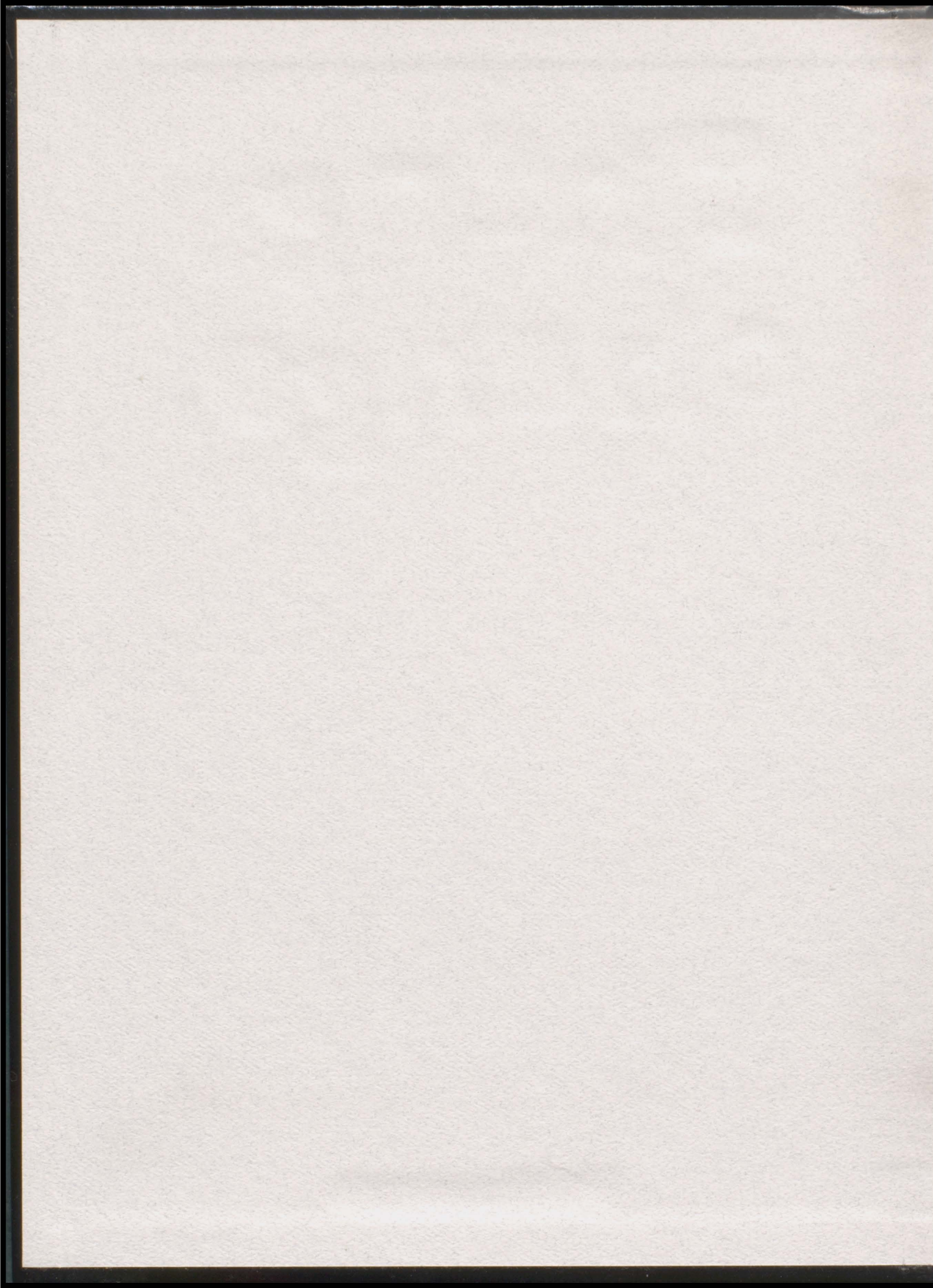
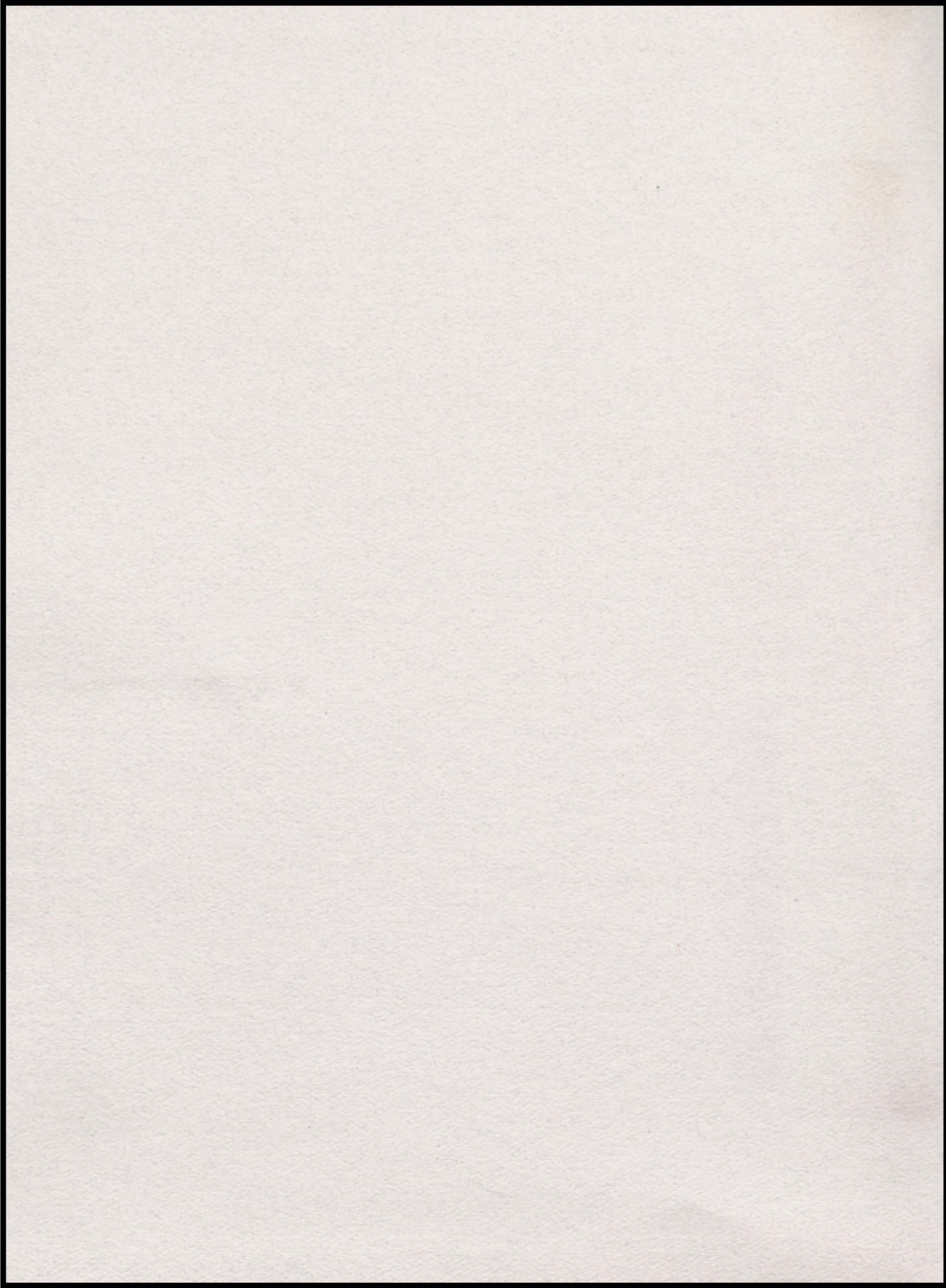


