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Hi-Lights 1997

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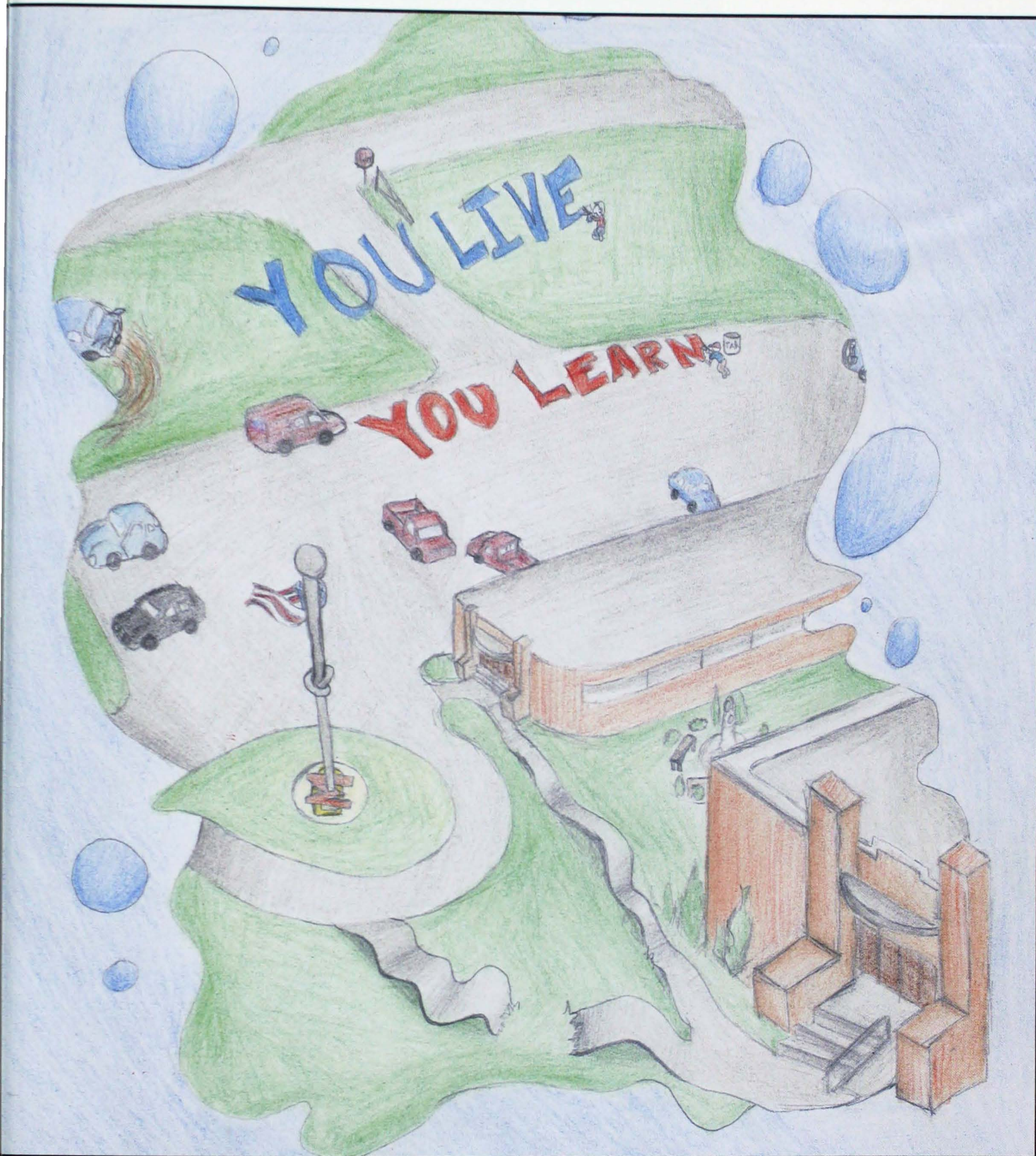


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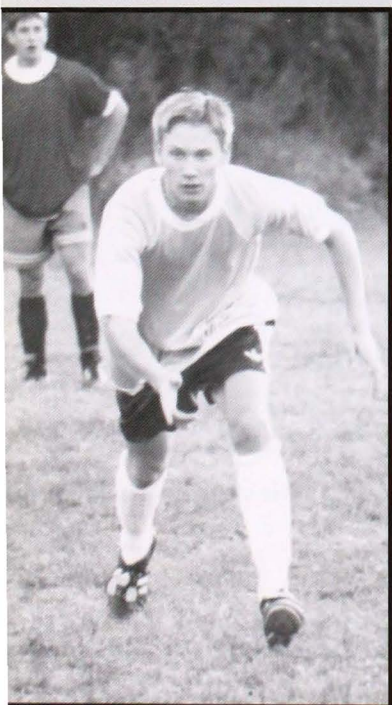
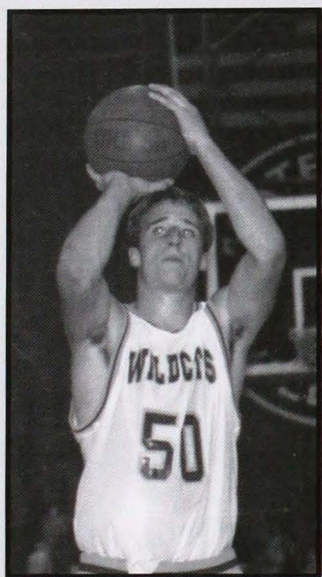
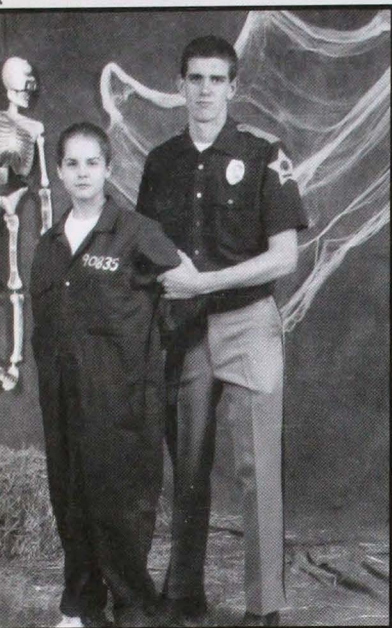


## *Mater Dei High School*

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You live you learn

You love you learn

You cry you learn

You lose you learn

You bleed you learn

You scream you learn

You grieve you learn

You choke you learn

You laugh you learn

You choose you learn

You pray you learn

You ask you learn

You live you learn

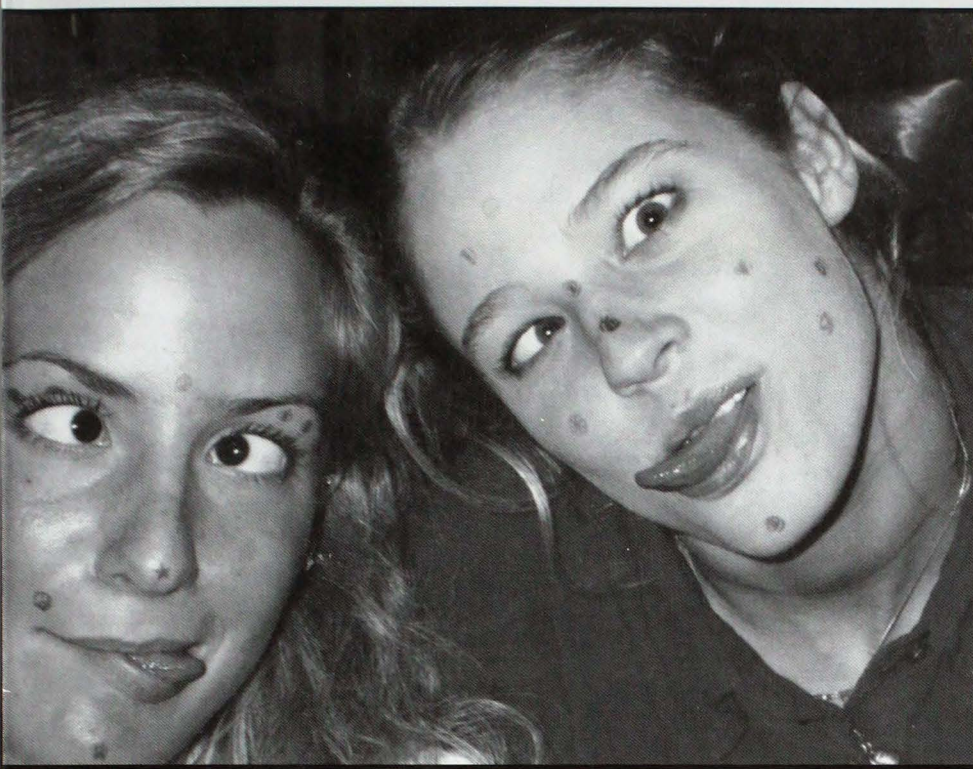
This is the remembrance of a year in the life of Generation X. The unforgettable, music movies, and "phat" trends will be laughed at by our children in years to come. Far beyond the classroom, we learned about friendships, relationships, truth, and life.

We stayed up half the night finishing last-minute projects, then fell asleep in class the next day. We cheered at assemblies and huddled under umbrellas during football homecoming. Those moments will never be forgotten. The emotions ran high and we stood by each other through it all.

This year was the "bomb." The spirit of our generation grew through every experience, because, after all, you live, you learn.



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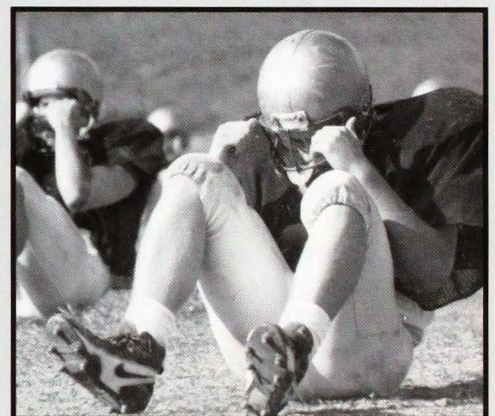
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**TAKE  
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Mater Dei

# Special

## Football Homecoming '96

# 'Never Let You Go'

Members of the 1996 football Homecoming court: (first row) Audrey Hinderliter, Jessica Butler, Cooper Mayer, Renee Rietman, Darlene Dippel, Carri Voegel; (second row) Joe Traylor, Seth Weber, Justin Elpers, Jake Tucker; (third row) Chris Maynard, Leanne Bauer, Joe Mayer, Nicole Raben, John Werner, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Alex Zenthoefer, Jonelle Rietman, Jon Straus, and Katie Faraone.



ABOVE: Mater Dei goes after a loose ball in a thrilling win over Bosse.

RIGHT: Seniors Becky Shetler, Jessica Cummings, and Angie Spahn cheer the Wildcats on.





# Events

**LIGHTS,  
CAMERA,  
ACTION**

## Fehrenbacher, Mayer crowned queen and king

Football Homecoming began on September 20 with the promise of rain and excitement when the football team took on the Bosse Bulldogs at Reitz Bowl. And sure enough, that's what we got.

During the first half of the game, rain suddenly poured down. Everyone ran for cover, but those precious few who had umbrellas stayed put.

Luckily though, someone's prayers were answered, and the rain stopped long enough for the king and queen to be crowned.

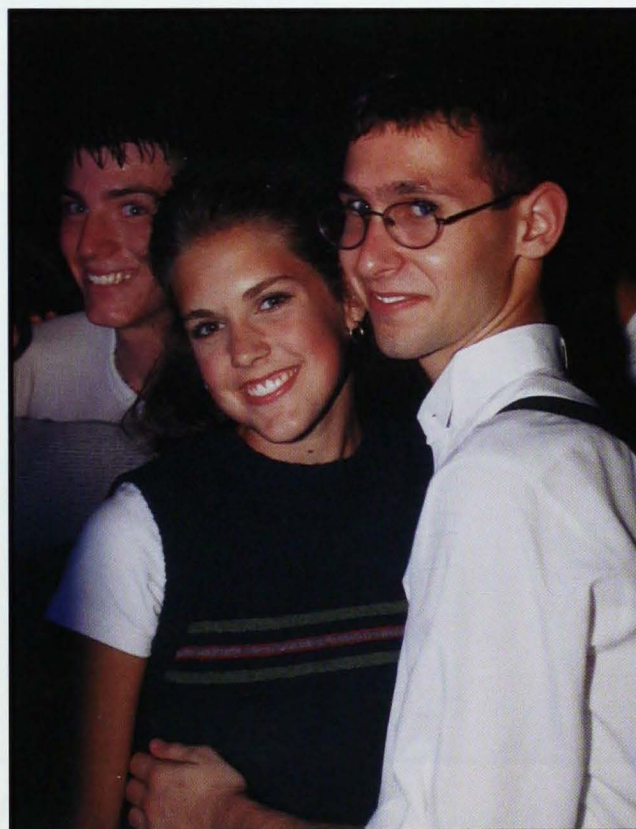
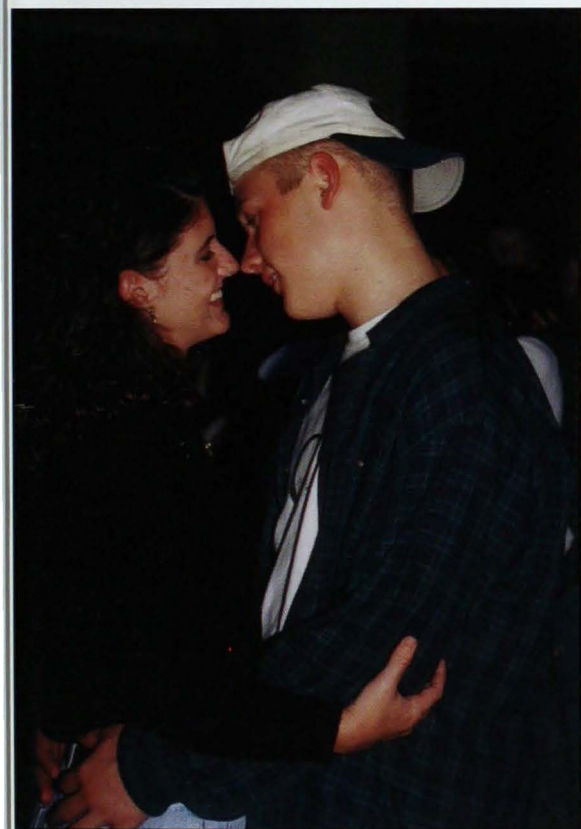
After a few moments of anxiety and nervousness, the winners were announced, and Mater Dei-ville Clerk Kristi Niemeier crowned Joe Mayer and Melissa Fehrenbacher king and queen.

That set the stage for the second half of the game, which proved to be full of excitement for Mater Dei fans. The Wildcats battled to a 28-27 win over the Bulldogs.

The dance was held in the cafeteria after the game. Despite almost everyone's wet appearance, everyone had fun dancing to the theme of "Never Let You Go."



Melissa Fehrenbacher and Joe Mayer are crowned Homecoming queen and king. Really getting into the spirit of Homecoming are the reserve and varsity cheerleaders.



ABOVE LEFT: Having a good time at the Homecoming dance are senior Andrea Auth and her date, and, ABOVE RIGHT, seniors Andy Mazzier, Jessica Freeman, and Alex Zenthoefer.



# The show

The fund-raising skits: A tradition of competition in front of our peers and creating the impossible: **comedy!** Did they go too far this year? The judges seemed to think so.

Whether it was the sophomores discussing what they do "down by the river" or the juniors' constant use of profanity, the judges were forced to decide between the classic "Brady Bunch" and the seniors' abuse of the five-minute time frame.

It came as a surprise when the freshmen shattered the tradition of seniors winning first place.



BELOW: Juniors Evelyn Rexing, Beth Ritzert, and Stephanie Rexing give the seniors perfect 10's.

BELOW: Troubled sophomores get advice from motivational speaker, Matt Foley, who was played by Seth Weber.



## Freshmen win skits by



# 'A Walk on the Wild(cat) Side'

LEFT: Matt Foley (Seth Weber) walks in style during his motivational speech for the sophomore Walkathon skit. His accomplices are Robert Schmitt and Tony Unfried.



RIGHT: Senior Mike Schroeder gives his answer on "Singled Out."



RIGHT: Matt Foley tells Tony Unfried about what it's like to live in a van "down by the river."



BELOW: The freshman skit winners re-enact the opening song of "The Brady Bunch."



ABOVE: "Bring out the beef!" Senior Jessica Freeman plays Jenny McCarthy in the senior skit. BELOW: Juniors Leanne Bauer and Kira Crowdus play Memorial girls in the junior skit.



## process of elimination

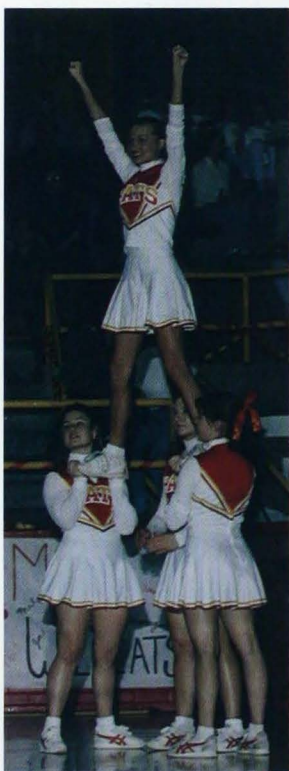




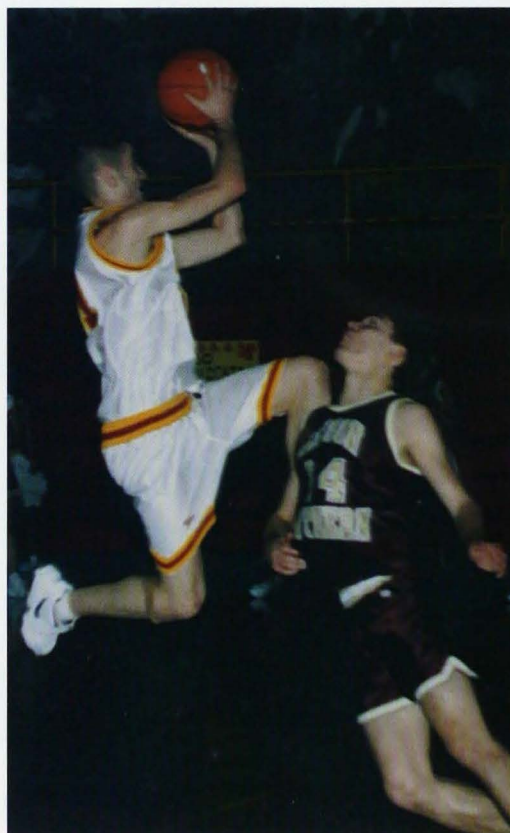
### *The 1997 Basketball Homecoming Court*

*Freshmen:* Jacob Weis, Nicole Droste, Jessica Adler, Jason Scheller. *Sophomores:* Robert Schmitt, Kerri Vowels, Kevin Folz, Erin Govert. *Juniors:* Chris Droste, Tracey Reising, Dustin Lannert, Evelyn Rexing. *Seniors:* Nick Dixon, Kristi Niemeier, Matt Schnell, Christy Goebel, Tony McDonald, Alisha Goedde. *Crown Bearers:* Curtis Goebel, Samantha Dewig, Jesse Horstman, along with Mayor Alex Zenthoefer.

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Natalie Shetler, Sarah Werner, Stefani Reidford, and Ann Weber signify the final outcome of the game... VICTORY.



ABOVE: Kurt Wildeman proves that "The Air Up There" is quite a sight to see.



RIGHT: Justin Mayer says "Amen" to that.





## Queen Goebel & King Schnell

Mayor Alex Zenthoefer had the opportunity to crown the stunning senior duo of Christy Goebel and Matt Schnell. "Nobody" thought that anyone or anything could outshine the 1997 Royal court. However, once again, the basketball team proved everyone wrong.

Led by stellar performances from the team's six seniors, the victory made the evening a memorable one for all. Down the stretch, the boys exemplified the meaning of heart and determination. Final score, Mater Dei Wildcats 63 and Gibson Southern Titans 59.



# 'I Believe I Can Fly'



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Queen Christy Goebel and King Matt Schnell take the throne to reign over their loyal subjects of Mater Dei-ville.

Senior attendants Kristi Niemeier, Nick Dixon, Alisha Goedde, and Tony McDonald watch as the King and Queen are crowned.



# Fall Fest

Candy apples, corn dogs are always on parade



ABOVE: Mater Dei's foreign exchange students, seniors Angela Blank and Daniela Meyer, enjoy American food at the Fall Festival.

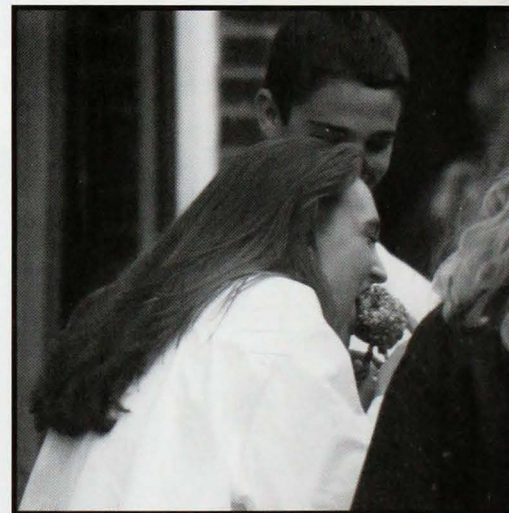


ABOVE: Freshman Kristen Masters, junior Roxy Helmer, and sophomore Donna Adams can show their friendship anywhere.

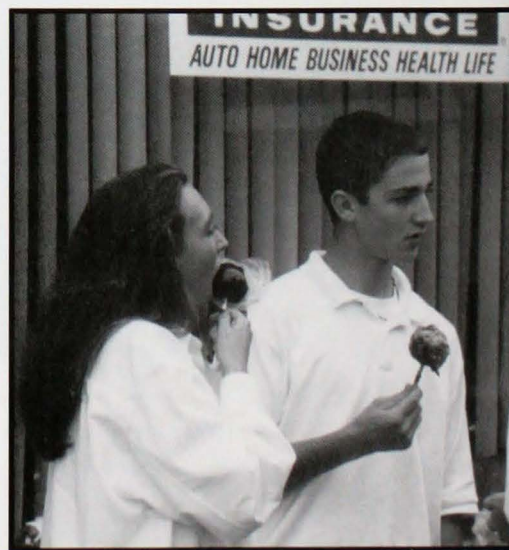
RIGHT: Seniors Tracy Flake and Julia Murray eat cheese sticks and support Mater Dei's booth at the same time.



The Ferris Wheel was once again the main attraction of this year's Diamond Jubilee.



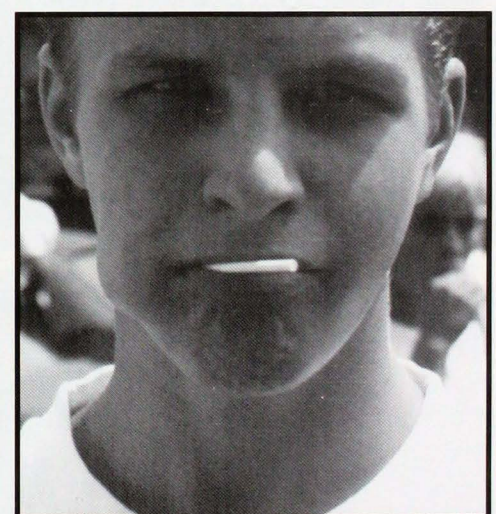
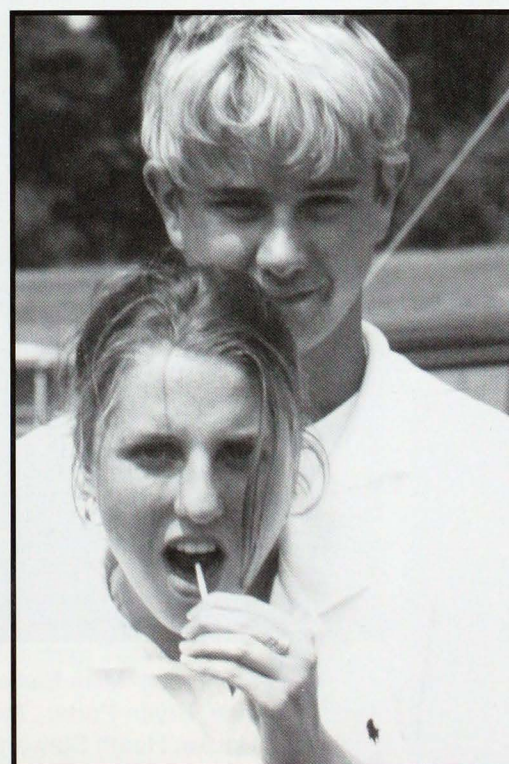
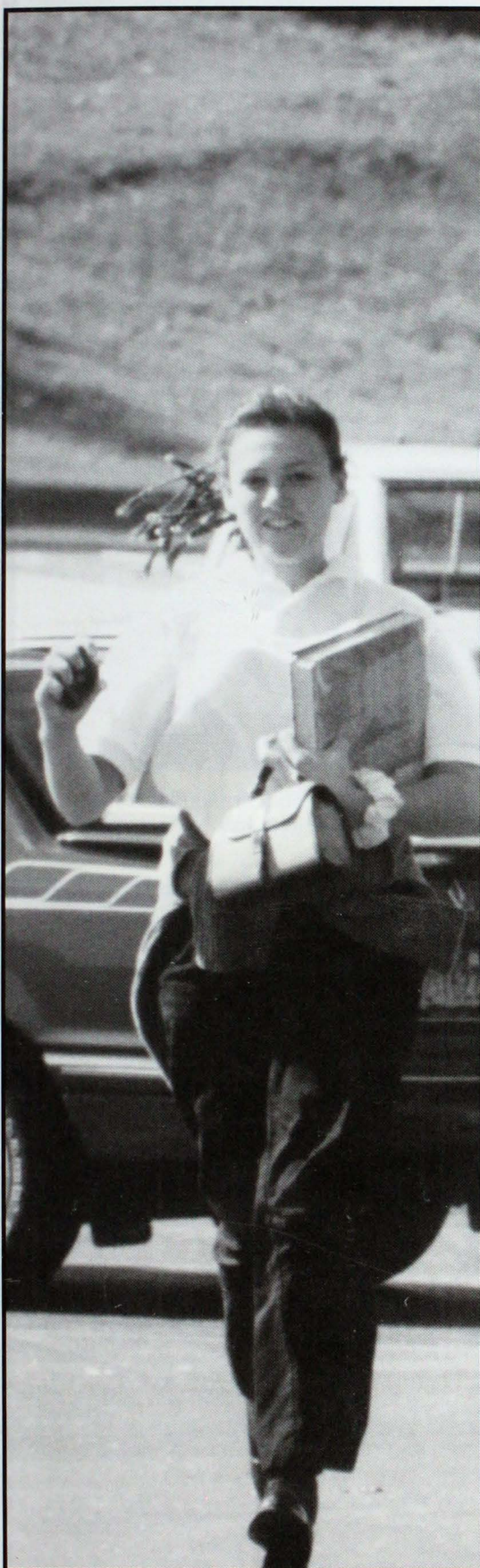
Junior Jamie Reese shows junior Matt Walker how she can go from carmel to candy apple in just one visit.





# Out to lunch is a rush

After school is pretty cool, too



TOP RIGHT: It's the lunch rush. Seniors A.D. Boehman and Kenny Hisch race to get out of the parking lot first. MIDDLE: They weren't the only seniors in a hurry. ABOVE: Get out of the way; senior Brianna Cox has Pattison's class next.

ABOVE: Junior Curtis Vanness spends his after school time goofing off.

LEFT: Juniors Jon Straus and Stephanie Moore take time out from each other to pose for the camera.



# 'Forever Tonight' – Prom '97

## Farewell

*The year is finally reaching its end;  
Everyone is starting to exhale;  
We're all saying our goodbyes,  
And for the seniors, it's a final farewell.*

*For some the days went too fast,  
For others, they couldn't have been longer.  
But we hope that everything you've learned  
Will somehow make you stronger.*

*We still have one last night,  
Our Junior - Senior Prom,  
To celebrate good times and friends  
Before your time with us is gone.*

*Enjoy this last dance  
Because it's dedicated to you.  
May you use all the knowledge you've gained  
In everything you do.*

Erin Goebel



Junior class officers Katie Faraone, Natalie Emge, Jason McCord, and Jamie Reese get ready to announce king and queen.



Mike Halbig and Jessica Freeman are crowned Prom king and queen.



ABOVE: Junior boys show their classy side.  
BELOW: Sweethearts Sarah Hamilton and Eric Ford take time out for a picture.



ABOVE: (Front row) Mike Bishop, Matt Schreiber, Justin Mayer; (second row) Kurt Wildeman, Bryan Porter, Tom Traylor, Mike Halbig, Andy Mazzier, Zach Stilin, B.J. Hauke, Heath Stewart; (third row) Nick Knight and Phil Rawley.

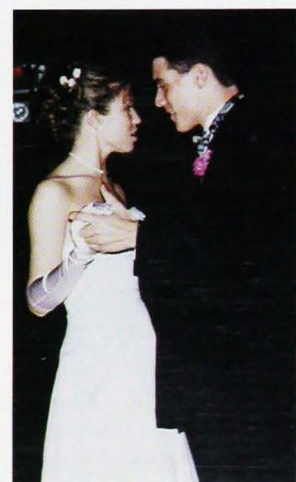
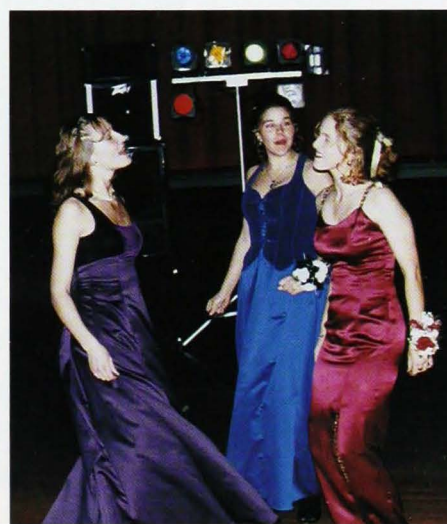




The Prom Court: Nick Knight, Jennifer Schili, Tom Traylor, Shanna Hinderliter, King Mike Halbig, Queen Jessica Freeman, Kristi Niemeier, Kurt Wildeman, Christy Goebel, Joe Mayer.



ABOVE: Senior girls pose for the camera amid the Coliseum's festivities. ABOVE RIGHT: Sarah Koressel, Amy Frey, Andrea Auth, Andrea Gough, Erica Owen, and Laci Barnhart enjoy each other's company. FAR RIGHT: Jason McCord and Tracey Reising dance the night away. RIGHT: Dana Kemper, Meaghan Topper, and Heather Bennett make memories at Prom.

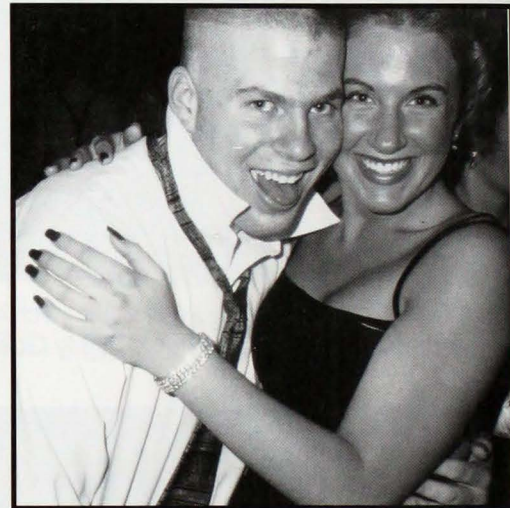




# 'ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU'

RIGHT: Seniors Stefanie Goedde, Lori Bittner and Libby Olinger at their last Christmas dance.

BELOW: Sophomores Jessica Butler, Jennifer Vick, Sarah Scheu, and Jennifer Moll "kiss me, I'm yours."



Zach Stilin and Stephanie Stonecipher show the true friendship they have.



ABOVE: Juniors Sara Wilson, Kira Crowdus, Cari Miller, Natalie Emge and Stephanie Moore "bust" it.

RIGHT: (sitting) Natalie Gaffney, Laura Knapp, Lena Ruminer, Kristen Baehl; (standing) Julia Schenk, Carrie Goebel, Debra Wade, Julie Lehman, Jennifer Reffett, Jennifer Steinkamp, Katie Dewig, Charissa Spaetti, Kristina Hunt.







The choir performs at the Christmas concert. (First row) Jenny Harris, Jenny Schmitt, Andrea Murphy, Julie Hart, Lori Goedde, Laura Reising, Cortney Weber, Deidre Messmer, Lelia Johnson, Christy Rousey, Christina Meuth, Julie Wittgen; (second row) Lori Dick, Brittney Vannemuehler, Michelle Bohleber, Lisa Head, Maria Kirsch, Laura Reising, Sarah Hamilton, Meg Liffick, Katie Raben, Lynn Spahn, Meaghan Baumgart. Ms. Linda Palmer directs.

# 'Jingle All the Way'



The choir and concert band put on a super Christmas concert. ABOVE: Jenny Harris, Jenny Schmitt, Andrea Murphy, and Julie Hart. ABOVE RIGHT: Paul Schultz. LEFT: Christen Masters and Anna Hoang. BELOW: Valerie Murray, Rachel Sammet and Sarah Koressel.

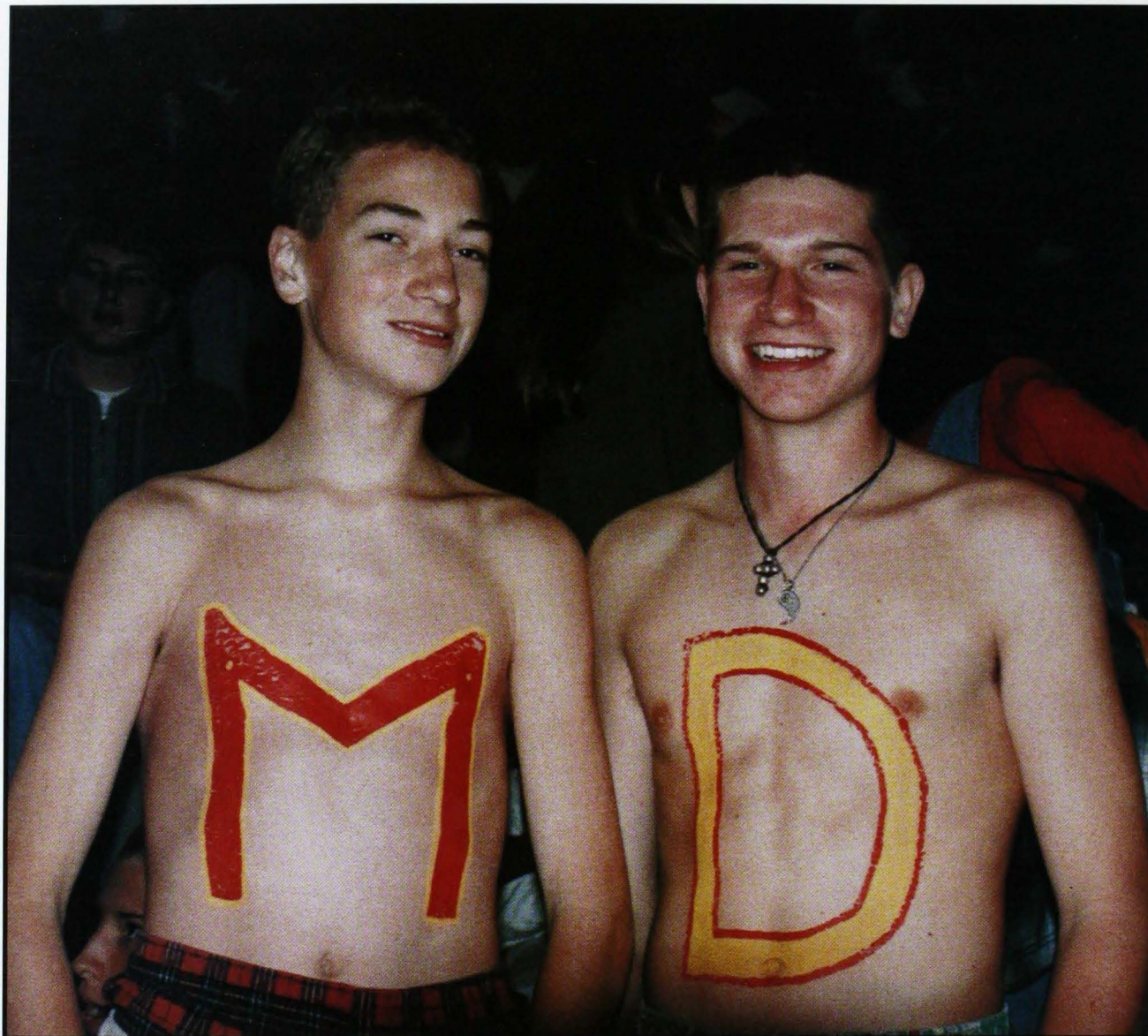




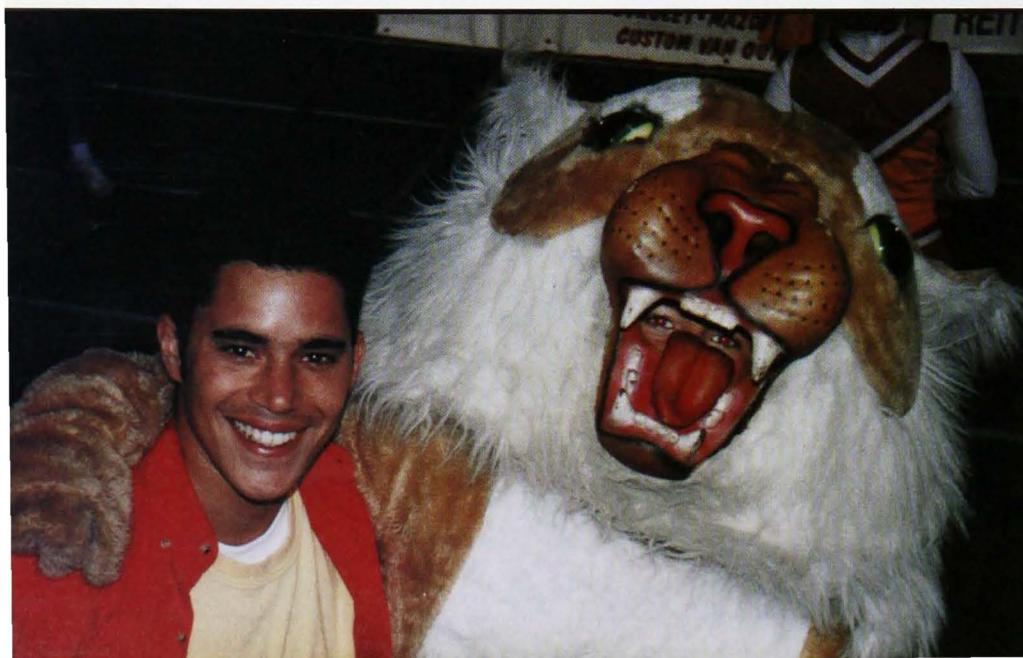
# 'GLORY'

When it came to spirit, we scored a TD

"I can leap, I can fly, what a stud am I," say juniors Andy Funke and Andy Coomes.



BELOW: Mr. Vega hangs with the big cat, Dustin Lindsey.



BELOW: Even spirit can't drown out the green in Stephanie Markin, Carla Waller, Jenny Hillenbrand, Nicole Elpers, and Lindsey Helfrich.







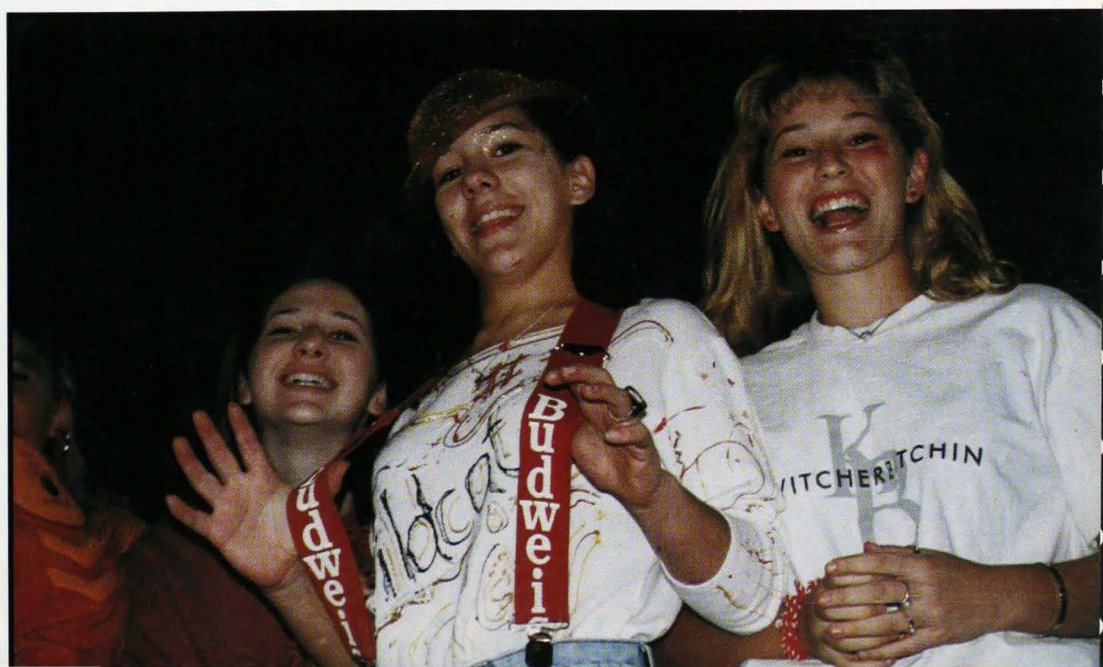
Let's go, let's fight; we are gonna rock the bowl tonight.

BELOW: Open mouth, insert foot. The girls in red: Christy Ulrich, Lori Dubord, Jennifer Barnes, and Lora Stephens.



ABOVE: Hawaii . . . we have a problem.  
The guys in question are Chad Schenk and Aaron Pugh.

RIGHT: Mater Dei spirit shines through on Emily Knapp, Erin Goebel, and Beth Ritzert.  
BELOW: We know, Amy Frey, we know.





# Seniors

## Mall Rats

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### Cast of Mall Rats

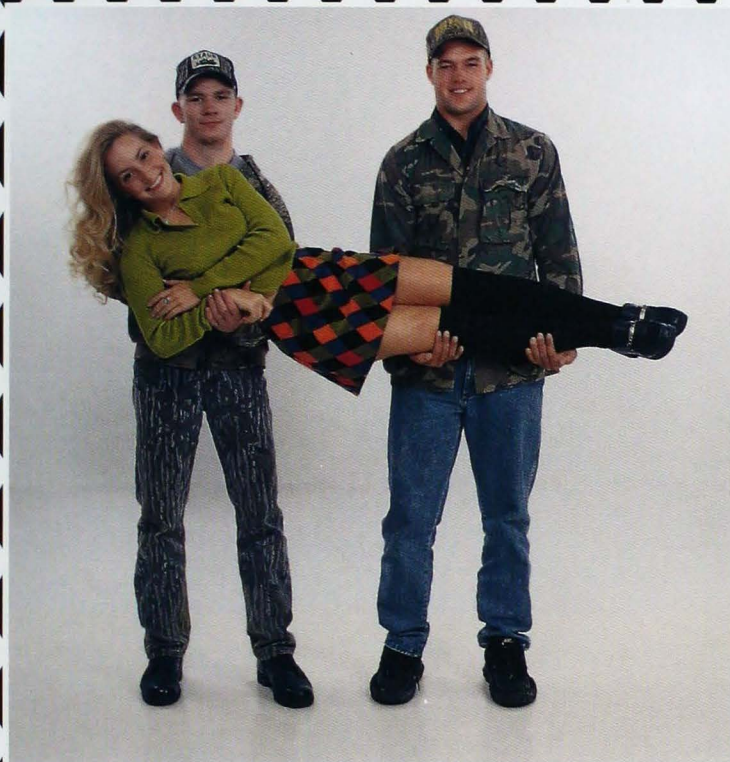
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 Kristi Niemeier  
 Gabe Maddox ☿ Matt Farmer  
 Andrea Correa  
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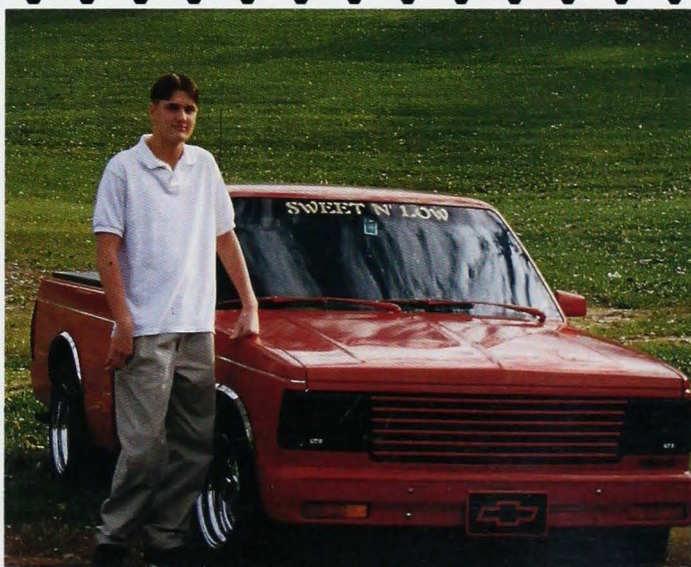




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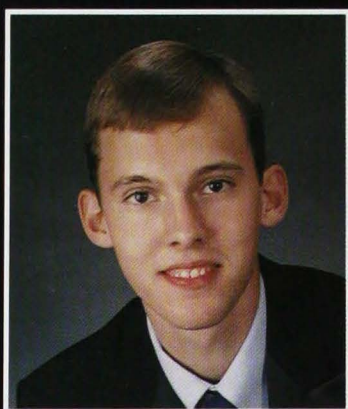
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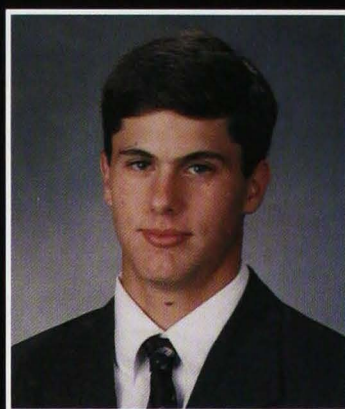




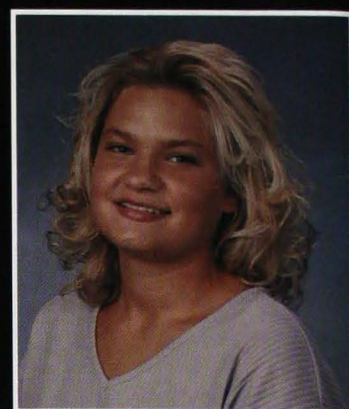
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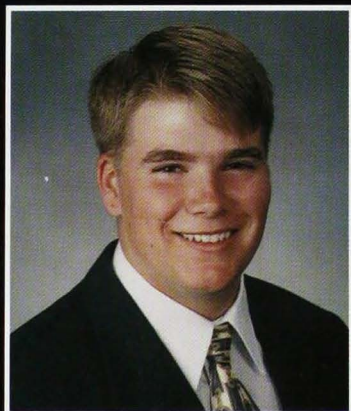
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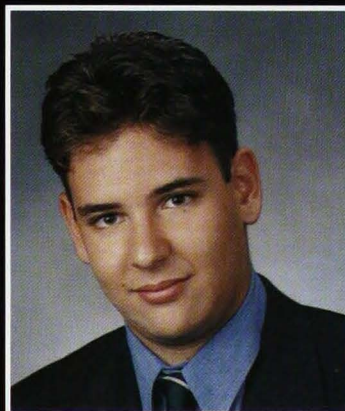
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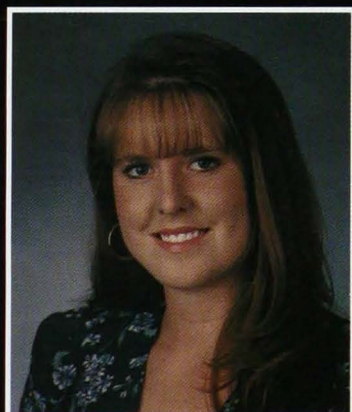
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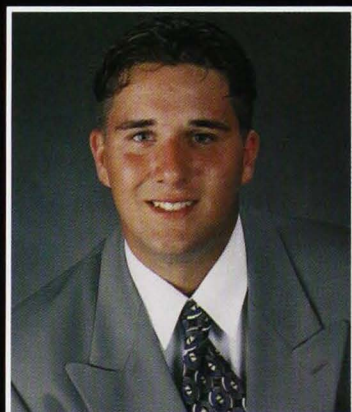
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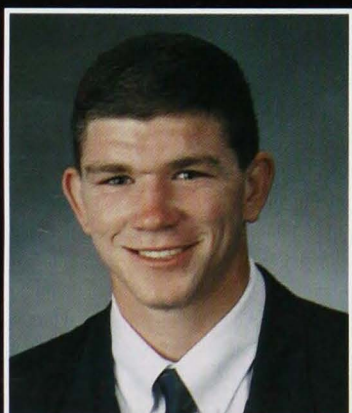
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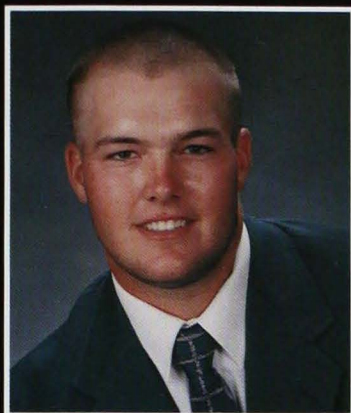


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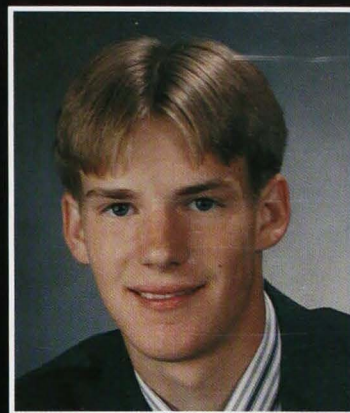
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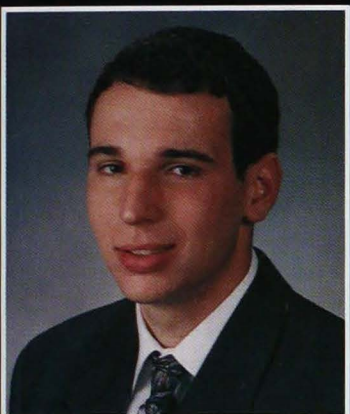
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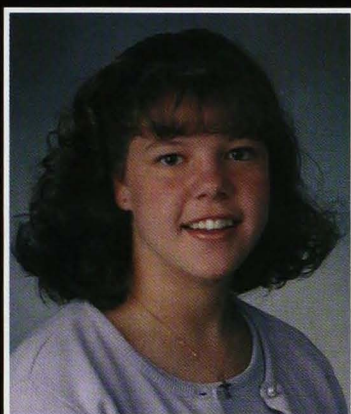
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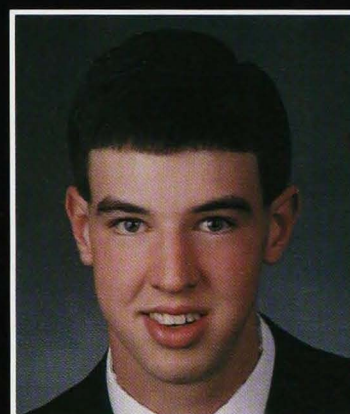
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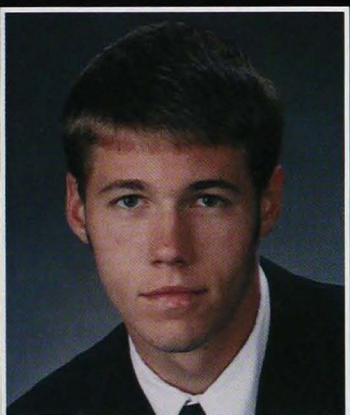
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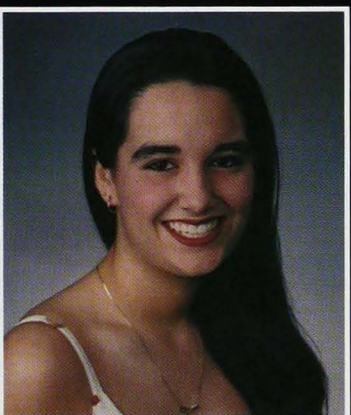
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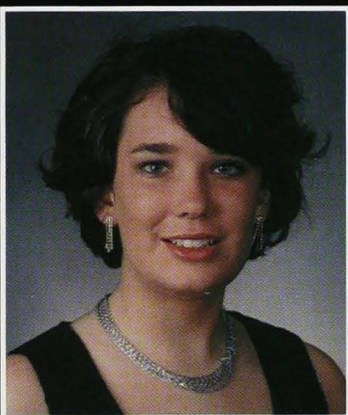
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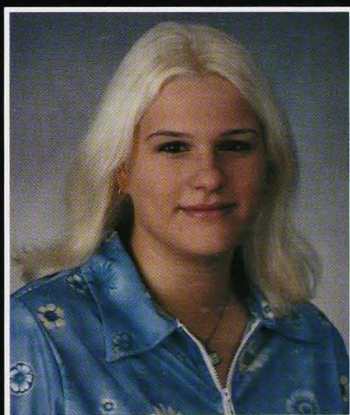
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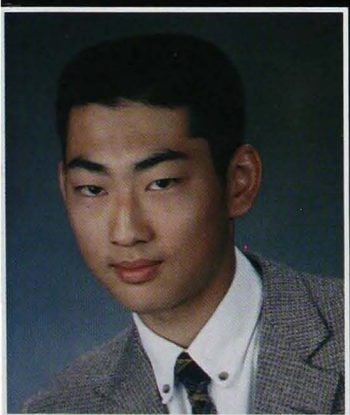
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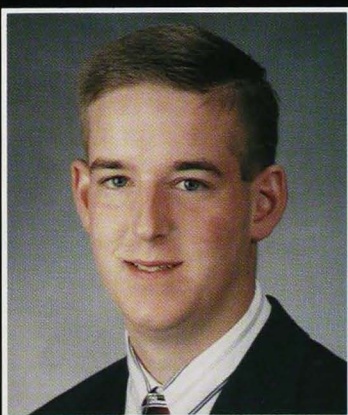
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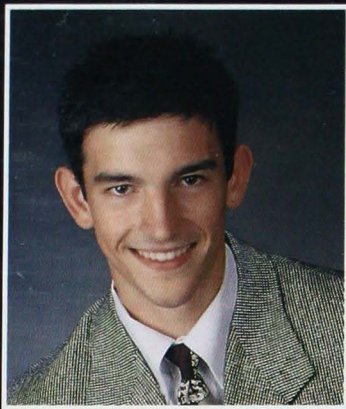


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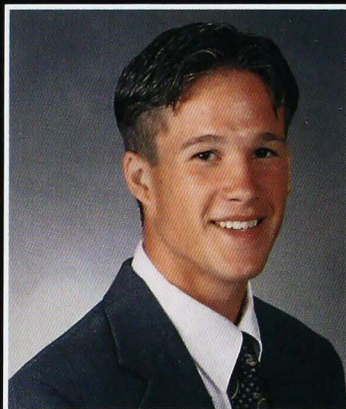
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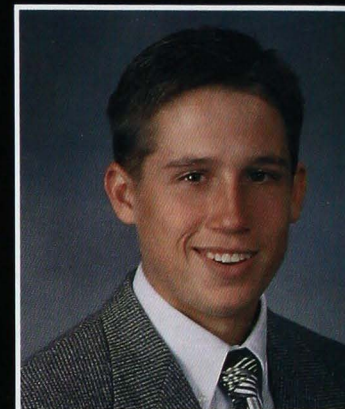
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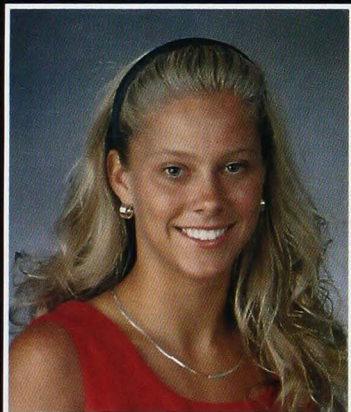
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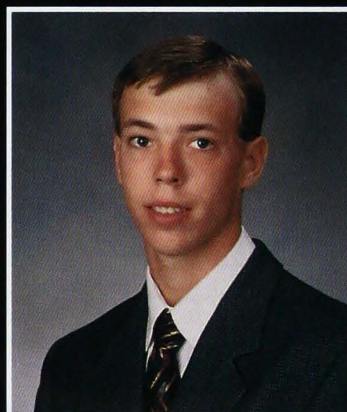
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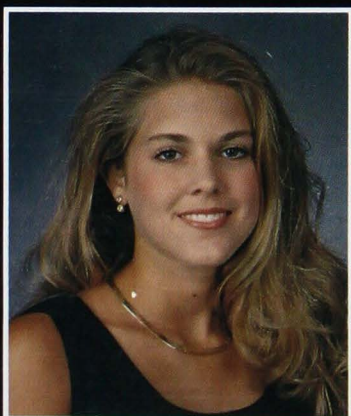
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Gibson*



*Christy Lynn  
Goebel*





# EAT YOURS

Trends of 1996-97  
School Year

Tommy Hilfiger

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**GLITTER**

Sock Hats

**Abercrombie & Fitch**

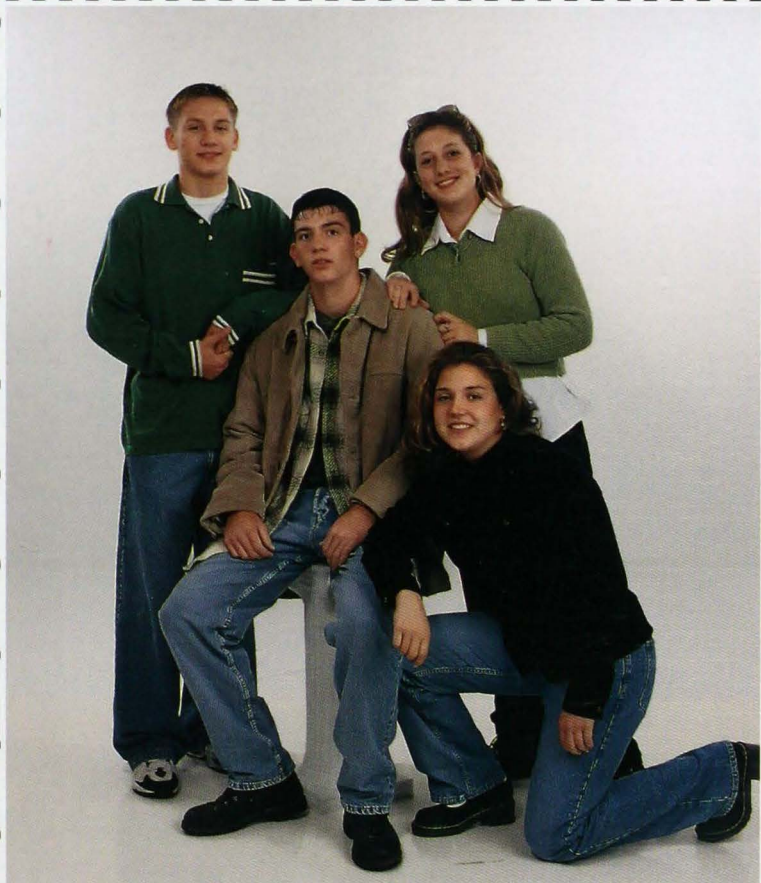
Nintendo 64

Tickle Me Elmo

**WAL-MART**

CORDUROY

DARE TO BE  
*different*







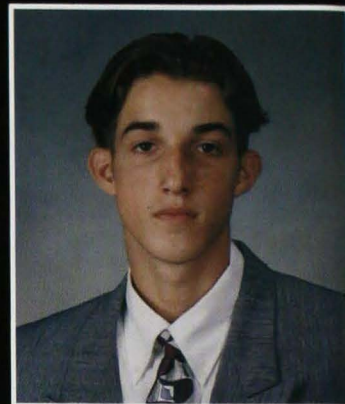
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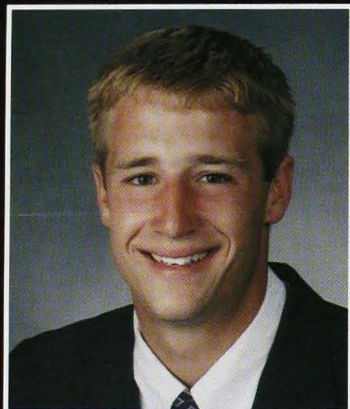
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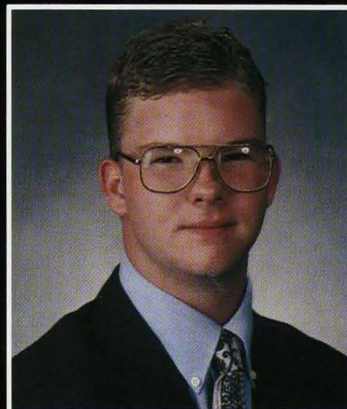
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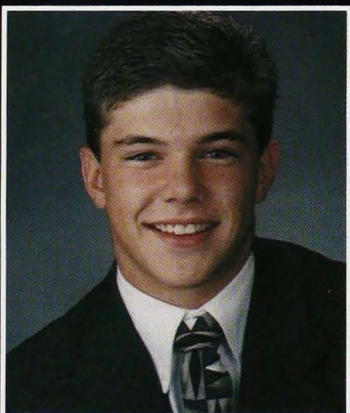
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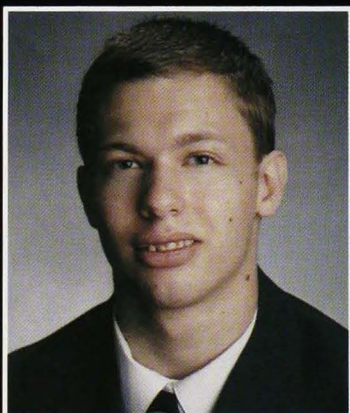
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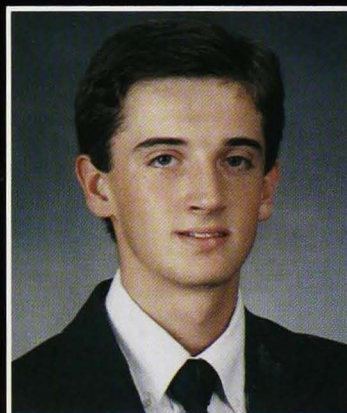
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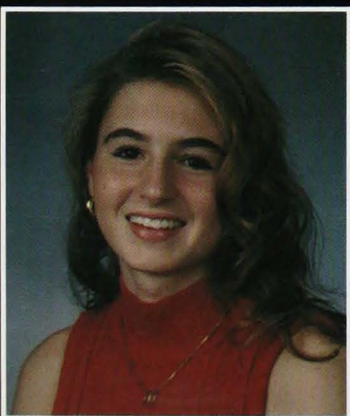
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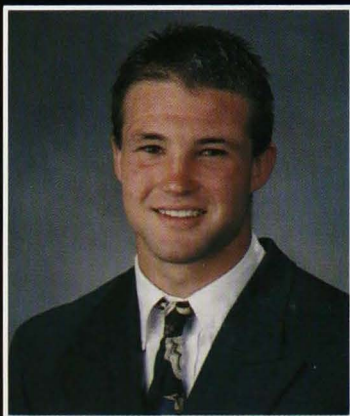
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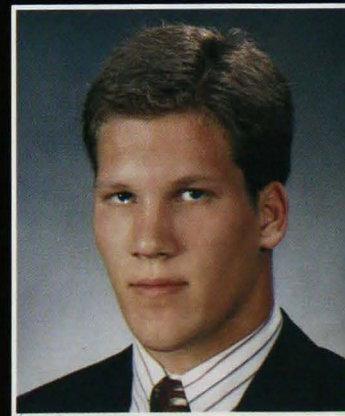
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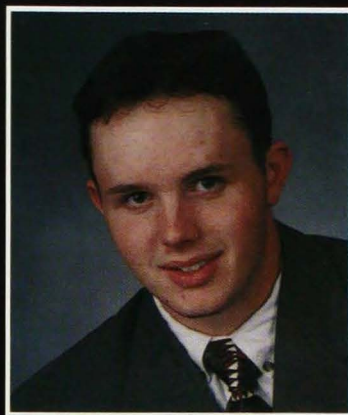




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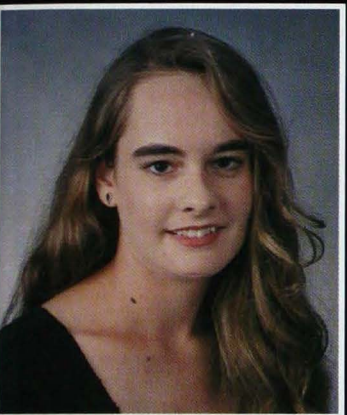
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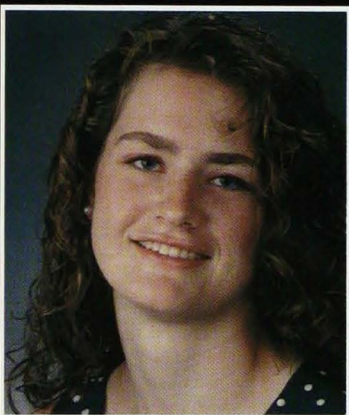
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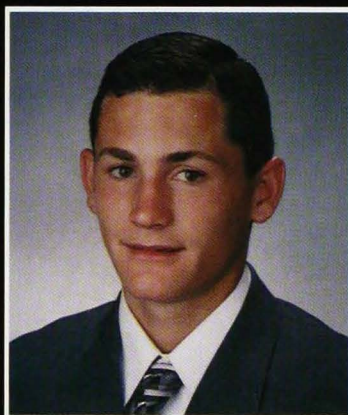
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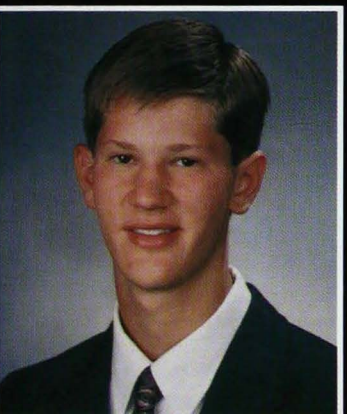
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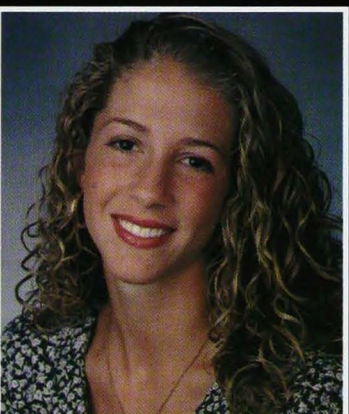
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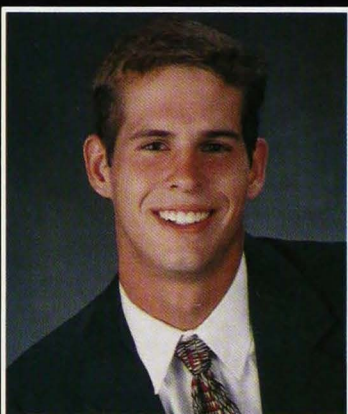
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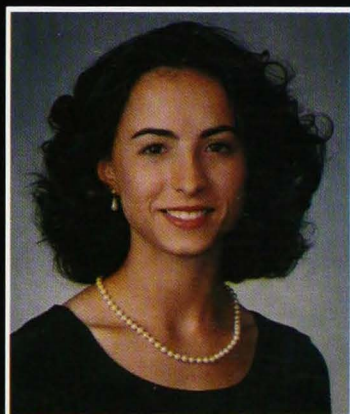
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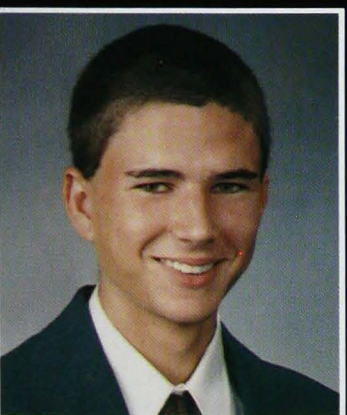
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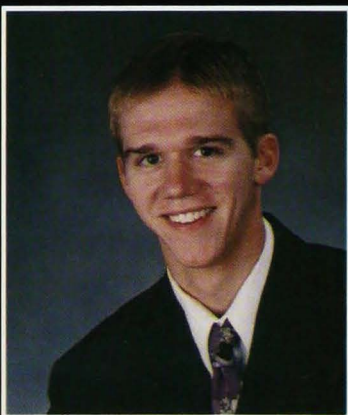
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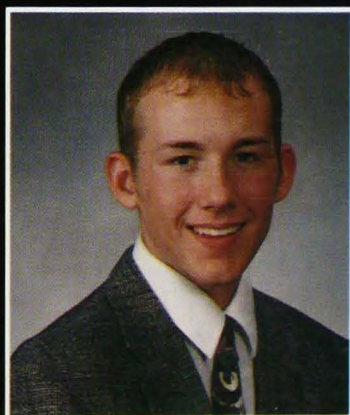
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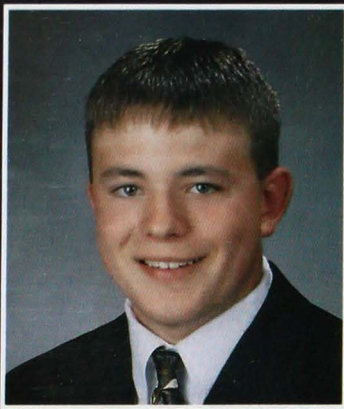


