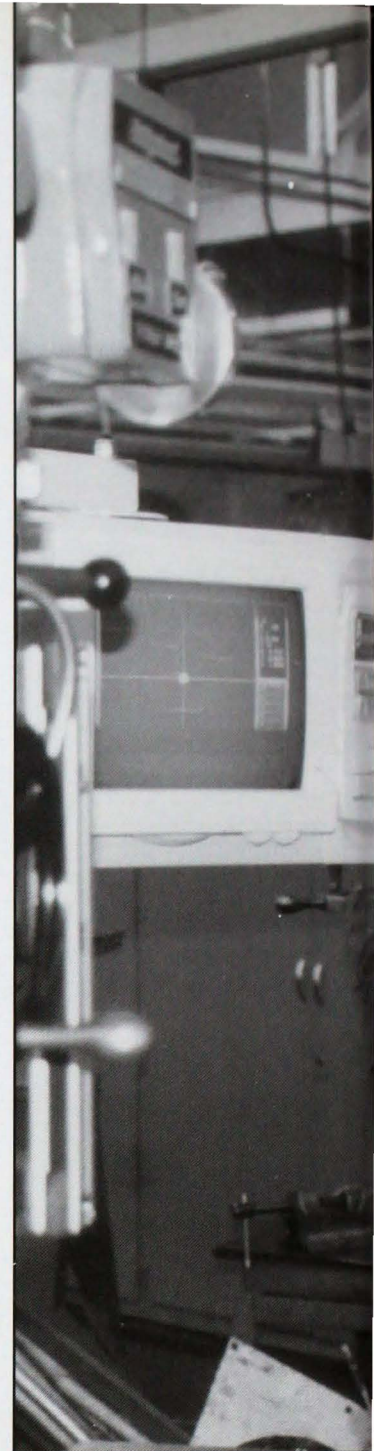
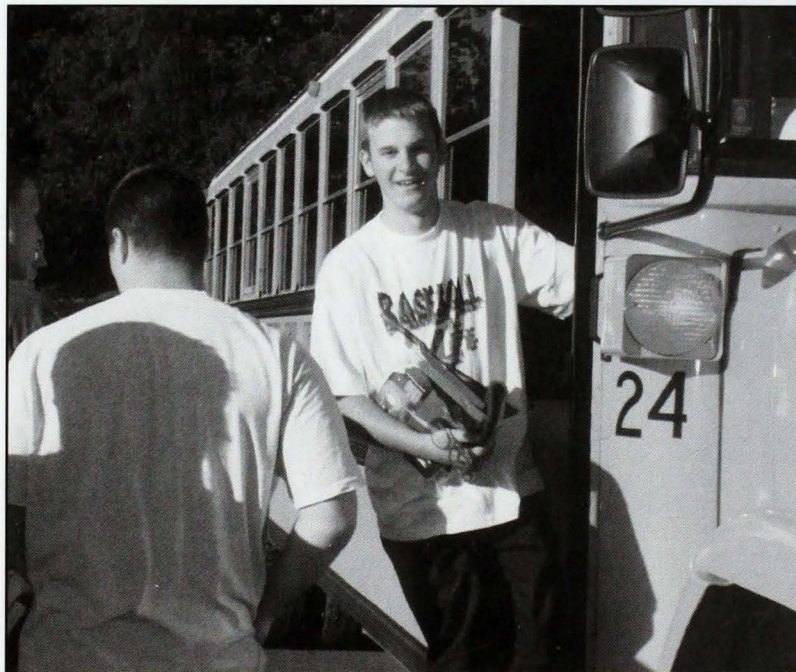
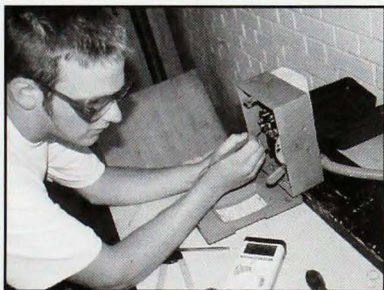
Students enrolled in certain Trades take part in the building of an entire house. Some members of T&I brought their skills to Mater Dei as they helped to build the castle for prom.

Students taking classes at the Signature Learning Center, located downtown next to the Victory Theater, have the opportunity to choose classes from the broad range of educational opportunities provided. Signature school offers three clusters: Humanities/Fine Arts, International Studies and Science/Mathematics.

Junior Katie Raben said of her Signature School classes, "It's a totally different experience."

T&I students including junior Brad Elpers and senior Dave Hisch is getting on the bus that will take them to their T&I courses.

Junior Brad Elpers tests a breaker box with a volatage tester.



Morning T&I students wait patiently for their bus.

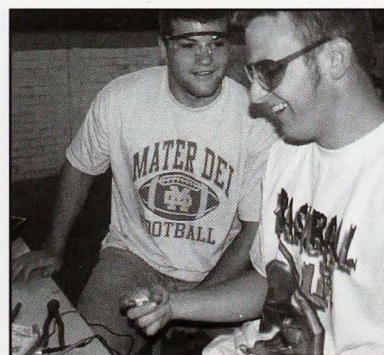
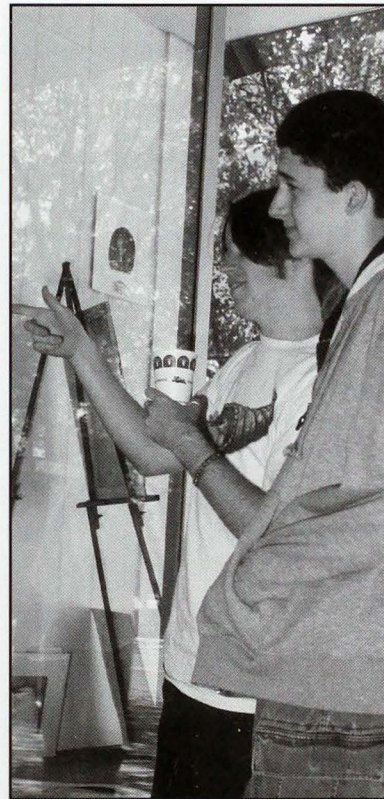
Senior Dave Hisch works diligently at his breaker box.





Junior Mitch Happe is hard at work writing a program on a CNC Mill at North High School.

Senior Blair Borries discusses a window display with a fellow Signature School student.

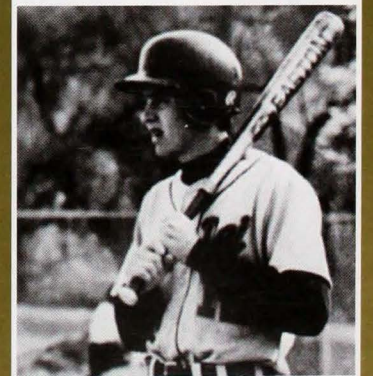
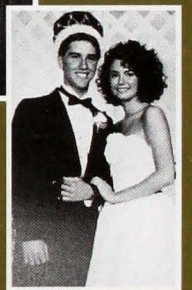


T&I allows students more hands-on work with electrical tools.

Hisch and Elpers use teamwork to help get the job done.



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Outside Sources Field Trips

Leaving the classroom to learn more

An exciting alternative to the boredom of classroom learning is going on field trips. They provide a chance to get away from school and learn new things outside Mater Dei.

On the Sewer Tour students took a glimpse into the wonderful world of the Westside Sewage Treatment Plant. "It felt like we were the Ninja Turtles," said junior Renee Rietman.

Earth science students visited Garden of the Gods in southern Illi-

nois for a cross-country hike in which they were basically stranded in the middle of nowhere and had to find their way back to civilization! "The first thing I thought was that the person with the compass better know where they're going," said Junior Beth Sears.

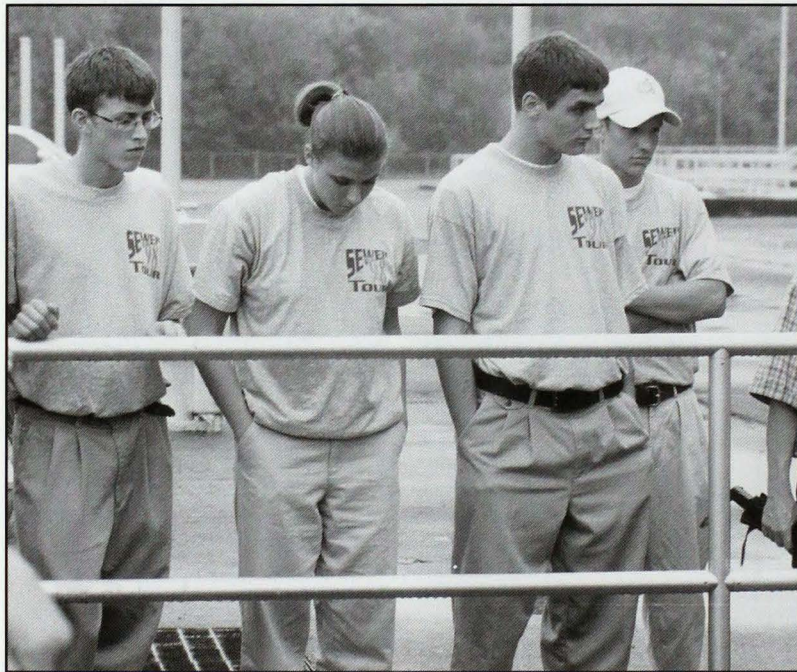
"I was pretty clueless," added Sophomore Libby Funke, "By the end, I just hoped we'd make it up that last hill!"

This year became a first for all-school field trips. On April 20, the entire student body was loaded onto 13 buses and transported to Memorial Auditorium. A ballet was performed in remembrance of the Holocaust.

No matter what the trip or where we go, whether we get down and dirty or stay clean, field trips end up being a learning experience and let students have a blast.

Seniors Ben Smyth, April Altstadt, Andy Woehler and Chris Austin check out sewers with style wearing their tour shirts.

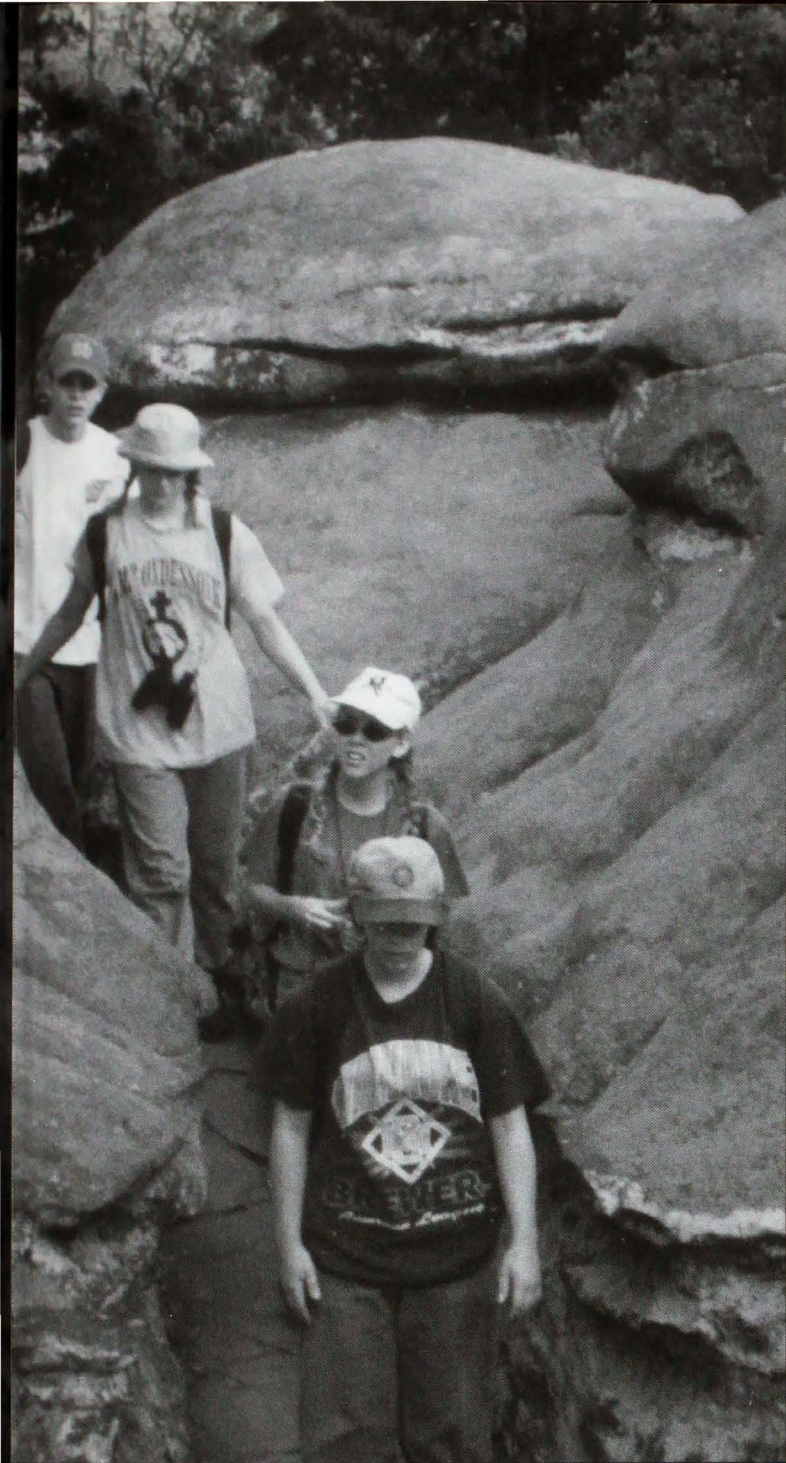
Junior Charissa Spaetti enjoys her time spent in a cave.



Seniors Kerri Vowels, Jessica Butler, Jill Bartlett, Brian Wildeman and Matt Riordan smile because they love field trips!

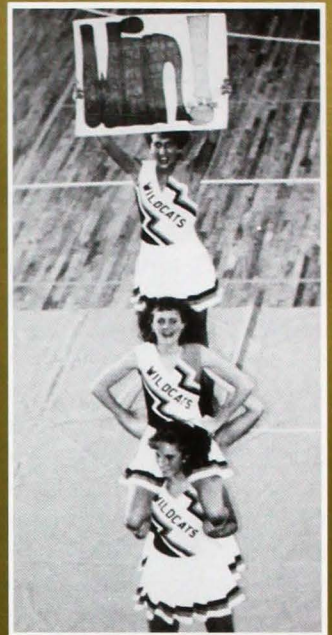
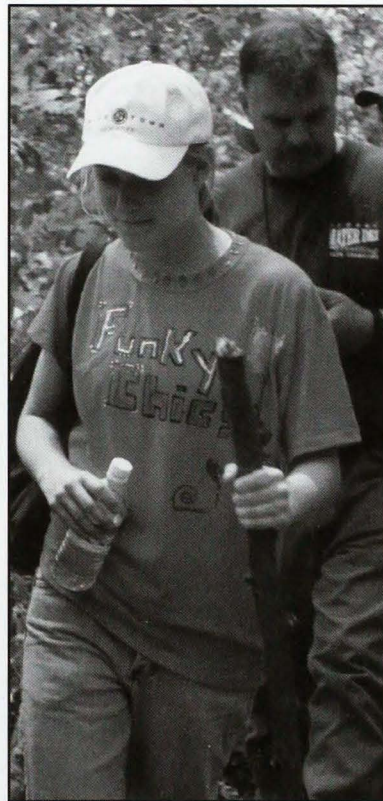
To uphold a SISPA tradition, seniors pose in front of Puff -N- Stuff.





Sophomores Jeff Anslinger, Breanna Collignon, Julie Booth and Crystal Nord are careful about descending from their climb.

Sophomore Funky Chic Katie Bradley takes a leisurely hike in the Illinois woods.

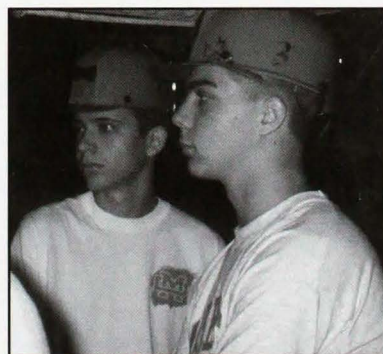


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Overseas, we were fighting in the Persian Gulf War while in Evansville we prepared for an earthquake. But nothing could damper Mater Dei's spirits in 1991. The new decade began good with Herb Neighbors taking over as principal. Athletics earned titles galore, fast pitch softball was born and Mr. Dave Wathen took over boys' basketball. Mater Dei boasted the state's leading receiver and passer.

With athletics in action, MD spirit shone in a group of senior bleacher creatures cheering loudly.

Bill Cosby's visit hi-lighted the year. The 'cats were riding high.



Sophomore Jeff Anslinger and junior Mike Moers listen intently to their cave instructor.

Taking it easy in the bus is junior Matt Dressel.



The Need to Succeed

Achievements

Making their mark outside the school

Mater Dei students do not spend all their time in the Mater Dei lime light. They have stretched their talents past the classrooms and playing fields of Mater Dei.

Several students are involved in organizations such as scouting and 4-H. They use their gifts to help the community and compete for awards. The highest and most prestigious award in scouting is the Eagle Scout award. Many Mater Dei students in

the past and present have been honored with this award. Countless 4-Hers that attend Mater Dei have seen their dreams come true as their projects went on to the state fair.

Students have not only used their skills in resourcefulness but also their artistic talents.

Artists and performers have shared their art with the public. Artists have won hundreds of dollars worth of prizes. Performers have

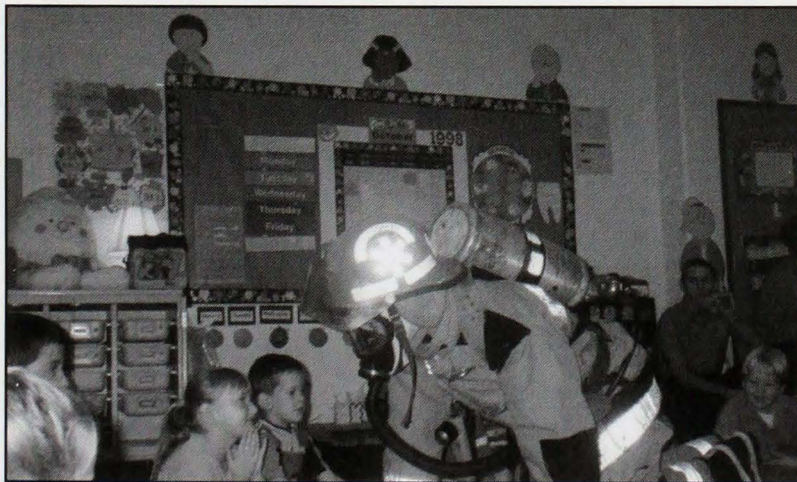
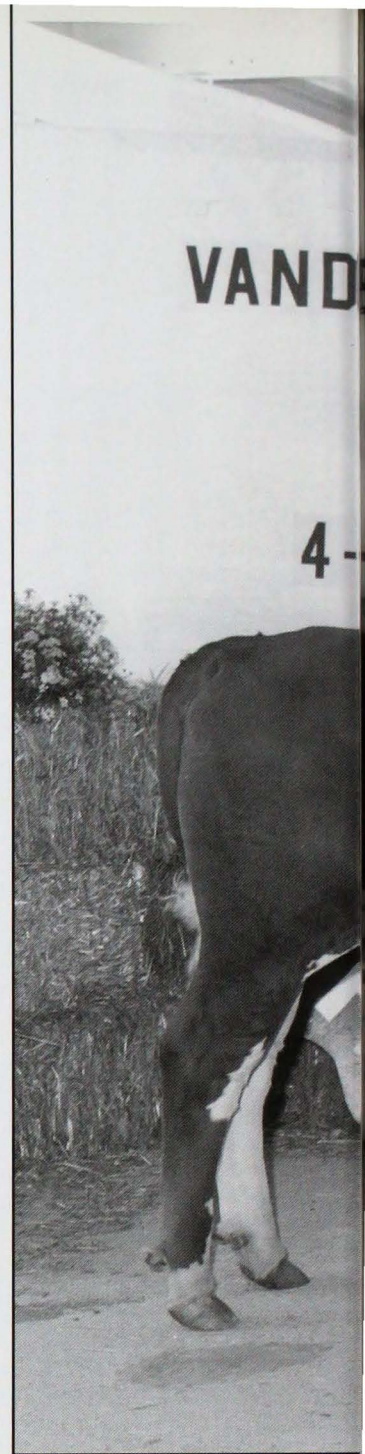
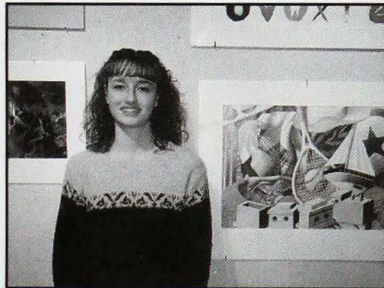
been honored with metals and trophies.

Athletes have broadened their achievements and practice for hours in the off season. They have joined other leagues in addition to Mater Dei athletics and added more trophies to their shelves.

These talented students have benefited from their Mater Dei experience as well as enhanced it with their outside talents.

Senior Krista Dausman practices hard with her award winning show horse.

Sophomore Julie Elpers shows off her pencil drawing at the Evanville Museum art show. Julie's exhibit was also purchased.



Junior Katie Kelly demonstrates fire safety to grade schooler. Katie is a certified volunteer firefighter.

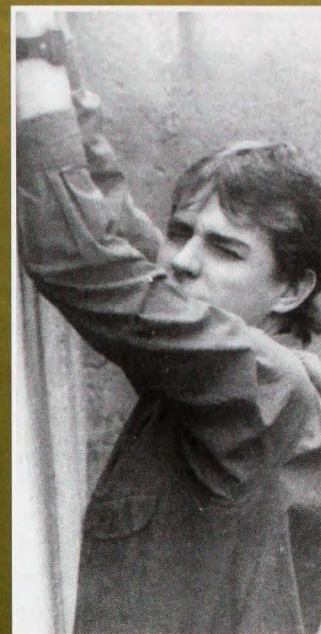
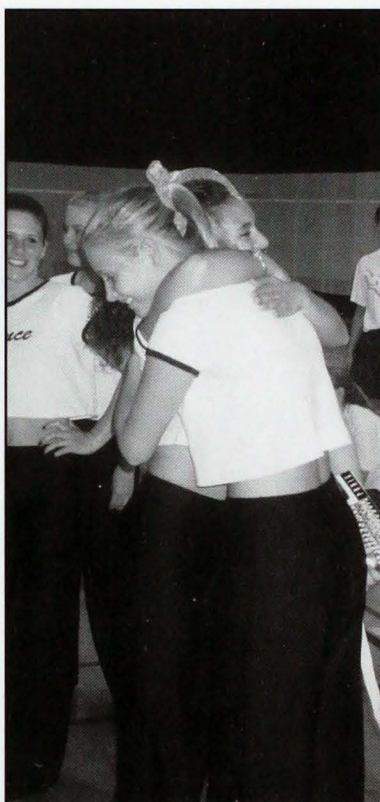
Mr. Schletter, Ben Stephens, Chris Lamb, Josh Gidcumb and David Fehrenbacher stand by their home made car at the Indiana Mathematics Science Technology Education Alliance Super Mileage Challenge.



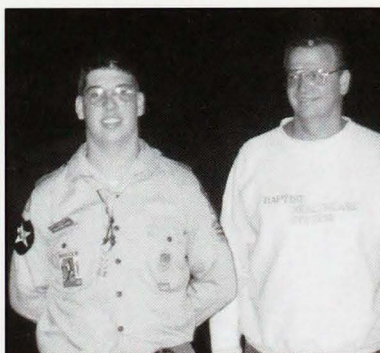
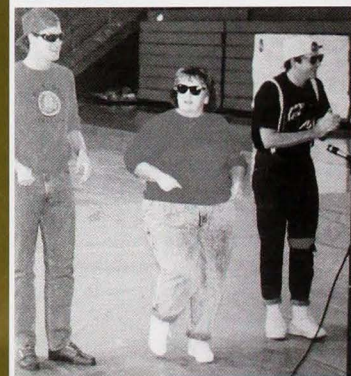


Jessica Herrmann poses with her ribbon winning cow at the Vanderburgh county 4-H fair

Alicia Wildeman is hugged by Jocelyn Gibson after receiving the Universal All-Star award for dance.



1991



Curtis Schmitt shows off his Boy Scout uniform after receiving the Eagle Scout award.

Jill Bartlett and Angela Luigs are all smiles after winning their softball National tournament in Alabama.

Home or Away Spring Break

A week full of rest and relaxation

Every year, towards the end of March, students get a case of "spring fever." The weather starts to get warmer and for one week, spring break, students are reminded of the relaxing days of summer.

Students find many ways to relax and have a good time during this precious week. Some choose to go out of town and truly escape. Chris Waelde and Adam Raben took a road trip and explored the southern tip of

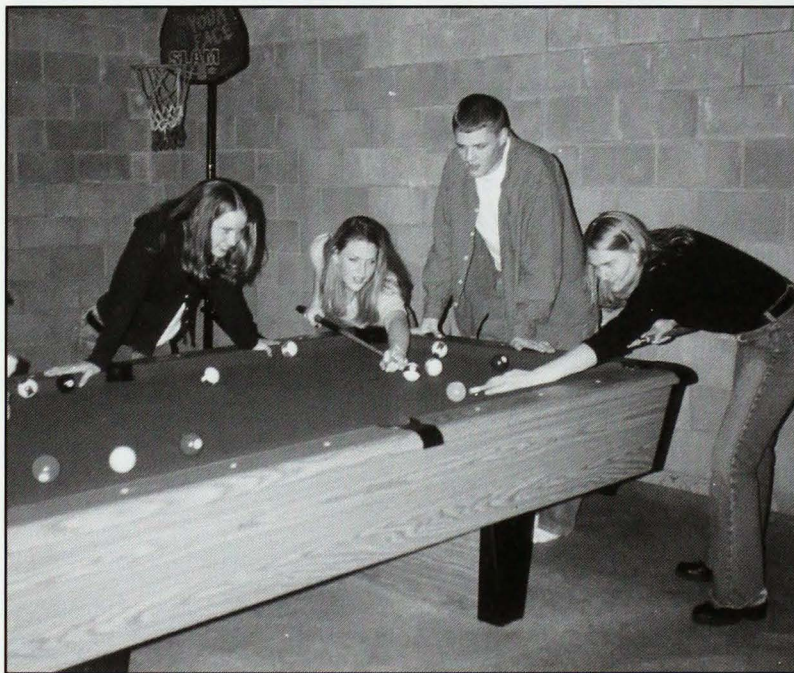
Florida. Brittny Wannemuehler, Katie Raben, Cara and Deidre Messmer spent their time relaxing at Disneyland. Others decided to stay in town and hang out with their friends. Crystal Spivey house sat for her aunt which became the hangout for the week. Students that stayed in town could be found at the mall, movies, various parties held in celebration of this one week of freedom, or just being outdoors and enjoying the

beautiful spring weather.

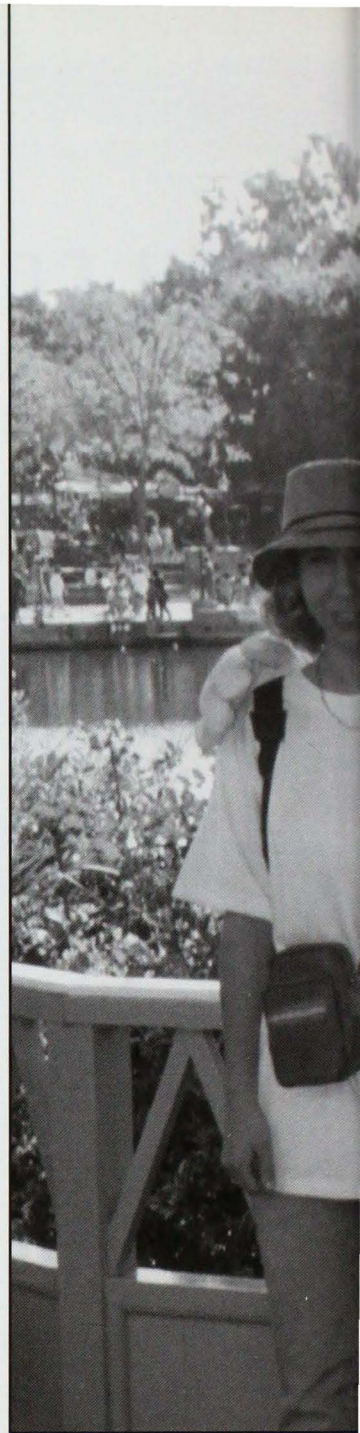
For many girls, Spring Break was the start of prom madness. Girls shopped around at every store in town in search of the perfect dress, shoes and accessories.

There was one drawback to this glorious week. It had to end. Students found it difficult to get back into the groove of school. They were ready for summer, but there was still almost two months of school left.

Juniors Gina Utley, Natalie Zimmer, Sarah Gries, and Adam Weinzapfel enjoy a game of pool.



Freshman Haley Grasso tests the softness of her hotel bed over spring break. Alisann Shetler and Haley spent the week in Tennessee.