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With senior paddles waving high and voices chanting loudly, the students of MHS prepare for the Homecoming game. Spirit and pride were seen throughout the year, especially at Homecoming.

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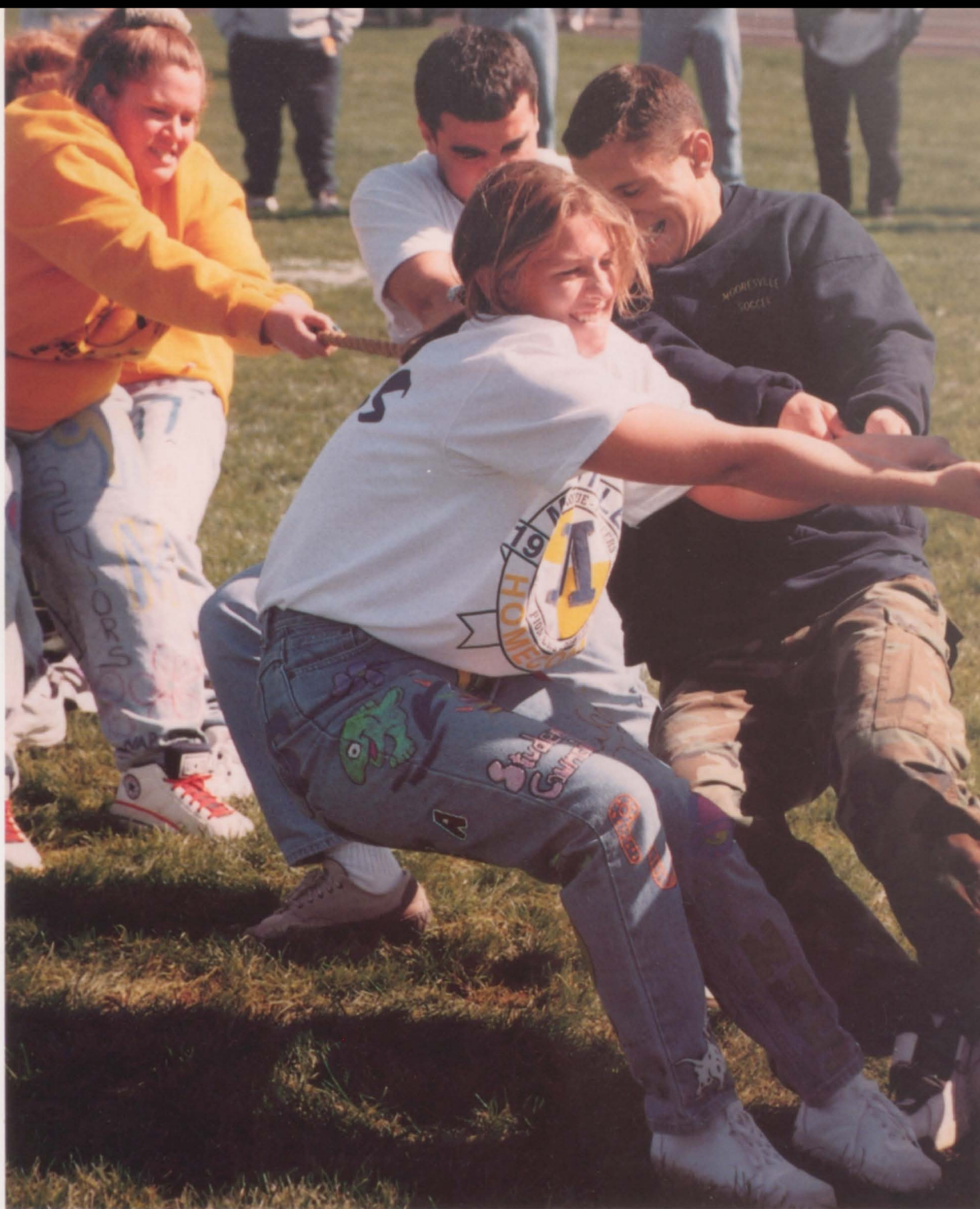
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Pulling with all her might, senior Amanda Watson helps the seniors gain the "tug-of-war" victory. The seniors dominated the homecoming events.

Waving her flag proudly, junior Holly Phillips performs with the color guard. The color guard's show was full of color and excitement.

Junior Bruce Fields drives past two Dugger defenders during the first round of regionals. The boys basketball team finished the season with conference and sectional championships.



