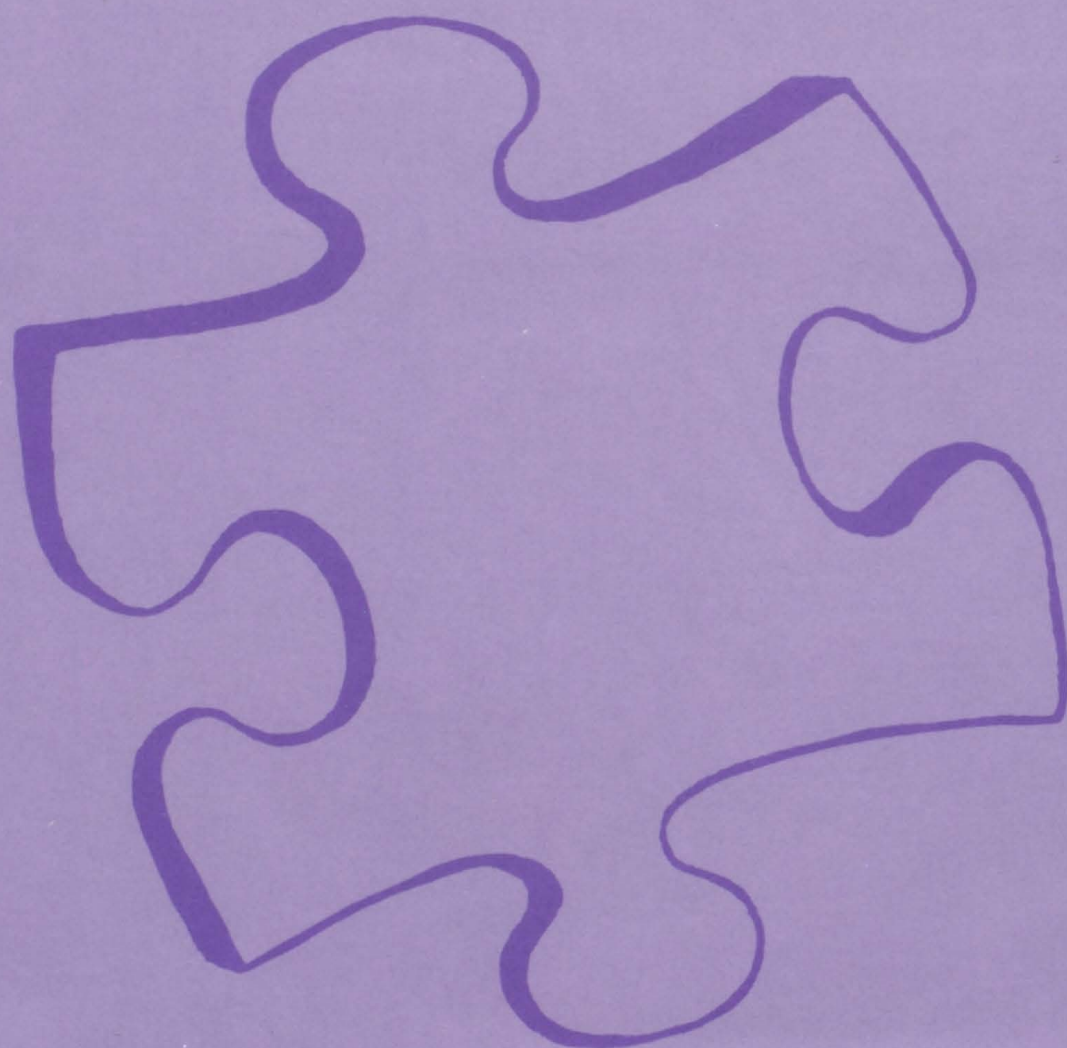
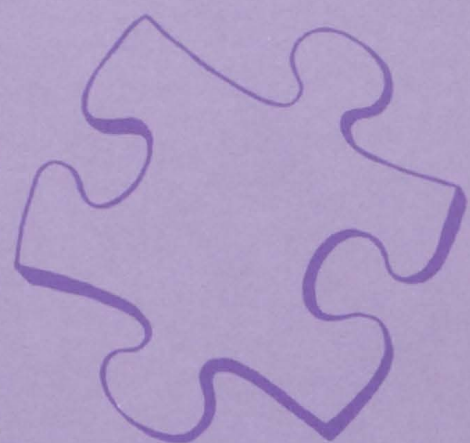
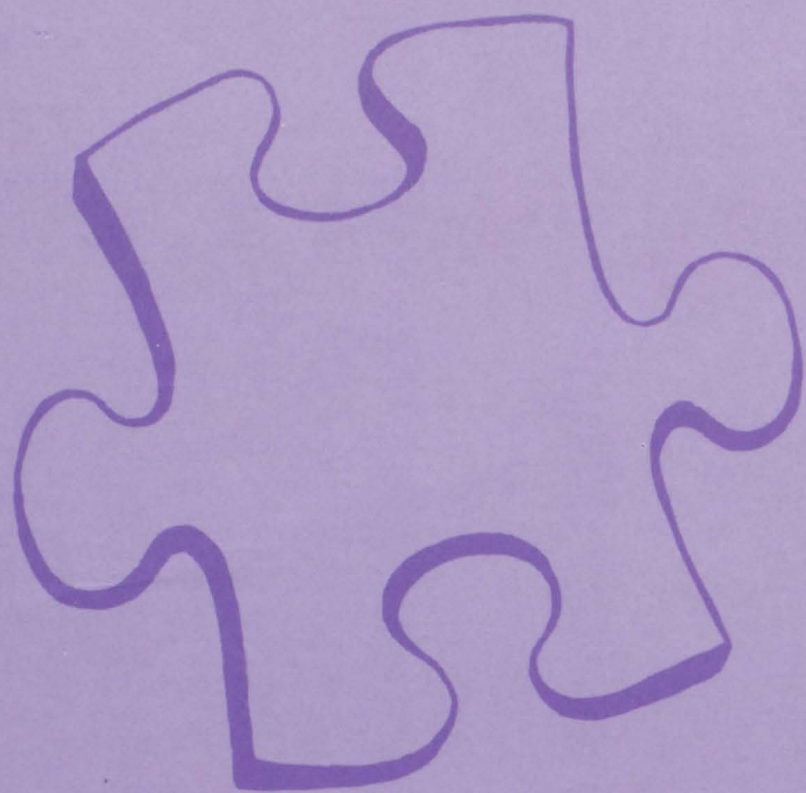
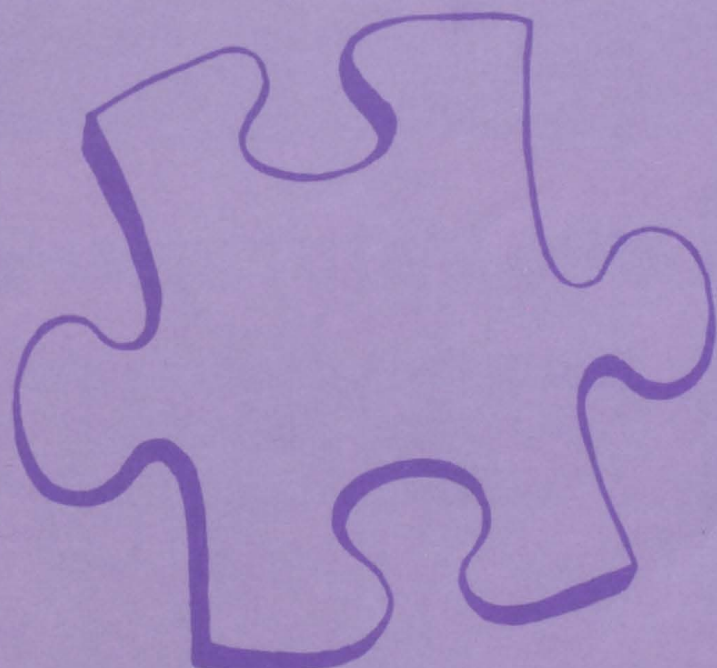
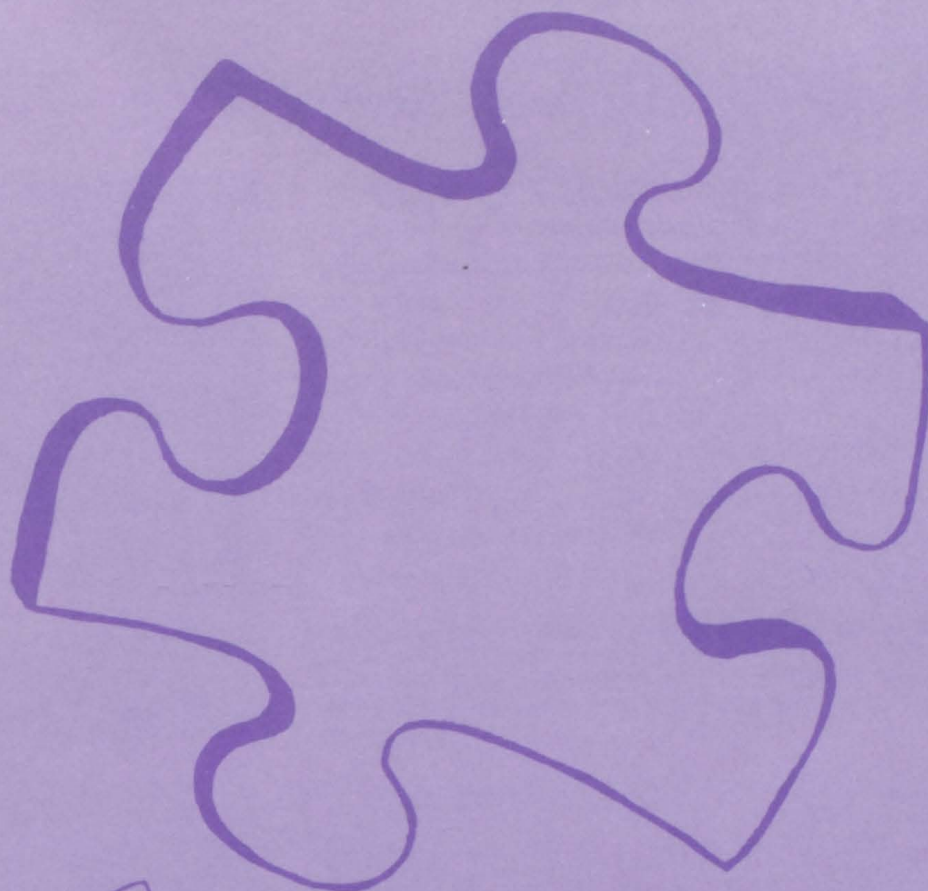
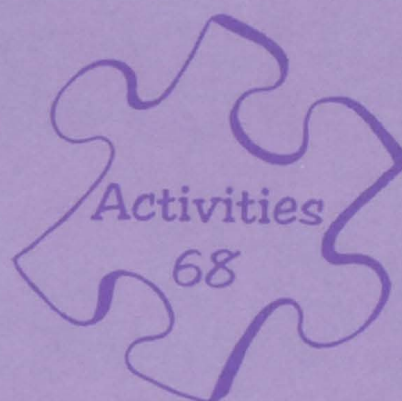
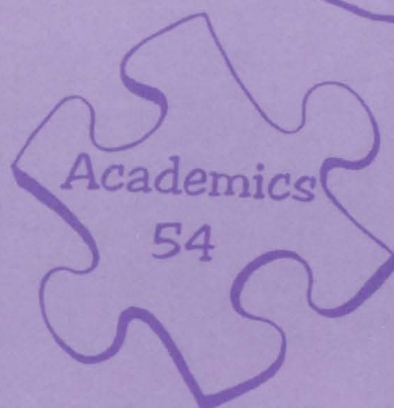
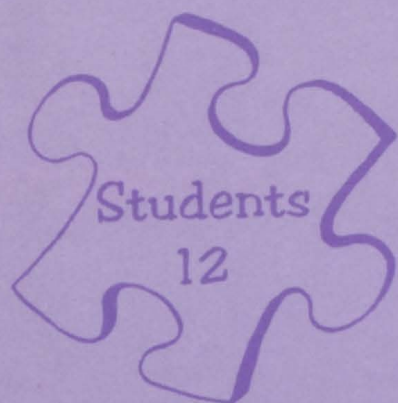
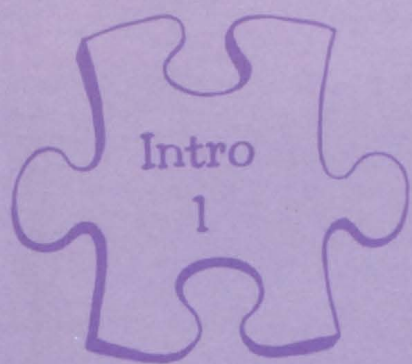
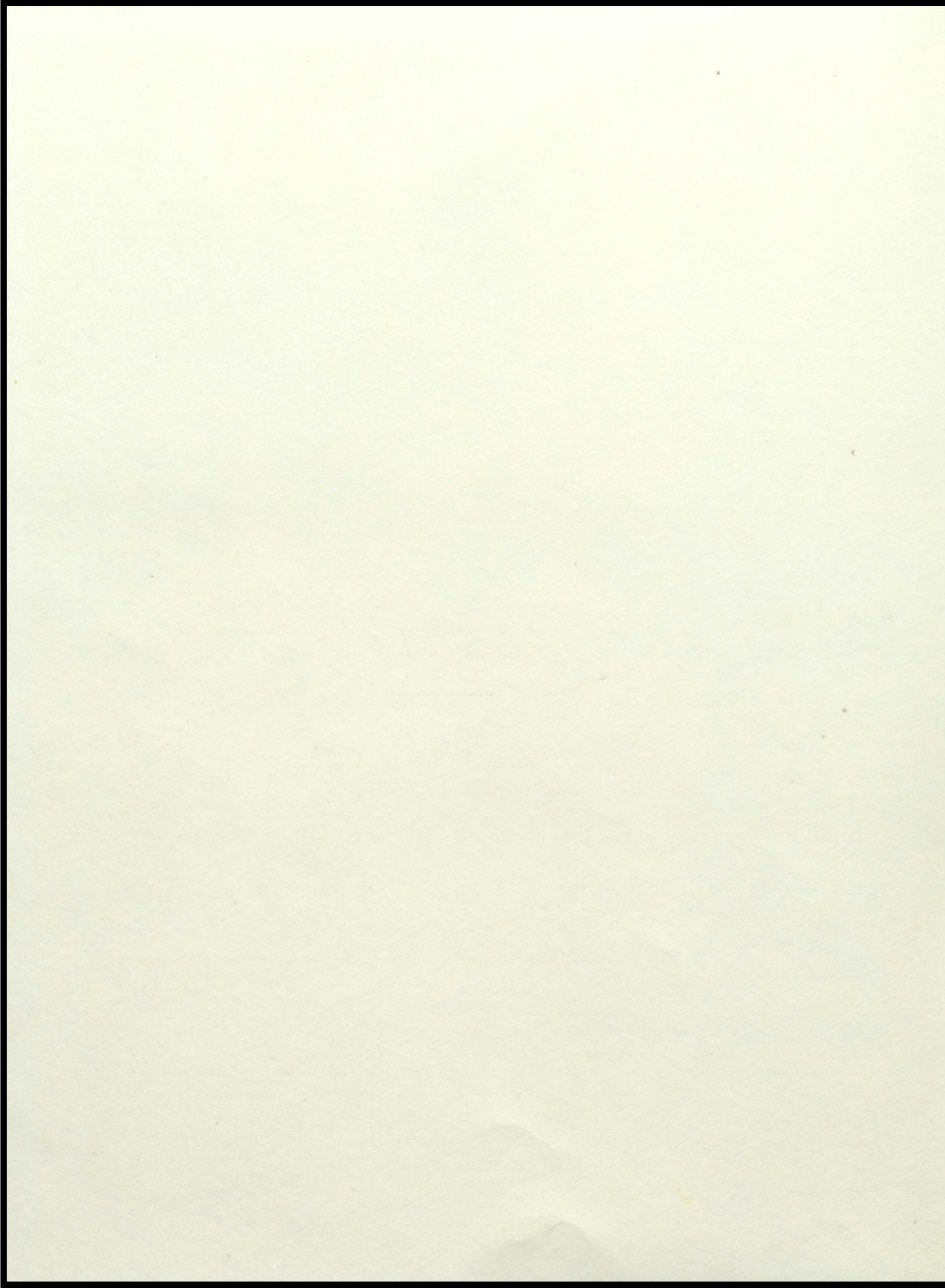


Putting the Pieces Together









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Putting the pieces together — that's what we've done all our school lives and what we'll continue to do in our futures. High school is a time to put together so many different things, including friendships and career goals, memories and relationships. This year was a big year for putting things together — the new and the old, the successes in class and the dread of tests, the excitement of games and the satisfaction of working on a concert or play. So many things go hand in hand in life — let's take a look at 1998!

Left. Students and friends Katie Menssen, Samantha Becklund and Trude Ditsch enjoy spending time together.

Bottom. Teachers and longtime friends Mrs. Mary Kolb, Ms. Sharon Singaas, and Ms. Polly Schellack discuss the schedule for the 1997-98 school year.



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Opening I

Putting the Pieces Together

Throughout high school, we find ourselves putting together the many different pieces of our lives. A large part takes place in school, and there are many pieces to that part of our lives. For example, in classes we deal with teachers, other students, subjects, and sometimes labs and technology. In sports we come in contact with friends, opponents, and coaches; and we work

together as a team. In activities we often participate with our friends, but we meet a variety of new people and learn to appreciate each other. When we take on an after school job, we take on responsibilities and learn how to work in different environments with co-workers and supervisors. Throughout high school, our friends are always there to help us, whether we are wor-

ried about a test, have boyfriend/girlfriend problems or problems at home. Our friends are there to stand by us.

Finding the right pieces that fit together may be a difficult task, but with patience, hard work, and the help from teachers and friends, it can be made easier.



Left. Friends Ben Pauly, Krystle Weinzierl, Heidi Meier and Michelle Rettig enjoy each other's company on a Spanish field trip.

Bottom left. Members of the Youth Development group show off some of the many stuffed animals they collected for a children's charity.

Below. On Halloween Erin Ditsch has a cow over her trig test!

Opposite Page:

Top. After practice, friends from both the volleyball team and danceline huddle for a quick picture. Back: Tegen Oakman, Angie Schuler, Tiffany Dalbec, Dawn Ebersviller, Bria Welch. Front: Melissa Schuler, Jenny Widmer, Sarah Doyscher, Sarah Dreier, Carla Roepke.

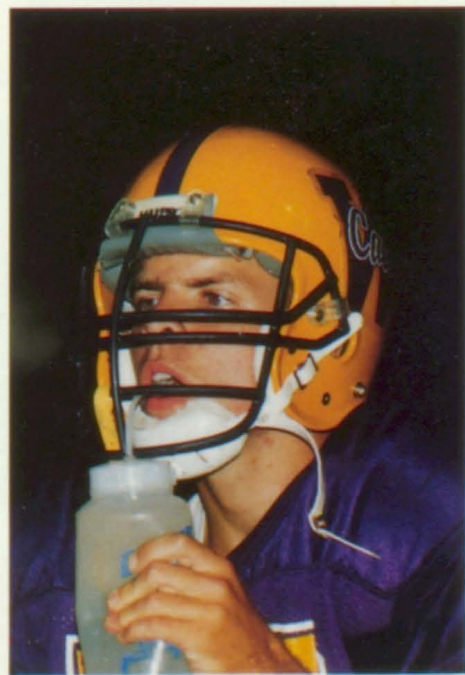
Center left. During Chemical Health Week, red-clad Mr. Grundhofer helps Desiree Schesso with a trig problem.

Center right. Bria Knutson and Sarah Grote sing wholeheartedly while performing in the musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Bottom left. Ryan Goetze, Angie Loehrs and Gina Meuwissen determine the change of heart rate on a frog in Biology I.

Bottom right. Corey Joyce takes a refreshing drink during a football game.





New Pieces of the Puzzle

This year at WHS there were some new and special pieces of the puzzle. Since 1997-98 marked the fourth year in the new high school building, the graduating class of 1998 was the first class to be in the "new" building for all four years. There were also four new puzzle pieces, in the shape of teachers, added to WHS this year. They were Kristi Berlin in the Business Department, Kristin Hoff in the Art Department, Scott Doran in the Learning Lab, and Kari Stevenson in the World Languages Department.

Another new piece came to us in the shape of a computer. This year WHS introduced the use of the Internet to all students who passed the training and received an Internet license. This new piece helped students with reports and

class work as well as made learning fun!

Another new and exciting change to come to WHS for the first time ever was the Wildcat mascot, "Willy." Willy was brought to life by three students — Becky Diers, Anna Warnes, and Anthony Smith — who attended 1-2 practices and tried out for this fun and important role. Willy added a new dimension to pepfests and games.

Prom — a word that strikes everyone in one way or another. There was a question for awhile whether or not prom would be continued; however, prom was held this year and its success will determine its status in future years.

NHS brought some new pieces to the puzzle this year in the shape of new regulations. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have a cumulative grade

point average of 3.33 or higher, show evidence of satisfactory participation in two activities per year, and perform 15 hours of community service in two different areas.

In the spirit of the Winterfest, a semi-formal dance was held for the whole school in February. This new addition brought students together with music and dancing.

Below. Seniors from the class of 1998 are the first to have spent all four years together in the new Waconia High School building.

Bottom left. Sarah Buesgens enters the District 110 web site in the computer lab.

Bottom right. With open arms, Waconia welcomes new teachers Kristi Berlin, Scott Doran, Kristin Hoff and Kari Stevenson.

Internet Symbols

- ☺ basic smiley
- 😉 winking smiley
- 😄 user is laughing
- 😬 uh oh!
- 🙄 user is tongue tied





PROM



Top. Becky Diers, Anna Warnes and Anthony Smith are the first students to represent WHS as Willy, the Wildcat mascot.

Above. Many students celebrate winter with their friends at the Winterfest dance.

Left. Senior Bethany Leppard speaks at the 1997 NHS annual banquet.

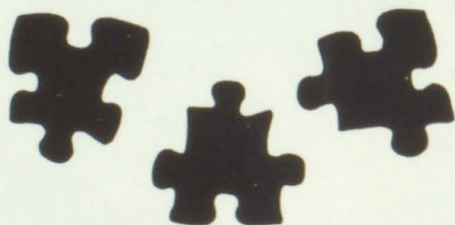


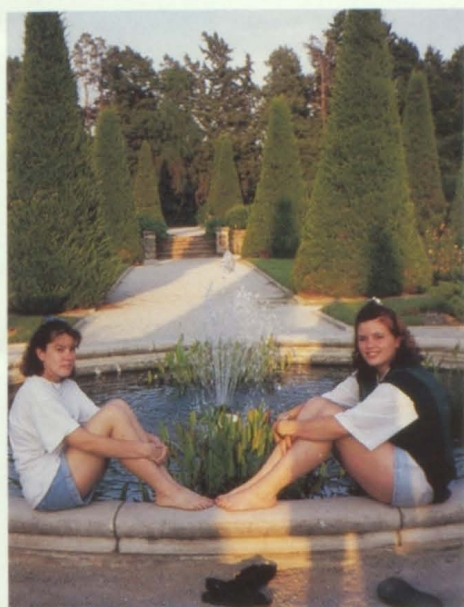
The Pieces That Fit

In high school and especially in our lives we come across pieces that don't fit into our own puzzles and pieces that do. Over the summer and throughout the school year, we're constantly with those pieces called friends. Whether it's on a trip, at practice, or in school, friends tend to stay together. And those friends make up a very important part of the puzzles of our lives.

Right. Dave Myhre enjoys nature on his trip to the Boundary Waters area.
Below. Friends Desiree Schesso and Wendy Ahlbrecht have crutches and each other to lean on.

Bottom. While traveling in Spain during the summer of 1997, (clockwise from back left) Mrs. Dugar, Becky Schmidt, Genny Poppler, Andrea Leffler, Brittany Molnau, Michelle Rettig, Heidi Meier, Annie Dressen, Amanda Hamer and Megan Dunlop pose for a photo.





Top left. Michael Hilliard, Mark Anderson, Ted Keefe and Erik Schultz wait for their plane to California for the national FLA competition.

Top right. Friends Dracula (Kellie Worm) and cow (Misty Koehnen) spend time together on Halloween.

Above left. Rita Latzig and Holly Barnes pose for a picture while vacationing in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Above. Misty Hibben, Lynzy Kast, Kelly Klosterman, Rachelle Rosin, Angela Hatz and Genny Poppler take a group break and photo during cheerleader camp.

Left. (Clockwise from back left) Katie Wasness, Jon Bruemmer, Cristy Jensen, Justin Sorensen, Anna Warnes, Courtney Hanson, Karyn Lau-lainen, Terry Klaers, Leslie Litfin, Leah Gjertson and Crystal Zancig take in the sites of the Big Apple during their summer band trip.



Students Demonstrate Variety, Contrasts

A puzzle is made up of many different pieces whose shapes and colors are totally different from one another. These differences add variety, just as all

the unique and individual preferences of our classmates add variety to the makeup of WHS.

Today we see contrasts in clothing

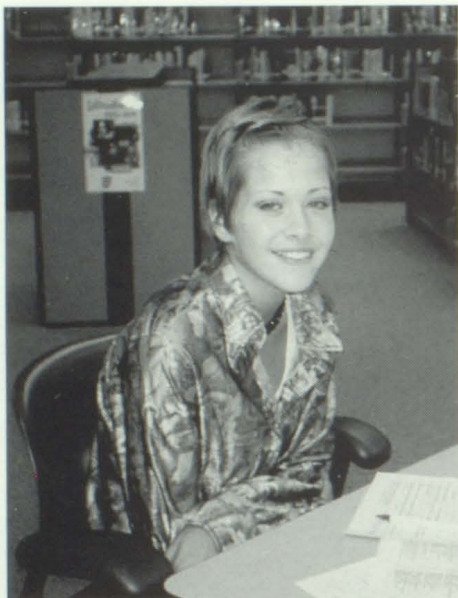
and shoe styles, as well as differences in height and hair color and styles. These differences are all around us, all the time.

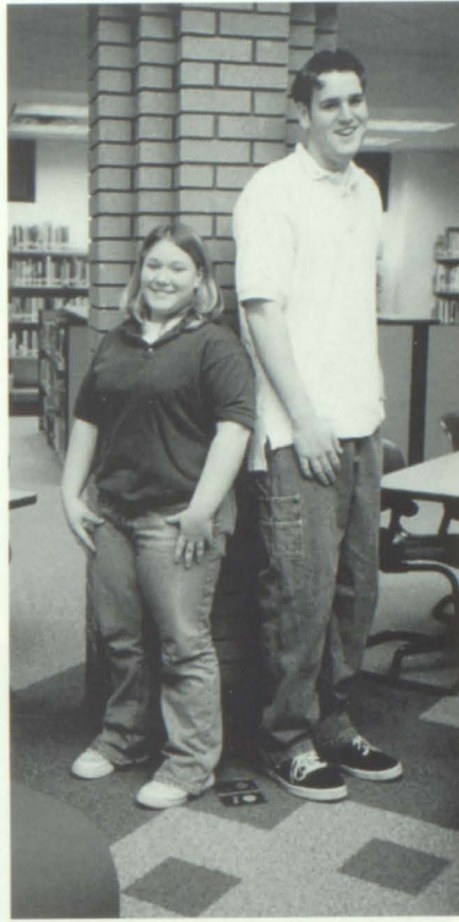
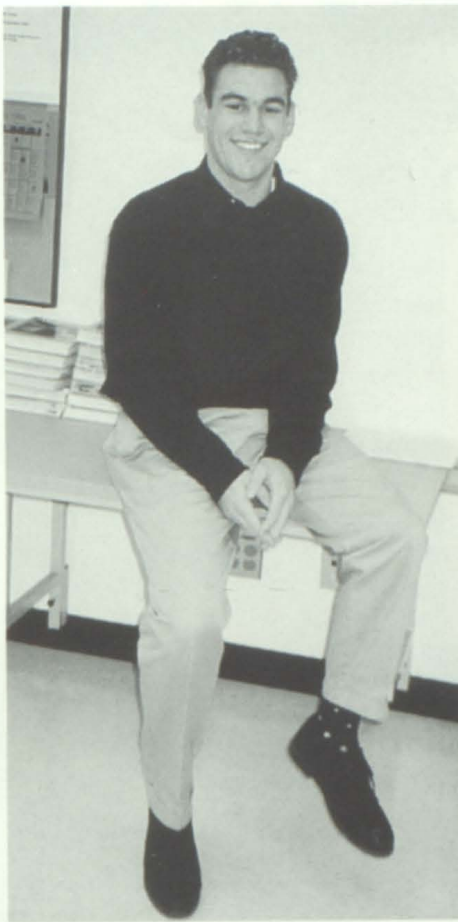
Below left. Forget long hair. Lynzy Kast prefers her hair short.

Bottom left. Jennie Hiben shows off her long lovely locks.

Right. Lauren Bresnahan and Heather Anquist show the contrast between golden blond and dark brown hair.

Bottom right. The medieval days meet the modern days as Josh Venske figures out how to use the copier.





Top left. Erin Fenske dresses in her own unique way.
Top center. Elliott Kranz prefers a conservative style of clothes for school.
Top right. Tall Mike Wyatt towers over the petite Jenny Litfin.
Above left. Straight, smooth hair is Jenny Meuwissen's preference.
Above. Stacy Steinhagen loves her curls.
Far left. Some students choose footwear for comfort.
Left. Other students choose the latest in stylish shoes.



Autumn

Fall 1997 Highlights

Every year at Waconia High School, students participate in tons of activities, many of which tend to become highlights of the year! This fall there were many highlights with a few that really stood out!

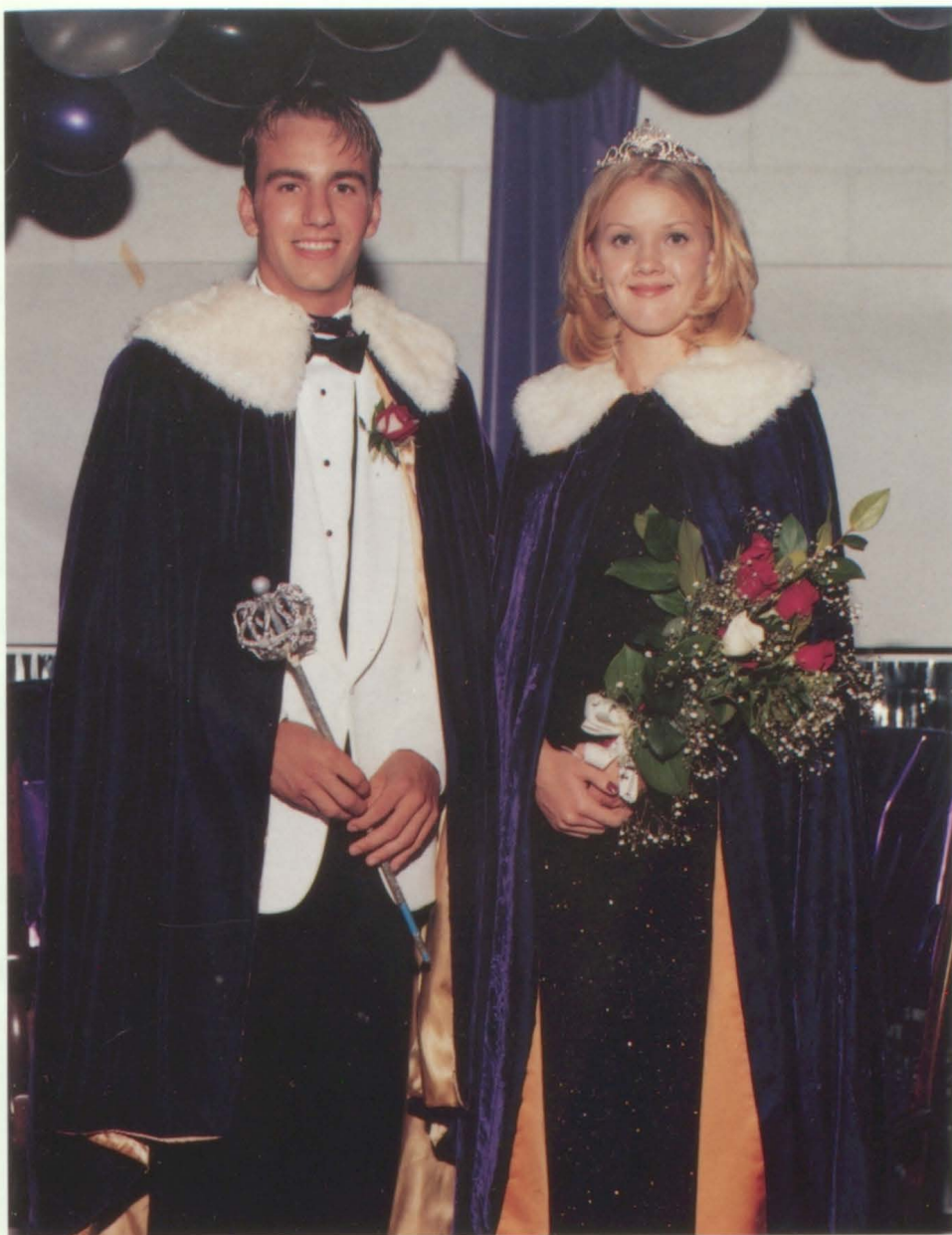
Let's start from the beginning. This year's homecoming week was a blast, with students participating in PJ Day, Decade Day, Work Day, Class Color

Day, and Purple and Gold Day. But the real highlights of that week were the coronation of Rob Hart and Ali Peters as king and queen of homecoming and the juniors defeating the seniors in the '97 powder puff game.

More students than usual dressed up for Halloween this year, some dressed as princesses, zombies, movie characters, and many other fun and scary

things. Another highlight was the fall musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, a different version of the story of the princess and the pea. In cross country, Cristy Jensen placed 10th at the state meet in Northfield. Sixth grade teacher Judy Janish, known to many WHS students, was one of the final nine contestants in the state's Teacher of the Year competition.





Opposite page:

Top left. This year Ms. Janish is honored as one of the top nine teachers in the state.

Top right. Angie Schuler celebrates after making the winning touchdown for the juniors at the powder puff game.

Bottom left. Angela Hatz and Lynzy Kast show their Halloween spirit.

Bottom right. In *Once Upon a Mattress*, Elliott Kranz and Kelly Klosterman perform one of their many scenes.

This page:

Above. Rob Hart and Ali Peters are chosen homecoming king and queen for 1997.

Top right. Genny Poppler pouts during her scene in *Mattress*.

Center right. At the state cross country meet, Cristy Jensen prepares for the race.

Right. Paul Rohlik, Rachael Moldenhauer and Bria Knutson prepare for the coronation ceremony.



S T U D E N T S



Above. The senior class show their support and spirit for the powder puff game by wearing black.

Right. Kristin Kiefert and Kevin Mielke chat about school work near their lockers.

Below. The junior class is a vision in white on Class Color Day.

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Top left. Jessica Williams and Audra Lehrke share a hug and a smile for the camera.

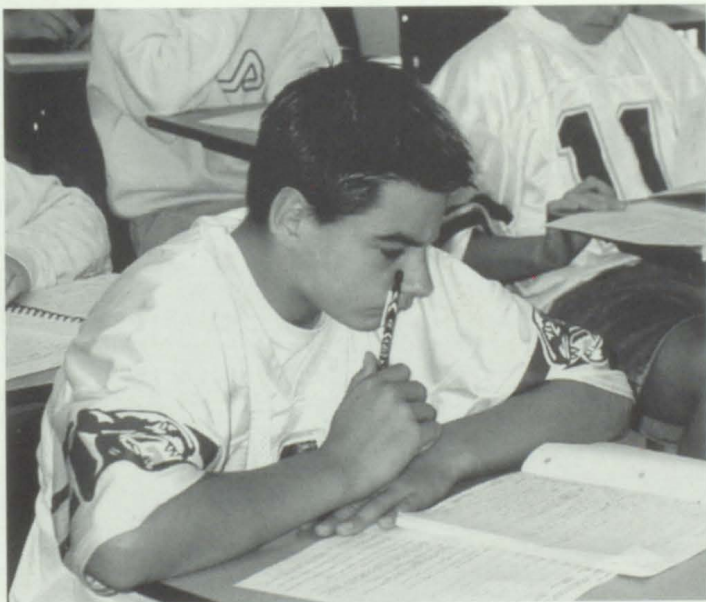
Top right. Nicole Ristow, Jennie Schmakel, and Kevin Mott wait in line to have their school pictures taken.

Center. Bonded in blue, the sophomore class unites on Class Color Day.

Bottom left. Josh Brandenburg concentrates hard on an open notes test.

Bottom right. Bria Knutson and Rob Hart look over review sheets together.



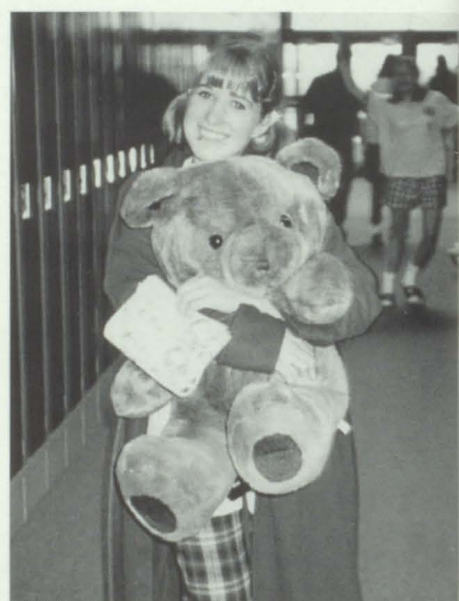
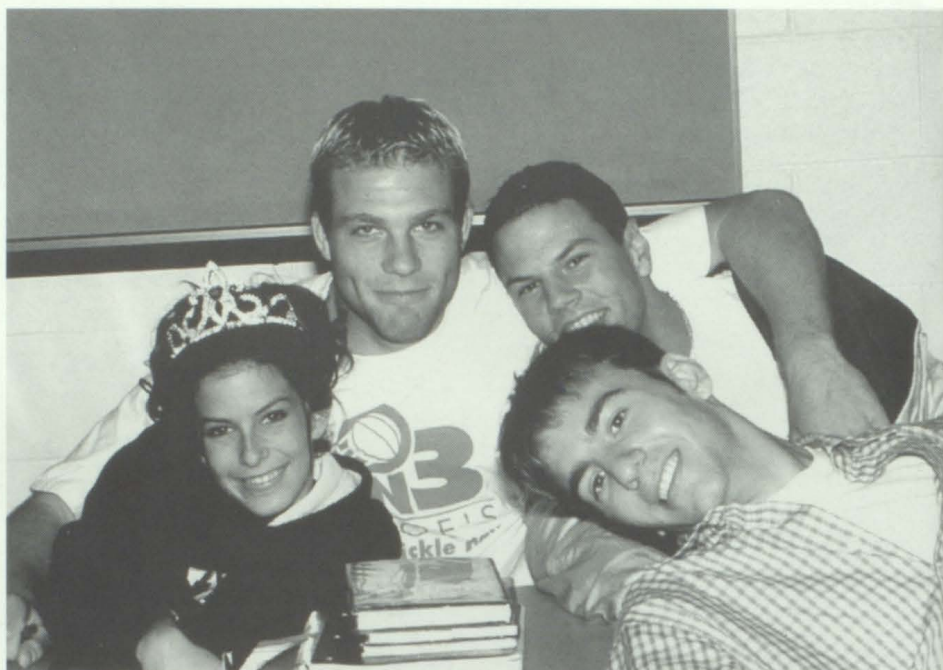


CLASS OF 1998





SENIORS



Top left. Barb Franke looks around right before a powder puff play.

