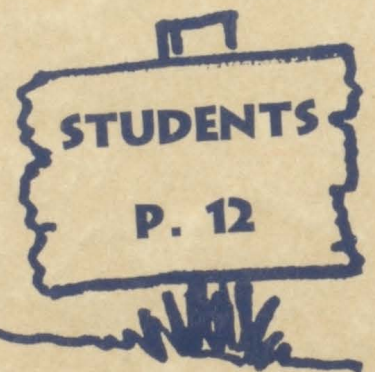


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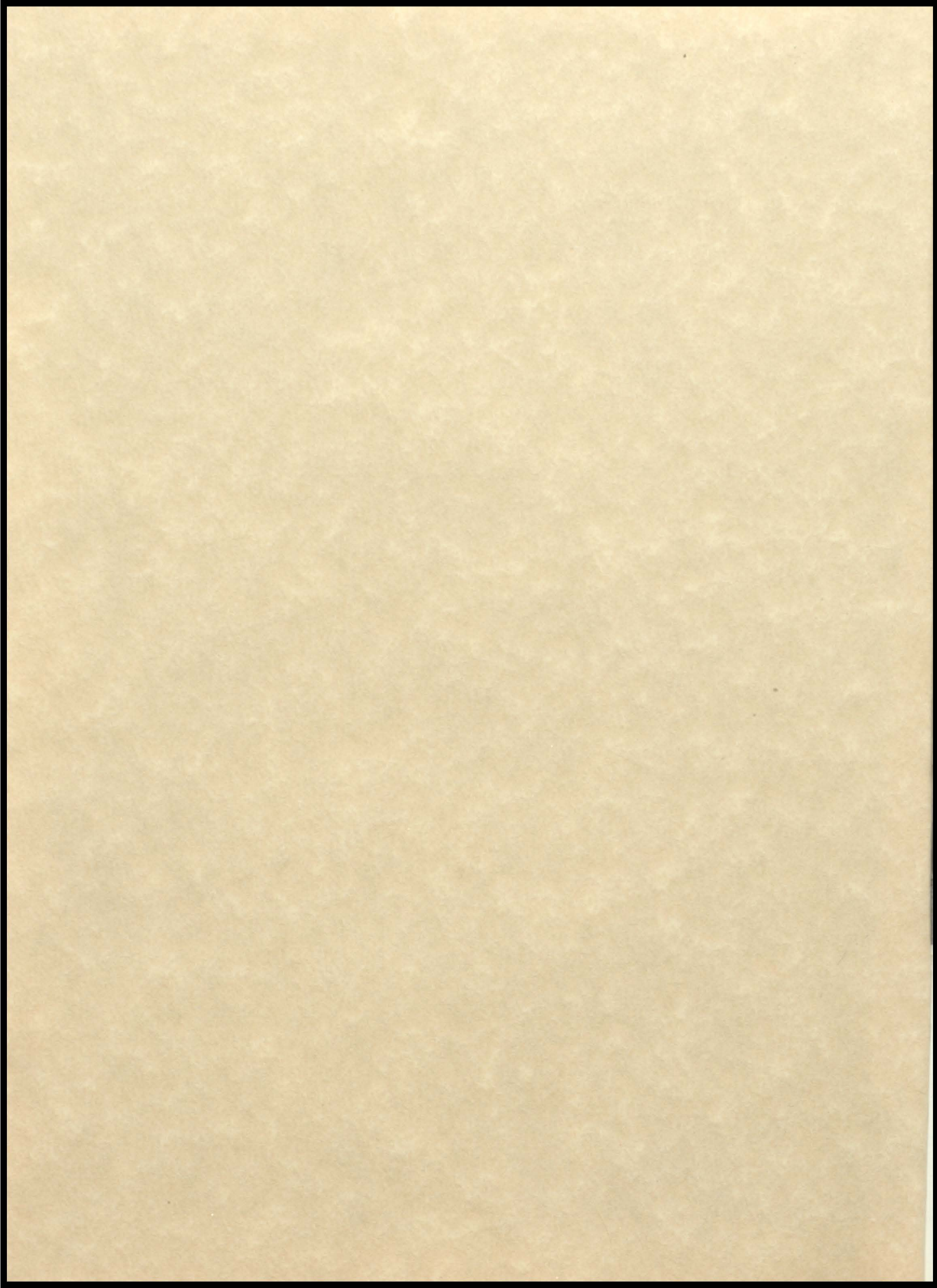


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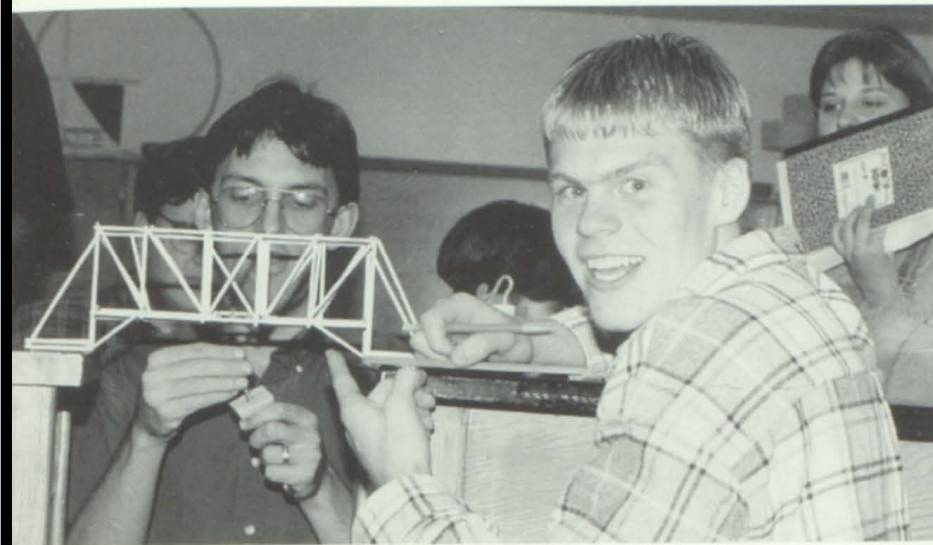
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Oh, the places we'll go! Being young and having our futures ahead of us, we experience the joy of making decisions that will lead us to many different places. It's an exciting time — exploring new classes, participating in activities, planning for further schooling or jobs, having fun with friends. Let's look at the places we traveled in 1996-97!

Left. Joe Hedin waits in anticipation to see how far his bridge "goes" without breaking.
Bottom. Celyn Oakman models a new "place" for books to be carried.



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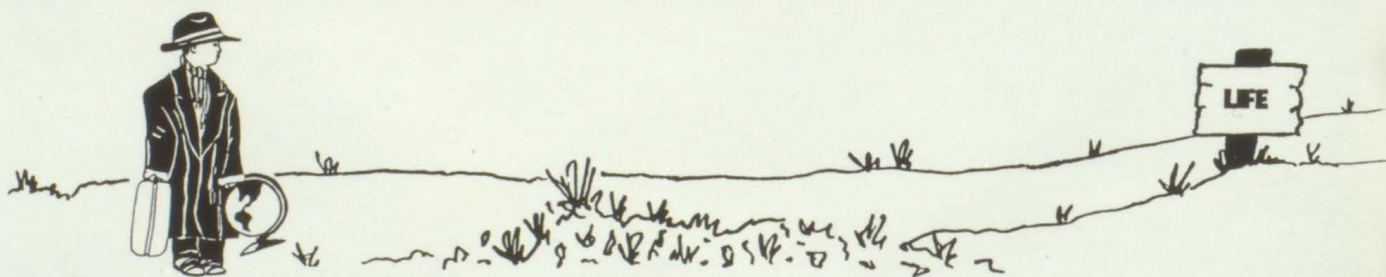
During our four years of high school, we all go many places. Whether these places be in school, at activities, in sports, at our jobs, or with our friends, we all find our places in the busy times of high school.

At some point during the school day, most students find themselves in the commons, by friends' lockers, or just roaming the hallways. The guidance office is a busy spot for students, too. Overall, though, students spend the majority of the school day in classes.

Outside of school, different classes take field trips to widen students' perspective of their subject areas. The Spanish I and III classes attended a Mexican ballet and had lunch at ChiChi's. The AP English class went to the Guthrie for a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. In the spring, the physics classes spent a day at Valley Fair. The concert choir attended a choral workshop at Hamline University, while the marching band planned a trip to Boston for the summer of 1997.

Throughout the year, students visited colleges and universities. At the National College Fair in September, many juniors and seniors got information about colleges. Athletes traveled from school to school competing in games, meets, and tournaments.

Besides their school related activities, many students planned vacations to many different places during their Christmas and spring breaks with friends or family.





Left. Molly Schrupp visits Mrs. Fontes' office to adjust her schedule.

Below. Freshmen converse in the lunchroom during morning break.

Center left. While at the College Fair, Laura Richardson, Chrissy Diethelm, Jodi Graupmann, and Angie Roepke gather information from different colleges.

Center right. Emily Streeter, Emily Hipp, Jamie Brown, and Erin Pletsch show their concoction of food while at ChiChi's for a Spanish field trip.

Bottom left. On her visit to the Science Museum for a physics project, Cori Zancig is amused at another classmate's voice through the Whisper Dish.

Bottom right. John Geyen goes to the Guidance Office to talk with Mrs. Fontes.

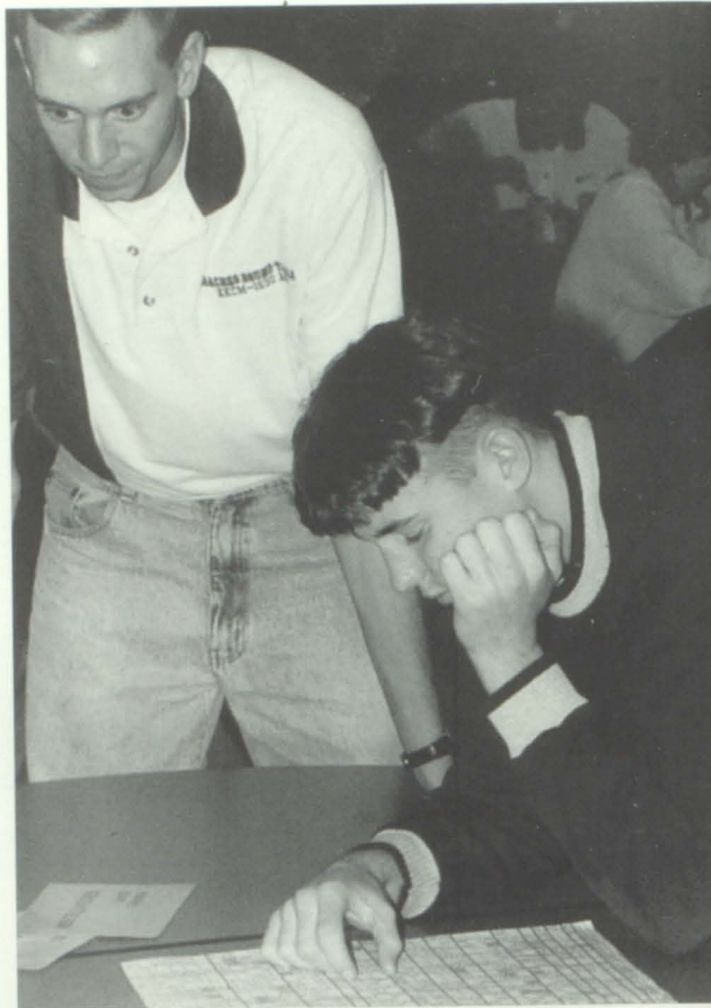


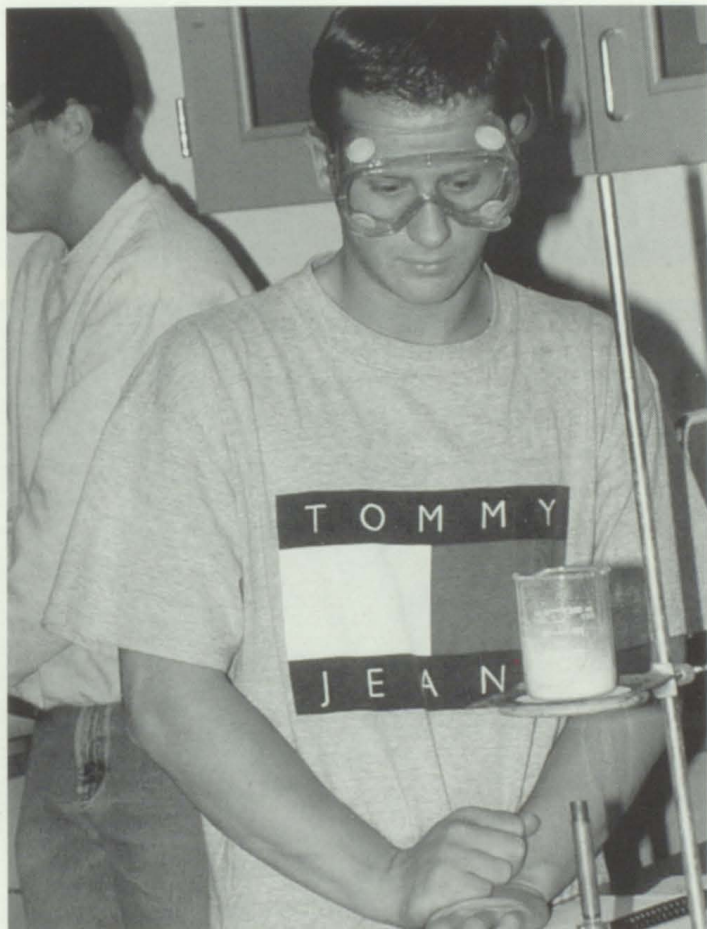
'96-'97 School Year Finds Students 'Blocked In'

This year Waconia High School switched from the seven-period day to the four block day. With the new scheduling, the school was able to offer a number of new classes. Among these were additional social classes, such as World War I, II and the Holocaust; Sports in American History; and The Civil War. New math classes included Odds, Stats, and Games; and additional science classes were among the many options. Also, more art, personal life skills, and industrial tech classes were offered. With no study halls, students completed more credits within the year than in past years.

Right. Tom Gerding and Matt Hoelz adjust their schedules during lunch.

Below. "Blocked in" are Adam Orth, Nikki Dettman, Matt Bergmann, Stacy Steinhausen, Travis Radel, Brandon Bussler, Jenny Menth, Nona Lehrke, and Chris Bergmann.





Above. Nick Hartwig performs an experiment during his chemistry class.

Top left. Shawn Phillippe sands a project in Woods class.

Top right. Chris McNellis displays the mask she made for the new theatre class.

Above center. Bill Worm, Andy Skinner, and Nick Melcher stop by the Guidance Office for schedule changes.

Above. Members of the varsity choir practice their music. Choir and band classes met every day all year for half of a block.

Creative Styles Spark Individuality

Creative dress days throughout the year sparked individuality in students. One of the most popular was Decade Day during Spirit Week. Some of the decades and clothing represented included the Jackie Kennedy styles of the 1960's, gangster and flapper styles from the 1920's, and hippies and leisure suits from the 1970's. Most seniors decided to go camouflaged for picture day. A few wore their Halloween costumes to observe that holiday. During Chemical Health Week, the majority of students wore red, symbolizing chemical awareness.

Right. Jeff Bostic sports his 1950's attire.

Below. Greg Kranz is all smiles in his blue leisure suit.

Below right. Mitch Wagener and Jason Radde — bad hair day??

Bottom. Brittany Molnau and Angela Hatz display their different decade fashions.





Top left. Wearing camouflage, Shawn Phillippe "blends in" in class.

Top right. Becky Rohlik and her hat add school spirit during homecoming week.

Center left. Celyn Oakman and Meghan Foley, where do you get your hair done?

Left. Ryan Christoffer, Mitch Wagener, Ian Hill, Matt Hoelz, Jim Radde, Adam Timm, Jason Radde, and Tom Gerding model their matching sweatshirts.

Above. To observe Halloween, Leah Herling dresses in Pilgrim attire.

Out and About

When not in school, students spent their limited amount of free time "hanging out" at their favorite places. Many students enjoyed supporting their classmates at sporting events, plays, and concerts. There were often parties to attend with friends on the weekends. And the new ice cream shop, Frost and Steam, was a popular hangout for many.

Right. While at Frost 'N Steam, Chad Kosieracki shows one of his many talents.

Below. Ryan Christoffer, Marin Fogerty, Jeff Rolf, and Joe Logelin dance the night away at a co-worker's wedding.

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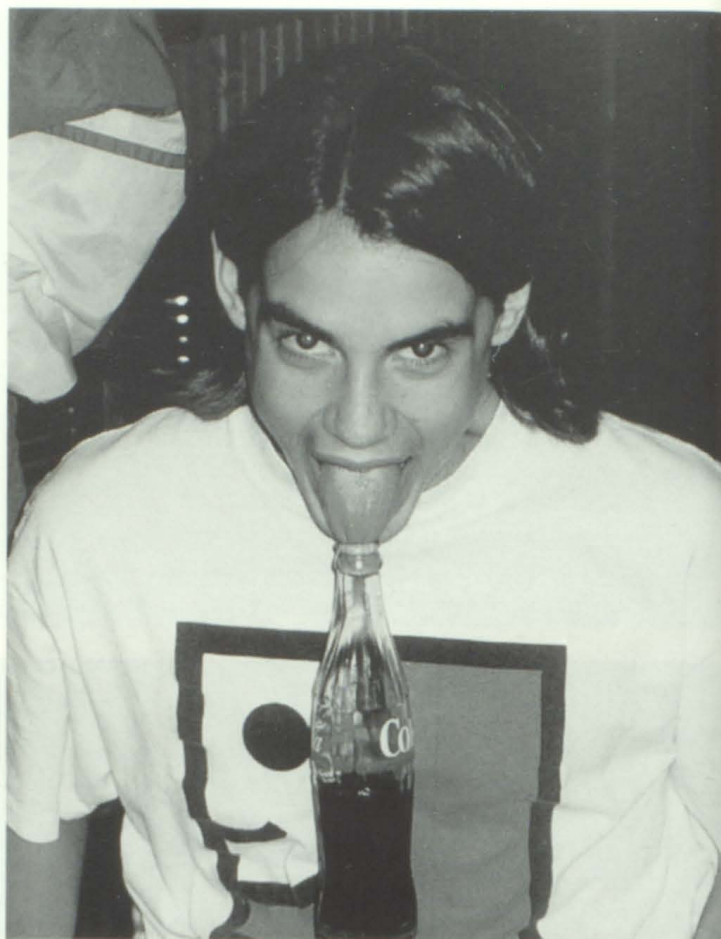
Top left. Sarah Flies, Lincoln Maiser, Inga Schmeer, and Derek Kast hang out at a Halloween party.

Top right. Alex Schmid and Sam Maiser take a break from sledding to smile for the camera.

Center. Members of the *Guys and Dolls* cast relax at D'Vinci's after a long rehearsal.

Bottom left. On vacation in Florida, Niccole Gingras finds Disney World to be one of her favorite hangouts.

Bottom right. Crystal Zancig and Terry Klaers hang out with the pep band at a basketball game.







Top. In *Guys and Dolls*, ex-gambler Sky Masterson (Josh Pauly), convinces people to "Follow the Fold."

Above. Mr. Fredericksen congratulates Cori Zancig for being a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

Right. Following coronation, the 1996-97 homecoming king Tom Gerding and queen Nicole Decker pose for their subjects.

Opposite page:

Top. During the summer of 1996, Tom Gerding becomes state champion for the 400 meter dash with a new state record of 47.66 for Class A.

Center left. Cristy Jensen advances to state in cross country.

Center right. Queen candidates anxiously await the crowning of the 1996-97 queen at homecoming coronation.

Bottom right. Lauren Bresnahan and Kara Dake advance to sections in competition while on the Watertown swim team.

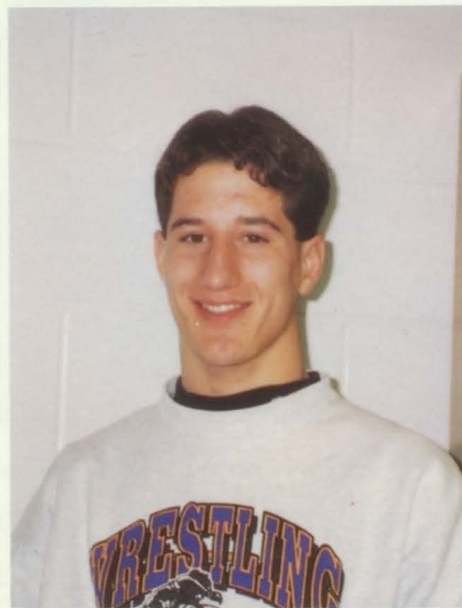




Highlights Spotlight Groups, Individuals

Oh, the places we went creating highlights for the 1996-97 school year! In the summer of 1996, Tom Gerding advanced to the state finals for track where he set a new Class A record. The fall was highlighted by the musical, *Guys and Dolls*, and the coronation of the new homecoming king and queen, Tom Gerding and Nicole Decker.

There was a lot of support for those who received awards for various achievements, including Cristy Jensen, who advanced to state in cross country, and choir director Ron Larson, who was awarded Choral Director of the Year.



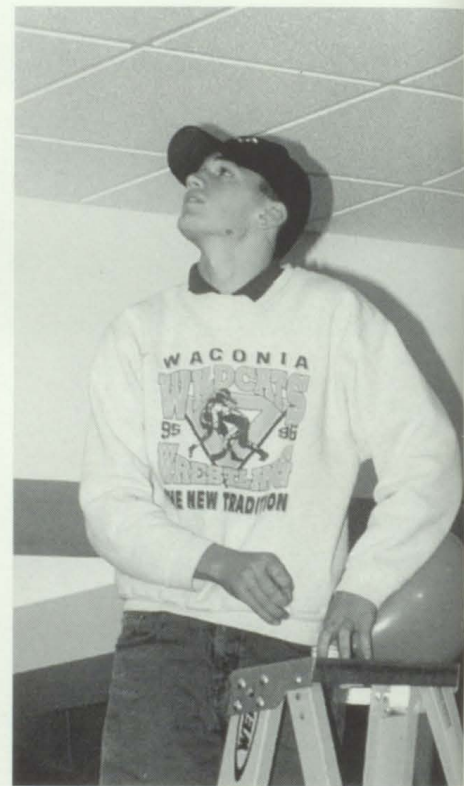
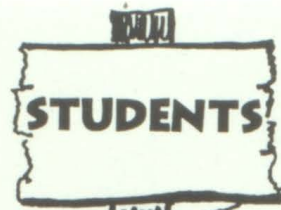
Above. Kevin Kolb is named the conference winner of the triple A award for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.



Above. Mr. Larson is named Minnesota Choral Director of the Year by the American Choral Directors Association. In addition, he was named Music Educator of the Year for 1996 by the Minnesota Music Educators Association.



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Top left. Shaina Zuppke, Julia Kes, and Shannon Snow enjoy being freshmen.

Top right. Cory Schlagel looks at Tim Keefe's lunch in horror.

Above left. Tiffany Seeman, Anita Lehrke and Becky Schmidt flash their friendly faces for the photographer.

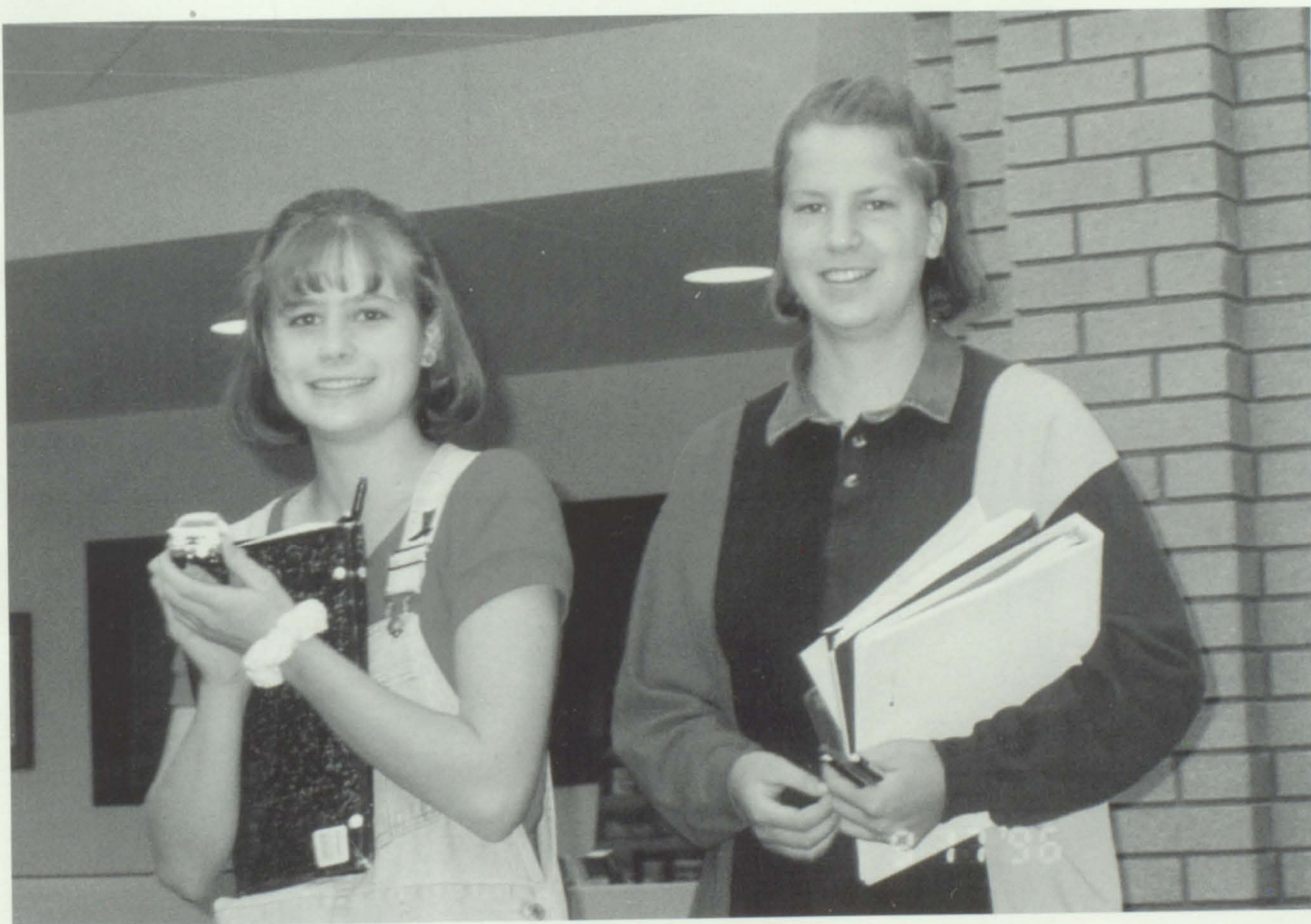
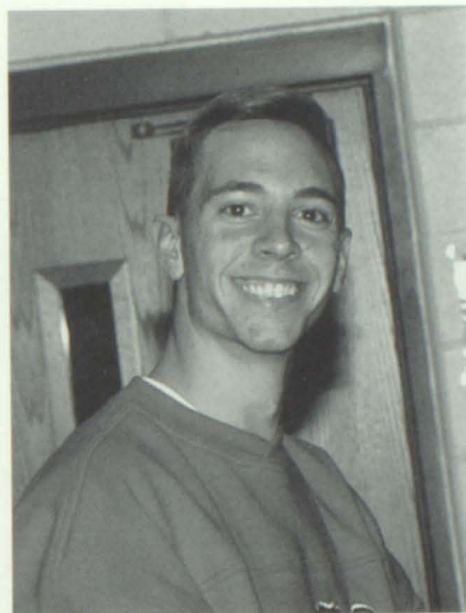
Above. Jesse Timm decorates for the homecoming dance.

Left. Sarah Dreier and Kelly Hedtke discuss, "Where do we go from here?"





Left. Nona Lehrke and Erin Indrelie stop by the library to pick up their yearbooks.
Below. Tom Gerding is all smiles when asked if he enjoys being a lab aide.
Bottom. Meghan Foley shows off her toy car as she and Liz Roebke pass through the media center.

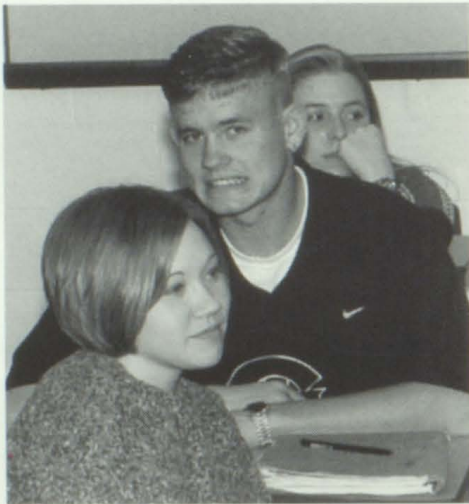
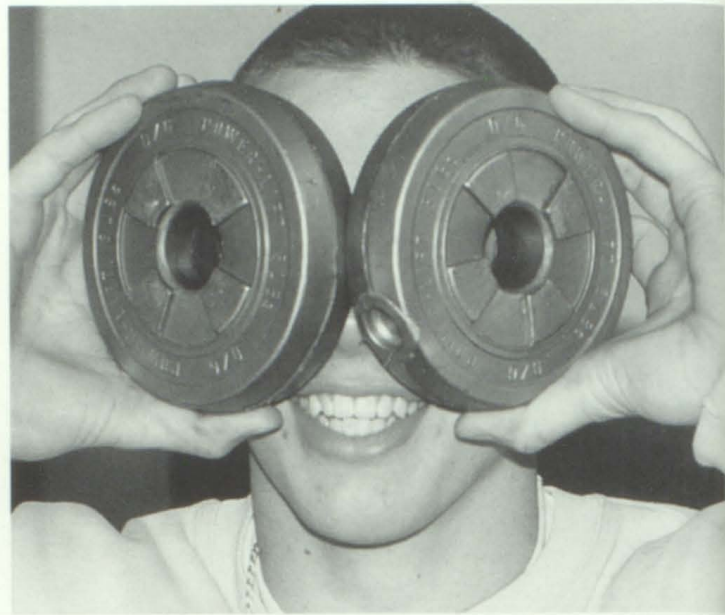


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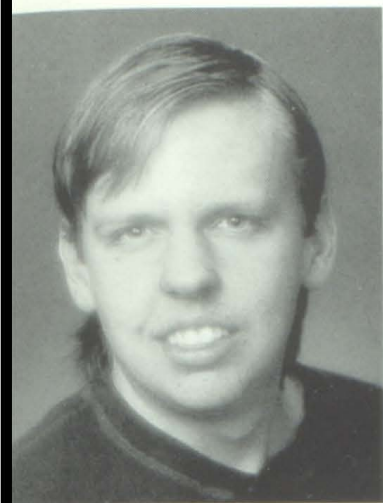
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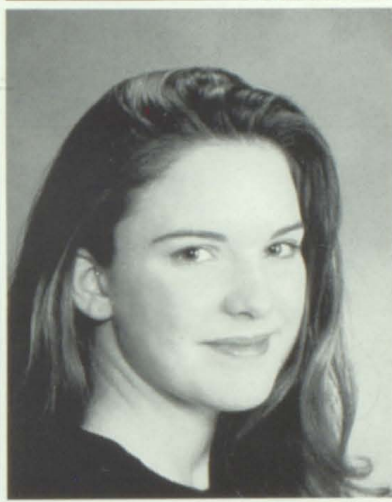
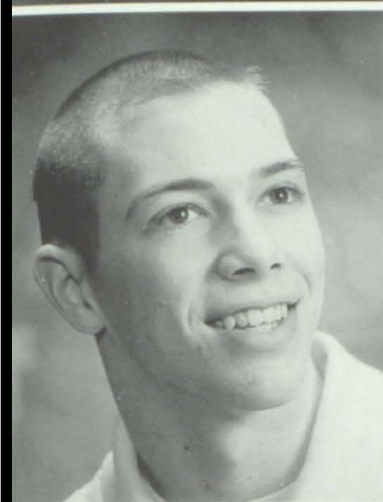
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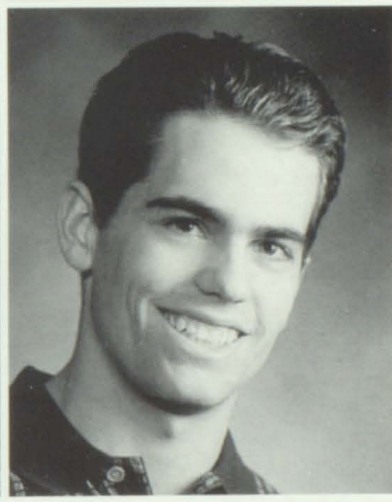
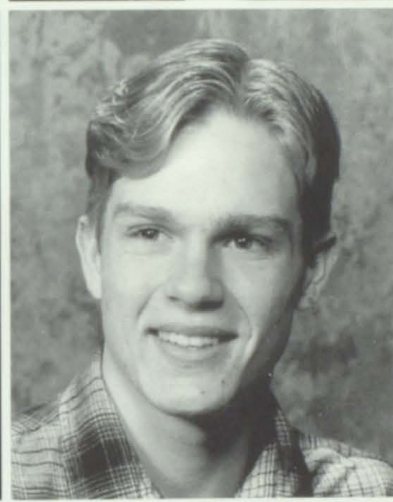




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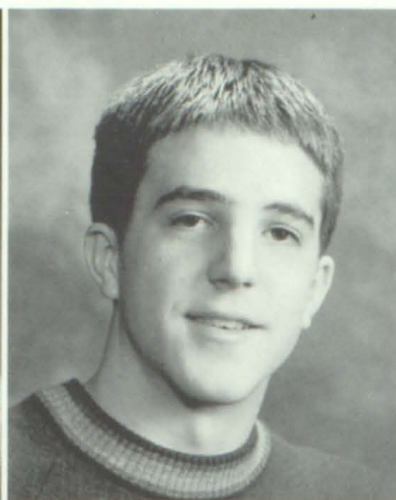
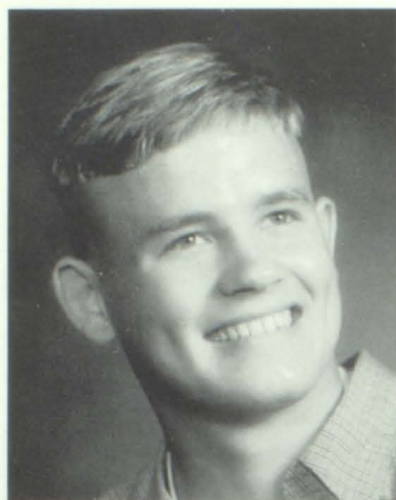


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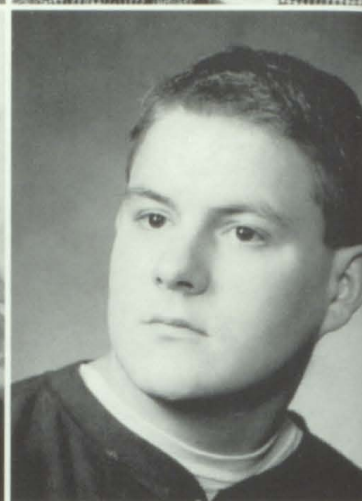