High school. These two words can lead to some of the most exciting

The beginning of the year brought many changes for Mooresville's
years of a student's life. Each day as students entered Mooresville High
student body. Many students sported new backpacks to carry their
School, they entered into a world of learning and books, as well as
books, while others sported the latest in hair color. The administration
activities and excitement. Each lesson proved positive and the students
also provided the students with planners to help make each student
shared a common enthusiasm.

more organized.

As the year began, seniors were anxious to make their final year the best

As the year progressed, new strategies for helping kids avoid drug
ever, while freshmen coped with the nerves and jitters caused by the "first
use were implemented into the school policy. A voluntary drug testing
day of school."

program was put into action during second semester. All student

"Cheerleading and seeing the school spirit added a lot to my senior
drivers and those involved in extra-curricular activities and sports were
year. Every memory I made was special," said senior Angela Acton.
subject to this new policy.

School spirit was one of the ingredients that made for a successful year.

The teachers also implemented a new system to honor students and

All along the way, students gained valuable memories of the many
offer extra help. During second semester, outstanding students were
activities. Prom, homecoming, and sectionals were just some of the most
honored monthly for their academic achievements, as well as character
exciting events. Memories were made through many different ways.

and leadership. Classrooms and the media center also became more

Some students hung out with friends at the mall, at the Junction, or the
high-tech as the Internet was added for use. Students now had a new
local pizza place, while others spent their weekends supporting their
means of accessing research material. Even though some of the
favorite Pioneer sports team. The Pioneers had a successful year that
changes were not easy, students still displayed the Pioneer spirit.
helped many to make valuable memories.

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Homecoming '96 keeps the same Excitement

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

Mooresville High School was full of Pioneer pride and spirit during the week of Homecoming '96. Faces were glowing with smiles and excitement.

Throughout the week, a variety of activities took place to boost the student involvement and spirit. After taking new suggestions from the student body, the cheerleaders sponsored a wide variety of spirit days, ranging from clash day to the new class pride day, in which the students dressed to support their powder puff teams.

At the end of the day, students put their books into their backpacks and began building their class floats. Laughter, friends, and stress were created along with the chicken wire and crepe paper forms.

After long hours of powder puff practice, the pioneer ladies were ready to take to the gridiron. Unlike the past, powder puff was not a tournament. "After all the hard work that we put in, I wish we could have played a little more," said junior Amber Wolma. In the first game, the sophomores beat the freshmen. The juniors and seniors played a half game on Thursday night; at the homecoming carnival, the juniors prevailed over the seniors.

Spirit week ended with the events taking place on the football field, on a beautiful but windy Friday afternoon. With the students cheering wildly in support of their friends on the field, the excitement was present in every Pioneer. Senior Amanda Watson said, "I enjoyed cheering for my friends on the field." Seniors dominated the field events, winning every event. Even with some new changes, the Pioneer's spirit and enthusiasm remained the same.

Awaiting the beginning of the parade, senior Shana Becker finds ways to amuse herself and friends. The marching band was a traditional participant in the parade.



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Everyone was really

pumped up about

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seniors' spirit was

great.

- Kim Hicks, senior

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Proudly waving their paddles, seniors Karen Parker and Lori Silcox cheer for their friends on the field. The traditional senior paddles helped unite the class during the carnival.



Showing their determination and bulging muscles, seniors Shaun Guernsey and Andy McGuire race down the field. Homecoming competition was dominated by the senior class.

Days of preparation and a "groovin'" attitude are obvious in the senior class float. The hard work paid off as the seniors "Grooved to a Victory" in the float competition.



Building spirit for their class are many seniors. Spirit reached its peak during homecoming week.

Final instructions are given to the defensive team before their appearance on the field. Defensive and offensive teams combined for a homecoming victory.



Seniors Matt Roth and Chris Aune fire their teammates up during the pep session. Excitement and spirit turned into focus and intensity on the field later that night.

Homecoming Princess Jennifer Ragan and Queen Kim Hicks pose with escorts Steve Moses and Shaun Guernsey. Queen and Princess nominations and votes were completed by fellow students.

Varsity cheerleaders Kelly Haybarker, Kym Schlangen, and Nicole Hammonds stand atop a pyramid. The cheerleaders were essential in creating crowd support during homecoming.





Victory leads to a change of Direction

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

A change was in the making for the Mooresville Pioneers during Homecoming 1996. Nerves and excitement from the 4000 rowdy fans filled the air as the Pioneers hoped to end the 6-year Homecoming losing streak.

The game started with a bang as the annual fireworks display was set off to pump up the crowd. The stands were packed as the Pioneers took to the field. A loud cheer was heard as Mooresville scored the first touchdown of the game. "I was really proud of the hard work that the football team put in all season," said senior Nick Sullivan.

Half-time was a time for much excitement and nervousness. The royal court had been chosen and the finishing touches had been put on the class floats. Each float showed the hardwork and dedication that class members had put in. As each float made its way across the football field and each candidate and escort made their way to the stage, the nervousness and excitement began to build.

With many smiles and hugs, senior Kim Hicks and junior Jennifer Ragan, were named queen and princess. The senior class was "Groovin' to a Victory" when they won

the float competition. The last graduating class born in the 1970s was the first senior class in several years to win the float competition.

"After four years of cheering Homecoming games, it was exciting to finally win. Homecoming week is what I will miss most about high school," said senior Kellie Richmond. As the final seconds were counted down and the scoreboard showed 32-12, the Pioneers knew that they had gained the first Homecoming victory in over 6 years.

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Homecoming was a lot more fun this year because I was more involved.

- Christina Shrake, freshman



The Friday night homecoming game is started with a bang by a show of fireworks before starting lineups. Opening and touchdown fireworks kept spirit continuous throughout the game.

Giving the stereotypical look of opera a new twist, senior Megan Schneider sings her Italian aria. The act was a huge success with laughter and awe coming from the crowd.



Reminiscing about their high school years together, seniors Eric Beebe and Alisa Tomlinson perform their Wagon Trails skit. The yearbook staff performed many skits in order to boost yearbook sales.



Ending the song with a smile, senior Marci Allen finishes "Sunny Side of the Street." The black hats added a little extra pizzazz to the jazzy number.



With a big smile, junior Suni Venable finishes her yearbook skit. Each skit helped add extra excitement to the show.