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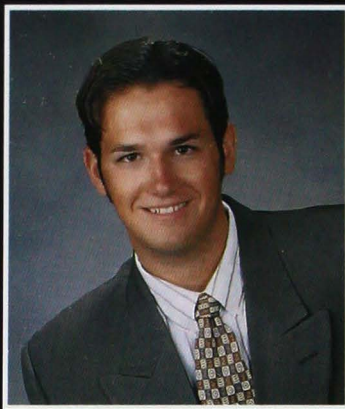


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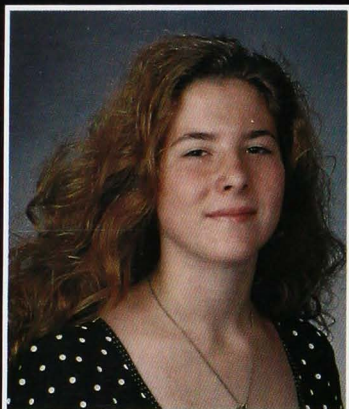
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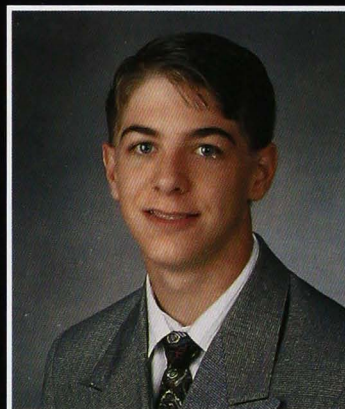
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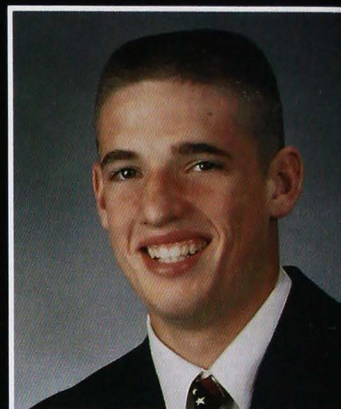
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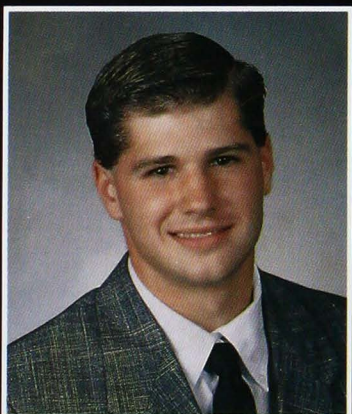
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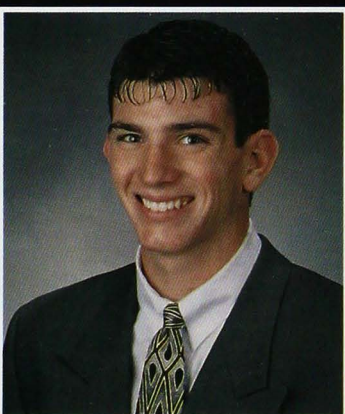
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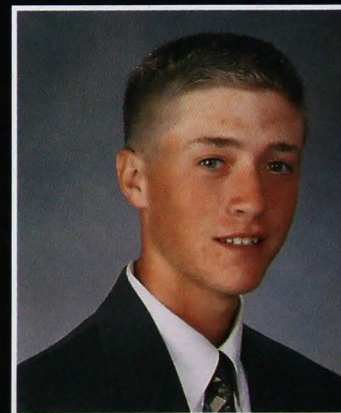
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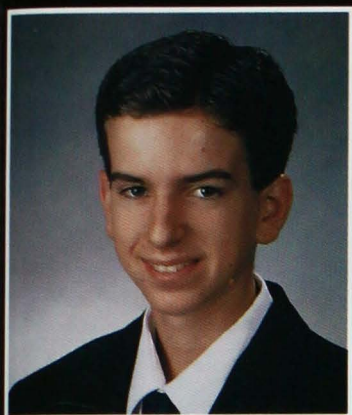


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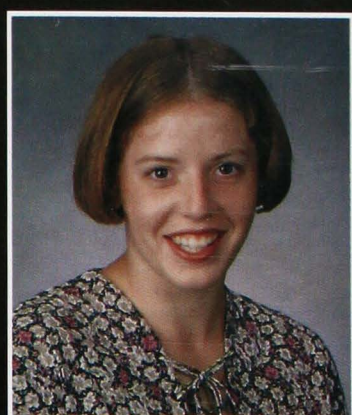
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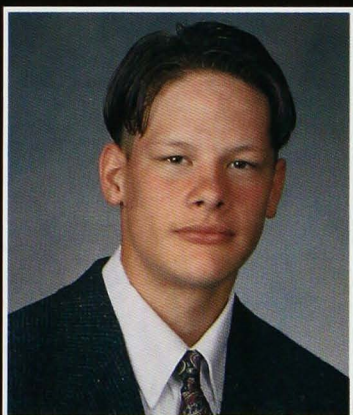
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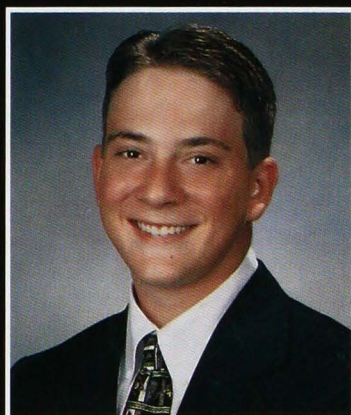
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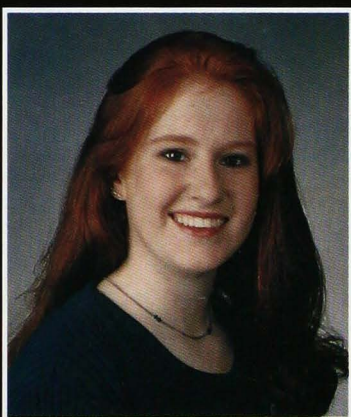
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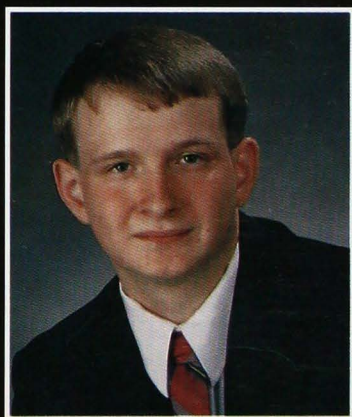
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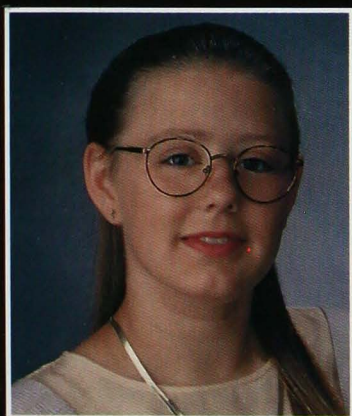
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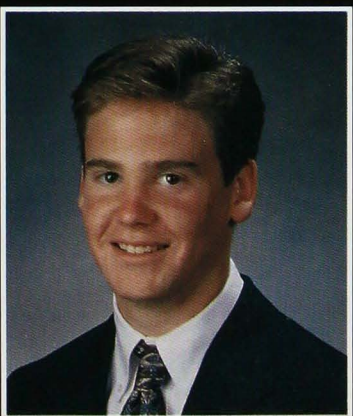
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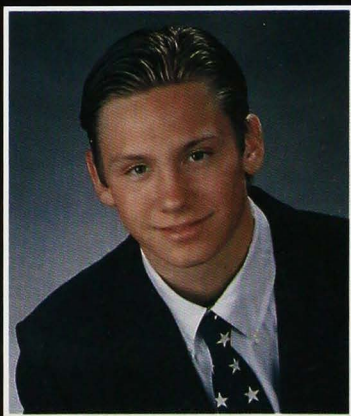
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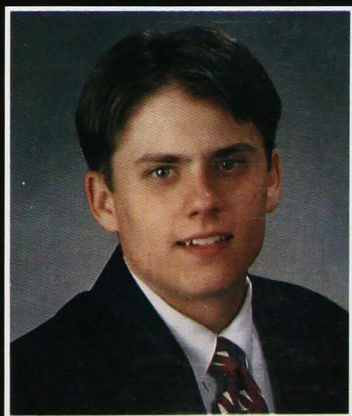
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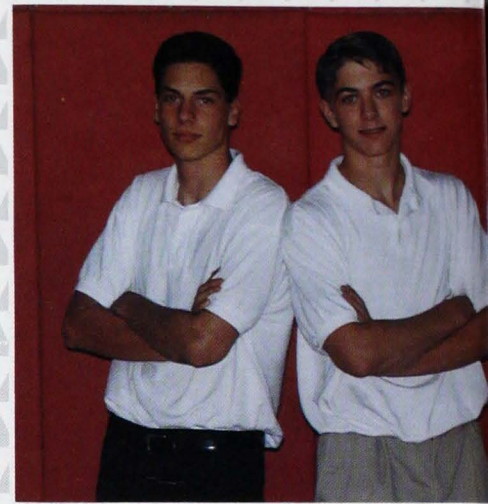
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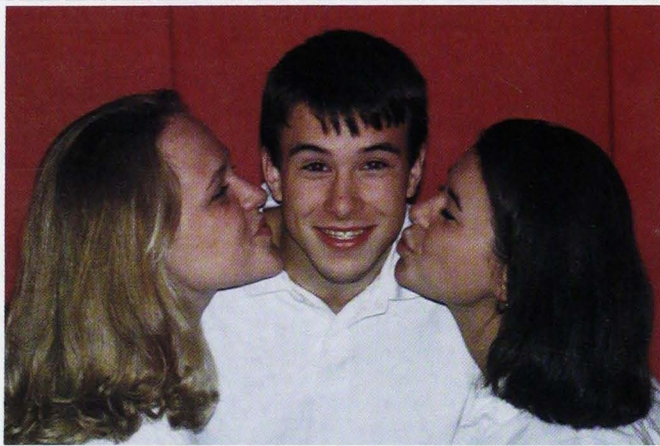
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# 'CULT OF PERSONALITY'

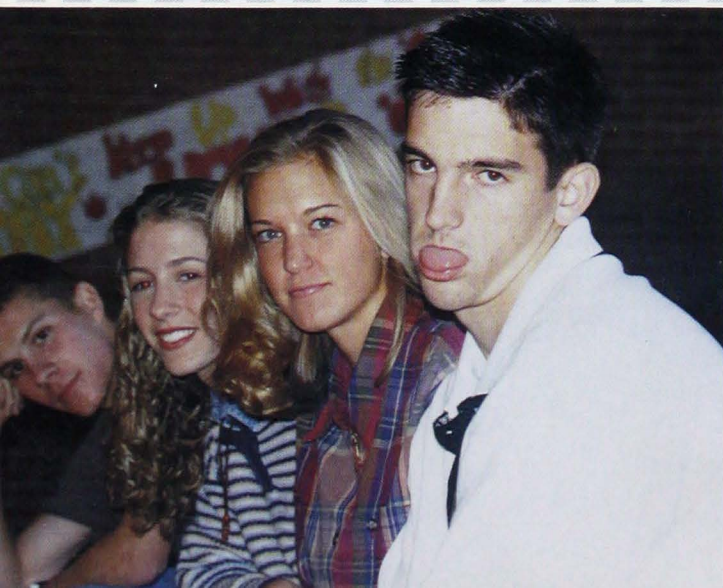
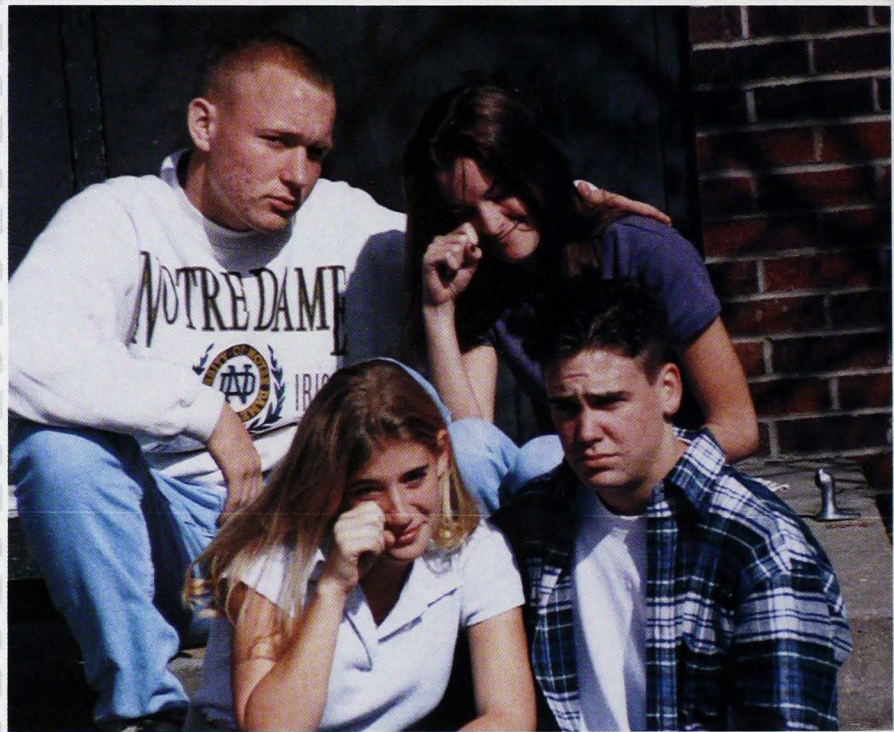


**LEFT: Most likely not to be teacher's pet:** Laci Barnhart, Jeremy Kiesel, teacher Ms. Mary Pattison, Kevin Weinzapfel, Ashley Stansberry.



**ABOVE: Most likely to flirt with a wall:** Libby Olinger, Tom Traylor, Lori Bittne. (Not pictured, Dustin Lindsey)

**BELOW: Most likely to be seen on "Starsearch":** Jay Cartwright, Rachelle Knapp, Libby Schenk, Nick Dixon.







ABOVE: **Most likely to be known as the two shoes of Grant Hill:** Phil Sabel, Joe Mayer, Vanessa Jansen, Theresa Webster.



ABOVE: **Most Clueless:** Ken Hisch, Julie Roberts, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Joe Hart.

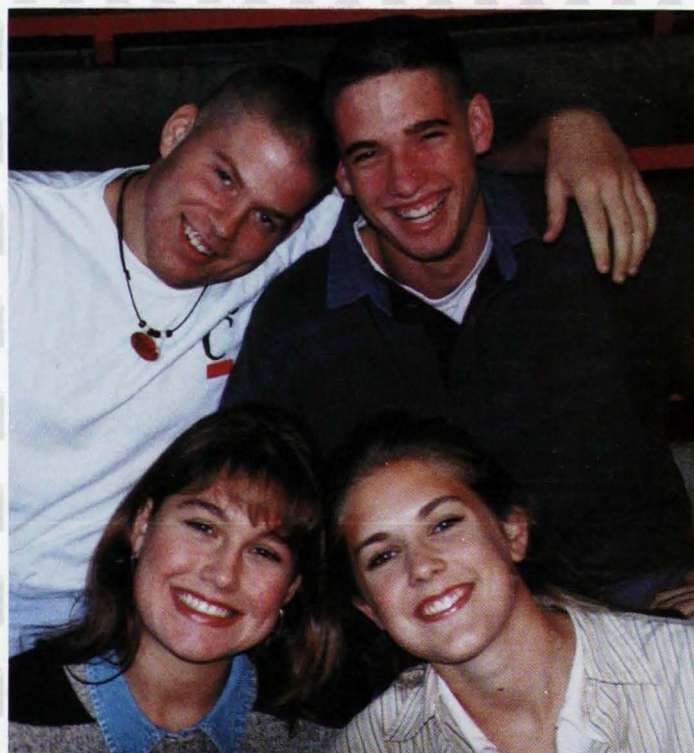
LEFT: **Most likely to cry during "Sleepless in Seattle":** Amy Frey, Mike Petrig, Tony McDonald, Tina Elpers



LEFT: **Most likely to get lost in school after 4 years:** Sarah Black, Matt Beyer, Josh Sutton, Jennifer Schili.

ABOVE: **Most likely to remember all of the words to the school song:** Brianna Cox, Alex Zenthoefer, Ann Weber, Matt Williamson.

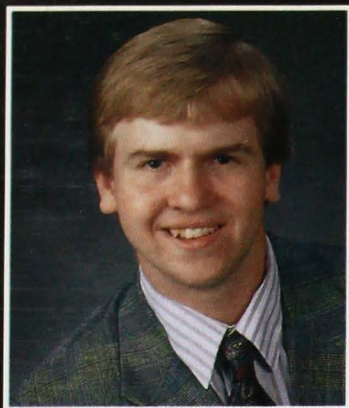
RIGHT: **Most likely to wreck a car . . . twice:** Nicole Dressel, Liz Bailey, Matt Farmer, Chad Schenk.



ABOVE: **Most likely to walk down the hall singing "Don't Worry Be Happy":** Nicole Raben, Jessica Freeman, Zach Stilin, Justin Mayer.



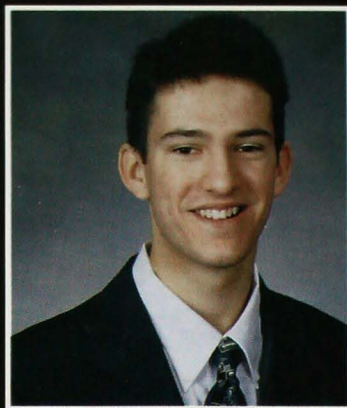




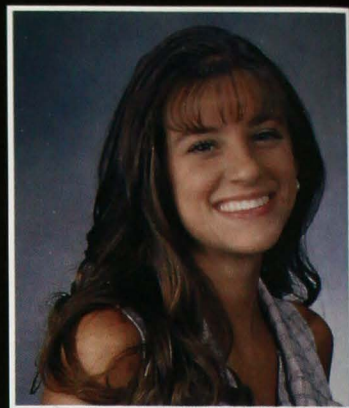
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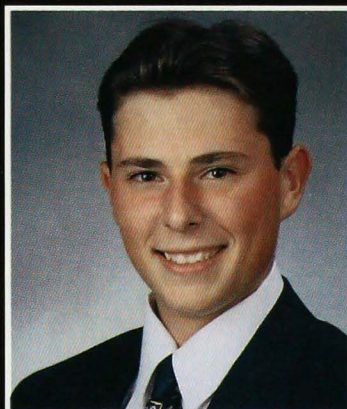
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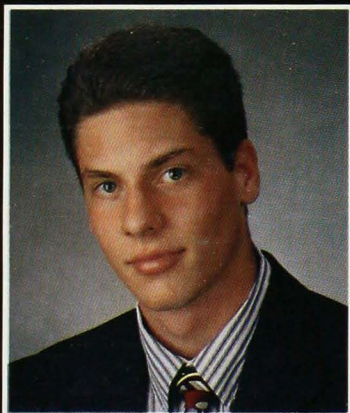
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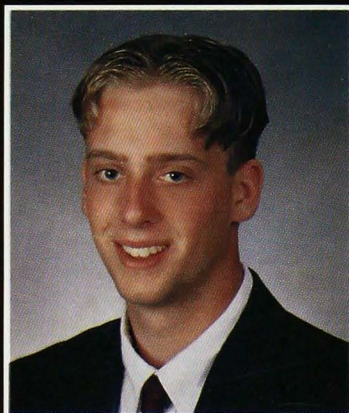
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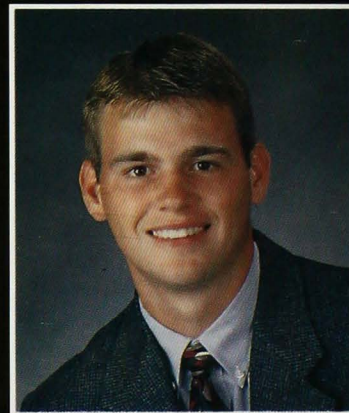
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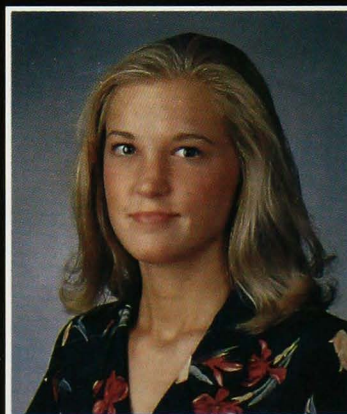
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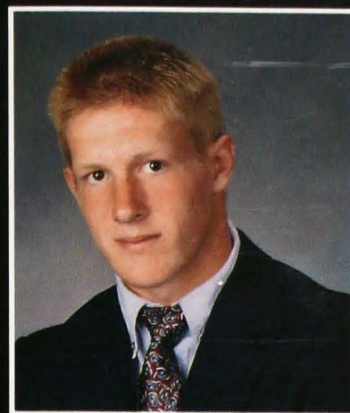
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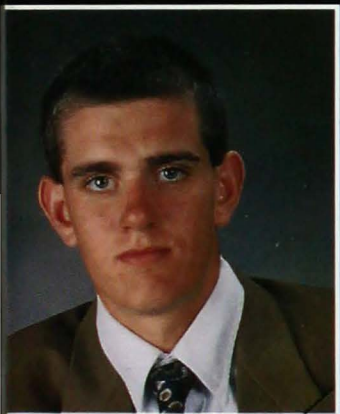
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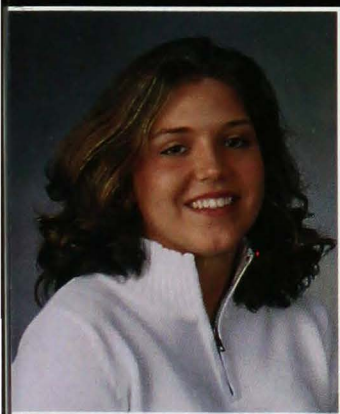
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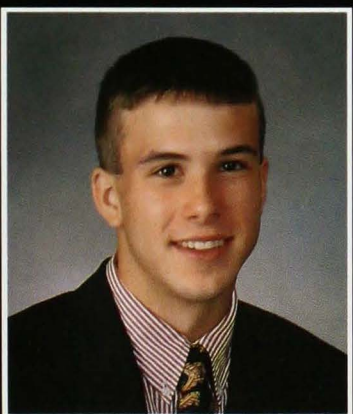
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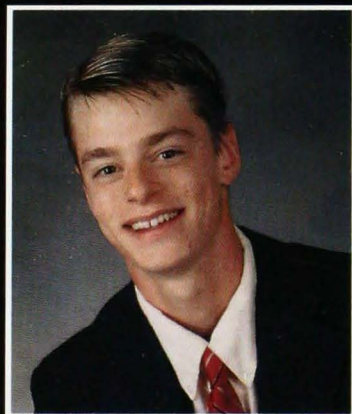
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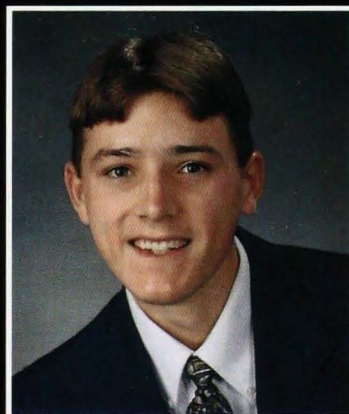
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Most likely  
to take over  
the world  
on the  
Internet:**

Kristina  
Bohleber, Jeff  
Woehler, Niki  
Hemmer, Chris  
Tornatta.

**BELOW:  
Most likely  
to give  
Forrest a  
run for his  
money:**

Nick Knight,  
Jessica Kiefer,  
Jonelle  
Rietman,  
Matt Krack.





# F B L A S H B A C K

The Green Bandit's wild ride around the city of Evansville. (What? Do you hear sirens?)

**An identified group of individuals Thrifty Nickelled the school before clean-up day.**  
**Freshman gym class and crab soccer.**

*Mr. Will's imaginary friends. (Aren't they dead, yet?)*

**GOLFMoor**

**THE VALVOLINE DRIVING TEST**

**Parties at Kiesel's**

Sr. Dominic said "Um" 86 times in one class.

**Mr. McMullen's "Waffle House" stories.**

**Divine intervention at Sescina.**

We got disqualified for "Kick Butt, Bill" during freshman skit.

**LIZ BAILEY BURNED A HOLE IN MR. SCHLETER'S PANTS.**

*Smokin' in the boy's room.*

**Sarah Black was pulled over by the police during drivers' ed.**

**7th period Language Arts Class and the rewinding of "the Scene" in "Romeo and Juliet."**

**Jessica Cummings missed the turn and discovered Huey's Chuckwagon**

The day some helped with the Tooley campaign

Nicole Dressel ran into Nick Dixon's PARKED truck, and the mailbox, old lady...etc

**Theresa Webster bashed into Mr. Samples truck and Beulah started smoking**

**PATTISON vs. T.DICK**

Homeroom 208 stuffed the heater so full of trash that it caught on fire

**Erin Mills tripped over her own feet during Mass on the way out of the bathroom**

Tree-boy takes Manhattan

*Tom Jankowski tried to break out of school and smashed the window with his head*

**Ann Weber Blew a Circuit during calculus and stopped Mr. Keith's clock.**

Colleen Corcoran fell in the parking lot and "GOOD GOD, YOU HURT ME!!"

**PRIDE AND CONVICTION, MY YOUNG CHRISTIAN FRIENDS**

**PINK TOWELS FROM GYM CLASS**

Hiding behind the dugouts during the mile run

**Dean Mills**

**Mr. Will retired as head football coach**

**MR Z.'S CONSPIRACIES**

**MATT FARMER WRAPPED STEVE ELFREICH'S HEAD IN DUCK TAPE**

*Melissa Fehrenbacher actually believed Schnell had a metal plate in his head*

*Mr. Mike Goebel, Mr. Knight, and Mr. Wathen actually got to class on time*

*Vanessa and the imaginary man walking on the ceiling*

**MR HALBIG'S UTOPIA**

**MR SHERIDAN'S ENDLESS STORIES**

Sara Acton, Jessica Beck, Jennifer Boxdorfer, JacobGodbold, Nick Gollnick, Mike Hoffman, Tamara Jorgenson, Matt Kluemper, Bret Lillich, Audrey Ripplemeier, Mike Thuerbach, Jon Wildeman, Jennifer Wittgen, Luke Woehler, Gary Wolf

**Square Dancing**

**SENIOR VEGA'S CHOICE PERIOD**

Surge . . . and the fateful day they took Mello Yello away

**We won May Day in 1995**

**Jessica Freeman and Jennie McCarthy . . . which one is Jessica?**

**LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE -- CHRIS KEMPF FACED OFF AGAINST THE MIGHTY LACI BARNHART**



## Football 'Necessary Roughness'

### Cats overcome inexperience

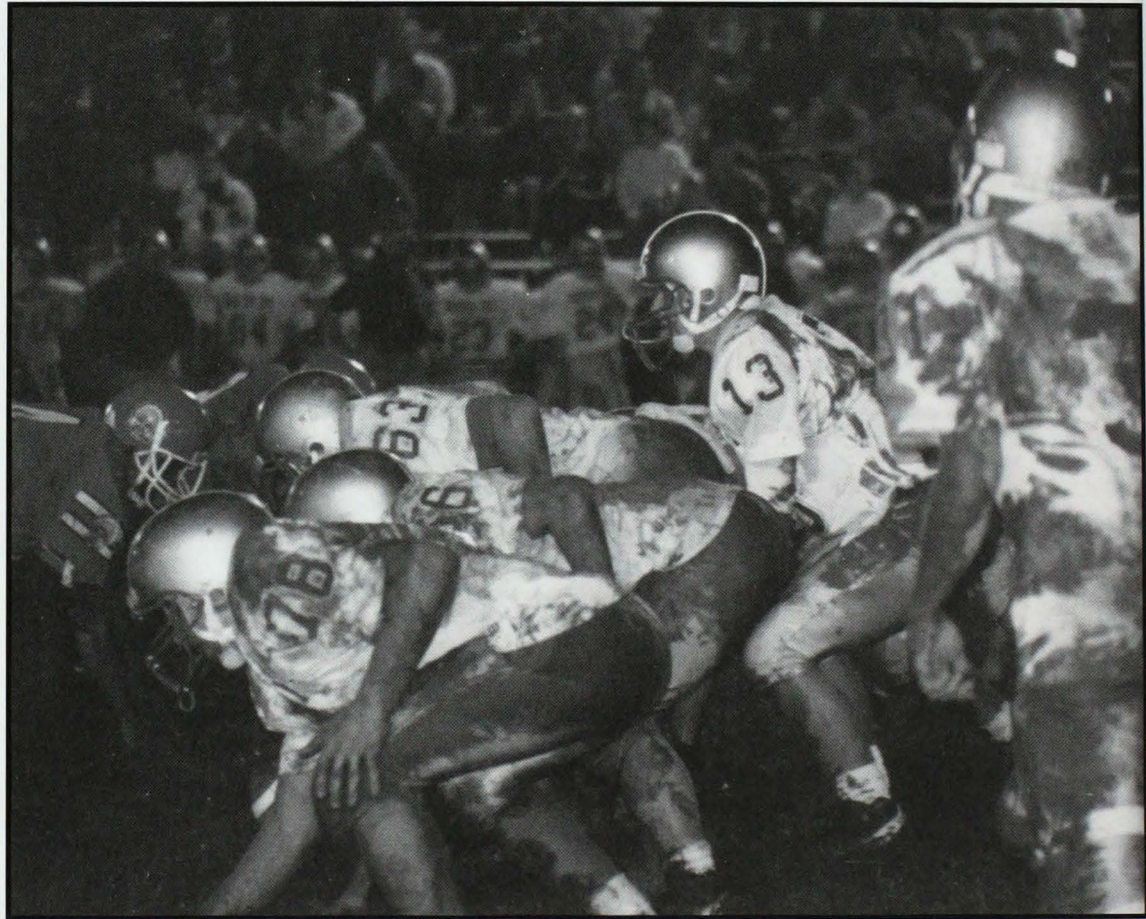
Despite pre-season predictions, the Wildcats' determination led them to a 5-5 record, overcoming the odds of a young team.

The Wildcats opened their season by defeating the supposedly equal Central Bears, 30-0. They continued their winning streak by defeating their close rival, Memorial, 17-12. The Wildcats went on through the season determined to do their best. Some games they didn't come out ahead, but they were always fighting until the end.

Sophomore Adam Schiff proved his skill by completing 164 out of 284 passes for 1,917 yards and 13 touchdowns. Junior Brandon Boots caught 73 passes for 1,020 yards and 10 touchdowns. Schiff was the seventh leading passer in the state, while Boots was the state's fourth leading receiver.

Sophomore Nick Miller led the running game. He ran for 694 yards in 124 rushes. Leading the Wildcat defense was senior Mike Bishop with 82 tackles. He assisted on 69 others. Junior Rob Mallory was second with 54 tackles and 25 assists.

Overall, led by head coach Frank Will and assistant coach Mike Goebel, the Wildcats averaged 22.8 points per game. They also overwhelmed their opponents in total passing yards with 193.2 to 119.9 yards per game.



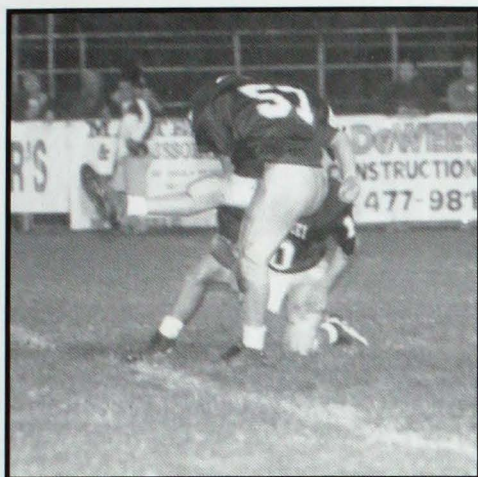
Quarterback Adam Schiff gives the signals in the huddle and at the line of scrimmage.





# Sports

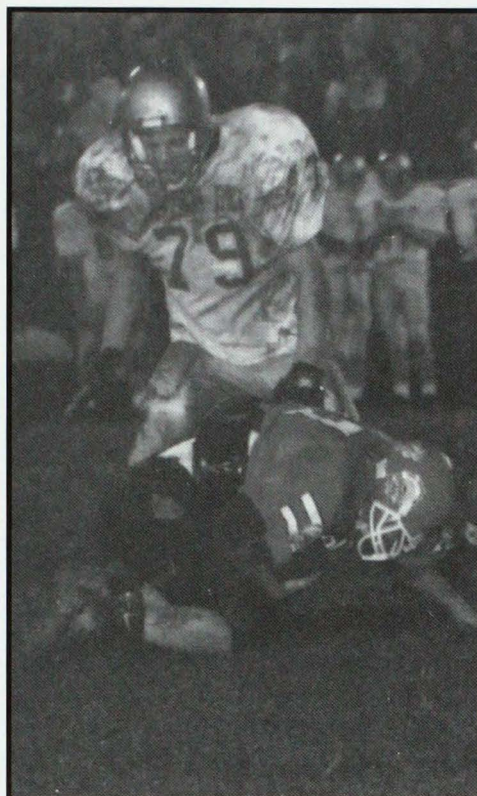
**LET  
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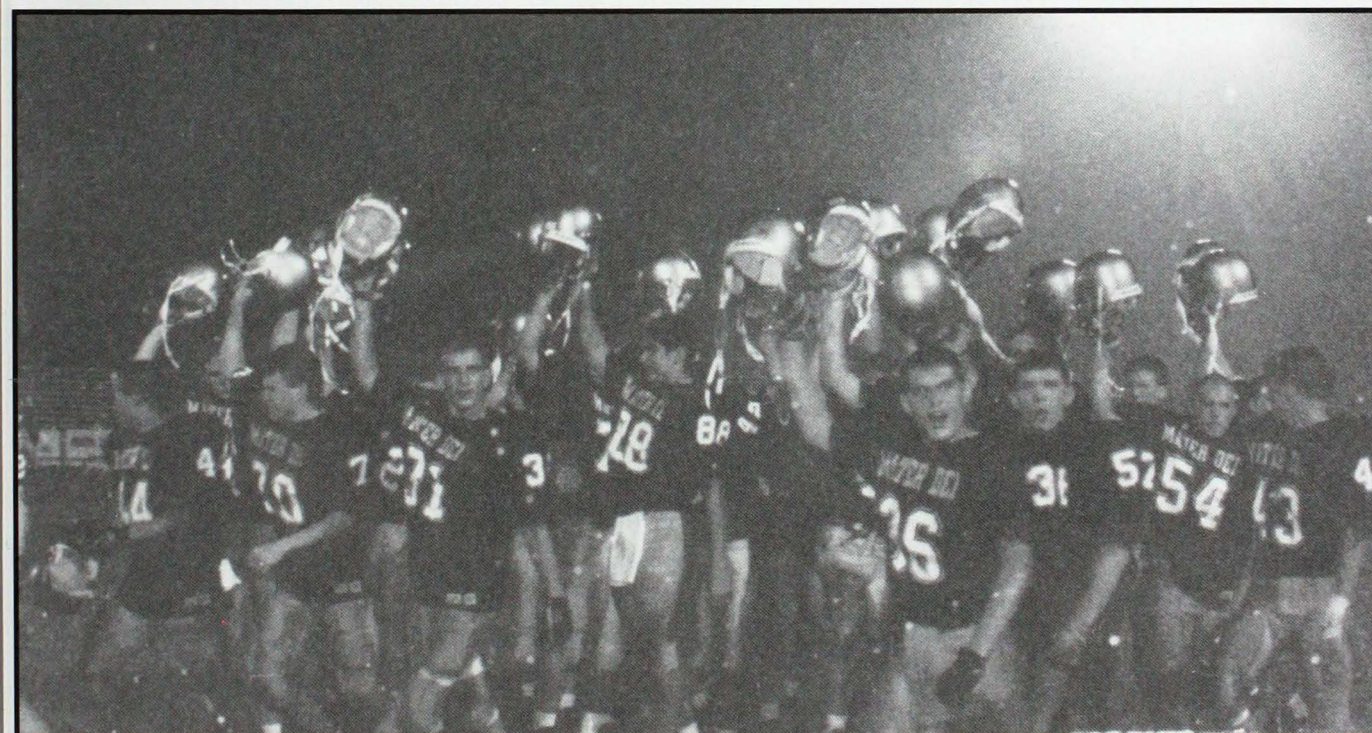
ABOVE: Senior Mike Bishop kicks another field goal for the Wildcats.

RIGHT: Junior Jeremy Herrmann teaches Bosse not to mess with him.

FAR RIGHT: Junior Dustin Lannert takes time to catch his breath during a challenging game.



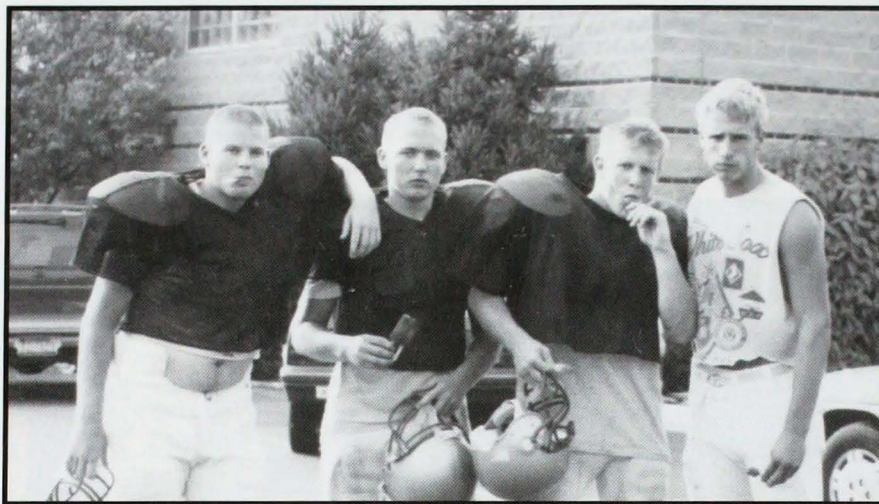
## The thrill of victory



"Victory and glory, that's our story!" Despite unexpected rain and a losing first half, the Wildcats surprise Bosse in the second half and win another Homecoming game.



# 'Only the Strong Survive'

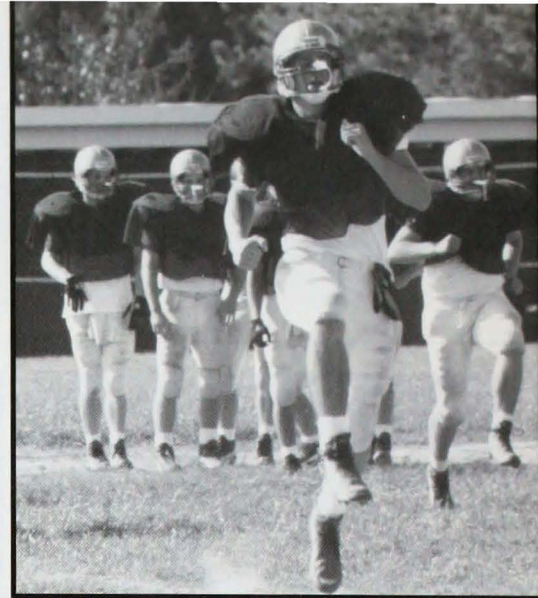


ABOVE: Senior buds Zach Stilin, Tony McDonald, Mike Schroeder, and Mike Halbig enjoy popcorn from the Pep Club after a hot practice.

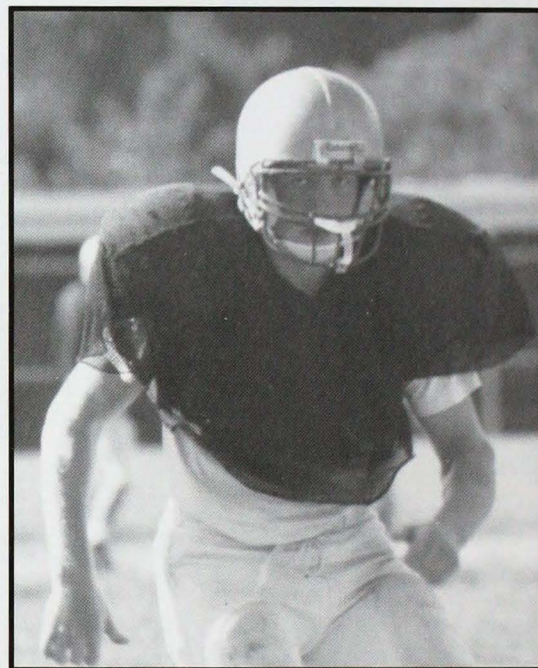
BELOW: Seniors Jeff Werner, Jason Hartz, Mike Schroeder, and Mike Halbig chat during stretching exercises.



BELOW: Ken Hirsch and Mike Bishop converge on the running back in practice.

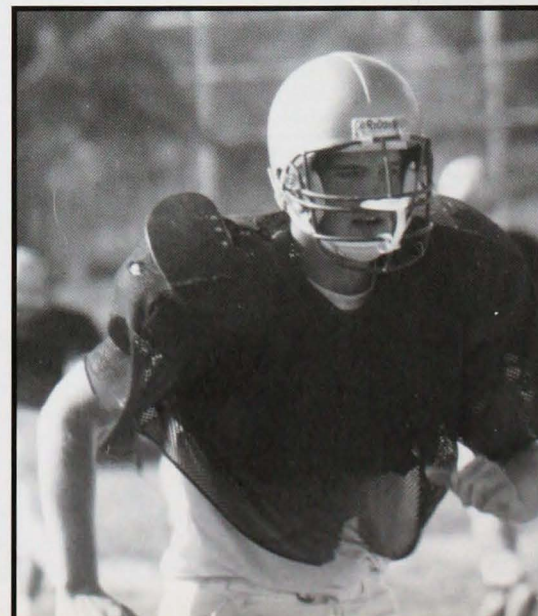


ABOVE: Just remember, all the hard work at practice pays off at game time.

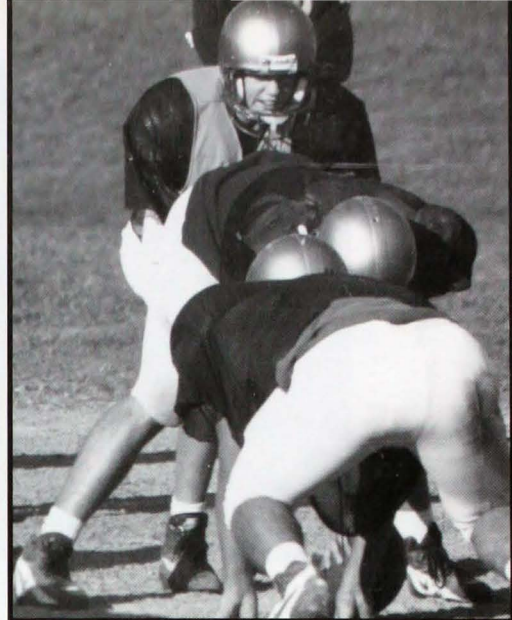


ABOVE: With a look like that, I'd hate to meet Tony McDonald in a dark alley.

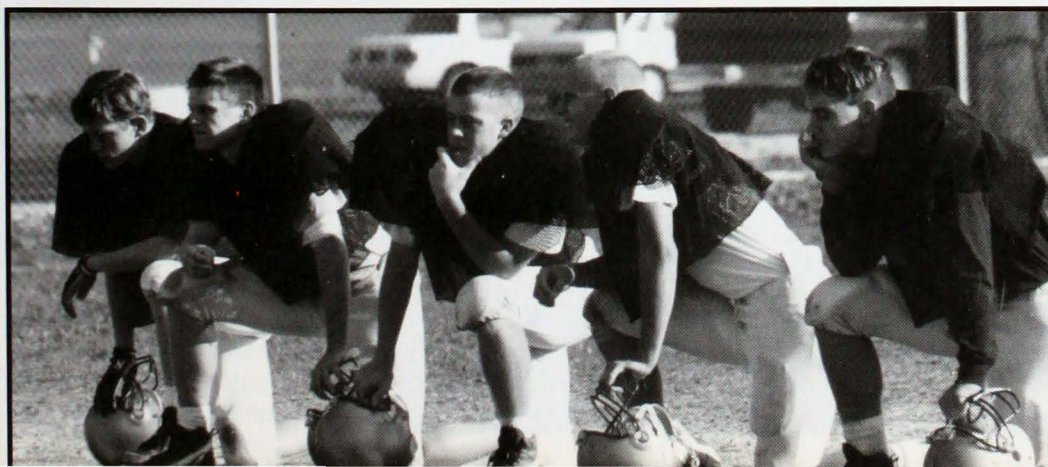
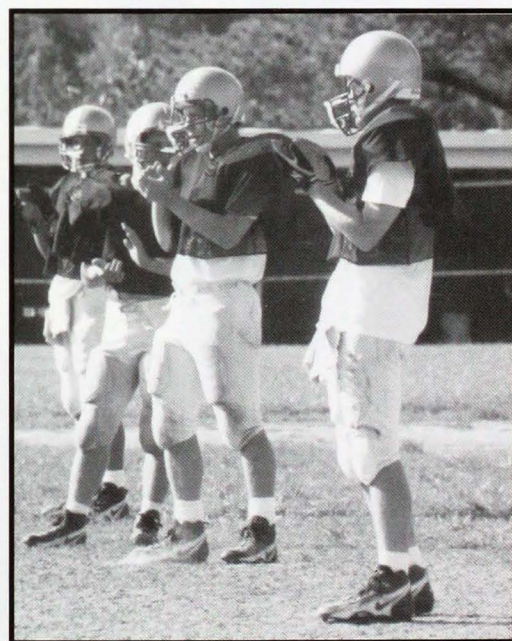
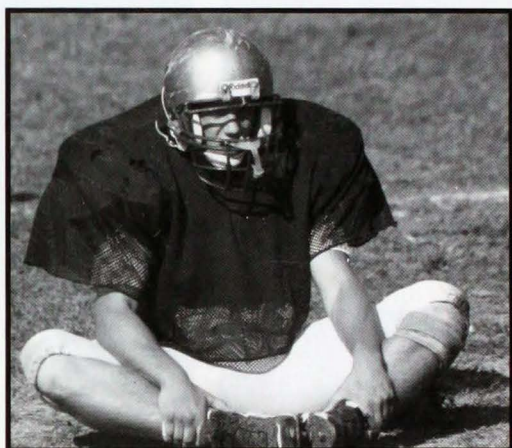
BELOW: A.D. Boehman models our new practice uniforms.





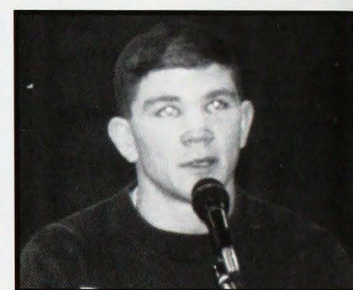
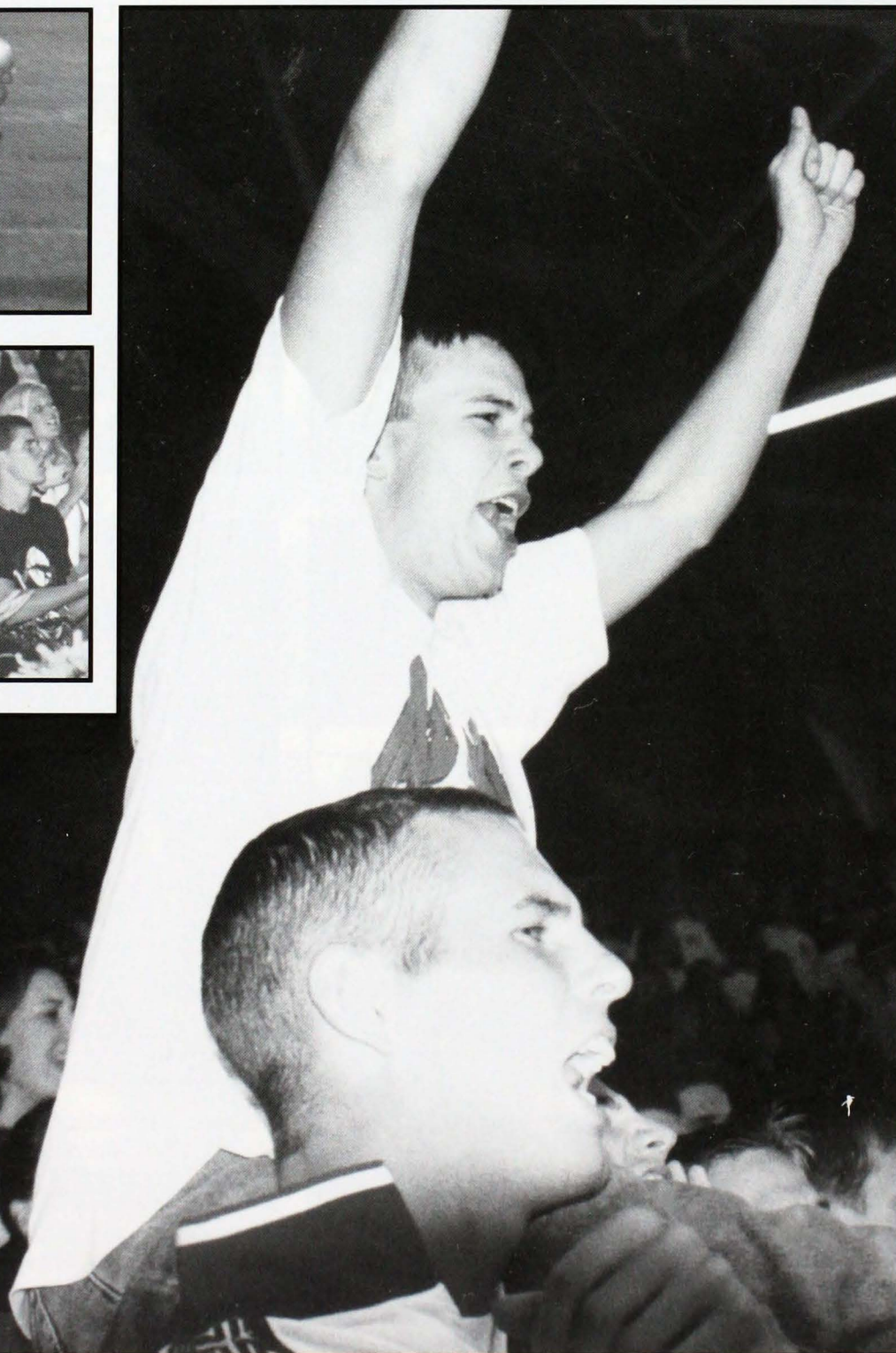
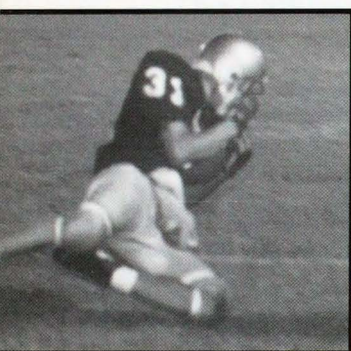
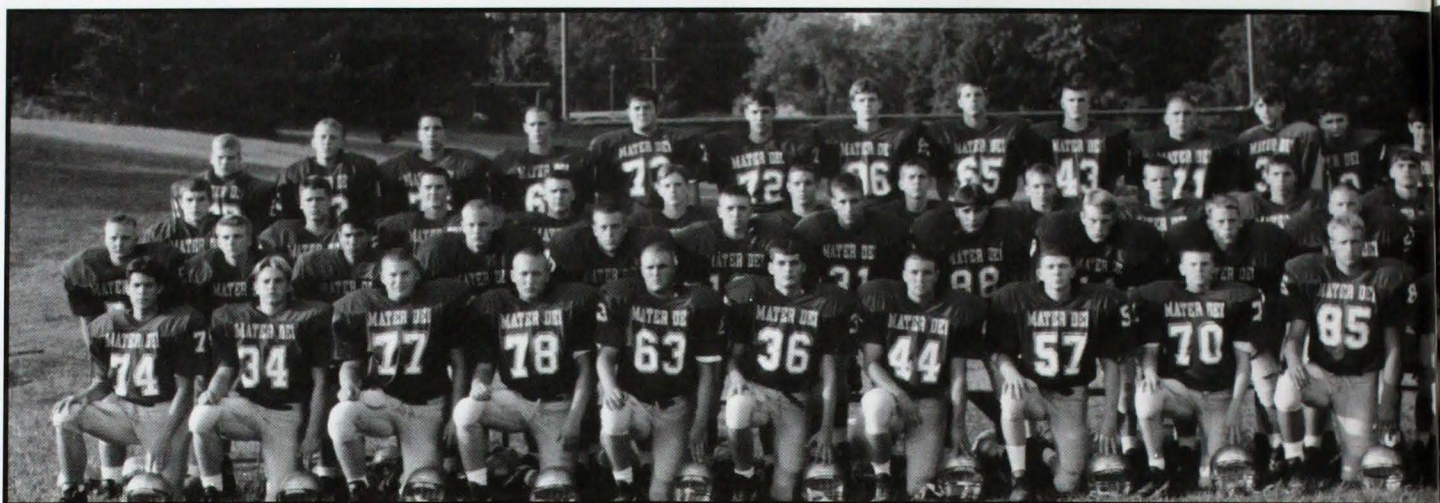


ABOVE: Adam Tenbarger runs the opponents' offense. LEFT: "Give me five!" BELOW: Junior Tim Scott .



ABOVE: The Wildcats always applaud the hard work of their teammates. ABOVE LEFT: "Bottoms up!" LEFT: Junior Ryan Scheu (middle) and fellow teammates ponder the action on the practice field.



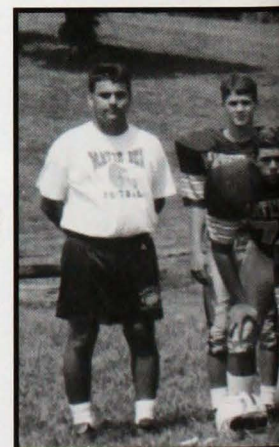


Mike Bishop speaks to the student body after receiving the Kiwanis Award.

## Awards

**Brandon Boots**, All-State,  
All SIAC, All-City  
**Adam Schiff**, honorable  
mention All-State

**Mike Bishop**, All-SIAC,  
All-City  
**Thomas Jankowski**, All-City



ABOVE LEFT: Brandon Boots catches another pass. LEFT: Tom Traylor and Nick Knight are proof of fan support.



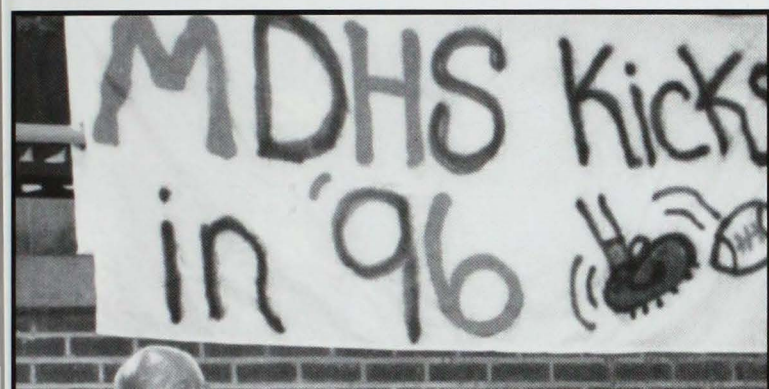
# Scoreboard



Varsity Football: (front row) Jason McCord, Adam Siemers, Zack Stilin, Tony McDonald, A.D. Boehman, Jeff Werner, Kenny Hisch, Mike Bishop, Jason Hartz, Mike Halbig, Mike Schroeder, Tom Jankowski; (second row) Josh Waterman, Matt Vowels, Cory Spaetti, Chris Droste, Ryan Scheu, Rob Mallory, Brandon Boots, Joe Ramsbey, Dustin Lannert, Jeremy Herrmann, Tim Scott, John Stofleth, Dan Schrader, Ahren Baumgart; (third row) John Reising, Tony Unfried, Andy Fischer, Adam Schiff, Ike Miller, Nick Miller, Kevin Folz, Philip Beck, Ryan King, Chad Martin, Andy Woehler, David Hisch; Dan Jankowski, Adam Tenbarger, Robert Schmitt, Chris Kueber, Brian Eickhoff, Dustin Mackey, Ben Faraone, Josh Sandwell, J.D. Wargel, Joe Lamble, Matt Frantz, Peter Helfrich, Chris Waelde, Kevin Alvey. (Not pictured: Nathan Schiff, John Spahn)

|            | MD | Opp. |
|------------|----|------|
| Central    | 30 | 0    |
| Memorial   | 17 | 12   |
| North      | 24 | 26   |
| Bosse      | 28 | 27   |
| Harrison   | 7  | 28   |
| Sullivan   | 52 | 21   |
| Castle     | 7  | 48   |
| Reitz      | 10 | 24   |
| Sectionals |    |      |
| Sullivan   | 39 | 20   |
| Memorial   | 14 | 42   |

## Popular Mr. Will retires from coaching



### A Will-ism

"If this rain keeps up, it's never going to come down," or as Mr. Will also says, "Bad joke, bad joke, bad joke."

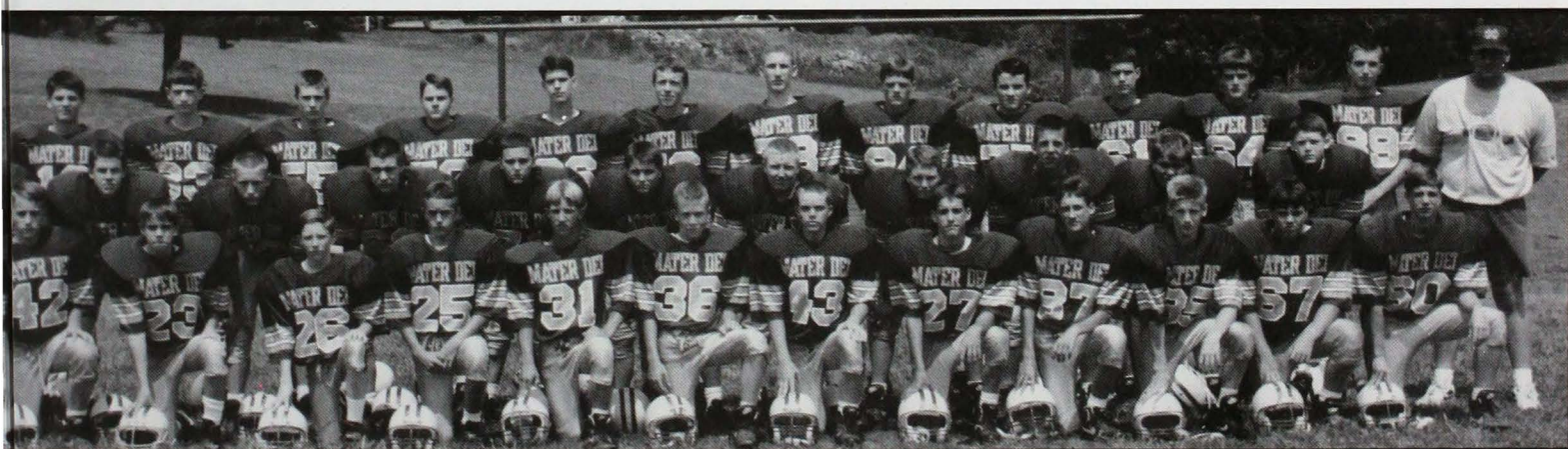
Looking back on his 40 years of service, retiring football coach Mr. Frank Will smiled as he was asked about his most memorable moments in coaching. "Oh my, there are a lot of them; the dome (when the Cats went to the Hoosier Dome for the state championship) was definitely a highlight. Really, everyday, every football game. The tremendous people I have worked with, coaches, faculty, my students, and players are, to put it bluntly, like a good family."

Many of us wonder how one can work so hard and with so much dedication to kids for 40 years. The ever popular Mr. Will said, "You gotta like kids, I like being around kids. I don't care whether they are big or little. I treat my students and players like my children. I want them to excel. Learning should be an enjoyable experience. I'm not against an occasional bad joke (in my class)."

"God has a plan, I really believe it, and He has a direction for you. I had a detour to Rex Mundi and then I was sent to Mater Dei." And we're glad he was.

Mr. Will's plans for the future are to "slow down a little bit and enjoy my grandkids."

In Mr. Will's 21 years as head coach at Mater Dei, he compiled a 131-98 record. He also led the Cats to seven Sectional championships, four Regional titles and one Semistate crown.



Freshmen Football: (first row) Matt Dressel, Matt Weber, Clayton Westerfield, Andrew Baumgartner, Jeremy Elpers, Adam Adler, Adam Wathen, Jason Scheller, Zach Fehrenbacher, Andrew Schroeder, Sam Ruprecht, Mike Moers; (second row) John Harmon, Justin Elpers, Tim Unfried, Josh Jureczki, Ben Niemeier, Nathan Devillez, Josh Gidcumb, Jake Boehman, Adam Goebel, Jon Martin, John Webster; (third row) Coach John Goebel, Brad Kempf, Nick Goebel, John Kiefer, Doug Moore, Adam Maddox, Josh Ziliak, Jake Weis, Jason Lewis, Adam Weinzapfel, Chris File, Jake Ziliak, Jason Dewig, David Fehrenbacher, Coach Greg Schuble.



# 'Waiting to Exhale'

## Girls win City, SIAC

As the cross country season approached, many schools realized the potential of the Mater Dei girls team. After all, the team lost only a handful of runners from the year before.

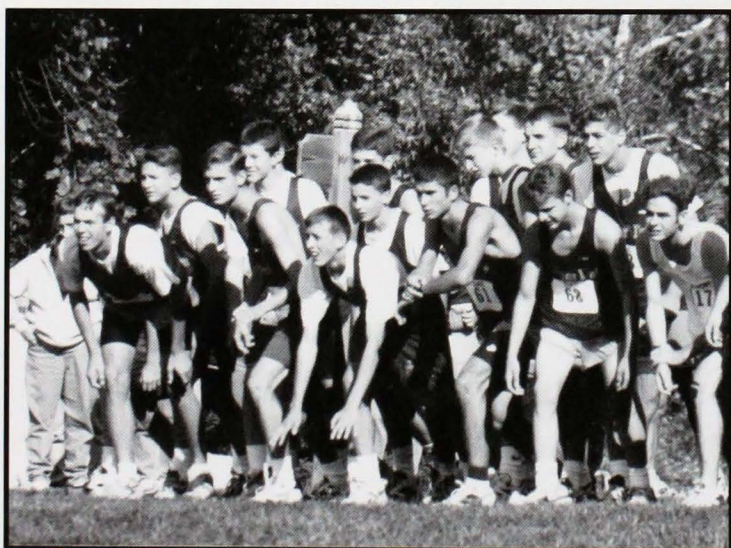
The girls went out and fulfilled that potential. They first won the City title, Mater Dei's first since 1986. And they did it because sophomore Jenny Farmer finished third, senior Kristi Niemeier fourth, and junior Stephanie Moore fifth.

Then coach George Moll's girls won the SIAC title when Mater Dei's top three runners -- Farmer, Niemeier, and Moore -- set personal best times on the USI course. Also playing big roles for Mater Dei were juniors Heidi Tenbarge, Laura Reising, and Tracey Reising; sophomores Sarah Jost, Laura Elsner, and Lorna Fischer; and senior Becky Shetler, who won the K of C Leadership Award. Niemeier, Moore and Farmer also won All-City and All-SIAC honors.

Senior Matt Krack and fellow captain Matt Schreiber led the boys. Krack, one of the top runners in the area during his Mater Dei career, won All-SIAC honors and qualified again for semistate.



The girls cross country team enjoys a light practice for a change.



The boys team takes one last chance to ask themselves, "Why am I doing this again?"



Smile, Matt! You, Kristi, and Jenny are going to semistate again this year!



Ethan Freeman has that look as Luke Angermeier passes him.

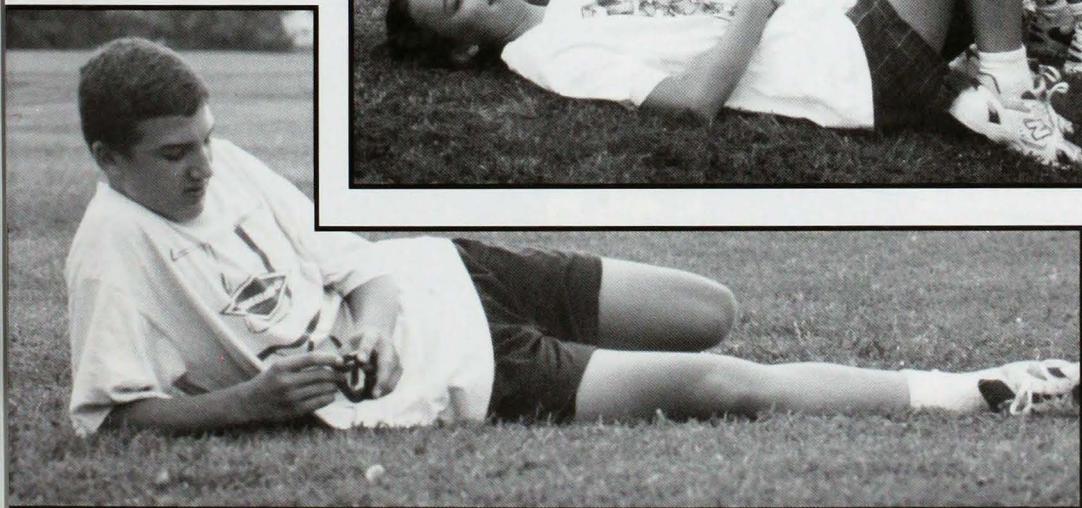


Mark Walker and Brad Angermeier like chasing their shadows.

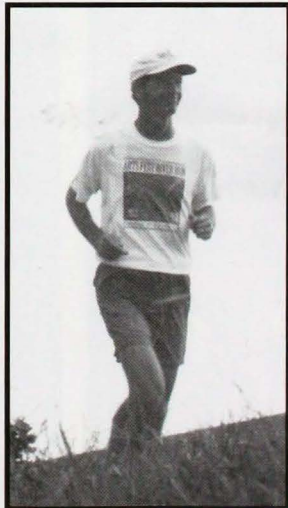


FAR LEFT: Senior Kristi Niemeier falls behind sophomore Jenny Farmer in one of their close races.

LEFT: The girls team thinks it's practicing way too hard, so it decides to take a break.

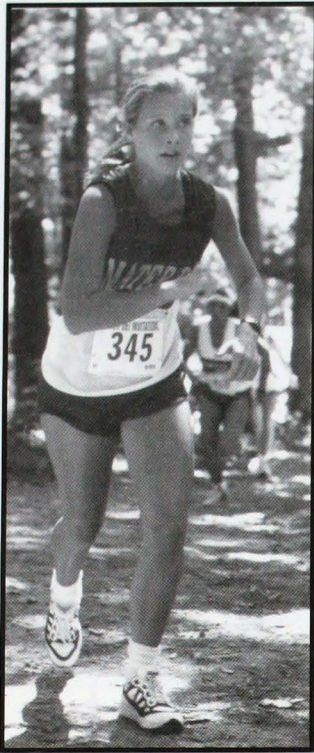


Matt Moore is laid back at practice.



Coach George Moll always runs with a smile.

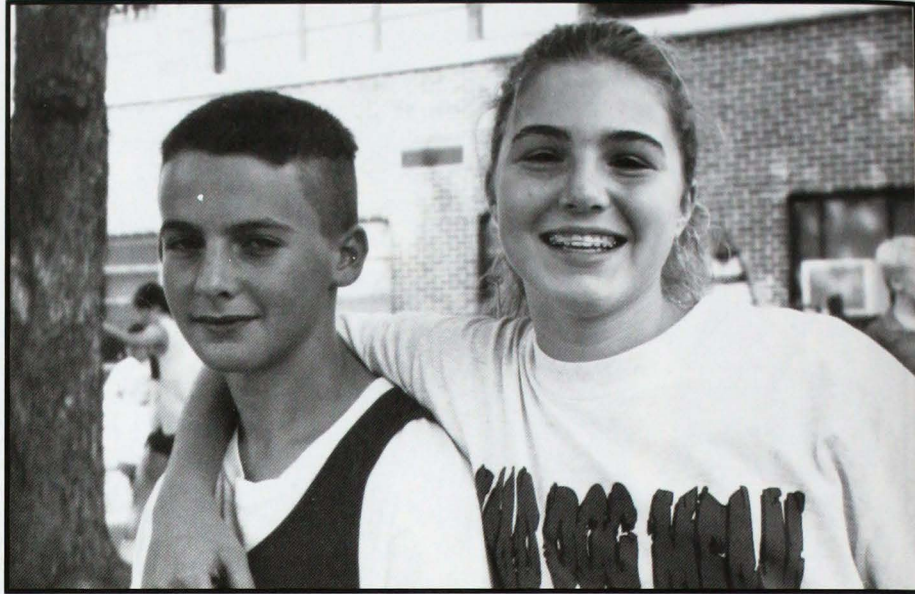





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Freshman Mark Walker is pleasantly stunned that sophomore Audrey Hinderliter is giving him props.