Senior studs Chris Wealde and Adam Raben prepare for a day of fun and sun on the beach in southern Florida.

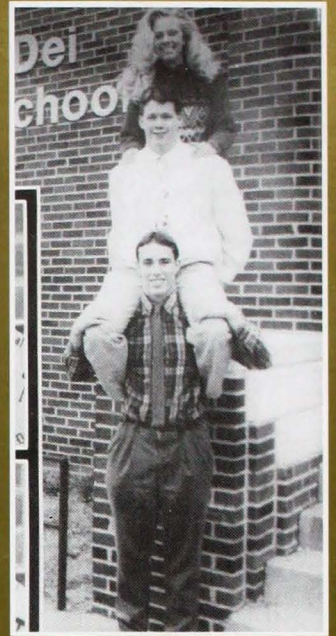
Junior friends Jodi Bittner and Jennie Tornatta have a good time just hangin' out and enjoying their week of freedom.





Katie Raben and Cara Messmer pose with Goofy at Disneyland.

Senior Nathaniel Rivers displays his singing talent for everyone at Crystal Spivey's aunts house.

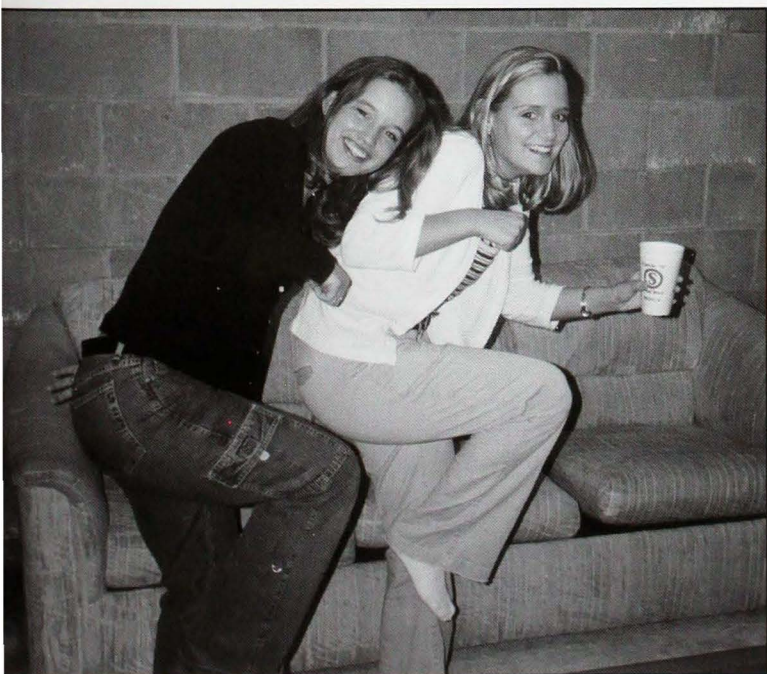


1992

The main influence of 1992 was fun, school spirit.

To get involved, you had to go all out. Every color day was a battle to see who had the most school spirit. No one could resist getting in the spirit on pajama day and aloha day during football homecoming week.

Even the normal attire was outrageous. Girls wore stretch pants, penny loafers and big hair. The studly boys wore flannel shirts and Guess? jeans. The wrestling team made it to the state finals. They finished the season undefeated. Craig Elpers took second in state.



Freshman Kim Goebel gets serious about hula-hooping as she starts the week of fun immediately after school Friday.

Juniors Natalie Zimmer and Natalie Miller can't help but smile as they show off their unique dance moves.



Showing Commitment Campus Cleanup

Students volunteer to beautify school

Every year, before school starts, many students volunteer their time as they gather together to clean up the campus for the Mater Dei community. On August 1, 1998, twenty-four seniors and a few members of the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association joined forces to clean up the grounds.

Most of the work went to trimming shrubs and cleaning around the patio area near the gym. Many of the

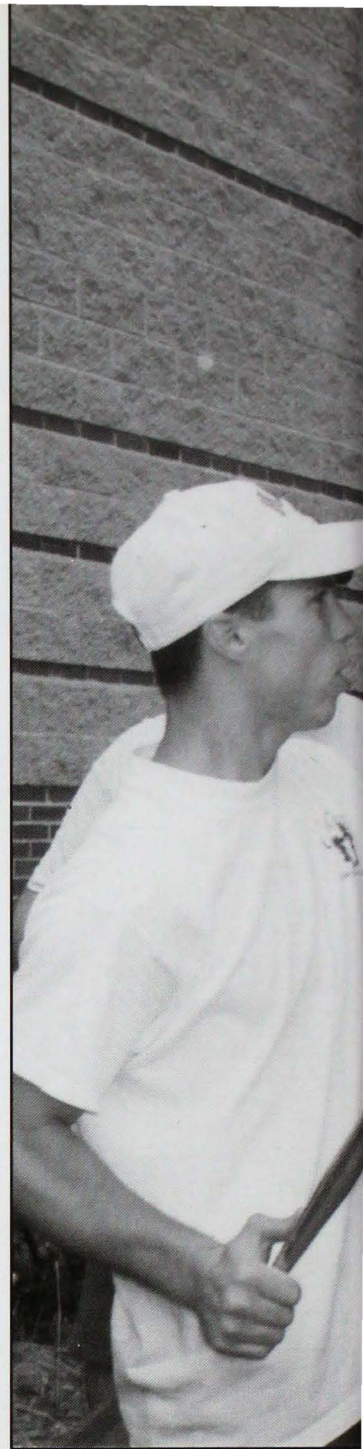
senior girls helped clean the concession area for the fall sports as well.

Many people are willing to volunteer their time and energy because they care about the appearance of Mater Dei High School. They are, therefore, willing to work together to maintain this appearance. Not only do these willing students come to show their pride in Mater Dei High School, but former graduates and parents also come to do the same.

One day before school starts is not enough, however, to keep the Mater Dei campus clean. Throughout the school year, several homerooms are assigned a particular area of the grounds to clean up. This is just one of the many ways the students can give back to the Mater Dei community. This willingness to work together to maintain a beautiful campus is an illustration of pride in keeping up the tradition of Mater Dei High School.

Seniors Joe Lamble and Amy Krack get the parking lot ready for school by straining their backs as they sweep to keep the campus looking nice.

Senior Chad Martin, one of many volunteers that helped with landscaping, trimmed the shrubs on the southwest side of the school.



Seniors Brianne Lemberg, Sarah Jost and Chris Austin help show their pride by cleaning up the grounds at Mater Dei on this hot Campus Cleanup Day.

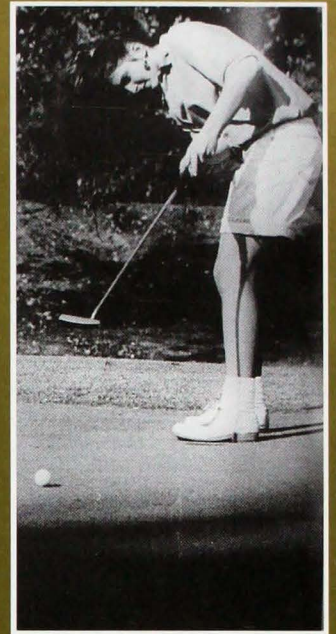
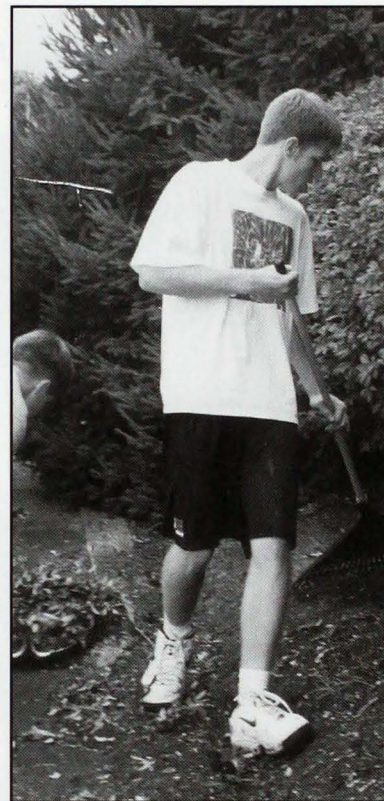
Seniors Katie Will, Brittney Wannemuehler and Katie Elpers give their time and energy to Mater Dei as they get their hands dirty filling the trash can up with leaves and dirt.



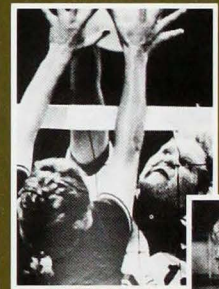


Getting ready for another school year, Chad Martin sends the old desks off to the dump.

Senior Benny Faraone shows his commitment to the school by helping rake under the bushes on the south side of the school.

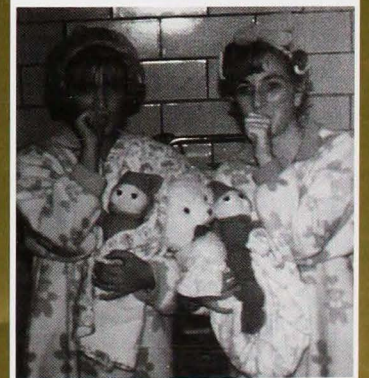
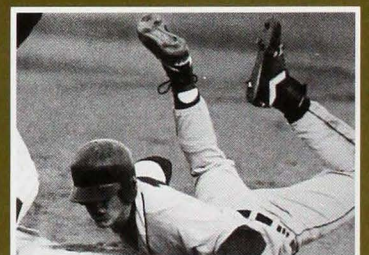


1992



Senior Phillip Beck, willing to work to keep the school clean, sweeps around the dumpster.

Senior Chris Austin, one of the many volunteers on Campus Cleanup Day, works hard to fill the truck up with dirt.



ACT/SAT College Bound

Students make decisions for the future

As your alarm rings far too early on that dreaded Saturday morning, you wonder if the SAT is really worth the trouble. You get ready, sharpen a few #2 pencils, grab your TI-82, and stagger into the test center. When the four long hours of testing are up and noon has rolled around, you feel so happy that it is over with.

Although you're excited to receive your scores, you're also very

nervous. Will they be high enough for the college you want to attend, or will you need to retake it?

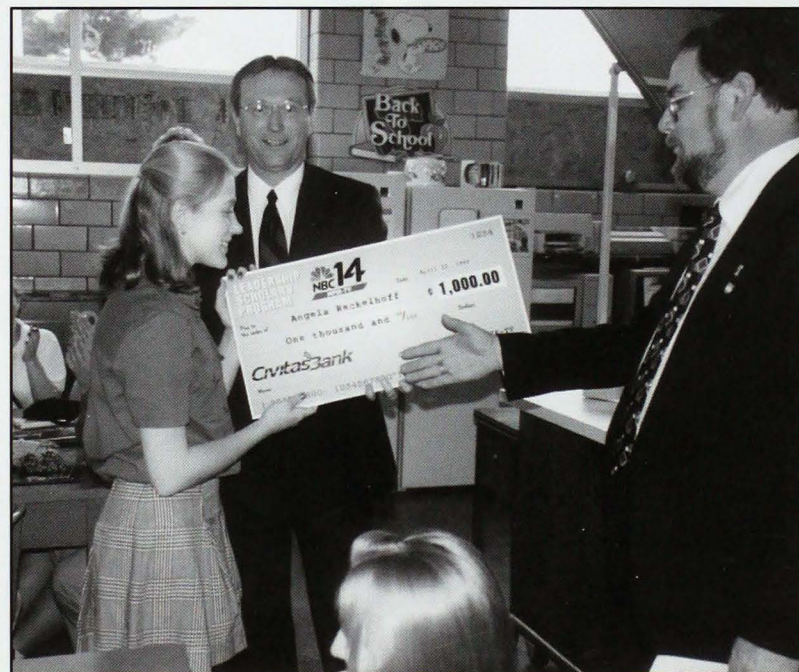
Once your senior year has finally arrived, the pressures of college are at their peak. Especially at this age, choosing a college seems to be the biggest decision you'll ever have to make. After all, it will determine the rest of your life.

"Since not all your friends will be together everyday, this makes the

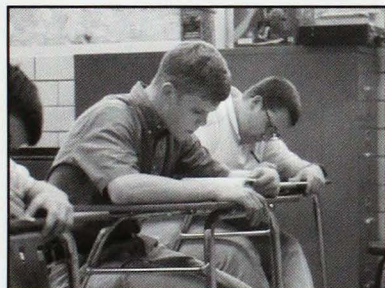
decision hard because we've been doing the same thing our whole lives," said senior Jenny Effinger.

Although testing and decisions are the stressful side of this process, receiving the almighty acceptance letter gives you an adrenaline rush. You finally begin to realize that your hard work is paying off and was very worthwhile in the long run. You have taken the first major step into your future.

NBC 14 proudly and pleasantly surprises senior Angela Reckelhoff with a leadership scholarship.

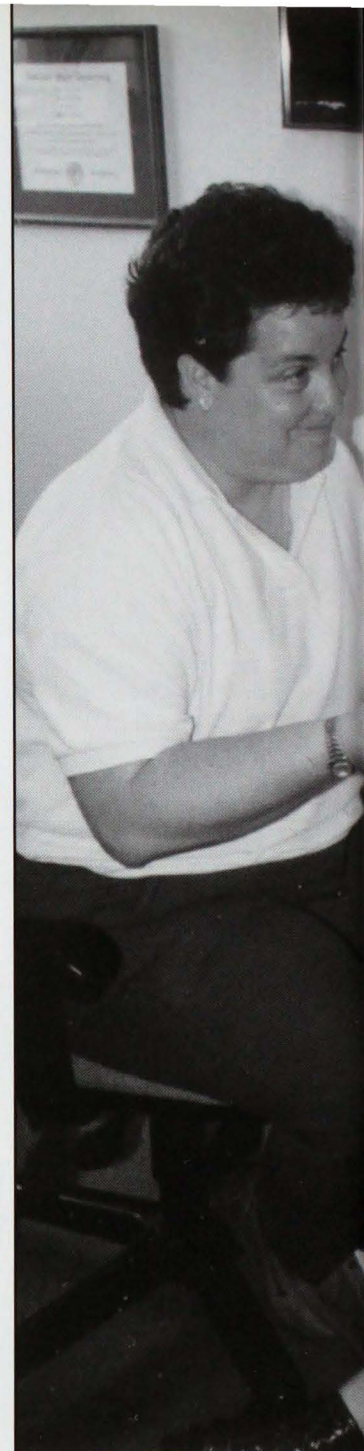
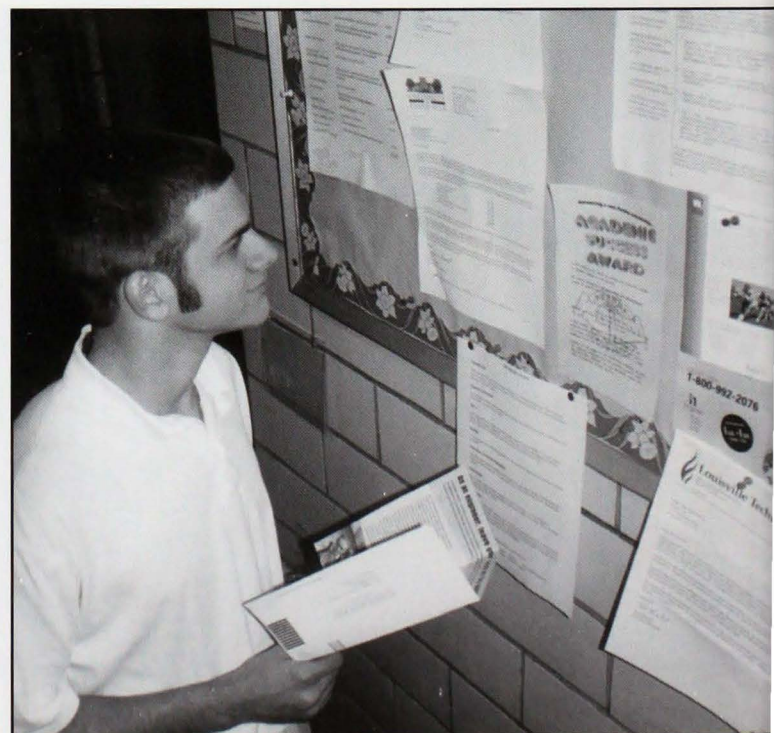


Senior Dan Jankowski polishes his math skills as he practices for the SAT.



Deep in concentration, senior Emily Elpers works diligently on the SAT.

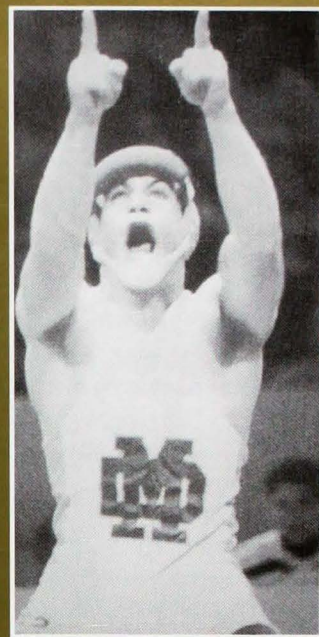
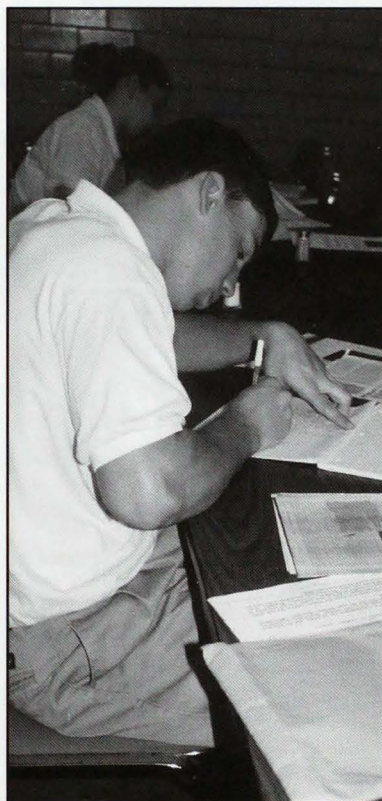
The bulletin board kept senior Josh Hillenbrand up-to-date on the latest college information.





Senior Margaret Halbig tries to iron out the last of her college decisions with Ms. Lilly.

Senior Dustin Macke writes nonstop to complete his essay before the deadline.



1993

There is a time for everything, whether it be friendship or athletic and academic achievements. Channel One arrived in 1993, as did a State wrestling champ, Matt Armentano. The marching band and concert choir received a Division I rating allowing qualification for State.

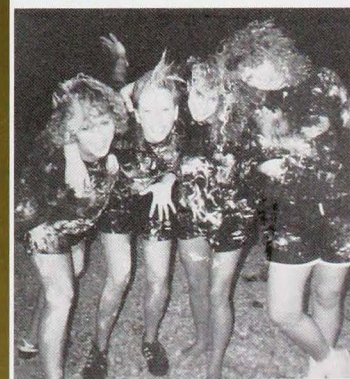
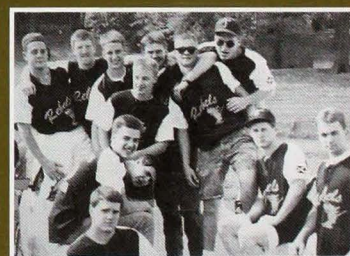
Following the volleyball team, who made it to Semi-state with a 'Never Say Die' motto, girls' cross country team made their record by going to semi-state for the first time in school history.

This goes to prove that there is a time for everything.



Mrs. Donofrio helps senior Anna Ruggles revise her essay. Over the year, Mrs. Donofrio offered the students an SAT prep course.

Seniors Anna Ward and Angela Reckelhoff make their plans to take the SAT.



Showing Off Talent Show

Students display their hidden talents

On Saturday April 17, 1999, Mater Dei held its annual talent show in the school's gymnasium.

The crowd was entertained with a variety of acts. Whether they were dancing, singing or just goofing off, each act was different from the one before.

As people watched the show they were stunned. Some people found themselves wondering if the performers were lip singing or if they

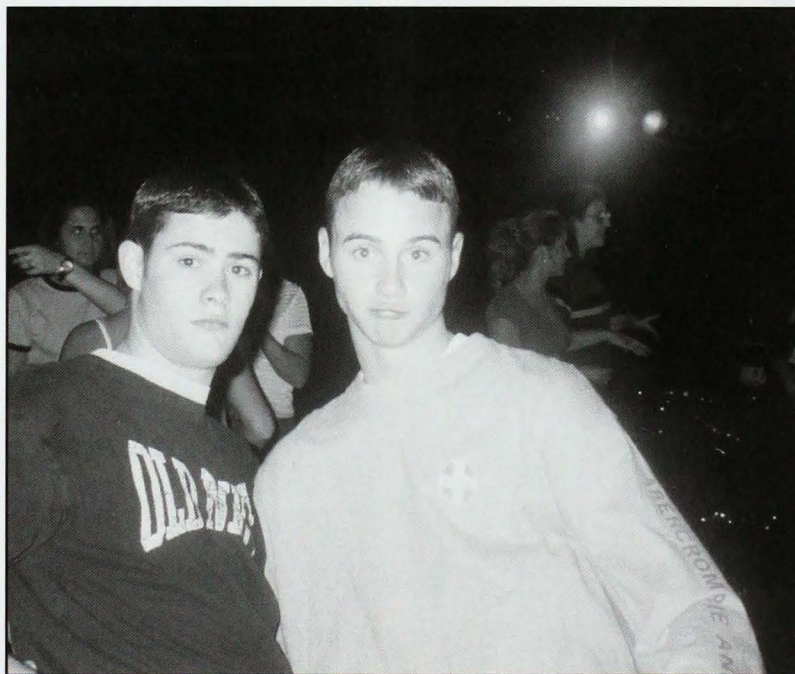
were really that good. Others were amazed at how well Anh Bui and Heather Knapp had imitated Brandy and Monica while singing "The Boy is Mine."

As the judges were making the final decision, Nathaniel Rivers, the MC, kept the crowd occupied by singing, dancing and even losing a few layers of clothing. After the decisions were made and the votes tallied, Heather Knapp received third

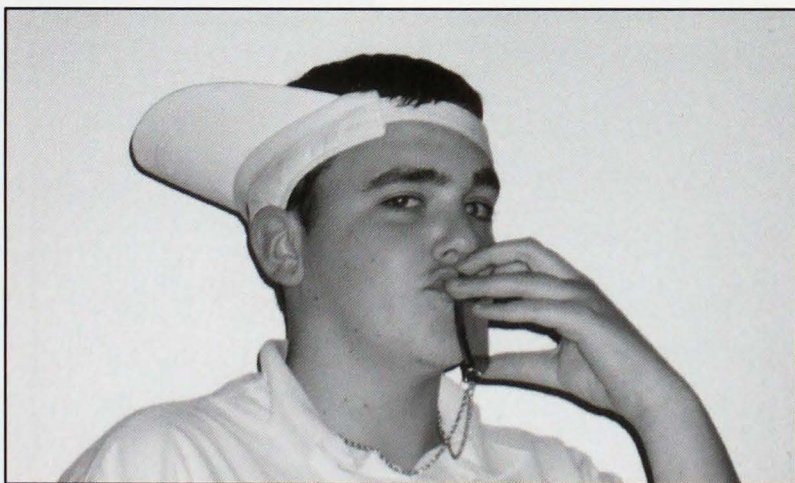
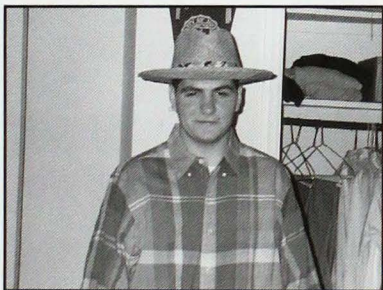
place for singing "Angel", second place went to Seth Weber and Matt Riordan for singing "Crash", "Daysleeper", and "Better Man". The winner of the talent show was freshmen Roxanne Frank for singing "Angel".

After the talent show the student body was invited to show their dancing talents at a sock hop in the gym sponsored by the student council.

Chris Waelde and Donald Reising take time to pose for a picture during the sock hop.

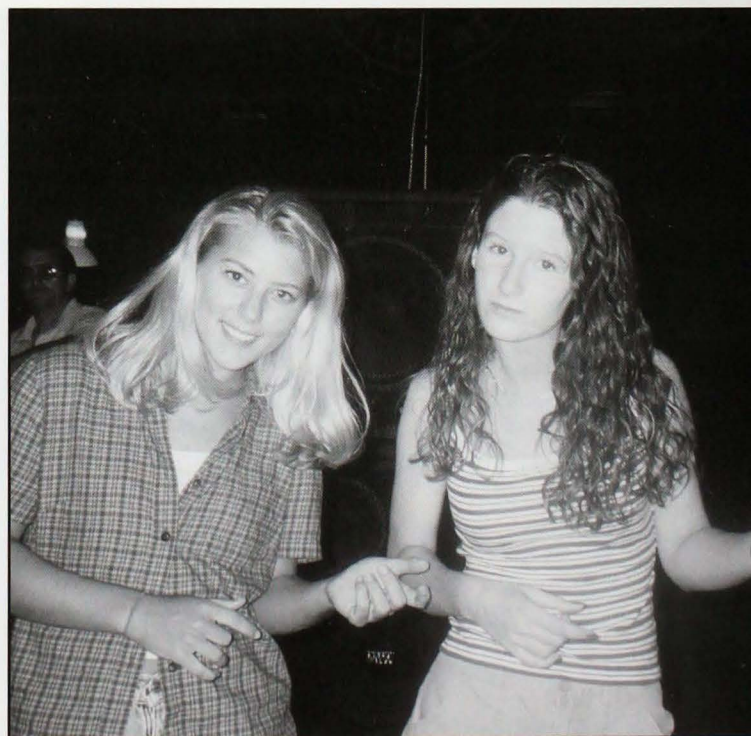


Peter Helfrich tries on clothes to find the perfect outfit for his talent show act.



Ben Neimeir kisses his medallion for good luck before he goes on stage.

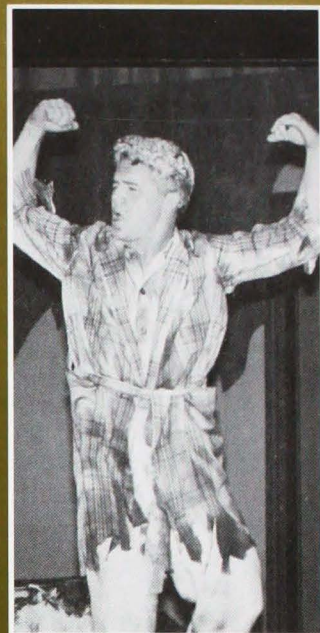
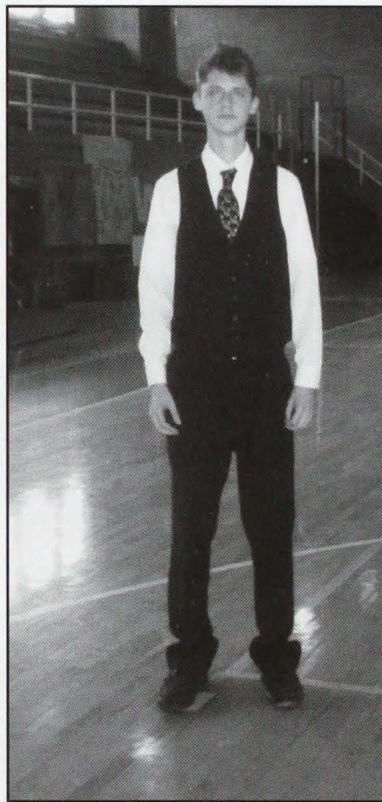
Seniors Sarah Jost and Jen Moll groove at the sock hop after the talent show.





A group of seniors sing and dance to "You Gotta Fight For Your Right To Party" by the Beatsie Boys as their performance for the talent show.

Nathaniel Rivers was frozen when he saw the size of the crowd at the talent show.



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Anh Bui performed as Brandy in a duet with Heather Knapp.

Andrew Baumgartner, Nick Masterson, and Jake Boehman show their true talents at the sock hop.



Decorated or not Locker Art

Which will you pick?

Mater Dei students are given a 10" by 66" locker to show their individual personalities!

A long, row of plain red lockers are too boring, so at the start of the school year many students put pictures of friends inside the locker doors. These pictures are usually funny snapshots of dances, parties, sport events or other memorable events.

The pep club does a good job

of keeping the outside of the lockers decorated in season with encouraging signs for wrestling, football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and golf.

Some receive a "happy birthday" sign from close friends. Allison Schetler, a freshman, wished her friend a happy birthday by wrapping the locker in streamers. Others add balloons for that special touch!

Junior Katie Dewig said, "I

have pictures of my friends, and good luck signs from my swimming season. It makes me smile!"

Becky Goebel, a sophomore, said, "I needed to spice up my locker." Becky added a picture of her boyfriend to do the job.

The students said they'd take down their locker art at the end of the school year.

What will you choose to do with your locker in the years to come?

Taping up a picture of her sweetheart, junior Darlene Dippel adds color to her locker.