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Wagon Trails provides traditional

Entertainment

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

The jitters were over and the stage was set as the annual Wagon Trails Revue was about to get under way. New members anticipated the three exciting nights, while upperclassmen wanted to capture every memory. Even though some new voices sang the melodies and some new hands played the instruments, the same enthusiasm and excitement were felt by everyone.

"Both the students and faculty put in hours of hard work to make this show enjoyable on stage as well as behind the scenes," said new yearbook advisor Ms. Sarah Kilfoil. The show continued to be a success and sold out two of the three nights. The yearbook staff performed the usual skits and commercials to help pass time between acts. Just like the year before, seniors Alisa Tomlinson and Eric Beebe's rendition of "Nerds-in-Love" proved to be one of the highlights of the whole show. Another favorite was the Saturday Night Live cheerleaders who helped "pump up" the audience after intermission.

For all the music groups, Wagon Trails Revue was their first performance of the year. After hours of practice and hard work, the groups were excited to hear the applause and cheers for their excellent performances. Many smiles could be seen from performers, as well as the audience.

Just as in the past, the individual acts were also a big hit with the crowd. Seniors Michele Cadwell, Erin Newsom, and junior Tahlia Dunn sang "Shoop." Junior Alyson Summers and sophomore Kym Schlangen also performed a duet. "It was neat to be able to sing a solo for the second year in a row. I really enjoy sharing my talent with others," said junior Jasup Smith.

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The revue has always
been an exciting time.
Being a senior made
it more special.

- Scott Johnson,
senior



Putting her all into her performance, senior Candy Born performs with Finesse. Candy's hard work paid off when she was named Outstanding Performer at the Southmont Show Choir Invitational.

Students exhibit the same Leadership

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

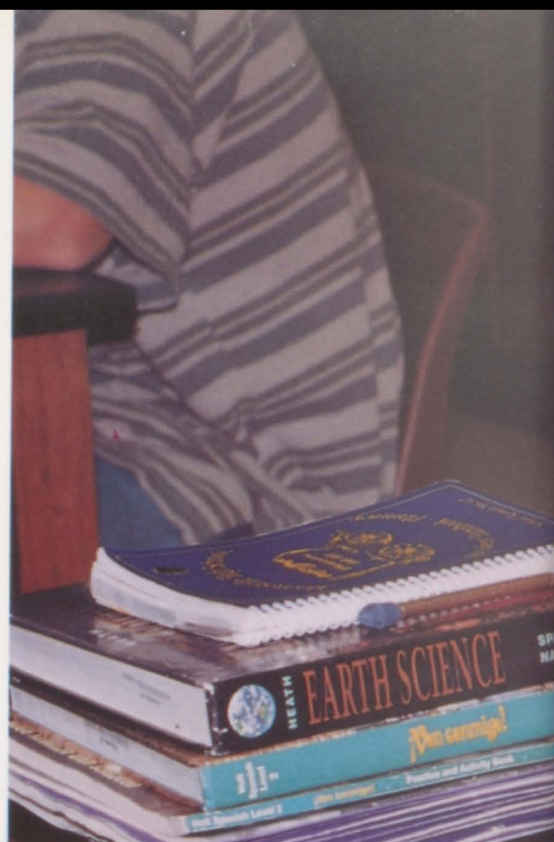
With the ring of the first bell at 7:30, students knew they had a busy day of books, homework, labs, and learning ahead of them. Students showed up every day to accomplish the goal that they all shared. That common goal was to graduate and earn that much coveted diploma.

Throughout the year, students could be seen carrying posters, models, and videos that they had made for their many class projects. Creativity and fun was an integral part of each assignment and class project. Some projects, such as the Lit.-12 contemporary "Canterbury Tales" poems and the modern dances performed by the girls' PE classes, were very popular and even looked forward to. Freshman Jessica Dunham said, "The gym dances were a lot of fun and different from the usual basketball and kickball games."

In order to excel in many classes, students also had to exhibit leadership and self-discipline. Many organizations around school stressed that idea. One special group of students made up The Student Leadership Academy (TSLA). Junior Katrina Grezlik said, "TSLA helped me to get more out of learning." Four students each year were chosen to be a part of this program that focuses on how to be a good leader and how to be a better student.

Throughout the year, a group of teachers, called Teachers Organizing Pro-active Strategies (TOPS), gathered together to develop ways to boost student and teacher morale. One of the new programs included "Student of the Month." The students were honored based upon character, academic improvement, attendance, and contribution to the department.