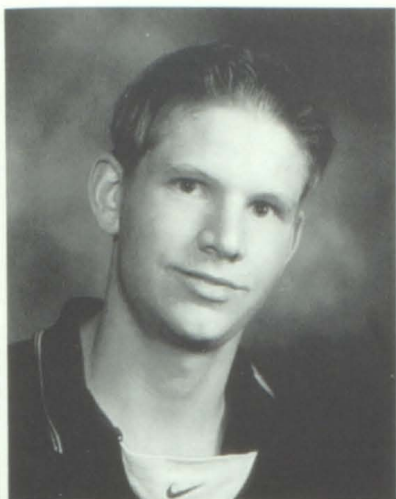
Top right. Misty Koehnen, Paul Rohlik, Matt Geiger and Rob Hart huddle the day after coronation.

Far left. Niki Lowy has fun decorating the senior float for the homecoming parade.

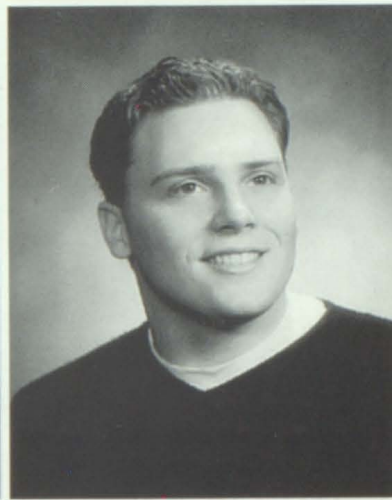
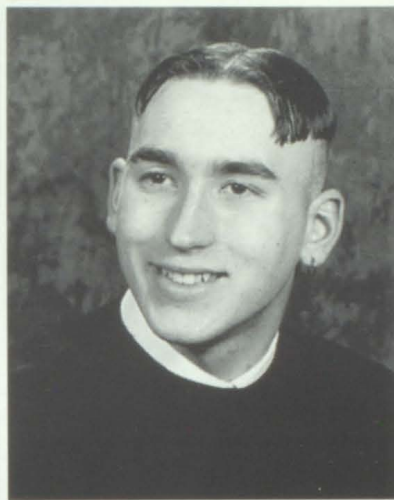
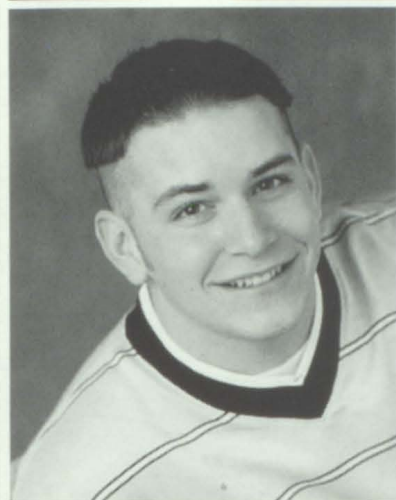
Left. Pete Buckingham shows his spirit on Pajama Day.

Above. Genny Poppler hugs her bear during Spirit Week.

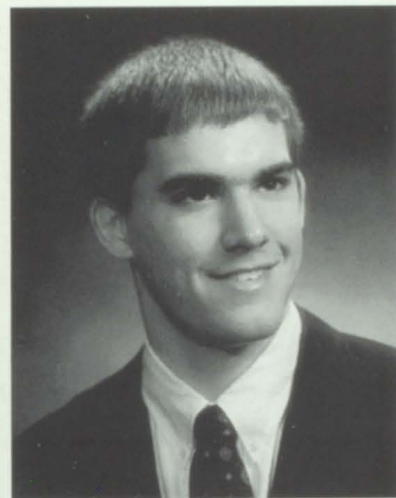




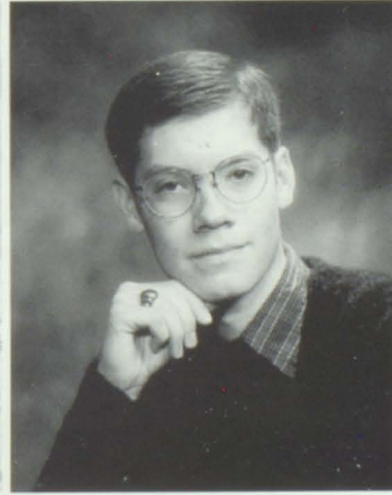
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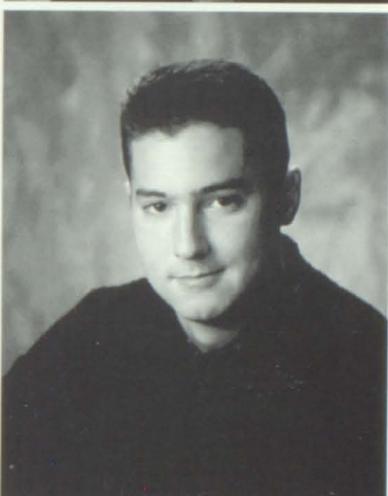
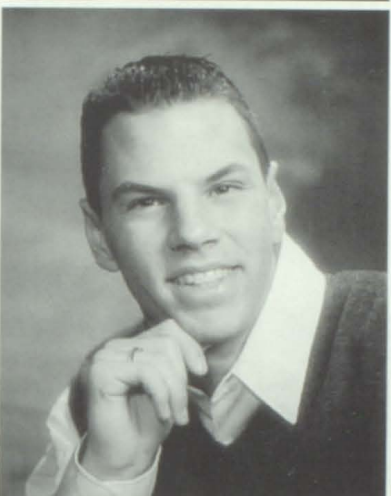
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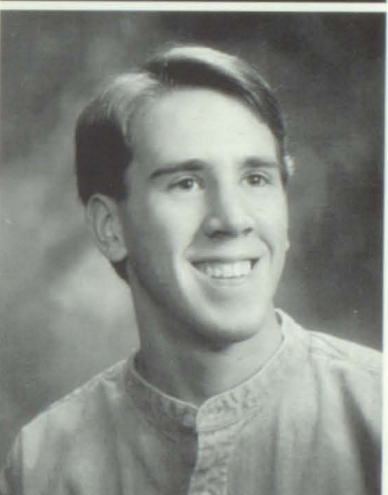




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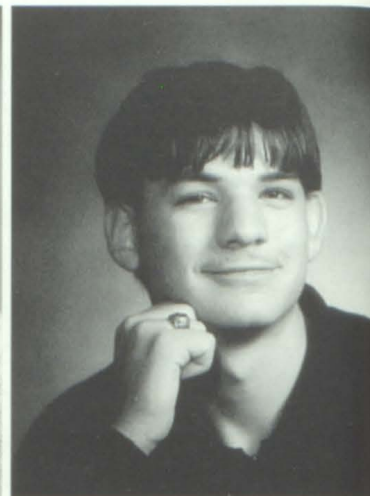
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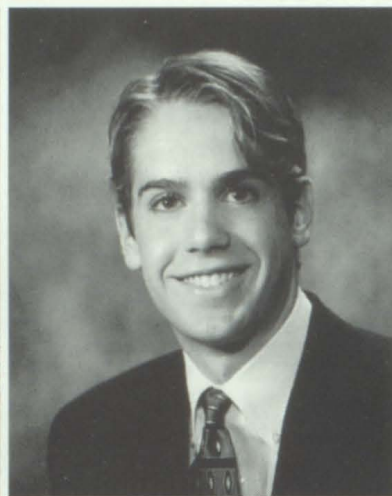
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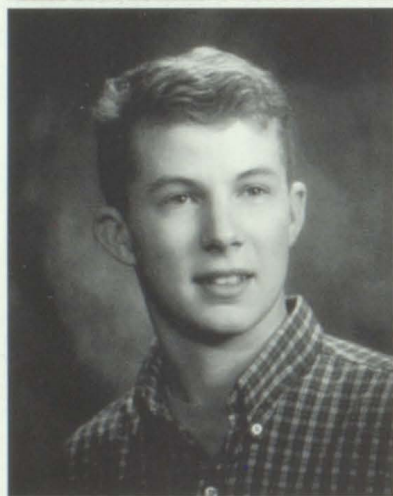
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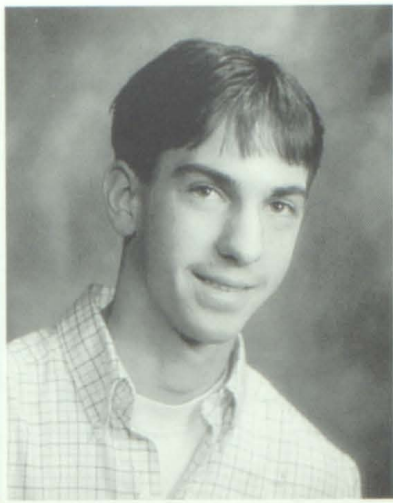


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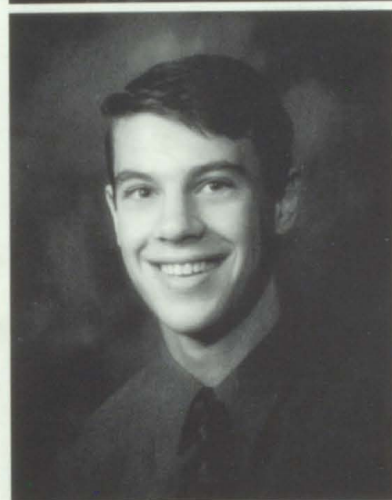




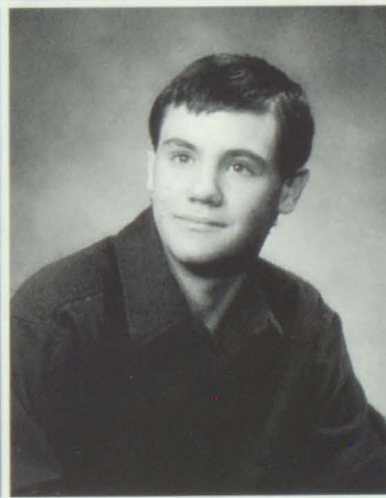
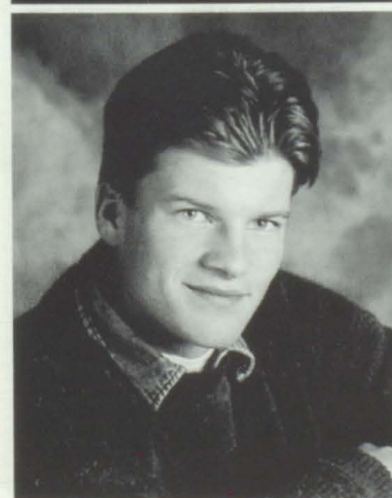
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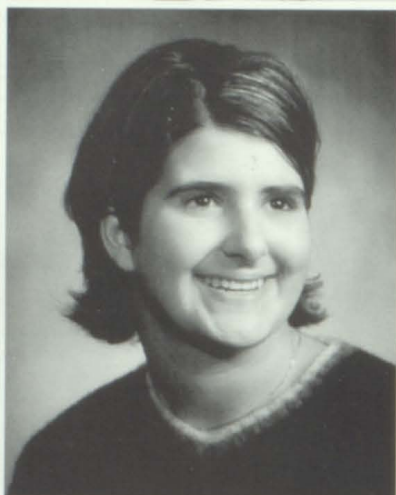
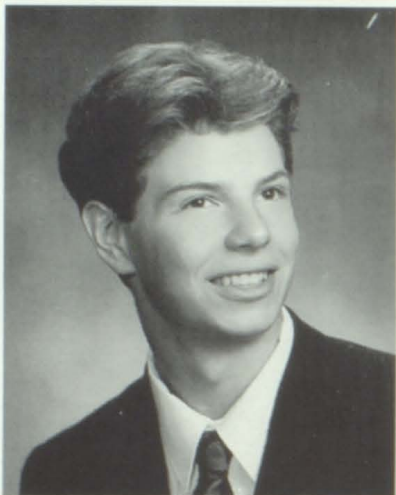
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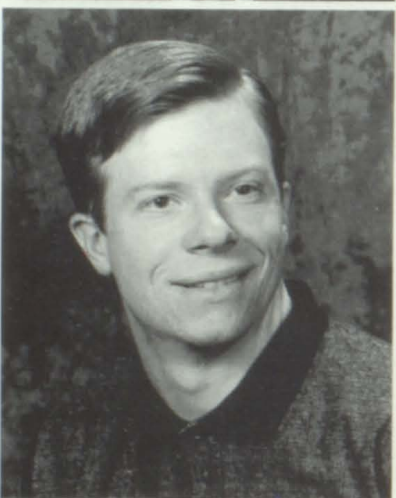
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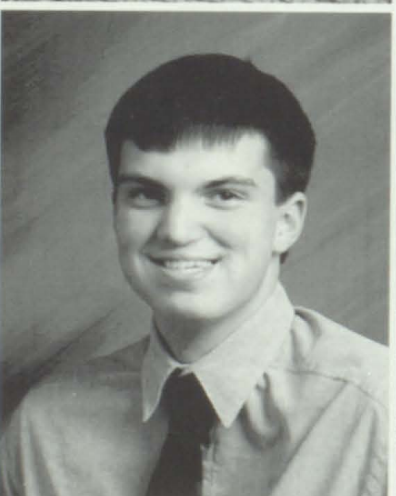
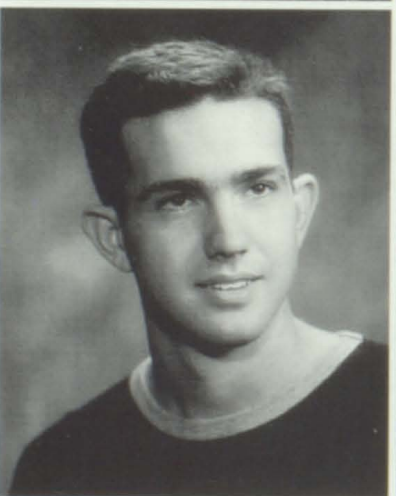
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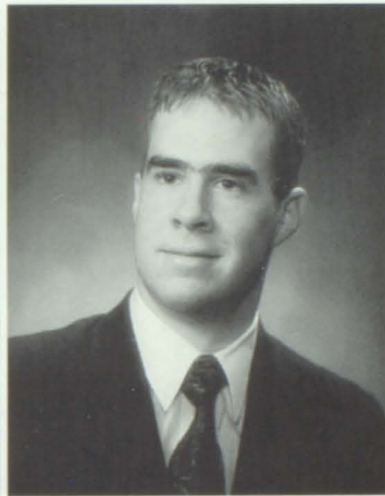


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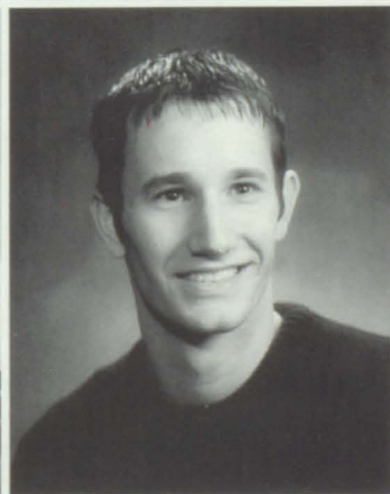
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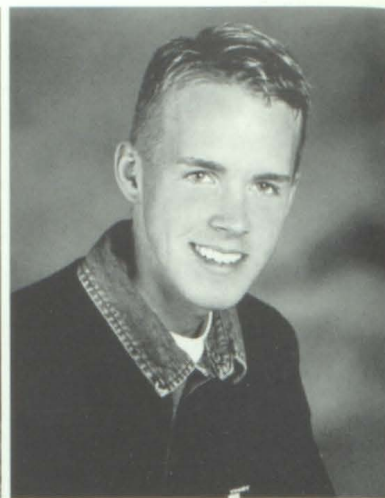
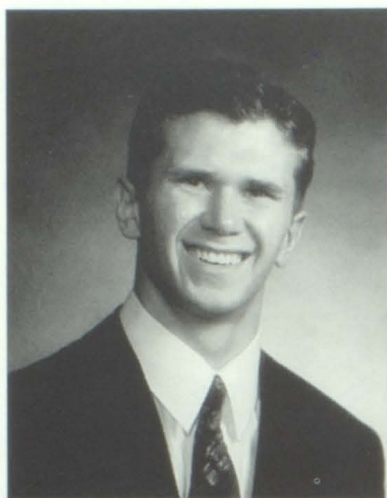
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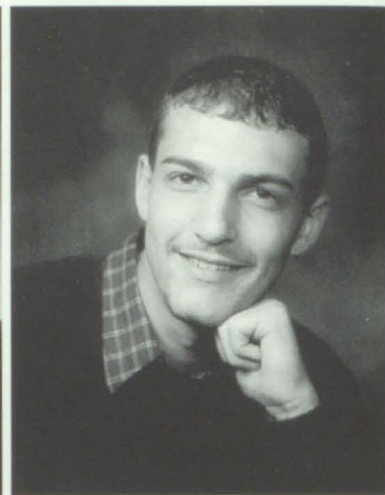
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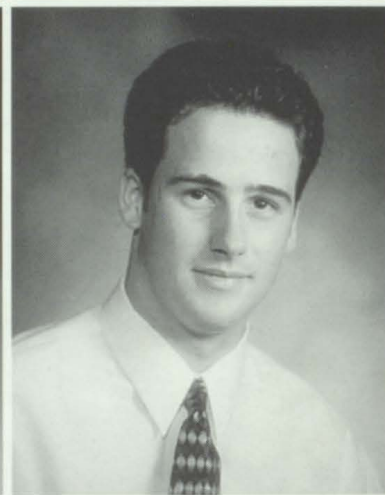
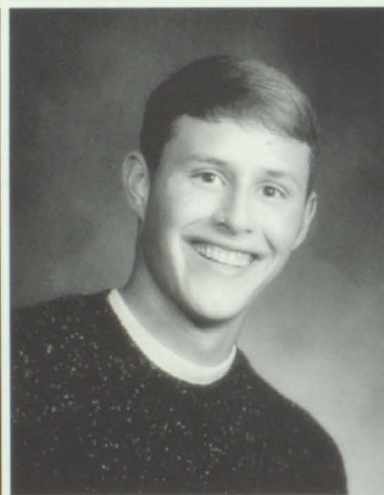
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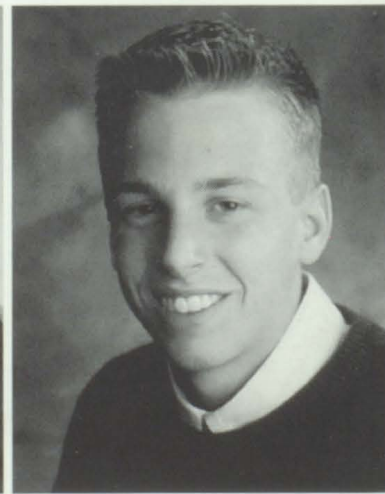
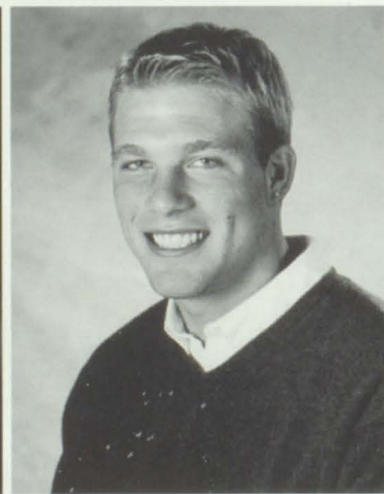
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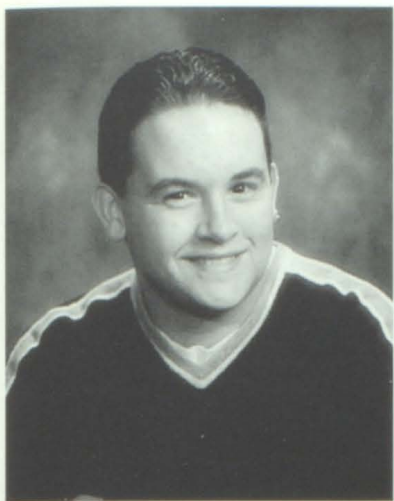


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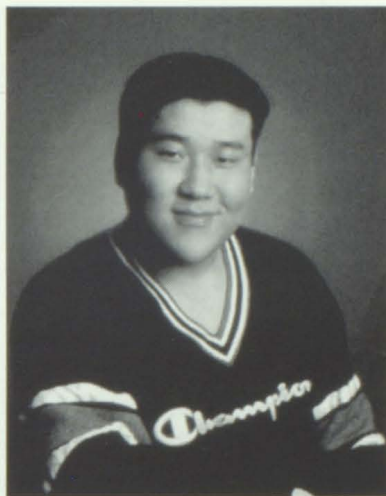
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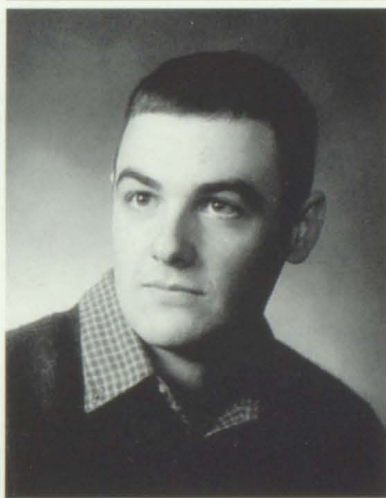




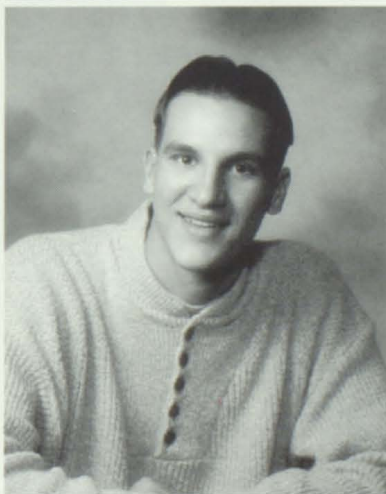
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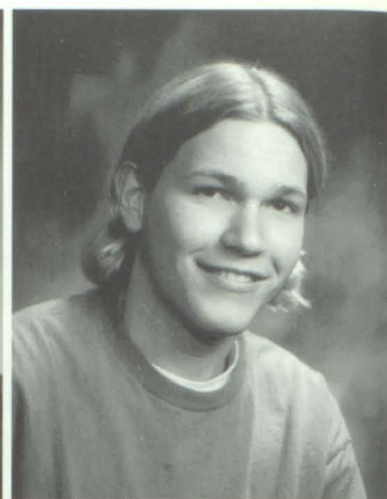
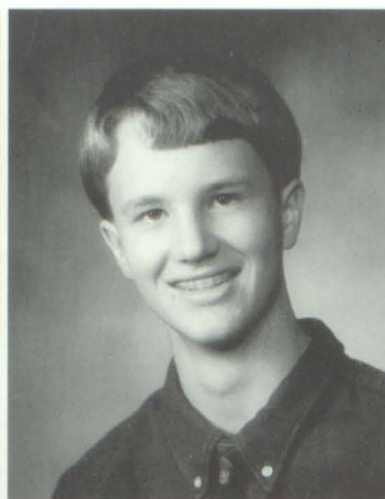
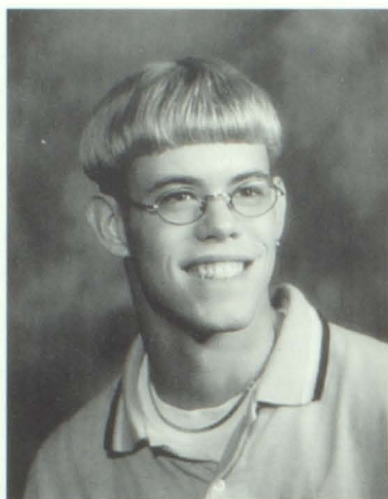
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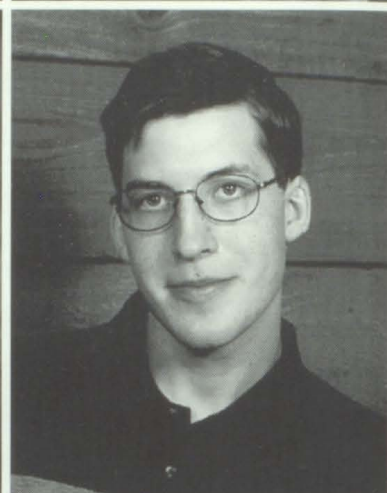
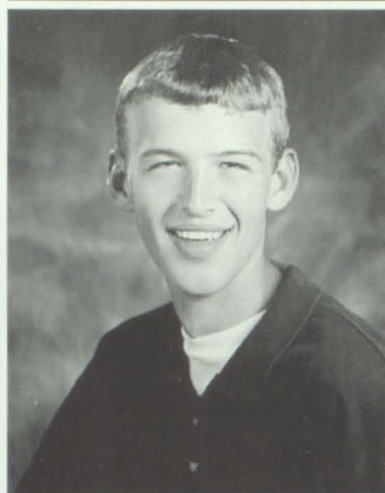
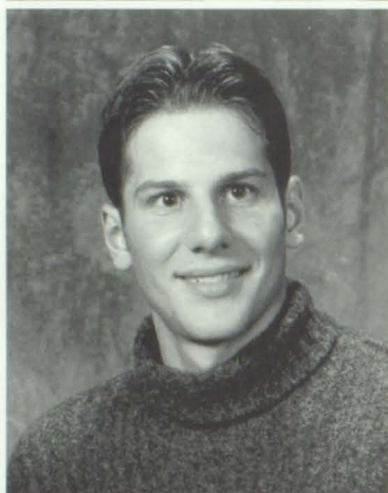
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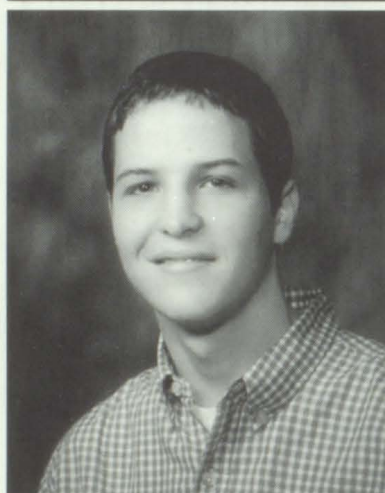
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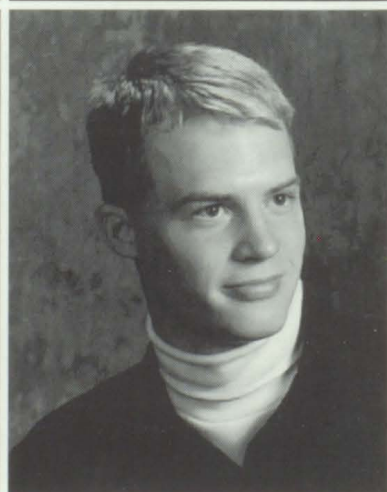
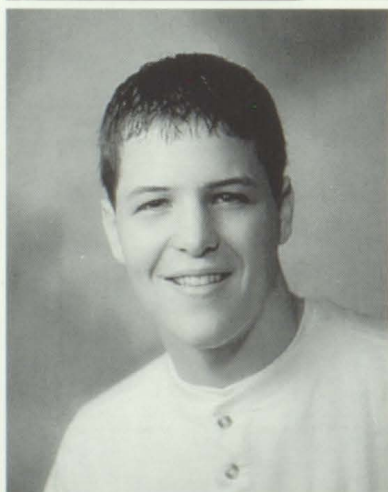
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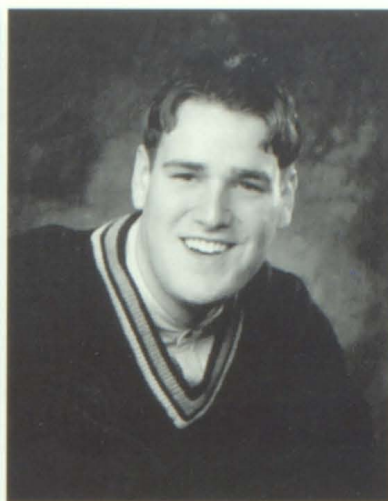
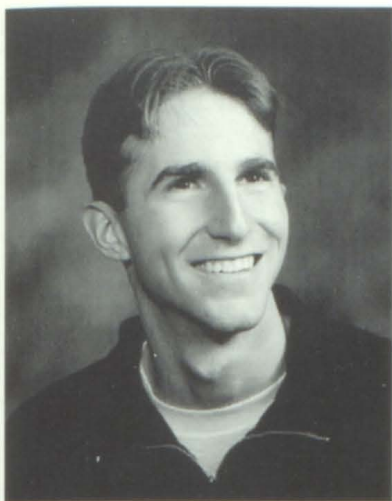


Adam Tschakert
David Wagener
Gretchen Wagener



Troy Wagener
Nathan Wendland
Matthew Westlund





Joseph Wirtz
Molly Wulf
Michael Wyatt



Laura Zender

Not Pictured:

Julie Boll

Derek Hambleton

Rachel Jurek

Joshua Polo

Scott Schroeder

The Lost Piece of the Puzzle

On Thursday, November 13, 1997, Matt Weinzierl was seriously injured in a two-car collision on snowy roads. The accident took place on County Road 10 near County Road 43. Matt suffered a massive head injury and was in a coma at Hennepin County Medical Center on life support.

A week later, on November 22, Matt's family made the tough decision to take Matt off life support.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waconia to accommodate the many mourners.

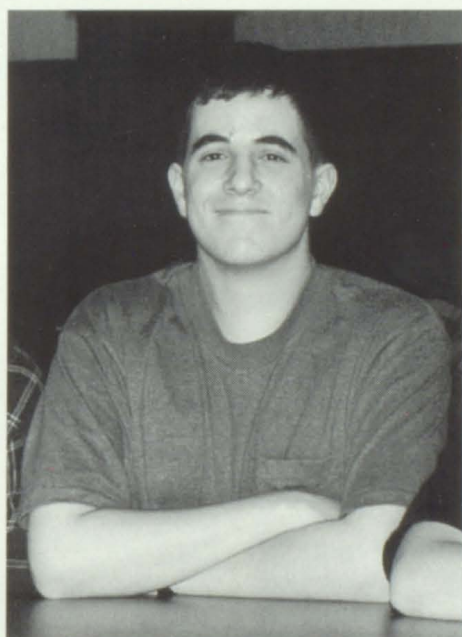
Matt was a wonderful friend who always shared a smile. He worked on the yearbook staff from 1995-1997 and was working on the District 110 web page at the time of the accident. He will be missed by all.

In Memory of Matt Weinzierl

The following are excerpts from an editorial written by Matt Heitz in memory of his friend Matt Weinzierl. It appeared in the December 18, 1997, Patriot.

"Two years ago, in a computer class, I met someone who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. . . Mathew Weinzierl. . . I remember the day we met well. It was my first day at Waconia High School. I was more than a little nervous, not knowing anyone in the school. During my computer class, the kid next to me introduced himself as Matt. He was the first person to extend a hand in friendship in this unfamiliar school. From the minute I met Matt, I knew we would become great friends.

"That computer class two



Mathew Weinzierl

Nov. 16, 1979 to Nov. 22, 1997

years ago paved the way for a close friendship that ended as abruptly as it began. Our days of cruising around in our cars with no particular destination in mind are over. I no longer have a partner for Warcraft 2, the computer game we shared. My best friend will not be here to share in the excitement as I finish rebuilding my car's engine, something we were going to do together. Nor will he be here to attend our high school graduation this spring. That guy who first reached out to the new kid in school; that guy who always had a smile to give; that guy who would always be there when you most needed him; that guy was Mathew Weinzierl, my best friend. He is gone but he is not, and will not ever be forgotten."



The Class of 1998

The Puzzle Begins

The puzzle that became the life we have today began when we were born. Our childhood is often a clue to who we will become when we are adults, and we are the most important piece in our own puzzle. Although only a por-

tion of the puzzles of our lives are completed, it is always fun to go back and look at the beginning. Let's go back to see how the class of 1998 looked in the 1980's!



Clockwise from top right. Tiffany Seeman, Rita Latzig, Jeff Rolf, Misty Koehnen, Genny Poppler, Nate Arndt.

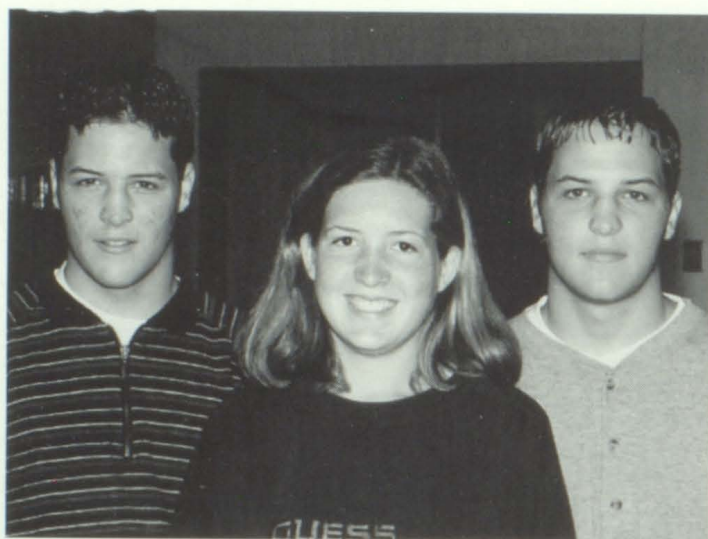




Clockwise from top left. Takako Shimizu, Misty Hiben, Ali Peters, Angela Hatz, Barb Franke, Brittany Molnau, Lance Knorr.



Senior Class Poll



Quietest: Troy and David Wagener, Alicia Golembeski
Friendliest: Blake Beilby, Bria Knutson
Worst Joke Teller, Craziest Laugh:
 Cody Roush, Bria Knutson



Teacher's Pet: Lance Knorr, Elizabeth Roebke
Most Likely to Succeed:
 Chris Bergmann, Allison Hoggarth
Best Musician: Nick Geller, Gretchen Wagener





Class Clown: Paul Rohlik, Julie Boll
Most Talkative: Mike Wyatt, Julie Boll



Always Smiling: Nate Wendland, Jamie Brown
Most Spirited: Adam Orth, Kelly Klosterman
Best Dressed: Matt Geiger, Stacy Steinhagen
Biggest Flirt: Jeff Bostic, Misty Koehnen



Most Athletic, Best All Around, Most Talented:
 Rob Hart, Ali Peters



Best Buddies:
 Kelly Klosterman, Genny Poppler



Senior Favorites

Singer Hangout

Puff Daddy
Hank
Williams, Jr.
Celine Dion

Pow Wow
Erin Ditsch's
House
Friends' Houses



Pop

Mountain Dew
Coke
Dr. Pepper

Car

Chevy Truck
Dodge Viper
Ford Explorer

Junk Food

Chocolate
Doritos
Pizza

Restaurant

Perkin's
Main Street Gr
Applebee's



Magazine

People
Seventeen
Sports Illustrated

Movie

Titanic
Half Baked
Beavis and
Butthead Do
America

Actor

Leonardo
DiCaprio
Chris Farley
Tom Cruise

Actress

Julia Roberts
Kate Winslet
Sandra Bullock



TV Show

South Park
The Simpsons
Sienfeld

Vacation

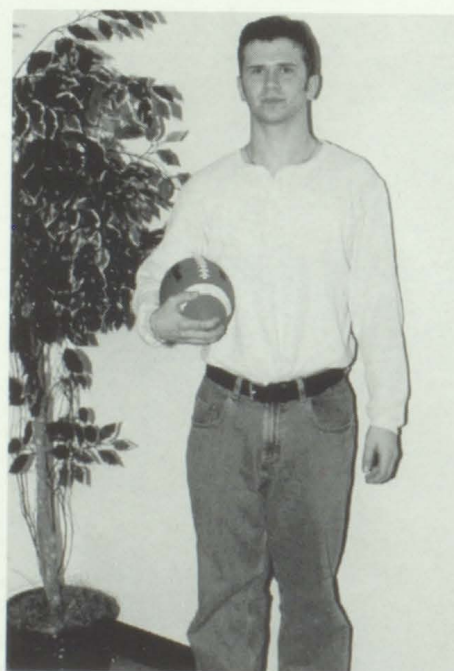
Mexico
Bahamas
Florida

Top. Alicia Golembeski enjoys her favorites — Mountain Dew and a chocolate bar.

Above. Matt Domoradzki shows his favorite vacation spot on the globe.

Above right. In her favorite magazine, *People*, Michelle Rettig reads about her favorite actor, Leonardo DiCaprio, who was in her favorite movie, *Titanic*.

Right. Craig Peterson can't wait for football season to begin.



Sport

Football
Basketball
Soccer

Radio Station

KDWB 101.3
105 Zone
KQRS

Comic Strip

"Far Side"
"Garfield"
"Calvin and Hobbes"

Clothing Store

Dayton's
Structure
Abercrombie and Fitch



yearZine⁹⁸

The hottest news,
entertainment,
fashion and sports Zine
just for students.