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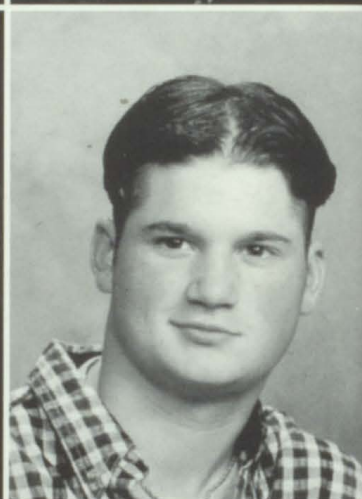
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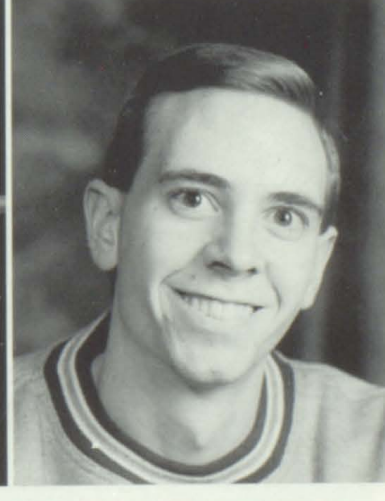
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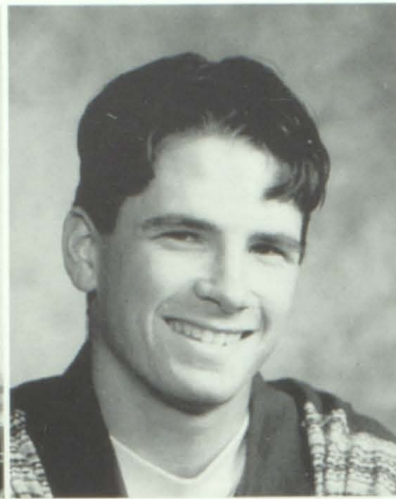
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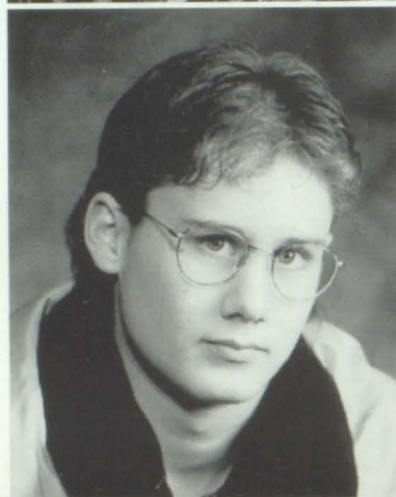
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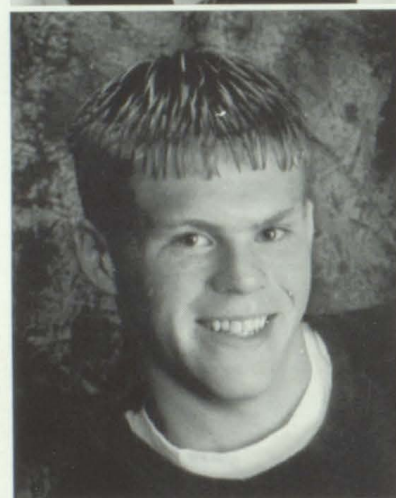
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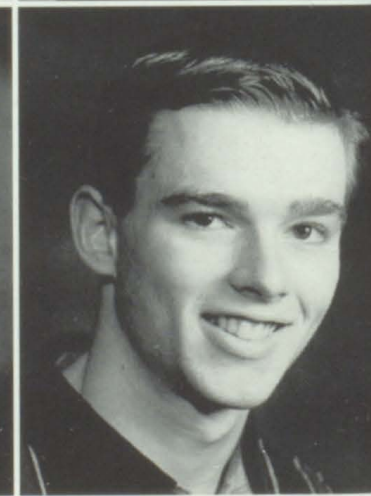
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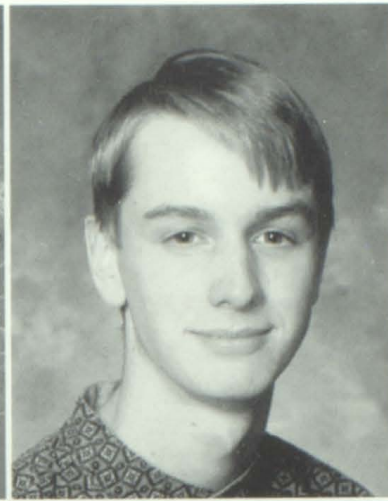


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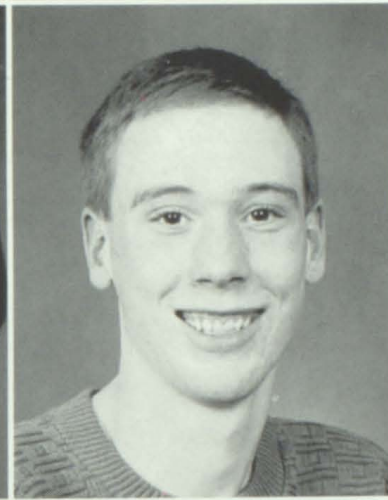


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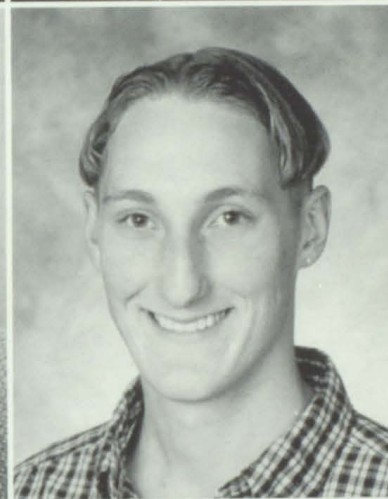
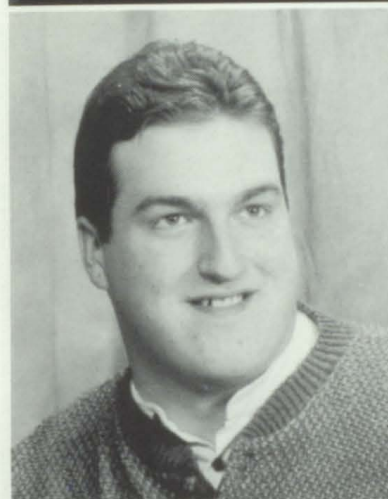




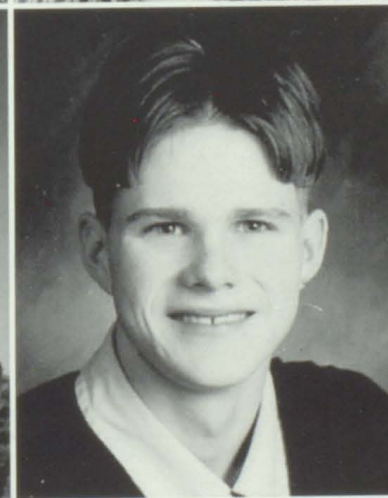
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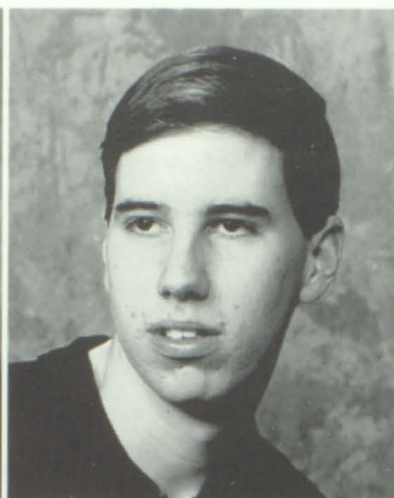
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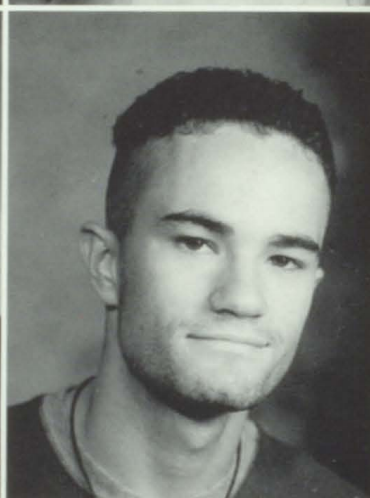
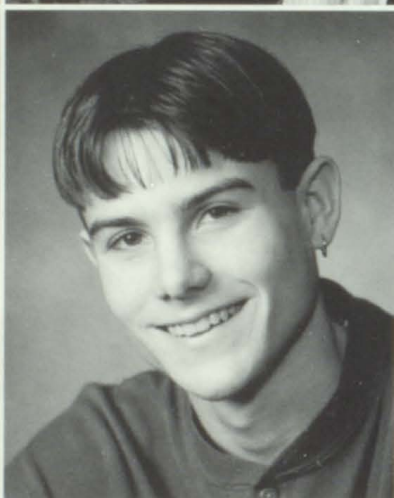
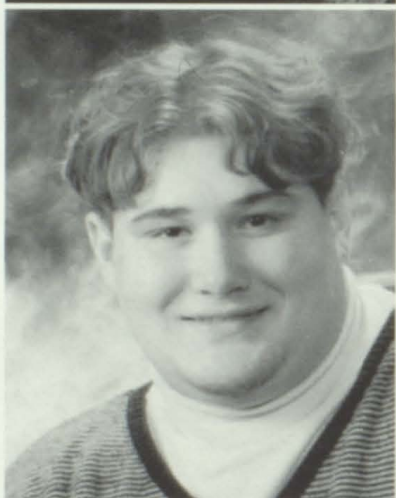
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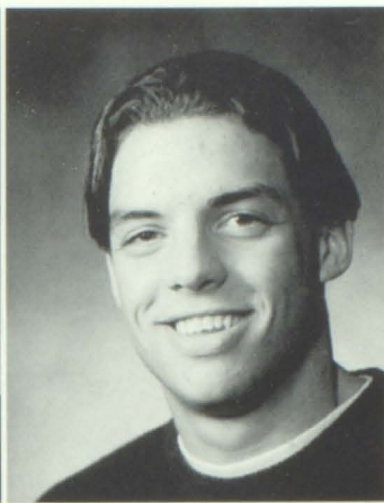
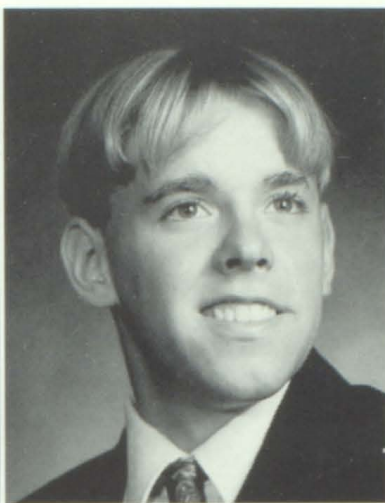


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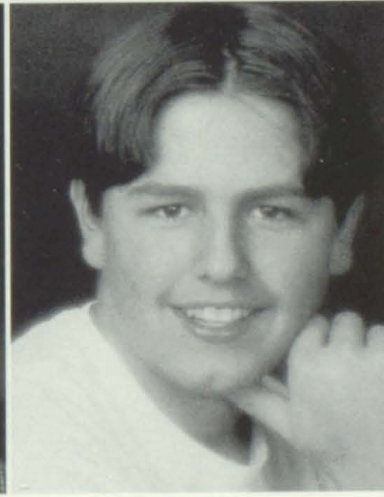
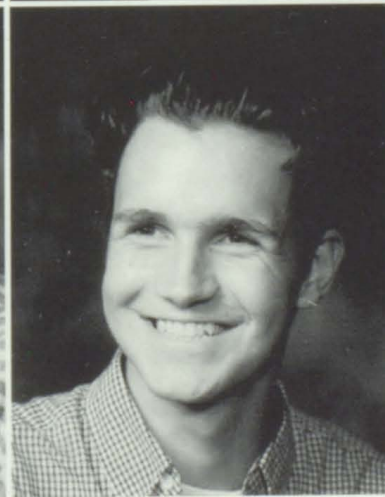
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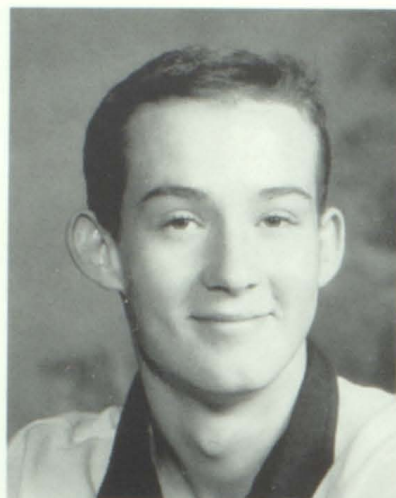
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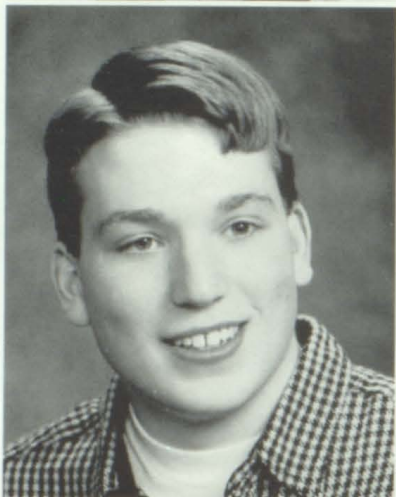
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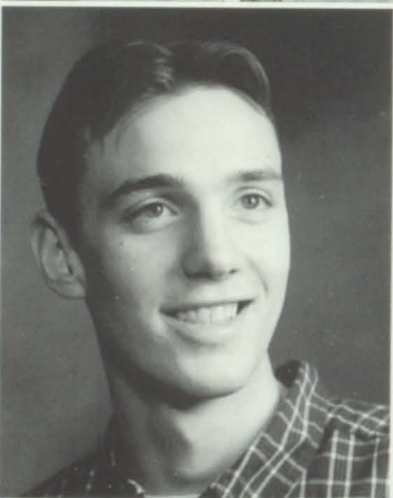
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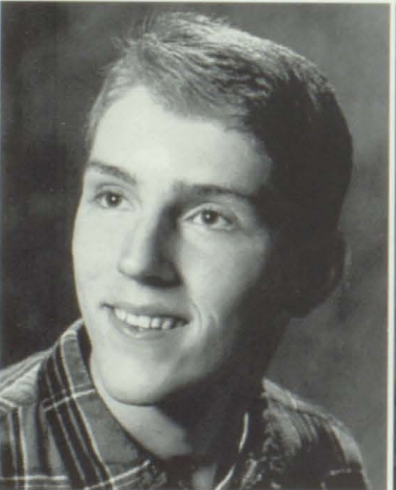
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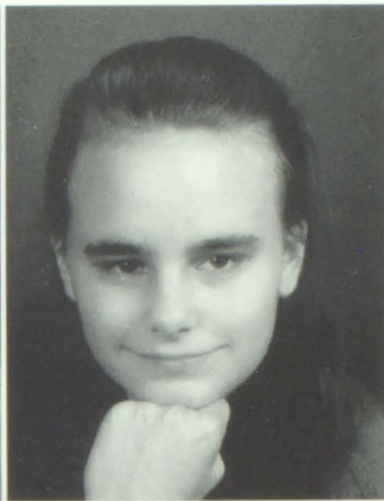


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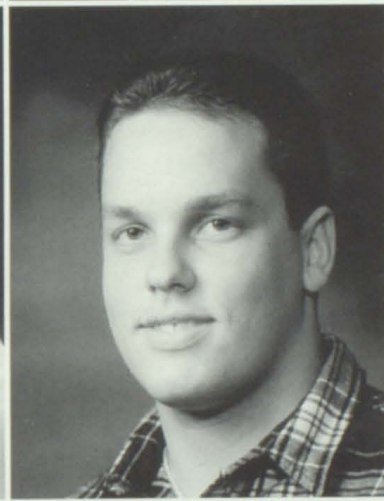




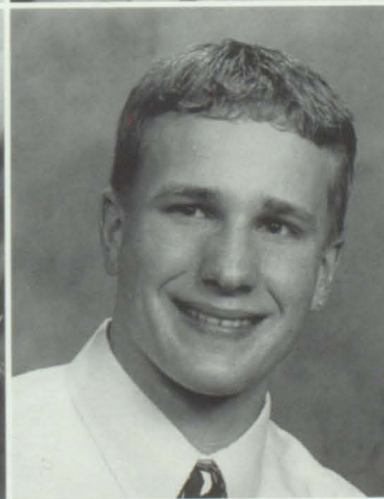
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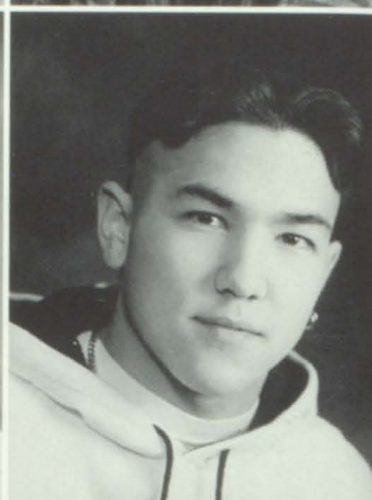
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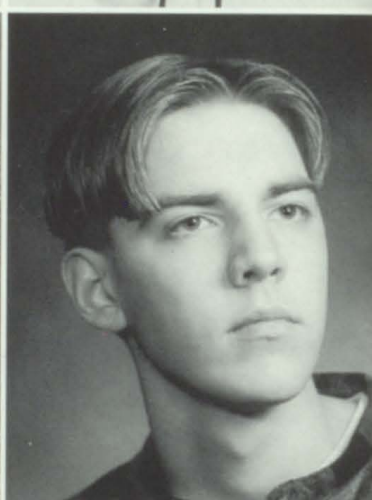
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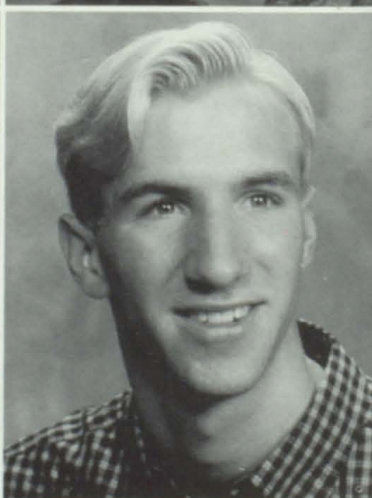
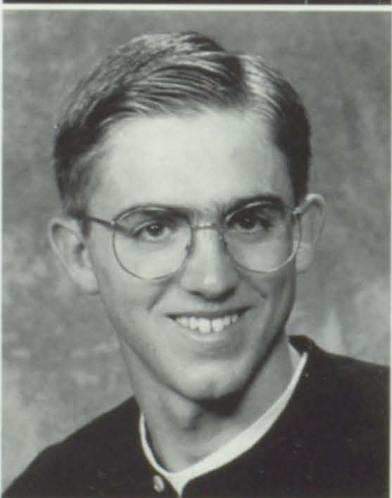
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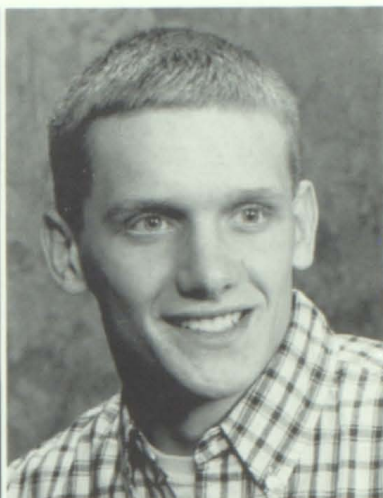
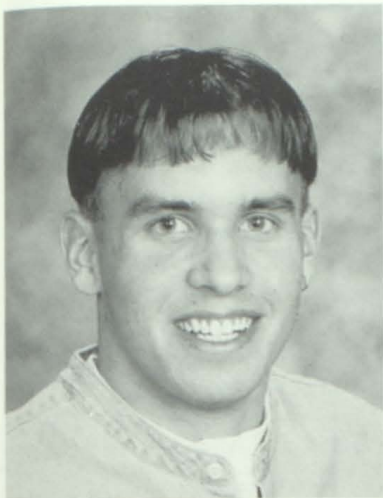


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NOT PICTURED:

Erick Barbieri

Ben Meadows

Amy Pemberton

Ginny Rogers

Lee Vang



Nicknames

Throughout the years, many seniors have managed to establish nicknames that have stuck with them, such as:

Tinker

R.C.

Sho

G

Lou

Pickle

Beandip

Big Toe

Itch

Goon

Ryan Arndt

Ryan Christoffer

Jessica Drapcho

Ryan Gulden

Lea Ann Hilk

Mike Peterson

Shawn Phillippe

Tim Scholla

Mitch Wagener

J. R. Wegener



Clockwise from bottom left: Ryan Christoffer, J.R. Wegener, Lea Ann Hilk, Mike Peterson, Jessica Drapcho.



Class of 1997

Where We've Been

Many members of the senior class have known each other for years. They've been friends, celebrated events together, played sports together, and studied together. These students have watched each other grow and change throughout the years. Since this year is their last year of high school, they take time to remember where they've been and dream about where they're going.



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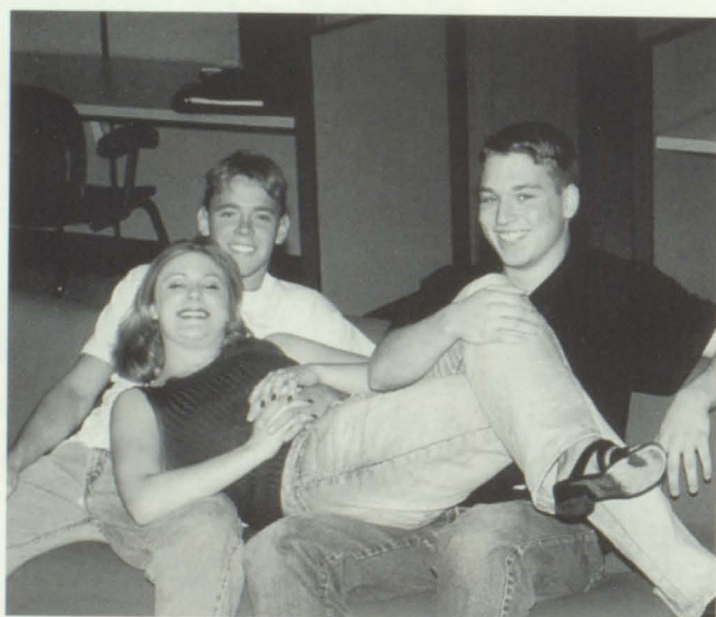


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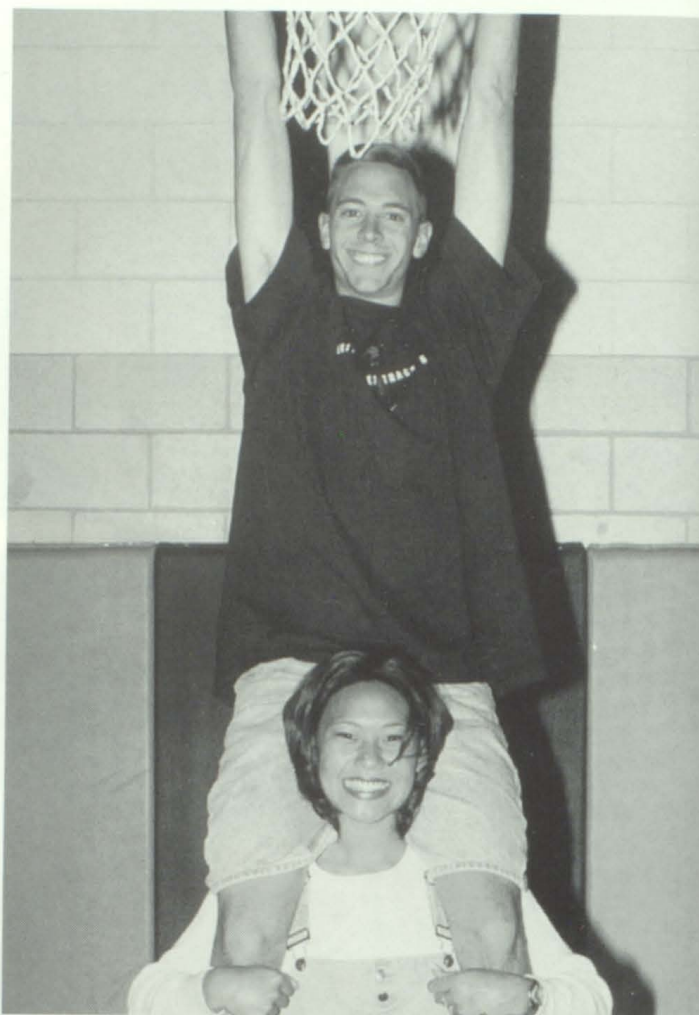
Cutest Smile: Ryan Christoffer and Nicole Decker
Prettiest Eyes: John Geyen and Nicole Decker



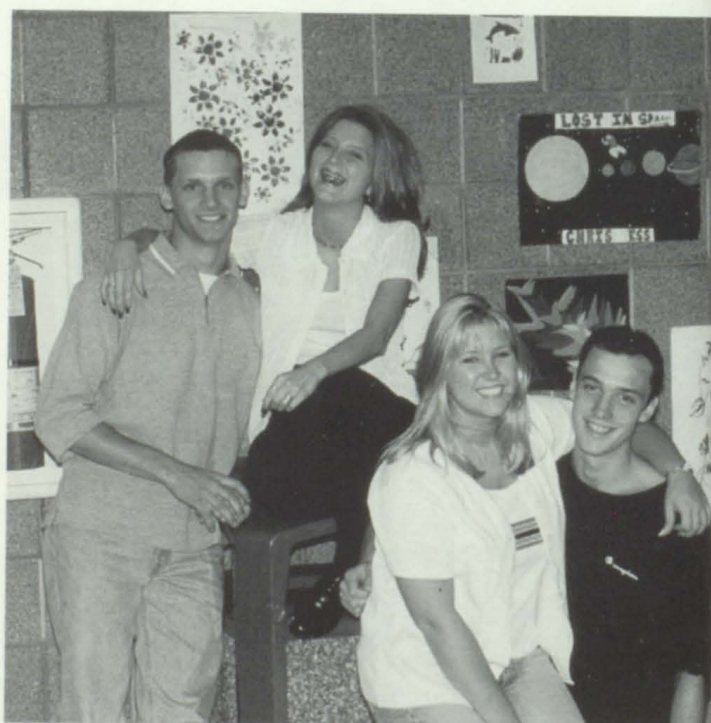
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Class Clown: Dave Perrill and Nikki Dettman



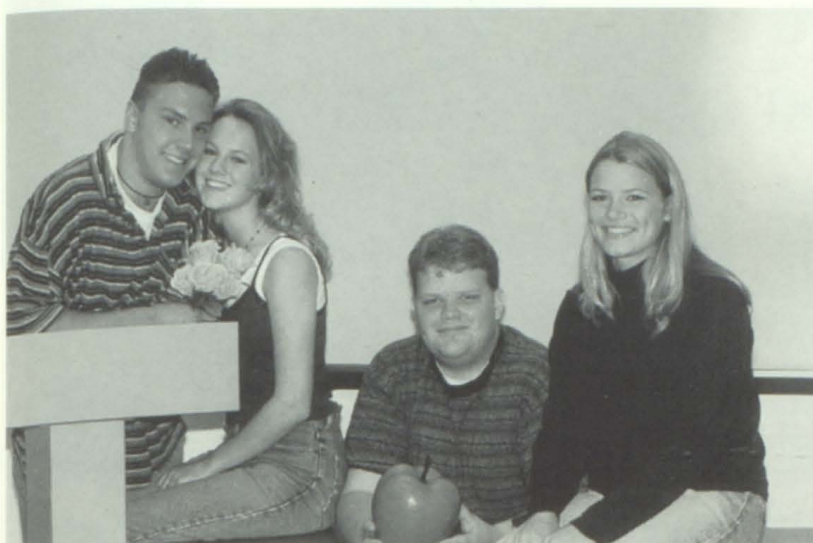
Most Athletic: Tom Gerding and Teri Schneider



Craziest Laugh: Bill Worm and Lea Ann Hilk
Worst Joke Teller: Katie Anquist and Jim Radde



Cutest Couple: Ryan Christoffer and Tracy Moldenhauer
Teacher's Pet: Dan Flies and Nicole Decker



Most Likely to Succeed: Travis Radel
 and Carissa Froyum
Most Studious: Travis Radel
 and Carissa Froyum



Most Talkative: Dave Perrill
 and Nikki Dettman
Quietest: Lee Vang, Karen Kranz,
 Jodi Graupmann



Friendliest: Dave Perrill and Katie Anquist
Best Dressed: Ian Hill and Katie Anquist



Best Actor: Josh Pauly and Cori Zancig
Best Musician: Josh Pauly and Anita Lehrke



SENIOR FAVORITES

SPORT

1. Basketball
2. Football
3. Fishing



SINGER

1. Jewell
2. Shania Twain
3. Smashing Pumpkins

RESTAURANT

1. Perkins
2. McDonald's
3. Applebee's

SONG

1. Fire, Water, Burn
2. My Pony
3. You're Making Me High

JUNK FOOD

1. Pizza
2. Doritos
3. Suckers

VACATION

SPOT

1. Mexico
2. Florida
3. Up North

CLOTHING

STORE

1. Dayton's
2. The Buckle
3. The Gap



POP

1. Mt. Dew
2. Coke
3. Surge

VIDEO GAME

1. NBA Live '97
2. Packman
3. Madden '97

MAGAZINE

1. People
2. Sports Illustrated
3. YM

MOVIE

1. Happy Gilmore
2. Scream
3. Jerry Maguire

TV SHOW

1. Home Improvement
2. Friends
3. E.R.

AUTOMOBILE

1. Nick's BMW
2. Grand Am
3. Viper

HANGOUT

1. Frost and Steam
2. Fish Houses
3. In town, downtown, all around town, Town Marina

CARTOON CHARACTER

1. Garfield
2. Homer Simpson
3. Bugs Bunny



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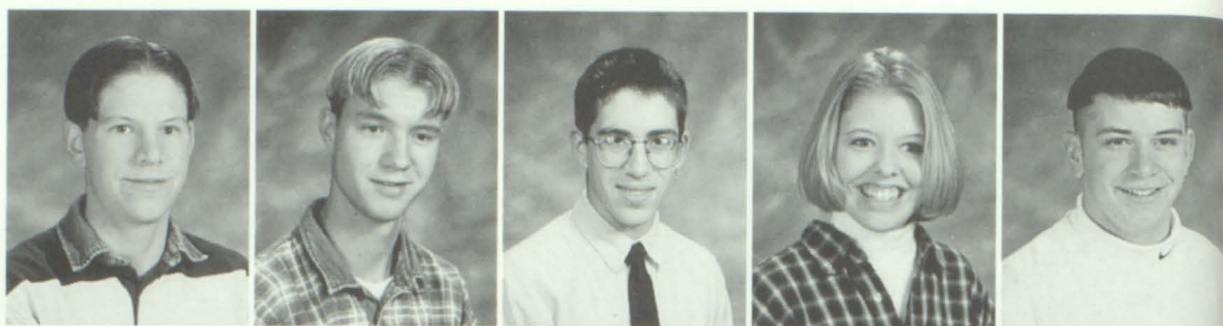


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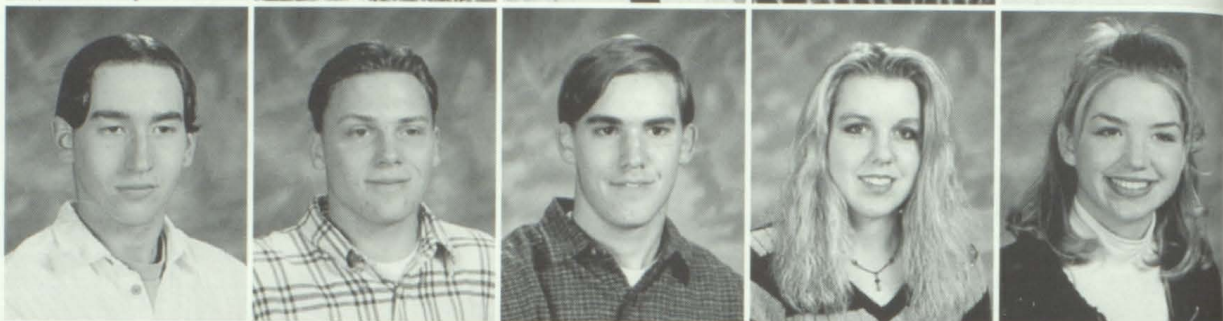
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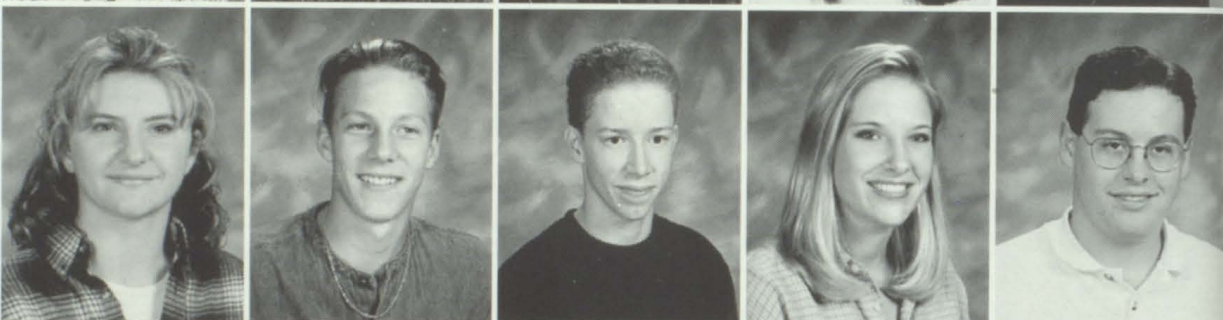
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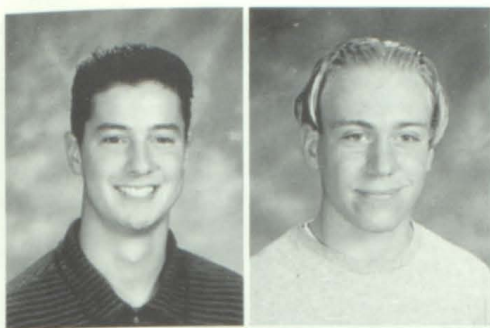


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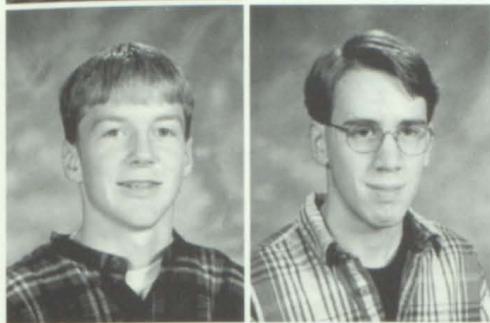


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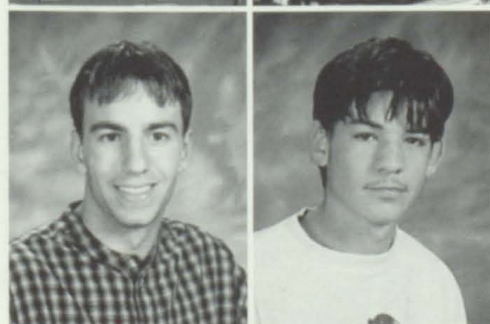
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Berit Hanson
Lisa Harrison



Robert Hart
Jeremiah Hartmann

Excuses, Excuses!