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## Scoreboard



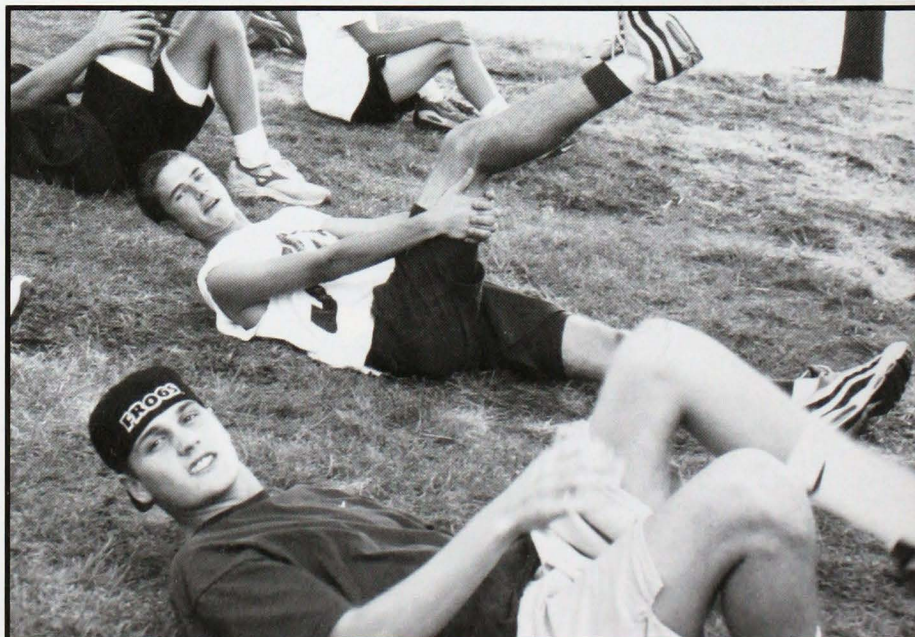
Men's Cross Country: (front row) Brian Luigs, Mark Walker, Ben Smyth, Curtis Vanness, John Werner, Joe Mayer, Craig Elsner, Gary Fischer; (second row) Brad Angermeier, Matt Moore, Ethan Freeman, Luke Angermeier, Matt Krack, Brandon Christian, Matt Farmer, John Peck; (third row) Coach George Moll, E.W. Scott, Josh Hodge, Gerard Wildeman, Andy Bradley, Matt Schreiber, Philip Rawley, Justin Mayer, Kevin Weinzapfel, Coach Allison Yancy.




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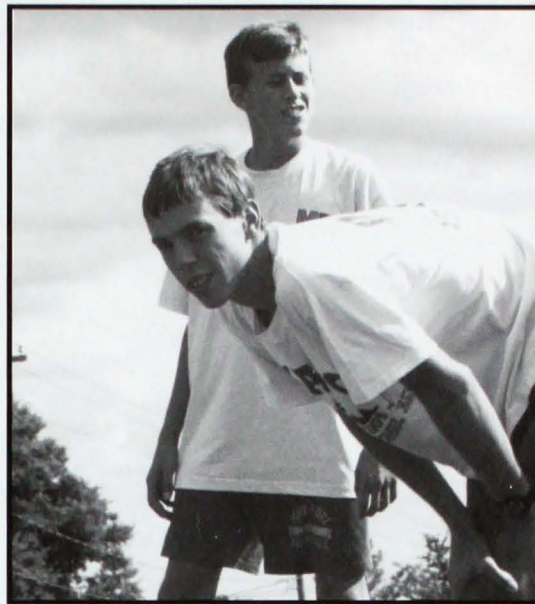
Senior runners and men's team captains Matt Krack and Matt Schreiber warm up and stretch out for another tough day of practice.

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Senior Gary Fischer





ABOVE: Tom Feller, John Werner, and Joe Mayer are considered the team's deviants. RIGHT: Ben Smyth and Gary Fischer take a well-deserved break.

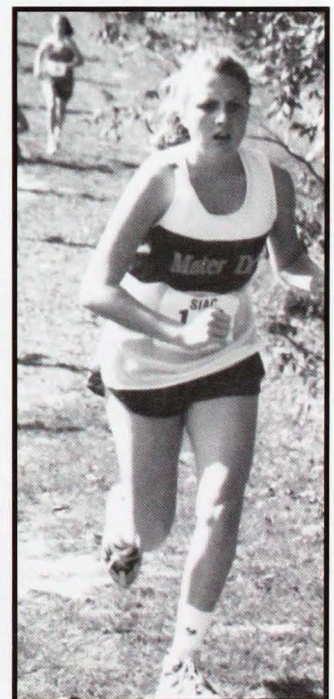
## Scoreboard

Women's Cross Country:  
(front row) Kristi Niemeier,  
Sarah Black, Amy  
Martin, Becky Shetler, Julie  
Waller; (second row) Audrey  
Hinderliter, Stephanie  
Moore, Heidi Tenbarger,  
Leanne Bauer, Laura  
Reising, Sarah Jost, Jenny  
Farmer, Amy Krack, Lynn  
Spahn (third row) Coach  
George Moll, Katie Faraone,  
Natalie Miller, Mary  
Reddington, Tracy Reising,  
Lorna Fischer, Laura Elsner,  
Julie Wittgen, Angie  
Reckelhoff, Coach Allison  
Yancy



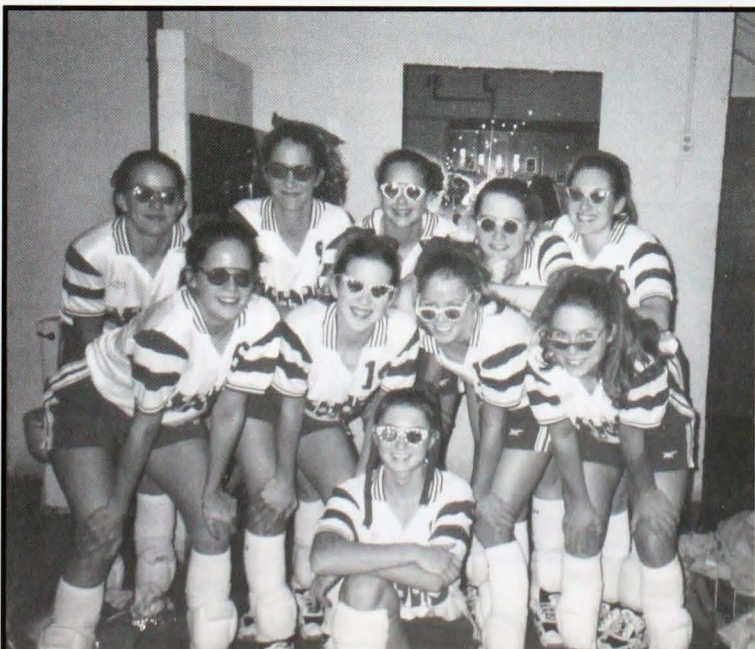
Women's cross country finished with a 72-17 record. That included a fourth in the 16-team MD Invitational, a second in the 9-team Vincennes Invitational, a sixth in the 21-team Pike Central Invitational, a first place in the City meet, a first place in the SIAC, a second place in the Sectional, and sixth place in the Regional.

Men's cross country finished with a 23-60 mark. That included a ninth in the 14-team MD Invitational and a seventh in the 11-team Sectional.

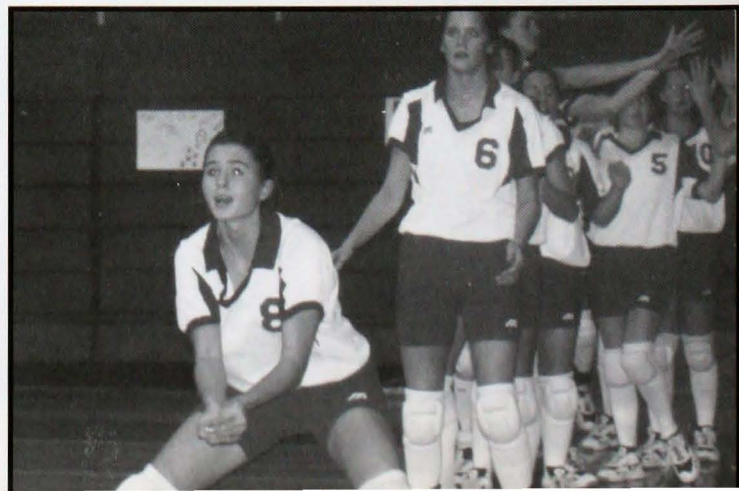




# 'Power of the Dream'



ABOVE: The Volleycats celebrate their 19th consecutive sectional crown. LEFT: The varsity team observes a "bright" moment before a game. BELOW: Shanna Hinderliter gets down to pass the ball.





# Volleyball

## Cats win Sectional 19th time in a row



ABOVE: Senior night was celebrated through tears and smiles.



ABOVE: The varsity huddles to discuss strategies.



LEFT: Rachelle Knapp, Alisha Goedde, Shanna Hinderliter, Jonelle Rietmen, and Jessica Kiefer show their spirit.

RIGHT: Rachelle Knapp serves.

Heart and soul was the theme the Volleyscats chose to play by as they continued the tradition that started before the entire varsity team was even born.

Going into the season the players knew the talk of the town was "this could be the year North or Central could break the Wildcat tradition." However, this year's team spent many hours during the off-season working to form a team that would once again prove everyone wrong.

The Cats captured their 22nd straight city title, and their 19th consecutive Sectional.

The Volleyscats will long remember the packed house and all the hype as they defeated the North Huskies 15-7, 15-5, in a much publicized event. In the Martinsville tournament, which is considered one of the toughest in the state, the Wildcats placed third out of 16 teams.

Winning the Jennings County tournament was called the highlight of the regular season by coach Darlene Quinlin.

After a heartbreaking loss to Heritage Hills (15-13, 15-11) in the championship game of the Regional, the Volleyscats ended their season with a record of 28-8.

Two seniors received full Division 1 scholarships. Rachelle Knapp will be playing for the University of Southeast Missouri, and Jessica Kiefer will play for the University of Evansville.





# Awards

**All - Conference,  
All - City**

Natalie Emge,  
Jessica Kiefer, and  
Rachelle Knapp.

**Player of the Year**

Rachelle Knapp

**Coach of the Year**

Darlene Quinlin

**Kiwanis Award**

Rachelle Knapp

RIGHT: The Volleyscats run  
a lot in practice.



## Scoreboard

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Boonville                               | L |
| Heritage Hills                          | W |
| Jasper                                  | L |
| White River Valley                      | W |
| Seymour                                 | L |
| Doss                                    | W |
| Jeffersonville                          | W |
| Lawrence North                          | W |
| Memorial                                | W |
| Reitz                                   | W |
| Jasper                                  | L |
| North                                   | W |
| Mt. Vernon                              | W |
| Lake Central                            | W |
| Floyd Central                           | W |
| Martinsville                            | L |
| Yorktown                                | W |
| North Posey                             | W |
| Edwards County                          | W |
| Bosse                                   | W |
| Barr-Reeve                              | W |
| Bloomington South                       | W |
| Frankfort                               | L |
| Bedford North Lawrence                  | W |
| Castle                                  | L |
| Harrison                                | W |
| Gibson Southern                         | W |
| Central                                 | W |
| Jennings County                         | W |
| Oldenburg                               | W |
| New Albany                              | W |
| SECTIONAL - Reitz, Memorial,<br>Central | W |
| REGIONAL - Mt. Vernon                   | W |
| Heritage Hills                          | L |



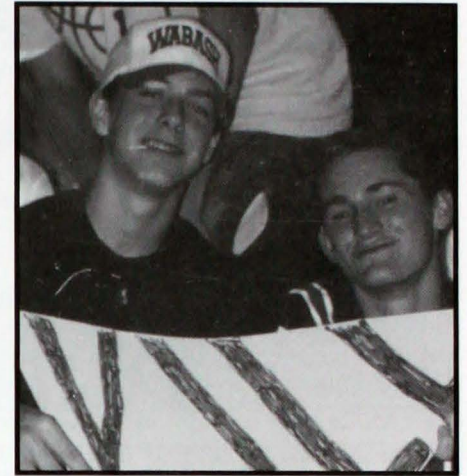
Varsity Volleyball: (bottom row) Jonelle Rietman, Shanna Hinderliter; (second row) Kira Crowdus, Carrie Sitzman, Natalie Emge, Theresa Adler; (third row) Alisha Goedde, Jessica Kiefer, Rachelle Knapp.





LEFT: The fans show their support.

BELOW: Seniors Joe Mayer and Jeremy Kiesel are loyal Volleycat fans.



ABOVE: Junior Carrie Sitzman hits around the block. BELOW: Senior Jonelle Rietman gets high fives from her team.



LEFT: Reserve Volleyball: (front row) Brianne Lemberg, Stephanie Stonecipher; (second row) Kendra Schmitt, Andrea Luigs, Sara Gries, Gina Utley; (third row) Jessica Weis, Jamie Tepool, Angela Paulson.

BELOW: Freshman Volleyball: (front row) Sarah Kothe, Natalie Zimmer, Andrea Haller, Renee Rietman, Julie Lehman, Traci Fehrenbacher; (second row) Crystal Kirsh, Laura Knapp, Kim Doshier, Jessica Adler, Nicole Droste, Carrie Goebel.





# Soccer 'Give up' not part of vocabulary

Under the bright lights of Coke Fields, the girls varsity soccer team showed its character early. After a loss to State champion Memorial in the season opener, the team wasn't about to give up. In fact, it went on a five game winning streak.

The girls were losing to Bosse and Harrison at half-time, but came back to win them both. However, the rest of the season wasn't what the team had hoped for. Losses came against teams the team felt it should have beaten.

The nine seniors tried to pull it together in their first round sectional against Reitz. But Reitz's physical game took out some key players, including senior midfielder Amanda Bailey, junior sweeper Cari Miller, and sophomore goalie Sarah Wright. Bailey was named All-City first team, All-SIAC, All-District, and All-State Honorable Mention. Senior Krista Weinzapfel was named All-District and All-State Honorable Mention. The team went 8-7.



Freshmen Darlene Dippel and Shay Grasso share a laugh during practice.



Senior Amanda Bailey sends a powerful kick forward. She was this year's Kiwanis Award winner.



Seniors pose at practice: (front) Amanda Bailey, Jessica Freeman, Daniela Meyer; (top) Becky Oliver, Jennifer Schili, Ashley Stansberry, Erin Mills, Casi Jost, Krista Weinzapfel.



Senior Jennifer Schili looks to tackle a loose ball.



Senior Jessica Freeman works on her fancy footwork.

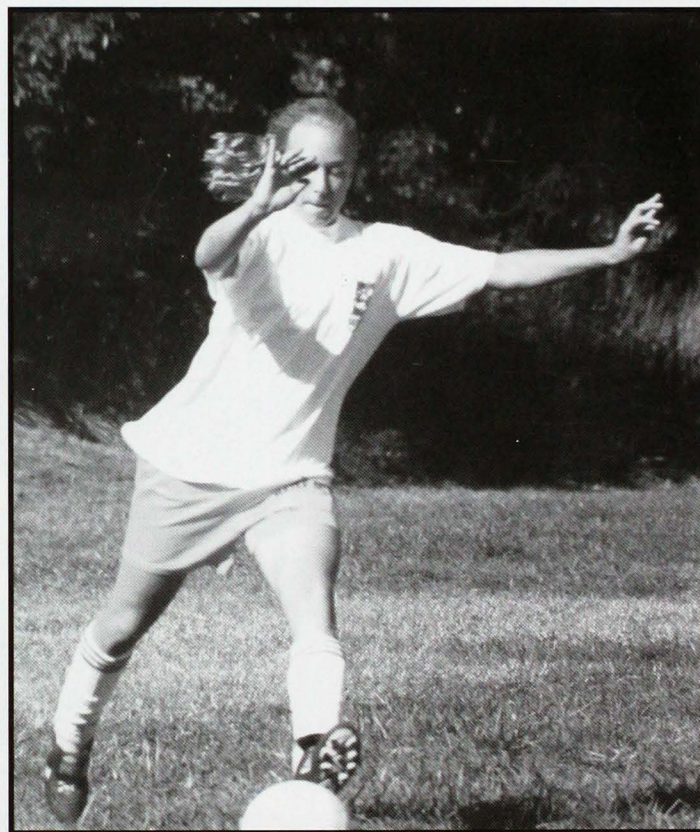


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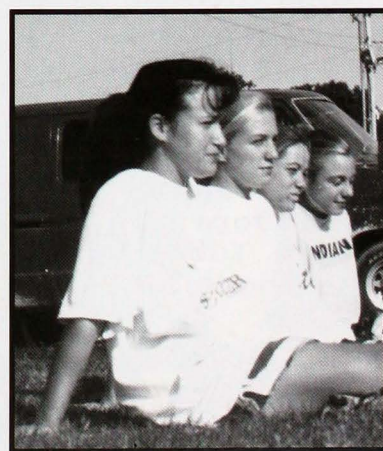
|                | MD | Opp. |
|----------------|----|------|
| Memorial       | 2  | 5    |
| Hendersonville | 1  | 0    |
| North          | 2  | 0    |
| Day School     | 5  | 0    |
| Bosse          | 3  | 2    |
| Harrison       | 3  | 2    |
| Germantown     | 1  | 9    |
| Reitz          | 0  | 2    |
| Jasper         | 6  | 0    |
| Boonville      | 6  | 0    |
| Henderson      | 3  | 0    |
| Castle         | 1  | 3    |
| Central        | 3  | 4    |
| Fr. Ryan       | 2  | 4    |
| Sectional      |    |      |
| Reitz          | 0  | 3    |



Varsity Girls Soccer: (front row) Erin Govert, Jessica Freeman, Amanda Bailey, Jennifer Vick; (second row) Cari Miller, Shay Grasso, Darlene Dippel, Becky Oliver, Amanda Inkenbrandt, Krista Weinzapfel, Erin Mills; (third row) Assistant Coach Tom Williams, Ashley Stansberry, Jennifer Schili, Casi Jost, Sarah Wright, Allison Townsend, Daniela Meyer, Kathy Little, Coach Charles Arnold.



LEFT: Senior Becky Oliver works hard to defend junior Emily Steinback during practice. ABOVE: Sophomore Julie Fischer concentrates on passing the ball. RIGHT: Senior Becky Oliver, junior Kathy Little, senior Ashley Stansberry, and junior Cari Miller take a break from a hard day's practice.





# Kick a Little...Boys go 3-2-2 in city

-LITTLE TEXAS

The boys' soccer team had a final record of 5-6-4. However, the final record does not reflect the skill of this team.

Only in two games did the team lose by more than one goal. Also, the team had a winning record in the city for the first time in many years, going 3-2-2.

Coach Brad Schultheis stated that

he was "very pleased with the way some of the players stepped up" this year, especially the younger players. He said the team "played with a lot of heart, determination, and skill throughout the season" and "gained a lot of knowledge in how to play the game."

In Sectional action, the team lost a 3-2 heartbreaker against Central.

Playing their final game were seniors Paul Borries, Brian Knapp, Nick Knight, Andy Mazzier, Bryan Porter, and Kurt Wildeman.

Borries and Junior Neil Kassenbrock were selected to the All-City Second Team. Knight was the team's Kiwanis Award winner.

The reserve team had two wins under coach Jon Bordfeld.



Senior midfielder Paul Borries evades the Forest Park defenders in his quest for a goal.

**FAR RIGHT:** Sophomore midfielder Chris Austin searches for the ball.

**RIGHT:** Freshman forward Jake Tucker challenges for the ball.





# Scoreboard

(5-6-4)

|               | MD | Opp. |
|---------------|----|------|
| Memorial      | 1  | 5    |
| North         | 3  | 2    |
| Forest Park   | 1  | 1    |
| Bosse         | 1  | 1    |
| Harrison      | 0  | 2    |
| Reitz         | 1  | 0    |
| Day School    | 3  | 0    |
| Jasper        | 2  | 0    |
| Boonville     | 0  | 1    |
| Mount Vernon  | 0  | 1    |
| Castle        | 0  | 1    |
| Floyd Central | 1  | 1    |
| Central       | 0  | 0    |
| Mount Carmel  | 2  | 1    |
| Sectional     |    |      |
| Central       | 2  | 3    |



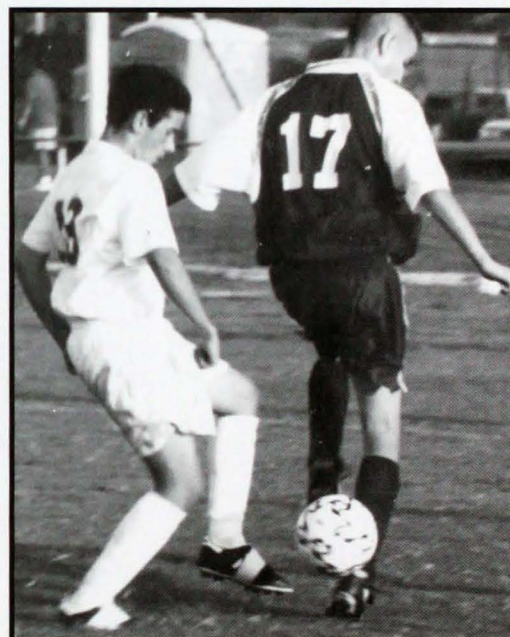
Varsity Soccer: (front row) Eric Kassenbrock, Jason Kirchoff, Cory Mueth, Chris Austin, Jake Tucker, Tim Pigman, Jeff Kirchoff, Tony Paul. (back row) Coach Brad Schultheis, Brian Knapp, Bryan Porter, Nick Knight, Jon Straus, Andy Mazzier, Neil Kassenbrock, Paul Borries, Kurt Wildeman.



ABOVE: Senior goalkeeper Nick Knight watches the action.



ABOVE: Junior midfielder Neil Kassenbrock jukes his Forest Park defender.



RIGHT: Senior back Kurt Wildeman prevents a goal.



RIGHT: Junior midfielder Jason Kirchoff gets into it with Bosse.



# Reserve Power



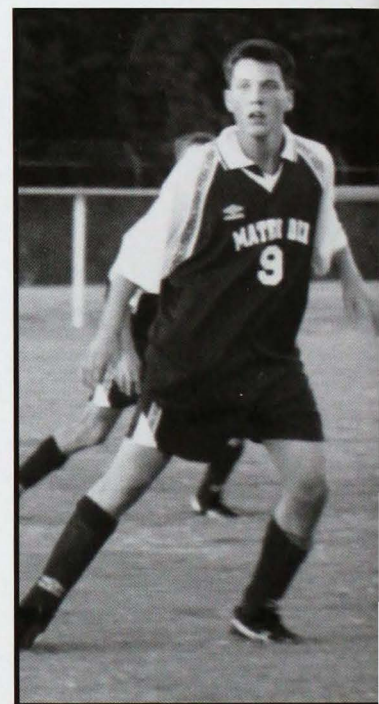
Freshman Angela Hayden flaunts the next generation of girls soccer.



Reserve Soccer: (front row) Andria Haton, Julie Moll, Julie Fischer, Emily Steinback; (second row) Kelly Messersmith, Kortney Weber, Jocelyn Gibson, Jennifer Moll, Jennifer Reffett, Melissa Oliver, Angela Hayden; (third row) Coach Tom Williams, Alex Moll, Julia Schenk, Jennifer Tornatta, Erin Lambert, Anne Schili, Stephanie Ulrich, Evelyn Rexing.



ABOVE: Freshmen Stephanie Ulrich, Kelly Messersmith, sophomore Jennifer Moll, and freshman Melissa Oliver do a warm-up dance at practice.



Freshman Tim Pigman.

RIGHT: Reserve Soccer: (front row) Matt Walker, Blair Borries, Matt Adler, Peter Amundson, Andy Aldendorfer, Kyle Babcock; (second row) Coach Brad Schultheis, Jeff Woehler, Kurt Messersmith, Derek Amundson, Tom Traylor, Joe Traylor, Dan Musick.



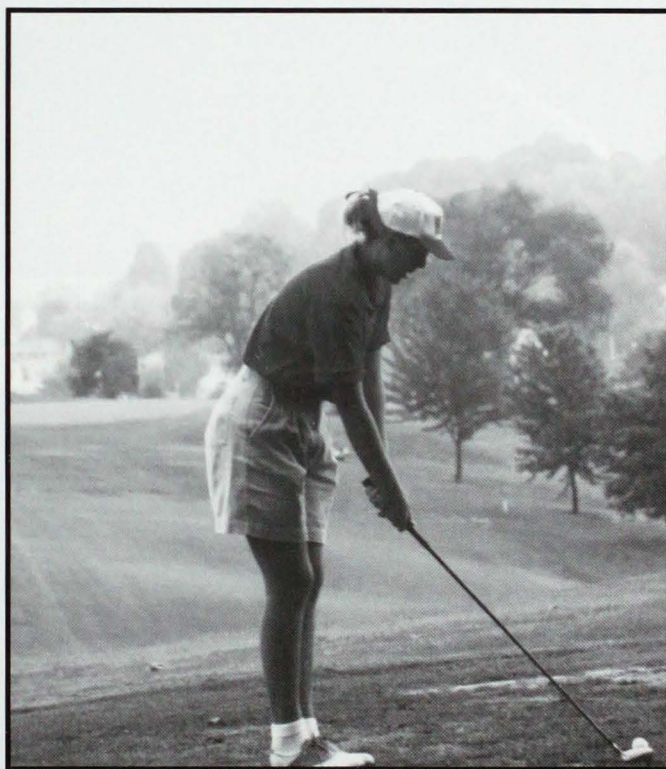




Meg Liffick, Jenni Morrow, Jenny Effinger, Andrea Werner, and Sarah Mesker are a happy group after winning the city championship at Helfrich Hills.

## Girls make clean sweep of city, SIAC, Sectionals

# Golf 'Far Beyond Driven'



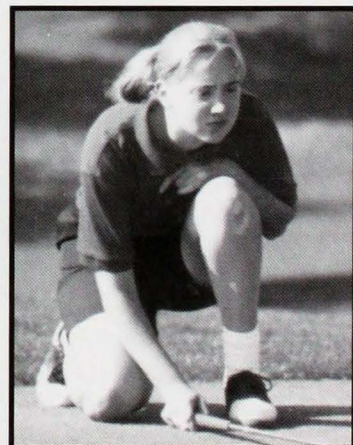
This season was better than ever for the girls golf team. Everyone medaled at some point in the season. It was also the first time Mater Dei made a clean sweep of the City, Sectional and SIAC. To top it off, the entire team returns in '97.

The girls were undefeated in the city and beat North by one stroke to win SIAC.

In the Regionals, the team placed fourth, falling just short of advancing to state.

For coach Charlie Braun, the three titles were a great end to his career at Mater Dei. The girls were sad to see him go. Jenny Effinger said he is "the best coach ever."

ABOVE: Andrea Werner ... "Oh dats a Cinderella shot." ABOVE RIGHT: Meg Liffick gets ready to smack one. RIGHT: The girls follow coach Charlie Braun's directions for "tee shots" at the Regional course at Bedford on the rainout day.



Lora Stephens lines up a putt.



# The Net

## Senior doubles lead the way

Although the boys tennis team didn't have a winning record, the team had a season full of personal victories. Every member of the young team earned a letter, including three freshmen.

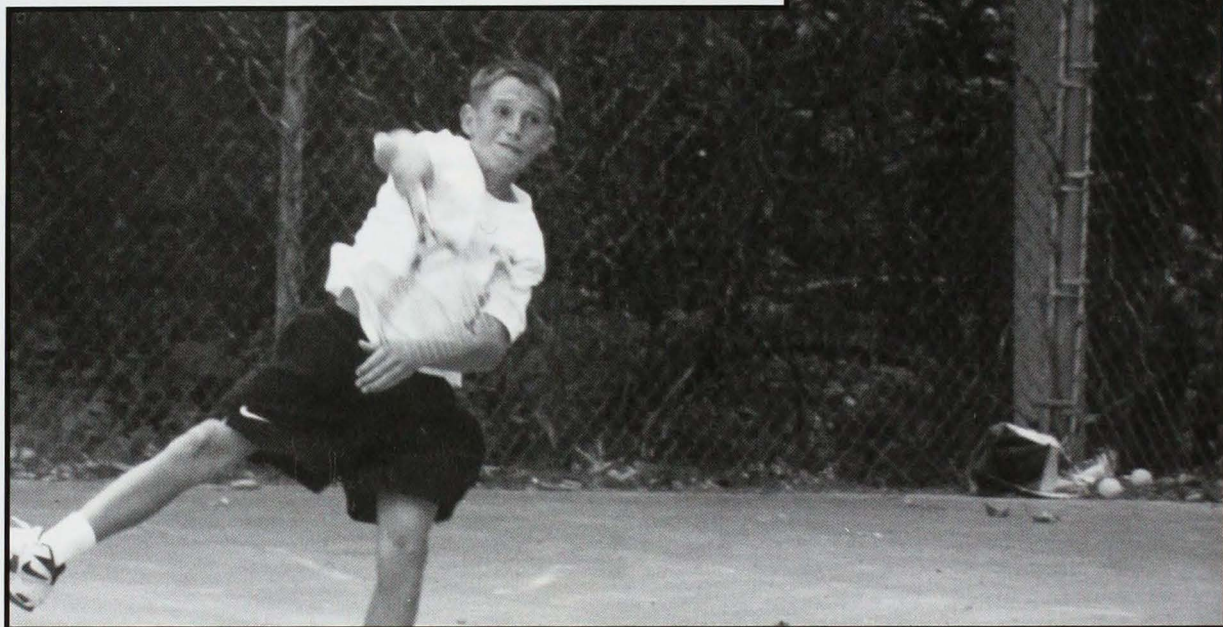
First year coach Mike Tippiery commented, "The guys always played up to the level of their opponent. They were always up for the big matches."

The number one doubles team of seniors Peter Fehrenbacher and Steve Schaefer had a successful season. After going 7-6 in the regular season, the duo missed qualifying for Regionals by only one set.

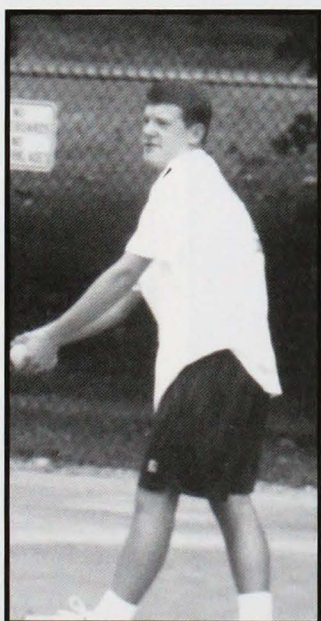
The future looks bright for the Wildcats, who are returning six letter winners next season.



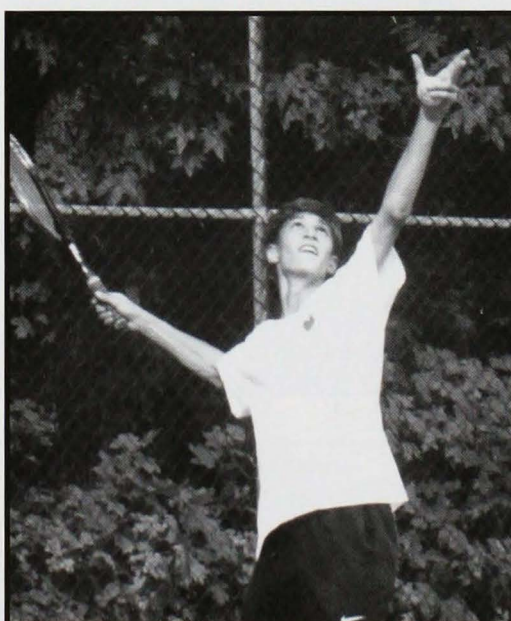
Sophomore Jeff Elpers slams a volley as freshman Jimmy Kissel hits a forehand.



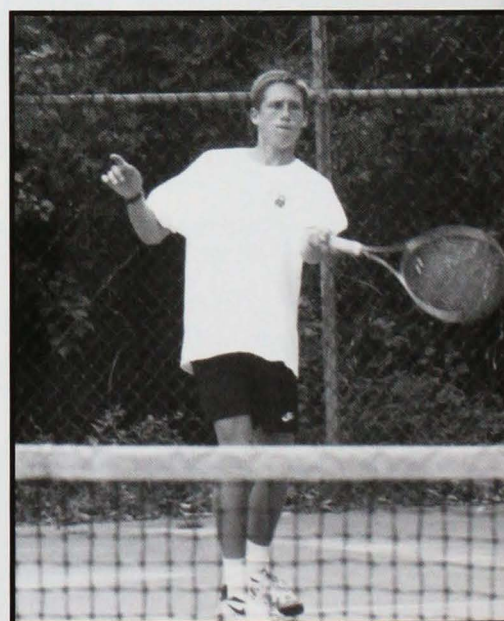
Freshman Josh Williams puts all his effort into his serve.



Senior Steve Shaefer is the team's most experienced player.



Freshman Jimmy Kissel practices his serving technique before serving up another ace.



Senior Peter Fehrenbacher drives a powerful forehand to his Mt. Vernon opponent.



# Scoreboard

MD 195, Bosse 240  
 MD 182; North 194; Harrison 222  
 MD 181; Central 251; Princeton 261  
 MD 192; Southridge 246  
 MD 189; Boonville 250  
 MD 195; Reitz 232  
 MD 213; Castle 236  
 MD 259; Princeton 229 (MD's first four players did not play)

**Meg Liffick:** All-City, All-SIAC, Sectional medalist

**Andrea Werner:** All-City, All-SIAC, City tourney medalist

**Jenny Effinger:** All-City

Meg Liffick, Andrea Werner, Jenny Effinger, and Jenny Morrow all were medalist at least once.

Golf: (front row) Cara Messmer, Andrea Werner, Julia Murray, Megan Baumgart, Lori Goedde; second row: Coach Charlie Braun, Sarah Mesker, Jenny Effinger, Sarah Hamilton, Meg Liffick, Lora Stephens, Katie Raben. (Not pictured: Jenny Morrow)



# Scoreboard

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

|            |           |   |
|------------|-----------|---|
|            | Sectional |   |
| Mt. Vernon | 0         | 5 |

Tennis: (front row) Nathaniel Rivers, Jim Kissel, Josh Williams, Charlie Stoltz; second row: Coach Mike Tippery, Dan Werner, B.J. Hauke, Steve Schaefer, Peter Fehrenbacher. (Not pictured: Jeff Elpers)





'This Calls For

# The Perfect Cheer'

The Mater Dei cheerleaders began preparing for the upcoming season even before the 1995-96 school year came to a close. With only two returning varsity cheerleaders, a new coach (Mrs. Lisa Wannemuehler), and a single senior, the cheerleaders appeared to be in a rebuilding stage.

United and motivated through their summer camp, the girls were determined to make this season one of the best ever. Not only did the squads unite, but many new friendships blossomed as the year progressed.

The cheerleaders' dedication paid off, allowing them to perfect several new stunts and mounts.

All 17 girls did more than ever to increase the students' interest, to get the fans involved, and to show their

support of the players. The cheerleaders devoted numerous hours to creating exciting signs and posters for both the football and the basketball teams.

The players in turn gave

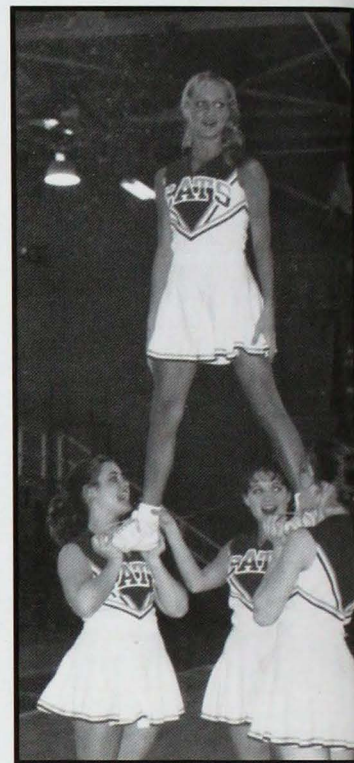
them plenty to cheer about.

The varsity cheerleaders had the privilege of cheering at many exciting boys' basketball victories on their way to their first winning season in 15 years.

The season was surprisingly productive, and the girls will have many fond and unforgettable memories to cherish.



ABOVE: Varsity and reserve cheerleaders huddle before the camera man at Reitz Bowl. RIGHT: Varsity cheerleaders impress the crowd at an assembly.



Stephanie Wargel, Pam Steinkamp, Ann Weber, Julie Buedel, Heather Knapp, Jessica Butler, Willy the Wildcat (Dustin Lindsey and Sara Montgomery played the role), Sarah Werner, and Rebecca Pictor dance the can-can before basketball homecoming.





ABOVE: Varsity Cheerleaders: (front row) Julie Buedel, Stefani Reidford, Ann Weber, Sarah Werner, Kerri Vowels, Natalie Shetler, and Andrea Masters (not pictured.) Reserve Cheerleaders: (second row) Stephanie Wargel, Pam Steinkamp, Heather Knapp, Rebecca Pictor, and Jessica Butler. LEFT: Junior Sarah Werner knows MD Basketball is #1.



ABOVE: Freshmen cheerleaders Stephanie Markin, Carla Waller, Jennie Hillenbrand, Lindsey Helfrich, and Nicole Elpers show their true green side on Color Day. ABOVE RIGHT: Varsity friends celebrate in the hospitality room after a home victory.



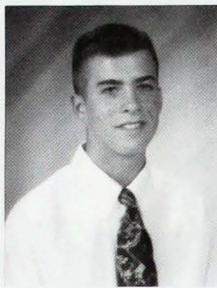
The responsibility of holding a sign is a bit overwhelming for junior Stefani Reidford. Varsity and Reserve cheerleaders salute the flag while singing the national anthem.



# CLASS of 1998



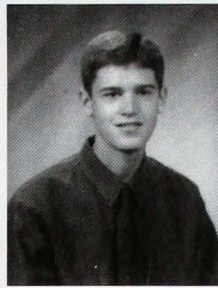
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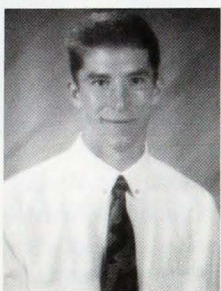
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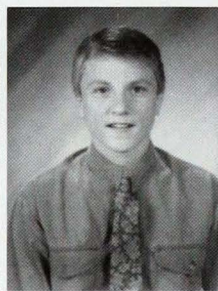
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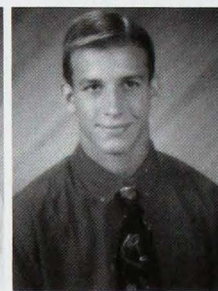
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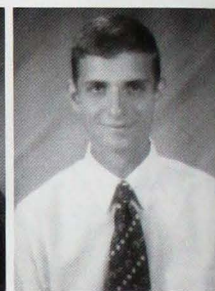
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Michelle Bohleber



Brandon Boots



Andrew Bradley



Nicholas  
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Julie Buedel



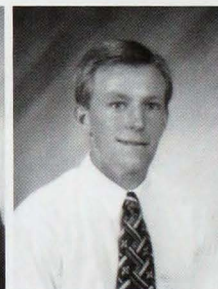
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Andrew Coomes



Kira Crowds



Michael Dewitt



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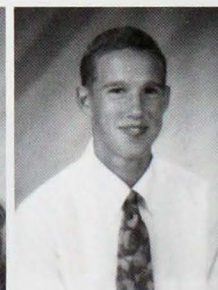
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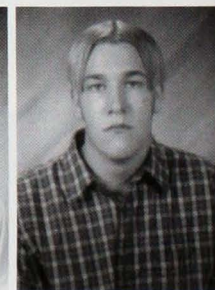
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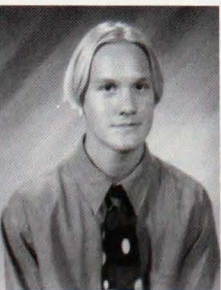
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Mark Folz



Eric Ford



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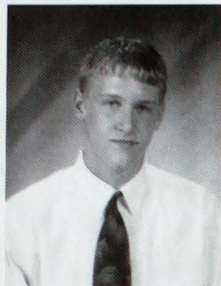
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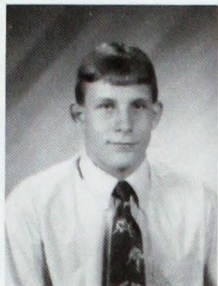
# Mission: One year to go



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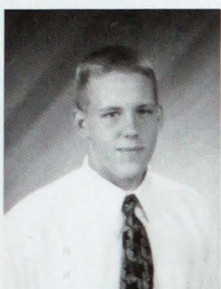
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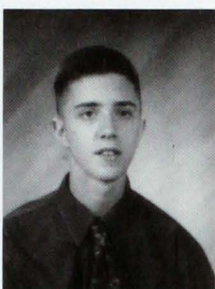
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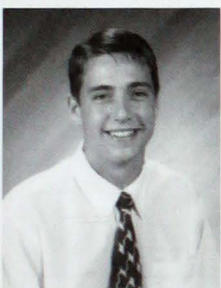
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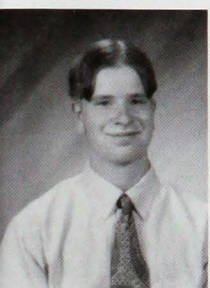
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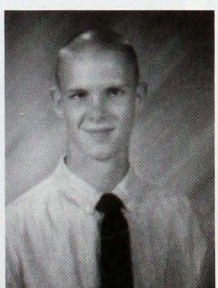
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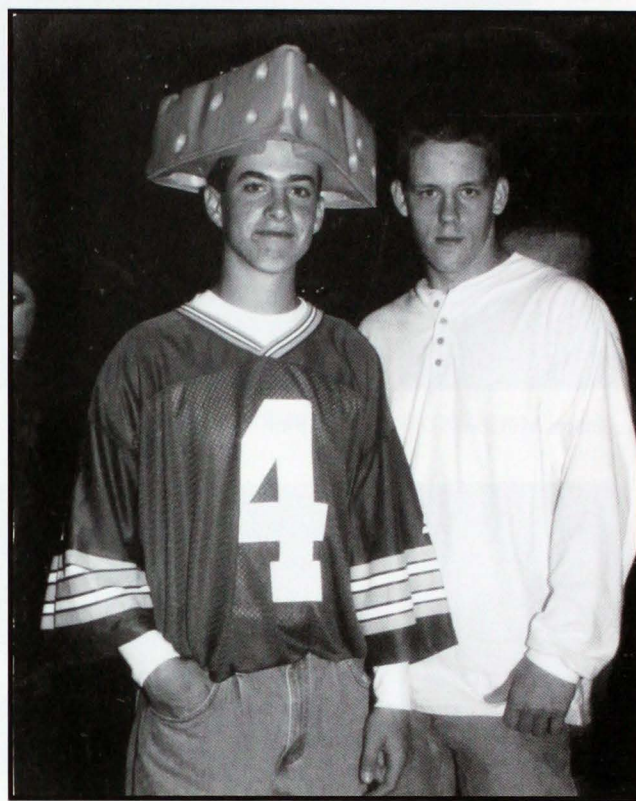
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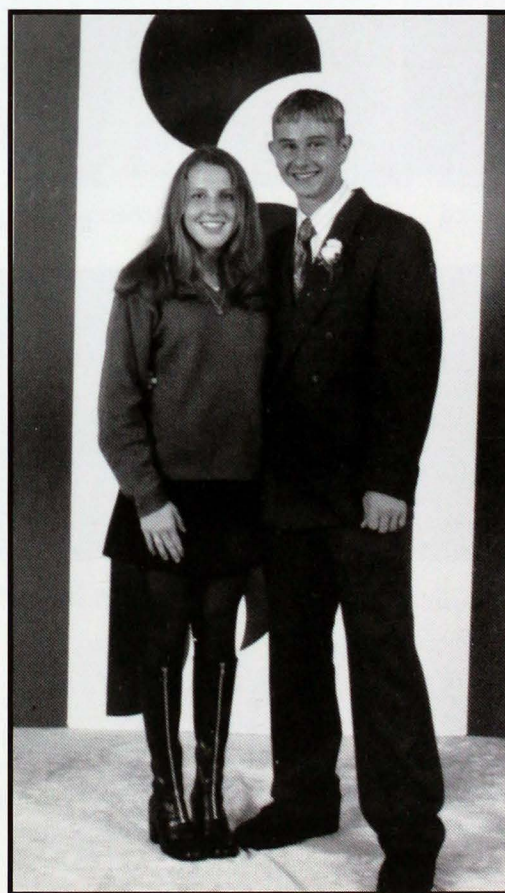


Dustin Lannert



ABOVE: Danny Adler and Jeremy Herrmann "cheese" for the camera at the Halloween Dance.

BELOW: Stephanie Moore and Jon Straus pause to capture a memory of Football Homecoming.







Shawn Lewis



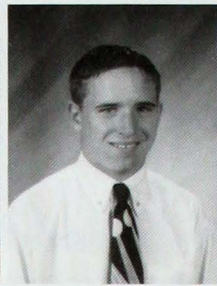
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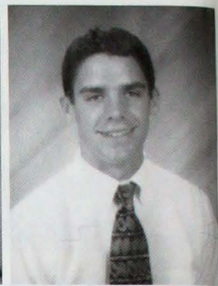
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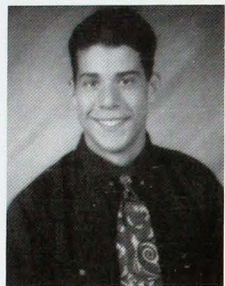
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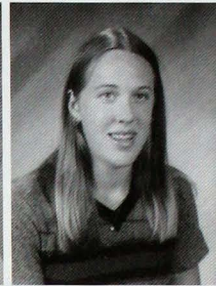
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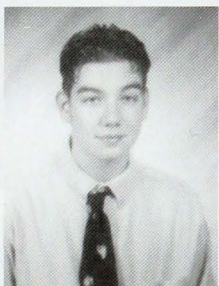
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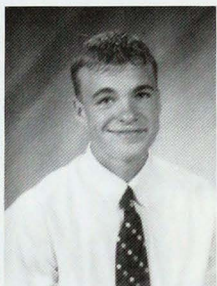
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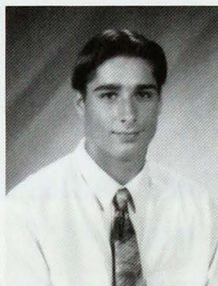
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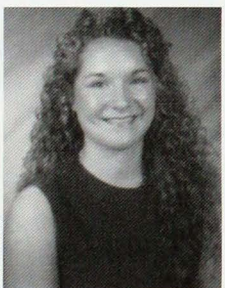
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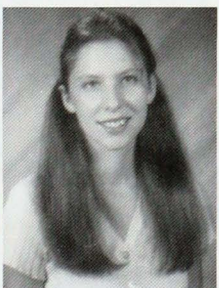
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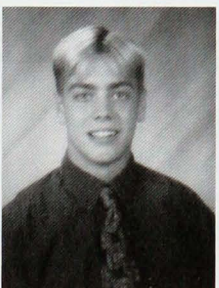
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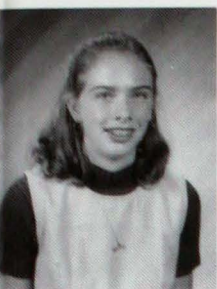
Mindy Schenk

# JUNIORS

RIGHT: Beth Ritzert  
and Evelyn Rexing,  
red and gold from  
head to toe.







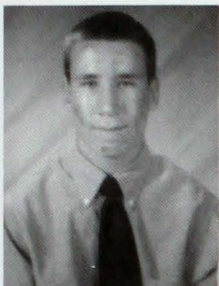
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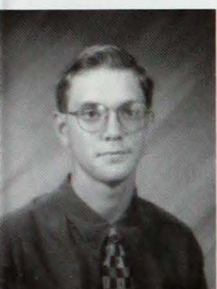
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Eugene Schmitt



Stefani Reidford, Heidi Tenbarger, and Stephanie Stonecipher demonstrate how not to use Choice period.



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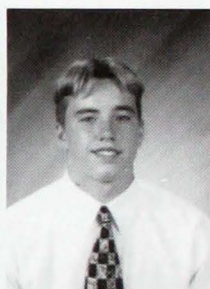
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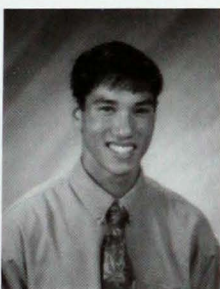
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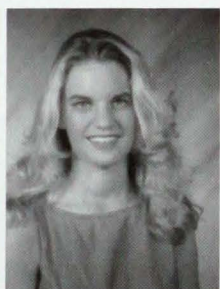
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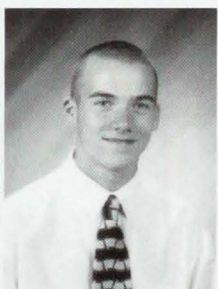
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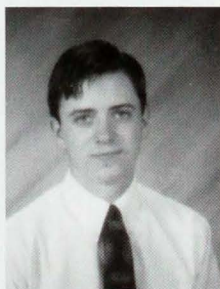
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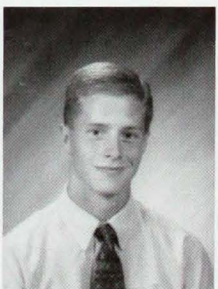
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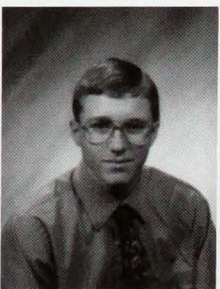
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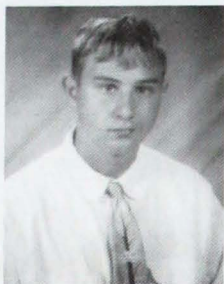


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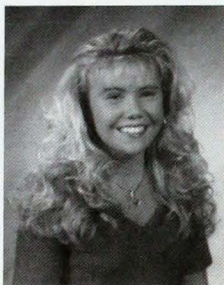
LEFT: Dustin Lannert and Chris Maynard get a little close at the Christmas Dance, as Brandon Boots watches.

# JUNIORS





Jonathan Straus



Heidi Tenbarger



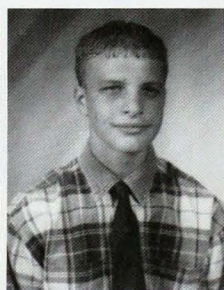
Stephanie Rexing, Meaghan Topper, Emily Steinback, Tracey Reising, and Andria Haton go Hawaiian for spirit week.



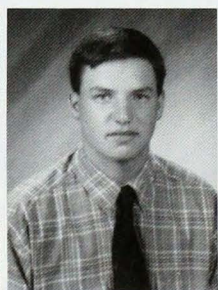
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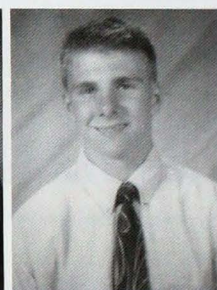
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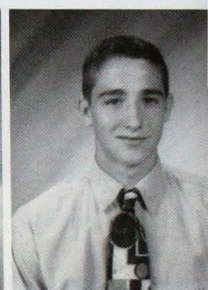
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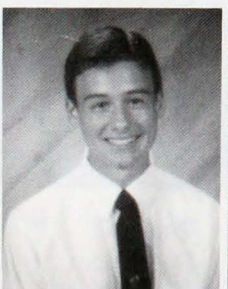
Matthew Walker



Joshua Waterman



Brian Wathen



Daniel Werner



Noah Werner



ABOVE: Erin Goebel, Emily Knapp and Amanda Inkenbrandt all have bright smiles to match their bright white shirts.



RIGHT: Renee Shirk and Sara Wilson strike a pose during the walkathon.

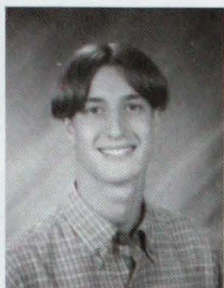


# 'One Fine Day'

# 'Save the Best for Last'



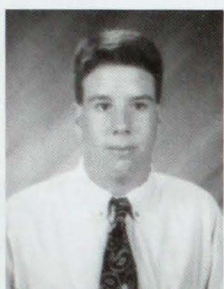
Sarah Werner



James Whitney



Gerard Wildeman



Keith Wildeman



Sara Wilson



Kristi Winternheimer



Tracey Reising and Chris Droste represent the juniors at basketball homecoming.



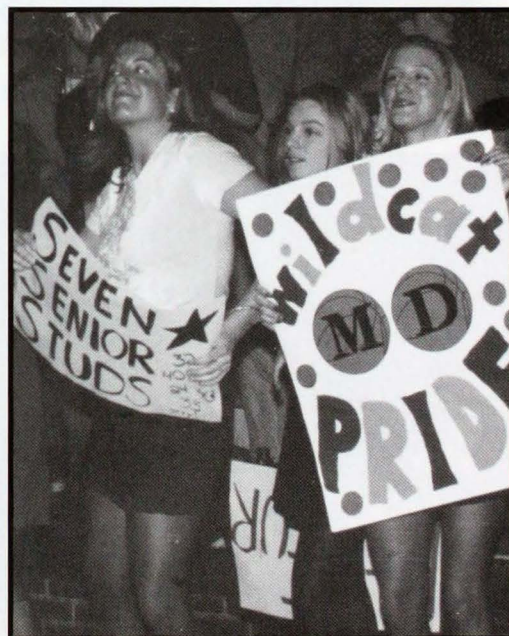
Junior Keith Wildeman was one of the drum majors.



Andy Funke tried to figure out what was sitting next to him. Can you?



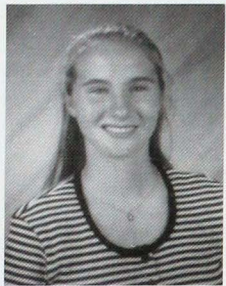
Katie Faraone, Terra Muensterman, Stephanie Rexing and Julie Buedel use their Choice time wisely.



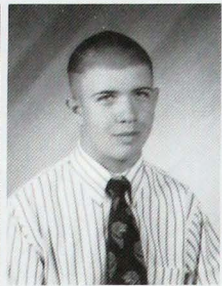
Stephanie Stonecipher, Cari Miller, and Kathy Little show off their Wildcat pride during a basketball game.



# CLASS of 1999



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Nicholas Adler



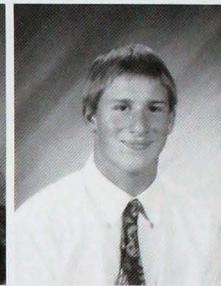
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April Altstadt



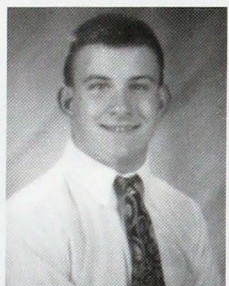
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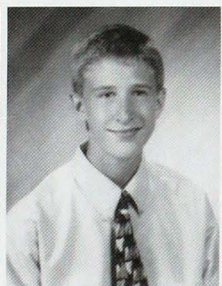
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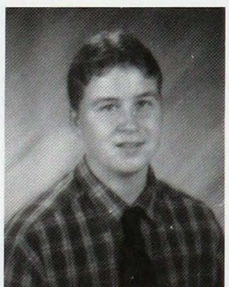
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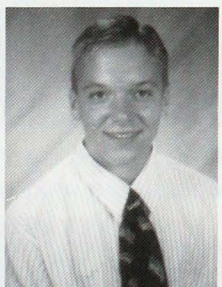
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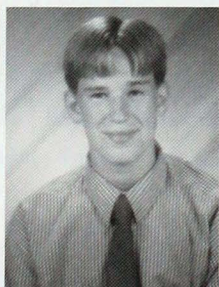
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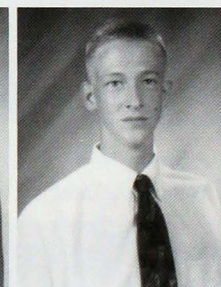
Blair Borries



Charles Bouch



Jessica Butler



Adam Commens



Regina Conner



Audrey Hinderliter and Jessica Weis are two of the Miss Irresistible candidates.



Brikelle Cox



Krista Dausman



Lora Dick



Jenny Effinger



Brian Eickhoff



Andrew Elfreich



Amy Ellert



Emily Elpers



# Mission: Two years to go



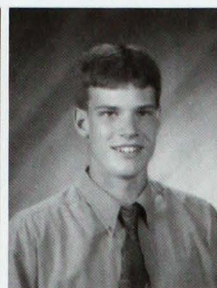
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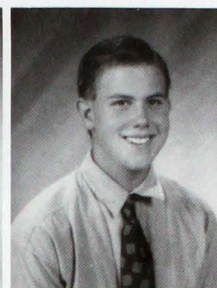
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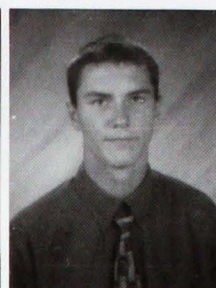
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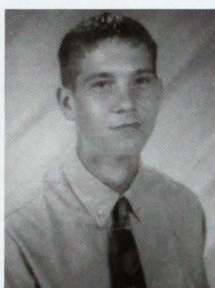
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Lorna Fischer



Kevin Folz



Matthew Frantz



Jocelyn Gibson



Lori Goedde



Erin Govert



Nicholas Gries



Margaret Halbig



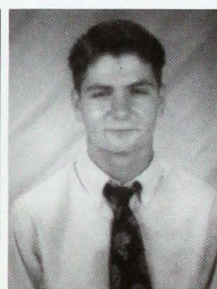
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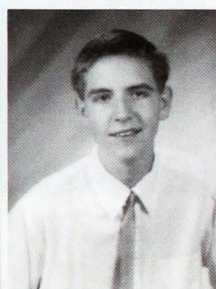
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Joshua Hedderich



Peter Helfrich



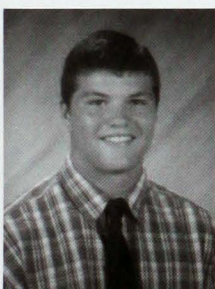
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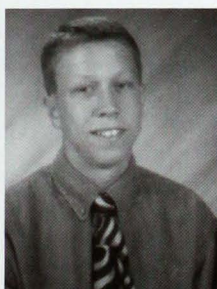
Joshua  
Hillenbrand



Audrey  
Hinderliter



David Hisch



Joshua Hodge



Anna Hutchison



Daniel Jankowski



Abigail Johnson



Sarah Jost



Kevin Folz struggles to get through the crowded sophomore hall. The rest of the school had the same problem.

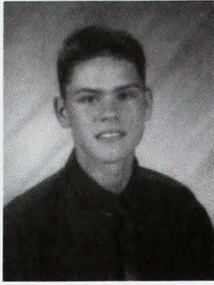


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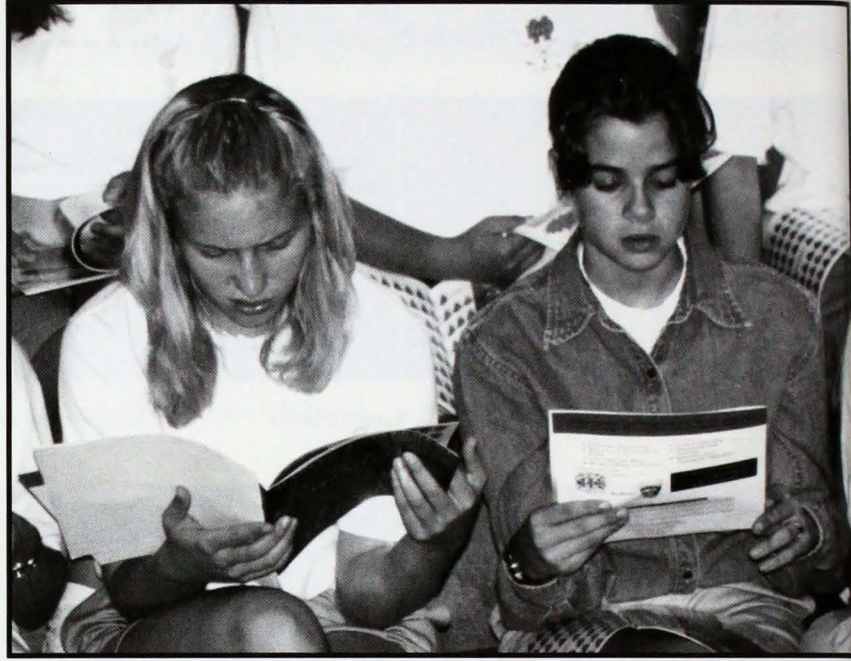
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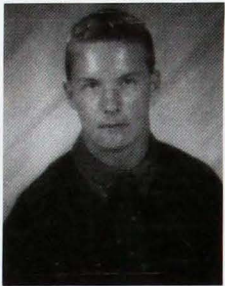
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Shannon Kempf



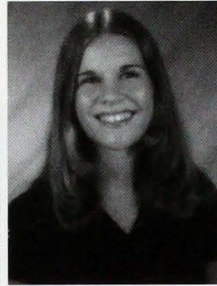
Lorna Fischer and Jessica Butler try to decide which class ring to buy.



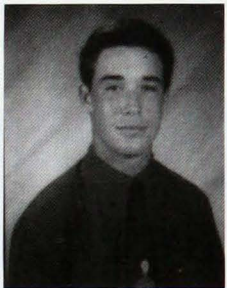
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Charlene Kirsch



Heather Knapp



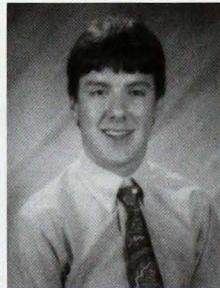
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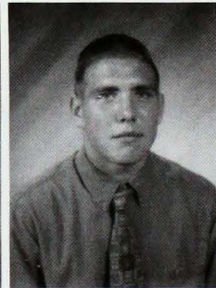
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Amy Krack



Aaron Kunkel



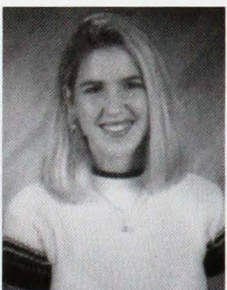
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Patrick Lamble



Michelle Langton



Brianne Lemberg



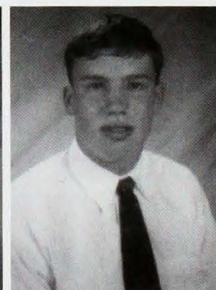
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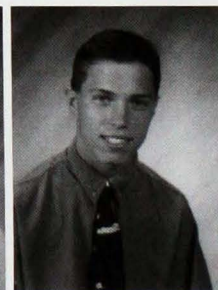
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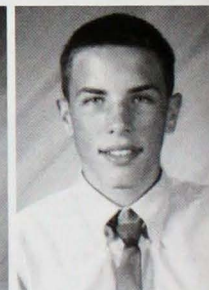
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Dustin Macke



Chad Martin



Jacob Martin



Daniel Mayer



Paul McDonald



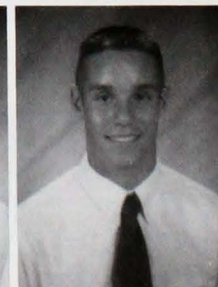
Sarah Mesker



Deidre Messmer



Isaac Miller



Nicholas Miller



Scott Miller



# ‘Scream’ ... They’re blocking hallways again



Michelle Mills



Jennifer Moll



Sara Montgomery



Richard Morris



Hollie Morrow



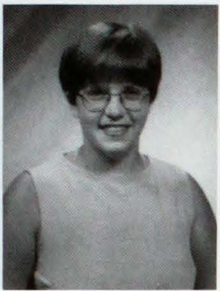
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Dana Mosby



Cory Mueth



Valerie Murray



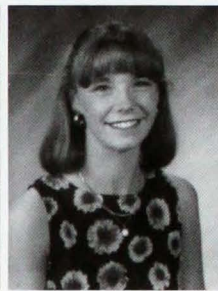
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Anthony Paul



Derrick Paul



Angela Paulson



Adam Raben



Nicholas Raben



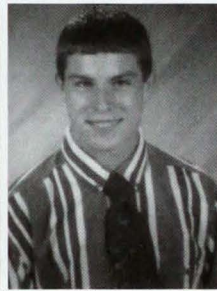
Angela  
Reckelhoff



John Reis



Donald Reising



Joshua Reising



Lisa Reising



Jamie Rexing



Decisions, decisions! Anna Ward takes a close look at all the different ring designs.



Matthew Riordan



Nathaniel Rivers



John Rudisill



Anna Ruggles



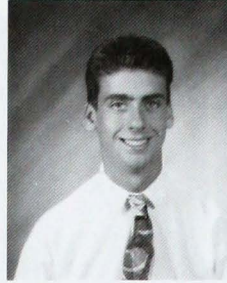
Lesley Sabel



Melissa Sabel



# Class of 1999



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Joshua Sandwell



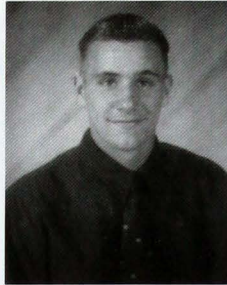
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Sara Schenk



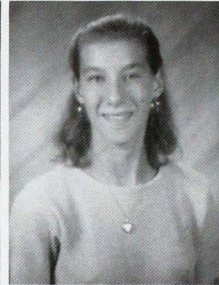
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Adam Schiff



Nathan Schiff



April Schmitt



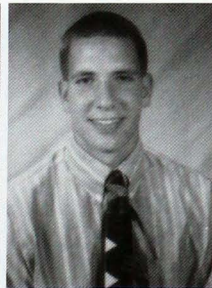
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Jennifer Schmitt



Kendra Schmitt



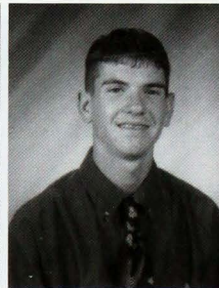
Robert Schmitt



Elita Sheridan



Natalie Shetler



Curt Sills



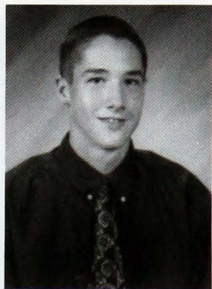
Mary Smither



Benjamin Smyth



Angela Sotolongo



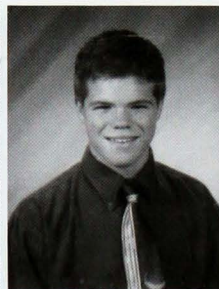
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Lynn Spahn



Crystal Spivey



Barry Steinkamp



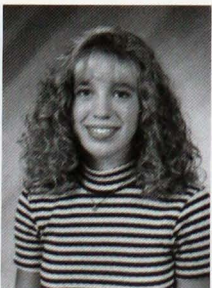
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Thomas Stoltz II



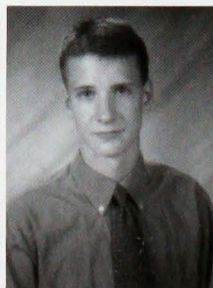
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Jamie Tepool



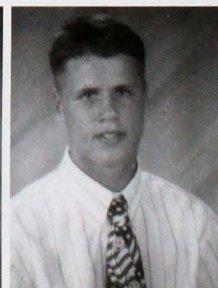
Kenneth Titzer



Joseph Traylor



Amanda Uhde



David Unfried



Jennifer Vick



# 'Growing Pains'



FAR LEFT: Jenny Farmer and, ABOVE, Angela Reckelhoff, relax in their pajamas during football Spirit Week.