Princess Di



Will Smith

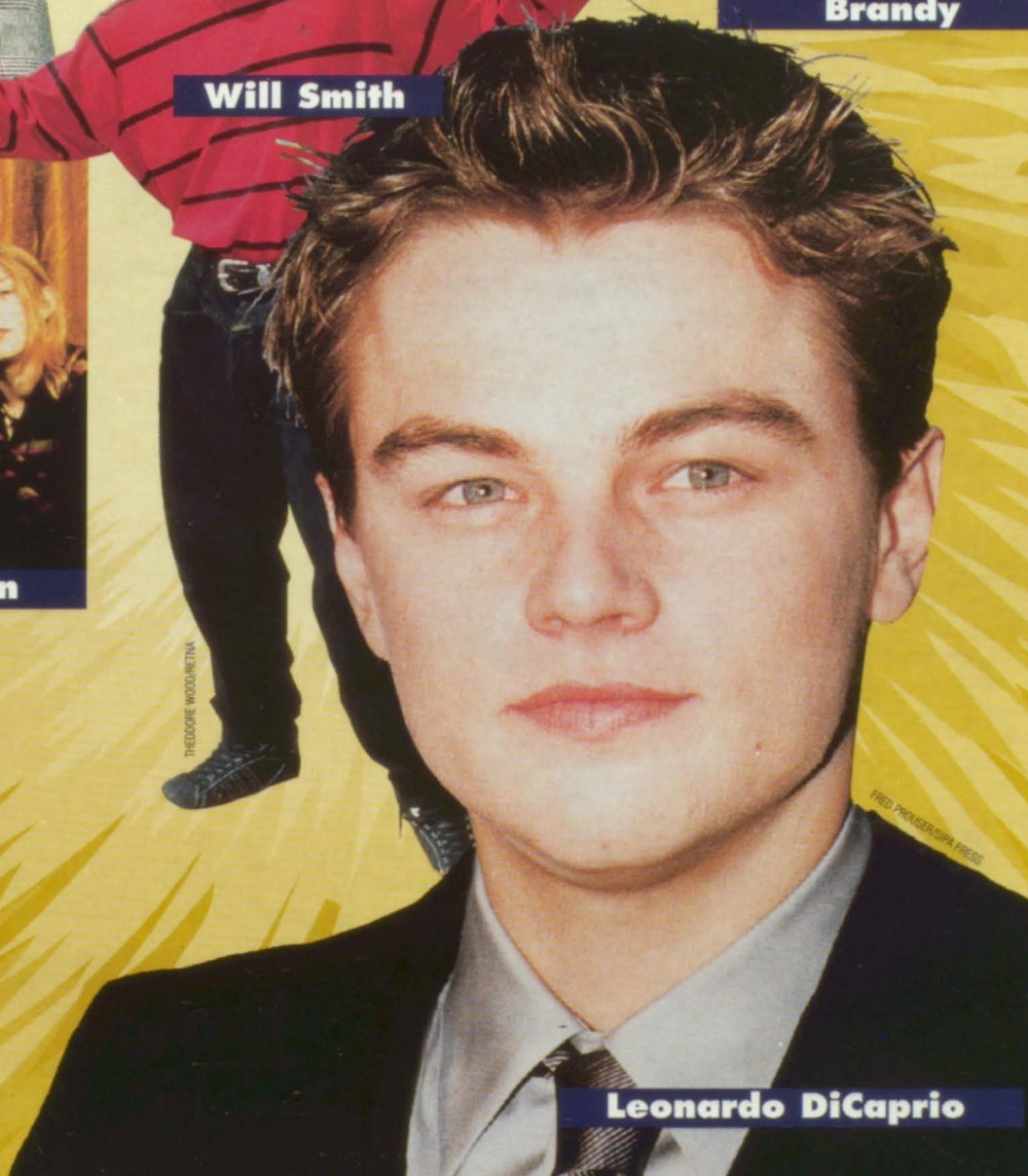
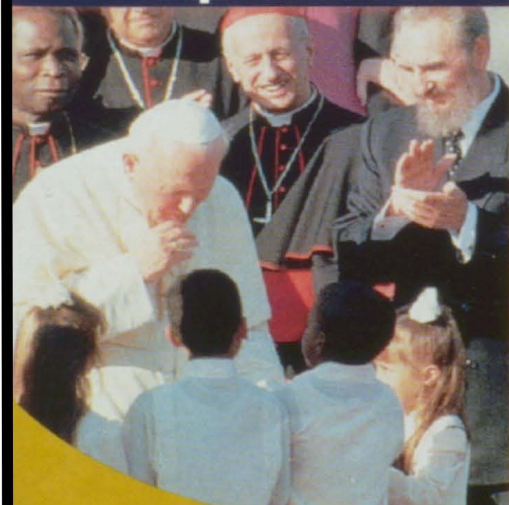


Brandy



Hanson

Pope John Paul II



Leonardo DiCaprio



July 6, 1997 - The Martian rover Sojourner begins its exploration, returning pictures

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Hong Kong Fireworks

On July 1 the people of Hong Kong celebrated the end of 156 years of British colonial government.

TIME picks Andrew Grove, chairman of Intel Corporation, as the magazine's Man of the Year. Intel is the world's leading producer of microprocessors, the "brains" of personal computers.



The Clintons

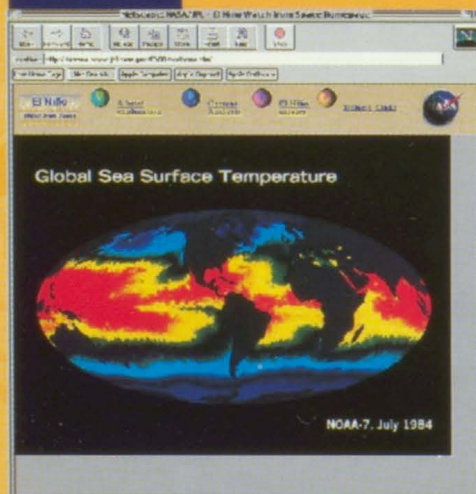
In an epic journey, Pope John Paul II meets with Cuban leader Fidel Castro as "a pilgrim of love, of truth and of hope."

Pope John Paul II and Fidel Castro



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El Niño



El Niño — The Little Boy in Spanish — is an unusually warm body of water in the Pacific Ocean that has been credited with causing torrential rains, ice storms and other weather-related disasters across the United States.

News Report '97

- June 12 - New \$50 bill introduced that is designed to be counterfeit-proof.
- June 26 - Unmanned cargo ship rams MIR space station in worst space collision ever.
- July 17 - After 117 years, Woolworth's closes the last of the company's five-and-dime stores.
- July 21 - USS Constitution, which defended the United States during the War of 1812, sets sail on its own for the first time in 116 years.
- Aug. 6 - British Prime Minister Tony Blair shakes hands with Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams in the first meeting in 76 years between the leaders of Britain and the Irish Republican Army's political arm.
- Aug. 18 - Beth Ann Hogan becomes first coed in the 158-year history of the Virginia Military Institute.
- Sept. 11 - Scotland creates its own parliament after almost three centuries of union with England.
- Oct. 25 - Hundreds of thousands of women join in the Million Woman March in Philadelphia.
- Oct. 28 - Stock market bounces back with single biggest one-day surge and record volume of 1.8 billion shares traded.
- Nov. 18 - Bobbi McGaughey gives birth to septuplets, only the second set known to be born alive.
- Dec. 1 - A 14-year-old boy opens fire at a high school in West Paducah, Ky., killing three students and injuring five others.
- Dec. 11 - Representatives from more than 150 countries gather in Kyoto, Japan, at a global warming conference to control greenhouse gases.
- Dec. 16 - More than 600 Japanese children are hospitalized when affected by the flashing lights of a popular cartoon show.
- Dec. 23 - Terry Nichols convicted of conspiracy in Oklahoma City bombing.

British au pair Louise Woodward was found guilty of murder, but a judge adjusted her sentence to time already served and released her.

a rocky and hauntingly barren planet.



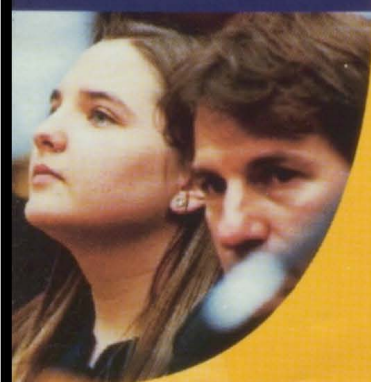
Chelsea Clinton joined other college-bound students and their parents in opening day celebrations at Stanford University.

STUART BRIN/SPIN PRESS

October 27, 1997 - The U.S. stock market plunges 554 points, the worst drop since 1987. The next day stocks soar with a record 1.8 billion shares changing hands.

The Dow Jones

Louise Woodward



SUTCLIFFE/SPIN PRESS

The world mourned as within a week Britain's Princess Diana was killed in an auto accident in Paris and Mother Teresa died at age 87 in Calcutta, India.



Passings

Comedian
Chris Farley

INXS singer
Michael
Hutchence

Folk singer
John Denver

Fashion designer
Gianni Versace

Rap singer
The Notorious B.I.G.

Widow of Malcolm X
Dr. Betty Shabazz

The Notorious B.I.G.



MICHAEL LAVINE



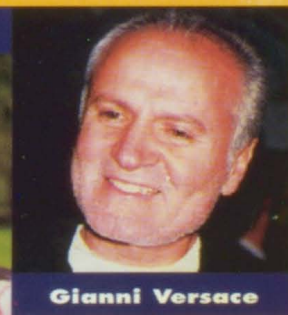
Michael Hutchence

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John Denver



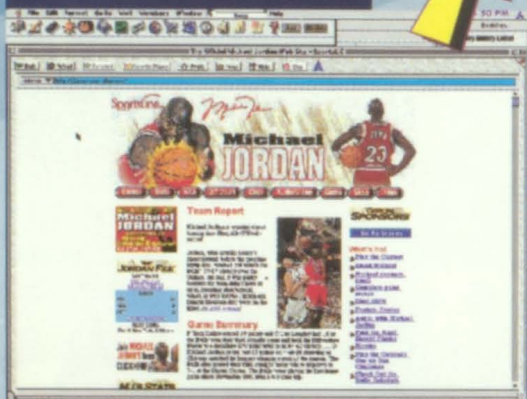
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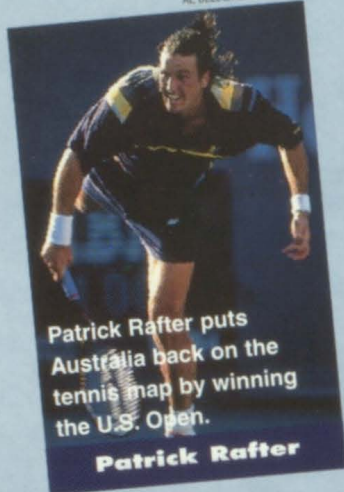
Gianni Versace

MARCEL THOMAS/SPIN PRESS

Michael Jordan Web



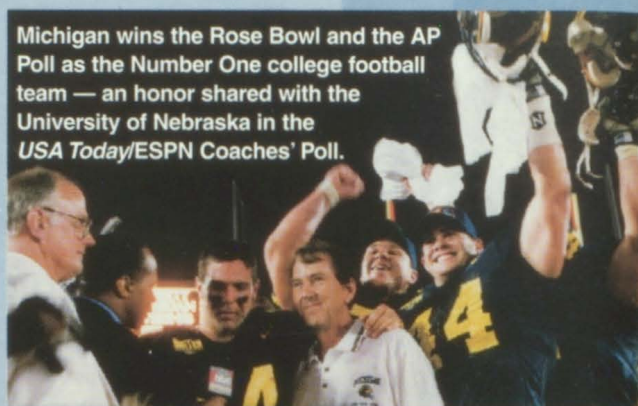
AL BELLO/ALLSPORT



Patrick Rafter puts Australia back on the tennis map by winning the U.S. Open.

Patrick Rafter

Michigan wins the Rose Bowl and the AP Poll as the Number One college football team — an honor shared with the University of Nebraska in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll.



Michigan Wolverines

PER KJELDSEN

Sports News

Evander Holyfield retains boxing title after Mike Tyson bites off part of his ear.

U.S. Women's hockey team takes the gold in the Olympics.

The Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup.

The Chicago Bulls win the NBA championship — again.

HARRY HOWALL/SPORT

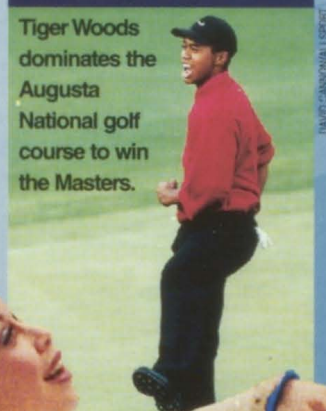


WNBA

The WNBA takes to the court, and the air waves.

Tiger Woods

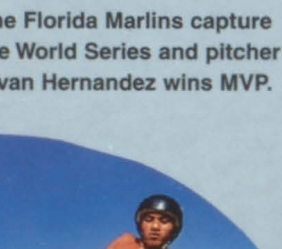
Tiger Woods dominates the Augusta National golf course to win the Masters.



DAVID JANNON/ALLSPORT

The Florida Marlins capture the World Series and pitcher Livan Hernandez wins MVP.

DENIS BANDROFF



The Marlins

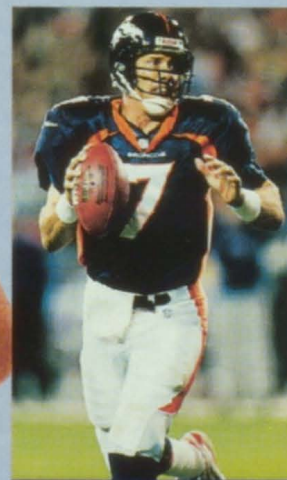
Extreme sports catch hold in new competitions. Snowboarding makes first appearance in the Olympics.



Skateboarding

ANTON WANTALL/SPORT

John Elway and the Denver Broncos triumph over the Green Bay Packers in Superbowl XXXII.



John Elway

TODD WARD/ALLSPORT

Tara Lipinski

Tara Lipinski wins the Olympic gold medal in figure skating.



Snowboarding



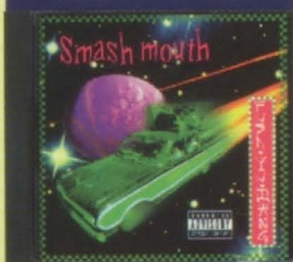
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THE DANCE

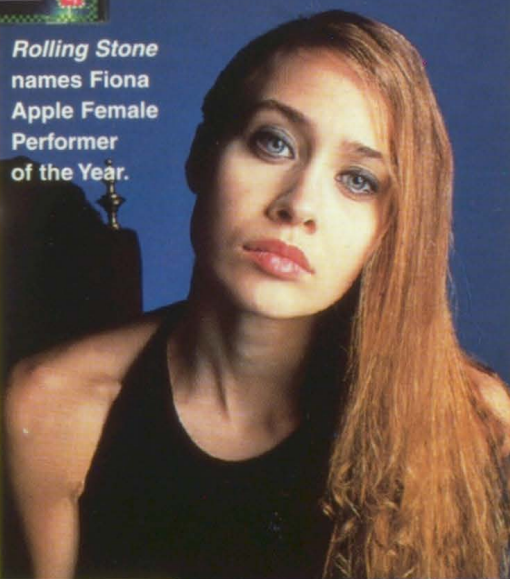


Fleetwood Mac strikes a pose between best-selling CDs covering 20 years of the megaband's history.

Smash Mouth



Rolling Stone names Fiona Apple Female Performer of the Year.



Fiona Apple

Hanson's web site is one of the most visited on the Web at <http://www.hansonline.com>.



Hanson

The Stones keep on rolling with their Bridges to Babylon tour.



The Stones

U2



Ireland's superstar band U2 hits the road for another tour.

A funky name and sound makes Jamiraquai a hit.



Jamiraquai



Leann Rimes

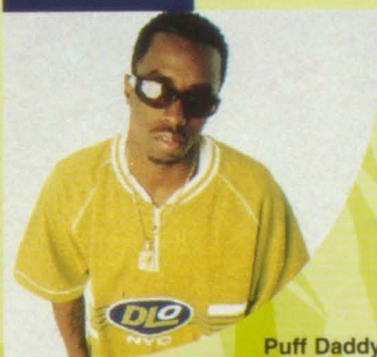
Leann's *You Light Up My Life-Inspirational Songs* is the blockbuster CD of the year.

Spice Girls' *Spice World* movie keeps them hot!



Spice Girls

Puff Daddy



Puff Daddy's winning year includes concerts, a hit CD, and Artist of the Year from *Rolling Stone*.

Best Selling CD's

- Sevens**
Garth Brooks
- Let's Talk About Love**
Celine Dion
- Higher Ground**
Barbara Streisand
- You Light Up My Life — Inspirational Songs**
Leann Rimes
- Tubthumper**
Chumbawamba
- Spice World**
Spice Girls
- Come on Over**
Shania Twain
- Re-load**
Metallica
- Soundtrack to Titanic**
James Horner
- Butterfly**
Mariah Carey



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Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Buffy is just an average teenager saving the world from the undead.

Top TV

E.R.
Seinfeld
Veronica's Closet
Friends
Monday Night Football
60 Minutes
Touched by an Angel
NYPD Blue
Ally McBeal



WARNER BROS.

Veronica's Closet

Kirstie Alley stars in the zany comedy about life in the lingerie business.

CLIFF LUSCONI/CBS



"Touched by an Angel" offers a warm look at three angels and their wry encounters with humans.

Touched by an Angel



GREG GORMAN/FOX

Ally McBeal

Attorney Ally McBeal's misadventures make for the surprise hit of the season.

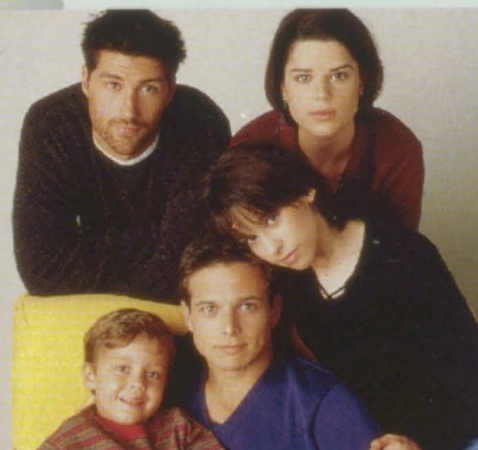
Say it's not so!
"Seinfeld" signs off from TV!

The popular "X-Files," starring David Duchovny, wins a Golden Globe award for best dramatic series.

The X-Files

"Party of Five" brings a family's struggles to prime time.

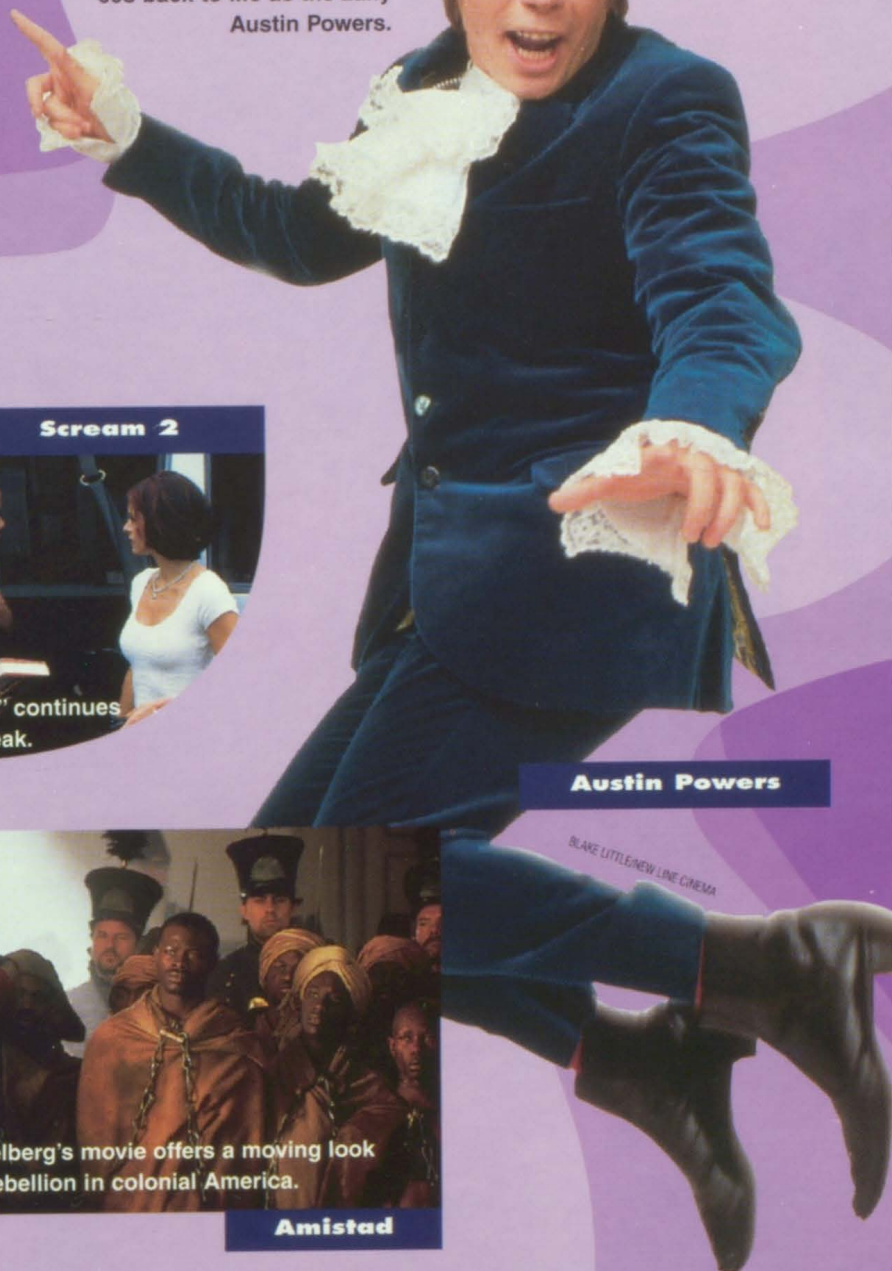
ANDREW ACCLER/FOX



Party of Five



Mike Meyers brings the 60s back to life as the zany Austin Powers.



Austin Powers

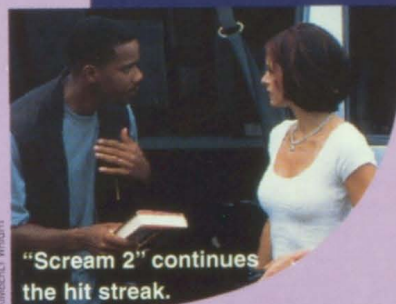
BLAKE LITTLE/NEW LINE CINEMA

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are busy keeping aliens under control in this hit spoof.

Men in Black

MELINDA SUE GORDON

Scream 2



"Scream 2" continues the hit streak.

KIMBERLY WRIGHT

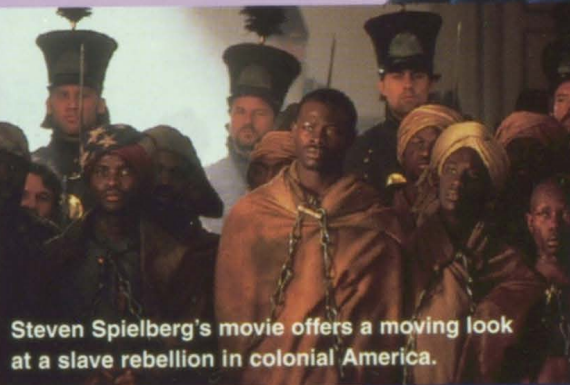
I Know What You Did Last Summer

More scary adventures for teenagers.



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KEITH HAMSHIRE



Steven Spielberg's movie offers a moving look at a slave rebellion in colonial America.

ANDREW COOPER/DEAMWORKS LLC

Amistad

James Bond is back in the latest techno thriller.

Tomorrow Never Dies



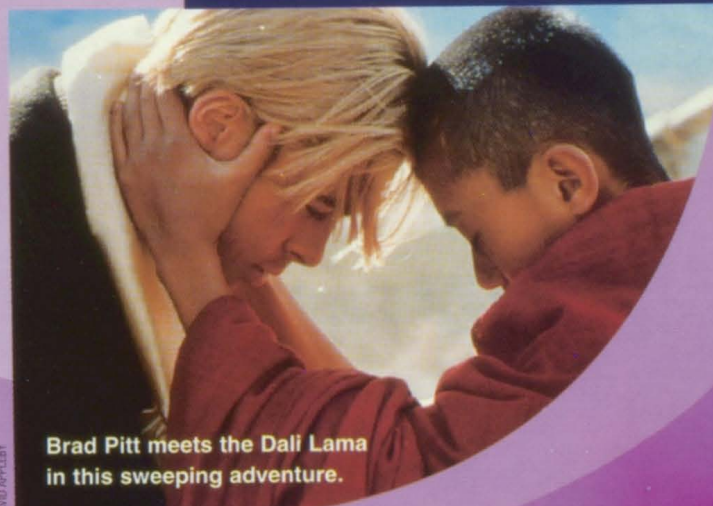
Titanic



Director James Cameron's "Titanic" is the blockbuster hit of 1998 with a record-tying 14 Oscar nominations.

ARLENE WALLACE

Seven Years in Tibet

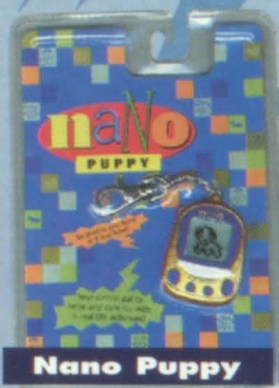


Brad Pitt meets the Dali Lama in this sweeping adventure.

AND APPELBY

Old words with new meanings on the World Wide Web

- Attack** - an attempt to bypass a computer's security
- Cookie** - a transaction token sent by a web site to a browser
- Crash** - a sudden failure of the computer
- Flame** - an online message intended to insult others
- Java** - the special computer language developed by Sun Microsystems for web browsers
- Sniffer** - a program that captures data across a network
- Spam** - flooding a user or site with a huge volume of irrelevant email
- Surf** - cruising the Internet for cool stuff
- Worm** - a program that reproduces itself across a network



Nano Puppy

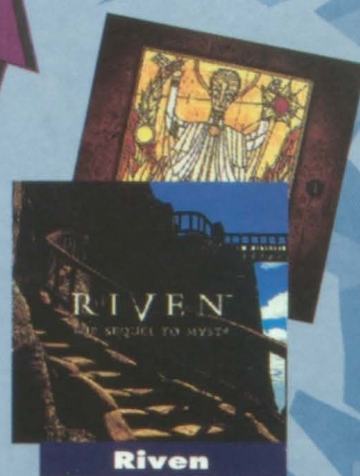
Are you taking care of your digital pet?

Why hits hit harder on DVD



Movie CDs

DVD is the hot new technology that puts full-length movies on CD-ROM.



Riven

Riven is but one of a host of popular interactive computer games.



VW Beetle

The newest design from Volkswagen harks back to its oldest design -- the popular Beetle of the 1960s and 1970s.

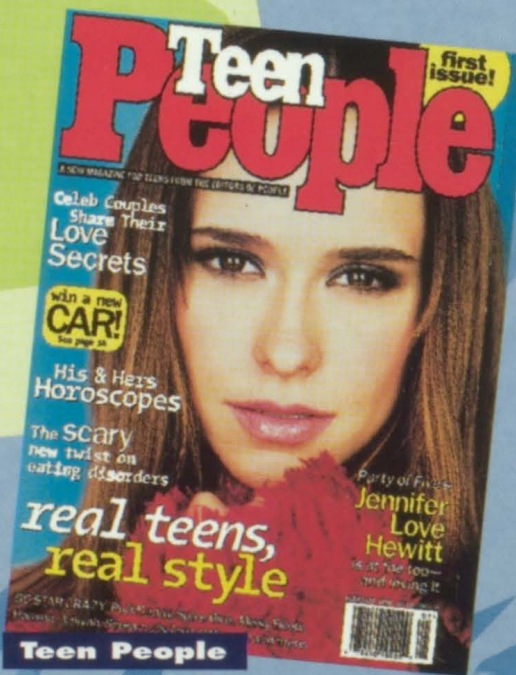


Burger King Fries

The burger wars heat up again as Burger King launches Big King and a new recipe for french fries.

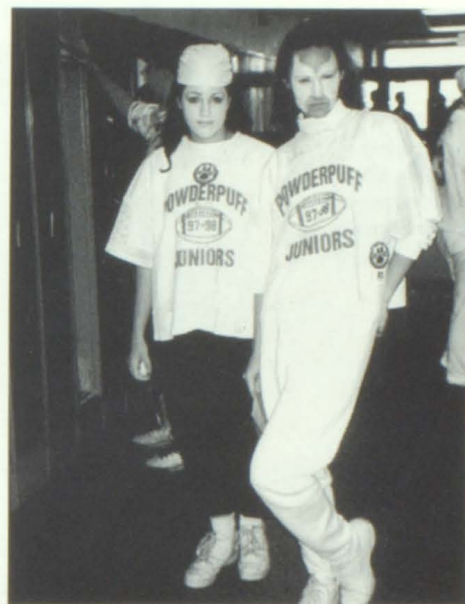
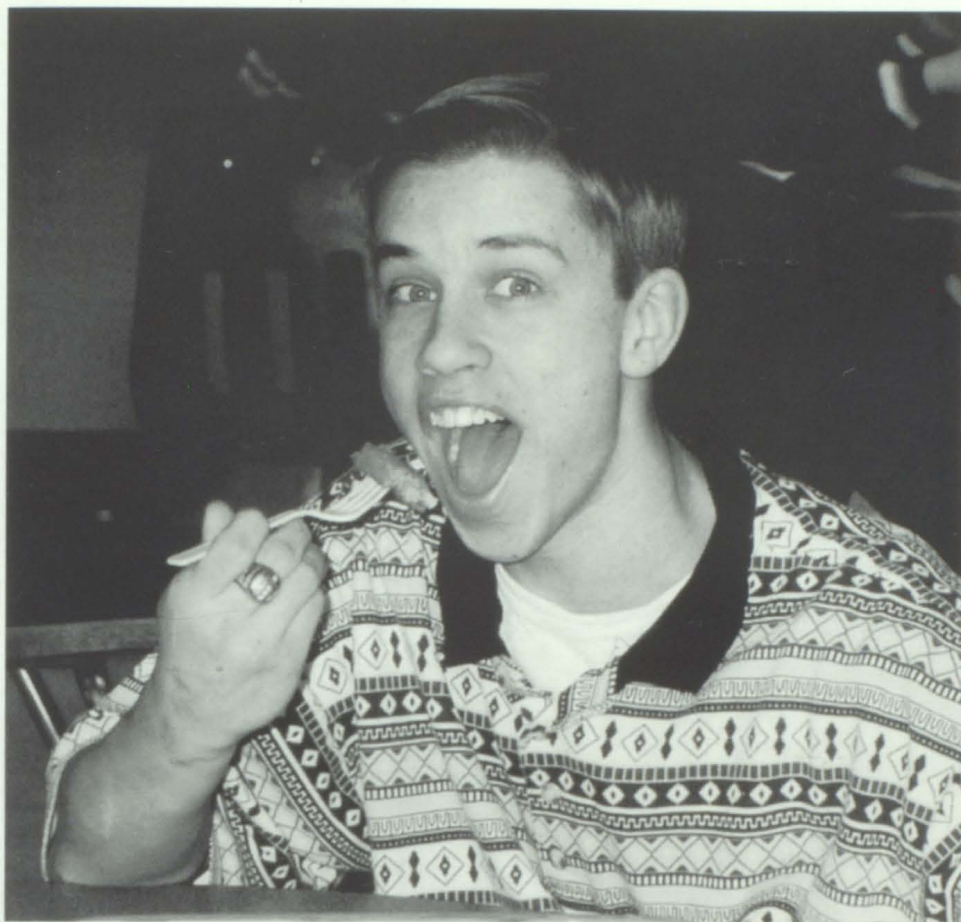
Fashions sport bright colors and often a retro look, suggesting styles from the 1970s.

Retro 70s



People introduces its new teen edition.

JUNIORS



Top left. Amory Toth is ready to enjoy his lunch!

Top right. Wendy Ahlbrecht and Rachelle Rosin are ready for the big game.

Above. Junior Josh Imholtz works hard to get his work done.

Left. Angie Loscheider, Lori Wirtz, Danielle Hoekstra, JoAnna Meuwissen, Destiny Bren, Kelly Hedtke, Jessica Buesgens and Kendra McCandless gather together with a sophomore friend for lunch.



Wendy Ahlbrecht
Heather Anderson
Holly Barnes
William Bedford
Nicole Biskey



Ryan Brandenburg
Destiny Bren
Nathan Brockpahler
Justin Brunelle
Jessica Buesgens



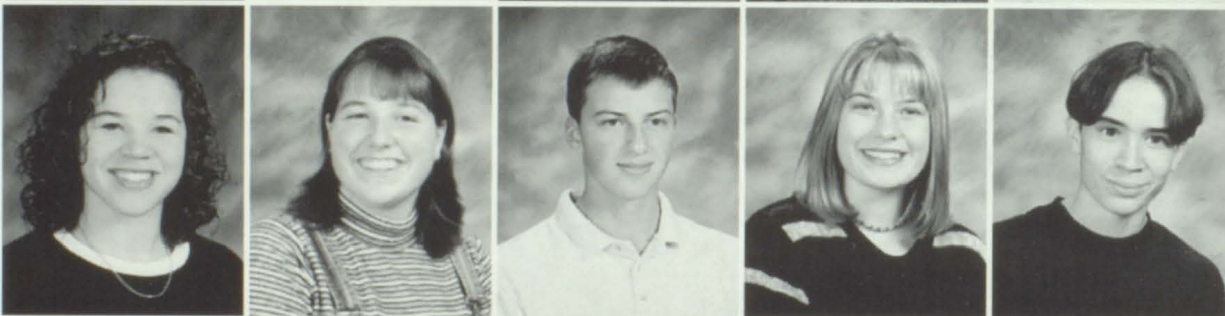
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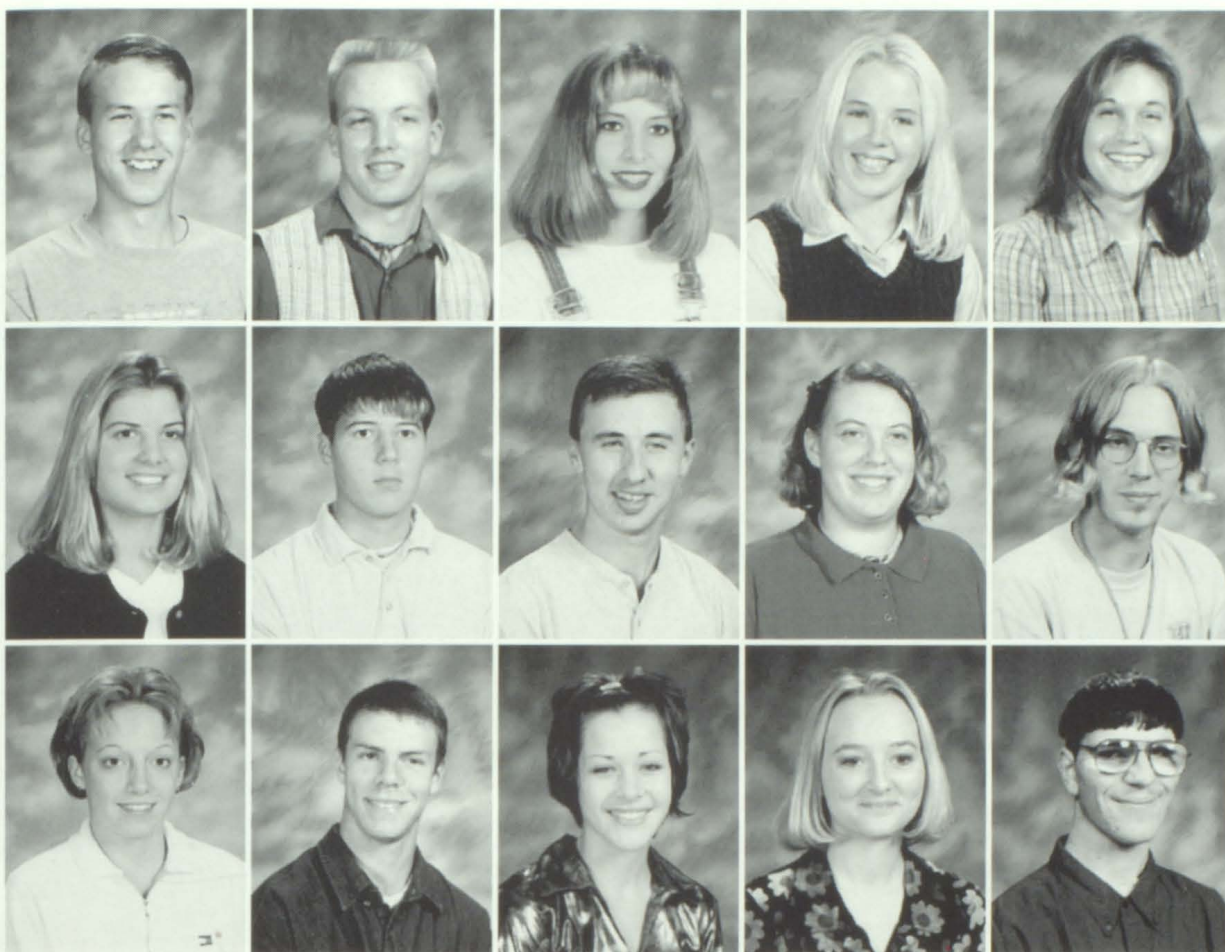


Sarah Dreier
Annie Dressen
Aaron Dubbe
Kristin Erickson
Adam Fagerness



Douglas Flies
Mike Gaddo
Jesse Ganser
Peter Geyen
Andrew Gongoll





Aaron Grams
Joseph Grengs
Amanda Hamer
Kelly Hedtke
Emily Hipp

Danielle Hoekstra
Mark Hoelz
Ross Hoffman
Heidi Iddings
Josh Imholtz

Erin Indrelie
Corey Joyce
Lindsay Kast
Jessica Keeler
Patrick Keller

Seniors Offer Their Wisdom to Juniors

When seniors were asked to give juniors advice, they replied with many suggestions. When asked about classes,

many mentioned Mr. Zender's class. The seniors learned to always pay attention and be respectful in his class,

and also to cover their mouths if they yawned. Most students agreed with this student who said, "Mr. Zender's classes are entertaining, he makes it fun."

Another topic seniors commented on was college and their future. They advised the juniors to take their ACT's sooner, look at many colleges and start looking at them early in the year, and to take the classes they're interested in for a future career.

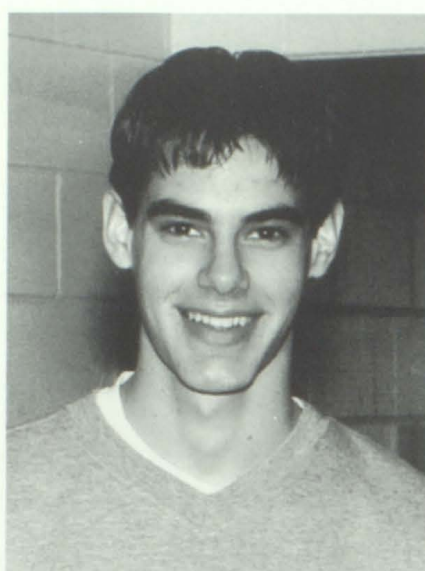
Another topic seniors commented on was extracurriculars. One senior commented, "Participate in as many as possible and try your best, because once it is over — it is over." That student summed up the feelings of the majority of the seniors.

Left. Junior Chad Kosieracki gets plenty of advice from senior Steve Minor.

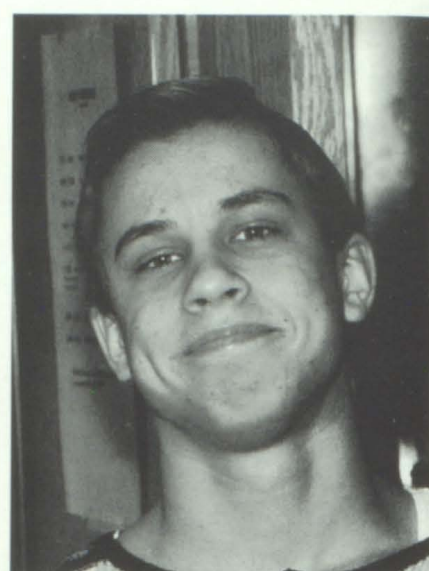




Lynzy Kast picked a quote from her grandpa, "The more you learn the more you enjoy life."

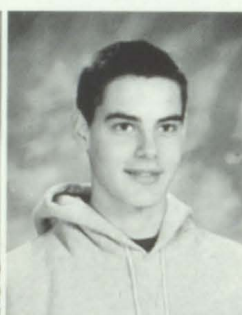


Chad Kosieracki's favorite quote is from *Braveheart*: "ARE YA WITH ME?"