Everyone always seems to have an excuse for being tardy to school or class. Here are some of the most popular ones:

1. They let us out of lunch late
2. My car wouldn't start.
3. I got tramped in the hallway.
4. I got weighed in for wrestling.
5. I forgot my locker combination, and I got lost on the way to the office.
6. I had to clean up the tech room.
7. I didn't hear the tone.

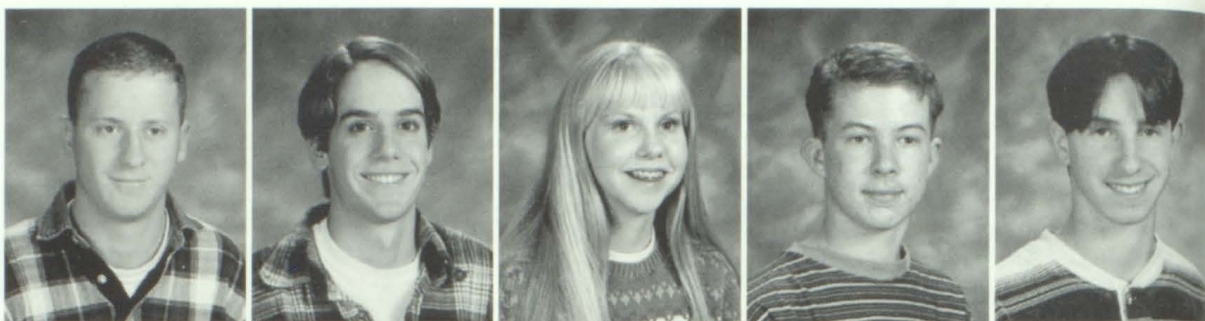
And here are some of the more unusual excuses:

1. I hit a dog and had to take it to the vet.
2. I was dumped in a garbage can and couldn't get out.
3. The power went out and my alarm clock didn't work.
4. They couldn't get the bus door open.



Above. After arriving to school late one day, Julie Boll and Lisa Rademacher (top) and Jami Niesen (above) talk Mrs. Rademacher into giving them passes.

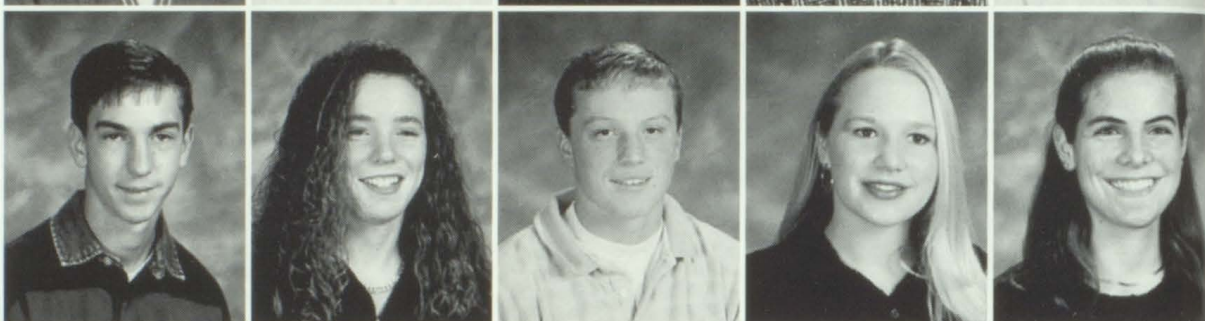
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 Rachel Jurek
 Timothy Keefe
 Christina Kerber
 Kristy Ketcher



New Juniors at Waconia High School

The six new juniors to WHS came from all over Minnesota and the U.S. Although they came to Waconia for different reasons, they mainly feel the same way about the people here. The yearbook staff interviewed four of the new students and asked them where they came from and what they think of the people and the school.

New student Jess Harvat (not pictured) transferred from Cincinnati,

Ohio, and noticed the lack of minority students here. Although it took him time to adjust to the change of school, he indicated that "There are some pretty cool people here."

Right. Chris McNellis came to WHS from Burnsville and Jamie Brown attended Minnetonka High School.

Below. Jaime Nelson previously attended school in Apple Valley.

New students not pictured: Zach Backen, Brian Thompson.



What do you think of the people and the school?

Jaime Nelson: "I think people here at Waconia are easy to get along with and really open. I enjoy attending Waconia because there isn't as much peer pressure as at my old school."

Chris McNellis: "They're cool, and I like the school."

Jamie Brown: "They're nice, friendly, helpful. I like WHS."





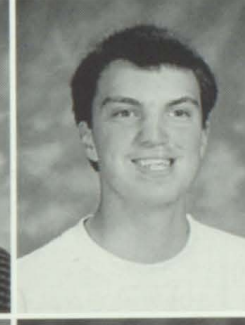
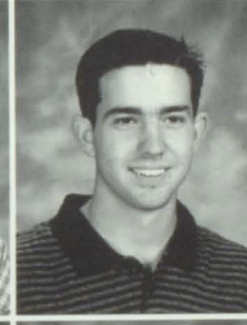
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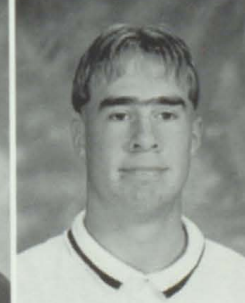
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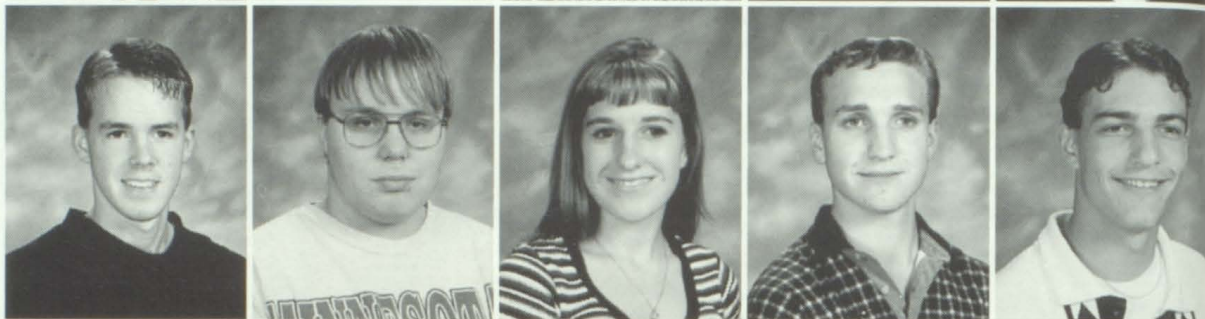
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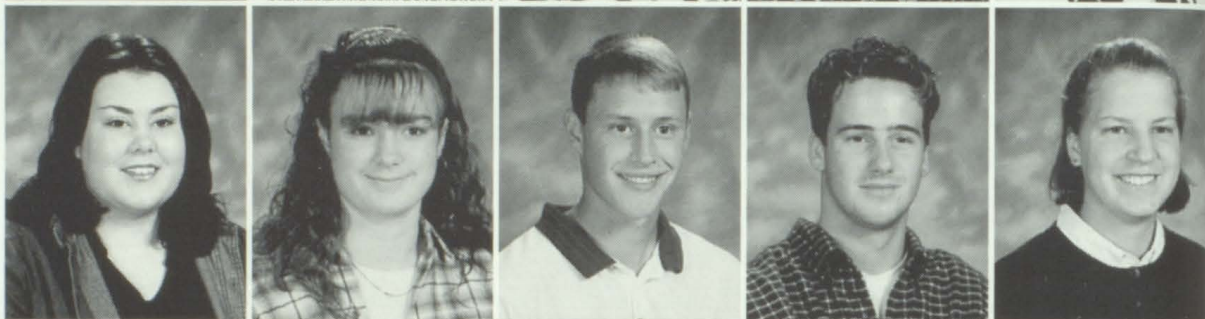
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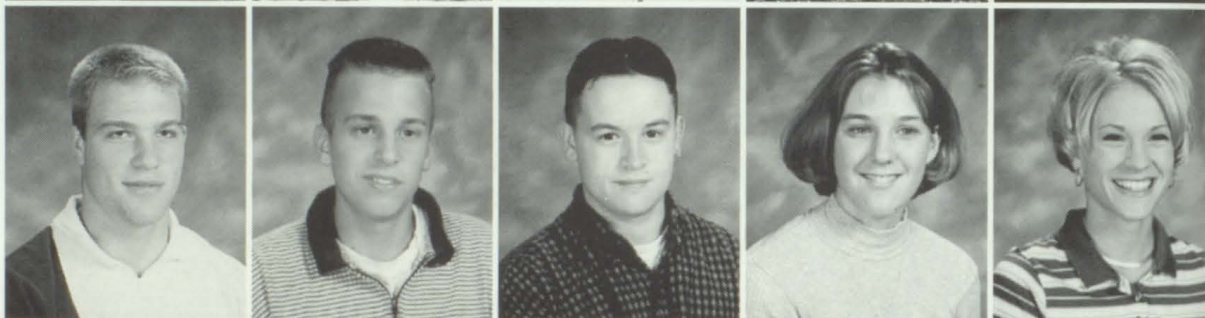
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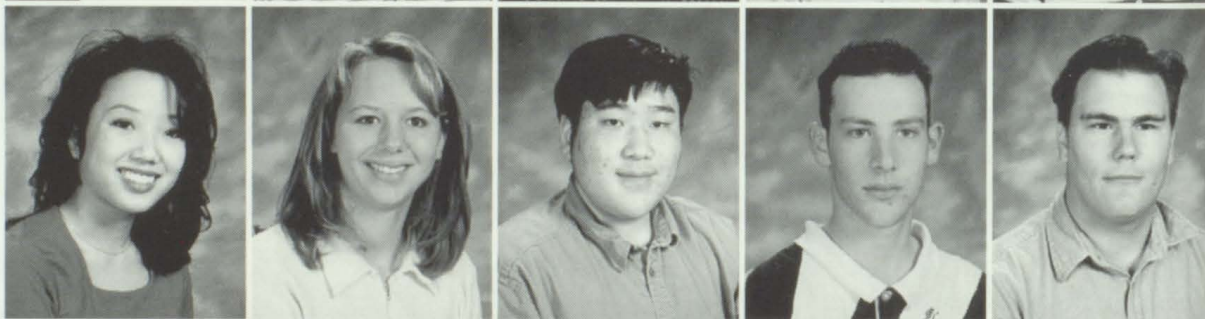
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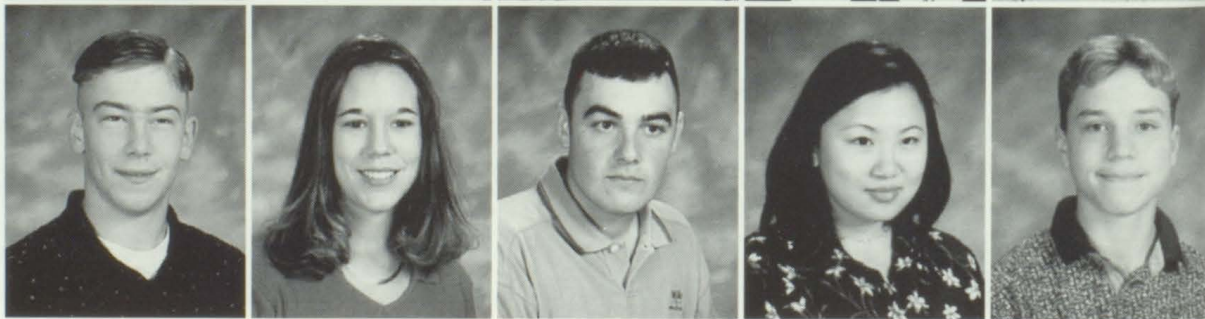
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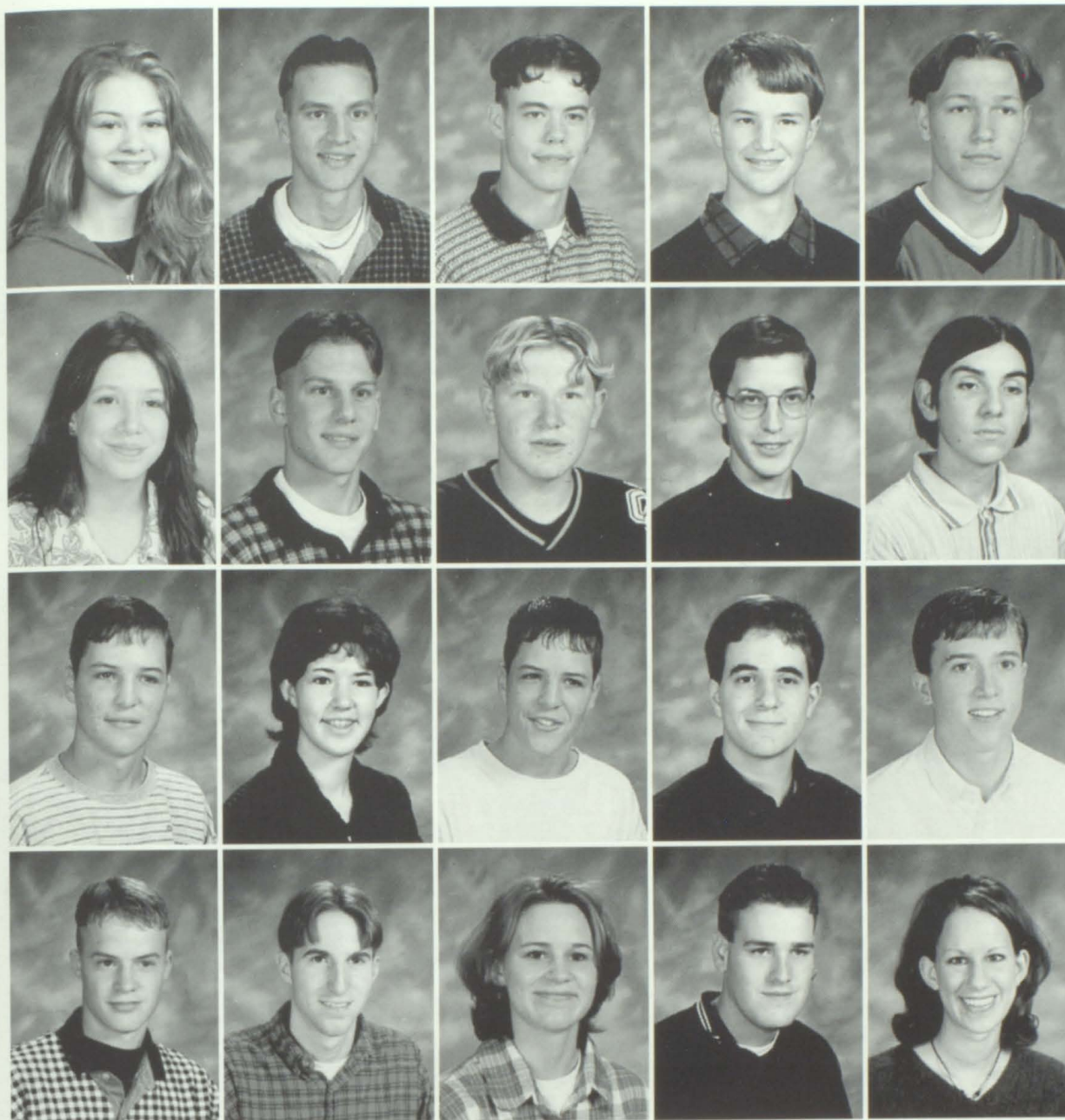


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Stacy Steinhagen
Jamie Stender
Edward Stevenson
Benjamin Streiff
Michael Sullivan

Trisha Swain
Nathan Tellers
James Thole
Dean Traver
Adam Tschakert

David Wagener
Gretchen Wagener
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The Places the Juniors Hang Out

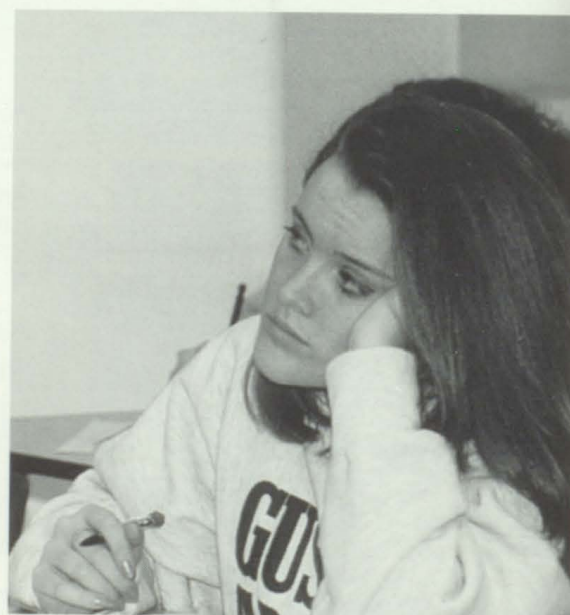


The juniors at Waconia High School have many different places to hang out in school. Favorite meeting spots include the hallways, classrooms, the commons, and the media center. The front entryway is a popular place after school, and the commons is the place to be during morning break.

Left. Misty Hiben laughs with friends near her locker.
Right. Nikki Lowy and Katie Ertl relax in the library.



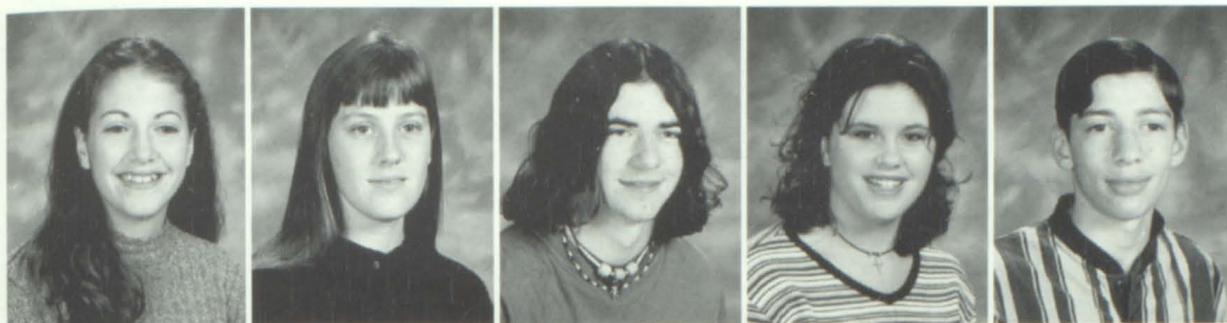
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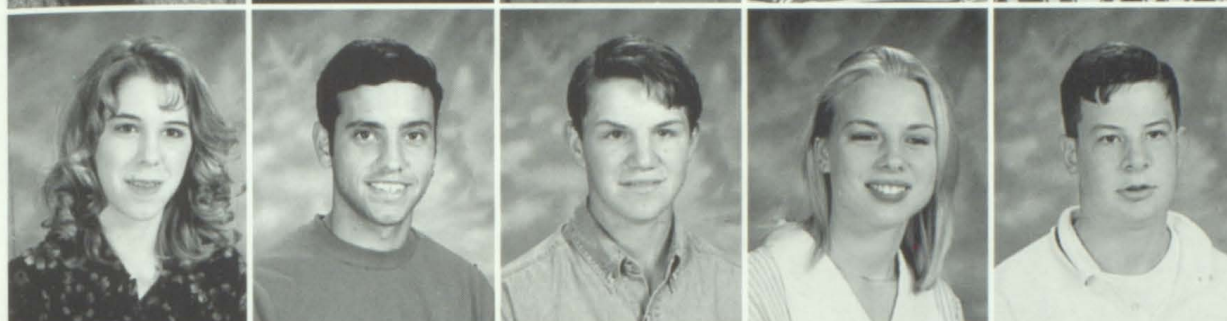
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Are Going Places





Wendy Ahlbrecht
Heather Anderson
Nick Ashley
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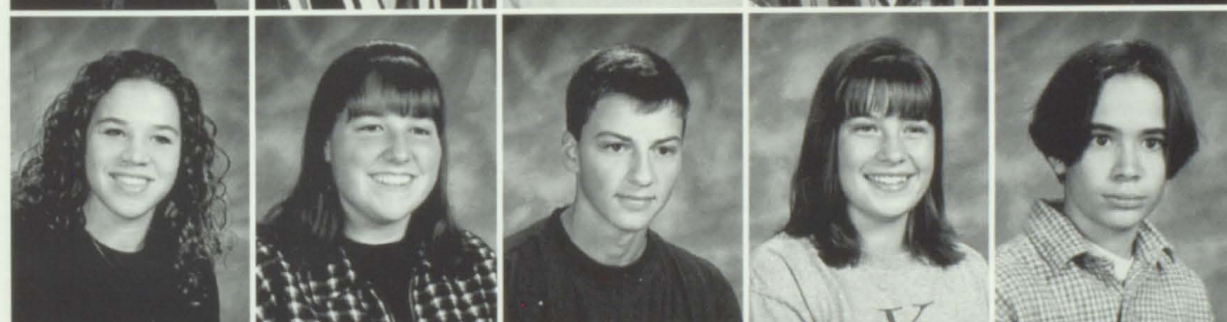
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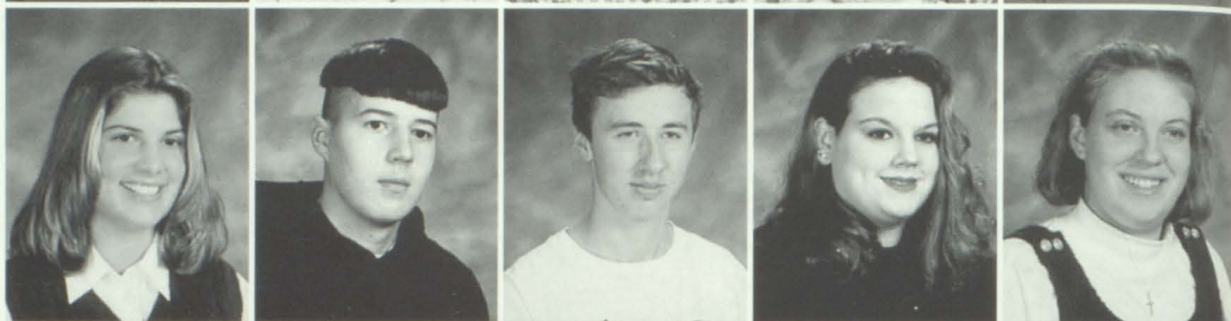


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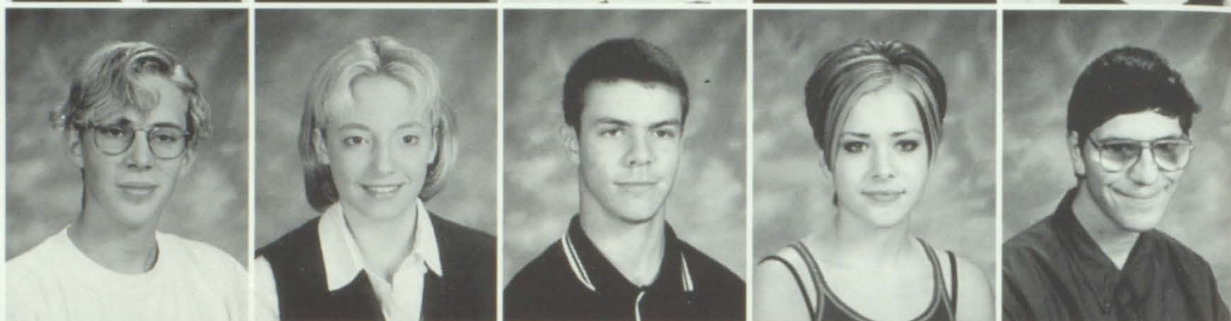
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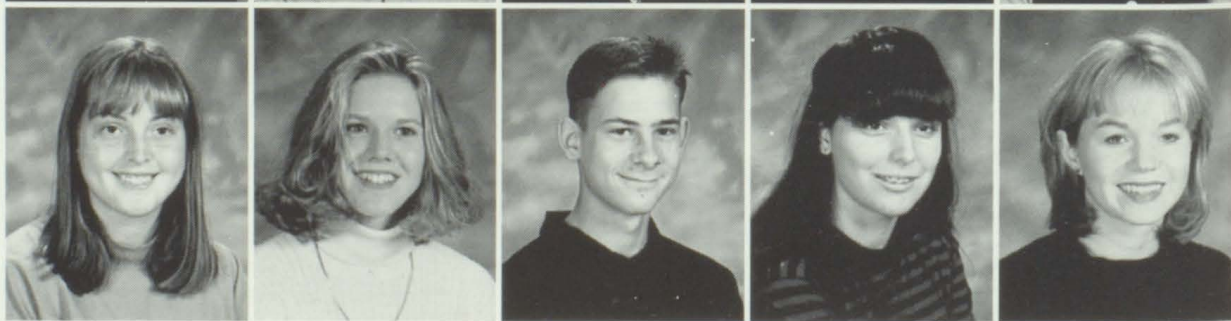
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Ryan Kowalczyk



Elliott Kranz
Gregory Kranz
Jenna Kunkel
Jason Lahr
Katie Larson



Kelly Leen
Nona Lehrke
Nolan Lenzen
Kimberly Loeffler
Angela Loscheider





Above. Wendy Ahlbrecht and Desiree Schesso rehearse the routine for the marching band concert.

Below. In full uniform at the marching band concert, Erin Indrelie plays cymbals.



Sophomore Talents

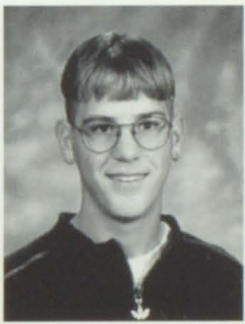
The sophomores at Waconia High School have many talents and abilities. These talents range from band, choir, and marching band, to sports and color guard, to arts and academics.

Below. Jenny Meuwissen and Heidi Iddings practice "Three French Noels" for the winter choir concert.



Above. Jackie Menth, the only sophomore trumpet, plays her instrument in concert band.

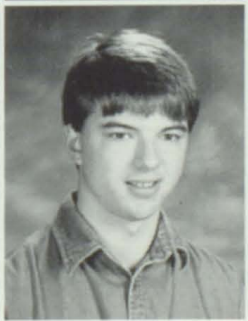
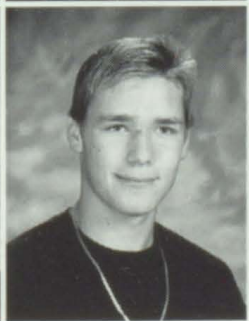
Below. Sarah Dreier concentrates on the varsity volleyball game after her serve.



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Scott Marsden
Kendra McCandless

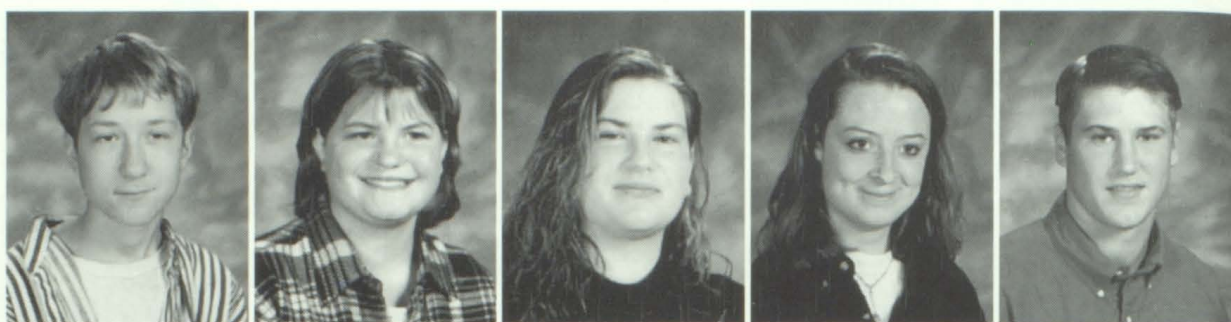


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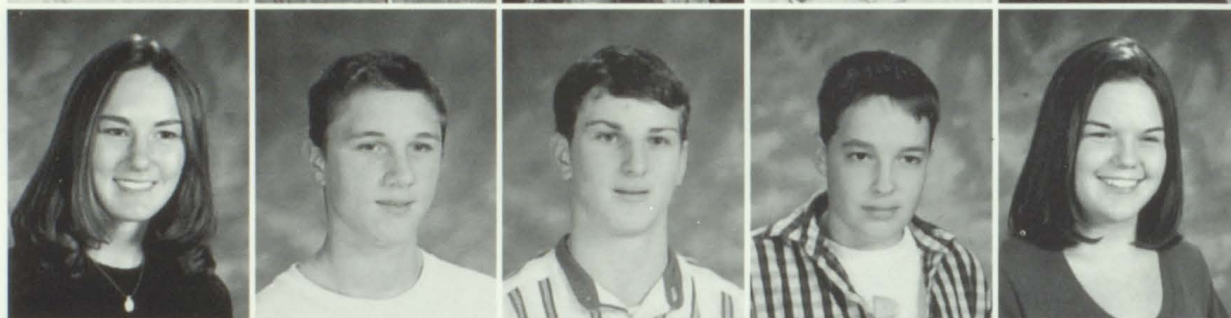
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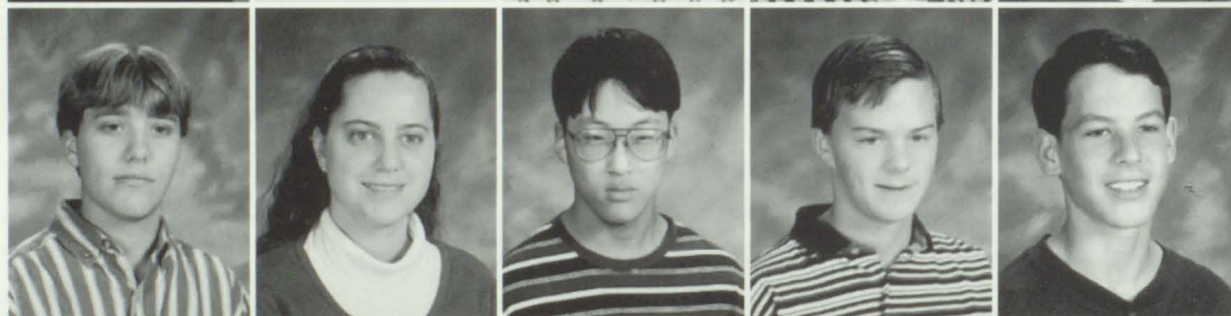
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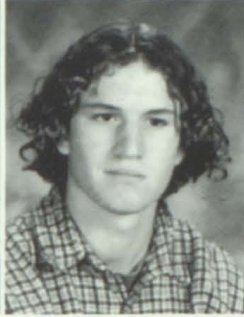


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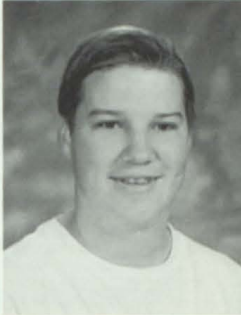




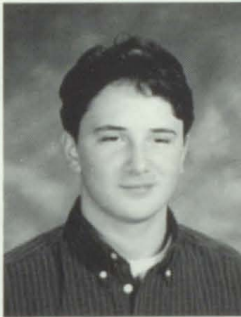
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Chad Wagener
Jesse Waletich
Ethan Weiland



Krystle Weinzierl
Joseph Widmer
Lori Wirtz

Silly Sophomore Sayings

Sophomores are always coming up with silly sayings. Some include: "You know it," "Deal with it," "Cool beans," "Gosh, I'm a genius," "Good for it," and "Wanna brawl?"



Kellie Worm
Mary Xiong
Jimmy Young

Below left. Kelly Leen, Heidi Meier, Kristin Erickson, Annie Dressen, Jackie Menth, Wendy Ahlbrecht, and Jenna Kunkel work hard during a yearbook meeting.

Below. Sarah Dreier, Cortney Sletten, Linnea Mohn, Molly Schrupp, and Sarah Doyscher enjoy a "yummy" school lunch.



Profiles of WHS Foreign Exchange Students



Inga Schmeer, Germany

Inga Schmeer enjoyed living in the United States, although she wouldn't want to live here forever because she's so used to living in Germany. At the end of the school year she planned to travel with the Rotary on two different trips with other exchange students. An identical triplet, Inga's sister Ninja was an exchange student in Salt Lake City, Utah, while her sister Christina remained at home in Germany, where an exchange student from Mexico was staying.

She felt that school here is much easier than her school at home. "We have 13 years of school and overall we have a totally different school system, so that you cannot compare it."

Having studied British English for six years before coming to the U. S., she had a few problems with the slang here.

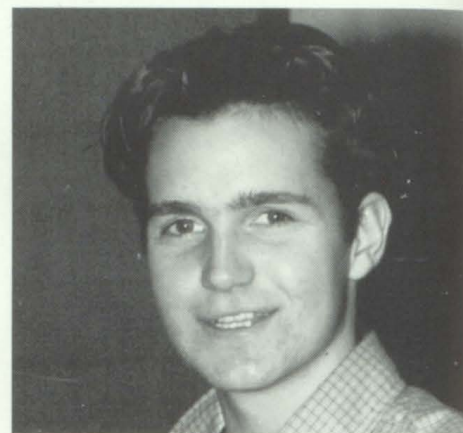
Bernt Nielsen, Norway

Bernt enjoyed living in the United States and was not homesick. He described his year as "a great experience, meeting a lot of people and making friends. I have learned to appreciate my own culture, friends, and family" as a result of living abroad.

He traveled to California during Christmas break and planned to visit the East coast of the United States at the end of the school year.

He felt that school is easier here; there is less homework and the tests are easier.

Having studied English since the age of 10, he encountered few problems with the language after his first few weeks in Minnesota.



Roberto Filho, Brazil

Roberto enjoyed living in the U.S. because "here I learned another culture, very different from mine, and this is the first time that I had ever seen snow. So it has been a good experience to me; I hope to come back one day."

He described his schoolwork in Brazil as harder, because he had 13 subjects and had to study more at home.

Although he studied English at school all his life, he felt it was too weak. "I don't really have any particular difficulties, but I think to write and to speak is harder than to read and understand."

Therese Barnekow, Sweden

Therese liked living in the United States a lot, "but I started to appreciate everything at home in Sweden a lot more than I did before." She described her year as a great experience. The most fun was that every day was different from the day before, and she had many new experiences.