Kerri Vowels



Christopher Waelde



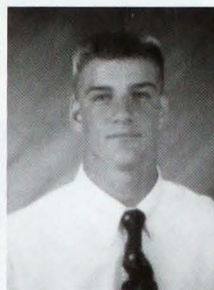
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Anna Ward



Daniel Ward



Joshua Wargel



Stephanie Wargel



Kortney Weber



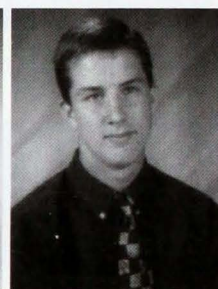
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Jessica Weis



Andrea Werner



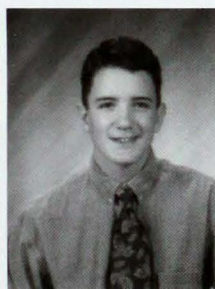
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Alicia Wilderman



Roger Wilderman



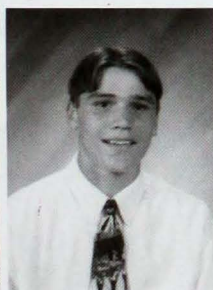
James Will



Katie Will



Julie Wittgen



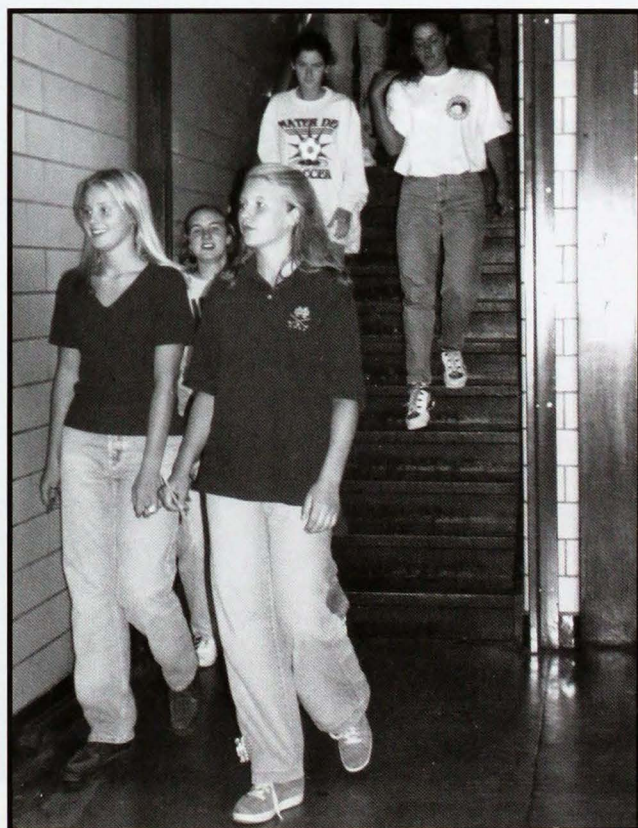
Andrew Woehler



Sarah Wright



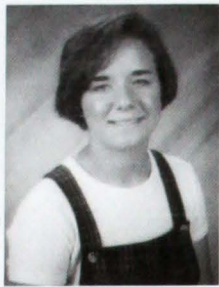
Michelle Zirkelbach



Sophomores dress in red and gold to show their school spirit.



# CLASS of 2000



Kelli Adcock



Adam Adler



Jessica Adler



Matthew Adler



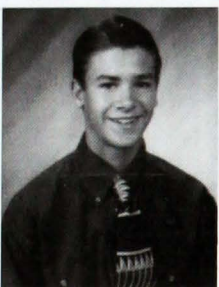
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Aldenderfer



Daniel Altstadt



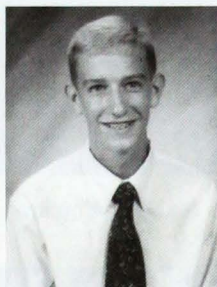
Peter Amundson



Kyle Babcock



Kristen Baehl



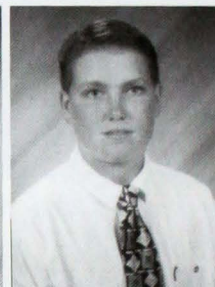
Mark Bauer



Andrew  
Baumgartner



Jodi Bittner



Jacob Boehman



Brian Brown



Eric Brown



Anh Bui



Sara Burdette



Lara Burgdorf



Marcus Cole



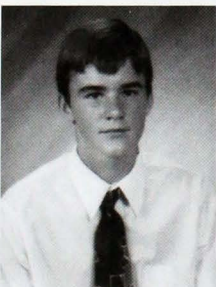
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Jennifer Coomes



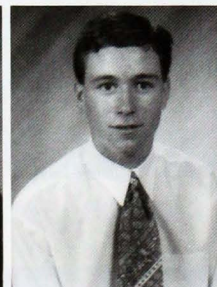
Nathan DeVillez



Jason Dewig



Katie Dewig



Joseph Dewitt



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Nikki Donofrio



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Matthew Dressel



Nicole Droste



Bradley Elpers



Jeremy Elpers



Justin Elpers



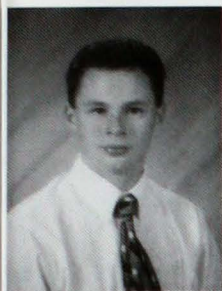
Nicole Elpers



Craig Elsner



# 'Mission: Impossible'



Anthony Ennis



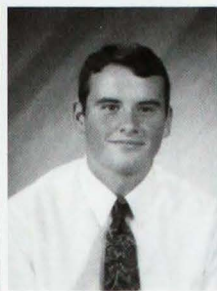
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Traci Fehrenbacher



Zachary Fehrenbacher



Christopher File



Brandon Frazer



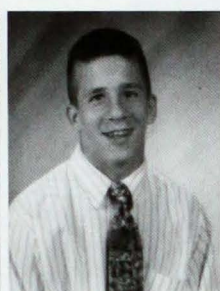
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Natalie Gaffney



Joshua Gidcumb



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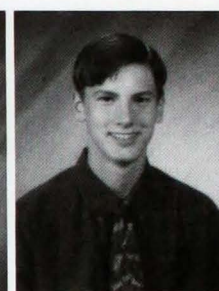
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Carrie Goebel



Nick Goebel



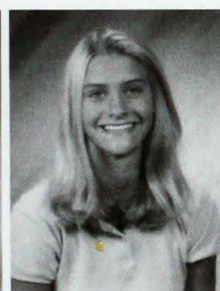
Blake Goedde



Shay Grasso



Brandon Gretler



Sarah Gries



Jason Hall



Andrea Haller



Mitch Happe



John Harmon



Angela Hayden



Lindsey Helfrich



Mark Walker, Jeff Kirchoff, and Jake Tucker swing on the tire as they rest from the exhausting Walkathon.



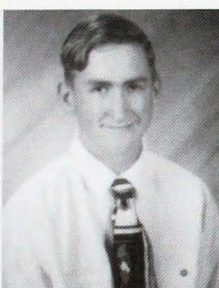
# Class of 2000



Jessica Herrmann



Jennie  
Hillenbrand



Thomas Hines



Paul Hite



Freshmen goof off after class. Natalie Miller, Nicole Droste, Anh Bui, Renee Rietman, Laura Knapp, Kimberly Muth, Andrea Haller, Traci Fehrenbacher, Christopher Stratman, Carrie Goebel and an anonymous pair of eyes cheese for the camera.



Tina Hoang



Kristina Hunt



Natalie Jansen



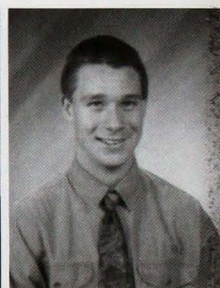
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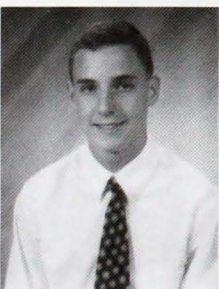
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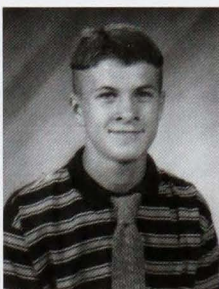
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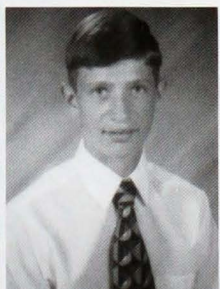
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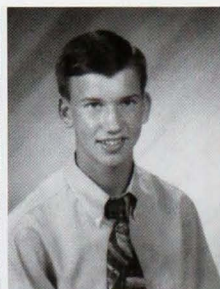
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Bradley Kempf



John Kiefer



Jeffrey Kirchoff



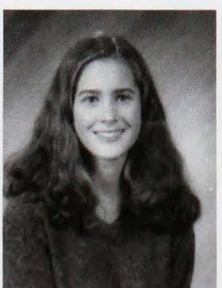
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Jim Kissel



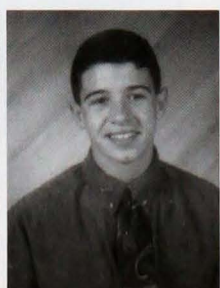
Benjamin Knapp



Laura Knapp



Sarah Kothe



Michael Lahr



Kristopher Lamb



Erin Lambert



Mark Lannert



# 'We've Only Just Begun'



Julie Lehman



Jason Lewis



Rebecca Lutz



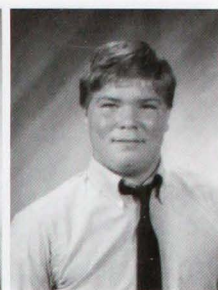
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Adam Maddox



Stephanie Markin



Jonathon Martin



Kristen Masters



Kelly  
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Cara Messmer



Shaun Meyer



Wade Miller



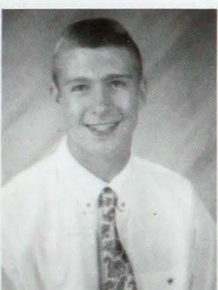
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Michael Moers



Alexandra Moll



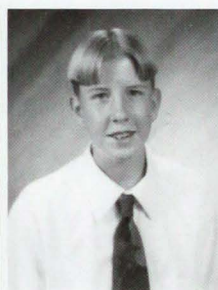
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Katherine  
Morrow



Daniel Musick



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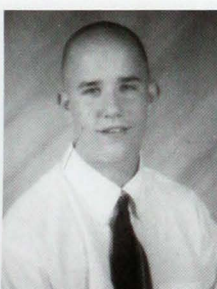
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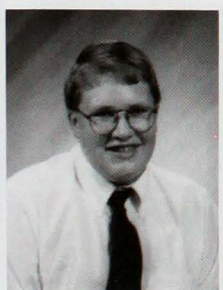
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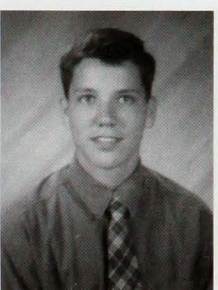
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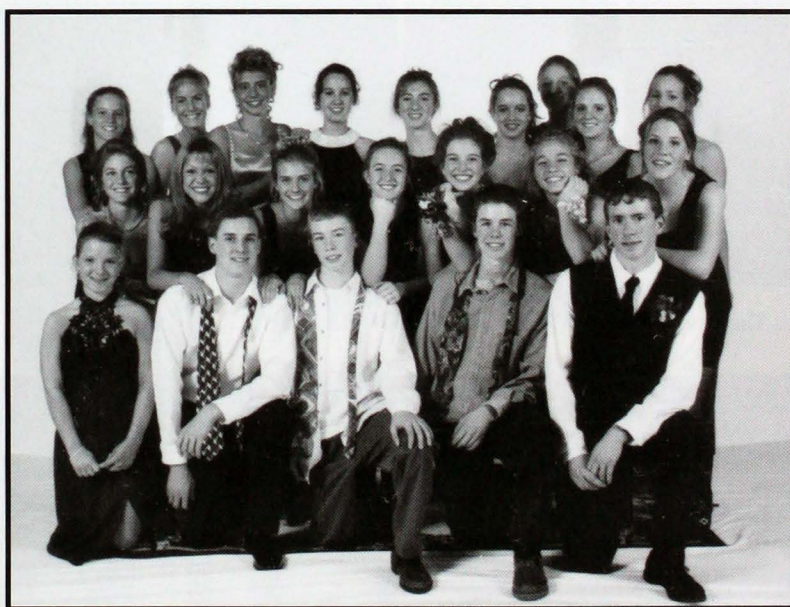
Derek Paulin



Timothy Pigman



Katie Raben



Freshman friends commemorate their lovely evening at the Christmas dance.



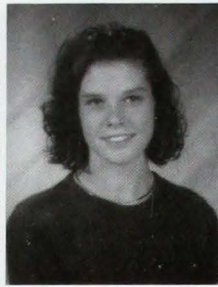
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Jennifer Reffett



Jillian Regal



Toni Reising



Renee Rietman



Christy Rogge



Kristina Rousey



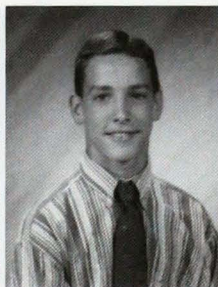
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Samuel Rupprecht



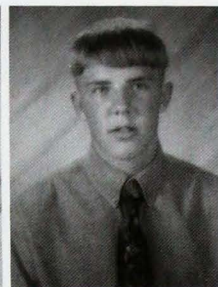
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Jason Scheller



Julia Schenk



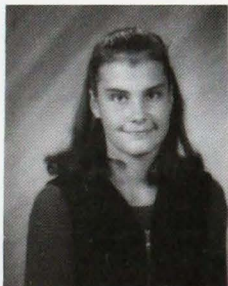
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Tricia Schenk



Anne Schili



Jill Schlichting



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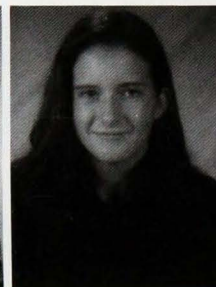
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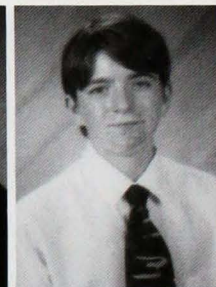
Charissa Spaetti



Jamie Spahn



Jennifer Steinkamp



Benjamin  
Stevens



Beth Stofleth



Charles Stoltz



Chris Stratman



Tammy Titzer



Eli Todich



Joshua Todich



Jennifer Tornatta



# 'CLUELESS'



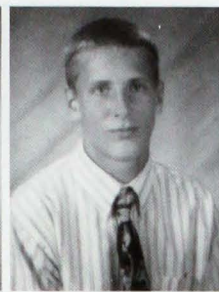
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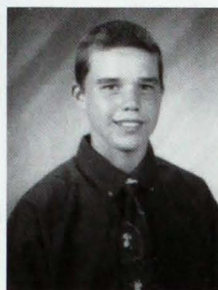
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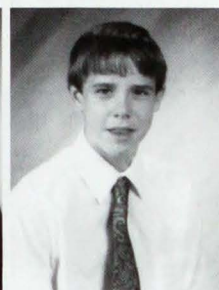
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Carla Waller



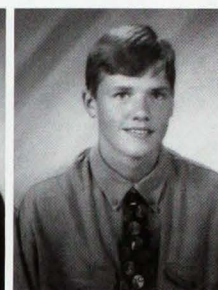
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Matthew Weber



John Webster



Adam Weinzapfel



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Clayton  
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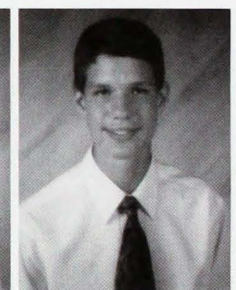
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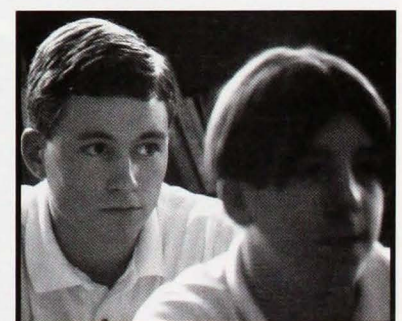


Joshua Ziliak



Natalie Zimmer

LEFT: Doug Moore, Aaron Schnurr, and Ben Niemeier actively participate in learning. RIGHT: What's on Joe Dewitt's mind? Surely not class.





**TAKE  
SEVEN**

Mater Dei

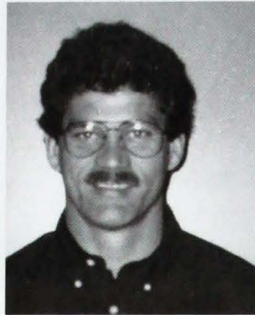
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THE **H**ISTORY



Mr. John Goebel

Sociology



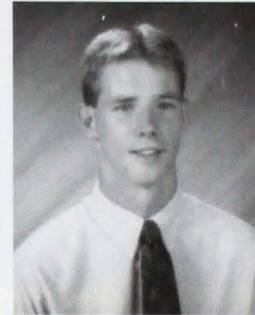
Mr. Mike Goebel

Government



Mr. Darin Knight

U.S. History



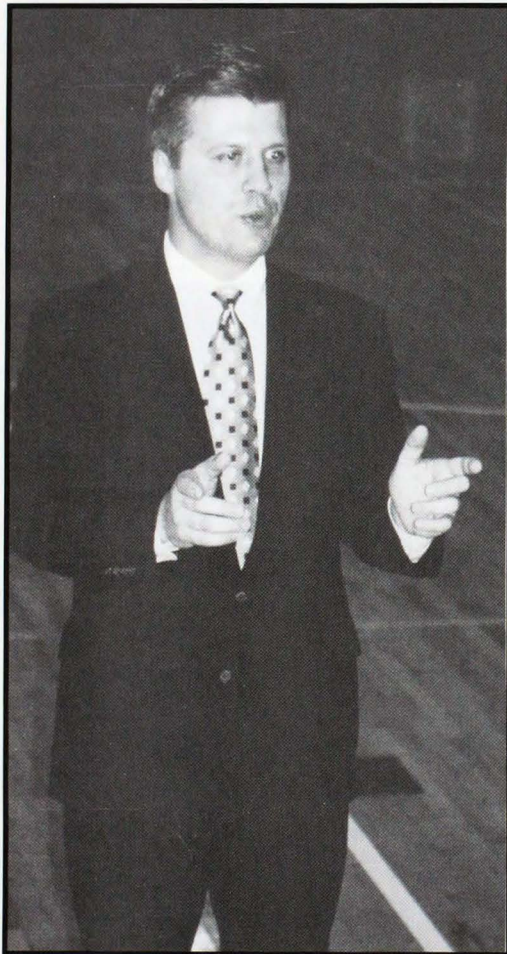
Mr. Mike Tippery

World History



Mr. Dave Wathen

World History,  
Church History

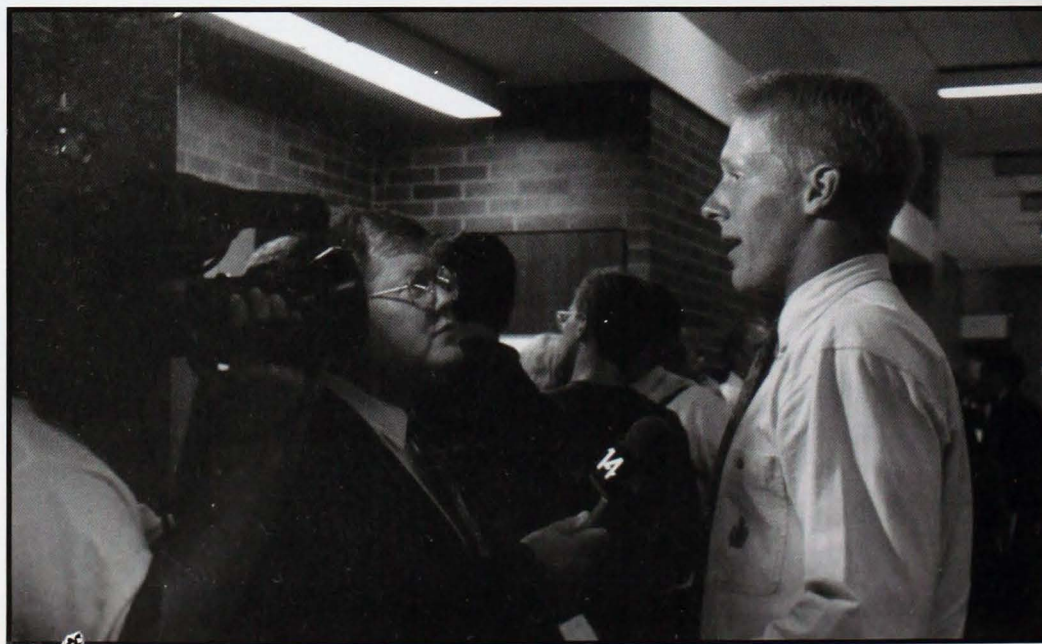


ABOVE: Republican Congressman John Hostettler visits Mater Dei prior to the November election. Hostettler won.



Government teacher Mr. Mike Goebel talks with Indiana Chief Justice Randy Shepard.

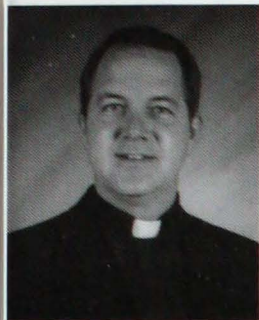
RIGHT: Jay Zimmer from WFIE-14 interviews senior Mike Schroeder. His class attended an Indiana Supreme Court hearing on a murder case in Evansville.





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## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR



Fr. Mark  
Kurzendoerfer  
Chaplain



Sr. Donna Marie  
Sacraments, History



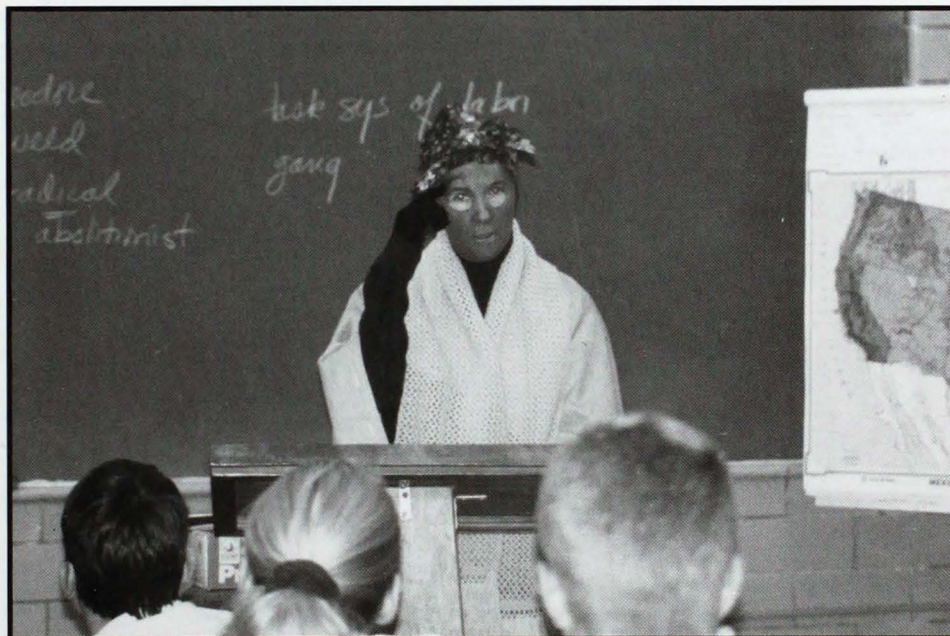
Mr. John  
McMullen  
Catechism



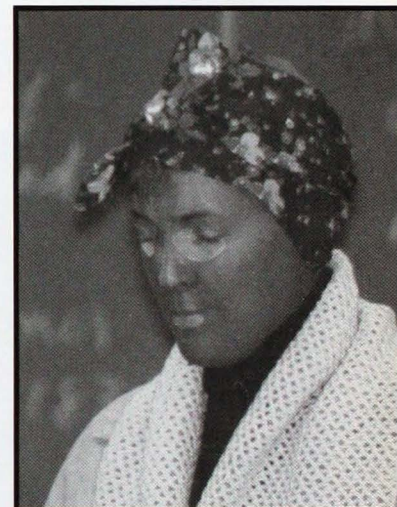
Mr. Scott  
Whitehouse  
Social Justice



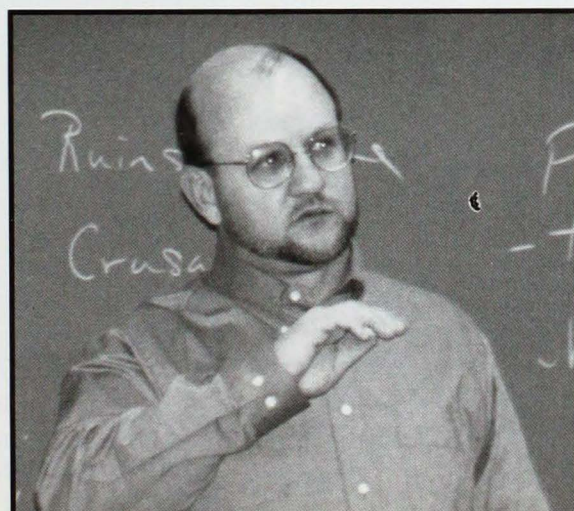
ABOVE: Indiana Chief Justice Randy Shepard poses with a group of seniors from Mr. Goebel's history and government classes.



LEFT: Mr. Dave Wathen is teaching Church History.



LEFT & ABOVE: Sister Donna Marie portrays Harriet Tubman.



BELOW: Senior Joe Mayer is interviewed by WEVV-44.





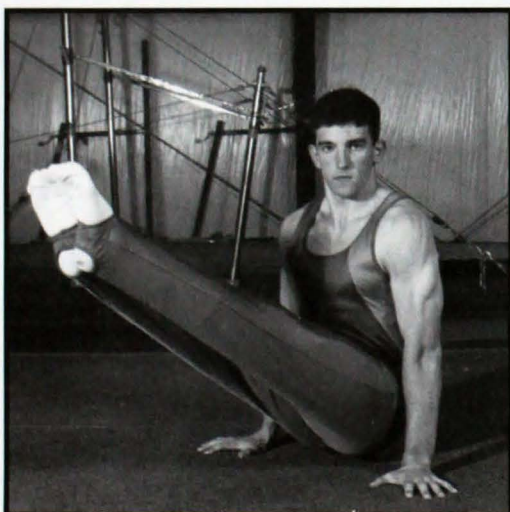
## Field trips



Mr. Schleiter's field trip to Chicago is a blast. Megan Baumgart inspect a submarine's periscope at the Field Museum. Trying to catch snowflakes are Crystal Spivey, Amanda Uhde, Deidre Messmer, and Jessica Butler. And another group plays with a missile.



## Tributes

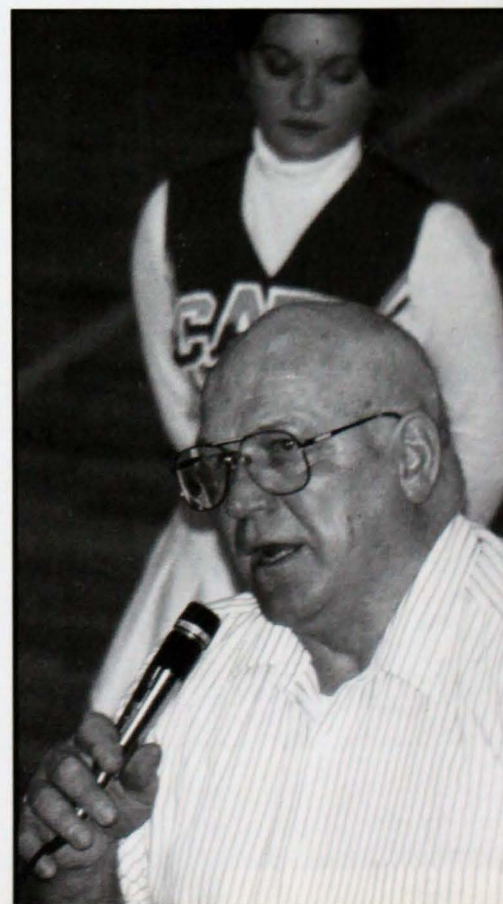


Mr. Frank Will is honored at a basketball game for his long career in football coaching. Heath Stewart answers the call as a volunteer firefighter. He won an award for his heroic efforts in saving a man's life at a restaurant. State champion gymnast Nick Dixon got to perform in a gymnastics show at Roberts Stadium.

## Law Day



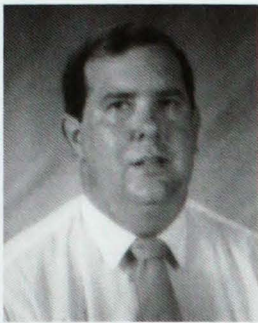
Mater Dei seniors take part in the annual Law Day at the Courts Building in downtown Evansville. Students take the roles of attorneys, jurors, and witnesses in a mock trial.





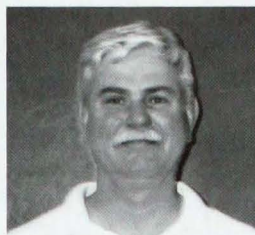
# *'When I Paint My Masterpiece'*

**Mr. Chris Moers**



Art Specialties,  
Art 1

**Mr. Roger Sills**



Commercial  
Art, Art 1

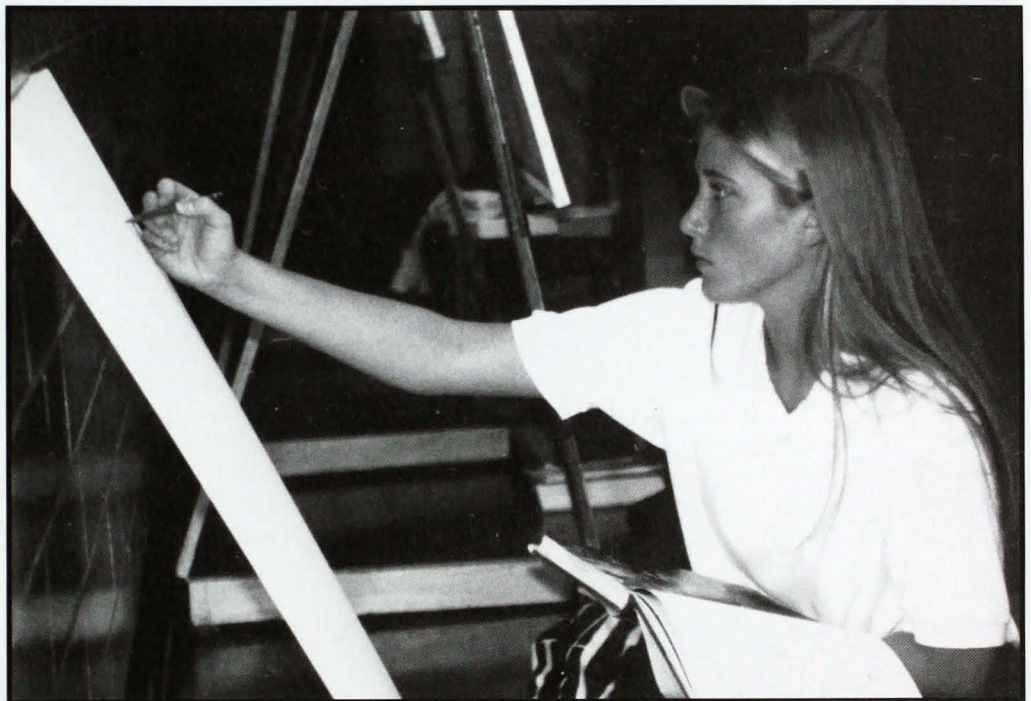
**Ms. JoAnn Volz**



Drafting,  
Art 1



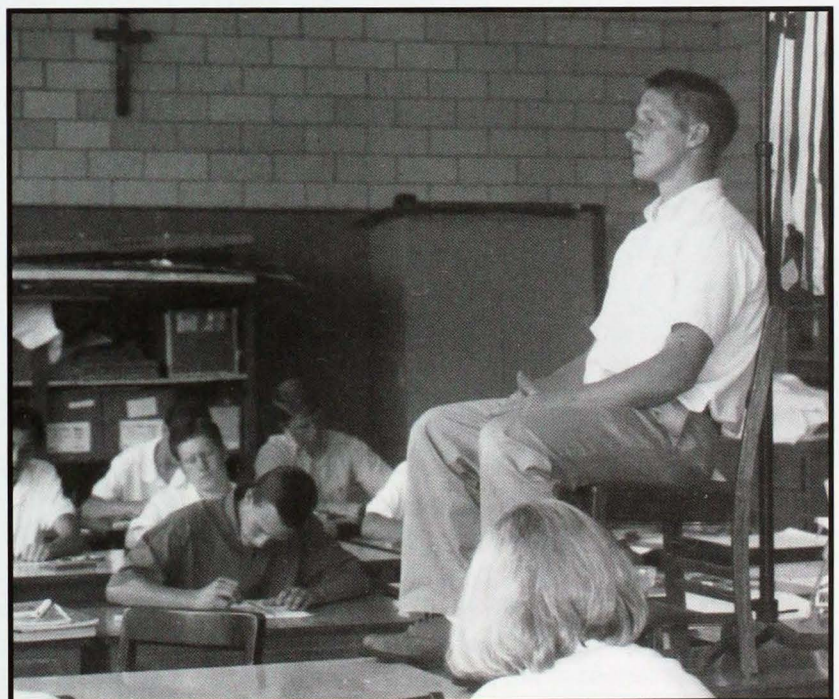
ABOVE: Juniors Lora Stephens, Teresa Lutz and Christina Ulrich find the hallway a perfect place to work on their project.



RIGHT: Junior Evelyn Rexing sees a masterpiece hidden in the blank canvas.



ABOVE: Senior Chad Schenk adds details and color to what is sure to be a work of art. RIGHT: Senior Mike Schroeder models for future Picassos.

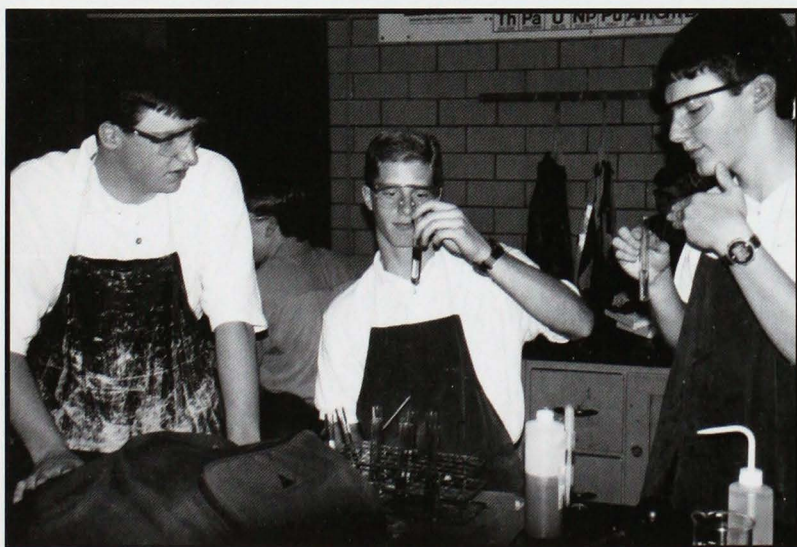
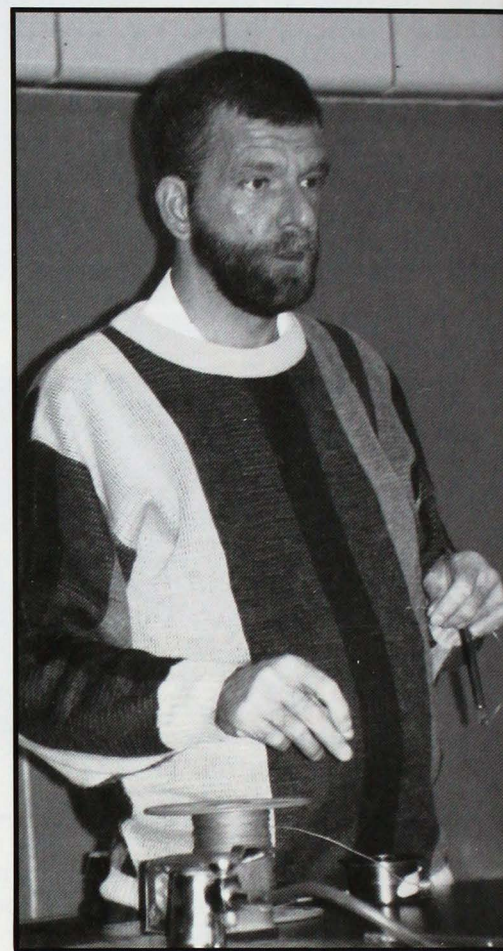




# Weird Science



ABOVE: The newly constructed "Outdoor Classroom" provided a unique learning experience for seniors Brian Knapp, Mike Petrig, Nicole Dressel, and Kelly Sergesketter. RIGHT: Mr. Randy Dick demonstrates a physics experiment to the class.



ABOVE: Juniors John Verkamp and John Stofleth, and sophomore Aaron Kunkel work with highly dangerous chemicals in chemistry class. RIGHT: Freshmen Julie Lehman and Kristina Hunt play the "Mouse Trap" game in Physical Science.





# Earth Science

# Chemistry

# Biology

## Anatomy

## Physics



Mr. Randy Dick

Physics,  
Algebra



Mr. Tom Dick

Biology,  
Earth Science



Mr. Bob Schleiter

Chemistry



Mr. Carl Voegel

Advanced Biology,  
Anatomy



Mrs. Lisa  
Wannemuehler

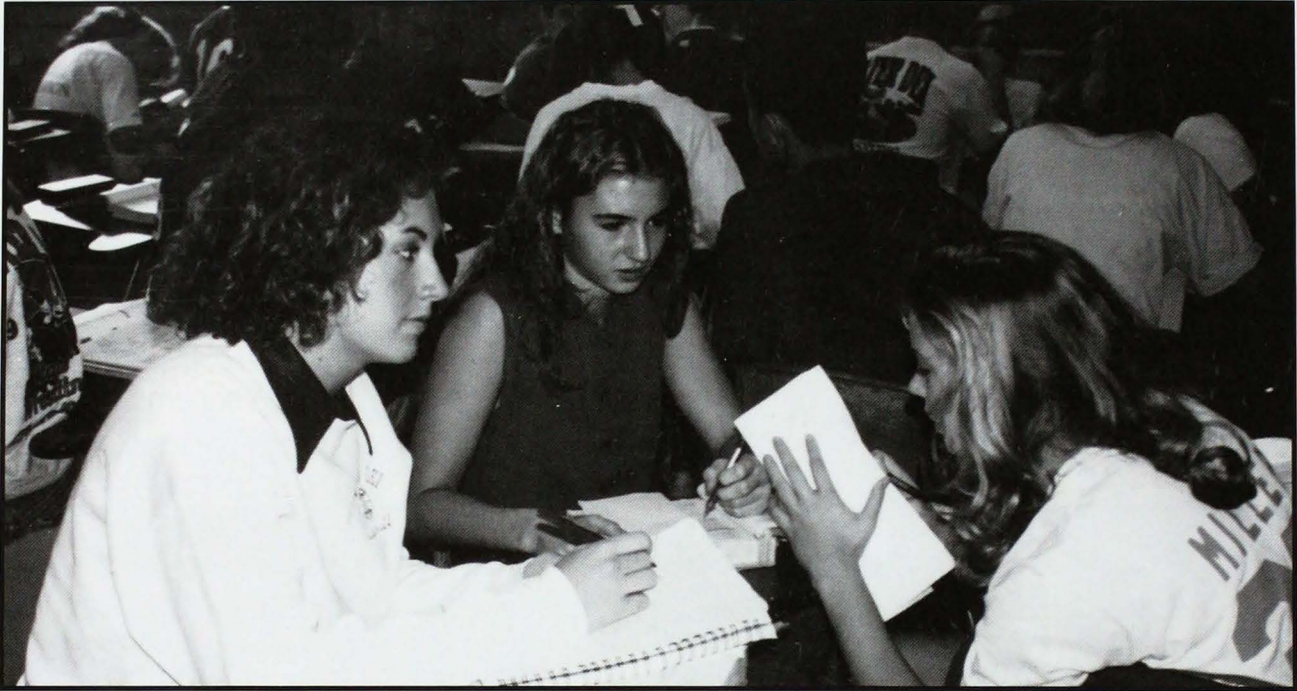
Physical Science



LEFT: Jennie Feulner watches Theresa Webster carefully make a physics measurement. TOP: Junior Ryan Kirsch examines a liquid for a chemistry lab. ABOVE: Sophomores Emily Elpers and Deidre Messmer are lab partners in chemistry class.



# MULTIPLICITY



Junior Stephanie Stonecipher, senior Shanna Hinderliter, and junior Natalie Emge study for a math test.



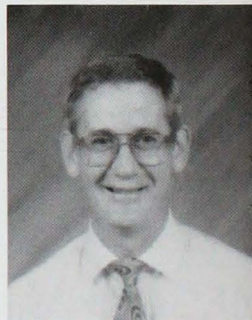
Mrs. Laura Hall

Geometry



Mrs. Debbie Haton

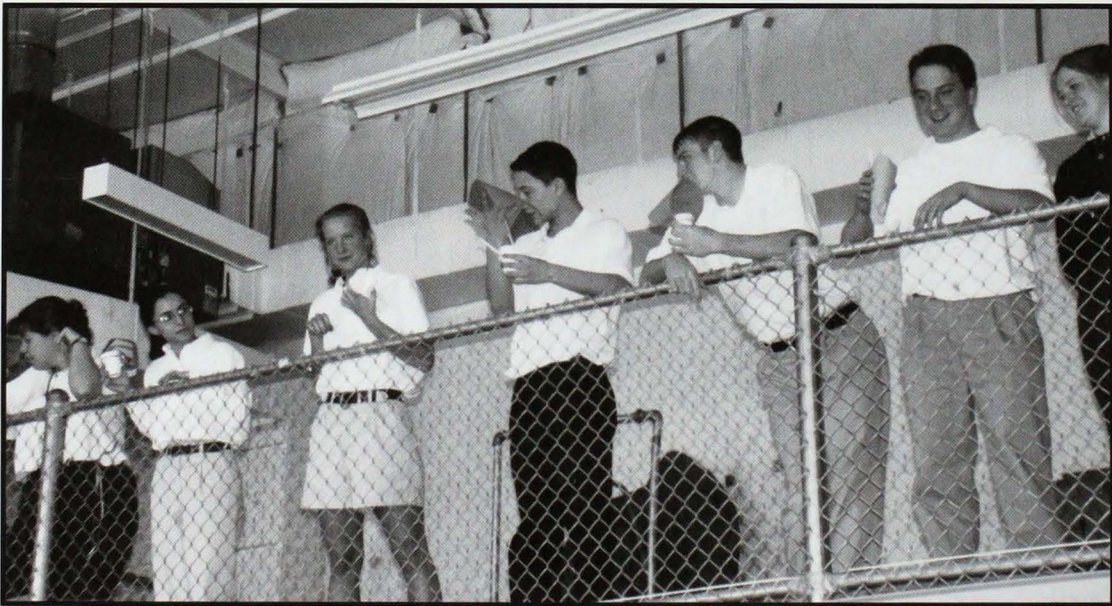
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Mr. Rick Keith

Algebra

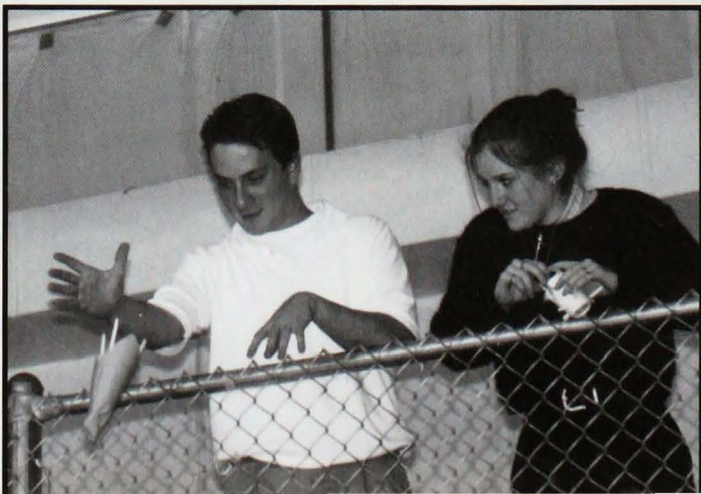
Seniors Ellen Brenner, Sarah Koressel, Becky Shetler, John Werner, Andy Mazzier, and Kevin Niemeier participate in a physics experiment in the new gym.



Becky Shetler and Andy Mazzier are stunned.



RIGHT: Erica Owen watches Kevin Niemeier attempt to drop this contraption without breaking the egg inside.



Mrs. Angela Strehl

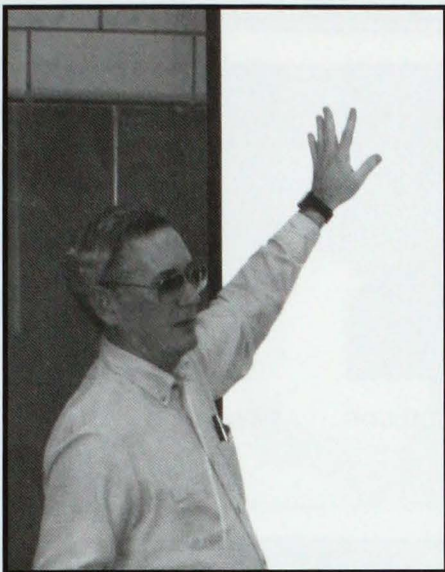
Pre-Algebra



# Taking Care of Business



Sr. Mary Francis  
Business



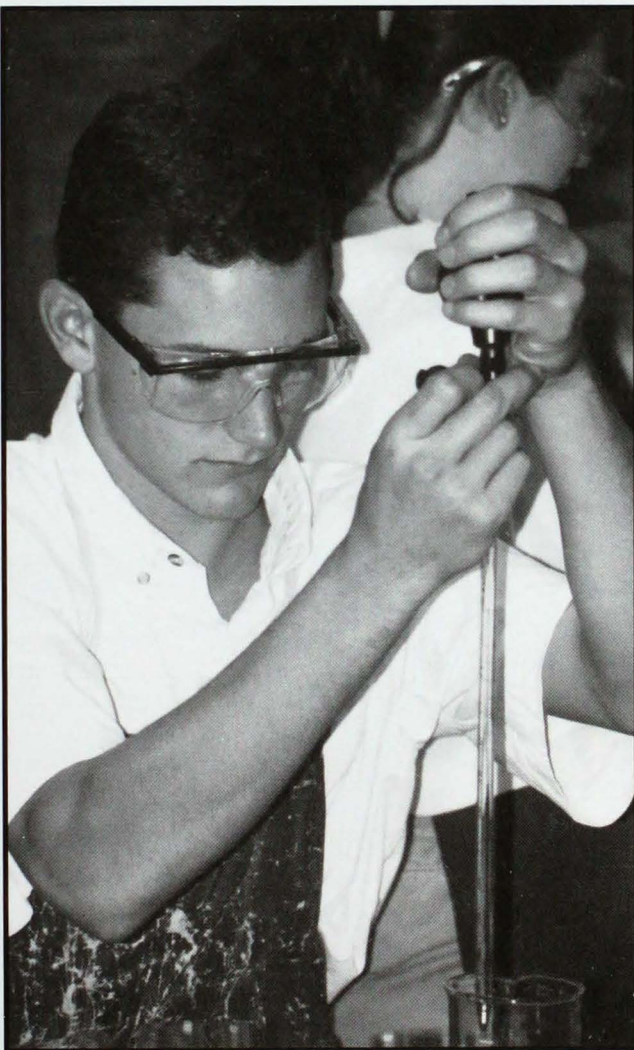
Mrs. Carol  
Hudgions  
Computer



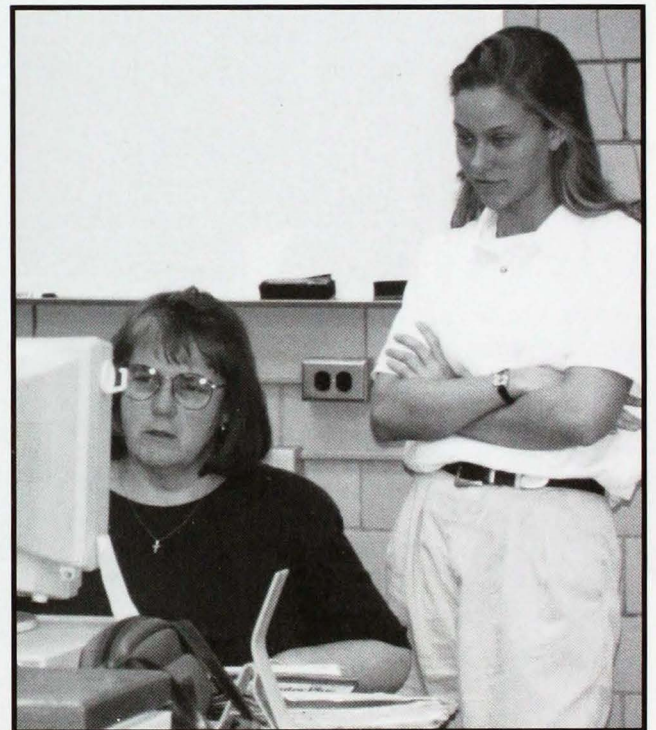
Mrs. Julia Kunkler  
Keyboarding



Mrs. Jeanne Thomas  
Algebra



ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Rick Keith demonstrates an algebra problem on the screen. ABOVE: Freshman Cara Messmer concentrates on her form in keyboarding.



ABOVE: Mrs. Carol Hudgions helps Jennie Feulner solve a computer problem.

LEFT: Senior Jeremy Kiesel measures a volatile substance with a burette.

Thanks to the Friends and Alumni Association and other generous donors, Mater Dei has a super computer lab as it strives to keep students abreast of the changing times.



# *The English Patient*



Mrs. Karen Blue  
Language Arts



Mrs. Brenda Donofrio  
English 10



Ms. Mary Pattison  
A.P. English



Mrs. Shea Reneer  
American Lit.



Ms. Rose Rogge  
Language Arts



Junior Meg Liffick and seniors Jennifer Richardt and Niki Hemmer portray Hektor's "Superego, Id, and Ego," from Homer's "Iliad" in Advanced Placement English.



**American Literature**  
**Grammar Composition**

**Speech**  
**Advanced Placement**  
**Journalism**

**Western Literature**  
**Language Arts**



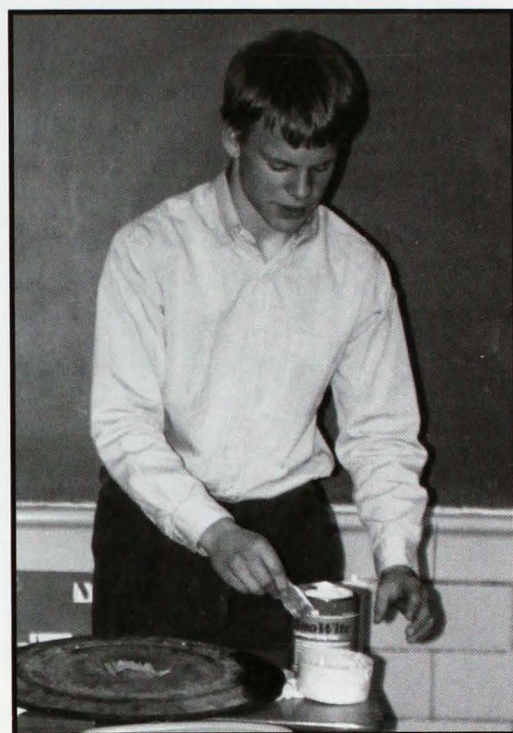
Mr. Steve Halbig

Journalism

Block scheduling makes its debut at Mater Dei. It was an innovative approach to education. Students took eight classes, but only four each day for a longer period of time.



Some of Advanced Placement English's biggest hams are, ABOVE, Niki Hemmer and Jennifer Richardt, and LEFT, Meg Liffick and Richardt.



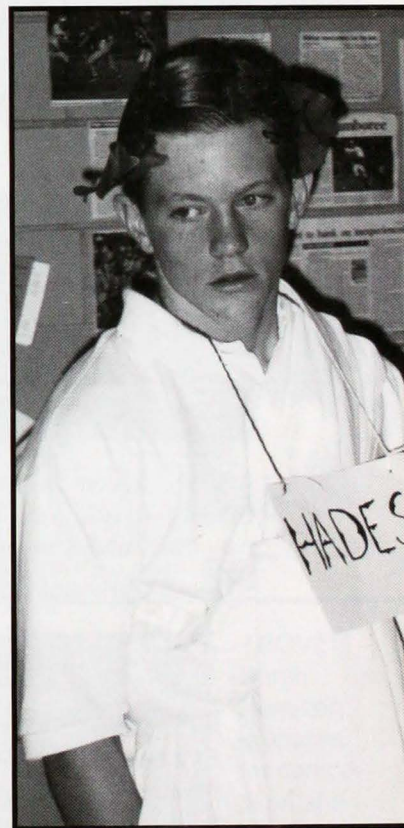
In speech class, everyone has to give a demonstration speech. John Rudisill shows how to get a ding out of a car.



Seniors Tony McDonald and Stephen Elfreich give a dramatic presentation on Ancient Greece in Western Lit.



Sophomore April Schmitt gives a demonstration speech on the clarinet



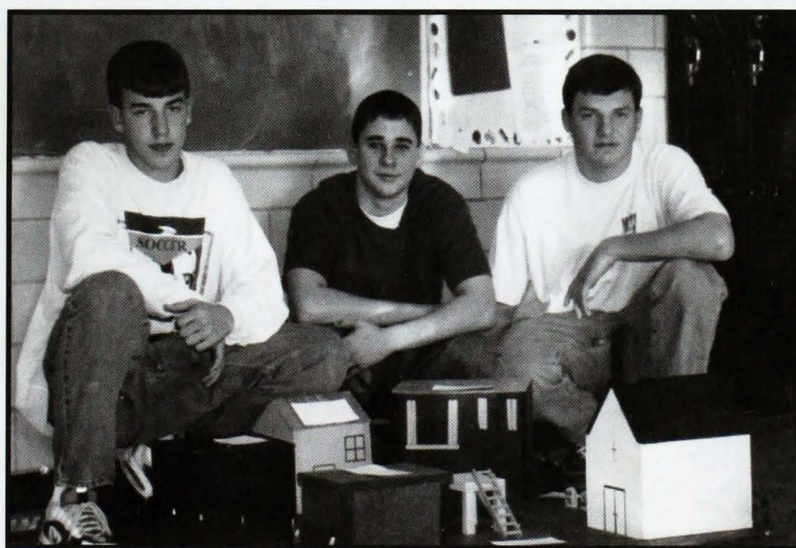
Sophomore Ike Miller portrays Hades in his speech.



# Dead Poets Society



ABOVE: Mrs. Shea Reneer receives a cake from a "secret pal" on her birthday. ABOVE: Sophomores Mike Sammet, Crystal Spivey, and Charlene Kirsch portray a variety of characters in speech class.



ABOVE: Juniors Jason Kirchoff, Nick Buchanan, and John Vercamp display their model for American Lit.

## Teacher of the year

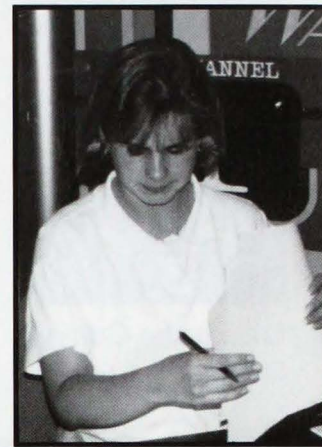
Mrs. Brenda Donofrio is the Evansville Diocese's high school teacher of the year. She takes time-out for a congratulatory phone call.



Mrs. Karen Blue uses greeting cards to make a point to her English class.



# Shoot to Thrill

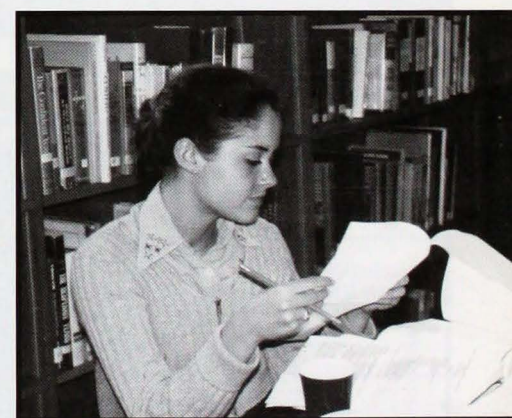
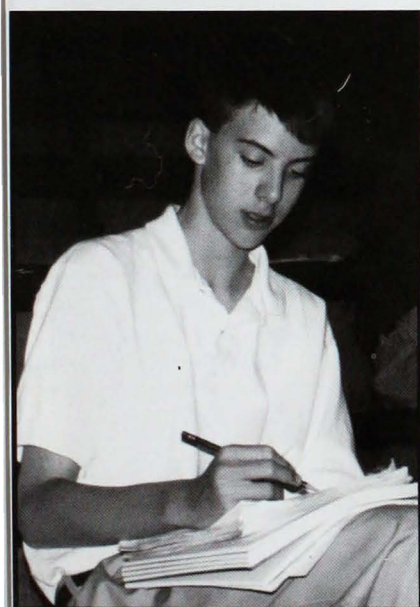


Mrs. Sharon Livingston  
Media specialist



ABOVE: Anchorperson Alex Zenthoefer, director Mike Petrig and anchorperson Meg Liffick all contributed to the success of Wildcat Watch and Channel One.  
ABOVE RIGHT: Anchorperson Kelly Martin prepares for the daily news show.  
RIGHT: Audio director Damon Anslinger and director Mike Petrig are marking the new scripts for the latest program.

## Mater Dei's academic ★★★★★★★★★★



ABOVE: Sarah Hamilton, prepares for competition at a study day in the library.

ABOVE: Freshman Matt Traylor gets in some last-minute studying. CENTER: Freshman Paul Schutz, senior Anna Hoang, and coach Ms. Rose Rogge watch in earnest for the contest results. RIGHT: The English team – Jennifer Barnes, Krista Weinzapfel, and Meg Liffick.





# La Macarena



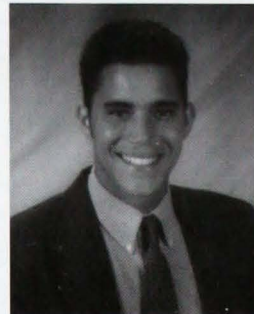
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Spanish



Dr. Bertha Costa  
Spanish



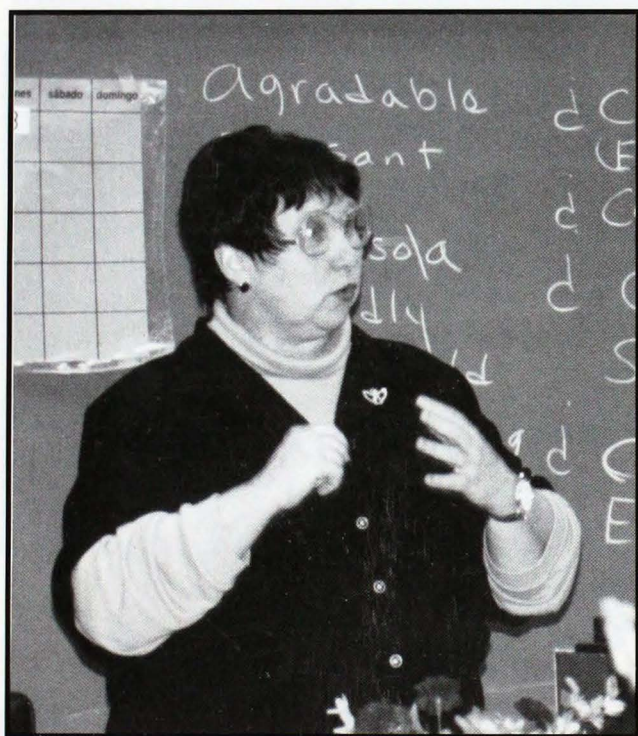
Mr. Steve Rode  
German/WorldHistory



Mr. Tony Vega  
Spanish



Mrs. Joan Vickery  
Spanish



ABOVE LEFT: Ms. Judy Berberich instructs her Spanish class. LEFT: Senior Colleen Corcoran is incognito for a Spanish fiesta. ABOVE: Seniors Nikki Kempf and Justin Mayer prepare a delicious dessert in foods class.



# *The Sound of Music*



Mrs. Becky Larson  
Home Ec/Life Skills



Ms. Kathy Kirsch  
Concert Choir/Drama



Ms. Kay Jolliff  
Feeder School Music



Mr. Tom Mace  
Band/Music Theory



Mrs. Linda Palmer  
Concert Choir

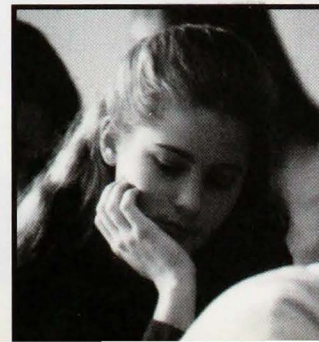
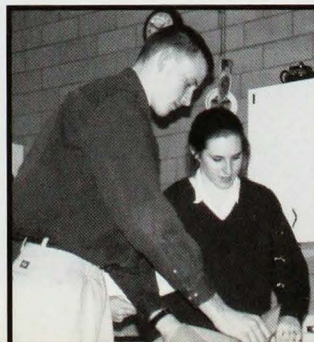
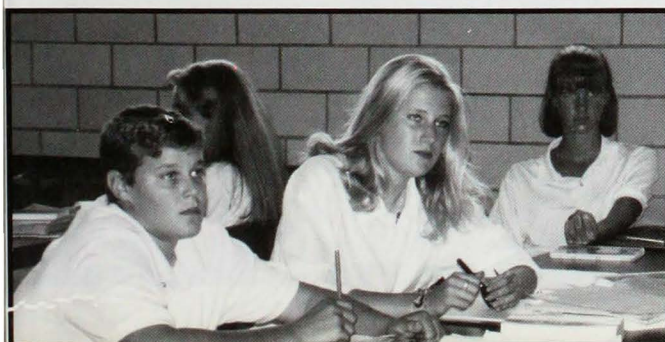


LEFT: The Winter Guard (in front) Mindy Schenk, Angie Sotolongo; (middle) Charlene Kirsch; (back) Lara Burgdorf, Stephanie Ward, Maria Kirsch. The guard finished 15th in state competition under the theme "It's All So Quiet – Junior High PJ Party."

BOTTOM LEFT: Adam Raben, Daniela Meyer, and Amanda Uhde are very attentive in Spanish class

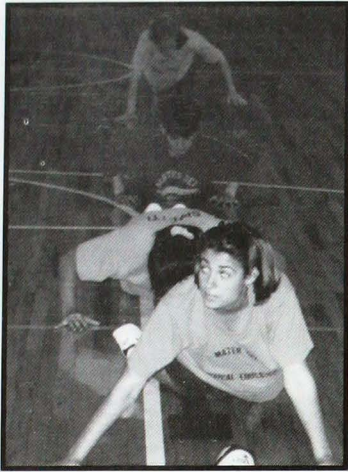
BOTTOM MIDDLE: Senior Steve Elfreich and junior Kira Crowds prepare a meal in foods class.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Laura Knapp studies intensely.





# 'Let's Get Physical'



ABOVE: Freshman Amber Singleton looks, in vain, for the clock.

RIGHT: Student teacher Dean Mills points out the football field.

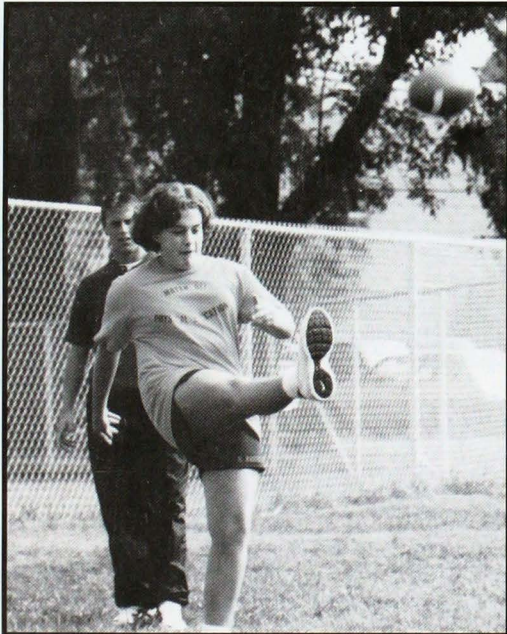
BELOW: Freshman Kristina Rousey practices her kicking.



Mr. Frank Will  
Driver's Ed/PE



Mrs. Darlene Quinlin  
Health/Driver's Ed



Mr. Joe Dippel instructs the freshman PE class.



Mr. Joe Dippel  
Athletic Director/PE



Ms. Dawnelle Gollnick  
(LEFT)  
Secretary



Mrs. Sharon Layman  
(RIGHT)  
Bookkeeper



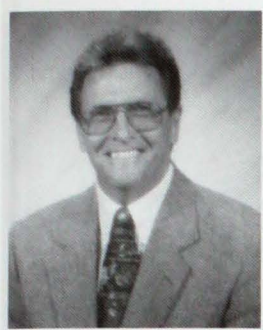
Mrs. Sherri Rosaldo  
(LEFT)  
Secretary



Mrs. Carla Wildeman  
(RIGHT)  
Secretary



# 'Who's the Boss?'



Mr. Herb Neighbors  
Principal



Mrs. Mary Traylor  
Assistant Principal



Mr. Mike Bussiere  
Dean of Students



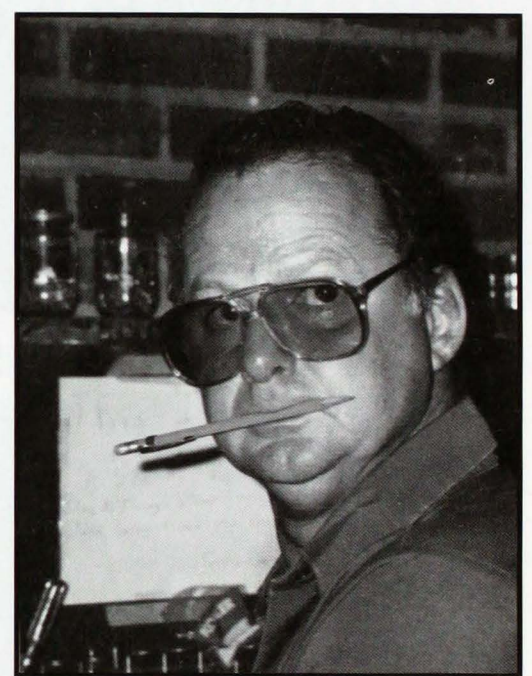
Ms. Donna Lilly  
Guidance Counselor



Mrs. Molly Weber  
Athletic Office Secretary



Mr. Neighbors is surprised in the fall when the school honored him on Principal's Day.



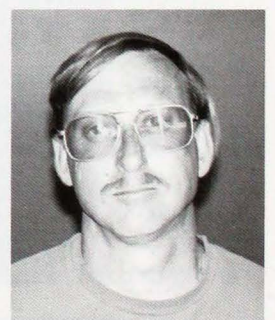
Mr. Terry Bailey – He makes sure the place is clean, the furnace is running, and just about everything else you can think of.



Our Fantastic Cafeteria Ladies: (front row) Mary Jo Kirchoff, Roseanna Ames, Vicki Austin, Sue Greulich, Cora Leta Ritchie; (back row) Julie Payne, Judy Brown, Jean Kruse, Pam Schenk, Beth Murray, and Tonya Schenk



Ms. Shirley  
Baker  
Liaison Officer



Mr. Warren  
Bailey  
Maintenance



**TAKE  
EIGHT**

Mater Dei

# W*inter*

## Three-peat

‘Pain is temporary, pride is forever’

– Mike Bishop

## Wrestlers win it all again

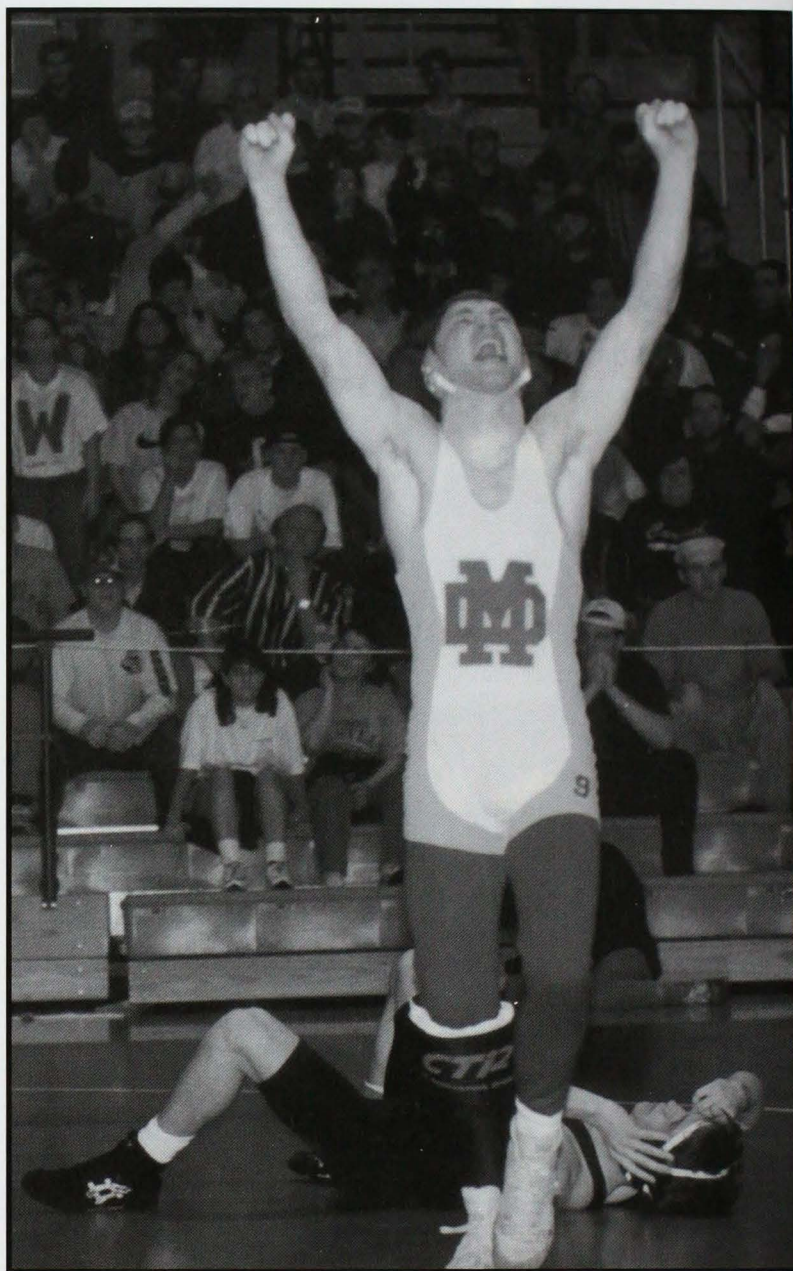
Against all odds. Despite all skepticism, the Wildcats proved everyone wrong. No one expected another state title with all of the injuries and lack of experience. But we did it ... again.