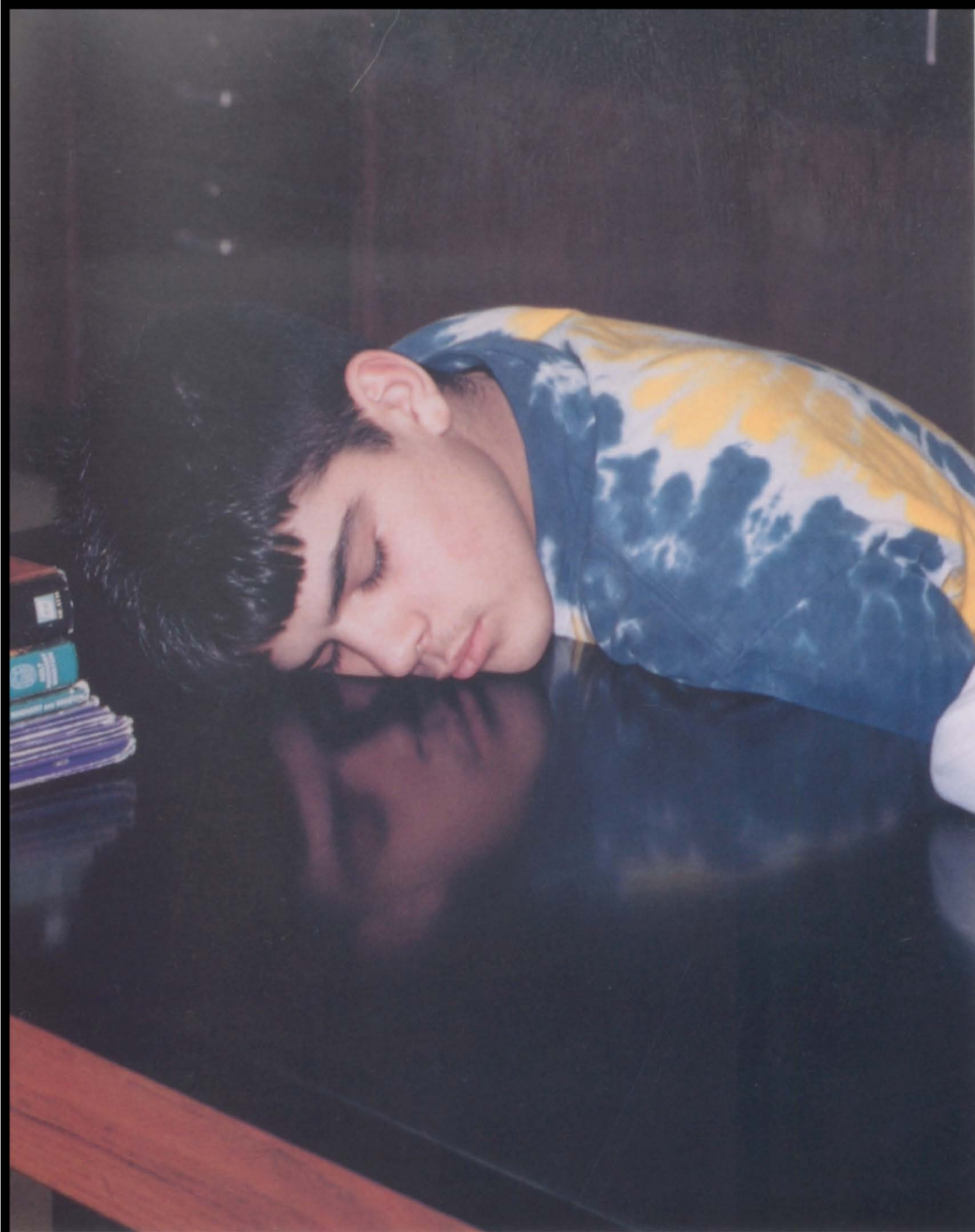
Mr. Don Adams assists junior Bruce Fields with a question. Good teacher and student relationships were essential for success in school work.



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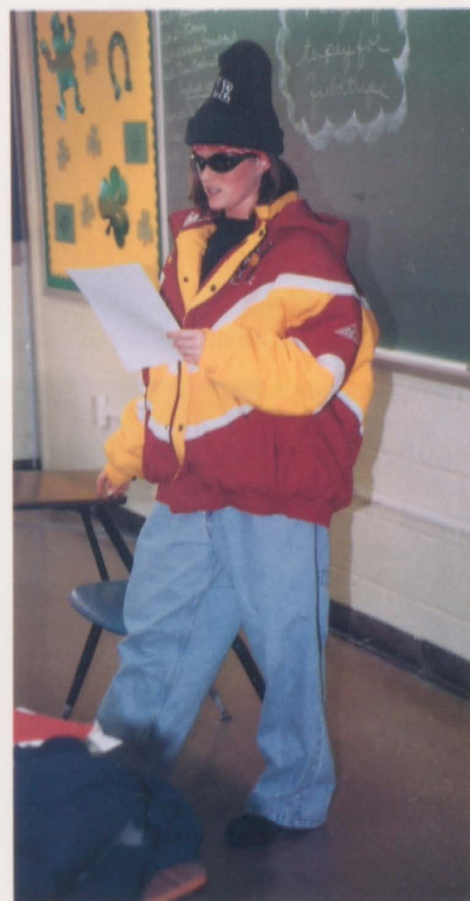
Home economics is a valuable class that helps prepare me for life after school.
- Angel Archer, senior

A small photograph of a female student, Angel Archer, wearing a white lab coat, working in a home economics or science lab setting.

Sophomore **Joe Ray** catches a few Zs during class. Hectic schedules and hours of homework left many with only school hours to sleep.

Portraying a gangster for an English class project is senior **Michelle Cadwell**. Projects let students have fun while learning.



Junior **Andres Johnson** and art teacher **Mr. Dennis Amrhein** work together on a project. Art classes allowed students to express creativity.

With careful precision, junior **Jamey Livingston** works on fixing a car in the auto shop. Shop classes added variety to the school day.

UNITY seniors Amber Shillings and Marci Allen add stuffed animals to the collection. UNITY held a stuffed animal drive to collect toys for children at Christmas.



Creating a winning masterpiece and sharing some laughs are seniors Amanda Calvert and Sonya Vail. Artistic talent and creativity were used by all who participated in the art club's Pumpkin Carving contest.



Sophomore Finesse member Michelle Greene sings her solo while accompanied by choir director Mrs. Elaine Moebius. Solos allowed students to display their musical talent.



Fighting over who received the most treats from their sweethearts on Valentine's Day are junior Waymon Clontz and senior Emily Bernfield. Holidays gave students a break from school, and friends a chance to create new memories.



Holidays bring about a new

Atmosphere

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

Exchanging gifts, carving pumpkins, and sending Valentines to that "special someone" were all signs that the holidays had arrived.

Getting a little crazy and having fun with friends made Halloween a time to remember. Dressing up in costumes, decorating the auditorium, and playing spooky music was all a part of the orchestra's 3rd annual "Octoboo" fundraiser concert. "We all had fun getting dressed up for Halloween. The concert was a successful fundraiser for the orchestra," said sophomore Heather Miller.

The time from Thanksgiving to Christmas break was one of the busiest times of the year. For many students, it was hard to find time to shop for Christmas presents because of all the school activities. UNITY and Student Council helped the needy by sponsoring a toy and canned food drive. Students were also encouraged to "take a hit" off the Thanksgiving turkey instead of drugs. As December rolled around, spirits began to rise. Secret Santa gifts, mistletoe, and plenty of snow days added to the excitement.

Romance blossomed during the month of February. Many couples danced the night away at the only semi-formal dance of the year. Everywhere students could be seen carrying Valentine candy or flowers. Finesse and German Club also sold Valentine candy that many students sent to their sweethearts. "The Turtle hearts were a lot of fun to make. I think they helped spread the Valentine spirit," said junior Shellie Hirschert.