Posting a good luck sign sophomore Tera Goedde supports the baseball team.



Allison Schetler shows her "frosch" spirit by putting up streamers, wishing a friend a happy birthday.

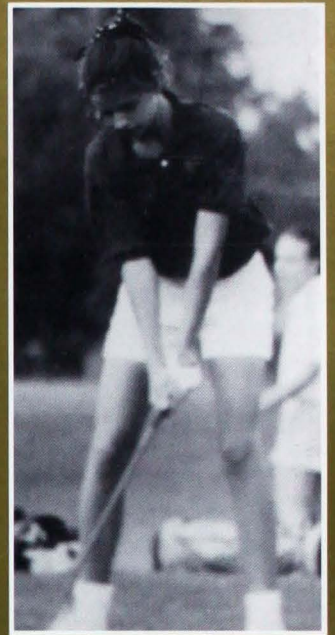
No one would admit to forgetting their locker combination, except for Brian Wildeman. His mother Carla would occasionally change his combination.





Junior Katie Dewig decorates her locker with pictures of close friends and swimming memorabilia.

While some enjoy decorative lockers, others prefer a little clutter.



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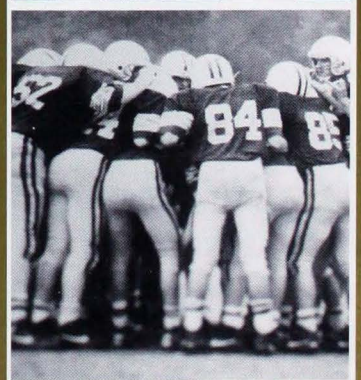
This year, Mater Dei had many outstanding accomplishments. The wrestling team had an undefeated season and captured sectional and regional titles while the boys' soccer team finished fourth at their first state competition. The VolleyCats won their ninth consecutive city title and their eleventh consecutive SIAC title.

In the fall, Mater Dei drama department put on its first dinner-theater production of *How To Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons in Not Being Grown-up*. Dinner was served beforehand to the audience in the new gym.



Signs of encouragement, like the one above, appeared throughout hallways during wrestling season.

Junior Kelly Wildeman known for her colorful locker, adds another picture.



Gettin' Bumpy With It

School Bus

Your Cheesewagon Chariot Awaits

One childhood memory to look back on is riding the school bus. If you have never ridden the school bus, let me put a mental image in your head: paper airplanes flying, kids screaming at the top of their lungs, and a strung-out bus driver that is either yapping at the kids to sit down or just ignoring all the racket.

But that was elementary school, and some of our Mater Dei

students are still stuck riding the big yellow cheesewagon. Every day, the chariot comes roaring down the hill, mercilessly leaving behind those who are late.

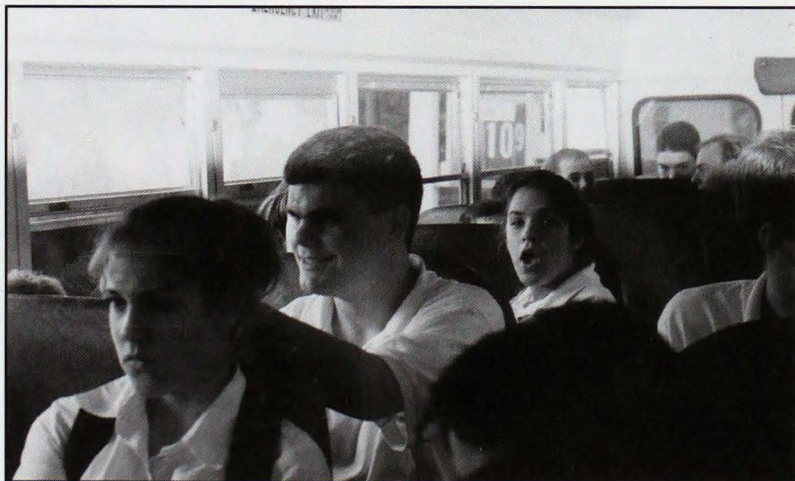
There are a few things that people actually like about riding the bus. Mostly the only good thing about school buses is getting the back seat. Bus riders have no clue why people fight to get the back seat, but basically most people they say it's

a power trip. Some people like riding the bus for other reasons, like being with your friends or catching up on the latest gossip. Sophomore Lori Schnarre says, "I'll never forget the fun times with friends on the bus."

Riding the school bus is one memory from school that many of us want get rid of, but no one could forget the memories of bumping along the road, especially if you have a headache. Anybody got an aspirin??

The school bus goes by many different names: Cheesewagon and Banana Boat are just a few. But one thing is for sure - the meaning is torture.

Here is the loyal crowd to hop aboard the big yellow bus. They were lucky today - it's nice outside. If it was raining, well, too bad.



You can tell by the expressions on their enthused faces that Haley Grasso, Adam Effinger, and Jennifer Muensterman love riding the bus.

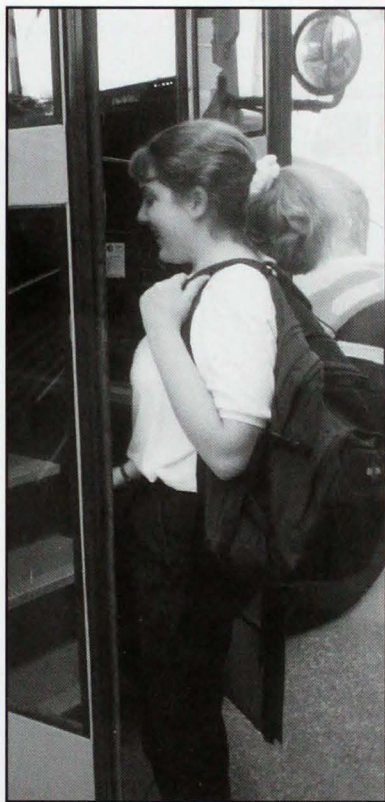
Jacob Appler chats as he waits to get on the chariot. "Smashing" is just a part of getting on the bus - you just gotta have that back seat.





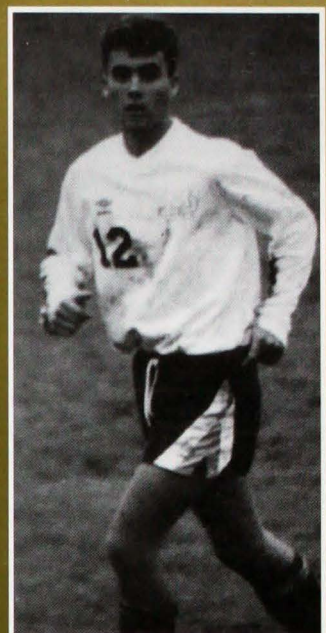
Lori Schnarre, a proud bus rider, dreams of a big hill that she has to walk up as soon as she gets off the bus. She says she's considered hitchhiking.

Lori Schnarre hurrys to get on the bus - because if she's a second late the bus will leave her without mercy. If that happens, she's got a lot more things to worry about than a bus ride.

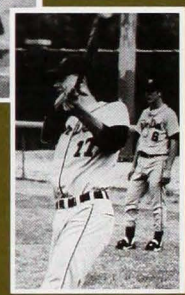


A lot of people know this lady - she's Emma Geiser!! She takes the football players to their games as well as a daily route.

Ahhhh, finally off the musky, stuffy bus. It's doubtful that Mike Robinson is thinking about anything besides the sunshine at this very moment.



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Pray for us Mater Dei Spirituality

Mary, Mother of God

Spirituality is a major part of our Mater Dei community. Every morning we listen to prayer over the the intercom. Every month and on Holy Days we gather in the gymnasium to celebrate Mass together and during Advent and Lent, we are given the oppurtunity to go to penance.

However, sprituality goes beyond Mass. Spirituality is also donating your time to help others in the community and environment.

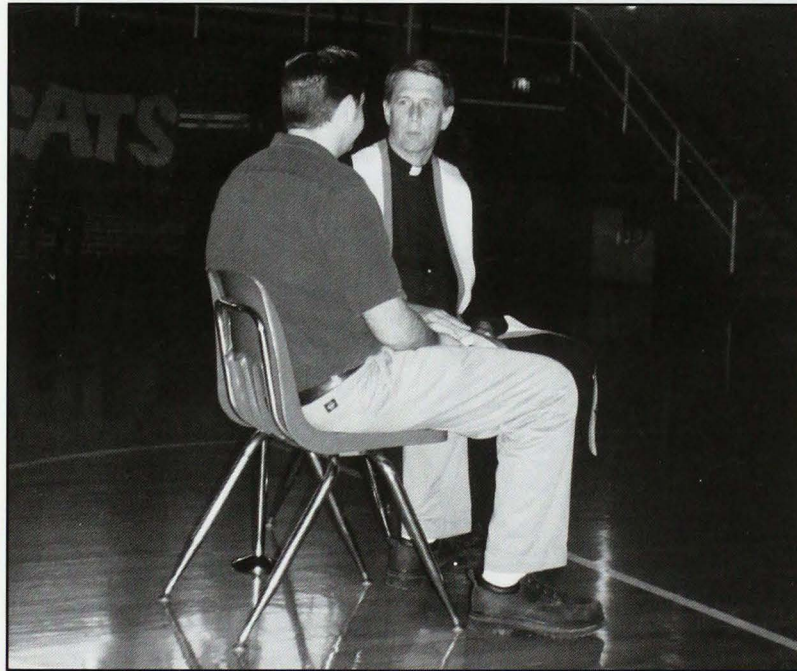
The service club has many activities that they do through out the year to help the community. During Halloween they go to the children's ward at the hospital to pass out candy They help decorate for the big bingo, they visit nursing homes and make sure that teachers recieve flowers when they are sick.

There are also many students and faculty members that are spiritu- ally helpful in the community, such

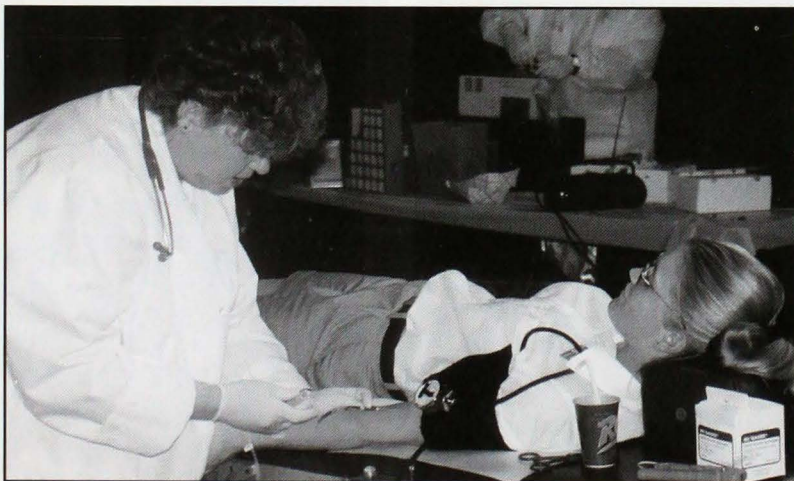
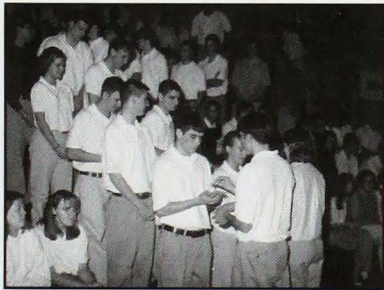
as giving a can of food to help the needy, giving blood, helping unload food at the food bank or just helping a teacher before or after class.

Going to a catholic school and being surrounded by spiritual faith affects many students. It influences us to be kind and generous--to take the time to help someone with a problem, or to simply pick up the trash in the hallway. In their own way every- one is affected by sprituality.

Junior Adam Maddox participates in the annual penance service.



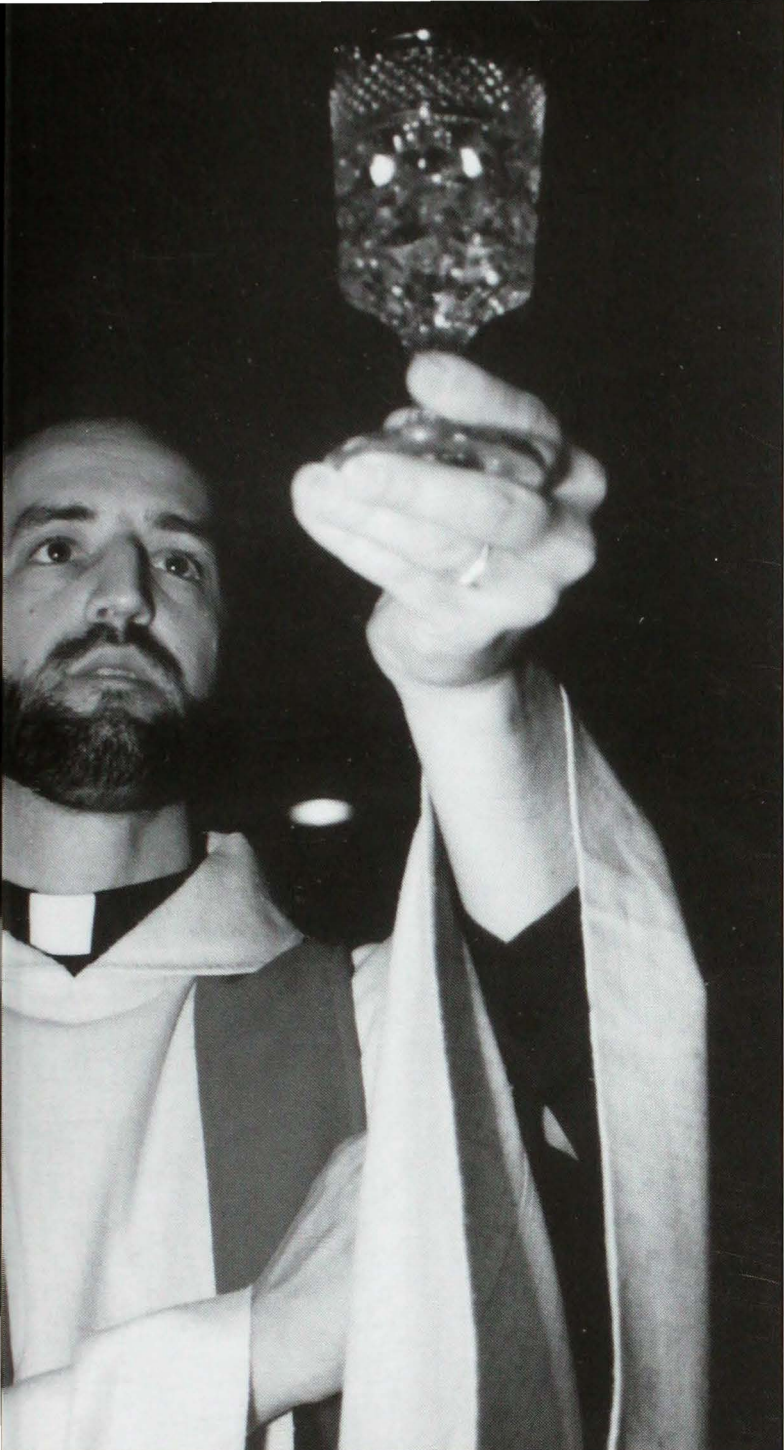
Seniors Ben Smyth and Jill Bartlett administer the Eucharist to fellow classmates during monthly mass



Senior Charlene Kirsch donates blood at one of the annual blood drives to help those in need in the community.

Senior Tony Unfired reads mornig prayer over the intercom for the entire Mater Dei community.





Fr. Steckler blesses the Blood of Christ during one of the first Masses he celebrated at Mater Dei.

Senior Benny Faroane lights a candle during a prayer service held for the Columbine High School victims



1995

1995 was full of victories and remarkable achievements were the best in the city.

The football charged all the way to the RCA dome. This was the first Mater Dei football team to ever make it to the state finals. Led by coach Frank Will, the Wildcats had an outstanding record of 13 and 3.

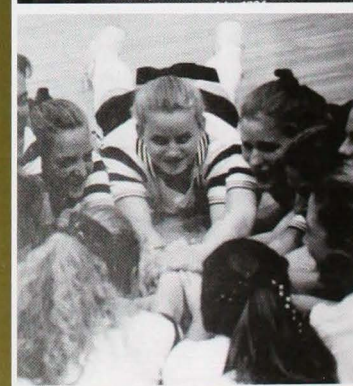
The wrestling team went to state and captured the first team title since 1986. Freshman Greg Schaefer became the first freshman to ever win an individual state title for Mater Dei.

The volleyball prevailed in their 17th consecutive sectional.



These seniors are having fun participating during mass.

Sophmores Katie Hollander, Sarah May, and Tera Goedde and Juniors Katie Raben and Jill Regal are dressed up and ready to pass out candy at the children's ward of a local hospital.



A Year Of Memories Smiles & Grins

The people and events that made us smile

The end of the year comes, letting us loose into summer, but there are nine months of memories to take with us. The people that make us smile and the events that make us laugh will be part of our lives forever.

It is no secret that Nathaniel Rivers was one person you could always go to for a laugh. He was always doing something goofy or odd, but he was not alone. Kevin Spahn, one of the many possible partners

Rivers teamed up with, was also right there to make people laugh with a joke or humorous t-shirt.

Joe Traylor was another who would never let you get away without a smile. When Traylor teamed up with Seth Weber you were never quite sure whether or not their comments and actions were serious or just plain fun.

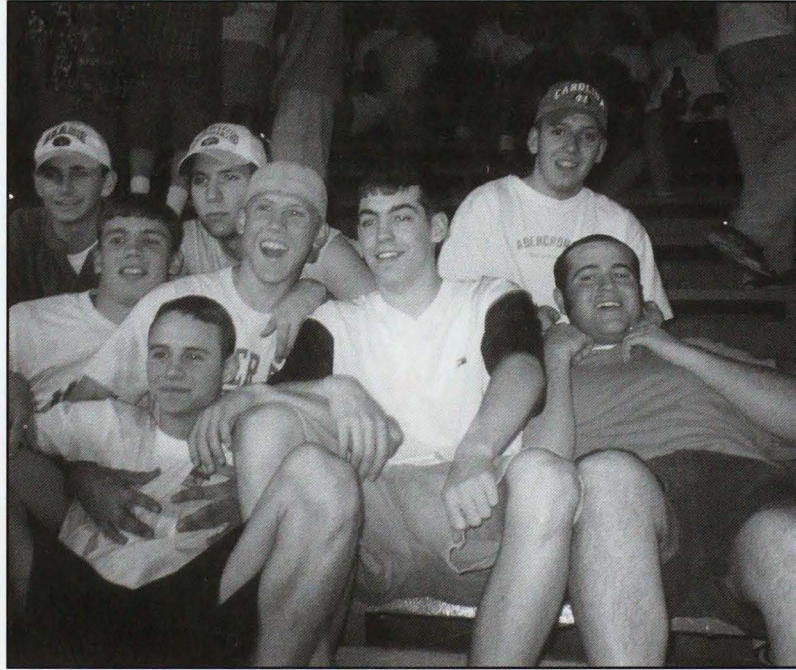
The surprising and unexpected contributor to these memories was

Aaron Kunkel. The library hermit came out this year with a deadpan sense of humor, catching everyone off guard. The library was rarely quiet with him around.

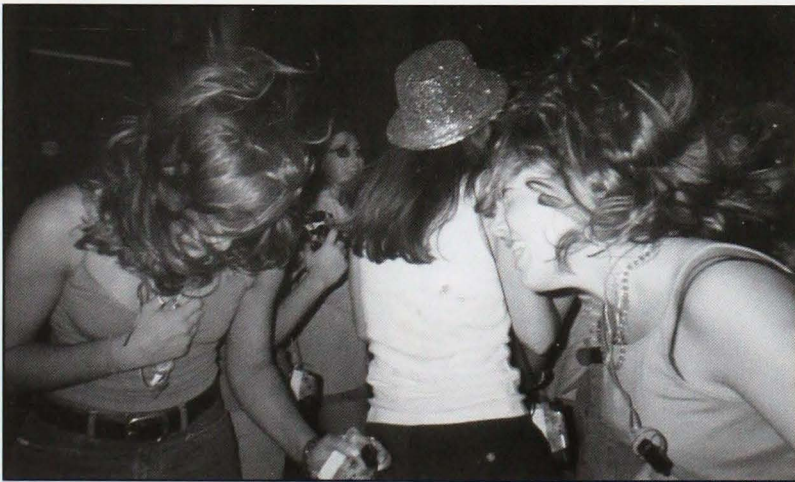
There were so many people that in little ways made us smile and they will not be forgotten. We will never forget the killer robots, Puff and Stuff, tattlers, Sprite bottles and free oil from Saturn.

Thanks for the memories.

Never underestimate the power of friendship as all these guys pile in for their picture.

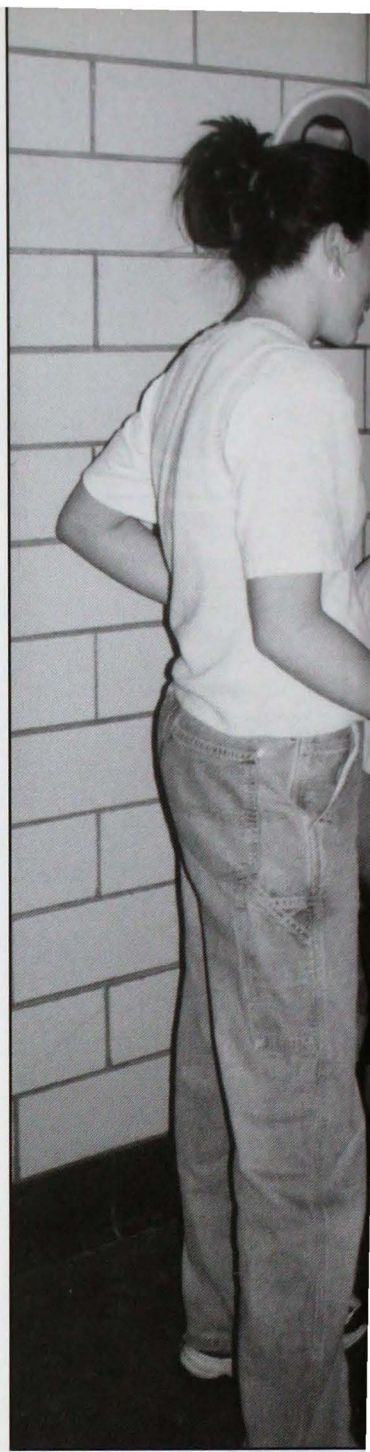


Everyone was dying to get an invite to one of the hottest dinners around: the annual Thanksgiving dinner in Mrs. Becky Larson's home ec. class.



One of the last memories of the senior class was the Project Graduation celebration held after Baccalaureate.

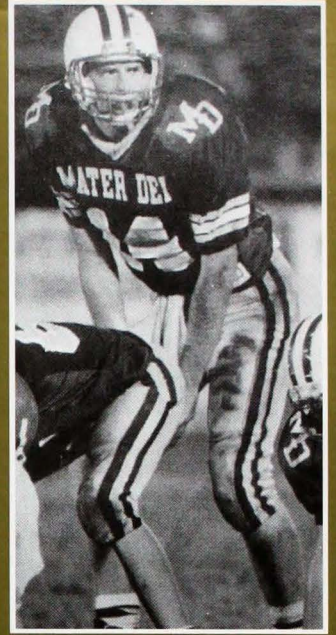
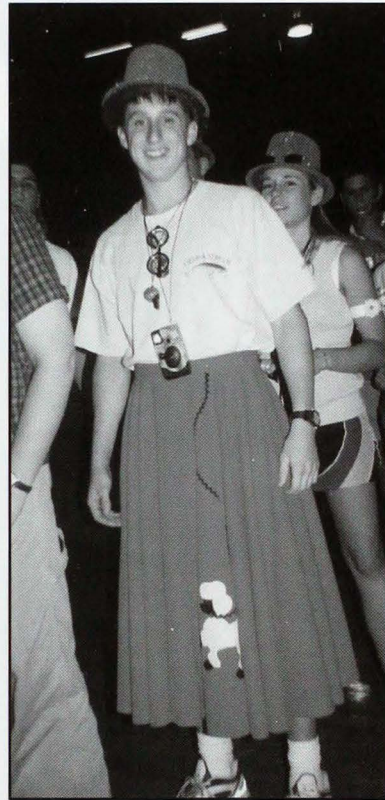
No matter where he was, Joe Traylor goofed off and made fun of anything possible.



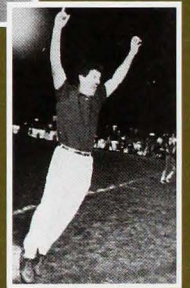


When you want a laugh, go to Mr. Frank Will for one of his patented bad jokes.

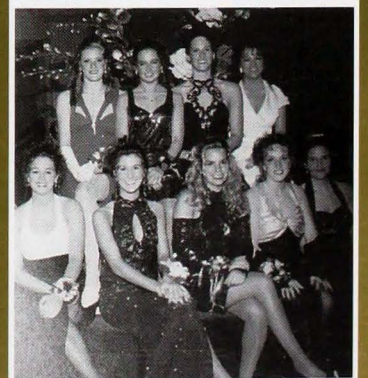
The quiet library hermit makes a fashion statement at Project Graduation as Aaron Kunkel dons a poodle skirt for the festivities.



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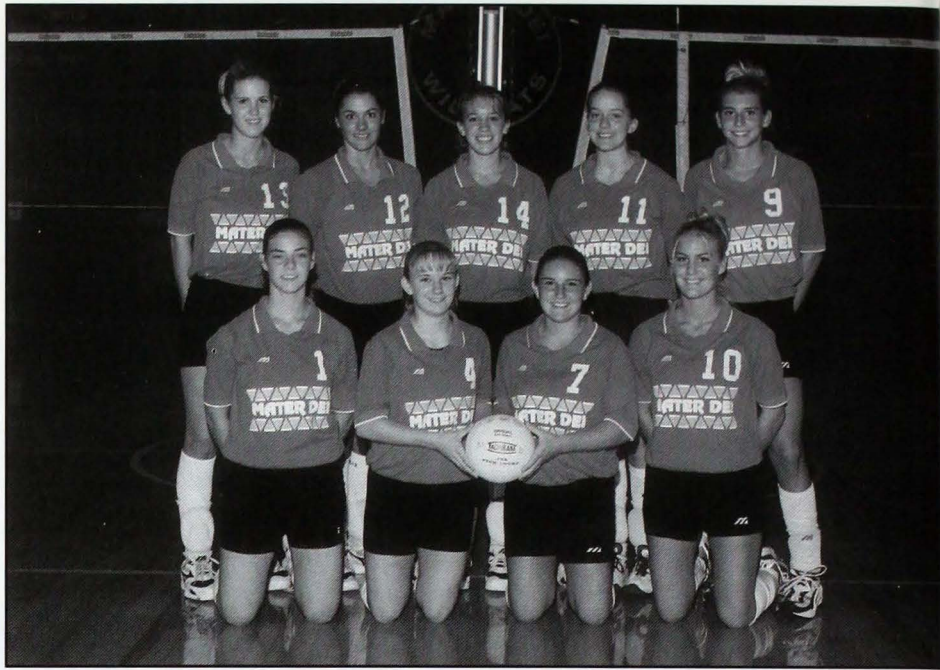
uhhh. These seniors pose for a shot let everyone know what the guys's throom looks like.



Varsity Volleyball

Theresa Adler, Nicole Droste, Sarah Gries, Andrea Haller, Breanne Lemberg, Angela Luigs, Amy Rice, Kendra Schmitt, Jamie Teepool, Natalie Zimmer and Jessica Weis. Coached by Darlene Quinlin.

22-13



Reserve Volleyball

Jessica Adler, Katie Bradley, Lindsey Buchanan, Andrea Dick, Carrie Goebel, Sarah Gries, Sarah Kothe, Allie Moll, and Katie Wannemuehler. Coached by Darlene Quinlin.

22-2



Freshman Volleyball

Lacey Haller, Lynn Eickhoff, Ashley Lamble, Courtney Seib, Kim Goebel, Audrey Kempf, Amber Gilles, Elizabeth Wagner, Abby Weis, Meghann Schenk and Allie Moll. Coached by Carolyn Adler

19-0





Girls' Soccer

Lori Appler, Darlene Dippel, Jaelyn Freeman, Shay Grasso, Jessica Happe, Lindsay Jost, Ashley Lottes, Holly Mayer, Abby Miller, Renee Reitman, Jennifer Reffett, Alisann Shetler, Gina Utley, Jennifer Vick, Kortney Weber, Amy Wright, Sarah Wright, Megan Zirkelbach and Brooke Steinkamp.

Coached by Brian Wannemuehler and Rob Schoenstein.