Starting it off with senior leadership, severely injured Mike Bishop and Tom Jankowski put forth a heroic effort to ignite Wildcat spirit. With coaches rejoicing, teammates congratulating, and fans cheering, the Matcats brought home their third straight state title. It came with a 32-18 victory over Penn.

Throughout the season, the Matcats were plagued by countless injuries and heartbreaking individual defeats. Tape and team spirit were the only things that held this team together.

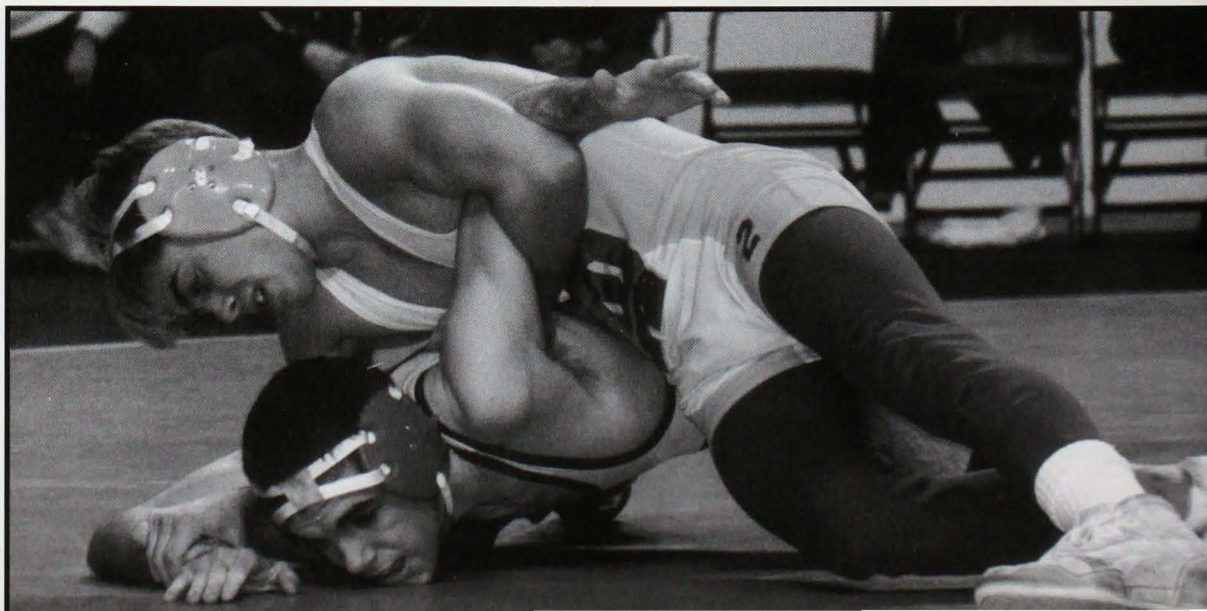
The Wildcats brought home their share of tournament champions and team championships. They won the MD Holiday Classic for the 13th time, St. Louis Oakville, SIAC for the 22nd time, their 26th Sectional, their 19th Regional, their 12th Semi-state, and fourth state title (two dual, two individual). Representing MD at individual state were Curtis VanNess (103) 8th; Greg Schaefer (112) 2nd; Dan Jankowski (119); B.J. Hauke (125) 6th; Joe Mayer (135) 4th; Mike Schroeder (171) 4th. Schaefer's 47 victories and 38 pins were a Wildcat record.

Coach Mike Goebel's varsity record is 303-8-2, making him a member of the national "300 club." His teams have won 119 dual matches in a row. Coach Randy Helfrich's reserve record is now 291-0. Way to go Wildcats!



ABOVE RIGHT: Senior Mike Bishop exemplifies what it means to be a Mater Dei Wildcat wrestler. Bishop scores a rousing come-from-behind pin against Carmel. It lifts his banged-up team one match closer to the state crown.

RIGHT: Junior Greg Schaefer dominates another opponent. He earned runner-up honors this year at state.



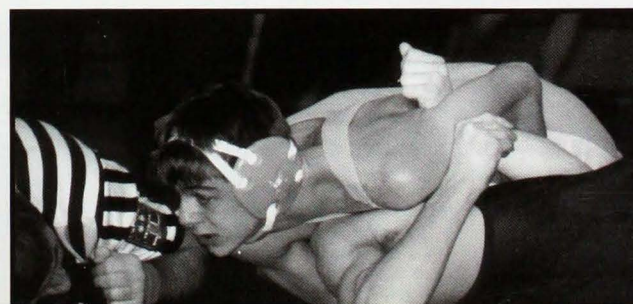
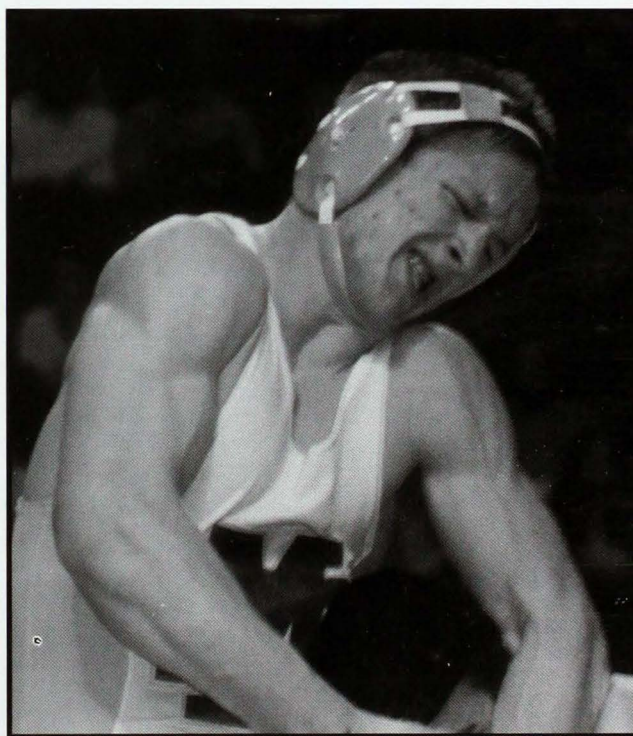
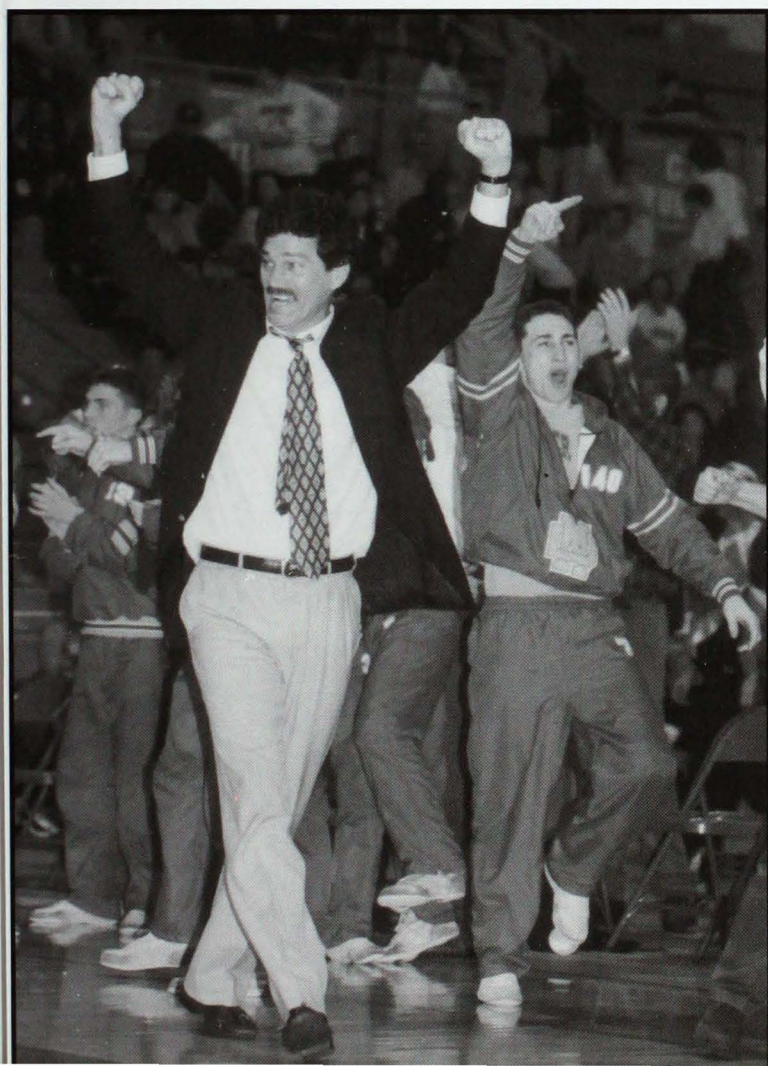


# Sports

**Take  
'em  
down**



The wrestling team, along with its fans, gives Mike Bishop a standing ovation in a state championship celebration in the gym.



FAR  
LEFT:  
Coach  
Goebel is  
one happy  
man after  
the Cats  
clinch their  
third  
straight  
state title.

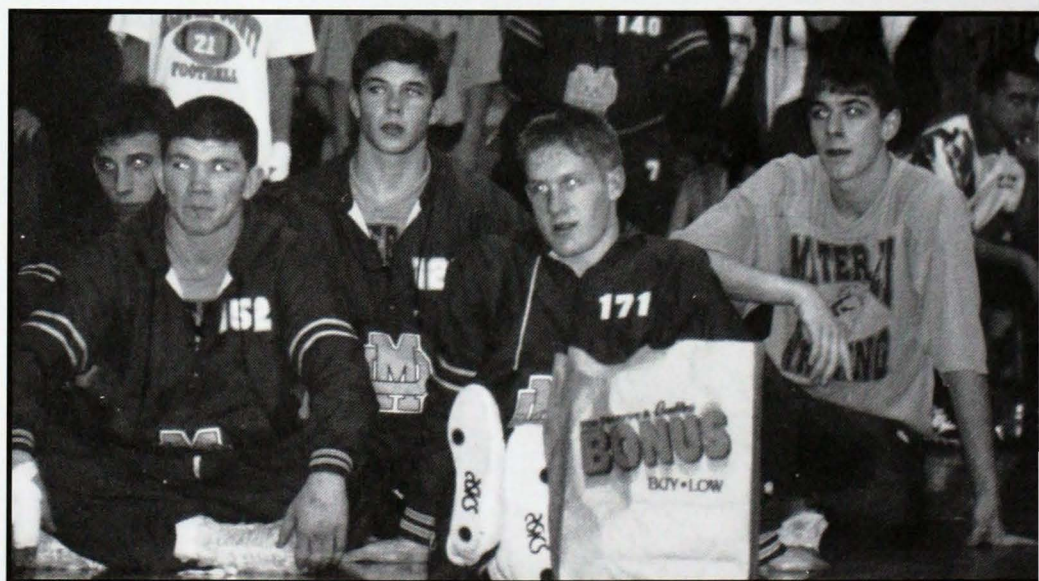
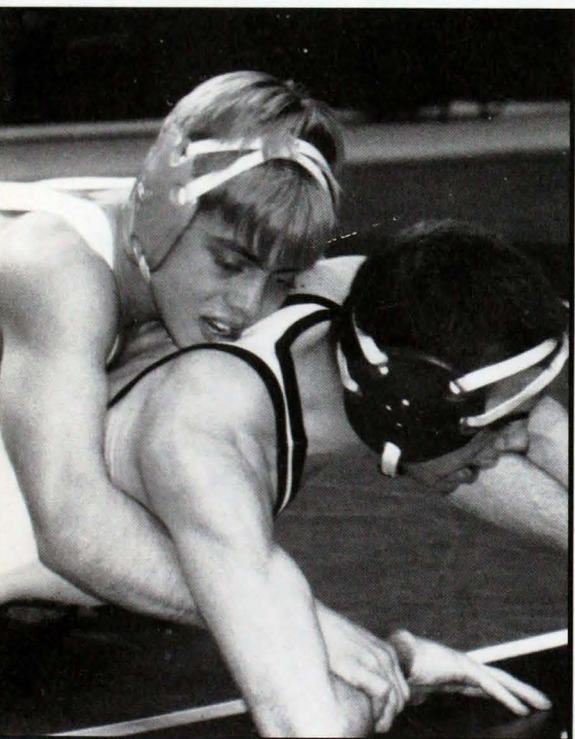
LEFT:  
Mike  
Schroeder  
and,  
BELOW,  
Joe Mayer  
are two of  
the big  
reasons  
the Cats  
are so  
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ABOVE: Sophomore Dave Hisch proves he's the man on the mat.

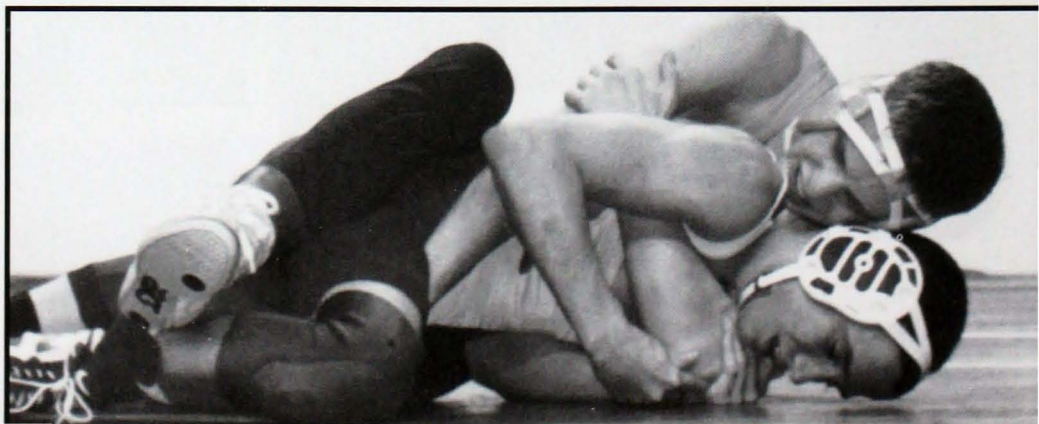
RIGHT: Coach Mike Goebel congratulates senior Tom Jankowski. Mike Schroeder is excited for him, too.



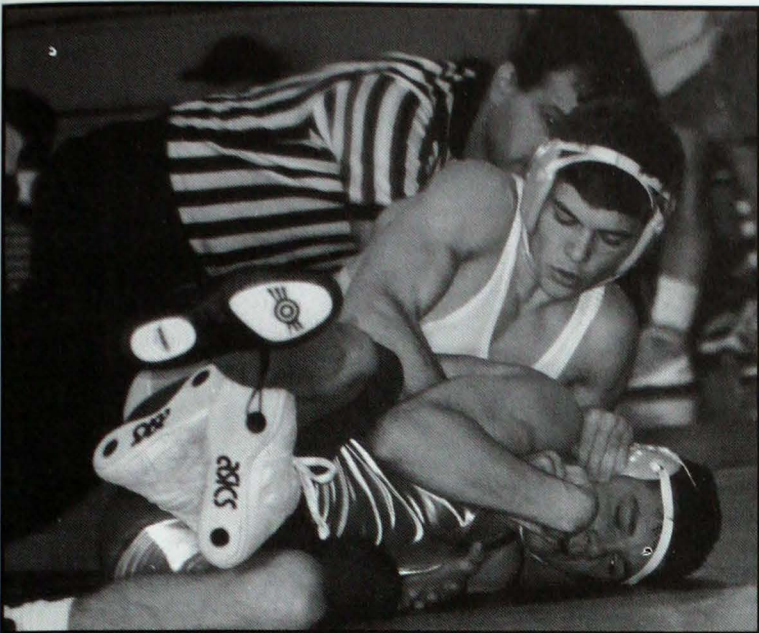
ABOVE: Junior Greg Schaefer gets a good grip at state. Greg's record was 47-1.

ABOVE RIGHT: Seniors Mike Bishop, B.J. Hauke, Mike Schroeder, and Joe Mayer look on as a teammate competes.

RIGHT: Junior Curtis VanNess does the "boa constrictor" move on his opponent. Curtis went 42-4.







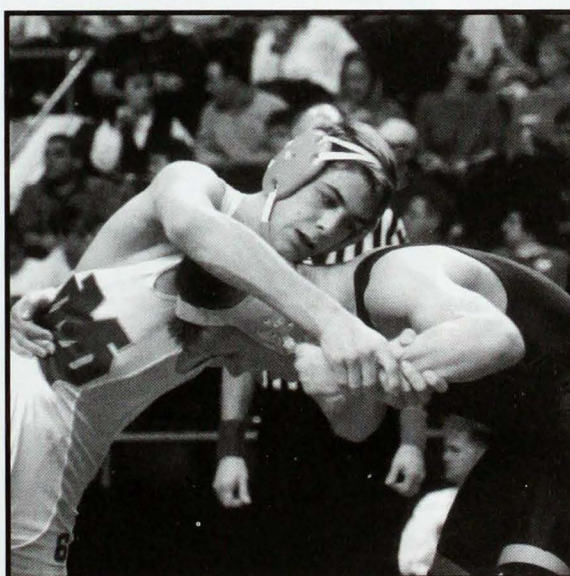
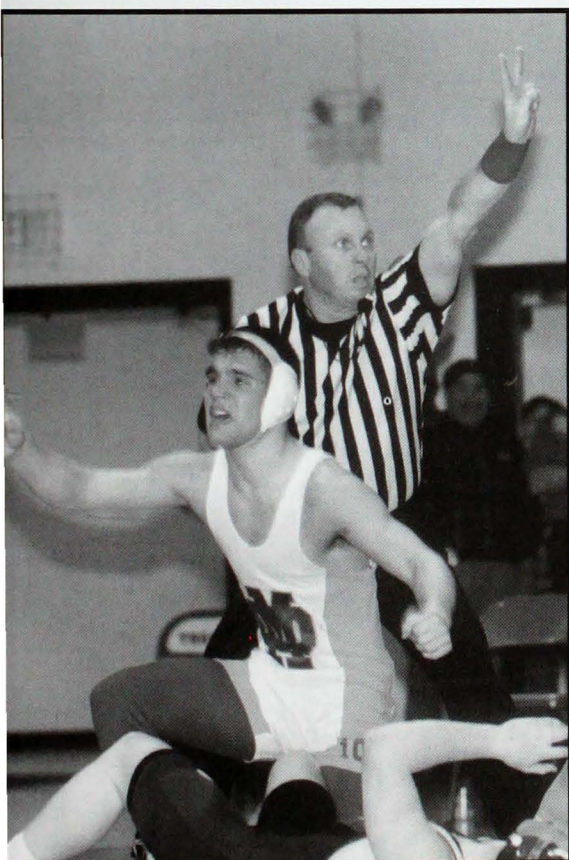
Senior B.J. Hauke wraps up his opponent.



Junior Brandon Boots gives a flexibility test at the Holiday Classic.

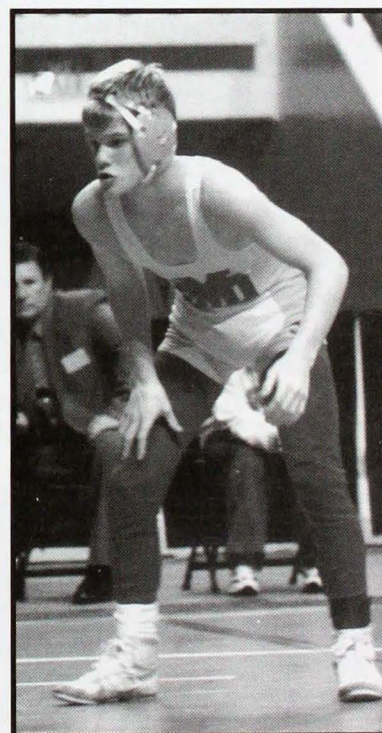


State champion wrestlers and the Mat Maids gather to celebrate.



LEFT: Sophomore Nick Miller gets two points during Team State semi-finals.

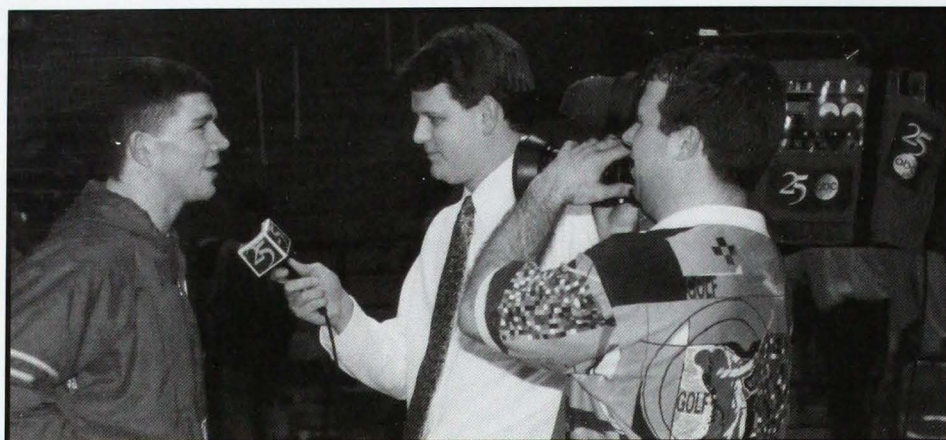
ABOVE: Senior Joe Mayer keeps fans on the edge of their seats by scoring at the last minute.



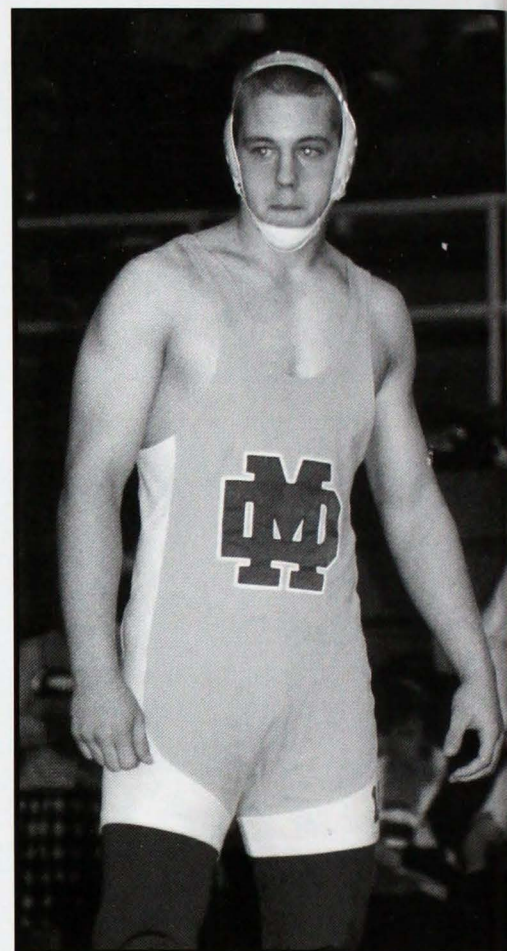
RIGHT: Sophomore Dan Jankowski premeditates his next victory. Dan's record was 41-3.



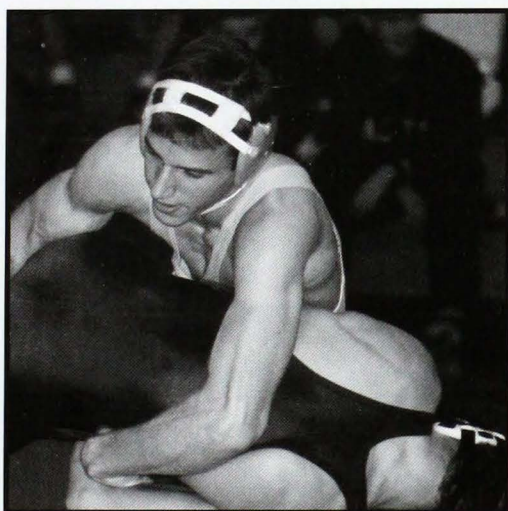
# 'Against All Odds'



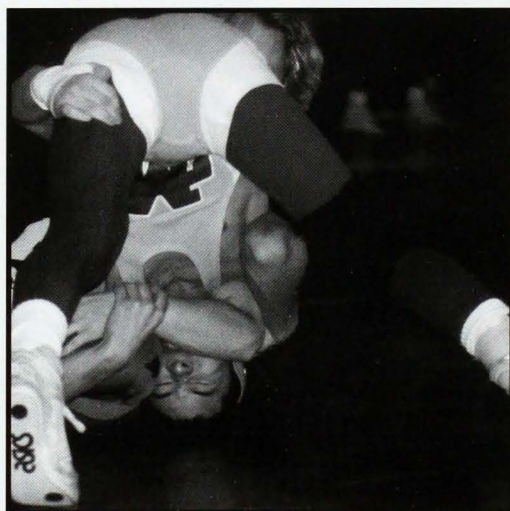
Mike Bishop does another TV interview.



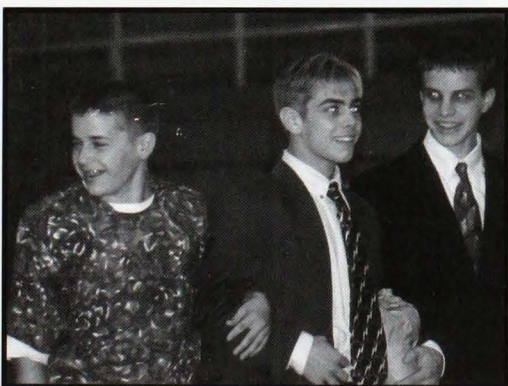
Jeremy Herrmann



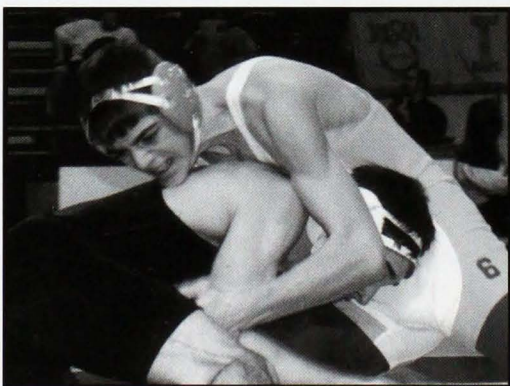
Brandon Boots



John Werner



Mike Conkling, Greg Schaefer, and Curtis VanNess  
BELOW: Chris Droste, Jeremy Herrmann, Brandon Boots



Joe Mayer



The poster says it all.

BELOW: Nick Miller and teammates get pumped up





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|-------|-------------------|----|-------|--------------------|----|-------|-----------------|----|-------|--------------|
| MD 51 | Reitz             | 9  | MD 45 | Castle             | 13 | MD 73 | North           | 3  |       | Semi-state   |
| MD 55 | Floyd Central     | 10 | MD 60 | Forest Park        | 9  | MD 53 | Central         | 6  | MD 46 | Plainfield   |
| MD 78 | Southridge        | 0  | MD 72 | Harrison           | 6  | MD 62 | Memorial        | 3  |       |              |
| MD 65 | Jennings County   | 9  | MD 48 | Francis Howell     | 10 |       |                 |    |       | State Finals |
| MD 53 | St. Xavier        | 15 | MD 33 | St. Louis Oakville | 21 |       | Regionals       |    | MD 39 | New Castle   |
| MD 84 | Bosse             | 0  | MD 35 | Jeff City Helin    | 19 |       | Gibson Southern | 18 | MD 31 | Carmel       |
| MD 62 | Bloomington South | 6  | MD 36 | St. Charles West   | 28 |       | Castle          | 2  | MD 32 | Penn         |
| MD 52 | Jasper            | 7  |       |                    |    |       |                 |    |       |              |



## Even in a 6-13 season, girls had their moments

Despite a 6-13 record, the girls varsity basketball team grew individually and as a team. Part of that development was because of new head coach Andy Elkins, the former University of Evansville basketball star. According to junior point guard Natalie Emge, "Mr. Elkins brought something new to the program and did things differently. He also showed us how to have fun with it."

The season had its memorable moments. One of those moments was the Senior Night game against Harrison. The Wildcats defeated the Warriors by 11 points. Another highlight was the sectional game against Memorial. The game was a close one, with Mater Dei two points ahead with one minute left. The Tigers came back, however, and edged the Wildcats 57-53.

Overall, it wasn't a bad season, but many players had hoped for a better record. The team learned a lot and had fun. They each improved individually over the season. The team "didn't accomplish all of our goals, but we still achieved a lot," said senior center Jessica Kiefer. Jessica made second team all-city with a 16-point per game scoring average.

The reserve team had a better season, posting an 11-5 record. They beat many tough city teams. Freshman Jessica Herrmann said, "Our goals were to play together as a team and to do better than we did last year. I think that we accomplished that."

# HOOP DREAMS



ABOVE: Varsity players warm up before a home game. LEFT: Senior Alisha Goedde shoots for two points during a game against Harrison that resulted in a win. BELOW: Brianne Lemberg dives and grabs a loose ball against North.





Jessica Kiefer: She was  
the Wildcats' go-to player



An exhausted team gathers around Coach Elkins during a time-out. ABOVE RIGHT: Junior guard Natalie Emge gets hacked against North. RIGHT: Senior Night! It's a special time for Alisha Goedde and Jessica Kiefer.



Sophomore Julie Fischer is blocked by a North player while center Jessica Kiefer runs to an opening under the basket.

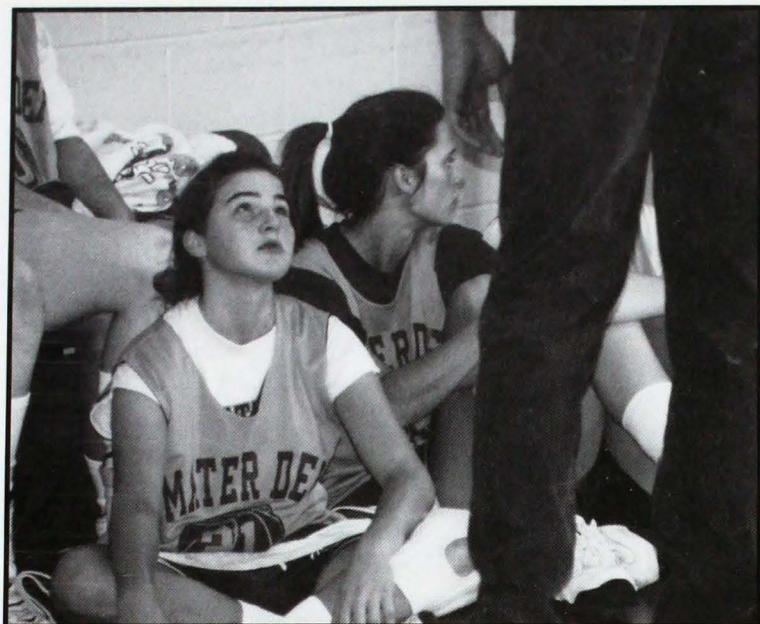


Sophomore Angela Luigs struggles to maneuver around a much bigger Harrison player.

**Second team all-city  
Jessica Kiefer**

**Kiwanis Award  
Alisha Goedde**





LEFT: Audrey Hinderliter and Alisha Goedde listen as Coach Andy Elkins gives some pointers to the team during practice.



RIGHT: Jessica Adler and Audrey Hinderliter work on their dribbling skills.

BELOW: The action stops as the referee calls a foul in a game against North.



LEFT: Coach Elkins gives an award to Jessica Kiefer.

RIGHT: Nothing beats winning. Just ask these Wildcats.





# Scoreboard



Varsity Basketball: (front) Jami Altstadt, Jonelle Rietman, Alisha Goedde, Audrey Hinderliter; (back) Angela Luigs, Julie Fischer, Brianne Lemberg, Jessica Kiefer, Rachel Schenk, Carrie Sitzman, Natalie Emge, Coach Andy Elkins.

|                    | MD | Opp. |
|--------------------|----|------|
| Gibson Southern    | 36 | 49   |
| North              | 44 | 54   |
| Memorial           | 40 | 64   |
| Boonville          | 59 | 63   |
| Reitz              | 51 | 48   |
| South Vermillion   | 61 | 35   |
| Mt. Vernon         | 40 | 56   |
| North              | 35 | 65   |
| North Posey        | 57 | 53   |
| Bosse              | 53 | 63   |
| Central            | 44 | 58   |
| Harrison           | 51 | 40   |
| Southridge         | 62 | 50   |
| Central            | 39 | 45   |
| Memorial           | 55 | 57   |
| Carmi-White County | 39 | 48   |
| Castle             | 44 | 53   |
| South Spencer      | 55 | 51   |

## Sectional

|          |    |    |
|----------|----|----|
| Memorial | 53 | 57 |
|----------|----|----|



Practice, practice, practice.

Reserve Basketball: (front) Traci Fehrenbacher, Renee Rietman, Sarah Kothe; (back) Jessica Herrmann, Kim Doshier, Jill Bartlett, Andrea Werner, Jessica Adler, Shay Grasso, Theresa Adler, Amanda Schenk, Coach Elkins.



# 'Basketball Diaries'

Cats go 12-9

**PRIDE.** It was the Mater Dei boys basketball team's motto for the 1996-97 season, and it was a feeling mirrored by the students and fans.

The Wildcats, led by seven seniors and head coach, Mr. Roger Sills, had a new approach for the season. With depth of at least two players at every position, the boys used 10 players almost every game and in some games, the maximum of 12 players.

The goal of the new partner system was to have five players giving their all for two- to three-minute intervals between substitutions. Using this strategy, the Cats were able to play more intensely the entire game. As a result, they outlasted a number of opponents.

Providing plenty of excitement for their fans, the Wildcats defeated Mount Vernon on Chris Maynard's last-second three-point basket early in the season. They also defeated Gibson Southern on Homecoming night before a packed gym.

They were noticed by several area coaches, including that of No. 15-ranked Bosse, whose coach said that Mater Dei blocked out better

than anybody he had seen this year.

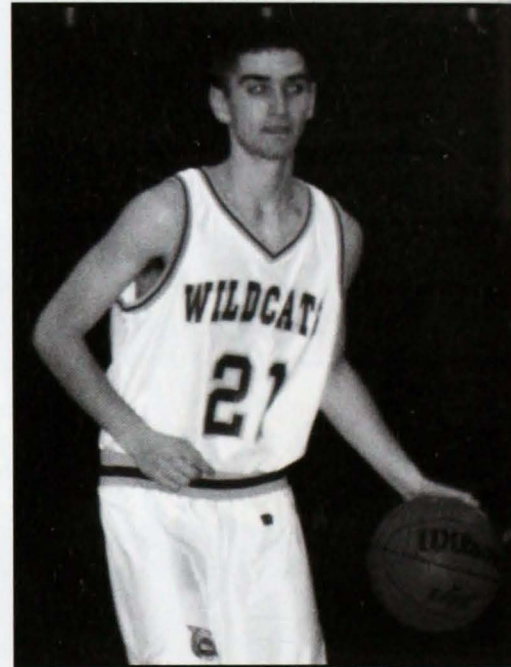
The city's most surprising story kept getting better. The Wildcats' six-game winning streak was the longest in the city. Going 9-1 at home, the Wildcats had two SIAC victories in this season alone, compared to only two SIAC wins in the past six years. Mike Halbig led in both scoring and rebounding, averaging over 10 points and five rebounds a game. Four additional Wildcats averaged over seven points per game.

The varsity finished with a record of 12-9, which was the first winning season for the Wildcats since they finished 12-10 in 1981.

Coach Sills attributed much of the team's success to the seniors' leadership, the cheerleaders, Scream Team, pep band, and the unbelievable support of the student body and faculty.

The reserve team finished with a record of 12-6, and the freshmen went 17-3 as they captured the city title.

This remarkable season also marked the end of an era. It was the last year of one-class basketball in Indiana.



ABOVE: Senior guard Kurt Wildeman takes the ball down court.

LEFT: The team celebrates after a win over Central, its first city win in a long time.

RIGHT: Junior guard Chris Maynard skies above his Gibson Southern opponent.

FAR RIGHT: Senior center Brian Bosse blocks out to perfection.





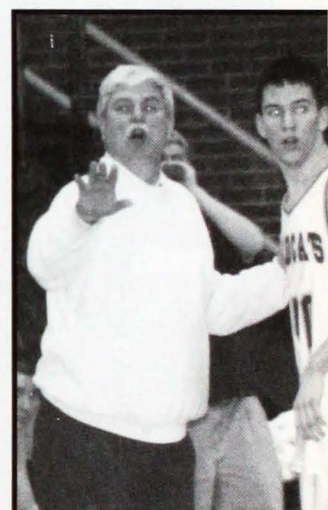
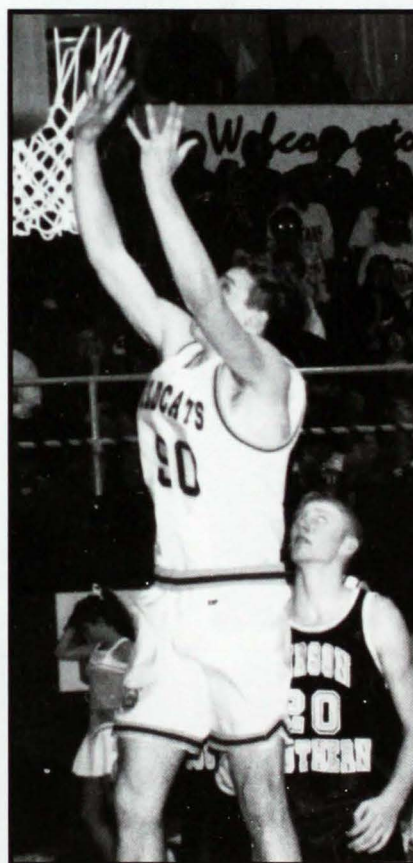
# Scoreboard

## Record (12-9)

|                      | MD | Opp. |
|----------------------|----|------|
| Vincennes Rivet      | 86 | 54   |
| Central              | 73 | 69   |
| Mt. Vernon           | 56 | 55   |
| Reitz                | 73 | 89   |
| New Harmony          | 89 | 39   |
| North Posey          | 54 | 68   |
| Holiday Classic      |    |      |
| Memorial             | 66 | 79   |
| Reitz                | 77 | 93   |
| Memorial             | 56 | 82   |
| Wood Memorial        | 75 | 54   |
| North                | 63 | 65   |
| Boonville            | 69 | 63   |
| Castle               | 47 | 60   |
| Gibson Southern      | 63 | 59   |
| Tecumseh             | 68 | 42   |
| Day School           | 62 | 54   |
| Harrison             | 73 | 65   |
| Washington Catholic  | 68 | 48   |
| South Knox           | 72 | 55   |
| Bosse                | 63 | 96   |
| Sectional-Mt. Vernon | 67 | 69   |



Varsity Basketball: (front row) Jon Straus, Neil Kassenbrock, Chris Maynard, Tom Traylor, Adam Schiff, Kurt Wildeman; (back row) Coach Roger Sills, Nick Knight, Brian Bosse, Ryan Hayden, Justin Mayer, Philip Rawley, Mike Halbig.



ABOVE: Philip Rawley gets some instructions from Coach Roger Sills. LEFT: Mike Halbig goes way above the crowd. FAR LEFT: Nick Knight and Justin Mayer fight for the ball at the Homecoming game.

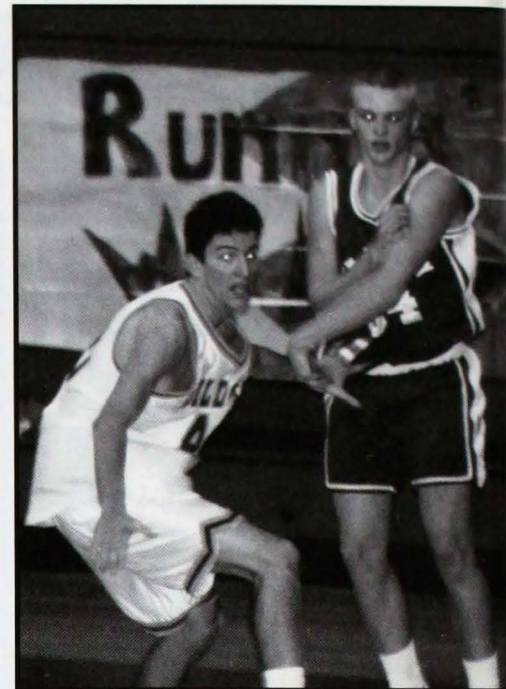
The Wildcats get fired up as the starting lineup is announced. Senior John Peck always did the honors.







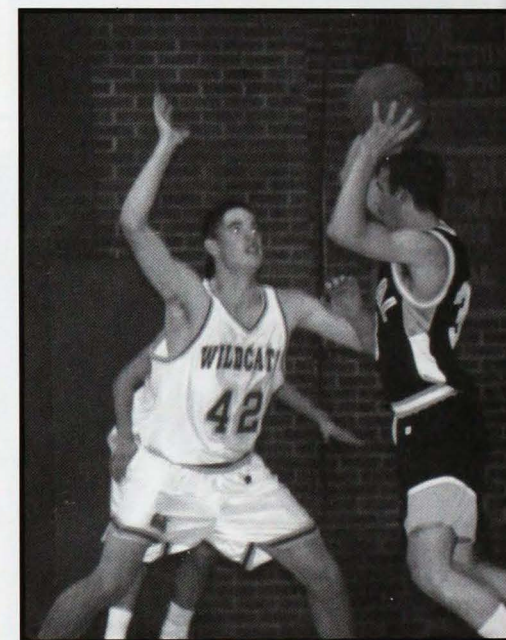
Reserve Basketball: (front row) Ike Miller, Jake Tucker, Andy Woehler, JD Wargel; (back row) Coach John Goebel, Curt Sills, Ben Faraone, Dustin Macke.



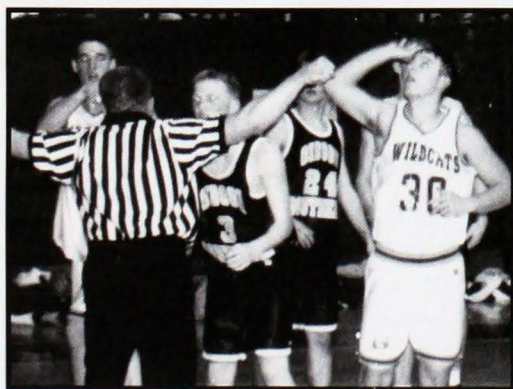
Senior Philip Rawley pushes off to get the ball.



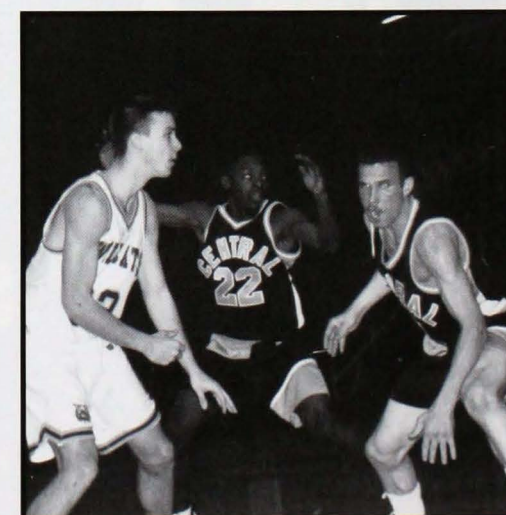
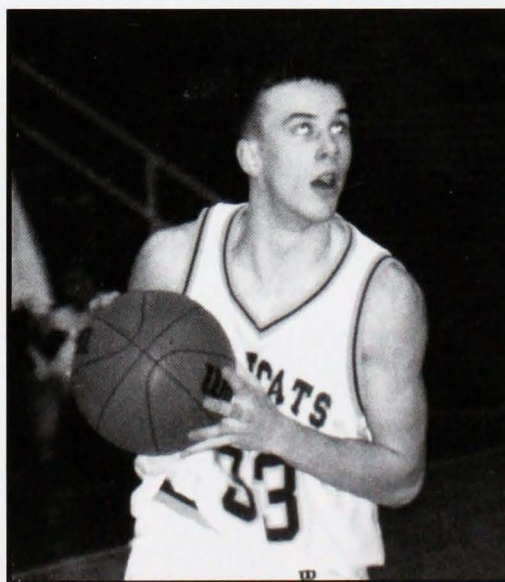
ABOVE: Kurt Wildeman wonders if he will pass it to Chris Maynard or Mike Halbig.



Senior Justin Mayer shows off his defensive skills against Central.



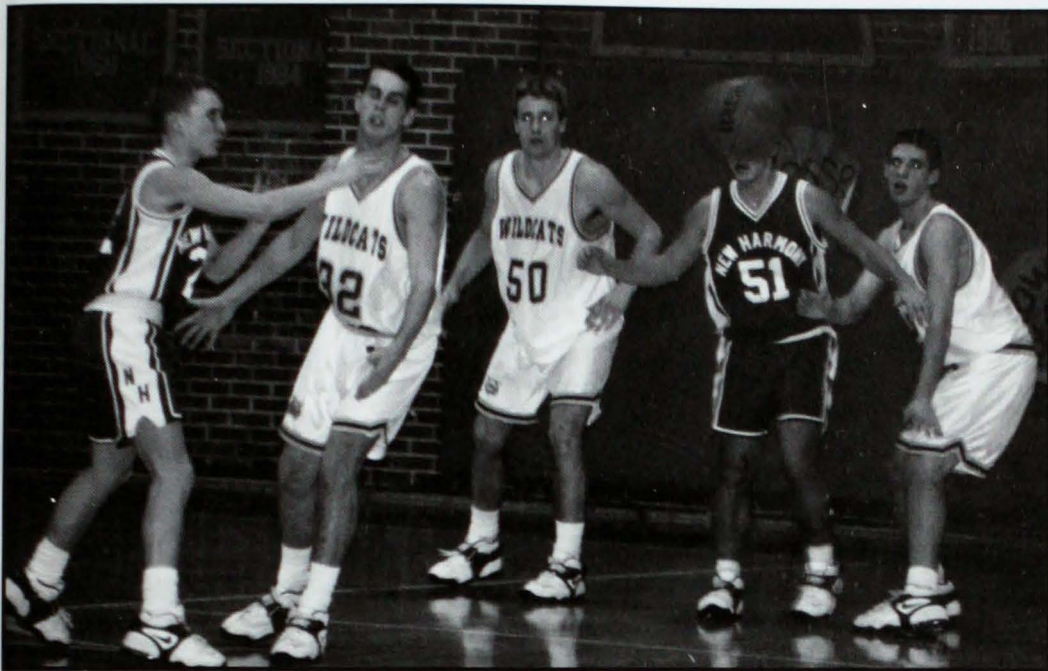
ABOVE: Jon Straus wants no part of this argument. RIGHT: Tom Traylor gets ready to take his jump shot.



Senior Tom Traylor and his opponent are not really dancing.



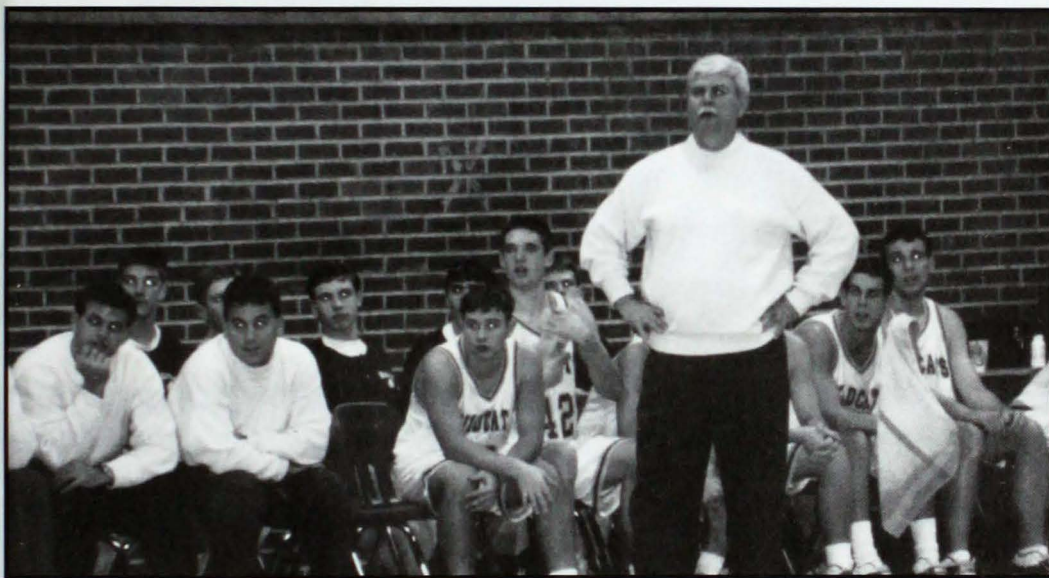
## Kurt Wildeman Kiwanis Award winner



ABOVE: Nick Knight, Mike Halbig, and Justin Mayer play defense.



ABOVE: Senior Mike Halbig tries to put pressure on the Gibson Southern shooter.



ABOVE: Coach Roger Sills isn't much for sitting.



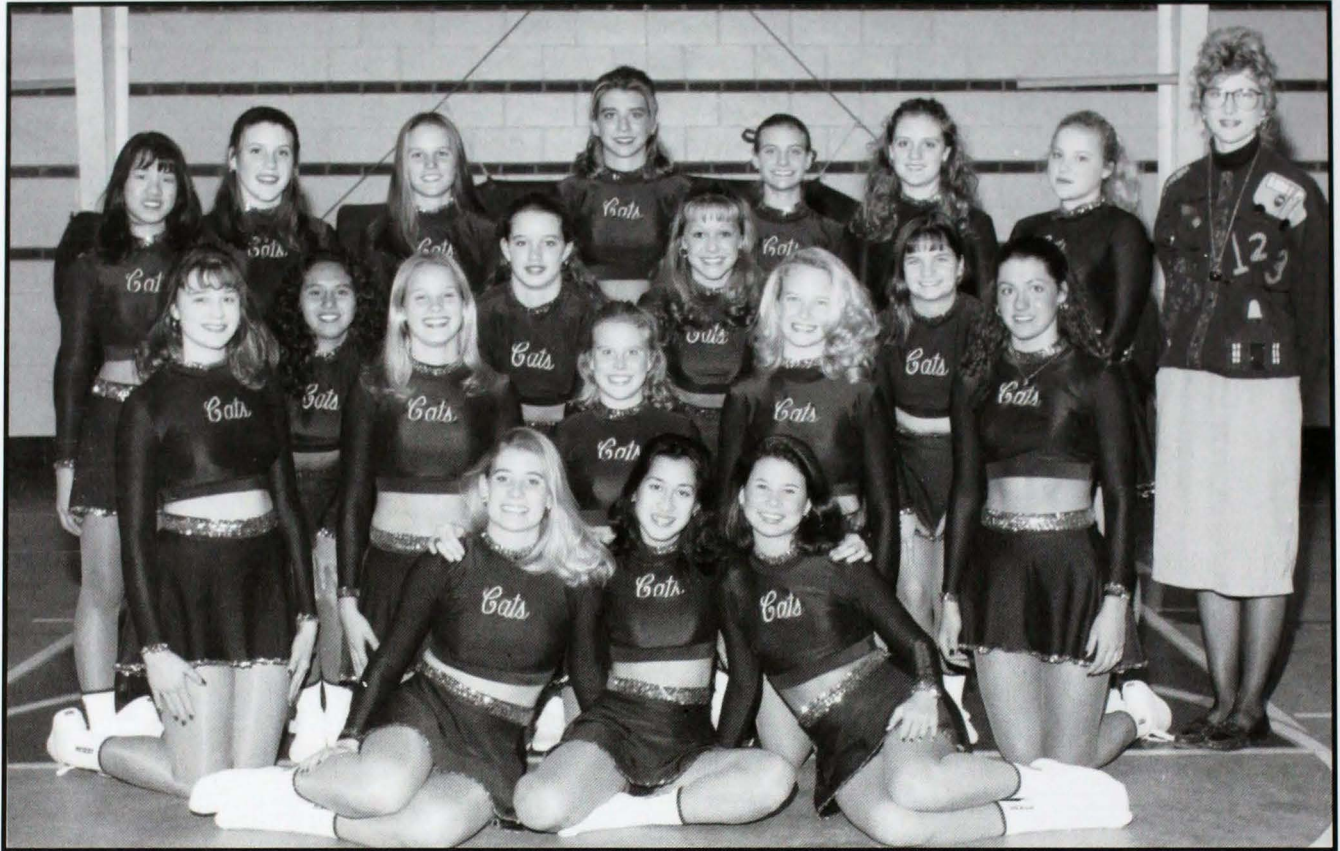
BELOW: Brian Bosse, Neil Kassenbrock, and Jon Straus wait to enter the game.



Fresman Basketball: (front row) Mitch Happe, Josh Williams, Matt Weber, Adam Adler, Justin Elpers, Cory Macke, Tim Pigman, Chris Stratman, Matt Dressel, Michael Lahr; (back row) Coach Brian Huebner, Andy Schroeder, Brian Brown, Nick Goebel, Adam Weinzapfel, John Kiefer, Eric Kassenbrock, Jacob Weis, Brad Kempf, Matt Moore, Coach Tom Bealmear.



# 'Dancing Queens'



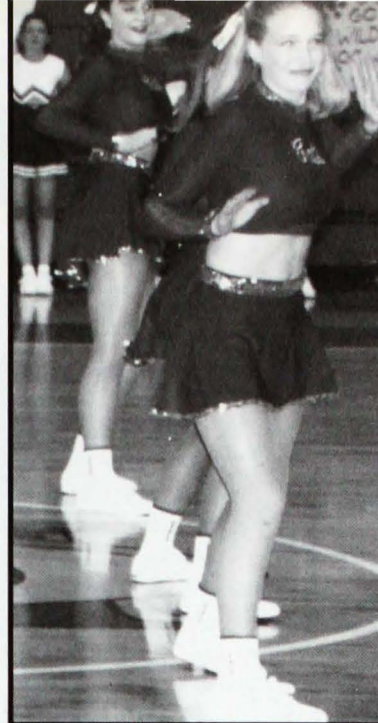
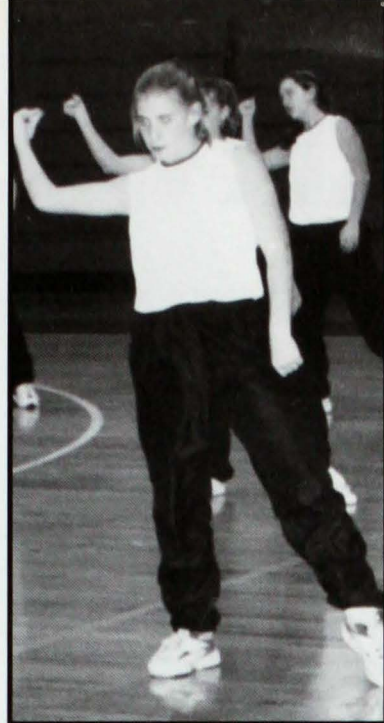
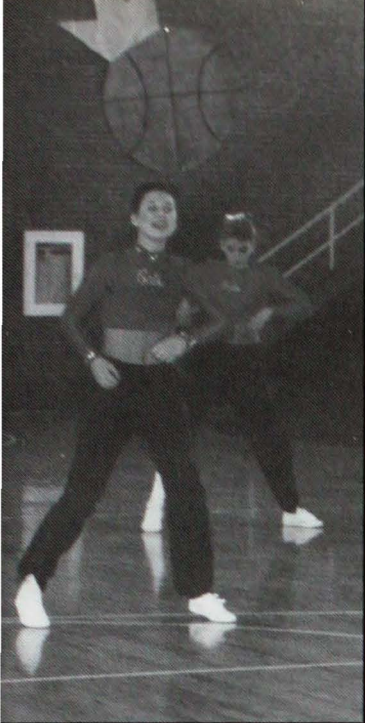
The Dance Cats: (front row) Amy Frey, Anna Hoang, Lori Bittner; (second row) Stephanie Rexing, Alicia Wilderman, Stacey Euler, Leanne Bauer, Jessica Weis; (third row) Jocelyn Gibson, Natalie Zimmer, Angie Hayden, Katie Morrow; (back row) Tina Hoang, Gina Utley, Kelly Messersmith, Andrea Haller, Sarah Gries, Natalie Miller, Katie Keller, and sponsor Julia Kunkler.



The Dance Cats didn't have to be dancing to show their enthusiasm for the team.

*Dance Cats show their stuff*

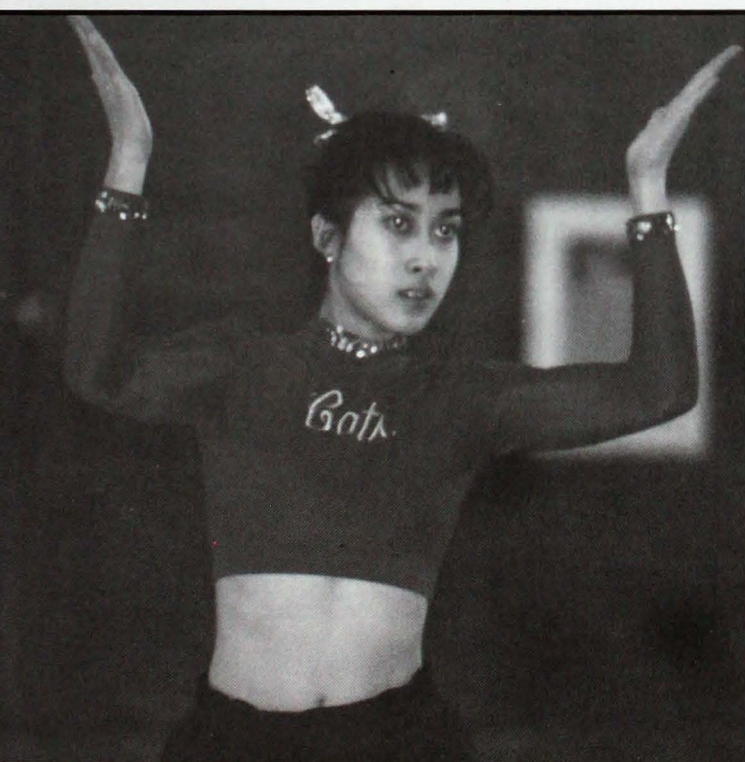




FAR LEFT: Senior Lori Bittner; CENTER: Senior Amy Frey. LEFT: Junior co-captain Leanne Bauer; BELOW: Sophomore Jessica Weis.



Senior captain Anna Hoang



The Dance Cats perform at halftime.





# WATERWORLD

## Swimmers make more waves

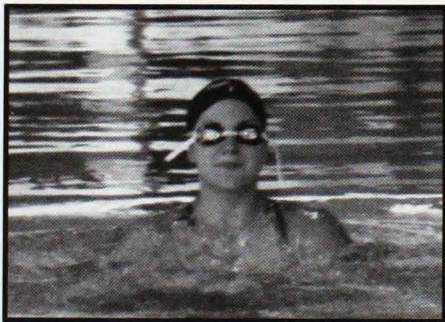
The girls swim season was full of change. To start off, the season was moved from the fall to winter. The girls also traveled to different places to get more competition. Not only did the workouts at Lloyd Pool increase from last year, the team spent more mornings in the weightroom. The divers were all new and had to learn all the dives.

Sectionals were a big improvement. Senior Sarah Koressel and junior Kari Nurrenbern both advanced to the finals in the 100-meter backstroke and 100-meter breaststroke, respectively. The 400-meter freestyle relay, consisting of freshman Julia Schenk, sophomore Anna Hutchison and seniors Julia Murray and Jessica Cummings, finished seventh.

Jessica Cummings summed it all up with, "We worked hard and had a lot of fun. The team should get a lot better in years to come."



ABOVE RIGHT: Seniors Jennie Feulner, Angela Blank, Sarah Koressel, Julia Murray, and Jessica Cummings pose for one last smile on senior night. RIGHT: Freshman Julia Schenk works on her backstroke at practice.



Sophomores Jenny Effinger, ABOVE, and Jamie Schmitt, ABOVE LEFT, pop up for a quick smile during practice. LEFT: On your mark! Get set! Dive! Senior Sarah Koressel gets ready to dive in. ABOVE RIGHT: Sophomore Valerie Murray tries to fit another flip into this dive.





ABOVE: Senior Jessica Cummings and sophomores Terra Muensterman and Leslie Dixon – the Three Stooges of the swim team.  
 RIGHT: Junior Kari Nurrenbern comes up for air while practicing the breaststroke.

# Scoreboard



|                   | MD  | Opponent |
|-------------------|-----|----------|
| Tecumseh          | 81  | 107      |
| Heritage Hills    | 34  | 135      |
| Castle            | 44  | 142      |
| South Spencer     | 60  | 121      |
| Boonville         | 107 | 168      |
| North East Dubois | 107 | 33       |
| Day School        | 79  | 90       |
| Pike Central      | 96  | 103      |
| Day School        | 96  | 126      |
| North East Dubois | 121 | 34       |

Kari Nurrenbern adjusts the goggles for Jennie Feulner.



Swimming: (first row) Coach Terri Unfried, Abby Johnson, Anna Hutchison, Julia Schenk, Kristen Baehl, Lena Ruminer, Sarah Koressel, Valerie Murray, Coach Butch Feulner; (second row) Lisa Reising, Julie Wittgen, Terra Muensterman, Leslie Dixon, Sarah Scheu, Lorna Fischer, Julia Murray; (third row) Kim Alvey, Angie Niemeier, Jessica Cummings, Kari Nurrenbern, Jennie Feulner, Jamie Schmitt, Angela Blank, Jenny Effinger



**TAKE  
NINE**

Mater Dei

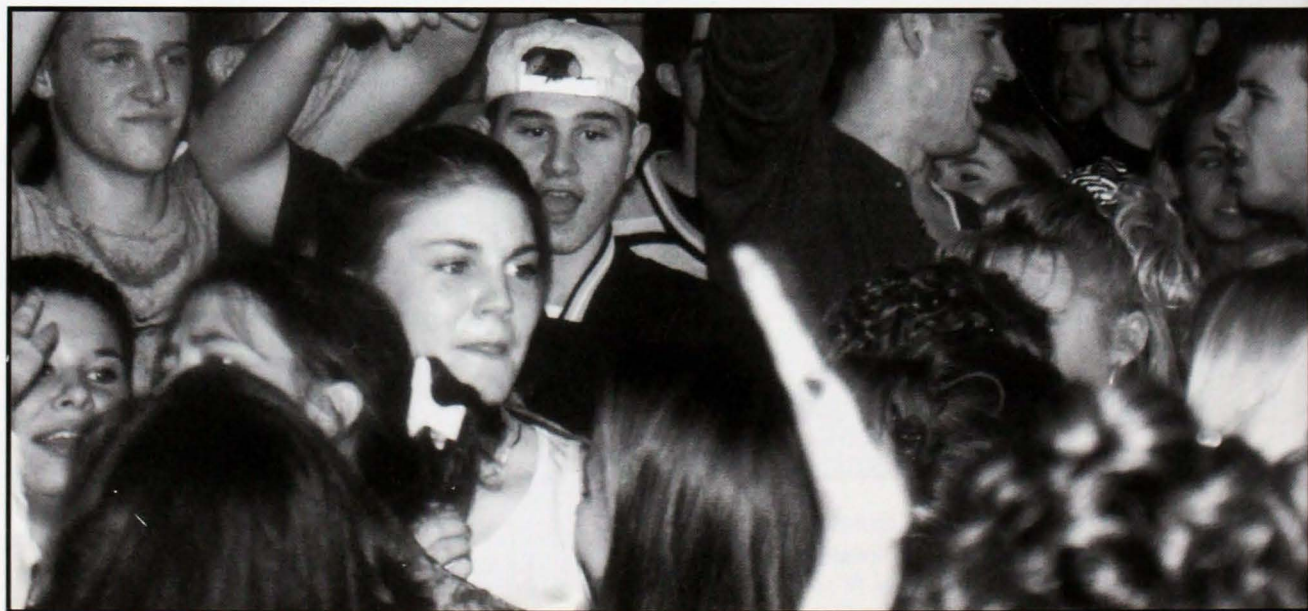
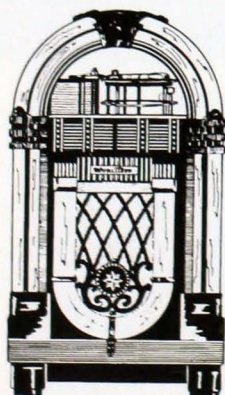
# Student

## 'EVERYBODY DANCE NOW!'



LEFT: Sophomores at football Homecoming. ABOVE and RIGHT: Sophomores Amanda Schenk, Michelle Zirkelbach, Jonah Becher and James Elpers get dressed up for the Halloween dance.

BELOW: Juniors and seniors crowd together at the Back-to-School dance.





# Life

**WE  
HAD  
FUN**



ABOVE: Sam Rupprecht and Jason Scheller battle over the ball.

LEFT: Sophomore Matt Frantz attempts to maneuver around Mike Hoon.

## STREET HOCKEY

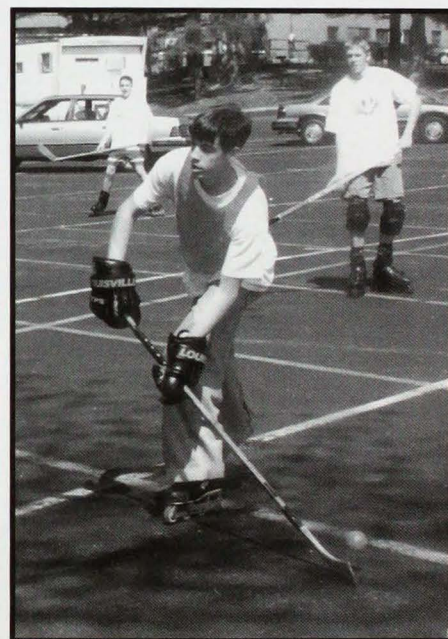
RIGHT: Junior Mike Hoon defends against freshman Jason Scheller.



ABOVE: Matt Adler, Jason Like, and Sam Rupprecht get ready for the next play. Because street hockey is popular in Evansville, teacher Lisa Wannemuehler organized a game here at school.



RIGHT: Senior Kevin Niemeier gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate.



ABOVE: Matt Frantz shoots on goal. That's Jason Like in the background.







"Hey lads, ye kilts are a wee bit short." Seniors Chad Schenk, Nick Dixon, Nick Ritzert, and Jason Like. It's all part of International Day during basketball spirit week. BELOW LEFT: Shirley Temple or Dorothy? Why, it's sophomore Jamie Tepool. BELOW RIGHT: Renee Rietman, Jenny Effinger, Sarah Scheu, Natalie Emge, Maria Kirsch, Shanna Hinderliter, Jonelle Rietman. Smile please! It's Color Day.







# 'Space Jam'

ABOVE LEFT: Ladies and gentlemen, the Mater Dei basketball team has entered the building. It was the big game of spirit week.

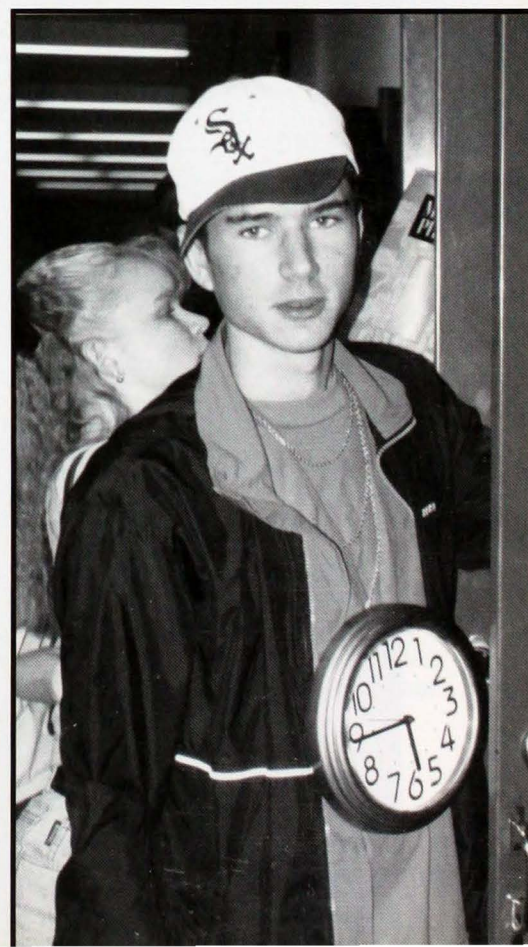


LEFT: Arabian Knights meet the French Rivera, or Erica Owen and Andrea Murphy.