There was hardly a time during the year when there wasn't a holiday to celebrate. The holidays made for some of the most special memories of the year.

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- Shawn Parsons,
freshman

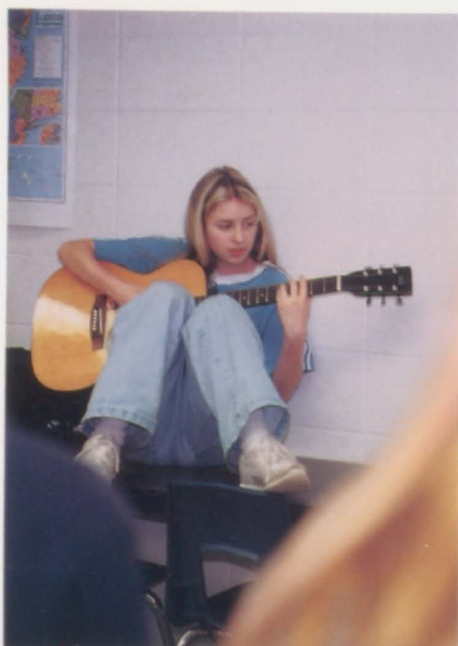


Junior Kevin Willis nervously watches as his date junior Kelly Haybarker attempts to pin on his boutonniere. The annual Valentine's Dance was looked forward to by many couples and friends.

Reaching for the tennis ball!, senior Mitch DePoy helps the tennis team win sectionals. Sports practices and games filled many's free time.



Sun and fresh air revive sophomores Jennie Mason, Candy Craig, Jason Taylor, and junior Alicia Phelps while they study. Students often found it hard to remain indoors and calm on nice days.



Junior Sarah Rodgers finds time to practice a few chords. Even with all the activities, students still found time to enjoy their hobbies.



A Channel 6 News reporter interviews junior Erica Rosenbaum about the high school's drug problem. Increased drug use prompted a voluntary drug testing program during the second semester.



Student Life is full of the same Enthusiasm

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

It did not matter whether it was a sports practice, club activity, or an after-school job, each student at Mooresville High School participated in special activities that made each day worthwhile.

Some students worked at the local stores and restaurants to earn money for gas, clothes, or fast food. Local fast food restaurants, such as Taco Bell and McDonalds, hired many MHS students who were eager to earn a few extra dollars of spending money. Junior Brandi Kough said, "The atmosphere in Arby's is really great because everybody is really nice. The only bad part is that I always spend my money before I make it."

For those students not working on the weekends, there were many activities around school to participate in. Extra-curricular clubs were popular as well as playing sports. However, one did not have to be on the team to enjoy the games. On nearly every Friday night in the fall, many die-hard "team backers" could be seen and heard cheering for their own Pioneer football team. Later, while the snow and the temperature were falling outside, the school spirit was rising as MHS students supported the boys basketball team. "It is really cool to be able to feel the school spirit at the home games. Taping the games enabled to see almost all of them." said junior Trevor Fisher.

After a long week of tests, homework, and after-school practices, MHS students looked forward to the weekend and a little relaxation. Many students could be seen hanging out at the mall or catching the latest movie. Dating and going out with friends was another favorite activity for MHS students.

Movies, games, and parties were just some of the ways MHS students had fun. Each activity was different but each established memories that would last forever.

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Working helped me
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junior



Monday Night Football is spiced up by the Mooresville marching band. The band was honored to be selected to perform at the RCA Dome.

Fine art classes create a change of Perspective

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

For many MHS students, painting, singing, drawing, and playing musical instruments were all a part of their daily curriculum. Stopping by the art showcase or listening outside the choir or band room, one could experience the arts in action.

Many art classes were offered besides Basic Art 1. Students had the opportunity to take photography, ceramics, jewelry making, and Independent art. Independent arts students were free to choose their own projects. Some students chose to sculpt or paint, while others designed their own Internet Web Pages. Senior Jason Campbell said, "Independent art will help me in the future because I plan to attend the Herron School of Art. Art helps capture life in its full essence."

By practicing two or three times a week, the color guard was one of the busiest groups throughout the year. Junior Stacey Travelsted said, "Even though we only have 15 members, I think our guard has done really well. Our drill writer, Ed Cooning, tries to make our shows entertaining and interesting for the audience."

There was hardly ever a time when music groups couldn't be heard perfecting their melodies and harmonies. "Practices, instrument sectionals, and band challenges (chair placements) all helped make our group better. We also learned that if you really want to succeed, you have to devote yourself," said junior Kyle Huerkamp. After school practices, weekend competitions, and even all day retreats helped to unite members of the groups.

The hard work and long hours of practice paid off during competition. Each group came home with the plaques, trophies, and score sheets that reflected their commitment.

Concentrating on her art project, junior Elayne Smith carefully checks every detail. Art classes were a form of fine arts that many enjoyed.



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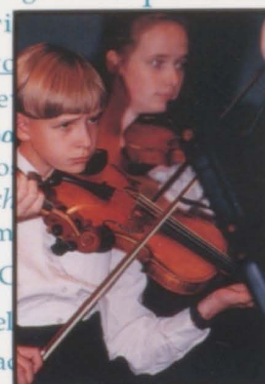
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I enjoy being in orchestra because it's a good experience. It exposes me to the arts.

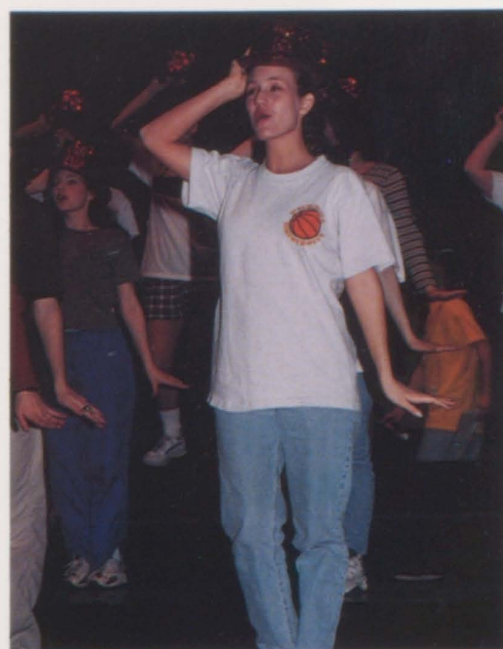
- Matt Saner,
freshman



Executing her moves perfectly, freshman guard member Emily Bernitt performs with a smile. Guard exposed students to the fine art of dance.