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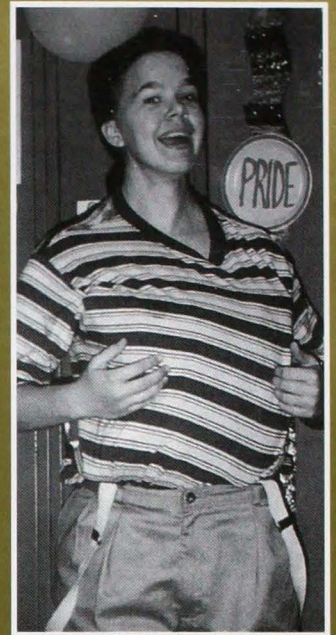


Boys' Soccer

Kyle Babcock, Matt Adler, Nick Austin, Corey Mueth, Chris Austin, Ben Barnes, Tim Pigman, Jeff Kirchoff, Jake Tucker, Eric Kassenbrock, Scott Herrmann, Tony Paul, Noah Moran, Joe Stephens, Aaron Barchet and Aaron Knight.

Coached by Simon Kent.

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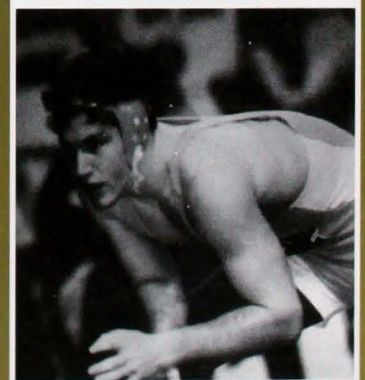
1996

In 1996, we had the first walk-a-thon ever, as well as Mater Dei's first swim team. The marching band got a new director Tom Mace. The speech team went to state, while the wrestling stole state titles for team and individual.

The volleyball team took their 18th consecutive sectional, following part of Mater Dei's tradition.

Boys' golf won the city golf championship for the first time in 31 years. Girls' basketball won city and SIAC.

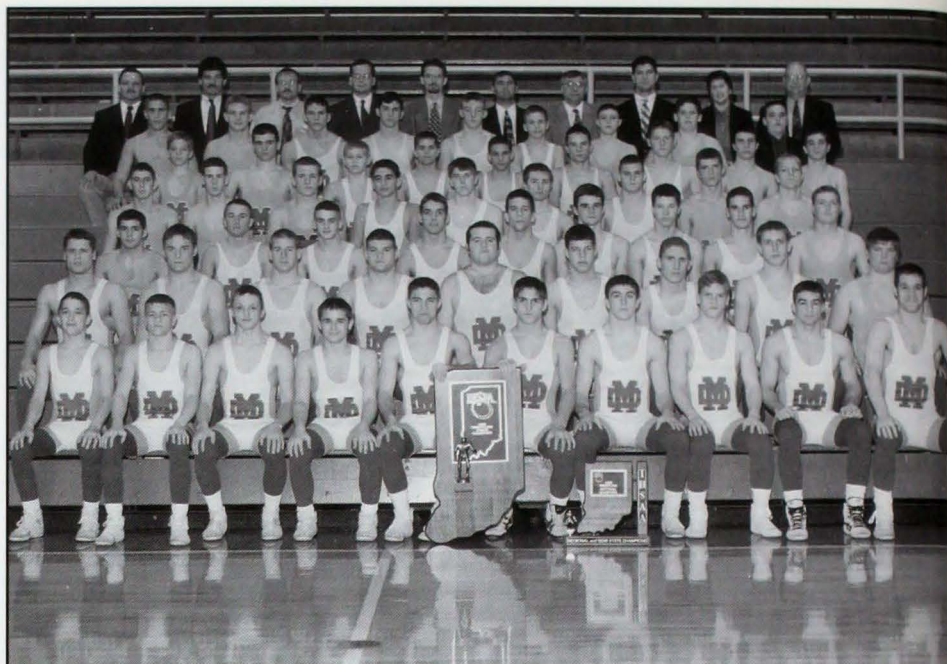
The Super Bowl teams had a great year as their fine arts team won the state championship.



Varsity Wrestling

Bobby Ausbrooks, Matt Adler, Eli Todich, Mike Conkling, Chad Martin, Chad Raben, Neil Reddington, Dan Jankowski, Eric Dewig, Nick Miller, Tony Unfried, Ryan King, Kevin Alvey, David Hisch, Brian Eichkoff, Josh Sandwell, Jason Lewis, Tim Unfried, Jon Martin, Matt Conkling, Andrew Baumgartner, Mark Walker, Jason Scheller, Adam Goebel, Jason Dewig, Craig Elsner, Nick Masterson, Jake Boehman, Nick Sammet, Keith Herrmann, Aaron Knight, Ryan Dewig, Ryan Schenk, Nick Weinzapfel, Bryan Coughlin, Allen Weinzapfel, Nick Gaffney, Dane Batema, Bobby Schmitt, Matt Jost, J.P. Morrow, Jarrod Luigs, Logan Riggs, Scott Lewis, Luke Kane, Aaron Barchet, Steven Lamble, David Knapp, Chris Folz, Brian Kueber, Justin Fruebel, Adam Merkel, Matt Pfister, Brent Schmitt, Ben Neimeier and B.J. Porter.
Coached by Mike Goebel, Randy Helfrich, Phil Zenthofer, Ron Straus, Steve Anslinger.

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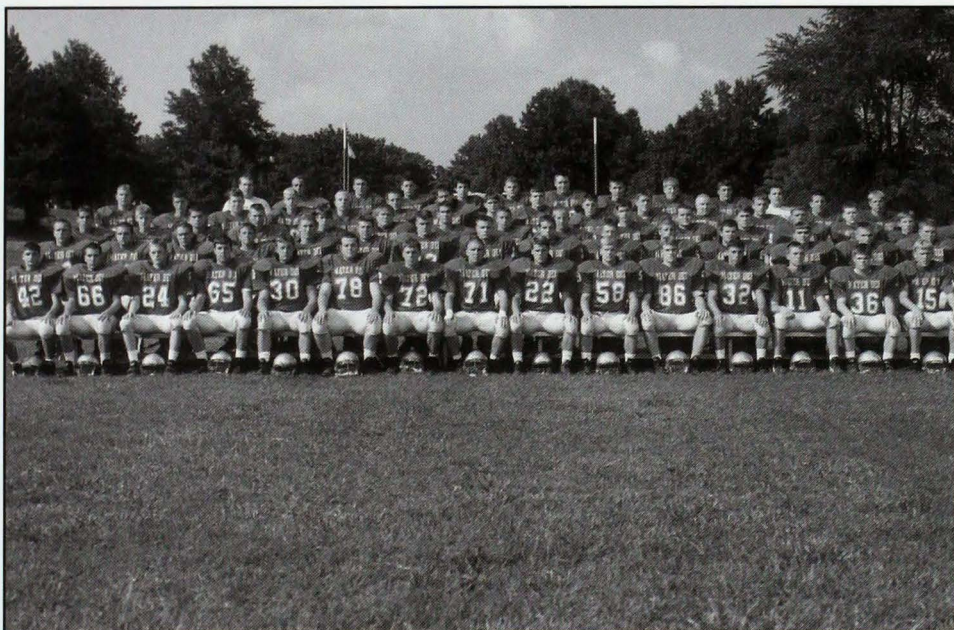


Varsity Football

Kevin Folz, Justin Elpers, Adam Schiff, Albert Schmitt, Adam Tenbarge, Nick Goebel, Tony Unfried, Phil Beck, Ike Miller, Brad Kempf, Ryan King, Eric Dewig, Chad Martin, Nick Miller, Barry Steinkamp, J.D. Wargel, Jason Scheller, Dan Jankowski, Tim Unfried, Josh Sandwell, Robert Schmitt, David Hisch, Joe Lamble, Dustin Macke, Dominic Faraone, Jon Martin, Brian Eickhoff, Andy Woehler, Nathan Schiff, Allen Weinzapfel, Adam Weinzapfel, Neil Reddington, Jared Schiff, Ben Stephens, Luke Kane, Cory Macke, B.J. Porter, Clayton Westerfield, Keith Herrmann, Aaron Knight, Adam Goebel, Jeremy Elpers, Matt Dressel, Josh Ziliak, Matt Hoon, Marc Cole, Josh Gidcumb, Nick Gaffney, Mike Moers, Jason Lewis, Nathan DeVillez, Doug Moore, Billy Smith, Ben Verkamp, Josh Jureczki, Chris File, Jake Boehman, Bryan Coughlin, Matt Weber, Andrew Schroeder, Andrew Baumgartner, John Webster, Garen Garrison and Matt Moore.

Coached by Mike Goebel, Darin Knight, John Goebel, Steve Ricketts, Kelly Maurer, Gary Goebel, Scott Slaton, Jeff Schuler, David Scheu, Dennis Wannemuehler, Tim Roberts, Kent Reddington, Mike Weber, Jeff McDurmon, Joe Herrmann and Lucas Goebel.

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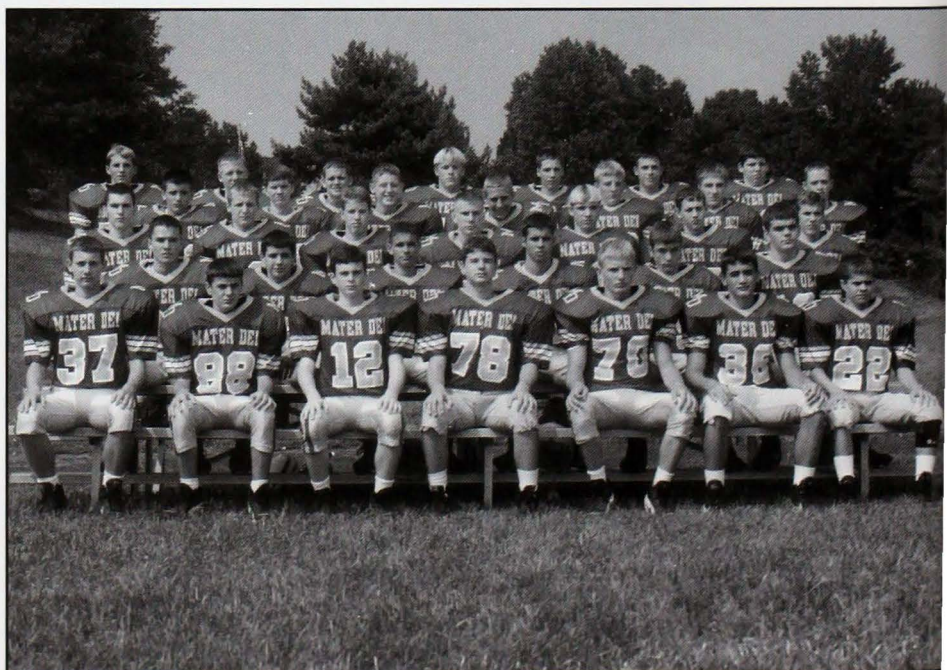


Reserve Football

Dom Turi, Kyle Hartz, Dave Lappe, Jacob Stephens, Clint Keller, Chris Marx, Doug Cardin, Patrick Fehrenbacher, Sam Wildeman, Nathan Weinzapfel, Jonathon Gidcumb, Daryl Booth, Carl Ramsby, Kenny Miller, Kevin Muensterman, Tom Unfried, Josh Cowan, John Fuchs, Josh Wildeman, Tony Will, Joey Kiesler, Nick Weinzapfel, Mark Wolf, Dustin Beal, Nick Jurezki, Jason Yoder, Matt Johnson, Dustin Nosko and Aaron Scott.

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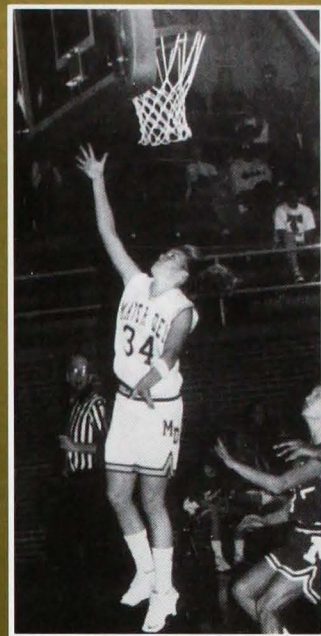
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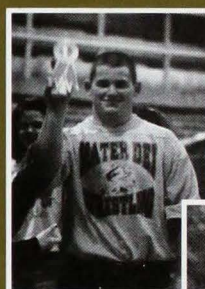


Boys' Cross Country

Josh Hodge, Curt Sills, Ben Smyth, Kevin Spahn, Ethan Freeman, Adam Fuelner, Brad Buedel, Nick Sammet, Peter Amundson, David Herron and Mark Bauer.
Coached by George Moll.

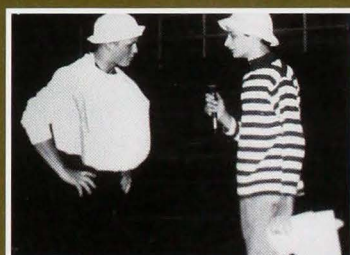


1996



Girls' Cross Country

Laura Elsner, Jenny Farmer, Julie Fischer, Lorna Fischer, Sarah Jost, Angela Reckelhoff, Mary Smither, Katie Dunn, Nicole Feller, Amber Haag, Jessica King, Meredith Jansen, Liz Werner, Jami Altstadt, Jennifer Moll, Jamie Cutrell, Katie Hollander, Carrie Krack, Liz Webster, Allison Bush, Rachel Scheu, Katie Schmitt, Erin Loehrlein and Katie Martin.
Coached by George Moll.



Varsity Basketball

Curt Sills, Adam Schiff, Andy Woehler, Dustin Macke, Ben Faraone, Justin Elpers, Matt Moore, Adam Weinzappel, John Kiefer, Jake Tucker, Jared Schiff, Dominic Faraone and Carlos Morales.

Coached by Roger Sills.

16-9



Reserve Basketball

Bill Smith, Jacob Weis, Andrew Schroeder, Nick Austin, Nathan Wildeman, Garen Garrison, Albert Schmitt, Matt Goans, Matt Kiefer and Patrick Mallory.

Coached by John Goebel and Roger Sills.

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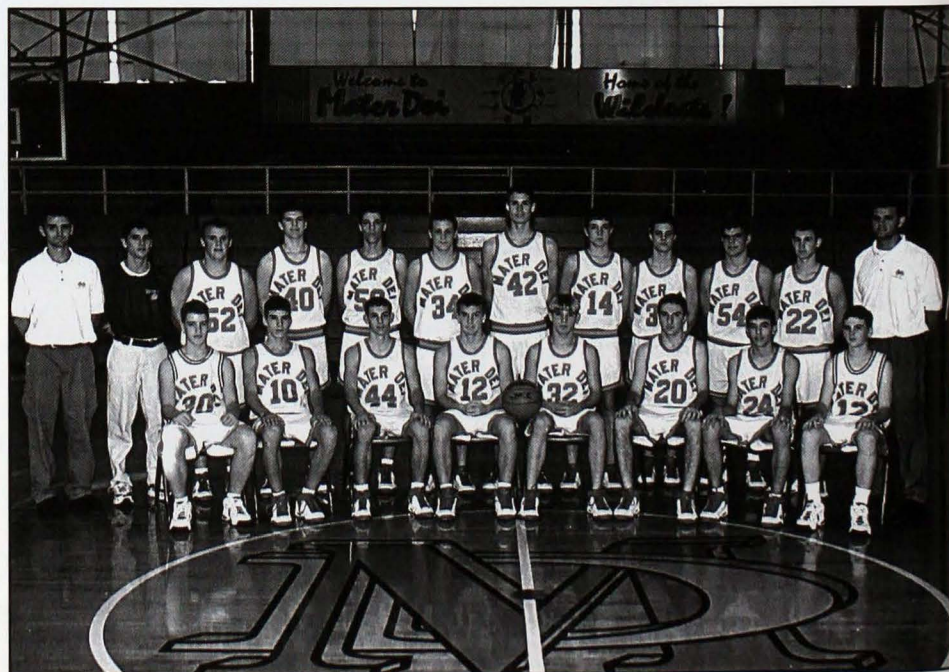


Freshman Basketball

Jake Schiff, Michael Elsner, Casey Schenk, Greg Fischer, Blake Kollker, Dan Alcorn, Doug Martin, Bryan Benke, Adam Effinger, Jon Kissel, Dan Schenk, Jordan Rexing, Craig Moore, Todd Zimmer and Bill Wargel.

Coached by Tom Bealmear and Kurt Wildeman.

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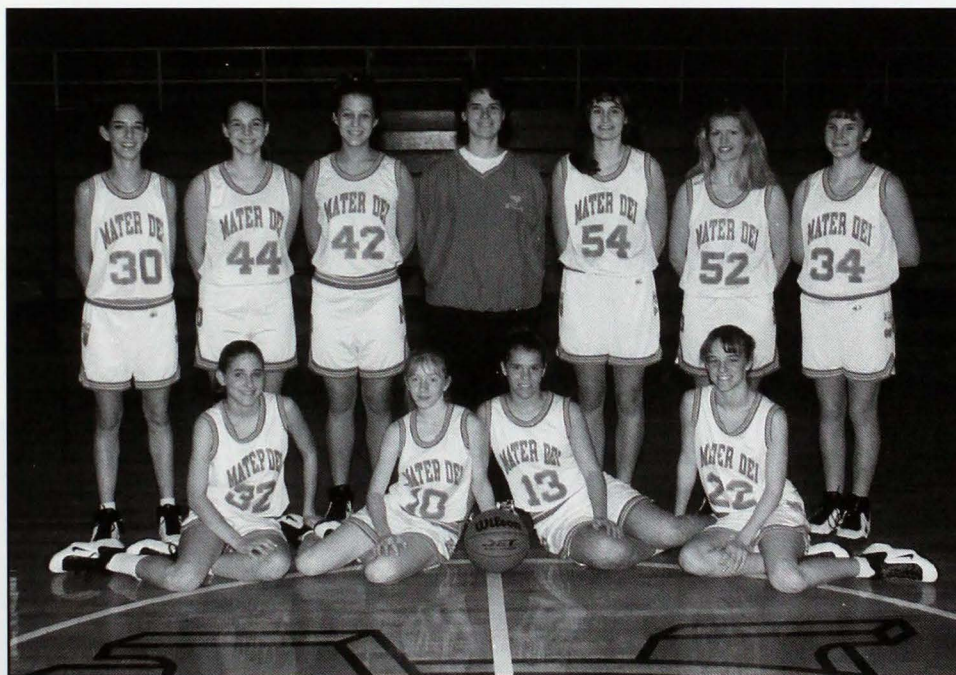




Varsity Girls' Basketball

Julie Fischer, Renee Rietman, Andrea Werner, Lindsey Buchanan, Traci Fehrenbacher, Angela Luigs, Jill Bartlett, Jessica Adler, Jessica Happe and Theresa Adler.
Coached by Missy Groben and Eileen Weber.

5-14



Reserve Girls' Basketball

Sarah Tornatta, Brooke Steinkamp, Ashley Paulson, Alsiha Luigs, Katie Bradley, Jamie Cutrell, Kim Goebel, Meghann Schenk, Abby Weis and Courtney Seib.
Coached by Missy Groben and Eileen Weber.



1997

This year was a time of change when the students began the system of block scheduling.

The Wildcats captured the school's first ever state championship in speech, and the debate team qualified for nationals. The wrestling team won it all for the third year in a row. The Farmer dynasty reigned in track. The girls golf team made a clean sweep of the city, sectionals, and SIAC.

Mater Dei also lost a few very important people. Our community lost a dear friend and classmate, Scott Miller. Mr. Frank Will retired from coaching.



ABOVE: Senior girls pose for the camera amid the Coliseum's festivities. ABOVE RIGHT: Sarah Kuretsell, Amy Frey, Andrea Auth, Andrea Gough, Erica Owen, and Laci Barnhart enjoy each other's company. FAR RIGHT: Jason McCort and Tracey Reising dance the night away. RIGHT: Dana Klemper, Meaghan Topper.

Girls' Golf

Andrea Werner, Jenny Effinger, Alisha Luigs, Jessica Macke, Sarah Mesker, Cara Messmer, Sara Stephen, Katie Raben, Lynn Tenbarga and Becky Goebel.

Coached by Tom Bealmear.



MatCats

Kim Doshier, Stephanie Ulrich, Jill Schlicting, Kelly Wildeman, Angie Goebel, Beth Sears, Katie Morrow, Jessica Herrmann, Christie Rogge, Becky Lutz, Jeffiner Tornatta, Charisa Spaetti, Lindsey Helfrich, Jenni Steinkamp, Cara Messmer, Jenny Hillenbrand, Lelia Johnson, Sarah Mesker, Angela Paulson, Mary Smither, Brickelle Cox, Kim Alvey, Katie Will, Amy Krack, Sarah Jost, Jen Vick, Jen Moll, Amanda Uhde, Brittny Wannemuehler, Sara Scheu, Crystal Spivey, Deidre Messmer and Jamie Rexing.

Girls' Swimming

Abigail Johnson, Angela Niemeier, Lena Ruminer, Dristen Baehl, Katie Dewig, Erin Lambert, Christine Weil, Julia Schenk, Amanda Nurrenbern, Jessica Padavic, Elizabeth Werner, Lindsey Falconer, Rachel Scheu, Jessica Scheu, Lindsey Schenk and Elissa Shetler.

Coached by Robert Thomas.





Girls' Tennis

Deidre Messmer, Brittny Wannemuehler, Angela Reckelhoff, Carla Waller, Angela Goebel, Amanda Uhde, Stephanie Urlich, Traci Fehrenbacher, Katie Bradley, Amanda Nurrenbern, Melissa Oliver, Lynn Eickhoff and Allie Moll.

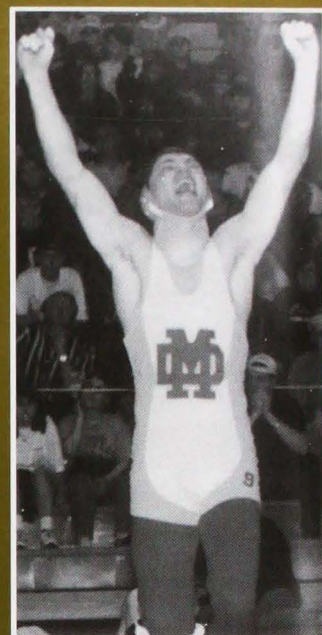
Coached by Blythe Schreiber.



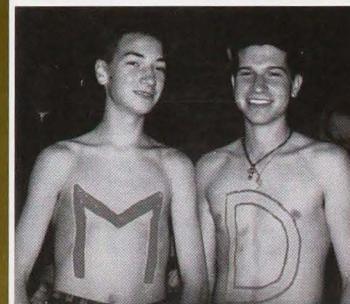
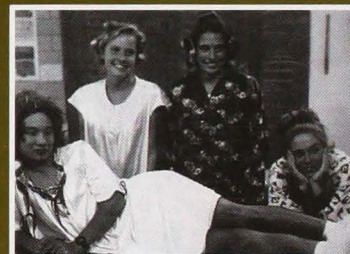
Boys' Golf

Andrew Schroeder, Seth Euler, Luke Angermeier, Chris Austin, Shaun Meyer, Josh Gidcumb, Todd Zimmer, Jacob Koressel, Danny Ko and Jon Alstadt.

Coached by Tom Bealmear.



1997



Boys' Track

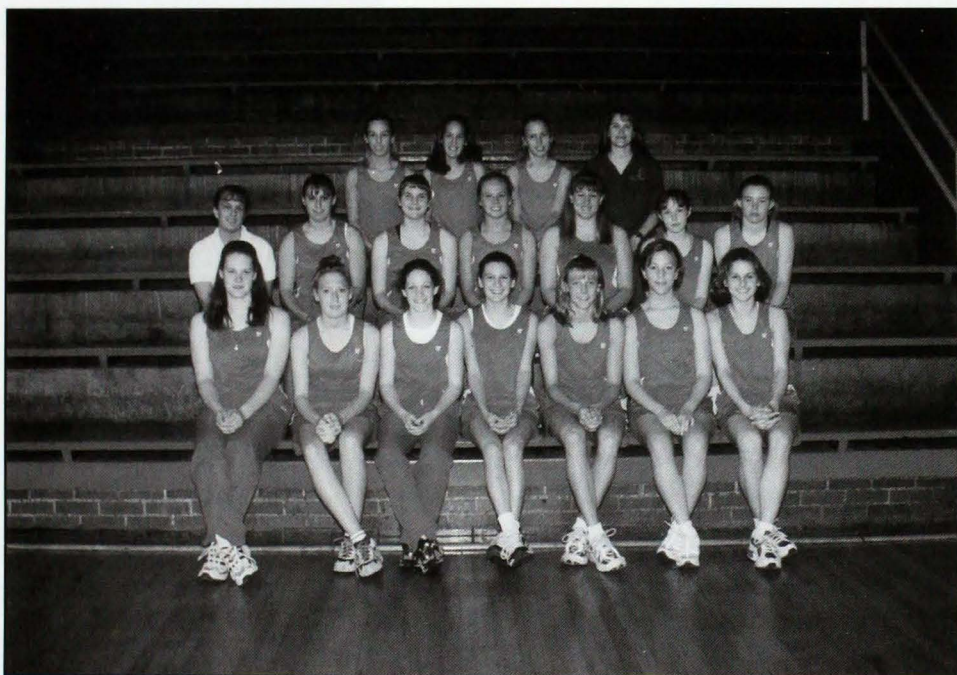
Jake Appler, Nick Austin, Kyle Babcock, Philip Beck, Herbert Blank, Brad Buedel, Ryan Dewig, Dom Faraone, David Fehrenbacher, Adam Feulner, Chris Folz, Jimmy Kissel, Jonathan Kissel, Donald Reising, Kevin Spahn, Ben Stephens, Joe Stephens, Adam Tenbarga, Josh Todich, Ben Verkamp, Dan Ward, Nathan Wildeman and Blake Kollker.
Coached by Angela Strehl



Girls' Track

Lori Appler, Chelsea Bitter, Allison Bush, Jamie Cutrel, Kim Doshier, Jenny Farmer, Heather Eickhoff, Julie Fischer, Lorna Fischer, Kari Ford, Emily Freeman, Jessica Goebel, Lacy Haller, Katie Hollander, Sarah Jost, Jessi King, Ashley Lamble, Jessica Padavic and Tracey Ramsbey.
Coached by Angela Strehl.

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Boys' Tennis

Nathaniel Rivers, Jeff Elpers, Josh Williams, Charlie Stoltz, Jimmy Kissel, Jerry Wagner and Mike Stephens. Coached by Michael Bacon.

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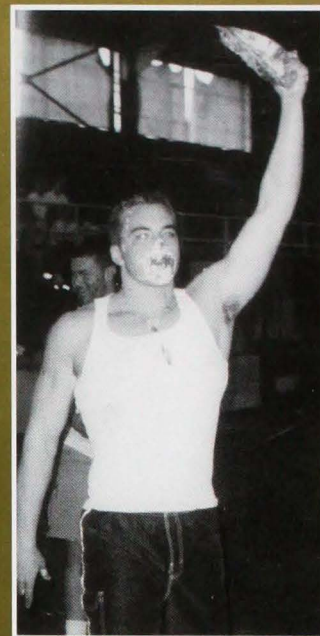
Winter Guard

Charlene Kirsch, Jenni Sotolongo, Angela Sotolongo, Kathy Winnecke, Crystal Nord, Julie Booth, Adrienne Wildeman, Joni Schwartz, Joanna Kirsch, Lori Johnson, Breanna Collignon, Amy Muensterman, Lelia Johnson, Anna Ward, Donna Adams, Tricia Schenk and Jamie Spahn.



Marching Band

Anna Ward, Rachel Sammet, Beth Stofleth, Valerie Murray, Laura Cavera, Tricia Schenk, Jamie Spahn, Erica Rasler, Brent Johnson, Lori Jackson, Daniel Eplers, Travis Miller, Matt Neisen, Allison Bush, Kristen Masters, Sarah Tornatta, Donna Adams, Paul Schutz, Anthony Catanese, Molly Topper, April Schmitt, Sara Burdette, Amy Muensterman, Molly Stoltz, Jason Kuester, Derek Herrmann, Neal Bohleber, Margaret Halbig, Brian Wildeman, Michelle Brown, Tim Pritchett, Chris Collins, Andrew Musick, Nicholas Wildeman, Blake Goedde, Mike Sotolongo, Kris Lamb, Anthony Ennis, Josh Richter, Sheila Wildeman, Lelia Johnson, Chris Folz and Jenny Sotolongo.

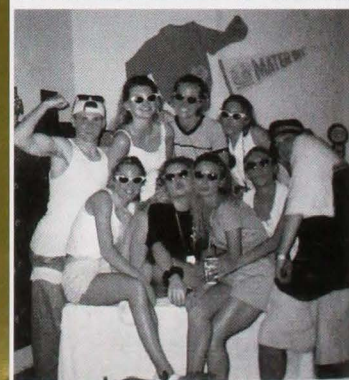


1998

1998 was an exciting year. Mater Dei's English squad won the state title, and the speech team qualified seven members for state and four for nationals.

There were also a number of athletic successes. The volleyball team was named a final four team, the baseball team made it to the state finals, and the softball team competed in semi-state. Girls golf made it to the state finals, and wrestling took the state championship while football made it to regionals.

The year sadly closed with the retirement of Mr. Neighbors and Ms. Pattison.