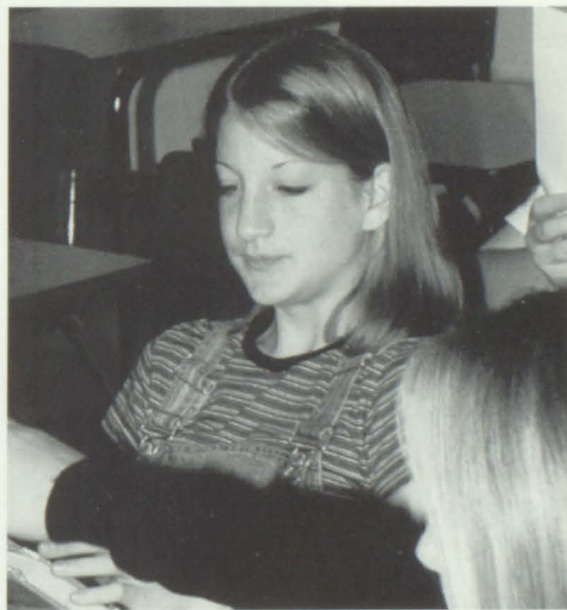
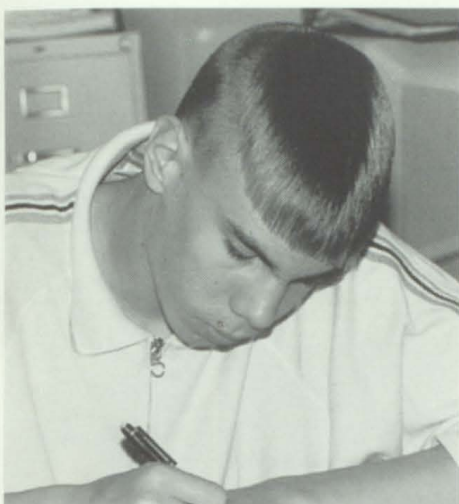
As the other exchange students agreed, Therese believed that school was much harder in Sweden.

Having studied English since the fourth grade, she found few problems with the language.

Therese's brother Kris also attended Waconia High School, and graduated with the class of 1995.



FRESHMEN



Clockwise from top left. Andrea Drapcho, Jessica Sutherland, Dustin Olson, Melissa Ditsch, Zach Pieper, Rose Larson, Karyn Laulainen, Bria Welch, Amanda Hawkins, Ryan Murphy, Shannon Snow.

Are Going Places



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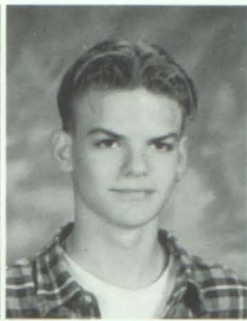
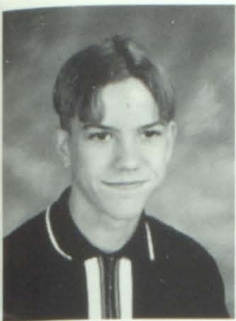


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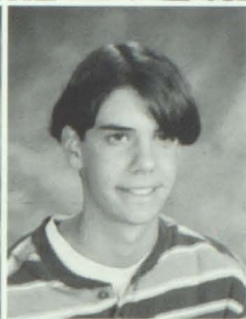
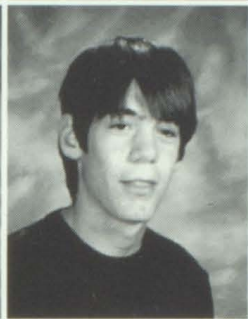
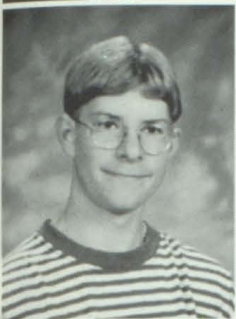


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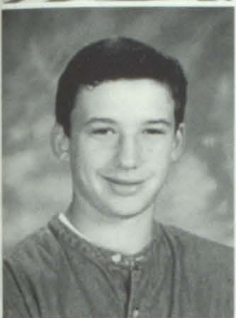




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Tanya Hetherington
Jennie Hiben
Kelly Hill
Julie Hoen

Freshmen Fears and Freedoms

Freshmen have many fears and freedoms when entering high school. Some of their fears include

being pushed around by upper-classmen, getting lost, or being late to class. Some of their freedoms

include being able to talk to their older friends and being treated like young adults.



Kyle Rambow: "I am worried about not being able to find my classes. A new freedom is that we have more activities."



Melissa Diethelm: "My fear is being run over in the halls. A freedom is that we can be more independent."



Justin Sorensen: "I'm afraid of English. The best freedom is the morning break."



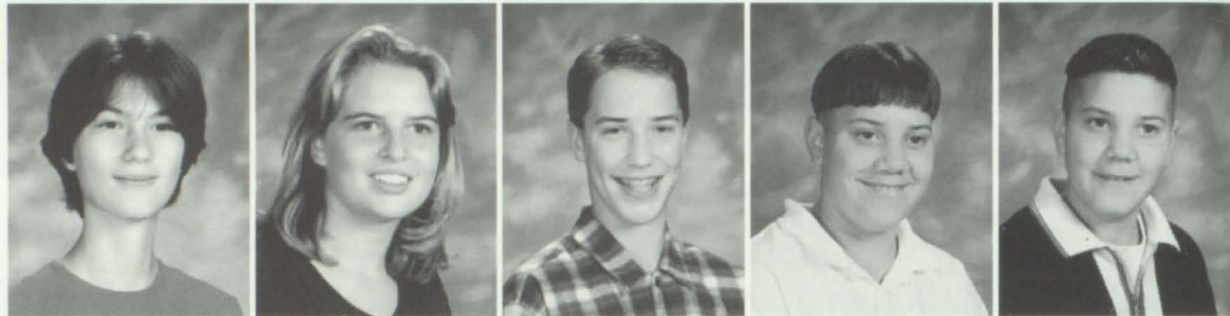
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Melissa Ittel
Cristy Jensen
Brenda Johnson



Laura Johnson
Drew Johnston
Jessica Kamrath
Lori Kelly
Russell Kerber



Julia Kes
Lisa Kirsch
Terry Klaers
Travis Klein
Trent Klein



In Memory of Becky Olson

*Becky Olson,
June 27, 1982 - October 18, 1996*

*Looking back at all the memories we shared,
For a moment all the world was right.
How could we have known that you would
ever say good-bye?
We're glad we didn't know the way it would
end, the way it all would go.
Our lives are better left in chance.
We could have missed the pain, but then we
would have missed knowing Becky.*

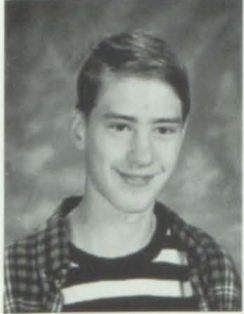
The class of 2000 lost one of their class members when a tragic accident took the life of Becky Olson on October 18, 1996. Friends and classmates left messages on Becky's locker to express their grief at the loss of their friend.



Becky Olson, pictured in the front row, far left, with friends at Valley Fair.



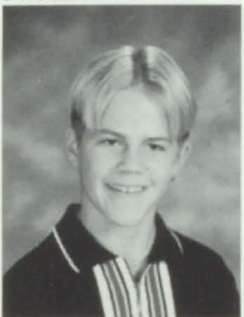
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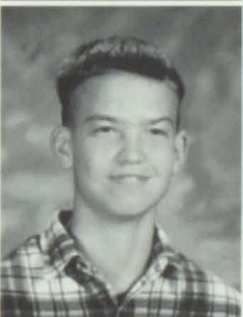
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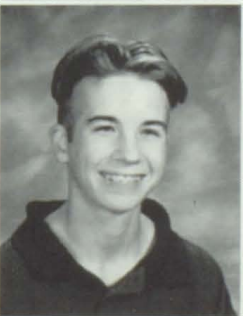
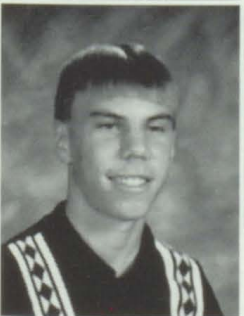
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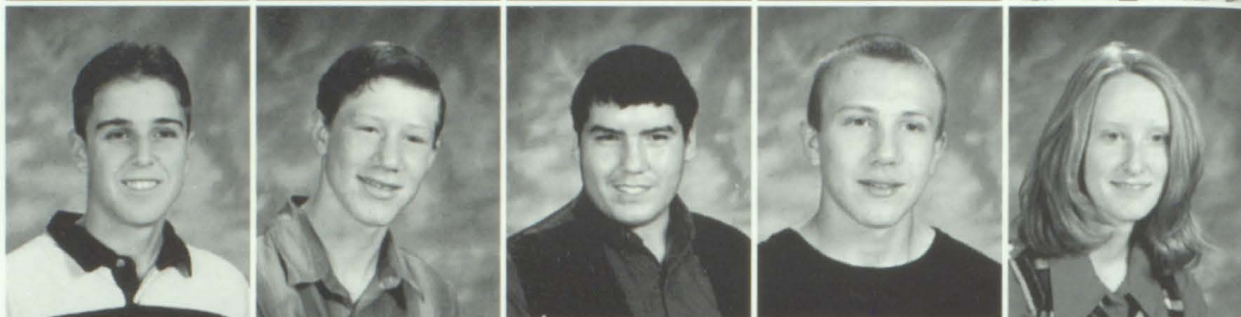
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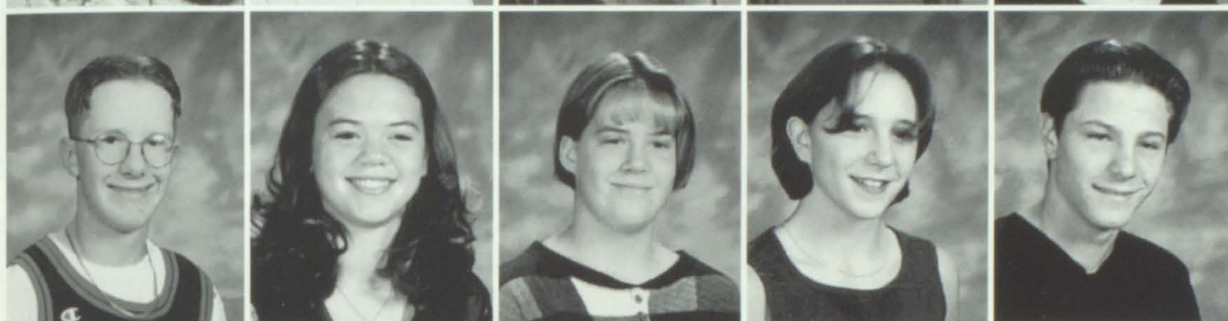




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Lockers Are Home Away from Home for Freshmen

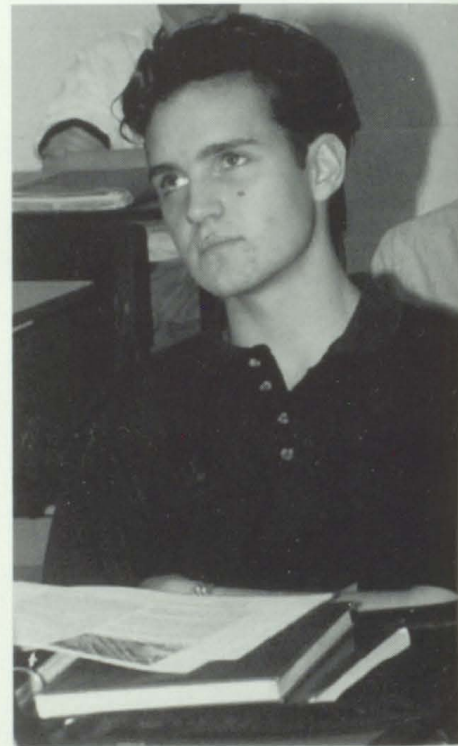
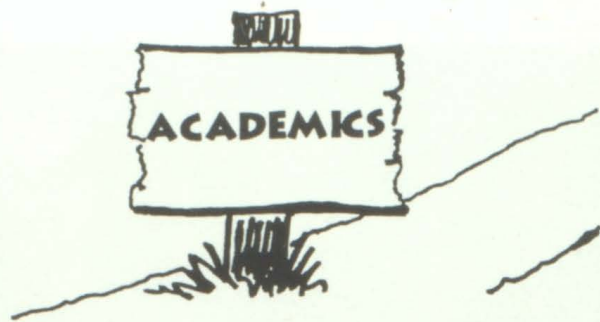


Left. Freshman Kristen McCune shows Amy Kortisses how her locker is decorated.

Above. Andrea Drapcho, Heather Anquist, and Becky Frank pose in front of Heather's locker before class.

Freshmen keep many things in their lockers, including mirrors, pens/pencils, lotion, perfume, books, and magazines. Some freshmen plaster their lockers with pictures from magazines and photos of friends. Others don't put anything but books in theirs.

Oh, the Places We'll Go!



Top left. Andrea Drapcho concentrates on her English test.

Top right. Junior Joe Gesinger works on completing a chemistry experiment.

Center left. Members of the Lifetime Physical Fitness class play a game of basketball.

Above. While in Psychology class, Bernt Nielsen listens to Mr. Zender's discussion with great interest.

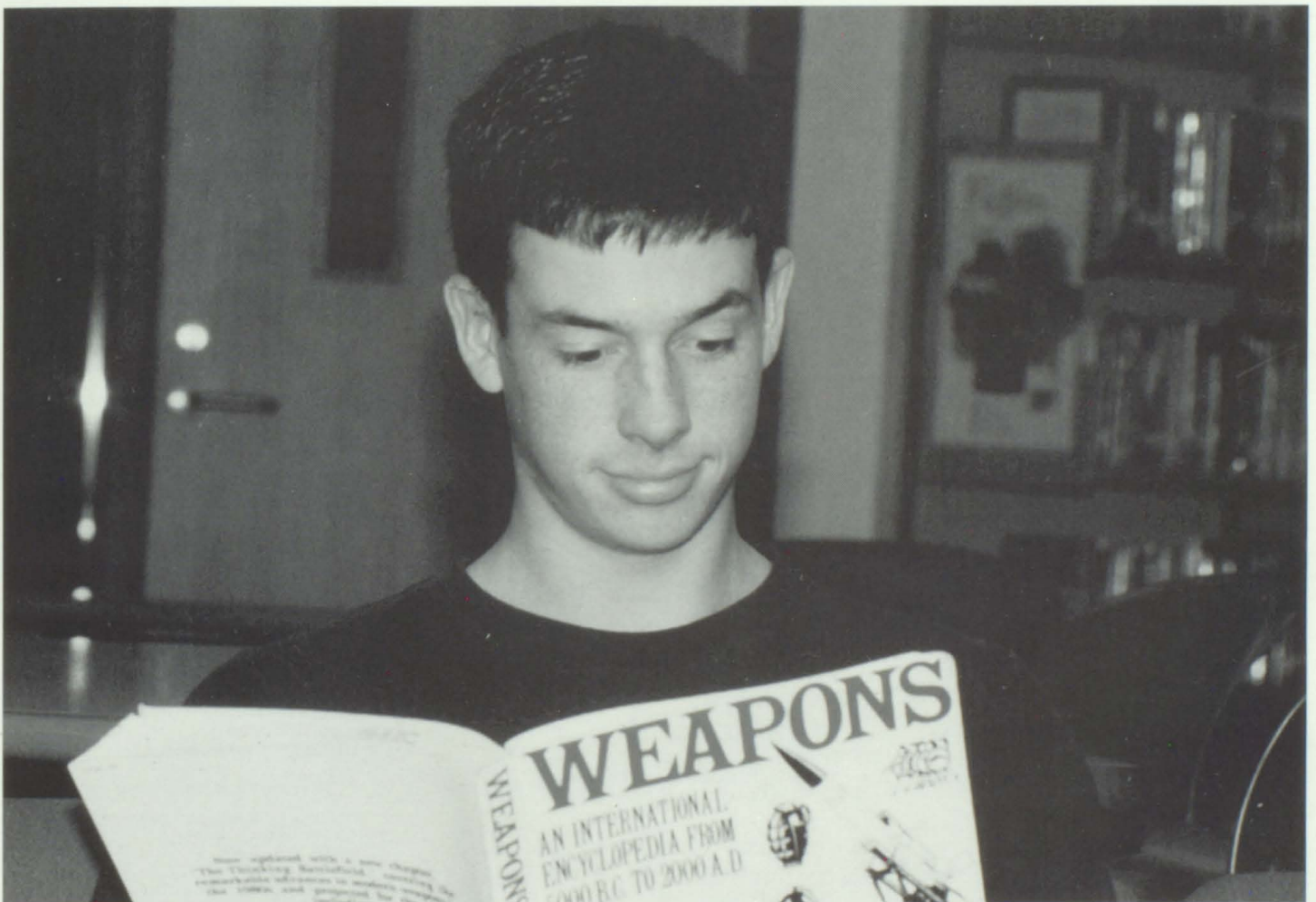
Left. Jesse Rightler puts tremendous thought into writing an inspiring poem.



Left. Jimmy Mase and Nick Hartwig work diligently on their woods project.

Below. Senior Nikki Dettman patiently attempts to figure out the laws of physics by stacking nails.

Bottom. While in the media center, John Geyen reads a book that interests him.



Four Block Day Receives Good Reviews

The yearbook staff interviewed Principal Mark Fredericksen about the new four block schedule to see how students and staff were adjusting to the changes.

When asked what the advantages and disadvantages of the four block day were, Mr. Fredericksen said that the school was now able to offer more electives than in any other year, giving students more of a selection of classes. The schedule also encouraged teachers to make the class more active in their studies and discouraged teachers from

lecturing all during the class time. The one disadvantage he found was that students didn't get to see each other as often because of the limited passing time.

Mr. Fredericksen also shared the results of a student survey dealing with the four block day. He found that 66% of the students were in favor of the block schedule. Some students felt that were getting too much homework. A very common feeling among the students was that the day went a lot faster on the block schedule.

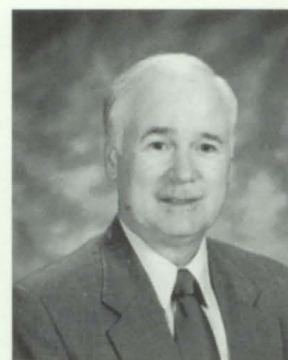
The final question dealt with how teachers felt about the four block day. Some teachers felt there was a lot more work to do, but they also thought that student discussions improved greatly because students had more time to discuss topics in depth. All in all, the teachers favored the schedule.



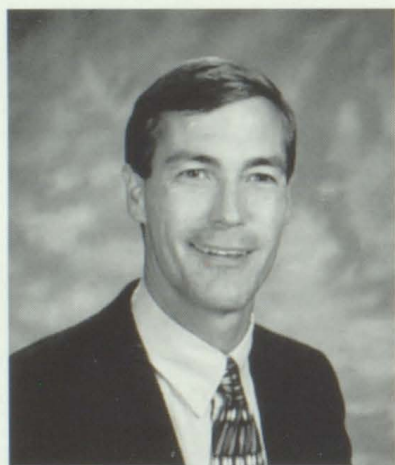
Waconia School Board. Back: Theresa Pesch, Mike Heger, Bob Hiben, Marilyn Hilliard. Front: Superintendent Ric Dressen, Roger Sauerbrey, Ronda Leivermann, Kathy Wilson.



Kathy Fontes
Guidance Services



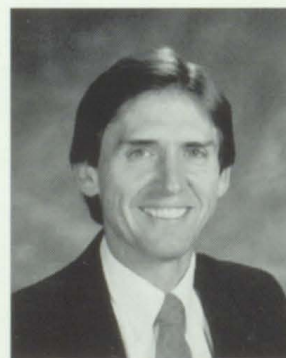
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Mr. Mark Fredericksen
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Wayne Mortensen
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Dianne Anderson, Guidance Secretary

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Elaine Karg, Faculty Clerical Aide

Suzie Melichar, Principal's Secretary

Donna Passentino, AV and Faculty Clerical Aide

Judy Rademacher, Receptionist, Health Aide



Mary Ellen Timmers, Activities Office Secretary

"I love the four block day! It extends lab time and lets the students get double the hands on time in both my phy ed and emergency medicine classes."

Connie Manuel

Professional Support Staff



Cindy Doyscher, School Nurse

Arlyce Rieck, Unique Learner Coordinator

Julie Ruegamer, Community Resource Officer



Left. The WHS faculty and staff show their school spirit by wearing purple during homecoming week.

Above. Mr. Fredericksen celebrates a milestone birthday.



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Darrell Arman
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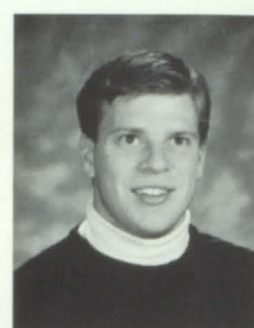
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Ken Gerding
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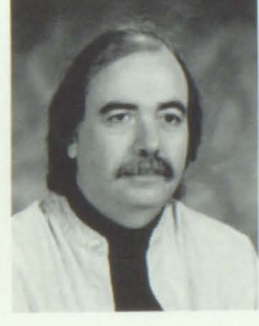
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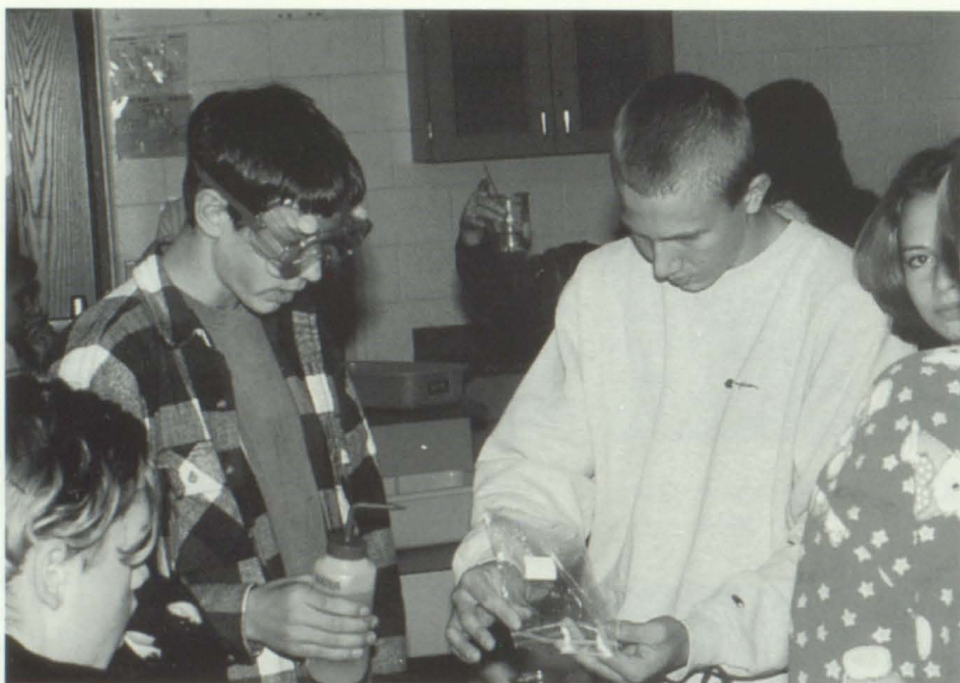


Mike Zender
Social

"The flexibility of the block system was great for the Learning Lab program. With longer class time, we were able to schedule short field trips and do community volunteer services."

Jill Engeswick





"The four block day allows more time to inject creative projects into the classroom atmosphere without fear of running out of time."

Jim Lee

Top. Mindy Basel puts bacteria into a petri dish in biology class.

Above. Russell Kerber and Kyle Rambow work hard on a lab in physical science.

Above right. Allison Hoggarth awaits the outcome of her experiment.

Right. Senior Becky Rohlik finds the angle of trajectory in a physics experiment.

Lab Classes Benefit from Longer Class Periods

The four block schedule is most beneficial to lab classes. With 90 minutes of class time, students have more time to complete projects before having to put their materials away. As a result, students learn more about the subject at hand.

For example, in woods classes,

students may be able to make larger projects because of the amount of time, and phy ed classes have more time to complete games or work out. Students and teachers alike enjoy the ability to spend more time with hands on experiences.



Top. Freshman Kent Boll skillfully works on the lathe in Introduction to Metals.

Above center. Matt Maas cleans up after his lab in foods class.

Above right. Dave Perrill tapes his subject in Video Productions.

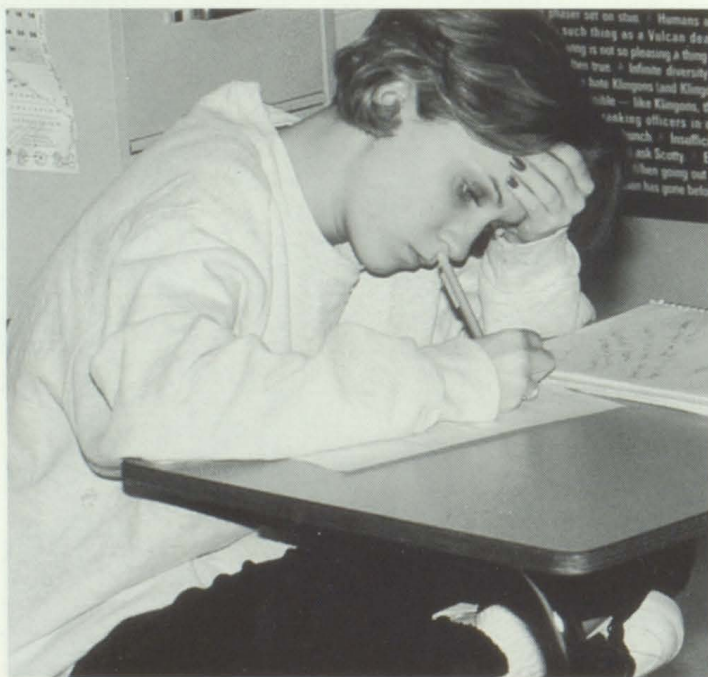
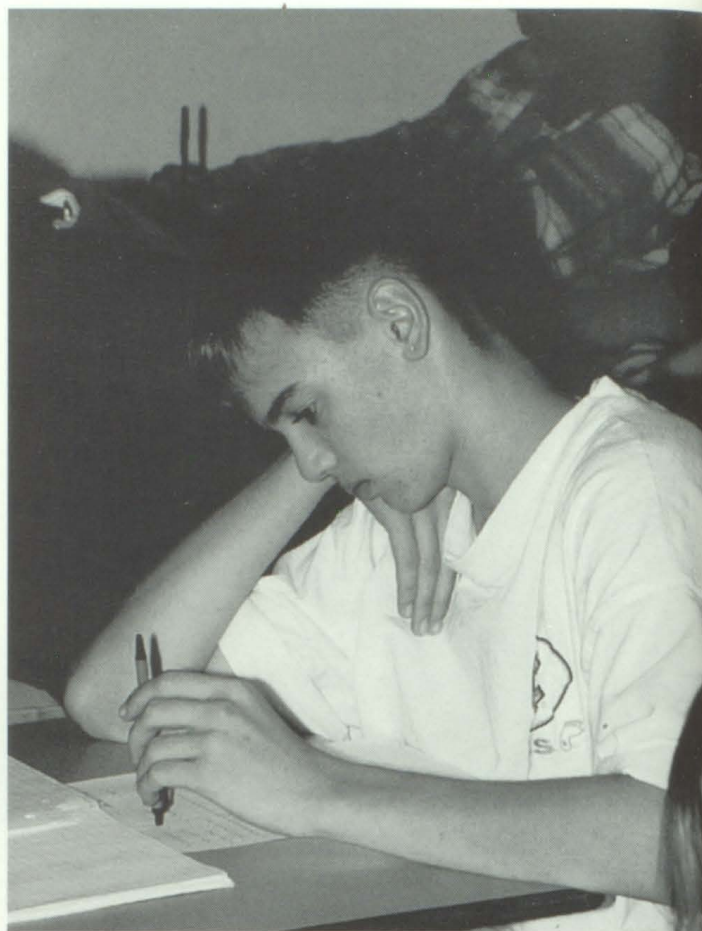
Above. Computer students use their typing ability to complete their daily assignments.

Right. The physics class determines the amount of stress the bridge can withstand.

Basics Pave Way for Future Success

Making up the foundation of one's educational background, the basic classes start students down the road for future scholastic experiences. The courses that make up the largest share of most students' school day include English, social, math, science, foreign language, and speech. These classes teach students the basics to get on the road to success.

English and speech classes teach communication and writing skills, social makes students aware of current and historical events, math and science encourage analytical thinking, and foreign languages introduce students to new cultures and speech patterns.



Top. Sophomore Jeff Pieper concentrates on the story questions in English.

Center left. Junior Nick Geller hopes for a good grade in chemistry.

Above. It appears that Bria Knutson is struggling to stay awake while working on a geography assignment.

Left. Studying her assignment, sophomore Kellie Worm tries to understand the directions.



Top. First year French students Jenny Widmer, Lauren Bresnahan, and Kara Dake give a cultural presentation in the video studio.

Left. Senior Karen Kranz is distracted from her pile of work in Spanish.

Above. In geography class, junior Kelly Klosterman pauses to re-examine her work.

Creativity & Hands On Experiences Help Students Gain Talent, Skills

Being the more creative and involved courses in school, the creative and hands on classes strengthen a student's skill in a particular area, and may help him or her discover a hidden talent in another field that was previously not known. The hands on courses include art, music, tech, phy ed, and theatre classes. For example, art projects can range from painting a still life to sculpting original pieces of art. Gym goes from working on hand/eye coordination to developing muscular strength and flexibility. Tech classes can involve designing your own furniture or overhauling a car's engine. The new theatre class created masks in the style of Greek theatre and presented scenes from famous plays.

Top. Mike Dressel and Kris Raether varnish a project in Woods.

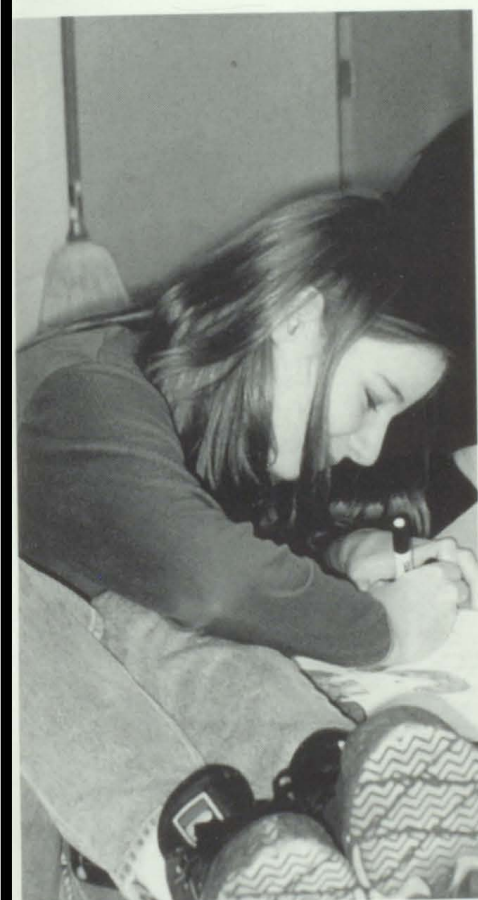
Right. Students develop their voices in choir.

Below. Shawn Phillippe rotors in Woods class.

Below right. Chrissy Diethelm shows her talent in band.

Bottom right. Tony Oswall demonstrates his strength in weightlifting.





Top. Erin Schmkel concentrates on her drawing in art class.

Above. Scott Marsden and Jason Lahr become fit in phy ed.

Left. Brandon Hackbarth creates a mask on Ben Meadows' face in Theatre class.

Above. Trude Ditsch shows her creativity in art class.

An Average School Day: Blocks + Breaks

When students arrive at school in the morning, they usually congregate in the hallways or in the commons just to talk to their friends. First block, which begins at 7:55 a.m., ends with the announcements for the day. A fifteen-minute break/meeting time follows 1st block. This time allows students to

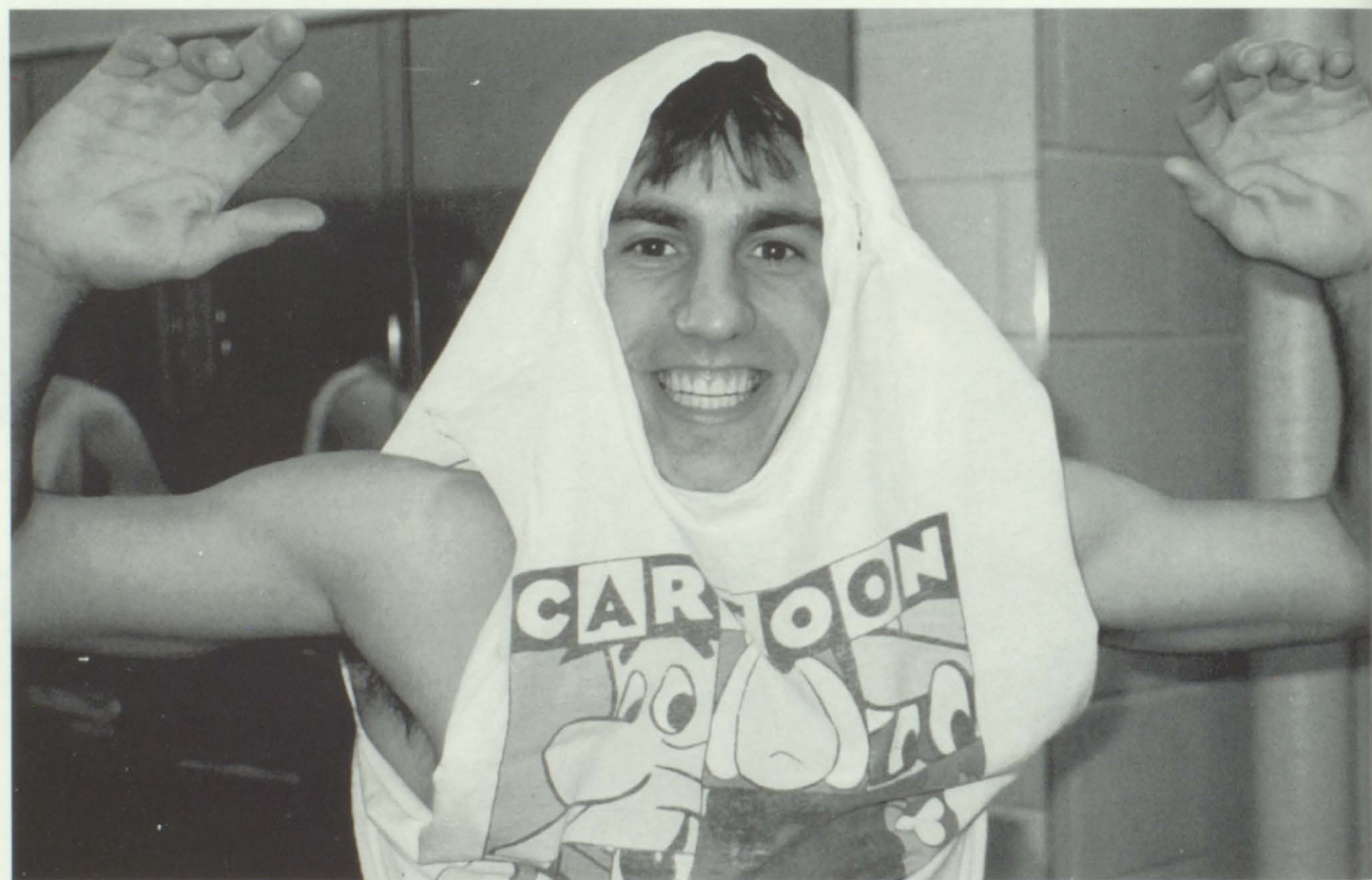
talk with their friends, eat, meet with groups, or talk to college reps, teachers, and guidance counselors.