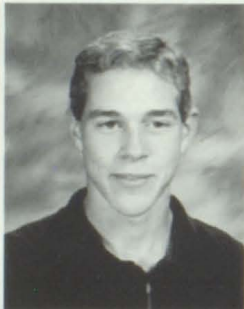
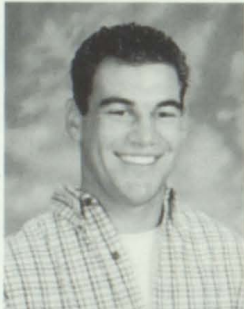


Amory Toth picked a quote by Tupac: "A coward dies a thousand deaths, a soldier dies but once."

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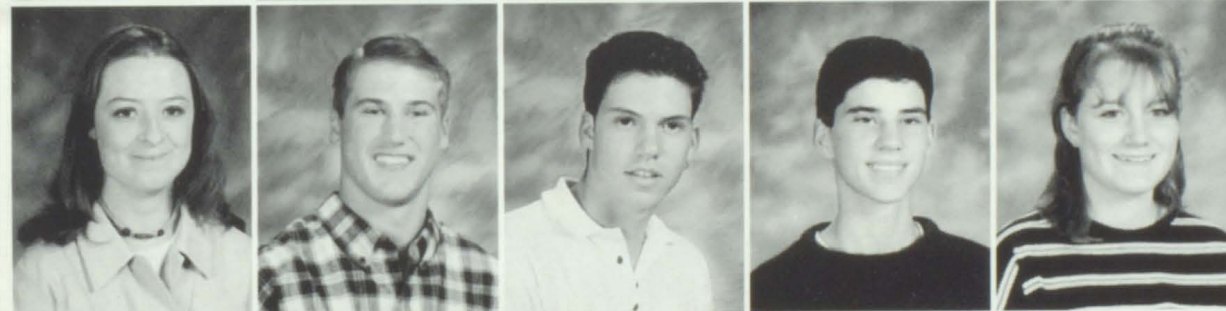
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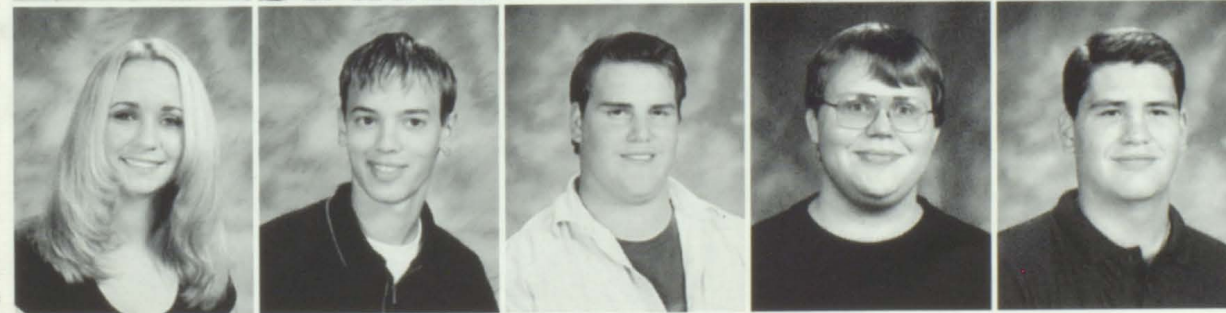
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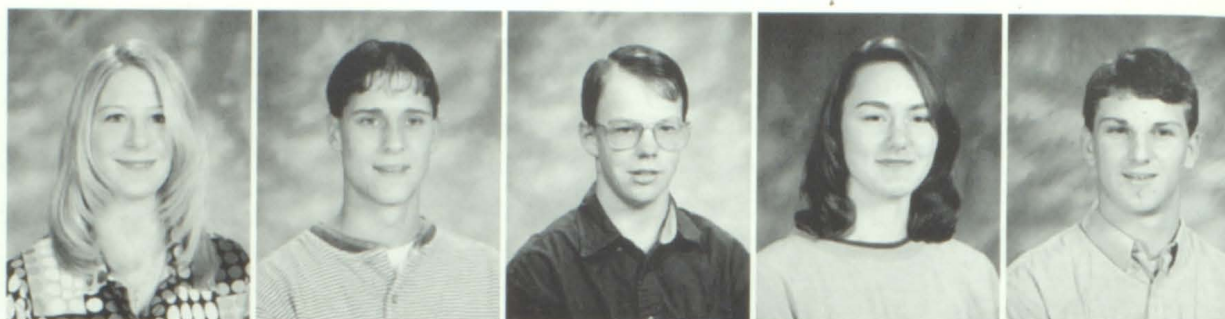


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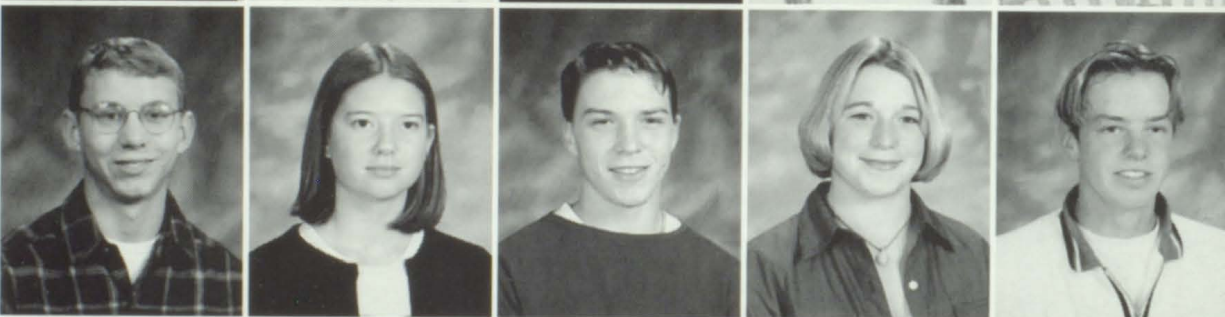
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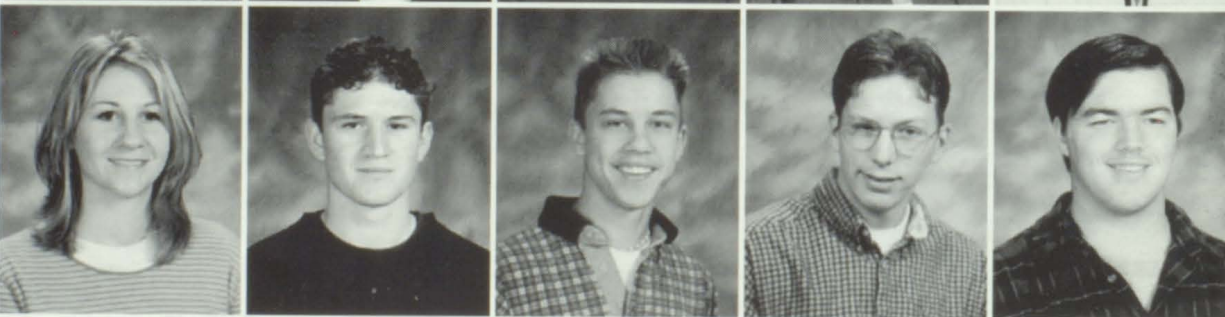
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Tattooing and Body Piercing Becoming Popular with WHS Students



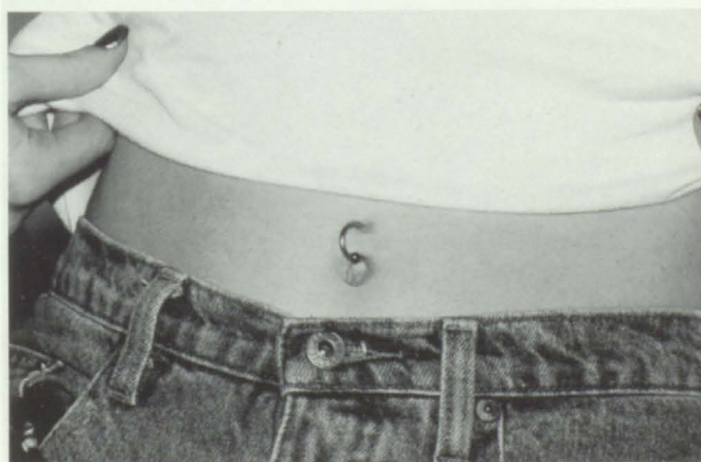
Tattoos and piercings — what comes to mind when you hear these words? Well, quite a few students at WHS say, "Want to see mine?"

"Where'd you get yours?"

"I'm getting my nose pierced this weekend!"

"I want one but my parents said NO!"

Tattoos and piercings seem to have become the thing to do at WHS. But how long will it last? And will anyone who has one or the other regret it? Probably. Of course, piercings heal, but tattoos are there forever.



Above left. Dana Schmakel shows off her shoulder tattoo of her astrological sign.

Above center. Becky Diers chooses a dainty flower near her ankle.

Above. A tattoo of the sun adorns Marin Fogerty's toe.

Far left. Loni Diethelm decides on belly button piercing.

Left. Jenna Kunkel adds eyebrow piercing to her look.



SOPHOMORES



Top left. Alicia Arndt leans against her locker in the sophomore hallway.

Top right. Sophomore friends Natalie Orth and Crystal Braunwarth are always there for each other.

Above. Kent Boll poses for English teacher and photographer Mr. Torborg.

Right. Jennifer Gothmann, Kip Parkerson, Ryan Goetze, and Becky Frank gather together in the halls during break.

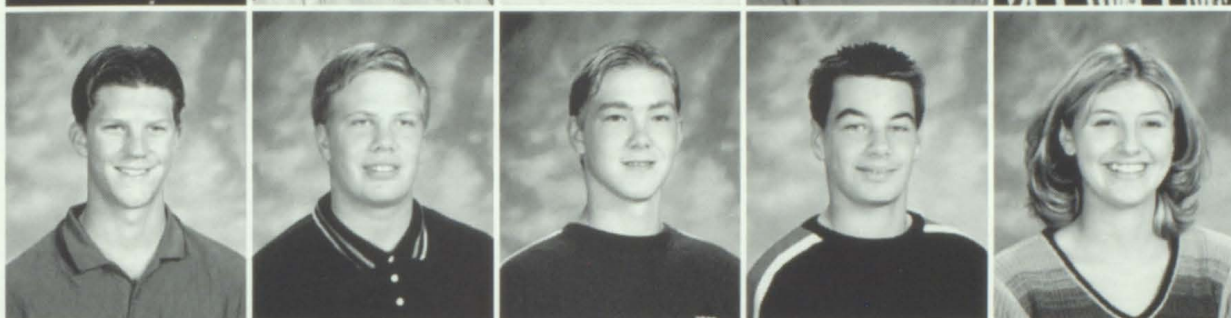




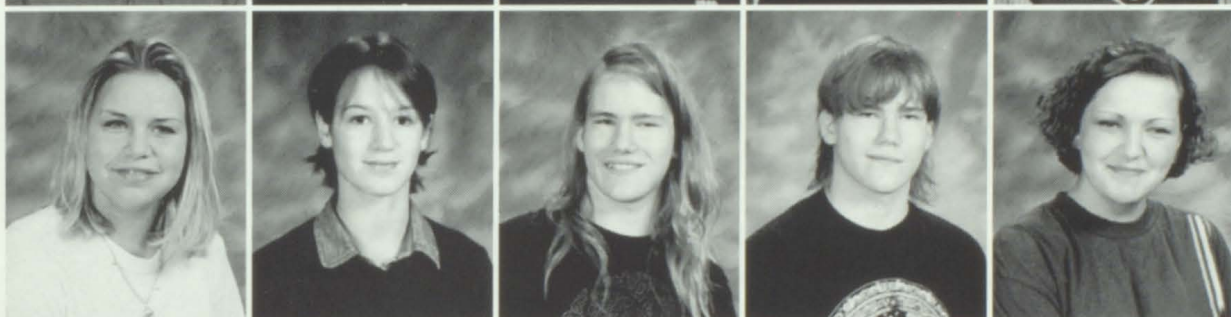
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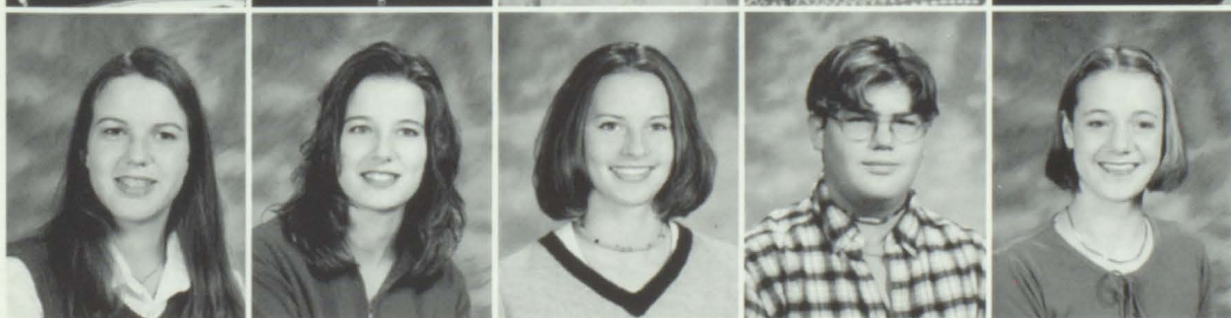
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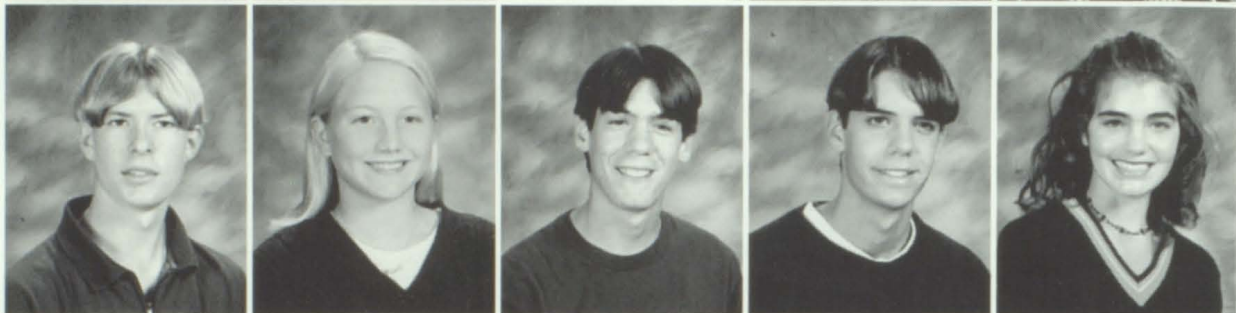
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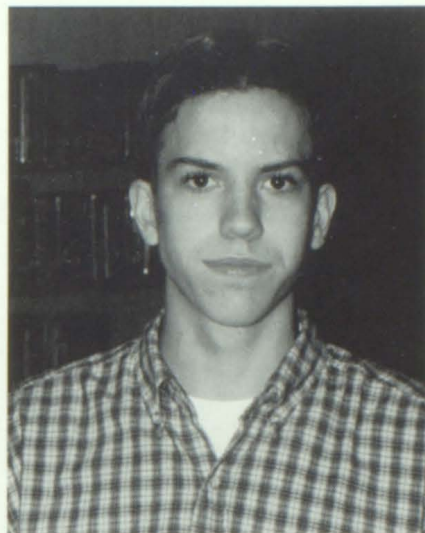
Sophomores Reveal Their Phobias



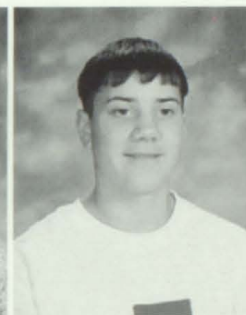
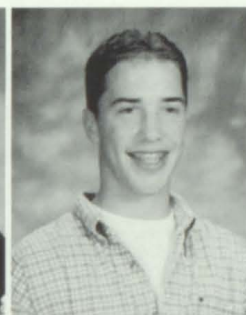
Anthony Smith: "I have a phobia of graduating in two years. I am going to miss all my friends and all the fun I had in high school. I'll cope with it by getting together with friends as much as possible."



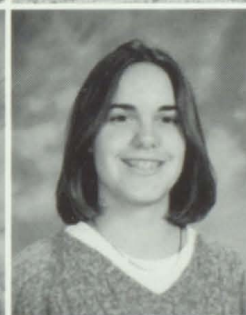
Lori Kelly: "I'm afraid of spiders and snakes. Whenever I see a spider in my room, I either have someone kill it or I throw a shoe at it. When I see a snake, I usually run away."



Neil Furman: "Getting deficiencies. I throw them away before my parents get the mail."



Julia Kes
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Terry Klaers
Travis Klein
Trent Klein



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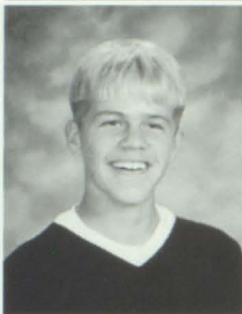
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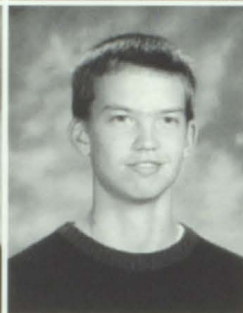
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Gina Meuwissen
Ethan Miller
Penelope Moll



Sophs Answer: What would you do if you could go into the past and never return?



Melissa Schuler: "I would go into the 60's when everything was carefree because there were no worries and fears that occur today. I would go to Woodstock for sure!"



Travis Klein: "I would go back to where I was a kid, and I had no worries in my life."



Stacy Reese: "I would go back into the days of the Renaissance. I think the outfits and surroundings are so neat. But the closest thing I can get to it is the festival in Shakopee when I'm at work."

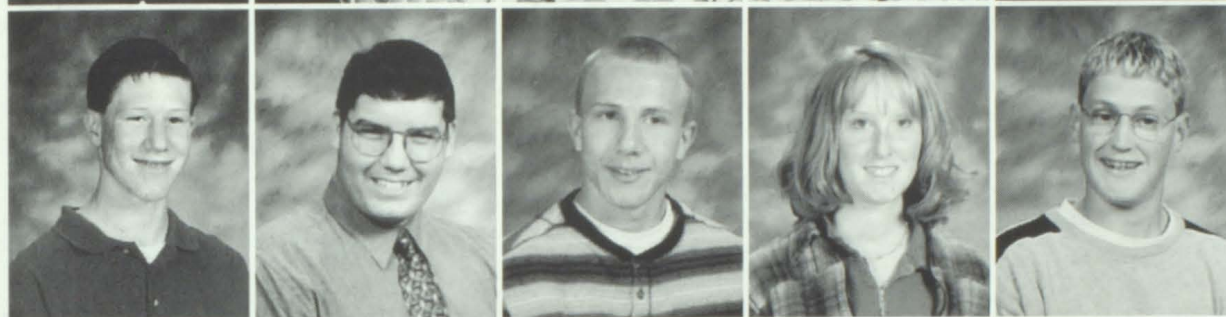




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Kyle Rambow
Melinda Ramm
Scot Rewerts



Joshua Salden
Tiffany Sampson
Kari Scheuble
Joshua Schilling
Bryan Schlechter



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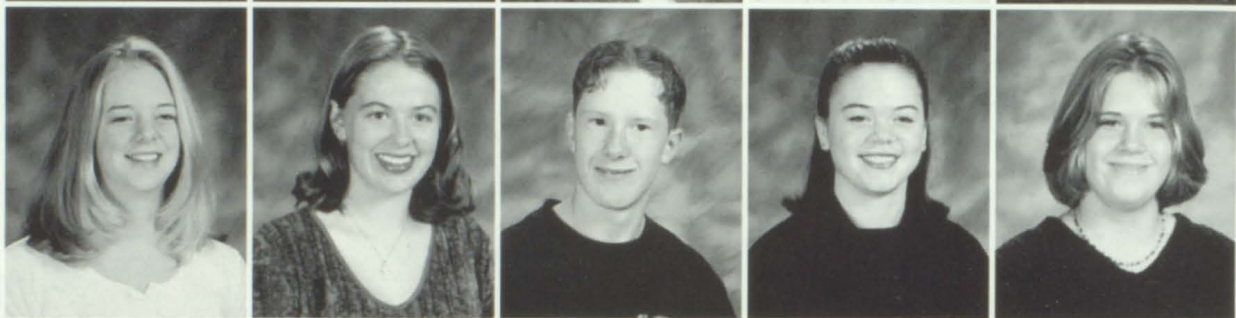
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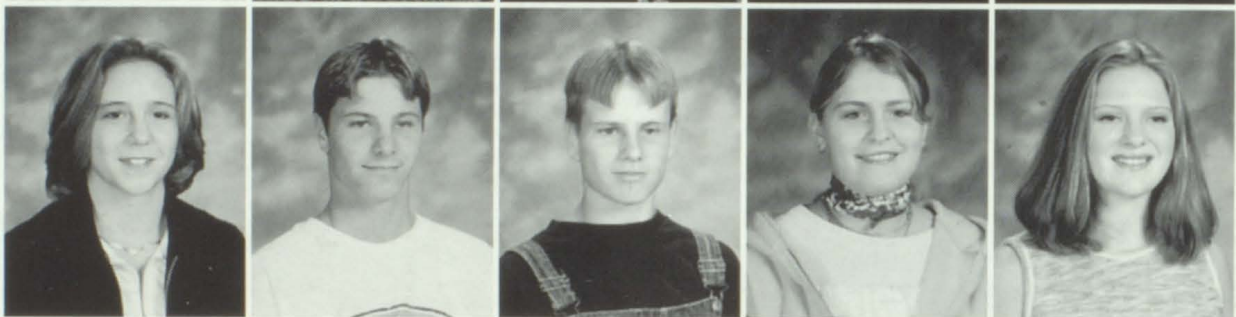
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Nathan Wood
Charles Young
Irina Yamanova
Crystal Zancig



Busted! Sophs Identify Eagle Eye Teachers

In an informal survey of the sophomore class, Mr. Westermann was selected as the best at catching note passing in the act. Mr. Lee, Mr. Torborg, Mr. Arman, and Mr. Berg also topped the list of teachers who don't miss many notes passed during class.

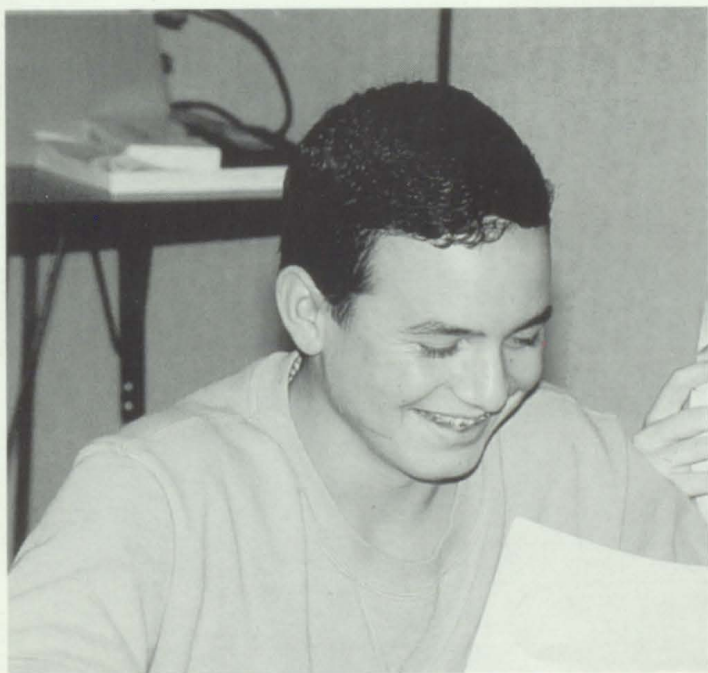
To the right, Mr. Westermann catches Jenny Widmer with a note in hand, while Rose Larson smiles in relief that she wasn't nabbed.



Shaina Zuppke



FRESHMEN



Above left. Rachel Minzel listens and sings during a choir rehearsal.

Above center. Scott Stein smiles for the camera during a quick trip to his locker.

Above. Jackie Condon, Kelli Pletsch and Kristin Pletsch break for a pic while working on their freshman homecoming float.

Far left. Jason Wagener tries to keep his composure while reading in class.

Left. Amanda Miller smirks at a friend's joke.



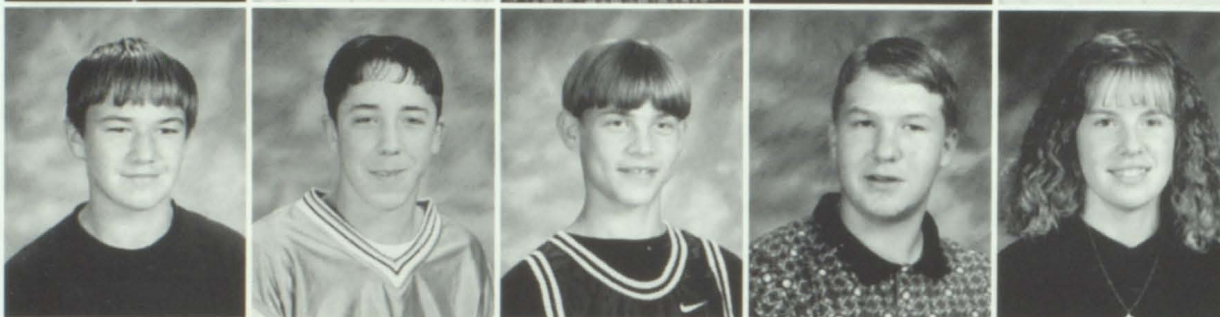
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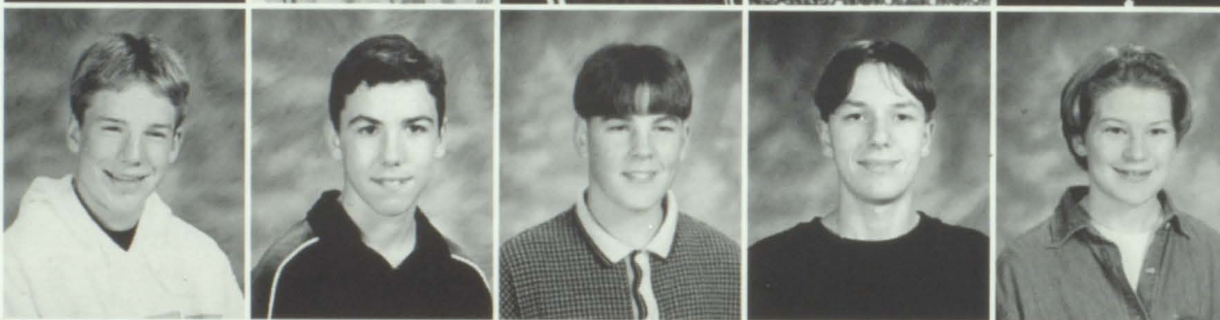
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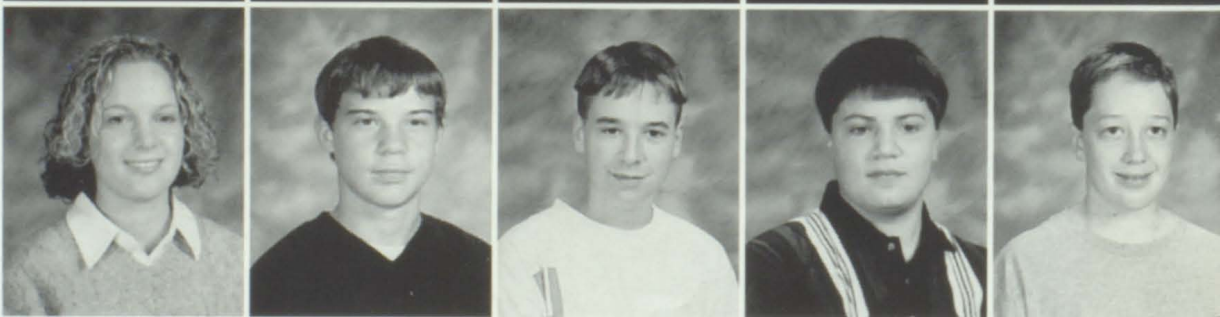
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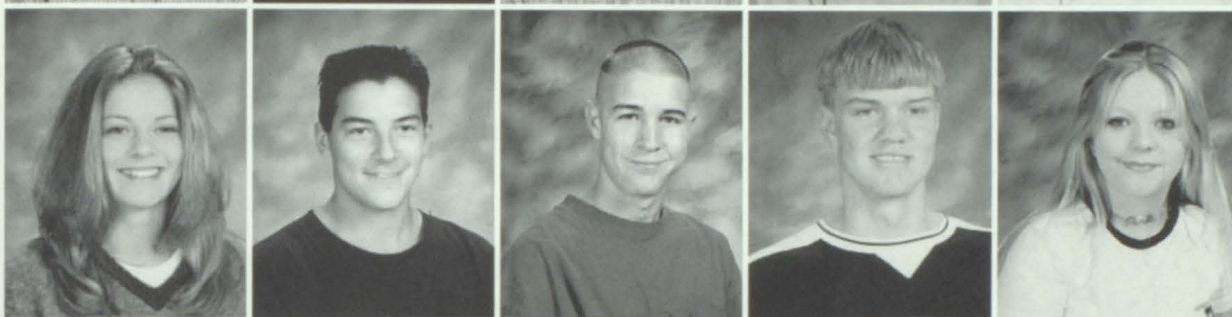




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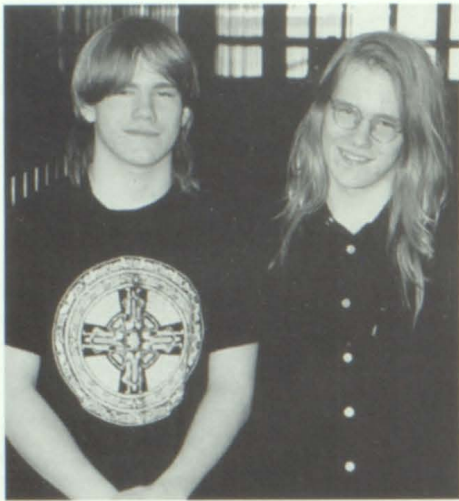


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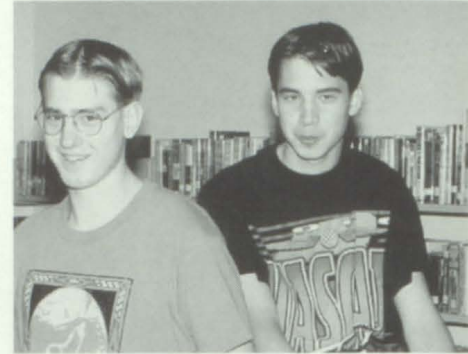
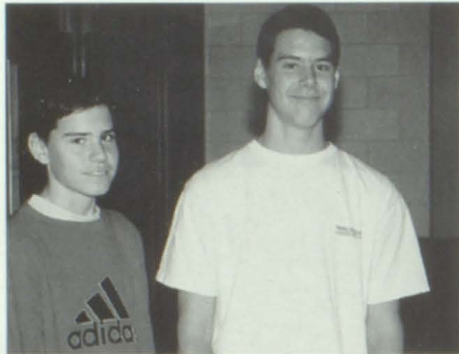




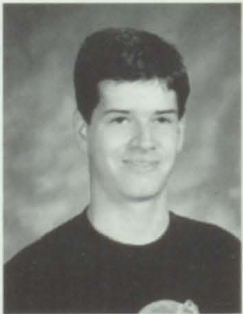
Seven Sets of Twins!

With so much interest in the McCaughey septuplets, the yearbook staff decided to investigate the seven sets of twins attending WHS. When asked what the advantages are to having a twin, Chris Hendren indicated that he likes to have someone to help him with his homework. Dylan Bruzenak enjoyed being able to blame things on his twin when they were younger, and Kelli Pletsch liked being able to wear each other's clothes. The disadvantages, according to several of the twins, included people mixing up their names and not being able to tell them apart, sharing things, being called the twins, and getting the same gifts. Most of the twins do not consider their brother or sister their best friend; they feel just as close to other brothers and sisters in their families.

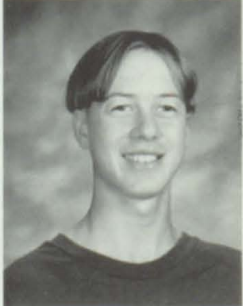
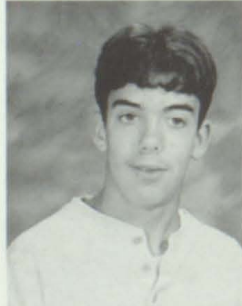
Counterclockwise from top left. Dylan and Dustin Bruzenak, Chris and Nate Hendren, Adam and Robert Stevens, Trent and Travis Klein, Troy and David Wagener, Chris and Ryan Kratzke, Kelli and Kristin Pletsch.



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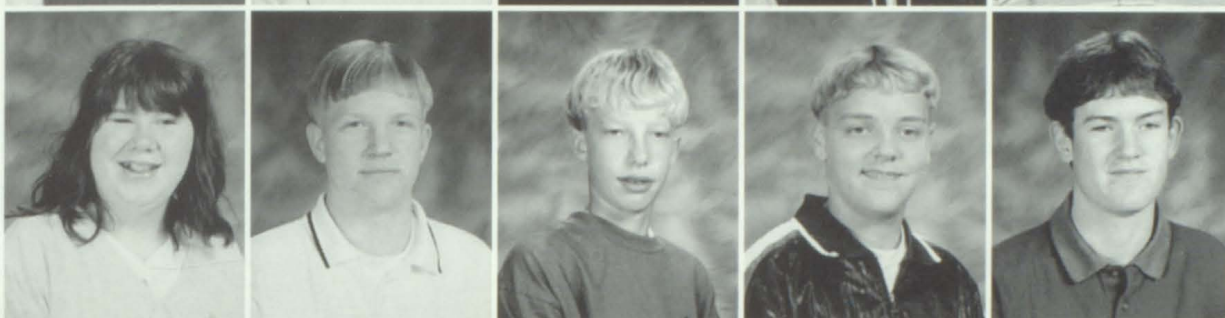




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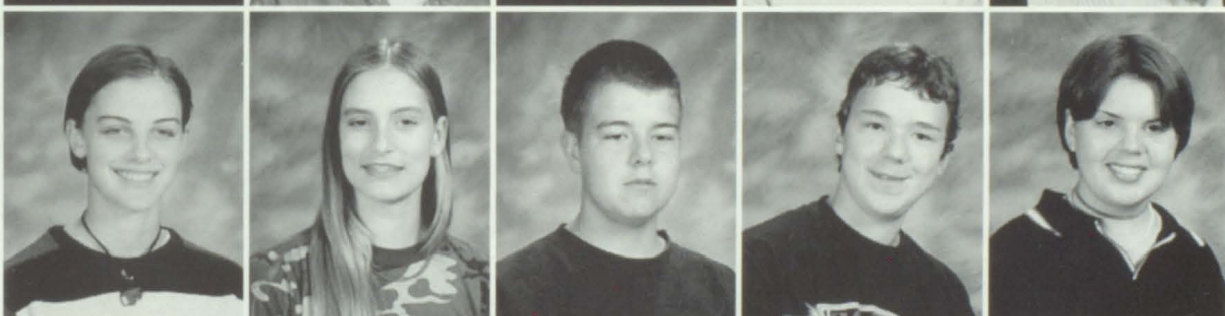
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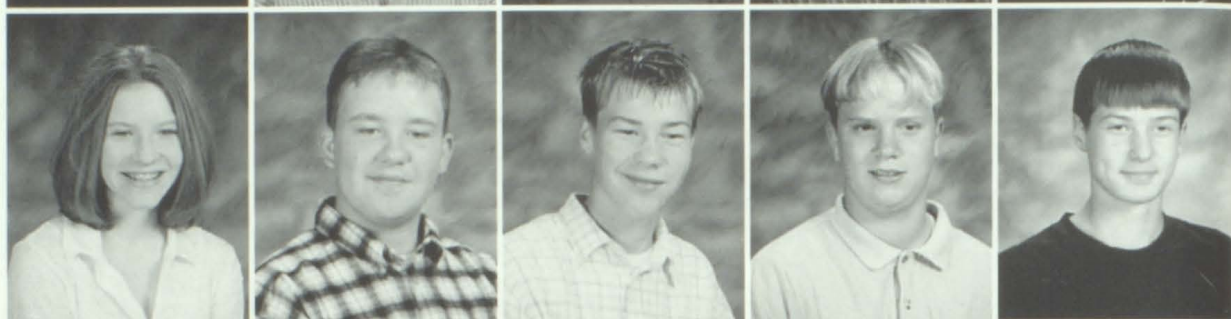
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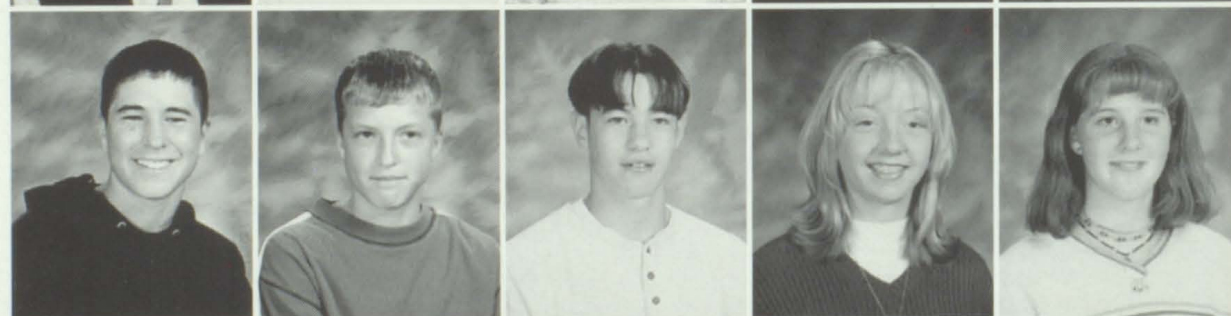
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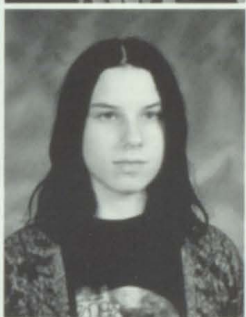
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Katie Whittaker
Jessica Williams

Question: Are Freshmen Picked on?



Mark Wilson



Jason Biskey: "I think it's just something you have to deal with as a freshman. Everyone has to go through it."



Jeannie Pfeil: "I think that it's a tradition for upperclass to pick on freshmen."





Above left. Freshman Dylan Christensen gets friendly with a pencil sharpener in English class.

Above right. Kristal Luedloff peers through the microscope in biology class.

Right. An appreciative audience at Southview listens to Destiny Bren tell a story for speech class.

Below. Building those muscles, Kendra McCandless shows how it's done.

Opposite page:

Top left. Jamie Brown molds her clay into what will become a work of art.