RIGHT: Diplomats visit Mater Dei. In front are Andrea Gough and Colleen Corcoran; in back are Sara Wilson, Brianna Cox, and Amy Martin.



BELOW: Hey, it was '80s day for Stephanie Moore, Natalie Emge, Julie Moll, Heidi Tenbarger, Stephanie Stonecipher, Carrie Miller, Beth Ritzert, Kathy Little, Stefani Reidford, Kristi Winternheimer, Kira Crowder, Sara Wilson, Emily Knapp, Amanda Inkenbrandt, Jill Spaetti, Erin Goebel. RIGHT: Matt Krack keeps up with the times.







Screaming sophomores: Alicia Wilderman, Jennifer Morrow, Brooke Heavrin, Emily Elpers,

ABOVE: UFO on the obstacle course.  
BELOW: Juniors David Farmer and Stephanie Moore show the true spirit of May Day after winning the egg toss.

# *Hail Mary,*

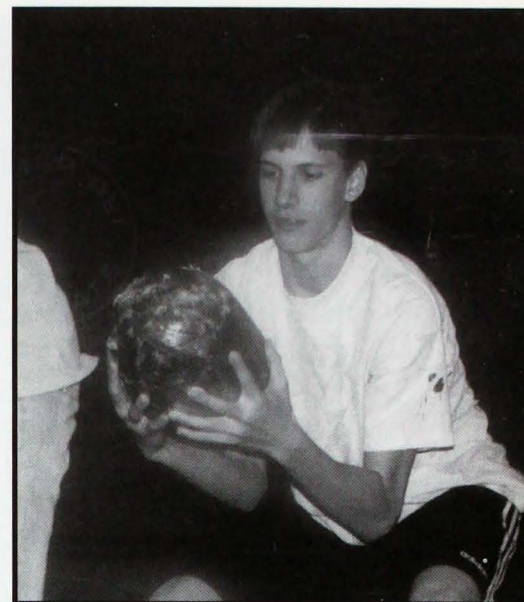




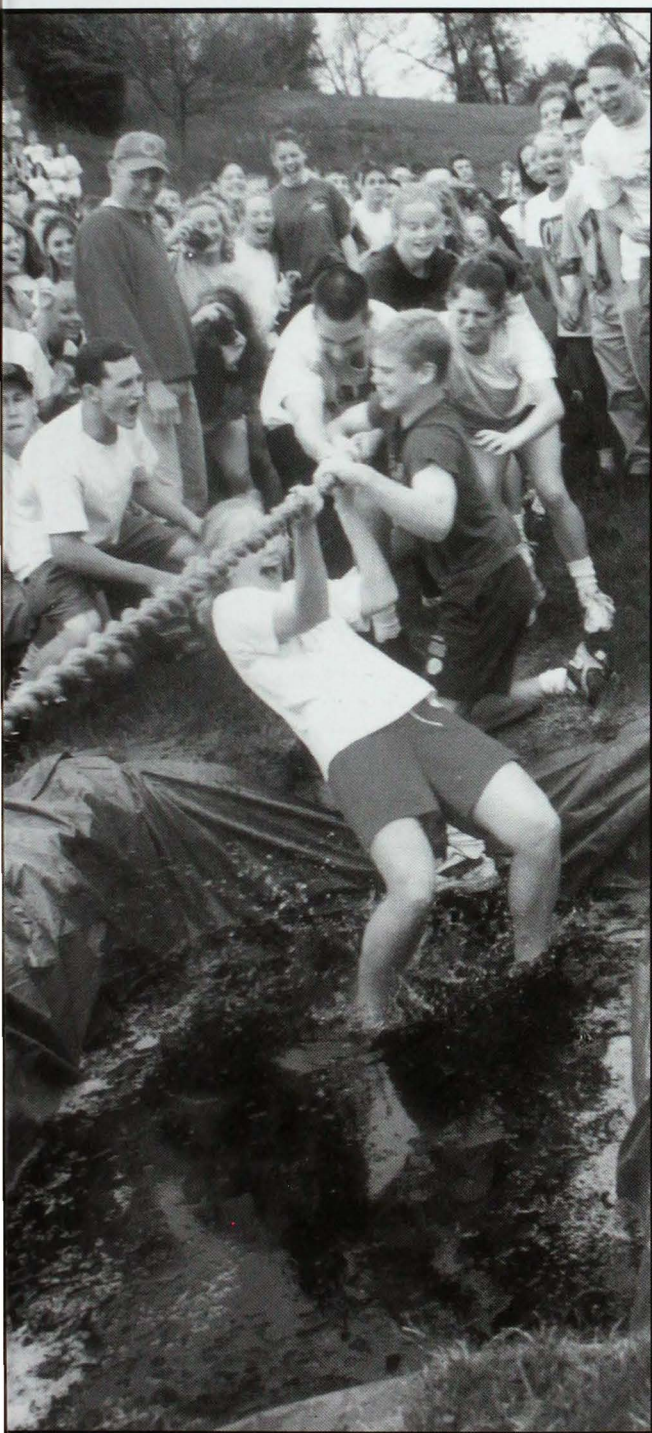


Jessica Weiss, Mary Smither, Audrey Hinderliter, Jennifer Vick, and Jennifer Moll.

# *full of grace*

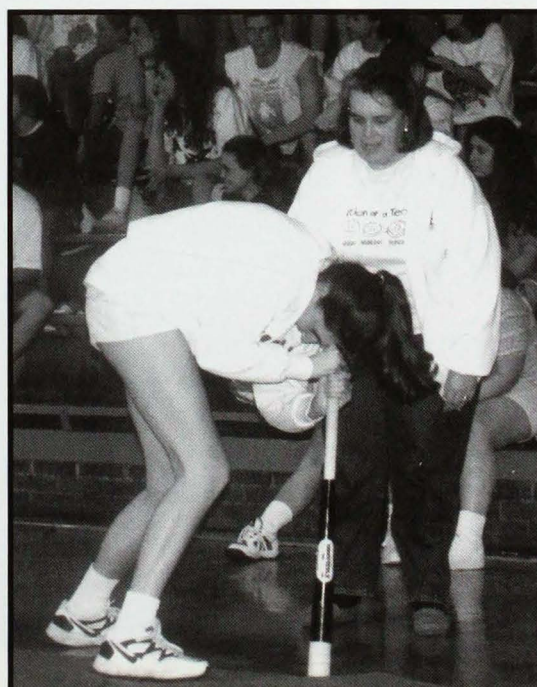


Sophomore Joe Traylor passes the melon in the greased melon event.



ABOVE: Senior Amy Martin uses her out-to-lunch technique in the pie eating contest.

FAR LEFT: The sophomore tug-of-war team faces defeat and ends up in the jello pit.



LEFT: Sophomore Crystal Spivey goes round and round with Mrs. Hudgions there to keep track of her whirls in the bat spin.



May Day 1997 started with its traditional Mass in the morning to honor Mary and crown the May Queen.

This year's May Queen was Rachelle Knapp, and Nicole Raben was her attendant. Fr. Herr was the celebrant, and Mass was planned by Sr. Donna Marie and Mr. Dave Wathen.

Mater Dei broke with its mud pit tradition and replaced it with a pit full of red and green jello. Student Council spent hours making the jello and added water to the pit to make it even more sloppy. With rain on the way, the tug-of-war

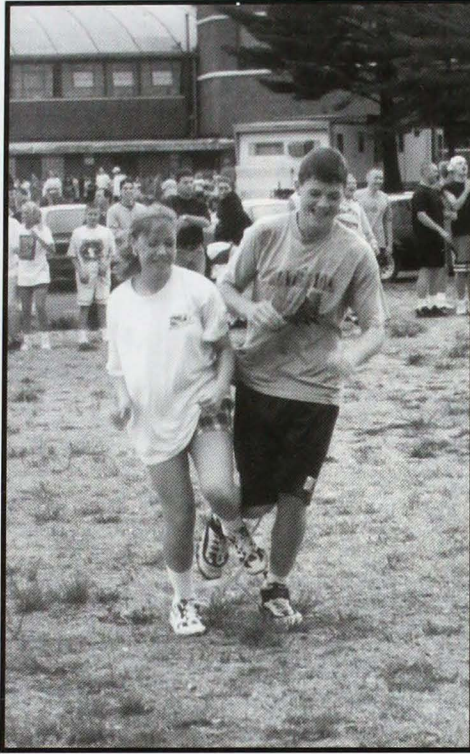
was quickly finished and all other events were moved inside to the main gym. But the rain didn't melt the students' enthusiasm.

At the end of the day, points were totaled for all the events. Sophomores took fourth with the freshmen in third.

But the juniors and seniors were tied for first. A tie breaker event was decided on. Three boys and three girls from both classes were chosen to pair up for a wheelbarrow race.

It was neck-and-neck the whole race, but the determination of the seniors was overwhelm-

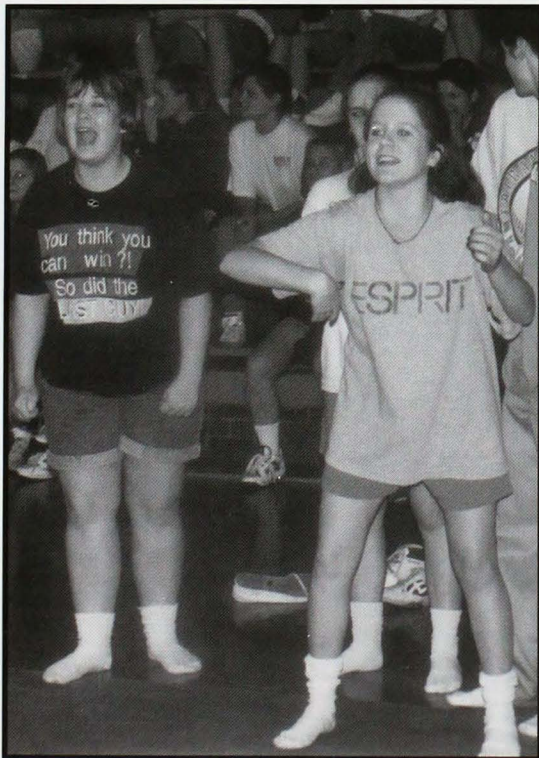
ing. They won the race literally by a nose and basked in the day's glory.



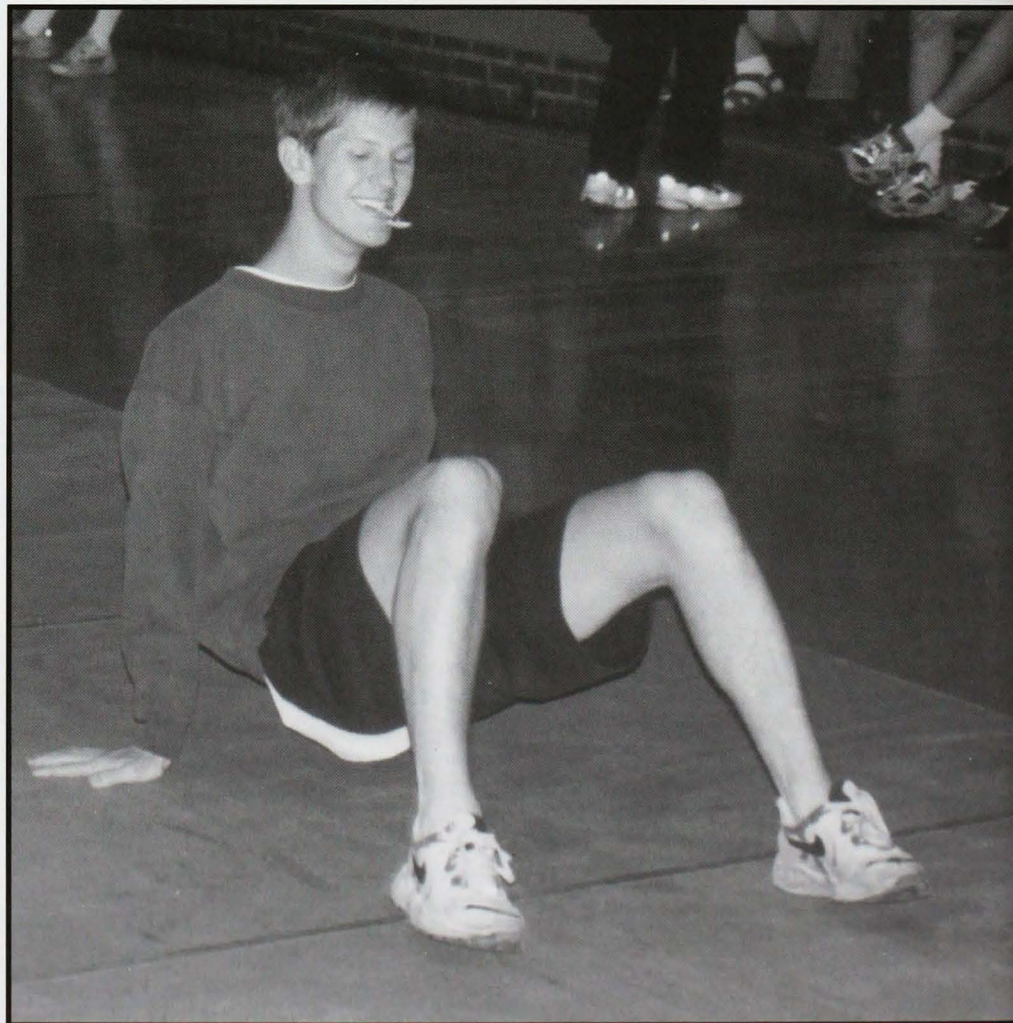
ABOVE: Freshmen Angie Hayden and Adam Weinzapfel make a great team in the three-legged race.



ABOVE: Seniors gather around the pit. BELOW: Senior Brian Knapp scuba walks and watches his whopper.



Freshmen Kristen Masters and Jamie Spahn cheer on their teammates in the Late for School contest.







May Queen Rachelle Knapp crowns the Virgin Mary.

*May Court: Seniors Michael Petrig, Dena Beyerstedt, Matt Beyer, Jessica Kiefer, Tom Traylor, Ann Feber, Tony McDonald, Queen's attendant Nicole Raben, May Queen Rachelle Knapp, Mike Schroeder, Theresa Webster, Stephen Schaefer, Angie Spahn, Heath Stewart, Vanessa Jansen, and Andy Mazzier.*

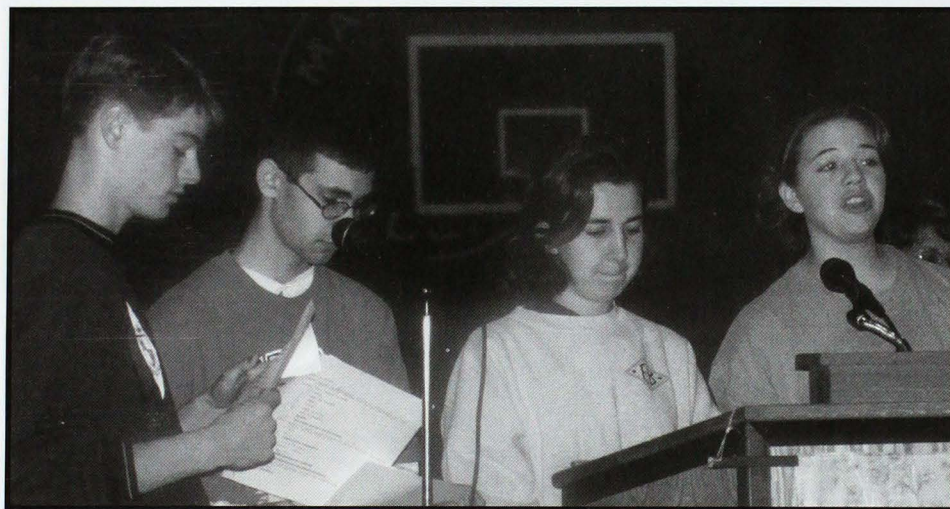




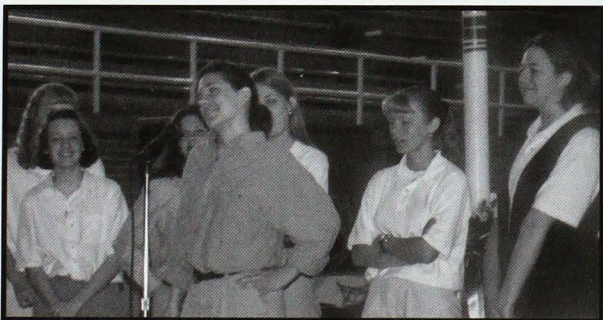
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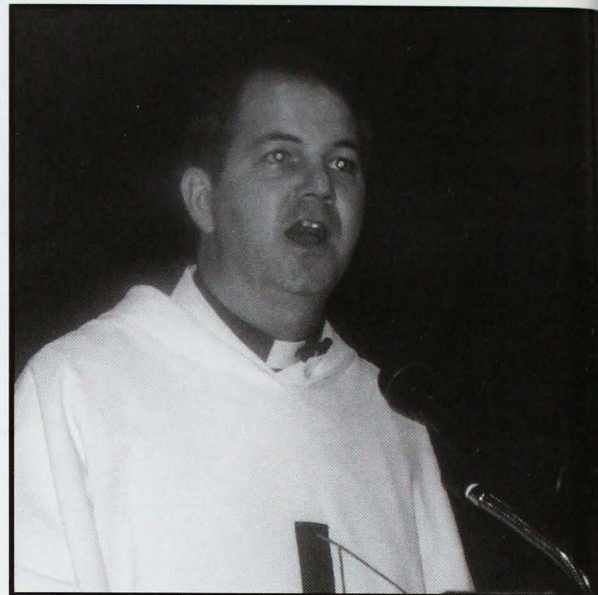
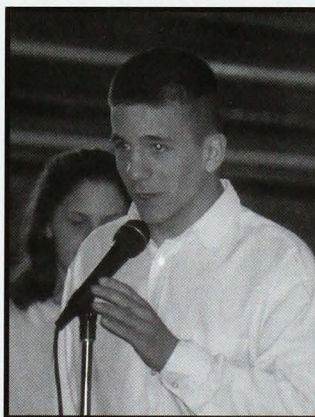
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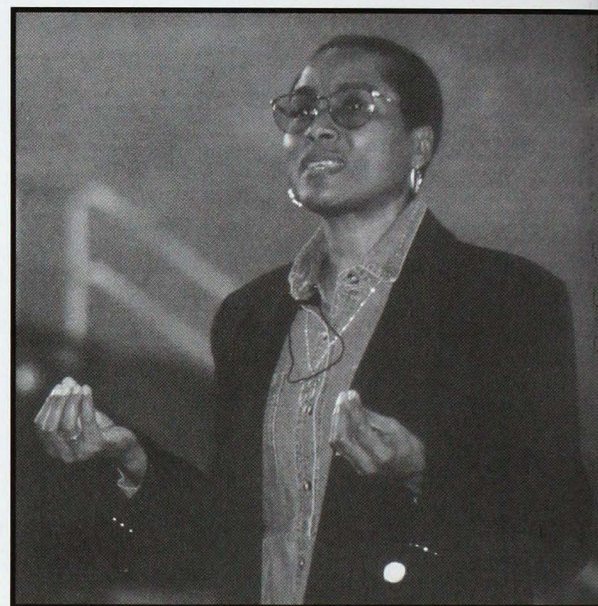
ABOVE: Matt Williamson, Alex Zenthoefer, Jennifer Richardt, and Theresa Webster read the list of saints during the All-Saints Day Mass.



ABOVE: Erin Goebel and her brother, Adam, (RIGHT) share what they are thankful for. BELOW: Kelly Sergesketter gives Communion to John Montgomery.



ABOVE: Father Mark celebrates his last Mass with the student body before leaving for his Sabbatical.



ABOVE: Sister Jane Nesmith, singer and songwriter, speaks to the student body about relationships with each other and God.

BELOW: Lynn Spahn sings during the All-Saints Day Mass.



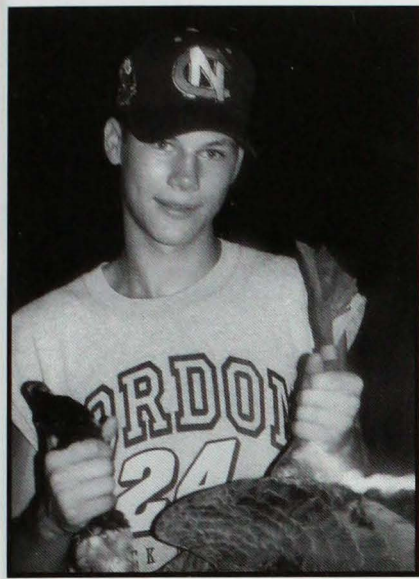
ABOVE: Waiting. . . Along with the student body, the three wisemen represent the anticipation that accompanies Advent.



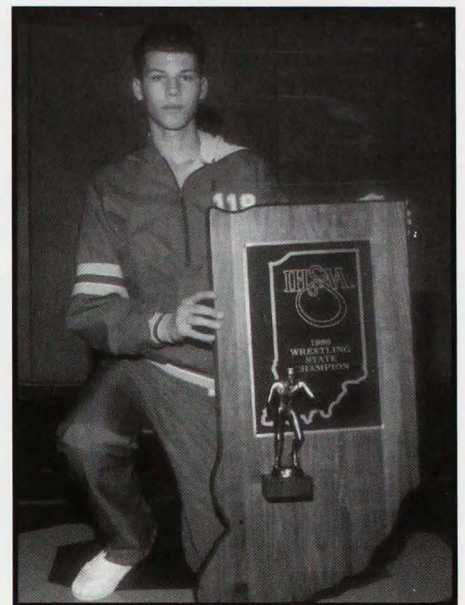
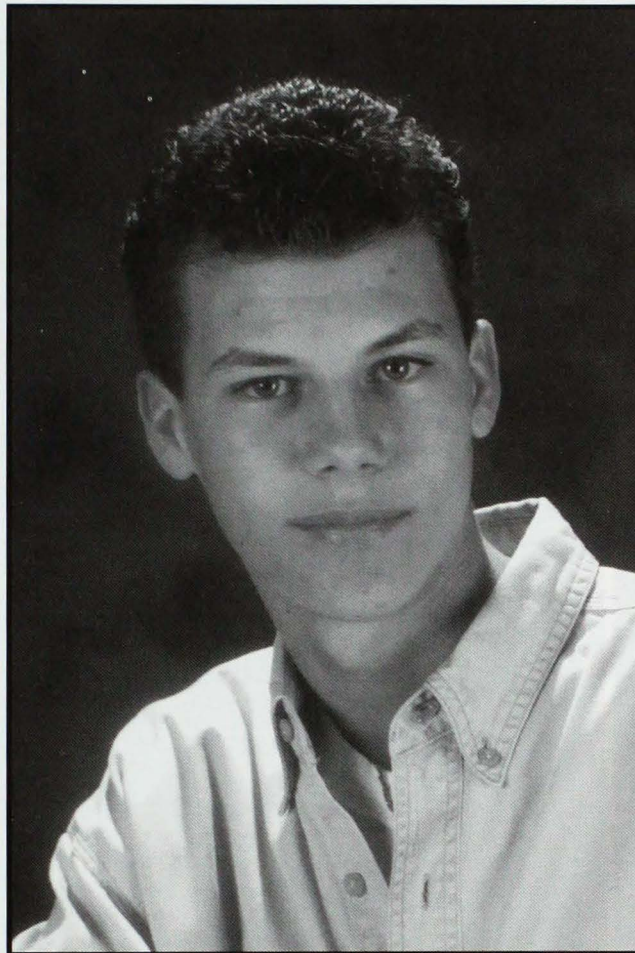


# Class of '99

## In memory of *Scott Miller*



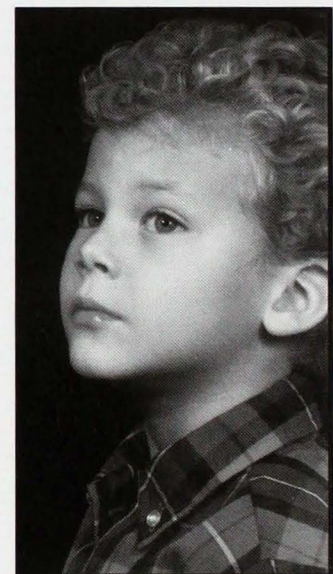
Scott in his most famous North Carolina hat.



Scott really is a true champion.



It's a bird... It's a plane...  
No, it's Scott Miller!



Scott as a young child looking into the future.

None knows the day that friends must part,  
None knows how near is sorrow;  
If there be laughter in your heart,  
towards his dreams,

Don't hold off for tomorrow.

Smile all the smiles you can today;  
Grief waits for all along the way.

Today is ours for joy and mirth;

We may be sad tomorrow;

Then let us sing for all we're worth,

Nor give a thought to sorrow.

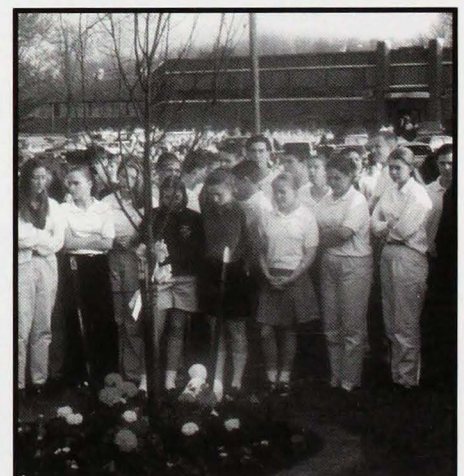
None knows what lies along the way

Let's smile what smiles we can today.

*In loving memory of our friend and  
classmate whose life was taken by a tragic  
traffic accident on March 10, 1997.*



Scott Miller's family – Tom and Mary Kay Miller, and Travis – showing strength through it all.



Mater Dei classmates and friends gather to dedicate a tree in Scott's memory.

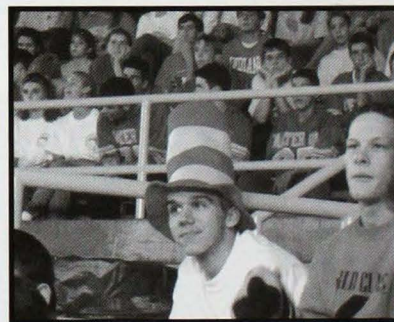




*just say*

**HEY**

*if it feels alright*



ABOVE: Hands up, the seniors are proud during a successful basketball season. RIGHT: Jason Like is a wild "cat in the hat."

ABOVE: Cheerleaders do a pyramid during a basketball assembly. RIGHT: Cheerleaders lead the seniors in a chant during a pep assembly. FARRIGHT: Erin Mills gives Curtis VanNess a gift of appreciation and encouragement during a wrestling assembly.





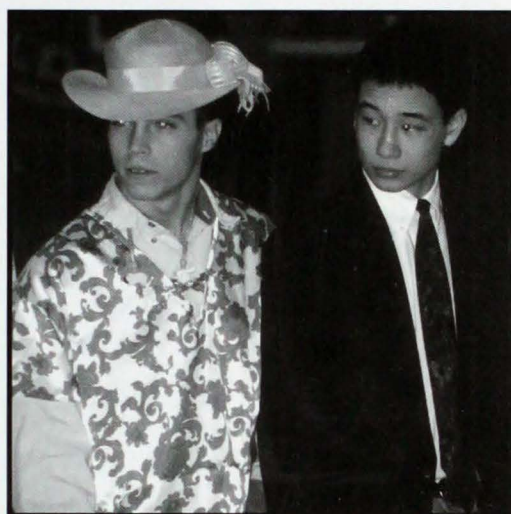


ABOVE: Elizabeth Vindhurst announces at a pep assembly. She represents the Scream Team.

RIGHT: Heather Altstadt and Ashley Stansberry show the crowd what cheering is all about.



ABOVE: Senior Michelle Blankenberger reaches for a high five.



ABOVE: Senior John Werner escorts an irresistible sophomore, Chad Martin.



ABOVE: Junior Julie Buedel gets the crowd involved during an assembly.



ABOVE: Lucky freshman Anne Schili struts her stuff on Valentine's Day.

BELOW: Senior Nick Ritzert is frightened at Nick Dixon's Wildcat spirit. Matt Schnell looks on in amazement.





# 'That Thing You Do!'



Philip Rawley gets in a few notes after Seth's Band wins the talent show. From left are John Verkamp, Rawley and Seth Weber. Other band memers are Kris Lamb and Matt Riordan.



Ben Niemeier dances to "Bad."

## And the talent winners are . . .

1st Place  
Seth's Band

2nd Place  
Lynn Spahn

3rd Place  
Ben  
Niemeier



Lynn Spahn sings "Read My Mind."



Connie Petrig



Valerie Murray



Mark Cole



TOP RIGHT: Kevin Folz, Ryan King, Andy Woehler, and Kurt Sills perform for an attentive audience.

RIGHT: Jason McCord and Alex Zenthoefer, masters of ceremonies, joke around with the audience.



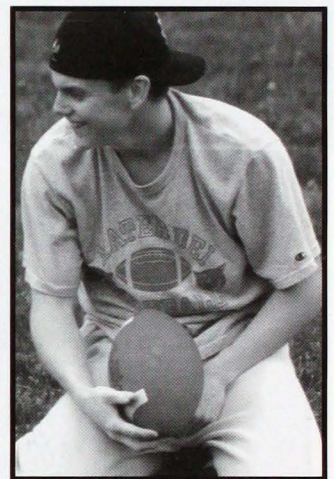
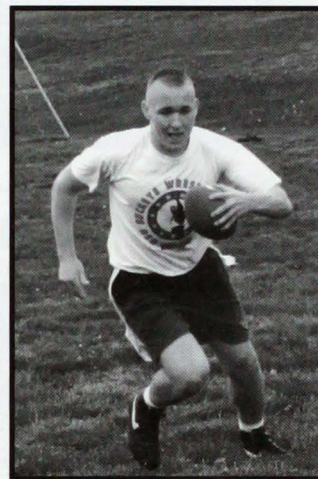
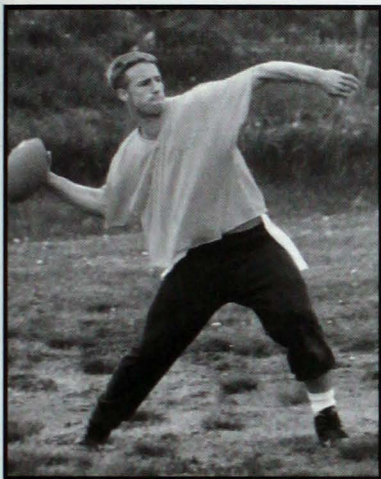
# INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL – FUN FOR EVERYONE



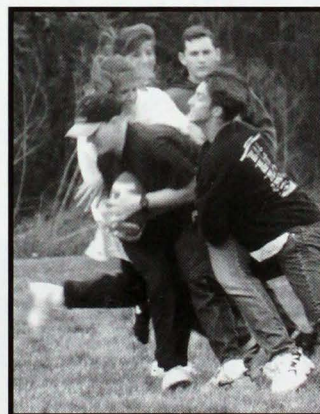
ABOVE: Damon Anslinger, Josh Tucker, Dustin Lindsey, Ben Faraone, and Jeremy Elpers prepare to receive the kickoff. BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Mike Halbig launches a pass. His team won the tourney. BOTTOM RIGHT: Melissa Fehrenbacher helps Liz Bailey up.



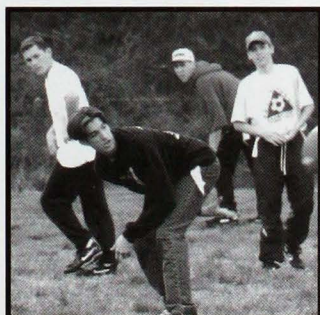
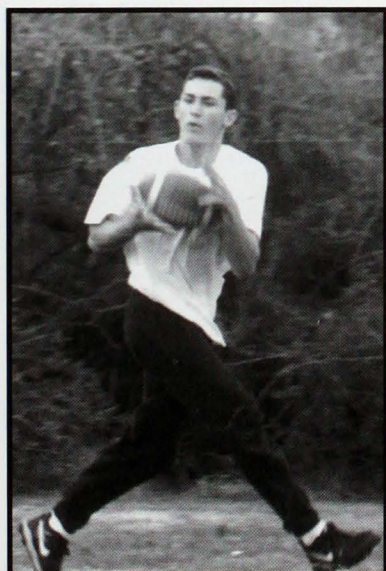
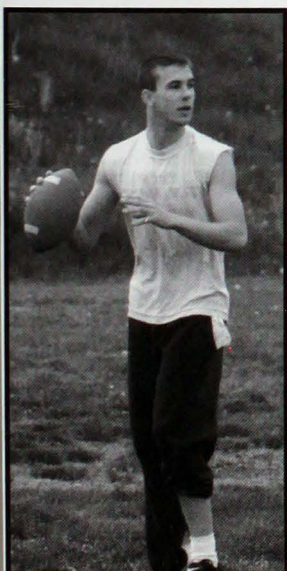
Girls get ready for the Student Council's intramural football tourney in April. In front are seniors Amy Martin and Melissa Fehrenbacher; in back are sophomore Anna Ruggles, junior Katie Faraone, sophomore Kerri Vowels, and seniors Tina Elpers and Alisha Goedde.



BELOW LEFT: Senior Tom Traylor does some quarterbacking, and, BELOW RIGHT, Jeremy Kiesel hauls in a reception. RIGHT: Senior Chris Govert tackles senior John Peck. BELOW BOTTOM: Chris hikes the ball.



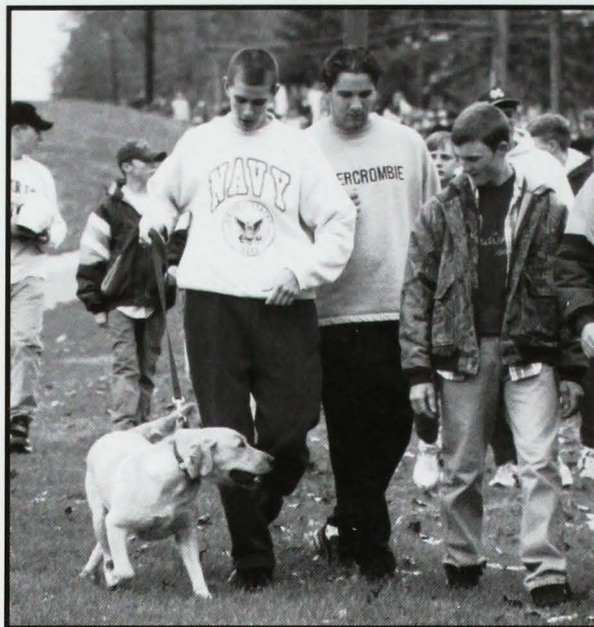
ABOVE: Senior Tony McDonald blows by all the defenders with his amazing speed. ABOVE RIGHT: Senior Jason Hartz enjoys carrying the ball.



Sophomore Ben Faraone takes senior Damon Anslinger to the ground. It really is "flag" football.



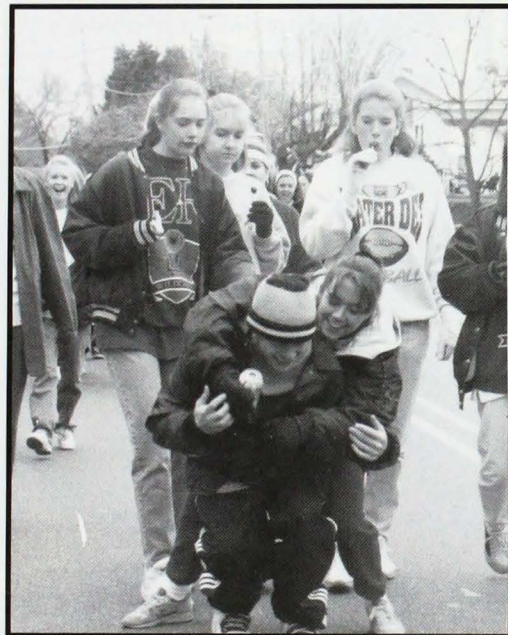
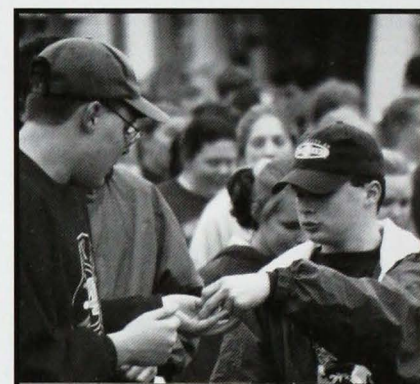
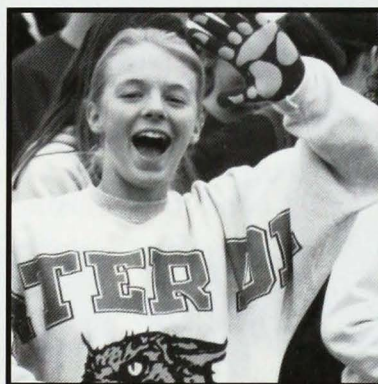
# A Walk in the Clouds



LEFT: Heath Stewart, along with senior buddies, walks the Schroeder family dog, Beabee, down Mesker Park Drive.

BELOW LEFT: Andrea Werner waves as she promotes school spirit.

BELOW RIGHT: Anthony Ennis unloads his Halloween candy onto Charles Bouch.



Andy Niemeier offers to give exhausted Angie Miller a piggyback ride.

BELOW: The Mater Dei student body files down along Wimberg Avenue ready for the long walk ahead.

## The Walk of the 600 Wildcats

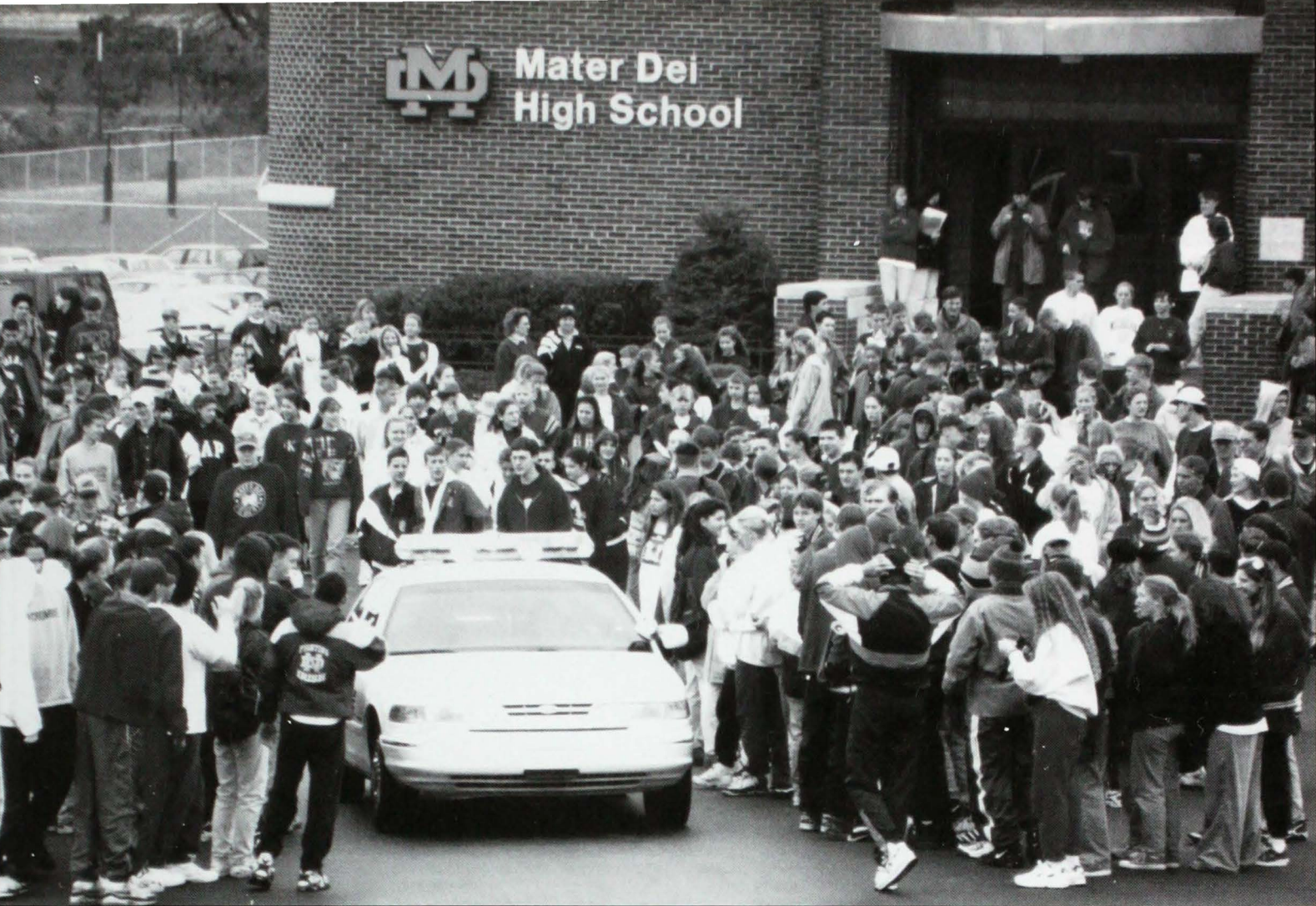
On November 1, the Mater Dei student body and faculty set out to once again raise money for the school's future purposes. Though the day began cold and cloudy, the students did not find it hard to keep up with school police liaison Shirley Baker and her squad car. Procedures were slightly different this year. Lunch was served before we ventured out, and another route was planned for the 7.5 mile journey. Howell Park, the halfway mark, proved to be a pleasant rest area for the students, faculty, and volunteer parents.

Of the \$20,000 raised, the senior class raised the most, reaching 84 percent of its class goal. The freshmen came in second with 71 percent. The sophomores reached 69 percent, while the juniors hit only 61 percent of their class goal.

The top moneymakers were Becky and Melissa Oliver, 1st place; Beth Sears, 2nd place; Evelyn Rexing, 3rd place; Tom, Joe, and Matt Traylor, 4th place; and Tammy Titzer, 5th place. The top homerooms who raised over \$1,000 were senior homerooms 204 and 205, and freshman homeroom 214.



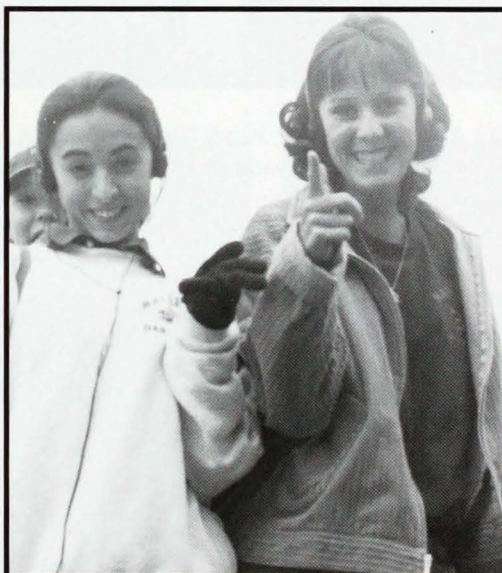
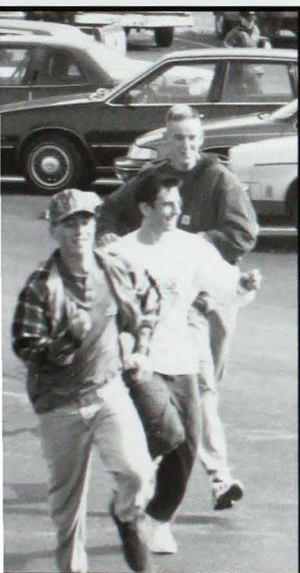




ABOVE: Students gather around Shirley Baker's squad car for last-minute instructions before heading off.

LEFT: Seniors John Montgomery, Nick Dixon, and Grant Craig sprint for homeroom with a last burst of energy for early dismissal.

BELOW: Junior Ryan Kirsch catches some last-minute shuteye before setting out for the remainder of the walk.



LEFT: Seniors Sarah Koressel and Andrea Gough cheese for the camera.

BELOW: The Mater Dei crowd doesn't seem to mind the West Side traffic.





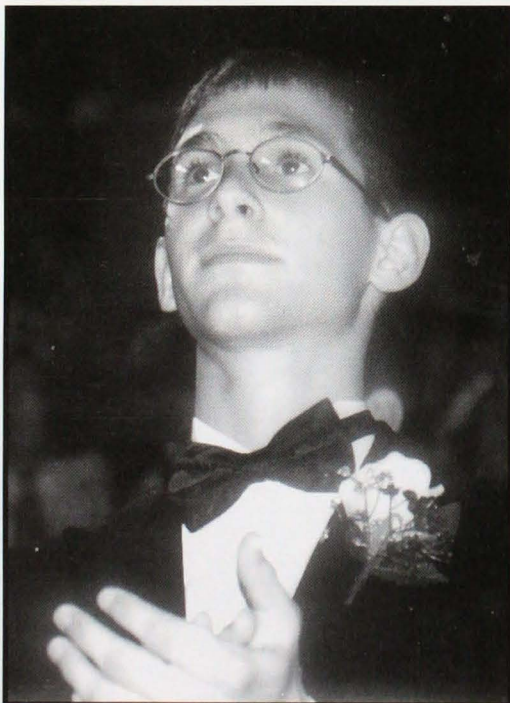
**TAKE  
TEN**

Mater Dei

# 'Be all you



Student Council: (front row) Alex Zenthoefer, Kristi Niemeier, Mike Schroeder; (second row) Lena Ruminer, Shay Grasso, Laura Knapp, Jenny Effinger, Nicole Dressel, Amy Frey, Jessica Freeman, Amy Martin, Christy Regel, Heather Altstadt, Krista Weinzapfel; (third row) Crystal Spivey, Michelle Langton, Jessica Weis, Jill Spaetti, Evelyn Rexing, Mikaelah Becher, Jeremy Herrmann, Adam Weinzapfel; (fourth row) Kevin Folz, Jessica Butler, Jamie Rexing, Cory Macke, Andrew Baumgartner, Jason Hartz, Dustin Lannert.



Mayor Alex Zenthoefer was also on football homecoming court.



Appointed officials: (front row) Andy Mazzier; (second row) Mike Bishop, Steve Schaefer, Michelle Blankenberger, Tom Traylor, Rachelle Knapp, Jessica Kiefer, Brianna Cox; (third row) Niki Hemmer, Christy Goebel, Jessica Cummings, Libby Schenk, Casi Jost, Liz Bailey, Mike Petrig, and Anna Hoang.



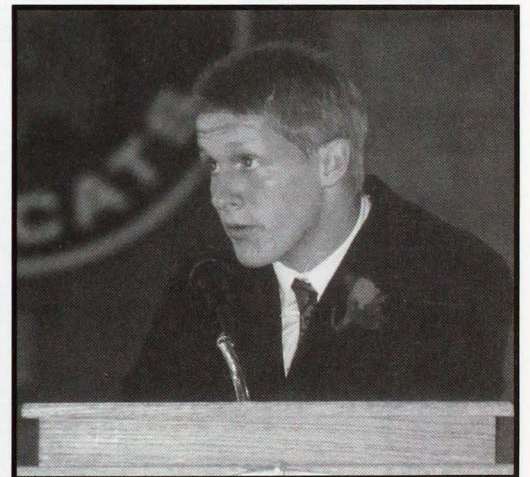
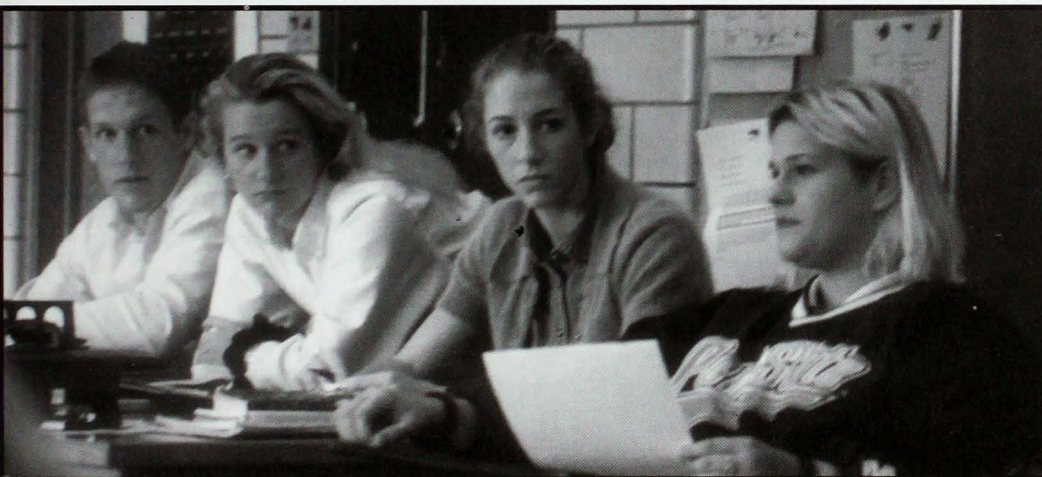
# can be'

UNITED  
WE  
STAND

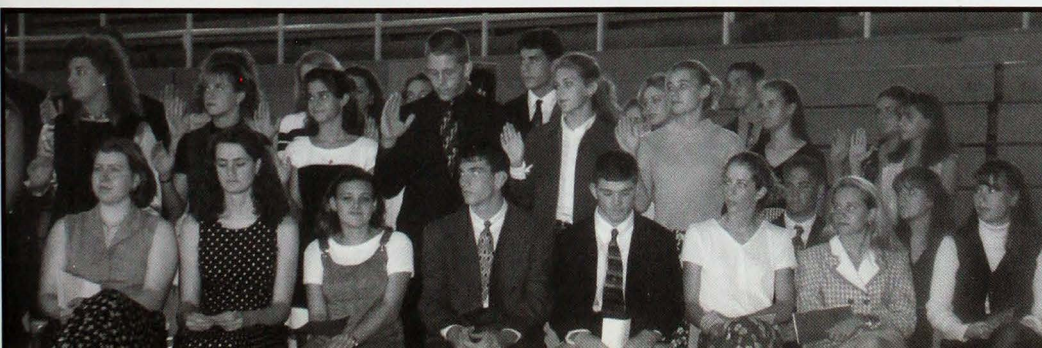
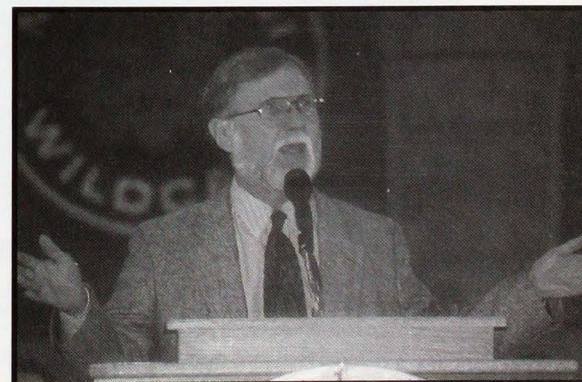
## ⚖ 'Law & Order' ⚖



Class officers: seniors Erin Mills, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Nicole Raben, Alisha Goedde; juniors Natalie Emge, Jason McCord, Jamie Reese, Katie Faraone; sophomores Dan Jankowski, Sarah Scheu, Kerri Vowels, Robert Schmitt; freshmen John Harmon, Matt Adler, Julie Lehman, Jessica Herrmann.

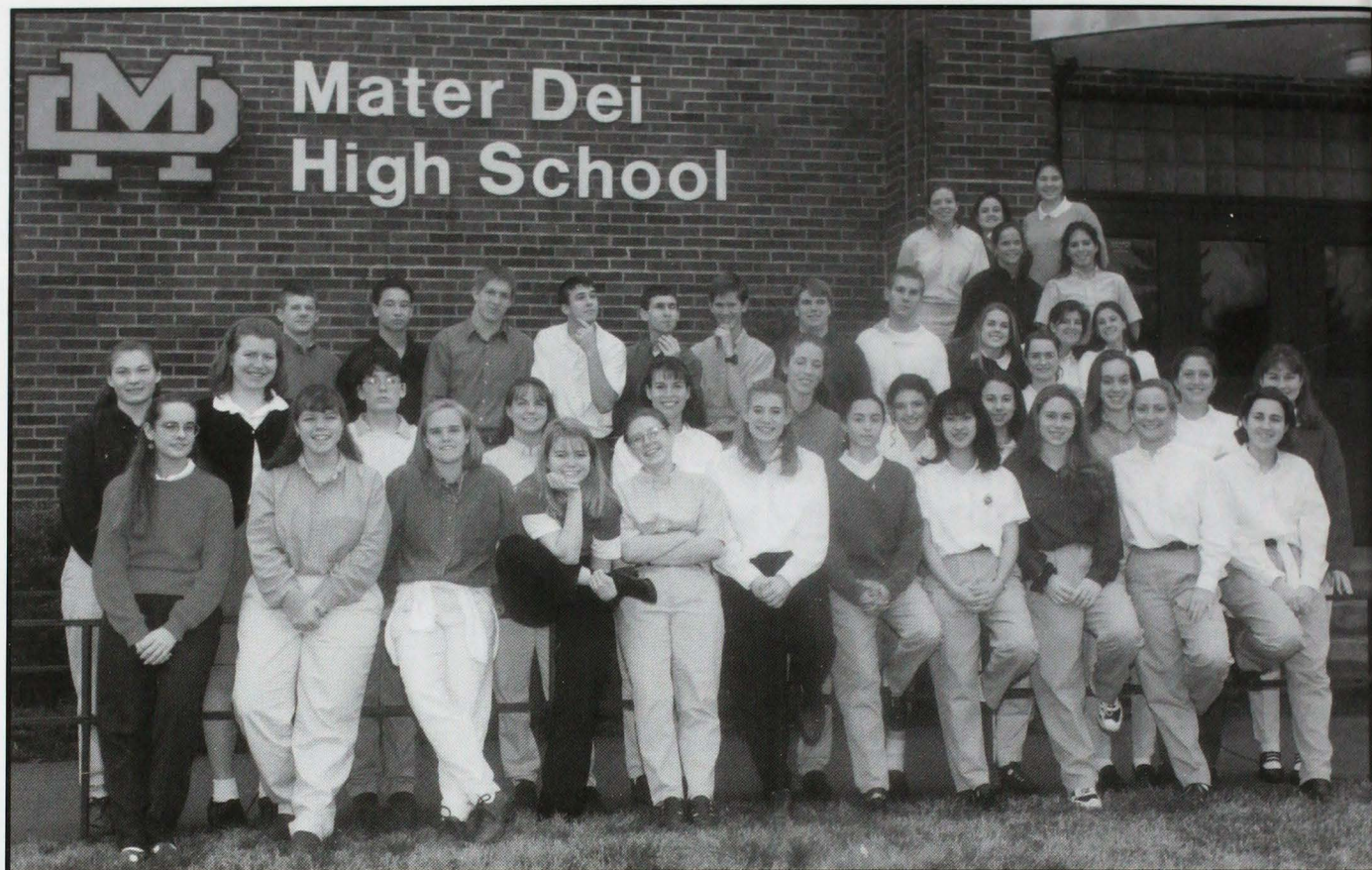


ABOVE: Mater Dei's court is in session: Judge Mike Schroeder, Clerk-Affiliate Michelle Blankenberger, Assistant Clerk-Affiliate Rachelle Knapp, and police officer Andrea Correa. At Inauguration, ABOVE RIGHT, Mike Schroeder outlines his goals. RIGHT, Mr. Justin Clements, a former Mater Dei mayor, is featured speaker. BELOW, councilmen are sworn in.





# NATIONAL



Senior members: (front row) Sarah Kempf, Ellen Brenner, Krista Weinzapfel, Nicole Dressel, Connie Petrig, Amy Frey, Sarah Koressel, Anna Hoang, Jonelle Reitman, Kristi Niemeier, Jennifer Richardt; (second row) Dena Beyerstedt, Niki Hemmer, Colleen Corcoran, Erin Mills, Casi Jost, Rachelle Knapp, Andrea Auth, Julie Waller, Jessica Kiefer, Kelly Sergesketter, Christy Goebel, Nicole Raben; (third row) Stephen Schaefer, John Werner, Mike Schroeder, Tom Traylor, Alex Zenthoefer, Brian Knapp, Kevin Baehl, Jay Cartwright, Jessica Freeman, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Christy Regal; (standing) Alisha Goedde, Amanda Bailey, Theresa Webster, Ann Weber, Vanessa Jansen.

# HONOR



# SOCIETY

Junior members: (first row) Brandon Boots, Chris Maynard, Julie Moll, Sarah Werner, Kira Crowdus, Lora Stephens, Teresa Lutz, Natalie Emge; (second row) Robby Mallory, Katie Faraone, Jeremy Herrmann, Meg Liffick.



# SPELL



In the 12th annual Hoosier Area Spell Bowl, Mater Dei placed second to North Posey in Class III competition. The team's score of 73 was the highest ever by a Mater Dei Spell Bowl Team and placed the team fourth among the 15 competing schools. Jay Cartwright, Lora Stephens, and Niki Hemmer achieved perfect scores.

# BOWL

The spellers: (sitting) Niki Hemmer, Krista Weinzapfel, Anna Hoang, Dena Beyerstedt; (standing) Lora Stephens, Christie Ulrich, Colleen Corcoran, Jay Cartwright, Teresa Lutz.



# ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL

The academic stars: (sitting) Natalie Rasler, Ann Weber, Dena Beyerstedt, Colleen Corcoran, Krista Weinzapfel, Niki Hemmer, Meg Liffick, Sarah Hamilton, Jennifer Barnes, Rachel Schenk; (standing, first row) Anna Hoang, Kerri Vowels, Josh Williams, Stephanie Stonecipher, Julie Moll, Paul Schutz; (second row) Sam Stephens, Kevin Baehl, Jay Cartwright, Stephen Schaefer, Richard Kuester, Brian Knapp, Tom Traylor, Matt Traylor, John Werner, Greg Kiesel, Brad Angermier, Cory Spaetti.

The Academic Super Bowl team competed in mathematics, science, social studies, English, and fine arts. Team members spent much time sharpening their skills in their area of expertise. Their efforts were rewarded with a second-place finish in the social studies competition.



# Band Mr. Mace's Opus

Thanks to a lot of hard work by band boosters, Mr. Tom Mace's band dedicated a new field. The show, *Fantasia*, created a new appearance with props such as buckets, brooms, and stain-glassed windows.

The band began the season by capturing best drum major and best percussion awards, while District and Regional performances received Division I ratings. Drum majors were Amy Frey, Keith Wildeman and Meaghan Topper.

Concert band had two performances, pep band played at home basketball games, and jazz band played in various gigs. Solo/Ensemble Division I state qualifiers were senior Jay Cartwright on baritone saxophone and freshman Blake Goedde on both snare drum and drum set solos. The Percussion Ensemble consisting of Anthony Ennis, Kris Lamb, Blake Goedde, Brian Wildeman, Margaret Halbig, Scott Mayer, John Verkamp, Ryan Muensterman, and Ann Weber also qualified for state competition.

At the end of the year, it was Aloha! The band headed to Hawaii.



Senior Anna Hoang puts her saxophone away by the new band trailer.



ABOVE: Senior Andrea Auth and freshman Charlie Stoltz warm up before competition.

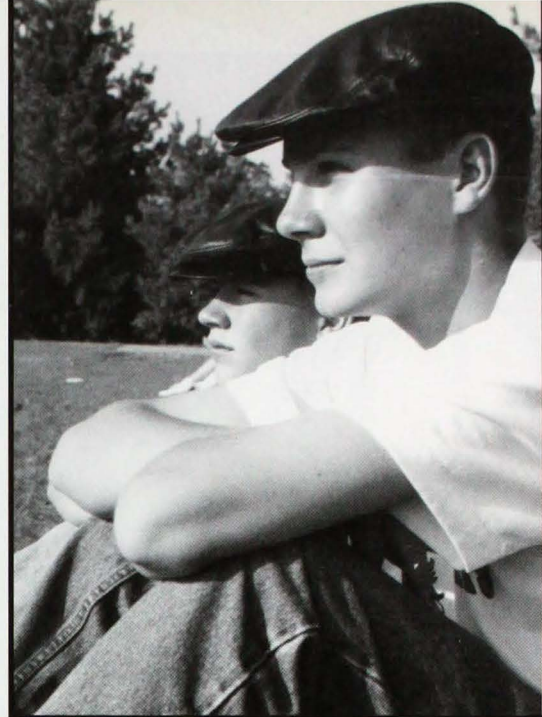


FAR LEFT: Senior Jay Cartwright leads the horn section in a halftime football performance.



LEFT: Sophomores Brian Wildeman and Margaret Halbig keep the beat on the sidelines.





ABOVE: Senior Jay Cartwright and sophomore Seth Weber. LEFT: Junior John Verkamp and freshman Kris Lamb on snares.



Senior Connie Petrig and junior Paul Stoltz.



Four low brass dunces enjoy the band banquet. They are St. Philip eighth-grader Neal Bohleber, junior Keith Wildeman, and seniors Jay Cartwright and Chris Tornatta.

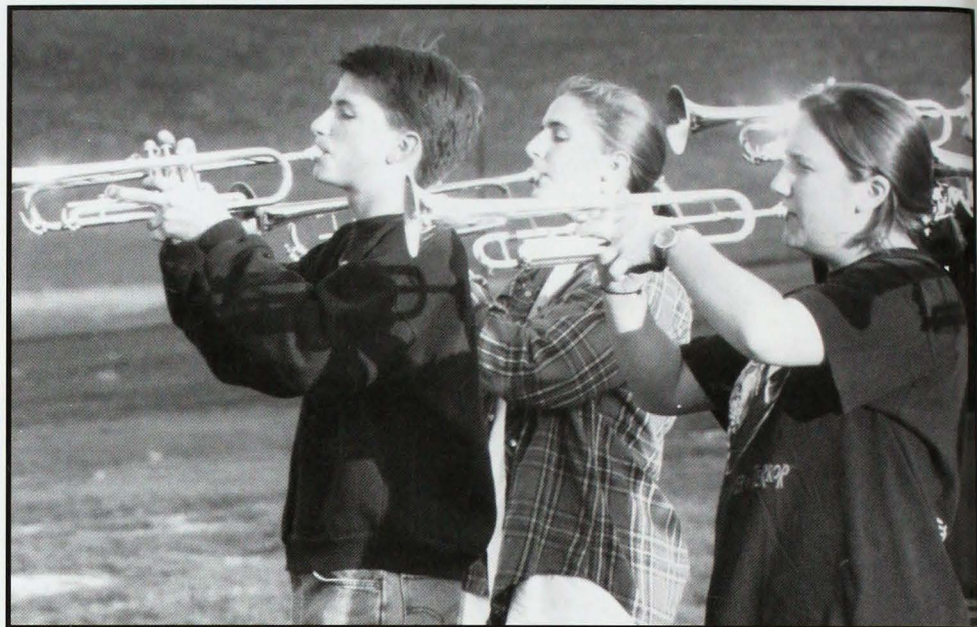


Friends pose for a formal photo that will last forever. First row, senior Amy Frey and junior Meaghan Topper; second row, seniors Anna Hoang, Andrea Auth, and Sarah Koressel; third row, sophomore Margaret Halbig and seniors Vanessa Jansen and Theresa Webster.

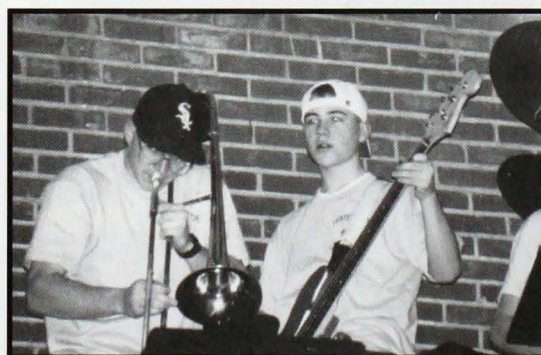
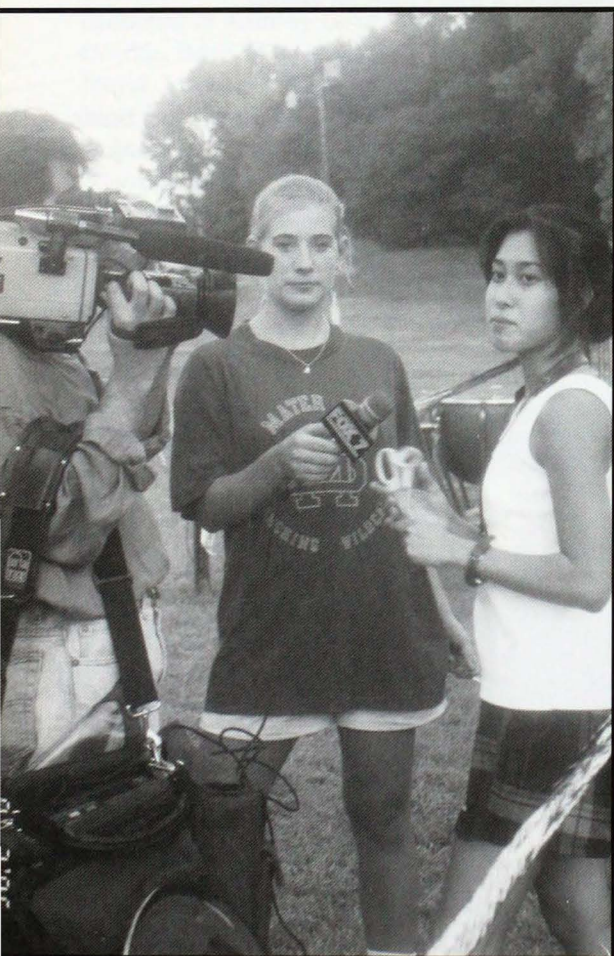


Freshmen Kris Lamb and Blake Goedde show spirit at camp on Black Thursday.





Senior Drum Major Amy Frey sets the tempo for the trumpet section, including W.C.C.S eighth-grader Anthony Catanese, freshman Sarah Burdette, and junior Roxie Helmer.



FAR LEFT: Seniors Amy Frey and Anna Hoang become the TV stars at the band field dedication.

ABOVE: Senior Mat Schenk and freshman Blake Goedde play the quads during football halftime.

LEFT: Junior Paul Stolz and sophomore Seth Weber jam with the pep band at a home basketball game.







Marching Band: (front row) Assistant Director Kay Jolliff, Tracy Flake, Maria Kirsch, Anthony Ennis, Vanessa Jansen, Theresa Webster, Amy Frey, Keith Wildeman, Meaghan Topper, Mat Schenk, Blake Goedde, Kris Lamb, Ryan Muensterman, John Verkamp, Angie Sotolongo; (second row) Director Tom Mace, Stephanie Ward, Sarah Kempf, Josh Richter, Brian Wildeman, Margaret Halbig, Rachel Sammet, Valerie Murray, Laura Cavera, Seth Weber, Mike Sotolongo, Jan Bickett, Linda Martin, Charlene Kirsch, Mindy Schenk, Instructor Chad Moore; (third row) Instructor Chris White, Andrea Auth, Charlie Stoltz, Anna Ward, Lisa Weber, Jamie Spahn, Jennifer Tornatta, Tricia Schenk, Erica Rasler, April Schmitt, Sarah Koressel, Natalie Rasler, Beth Stofleth, Molly Topper, Eric Brown, Donna Adams, Guard Instructor Amy Simms; (fourth row) Anna Hoang, Julie Booth, Kristen Masters, Kristina Bohleber, Connie Petrig, Neal Bohleber, Chris Tornatta, Jay Cartwright, Paul Stoltz, Jason Kuester, Roxie Helmer, Anthony Catanese, Alysia Bigge, Amy Muensterman, Paul Schutz, Sarah Burdette. Not pictured: Percussion Instructor Gregg Martin.

LEFT: Drum Majors, junior Meaghan Topper, senior Amy Frey, and junior Keith Wildeman, proudly display awards for Best Drum Major, Best Percussion, and First Place Overall in Class 2A at the Boonville Invitational.





# LOOK WHO'S TALKING

## State Champs

"Icing on the cake." This statement by speech coach Brenda Donofrio pretty much encompassed the theme of the 1996-97 Speech and Debate teams.

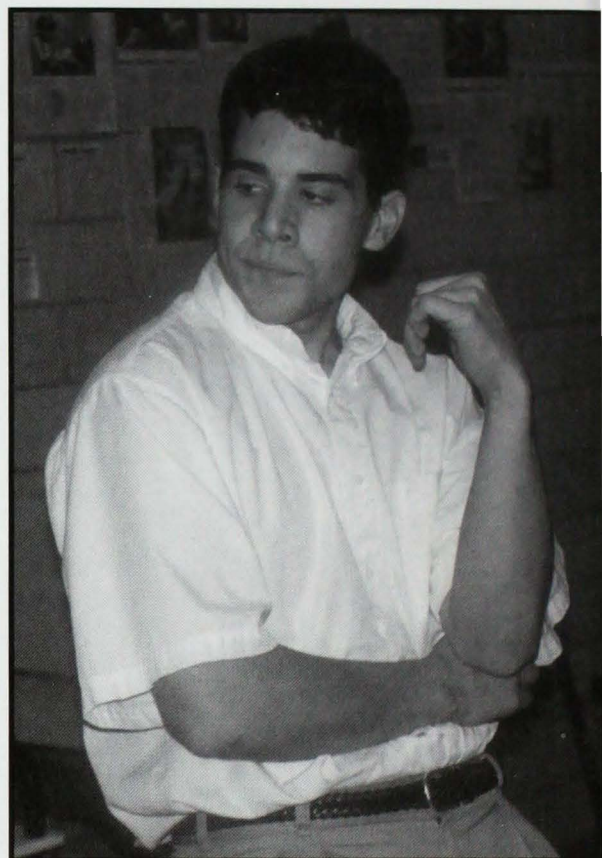
The season began with a spectacular performance by the novice squad, which captured many ribbons and trophies, including a team championship at the North Invitational. Typically, the speech season lasts longer than any other. This year was no different. The varsity season began in December with a trip to Cincinnati. The trip, though long, proved fruitful when senior Stephen Schaefer placed second and Niki Hemmer placed first, both among strong competition. The team proceeded to accumulate various trophies throughout the year.