Some students eat lunch right after 2nd block, some halfway through, and others immediately after 3rd block. In many cases, students do not see each other again until after school.

Below left. As part of her Child Development class, Leah Herling cradles her "real" crying baby.

Below. Inga Schmeer and Summer Metzger put aside their school work long enough to smile for the camera.

Bottom. Junior Rob Hart is caught goofing off in the weight room during Intro to Weight Training.





Left. Freshman Sam Maier appears to enjoy English 9.

Below left. Stacy Steinhagen poses during passing time on her way to her next class.

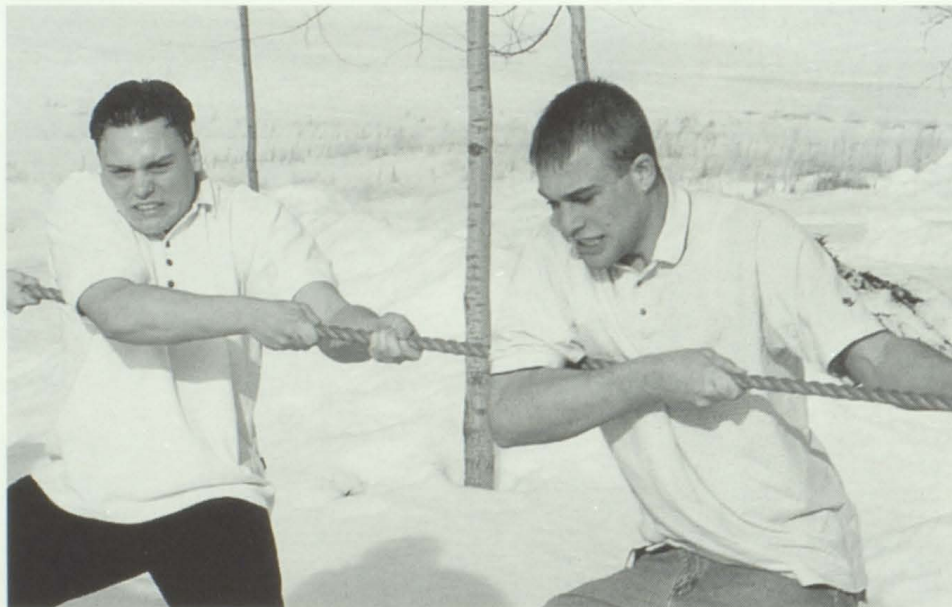
Below. Ryan Brandenburg listens to Mr. Lindemann's instructions in Metals class.

Bottom left. Craig Peterson takes a break during Foods class.

Bottom right. Freshmen Amanda Hawkins, Kara Dake, Angelie Timm, and Bria Welch work cooperatively on a class project.



Oh, the Places We'll Go!



Top left. Seniors Josh Pauly, Karen Kranz, Ryan Gulden and Derek Kast and director Ron Larson represent the 60-member concert choir which received top honors at the Sioux Falls Choir Festival.

Top right. Mr. Fredericksen, Mike Dressel and Nate Braunwarth take a break from sandbagging to smile for the camera. Over 45 students from WHS helped with the flood relief effort.

Left. Juniors Leah Herling, Brittany Molnau and Elizabeth Roebke shine as mission band members in the fall musical *Guys and Dolls*.

Above. As they prepare for graduation, Laura Richardson, Carissa Froyum, Jenny Diers and Chrissy Diethelm pause a minute to smile for a picture together one last time.

Above left. Blake Bielby and Paul Rohlik tug with all their might to win the tug-of-war competition during Winterfest.





Left. Chris McNellis and Dave Perrill enjoy their evening at the Shakopee Ballroom during Prom '97.

Below. Lauren Bresnahan checks on Ryan Arndt to make sure he's all right. The student council sponsored the annual blood drive.

Bottom. The Pop Group holds their final pose for their Surfin' USA medley, performed during their April 1997 Pop Show.



Spirit Week 1996



Clockwise from top left. **Deb Worm** takes a nap in a computer class on pajama day.

Brittany Molnau curls up for a nap next to her locker.

Jaime Nelson is in a world all her own as a 1920's flapper on pick a decade day.

Sam Maier is eager to express his individuality on pick a decade day.

Anita Lehrke displays pride not only in her school but also in her country when wearing the appropriate attire on camouflage day.

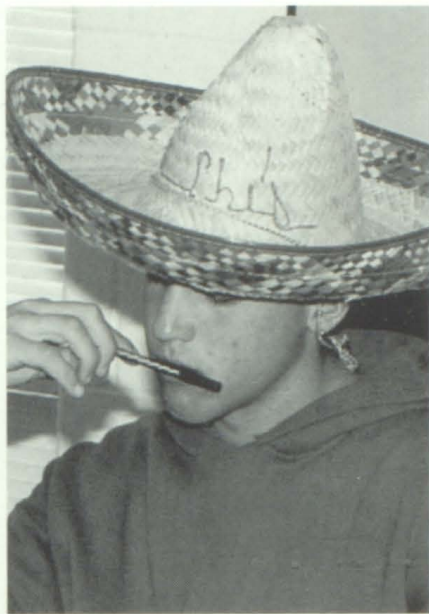
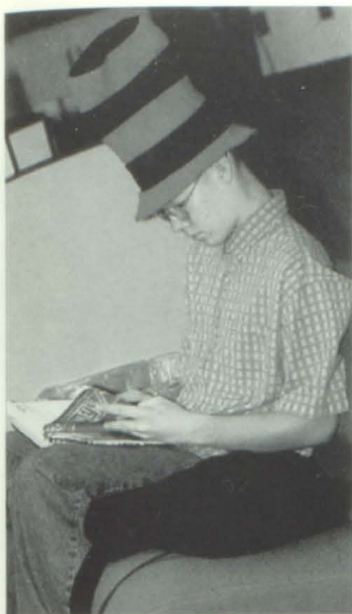
Laura Richardson walks down the hallway on class color day, taking pride in the fact that she's a senior.

Amy Pemberton and **Stacey Parkerson** show that juniors and seniors can actually get along.

Sarah Flies proudly displays the color of the victorious junior class.

Mitch Wagener shows his school spirit by wearing camouflage.





Clockwise from top left.
Pete Buckingham hopes the hat he is wearing on purple/gold/hats day will hold more knowledge.
Brent Hipp looks thoughtfully at his paper on hats/purple/gold day.
Mariah Davis and Destiny Bren dance to express their enthusiasm at the pep fest.
The pepfest reaches a climax with the cheerleader efforts during the rouser.
Cheerleader Celyn Oakman makes a valiant effort in helping build the cheerleader float.
The cheerleaders tell parade goers that the Wildcats are on a roll.

Coronation, the Place to Be

Coronation took place in the WHS gym on Monday night, September 23, kicking off Homecoming 1996. After the fall sports coaches each talked about how their teams were doing this season, the Waconia Lakettes kept the crowd alive by dancing to "Staying Alive." Other entertainment for the evening included the quartet of Josh Pauly, Kevin Kolb, Derek Kast, and Adam Timm performing "You've Lost That Loving Feeling," and soloist Karen Kranz singing "Because You Loved Me." The cheerleaders kept the crowd enthused before the big moment.

At last, the moment which every-

one had been anticipating arrived — the crowning of the king and queen. Mike Peoples and Molly Bailey crowned Nicole Decker and Tom Gerding queen and king of Homecoming 1996.

Top. Kelly Klosterman beams with enthusiasm at the homecoming festivities.

Center left. Karly Anderson helps Jason Schuette prepare for the coronation.

Center right. With a congratulatory handshake, Mike Peoples hands the throne over to Tom Gerding.

Bottom left. Tracy Moldenhauer, Ali Peters, and Jessica Drapcho converse excitedly about the evening's events.

Bottom right. The look on Nicole Decker's face shows the crowd who the queen of homecoming is.





Homecoming Royalty. Front: King Tom Gerding and Queen Nicole Decker. Center: Heather Anquist, Kendra McCandless, Ali Peters, Karissa Sjodin, Jessica Drapcho, Katie Anquist, Karly Anderson, Tracy Moldenhauer. Back: Jesse Timm, Ryan Shannon, Craig Peterson, Joe Hedin, Jason Schuette, Dave Perrill, Ryan Arndt, Ryan Christoffer.

Top left. Queen candidate Karissa Sjodin and king candidate Tom Gerding make their entrance through the festive balloon arch.

Top right. The danceline adds to the entertainment.

Fall Musical Guys and Dolls Takes Us to a New Place — New York City in the 20's

After the cast practiced three nights a week for two months, the musical **Guys and Dolls** was performed November 7, 8, and 9, 1996. The play focused on the relationship between the prim and proper Salvation Army mission band and the less classy crapshooters and Hot Box girls.

After the cast sang such songs as "Take Back Your Mink," "Follow the Fold," and the highlight, "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat," the story ended with the groups being joined by the marriage of a mission doll and a crapshooter.

The leads were played by Cori Zancig as Sarah Brown, Elliott Kranz as Nathan Detroit, Kelly Klosterman as Miss Adelaide, and Josh Pauly as Sky Master-son.



Top. The opening scene sets the stage for the rest of the play, the busy city of New York.

Above center. The crap shooters tell you where you can find the oldest established crap game in New York.

Left. Kelly Klosterman strikes a pose during her Hot Box routine.

Above. Steve Minor, Adam Timm, and Derek Kast take a knee after the opening song.



Top left. The Hot Box Dancers. Back: Stacy Steinhausen, Andrea Wood, Misty Hiben, Linnea Mohn. Center: Bria Knutson, Kelly Klosterman, Angela Hatz. Front: Meghan Foley, Sarah Grote.

Top right. The Mission Band. Back: Ross Hoffman, Elizabeth Roebke, Dan Flies, Karen Kranz, Aaron Linton. Center: Karyn Laulainen, Brittany Molnau, Nicole Sullivan. Front: Cori Zancig, Bethany Leppard, Leah Herling.

Left. The Crap Shooters. Back: Josh Brandenburg, Jon Bruemmer, David Philp, Ben Pauly, Justin Sorensen, Steve Minor, Jesse Timm. Center: Jeff Bostic, Adam Timm, Elliott Kranz, Derek Kast. Front: Josh Pauly, Chad Kosieracki, Kevin Kolb.

Above. Jeff Bostic's facial expression shows he's someone not to be messed with.

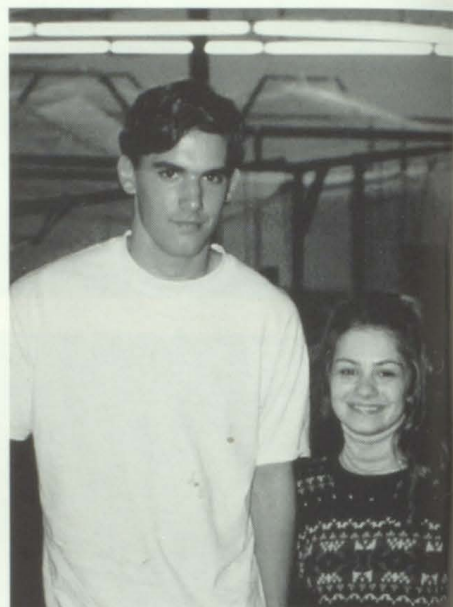
Prom '97 — The Way You Look Tonight

The 1997 prom theme, "The Way You Look Tonight," was exemplified by the record 250 glamorous attendees. The prom committee of Elizabeth Roebke and Meghan Foley worked hard all year, and their plans came off without a hitch on May 16, 1997, at the Shakopee Ballroom. The girls presented the awards from the senior poll before the dance floor was filled to capacity. The parents' post prom committee threw a great party at Grand Slam in Eagan. Lazer tag was thrilling, and the hypnotist kept his audience laughing nonstop.

Below. This table looks satisfied after the scrumptious meal served at the Shakopee Ballroom.

Below right. Chris Bergmann and Stacy Steinhagen take a breather between lazer tag and miniature golf at post prom.

Below. Nikki Lowy, Dawn Ebersviller and Sherry Schlechter step away from the dance floor to smile for the camera.



Above. Karen Kranz, Josh Pauly, Genny Poppler, Kevin Kolb, Lincoln Maiser, Meghan Foley, Brittany Molnau, Ben Pauly, Jaime Nelson and James Klosterman smile as they prepare for their ride to the prom in their red 1957 Chevy limo.



Far left. When asked if he is enjoying his 2 o'clock feeding, Wayne Spagenske replies, "Absolutely!"

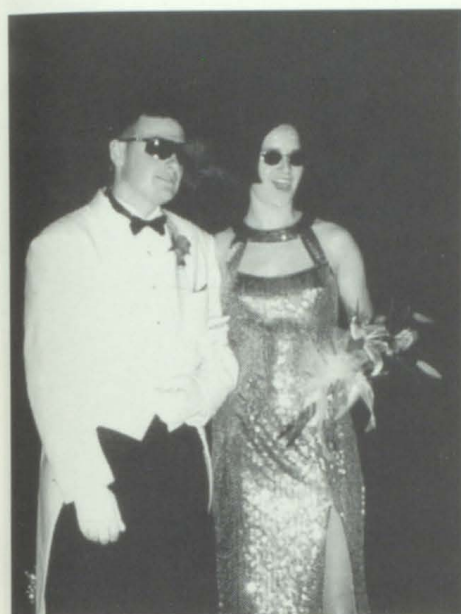
Left. Friends beware as Jamie Stender works on his strategies at the bumper cars.

Below left. Adding their own spice to grand march are Lex Seneff and Alyssa Kes.

Below. The gorgeous flowers bring smiles to the faces of these prom participants waiting patiently for the mouth-watering meal.

Bottom left. Good friends Becky Rohlik and Niccole Gingras pose outside school prior to the grand march.

Below. Karaoke keeps Matt Geiger and Nate Pesch entertained at post prom.



At Graduation Seniors Dream of the Places They'll Go

Commencement exercises were held Sunday, June 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The class of 1997 marched in a procession to "Pomp and Circumstance" performed by high school band students. Before the 125 seniors received their diplomas, class valedictorian Darbi Moll, salutatorian Carissa Froyum, and student council president Nicole Decker delivered speeches to their classmates and their families and friends. A number of scholarships were awarded to many seniors.

Mr. Fredericksen reflected on what he would miss most about the class before he wished them luck. The seniors tossed their caps as Mr. Fredericksen presented the graduating class of 1997.

Right. Travis Radel has all the accessories needed to graduate.

Below. Darbi Moll and Stacey Leen, who participated in the PSEO program, return home for commencement.

Bottom. Buddies Brandon Blackmon, Eric Wasness, Jay Elliot, Shawn Phillippe, Bill Worm, Tony Oswall and John Geyen prepare to graduate from WHS.



Senior Flower
White Rose
Senior Song
Freshman

Senior Colors
Purple and
Black

Senior Motto

It is here. It is now,
The year of our graduation.
Some of us are staying here,
while others are on a great destination.
High school is a thing that will never perish.
The times we had and our friends,
we will always cherish.

When we're older and looking into the past,
most of us will remember our high school years as a blast.
And there is one thing that will never leave our minds-
That is, our Senior Class is one of a kind!





Left. The seniors' futures, like their caps, are in the air on graduation day.

Center left. Eric Wasness and his classmates practice for Sunday's commencement.

Center right. Mr. Fredericksen congratulates Kelly Jo Sletten on her WEA scholarship.

Bottom left. Bethany Brockpahler poses elegantly with her red roses received after graduation.

Bottom right. Friends Mariah Davis, Jessa Mackenthun, Robyn Farrell, Jamie Zehnder, Katie Anquist, Karissa Sjodin, Lacey Bresnahan, Lea Ann Hilk and Karly Anderson prepare for an afternoon full of parties, memories, and fun!



WHS Thespians Present 'A Midsummer-Night's Dream'

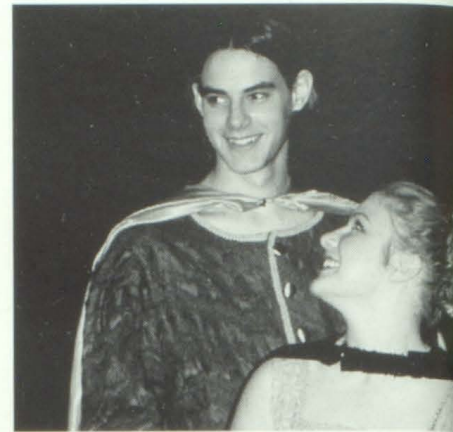
The spring play, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer-Night's Dream*, was presented on May 2-3, 1997. Rehearsals for the 5-act play began in February.

This light romance began with the plans of Hermia and Lysander to wed secretly in the woods. Demetrius, who also loved Hermia, learned of their plans, and all of

them ended up in the forest enchanted by fairies. A magic flower created problems for the betrothed couple and for some of the fairies as well, but in the end, all the characters returned to their former loves.

Right. Lysander (Chad Kosieracki) and Hermia (Nikki Dettman) prepare to marry.

Below. Demetrius (Derek Kast) tells Helena (Andrea Wood) how much he loves her.



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Above center. Woodsprites Kelly Leen, Rachelle Rosin and Crystal Zancig watch the events with interest.

Above. Puck (Laura Richardson) tells Oberon (Dan Flies) of her mischievous doings.

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The Movies, TV, Music, Sports, News and Trends Zine Just for Students

I Want Those Puppies

I Love Tom Cruise

Slam Dunk

Don't Cry for Me

Hercules, Hercules

1997

Movies

Tops at the Box Office

1. Independence Day
2. Twister
3. Mission: Impossible
4. Jerry Maguire
5. The Rock
6. The Nutty Professor
7. Ransom
8. 101 Dalmatians
9. A Time to Kill
10. Phenomenon

Oscar's Pictures
The English Patient
Fargo
Jerry Maguire
Secrets & Lies
Shine

Star Trek

Star Trek: First Contact

101 Dalmatians

Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes play star-crossed lovers in Romeo and Juliet.

Independence Day

Romeo & Juliet

Mission: Impossible

Tom Cruise makes Mission: Impossible a reality.

Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr. prepare for the alien attack in Independence Day.

The Preacher's Wife

Whitney Houston meets her angel, Denzel Washington, in The Preacher's Wife.

Lynn Redgrave and Best Actor Geoffrey Rush make music together in Shine.

Shine

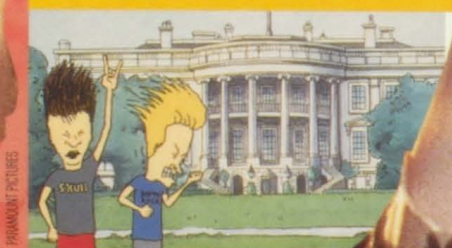
Michael Jordan teams up with his Looney Tunes friends.

Space Jam

Oscar's Actresses

Brenda Blethyn, Secrets & Lies
Diane Keaton, Marvin's Room
Frances McDormand, Fargo
Kristin Scott Thomas, The English Patient
Emily Watson, Breaking the Waves

Beavis & Butthead Do America



Madonna's performance in Evita earns the actress a Golden Globe.

Evita

Nutty Professor

Edie Murphy transforms himself in The Nutty Professor

Star Wars Trilogy

R2-D2 and C-3PO return to the big screen to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of Star Wars.

The English Patient

Ralph Fiennes soars in 1996's Best Picture, The English Patient.

Jerry Maguire

Cuba Gooding, Jr. says "Show me the Oscar" as he's awarded Best Supporting Actor for Jerry Maguire.

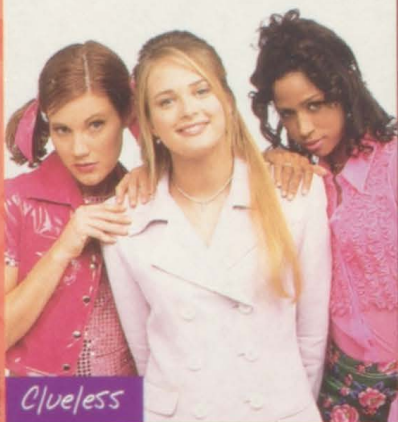
Fargo

Oscar winner Frances McDormand snoops from Fargo to Minneapolis as "Marge" in the dark comedy Fargo.

Oscar's Actors

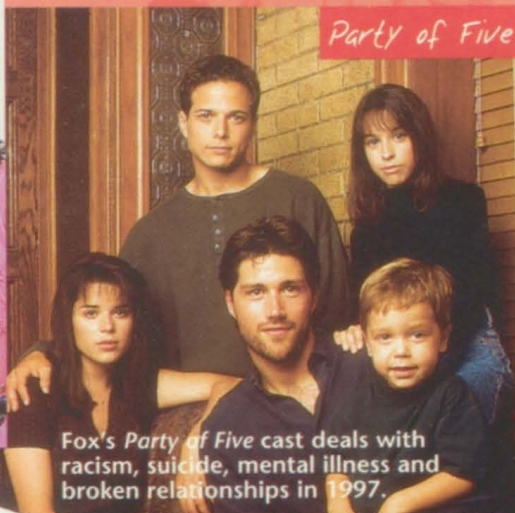
Tom Cruise, Jerry Maguire
Ralph Fiennes, The English Patient
Woody Harrelson, The People vs. Larry Flynt
Geoffrey Rush, Shine
Billy Bob Thornton, Sling Blade

ABC wasn't *Clueless* when it added this hit to Friday nights.



Clueless

Party of Five



Fox's *Party of Five* cast deals with racism, suicide, mental illness and broken relationships in 1997.

Entertainment Weekly's Top TV Picks

1. *NYPD Blue*
2. *The X-Files*
3. *The Larry Sanders Show*
4. *News Radio*
5. *The Simpsons*
6. *Friends*
7. *Murder One*
8. *Profit*
9. *Seinfeld*
10. *Moesha*

TV

TV with Class
Boston Common
Dangerous Minds
Mr. Rhodes
Nick Freno: Licensed Teacher
Pearl
Saved By the Bell
The Steve Harvey Show



Relativity

Relativity's Kimberly Williams and David Conrad fall in love.



Friends

Rosie O'Donnell



Rosie O'Donnell improves talk-TV's image.

Friends leads NBC's Thursday night monopoly.

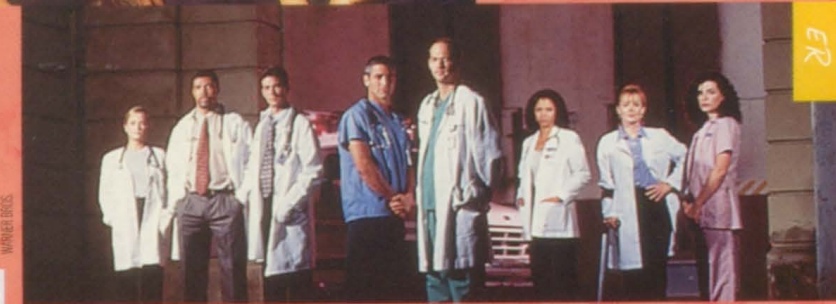


The X-Files

David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson co-star in *The X-Files*.

Brooke Shields turns *Suddenly Susan* into a sudden success.

Suddenly Susan



ER

An award-winning cast keeps *ER* on top for another season.

Jenny McCarthy



Jenny McCarthy makes waves in the dating pool on MTV's *Singled Out*.

Your Favorites*

1. *Seinfeld*
2. *ER*
3. *Suddenly Susan*
4. *Monday Night Football*
5. *Friends*
6. *The Single Guy*
7. *Home Improvement*
8. *Caroline in the City*
9. *Spin City*
10. *60 Minutes*

* *The New York Times*

John Lithgow brings *3rd Rock from the Sun* down to earth.

3rd Rock from the Sun



MUSIC

Single Success

1. Macarena, Los Del Rio
2. How Do U Want It, Tupac Shakur
3. Twisted, Keith Sweat
4. No Diggity, Blackstreet
5. You're Making Me High, Toni Braxton

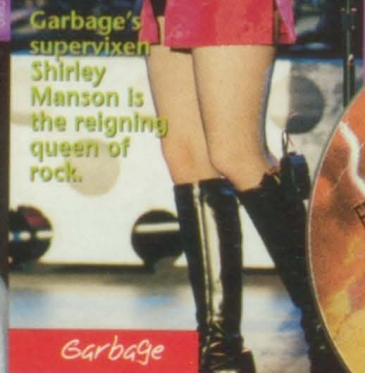
Liam Gallagher leads Oasis to the top of the rock charts.

Gallagher



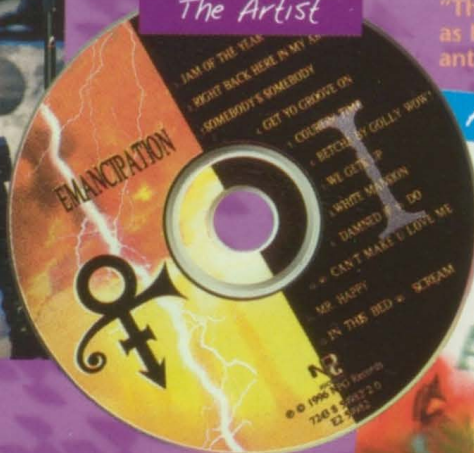
Garbage's supervixen Shirley Manson is the reigning queen of rock.

Garbage

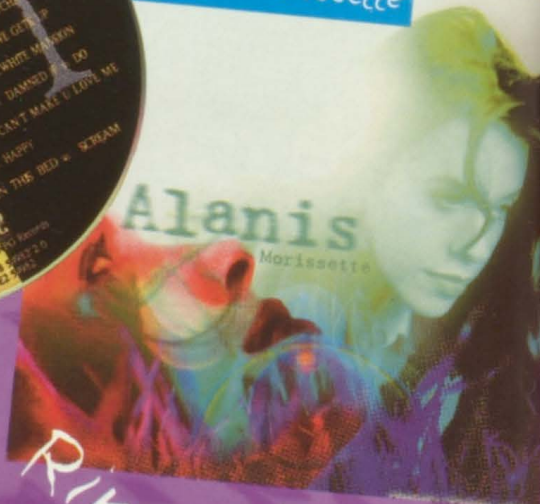


The Artist

"The Artist" (formerly known as Prince) releases the much anticipated *Emancipation*.



Alanis Morissette

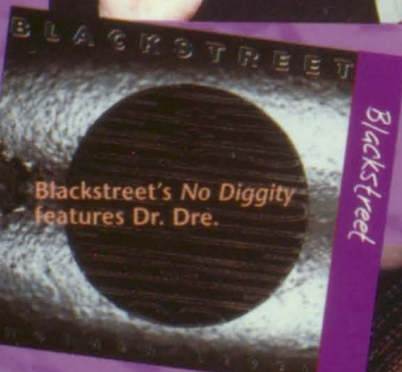


Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* is 1996's No. 1-selling album.

A+ Albums

1. Jagged Little Pill, Alanis Morissette
2. Falling Into You, Celine Dion
3. The Score, Fugees
4. Tragic Kingdom, No Doubt
5. Daydream, Mariah Carey

LeAnn Rimes



Blackstreet's *No Diggity* features Dr. Dre.

Blackstreet

Seventeen-year-old Brandy makes it big with hit records TV's *Moesha*.

Brandy



Britain's snappy Spice Girls move to the top of pop.

Spice Girls



Cyber-rock

Oasis (<http://www.oasisnet.com/>)
 Bush (<http://users.aol.com/LtleThings/Bush/index.htm>)
 Smashing Pumpkins (<http://www.muohio.edu/~carmance/sp.html>)

MTV Online

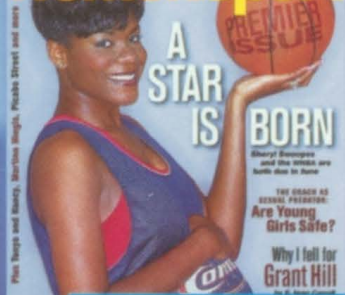


Music television is hot on-line and off.

At 14, LeAnn Rimes turns *Blue* into gold and takes home two Grammy Awards.

L.A. Dodgers' "Tornado" Hideo Nomo averages multiple strikeouts per inning.

Sports Illustrated womensport



Women and Sports

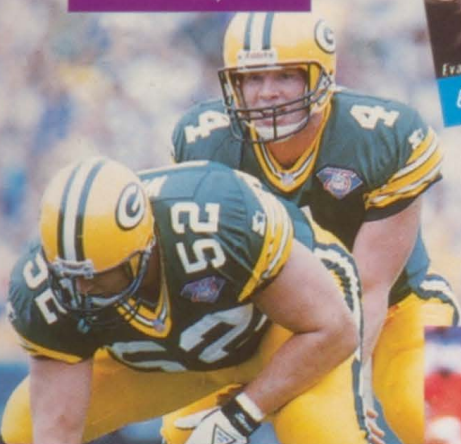
Sports Illustrated introduces Women/Sport for women involved with sports.

Bad boy Dennis Rodman ranks first in the NBA in rebounds per game (15.9).

Dennis Rodman

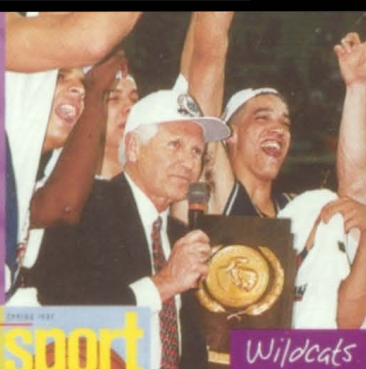
The Green Bay Packers triumph over the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI with the help of quarterback Brett Favre, No. 4, and center Frank Winters, No. 52.

Green Bay



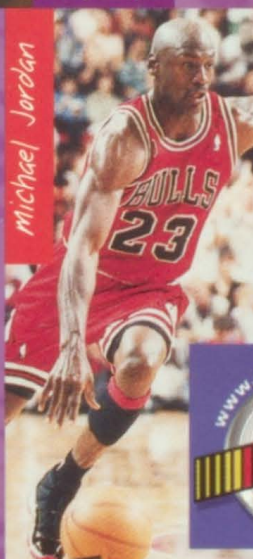
Young Olympians

Amy Acuff, 20, high jump
Amanda Beard, 14, swimming
Brooke Bennet, 16, swimming
Beth Botsford, 15, swimming
Amanda Borden, 19, gymnastics
Dominique Moceanu, 14, gymnastics
Justin Huish, 21, archery
Kim Rhode, 17, double trap shooting
Tiffany Roberts, 19, soccer



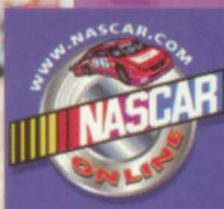
Wildcats

The Arizona Wildcats take the final four by storm and defeat three No. 1 seeds to win the NCAA basketball championship.



Michael Jordan

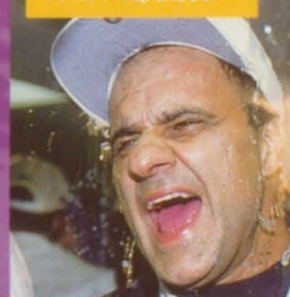
Chicago Bull's No. 23 Michael Jordan scores the highest point average in the NBA (30.9).



New York Yankees manager, Joe Torre, celebrates a World Series victory.

NASCAR gains new popularity at the track and on the information super-highway.

N.Y. Yankees

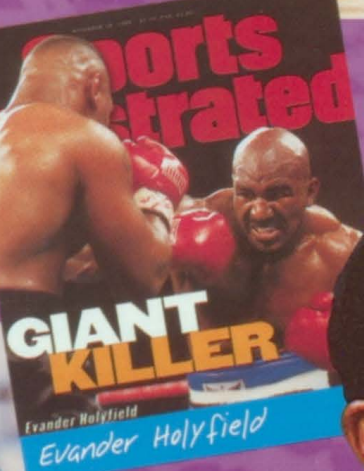


Kerri Strug leads the U.S. gymnastics team to a Gold Medal in the team competition and becomes a media sweetheart.

Tiger Woods



Kerri Strug



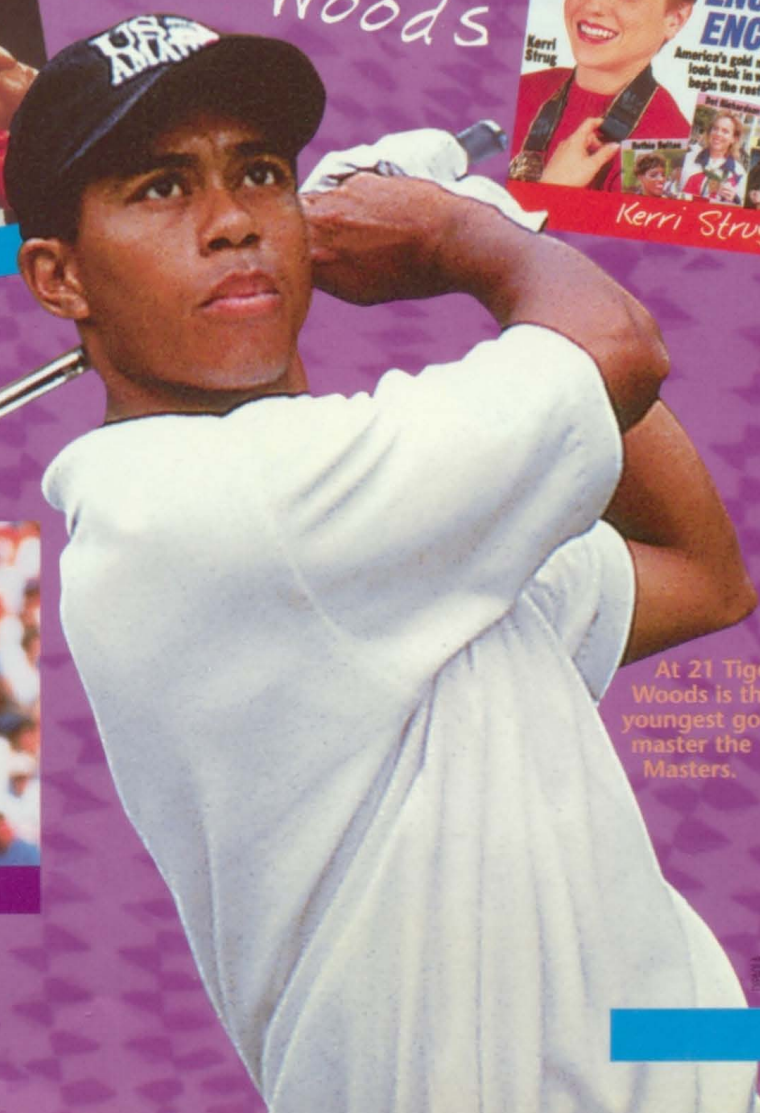
Sports Illustrated labels Evander Holyfield "Giant Killer" after he pounds boxer Mike Tyson.