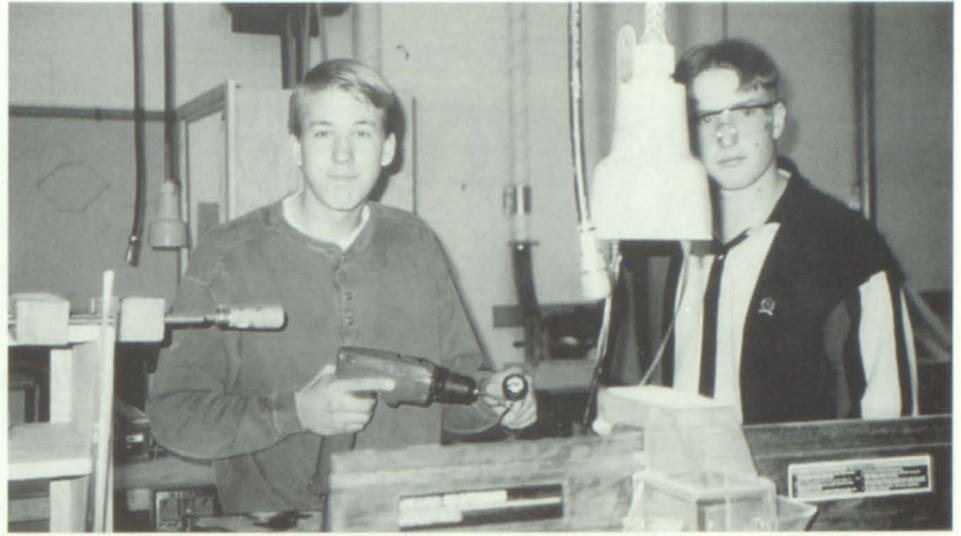
Top right. Aaron Grams and Chuck Machtemes work hard together in tech class.

Center. Trusting her friends fully, Jessica Kamrath has a mask made for Theatre class.

Bottom left. John Wabbe and Emily Hipp prepare baked apples for their foods project.

Bottom right. Having finished preparing her Spanish meal, Marla Stevens sits back and enjoys.





WHS Running Smoothly After Four Years in Operation

Since the high school opened in 1994, there have been many changes and improvements. With the four-block schedule, over forty new classes have been added for students to take. The lunch program also has added many new choices — a la carte items and a deli lunch option.

When the school first opened in 1994, the building was not complete,

and construction workers were a common sight and fire drills became a daily routine. The building is now complete and running well, although the future will demand more room for an increasing enrollment. To expand the building, Mr. Fredericksen indicated that additions could be made near Mr. Zender's or Ms. Schellack's rooms.



Dr. Ric Dressen
Superintendent



Mr. Mark Fredericksen
Principal



Gordon Winter
Guidance Services



Kathy Fontes
Guidance Services



Wayne Mortensen
Activities Director

Teacher Feature



Pictured above are Mrs. Fontes, Ms. Danger and Mrs. Kurtz. When Mrs. Fontes and Mrs. Kurtz graduated from high school, they were salutatorians of their classes, while Ms. Danger was valedictorian of her class.



Waconia School Board. Back: Mike Heger, Robert Hiben, Bryan Pawela, Ronda Leivermann. Front: Superintendent Ric Dressen, Theresa Pesch, Scott Jensen, Kathy Wilson.



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Secretary



Lisa Wendlandt
Management Aide



Math, Science Offer Many Class Choices

WHS offers a variety of math and science classes. Classes in math range from Algebra I to AP Calculus, a college class. One elective — Odds, Stats, and Games — deals with gaming, gambling, car accidents, and sports.

Physics and chemistry combine math and sports together. Life sciences include Biology I and II and Anatomy/Physiology. Specialized classes include Plant and Animal Science and Conservation I and II, which deal with ecology, wildlife and energy resources. Most science classes involve lab work with hands-on experiences for students.

Top. Nona Lehrke, Cody Roush and Katie Scholla all work hard finishing their assignment for Mrs. Kurtz's Algebra II class.

Right. Paul Delaney studies his trigonometry card to help him solve a problem.

Bottom right. Sarah Doyscher works hard at solving a problem for math class.



Mark Grundhofer



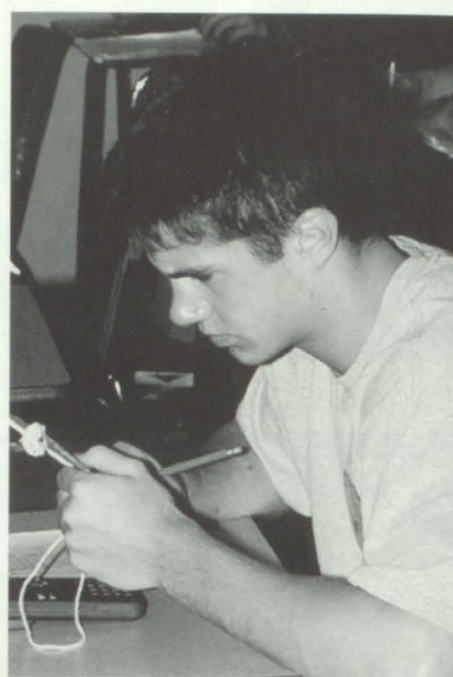
Kathy Kurtz



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Teacher Feature

Before Mr. Grundhofer became a math teacher, he spent his time as the captain of football, hockey, and baseball teams. Now he spends his time teaching and coaching.

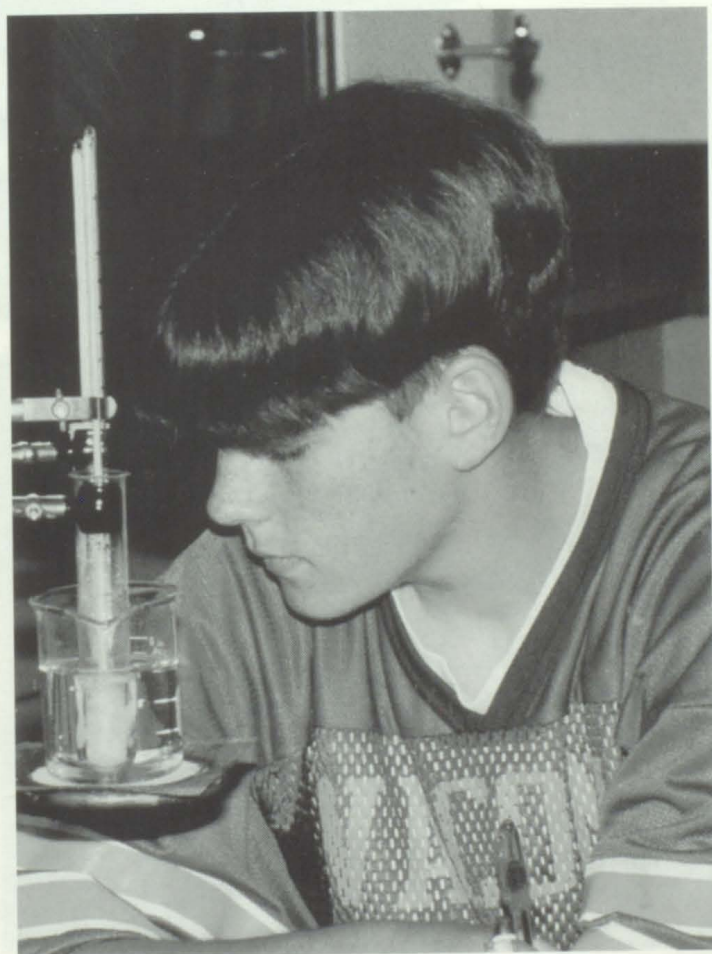




Darrell Arman



Mel Berg



Don Westermann

Teacher Feature



Back in his high school days, Mr. Westermann became homecoming king at Franklin High School in Minnesota. Catching deformed frogs is what he does for excitement now.

At the end of the school year, Mr. Westermann announced his retirement from teaching. Following his first six years of teaching in South Dakota and Minnesota, he began his career at Waconia in 1967 and taught biology for 31 years at WHS. In his spare time, he plans to do more hunting, fishing, gardening, and enjoying his free time.

Top left. Mr. Westermann assists an amused Jennie Hiben with a biology experiment.

Center left. Courtney Hanson uses the microscope to complete her lab assignment in biology.

Bottom left. Dan Chrest works hard and studies his experiment for ninth grade physical science.

Below. Sherry Schlechter, Kristin Erickson and Justin Brunelle watch as they try to destroy their bridge in physics class.



English, French, Spanish Classes Help Students Communicate

English and foreign language classes help students communicate not only through speech but also through reading and writing. In addition to the required English and speech classes, students may elect to take additional writing, drama, video, and photography classes.

Students who plan to take the recommended two years of a language may also expand up to four years of the same language. A class trip to the country of the language they are studying is also available to students every two years.

Top. Sophomore Alex Schmid concentrates on his notes as he prepares to take a test.

Far right. Ryan Brandenburg reads to Southview students for speech class during "Read Across America" week.

Bottom left. Matt Masurka works hard in his English workbook.

Bottom center. Foreign exchange student Kadri Ollino from Estonia reads a children's story to a receptive audience at Southview.

Bottom right. Heather Anquist writes down notes as Mr. Torborg explains them.



Kim Benson



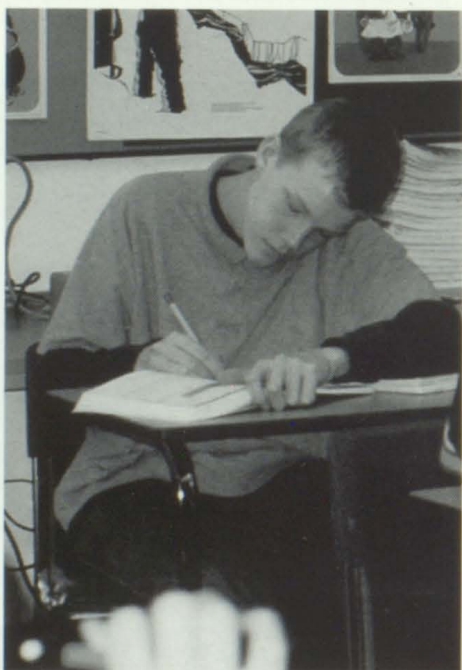
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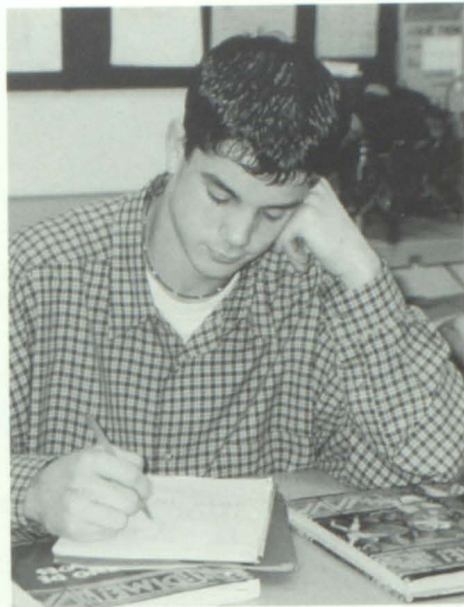


Polly Schellack



Mark Torborg





Corinne Dugar



Pam Melchert

Teacher Feature



It's difficult to imagine what teachers did in their free time in high school. Mrs. Melchert, Mrs. Berlin, Mrs. Kurtz and Ms. Schellack were either on the cheer-leading squad or dance team in their high schools.

In this picture, they are sporting their past extracurricular activities as they remember their high school years.



Kari Stevenson

Top left. Lori Wirtz gets a taste of Spanish food in addition to learning the language.

Top center. Mike Staber works hard on finishing the day's Spanish assignment.

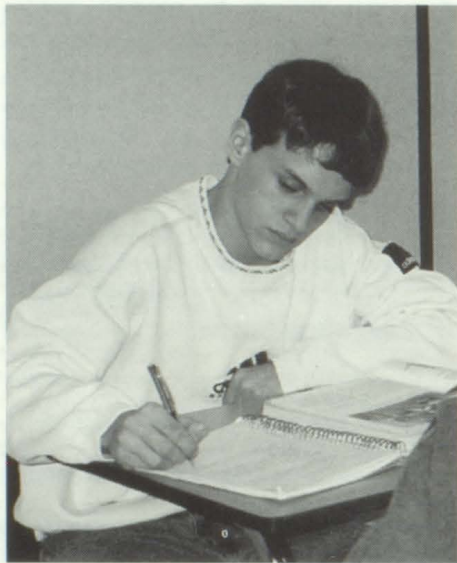
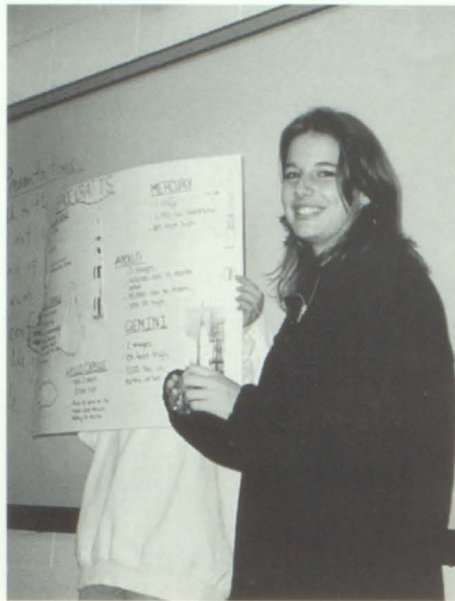
Bottom left. Mrs. Melchert helps Lauren Bresnahan look up a word in French class.

Below. Lori Kelly and Lisa Walters enjoy food on a Spanish field trip to Rio Bravo.



Current Issues, History Offered by Social Dept.

Along with basic social classes, electives and special classes are offered by the social department. Honors U. S. History is available to selected sophomores. Although Psychology I is required, students may elect to take the advanced class, Psychology II. Other electives, such as the Civil War and World War I and II and the Holocaust, look deeper into historical events. Students may also study issues that are currently in the news in a class such as Contemporary Social Issues. American Government and Politics is offered for college credit. Geography and Western Hemisphere Studies are required classes for juniors, but European Studies is an elective.



Eric Herrmann



Steve Hullander



Jon Luebke



Mike Zender



Top left. Trude Ditsch presents her spacecraft project for U.S. History.

Top right. In Mr. Zender's Political Science class, Berit Hanson checks the newspaper for the latest news.

Center left. Freshman Joe Johnston listens and takes careful notes for Mr. Herrmann's Civics class.

Above. Mr. Herrmann helps Sara Mauk in Social 9.

Left. Desiree Cox and Leslie Litfin work to beautify their U.S. History project on the 1950's.



Health, Phy Ed Encourage Physical Fitness

Physical education and health are required through 10th grade, but students may keep working to achieve physical fitness by taking electives such as Advanced Physical Education, Lifetime Physical Fitness, and Advanced Health. Other classes available include Medical Emergencies, Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries, and Introduction to Weight Training.

In regular phy ed classes, students play team sports and individual sports, such as aerobics, ice skating, weight training, and gymnastics.

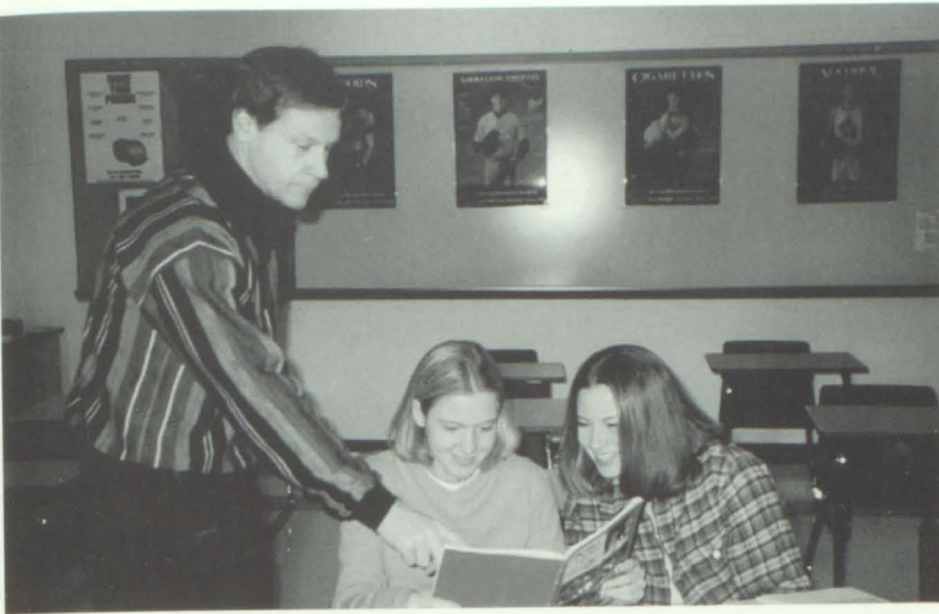
Top. Mr. Foley helps Rachel Stenger and Andrea Drapcho with their work in health class.

Center left. Cortney Sletten pumps up her muscles in Advanced Phy Ed.

Below. Adam Orth works on building strong muscles in a weight training class offered by Mr. Elsenpeter.

Bottom left. Jimmy Young, David Wagener and Troy Wagener bowl for an advanced gym class.

Bottom right. Karl Kranz prepares to bump the volleyball in gym class.



Mark Elsenpeter



Pat Foley



Connie Manuel



Four Years of Music Classes Common for Many Students

Students at WHS are able to take music classes for all four years, if they meet the requirements of the courses. Varsity choir and symphonic band are open to freshmen and sophomores, while concert band and concert choir are reserved for juniors and seniors. Because the classes meet for only one half of a block throughout the year, students are able to take music all year, instead of for only one semester.



Ron Larson



Don Schultz



Center right. Chad Kosieracki and Ben Bernt prepare for their band concert.

Left. Senior Angela Hatz follows Mr. Larson's direction carefully.



Top. Lisa Walters, Angie Riihiluoma and Desiree Cox sing in the varsity choir.

Left. Bria Welch and Elliott Kranz play the French horn in concert band.

Above. Krystle Weinzierl concentrates on her rehearsal for an upcoming concert.





Art Classes Offer Creative Opportunities

Students at WHS have a wide variety of courses to choose from in the art department. Basic classes such as Introduction to Art and Color, Design and Drawing give students a chance to try various mediums. More specific and advanced classes include Ceramics, Studio Art I and II, and Commercial Art. These classes give students more opportunities to use their artistic skills in painting, drawing, or sculpting.

Some of the unique experiences art students had this year included the Ceramics classes snow sculpting on the grounds outside the commons and the Crafts class working on a project with second graders in the district.



Amy Fischer



Kristin Hoff

Top. Kristin Erickson, Sarah Popelka and Annie Dressen add finishing touches to their snow sculpture of the world.

Center left. Richie Barfknecht works on his daily sketch for art class.



Left. Becky Frank works on her white charcoal drawing in Color, Design, and Drawing.

Above. Ms. Hoff uses her artistic abilities to help Katie Larson on a drawing.



FACS/Business Classes Useful, Necessary to Students in Life

The Family and Consumer Science Department offers students a variety of practical courses, such as Child Development, Foods I and II, Interior Design, and Consumer Management. Students have opportunities to learn about nutrition and about the physical and emotional development of children, and they also have opportunities to try new recipes and to design the interior of a home.

The Business Department offers students many opportunities to use computers as well to learn about personal law, accounting, and investing.



Sue Ann Hartwig



Kristi Berlin



Jim Lee



Lydia Thometz



Top. Andy Acosta, Drew Gulden, Melissa Stevens, Travis Klein and Erik Schultz show off their freshly baked muffins.

Center left. Mrs. Hartwig explains the reason for the recipe to Sarah Weinzierl.

Above. Drew Gulden sneaks his second muffin from the pan.

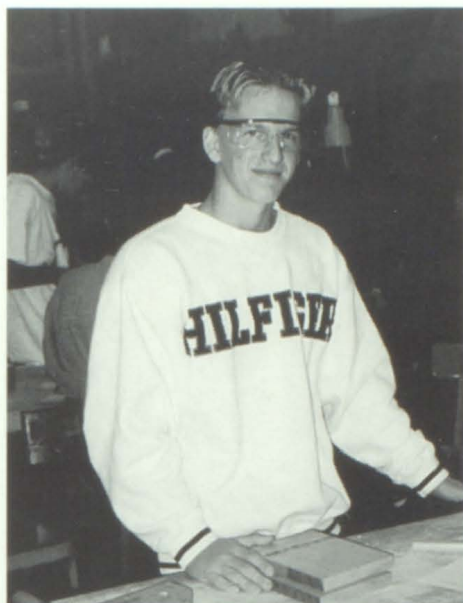
Left. Jenny Menth learns how to use the Internet so she can obtain a license.



Teacher Feature



When Mr. Aeling was in high school, he was elected Snow King!!



David Aeling



Bob Lindemann

Tech Projects Increase Skills, Student Pride

The Industrial Technology Department offered classes dealing with woods, drafting, metals, auto maintenance, small engines, and other specialized subjects. Students had opportunities to build their own projects, repair cars, and study drafting skills. Students use drawings, computers and hands-on work in these classes. The Transitions class as a group helped to build a shed for the school. Students not only gained skills through these classes, but also they developed pride in their achievements.

Top. Drew Johnston models his safety goggles while in tech class.

Center left. In a cooperative learning project, Transitions student Wayne Landheer helps one of Ms. Oliphant's students make a jewelry box.

Below. A group of Transitions students work hard on a shed they built as a class.

Bottom left. Eric Randt checks an angle on his project in tech class.



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Above. Mike Hilliard, Mark Anderson, Erik Schultz and Ted Keefe win the national gold for their Parliamentary Procedures at the FHA/FLA National Competition in San Diego, California.

Right. Desiree Schesso, Leah Herling and Kelly Leen take pride in their roles in "Mystery Weekend."

Below. Soon-to-be graduates Brian Thompson, Chris Bergmann and Dan Caldwell prepare for graduation practice.

Bottom right. Singing her heart out, Lynzy Kast performs in *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Opposite page.

Top left. Heidi Meier works conscientiously on the '98 yearbook.

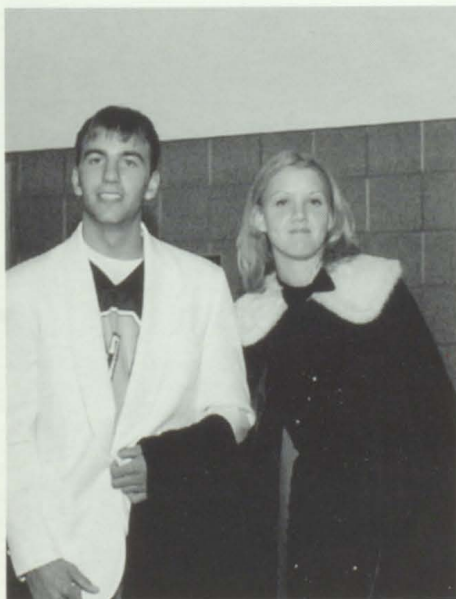
Top right. Prom goes! Sarah Grote, Katie Wasness, Bethany Leppard and Gretchen Wagener enjoy the ride on the *Grand Duchess*.

Center: Misty Hiben puts finishing touches on a poster for Spirit Week.

Bottom right. The Waconia High School marching band proudly displays their banner.

Bottom left. Rob Hart escorts Ali Peters at the homecoming pepfest.





Marching Band Season Includes Performing Tour of the East Coast, Winning Awards

This year was an exceptionally exciting one for the WHS marching band. The 131 members of the band traveled to the East coast for ten days, during which time they visited many historical sites, including the Statue of Liberty in New York, Old Ironsides in Boston, and Niagara Falls in Canada.

The many awards that the marching band received also contributed to the success and triumph of the members. At the state's largest competition of marching bands, Waconia received all three captain awards and second place in their class.

Winning these awards and going on a trip contributed to the excitement the members of the WHS marching band felt throughout the season.

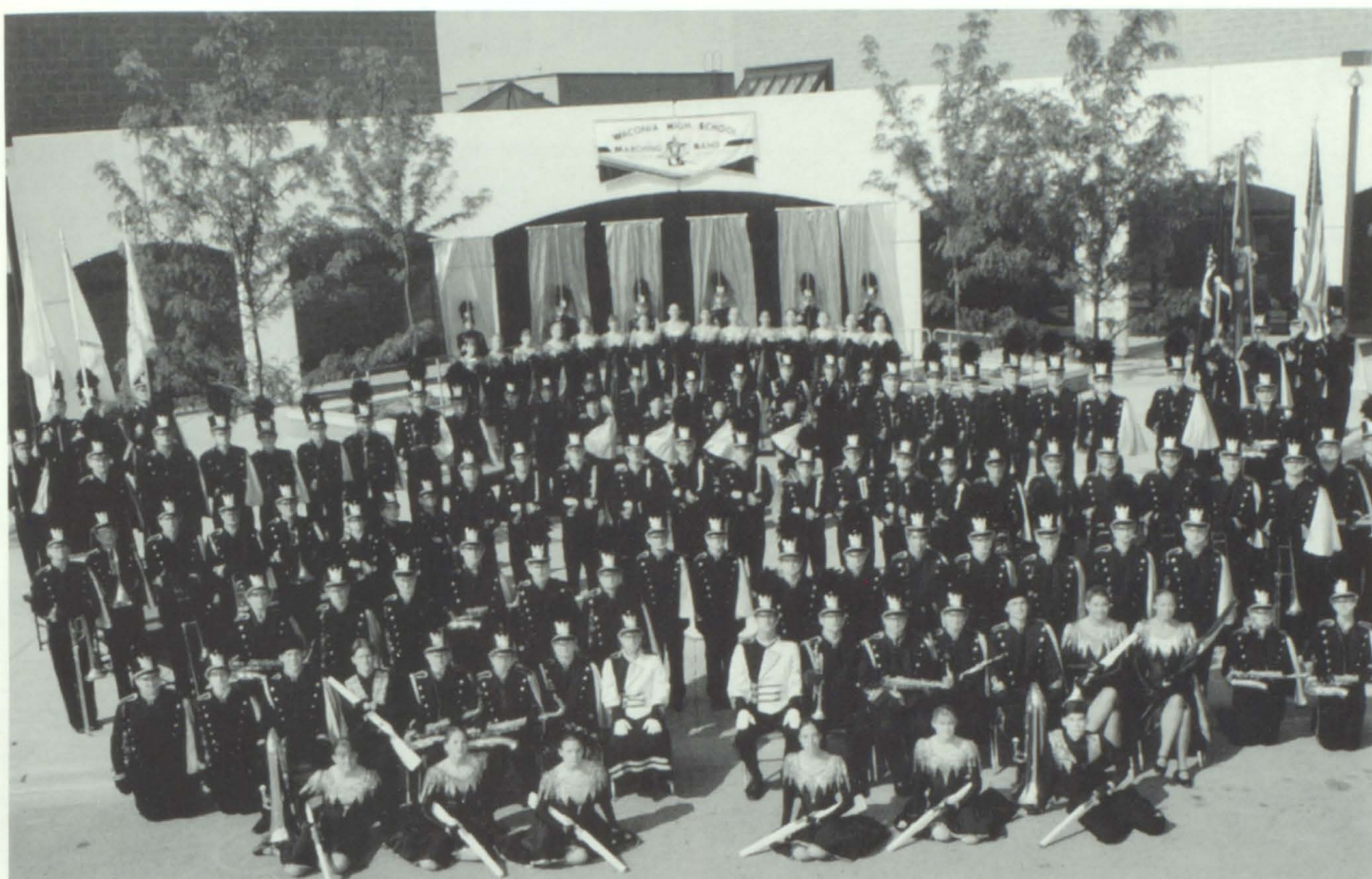
Center left. Members of the colorguard march with great dignity down the streets of Bristol, Rhode Island.

Center right. Commander Brittany Molnau proudly salutes while marching in the Memorial Day parade in Waconia.

Bottom left. Junior Erin Indrelie and sophomore Scot Rewerts march with precision through downtown Waconia.

Bottom right. Sophomore Karyn Laulainen and the brass section march during Wednesday in the Park.





Commander

Brittany Molnau

Alto Saxophone

Berit Hanson
Nathan Hendren
Cristy Jensen
Zach Lamberger
Jennifer Bruemmer

Tenor Saxophone

Pete Buckingham

Trumpet

Jackie Menth
Jesse Rightler
Jon Bruemmer
Mark Ellingson
Eric Ellingson
Leah Gjertson
Chris Hendren
Terry Klaers
Karyn Laulainen
Leslie Litfin
Lucas Meyer
David Philp
Justin Sorensen
Emily Tongen

Horn

Elliott Kranz
Eric Janzen
Bria Welch

Trombone

Nick Geller
Adam Hocutt
Mark Long
Benjamin Berndt
Courtney Hanson
Kyle Rambow
Cory Schlagel
Jesse Timm
Mark Wilson

Tuba

Aaron Sorensen
Sam Maiser
Robert Pesch
Alex Kranz

Percussion

John Gilbert
Erin Indrelie
Matt Bergmann
Brady Bussler
Holly Kunkel

Scot Rewerts
Eric Rewerts
Brent Rolf
Cody Roush
Andrew Tongen
Katie Ertl
Abby Welch

Clarinet

Jennifer Capaul
Desiree Cox
Melissa Diethelm
Kate Eder
Amanda Hagen
Julia Kes
Rachel
Knickerbocker
Nicole Krautbauer
Nona Lehrke
Rachel Minzel
Jennifer Mochinski
Dylan Schesso
Natalie Timmers

Flute

Laura Johnson
Jennifer Menth
Becky Schmidt

Lisa Smestad
Amanda Templin
Angelie Timm
Kelly Westlund
Kristy Ketcher
Bria Knutson

Colorguard

Wendy Ahlbrecht
Kristin Erickson
Jolene John
Kelly Klosterman
Misty Hiben
Kristin Kiefert
Lori Kelly
Lisa Kirsch
Jenna Kunkel
Kelly Leen
Jenny Meuwissen
Genny Poppler
Rachelle Rosin
Crystal Zancig
Ben Pauly
Desiree Schesso
Katie Wasness
Krystle Weinzierl
Anna Warnes
Caitlyn Klosterman

Lisa Walters

AM Squad

Tim Connor
Emily Lamberger
Megan Sterner
Lisa Hammer
Jessie Bammert
Luke Schiller
Ernie Flemig
Kevin Ketcher
Matt Heger
Adam Schlagel
Adam Hastings
Jeff Buckingham
Adam Hagen
Brian Johnson
Jennifer Schnobrich
John Ta



Choir Director Ron Larson Ends Longtime Teaching Career at WHS on a Happy Note

Both the varsity and concert choir had a successful year under the direction of Ron Larson. The students sang at three concerts throughout the year, in which they performed a variety of classical and popular music.

In addition, on February 25,

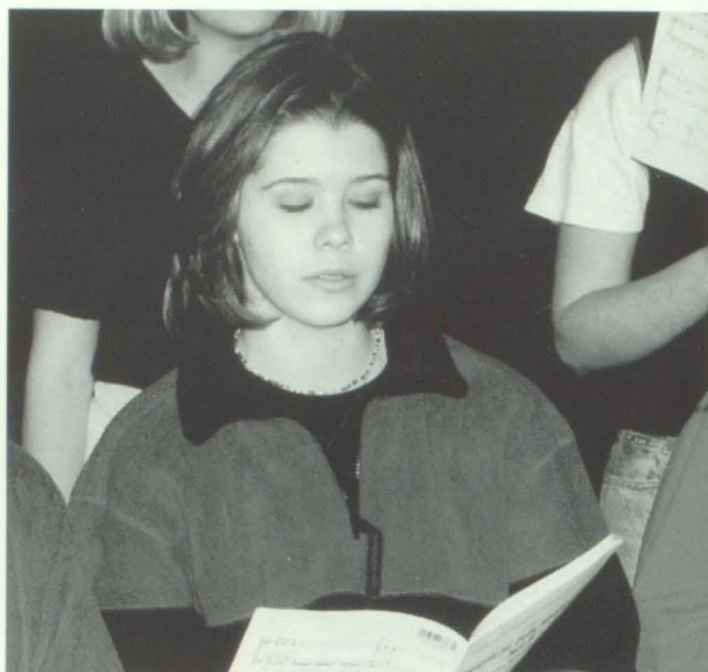
Waconia was host to the annual choir contest in which twelve choirs from around the area competed. At the contest, the concert choir received a superior rating, and the varsity choir received an excellent rating.

On April 24th and 25th, the choir

traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they participated in the Choir Festival, U.S.A.

Below left. Emily Christianson, a junior, sings with great concentration during choir.

Below. Junior Jenny Meuwissen sings "The American Folk Rhapsody" in concert choir.



Concert Choir. Back: Kristy Ketcher, Andrea Leffler, Chad Kosieracki, Ross Hoffman, Nate Pesch, Jeff Bostic, Jesse Rightler, Kevin Mielke, Ben Berndt, John Gilbert, Chris McNellis, Kristin Kiefert, Gretchen Wagener, Kelly Staber. 3rd Row: Karyn Laulainen, Alicia Golembeski, Josh Venske, Terry Klaers, Ben Pauly, Doug Meyer, Greg Kranz, Josh Moua, Justin Sorensen, Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser, Elliott Kranz, Heidi Iddings, Sarah Grote, Anne Burtman. 2nd Row: Takako Shimizu, Heather Anderson, Kelly Leen, Crystal Pfeifer, Rachelle Rosin, Andrea Wood, Leah Herling, Brittany Molnau, Jenny Meuwissen, Annie Dressen, Celyn Oakman, Berit Hanson, Bethany Leppard. Front: Angela Hatz, Emily Bodahl, Bria Welch, Linnea Mohn, Misty Hiben, Kelly Klosterman, Emily Christianson, Desiree Schesso, Genny Poppler, Meghan Foley, Krystle Weinzierl, Sarah Dreier, Bria Knutson. Not pictured: Wendy Ahlbrecht and Jesse Timm.



Below. Juniors Greg Kranz and Ben Pauly look at the music with deep concentration.

Right. Mr. Larson directs the varsity choir.



Mr. Larson Recounts Years at WHS

~Mr. Larson began teaching at WHS in 1968.

~The daily schedule of classes has changed five times since he began (from the 7 period day, mods, 4 block, 7 period, back to 4 block)

~In his own words: "I feel very fortunate to be in a career that works with the greatest gifts given to humankind — music, youth and imagination. I only hope that the communities of our district will see the value of music and continue to support the program so it can grow and flourish and touch the lives of our students."



Varsity Choir. Front: Sara Meyer, Jolene John, April Stevens, Liza Huckenpoehler, Holly Kunkel, Cassie Gaddo, Lisa Kirsch, Rachel Knickerbocker, Kristi Wagener, Tina Buesgens, Rachel Minzel. 2nd Row: Holly Olson, Jenny Menth, Jai Imholtz, Amanda Hawkins, Tanya U'Ren, Emily Tongen, Leah Gjertson, Crystal Zancig, Lindsey Hatz, Katie Wasness. 3rd Row: Desiree Cox, Alicia Arndt, Drew Gulden, Ryan Debner, John Ta, Karl Kranz, Robert Stevens, Mike Erickson, Nick Waletich, Jennifer Capaul, Nicole Krautbauer. Back: Mindy Ramm, Angela Riihiluoma, Matt Stuewe, Mike Hilliard, Kyle Ague, Aaron Linton, Wayne Landheer, Dylan Schesso, Mark Wilson, Amanda Templin, Julia Kes. Not pictured: Lisa Walters.



Concert, Symphonic Bands Put the Notes Together Perfectly

The symphonic band, which had 72 members, and the concert band, which had 41 musicians, performed four concerts this year. They played a variety of songs and used a range of styles. In the first concert of the year, the concert and symphonic bands were joined by the marching band in a performance which included grades six through twelve. The bands, both under the direction of Don Schultz, practiced first and second hours for half a block every day.

Right. Senior Katie Ertl plays the clarinet during a rehearsal in concert band.
Below. Eric Janzen and Danny Chrest, both freshmen, play the French horn in symphonic band.



Concert Band.

Wendy Ahlbrecht
William Bedford
Ben Berndt
Jed Cousin
Becky Diers
Kristin Erickson

Katie Ertl
Nick Geller
John Gilbert
Alicia Golembeski
Berit Hanson
Angela Hatz
Erin Indrelie

Mike Janski
Kristy Ketcher
Kristin Kiefert
Terry Klaers
Kelly Klosterman
Bria Knutson
Chad Kosieracki

Elliott Kranz
Jenna Kunkel
Karyn Laulainen
Kelly Leen
Nona L hrke
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Rachelle Rosin
Cody Roush
Desiree Schesso
Cory Schlagel

Jeff Schmitz
Justin Sorensen
Emily Streeter
Jesse Timm
Gretchen Wagener
Krystle Weinzierl
Bria Welch





Left. Aaron Petersen, Sandy Asp and Leslie Litfin practice the trumpet, overpowering the entire band.

Below. Tuba player Jeff Schmitz practices a song for concert band.

Below left. Using his trombone, Mike Janski produces a powerful sound.



Symphonic Band.

Lacey Ahlbrecht
Mark Anderson
Matt Anderson
Krisandra Asp
Matt Bergmann
Amber Brandmire
Brady Bussler
Jennifer Capaul
Danny Chrest
Desiree Cox

Melissa Diethelm
Megan Doyscher
James Dressen
Kate Eder
Jeffrey Elliot
Cassandra Gaddo
Leah Gjertson
Andrew Gustafson
Amanda Hagen
Courtney Hanson
Chris Hendren
Nate Hendren

Melanie Hoggarth
Greg Hoppenrath
Eric Janzen
Cristy Jensen
Josh Jetto
Jolene John
Laura Johnson
Joe Johnston
Ted Keefe
Bradley Kelzer

Julia Kes
Rachel Knickerbocker
Nicole Krautbauer
Holly Kunkel
Kari Laabs
Zach Lamberger
Audra Lehrke
Jennifer Litfin
Leslie Litfin
Matt Masurka

Jenny Menth
Lucas Meyer
Rachel Minzel
Jennifer Mochinski
Angela Morris
Ryan Mortensen
Holly Olson
Aaron Petersen
David Philp
Matthew Priess

Tiffany Ptacek
Kyle Rambow
Joseph Reltsma
Scot Rewerts
Brent Rolf
Dylan Schesso
Chris Schmitz
Lisa Smedstad
Aaron Sorensen
Matt Stuewe

Amanda Templin
Natalie Timmers
Andrew Tongen
Emily Tongen
Kay Trittabaugh
Anna Warnes
Katie Wasnes
Katie Whittaker
Jessica Williams
Mark Wilson



Jazz Groups Provide Lively Performances

The Jazz Bands and Jazz Singers performed at several events this year. The Jazz Band played at their April 4th concert, and the Jazz Combo performed at Nickle Dickle Day. The Jazz Singers performed at the Pop Group show, the holiday concert, and several other events. Both groups rehearsed once or twice a week and performed a wide variety of music.

Below right. Jazz Band. Back: Terry Klaers, Jackie Menth, Leslie Litfin, Justin Sorensen. Center: Matt Bergmann, Cody Roush, Kristin Kiefert, Cory Schlagel, Nick Geller, Ben Berndt, Courtney Hanson. Front: Gretchen Wagener, Cristy Jensen, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Nathan Hendren, Amanda Hagen.

Below. Leah Herling, Kelly Klosterman, Angela Hatz, Brittany Molnau and Genny Poppler sing at the winter concert.

Below. Jazz Singers. Back: Genny Poppler, Jesse Timm, Leah Herling. Center: Alex Schmid, Bria Knutson, Brittany Molnau, Beth Leppard, Jeff Bostic. Front: Kelly Klosterman, Elliott Kranz, Angela Hatz.



Jazz Also. Back: Matt Priess, Chris Hendren, Lucas Meyer, Aaron Petersen. Center: Brent Rolf, Mark Wilson, Aaron Sorensen. Front: Jennifer Mochinski, Matt Anderson, Zach Lamberger, Amanda Hagen, Sandy Asp.



Above. Jazz Singers Jeff Bostic and Jesse Timm show us their "jazzy" smiles.





Pop Group, Chamber Singers Add Variety to Music Dept.