Varsity Baseball

Cory Macke, Justin Elpers, Nate Schiff, Nick Miller, Josh Hodge, Mike Lahr, Craig Elsner, Kevin Folz, Adam Schiff, Dustin Macke, Doug Moore, Chris Stratman, J.D. Wargel, Adam Adler, Andy Woehler, Curt Sills, Ike Miller and Billy Smith.

Coached by Darin Knight.



Reserve Baseball

J.P. Morrow, Dan Alcorn, Jake Schiff, Ryan Hoefling, Jon Schmitt, Dan Schenk, Eric Dewig, Mike Elsner, Matt Goans, Aaron Schenk, Jared Schenk, Brent Schmitt, Matt Kiefer, Casey Schenk, Dave Knapp, Adam Craig, Albert Schmitt, Willie Martin and Aaron Knight.

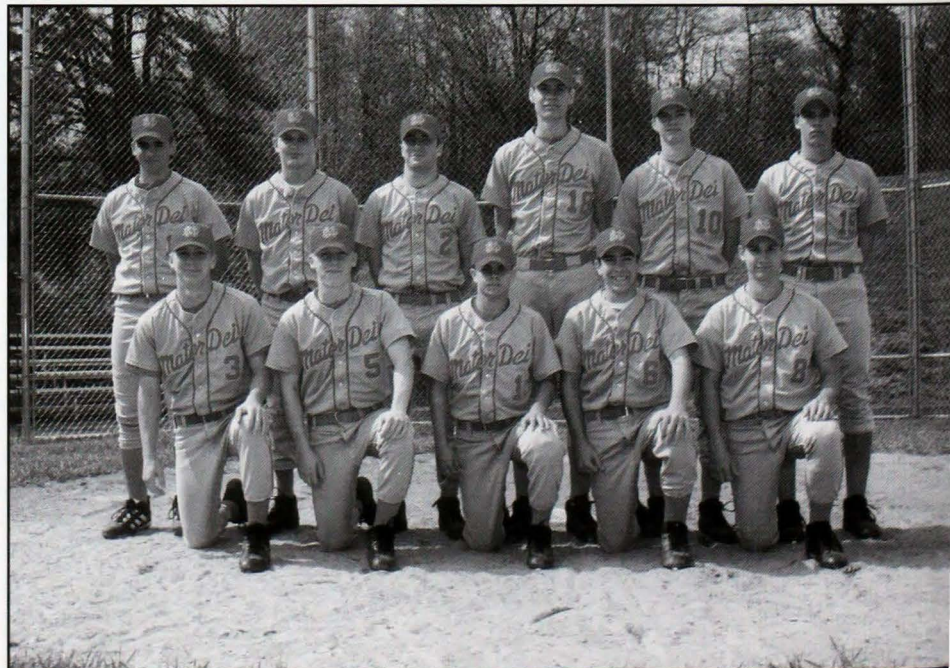
Coached by Darin Knight.



Freshman Baseball

Jake Schiff, Ryan Hoefling, J.P. Morrow, John Schmitt, Dan Schenk, Bobby Schmitt, David Knapp, Dan Alcorn, Matt Kiefer, Mike Elsner and Casey Schenk.

Coached by Brian Schapker and Andy Hoffman.





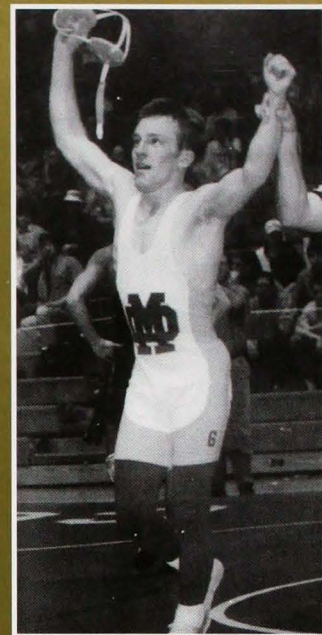
Varsity Softball

April Altstadt, Breanna Lemberg, Kendra Schmitt, Laura Elsner, Theresa Adler, Elizabeth Cahoon, Renee Rietman, Lindsey Buchanan, Laura Knapp, Jessica Adler and Sarah Kothe.
Coached by Karrie Nosko.

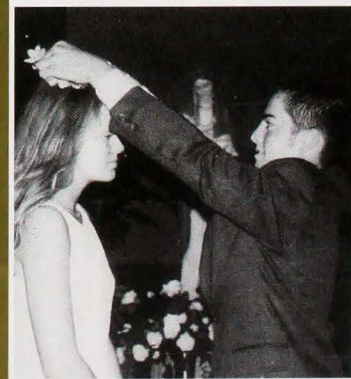
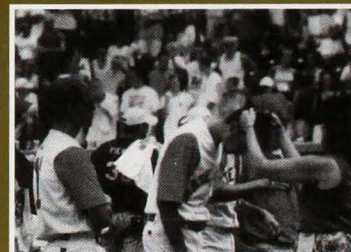


Reserve Softball

Leah Martin, Kim Morrow, Christine Weil, Megan Schenk, Lynsey Hart, Rachel Wright, Erin Lambert, Jessica Herrmann, Katie Dunn, Katie Wannamuehler, Katie Martin, Melissa Singleton, Audrey Kempf, Nicole Zirkelbach and Rachel Scheu.
Coached by Karrie Nosko.



1998



Nothing

As the year's

Gold

end draws near

Ever

we must say goodbye to our

Changes...

friends who

Too Much

are so dear

But do not fear
the fall is sure to bring a new
school year.

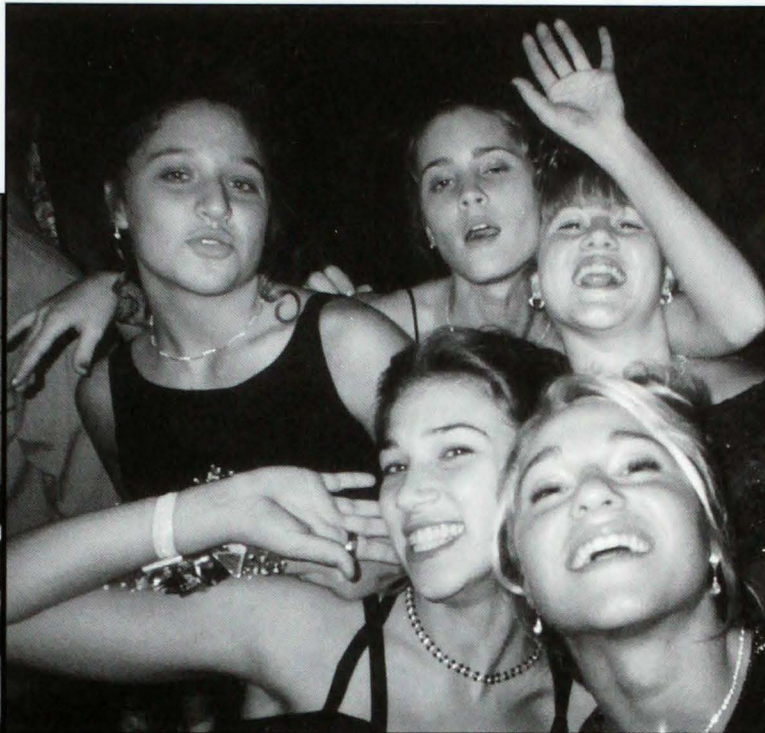
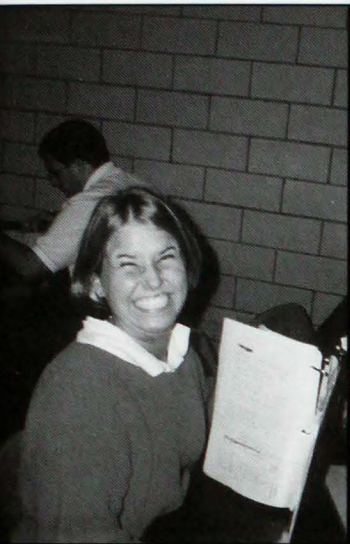
Stepping up to fill
the seniors' shoes, underclassmen
become upperclassmen and the
year begins anew.

Who could have ever known
so many
laughs, tears and fears
would create four great years?



Nothing Gold Ever Changes . . . Too Much





Class of 1999

This class has been shaped by all of our joys, triumphs, hardships and accomplishments. We will forever be the Mater Dei High School Class of 1999.







Donna Kay Adams



Nicholas Joseph Adler



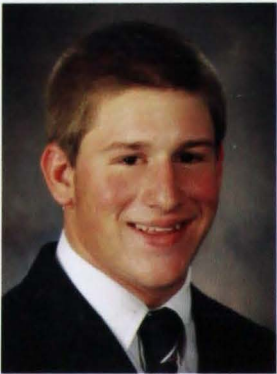
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April Lynn Altstadt



Jami Nicole Altstadt



Kevin Douglas Alvey



Kimberly Deanne Alvey



Michael James Alvey

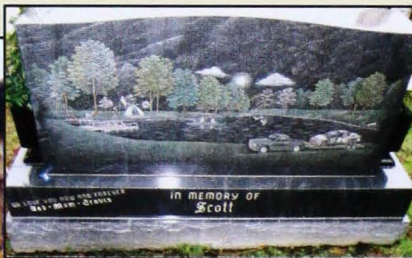


Lucas Andrew Angermeier



Jennifer Lynn Ausbrooks

Time to Remember



Scott Matthew Miller was and still is a beloved member of the senior class. Taken away from us at such a young age he showed us that life is not forever.

After Scott was involved in this fatal car crash, it seemed that the class of 1999 and school pulled together to console each other. Although it was a tragic and horrible time, it happened for a special reason. Our whole class broke down the various social barriers that had up to that time separated them and pulled together as never before to help each other get through this difficult time in our lives.

This accident also helped the whole class become closer with Mary Kay, Tom and

Travis Miller, Scott's family. We all share a special bond with them now, as well as each other. Scott's family had a hard time dealing with the loss, but they told us many times that they don't know how they would have gotten through it without us kids. Having all of Scott's friends around for special times has made it a lot easier for his family to cope with the loss, although they believe that they would have made it through these hard times without us.

It has been a very tough, learning experience for all of the seniors involved, but this tragedy has helped our class grow.

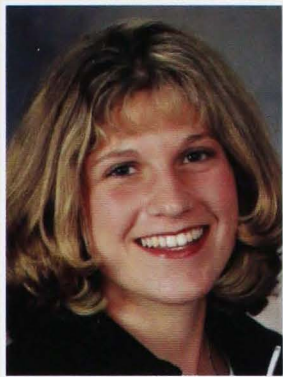
Although Scott's death was almost 2 years ago, he is still a part of everyone who knew him. The wrestlers still remember him out on the mat and his friends will never forget his positive energy. He will be remembered during our graduation and high school reunions. Everyone holds a special place in their heart for him.



Christopher Frederick Austin



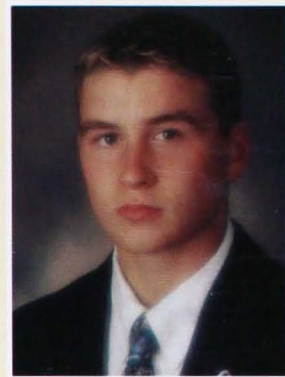
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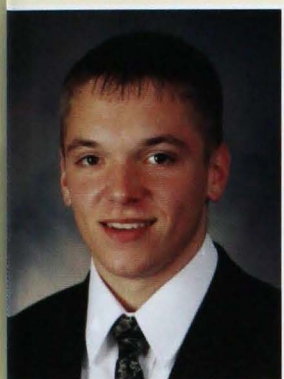
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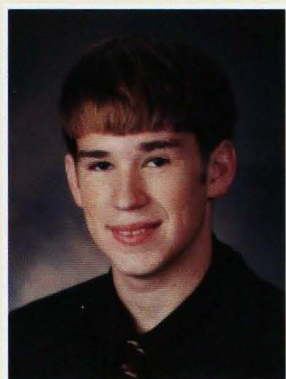
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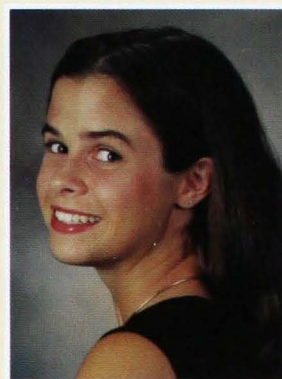
Philip Douglass Beck



Blair Michael Borries



Charles Stewart Bouch



Jessica Elizabeth Butler



Sarah Beth Clemments



Showing the wilder
side of the class
of 1999





Adam Wayne Commens



Regina Maria Conner



Brikelle Dione Cox



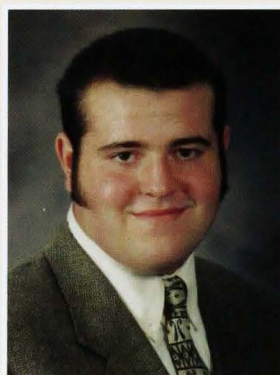
Krista Lynne Dausman



Lori Elizabeth Dick



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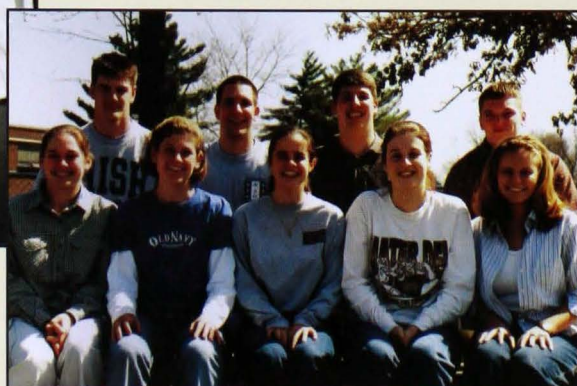


James Anthony Elpers



Jeffrey Curtis Elpers

Senior Coaches



A hero is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "a person of courage and accomplishment." These Seniors have donated countless hours, effort, talent and patience to answering the call of coaching.

Philip Beck recalls how he became a St. Philip Girl Basketball coach, "I started out just helping my step-dad by keeping the score book at my sister's games. Then I began going to the practices and I enjoyed teaching the fundamentals of the game. I have already completed my service hours, but I still coach."

Jessica Butler volunteers as a Speech and Cheerleading coach. Jessica started as an assistant Cheer coach, but the next year she filled the

duty of head coach. She commented not only teaching the girls how to cheer but also being taught the importance of patience and understanding for the younger children.

Jill Bartlett's grade school volleyball coach recommended her to be the coach. With Jill's love for the game and kids, she couldn't refuse the opportunity.

Michelle Langton, a Speech coach at St. James, remembered looking up to and appreciating people who helped her. She said, "I hope, as a coach, they appreciate my help as much as I enjoy working with them."

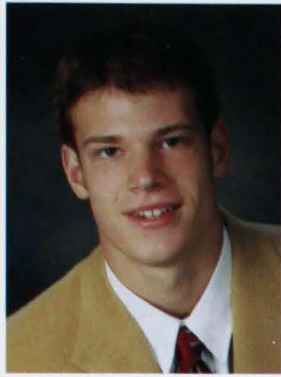
Curtis Schmitt said he received great satisfaction from passing on his knowledge of the game.

"When I was first asked to be a coach, I did it as a favor, but it turned out to be a very fun experience," responded Deidre Messmer.

"It's our way of keeping the proud Mater Dei tradition strong and alive as we move on," said Jill Bartlett.



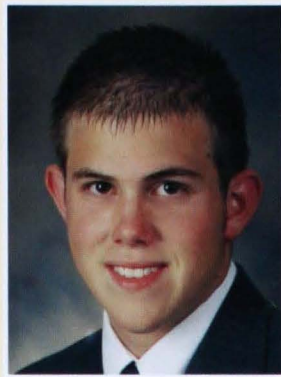
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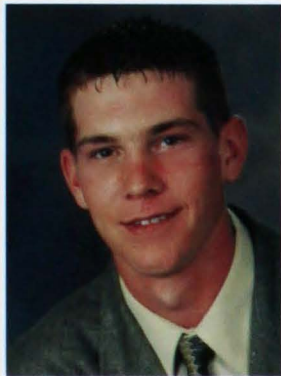
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Julie Mae Fischer



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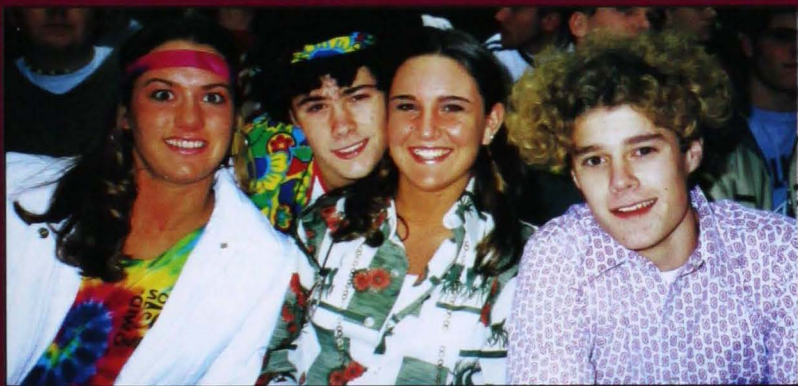
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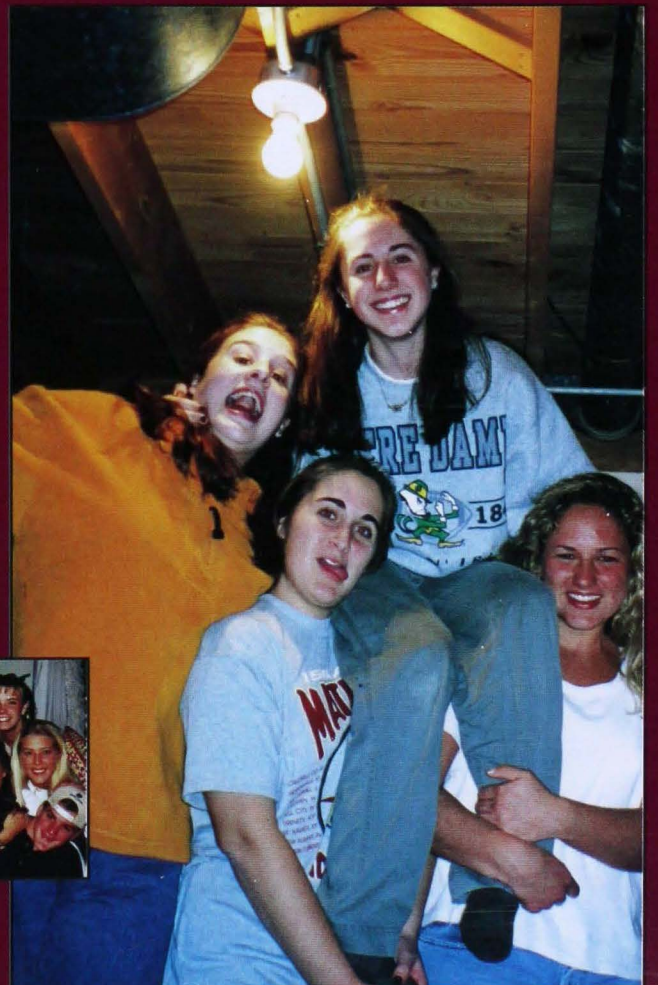
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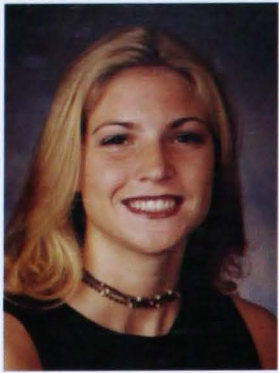


Lori Kay Goedde



The year was full
of Kodak moments
for the seniors





Erin Michelle Govert



Nicholas Lawrence Gries



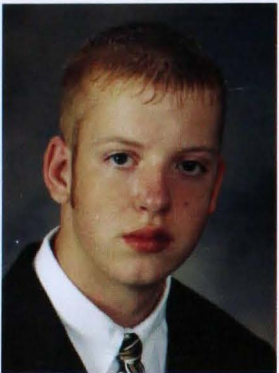
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Lisa Marie Head



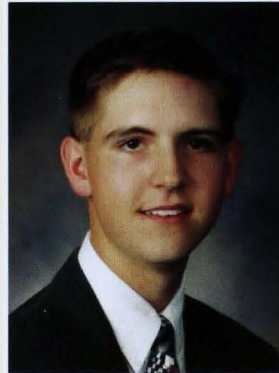
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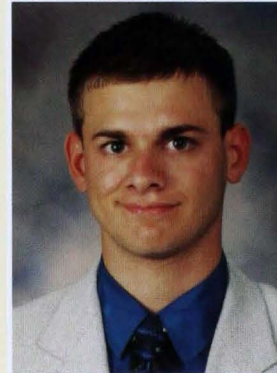
Joshua Jon Hedderich



Peter Dean Helfrich



Timothy Scott Hertel



Joshua Francis Hillenbrand



Audrey Ann Hinderliter

On the Hunt



We all know that hunting is considered a sport, but the reasons people enjoy it is quite different than why they enjoy sports such as basketball, baseball or track. Hunting is not typically competitive, fast-paced and loud like most sports.

Why do people hunt? Many have difficulty understanding the sport.

"I don't see any point. When they don't get anything, they have to make up stories about 'the one that got away,'" said Mr. Dave Wathen.

There are numerous guys in the senior class who might beg to differ. Jimmy Elpers, Jonah Becker, Mike Koch, Nick Adler, Kevin Folz and Dave Hisch all enjoy hunting as a

past time.

"I hunt to be outdoors. It's a release for me. I can get away from everything," commented hunter Nick Adler. Nick prefers coon and duck hunting the most because of the camaraderie.

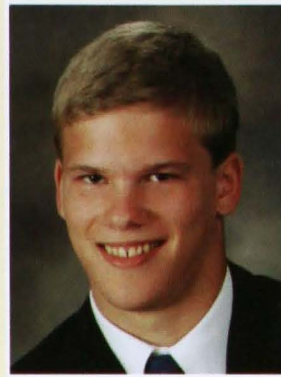
"You don't have to be quiet and it's more social," he said.

Others just like to get in touch with nature.

"I like the nature, and it's a time that I can get out and think about everything and get away from everybody," said David Hisch. "It's nice and quiet."

Many might have a problem with the actual hunting part. "I wouldn't want to kill the deer," said Laura. "Maybe if I had a camera to capture the moment and the beauty. I'm for hunting just not killing."

Hunting may not be the most exciting sport, but it obviously offers a relaxing environment for those who take the time to do it.



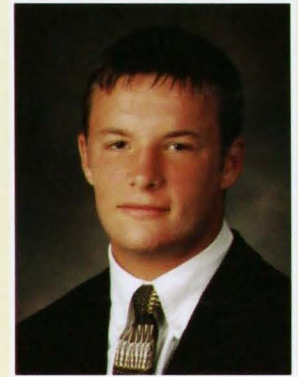
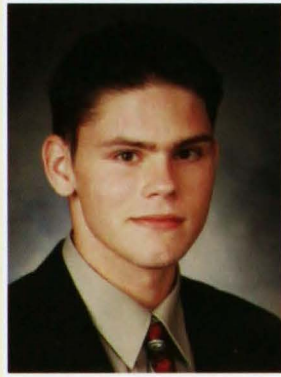
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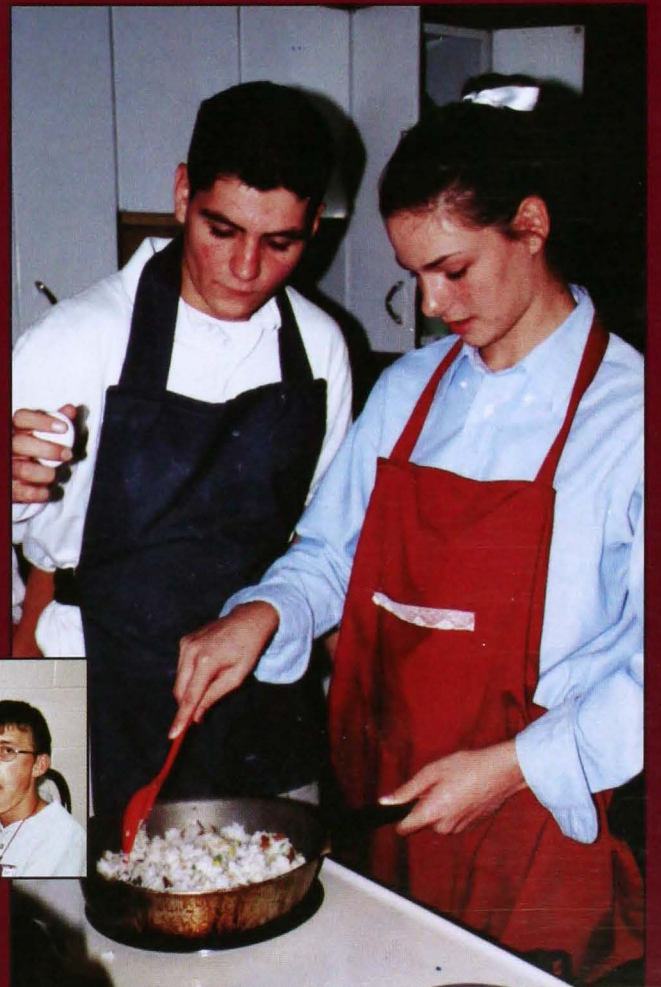
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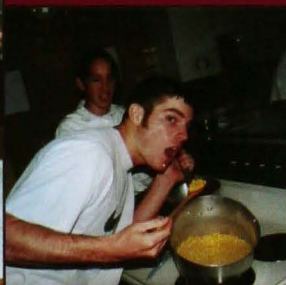
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Seniors take time together to CHOW DOWN!

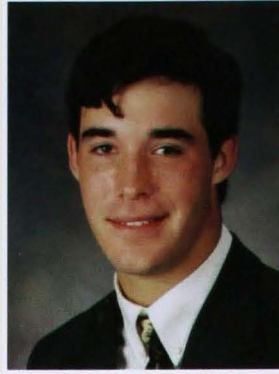




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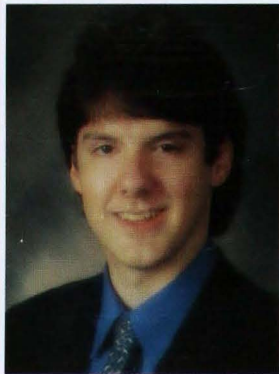
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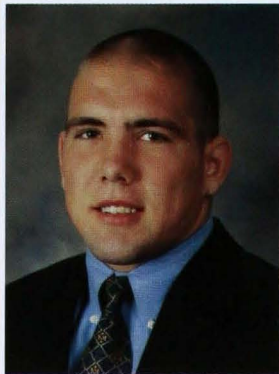
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Patrick Neal Lamble



Michelle Ann Langton



Brianne Gayle Lemberg

Girl Talk

The senior girls love it; the senior guys despise it. It's the girls' secret haven every red Friday. It's time for Ophelia.

Ophelia began last year after several senior girls read the book *Reviving Ophelia, Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls* by Mary Pipher Ph.D. The book covered common problems that young girls face and offered advice on how to deal with or avoid such

problems. The girls felt that there could be a need for their class to meet and help each other or to just get together to talk.

Haley Baker agrees that girls can benefit from the group discussions. "There's never been a better way for girls to get to know themselves and

each other."

Most of the senior girls of '99 saw Ophelia as beneficial. Under the guidance of Mrs. Brenda Donofrio and Mrs. Shea Reneer, the class carried on the tradition with April Altstadt, Audrey Hinderliter and Angela Paulson helping lead and plan discussions.

The group discussion centers on experiences shared by the group and have covered such topics body image, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual assault, differences between males and females relationships and colleges.

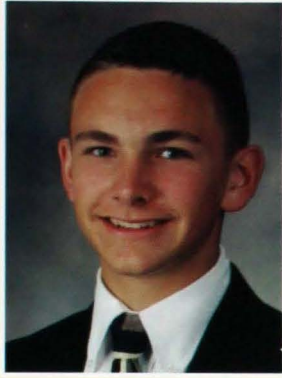
"It's the perfect opportunity for a girl to talk about her problems and to get advice from different angles," said Brianne Lemberg.

Unlike the popular belief of senior males, the girls don't sit around and talk about them, complain or cry. (Although it's been done once or twice.) The girls use the time to better educate themselves and learn from each other while sharing and getting to know each other better.