In debate, the team of Schaefer and Sam Stephens set the standard for the rest of the season by finishing undefeated at State Debate. They also qualified for Nationals in Debate.

Tournament competition began with a first-place finish at Sectionals in both Original Oratory and Poetry by Niki Hemmer and a first in Prose by Meg Liffick. The next step led to Regionals, where the team returned to Mater Dei with a second-place finish. Senior Jennifer Richardt captured first place in Dramatic.

The team qualified a record number of competitors for State, including sophomore Emily Elpers; juniors Dana Kemper and Dan Werner; seniors Hemmer, Schaefer, Alex Zenthoefer, and Richardt. Highlighted by the school's first ever State championship in Speech, three team members placed among Indiana's best. Schaefer placed fifth in U.S. Extemp, Zenthoefer placed fourth in Humorous Interpretation, and Richardt placed third in Dramatic. The sight of Coach Donofrio (above) attempting to carry the trophy was a sight to see. The team should be proud of its numerous accomplishments.



Jason McCord rehearses "Private Wars" for Humorous Interpretation.

Champs: (front row) Jen Richardt, Kerri Vowels, Jessica Butler, John Williamson, Dan Werner, Jimmy Kissel, Jason McCord; (second row) Kristina Rousey, Tricia Schenk, Emily Elpers, Lora Stephens, Jenny Schmitt, Becky Lutz; (third row) Paul Schutz, Nathaniel Rivers, Seth Weber, Ben Stephens, Dan Musick, Jamie Rexing, Sarah Schenk, Michelle Langton, Jennifer Barnes, Matt Traylor, Natalie Jansen, Jan Bickett, Meaghan Topper, Niki Hemmer, Meg Liffick; (fourth row) Vanessa Jansen, Theresa Webster, Alex Zenthoefer, Matt Williamson, Sam Stephens, Kevin Baehl, Stephen Schaefer, Andy Coomes, Brian Knapp, Angie Niemeier, Jessica Shea, Katie Raben, Sarah Kempf, Haley Baker.





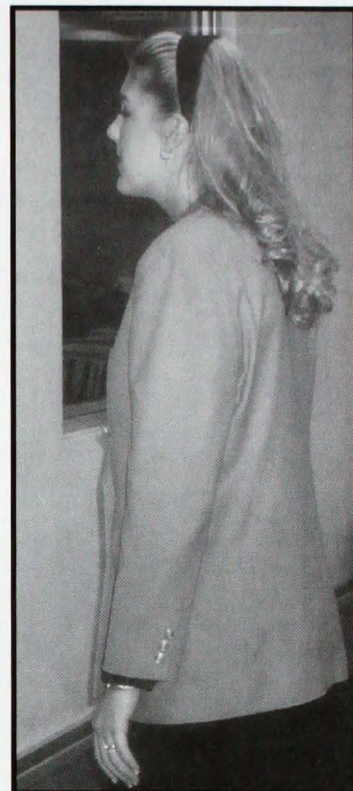


Dan Werner does his girl bit for Humorous Interpretation.

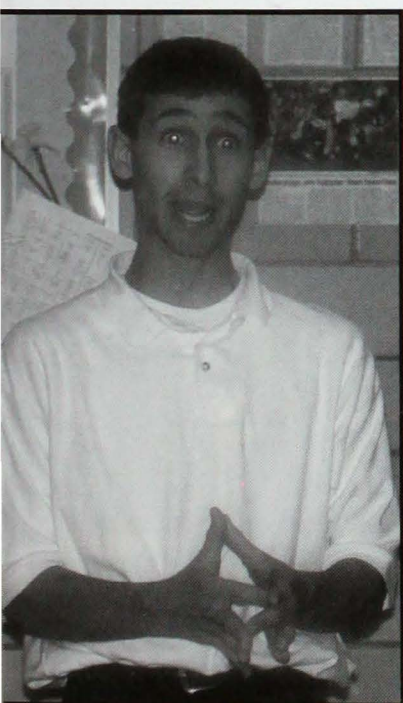


Dana Kemper's prayers pay off as she qualifies for State. LEFT: Vanessa Jansen is "Anastasia" in Duo Interpretation.

Meg Liffick is not talking to the wall; she's rehearsing.



"On a trip you practically live with these people; you learn of their greatest hates, loves, and annoyances. Even though we don't always agree, I love them all." - Jen Richardt



LEFT: Alex Zenthoefer is a rabbi in "Mr. Big" for Humorous Interpretation.

BELOW: Stephen Schaefer, Sam Stephens, and Niki Hemmer fight over whose trophy is bigger.



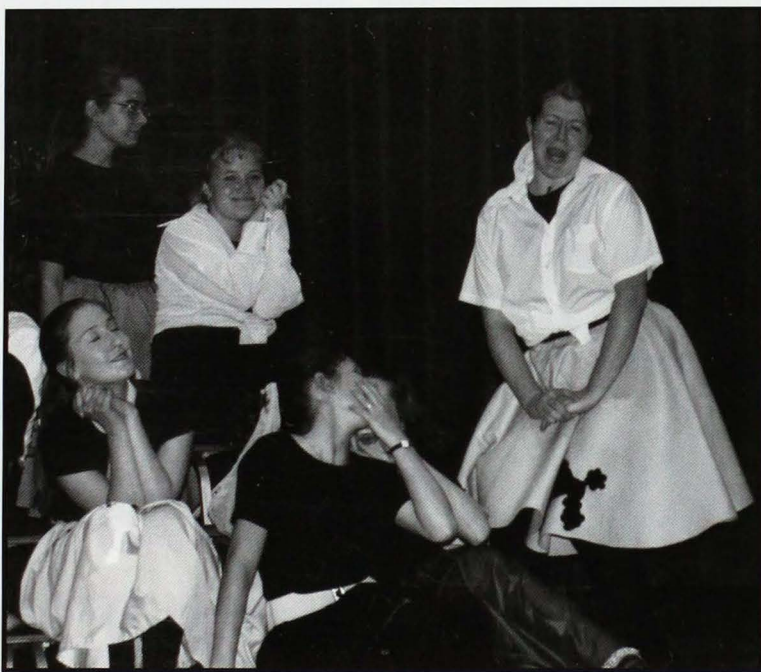


# *'Let Me Count the Ways'*

The 1997 production of "Let Me Count the Ways" was unlike anything Mater Dei has ever seen before.

Scenes from many of the great literary works of the past and present were presented, including "Antigone," "Much Ado About Nothing," "Hamlet," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Grease," and "Godspell."

The cast included Kristina Bohleber, Niki Hemmer, Jennifer Richarddt, Jeff Woehler, Alex Zenthoefer, Andy Funke, Julie Hart, Dana Kemper, Jason McCord, Jessica Butler, Emily Elpers, Jenny Schmitt, Charlene Kirsch, Katie Raben, Paul Schutz, Jan Bickett, Tracy Flake, Sarah Kempf, Haley Baker, Sara Montgomery, Kerri Vowels, Brian Wildeman, Sara Burdette, and Becky Lutz.



Niki Hemmer plays the lead role in this scene from "Grease." She's singing "Summer Nights."



In the final scene from "Antigone," Jessica Butler as Ismene begs her sister (Jennifer Richarddt) for forgiveness.



ABOVE: Katie Raben sings "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar" to Jason McCord. Julie Hart also played the singing role.



Paul Schutz, Andy Funke, Brian Wildeman, Jeff Woehler, Alex Zenthoefer, and Jason McCord sing "Summer Nights."





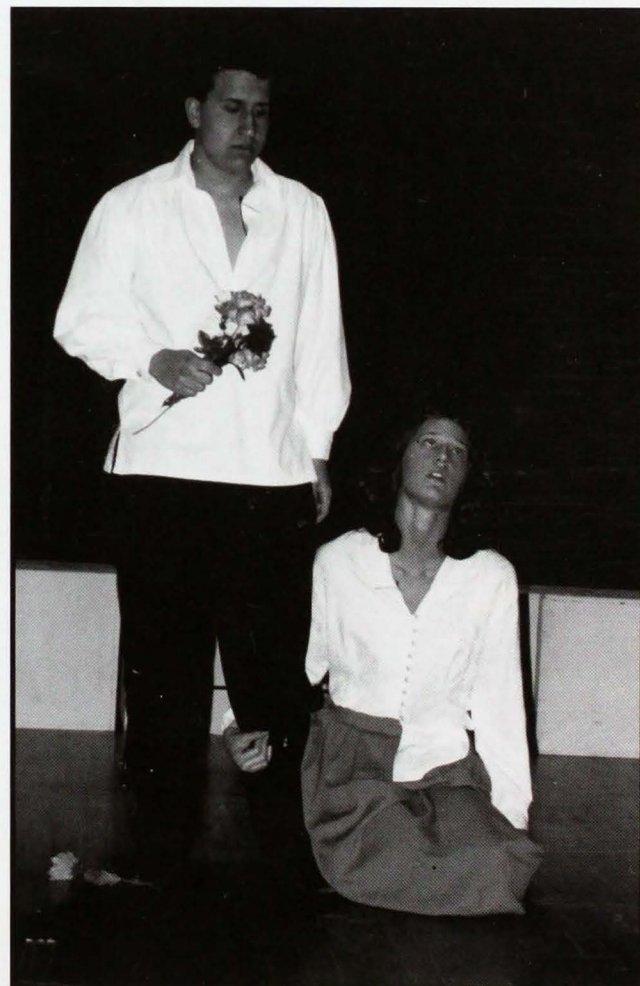
Performing "Summer Nights" from the musical "Grease" are Katie Raben, Jessica Butler, Becky Lutz, Kristina Bohleber, Charlene Kirsch, Jennifer Richardt, Haley Baker, Tracy Flake, Niki Hemmer, Sarah Kempf, Jenny Schmidt, Kerri Vowels, Sara Montgomery, Dana Kemper, Emily Elpers and Sara Burdette.



ABOVE: Alex Zenthoefer as Jesus steps up on his soapbox in "We Beseech Thee."



LEFT: In the final scene of "Oedipus Rex," Jason McCord parts with his daughters. Kerri Vowels and Sara Montgomery look on.

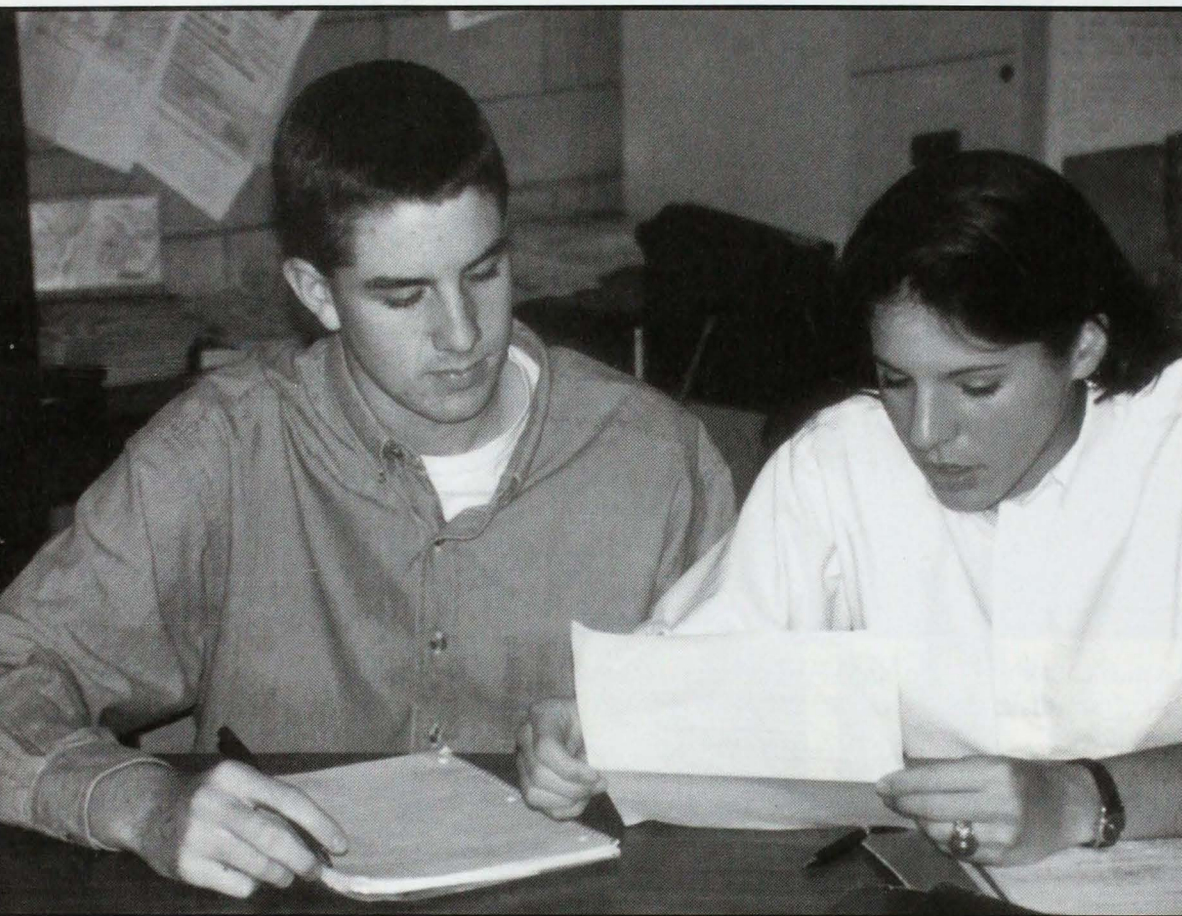


RIGHT: Leartese (Paul Schutz) and Ophelia (Dana Kemper) are shown in a poignant moment from "Hamlet."



# 'The Front Page'

Hi-Lights is  
award-winner



Hi-Lights Editor Amanda Bailey reviews sophomore Brian Wildeman's front-page story.

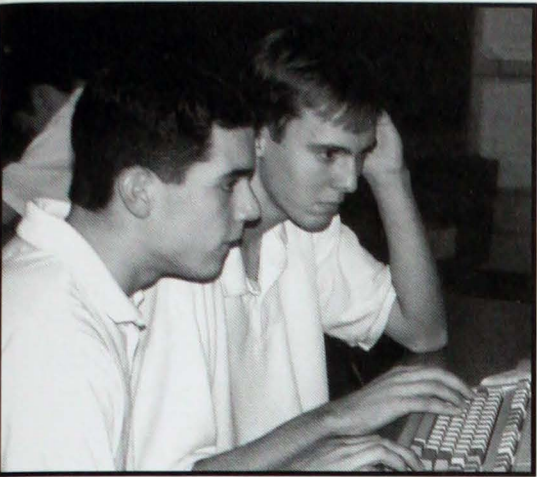
This year's Hi-Lights staff set out to inform its readers about the world beyond Mater Dei. Research by the entire staff led to a feature story on laser tag. Investigative work on the issues teens deal with led to a story on smoking. And each staff member did a feature on an individual they felt made a difference in the lives of Mater Dei students.

Results of all the hard work came on High School Press Day. The Hi-Lights won third place for Best Overall Newspaper. First place went to Amanda Bailey in News Page Design. Second place went to Bryan Porter in News Page Design and Editorial Cartoon and Derek Amundson in Feature Page Design. Third place went to Derek in Infographic and Anna Hoang in Photography. Honorable mention went to Amanda in Column and Gabe Maddox in Editorial. Only one of the 16 schools in the contest won more awards than Mater Dei.

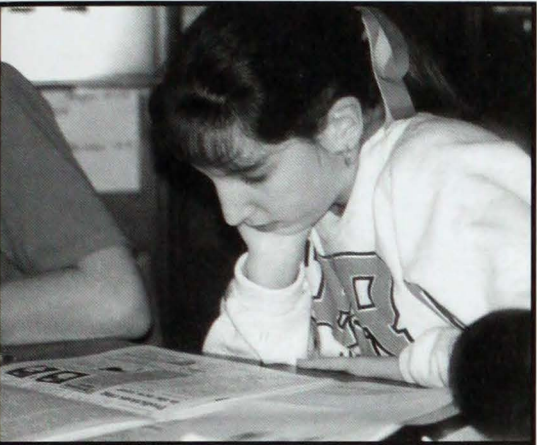
Hi-Lights staff:  
(front row) Seniors Mike Schroeder and Alex Zenthoefer, sophomores Brian Wildeman and Jessica Butler; (second row) Mr. Steve Halbig, junior Julie Hart, seniors Laci Barnhart and Becky Oliver, sophomores Crystal Spivey, Stephanie Wargel, and Richard Morris Jr.; (third row) junior Jason McCord, seniors Bryan Porter, Derek Amundson, Gabe Maddox and Amanda Bailey, junior Jennifer Barnes, and senior Niki Hemmer.







Jason McCord and Derek Amundson use the computer to do layout.



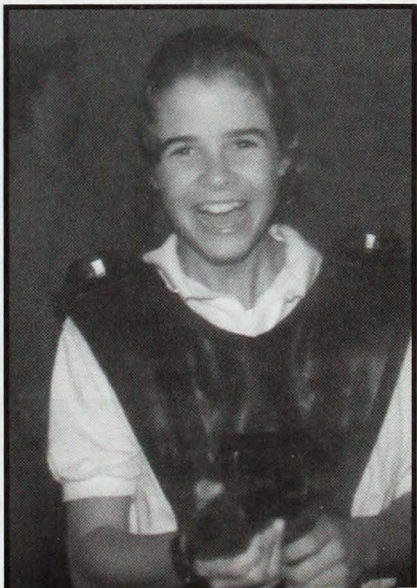
Crystal Spivey checks the finished product.



Niki Hemmer, ABOVE, always has something to say, while Julie Hart, BELOW, is more the reflective type.



Brian Wildeman, Jason McCord, Bryan Porter, Derek Amundson, Mike Schroeder, Stephanie Wargel, Richard Morris Jr., and Crystal Spivey take a battle stance before experiencing Bob Walther's Lazer Blazers. The staff decided that in order to provide its readers with the best story, it had to really get a feel for the game of laser tag. This turned out to be one of the most enjoyable stories the Hi-Lights staff did all year.



Some students had to get in a little air hockey, too. That's Jessica Butler, LEFT, ready to blast somebody.

ABOVE: Alex Zenthoefer, Nike Hemmer (hidden), Julie Hart, Amanda Bailey, Jennifer Barnes, Jessica Butler, Gabe Maddox, and Becky Oliver.



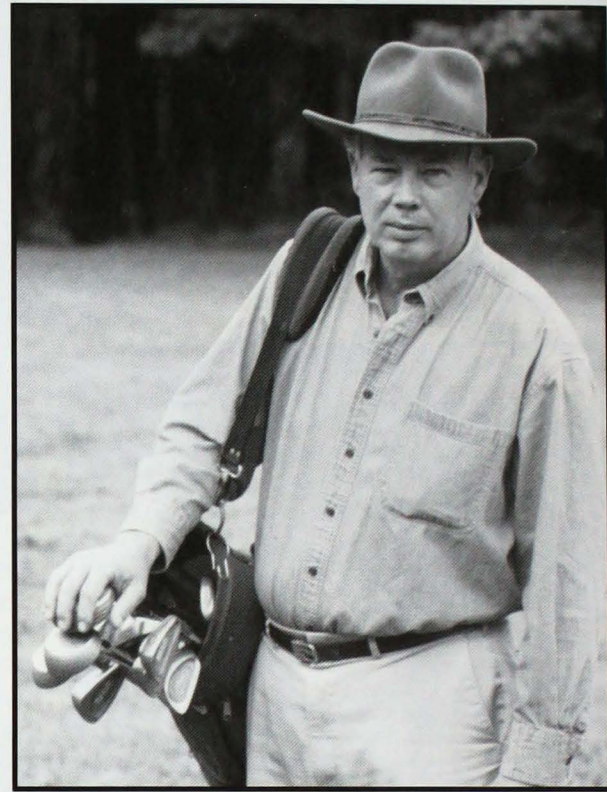
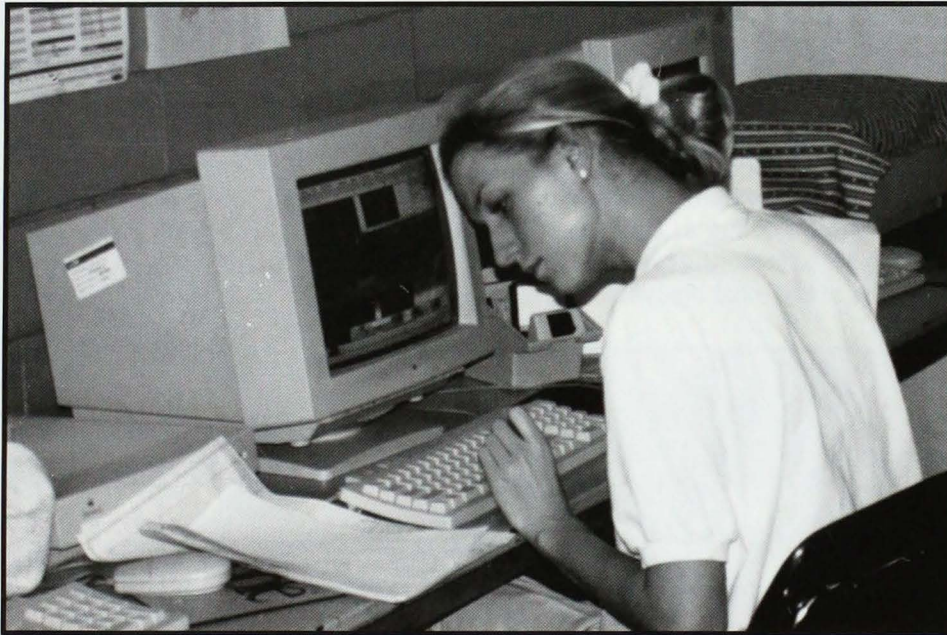
# *'Reality Bites,' but yearbook makes it look spectacular*

The title caught your attention, didn't it? The song and movie titles are just a few of the things the yearbook crew did new this year.

The wonderful members, including the section and co-editors, got their wits together and combined their fresh ideas with a risk to go where no Mater Dei yearbook has traveled before. They did everything from selling the yearbook ads to gathering for a rockin' yearbook picture on the Ohio riverfront. The whole year was

definitely more than just a party. The team worked together long afternoons arguing, agreeing, and compromising. They decided on pictures and fought over their favorite headlines.

Thank goodness, there was a referee there through it all. His name was Mr. Steve Halbig, serving his final year as Mater Dei journalism adviser. He shared his wisdom (sometimes he shared too much) and wit. Good luck, Mr. Halbig, and may your world be a utopia.



ABOVE: Mr. Halbig kept telling his classes that they better meet their deadlines because the links were calling him. So when the final yearbook pages went to the printer in June, guess where Mr. Halbig went.

LEFT: Junior Kathy Little stares at her layout while trying to figure out how to put it into the computer.



The yearbook crew gathers for a rockin' picture on the Ohio Riverfront: (front row) Nicole Dressel, Jennifer Richardt; (second row) Sarah Werner, Natalie Emge, Jessica Freeman, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Anna Hoang, Kelly Sergesketter, Becky Oliver; (third row) Amanda Bailey, Gabe Maddox, Lori Bittner, Kathy Little, Kristi Niemeier, Jessica Cummings, Mike Petrig; (fourth row) Brian Knapp, Libby Schenk, Evelyn Rexing, Katie Faraone, Ann Weber, and Andy Coomes.





Senior photographers who did the bulk of the shooting are (from bottom to top): Anna Hoang, Becky Oliver, Kristi Niemeier, and Mike Petrig. Kristi and Mike are editors.



Business Editors Libby Schenk and Lori Bittner are a good team in selling yearbook ads.



Amanda Bailey does the layout, while her partner, Anna Hoang, uses the proportion wheel for the pictures. Class members take cover under a table during a tornado drill.



ABOVE: Co-editor Nicole Dressel isn't having a bad hair day. It just happens to be Pajama Day.



RIGHT: Her co-editor, Ann Weber, looks over some layouts, and Sarah Werner takes a peek, too.



# SERVICE CLUB

Service Club: (front row) Teresa Lutz, Kelly Sergesketter, Christina Ulrich, Anna Hoang, Becky Oliver; (second row) Julie Waller, Carla Waller; (third row) Meg Liffick, Kira Crowdus, Lora Stephens, Emily Steinback; (fourth row) Tracy Reising, Katie Faraone, Stephanie Rexing, Jennifer Barnes, and Jessica Cummings.



# Scream Team



Scream Team: (first row) Cara Messmer, Sarah Mesker, Deidre Messmer, Christina O'Neal, Kerri Vowels, Sarah Werner, Ann Weber, Jocelyn Gibson, Nicole Dressel, Jessica Butler, Stephanie Wargel, Sheila Wildeman; (second row) Carla Waller, Lisa Head, Sara Montgomery, Jennifer Barnes, Lori Dubord, Rebecca Pictor, Teresa Lutz, Sara Schenk, Pam Steinkamp, Angela Blank, Mikaelah Becher, Stephanie Markin, Tricia Schenk; (third row) Meaghan Baumgart, Crystal Spivey, Lori Goedde, Brittney Wannemuehler, Lora Stephens, Christina Ulrich, Andrea Masters, Liz Vindhurst, Kristen Masters, Rachel Schenk, Tammy Titzer; (fourth row) Katie Will, Amanda Uhde, Jill Bartlett, Donna Adams, Beth Ritzert, Stefani Reidford, and Katie Kelley.





Mat Maids: (front row) Erin Mills, Michelle Blankenberger, Melissa Fehrenbacher, Jessica Cummings; (second row) Stefanie Goedde, Nikki Kempf, Amanda Bailey, Liz Bailey, Jessica Elpers, Christy Goebel, Kristi Niemeier; (third row) Christina Ulrich, Amy Martin, Brianna Cox, Tina Elpers, Christy Regal, Libby Olinger, Jennifer Schili, Daniela Meyer, Jennifer Feulner, Becky Shetler; (fourth row) Michelle Bohleber, Stacy Euler, Evelyn Rexing, Beth Ritzert, Heidi Tenbarger, Jamie Reese, Jill Spaetti, Amanda Inkenbrandt, Angela Blank, Angie Spahn; (fifth row) Stefani Reidford, Teresa Lutz, Natalie Emge, Kathy Little, Stephanie Moore, Cari Miller, Erin Goebel, Mary Reddington, Liz Vindhurst, Leanne Bauer, and Emily Knapp.

# *Mat Maids*



Teens for Life: (front row) Tricia Schenk, Stephanie Ward, Christina Mueth, Sara Montgomery, Charlene Kirsch, Emily Elpers, Meaghan Schutte, Kristina Rousey, Katie Will, Angie Sotolongo; (second row) Cory Mueth, Mike Alvey, Damon Anslinger, Mindy Schenk, Tracy Flake, Maria Kirsch, Brian Vessels, Jessica Cummings, and Richard Morris Jr.

# Teens for Life



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Mater Dei

# Spring

## 'PUT ME IN COACH!'

### Cats make run at Sectional

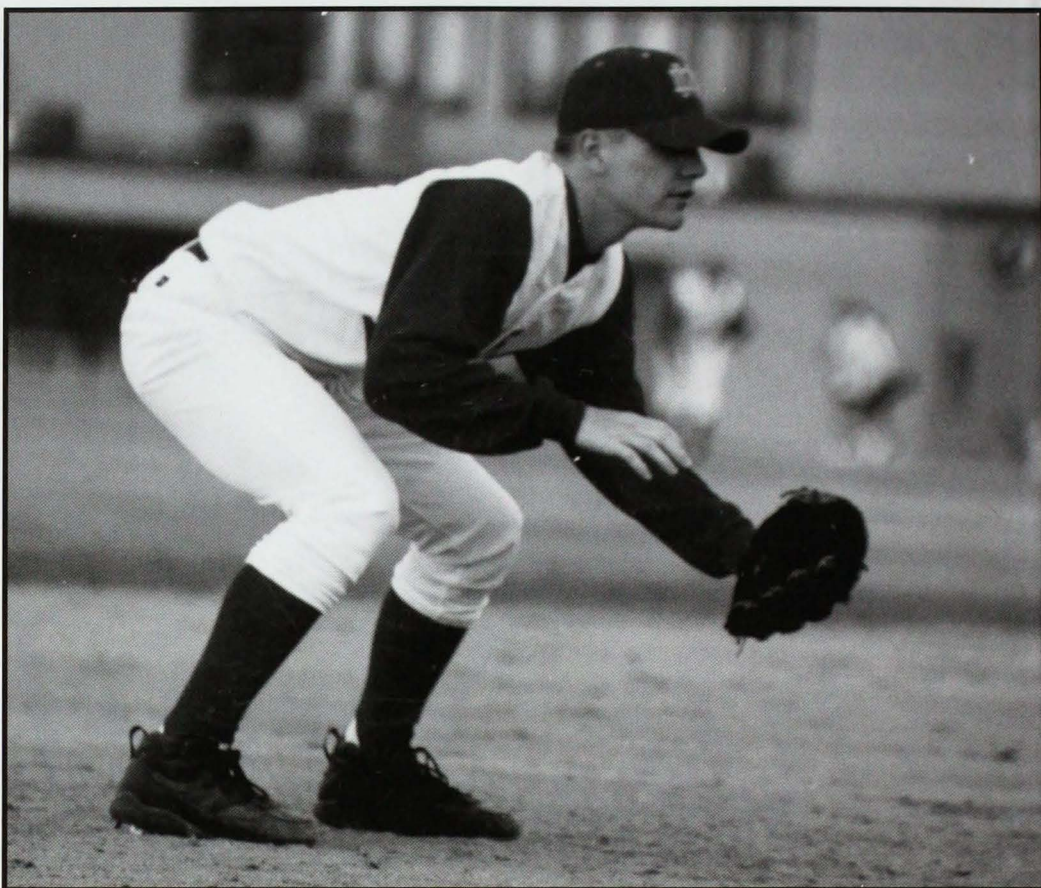
After a somewhat disappointing regular season, Coach Darin Knight's baseball Wildcats got their Sectional hopes up by trouncing New Harmony in the first round, 16-1.

But in the semifinals against North Posey, a close game after five innings turned into an 8-2 Viking victory. And the Cats ended their season with a 10-16 record.

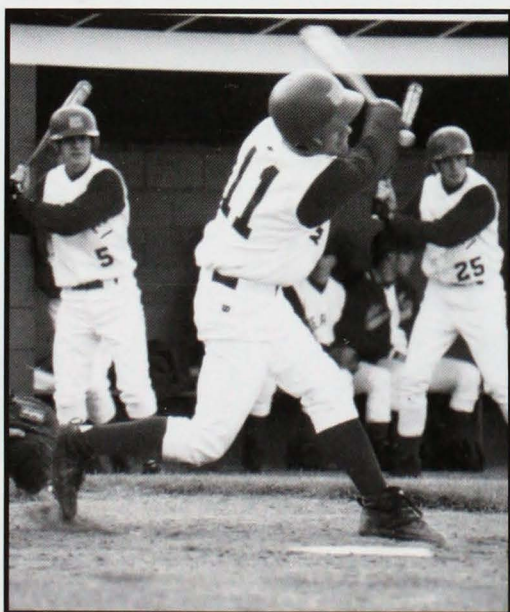
In the New Harmony game, the Cats were led by the pitching of senior Kurt Wildeman and junior Ryan Scheu. On the offensive end, sophomore Ike Miller hit a three-run homer and Wildeman a two-run homer.

During the season, junior Rob Mallory and senior Andy Mazzier led the Wildcat attack. Both were among the leading hitters in the city. Mazzier also was among the RBI leaders.

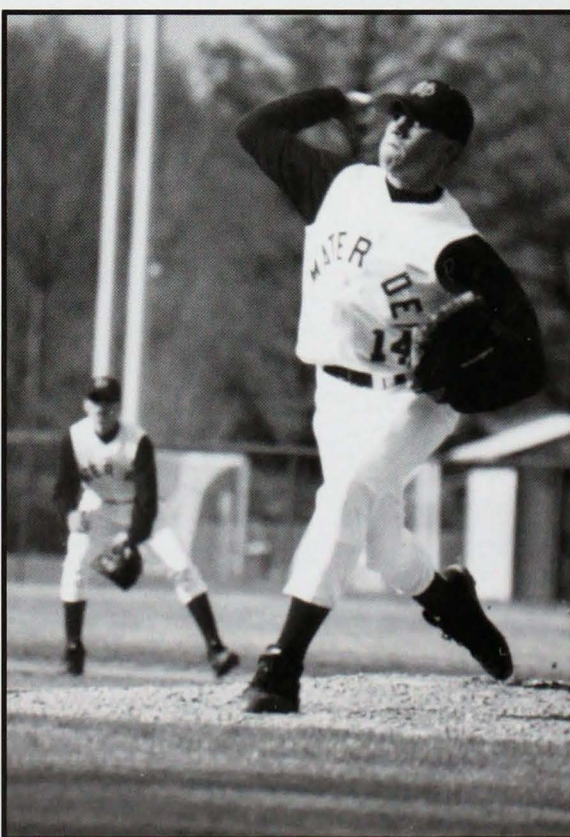
On a brighter note, the reserve baseball team finished with a 13-7 record.



ABOVE: Sophomore shortstop Adam Schiff is ready for anything that comes his way. BELOW LEFT: Sophomore Dustin Macke pitches the Wildcats to victory. BELOW RIGHT: Senior Kurt Wildeman gets encouragement from Coach Darin Knight.



The Wildcats always got their cuts.



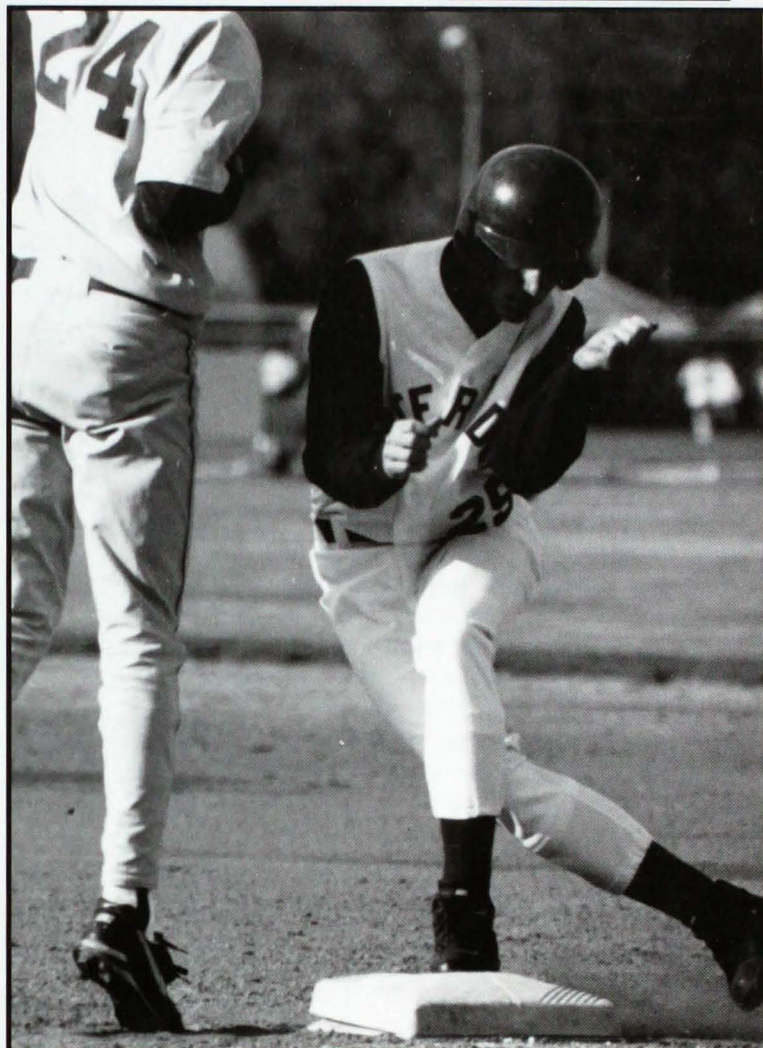


# Sports

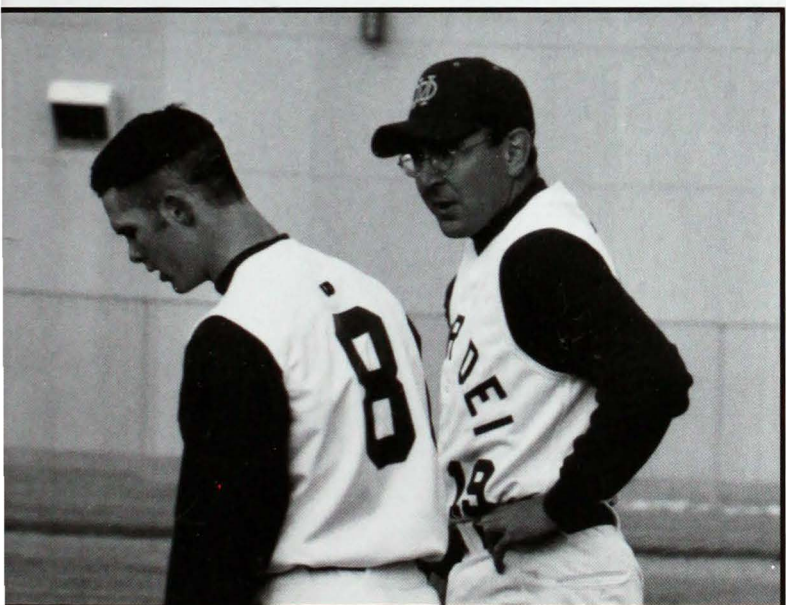
**'TAKE ME  
OUT TO THE  
BALLGAME'**



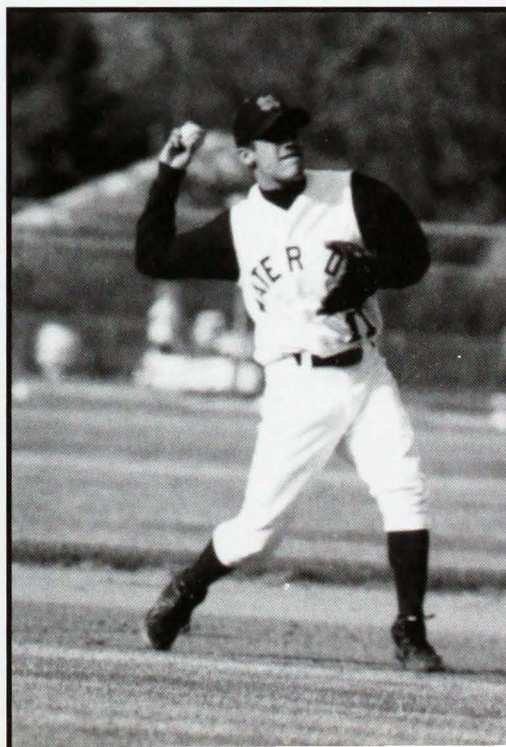
ABOVE: Junior Dustin Lannert gets ready to charge the ball from his first-base position.



ABOVE: Senior Andy Mazzier manages to get back into first base ahead of the tag.



ABOVE: Coach Knight has some advice for junior Chris Kueber.  
RIGHT: Junior Chris Maynard throws a runner out at first base.





# Scoreboard



Varsity Baseball: (front row) Adam Schiff, Chris Maynard, Matt Vowels, Ike Miller, Andy Woehler, Nick Miller, Kurt Wildeman; (second row) Ryan Scheu, Zach Stilin, Rob Mallory, Chris Droste, Andy Mazzier, Dustin Macke, Dustin Lannert, and Chris Kueber.

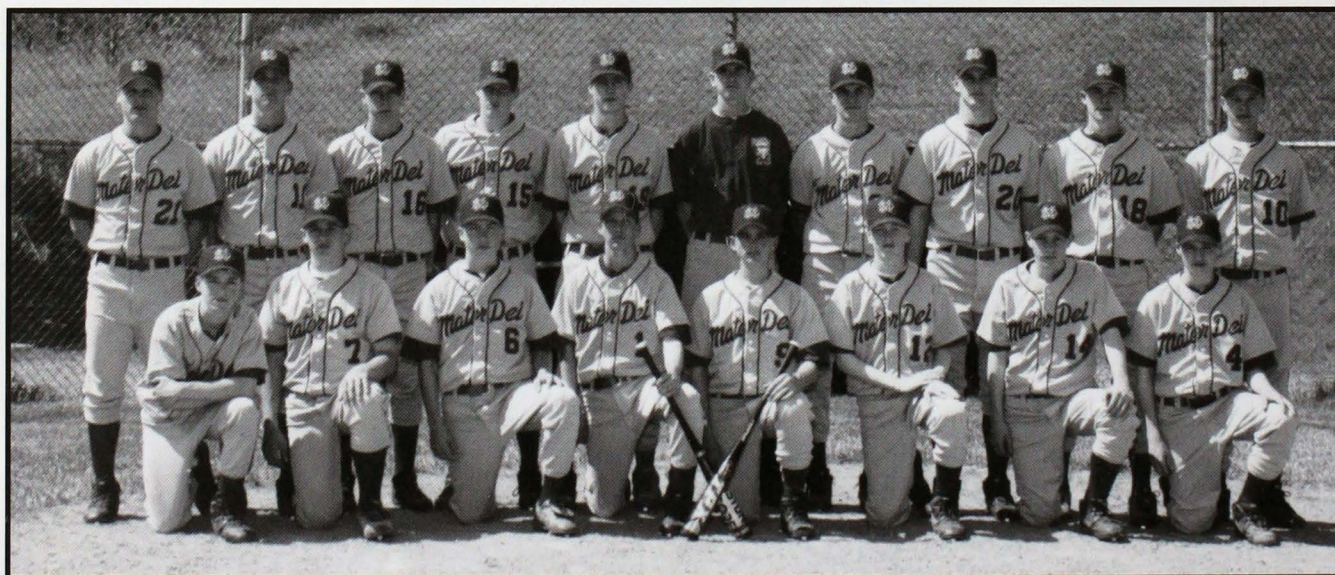
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| MD 6  | Forest Park  | 9  |
| MD 6  | Mt. Carmel   | 4  |
| MD 0  | Bosse        | 15 |
| MD 8  | Central      | 6  |
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| MD 8  | North        | 3  |

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## Sectional

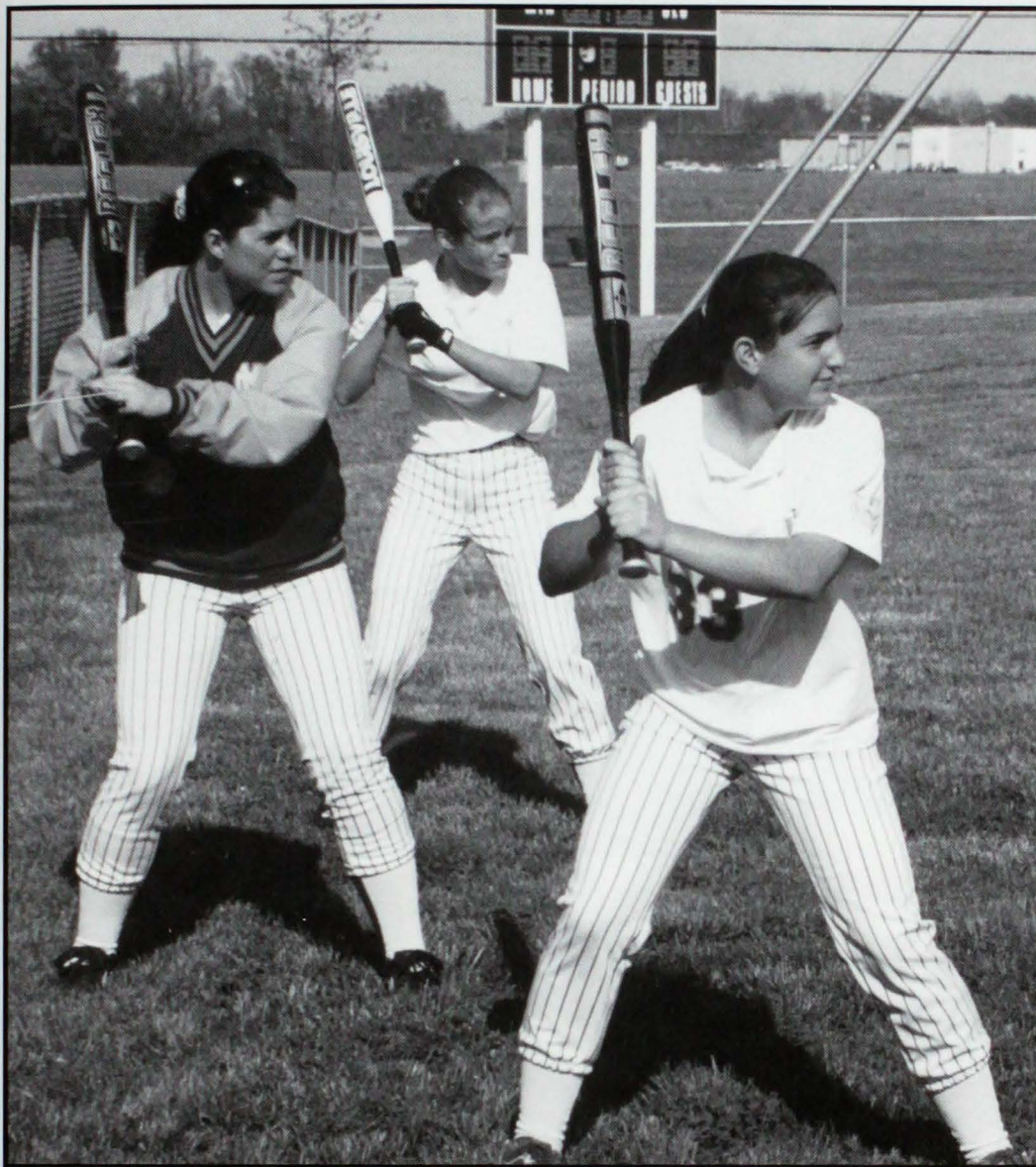
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| MD 2  | North Posey | 8 |



Reserve Baseball: (front row) Cory Macke, Mike Lahr, Adam Adler, Chris Austin, Brian Luigs, Chris Stratman, Andy Lannert, Ben Knapp; (second row) Tony Unfried, Kevin Folz, Josh Hodge, Nathan Schiff, Doug Moore, Curt Sills, Brad Kempf, JD Wargel, Justin Elpers, and Craig Elsner.



# 'A League of Their Own'



## Girls repeat Sectional title

Under second-year Coach Tom Rupert, the Lady Wildcats proved to the West Side of Evansville that they could achieve anything they wanted to. At first, there was some stumbling and frustrating defeats, but as usual, the girls pulled through and finished with a 17-10 record.

Many hours were spent on perfecting minor details because after all, it's the "little things that count," as Coach Rupert put it.

It was the little things that led the Wildcats to their second straight Sectional title.

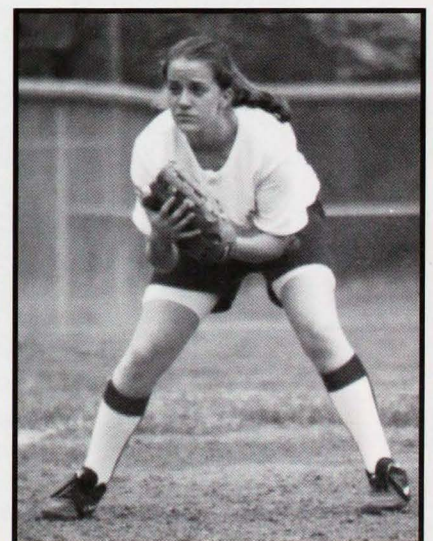
In the championship game against Reitz, the score was 0-0 until the fourth inning when freshman Sarah Kothe scored from third base on an error. One tiny error, and Mater Dei earned the right to compete in the Princeton regional, where the Cats' whirlwind season ended with a 5-0 loss.

In the Sectional, sophomore pitcher April Altstadt allowed only one earned run in 21 innings. She finished with a 13-6 record.

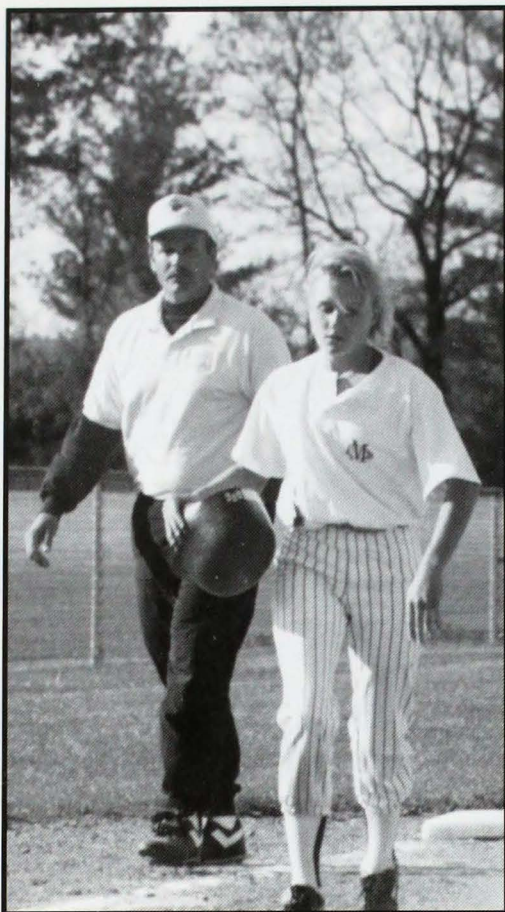
After the Sectional, Coach Rupert was quoted in *The Courier*: "This is a team where one day (Jonelle) Rietman will come in and get it done for you. Then another day, it will be a (Jessica) Kiefer, a (Angela) Paulson, an (April) Altstadt or a (Michelle) Blankenberger or somebody else."

Michelle, a senior centerfield, led the City in stolen bases, and, along with Jonelle, made the All-District team. Jonelle was the Cats' outstanding shortstop.

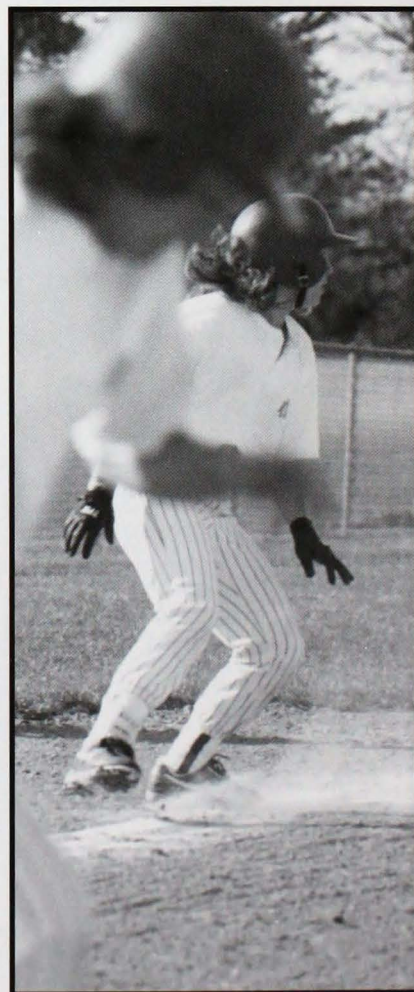
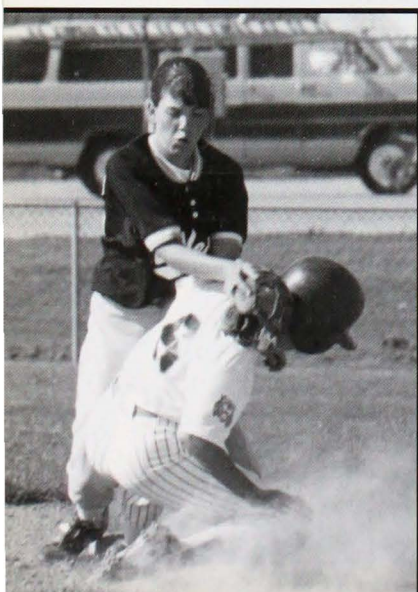
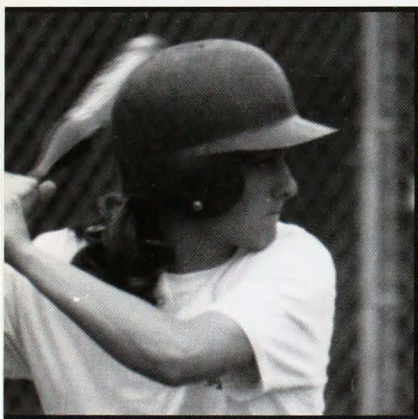
ABOVE: Junior Julie Hart, freshman Laura Knapp, and sophomore Kendra Schmitt warm up their bats. BELOW LEFT: Pitcher April Altstadt warms up her pitching arm. BELOW CENTER: The dugout gives support. BELOW RIGHT: Theresa Adler is ready at third base.







ABOVE LEFT: Coach Tom Rupert tells a batter that it's the "little things that matter." ABOVE MIDDLE: Senior Michelle Blankenberger was thrown out of a game because of her overaggressive base running. Coach tells her to apologize to the umpires like a good girl. RIGHT: Sophomore Angela Paulson shows off her winning pitching style.



ABOVE LEFT: Senior Christy Goebel is one of the Cats' top hitters. LEFT: Senior Michelle Blankenberger steals another base. She led the city in stolen bases. ABOVE: Sophomore Brianne Lemberg won't let anyone score while she's behind the plate. RIGHT: Senior Jonelle Rietman checks to see if she can make it home while senior Christy Goebel runs all the way to third base for a triple.



# Scoreboard

## ★ Sectional Champion Lady Wildcats ★



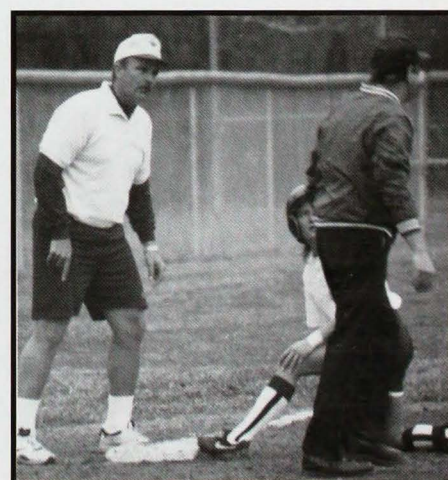
Varsity Softball: (front row) Sarah Kothe, Renee Rietman; (second row) Julie Fischer, Michelle Blankenberger, Jessica Elpers, Jessica Kiefer, Christy Goebel, Kristi Niemeier, Amber Singleton; (third row) Jami Altstadt, Jessica Adler, April Altstadt, Theresa Adler, Julie Hart, Meaghan Topper, Laura Knapp, Kendra Schmitt; (fourth row) Angela Paulson, Brianne Lemberg, Angela Luigs, Erin Lambert (Not pictured: Jonelle Rietman).



Reserve Softball: (front row) Jessica Adler, Amanda Schenk, Carrie Goebel, Andrea Haller, Jessica Herrmann; (back row) Theresa Lutz, Jodi Bittner, Erin Lambert, Katie Dewig, Laura Knapp, Amber Singleton.

### Sectional

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| MD 8 | North Posey | 2 |
| MD 5 | Central     | 1 |
| MD 1 | Reitz       | 0 |



Coach Rupert has a few words for the umpire after a close play at third base.



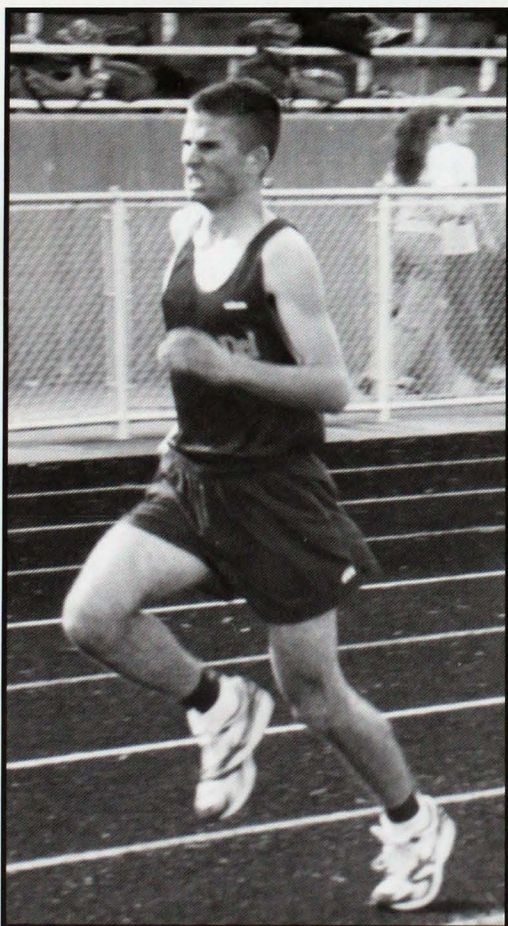
# 'Going the Distance'

## Three runners qualify for State

While the track teams had a rocky season teamwise, they each had some outstanding individual performances. Matt Krack, David Farmer, and Jenny Farmer advanced to State by placing 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively at Regionals. It was the first time in four years that a Mater Dei runner has gone to State.

There were many other successful members of Coach Jim Nolan's and Coach Angela Strehl's track teams. Stephanie Moore advanced to Regionals in the 1600 meters and the 3200 meters. Jenny Harris advanced in the discus. Tom Traylor came in second at City and fifth in Sectionals.

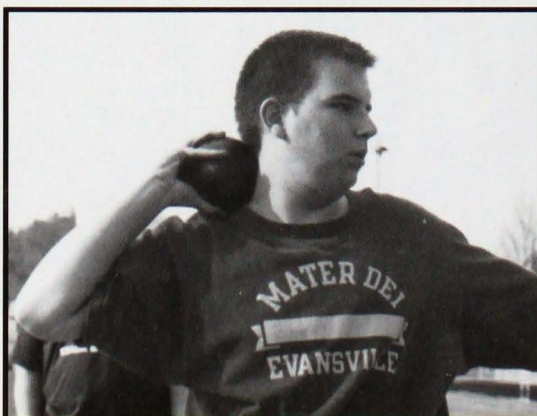
In addition, Bryan Schmitt, Benny Faraone, Matt Farmer, Gary Fischer, Andrea Werner, Chrissy Wicks, and Krista Dausman were all valuable point scorers for the track teams.



Senior Matt Krack pushes himself to the limit in the 3200 meter run. He also excelled in the 1600 meters.



The Farmer Dynasty (Matt, Jenny, and David) rules the track team at Mater Dei.



Freshman Mark Cole throws the shot, while Erin Govert, Andrea Werner, and Kerri Vowels consult the meet schedule.





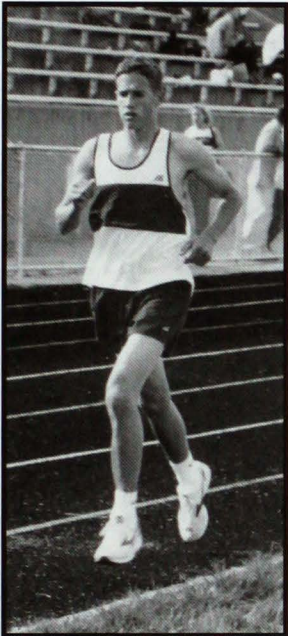
Sophomore Dave Hisch prepares to heave the shot put.



Jenny Farmer cheers on Krista Dausman in the 800 meter run.



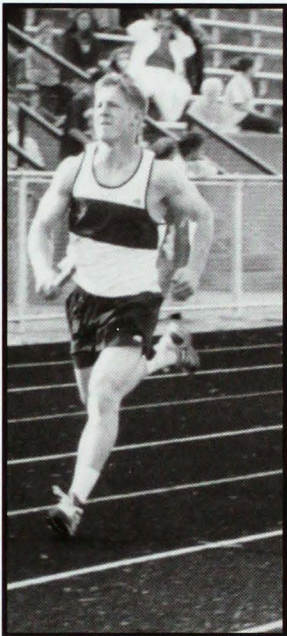
Junior Amy Krack, the 800 meter.



Junior David Farmer, 1600 and 3200.



Sophomore Jenny Farmer, 1600 and 3200.



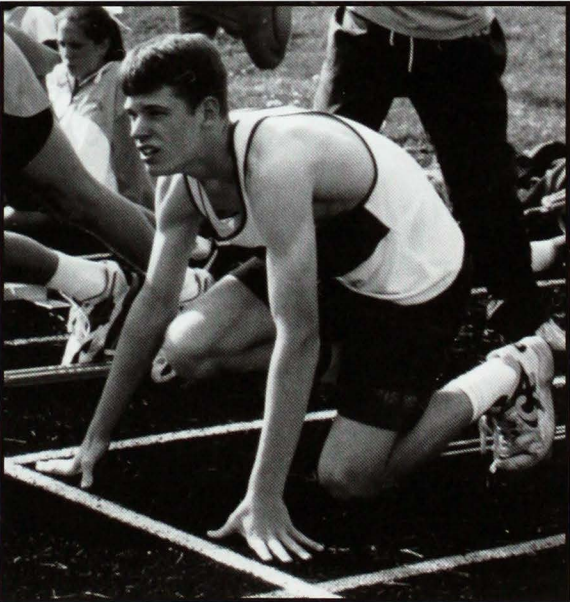
Senior Mike Schroeder, 400 relay.



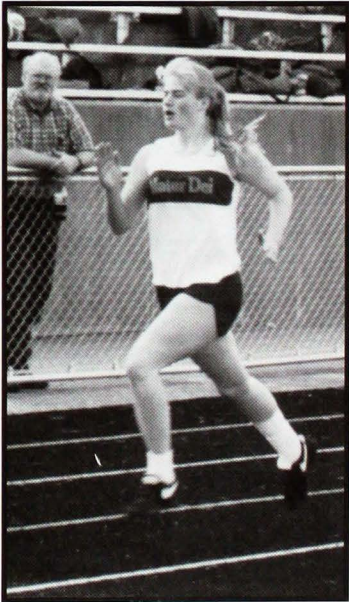
Sophomore Amanda Uhde, 800.



Seniors Brian Knapp and Derek Amundson pass up a runner from Central in the mile.



Sophomore Ben Faraone sets up his blocks for the 110 meter high hurdles.



Kim Alvey accelerates in the 100 meter dash.



# Scoreboard



Boys Track: (front row) Adam Tenbarge, Kyle Babcock, Gary Fischer, David Farmer, Matt Krack, Jason McCord, Dan Schrader, and Peter Amundson; (back row) Coach Ryan Greathouse, Brian Knapp, Kevin Spahn, Donald Reising, Mike Schroeder, Russel Keller, Bryan Schmitt, David Fehrenbacher, Benny Faraone, Joe Traylor, James Elpers, and Josh Todich.

Matt Krack – SIAC Champion 3200m  
SIAC 4th 1600m  
Sectional Champion 3200m  
Regional 2nd 3200m

David Farmer – SIAC 2nd 3200m  
SIAC 3rd 1600m  
Sectional 2nd 3200m  
Regional 3rd 3200m

Tom Traylor – SIAC 3rd High Jump  
Sectional 5th High Jump  
Bryan Schmitt – SIAC 6th 400m  
Sectional 6th 400m

# Scoreboard



Girls Track: (front row) Sara Schenk, Lori Goedde, Jessica Butler, Kerri Vowels, Andrea Werner, Mary Smither, Stephanie Moore, Chrissy Wicks, Jenny Farmer, Jennifer Moll, Shelia Wildeman, Sarah Jost, Laura MacGregor; (back row) Coach Angela Strehl, Kim Alvey, Lorna Fischer, Amanda Uhde, Laura Elsner, Crystal Spivey, Sarah Scheu, Julie Moll, Amy Krack, Jennifer Harris, Kim Doshier, Julie Wittgen, Jamie Schmitt, Krista Dausman, Tracy Reising, and Assistant Coach Allison Yancey.

Jenny Farmer – School Record 3200m  
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SIAC 3rd 1600m  
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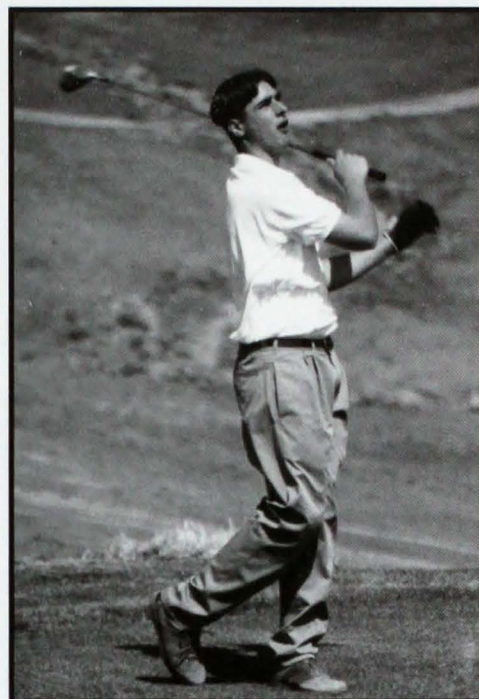
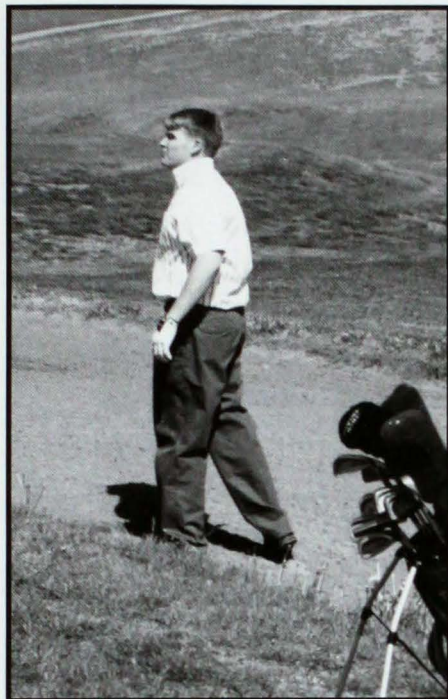
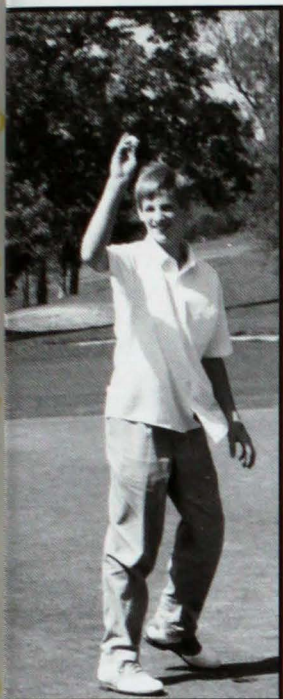
Stephanie Moore – SIAC 4th 3200m  
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Jenny Harris – Sectional 3rd Discus  
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# 'Tin Cup'

Golfers gear up for future when many underclassmen return

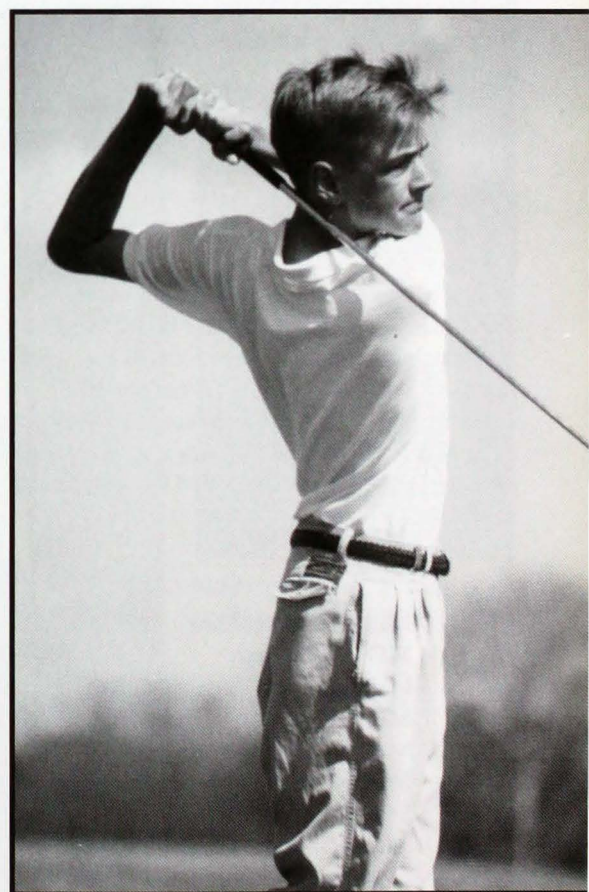
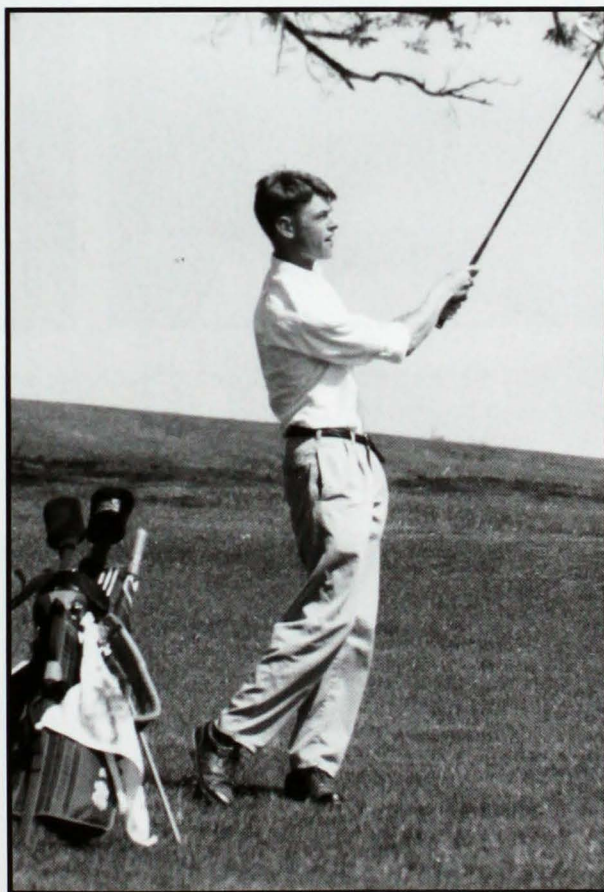


The boys golf team had a middle-of-the-road kind of season. The Cats finished fifth in the 8-team city tournament and ninth in the 13-team Sectional.