An unusual view of the Spotlighters proves it's not all fun and smiles. Hours of practice a week were put in so they could perfect their award-winning show.



Even without the sequins, junior Finesse member Reneé Reedy shines at practice. Choir members found rehearsals tedious, but agreed that they paid off in the end.



Senior Jason Campbell works on his portrait painting during Independent Art. Independent classes allowed students to study subjects in more detail and go at their own pace.

Senior Sharon Trader and junior Alan Loomis party to the "YMCA". The crowded dance floor required many couples to seek refuge at their tables.

Spending some time together, senior Anthony Bridgman and junior Katie Brummett take some time to relax. The decorations and prom favors helped give the prom a magical touch.

Singing to each other with great enthusiasm, senior Jo Shake and junior Michael Nix enjoy the music. Different types of music were played to please many different tastes.

With a laugh and a smile, junior Erica Rosenbaum and senior Nick Frechette dance the night away. The romantic moments were often broken by outbursts of laughter.



Students experience a change of Appearance

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

After weeks of planning, ordering corsages and tuxedos, and finding the perfect prom dress, the big night had finally arrived. The juniors had spent many hours working to make everything perfect. All students knew that prom weekend would be one of the most exciting in their high school careers.

Throughout the week leading up to prom, SADD sponsored the first annual Prom Promise campaign. The campaign was started to help promote a drug and alcohol free prom. Some of the events of the week included a door decorating contest, pledge card signing and a banana split party. Junior Christa Pace said, "Prom Promise was a new way to keep kids from drinking and driving during prom weekend."

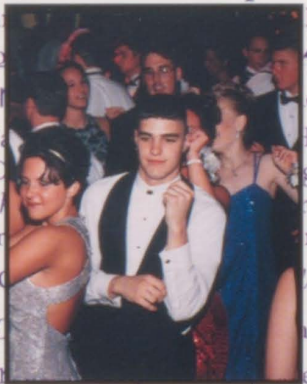
With the students decked out in fancy dresses and tuxedos, they entered into a world of enchantment at the White River Ballroom at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The theme, "This Magic Moment" described the evening perfectly.

Music and excitement filled the air as students danced the night away. With nearly 600 students attending, the dance floor was often very crowded. Songs, such as "YMCA" and "I Believe in You and Me," could be heard.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the prom royalty. At 11:30, the results of the vote were announced and juniors Kevin Willis and Tahlia Dunn were named Prom Prince and Princess, while seniors Mitch DePoy and Marci Allen were named Prom King and Queen.

As the prom came to an end, and students prepared for the many hours of fun that were to come, they all knew that the memories made at prom would never be forgotten.

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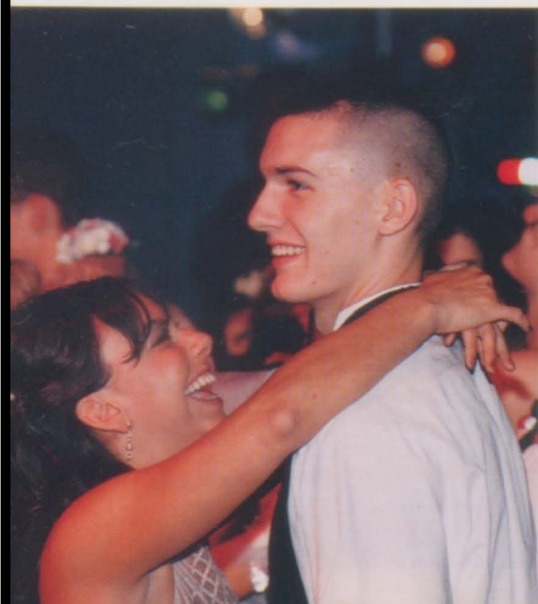


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Prom was the best
night of my junior
year. I've never had
so much fun.

- Donnie Pratt,
junior

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Enjoying their "magic moment," seniors Mitch DePoy and Marci Allen and juniors Kevin Willis and Tahlia Dunn take some time out for a picture. The announcement of prom royalty was one of the highlights of the evening.

Post Prom allows a change of Attitude

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

Once upon a time, in the early morning of May 4, 1997, MHS had a fairy tale Post Prom. With Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the Queen of Hearts to greet them, students entered into a fantasyland of excitement. After countless hours of preparation, building props and creating elaborate costumes, the parents of the Junior Class were ready to open the doors to the eager students.

"Post Prom was a great way to end an exciting evening. It was neat to see the hard work our parents had done," said junior Nikky Edwards. After a romantic evening at prom, many students were excited to enter the relaxed atmosphere at post prom. Many couples were able to express themselves by wearing matching T-shirts, while some even had matching outfits.

As the students entered into post prom, they had to slide down the "Alice in Wonderland" tube slide. "The steep entryway slide was a shock, but it was a great way to start the fun," said senior Eric Beebe. One of the most popular games of the night was "Peter Pan's Walk-the-Plank." Couples could also have their pictures taken in front of the castle, where they could feel like Cinderella and Prince Charming.

Throughout the evening, door prize winners were called. Some winners received gift certificates, while seniors Scott Johnson and Teresa Ferguson walked away with a microwave and a television. With a variety of games, students had many ways to win money to buy prizes. The prize booth, "Jumpin' Jacks," was busy all through the night.

As the night began to wind down and the gym lights came back on, many students headed out to catch a few minutes of sleep before the big trip to King's Island.