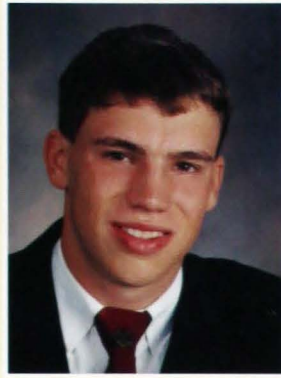
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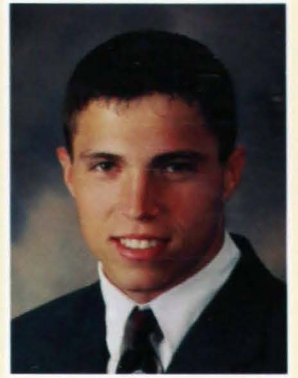
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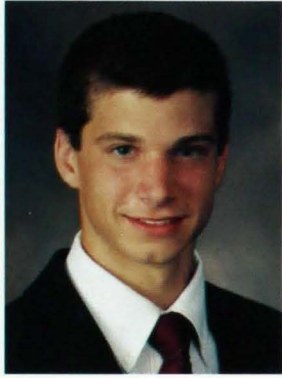
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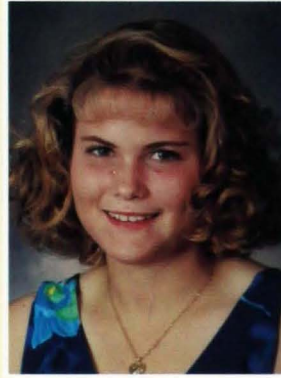
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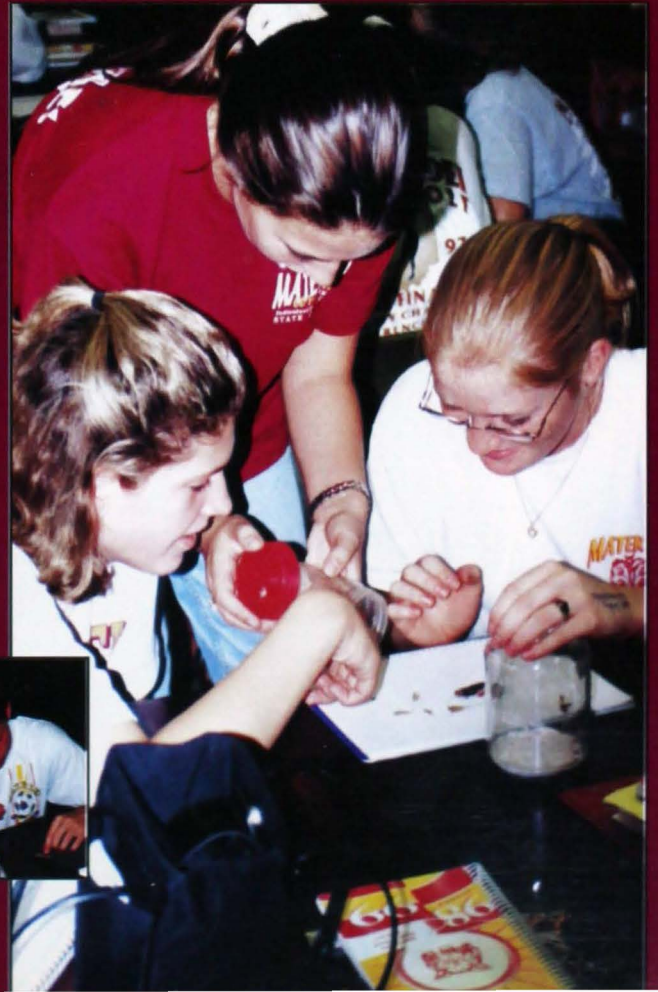
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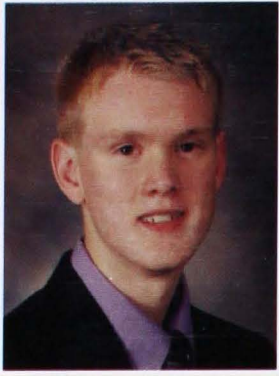


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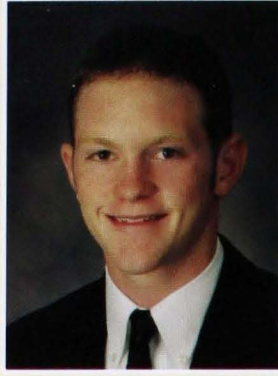


Seniors take the scientific method to heart





James Richard Mezo



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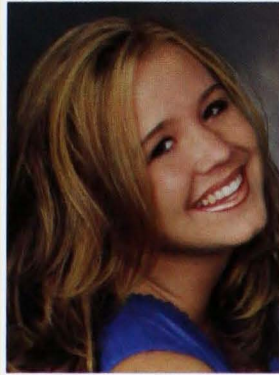
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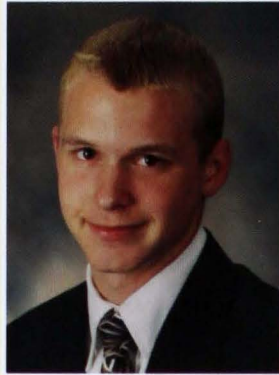
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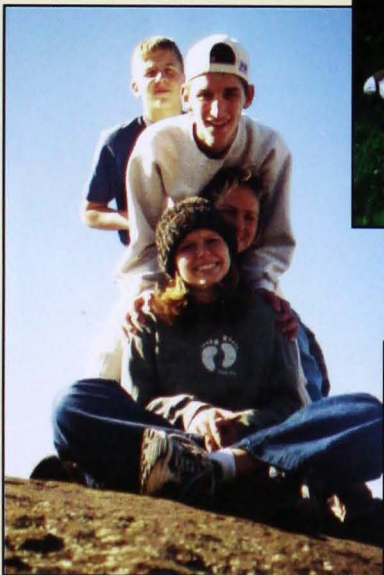


Valerie Elizabeth Murray



Angela Catherine Niemeier

Weekend Warriors



FRIDAY: The 2:30 bell rings initiating the weekend has finally arrived. The senior's battle cry echoes through the hall as they confirm their final plans for the weekend.

What is your idea of fun? Some seniors decided to bring their entertainment to different levels.

Senior Stephanie Wargel planned a day trip for 15 of her buds to adventure through Marengo Cave. The day consisted of cave exploring and canoeing the Blue River.

"I thought it was so great being able to crawl around and play in the mud," exclaimed senior Laura Elsner.

Seniors Michelle Langton, Jamie Schmitt, Josh Reising, Roger Wilderman and P.J.

McDonald spent one weekend climbing rocks along paths at Garden of the Gods.

"Once we reached the peak of a cliff, the scenery was breath taking," Schmitt said.

Going places is not the only thing seniors are doing on weekends. Some have started "special projects".

Three crazy senior guys see more benefit in staying in Evansville to work on their derby car. Tim Hertel, Russ Keller and Joe Lamble have salvaged a car to enter in the 4H demolition derby this summer.

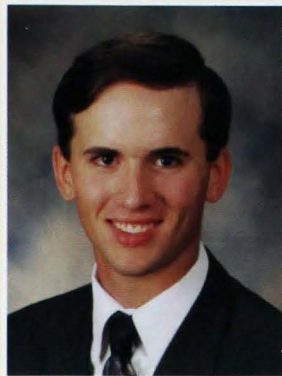
Lamble was elected as the driver because he's had the most experience when it comes to wrecking cars.

"We're tearin' it up," summed up Keller.

The weekend holds a different adventure for all these senior "weekend warriors." The best advice they could give to all you couch potatoes is to, "Live life to the fullest and never stop having fun!"



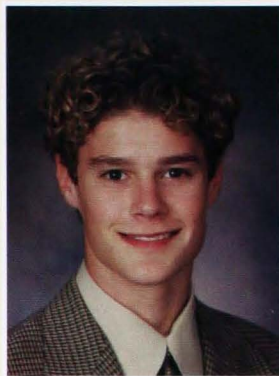
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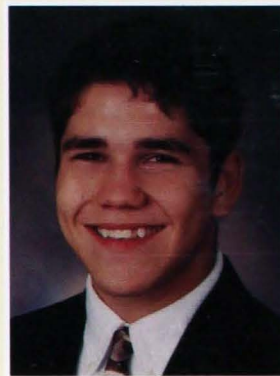
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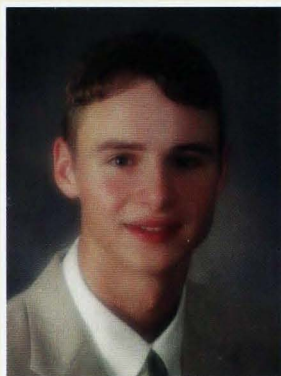
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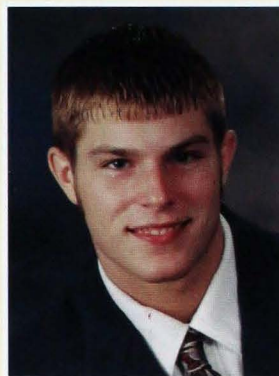
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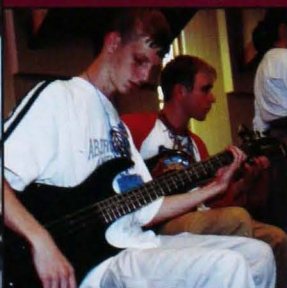
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Seniors take time
to enjoy the finer
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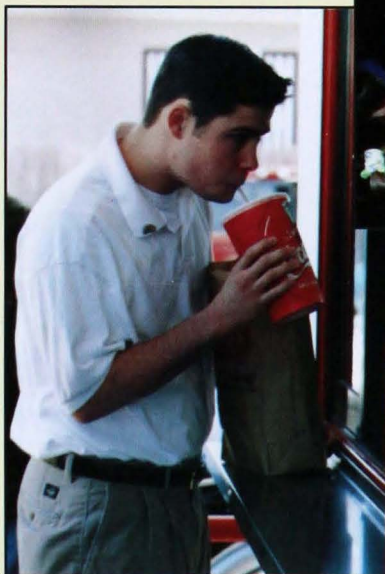


Joshua Steven Sandwell



Sara Elizabeth Schenk

Rushing to Lunch



Homeroom seems to be just a daily ritual. That is, every day except Wednesday. Seniors anxiously wait on the edge of their seats with keys in hand and stomachs growling, waiting to hear: "That's all for Wildcat Watch. Stay tuned for Channel One."

And they're off! It's a mad dash down the stairs, out the door, and up the hill. Everyone drives like a maniac through the parking lot. But watch out for the police.

Overcoming all the obstacles, it's time for the glorious, grease-covered food that the seniors patiently waited for the last three years. Each group of seniors has their own strategy, such as Margaret Halbig and her car load of

seven adventurous girls trying a new restaurant each week or picnicking at Howell Park.

"We try to think of creative ideas to make it more interesting," said Michelle Langton.

Other people are more conservative types such as J.D. Wargel. His carload of guys eats at McDonald's every week.

"I like to eat a variety of foods each week, but I like McDonald's chicken nuggets," said Wargel.

The privilege of out to lunch is a sign of independence and responsibility, yet most of all it is a time for friendship and fun, especially when don't have much time to get back by 11:36.

Cars fly down the hill and into the closest parking spaces in the lot. A herd of seniors swarm the cafeteria doorway just in time to hear the bell ring and begin the second half of the day with a full stomach.



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Adam Douglas Schiff



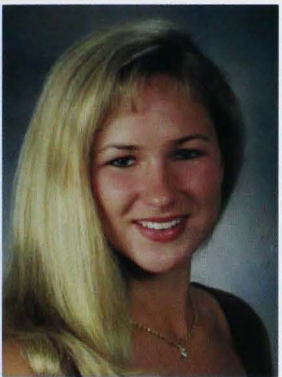
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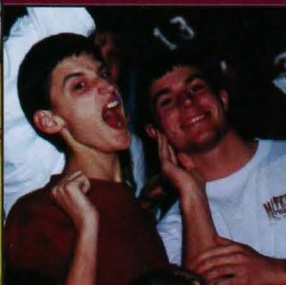
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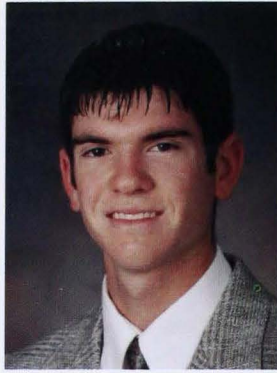


Senior Wildcats
know how to show
their pride





Natalie Marie Shetler



Curt Michael Sills



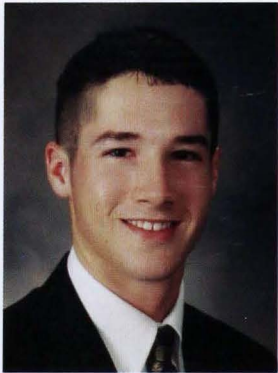
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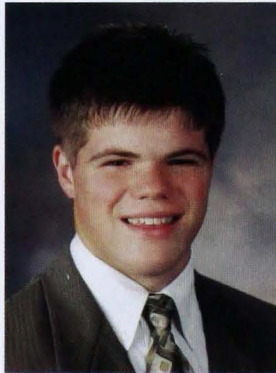
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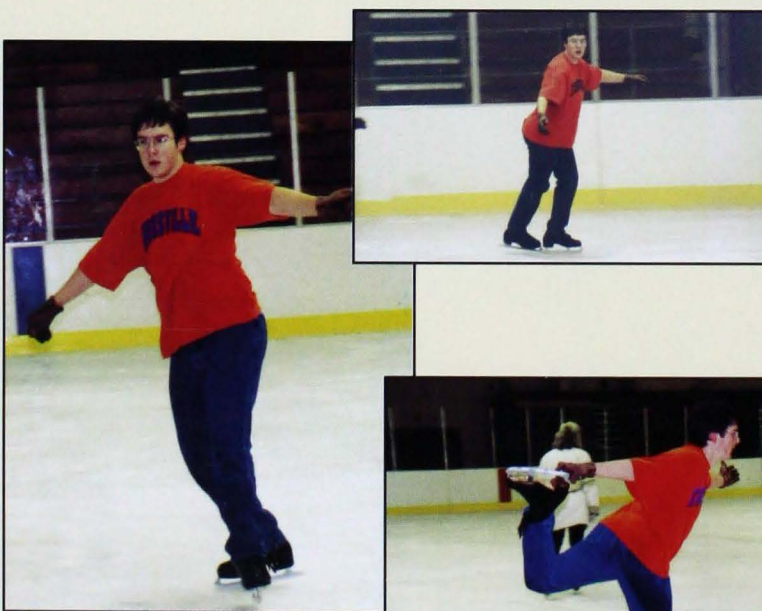


Pamela Lynn Steinkamp



Adam Gerald Tenbarga

Aaron "Ice" Kunkel



Many of us have hidden talents that no one knows about. For many of us, our talents are better left hidden, but for some of us, those hidden talents are taken to higher level. One of these people is Aaron Kunkel.

Aaron Kunkel, a Mater Dei senior, has been ice skating for five years.

"I went out for the hockey team, but I had to take an ice skating course, and I never came back to hockey."

Just like any serious competitor, Kunkel spends many hours a week practicing routines and working out to stay in good physical condition for competitions. Swonder Ice Rink is where Aaron spends Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday afternoons practicing for over two hours.

In his five years of skating he has achieved a level six out of ten. Hard work has led to success, but Kunkel knows that high ranks and medals are not the most important things.

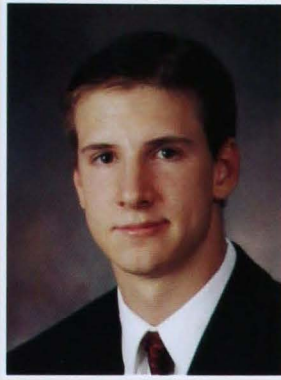
"The most important thing," Aaron said, "is knowing you had a good program, regardless of place."

Besides practice, competitions make up a major part of Aaron's skating life. He attends two to three major competitions a year, including one in Nashville. He also attends two ice shows a year at Evansville's Swonder Ice Rink.

Combining balance and power, Kunkel works to put everything he can into every single program he performs. There are many things that drive Kunkel to skate, but the one most important to him is best said in his own words, "The thrill you get when you learn a new move or land a difficult jump."



Jamie Lynn Tepool



Joseph William Traylor



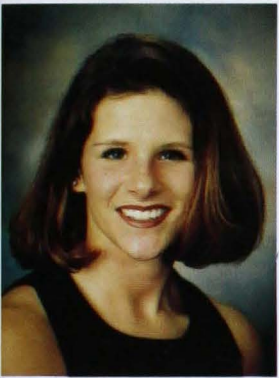
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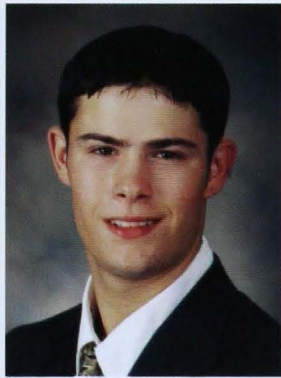
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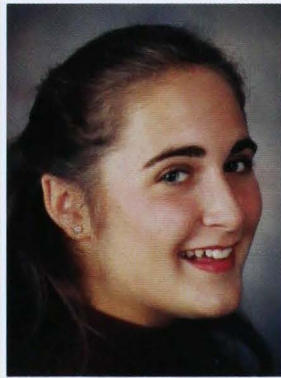
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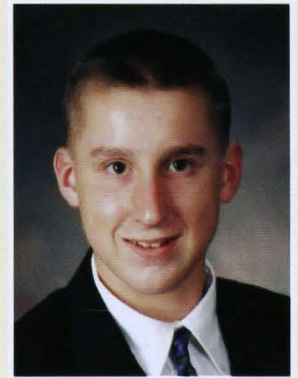
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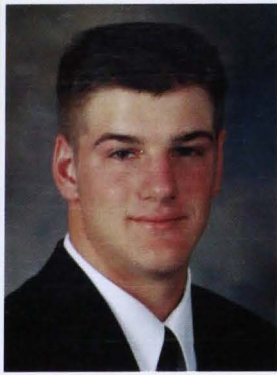


Daniel Lee Ward



Seniors share
their thoughts at
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Joshua Daniel Wargel



Stephanie Fae Wargel



Kortney Marie Weber



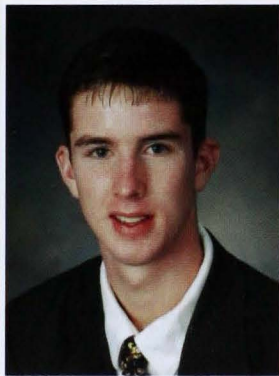
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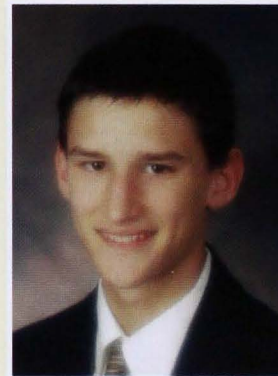
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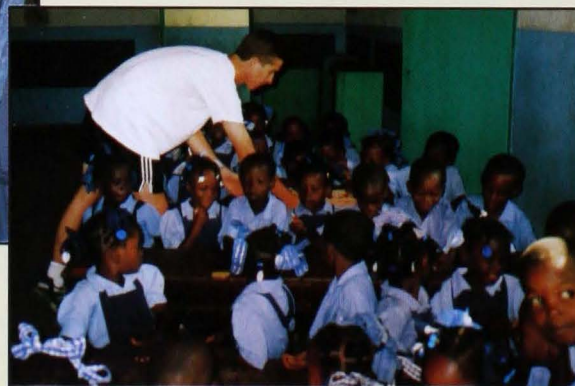
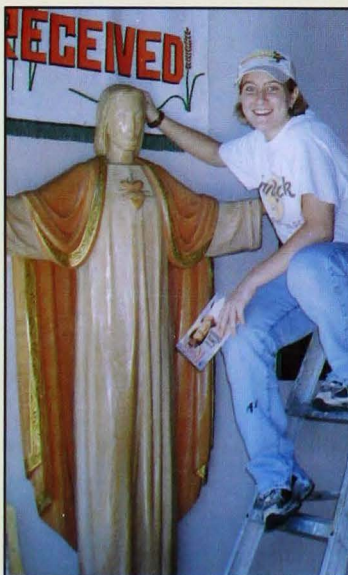


Roger Antone Wilderman



Katie Ann Will

Lending a Hand



While most of us spend our summer days sleeping till noon, and partying all night, several Mater Dei seniors put their talents to use, helping the poor on mission trips.

For two summers now, Stephanie Wargel has traveled with a group of students to help the needy. The first year she joined Holy Redeemer's senior youth group on a trip to Caritas Mission, Pennsylvania.

Their mission was to help a family get back on their feet after a fire destroyed their home.

"The man and his wife were living in a run-down trailer in their back yard. It was a really bad situation," Stephanie said.

The group,

which also included Jamie Tepoch and Sarah Wright, lived as if they were at camp for a week.

"We had to bathe in the river. And we ate peanut butter and jelly every day for lunch," Stephanie said.

Brian Wildeman has visited Holy Redeemer's twice with his uncle, Fr. Wildeman.

"We visited a school in Plainfield, New Jersey one day," Brian said. "There were a lot of kids that we played with and talked to. They all liked to play with our hair because it is so soft compared to theirs."

Haley Baker has also made a mission trip to a foreign country. She went with the church's youth group to Mexico. They passed out Bibles to the people there.

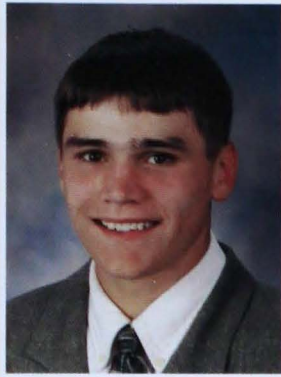
"They were very grateful to give them because no one gives them anything," Haley said.

Like Brian and Stephanie, Haley had fun and learned a lot while on her mission trip.

"I really helped me deepen my faith," Haley said.



Julie Anne Wittgen



Andrew Norman Woehler



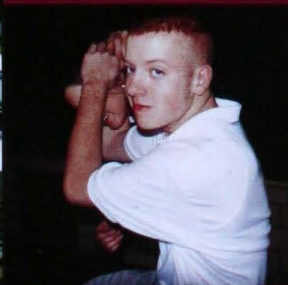
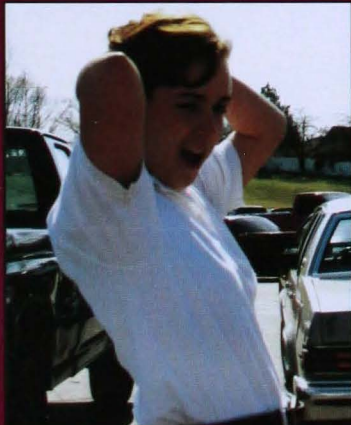
Sarah Ann Wright



Michelle Lynn Zirkelbach



Senior faces are
making lasting
impressions



Camelot

A Special Night

Sarah Scheu and Sarah Mesker let loose as they hit the dance floor.



That special date was asked out.

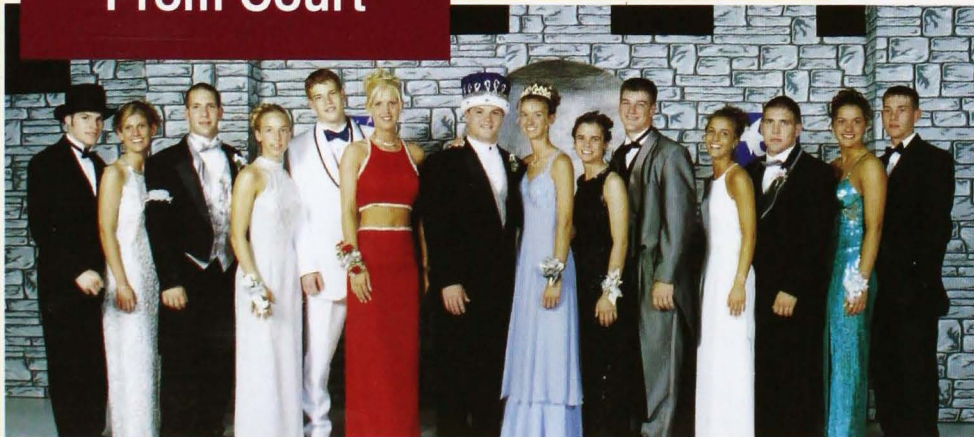
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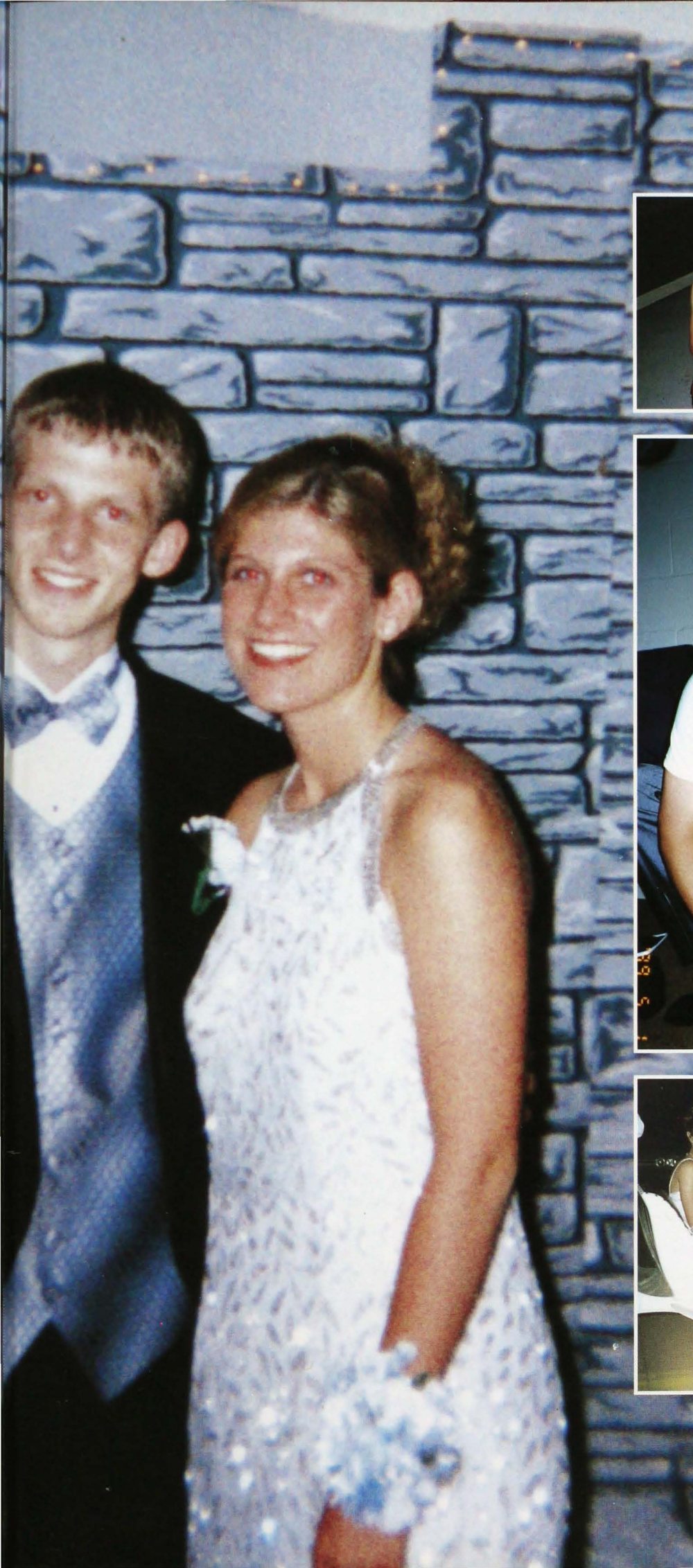
The tuxes were fitted and a boutinere was matched to their date's colors.

The pictures were taken in the hallway and everyone shuffled off in limos and trolleys to the 1999 Prom.

"A Night In Camelot" was full of fun and excitement as Amanda Uhde and Dave Hisch reigned over the festivities. The romantic night saw couples dancing and friends having a good time while the seniors enjoyed one of their last times together as a class.

Prom Court





Mr. John Wells and his son Noah made a splash at the Prom when they arrived wearing matching black tuxedos.



J.D. Wargel gets ready for this special night, dressing up to the hilt for a night of dancing and fun.

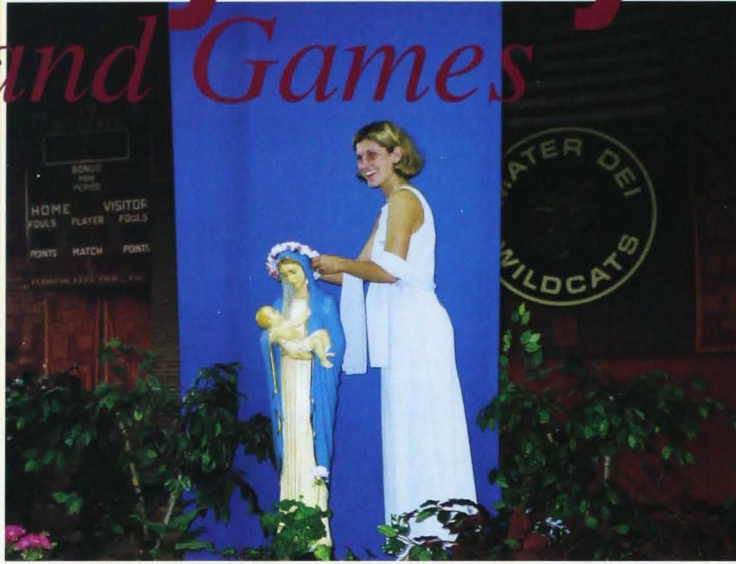


"A Night in Camelot" started off like the medieval partygoers might have: in a horse drawn carriage.