Danny Wuerffel

'96 Heisman Trophy recipient Danny Wuerffel leads the Florida Gators to its first national championship.

At 21 Tiger Woods is the youngest golfer to master the Masters.



News

Life on Mars.

Racial unrest in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Welfare Reform.

Madonna is a momma.

Michael Jackson, King of Pop-pa!

Campaign financing goes under scrutiny.

Elizabeth Dole

Elizabeth Dole becomes the bright spot in a lackluster campaign.

Madeleine Albright



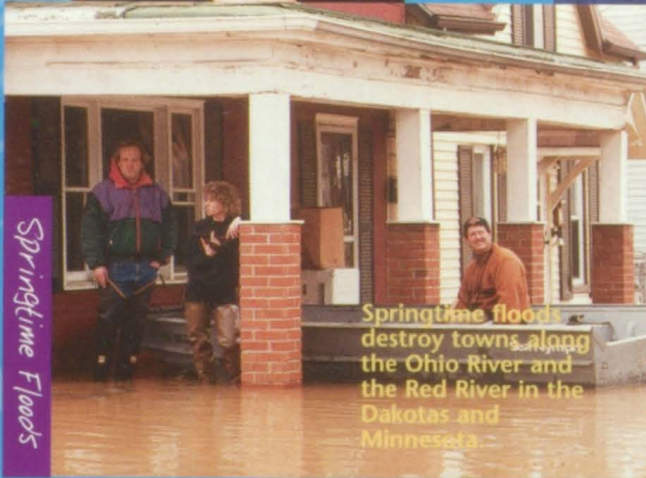
Madeleine Albright becomes the first female Secretary of State.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU



Astronaut Shannon Lucid spends more time in space than any other American.

Shannon Lucid



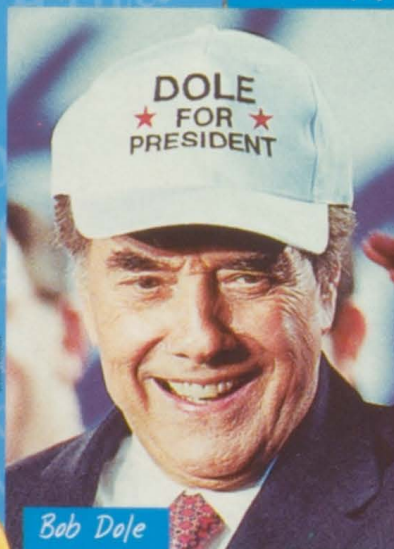
Springtime floods destroy towns along the Ohio River and the Red River in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Springtime Floods



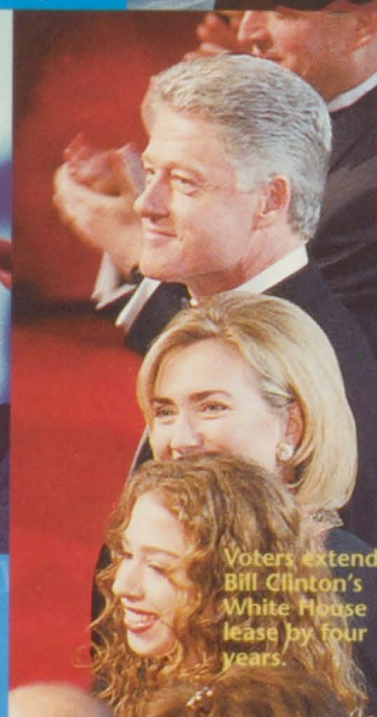
TWA Flight 800, crashes in Long Island Sound, killing 230.

TWA Flight 800



Bob Dole

Bob Dole's final 96-hour marathon doesn't save his campaign.

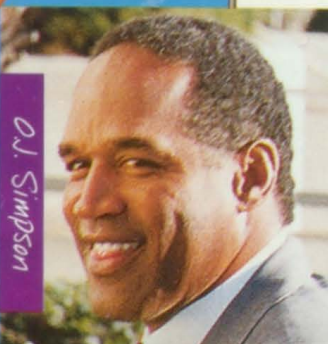


The Clintons

Voters extend Bill Clinton's White House lease by four years.

Civil verdict declares O.J. Simpson liable for deaths of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman.

O.J. Simpson



Communications Error:

AOL

The number dialed is busy or not answering. Please try again later.

To find another local access number, select "New Local" from the "Screen name" pop-up menu, and click Sign On.

For more information, press the Command Key+SHIFT+? and refer to the Troubleshooting information in the AppleGuide.

Unlimited access gives America Online users migraines and busy signals.

OK

Serbian Demonstrators



Students demonstrate against Serbian government.

The JonBenét Ramsey murder mystery grabs headlines.



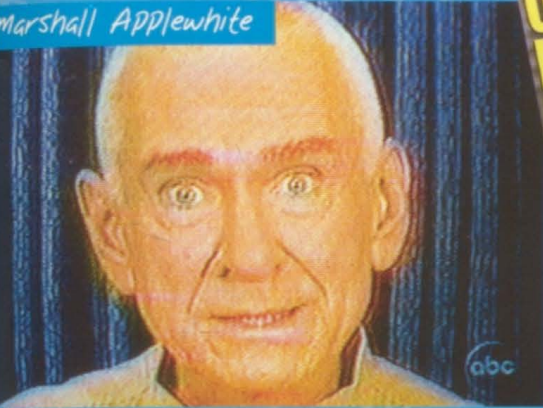
JonBenét Ramsey

Brook Shields



The score is love-love as Brooke Shields marries tennis star Andre Agassi.

Marshall Applewhite



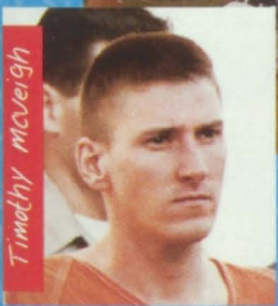
Leader Marshall Applewhite and 38 Heaven's Gate cult members take their lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., in April.

Olympic Bombing



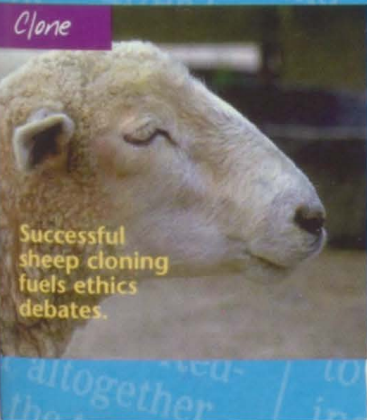
Atlanta's Centennial Park bombing mars the Summer Olympics.

Timothy McVeigh



A Denver jury returns a guilty verdict for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing trial.

Clone



Successful sheep cloning fuels ethics debates.

Tupac Shakur



Deaths
 Morey Amsterdam, 80-ish, actor, *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
 Ted Bessell, 57, actor, *That Girl*
 Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, 68, Catholic Archbishop
 John Chancellor, 68, news anchor
 Margaux Hemingway, 41, model/actress
 Notorious B.I.G., 24, gansta rapper
 Timothy Leary, 75, '60s activist
 Greg Morris, 61, actor, TV's *Mission: Impossible*
 Jonathan Melvoin, 34, Smashing Pumpkins
 Carl Sagan, 62, scientist and astronomy popularizer
 Tupac Shakur, 25, gansta rapper/actor
 Tiny Tim, 70-ish, '60s icon
 Deng Xiaoping, 92, Chinese Leader
 Allen Ginsberg, 70, Beat poet
 Ennis Cosby, 27, student, son of Bill Cosby
 Willem de Kooning, 92, abstract artist
 Gangsta rapper and movie star Tupac Shakur is murdered.

Fashion Ad



IT'S TRUE. WE
DO MATURE FASTER
THAN BOYS.

McDonald's



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Tap Dogs



Slogan of the Year

"Show me the money!"
from *Jerry Maguire*

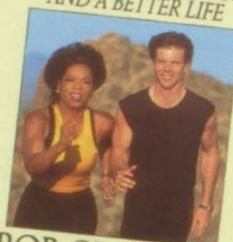
Dance craze

The Macarena

Make the Connection

MAKE THE CONNECTION

TEN STEPS TO A BETTER BODY—
AND A BETTER LIFE



BOB GREENE AND
OPRAH WINFREY

Microsoft

Rent

Got milk?

MILK
here's your mustache!

Coca-Cola goes retro-70s.

Say what?
 "boo"-boyfriend/girlfriend
 "butter"-smooth/nice
 "digits"-phone numbers
 "down low"
 (also "D.L.")-quiet
 "flavor"-style
 "4-1-1"-information
 "hella"-very
 "house"-to defeat
 "mad"-beautiful
 "peeps"-friends/people

Amy Van Dyken's got milk and promotes <http://www.whymilk.com>

101 Dalmatians

Coca Cola



INFORMATION

Below. Cristy Jensen and Berit Hanson practice for Jazz Also.

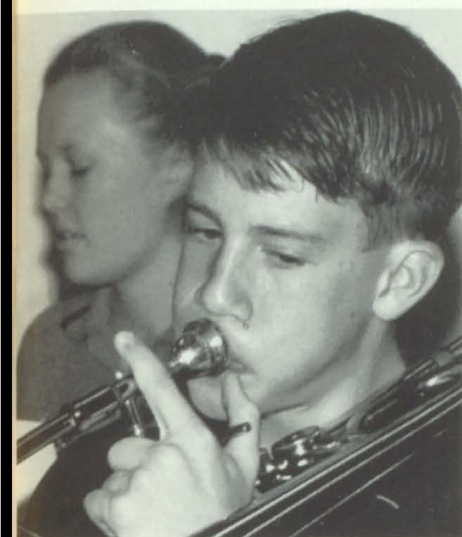


Jazz Groups Entertain with Jazz Tunes and Slow Ballads

The Waconia jazz players expanded this year to include two groups — Jazz I and Jazz Also. The groups practiced at night or early in the morning. Their concert, which was held on April 4, included some fast jazz tunes as well as some slow ballads. Some favorite pieces included "In the Mood," "Shiny Stockings," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and

"Groovin Hard." The groups also played during the holiday concert.

Below. Jazz Band. Front: Gretchen Wagener, Adam Timm, Carissa Froyum, Inga Schmeer, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Leigh Anne Brahee. Center: Kristin Kiefert, Mark Long, Nick Geller, Ben Berndt, Adam Hocutt. Back: Jackie Menth, Josh Pauly, Terry Klaers. **Below left.** Ben Berndt practices for Jazz I during his first year as part of the group.



Above. Jazz Also. Front: Leah Herling, Berit Hanson, Cristy Jensen, Courtney Hanson. Center: Cody Roush, Gretchen Wagener, Chris Bergmann, Ben Bernt, Cory Schlagel, Dave Philp, Leslie Litfin. Back: Kelly Leen, Karyn Laulainen, Terry Klaers, Justin Sorensen.

Above. Courtney Hanson gives it her all during a Jazz Also practice.

Hard Work Pays Off for Marching Band

The Waconia High School Marching Band began practicing in May before school hours and continued with practices from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. throughout June and July. After many successful parades and competitions, they completed their season in July.

Annandale was their most successful parade; they received top honors, including best color guard, best drumline, and best commander. The Marching Band also participated in the Alexandria Band Festival where they received second place and best drumline.

Top. The snare line bows down to their much loved commanders.

Bottom left. Kelly Klosterman is "on guard" for their upcoming routine.

Bottom right. Kevin Kolb leads the marching band down the parade route.





Left. The clarinets receive most improved section for the marching band season.

Below. Saxophonist Steve Minor marches with dignity and bearing.



Am Squad

Rachel Knickerbocker
Rachel Minzel
Jennifer Mochinski
Holly Kunkel
Anna Wasness
Amanda Templin
Caitlyn Klosterman
Jolene John

Kelly Leen

Brittany Molnau
Wendy Ahlbrecht
Jenna Kunkel
Krystle Weinzierl
Liza Huckenpoehler
Niccole Gingras
Ben Pauly
Lisa Kirsch

Color Guard:

Jenny Diers
Misty Hiben
Jenny Meuwissen
Genny Poppler
Rachelle Rosin
Kristin Kiefert
Desiree Schesso
Kelly Klosterman

Commander

Kevin Kolb

Flute

Jennifer Menth
Becky Schmidt
Angelie Timm
Kristy Ketcher
Bria Knutson

Clarinet

Chrissy Diethelm
Melissa Diethelm
Kate Eder
Amanda Hagen
Julia Kes
Nona Lehrke
Nicole Sullivan

Alto Saxophone

Carissa Froyum
Anita Lehrke
Leah Herling
Kelly Jo Sletten

Tenor Saxophone

Laura Richardson
Pete Buckingham
Leigh Anne Brahee

Baritone Saxophone

Steve Minor

Trumpet

Jackie Menth
Josh Pauly
Jesse Rightler
Chad Schmitz
Jon Bruemmer
Terry Klaers
Karyn Laulainen
Justin Sorensen

Trombone

Nick Geller
Mark Long
Ben Berndt
Kyle Rambow
Cory Schlagel

Jesse Timm

Tuba

Shawn Phillippe
Aaron Sorenson

Percussion

John Gilbert
Erin Indrelie
Matt Bergmann
Brady Bussler
Scot Rewerts
Eric Rewerts
Cody Roush
Adam Timm
Katie Ertl



Concert Choir Goes to Music Festivals, Performs at Concerts

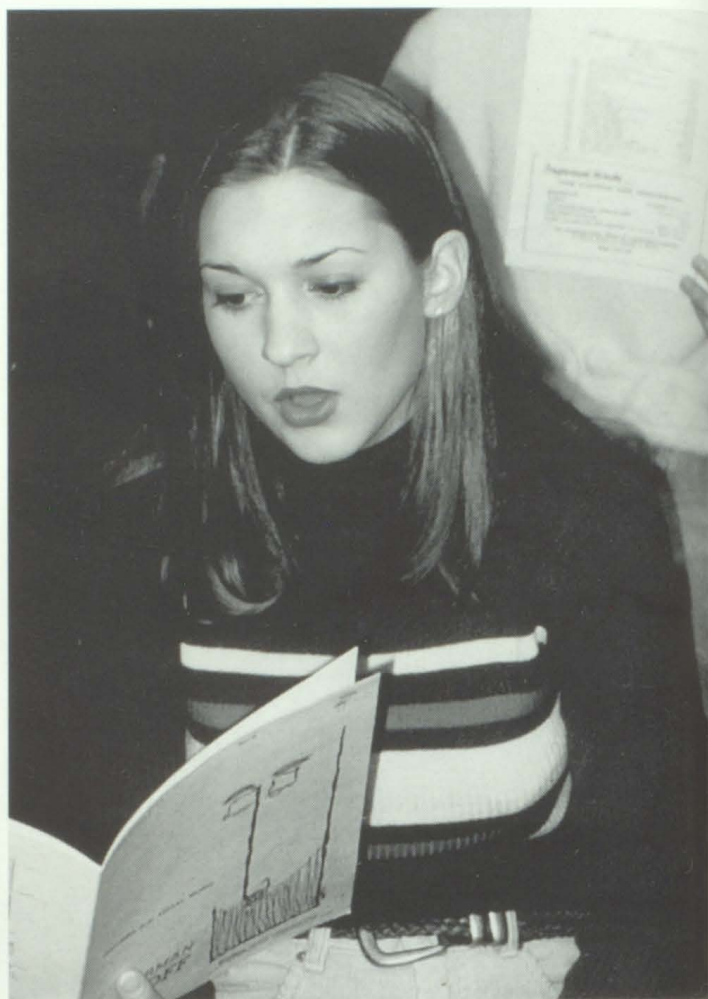
In order to join concert choir, students must audition, enjoy singing and attend rehearsals and performances. The group met every day for one-half block and performed at three concerts throughout the year.

In addition, they participated in a Choir Festival at Hamline University in October, and they attended a Festival of Choirs, U.S.A., in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in April. At the large group contest in March, the concert choir received excellent ratings.



Below left. Kelly Klosterman and Karen Kranz join together for a song.

Below. Karly Anderson shares her voice with the rest of the concert choir.



Concert Choir. Back: Nate Pesch, Jeff Bostic, Jesse Rightler, Steve Minor, Colin Claypool, Joshua Pauly, Kevin Kolb, Elliott Kranz, John Gilbert, Derek Kast, Lincoln Maiser. 2nd Row: Rachelle Rosin, Erin Menssen, Cori Zancig, Leigh Anne Brahee, Leah Herling, Kristy Ketcher, Kristin Kiefert, Michelle Brunsell, Karissa Sjodin, Celyn Oakman, Elizabeth Roebke, Kelly Sletten. 3rd Row: Therese Barnekow, Takako Shimizu, Carissa Froyum, Andrea Wood, Misty Hiben, Emily Bodahl, Brittany Molnau, Meghan Foley, Gretchen Wagener, Leesa Bartholomew, Chris McNellis, Sarah Grote. Front: Nicole Sullivan, Alicia Golembeski, Karly Anderson, Angela Hatz, Karen Kranz, Kelly Klosterman, Genny Poppler, Desiree Schesso, Berit Hanson, Bria Knutson, Bethany Leppard.



Concert Band Plays a Variety of Music at Concerts, Performs at Graduation

The concert band, under the direction of Don Schultz, met during the first half of first block throughout the year. During that time they rehearsed a variety of music — jazz, marches, and classical ar-

rangements. Some pieces they chose to perform were Christmas selections by Mannheim Steamroller and a medley from the Broadway hit musical *Phantom of the Opera*.

In addition to their four concerts

during the year, they also traveled to Rockford to participate in the Minnesota State High School League contest where they received one superior and two excellent ratings.



Left. Adam Hocutt and Mike Janski concentrate hard while playing their trombones.

Below. Angela Hatz produces beautiful music with her bass clarinet.



Concert Band. Front: Kristin Kiefert, Rachelle Rosin, Michelle Brunsell, Becky Schmidt, Kristy Ketcher, Bria Knutson, Alicia Golembeski. 2nd Row: Katie Ertl, Nicole Sullivan, Brittany Molnau, Kelly Klosterman, Leah Herling, Kelly Sletten. 3rd Row: Desiree Schesso, Jed Cousin, Pete Buckingham, Steve Minor, Leigh Brahee, Elliott Kranz, Inga Schmeer, Berit Hanson. 4th Row: Mark Long, Nick Geller, Adam Hocutt, Mike Janski, Tim Bode, Kevin Kolb, Jeff Schmitz, Gretchen Wagener, Jesse Rightler, Joshua Pauly, Jackie Menth, Colin Claypool. Back: John Gilbert, Cody Roush, Eric Rewerts, Adam Timm. Not pictured: Niccole Gingras, Chrissy Diethelm, Laura Richardson, Bethany Leppard, Carissa Froyum, Shawn Phillippe.



Pop Group, Chamber Singers, Women's Ensemble, Jazz Singers Add Medley of Vocal Offerings to Music Program

October marked the beginning of the season for the four choral ensembles — Pop Group, Chamber Singers, Women's Ensemble, and Jazz Singers. The Chamber Singers, Women's Ensemble, and the Jazz Singers practiced once a week and performed in the holiday concert in December and at the spring concert in May. They also participated in the solo and ensemble contest in April. The Chamber Singers and Jazz Singers attended the Festival of Choirs, U.S.A., in Sioux Falls, S.D., in April.

Pop Group practiced three times a week and performed several times during the holiday season in December. The Pop Group's show in April — "Get Happy!" — was their biggest project for the year.

Right. Genny Poppler, Josh Pauly and Bethany Leppard sing a capella with the Chamber Singers. **Below.** Rachelle Rosin, Lincoln Maiser, Bria Knutson and Ben Pauly strike a popular Pop Group pose at the end of one of their numbers.



Pop Group. Front: Kevin Kolb, Josh Pauly, Elliott Kranz. 2nd Row: Bria Knutson, Karen Kranz, Kelly Klosterman, Nicole Sullivan, Katie Scholla. 3rd Row: Ben Pauly, Leah Herling, Brittany Molnau, Angela Hatz, Rachelle Rosin, Jon Bruemmer. Back: Jeff Bostic, Derek Kast, Cori Zancig, Ross Hoffman.





Below. Leah Herling and Josh Pauly add sparkle to a Jazz Singers' performance.



Top. Jazz Singers. Front: Karen Kranz, Kevin Kolb, Angela Hatz, Brittany Molnau, Derek Kast, Bria Knutson. Back: Josh Pauly, Leah Herling, Bethany Leppard, Elliott Kranz.

Left. Women's Ensemble. Front: Desiree Schesso. 2nd Row: Lisa Kirsch, Emily Christianson. 3rd Row: Takako Shimizu, Jenny Meuwissen. Back: Rachelle Rosin, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Chris McNellis.



Chamber Singers. Front: Nicole Sullivan, Karen Kranz, Colin Claypool, Kelly Klosterman, Angela Hatz, Genny Poppler, Jon Bruemmer, Brittany Molnau, Bethany Leppard. Back: Cori Zancig, Andrea Wood, Terry Klaers, Josh Pauly, Derek Kast, Ross Hoffman, Sarah Grote, Bria Knutson.

Winterfest, Sports Triumphs Brighten Winter

The winter months tend to drag students down, but this year some things cheered us up. The student council organized Winterfest to keep everyone's spirit up through the winter months. On Tuesday everyone dressed up for Tropical Day. Wednesday was Oddball Day, and many had fun creating very original ensembles. On Thursday, students wore hats and jerseys for Sports Apparel Day. Everyone dressed up in purple and gold for Wildcat Day on Friday. The juniors won the window decorating con-

test, and the seniors won the tug of war contest.

Also this winter the sports teams had successful seasons. In their first High School League competition, the Lakettes claimed the state championship. The wrestling team sent senior Kevin Kolb, junior Dave Wagener, and sophomore Nick Wishnack to the state tournament. The boys' basketball team became sub-section champs by beating their archrival, Minnehaha Academy, and also received 2nd place in Section 4A.

Below. Ben Pauly shows what an oddball he can really be on Oddball Day.

Center left. On Sports Apparel Day, Chuck Young daydreams about his favorite sport.

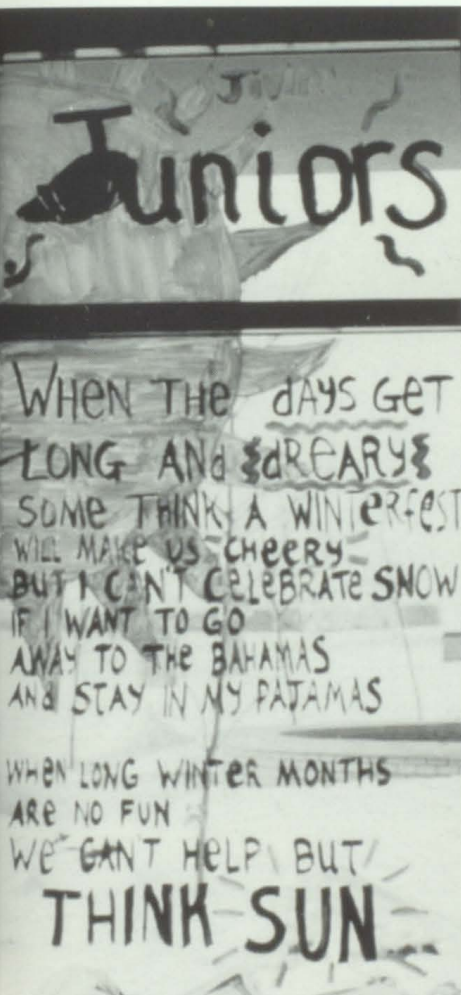
Below center. Although it's winter, Genny Poppler decides to dress for Tropical Day.





Left. The Lakettes kick down the door and win the first ever state High School League danceline competition.

Below. Dave Wagener, Kevin Kolb and Nick Wischnack stand proud before their state wrestling matches.



Opposite page, far left. Tim Scholla, Dan Flies, Erin Menssen and Teri Schneider take part in the victorious struggle for the seniors in a tug of war match.

Left. The juniors win for their "Think Sun" window.

Above. Basketball captains Ryan Arndt, Joe Hedin, Tom Gerding and Brandon Bussler proudly display their trophies and medals.

First Year for 9th & 10th Grade Choir, Band

Because of the change to a four block day, the makeup of the school's choirs and bands changed. Concert choir became a junior and senior group, while freshmen and

sophomores joined together to form the varsity choir. Since the concert band was open only to 11th and 12th grade students, the symphonic band was offered to 9th

and 10th graders. All the band and choir groups performed at all concerts and contests, and tryouts were required for all groups.

Symphonic Band. Front: Laura Johnson, Kelly Westlund, Angelie Timm, Jenny Menth, Amber Brandmire, Kari Laabs. 2nd Row: Nona Lehrke, Kristin Erickson, Melanie Hoggarth, Shona Hoops, Becky Diers, Jenna Kunkel, Wendy Ahlbrecht. 3rd Row: Desiree Cox, Melissa Diethelm, Amanda Hagen, Kate Eder, Julia Kes, Katie Wasness, Liza Huckenpoehler, Krystle Weinzierl, Bria Welch, Cristy Jensen, Cliff Kornelis. 4th Row: Kelly Leen, Jon Bruemmer, Terry Klaers, Karyn Laulainen, Leslie Litfin, Dave Philp, Justin Swanson, Bill Bedford, Chad Kosieracki, Cory Schlagel, Courtney Hanson, Ben Berndt, Kyle Rambow, Jesse Timm. Back: Erin Indrelie, Emily Streeter, Brady Bussler, Andrew Tongen, Matt Bergmann, Scot Rewerts.



Varsity Choir. Front: Jenny Menth, Amanda Hawkins, Bria Welch, Leslie Litfin, Courtney Hanson, Desiree Cox, Liza Huckenpoehler, Emily Christianson, Lisa Kirsch, Sarah Dreier, Katie Wasness, Kari Laabs, Jenny Meuwissen, Wendy Ahlbrecht. Center: Mindy Ramm, Katie Scholla, Angelie Timm, Shona Hoops, Karyn Laulainen, April Stevens, Crystal Zancig, Krystle Wienzierl, Alicia Arndt, Julia Kes, Heidi Iddings, Kelly Staber. Back: Ross Hoffman, Mike Staber, Kyle Ague, Aaron Linton, Terry Klaers, Doug Meyer, Greg Kranz, Justin Sorensen, Sam Maiser, Alex Schmid, Josh Brandenburg, Jon Bruemmer, Benjamin Pauly, Jesse Timm.



Winterguard, Pep Band Boost Spirit

The Waconia winterguard was in their second year of competition this year. Using such equipment as flags, rifles, and sabres, they performed to music from the *Mission Impossible* soundtrack, creating a sinister-like city scene. They practiced extensive hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays to prepare for competitions at such high schools as Eden Prairie, New Brighton, and Monticello. In addition, they hosted their first show in the high school gym. The group ended their season with a finals show in Apple Valley, where they received 5th place, the Most Improved award, and the Outstanding Academic Achievement award.

The pep band regularly performed at home athletic events and at pepfests throughout the school year. They encouraged school spirit in all the fans.



Top left. A group huddle of winter guard members shows togetherness.

Left. Waconia Winterguard. Front: Jenny Diers, Niccole Gingras, Cori Zancig. Center: Desiree Schesso, Jenny Meuwissen, Lori Kelly, Lisa Kirsch, Kelly Leen. Back: Liza Huck-enpoepler, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Katie Wasness, Rachelle Rosin, Jenna Kunkel, Ben Pauly, Anna Wasness.

Below. Jenna Kunkel holds her head high while performing at Waconia's first home show.

Bottom right. Inga Schmeer adds spirit to a pepfest.

Bottom left. The pep band provides more enthusiasm for the home team.

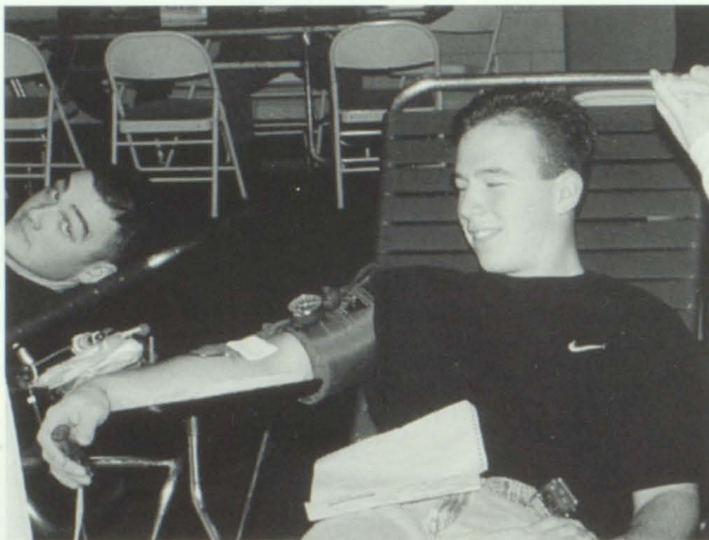


Student Council, Peer Helpers Assist Others

The student council takes part in many activities at Waconia High School. In September, they sponsored the homecoming dance, and at Halloween they sold candy grams. During Teacher Appreciation Week in November, student council members distributed apples to the faculty and staff and provided a large cake for staff members on Friday of that week. In December they sponsored the bloodmobile and assisted with registration and organization of the donors. The student council also funded events for other activities in school, including the FLA food drive party and the yearbook's end of the year appreciation party.

Peer helpers is an organization that assists fellow students. Through workshops and training sessions, the peer helpers learn how to assist classmates experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Peer Helpers. Back: Craig Peterson, Jason Lahr. Center: Matt Hoelz, Lacey Bresnahan, Nicole Decker, Cori Zancig. Front: Molly Schrupp, Doug Flies, Sarah Doyscher.



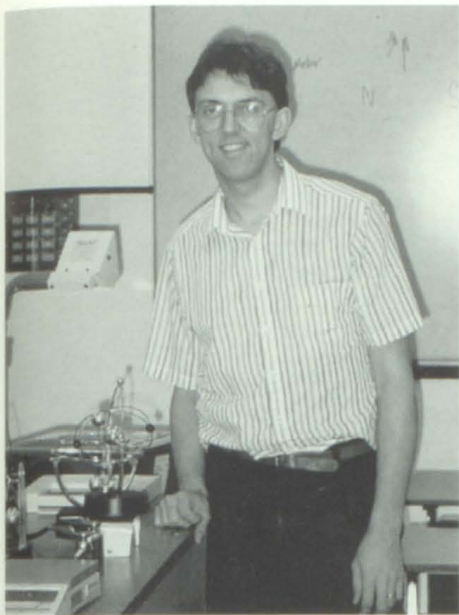
Student Council. Back: Jesse Timm, Cody Roush. 3rd Row: Bria Knutson, Desiree Schesso, Bethany Leppard, Krystle Weinzierl, Matt Bergmann. 2nd Row: Nicole Decker, Karissa Sjodin, Brandon Newman, Travis Radel. Front: Molly Schrupp, Lauren Bresnahan.



Top left. Mike Peterson participates in the blood drive, sponsored by student council.

Above. Senior Teri Schneider smiles, knowing she is helping someone out.





Science Club, Math League Face Challenges

Changes happened in both the Science Club and Math League. There were more members, participation by more grades, the possibility to letter this year, and the ability to use calculators for all the meets. Mr. Berg, the adviser of the Science Club, indicated that the group was doing better this year and had more opportunities for field trips, including the aquarium at the Mall of America. On February 1, the Science Club members participated in the Science Olympiad. Math League, led by Mr. Sauer, improved and worked hard at their five meets throughout the year.



Top left. Math League adviser Mr. Sauer poses for the camera before starting his meeting.

Top right. Mr. Berg prepares his Science Club members for their field trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Left. Science Club. Back: Dan Flies, Mr. Berg. Front: Ethan Miller, Jeremy Salden, Jesse Waletich, Nathaniel Miller. Not pictured: Cliff Kornelis, John Ta, Josh Hartmann.

Below left. Cori Zancig practices a few problems at a Math League weekly meeting.

Below. Math League. Back: Mr. Sauer. Center: Chris Bergmann, Dan Flies, Doug Meyer, Lex Seneff. Front: Alicia Golembeski, Ethan Miller, Cori Zancig. Not pictured: Dan Bush, Cliff Kornelis, Nick Geller, Adam Hocutt, Katie Wasness.



FFA Captures Many State and Regional Awards

The Future Farmers of America compete in Career Leadership Development Events against schools in our area during the school year, and during the summer FFA members exhibit livestock.

This past year FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Their Landscape Design Booth at the Minnesota State Fair won a red ribbon, and they also received second place for their dairy exhibit in the Commodity Marketing Activity.

Individual awards included Tony Hoen and Rich Laumann, who received state FFA degrees. Tony Hoen, Selmer Olson, Kris Raether, Marcus Poppler, Daryl Traver, Mike Dressel, Lisa Rademacher, and Andy Larson received first place Proficiency Awards.

Top. Senior Mike Peterson and junior Nate Tellers pose in Kansas City while attending the FFA convention.

Center. The FFA's horticulture booth at the State Fair wins a red ribbon.

FFA Members. Back: Nate Braunwarth, Nathan Tellers, Dean Traver, Matt Westlund, Selmer Olson, Kris Raether. 3rd Row: Mike Peterson, Andy Larson, Jeff Caviness, Rich Laumann, John Geyen. 2nd Row: Brenda Johnson, Annette Olson, Trent Klein, Mike Dressel, Nick Hartwig, Jamie Stender. Front: Angie Loehrs, Julie Hoen, Kristi Wachholz, Melissa Ditsch, Lacey Morgan.



Mock Trial, Writers Try Fields of Interest

Below. Writers' Group. Jenny Bartholow, Mariah Davis, Ian Hill, Andy Bauer, Alyssa Kes.



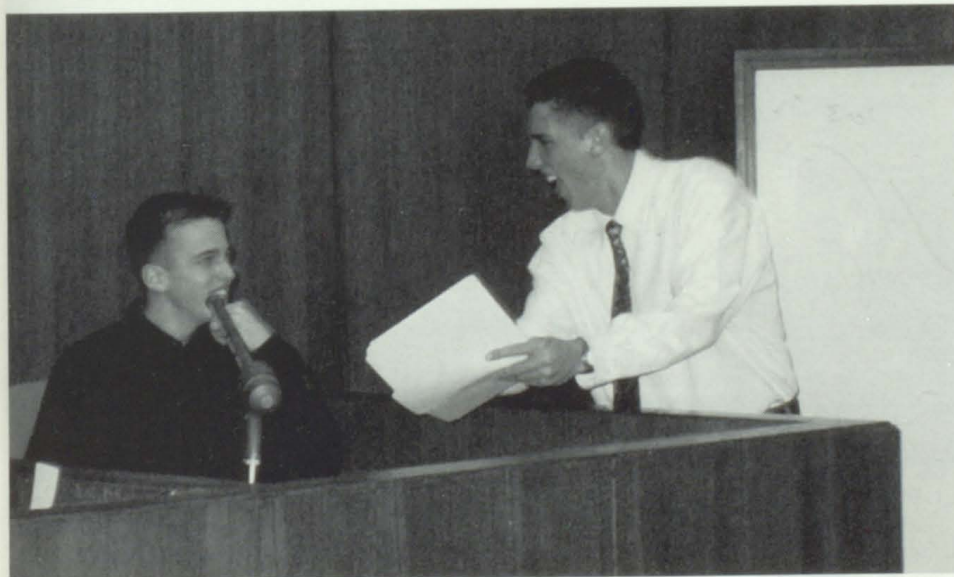
This year the mock trial participants argued the placing of responsibility for a student's education. Was it the school's or the family's fault that a student could not read? All the participants held their own views and were successful portraying them to the judge as they advanced to regional competition. Lawyers and witnesses each assumed their roles with eagerness and knowledge.