Both the Pop Group and the Chamber Singers entertained at concerts throughout the year. On April 16 and 17, 1998, the Pop Group presented their own pop and jazz show entitled

Below. Chamber Singers. Back: Ross Hoffman, Terry Klaers, Ben Pauly, Kevin Mielke, Doug Meyer, Justin Sorensen, Alex Schmid, Sam Maiser. Front: Rachelle Rosin, Leah Herling, Takako Shimizu, Angela Hatz, Kelly Klosterman, Desiree Schesso, Genny Poppler, Brittany Molnau, Bria Knutson, Kristin Kiefert.

"Pop In, Jazz Up, Rock Out." The group practiced four days a week and made up the choreography for most of their songs.

Students must audition for both groups. Pop Group requires members to be able to sing while doing movements; practice sessions are held prior to tryouts.



Pop Group. Back: Terry Klaers, Leah Herling, Ross Hoffman, Katie Scholla, Rachelle Rosin, Elliott Kranz, Ben Pauly. Center: Alex Schmid, Karyn Laulainen, Angela Hatz, Kelly Klosterman, Sam Maiser, Jesse Timm. Front: Krystle Zancig, Genny Poppler, Brittany Molnau, Bria Knutson.



Top. Katie Scholla rocks to the 70's at the spring pop show.

Center right. Alex Schmid does the YMCA song during the show.

Above. Crystal Zancig, Sam Maiser, Terry Klaers, Karyn Laulainen and Jesse Timm take time from practice to pose for the camera.



Winterguard Adds Color, Pep Band Adds Spirit

The Waconia Winterguard participated in many shows during the season, including Sauk Rapids, Foley, and Monticello. Performing "Bonjour" from the movie *Beauty and the Beast*, the guard improved greatly throughout these performances.

The winter pep band performed at girls' and boys' basketball games and at wrestling meets. The fall pep band played at football and volleyball games.

The pep band under the direction of Mr. Don Schultz played a variety of songs including "Come a Little Bit Closer," "Wipe Out," and "Louie, Louie."

Right. Jackie Menth and Audra Lehrke contribute to the spirit of the music.

Below right. Nick Geller plays his trombone to encourage the girls to victory.

Below. The entire pep band performs the Rouser, to excite the crowd.

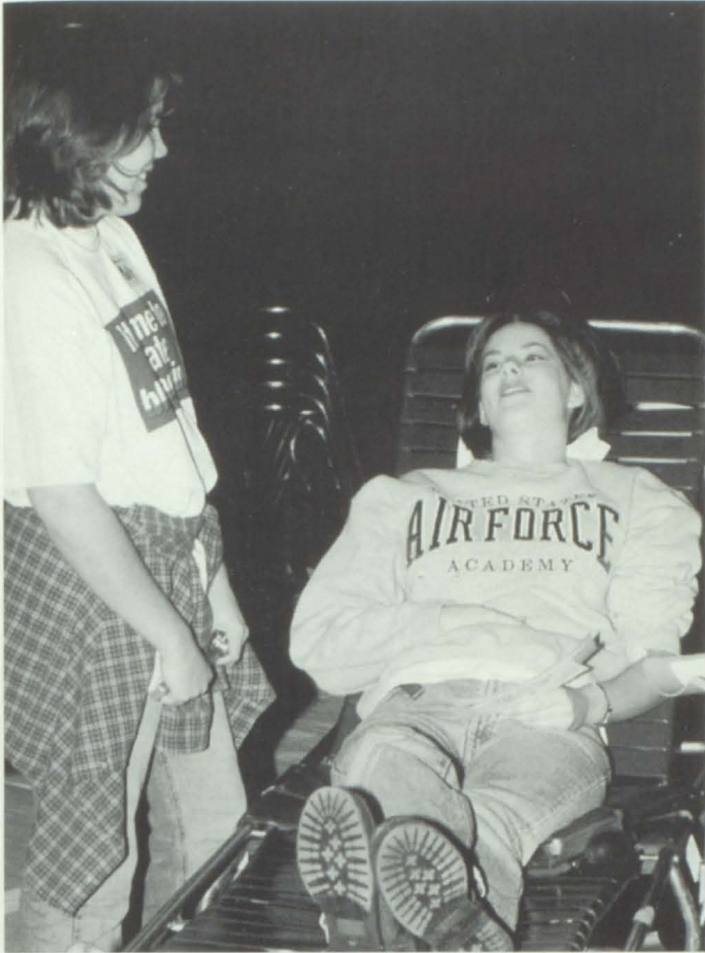
Bottom right. Junior Kristin Kiefert plays the piccolo during pep band.



Winterguard. Back: Instructor Sabrina Dunn, Jessica Falk, Heidi Keller, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Emily Lamberger, Sarah Meier, Becky Luedloff. Center: Rachelle Rosin, Loni Diethelm, Lori Kelly, Kelly Leen, Amanda Neil. Front: Lisa Walters, Jenna Kunkel, Jenny Meuwissen, Becky Diers.



Council Sponsors Many Service Projects



The student council members of WHS participated in many service projects throughout the year. Some of them included roadside clean-up, the annual blood drive, the CAPS toy drive, National Education Week, American Education Week, and the student council member exchange with other schools.

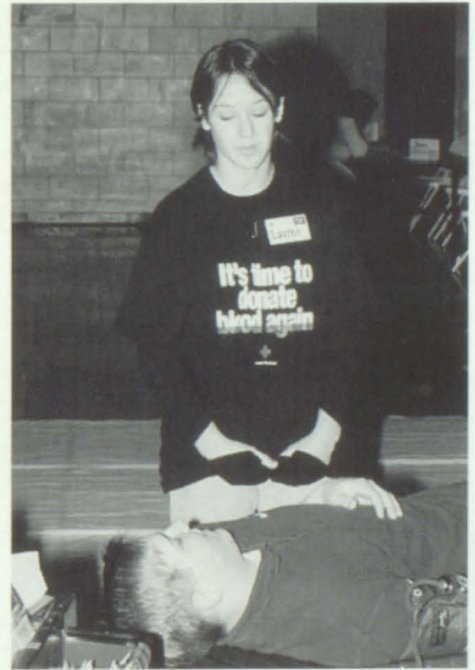
The student council also planned many fun activities for students such as homecoming week, candy grams, Winter-fest, and the student love match. This year Mrs. Melchert and one council member attended the state convention.

Each class voted to select their student council members, and each member served a one-year term.

Below. Student council members take time out of their roadside cleanup efforts to pose for a photo.



Student Council. Back: Leah Gjertson, Tegen Oakman, Lauren Bresnahan, Molly Schrupp, Katie Scholla, Lacy Skoog, Bethany Leppard. Center : Genny Poppler, Bria Knutson, Jesse Timm, Scot Rewerts, Ali Peters, Natalie Timmers. Front: Tiffany Dalbec, Erik Schultz, Cody Roush, Krystle Weinzierl, Desiree Schesso. Not pictured: Greg Hoppenrath, Joe Johnston, Matt Bergmann.



Top. Molly Schrupp talks with Rachael Moldenhauer while she waits to donate blood.

Above. John Wabbe looks up to Lauren Bresnahan during the student council sponsored blood drive.



FFA Members Earn Awards, Travel to National Convention, Advance to State

The FFA of WHS had a chance to travel to Kansas City, Missouri, this year to attend the 70th International FFA awards ceremony. Eight students from Waconia attended the convention for four days.

Regionally, Dean Traver and Andy Larson received their state FFA degrees. Four students from WHS received Proficiency Awards on their projects — Nick Hartwig received an award for Agricultural Sales and Sense, Andy Larson for Specialty Animal Production, Paul Meuwissen for Wildlife Management, and Dean Traver for Dairy Production and Entrepreneurship. In addition, the Dairy Cattle Judging Team, and the Fish and Wildlife Team qualified for state competition.



Top. FFA students arrive at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri, where they receive awards for their achievements in agriculture. International FFA awards ceremony.

Above. Participants at the convention pose for the camera. Front: Nate Braunwarth, Rich Laumann, Julie Hoen, Melissa Ditsch. Back: Andy Larson, Matt Westlund, Daryl Traver, Marcus Poppler.

Right. FFA. Front: Joe Wirtz, Laura Zender, Andy Larson, Nick Hartwig, Katie Ertl. 2nd Row: Nate Arndt, Matt Logelin, Nate Braunwarth, Jeff Rolf, Tony Steinhagen, Jamie Stender, Chris Ess, Brenda Johnson. 3rd Row: Kyle Rambow, Christina Olson, Heidi Tellers, Ryan Sudheimer, Paul Meuwissen, Richie Laumann, Julie Hoen, Angie Loehrs, Melissa Ditsch, Jennie Hiben. Back: Matt Stuewe, Bill Vanderlinde, Matt Westlund, Brian Buetow, Annette Olson, Joe Laumann, Mr. Bjorklund.



Mock Trial Gives Team Members Taste of the Law; Writers Gain Experience, Advice



Students who participated in mock trial dealt with a difficult case concerning a student who was charged with computer vandalism for allegedly breaking into his school and changing his grade. Students functioned as attorneys and witnesses as the case went to trial. The highlight of the season was the trial at Hennepin County Government Center where one team placed fifth.

The writers' group of WHS participated in the River Valley Conference of student writers. Each student submitted a sample piece of their writing, which was critiqued by a professional writer. On the day of the conference, held at the Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, each student's work was discussed in the group. Approximately 100 students attend the conference each year.



Top. Berit Hanson, Meghan Foley and Sarah Flies go over their strategies to win the case.

Center left. Sophomore Alex Schmid takes his place on the witness stand, prepared to tell his side of the story.

Center right. Mock Trial. Back: Alex Schmid, Russell Kerber, Ben Berndt. 3rd Row: Elizabeth Roebke, Sam Maiser, Andrew Tongen, Neil Furman, Celyn Oakman. 2nd Row: Dan Bush, Katie Wasness, Sarah Flies. Front: Meghan Foley, Chris McNellis. Not pictured: Berit Hanson, Jamie Brown.

Above. Ben Berndt testifies in front of the court.



Writers' Group. Back: Erin Fenske, Emily Christianson, Andy Bauer. Front: Kelly Leen, Jackie Menth, Niki Lowy.



Math League, Science Club Offer Academic Challenges, Competitions to Students

Math League, instructed by Mr. Sauer, practiced twice a week in order to prepare for their five meets in Shakopee against eight other schools. In return for their hard work and dedication this year, they brought back a third place plaque in their division.

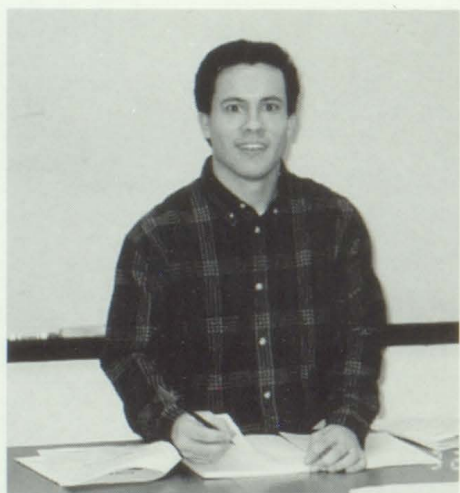
Science Club members competed in scientific events such as the Science Bowl and the Mankato State Technology Challenge. They also went on field trips under the leadership of Mr. Berg. Practice was held once to twice a week to prepare for the regional Science

Olympiad Meet at Inver Hills Community College. There they placed eighth, qualifying for the state meet at St. Thomas University where they competed in several science-related categories from construction of bridges to lab practical-type tests.



Above. Mr. Sauer, the Math League adviser, gets a problem set up for the members to solve.

Right. Math League. Back: Katie Wasness, Doug Meyer, Alicia Golembeski. Front: Cliff Kornelis, Lucas Tevis, Dan Bush, Dan Schnobrich. Not pictured: Michael Hilliard.



Above. Mr. Berg advises the Science Club and plans their competitions and field trips.

Right. Science Club. Jeremy Salden, Cliff Kornelis, Russell Strahota, Julia Kes. Not pictured: Ethan Miller, Russell Kerber, Nathaniel Miller, Jesse Waletich, Nick Waletich.





'97 Pawprints Wins Gold in Competition

The 22-member yearbook staff of WHS was divided into five sections — activities, academics, students, sports, and the editors. The staff met every Tuesday after school with adviser Ms. Barbara Danger to design and put together the layout of the yearbook. The editors of the 1998 yearbook were juniors Becky Diers and Jessica Schmidt. The 1997 WHS yearbook, *Pawprints*, was awarded Gold/All State Honors by the Journalism Educators of Minnesota for excellence in design, photography, writing, theme development, and coverage. Inspired by this win, the 1998 staff worked hard at producing another prize-winning book.



Top. Sophomore Lisa Kirsch works diligently on the academics section.

Above left. Kelly Leen, Annie Dressen, Kristin Erickson, Jackie Menth and Heidi Meier create the homecoming pages.

Above. Rose Larson and Rachel Stenger have fun looking over pictures to decide which ones should be used.

Left. Yearbook Staff. Back: Niki Lowy, Alicia Arndt, Jessica Sutherland, Kari Scheuble, Lisa Kirsch. 3rd Row: Mark Plocher, Liz Roebke, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Loni Diethelm, Jenny Meuwissen, Heidi Meier, Jenna Kunkel. Seated: Editors Jessica Schmidt, Becky Diers. Front: Jackie Menth, Rachel Stenger, Rose Larson, Kristin Erickson. Not pictured: Annie Dressen, Chris McNellis, Sarah Marsden, Kelly Leen.



Two Mystery Plays Presented as Record Number of Students Try Out for Spring Play

Because of the number of students who tried out for the spring 3-act play, director Betty Strei decided to present two plays, which involved 42 students. The first, "Mystery Weekend," concerned a group of people who stayed at a mystery resort for a weekend. The guests thought that they would have to solve a "fake" murder. However, circumstances led them to believe that the murder was real. In the end, they found

out the crime was really staged and just part of the weekend's fun.

The second play, "Tune Into Murder," took place at Four Seasons Lodge, which became the site of a vicious scheme. A local radio talk show host tried to help the resort owner catch the killer or killers. With the help of the staff, guests, and the radio staff, Madame Lutess, a conniving medium, and Countess Duchamp were revealed

as the true killers.

Below. Ethan Miller introduces himself to the other guests at the "Mystery Weekend" as a Texas oil tycoon.

Play Cast. Back: Meghan Foley, Leslie Litfin, Nicole Krautbauer, Amanda Templin, Kadri Ollino, Lindsey Hatz, Tiffany Sampson, Shaina Zuppke, Julia Kes, Kari Laabs, Mark Plocher. Center: Dylan Christensen, Brenda Johnson, Annie Dressen, Anthony Smith, Chad Kosieracki, Misty Hiben, Megan Turek, Dylan Schesso, Melissa Ittel. Front: Aaron Linton, Jennie Hiben, Joe Grengs.



"Mystery Weekend" Cast. Back: Genny Poppler, Brittany Molnau, Ben Pauly, Lacey Morgan, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Katie Wasness, Dylan Christensen. 3rd Row: Ethan Miller, Ross Hoffman, Matt Bergmann. 2nd Row: Angela Hatz, Sam Maiser, Aaron Petersen, Kelly Leen, Leah Herling, Karyn Laulainen, Jordan Everhart. Front: Joe Grengs, Crystal Zancig, Desiree Schesso.



Above center. George Nivets (Sam Maiser) watches intently, amazed that he has met world-famous mystery writer Annie Laura Anderson (Leah Herling).

Above. Joe Grengs takes phone calls from listeners of his radio station in "Tune Into Murder." Joe also performed in "Mystery Weekend."



FLA Completes Busy, Service-Oriented Year with Many Gold and Silver Wins

The main activities of the Waconia FLA this year included implementing state and national projects into their curriculum and initiating their Dare to Care project, a service project focusing on intergenerational groups. The FLA participated in many different projects this year, including the March of Dimes, a Student Body project, the new Lifes-marts competition, and a FACTS project. The group completed fourteen chapter challenges in the chapter competition. The chapter met in large groups monthly, and the officers met

bi-monthly.

The Waconia Region 4 president, Katie Wasness, was elected state President-Elect for the coming year, and Kate Eder was elected state Creative Public Relations Peer Educator.

It was a winning year for the FLA'ers, in many categories. Mark Anderson, Mike Hilliard, Erik Schultz, and Ted Keefe won gold at national competition in San Diego in the summer of 1997. The Waconia FLA hosted the fall regional meeting for 25 chapters on October 27, 1997. At the Regional

competition in Cambridge on February 18, all the gold winners advanced to state competition. Winning silver at this event were Mindy Ramm, Tiffany Sampson, Julia Kes, Mark Anderson, Ted Keefe, and Erik Schultz.

At the state competition in Bloomington April 23-25, the following members received gold ratings: Amanda Hagen, Katie Wasness, Kate Eder, Courtney Hanson, Leslie Litfin, Cristy Jensen, Sarah Marsden, Sam Maiser, Joe Masurka, Andrew Tongen, Melissa Diethelm, Desiree Cox, and Kay Trittabaugh. Silver winners at state included Brenda Johnson, Kelly Westlund, and Shaina Zuppke. Only the junior high parly team advanced to national competition, but the senior high team was named a national alternate.



Left. FLA-Grades 12, 11, 9. Back: Sarah Flies, Meghan Foley, Celyn Oakman, Mark Anderson, Erik Schultz, Ted Keefe, Sarah Weinzierl, Lori Parkin, Amanda Miller, Cassie Gaddo, Kay Trittabaugh. Front: Becky Diers, Nicole Maddock, Jessica Schmidt, Heidi Meier, Sarah Domoradzki. Not pictured: Nate Pesch, Elizabeth Roebke, Sarah Weinzierl.

Below. Sophomores Brenda Johnson, Shaina Zuppke and Kelly Westlund spend time with children at Ridgeview Medical Center.

Bottom. FLA officers include Shaina Zuppke, Katie Wasness, Brenda Johnson and Desiree Cox.



FLA Members-Sophomores. Back: Matt Bergmann, Sam Maiser, Sarah Marsden, Cristy Jensen, Leslie Litfin, Jessica Kamrath, Kari Laabs, Katie Wasness, Kate Eder, Amanda Hagen. Center: Courtney Hanson, Brenda Johnson, Desiree Cox, Melissa Diethelm, Shaina Zuppke, Kelly Westlund, Amber Brandmire, Josh Brandenburg. Front: Andrew Tongen, Tiffany Sampson, Julia Kes, Joe Masurka, Trent Klein. Not pictured: Mindy Ramm, Mike Welland.



Seventy-three Members Inducted into NHS

On Monday, November 10, the induction ceremony was held for WHS National Honor Society inductees. The criteria for an NHS member is to have a GPA of 3.33 and 15 community service hours. The student also has to participate in at least two activities and show good character.

This year the NHS chapter in

Waconia proudly inducted 73 members. The evening's events included a dinner, a speaker, the induction ceremony, and pictures. The speaker, Judge Thomas Howe, congratulated the members and thanked them for their service to the community. He encouraged them to serve their community throughout their lives. The three

R's, according to Judge Howe, should be Respect, Responsibility, and Restitution.

Below. Matt Domoradzki signs into the NHS guest book.

Below left. Seniors Rob Hart and Eric Rewerts recite the National Honor Society pledge.



Seniors in NHS. Front: Stacy Steinhagen, Elizabeth Roebke, Meghan Foley, Brittany Molnau, Berit Hanson, Sarah Flies, Alicia Golembeski. Center: Sarah Grote, Bethany Leppard, Allison Hoggarth, Genny Poppler, Leah Herling, Celyn Oakman, Kristy Ketcher. Back: Dean Traver, Eric Rewerts, Lance Knorr, Matt Domoradzki, Chris Bergmann, Nick Geller, Rob Hart.

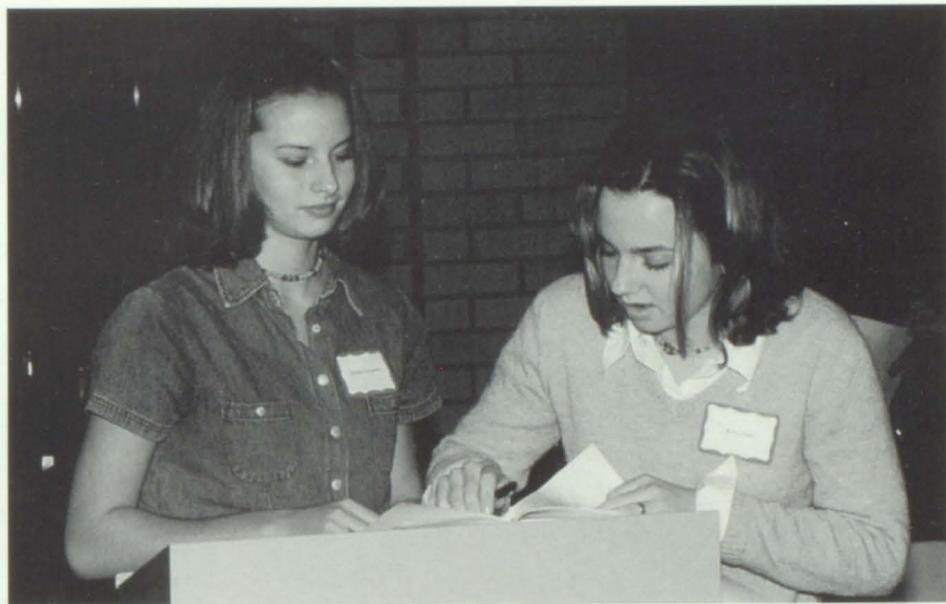
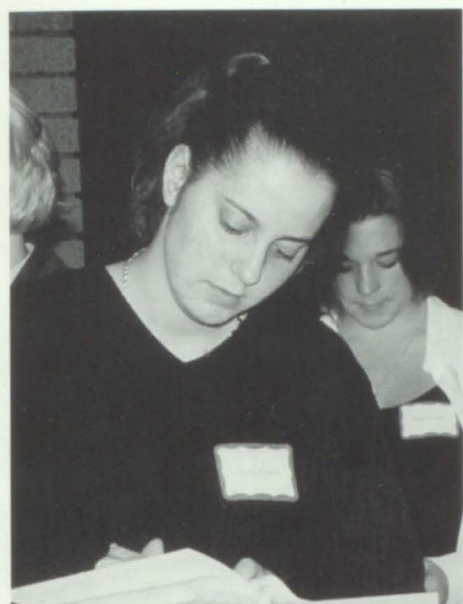
Facts About NHS

- The present National Honor Society chapter was started on February 2, 1959.
- There were 27 new members inducted this year.
- The grade point average requirement was raised this year from 3.175 to 3.33.
- Students must re-apply each year and meet the requirements in order to remain in NHS.





Juniors in NHS. Front: Jackie Menth, Wendy Ahlbrecht, Sarah Dreier, Cortney Sletten, Sarah Doyscher, Kelly Hedtke, JoAnna Meuwissen, Angie Schuler. 2nd Row: Emily Streeter, Desiree Schesso, Krystle Weinzierl, Kelly Leen, Loni Diethelm, Molly Schrupp, Nona Lehrke, Becky Diers. 3rd Row: Katie Scholla, Heidi Meier, Jessica Schmidt, Rachelle Rosin, Kristin Kiefert. Back: Jeremy Salden, Jesse Waletich, Elliott Kranz, Doug Flies, Ben Pauly, Greg Kranz, Dan Schnobrich.



Above left. Junior Jessica Schmidt renews her membership in NHS.

Above. Andrea Drapcho watches as Kara Dake signs her name as an inductee into the National Honor Society.

Sophomores in NHS. Front: Kate Eder, Lisa Kirsch, Cristy Jensen, Courtney Hanson, Sarah Marsden, Rachel Stenger, Andrea Drapcho, Crystal Zancig. Center: Katie Wasness, Julie Hoen, Karyn Laulainen, Leslie Litfin, Melissa Ittel, Bria Welch, Russel Strahota, Andrew Tongen. Back: Jesse Timm, Lauren Bresnahan, Tegen Oakman, Kara Dake, Amanda Hawkins, Justin Sorensen, Brady Bussler, Joe Masurka.



Spirit Week 1997

In addition to the excitement of homecoming coronation, each day offered students a chance to show their individuality. On Monday, students dressed for Pajama Day. Tuesday gave students a chance to pick a decade and dress for the past or the future. On Wednesday, students dressed in clothes appropriate to their job choices, and on Thursday, each class dressed for Class Color Day. On Friday, purple and gold prevailed, along with hats and ribbons, this year worn by the guys.

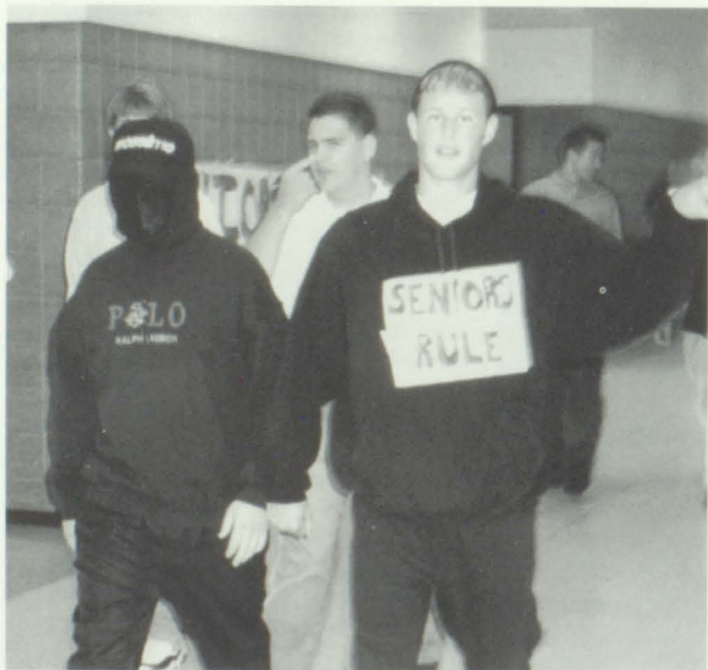
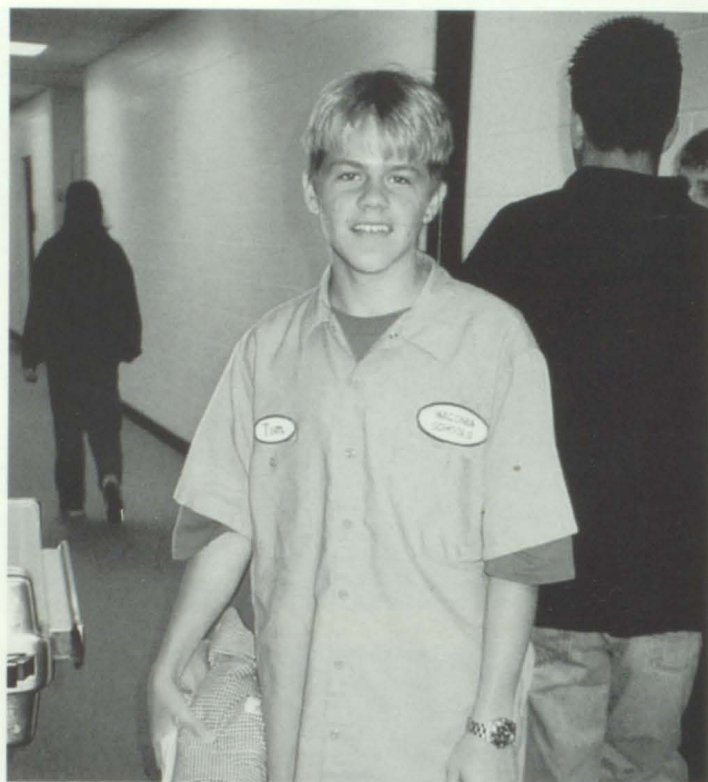
Top. Juniors Tiffany Dalbec, Emily Streeter, Erin Indrelie and Nona Lehrke show their school spirit by dressing in white for Class Color Day.

Below. Dressed in red, freshmen Rachel Minzel, Amanda Templin and Jennifer Capaul enjoy their first Spirit Week.

Below right. Sophomore Sam Maiser borrows his dad's blue uniform for Job Day.

Bottom left. The "Men in Black," seniors Cody Roush and Eric Rewerts, let everyone know who's boss.

Bottom right. Lauren Bresnahan goes back to the future on Decades Day.



Right. Dr. Alicia Arndt practices her profession in biology class.

Below. Allison Hoggarth, a senior powder puff member, makes a breakaway from the defense in the Thursday night game.

Below right. Construction worker Rose Larson, mafia member Ryan Murphy, and movie star Megan Turek dress up for Job Day in their future occupational wear.

Bottom left. Wearing garb from the 70's, Ben Pauly and Meghan Foley pose for the camera.

Bottom center. It appears that seniors Jesse Rightler and Pete Buckingham forgot to get dressed for school as they arrive in their pajamas and slippers.



Above. Freshmen Leah Gjertson and Natalie Timmers look very comfortable in their flannel pajamas.



Coronation, Parade, Activities — All the Pieces Add Up to Fun

Homecoming week proved to be a very exciting week for all students, especially the royalty. On Monday, September 15, the 1996 king and queen, Tom Gerding and Nicole Decker, crowned Rob Hart and Ali Peters the new king and queen of this year's festivities.

During the week, many activities contributed to the fun and enjoyment of all students. On Thursday, the juniors defeated the seniors in the traditional Powder Puff game. Students decorated windows in the cafeteria, and the various dress-up days permitted everyone to get involved. A pepfest was held on Friday before the parade and the homecoming game.

Below left. Freshman page, Megan Doyscher, and freshman escort, Joe Johnston, wave to the crowd while riding in the homecoming parade.

Below. Kristin Erickson works on the junior float with the theme, "Capture the Cardinals."

Bottom left. While patiently waiting for the parade to begin, Krystle Weinzler and Andy Gongoll smile for a picture.

Bottom right. The candidates embrace in congratulations after the queen is chosen.



Below. Tom Gerding hands over the title of homecoming king to Rob Hart.



Below. Ali Peters shows her excitement at being crowned homecoming queen while the other queen candidates look on.



Homecoming Royalty. Front: Megan Doyscher, Lauren Bresnahan, Krystle Weinzierl, Bria Knutson, Molly Wulf, Misty Koehnen, Laura Zender. Back: Joe Johnston, Matt Bergmann, Andy Gongoll, Jamie Stender, King Rob Hart, Queen Ali Peters, Rachael Moldenhauer, Jesse Rightler, Jeff Bostic, Nate Pesch, Paul Rohlik.



'Once Upon a Mattress' — A "Peas" of the Puzzle

The fall musical, presented at WHS November 6-8, was directed by music director Ron Larson, drama director Kathy Jo Strei, and orchestra director Don Schultz. The play was based on the story of the princess and the pea. Since no one in the kingdom could marry until the prince did, a princess was brought to the castle, but she had to

pass a test first. Her test, planned by the Queen and her sidekick the Wizard, was to sleep on twenty soft mattresses underneath which was a small pea. If the princess felt the pea, the entire kingdom could get married. When the kingdom found out that she did indeed feel the pea, plans were made for marriage.

Below. Lady Larken (Angela Hatz) and Sir Harry (Chad Kosieracki) sing of their love for one another.

Bottom right. The Jester (Genny Poppler) and the Minstrel (Brittany Molnau) try to understand King Sextimus (Ben Pauly).

Right. Queen Aggravain (Meghan Foley) gasps in amazement as she realizes that she has no voice.

Below. Prince Dauntless (Elliott Kranz) listens intently as Princess Winnifred (Kelly Klosterman) as she explains how they must find a small kingdom of their own.



Musical Cast

Pantomime Group	Karyn Laulainen
	Katie Wasness, Crystal Zancig
Minstrel	Brittany Molnau
Princess No. 12	Lynzy Kast
Wizard	Ross Hoffman
Lady Larken	Angela Hatz
Queen Aggravain	Meghan Foley
Prince Dauntless	Elliott Kranz
King Sextimus	Benjamin Pauly
Jester	Genny Poppler
Sir Studley	Josh Venske
Sir Luce	Aaron Linton
Sir Harold	Jesse Timm
1st Knight	Dave Philp
2nd Knight	Sam Maiser
Lady Rowena	Bethany Leppard
Lady Merrill	Bria Knutson
Lady Lucille	Sarah Grote
Lady Nighingale	Leah Herling
Lady Beatrice	Misty Hiben
Lady H.	Andrea Wood
Sir Harry	Chad Kosieracki
Princess Winnifred	Kelly Klosterman
Lady Mabelle	Annie Dressen
Lords	Terry Klaers, Doug Meyer, Ethan Miller, Justin Sorensen
Ladies	Kelly Leen, Rachelle Rosin, Desiree Schesso





Top left. Princess Winnifred tries unsuccessfully to fall asleep.

Center left. Sir Harry (Chad Kosieracki) tells the kingdom that Winnifred is a true princess as the Wizard (Ross Hoffman) looks on.

Below. Musical Orchestra. Back: Virginia Miller, Nick Geller, Matt Bergmann, Kari Werdahl, Kristin Kiefert, Julianne Marcsisak. Center: Don Schultz, Kristin Erickson, Gretchen Wagener, Wendy Ahlbrecht. Front: Jackie Menth, Leah Gjertson, Leslie Litfin.



Musical Cast. Back: Sarah Grote, Rachelle Rosin, Dave Philp, Aaron Linton, Jesse Timm, Josh Venske, Leah Herling, Bethany Leppard, Annie Dressen, Ethan Miller, Kelly Leen, Doug Meyer. 3rd Row: Desiree Schesso, Sam Maiser, Chad Kosieracki, Angela Hatz, Bria Knutson, Justin Sorensen. 2nd Row: Ross Hoffman, Genny Poppler, Meghan Foley, Elliott Kranz, Kelly Klosterman, Ben Pauly, Brittany Molnau, Terry Klaers. Front: Lynzy Kast, Julia Kes, Lisa Kirsch, Melissa Diethelm, Krystle Weinzierl, Jenny Meuwissen, Lisa Walters, John Ta.



Winter Highlights at WHS

The winter of 1997-98 had some enjoyable moments for WHS students. Not only was the weather especially mild, but the Winterfest activities brightened the cloudy days. The seniors won the tug-of-war competition, and the FLA/student council's candy grams sale went well. Many students dressed up for the days of the week, including Tropical Day, Class Color Day, and Sports Apparel Day. A few students took part in the window painting, which gave the school a colorful look.

Three WHS wrestlers advanced to

state competition — Jesse Timm, Matt Westlund, and Nick Wischback. FLA members participated in regional competition at Cambridge on February 18 and placed well in many categories.

Right. This blue snow monster is the creation of students in Ceramics.

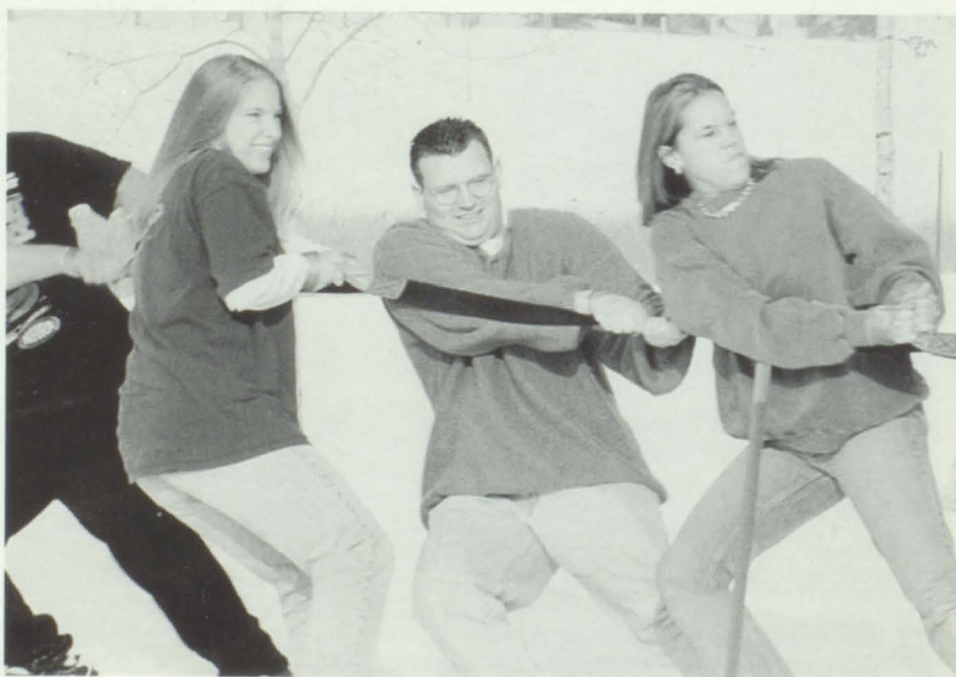
Below. The mild winter produces beautiful frosty days such as this.

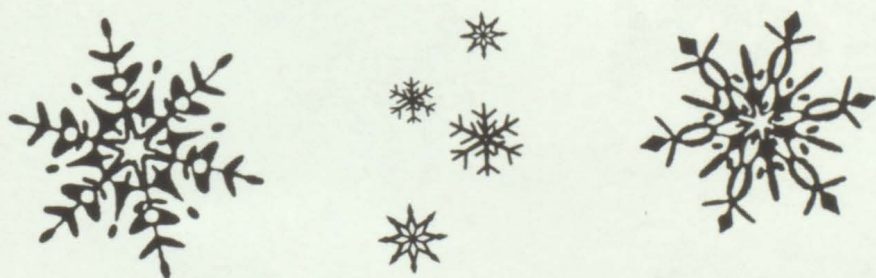
Below right. FLA "Reaches for the Stars" and gets them at the annual regional competition.

Bottom right. Erin Ditsch, Steve Minor and Tiffany Seeman pull hard and win at the tug-of-war.



Above. Matt Westlund and Jesse Timm advance to the state wrestling tournament.





Top. Linnea Mohn puts the finishing touches on a beautiful window painting for Winterfest.

Above left. Jesse Timm, Trent Klein, Erik Sorensen, Mike Staber and Travis Klein eagerly await their dates' arrival at the semiformal Winterfest dance.

Above. Dressed up for Tropical Day, Andrew Tongen busily sells candy grams to Sarah Weinzierl and Tanya U'Ren.



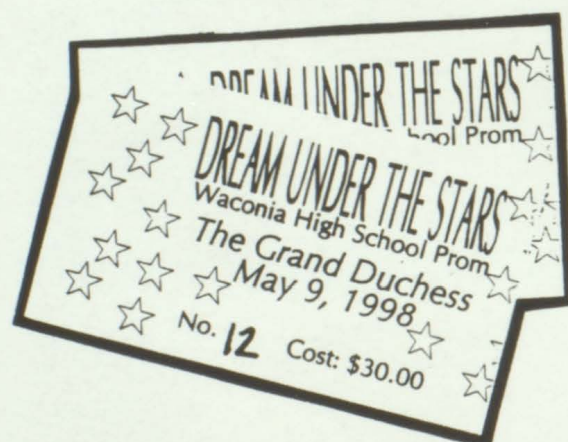
Prom Goers Dream Under the Stars on the Grand Duchess

On Saturday, May 9, WHS students began an evening to remember. "Dream Under the Stars" was the theme for prom this year. Students began the evening with the Grand March, which started at 5 p.m. Hosted by Scot Rewerts and Becky Frank, the Grand March was preceded with solos by Linnea Mohn and Jeff Bostic and a quartet of senior girls.