May Day

Fun and Games

May Queen Jill Bartlett crowns the statue of Mary as part of the May Day celebration.



It starts off by honoring our patroness, Mary, the Mother of God. But the day quickly turns to an all-out celebration, complete with games and class camaraderie.

May Day is that one special day every year that the school stops what it is doing and dedicates the day's activities to Mary. Fr. Kenny Steckler prosided over his first May Day Mass and watched with the seniors as Jill Bartlett was crowned May Queen. After a quick lunch, everyone rushed to the gym for the annual Olympics activities and another convincing win by the seniors.

May Court





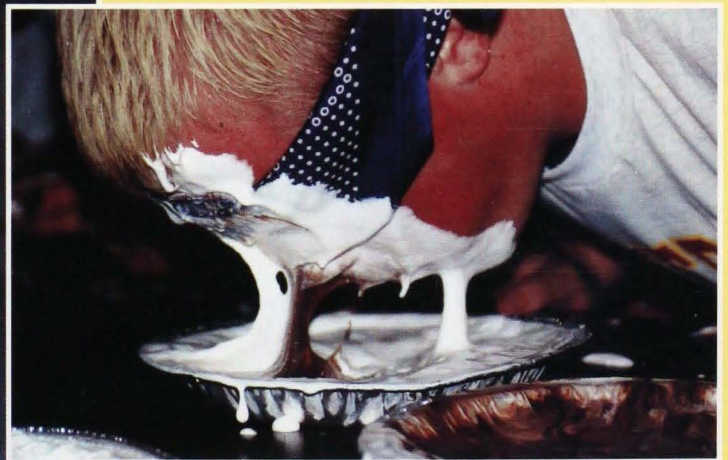
The final and most popular event puts class against class in a test of strength and endurance.



Forced to improvise, the MD 500 went from tricycles to down on all fours.



It is a game of chance, skill and finesse. The egg toss gets messy, but gets lots of students involved.



Getting down to work, sophomore Nick Gaffney dives in to make a mess in the pie eating contest.

Last Hurrah

Saying Good Bye

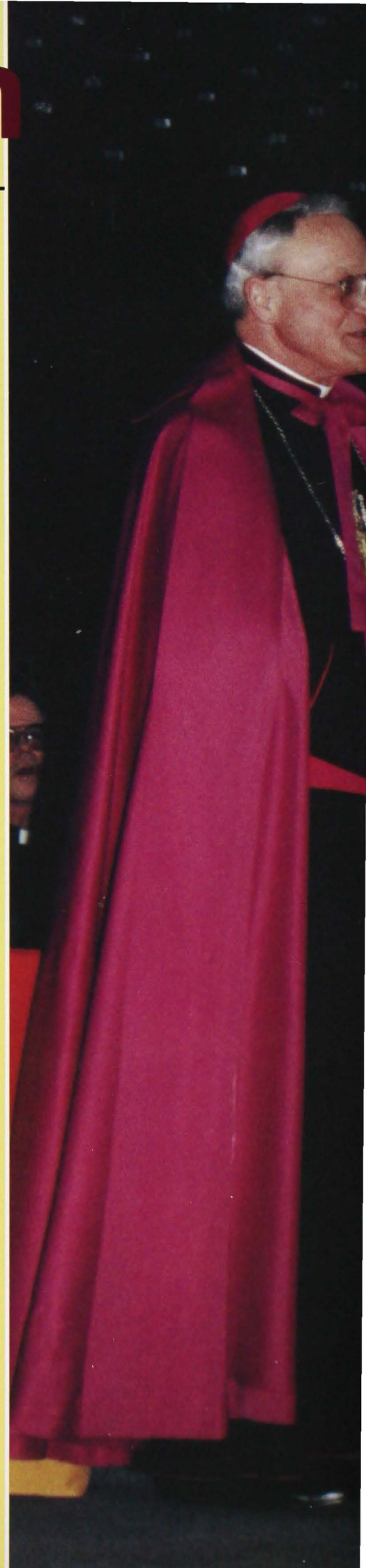
Baccalaureate is a emotional time, especially for Audry Hinderliter and Brianne Lemburg



Four years ago, it seemed like it would never come. In fact, there were several days during their last year that they felt the same thing. But graduation day came and the seniors said good bye to their classmates, faculty and Mater Dei in two touching ceremonies: Baccalaureate and graduation.

At Baccalaureate the night before, the class took time out to remember their past four years. They celebrated Mass and had one last party as a class. The wrestling gym was transformed for "Project Graduation" party planned by their parents so the class could "Party Like It Was 1999".

Baccalaureate





Parents and friends lined up to take a picture of their favorite graduate as they walked off stage.



To signify their graduation, the class moves their tassels.



The seniors stopped to remember Scott Miller at Baccalauret by presenting his parents with a token of their love.

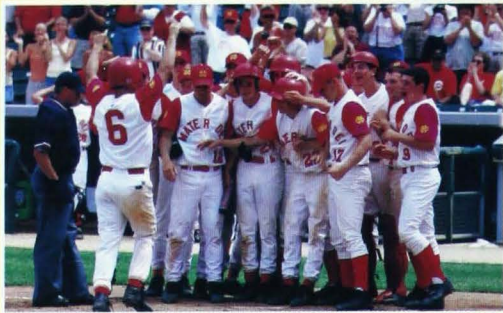


Jill Bartlett and Matt Riordan rejoice in their accomplishments after the graduation ceremony.

The fans turned out to cheer on the Wildcats as they win their first baseball state championship.



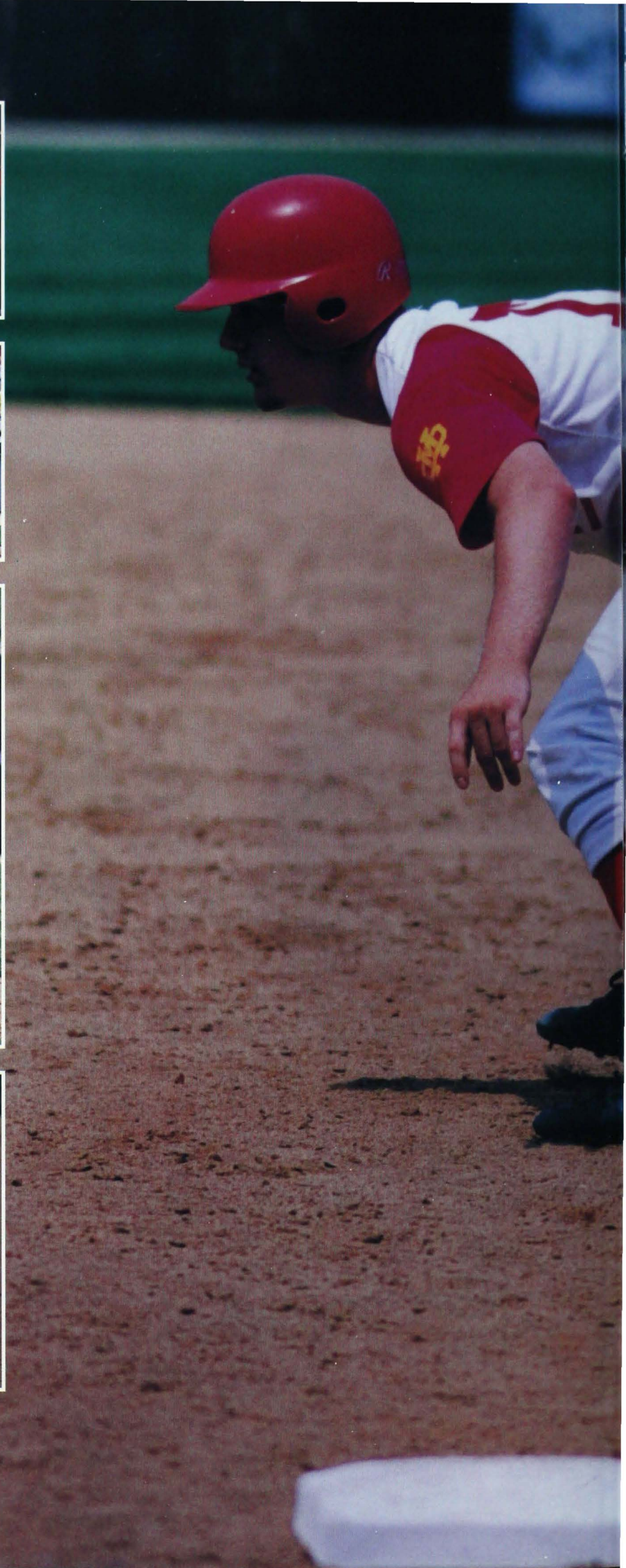
The dugout empties as Nick Miller comes home after crushing a 3-run homer in the 7th inning.



Senior Adam Schiff throws the ball home from shortstop to keep the game scoreless.

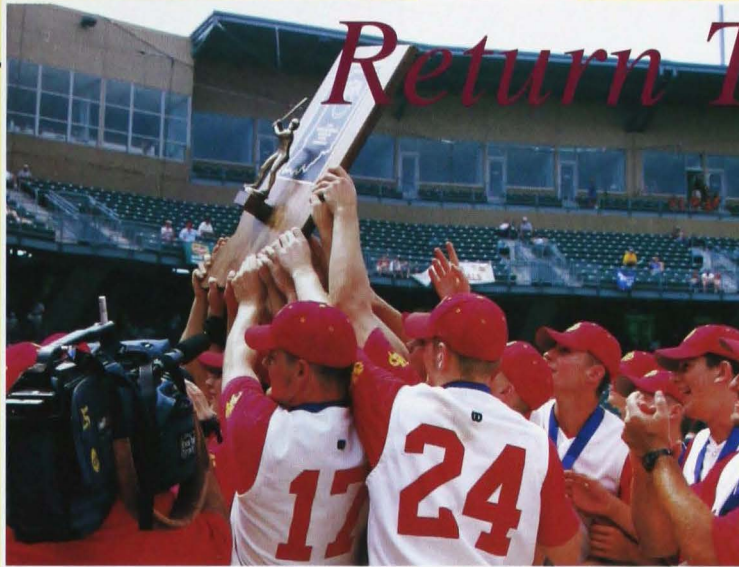


Senior Josh Hodge stretches out to make the play in the dirt at first to keep the Jimtown batter off the bags.



Baseball

Return Trip



The Wildcats proudly hoist their hard-won state hardware for the fans in Indy to see.

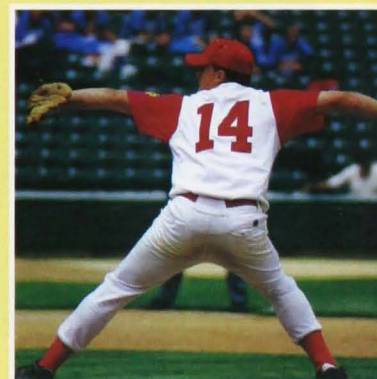
Last year many said that it was a fluke, a mistake that the Wildcats ever made it as far as they did and that it would definitely not happen again any time soon.

That was the rallying cry for the Wildcats, determined to not only quiet those who doubted them, but to revenge the controversial loss.

Behind incredible pitching and consistent hitting from almost everyone in the dugout, the Wildcats completed their mission and won Mater Dei's first baseball state championship.

Turning Points

Harrison	11-7
Central	29-5
Sectionals - North Posey	10-0
Sectionals - Forest Park	9-2
Sectionals - Southridge	3-2
Regionals - Mitchell	14-1
Semi-State - Honover	10-0
Semi-State - Hagerstown	11-3
State - Jimtown	9-0



Dustin Macke finished the year at 10-2.

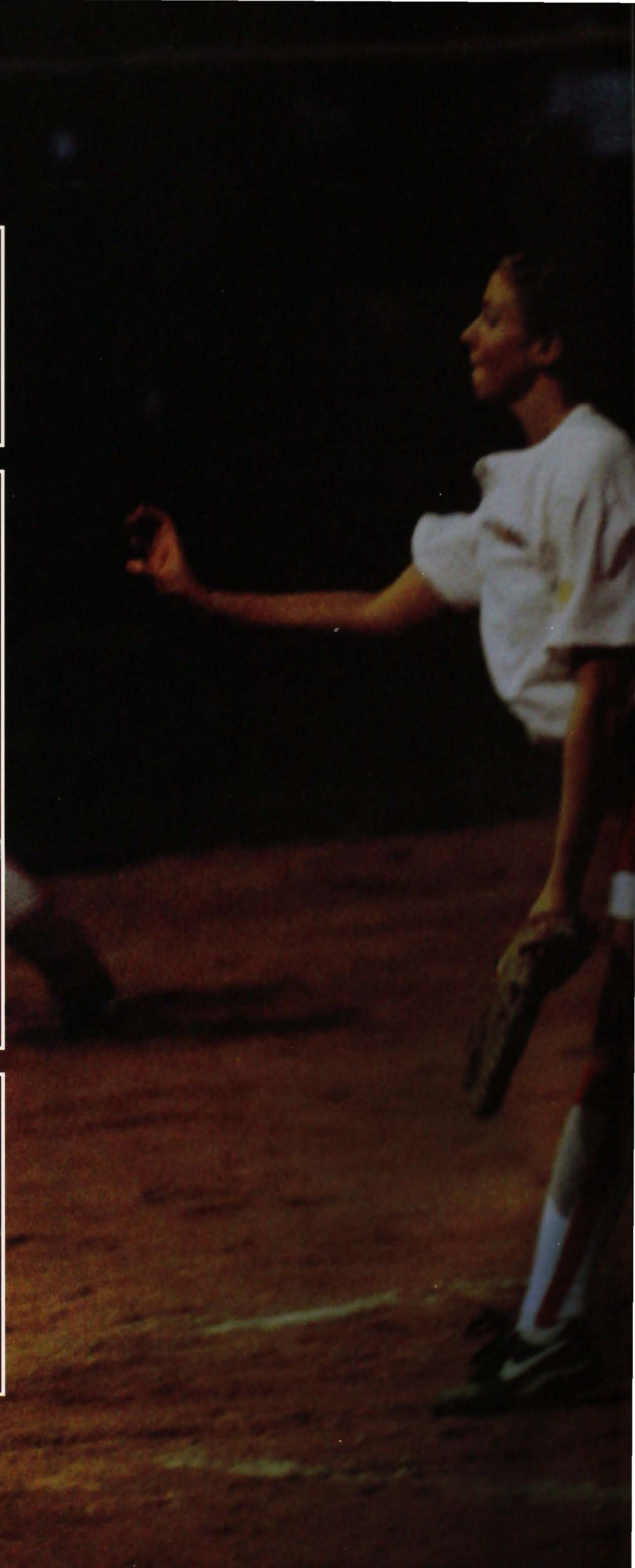
Coach Carrie Nosko joins in her team's celebration. She was named as one of the best coaches in the state by the IHSAA.



Brienne Lemberg turns to catch the throw to catch the baserunner at the bag.



Kendra Schmitt rushes in to congratulate her teammates and give high-fives all around.



Softball

Talent and Drive



The Wildcats proudly hoist their hard-won state hardware for the fans to see.

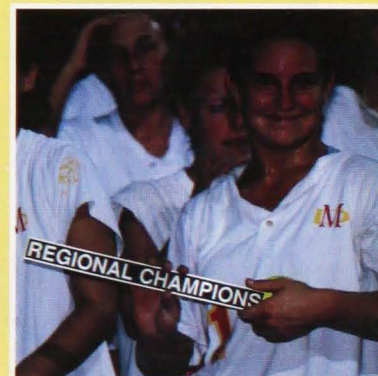
Not losing a single person to graduation, the Lady Wildcats were determined to repeat last year's success. This year's state bound team was ready to meet the challenge with a mix of talent and drive.

The team was loaded with talent in all positions with more in the dugout that could take their place as needed, as was the case when state recognized pitcher April Altstadt missed her first few games.

The ambitious girls returned to Indianapolis this year, determined to showcase the pride of Mater Dei's Lady Wildcat softball team.

Turning Points

Jasper	13-3
North Posey	14-0
Central	10-0
Bosse	18-0
Sectionals - Bosse	14-0
Sectionals - Princeton	2-0
Sectionals, - Memorial	4-2
Regionals - Franklin Co.	7-0
Regionals - N. Harrison	6-0



Kendra Schmitt displays one more piece of hardware.

Adam Schiff crowns Sarah Mesker as one of the "Queens of the Green" during the golf state assembly.



Head Coach Tom Bealmear and the team display their ribbons from the Hall of Fame which made them a stronger team for the post season.



Alisha Luigs contributes to the team with her talents as a key player as they advance to State.



Once again, Jenny Effinger and Andera Werner exemplify encouragement and team spirit as they decorate the team van for the ride to Regionals.



Girls Golf



second to state

Seniors Andera Werner and Jenny Effinger led the team as they made their second appearance at state.

The girls golf team began their quest for state at the end of last season when they made their first trip to state. They wanted to improve on their status. The girls achieved this by coming out at the beginning of the season and working hard. They stayed late, after practices were officially over, and visited the driving range. They also challenged each other, playing matches against their teammates to achieve their goal of returning to state. The goal that was set out at the end of last season was achieved by girls as they worked hard, showed spirt, and of course had a good time while doing it.

Turning Points

Reitz	184
Jasper Invit.	192
Harrison	180
Hall of Fame	391
Conference	364
City	381
Sectionals, 1st	361
Regionals, 3rd	360
State, 18th	401

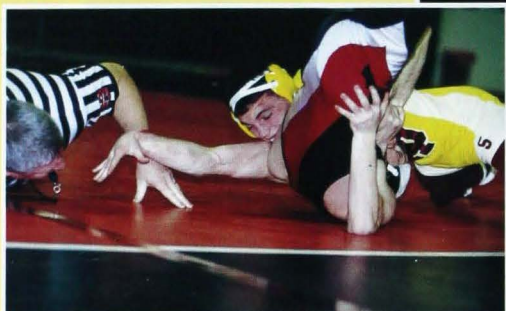


Jessica Macke levels out her putt.

Senior Nick Miller tries to maneuver his opponent into the cradle.



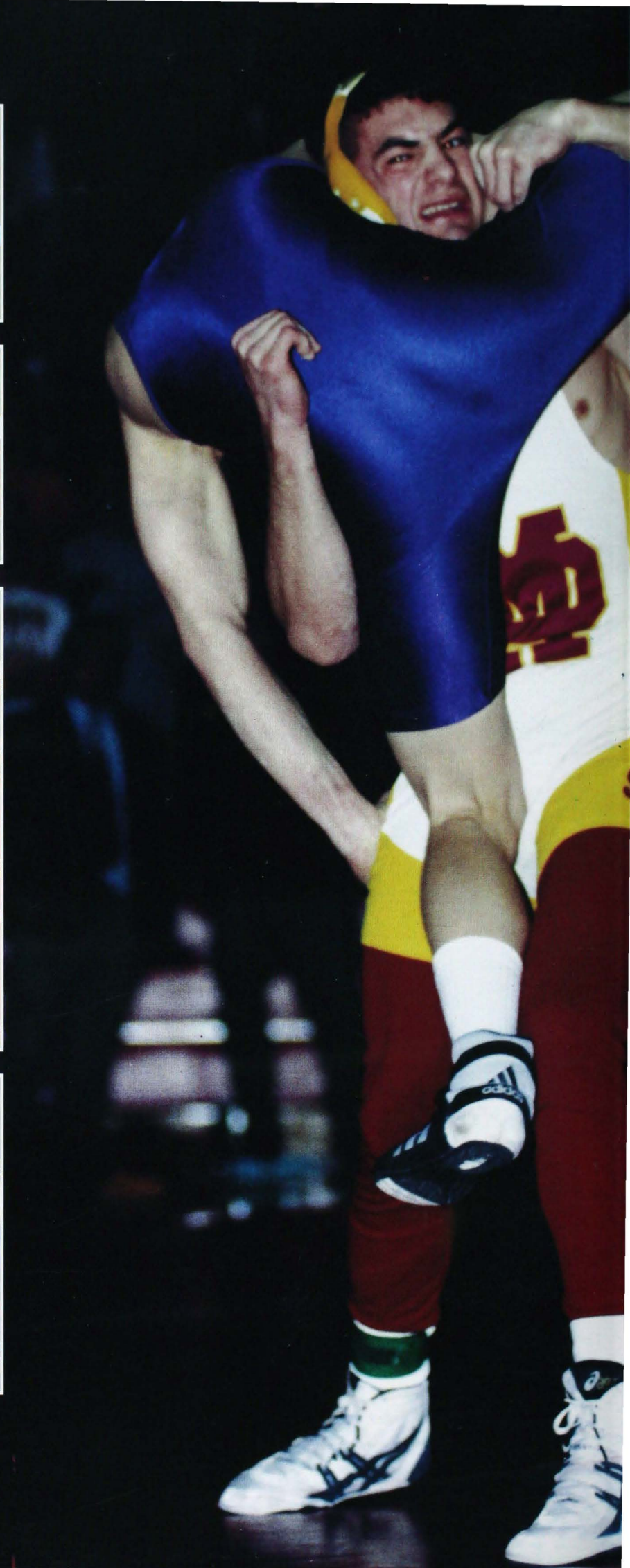
Senior Chad Martin takes his opponent to his back while trying to get a pin from the cradle.



The Wildcats jump for joy after completing the "drive for five." They defeated Belmont during the championship match 33-30 for the title.



Sophomore Neil Reddington chins his opponent down while putting him into the reverse half.



Wrestling



Climb for five

The Mater Dei Wildcats and the Wildcat fans rise to their feet after a tremendous victory.

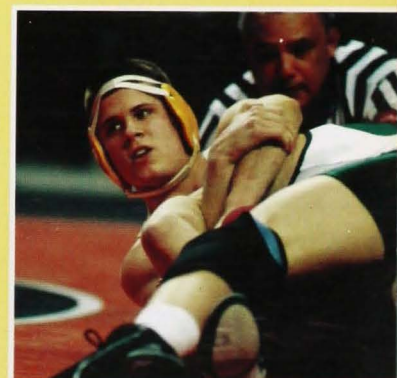
The Wildcats' hard work and determination paid off to keep the Mater Dei wrestling tradition alive, bringing home number five.

"The odds were definatley against us, but the wrestlers believed in themselves and wouldn't be denied," said Coach Goebel.

First they took on Elwood succesfully winning 56-13. Then perhaps the most memorable match in history, they faced Hobart. They quickly fell behind and it came down to the final five to pull it off winning 33-30. With all the confidence of beating Hobart, the Wildcats tore through Belmont winning 35-21.

Turning Points

Reitz	48-22
St. Louis Oakville	36-22
St. Charles West	51-19
North Posey	63-0
Jasper	62-0
Mooresville	52-13
Elwood	56-13
Hobart	33-30
Belmont	35-12

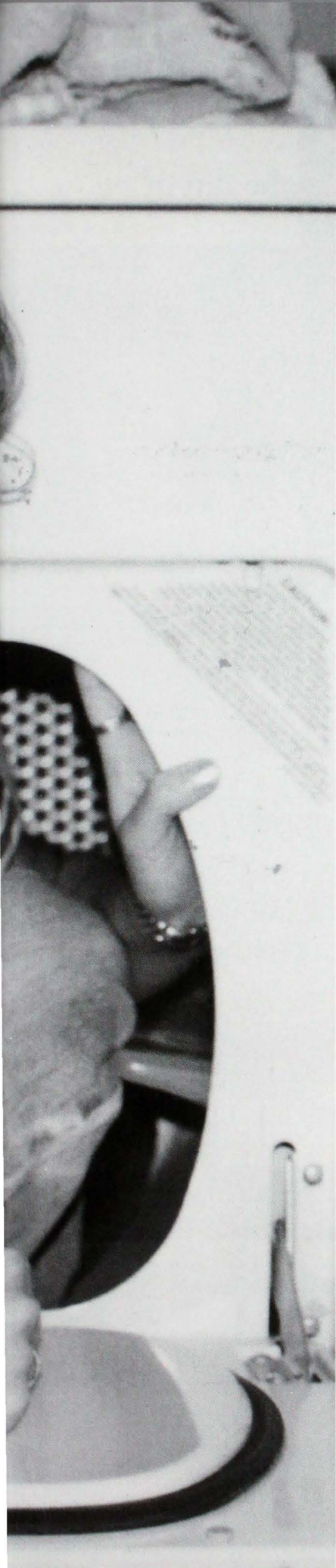
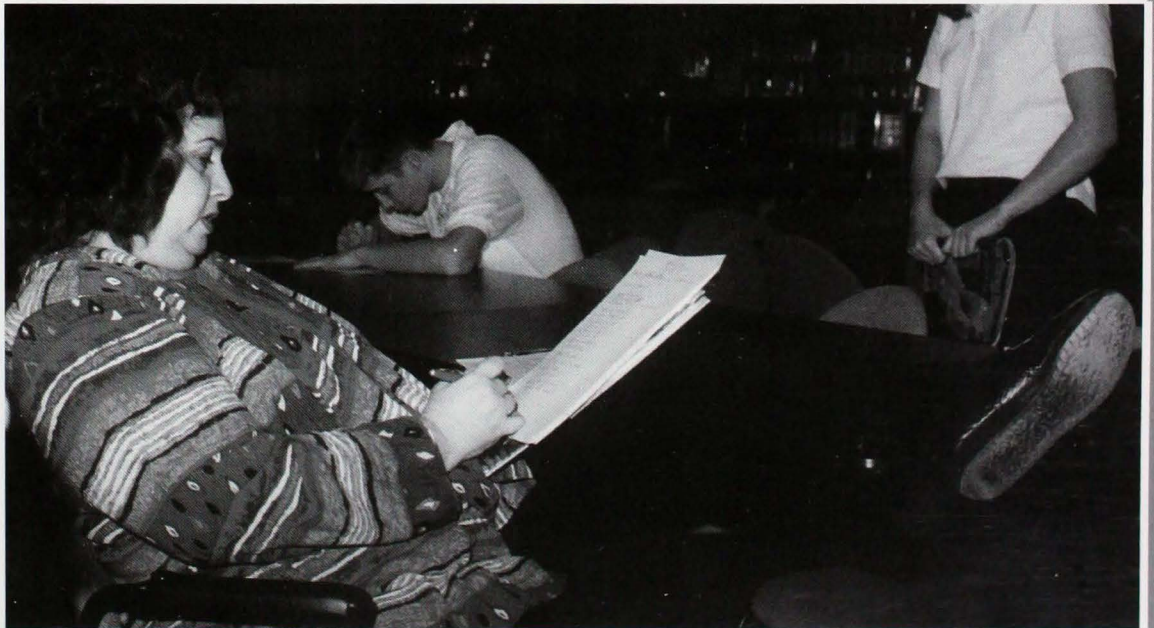
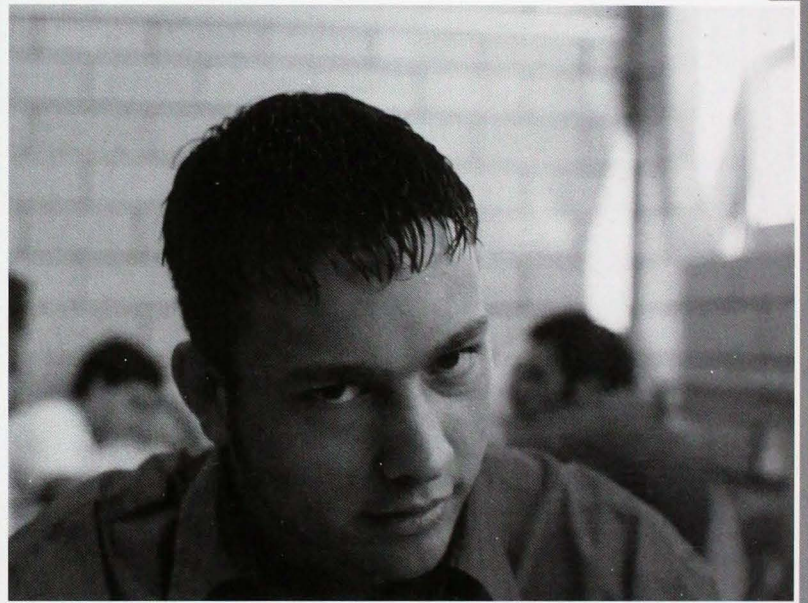
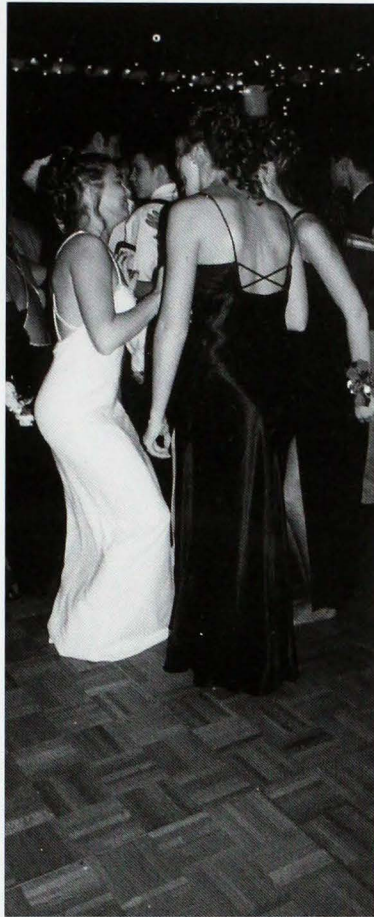


Senior Tony Unfried looks to the coaches for guidance.