The writers' group attended the River Valley Conference of Student Writers where they met with professional writers who had critiqued their writing. As part of the conference, they also attended sessions on a variety of writing topics.



Above. Mock Trial. Front: Meghan Foley, Summer Metzen. Center: Katie Wasness, Ben Berndt, Berit Hanson. Back: Sarah Flies, Adam Timm, Jeff Rolf, Elizabeth Roebke.

Below. Elizabeth Roebke displays a smile before she nails her witness.



Above center. Summer Metzen and Meghan Foley discuss their winning strategy.

Above. Jeff Rolf, lazy teen or lowly victim? His lawyer, Adam Timm, tries to prove the latter.



FLA Members Go for the Gold at State

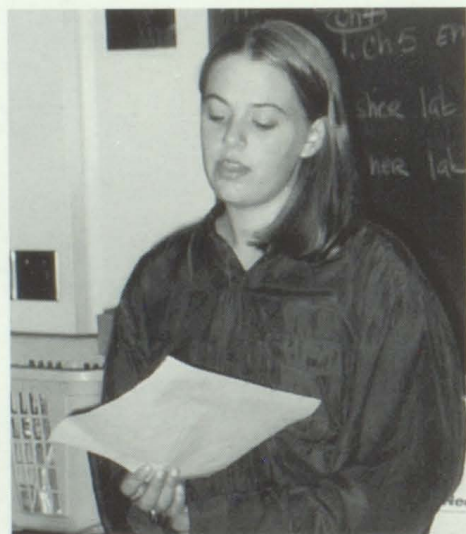
FLA was larger than ever this year. With 45 members, there was a great outlook for the year's competition. FLA members attended regional competition in Braham, MN, where Waconia won 26 gold medals. State competition was held on April 24-26. The team stayed at the Radisson Hotel while competing and attending meetings. Anyone advancing to national competition would compete in California in the summer.

Students receiving gold at re-

gions included Adam Hocutt, Kelly Westlund, Shona Hoops, Nate Pesch, Craig Peterson, Liz Roebke, and Paul Rohlik in parliamentary procedure. Leslie Litfin, Sarah Marsden, and Katie Wasness received gold for their presentations, as did Kelly Westlund and Shaina Zuppke. Becky Diers, Shona Hoops, Heidi Iddings, Heidi Meier, Christina Olson, and Jessica Schmidt received gold. Also, freshmen Desiree Cox, Missy Diethelm, Kate Eder, Amanda Hagen, Court-

ney Hanson, Liza Huckenpoehler, Cristy Jensen, Jessica Kamrath, Julia Kes were awarded gold. All of these students competed at the state level.

Besides FLA's competitive events, the group did other activities to help the community. They participated in a Christmas party at Westview Acres, held an open house, and participated in fund raisers, a food drive, and an empty bowls project.



Top left. Adam Hocutt, Shona Hoops, Paul Rohlik and Craig Peterson practice for senior parliamentary procedure for FLA.

Top right. Katie Wasness presents a workshop to stress the importance of teamwork.

Above. Kate Eder gives her Star Event presentation at the FLA open house.

FLA. Back: Brenda Johnson, Heidi Meier, Jessica Schmidt, Becky Diers, Heidi Iddings, Christina Olson, Desiree Cox, Kelly Westlund. 4th Row: Mike Weiland, Matt Bergmann, Andrew Tongen, Joe Masurka, Dave Philp, Liza Huckenpoehler, Katie Wasness, Melissa Diethelm. 3rd Row: Leslie Litfin, Sarah Marsden, Jessica Kamrath, Cristy Jensen, Courtney Hanson, Mindy Ramm. 2nd Row: Amanda Hagen, Kate Eder, Julia Kes, Liz Roebke, Shaina Zuppke. Front: Craig Peterson, Paul Rohlik, Nate Pesch, Adam Hocutt. Not pictured: Alicia Arndt, Josh Brandenburg, Kelly Hill, Lori Kelly, Trent Klein, Amy Kortisses, Kari Scheuble, Erik Sorensen, Jessica Sutherland, Loni Diethelm, Rachelle Rosin, Bria Knutson.



Pawprints Focuses on the Places We'll Go

Have you ever wondered when and where the yearbook is designed? Every Tuesday after school, about 20 students get together to write copy and design yearbook layouts. There are five groups — activities, academics, students, sports, and the editors. Each group works very hard to try to make **Pawprints** an enjoyable book.

The editors, Karen Kranz and Niccole Gingras, chose "Oh, the Places We'll Go!" for the theme of the 1997 yearbook. The 1996 book won a silver award for journalism, and the staff hopes to repeat this honor.

Left. Jessica Schmidt and Becky Diers work hard writing copy for the activities section.

Below. Karen Kranz and Niccole Gingras show off their award.



Yearbook Staff. Front: Matt Weinzierl, Annie Dressen, Becky Diers, Jessica Schmidt, Jackie Menth. Center: Mark Plocher, Jenny Meuwissen, Desiree Schesso, Elizabeth Roebke, Loni Diethelm, Kelly Leen, Jenna Kunkel. Back: Niccole Gingras, Karen Kranz, Heidi Meier, Rosie Schrempp, Laura Richardson, Shona Hoops, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Kristin Erickson. Not pictured: Becky Rohlik, Rose Larson.



Above left. Annie Dressen shows Rose Larson that hard work and fun can make a great book.

Above. Jenny Meuwissen makes decisions on which pictures to use in the academics section.

National Honor Society Honors 82 Students

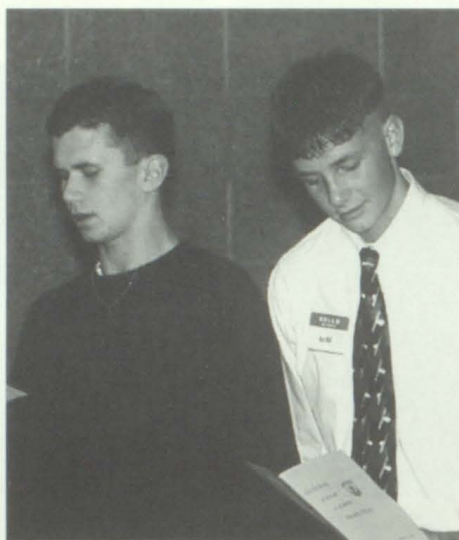
On September 16, 1996, National Honor Society inducted thirty-nine new members and recognized forty-three current members. NHS recognizes academic achievement, community service, and leadership.

Students who wish to apply for membership in NHS do so in the spring. Throughout that year, they

must have an 8.5 cumulative grade point average, fifteen hours of community service, take part in extra-curricular activities, and receive recommendations from teachers.

At the induction ceremony in September, Dr. Dan Neubauer was the guest speaker, concentrating on the subject, "You can be anything

you want to be, come fly with me."



Above center. Craig Peterson and Ian Hill take the National Honor Society pledge.

Above. Karissa Sjodin speaks during the induction ceremony.

Above right. Dr. Dan Neubauer speaks to the students on the subject of "You Can Be Anything..."

Right. Seniors in NHS. Top: Cori Zancig, Brandon Newman, Tom Gerding, Matt Hoelz, Josh Pauly, Kevin Kolb. 3rd Row: Jessica Drapcho, Anita Lehrke, Leigh Anne Brahee, Brandon Bussler, Carissa Froyum, Laura Richardson. 2nd Row: Travis Radel, Lacey Bresnahan, Karissa Sjodin, Dan Flies, Chrissy Diethelm. Front: Jay Elliot, Angela Roepke, Nicole Decker, Becky Rohlik, Karen Kranz. Not pictured: Ian Hill, Tony Hoen, Stacey Leen, Darbi Moll, Jim Radde, Amy Raether.





Juniors in NHS. Back: Robert Hart, Dean Traver, Chris Bergmann, Stacy Steinhagen, Eric Rewerts. 3rd Row: Elizabeth Roebke, Alicia Golembeski, Genny Poppler, Allison Hoggarth, Kristy Ketcher. 2nd Row: Brittany Molnau, Sarah Grote, Sarah Flies, Meghan Foley, Celyn Oakman. Front: Misty Koehnen, Craig Peterson, Berit Hanson, Laura Zender, Jeff Rolf, Adam Orth. Not pictured: Matthew Domoradzki, Barb Franke, Nicholas Geller, Lance Knorr, Bria Hanson.



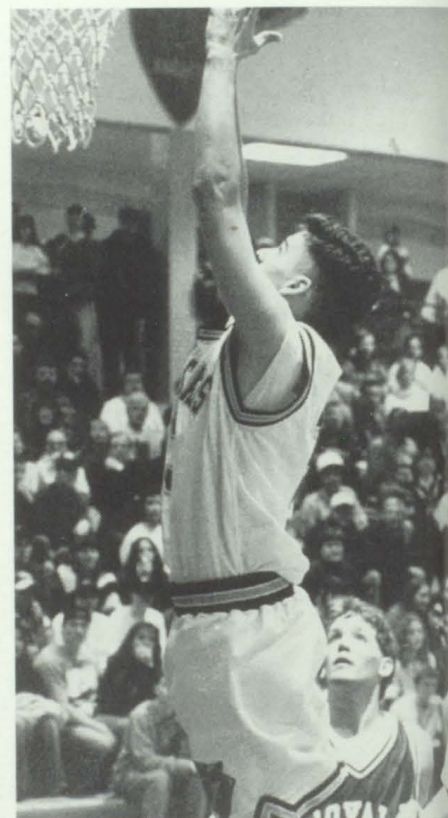
Above left. Tom Gerding receives his plaque at the NHS ceremony.

Above right. Mr. Fredericksen congratulates Berit Hanson on her first year in NHS.



Left. Sophomores in NHS. Back: Jo Anne Meuwissen, Emily Streeter, Cortney Sletten, Elliott Kranz, Gregory Kranz, Dan Schnobrich. 4th Row: Molly Schrupp, Angela Schuler, Sarah Doyscher, Sarah Dreier, Krystle Weinzierl, Benjamin Pauly, Loni Diethelm. 3rd Row: Kelly Hedtke, Emily Christianson, Kelly Leen, Heidi Meier, Jessica Schmidt, Rebekah Diers. 2nd Row: Jackie Menth, Desiree Schesso, Wendy Albrecht, Kristin Kiefert. Front: Jesse Waletich, Nona Lehrke, Katie Scholla, Rachelle Rosin.

Oh, the Places We'll Go!



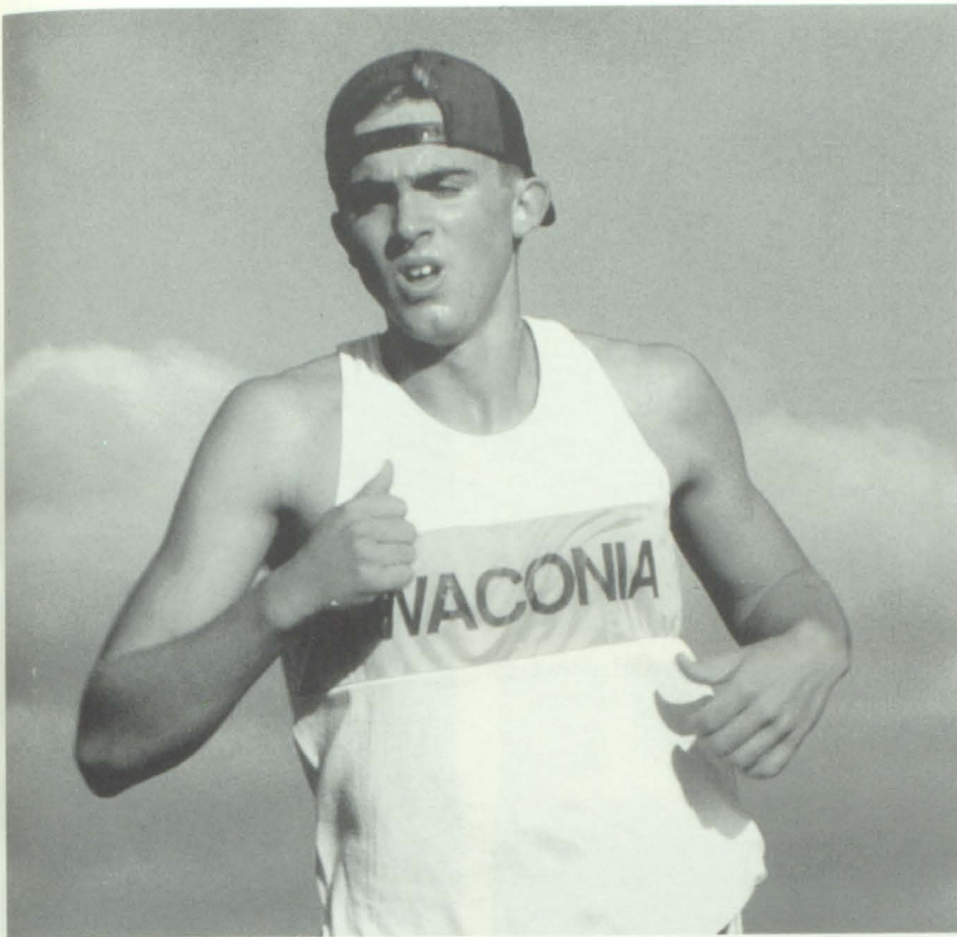
Top left. Rob Hart takes an ice break from an intensive defensive play.

Top right. Andrea Leffler shows her good form while performing on the mat.

Left center. The offensive team lines up for the snap.

Above. Senior Brandon Newman goes for the rebound. (Photo courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)

Left. Teri Schneider dives to stop a ground ball in the infield.



Left. Cross country runner Eric Wasness pushes himself to the limit.

Below. Alyssa Kes positions herself to pass the volleyball.

Bottom. Danceline members Jenny Bartholow, Lea Ann Hilk and Krystle Weinzierl perform the routine that won them the state championship.



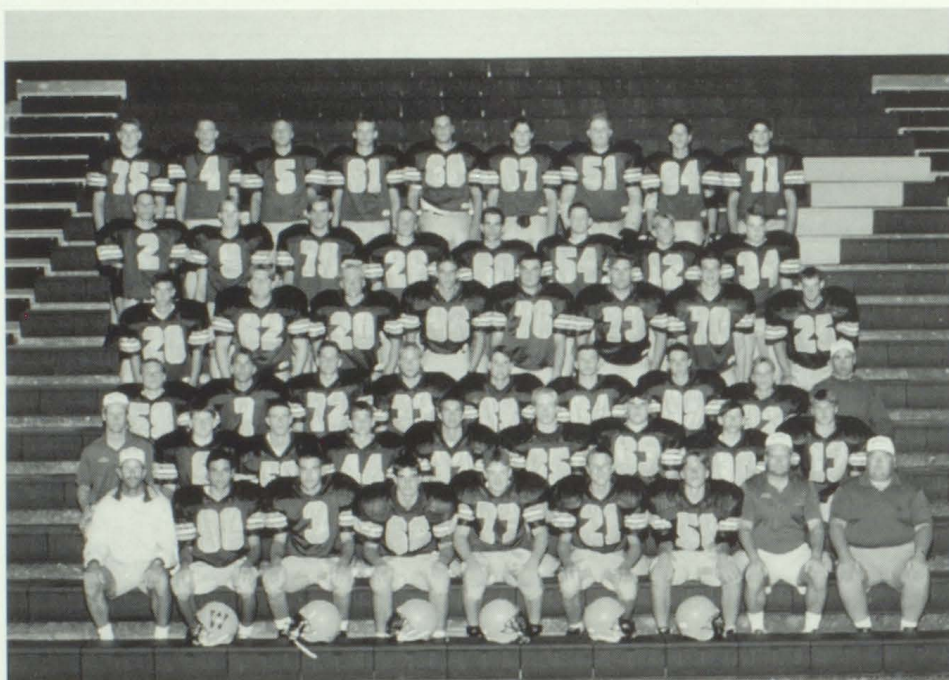
FOOTBALL

Team Finishes Fourth in Conference

With four wins and four losses, the Wildcat football team finished with a fourth place in conference. They met both of their goals for the season — one, to make the playoffs and second, to have a solid competitive season. The highlights of the season, according to Coach Pat Foley, included the game against Annandale in which the team scored twenty-eight points in the first half with a rush for over 200 yards. The other highlight was the homecoming game in which the

Wildcats won an exciting 17-14 game against Watertown.

The team had four members named to All-Conference — Kevin Kolb, Ryan Christoffer, Jason Schuette, and Bill Worm. Ryan Christoffer was a leader in rushing, with 1,114 yards in nine games. Jason Schuette also was an asset with interceptions to help lead the team to victories. Overall, the team had a good season and a good finish in the conference.



Varsity Football. Back: Bill Cooley, Ryan Arndt, Ryan Christoffer, Bill Worm, Tim Scholla, Tony Oswald, Dan Flies, Kevin Kolb, Dan Desoltel. Row 5: Matt Geiger, Nate Pesch, Chris Bergmann, Jason Schuette, Tim Bode, Shawn Phillippe, Jon McCall, Dave Perrill. Row 4: Mike Janski, Steve Minor, Joe Gesinger, Randy Rauen, Lex Seneff, Jeremy Schneider, Lance Knorr, Josh McIntosh. Row 3: Blake Beilby, Rob Hart, Nate Tellers, Paul Rohlik, Adam Hocutt, Craig Peterson, Jeff Bostic, Andy Skinner, Coach Mark Grundhofer. Row 2: Coach Pat Foley, Doug Flies, Corey Joyce, Ryan Shannon, Paul Delaney, Joe Grengs, Nate Pieper, Bill Bedford, B. J. Oswald. Front: Coach Jim Olsen, Roberto Filho, Elliott Kranz, Andy Gongoll, Chuck Machtemes, John Rueben, Ethan Weiland, Coach Steve Hullander, Coach Dale Froyum.



Above. Senior Jason Schuette sealed the victory with an 80-yard touchdown interception against LaCrescent.

Varsity Scores

WHS	Opponent	OPP
21	LaCrescent	10
12	Delano	20
7	St. Michael	14
28	Annandale	18
17	Watertown	14
21	Glencoe	44
7	Dassel-Cokato	33
27	Rockford	12
14	Orono	34

Most Valuable Offensive Player

Ryan Christoffer

Mr. Hustle and Best Lineman

Bill Worm

Best Defensive Player

Jason Schuette

Most Improved Player

Tim Bode





The football team said goodbye to Coach Dale Froyum at the end of the 1996 season. Mr. Froyum helped lead the team in the last seven seasons. He will be missed by both coaches and team members alike.

Top. Junior cat kicker Andy Skinner proved reliable in his first season as place-kicker.

Center, far left. Quarterback Nate Pesch hands the ball off to senior Dave Perrill in one of their many plays.

Left. Senior quarterback Ryan Arndt uses a good block by junior Nate Tellers to gain a first down against LaCrescent for their first victory.

Below. Coach Pat Foley advises his team members.

Bottom. The Wildcats offensive line waits attentively.

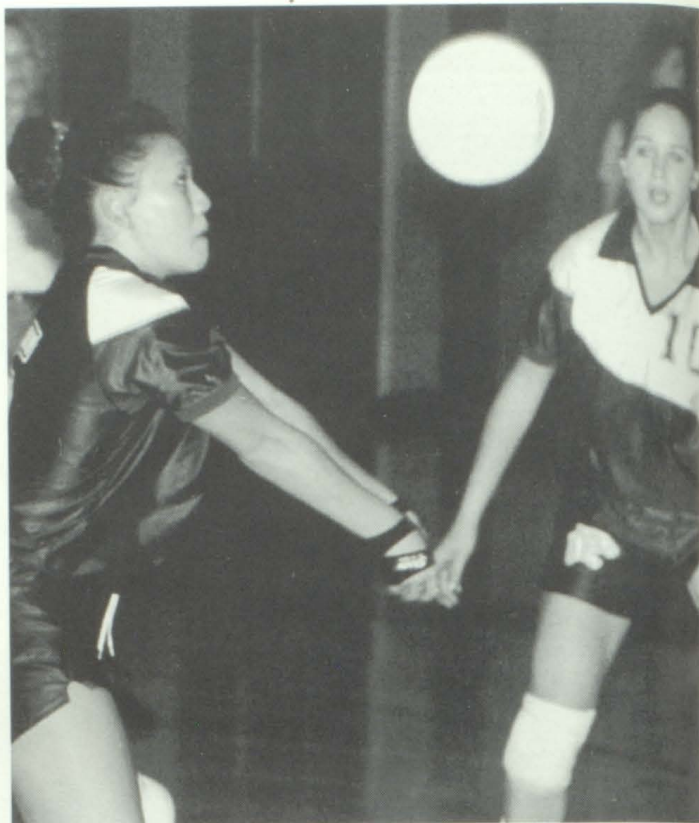


VOLLEYBALL

In Spite of Obstacles, Team Finishes 2nd in Conference

The volleyball team had a rough start with two members unable to play for a short period and another player lost to an injury. Despite these obstacles, the team had a successful year and played well. Maintaining the high standard that Waconia is known for in volleyball, the team finished second in the conference. Although the team had only two returning starters, they were still able to work well on and off the court.

Senior Teri Schneider, who played varsity since ninth grade, led the team with the best defense. Alyssia Kes also contributed to the team with her awesome kills and defense skills.



Varsity Volleyball. Back: Katie Wagener, Jamie Brown, Alyssa Kes, Nicole Decker, Dawn Ebersviller. Center: Angie Roepke, Jessica Drapcho, Molly Wulf. Front: Anita Lehrke, Coach Connie Manuel, Teri Schneider.



Top. Senior Teri Schneider prepares to bump the ball to a teammate.

Above. Sophomore Cortney Sletten jumps up to spike the ball to the opponent.

Opposite page:

Top. Coach Connie Manuel gives the team a pep talk during a time out.

Center. Senior Angie Roepke and sophomore Sarah Dreier watch intently, waiting for the opponent to serve.

Bottom. Alyssia Kes plans to pass the oncoming ball to a teammate.





Interview with Coach Manuel

Question: Did you accomplish or beat your goals?

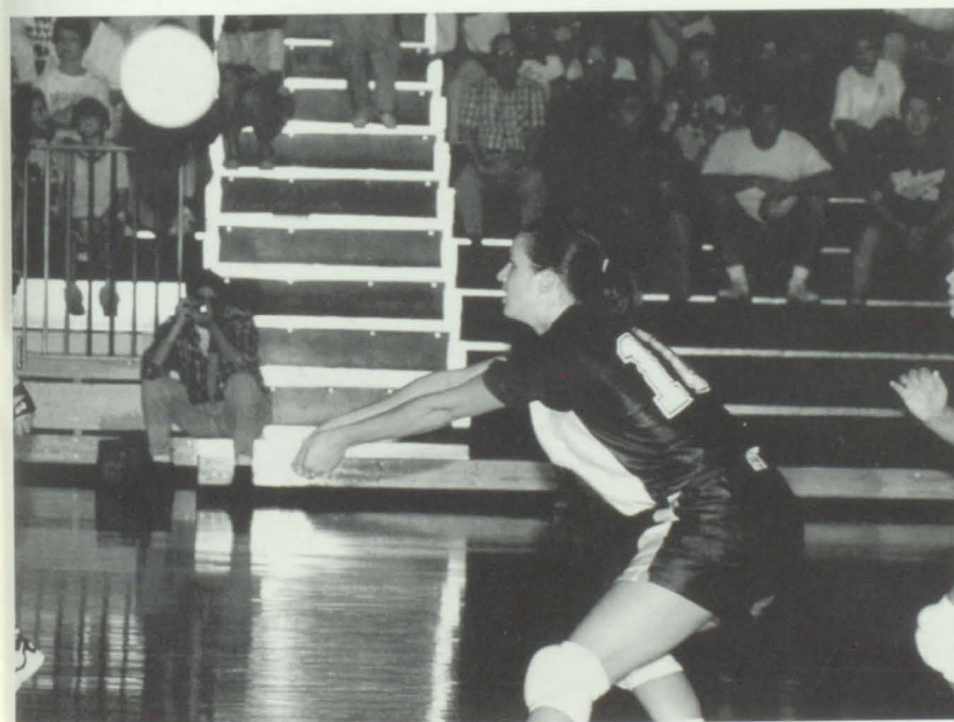
Coach: Yes, my prediction was for this year's team to be .500 and they surpassed that to .687 as the season's percentage.

Question: What were the strengths and weaknesses of the team?

Coach: A weakness is that we did not have the varsity experience returning with only two regular starters back. Some strengths were that the team members got along well with each other, worked hard and were a fun group of athletes to work with.

Question: Describe the game that was the highlight of the season.

Coach: Challenging Belle Plaine and Egan — both teams that were rated in the state polls.



Varsity Volleyball Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	Mound	0
0	Mayer Lutheran	3
2	Delano	3
3	Centennial	1
3	Glencoe	2
3	Bloom. Kennedy	1
0	STMA	3
3	Rockford	0
2	Belle Plaine	3
3	Watertown	0
3	Dassel Cokato	2
3	Shakopee	0
3	West Lutheran	0
0	Mayer Lutheran	3

CROSS COUNTRY

Record 65 Team Members Participate

The Wildcats had an all time high number of cross country team members this year, with 65 participants from junior high to senior high. The team finished fourth in the conference and received all-state honors. Freshman Cristy Jensen represented the team at state competition and finished in 19th place.

Coach Clark Machtemes said of the season, "Both individuals and the team did well, but above all, the season was a fun time."

Cross country is becoming more popular every year with more members participating. There is a

wide range of reasons why people join. Some do it to stay healthy and active, others participate for fun, and others enjoy the competition.



Right. Freshman member Cristy Jensen runs for a personal best.



Interview with Coach Machtemes

Describe the highlight of the season.

Coach Machtemes (pictured with Coach Monica Pahl, above): The kids were a fun group; we had a lot of fun. Also, the state meet where Cristy finished nineteenth.

What were the strengths of the team?

Coach: The girls had great depth and power. The team, as a whole, worked hard. We also had a high turnout.

Did you accomplish your goals?

Coach: Yes, we were striving to have fun, be competitive, and stay healthy.



Cross Country Team. Back: Coach Clark Machtemes, Coach Ingrid Ulvestad, Coach Monica Pahl, Chad Kosieracki, Scott Marsden, Tom Gerding, John Gilbert, Josh Pauly, Jerry Kerkhoff, Brent Hipp, Matt Hoelz, Therese Barnekow, Jim Radde, Eric Wasness, Jay Eliot, Bernt Nielsen, Dan Schnobrich, Jeremiah Hartmann. 4th Row: Caleb Jetto, Kevin Ketcher, Jenny Schnobrich, Sarah Gibbs, Dylan Phorr, Mark Ellingson, Anthony Smith, Karyn Laulainen, Katie Wasness, Jackie Condon, Josh Jetto, Nick Waletich. 3rd Row: Heather Anderson, Greg Kranz, Cal Kosieracki, Matt Anderson, Josh Hartmann, Sam Maiser, Kristin Pletsch, Melissa Ditsch, Ben Berndt, Mark Anderson, Eva Mohn. 2nd Row: Matt Masurka, Nathan McKinney, Becky Rohlik, Cori Zancig, Jesse Waletich, Matt Harvat, Ryan Murphy, Erik Ellingson, Matt Anderson, Richard Rohlik, Ted Keefe, Mike Erickson, Brent Rolf, Karl Kranz, John Rohlik. Front: Darbi Moll, Cristi Jensen, Emily Streeter, Marin Fogerty, Katie Ertl, Erin Pletsch, Justin Symanietz, Nick Gee.





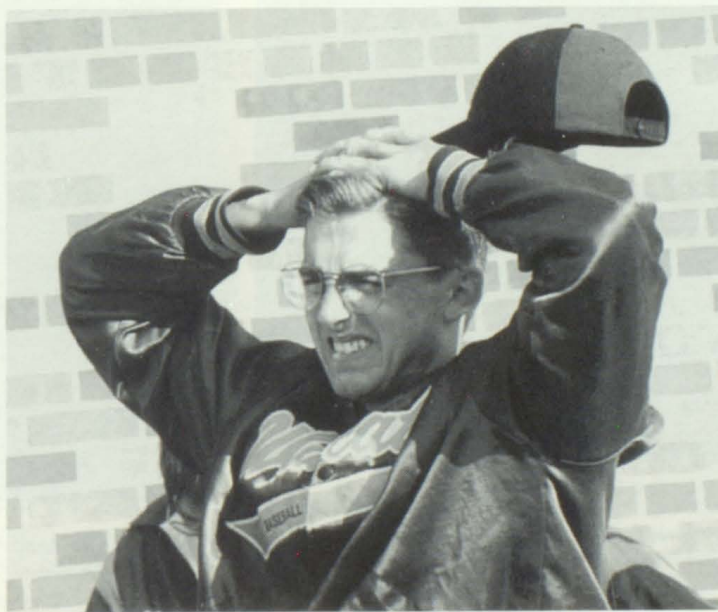
Top. Runners Becky Rohlik, Marin Fogerty, Katie Ertl, and Cristy Jensen prepare to compete against Rockford.

Left. Senior Becky Rohlik and junior Marin Fogerty smile after a race well run.



Bottom left. Senior Tom Gerding looks confident as he nears the end of his race.

Bottom right. Senior Eric Wasness anxiously awaits the end of a close finish.



CHEER-LEADERS

Squads Boost Spirit

The Wildcat cheerleaders can always be seen on and off the court cheering up the crowds.

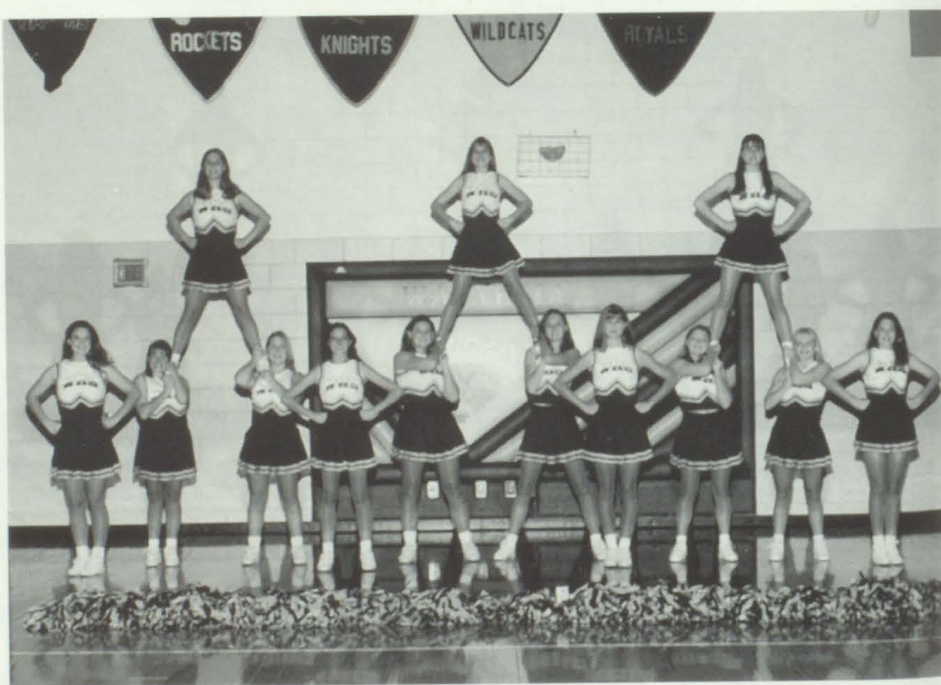
The girls always help support the teams with their bright smiles and enthusiasm. They've been with the teams through wins and losses and support them through everything.

Below. Basketball Cheerleaders. Back: Leesa Bartholomew, Celyn Oakman, Misty Hiben. Front: Kristin Erickson, Genny Poppler.

Wrestling Cheerleaders. Sherry Schlechter, Erin Menssen, Katie Ertl, Stacy Steinhagen.



Center right. Erin Menssen entertains students at a pep fest during coronation week.
Above. Angela Hatz shows her spirit while cheering for a pep fest.



Football Cheerleaders. Top: Brittany Molnau, Genny Poppler, Kelly Klosterman. Bottom: Leesa Bartholomew, Kristin Erickson, Ryan Gulden, Misty Hiben, Erin Menssen, Rachelle Rosin, Celyn Oakman, Crystal Zancig, Angela Hatz, Wendy Ahlbrecht.



DANCELINE

Lakettes Capture First in State Competition

The highlight of the season for the Waconia Lakettes was winning the state class A precision high kick championship. Competing against nineteen other teams, the danceline was first in preliminaries and in the finals.

During 1996-97 the danceline had two seasons rather than one. The first, their performance season, began practices in August and performed for a variety of school activi-

ties such as football half-time shows and volleyball games. The second, their competitive season, began in October and finished with the state competition in February.

Interview with Coach Katy Winter



Did you accomplish your goals?

Coach: "We had several team goals for the season:

- keep a positive attitude
- practice hard every day
- earn a trophy at a competition
- make finals at state and finish in the top three!"

Fall Danceline. Clockwise from bottom left: Heather Anquist, Erica Rademacher, Gina Meuwissen, Lori Wirtz, Melissa Schuler, Trude Ditsch, Chrissy Kerber, coach Katy Winter, Tiffany Dalbec, Erin Ditsch, Destiny Bren, Krystle Weinzierl, Angie Schuler, Kristen McCune, Jessica Buesgens. Center clockwise: Mariah Davis, Lea Ann Hilk, Katie Anquist, Jenny Barthelow.



Top. Angie Schuler shows off the styles of the 70's while performing to "Staying Alive."
Above. Lori Wirtz smiles for the crowd while dancing during the competitive season.



Competition Danceline. Front: Angie Schuler, Jessica Buesgens, Krystle Weinzierl, Kristen McCune. 2nd Row: Kelly Hedtke, Lea Ann Hilk, Destiny Bren, Lori Wirtz, Stacey Parkerson. Back: Coach Katy Winter, Mariah Davis, Jenny Barthelow, Kristin Kiefert, Erin Ditsch, Tiffany Dalbec, Katie Anquist.

BASKETBALL

Boys Beat Minnehaha Academy, Win Sub-Section, Conference Titles

The 1996-97 boys' basketball season will be remembered for its success for a long time. The boys worked hard at practices and games, and their efforts paid off. They were conference and sub-section champions, and runner-up in the sections. Their season record was 13-1 in the conference, 22-4 overall.