The students then boarded the buses, and headed for the St. Croix river, where they enjoyed a night of dancing and dinner on the *Grand Duchess*. Afterwards, the students enjoyed a

breakfast, experienced hypnotism, and won many prizes at the post-prom party, held in the WHS Commons.

Below. Benjamin Streiff and Kristy Ketcher stop for one of many prom photos.



Top. Joe Widmer, Jess Harvat and Jenny Widmer enjoy the upper level of the boat and the accompanying sunset.

Above. Prom goers finally reach the St. Croix docks in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Above right. Dan Schnobrich and Katie Wasness enjoy an evening on the *Grand Duchess*.

Right. Erica Rademacher, Destiny Bren and Jenny Pickart dance the night away.





Left. While hypnotized, Kristin Kiefert, Dylan Schesso, Dave Philp and Jason Lahr make funny faces at the tourists during post prom.

Center left. Joe Grengs escorts Holly Barnes to Grand March.

Below. Jackie Menth and Matt Bergmann gaze off the bow of the *Grand Duchess* as it leaves the dock.

Bottom left. Brandon Hackbarth and Eva Mohn talk with friends following Grand March.

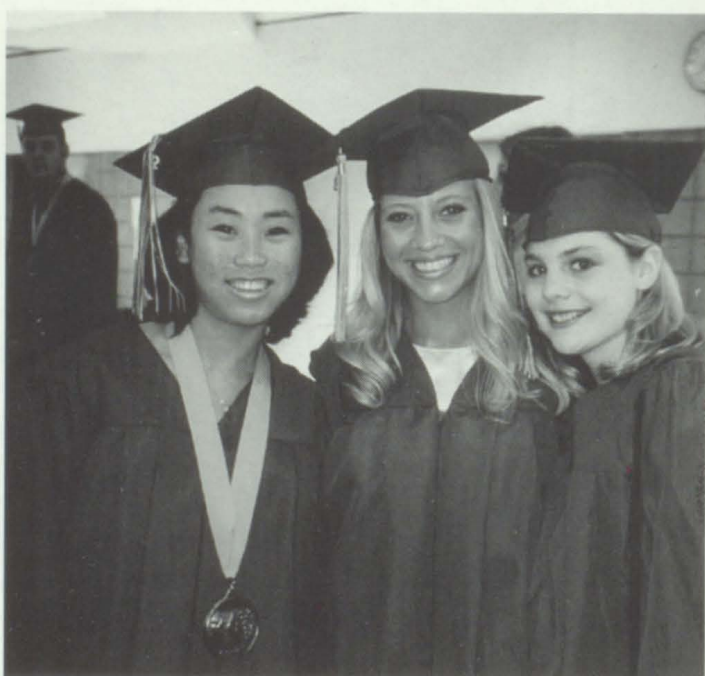
Bottom right. Before the Grand March begins, a quartet of singers provide entertainment with a rendition of "And Then He Kissed Me."



Graduation, the Last Piece of the High School Puzzle for the Class of 1998

The class of 1998 went out like a storm, literally. While parts of the city were without power, graduation went on without a hitch. Memorable speeches were given by valedictorian Allison Hoggarth and salutatorian Sarah Grote. Classmate Matt Weinzierl was remembered by the class in the form of purple-tipped white roses that each graduate carried.

May 31st, 1998, was a day of laughs, worries, celebrations, and a whole lot of "see you later's."



Right side, three photos, top to bottom. Good friends come in threes. Takako Shimizu, Japanese student who spent all four years at Waconia High School, embraces close friends Meghan Foley and Celyn Oakman. Brock Dukhorn (center) shows his enthusiasm for graduation with friends Josh Polo and Nathaniel Miller. Barb Franke, Stacey Parkerson and Julie Boll are ready for the ceremony to begin.

Top left. Student speakers Allison Hoggarth and Sarah Grote show pride in their accomplishments.

Above. Eager to graduate, Adam Tschakert, Lex Seneff, Mike Sullivan and Jed Cousin try on their robes for graduation practice.





Class Flower: White Rose
with Purple Tips
Class Colors:
Purple and Silver
Class Song: "One Love"
Class Motto: Carpe Diem

Top left. Josh Schmitt enjoys his breakfast before graduation practice.

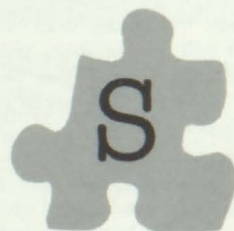
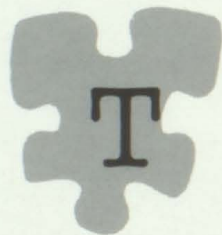
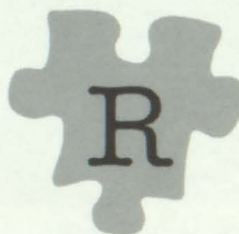
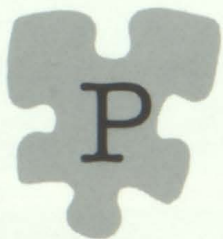
Top right. Mindy Basel (second from left) models her own graduation cap with friends Rita Parkin, Katie Ertl, Erin Schmakel and Marin Fogerty.

Center left. Clockwise from back left: Matt Logelin, Joe Wirtz, Jeff Rolf, Andy Larson, Jamie Stender, Tim Plihal, Nate Braunwarth, Joe Gesinger, Chris Ess, Nate Tellers and Nate Arndt are anxious to get the ceremony started.

Above. Anne Burtman and Kreg Burau line up for the processional in which they will walk to the next stage of their lives.

Left. With smiles on their faces, the new graduates leave the commencement ceremony.





Above. Melissa Ditsch lines up her putt with a look of determination.

Right. "Willy" cheers on the crowd at a wrestling meet. GO WILDCATS!

Below right. Kelly Klosterman reaches for the sky just as well as she cheers for the team.

Below. Sophomore Mike Staber runs hard at the boys' relay at a track meet.

Opposite page.

Top left. B.J. Oswal runs home to score for the Wildcats.

Top right. Andy Gongoll's face shows the picture of a hard and disappointing season.

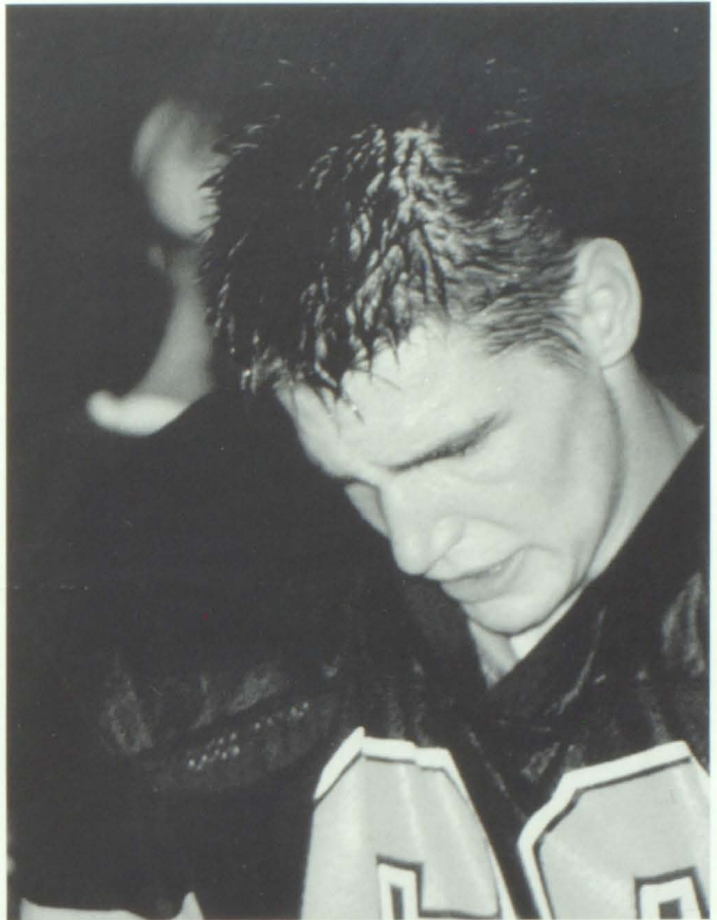
Center left. Senior basketball forward Rob Hart plays his heart out at a home game against Watertown.

Center right. Jessica Kamrath goes through her gymnastics routine with confidence.

Bottom left. Volleyball player Cortney Sletten is ready to set the ball. Bump, set, spike!

Bottom right. Working on her back stroke, Kristy Ketcher edges her way to the end.



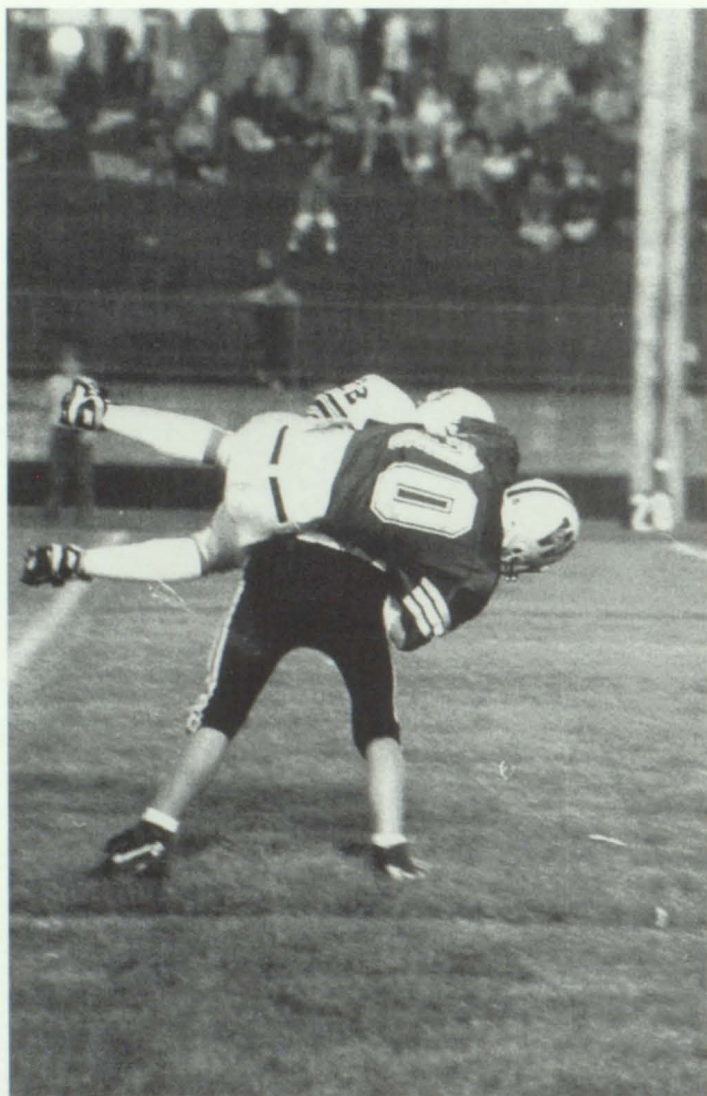


Football Team's Season Marred by Losses

Team Improves to Win Final Game

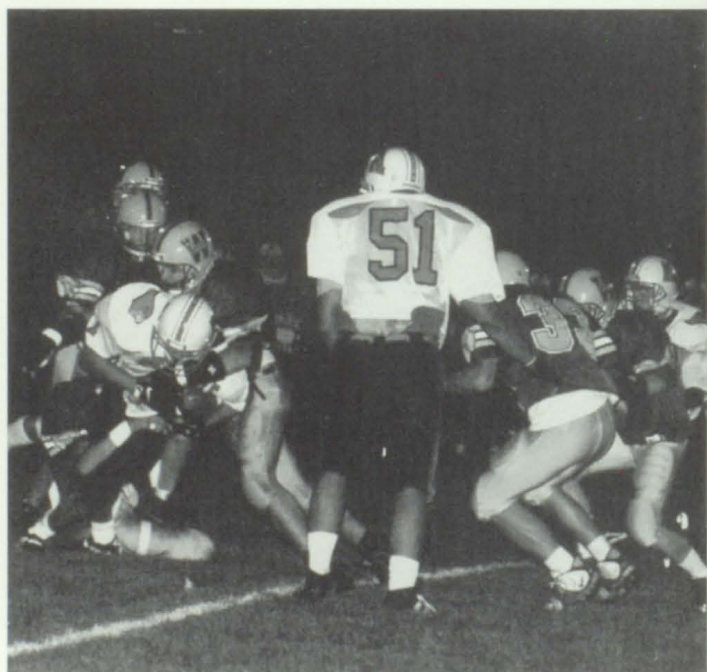
The young Wildcat football team's year was led by a strong group of seniors, including Chris Bergmann and Nate Pesch. Although the team's record wasn't a winning one, there were two highlights of the season. The homecoming matchup against Annandale was an intense back and forth game, which ended in a WHS loss. The Wildcats did move on and ended the season with a big victory over Mound-Westonka.

The coaches hope that this year's hard work will pay off next season. As Coach Foley said, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better best."



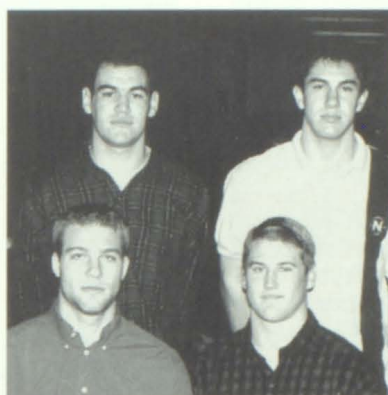
Above. Lance Knorr succeeds with his unique tackling style. (Photo courtesy of the *Waconia Patriot*.)

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Sequence of photos at right, top to bottom: The defensive line is ready to pounce the opposition. The players aim for the ball carrier and bring him down for a tackle.





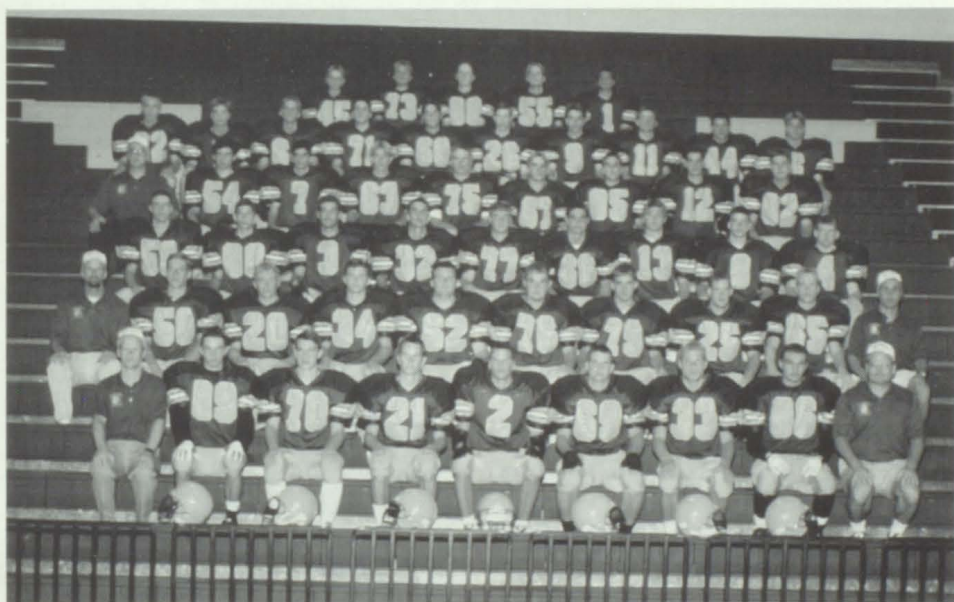
Left. Quarterback BJ Oswald makes a handoff to Paul Delaney.
Below left. Senior Paul Rohlik runs through the lineup before a big game.



Waconia's recipients of All Conference and honorable mention awards were **Paul Rohlik, Paul Delaney, Elliott Kranz, BJ Oswald** and **Steve Minor** (not pictured).



Seniors **Meghan Foley** and **Elizabeth Roebke** completed their fifth year of taking stats for the Wildcat football team.



Varsity Football. Back: Chuck Young, Alex Schmid, Mike Weiland, Kevin Koester. 5th Row: Kyle Rambow, Andrew Tongen, Drew Johnston, Adam St. John, Joe Ansell, Zach Pieper, Erik Sorensen, Wayne Landheer, Brady Bussler, Nathan Wood. 4th Row: Coach Herrmann, Andrew Heger, Jesse Timm, Ryan Hammer, Darren Bollmann, Matt Bergmann, Dave Philp, Mike Staber, Kyle Ague. 3rd Row: Corey Joyce, Bill Bedford, Elliott Kranz, Paul Delaney, Chuck Machtemes, Andy Gongoll, B.J. Oswald, Peter Geyen, Doug Flies. 2nd Row: Coach Olsen, Ethan Weiland, Joe Gesinger, Craig Peterson, Steve Minor, Lex Seneff, Chris Bergmann, Josh McIntosh, Joe Grengs, Coach Grundhofer. Front: Coach Pat Foley, Jeff Bostic, Lance Knorr, Nate Pesch, Matt Geiger, Adam Hocutt, Paul Rohlik, Randy Rauen, Coach Hullander.

All Conference:
 Paul Rohlik, Steve Minor

All Conference
Honorable Mention:

Paul Delaney, Elliott Kranz,
 BJ Oswald

Most Improved: Craig Peterson

Mr. Hustle: Chris Bergmann

Best Lineman: Steve Minor

Best Defense: Paul Rohlik

Best Offense: Kyle Rambow

Varsity Football

WHS	Opponent	OPP
7	Brooklyn Center	33
0	Delano	24
2	St. Michael	35
21	Annandale	23
0	Watertown	27
14	Glencoe	37
8	Dassel Cokato	35
35	Mound	8



Season Record Doesn't Do Volleyball Team Justice

Young Team Gains Valuable Experience

The 1997 Wildcat volleyball team had a whole new look this year with only two returning letter winners in addition to five sophomores and a freshman. The leadership of Jamie Brown, fellow captain Dawn Ebersviller, and the third senior, Molly Wulf, was the key to any success for the team. This talented group of athletes had trouble making their record reflect their abilities.

The Wildcat Awards for the year went to on and off court leader Jamie Brown and Nona Lehrke, who showed support and enthusiasm coming off the bench.

Top. Cortney Sletten anticipates a big hit.

Right. Varsity Volleyball. Back: Sarah Doyscher, Sarah Dreier, Cortney Sletten, Dawn Ebersviller, Molly Wulf, Jamie Brown. Center: Katie Menssen, coach Vici Moonen, coach Connie Manuel, coach Kim Ryan, Tegen Oakman. Front: Bria Welch, Nona Lehrke, Andrea Drapcho.

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of photos below on pp. 104-105. Ready...Bump...Set...Spike...Score!! (Sarah Dreier, Molly Wulf, Dawn Ebersviller, Jamie Brown, Katie Menssen, Sarah Dreier, Tegen Oakman)





Senior volleyball players **Jamie Brown, Dawn Ebersviller, Molly Wulf**

Team Captains:
 Jamie Brown, Dawn Ebersviller
All Conference
Honorable Mention:
 Molly Wulf, Jamie Brown
Most Improved:
 Andrea Drapcho
1997 Wildcat Award:
 Nona Lehrke, Jamie Brown
1997 Offensive Player of the Year:
 Andrea Drapcho
1997 Defensive Player of the Year:
 Molly Wulf
Honorable Mention
Defensive Player:
 Katie Menssen
1997 Server Award:
 Dawn Ebersviller

Varsity Volleyball

WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	Mound Westonka	0
1	Mayer Lutheran	3
0	Delano	3
3	Orono	0
0	Glencoe	3
3	Dassel Cokato	1
1	STMA	3
1	Concordia Academy	3
3	Rockford	1
1	Belle Plaine	3
2	Watertown Mayer	3
1	Bloomington Kennedy	3
0	Annandale	3
Section 14A Championships		
3	West Lutheran	0
1	Holy Angels	3



Top. Jamie Brown uses all her might to serve the ball over the net.



Swift Runners Perform Well in Good Weather

Cristy Jensen Places 10th at State

The 1997 Wildcat cross country team, with over 70 members, improved as the season progressed. Overall, the season was excellent with positive attitudes and cooperating weather.

The highlight of the season was three-year-veteran Cristy Jensen's repeat as Section 4A champion for the second year in a row and advancing to the state cross country meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield. She finished 10th at state, set a new school record of 14.48, and beat her rival, Carolyn Busse.

At the Section 4A regional meet, the girls' team finished fifth with 135 points. Natalie Timmers finished eighth, just one short of going to state.

Named All-Conference were Cristy Jensen and Natalie Timmers, with honorable mention going to Anna Warnes, Kristin Pletsch, Jenny Schnobrich, Dan Schnobrich, and Ben Berndt.

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Top and center series of photos, to the right, pages 106-107. The varsity teams line up and wait for the starting gun to sound. John Gilbert and Cristy Jensen start the race strong. Dan Schnobrich and Katie Ertl show their endurance in the middle of the race. Ben Berndt and Natalie Timmers run up the hill towards a strong finish.



Cross Country Team. Back Row: Sarah Weinzierl, Matt Masurka, Russell Strahota, Greg Kranz, Dan Schnobrich, Eric Rewerts, Mike Janski, coach Clark Machtemes, assistant coach Sandy Wasness, John Gilbert, Mark Anderson, Karl Kranz, Ken VanEyll, Marcus Tevis, Mike Erickson. 3rd Row: Chad Kosieracki, Jake Nelson, Matt Harvat, Scott Marsden, Ryan Murphy, Scot Rewerts, Paul Ague, Jesse Waletich, Josh Hartmann, Thomas Ottolenghi, Tom Kortisses, Matt Evans. 2nd Row: Courtney Hanson, Matt Anderson, Dennis Swenson, Anthony Smith, Ben Berndt, Karyn Laulainen, Katie Wasness, Heather Anderson, Leah Gjertson, Sam Maiser, Ted Keefe, Philip Litfin, Aaron Chinander, Josh Jetto, Nick Waletich. Front: Emily Streeter, Cristy Jensen, Kristin Pletsch, Erin Pletsch, Katie Ertl, Andrea Leffler, Natalie Timmers, Anna Warnes, Lauren Bresnahan, Jenny Schnobrich.





Spotlight on Cristy Jensen



Sophomore Cristy Jensen has participated on the varsity cross country team for the past three years. For the past two years, she has qualified for state competition, placing 19th in 1996 and 10th in 1997. As might be expected, she indicated that the state cross country meet in Northfield was the highlight of this year's season.

To train, Cristy runs five miles a day and tries to run 5-6 days a week during the summer. In the winter, she plays basketball. The night before a race, she tries to eat more carbohydrates. Otherwise, she just eats normally.

Left. Cristy is pleased with her performance at the state meet.

Right. Cristy keeps up with the competition. (Photo courtesy of the Waconia Patriot)



Cheerleaders Add Life, Spirit

*Teams' Best Fans
Promote School Pride*

Whether on the mats, on the field, or on the gymnasium floor, the Wildcat cheerleaders always brought enough spirit and enthusiasm for everyone through wins and losses. The fans appreciated what the cheerleader teams did for the Wildcat sports teams.

Below. Wrestling Cheerleaders. Back: Sherry Schlechter, Katie Ertl. Center: Rita Parkin, Mindy Basel, Lynzy Kast. Front: Alicia Nigon.

Below right. Basketball Cheerleaders. Clockwise from Willy: Misty Hiben, Kelly Klosterman, Genny Poppler, Desiree Schesso, Niki Lowy, Sherry Schlechter.

Below. Cheering on the fans, the football cheerleaders stand tall and proud at a home game.



Left. The basketball cheerleaders attract the attention of the crowd.

Above. Football Cheerleaders. Back: Sherry Schlechter, Rachelle Rosin, Misty Hiben. Center: Wendy Ahlbrecht, Angela Hatz, Brittany Molnau, Kelly Klosterman, Crystal Zancig. Front: Kristin Erickson, Genny Poppler, Desiree Schesso.



Danceline — Performance Season. Back: Kendra McCandless, Amanda Hawkins, Gina Meuwissen, Heather Anquist, Trude Ditsch, Kristen McCune, Natalie Orth, Melissa Schuler, Tanya Hetherington, Megan Turek, Mrs. Berlin. Center: Destiny Bren, Lori Wirtz, Angie Scholla, Emily Hipp. Front: Kelly Hedtke, Tiffany Dalbec, Stacey Parkerson, Erin Ditsch, Krystle Weinzierl, Jessica Buesgens.



Lakettes Take Fifth at State

Friendship Among Team Members Leads to Success, Enjoyment

The Waconia Lakettes had an exceptional year, under the guidance of first year coach Kristi Berlin. They completed their season with four first places and one second place. The team placed fifth at state, and they managed to accomplish most of the goals they had set this year. No one person stood out among the rest. They all had equal talent and worked together as friends, instead of just as teammates.



Erin Ditsch, the only senior on the danceline, will be missed by her teammates.



Left. Danceline Competition Season. Back: Coach Kristi Berlin, Jessica Buesgens, Angie Schuler, Kelly Hedtke, Emily Hipp, Lori Wirtz, Destiny Bren. Center: Tiffany Ptacek, Gina Meuwissen, Trude Ditsch, Natalie Orth, Kristen McCune, Heather Anquist, Lisa Smestad. Front: Krystle Weinzierl, Erin Ditsch, Tiffany Dalbec.



Above. Gina Meuwissen and Jessica Buesgens smile for the fans at the pepfest.



Above. At a school pepfest, the Lakettes keep their heads high as they head off to state competition.



Boys Pull Together at End of Season

Seniors Guide Younger Basketball Players

The boys' basketball team pulled together to end their 1997-98 season with two big wins. The overtime defeat of Annandale was a highlight because it knocked the Cardinals out of first place. A win at home over Glencoe Silver Lake also held a special place in the season. The team finished sixth in the Wright County Conference.

Captains Matt Geiger, Eric Rewerts, and Rob Hart played the roles of leader in trying to mold together the younger, less experienced Wildcat team of juniors and sophomores.

Top. Coach Doug Sayles hits on the key points that the team needs to win.

Right. Senior Rob Hart's eyes tell that his mind is on a Wildcat score.



Varsity Boys' Basketball

WHS	Opponent	OPP
63	Orono	71
49	Mound	39
38	Annandale	58
33	Warren	41
32	Litchfield	62
30	Staples	75
42	Chaska	80
44	Rockford	51
47	Dassel Cokato	39
49	Glencoe	57
49	Delano	70
53	Watertown	73
40	STMA	64
48	Minnehaha	76
46	Sibley East	72
49	Dassel Cokato	53
51	Glencoe	49
54	Delano	64
56	Watertown	67
39	STMA	78
72	BOLD	57
61	Annandale	60



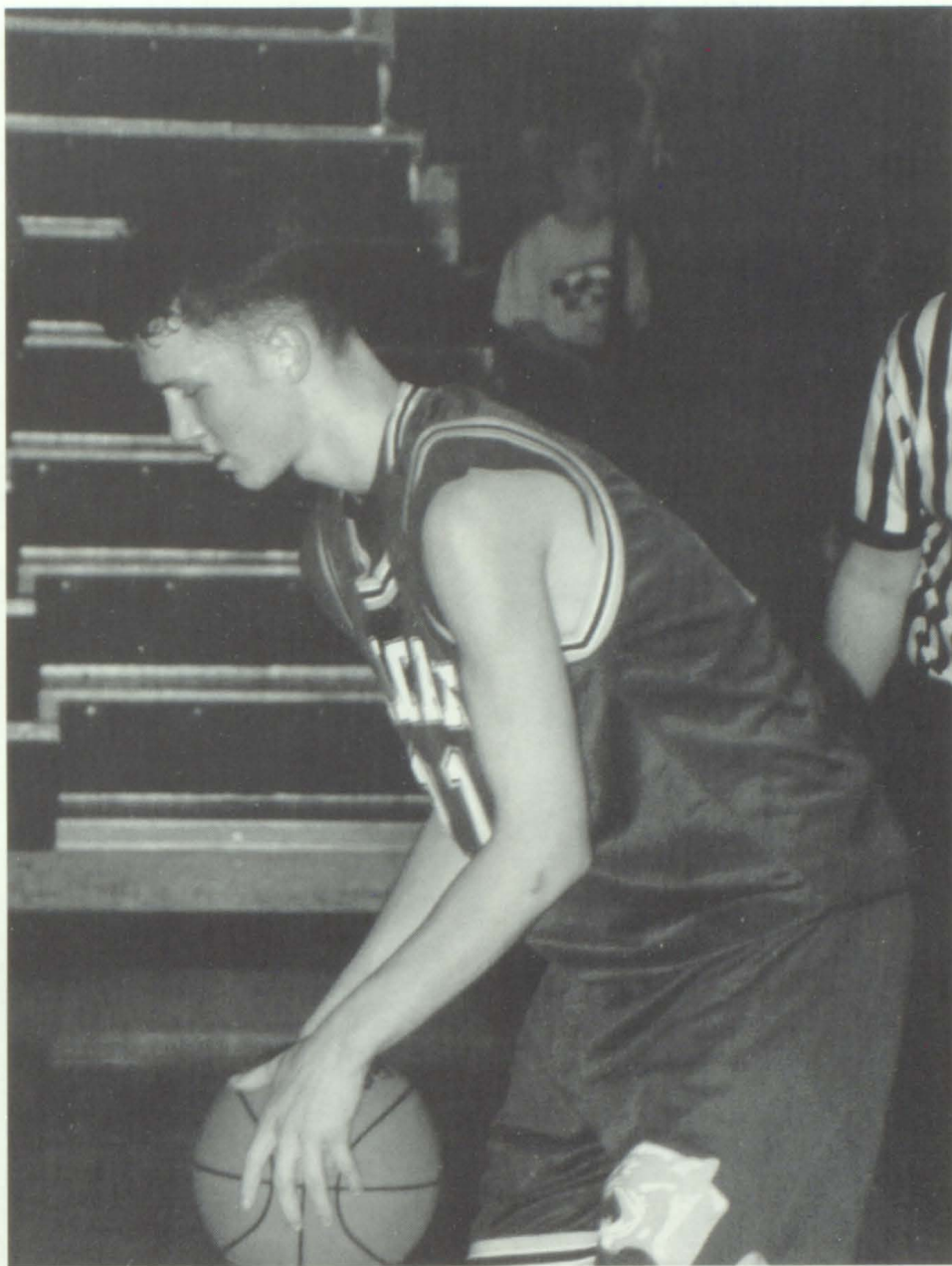
Varsity Boys' Basketball. Back: Coach Eric Herrmann, Rob Hart, Paul Rohlik, Matt Geiger, Jamie Stender, Eric Rewerts, Adam Orth, Tim Keefe, Coach Tom Konrardy. Center: Coach Doug Sayles, Peter Geyen, Elliott Kranz, Nate Kerkhoff, Paul Delaney, Doug Flies, Coach Jim Olsen. Front: Managers Alex Kranz, John Ta.





PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of four photos above, top to bottom: The Wildcat defense plays an important role in all their wins. Nate Kerkhoff plays in-your-face defense. Elliott Kranz and Rob Hart block out their man. Matt Geiger completes the play by securing the rebound.

Below. Senior Nate Kerkhoff gets in the right frame of mind while standing at the free throw line before a big shot.



Varsity Basketball Captains
Eric Rewerts, Matt Geiger, Rob Hart

Best Free Throw %

Paul Rohlik

Chairman of the Boards

Nate Kerkhoff

Most Improved

Doug Flies

Mr. Hustle

Rob Hart

WCC All

Conference

Honorable Mention

Matt Geiger



Inexperienced Team Keeps Positive Focus

All Players Contribute to Balanced Team

Although the girls' basketball team had only two players with varsity experience (Ali Peters and Sarah Buesgens), the team was very close on and off the court. The team maintained a positive attitude, and defeating Sibley East (their conference champions) on the road gave them motivation and confidence.

Every player contributed, making a really balanced team. This helped in the two victories over Mayer Lutheran, one of them the play-off game. Seniors Ali Peters, Sarah Buesgens, and Allison Hoggarth were key leaders for the team.



Varsity Basketball Captains

Sarah Buesgens and Ali Peters

Wildcat Plaques

Ali Peters, Sarah Buesgens,
Allison Hoggarth,

Manager Bethany Leppard

WCC All Conference

Ali Peters

WCC All Conference

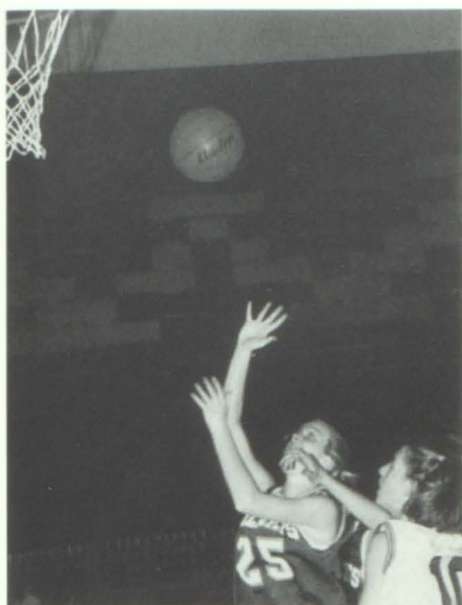
Honorable Mention

Cortney Sletten



Right. Charging down the court with the ball, Ali Peters leads her team toward their basket.





Girls' Varsity Basketball. Back: Coach Doyscher, Sarah Buesgens, Misty Koehnen, Ali Peters, Kelly Staber, Katie Scholla, Allison Hoggarth, Sarah Dreier, Cortney Sletten, Coach Anderson. Center: Manager Bethany Leppard, Lacy Skoog, Megan Doyscher, Cristy Jensen, Andrea Drapcho, Holly Olsen. Front: Sarah Doyscher, Molly Schrupp.

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of photos top of pages 112-113. The Wildcat ladies rack up the points as Allison Hoggarth, Andrea Drapcho, Cortney Sletten and Ali Peters aim for the hoop.

Below left. The intense concentration on the bench leads teams to victory.

Bottom right. Sarah Doyscher brings the ball down the court on a fast break.

Varsity Girls' Basketball

WHS	Opponent	OPP
34	Orono	52
49	STMA	54
44	Belle Plaine	51
57	Mayer Lutheran	48
47	Annandale	56
48	Blooming Prairie	51
45	Filmore Co.	55
39	Southland	49
49	Dassel Cokato	72
56	BOLD	68
38	Glencoe	56
47	Delano	36
54	Watertown	43
45	STMA	58
57	Mound	64
39	Minnehaha	59
50	Dassel Cokato	60
18	Glencoe	47
42	Delano	61
58	Watertown	33
63	Sibley East	40
55	Annandale	66
60	Mayer Lutheran	41
30	Blake	51



Team Effort Pays Off for Wrestling Team

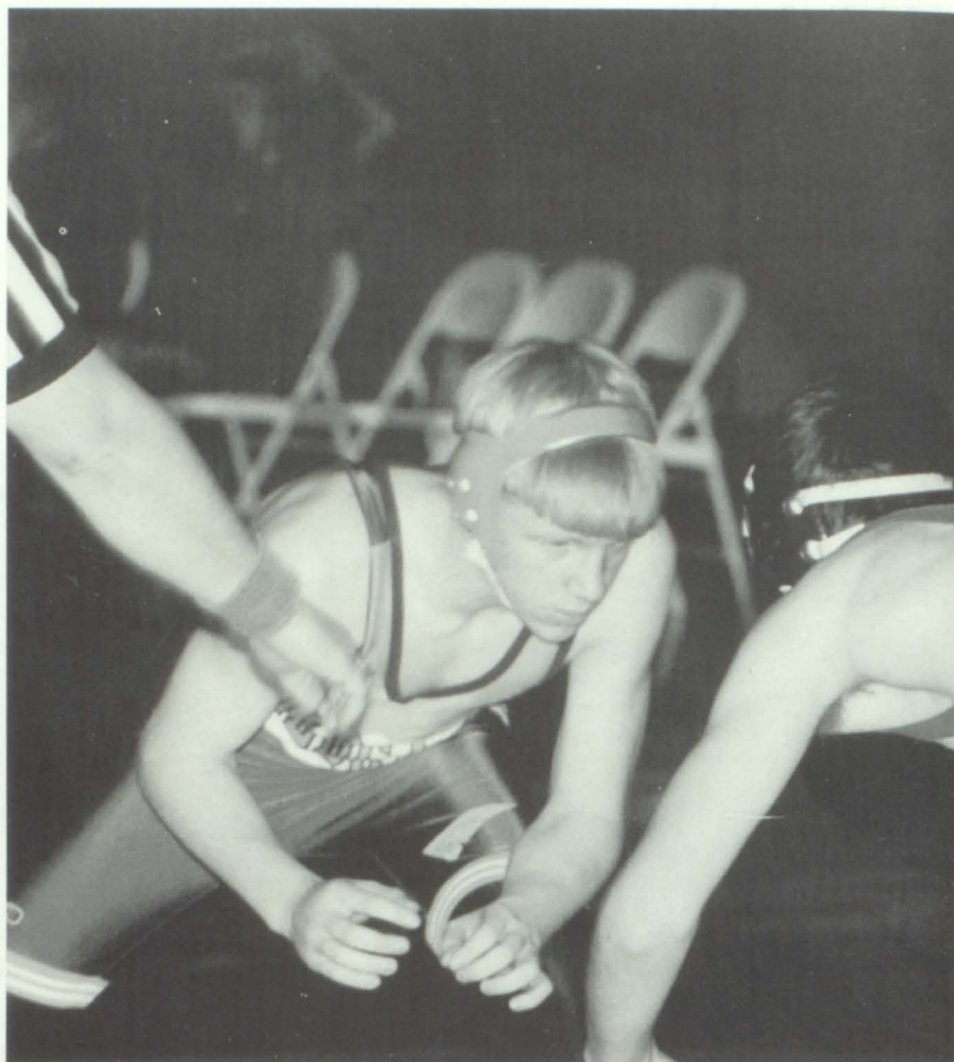
Three Advance to State

With a sound philosophy in place, the Wildcat wrestlers had many successes in the 1997-98 season. Coachable athletes led to a strong sense of teamwork. This quality paid off in the meet against state ranked Norwood-Young America when the Wildcats upset them 42-33.

The team did have three state qualifiers: Jesse Timm, Nick Wischnack, and Matt Westlund. Coach Elsenpeter credits them by saying, "They worked hard and deserve any individual success that comes their way."

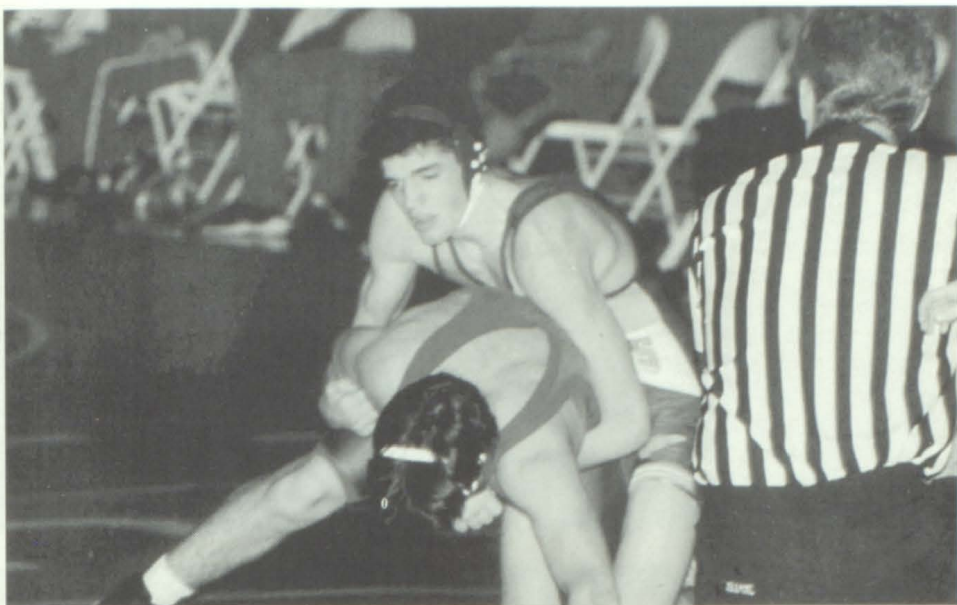
Although one of the team's weaknesses was lack of experience, they continued to work hard and look forward to future success. As Coach Elsenpeter said, "Be proud of what you have accomplished, but don't be satisfied."