Class of 1999

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 aside and let the someone else
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 championships, guide other
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and was replaced by the din of

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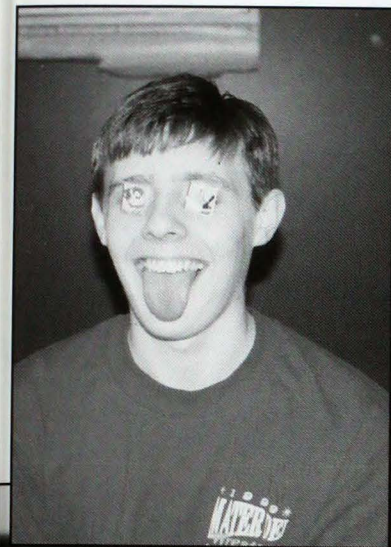
School is out and the students have raced headlong into the summer. Seniors are hesitantly looking forward the start of the next chapter of their lives as they start college. Juniors are eager to come back to school and start their senior year. Underclassmen are curious about what the building will look like and everyone is trying to get in a little break as the summer months fly by.

But the memories of the last year will last and be replayed over and over until new ones are made.



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You have filled our lives with so much love and joy. We are so proud of you! Keep your strong faith in God and know that we love you always.

Love,
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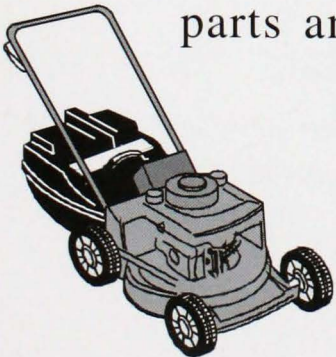
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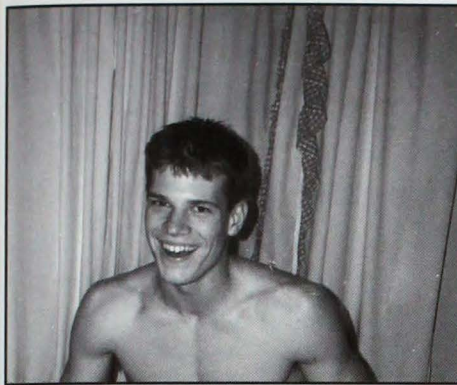
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Love you Sara,
Mom and Dad

Sara Schenk



Curtis,
You always liked your glasses. Always remember to keep your eyes open and fixed on your dream. Your future is within your reach.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Curtis Schmitt



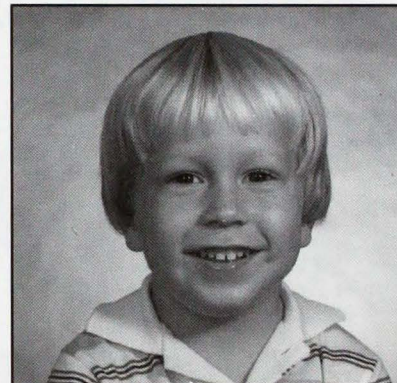
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Natalie Shetler



Angela,
It has been such a joy watching your grow up into a terrific young lady. We are very proud of you and wish you all the luck & happiness as you move on in life. Follow all of your dreams and they will come true!
We Love You!!

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Angela Luigs



Josh,
As you continue to grow, remember we will always love you.

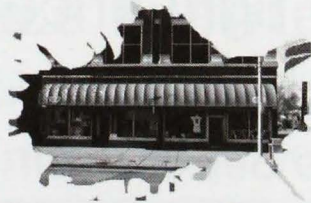
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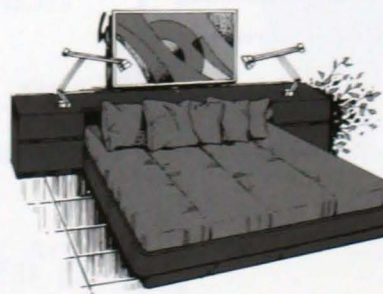
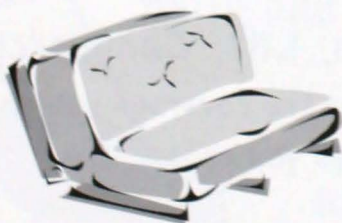
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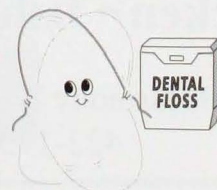


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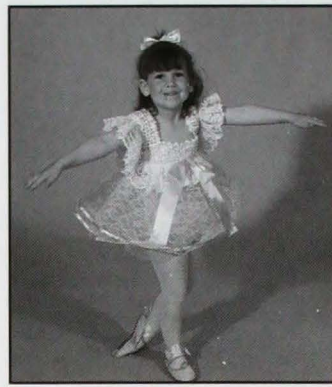
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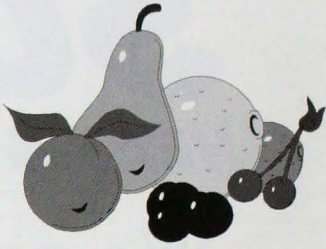
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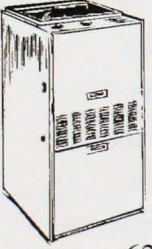
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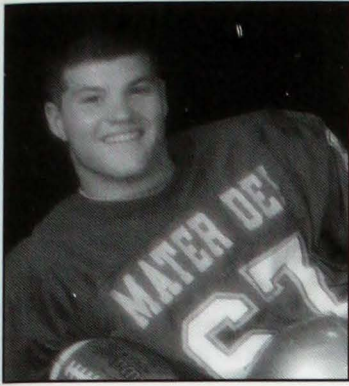
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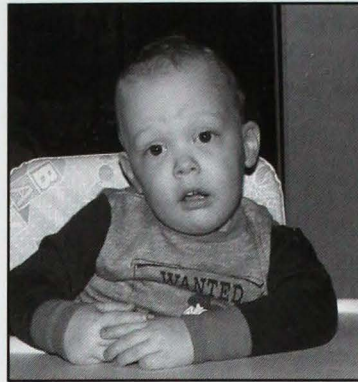
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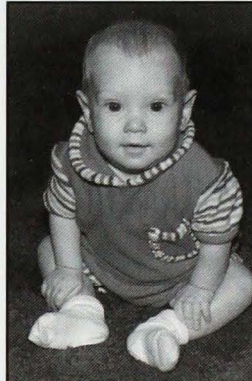
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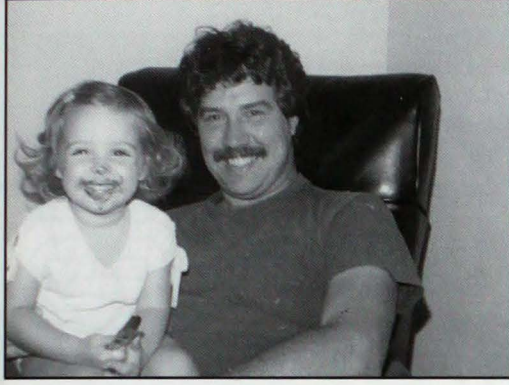
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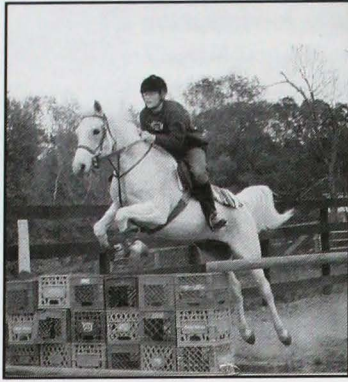
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Keep holding your head up high. We are
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Love,
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Chris,
Congratulations! The past 17 years
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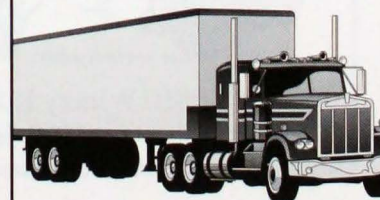
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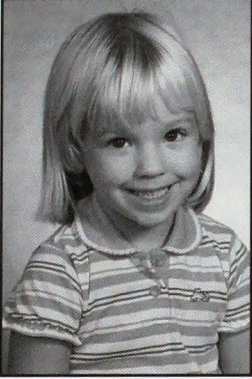
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You will always be our "princess". Always
keep smiling and use your head.

Love, Mom & Dad.

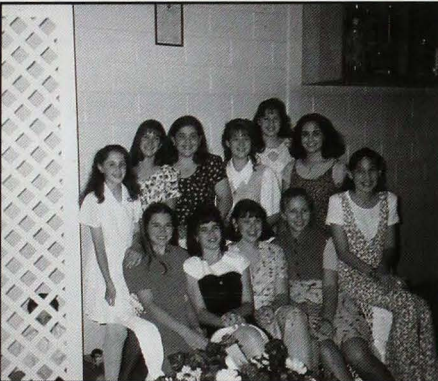
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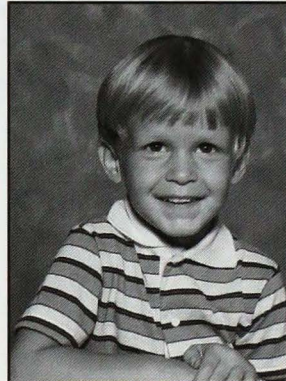
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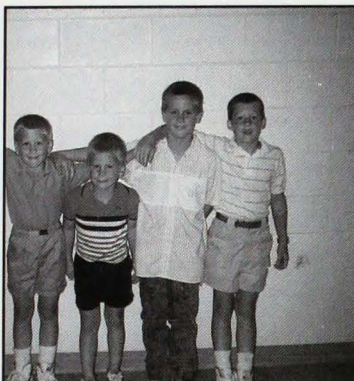
Nathan Schiff



Wake up Benny! It's time to
make your dreams come
true!

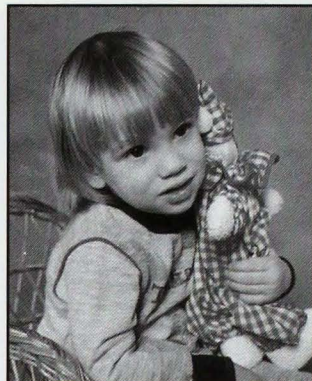
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Juliette

Benny Faraone



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Nathan(1999)



Dustin
Continue to make your dreams come
true! We are very proud of you.

Love,
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Dustin Macke

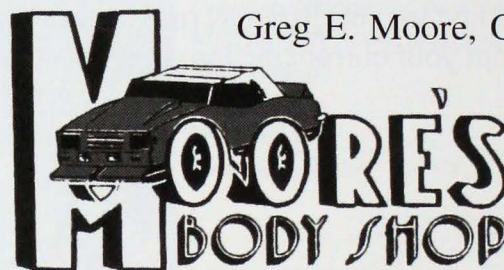
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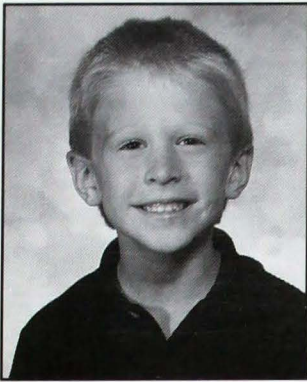
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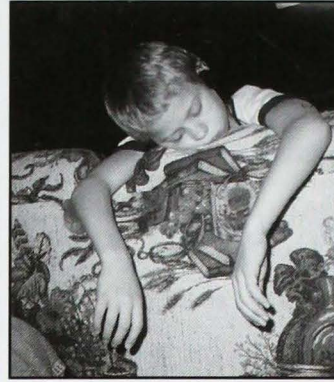




Luke,
First grade seems like it was just
yesterday. Keep your great smile!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brad

Luke Angermeier



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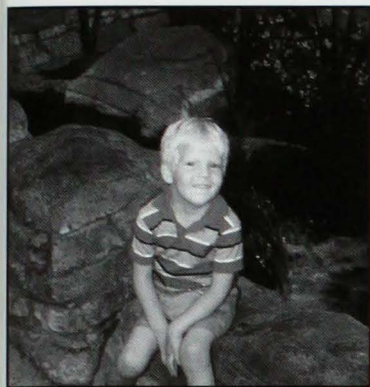
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Peter Helfrich



At this age your favorite saying was, "Mom, I'm doing the best I can." We know this is true, you have shown it in many ways. Keep your goals high, you can do whatever you want. We are very proud of you. Good luck with whatever you decide to do

Love,
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 Pam Steinkamp



Matt,
 We're proud of all of your achievements. We wish you the very best in your future.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

Matt Riordan



Dear Audery,
 We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We are looking forward to seeing what you will become. Your kindness, sensitivity and sense of humor will serve you well.

We love you!
 Mom., Dad, Brad and Shanna

Audery Hinderliter



Dear Laura,
 We are so very proud of the person you have become. Thank you for all the joys and memories you have given us the past 18 years. Always believe in yourself.

Love,
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Laura Elsner



Andrea:
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Love,
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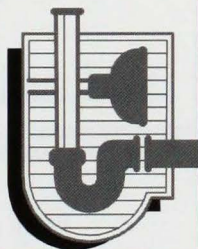
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Josh Hedderich



Michael,
It seems like only yesterday you started school. Good luck in your future plans.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Mike Koch



What a ride you've taken us all on. Never give up your dreams J.D.. Conquer the clouds!

Love,
Mom and Dad

J.D. Wargel



Hollie,
We are so proud of you in so many ways. You have always held your head up and stood for what you believe in. Even when times got tough. Stay the same sweet person you are, and you will succeed in your dream. Remember we will always be there for you. We love you and are very lucky to have a daughter like you.
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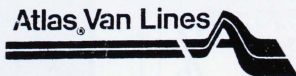
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Your hair color may have changed
and you've grown up, but your still
our sweet heart! Good luck in college!

Mom, Dad, Joy, Doug, Darryl and
Sarah

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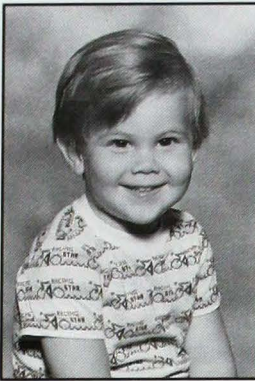
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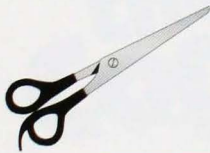
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and Jill

Ike Miller



Seth,
We love your laughter.
And we love how you make us laugh.
Congratulations! Make that big splash at IU.

Love
Dad and Mom

Seth Weber



Dear Tony,
Do not pray for an easy life: Pray to be
stronger. Do not pray for a task equal to your
powers: pray for powers equal to your tasks.
Then the doing of your works shall be no
miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Everyday
you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of
life which has come to you by the grace of
God.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kelly
Tony Paul



Andy,
Congratulations and good luck at college!
Thanks for the wonderful memories.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jeff and Courtney

Andy Woehler



Lisa,
We'll still call you Oscar because you are still a
grouch. From time to time you'll still holler ouch!
We'll be here for you, for better or worse. We'll love
you always and that's the last verse. God bless
you, Lisa

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lisa Reising



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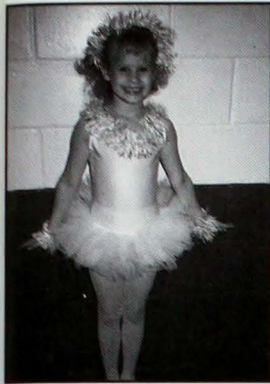


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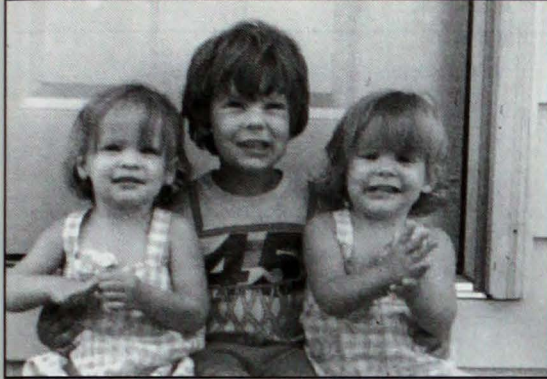
Alicia Wilderman



Jennifer,
You have proven you have what it takes
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Love,
Mom and Dad

Jennifer Vick



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Love,
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Nick" thanks for all the
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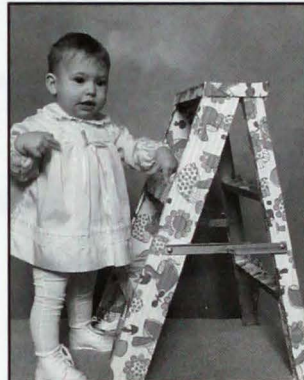
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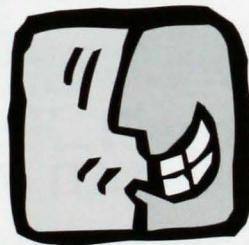
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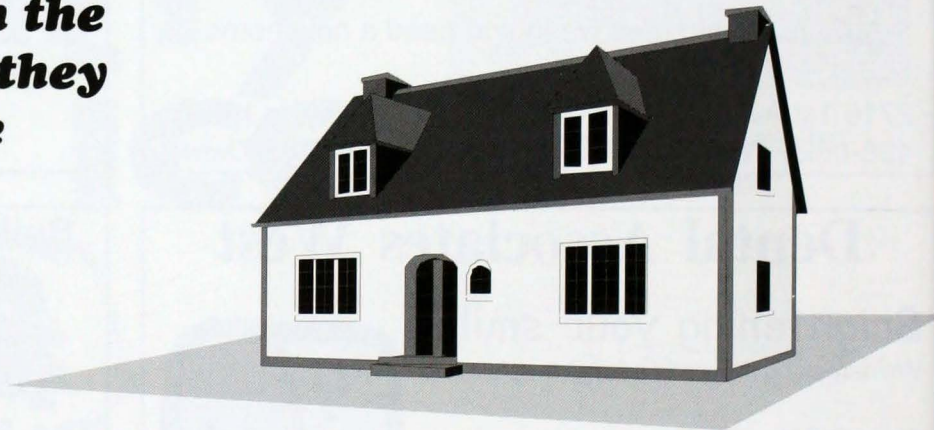
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Love
Mom & Dad

Michael Sammet



Angela, to our "Little" graduate, we are proud of you. Good luck in college.

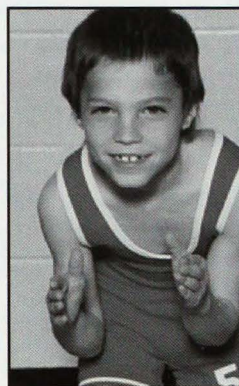
Love,
Mom & Dad

Angela Niemeier

Congrats Class of 1999

From the
Hi-Lights Staff

The friends and memories made here will last a lifetime. Enjoy them and all the new ones to come.



Chad,
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Love,
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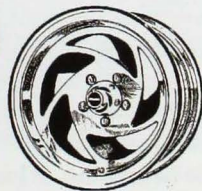


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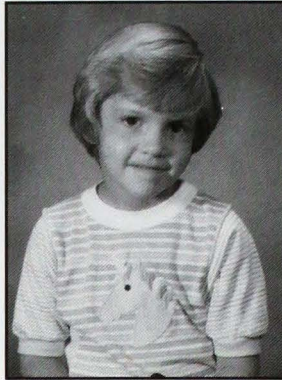
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Congratulations, John.
You did it
I love you, Mom

John Reis



Congratulations Valerie!
March on into the future.

We love you
Mom, Dad, Adam and Julia

Valerie Murray



May your future be happy and filled
with many endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christy, Tim, Tom and Jack

Tony Unfried



Best wishes Joe.

Love,
Mom and Dad, Sarah and Matt, Dave, Mike, Tom
and Matt

Joe Traylor



The last of the Adlers has finally gradu-
ated!
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Joy, Doug, Darryl and Sarah

Theresa Adler



You've been through a lot the past four
years. But, it has made you a better
person and now you know that are capabl
of doing just about anything you want.
We are vary proud of you. Keep up the
good work.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Nicole

Michelle Zirkelbach

Sick of not feeling good about yourself?

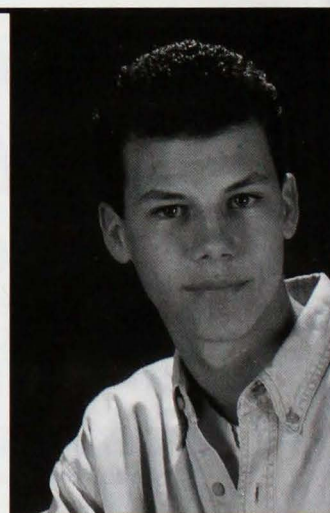
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We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday
And we will tomorrow too.
We think of you in silence,
And make no outward show,
For what it meant to lose you,
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you,
That will never go away.
You are gone but not forgotten,
For we love you just the same.
We have wonderful memories of
you,
And a picture in a frame.
We think of how the lord did bless
us
With a son and brother so kind
and true.
And pray we'll be there with you,
When our life on earth is through.



We will always love you!
Dad, Mom and Trav

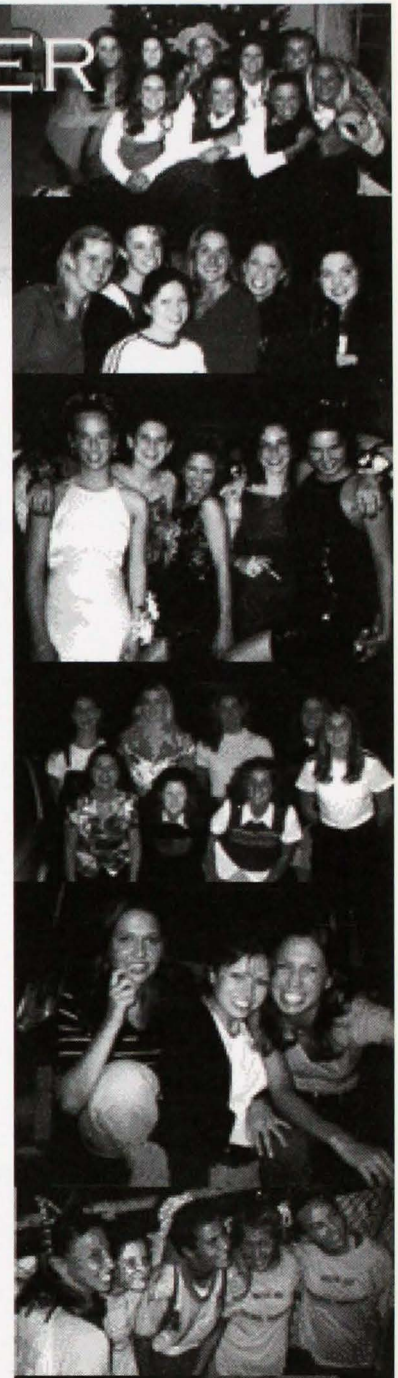
Scott Miller

FRIENDS ARE FOREVER

Hand in hand we stand together,
Our love and friendship will last forever.
As we go through sorrow and good times too,
Our friends will always help us through.

As days and months go by,
The children in us start to die,
But through it all we have our friends
We'll be close as ever
Until the end.

Thanks for the memories
and lasting friendships
Amy Krack and Jessica Weis



**Thanks to all the advertisers in this year's yearbook.
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Remember when . . .

Krista and Laura spent 2 hours in a buffet in Las Vegas, eating everything?

Seth Weber kissed Angela Paulson at the junior prom?

Ryan King kept paging Joe Traylor at the bowling alley?

Krista was hit by a 13 year old and then a 45 year old in the same day?

Dave chased the fox in the band field and fell?

Nate Schiff was sitting at my house and Kendall jumped on him? He farted massively and blamed it on the five year old.

Josh Reising had a party while his parents were gone, and Josh Hodge's blazer got smashed?

Laura's dog hiked
his leg up and peed
all over her leg?

Jen Moll and Sarah
Jost made an entire
outfit with
Kleenex's for Tony
during Chemistry.

Hippies ruled the world in 1787? Jackie Kennedy said "Oh, no."

Freshman year, Mr. McMullen was telling a story, and he
jumped up on a stool for dramatic emphasis, and the stool flew
out from under him.

Tony Nashville and Darryl became part of the Journalism family?

Amy Krack and I saw a "cow" at Josh Hillenbrand's cabin?

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Remember when . . .

Chris Waelde got
homecoming king?

Jen Moll wrecked Dave's moped into a fence at a softball game?

Everyone got caught throwing forks up
at the ceiling in the boys' bathroom?

Kevin Spahn's par-
ents made him ride
the bus because it
snowed one inch?

After prom breakfast at Eickhoff's house—Julie Fischer's
chair broke and she got a rug caught in her hair?

Ben Faraone was the only one who got a
ticket for not stopping at the stop sign on
out-to-lunch?

Nick Raben dressed up like Hitler for
“Hero Day”?

Kevin, Nathaniel and Nick sat in the
mayor’s office during class?

They threw Mary up in the air at a football game, and nobody caught her?
It was Luke’s fault, I swear.

Sarah Jost got a
black eye from
opening her car
door?

Lori Dick and Krista Dausman borrowed 5 orange cones from the side of the road?
(They were lonely.)

Kendra got stuck in
the hatchback of
Mary’s car?

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Remember when . . .

Josh Hodge and Ben Faraone used 96 rolls of toilet paper and 200 forks on what they thought was Tom Feller's house but turned out to be his neighbor's?

The cast of thousands?

We teepeed Chris
Austin and got
caught in the tree
branches?

We all got kicked
out of the Crucible
play?

Jamie Rexing, Crystal Spivey and Sarah Mesker "sir-beefed" it
for almost an hour?

The marshmello fight at Audrey's?

Freshman year, when Jami and Kendra would open doors and
walk into them on purpose?

The school van broke down at the girls' tennis match at
Harrison and the whole team walked to Saturn to get free oil?

Lori Goedde's car died on the interstate
on the way back from basketball sectional
finals?

Jami tripped
Kendra up the
stairs and her skirt
flew over her head?

Amy Krack and Sarah Wright thought Benny Faraone and Jen Vick were cows while
running through the field?

Natalie Shetler drove into a canyon and Kerri Vowels followed
her, breaking her bumper off in the process?

The senior girls got
together and
painted shirts for
the football game?

We took JD's bronco to Lynnville for earth science?
It took us two hours to get there and fifteen minutes to get home.

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Remember when . . .

Crystal Spivey doing the batspin every year and every year getting so dizzy she crashed into the floor or crowd losing the competition for our class?

April Altstadt brushed her teeth with Cortizone cream, and Audrey and Jen Vick wanted to call the poison control center?

Jeff Elpers danced on Emily Elpers' sweet station wagon, and the roof cracked?

A crazy, drunk man rode his bike down on the baseball field and talked to the baseball team?

Natalie Shetler and Jami Altstadt got caught sneaking out with Dustin Lannert and Brandon Boots, and they almost didn't get to go to their junior prom?

At wrestling state, Jocelyn Gibson tripped on the glass elevator, and Scott Miller's pants broke her fall; in the process, he mooned everyone.

Theresa Adler thought she was on Soul Train?

Stephanie Wargel had to get stitches in her head, because Sarah Wright hit her with a tennis racket during gym class?

Nathaniel did the Rivers' shimmy in Mr. Knight's US History class and on Mrs. Reneer's desk?

Nathaniel went prom dress shopping with Sarah Wright and Amy Krack?

Jen Vick and Jen Moll would go hit shopping carts in their old cars for fun?

Brittney Wannemuehler made a left turn off the expressway onto St. Joe on the wrong side of the street and had to jump the median to avoid on-coming traffic?

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Remember when . . .

Crystal Spivey's white underwear glowed hot pink through her prom dress in the black light during senior prom?

Amanda Uhde beat up Rich Morris on the Chicago field trip sophomore year?

Kevin Spahn and Richard Koester wore "It's fun to tattle" t-shirts to the sectional basketball game and propelled the team to the title?

Amanda, Jessica, Brittny, and Deidre went bowling during yearbook class while selling ads?

Mr. Heinig tried to have JD arrested at a basketball game?

Richard Koester, Nathaniel Rivers and Jeff Elpers dressed like idiots for almost every basketball game?

Senior year seemed soooo far away??

Crystal Spivey's aunt's house?

Audrey Hinderliter and Andrea Werner taped all of Mr. Schleter's pencils, erasers, pens and the tape dispenser together? They were banned from the tape for the rest of the year.

Dustin Macke threatened to not drive for out to lunch just because his interior light was broken?

Michelle Langton drove around in the sea foam green beast?

In general science class, Chris Waelde spilled boiling water on Katie Will's hand, and she got blisters?

Ms. Pattison would kick Josh Heddrich out of class everyday for sleeping?

Angela Paulson played for UCLA?

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