One of the team's major accomplishments was to beat Minnehaha Academy, who had defeated the Wildcats for the past two years. A strong defense and a strong offense made the team as successful as they were.

Two seniors received high honors. Joe Hedin was named All-Metro and All-Star, and Tom Gerding received All-Metro honorable mention. Overall, the team had a remarkable year. Summing up the season, Coach Doug Sayles said, "This group of seniors have given

themselves, teammates, community, and staff some wonderful memories. They will be remembered not only as excellent basketball players, but also as excellent people."



Top. Junior Eric Rewerts goes up for a shot against some tough defense at Concordia College.

Right. Senior Brandon Newman concentrates hard on the game as he defends the opponent.

Above. While being guarded, Ryan Arndt looks for an open teammate. (Photos courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)



Varsity Boys' Basketball. Back: Matt Hoelz, Ryan Arndt, Joe Hedin, Tom Gerding, Brandon Bussler, Jerry Kerkhoff, Jim Radde, Brandon Newman. 2nd Row: Coach Eric Herrmann, Jamie Stender, Nate Geiger, Tim Keefe, Eric Rewerts, Adam Orth, Rob Hart, Paul Rohlik, Coach Tom Konrardy. Front: Doug Sayles, Alex Kranz, Phillip Litfin, Coach Jim Olson.



Interview with the Team Captains

What made the season so successful?

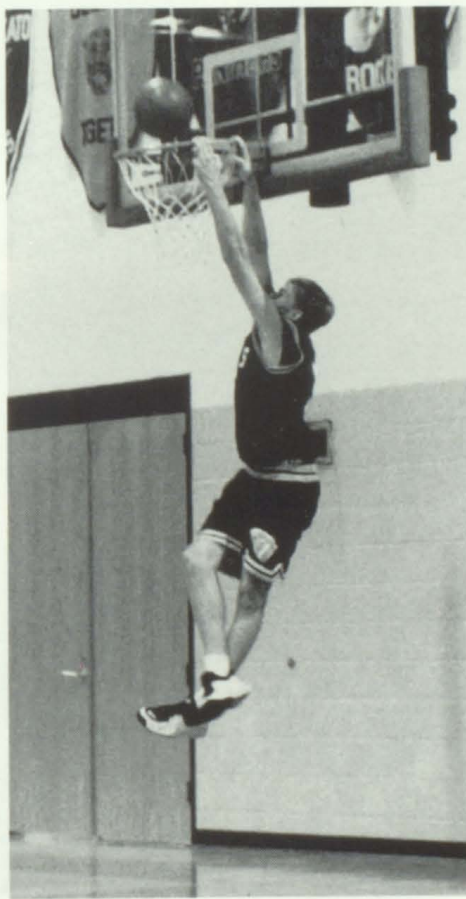
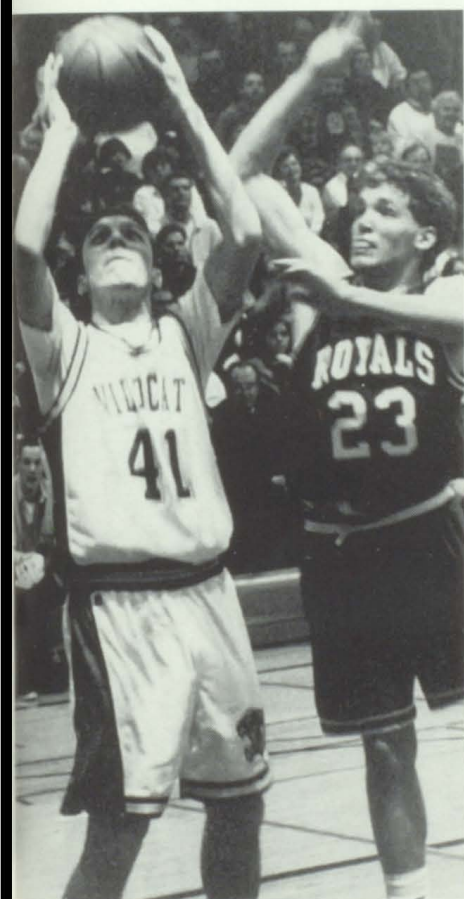
Joe Hedin: "The season was successful in the way we all were going for the same goal. That drove us to do the best that we could."

Tom Gerding: "Camaraderie between the players and 8 seniors who provided good leadership."

What influenced how the team played together?

Joe: "We've played together for so many years that it finally took care of itself. There were no selfish players on our team."

Tom: "Running game because we all could get up and down the floor so everyone was able to get involved."



WHS	Opponent	OPP
74	Orono	50
70	Mound	41
56	Annandale	46
63	Minnetonka	66
57	Warren	41
76	DGF	55
64	Barnesville	44
41	Chaska	44
60	Rockford	52
79	Dassel	43
72	Glencoe	63
65	Delano	57
83	Watertown	65
88	STMA	52
66	Rockford	52
64	Sibley East	62
72	Dassel	51
59	Glencoe	68
80	Delano	43
70	Watertown	53
55	STMA	46
55	Annandale	38
73	LeSeuer	50
89	Holy Angels	86
57	Minnehaha	45
43	DeLaSalle	45

Above. Senior Jim Radde aims and shoots, helping to lead the team to victory.

Top. The team gathers at the end of the Delano game for a team huddle

Above. Senior Joe Hedin once again amazes the crowd with his dunking abilities.

(Photos courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)



BASKETBALL

Girls Finish Fourth in Conference

The Waconia girls' basketball team had a successful season, with a record of 13 wins and 9 losses. They finished with 4th place in the conference and had a 5th place seed in sub-sections. A highlight of the season was the defeat of Glencoe/Silver Lake for the first time in history.

The team had a number of players who stood out, such as Teri Schneider who received All-Conference, was team MVP, Best Defense Player, and team captain.

Jessica Drapcho also received All-Conference. Ali Peters received honorable mention All Conference and the team Wildcat Award, while Karissa Sjodin was the team's Most Improved Player and Angie Roepke received the NBA Sportsmanship award.

Right. With determination, Jessica Drapcho dribbles to get past her opponents.

Below left. Sarah Buesgens drives toward the basket to score.

Below right. Anita Lehrke fights to regain possession of the ball.

(All action photos courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)



Varsity Girls' Basketball. Front: Allison Hoggarth, Sarah Buesgens, Ali Peters, Misty Koehnen. Center: Angie Roepke, Karissa Sjodin, Jessica Drapcho, Anita Lehrke, Teri Schneider, Katie Wagener, Kelly Jo Sletten. Back: Manager Katie Keaveny, coach Becky Johnson, Sarah Dreier, Katie Scholla, Kelly Staber, Cortney Sletten, Sarah Doyscher, coach Tracy Johnson.





Interview with All-Conference Players What made the season successful?

Jessica Drapcho: "The season was made successful because our team was able to overcome obstacles and have a lot of fun in the process."

Teri Schneider: "Our season was successful because our team this year got along so well. There was a strong team unity that showed on the court."

What did the team do to work together?

Teri: "We did more than just play hoops together. We were all friends off the court too, so it just came to us naturally to mesh the way we did."

Jessica: "We made suggestions to each other and tried to work out any problems we had regarding the team. This helped us to be open with one another and closer as a team."



Top. Angie Roepke maneuvers past the Chargers and drives for the basket.

Left. Teri Schneider looks to her teammates and checks for an opening to pass.

Above. The team gathers for a victory hug at the end of the game.

(All action photos courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)

WHS	Opponent	OPP
39	Orono	60
41	STMA	29
44	Annandale	45
45	Mayer	40
	Lutheran	
48	Kurhoven	51
52	Minneota	47
56	Mound	52
38	Rockford	50
54	Glencoe	50
55	Watertown	33
61	STMA	56
60	Dassel	59
41	Rockford	40
51	Sibley East	40
37	Dassel	58
33	Glencoe	37
66	Delano	52
62	Watertown	41
52	Delano	51
38	Belle Plaine	49
53	Annandale	57
50	Holy Angels	74



WRESTLING

Three Wrestlers Advance to State Competition

The 1996-97 wrestling team finished with a record of 5-12. Three members were named to All-Conference — Jay Biskey, Dave Wagener, and Kevin Kolb. In addition, three wrestlers — Nick Wischnack, David Wagener, and Kevin Kolb — advanced to the state wrestling meet. Kevin also won his 100th match and finished with a 28-4 record.

The Wildcat wrestlers have gone

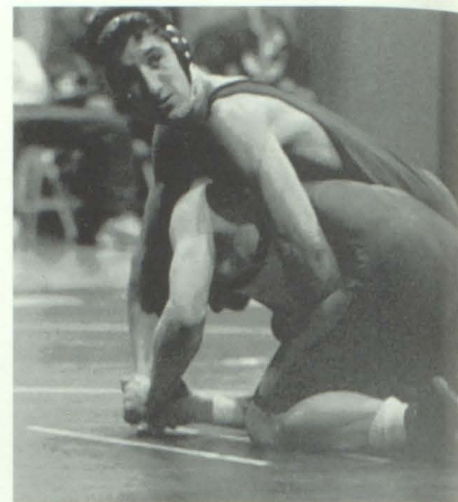
through a few changes in the last couple of years. Over three years, they have had three different coaches.

Although the team was young and inexperienced this year, they had many close matches.

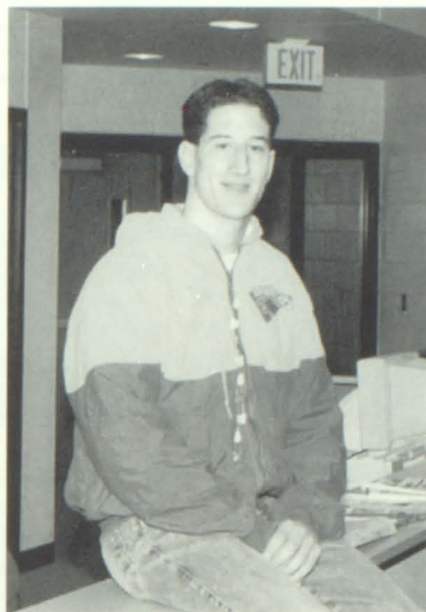
Below left. Dave Wagener steps to the mat to shake hands with his opponent.

Below right. Coach Mark Elsenpeter advises the wrestler while the team offers support from the sidelines.

Below. Kevin Kolb shows how easy it really is by taking a break and checking the time left. (Photo courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)

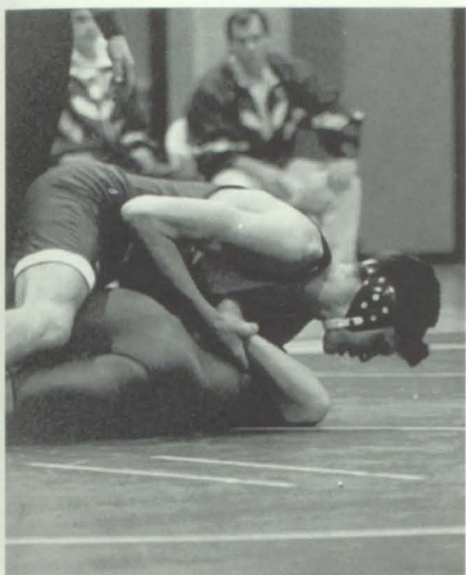


Varsity Wrestling. Front: Garrett Morgan, Jason Biskey, Amory Toth, Josh Schilling, David Wagener, Troy Wagener, Nick Wischnack. Center: Jesse Timm, Kevin Kolb, Eric Waldron, Matt Westlund, Ethan Weiland, Joe Stangret. Back: Coach Shawn Wagener, Kelly Wagener, Mel Berg, Shawn Phillippe, Dan Flies, Dan Desotel, Coach Mark Elsenpeter, Dan Kaltred.



Interview with Kevin Kolb

"The four coaches the wrestling team has had in the last four years have had both a positive and negative effect. The team has gone through a lot in the last four years emotionally as well as physically. It is hard to get attached to a coach when you aren't sure if he'll be around next year. It is also difficult to obtain a sense of tradition or pride when the coaching habits and practices are different from year to year. Although this can take its toll on the team, it has had some positive effects on me. Each coach that has come and gone has left his personal style with the team. Overall, the program has grown, in part due to the personalities and strength of these four coaches." Kevin Kolb



Top. Dave Wagener, Jesse Timm, Kevin Kolb, Eric Waldron, Josh Schilling and Nick Wischnack gather for a group photo.

Center left. Jesse Timm puts his opponent in a position to help ensure a win. (Photo courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)

Center right. Jay Biskey inflicts pain upon his Tiger opponent. (Photo courtesy of the Waconia Patriot.)

Above. Nick Wischnack maneuvers around his opponent and escapes a pin.

WHS	Opponent	OPP
12	Litchfield	46
39	Orono	28
29	Norwood	34
25	Delano	40
63	Benilde	9
31	Lester Prairie	39
37	Glencoe	34
6	Dassel	58
10	Farmington	50
19	St. Peter	44
43	Mound	30
9	STMA	54
18	Annandale	40
26	Watertown	31
26	Rockford	29
42	Brooklyn	30
	Center	
29	Shakopee	37

BASEBALL

Strong Pitching Leads to Fourth in Conference

The Wildcats completed their season 9-10, and finished fourth in the conference. The main strength of the team was the depth in their pitching staff. Unlike many teams who had only two good starting pitchers, the Wildcats had four solid starting pitchers.

The highlight of the season was their 10-5 victory over Mayer Lutheran, at the time ranked sixth in the state. Brandon Bussler hit three doubles, and the Wildcats had 13 hits off their best pitcher before the Crusaders realized what had happened.

Brandon Bussler had an out-

standing season and showed leadership on and off the field. He was named All-Conference honorable mention and was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates. With the highest average (over 400) at the plate, Tony Oswall was named All-Conference, as was all around player Brandon Newman. Receiving All-Conference honorable mention were Rob Hart, catcher, and Andy Larson, pitcher.

The team seemed to follow the philosophy of their coach, Mark Grundhofer: "Believe in yourself and your team. Expect to win!"



Varsity Baseball. Back: Coach Mark Grundhofer, Brandon Newman, Tony Oswall, Bill Worm, Brandon Bussler, Chris Bergmann, Nate Arndt, Eric Wasness, Rob Hart. Front: Andy Larson, Joe Wirtz, Mike Janski, Matt Orn, John Geyen, Elliott Kranz, BJ Oswall.

Top. Brandon Bussler amazes everyone with the incredible speed and power in his fast ball.

Center left. Rob Hart takes a mighty swing in hopes of hitting a home run.

Center right. Brandon Newman casually throws the ball in a pre-game warmup.

Above. Trying to get the runner out, Elliott Kranz throws the ball hard to second base.



Interview with the Team Captains

How did this year's season go?

Brandon Newman: I felt it was good. We improved from five wins a year ago to nine wins this year. One bad thing is that I wish we would have won at least one playoff game.

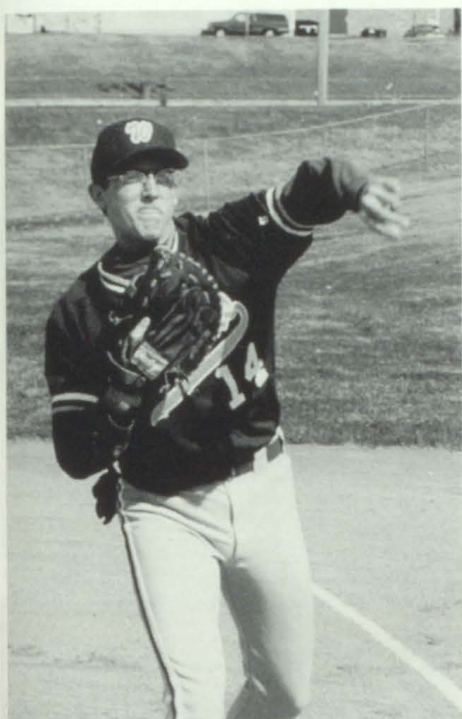
Tony Oswall: I felt the season went pretty good, because we were close to 500 as a team.

Bill Worm: This season was the greatest.

What are some things that could be changed for next year?

Brandon: I would like to start the season earlier and play more games.

Tony: Play more games.



Above. Catcher Rob Hart gives the pitcher a target to aim for.

Center left. Eric Wasness uses his incredible strength to throw the ball to first.

Top. Andy Larson pitches the ball in an attempt to strike out the batter.

Center right. Concentrating on throwing, Tony Oswall bites his tongue.

WHS	Opponent	Opp
0	Dassel	8
0	STMA	2
9	Delano	8
8	Glencoe	6
6	Watertown	10
1	Rockford	3
2	Dassel	7
12	Annandale	0
5	STMA	4
0	Annandale	13
14	Delano	7
1	Glencoe	11
10	Waterville	6
3	Jordan	14
10	Mayer Lutheran	5
10	Watertown	0
6	Rockford	3

SOFTBALL

Girls Improve to Take Fourth in Conference

The girls' softball team placed fourth in the conference, up from seventh place last season. Overall, the team ended with a 9-12 record, a great improvement from the past year.

Defensively, the team was strong. Although batting and pitching started out slow, all areas came together in the second half of the season, and the team played well.

The highlight of the season was the 6-5 win over 3rd seeded Mayer Lutheran in sections. The Wildcats, who were seeded 6th, upset the Crusaders in the top of the 7th inning.

Teri Schneider ended her high school career named All Region, All Conference, and Most Valuable Player. With 12 steals, she was tops in the metro area. Senior Angie Roepke was named All Conference with a total of 119 put outs and 4 errors. Anita Lehrke won the Wildcat Award for leadership and team play, while Emily Streeter and Molly

Schrupp were named Most Improved players.

Coach Kanavati summed up the season, "By the end of the season, this year's team showed solid defense, hitting and pitching. They peaked as a team at the right time, which allowed them to win the games they did."



Below. Sarah Buesgens fields the ball and throws it back to second.

Below left. Catcher Emily Streeter prepares a target for the pitcher.

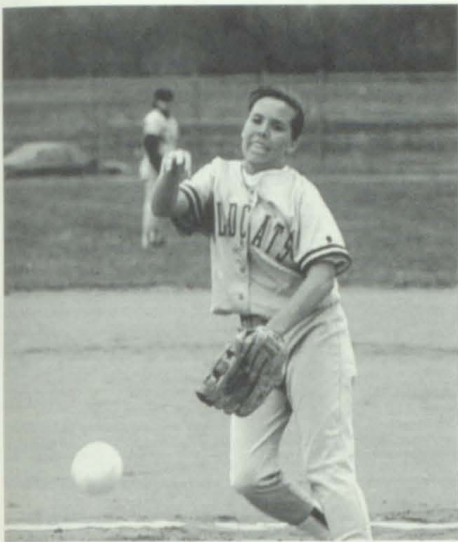


Varsity Softball. Back: Coach Dominique Kanavati, Teri Schneider, Anita Lehrke, Angie Roepke, Ryan Gulden, Carrie Nelson. Front: Jamie Brown, Sarah Buesgens, Rachel Jurek, Amanda Hamer, Emily Streeter, Molly Schrupp, Ali Peters, Molly Wulf.

Below. Senior Teri Schneider starts off the game with some great pitches.



Center left. Sophomore Molly Schrupp puts all her effort and determination into her pitch.



J-V Softball. Back: Coach Mark Elsenpeter, Sarah Grote, Kelly Staber, Sherry Schlechter, Misty Koehnen, Katie Larson. Front: Nona Lehrke, Danielle Hoekstra, Kelly Hedtke, Jo Anne Meuwissen, Amanda Hamer.



Interview with the Team Captains

How did the season go?

Angie Roepke: The season went really well. We started off the year slow, but we ended up finishing very well.

Teri Schneider: Overall, the season was better than any of us expected. We ended up 9-12, a lot better than last year. The team meshed well and it was great to play with the people I did.

What are some things that could be changed for next year?

Angie: Hopefully the weather will be better, and indoor practice won't seem so long.

Teri: Not much. Everything ran smoothly.

Left. Intent on the game, Angie Roepke nearly bites off her tongue as she prepares to throw the ball.

WHS	Opponent	Opp
3	Dassel	12
14	STMA	13
6	Norwood	10
1	Delano	8
11	Glencoe	0
6	Watertown	9
14	Belle Plaine	4
3	Rockford	13
2	Rockford	13
2	Dassel	36
10	STMA	5
6	Annandale	24
0	Delano	6
13	Watertown	10
3	Blake	4
5	Waseca	6
6	Mpls. Henry	3
11	Glencoe	5
11	Annandale	10
6	Mayer Lutheran	5
0	Rockford	10

TRACK

Six Advance to State; Boys Break Records

The boys' track team had a very successful season. Five seniors qualified for state competition — Tom Gerding in the 200 meter, the 400 meter, and in the 4 x 4 along with Joe Hedin, Ryan Arndt, Jason Radde, and Matt Hoelz.

The strength of the team came from the leadership and drive of the seniors and the overall ability of the team to have fun. The team made efforts to break previously held records; they successfully broke the section records in the 200 meter (21.9) and in the 400 meter (48.05).

Tom Gerding broke the state record in 1996 in the 400 meter run and had a highly successful high school career.

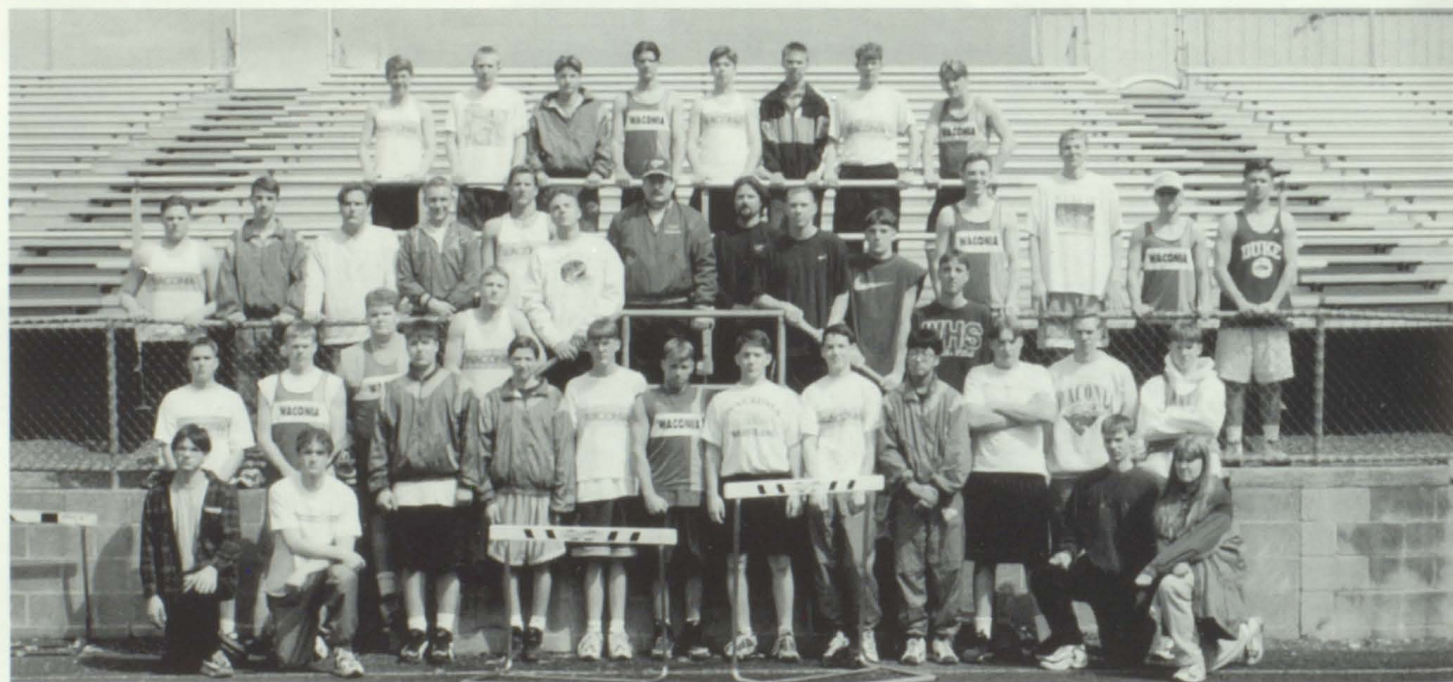
He was featured on a program showcasing outstanding high school athletes on the Midwest Sports Channel. In addition, he was chosen as Athlete of the Week by WCCO and the *Star Tribune*.

The highlight of the girls' track season was the Sub-Section 14A qualifying meet in which the girls qualified in six of their ten events. Section 4-A qualifiers included Cristy Jensen, Lauren Bresnahan, Lacey Albrecht, Natalie Timmers, Katie Ertl, Laura Zender, and Katie Wagener. Cristy Jensen advanced to state competition in the 3200 meter run. Although a small team, the girls worked very hard. "It was a great season!" said coach Connie Manuel.

Below. Dan Schnobrich leaves the competition in the dust.

Center left. Relaxing before her race, Cori Zancig smiles for the camera.

Center right. Joe Gesinger practices his start before a big run.



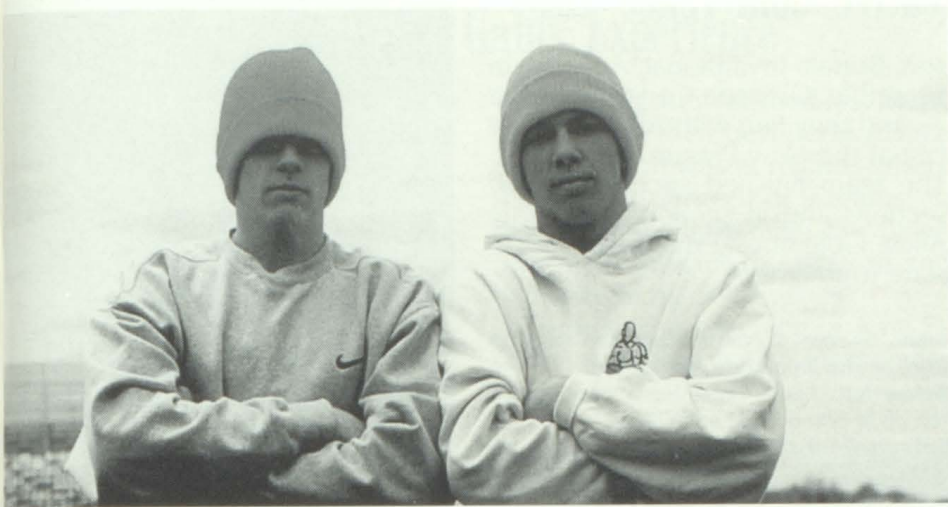
Boys' Track. Back: Ben Berndt, Kyle Rambow, Erik Sorensen, Kent Boll, Andrew Tongen, Ryan Murphy, Ryan Hammer, Drew Johnston. 3rd Row: Blake Beilby, Lance Knorr, Jeremy Schneider, Joe Gesinger, Nate Tellers, Ryan Christoffer, Coach Steve Hullander, coach Clark Machtemes, Ryan Arndt, Matt Hoelz, Nate Wendland, John Gilbert, Andy Skinner, Craig Peterson. 2nd Row: Dan Flies, Jason Schuette, Jason Radde. 1st Row: Dave Philp, Joe Hedin, Mark Hoelz, Dan Bedford, Scott Marsden, Jon McCall, Shawn Phillippe, Dan Schnobrich, Ryan Schmitt, Chuck Machtemes, Tom Gerding, Jason Lahr. Kneeling: Jeremiah Hartmann, Lucas Tevis, Jeff Pieper, Heather Anderson.



Below. Seniors Joe Hedin and Ryan Arndt try to keep warm while modeling the latest track styles.

Below right. Matt Hoelz pushes himself as he speeds to the finish line.

Below left. Jason Radde gets set at the starting block.



Interview with the Team Captains

What were some of the year's highlights?

Katie Wagener: Making it to sections in shot.

Nicole Decker: Getting 2nd place at the Lion's Relays with such a small team. The Lion's is a home event and a pretty big deal.

What are some things that could be changed for next year?

Nicole: More home meets! I think they really psych the girls up.



Above. Tom Gerding gets ready to lead the pack and help the team to victory. Tom set a new state record in the 400 meter during his high school career.

Girls' Track. Back: Katie Wagener, Nicole Decker, Cori Zancig, Laura Zender. Center: Katie Ertl, Katie Menssen, Lacy Skoog, Lauren Bresnahan, Cristy Jensen. Front: Megan Doyscher, coach Tracy Johnson, coach Connie Manuel, Natalie Timmers.

GOLF

Girls Claim Fourth Consecutive Conference Title

Alicia Golembeski achieved ninth place in the state girls' golf tournament, and the girls' golf team won their 4th consecutive Wright County conference title. Of the five All Conference selections, three girls took the top three spots — Alicia Golembeski, #1, Allison Hoggarth, #2, and Cortney Sletten, #3. In addition, Kelly Sletten and Sarah Doyscher were also named All Conference.

The team finished first in all the following tournaments — Hutchin-

son, Buffalo Invitational, Annandale Scramble, Glencoe Co Ed Scramble — and they tied with Albert Lea for first at the New Prague Invitational. The team finished second in subsections and in sections, and only Alicia Golembeski qualified for the state tournament.

Right. Allison Hoggarth shows her winning form as she prepares to hit the ball.

Below left. Alicia Golembeski prepares to tee off at Island View golf course.

Below right. Kelly Jo Sletten concentrates on a powerful hit.



Varsity Girls' Golf. Back: Sarah Marsden, Melissa Ditsch, Annie Dressen, Melanie Hoggarth, Amanda Hawkins. Center: Sarah Dreier, Alicia Golembeski, Kelly Jo Sletten, Natalie Dahlke, Megan Sterner. Front: Cortney Sletten, Sarah Doyscher, Allison Hoggarth.



Above. Travis Radel, the only senior on the boys' golf team, demonstrates his skills.

GYMNASTICS

Cohesive Team Gains Experience

Gymnastics is still a relatively new sport for Waconia. Members of the team practiced and competed in the balance beam, uneven bars, floor exercise, and vault. Although the team was somewhat inexperienced, they had fun and worked hard. Despite the tough season, the gymnasts remained upbeat and positive.

Although they finished last in the conference, their best performance of the season was at regions where they placed 7th out of 9 teams. At regions, they started on the beam (the most difficult to start on) and had several no-fall routines.

Through the coaching of Amy Fischer, the team had a memorable season.

WHS	Opponent	OPP
104.55	W/M	116.3
115.6	STMA	123.85
114.2	DEL	121.65
116.8	GSLI	Invit.
118.7	ANN	121.95
119	D-C	120.15
120.8	GSL	125.7
117.4	ROCK	123.9



Interview with Lacey Bresnahan

How has the program changed since its first year at Waconia?

Lacey: "The program has changed in many ways. I feel the most significant changes have been in the form of team building. We are a close team with common goals. Also, our scores have continued to improve each year. We are competitive in the conference. With the growing community ed gymnastics programs, I see our numbers going up each year as well."



Gymnastics Team. Front: Eric Rademacher, Jenny Pickart, Megan Turek, Barb Franke, Lacey Ahlbrecht. Center: Coach Sandy Wasness, Andrea Leffler, Tegen Oakman, Lacey Bresnahan, Lauren Bresnahan, Coach Amy Fischer. Back: Sarah Domoradzki, Melissa Ittel, Jessica Kamrath, Jenny Litfin, Jolene John.

Top left. Barb Franke performs a difficult move as part of her floor exercise.

Above. Megan Turek prepares to execute her final tumbling maneuver before dismounting.



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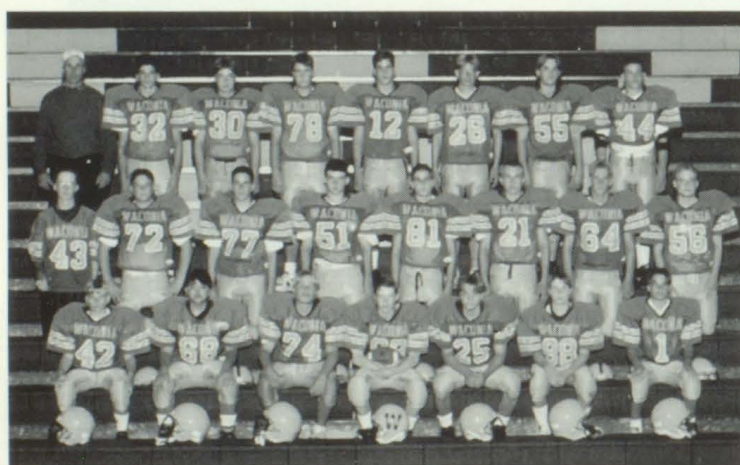
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J-V Boys' Basketball. Back: BJ Oswald, Paul Delaney, Chuck Machtemes, Nate Kerkhoff, Andy Gongoll, Roberto Filho. Front: Jason Lahr, Elliott Kranz, coach Jim Olson, Peter Geyen, Doug Flies.



9th Grade Boys' Basketball. Back: Coach Jon Luebke, Mike Staber, Scot Rewerts, Andrew Tongen, Ryan Murphy, Joe Masurka, Mike Weiland. Center: Ethan Miller, Dennis Swenson, Brady Bussler, Kyle Rambow, Eric Tetreault, David Myers, Terry Klaers. Front: Jay Lenz, Erik Sorensen, Trent Klein, Anthony Smith, Travis Klein.



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9th Grade Girls' Basketball. Front: Crisly Jensen, Rachel Stenger, Julie Hoen. Center: Crystal Zancig, Karyn Laulainen, Leslie Litfin, Crystal Braunwarth, Rose Larson, Courtney Hanson, Kari Laabs. Back: Sarah Marsden, Julia Kes, Katie Menssen, Melanie Hoggarth, Lacey Morgan, Kristi Wachholz.



9th Grade Girls' Softball. Back: Coach Sue Goldschmidt, Leslie Litfin, Amber Brandmire, Courtney Hanson, Jessica Sutherland, Rose Larson, Kari Laabs, Jenny Menth. Front: Tegen Oakman, Julie Hoen, Jessica Kamrath, Rachel Stenger, Melissa Ittel, Kara Dake.



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•James Vit, a WHS alum, was murdered at his job in Eden Prairie in March of 1997.

•The Minnesota Gophers basketball team made it to the Final Four this year.

•Business teacher Ken Gerding retired at the end of the school year after 32 years in the district. He advised the *Waconia* yearbook in the early 1970's.

•The community of Waconia responded to the flood relief efforts by sandbagging, raising funds, and collecting food, etc., for victims of the floods.

•Thirty-nine members of the Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide in San Diego, California.

•Ellen DeGeneres made TV history by "coming out" as a gay lead character on her show.

COLOPHON

The 1997 edition of *Pawprints* was published by the Taylor Publishing Company of Dallas, Texas. Designed on UltraVision software, the 128-page book was printed on 80 lb. enamel paper, smyth sewn, with a special silk-screen cover design and oyster parchment school-designed endsheets. Body copy was 10 pt. Athena, captions 8 pt. Athena, and most headlines were Malibu Bold Italic. Three hundred ninety books were sold at a cost of \$38.00 each.

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