Senior Matt Williamson was Mater Dei's low scorer in the city with an 81 at Helfrich. Senior Kevin Baehl shot an 84, freshman Shaun Meyer a 91, and junior Joe Ramsbey a 92 as the Cats finished ahead of Day School, Reitz and Bosse.

Nine different players made up the varsity lineup. Besides the seniors, they included freshmen Jake Tucker, Meyer, Andrew Schroeder, John Williamson and Ramsbey.

ABOVE: Freshman Andrew Schroeder birdies No. 1 at Helfrich. CENTER: Senior Kevin Baehl hits out of the sand trap. ABOVE RIGHT: Junior Joe Ramsbey hits another long drive.



LEFT: Senior Eric Pund prays for the break. ABOVE CENTER and RIGHT: Senior Matt Williamson shows his brother, freshman John Williamson, exactly how it's done.





ABOVE: Senior Anna Hoang smashes her backhand return. ABOVE RIGHT: No. 1 singles Kari Nurrenbern hits it with her best shot.

## 'Courage Under Fire' and 'Addicted to Love'

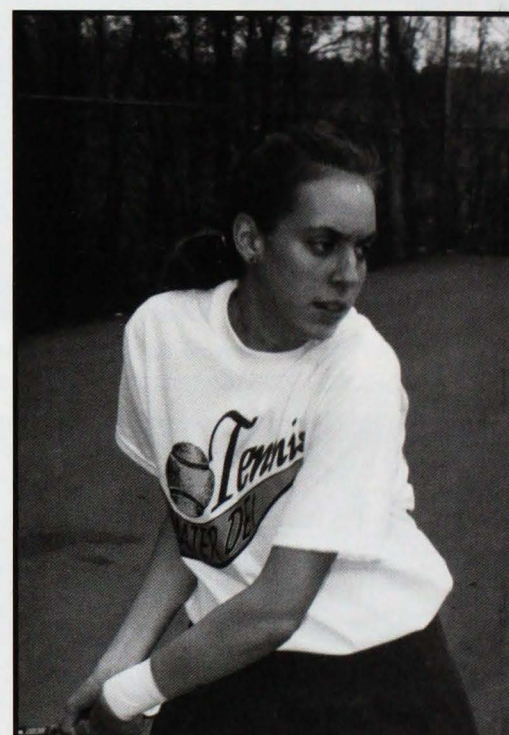
### Girls are best in MD history

The rebuilding season of '96 provided the basis for the Wildcats outstanding season in '97. The team finished with the best record in MD tennis history, 11-3. The Wildcats also placed second in city.

Additional honors came from the No. 2 doubles team of Julie Waller and Christie Ulrich, who placed second at the SIAC tourney.

Despite its impressive record, the team faced its share of problems. Injuries plagued the season from the beginning. But by realigning the lineup and calling up reserve players, Coach Becky Larson's team managed to keep winning.

The team was a strong contender for Sectionals but was defeated 3-2 by Mt. Vernon in a match that featured three tight three-setters. Since the No. 1 doubles team of Anna Hoang and Kelly Sergesketter was undefeated in Sectional play, they advanced to the Regional, but were defeated by Sullivan in the finals.



ABOVE : Senior Libby Schenk (left) prepares to serve while Kelly Sergesketter concentrates on a backhand.

BELOW: Seniors Julie Waller, Kelly Sergesketter, Vanessa Jansen, Anna Hoang, Libby Schenk, and Angela Blank are thrilled after defeating Vincennes Rivet.

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| MD 0 | Memorial    | 5 |
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| MD 4 | Boonville   | 1 |
| MD 4 | Central     | 1 |
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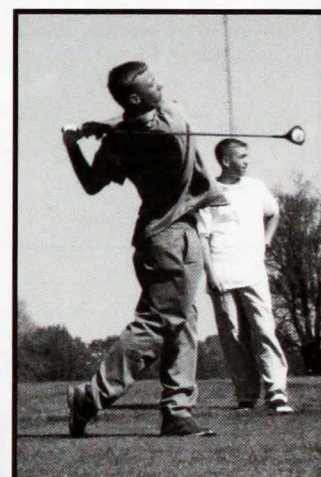




Tennis: (front row) Anna Hoang, Kelly Sergesketter, Libby Schenk, Vanessa Jansen, Julie Waller; (second row) Christie Ulrich, Angela Blank, Kari Nurrenbern; (third row) Deidre Messmer, Elita Sheridan, Carla Waller, Brittney Wannemuehler, Angie Reckelhoff, Natalie Jansen, Sarah Mesker; (fourth row) Coach Mike Tippery and Coach Becky Larson.



Boys Golf: (front row): John Williamson, Adam Raben, Jake Tucker, Andrew Schroeder, Shaun Meyer; (back row) Coach Tom Belmear, Eric Pund, Kevin Baehl, Matt Williamson, Joe Ramsbey, Brian Eickhoff, and John Harmon.



Kevin Weinzapfel tees off on No. 4 at Helfrich.



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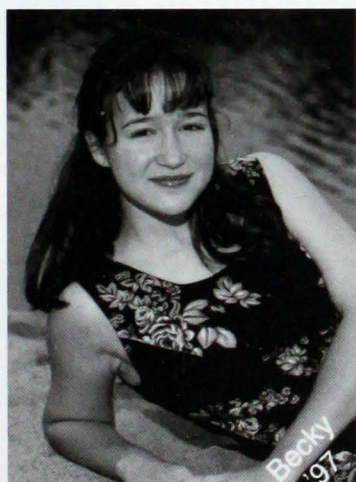
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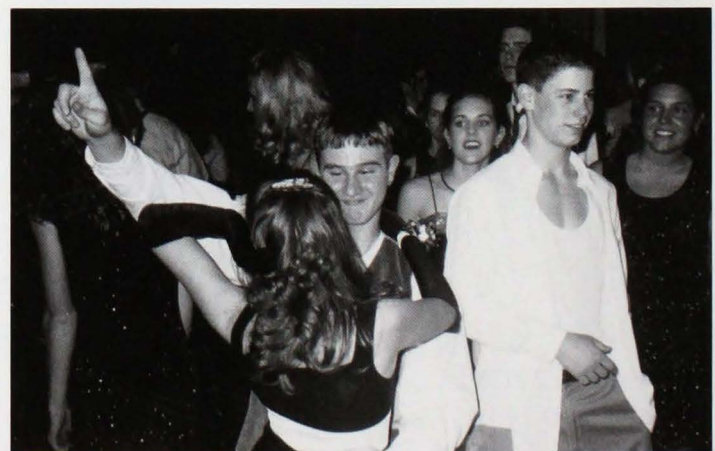
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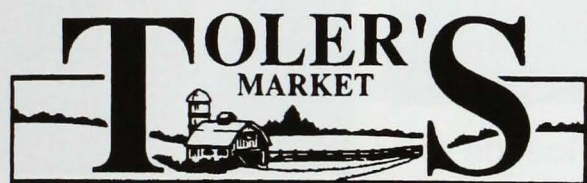
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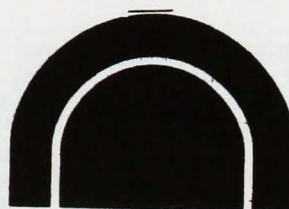
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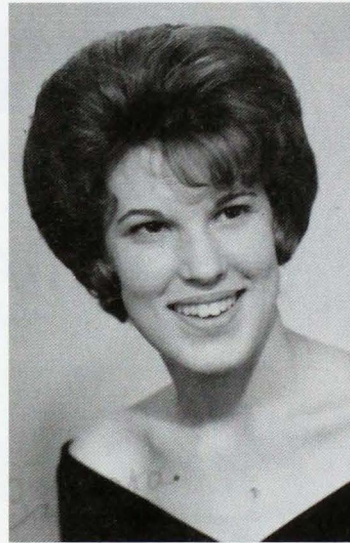
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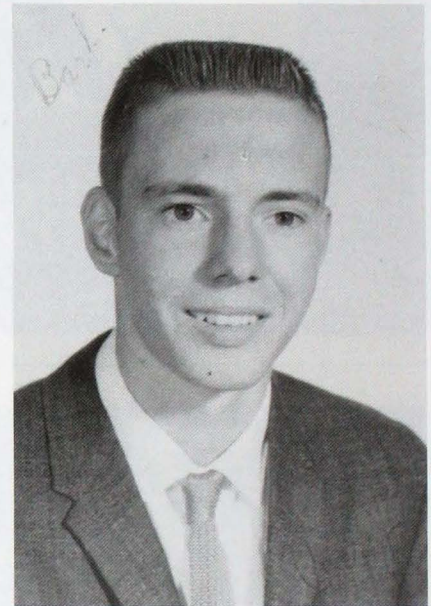


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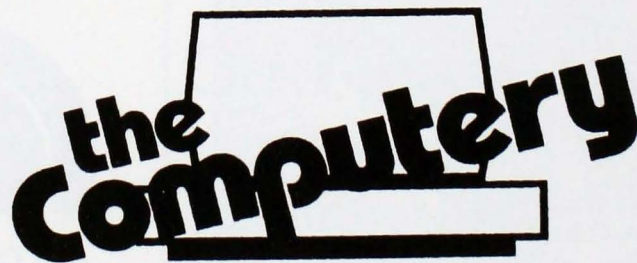


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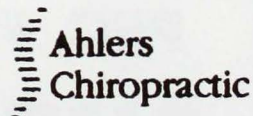
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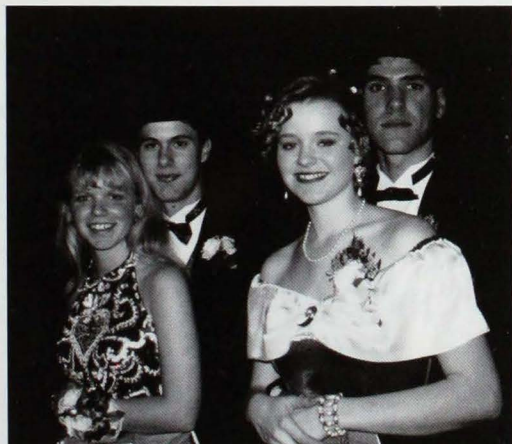
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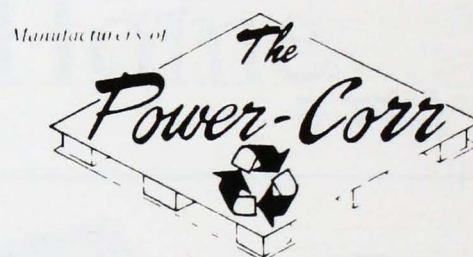


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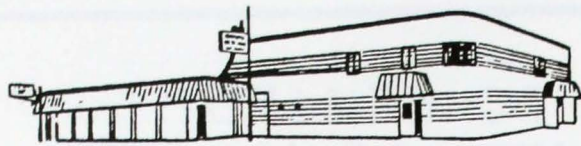
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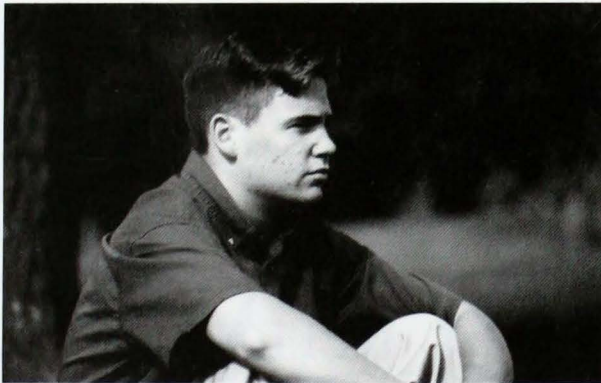
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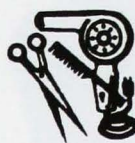


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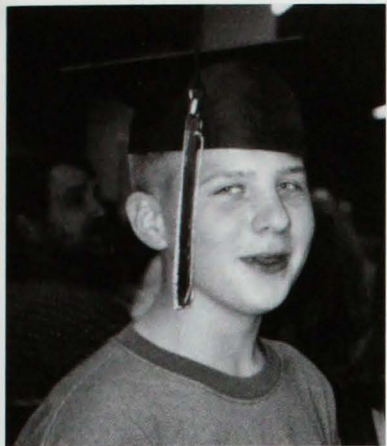
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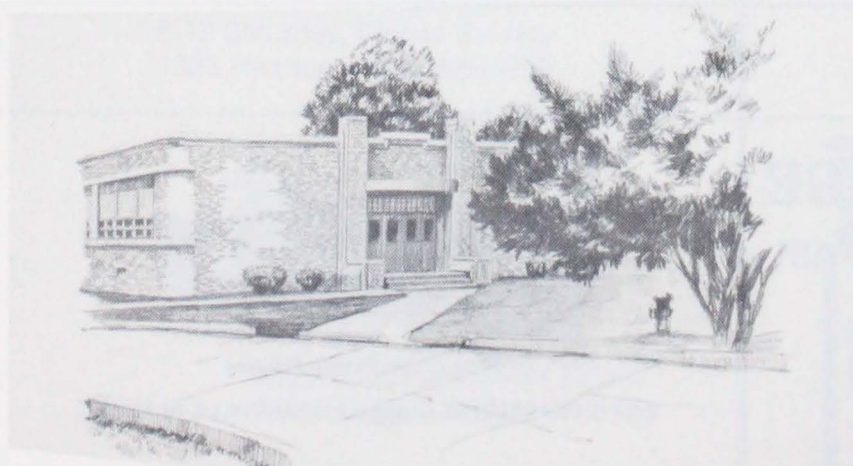


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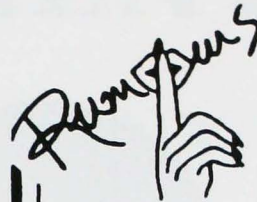
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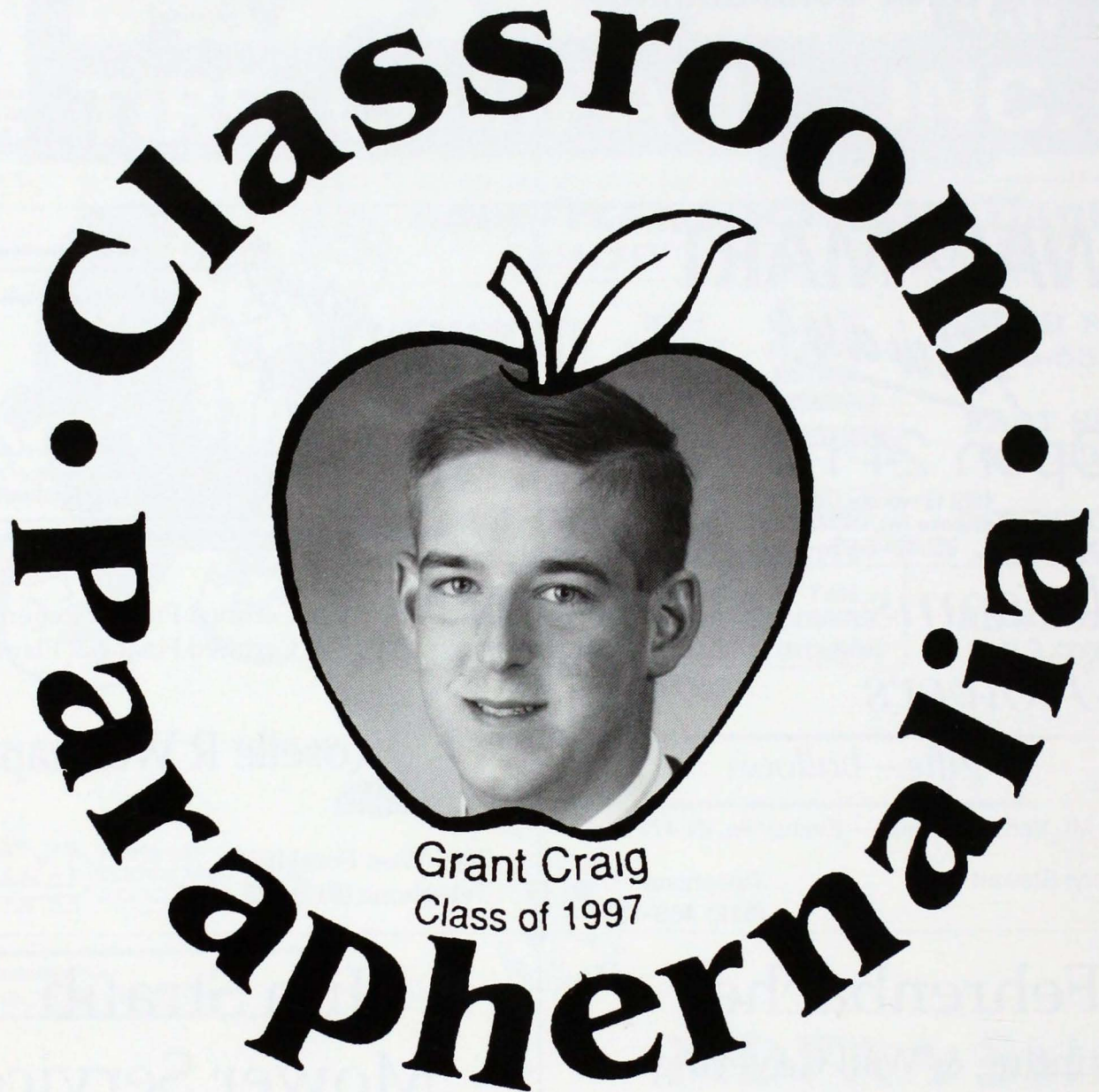
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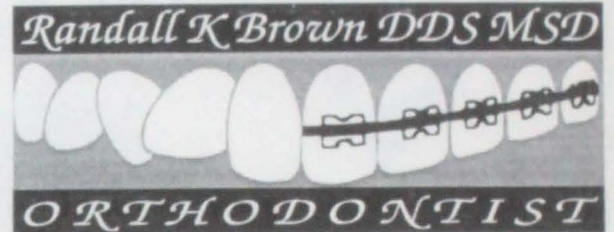
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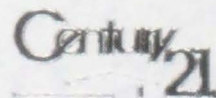
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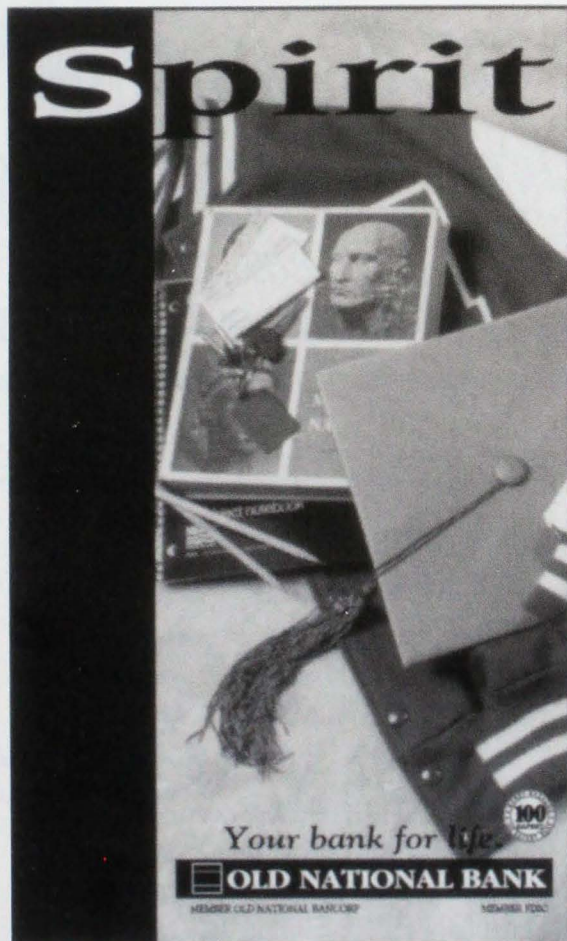
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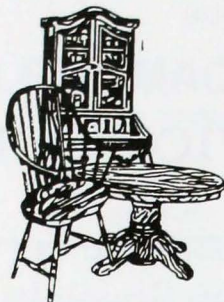


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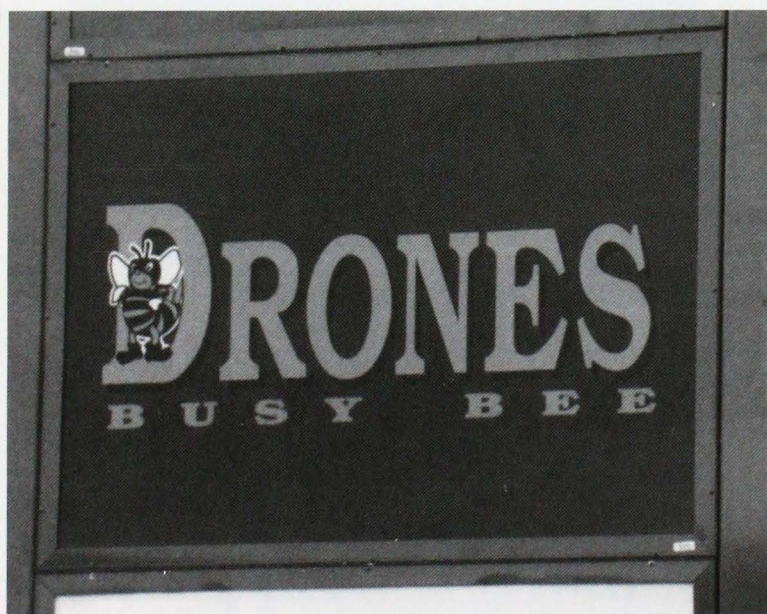
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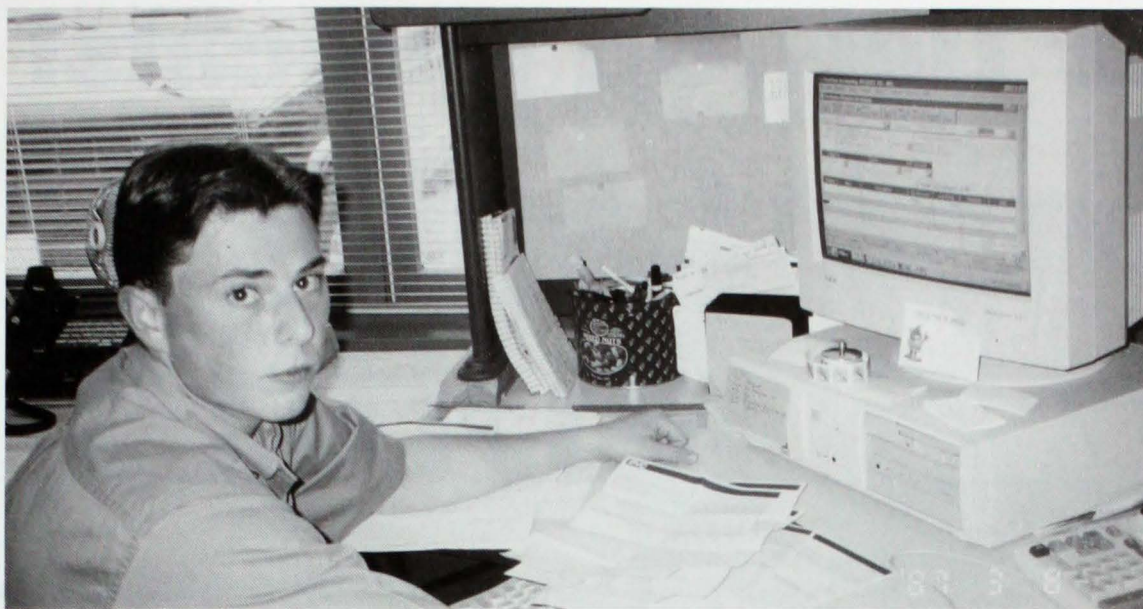
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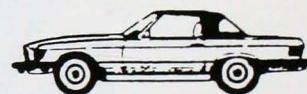
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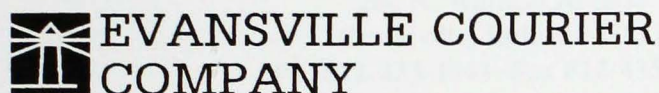


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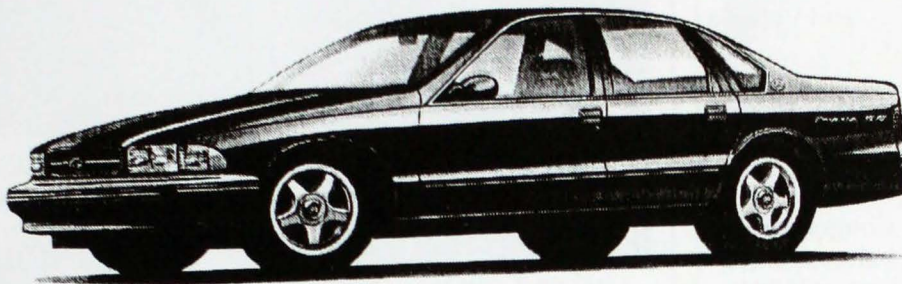
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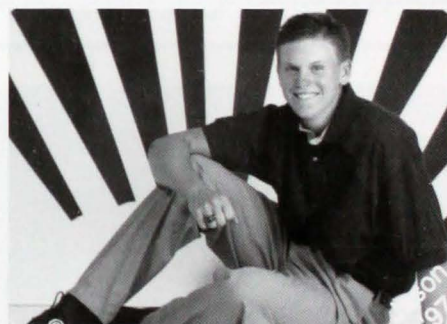
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Kristina Bohleber



Gabe Maddox

You have brought us  
much joy and happiness.  
Always do your best and set  
your goals high. We are very  
proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Farrah,  
& Adam



Ashley Stansberry

Congratulations and Best  
of Luck. Make your own  
decisions and let your  
opinions always be yours  
alone.

We love you!  
Mom and Dad



Congratulations  
baby sis. Good  
Luck at IUPUI.  
We are proud of  
you.

We Love You!  
Shawn (Class of  
'88) and Emily  
(Class of '94)

Ashley  
Stansberry



Ken Hisch

Ken,  
You bring such pride and  
joy to our family -- we are  
so proud of you.

Love always,  
Mom and Dad



Brianna Cox

We are very proud of  
you and love you always!

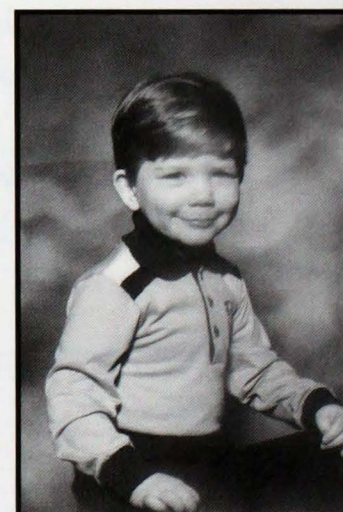
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Andy Mazzier

Andy,  
You continue to meet  
new challenges. We're very  
proud of you! Go after your  
dreams!

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Todd & Kelly

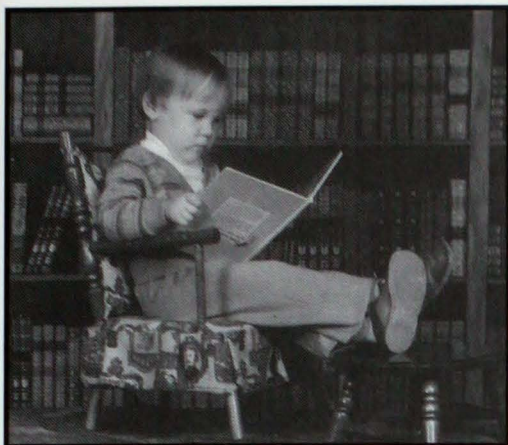


Mike Bishop

What a senior year!  
Best of Luck at Ball State.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Matt & Sarah





Studious,  
Scholarly,  
A future  
Mater Dei  
grad?  
How quickly  
time passes!  
Our  
Congratulations  
and Love,  
Mom and Dad

Steven Schnell



Melissa Fehrenbacher

Melissa,  
Always remember to keep  
smiling!

We are all proud of what you  
have accomplished at Mater  
Dei.

Good Luck in all you do.  
You have a bright future  
ahead.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Andrea & Traci



Mike Schroeder  
Mike,

May the exciting and  
wonderful ride you've taken  
us on the past four years,  
continue for the rest of your  
life.

Love from the PROUD  
Mom & Dad  
of the 171-pound #82



Jessica,  
Always be yourself  
and you'll go far!  
May all your dreams  
come true.

We Love You,  
Dad, Mom and  
Family

Jessica Elpers



Jessica Cummings

Jessica, you look so  
angelic, but we know what  
you're really like. We're  
still proud of you!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



John, Lynn, and Jamie Spahn

A pretty special bunch!

We Love you,  
Mom, Dad  
Bryan and Jennifer



Jennifer,  
We are so proud  
of you! You've  
grown into such a  
beautiful person.  
May all your  
dreams come true.

We Love you,  
Dad, Mom, Anne,  
and Laura

Jennifer Schili



Jeff,

You're still our  
little funny man.  
Always be happy in  
everything you do.  
We are very proud of  
you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

Jeff Werner





Well Cuda, the years just swam by! You danced and played every note beautifully, studied hard and wrote nice. We're very proud of you! May all your dreams come true at PURDUE!

We love you,  
Mother, Daddy & Jacob

Sarah Koressel



We love you, "GIE."

Mom, Dad, Maria,  
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Steve, Stefani, Mark, Bob,  
Cindy, Cody and Caleb.

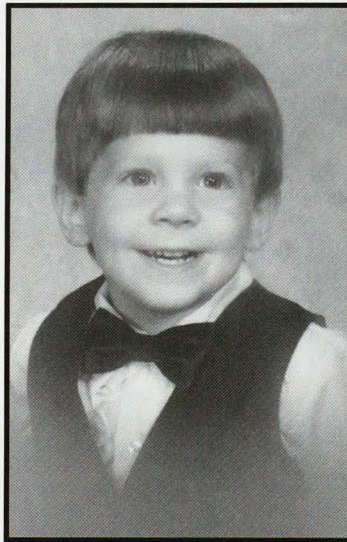
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Kevin Baehl

Congratulations, Kevin!  
We are very proud of you.  
Keep smiling as you continue success in college and all through life.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Stephen Schaefer

Stephen,  
We have been truly  
blessed and are very proud  
of you! Keep smiling and  
working hard!

Love always,  
Mom and Dad



Bryan Porter

"What you are is God's gift  
to you. What you become is  
your gift to God."

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Jay Cartwright

Jay,  
You have what it takes to  
make your dreams become  
reality. We're so proud of  
you and love you very much.

Mom and Dad



Dear Julie,  
Keep your chin  
up and hopes  
high! You're  
headed for a  
bright future!

Love,  
Mom and Carla

Julie Waller

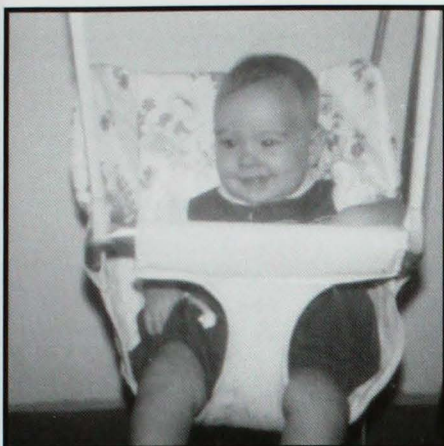


Congratulations!  
You are such a joy  
to be around.  
Good Luck in all  
you do.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jeff,  
and Josh

Jason Like





Continue to be good and work hard, you can do it! We will be praying for you. Most of all, remember we love you!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Sarah Kempf



Amanda and Liz,  
  
High school is over.  
The world's yours to roam.  
Don't forget we love you,  
And you can always phone home!

We love you,  
Mom and Dad

Amanda and Liz Bailey



Andrea Gough

To a special daughter who has given us great joy. We love you and are proud of you. Hope all your dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Brandon Christian  
and Matt Krack

Still cool after all these years!  
Good Luck in the future  
Brandon and Matt!

Love,  
Mom and  
Dad

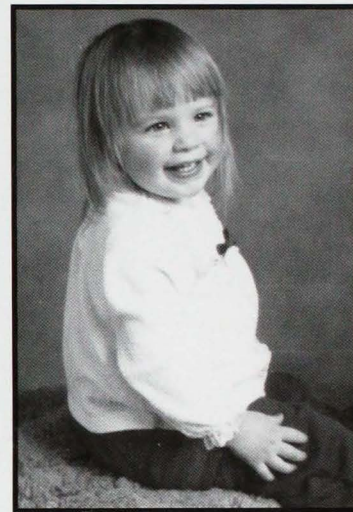
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Amy, Carrie,  
and Andy



Nick Knight

You finally made it.  
You've accomplished a lot at MD and we're very proud of you. Good luck and always remember that we love you.

Mom, Dad,  
Nathan, and Natalie



Christy Regel

Christy,  
We love you and are so very proud of you.  
Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Dear Christy,  
We have always been so proud of you. Keep up your good work and positive attitude. Good luck at IU - your fun is just beginning!! Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Carrie, Kim

Chrissy Goebel



Tommy Schaefer

Tommy,  
Time to wake up!  
College is about to begin. We love you to the sky!

Mom and  
Dad

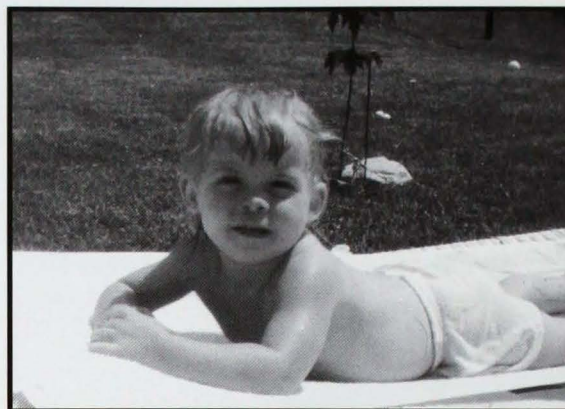




You've always made us proud of your past accomplishments. Best of luck on your future ambitions.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Kelly  
Sergesketter



Erin,  
Good Luck  
Always.

Love,  
Mom and  
Dad

Erin Mills



Theresa Webster

Dear Theresa,

You were a miracle for your Dad and I at your birth. You are a rare treasure now and will be forever. We are so proud of who you are. Thank you for 18 wonderful years.

Love always,  
Mom and Dad



Amy Frey

Amy,

We want to thank you for all the wonderful and musical memories. You have truly been a joy! Best to you in the next part of your life.

Dad, Mom, and Ryan



Nikole Cissel

Nikole,

Dreams do come true!  
May yours continue too!

Love and Congratulations!

Mom, Dad, Dax, Cricket,  
and Ghost



Jessica Kiefer

Jessica,

Keep smiling. God bless  
you in all you do.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Melissa,  
John, and Matthew



Jessica Cummings, Becky Shetler, Angie Spahn, Jenny Feulner

You guys are the three greatest friends anybody could ask for. We've been together through just about every situation. Thanks for all the memories we've made and will make. And well, ya know! I love you guys like sisters! Jess

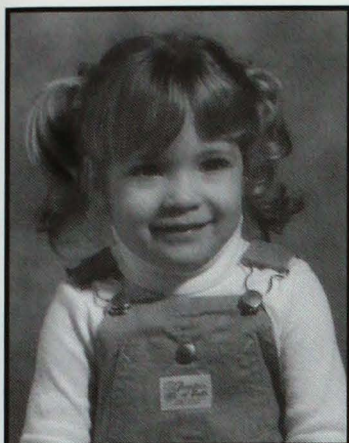


To our hero, and the best  
little sister we ever had!  
Congratulations on all  
you've earned and the  
best of luck on the  
future!

Love,  
Haley, Heather,  
Dad, and Karen

Haley, Heath, and  
Heather Stewart





You've come a long way,  
baby! Good luck always.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Brett, and Kelli

Stefani Reidford



Anna,  
Here's a toast  
to your  
future!

Love,  
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Tomoko,  
Tuan, Alton,  
and Tina.

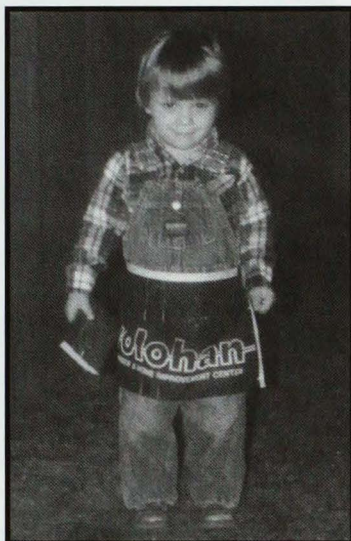
Anna Hoang



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We love you Soogar Be ah!  
Keep reaching for your  
dreams.

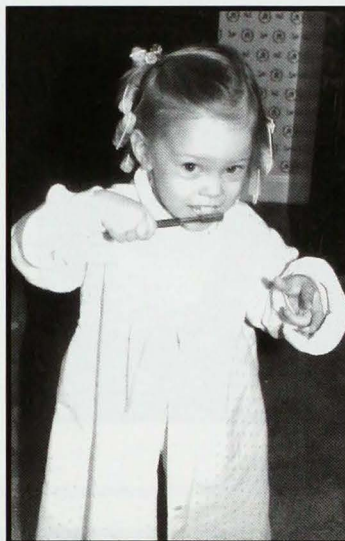
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Jeff Woehler

Congratulations Jeff! Good  
Luck at Purdue.

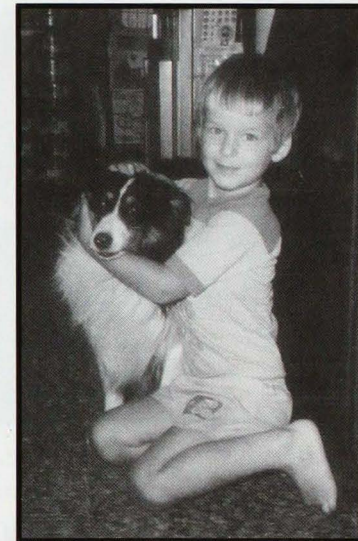
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Andy,  
and Courtney



Jennifer Feulner

Dear Jennie,  
You've been getting ready  
for this a long time. Your  
future will surley be bright.

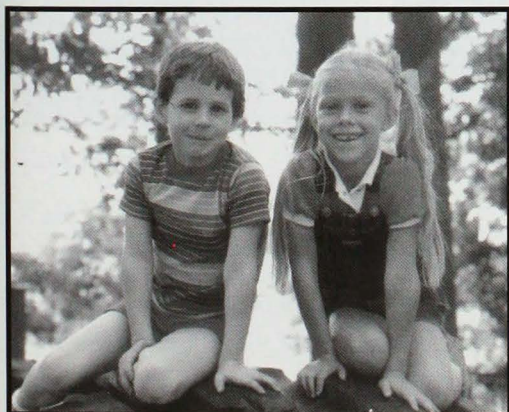
We love you,  
Mom and Dad



Grant Craig

From dryer doors to VICA  
champion! We are proud of  
you. Best of luck in all that  
you do.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Adam



Nick and Jennie,

Thanks for the  
wonderful memo-  
ries! You are both  
the joy of our lives.

We love you,  
Grandma and  
Grandpa

Nicholas Knight and Jennifer Feulner



Becky,

The fun has only  
begun! Go forth and  
enjoy, enjoy the next  
step on your education  
adventure. We all love  
you and wish you the  
best!

Love,  
Zak, Jake, Mom, & Dad

Becky Oliver





Alisha Goedde

We love you, Lisha!

Mom, Dad, Laura,  
Sara, and Gina

Good Luck next year  
to three of our cutest  
grandchildren.

Donder & Pop



Becky Oliver, Alisha Goedde, and Casi Jost



Christina Mueth

Christina,

Congratulations and  
best wishes always. May  
all your hopes and dreams  
come true.

We love you!  
Mom & Dad

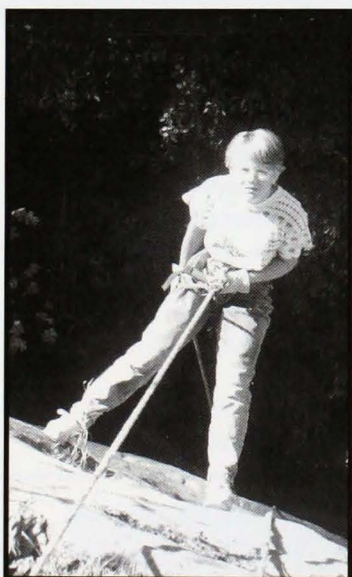


Tracy Flake

Tracy,

May all your hopes  
and dreams come true!  
God bless you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Wade



Connie Petrig

Connie,

Meet the challenge, but  
remember to enjoy the  
climb! Good luck!

Dad

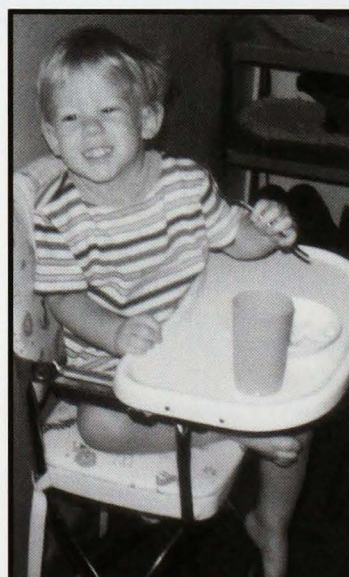


Shanna Hinderliter

Dear Shanna,

We are very proud of the  
young lady who has grown  
up before our very eyes.  
Your hopes and dreams are  
just around the corner.  
Believe in them!

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Brad, & Audrey



Nick Schapker

Nick,

Your smile says it all!  
Success and happiness in all  
your endeavors.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



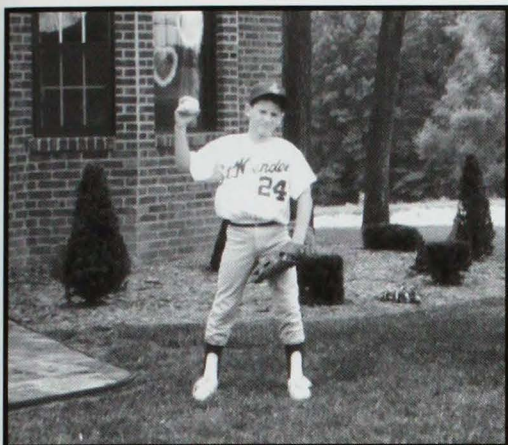
Andrea Auth

Andrea,

Good Luck! We are so  
very proud of you. May all  
your dreams come true!

Love,  
Mom, Chris, Nana, & Papaw



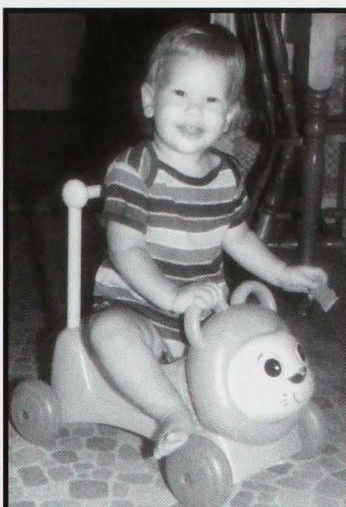


Jeremy,

Thanks for  
being there for  
me. I'll also be  
there for you!

Love always,  
Dad

Jeremy Kiesel



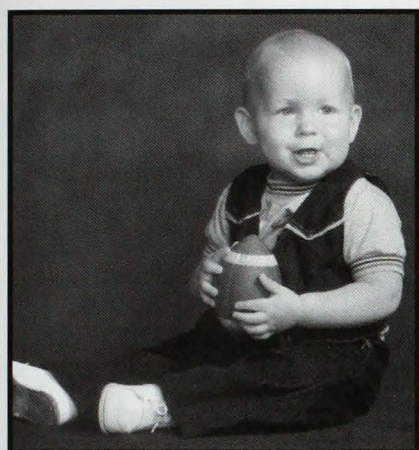
Brian Knapp

Hold on Brian! Life is just  
getting started -- enjoy the  
ride! Thanks for all the  
special moments.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



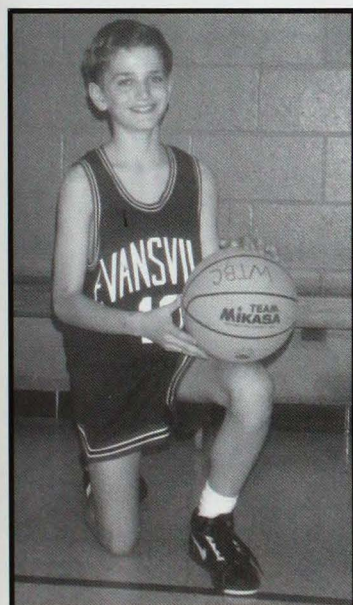
Kristi and  
Kevin Niemeier



Congrats! May your  
future endeavors take on  
and maintain the love,  
importance, and success  
football did so early on.  
We're proud of you;  
you've worked so hard.  
God bless and guide you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad, Andy,  
P.J., Nathan, Audrey,  
Aaron, & Angela

Tony McDonald



Kurt Wildeman

Kurt,  
Congratulations, thanks  
for all the wonderful  
memories and never give  
up on your dreams.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kimberly,  
Kelly, & Kayla



Chrissy Wicks

Congratulations, Chrissy!  
I'm proud of you! Good  
luck now and in the  
future!

Love,  
Mom



Congratulations,  
Chris!

We love you,

Dad, Mom,  
Jennifer,  
& Sarah

Chris Tornatta



Keep your beauty --  
inside and out!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Tony

Stephanie Rexing





Nick, Andy, Kevin

"The Three Musketeers"

Love Ya!  
Steve & Stephanie

Nick Dixon,  
Andy  
Niemeier,  
Kevin  
Niemeier.



Becky,

Good Luck  
to my sister -  
Who's always  
been there  
for me.  
I'll miss you!

Lissa

Becky Oliver



Tina Elpers

Good Luck, Tina,  
but let's keep in touch.  
We love you.

Mom, Dad,  
Brad, Kimberly



Rachelle Knapp

Rachelle,

Best of luck at SEMO.

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, Jenny, & Sara

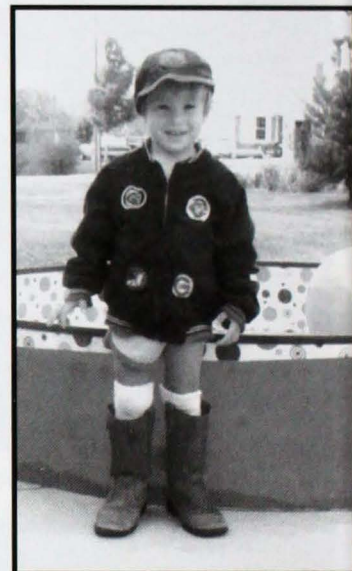


Vanessa Jansen

Vanessa,

All of our Love to You,  
as you pursue your dreams  
at Purdue!

Mom, Dad  
Natalie, & Meredith



Tom Traylor

Best wishes Tom, from  
your family:

Mom, Dad, Sarah, David,  
Mike, Joe, Matt, & your  
Grandparents



"Go for it Nicole"

Love,  
Mom & Dad

Nicole Dressel



Ann,

Dreams come true  
for those who work  
while they dream.

Sweet dreams.

We love you,  
Dad and Mom

Ann Weber





Amy Martin

Amy,  
You might have played  
some good tricks - but  
you're a real treat. Good  
Luck at I.U.

Love,  
Mom



Joe Hart

Congratulations!  
May all your dreams come  
true. We are proud of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Julia Murray

Julia,  
You've come a long way.  
Keep going. Lots of Love  
and Luck.

Mom, Dad, Adam,  
and Valerie



Nick Dixon

Nick,  
Congratulations and Good  
Luck! These last 12 years  
weren't that bad. We're  
proud of you.

P.S. Whatever happened  
to that briefcase?

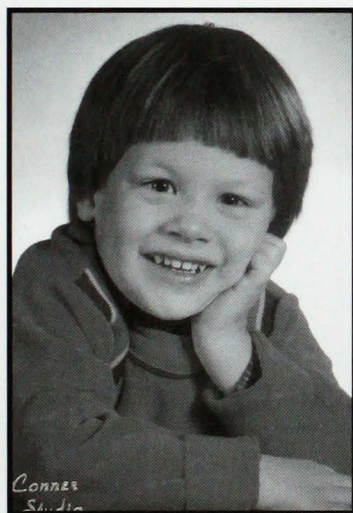
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Leslie



Jessie Martin

Jessie,  
You're still my little girl  
and I love you very much.  
I'll always be there for you.

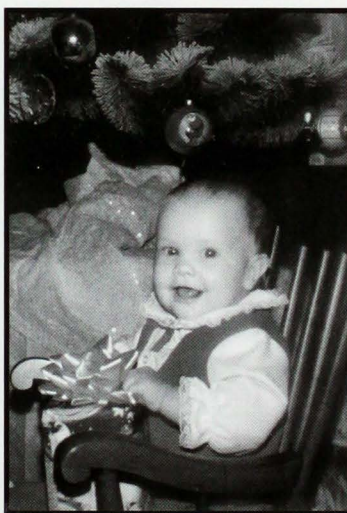
Mom



Andy Niemeier

Andy, you have  
been a joy.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

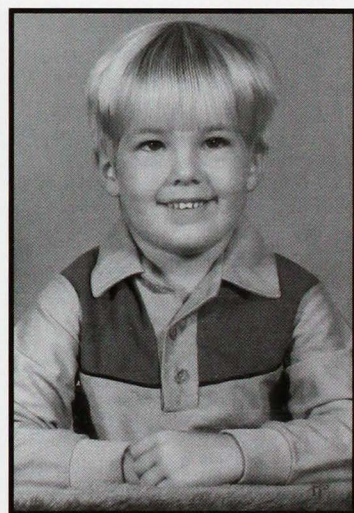


Becky Shetler

Our precious gift.  
You've run your race  
well and have kept the  
faith. We're so proud of  
you.

Love always,

Mom & Dad, Natalie,  
Alisann, John, Martha,  
Mary and Tommy

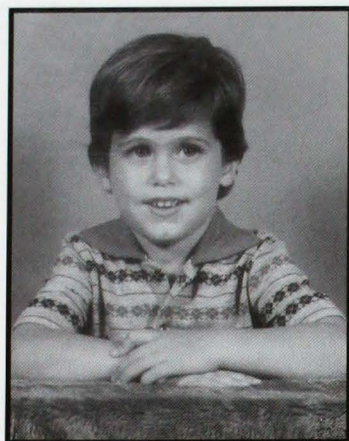


A.D. Boehman

Congratulations, A.D. -  
These years have gone  
TOO FAST. Your future  
looks bright and we are  
very proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
Matt and Jake





Damon Anslinger

Damon,

Remember, keep Our Lord first in your life and you will always be successful. You are our gift of love and joy. We love you.

Mom and Dad



Matt Krack

As you graduate from Mater Dei High School, our wish for you is in line with the official motto of the Olympic Games:

Citius \*\* Altius \*\* Fortius  
Swifter \*\* Higher \*\* Stronger

May you always strive to do your very best. All our love,  
Your grandparents,  
Tom & Mary May



Kristina Bohleber

Good Luck, Kristina.  
We love you,

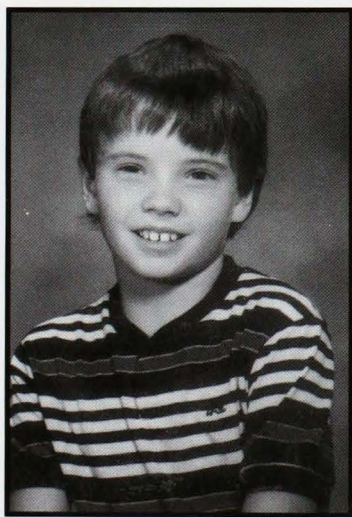
Grandma and Grandpa  
Simpson



Josh Couture

Josh,

All dressed up, even a winning smile, seems you're ready for "The Road Ahead." Give our regards to Bill.  
Mom and Dad



Josh File

Josh,

It seems like yesterday that you went off to kindergarten. Now your graduation only around the corner, where did all the time go? We're so proud of you.

Congratulations!

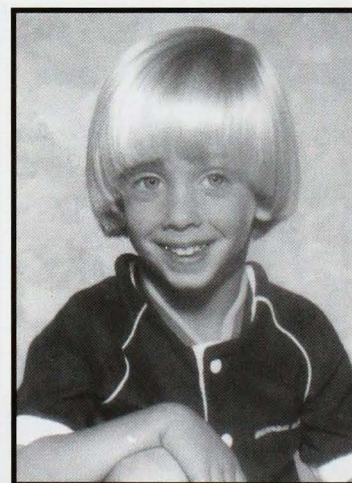
Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Chris



Angela Blank

Your German ways  
Have graced our days.  
Your love and laughter  
Will be with us from here  
after.

Though many miles may  
keep us apart,  
Forever will you be in our heart!  
Love, Tim, Debbie, Jody, and  
Jill Bartlett

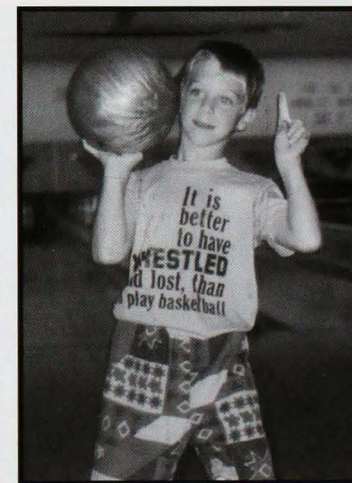


Mark Sammet

Mark!

Congratulations! You made it! Good Luck in the Future. And always remember that we love you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Joe Mayer

Still #1 after all these years  
Congratulations, Joe.

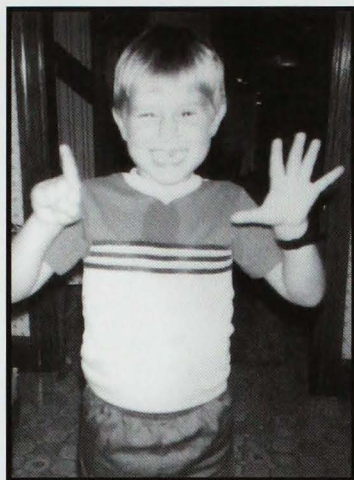
Love,

Mom, Dad, Rachael,  
Jacob and Nick





Beth Ritzert

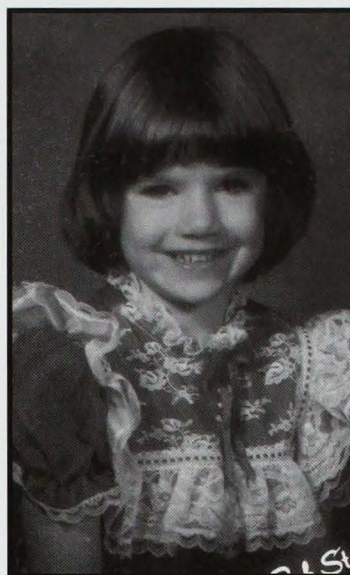


Nick Ritzert

We're very proud of you!

Love you a lot.

Mom and Dad



Kristina Bohleber

You have made our dreams come true and have allowed us to pass along our love of mother earth and all she has to offer. Now it is your time to see your dreams come true as you touch and influence those around you, now and in the future.  
Love, Mom and Dad



Jonelle Rietman

Jonelle,  
Congratulations to our little angel -- you made it!! We are very proud of you. Good Luck always.

We love you,  
Mom and Dad



Chad Schenk

O' how fast the years have gone by! Thank you for the great memories. We know the best is yet to come.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Ryan



Tom Jankowski, Brian Knapp

You guys are great!!  
Keep on Smilin'

Love,  
Anna  
&  
Jessica



Sacred Heart Parish is proud of its seniors:

Heather Altstadt  
Matt Beyer  
Brandon Christian  
Grant Craig  
Nick Dixon  
Tracy Flake  
Amy Nally  
Libby Olinger  
Philip Rawley  
Ashley Stansberry  
Alex Zenthoefer



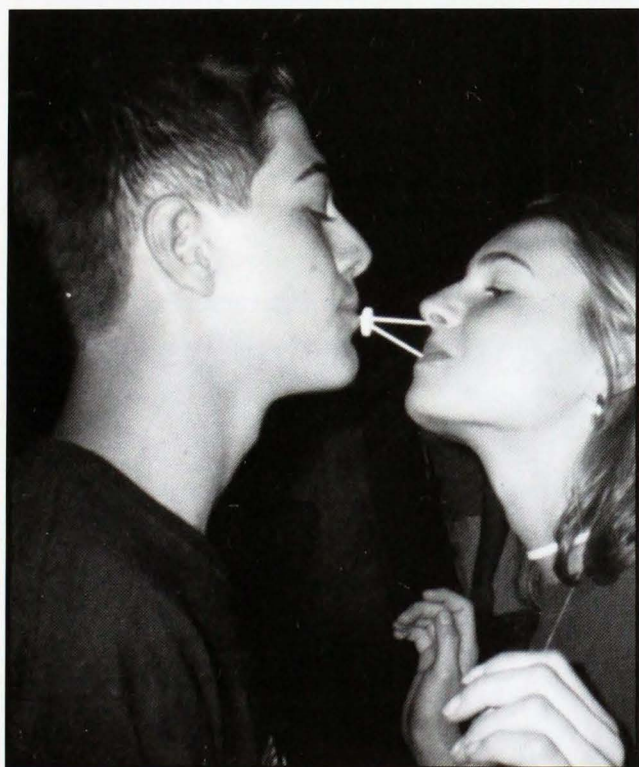
Ken Hisch

Good luck and have fun!

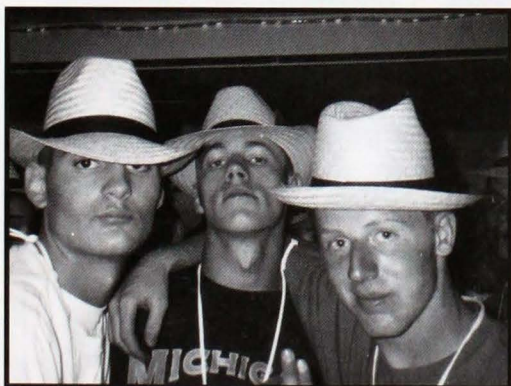
Love always,  
Mom and Dad



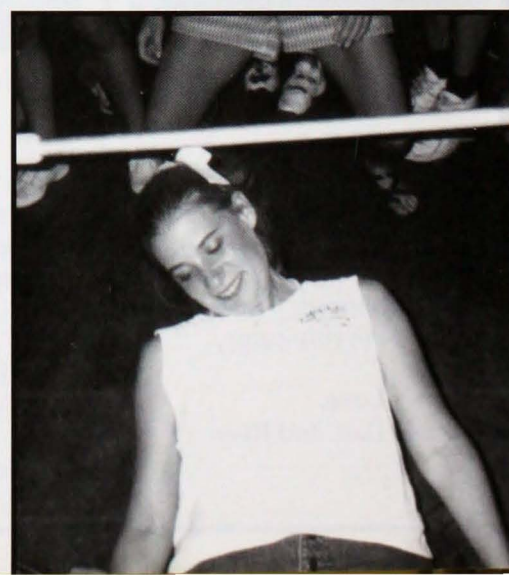
Getting ready to dive into the Project Graduation pig roast are Stephen Schaefer, Tom Jankowski, Mike Schroeder, Jason Hartz, Matt Farmer, and Justin Mayer.



LEFT: Passing the Lifesaver is not easy when using toothpicks. Ask Joe Mayer and Shanna Hinderliter. ABOVE: Nicole Dressel got on the floor to take this picture at Project Graduation.



ABOVE: Jeff Werner, Brandon Christian, Chad Schenk. RIGHT: Mike Bishop. FAR RIGHT: Amy Frey goes under the limbo pole.

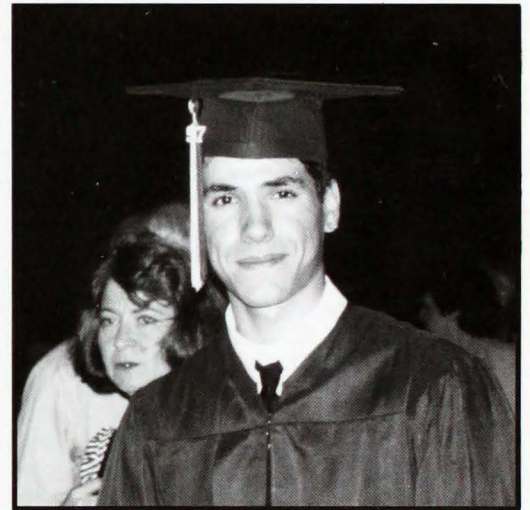
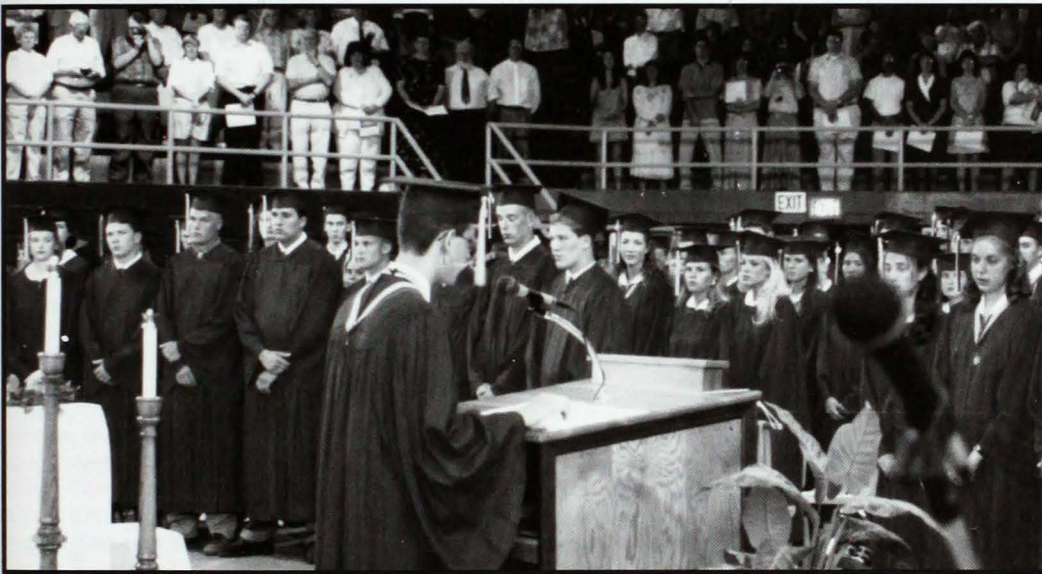




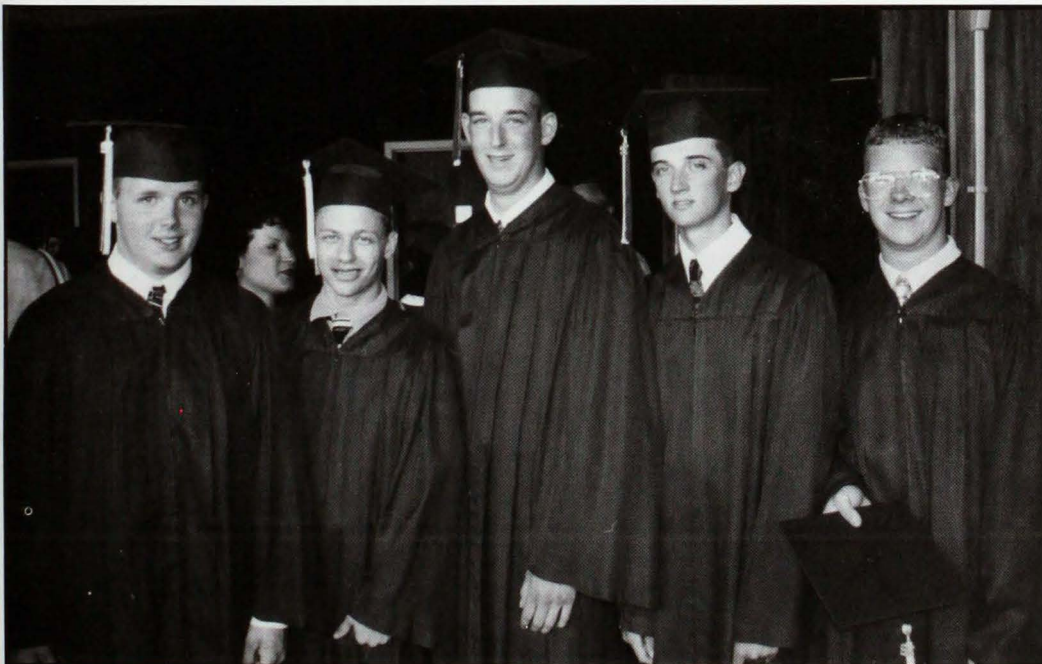
# 'The Graduate'

Class of '97

RIGHT: Celebrating on graduation day are John Montgomery, Stephen Schaefer, David Lottes, A.D. Boehman, Chris Kempf, B.J. Hauke, and Gary Fischer. BELOW: Alex Zenthoefer addresses fellow graduates at Baccalaureate.



Brian Vessels



Angie Spahn and Jessica Cummings

LEFT: Chris Kempf, Mike Head, Grant Craig, Jimmy Heavrin, and Joe Hart





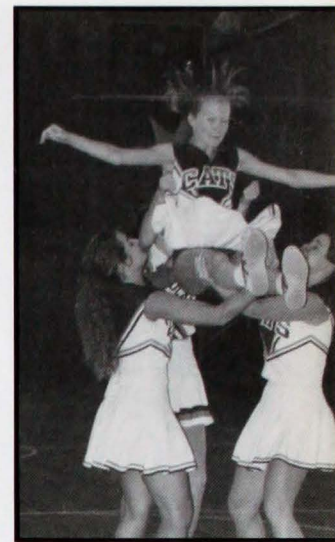
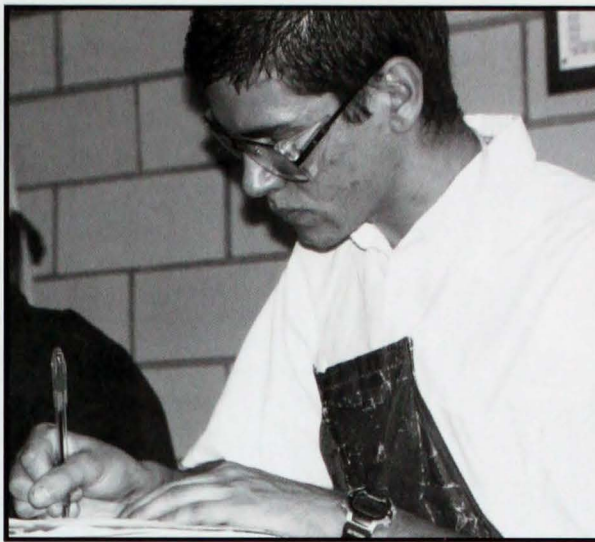
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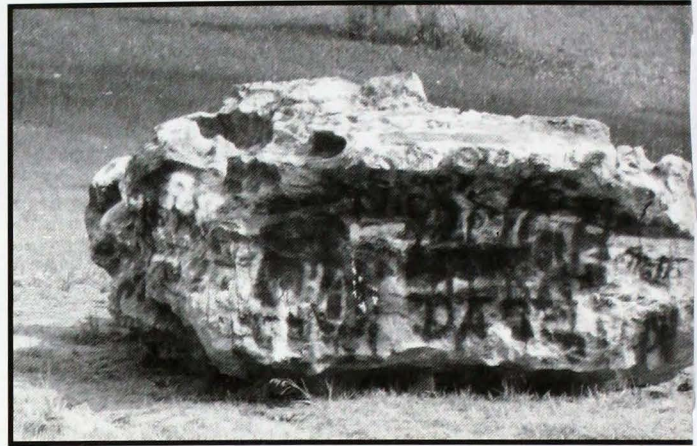
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