Right. Freshman Matt McGowan gets ready to wrestle.

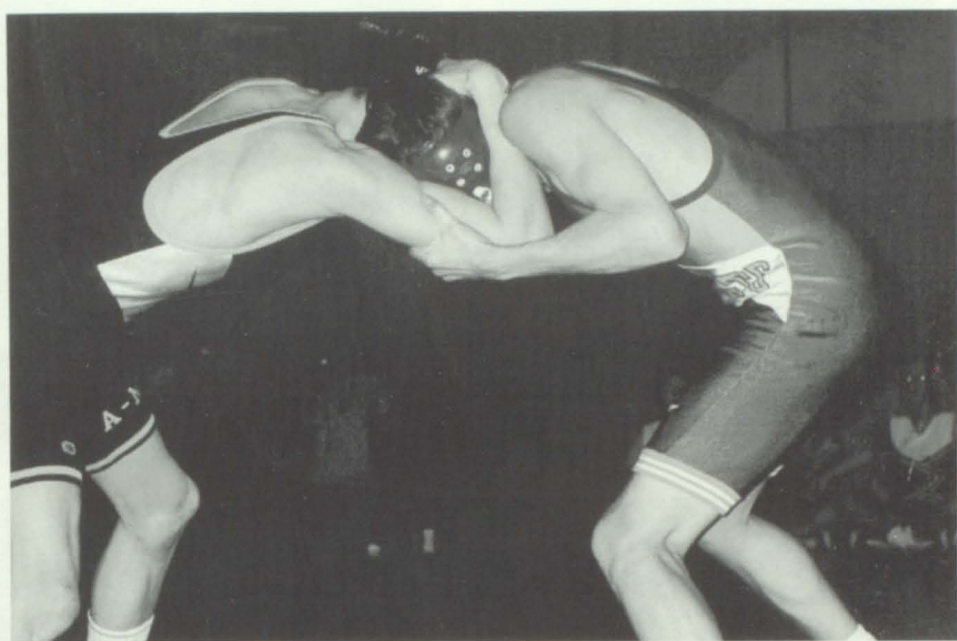


Varsity Wrestling. Back: Mr. Berg, Nick Wischnack, Greg Kranz, Troy Wagener, Jay Lenz, Dave Wagener, Matt Westlund, Ryan Brandenburg, Kevin White, Mr. Elsenpeter. 4th Row: Kelly Wagener, Jacob Meyer, Joey Laumann, Caleb Chase, Matt McGowan, Scott Stein, Thomas Ottolenghi, Aaron Sorensen, Aaron Chinander. 3rd Row: Jesse Timm, Brent Walmsley, Ethan Weiland, Jeff Deardorff, Josh Brandenburg, Jay Biskey, Josh Jetto, Josh Schilling. 2nd Row: Sean Lewis, Andrew Fredericksen, Matt Heger, Dennis Westlund, Matt Anderson, Mike Groschen, Justin Davis. Front: Josh Jorgensen, Matt Turek.



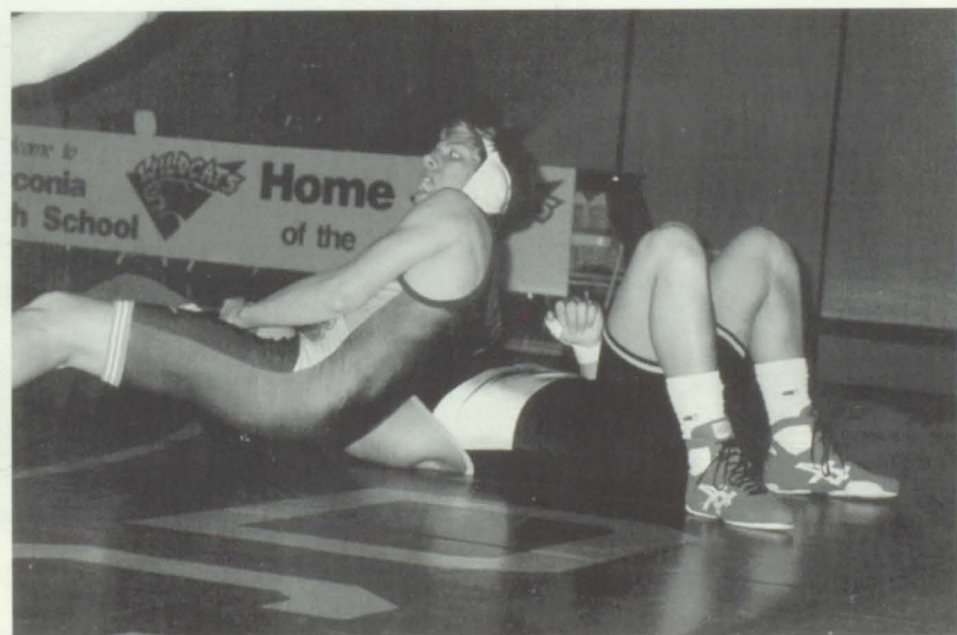


PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of photos at left, top to bottom: Jesse Timm prepares for a takedown; David Wagener and his opponent go head to head; and Ethan Weiland pins the opponent and wins the match.



Waconia wrestlers who advanced to state competition:

Jesse Timm, Matt Westlund and Nick Wischnack are flanked by coaches Mark Elsenpeter and Kelly Wagener



Varsity Wrestling

WHS	Opponent	OPP
3	St. Michael	61
22	Fridley	44
34	Brooklyn Ctr	41
51	Orono	17
42	Norwood	33
3	Dassel-Cokato	61
31	Glencoe	35
21	Wayzata	43
10	Litchfield	57
9	Kimball	54
27	Lester Prairie	34
27	Watertown	36
36	Rockford	30
0	Elk River	71
3	St. Cloud Tech	61
40	Moorhead	25
31	Delano	31
34	Annandale	28
27	Watertown	41



Wildcats Conference Co-Champs

Strong Hitting Leads to Winning Season

Great weather and a great season could describe the baseball team's year. The team finished as co-champions of the conference, which was their primary goal during the season. They finished with seventeen wins and only sev-

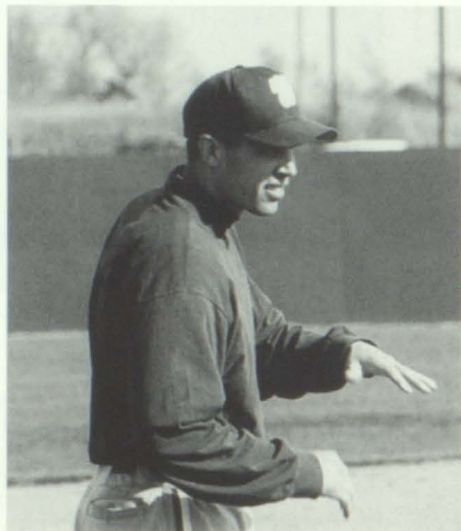
en losses.

Hitting was the team's main strength, which was evident in the fifteen runs scored during one inning against Annandale. Another highlight of the season was the sub-section final game against Blake, in which the Wildcats won with a score of 13 to 6.

Strong players also contributed to the winning season, with seniors Rob Hart, Andy Larson, Matt Orn and junior Bj Oswald named All-Conference.

Top. Andy McGowan winds up to throw a strike.

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of photos below and across to page 117. After getting instructions from Coach Grundhofer, B.J. Oswald and Rob Hart give their swings everything they've got!



Above. Jeremy Salden slides safely into home base.



Above. After rounding the bases, the team congratulates the two scoring base runners.





J-V Baseball. Back: Coach Pat Foley, Dave Myers, Adam St. John, Anthony Smith, Andrew Heger, Terry Klaers, Dennis Swenson. Center: Josh Brandenburg, Joe Ansell, Joe Masurka, Kevin Koester, Nate Wood. Front: Trent Klein, Mike Weiland, Travis Klein.



All Metro All Star Player

Rob Hart

All Conference Players

Rob Hart

BJ Oswald

Andy Larson

Matt Orn

All Conference Honorable Mention

Elliott Kranz

Jeremy Salden



Varsity Baseball

WHS	Opponent	OPP.
2	Orono	8
13	Rockford	5
8	Dassel-Cokato	7
8	Annandale	7
12	Norwood YA	1
9	Glencoe	2
17	Delano	7
8	STMA	9
5	Watertown	0
15	Mound	3
11	Dassel-Cokato	10
5	BBE	18
8	Kimball	3
8	Annandale	9
19	Glencoe	16
2	Delano	6
3	STMA	7
11	Watertown	3
4	Chaska	14
7	Belle Plaine	5
15	Fourth Baptist	2
5	Norwood YA	2
13	Blake	6
8	Pine City	9

Varsity Baseball. Back: Coach Mark Grundhofer, Rob Hart, Andy Larson, Chris Bergmann, Jake Ansell, Andy McGowan, Joe Wirtz, Matt Orn. Center: Elliot Kranz, Jeremy Salden, B.J. Oswald, Corey Joyce, Mike Janski. Front: Kyle Ague, Brady Bussler.



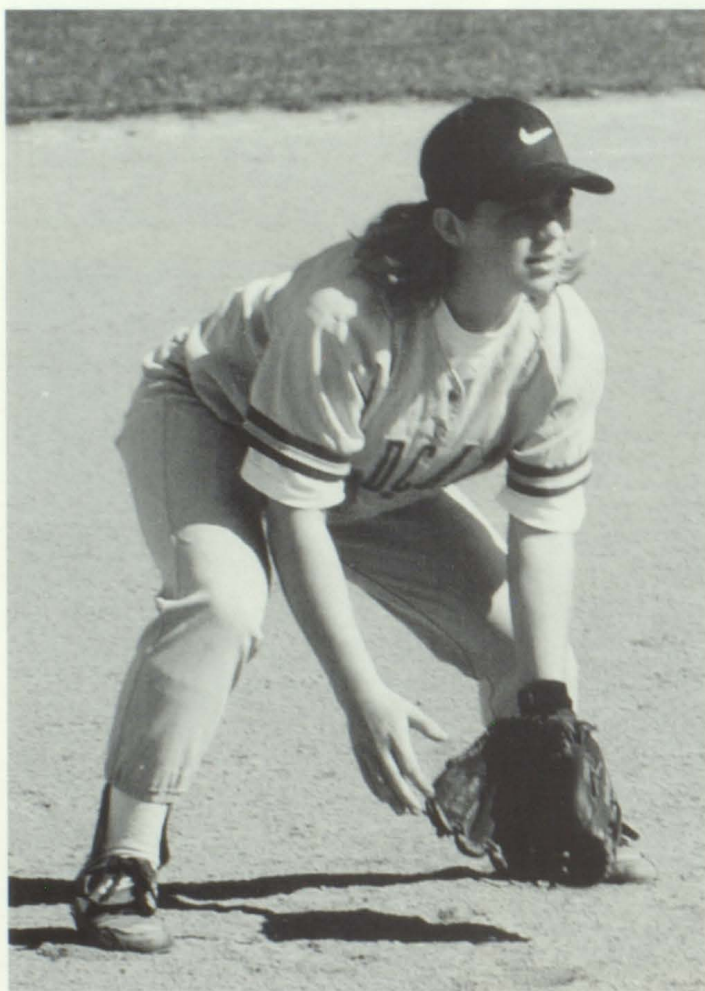
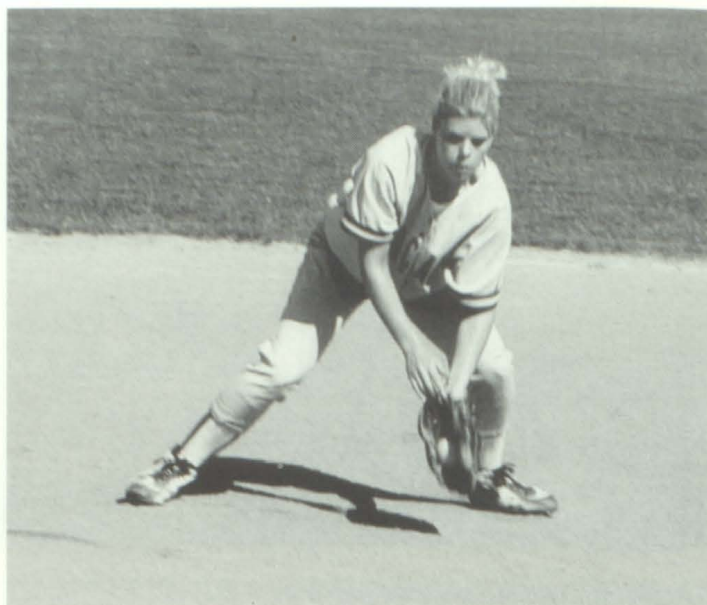
Pitching, Steady Defense Lead to Solid Season

Softball Team Takes 4th in Conference

Good pitching and a steady defense led the Wildcats to a solid season with a fourth place finish in the conference. The softball team ended the season with a 13-10 record. The hardworking team upset Delano and Rockford, two teams that previously had been very difficult to beat. Co-champions in the Brooklyn Center Tourney, the girls' softball team won the second game in the sub-sections against Rockford.

Despite inconsistent batting and many inexperienced players, the team was seeded third in sub-sections, and they played four games in post-season. The team took second place in sub-section play.

Molly Schrupp and Emily Streeter were named All-Conference, and Ali Peters and Rachel Jurek received Honorable Mention All-Conference.



Above. The concentration is intense on shortstop Emily Streeter's face.

Top. Junior Katie Larson scoops up a line drive.

Above center. With ball in hand, Sarah Grote is ready to hit her cut-off.

Above. Senior Ali Peters perfects her swing.



J-V Softball. Back: Coach Mark Elsenpeter, Leslie Litfin, Kara Dake, Jenny Menth, Julie Hoen, Lisa Kahler, Kari Laabs. Center: Courtney Hanson, Tegen Oakman, Amber Brandmire, Audra Lehrke. Front: Rachel Stenger, Lisa Kirsch.



Left.
Seniors
Anne
Burtman,
Rachel
Jurek, Ali
Peters and
Sarah
Grote.

All-Conference: Molly Schrupp, Emily Streeter

All-Conference Honorable Mention:

Ali Peters and Rachel Jurek

Wildcat Award: Sarah Grote

Most Valuable Player: Emily Streeter

Most Improved Player: JoAnna Meuwissen

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Two photos below left and below. Pitcher Molly Schrupp releases the ball aimed for the glove of JoAnna Meuwissen.



Varsity Softball. Back: Coach Domonique Kanavati, Sarah Grote, Rachel Jurek, Ali Peters, Sarah Buesgens, Misty Koehnen. Center: Molly Schrupp, Kelly Staber, Katie Larson, Nona Lehrke. Front: JoAnna Meuwissen, Emily Streeter. Not pictured: Anne Burtman.

Varsity Softball

WHS	Opponent	OPP.
17	Mayer Lutheran	20
9	Rockford	10
4	Dassel-Cokato	5
4	Blake	2
17	Annandale	6
2	Glencoe	1
1	Delano	0
14	STMA	4
1	Watertown	2
2	Belle Plaine	6
8	Dassel-Cokato	12
6	Rockford	4
7	Brooklyn Center	2
2	Annandale	3
4	Glencoe	3
1	Delano	15
9	STMA	5
5	Watertown	1
5	Norwood YA	3
7	Watertown	3
11	Rockford	1
0	Delano	2
2	Becker	3



Cristy Jensen, Boys' Relay Place at State

Team Has 5 All-State, 10 All-Conference Athletes; School Records Broken

The Waconia Wildcat track team had a very successful year. Five athletes were named All-State; ten finished with All-Conference honors.

The team accomplished all their goals, one of which was working as a team. Many individuals also accomplished goals and personal bests. School records were broken by Natalie Timmers in the 800m run, Cristy Jensen in the 3200m run, and the boys' relay team of Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Jason Lahr, and Erik Sorensen.

According to Coach Connie Manuel, the team was solid in the girls' distance and mid-distance, while the boys' strong points were in sprints and relays. Dave Philp and Lacey Ahlbrecht were the teams' very successful jumpers.

The following students were the top-scoring athletes in their areas. In distance and mid-distance respectively, Dan Schnobrich and Jesse Timm excelled, while Eric Sorensen scored well in sprints. The relay team of Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Jason Lahr and Eric Sorensen did well. Mike Hilliard and Drew Johnston were top scorers in the discus, and Kyle Rambow and Drew Johnston did well in the shot put.

In the girls' events, Cristy Jensen and Natalie Timmers respectively excelled in the distance and mid-distance. Leah Gjertson and Lacy Skoog excelled in sprints. The relay team of Katie Menssen, Lauren Bresnahan, Lacy Skoog, Lacey Ahlbrecht, and Leah Gjertson scored well.

Below. Lacy Skoog is poised and ready for the beginning of her relay.



Track. Front: Natalie Timmers, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Leah Gjertson, Angie Morris. 2nd Row: Coach Connie Manuel, Anna Warnes, Maren Delaney, Carla Roepke, Cristy Jensen, Laura Zender, Katie Menssen, Lauren Bresnahan, Lacy Skoog, Coach Leslie Anderson. 3rd Row: Mike Hilliard, Dan Schnobrich, Lance Knorr, Ryan Hammer, Kent Boll, Drew Johnston, Kyle Rambo, Jessie Timm, John Gilbert. 4th Row: Coach Steve Hullander, Bill Bedford, Erik Sorensen, Jason Lahr, Jimmy Young, Mike Staber, Ken VanEyll, Andrew Tongen Coach Johnson. Back: Eric Montgomery, Phillip Litfin, Ryan Stickney, Nate Wendland, Dave Philp, Marcus Tevis.





State Track Results

Cristy Jensen: 3200m run—4th

Place, 1600m run — 6th Place

Boys' 4 x 200m Relay: Kyle

Rambow, Jason Lahr, Erik

Sorensen, Dave Philp—5th Place

Dave Philp: Triple jump—Participant

Natalie Timmers: 800m

run—Participant

All State Athletes:

Kyle Rambow, Dave Philp, Jason

Lahr, Erik Sorensen, Cristy Jensen

Left. State qualifier Dave Philp uses all his strength and skill in the long jump.



PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Series of photos at left, top to bottom. The Wildcat track team runs a strong relay: Laura Zender runs a fast leg. Kyle Rambow takes the turn well. The hand-off to Katie Menssen goes smoothly. Nate Wendland finishes the race strong.

Left center. One of the team's top scorers, junior Dan Schnobrich gives it his all in the distance event.

Above center. Leah Gjertson stays in the air until landing her long jump.

Above. Competing in a field event, Drew Johnston prepares to hurl the discus.

Above left. Just skimming over the bar, Carla Roepke successfully completes her attempt at the high jump.



Team Meets Season's Goals

Gymnasts Show Leadership, Sportsmanship

The gymnastics team's goals of scoring over 110 and winning at least one meet were achieved when they scored above 110 in all but one meet and won their last two meets. Matched against Waterville/Elysian/Morristown, the team was happy to score over 120, even though their opponent won with 126.5. A highlight of the year was their first win of the season against Glencoe/Silver Lake.

The gymnasts' greatest strength was their team leadership, demonstrated by Barb Franke, Erica Rademacher, and Lauren Bresnahan. The team's motto, "Citius, Altius, Fortius," described their aims in the competition as "Faster, Higher, Stronger."

Gymnastics Team. Back: Coach Caren Asbjornson, Jenni Schmakel, Caitlyn Klosterman, Crystal Zancig, Kari Laabs, Angie Morris, Jaebo Ward, Laura Schmidt, Kayla Menth. Center: Coach Sandy Wasness, Morgan Berndt, Beth Jacobson, Leah Gjertson, Jolene John, Kittie Pederson, Tracy Winkler, Coach Jake Kirchner. Front: Molly Anquist, Danielle Sampson, Jessica Kamrath, Lacey Ahlbrecht, Lauren Bresnahan, Melissa Ittel, Sara Schmakel, Erica Rademacher. Center front: Barb Franke.



Above. Erica Rademacher's great strength helps her on the uneven bars.

Right. Captain Barb Franke floats through the air with the greatest of ease.

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER. Bottom series of photos: Lauren Bresnahan makes a powerful run toward the vault, then flips through the air, and sticks a perfect landing.



Gymnastics Season

WHS	Opponent	OPP
110.45	Watertown	134.65
112.40	STMA	120.95
114.2	Delano	120.3
110.4	Annandale	121.85
107.95	Dassel	110.7
120.05	Waterville	126.5
118.40	Glencoe	113.35
118.35	Rockford	113.85



Girls' Golf. Front: Sarah Marsden, Annie Dressen. 2nd Row: Melanie Hoggarth, Sarah Doyscher, Sarah Dreier, Melissa Ditsch. 3rd Row: Megan Doyscher, Cortney Sletten, Brittany Willborg. Back: Alicia Golembeski, Allison Hoggarth.



Girls Take Second in State; Boys Improve

Hoggarth, Golembeski Place 6th, 10th at State

The Waconia Wildcats girls' golf team had an outstanding year. After advancing to state competition, with Allison Hoggarth placing first and Alicia Golembeski placing second in regions, the team placed second in the state Class A competition. Allison Hoggarth placed 6th and Alicia Golembeski placed 10th in individual state competition. The team claimed six of the ten All-Conference spots. Allison Hoggarth shot 39-37-26, her best competitive round, and claimed the conference's top overall spot.

The 1998 boys' golf season improved as they continued through the spring season. Captain and senior Eric Rewerts moved on to the section tournament. According to Coach Sayles, Eric was an excellent leader for the young team.



Far left. Captain Allison Hoggarth finishes off a great shot.

Left. Senior Eric Rewerts carefully makes a putt.

Above. Alicia Golembeski seems pleased with her shot.



Varsity Boys' Golf. Back: Paul Ague, Eric Rewerts, Justin Brunelle, Matt Priess, Coach Doug Sayles. Front: Joe Sanocki, Caleb Jetto, Josh Jetto.



J-V Boys' Golf. Back: Stuart Radde, Casey Coulson, Andy Eischens, Scott Marsden, Nate Hendren. Center: Coach Doug Sayles, Clayton Goede, Chuck Young, Erik Schultz, Mark Anderson. Front: Jimmy Dressen, Nick Leffler, Jason Wagener, Ted Keefe, Brad Kelzer.



WHS Joins Watertown Swim Team

Five Waconia High School students swam this year with the Watertown Mayer cooperative team. The team had a great season. Four of the girls advanced to the girls' varsity Section 2AA meet. Kristy Ketcher advanced in the 100 yard freestyle, and she and Chris McNellis advanced in the 100 yard breast stroke. Shaina Zuppke

in the 200 yard freestyle, and Jessi Williams in both the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard breast stroke.

Top. Kadri Ollino displays her breast stroke.
Right. Shaina Zuppke keeps a smile while practicing kicks.
Swim Team. Kristy Ketcher, Chris McNellis, Jessica Williams, Shaina Zuppke. Not pictured: Kadri Ollino.



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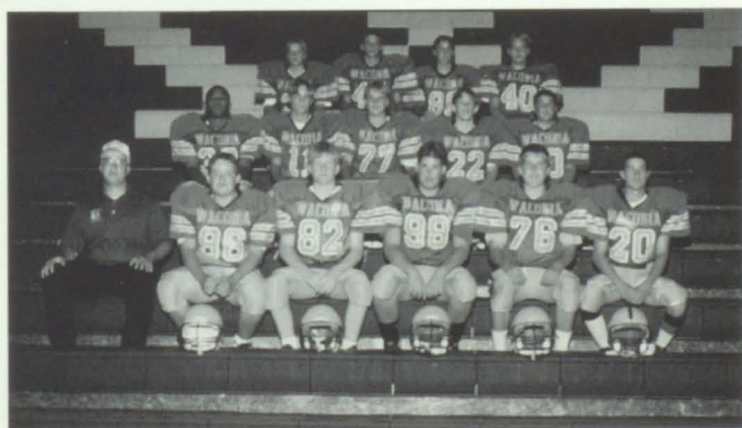
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J-V Volleyball. Back: Andrea Drapcho, Bria Welch, Katie Messen, Rose Larson, Alicia Arndt, Nona Lehrke. Center: Tegen Oakman, Coach Kim Ryan, Leslie Litfin. Front: Carla Roepke, Lacy Skoog, Rachel Stenger, Jenny Wildmer.



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J-V Girls' Basketball. Back: Leslie Anderson, Courtney Hanson, Karyn Laulainen, Melanie Hoggarth, Lacey Morgan, Rachel Stenger. Center: Cristy Jensen, Julie Hoen, Kara Dake, Willy the Wildcat, Jenny Menth, Andrea Drapcho, Holly Olson. Front: Lacy Skoog, Megan Doyscher.



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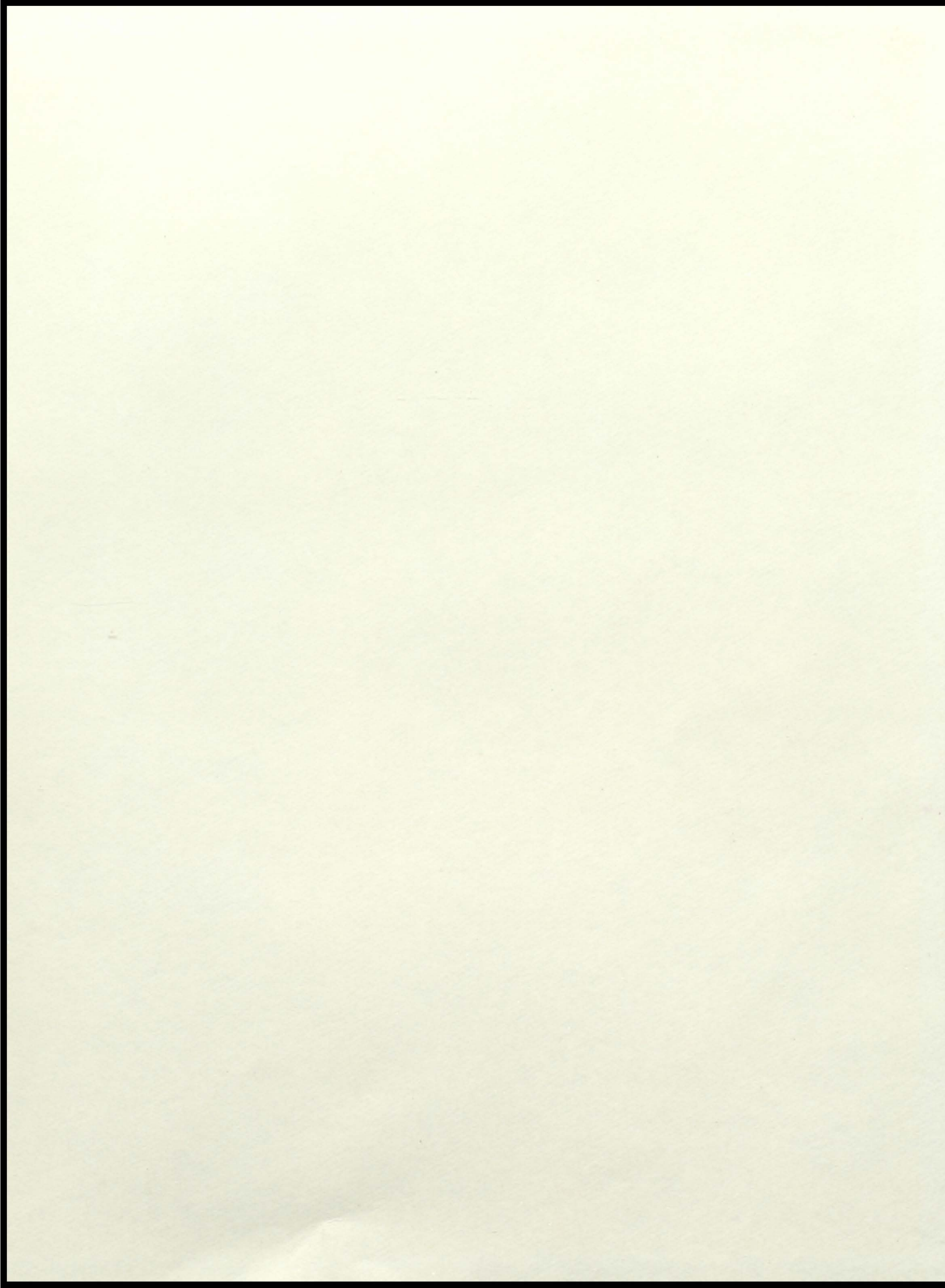
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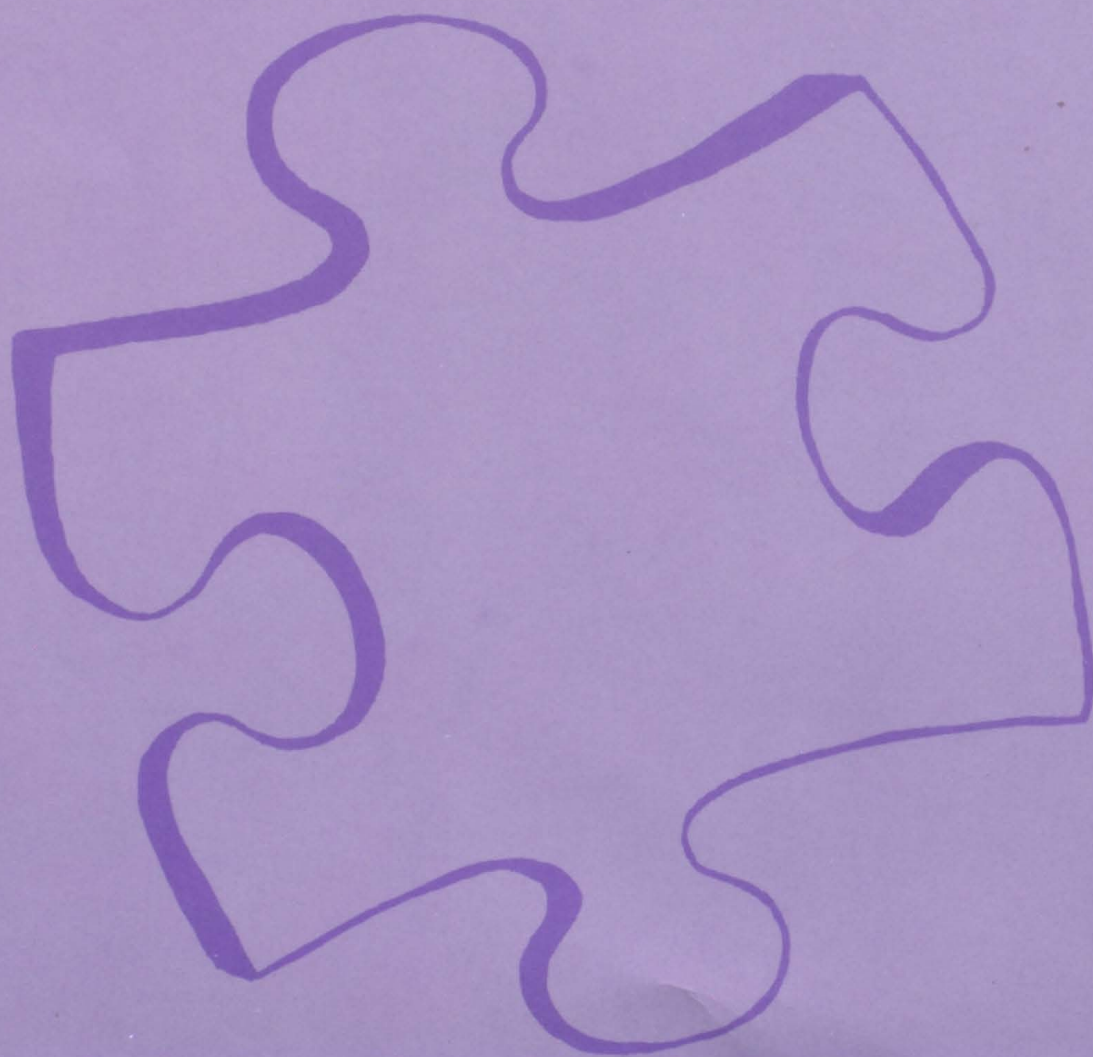
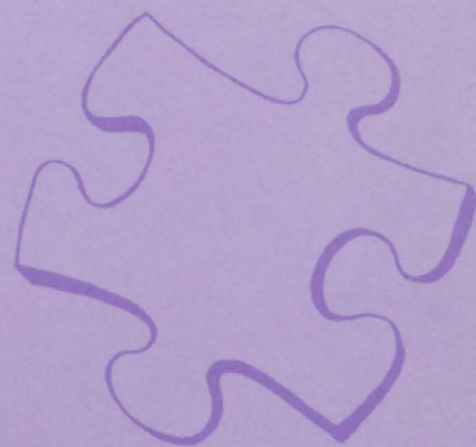
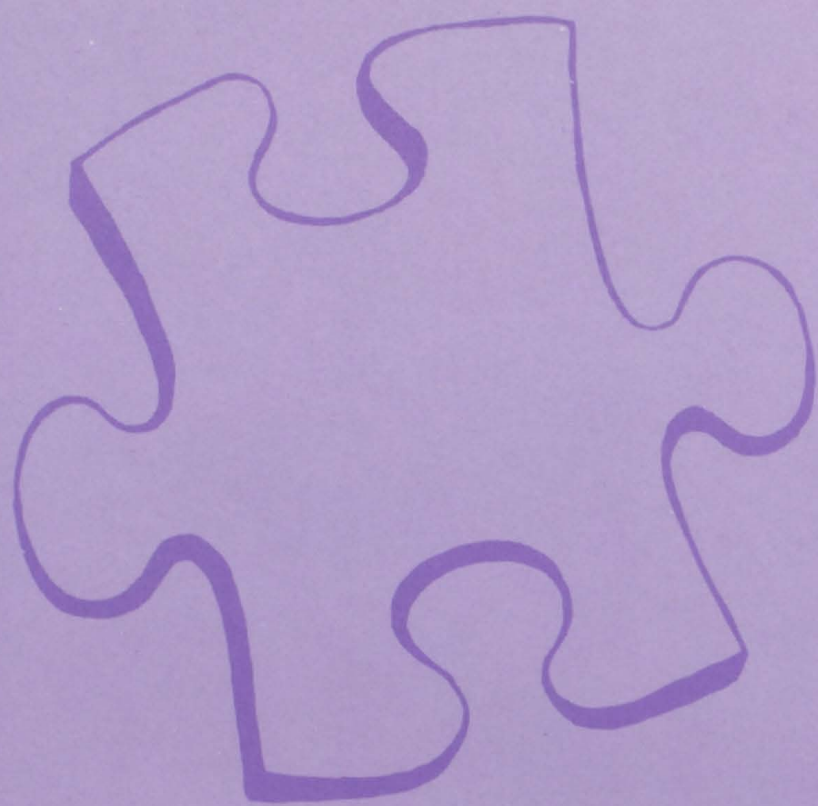
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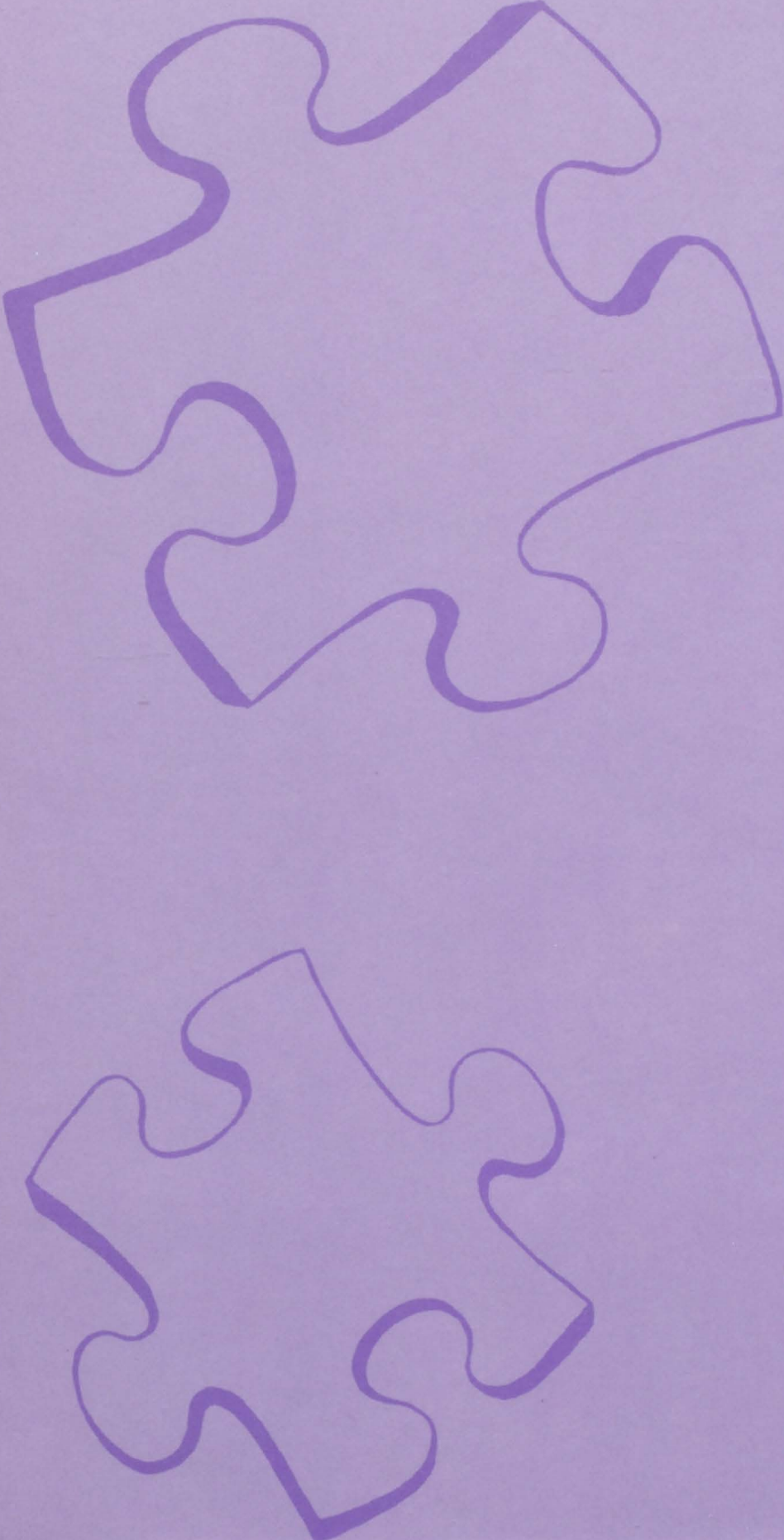
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