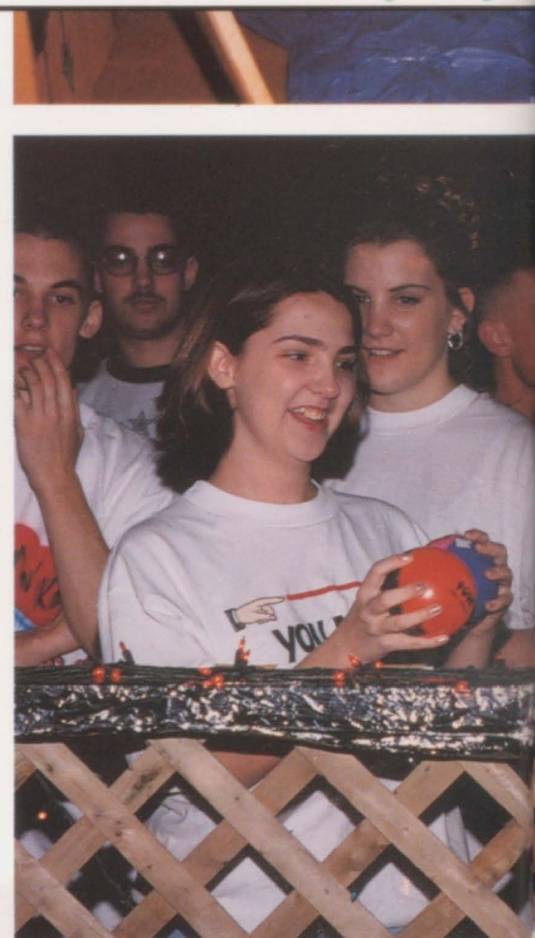
As they make their way into post prom, junior Brenda Fuller and her date enjoy all the characters. The entrance had an "Alice in Wonderland" theme.

Trying to "Knock the bears off the Chairs," senior Nick Ragan and freshman Jenell Reed try play one of the games. Each game was based on a fairy tale



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It was a lot of fun because it was a more relaxed atmosphere after prom.
- Sarah Limbach, junior





Trying to maintain his balance, junior Brad Kirk attempts to walk the plank and avoid the crocodile. Peter Pan's "Walk-the-Plank" was one of the busiest games at post prom.

Attempting to cross the plank with skill, senior Jennifer Ash is helped by a junior parent. Balance and coordination were a must when trying to walk the plank.



Listening closely to instructions, junior Lindsey Wolfe and sophomore Brandon Trostle prepare to run the obstacle course. The best times were recorded and the fastest couples won prizes.

Spring Spec is Filled with the same Enjoyment

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

Smiles combined with tears at the annual Spring Spectacular. The final performance of the year for the choirs was sad at times, but also exciting. After hours of hard work perfecting the harmonies and choreography, each choir was ready to perform one last time.

To open the show, Finesse performed their award-winning competition show. Competition season was very successful for Finesse. They came home with two Grand Championships and third runner-up from Disneyworld Showstoppers.

The first act was a combination of ISSMA songs and special acts. Each choir sang two of their first division ISSMA songs. For one final time, the seniors sang together. Singing "I Believe I Can Fly," left many in tears. "It was really sad to sing with the seniors one last time," said senior Heidi Henry. There were also many individual acts, including solos by senior Mitch DePoy and junior Tahlia Dunn, as well as the Davis sister's trio.

The second act was opened with the Spotlighters competition show, which earned them three Grand Championships. There were individual acts also, including solos by seniors Jimmy Chenowith and Megan Schneider, and a duet by seniors Michele Cadwell and Erin Newsom. The Genesis choirs, Sweet Sensations and Sound Image also performed new numbers.

One of the most emotional acts of the night, was the Spotlighters singing "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway musical "Rent." At the end, all choirs joined for the introduction of the seniors and to sing "Give Me Wings." As always, the traditional "Give Me Wings" caused many tears.

Performing "Don't You Wanna Dance," senior Renee Wewe puts her all into the performance. Championship trophies, and medals were brought home as rewards for Finesse's hard work and dedication.

Facial Expression is the key for junior Kevin Willis. Dancing and singing were not the only important elements that a show choir had to possess.



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Being a senior made Spring Spec even more enjoyable than it had been in the past. - Heidi Henry senior





With much precision, the 1996-1997 Spotlighters perform together one final time. The "Party Medley" at the end of their competition show proved to be a crowd pleaser.

Dancing and making the audience laugh, junior Kris Bailey adds a little extra flare to the Spots dance number. Specialty acts helped add excitement to the show.



Making their final song together special, the seniors gather together to sing "I Believe I Can Fly." From Aladdin to Grand Championships, the senior class of singers was successful through all four years of high school.

Turning her tassel, senior Katherine Paschal joins the rest of the Class of '97 as they become the newest alumni. Cameras flashed and tears flowed with the turning of the tassels.



With a big hug, senior Sabrena Kutchback is congratulated after commencement. Family and friends met the class with warm hugs and smiles.



Shedding a few tears, senior Katie Underhill can't hold back her emotions any longer. Smiles and tears were mixed as the class spent their last few minutes together.



Watching the slide show and reminiscing, seniors Alisa Tomlinson, Karen Parker, and Abby Collier comfort each other. The slide show brought back many memories.



The Class of '97 shares the same Sentiment

Jennifer Ash and Megan Schneider

As one chapter of their lives closed, a new chapter was just beginning. All the high school memories began to rush back as the anticipation of graduation approached.

Throughout the school year, plans were being made to prepare the seniors for Commencement. From ordering caps, gowns, and announcements, to buying senior outfits and yearbooks, the Class of '97 was preparing for the big moment and the walk across the stage.

Under the new sponsorship of Mrs. Tricia Ferguson and Mr. Dale Graves, a few changes were made. The girls now wore gold gowns and received beautiful yellow roses along with their diploma. Although some of the changes were taken hard at first, everything ran smoothly and commencement proved to be a high class ceremony. Mrs. Tricia Ferguson said, "I think everything went very well. I was very pleased."

As their final time together had arrived, the class of '97 was led by valedictorian Scott Johnson and salutatorian Kamille Wys. As Johnson and Wys delivered their speeches, many tears began to flow as the class realized that their time as MHS students was quickly winding down.

As senior class president, Megan Schneider led the class in the turning of the tassels, signifying that their years as students at MHS were about to end and their years as adults were about to begin. "As we turned our tassels and all the cameras flashed, it felt neat to become the newest alumni of MHS," said senior Kathy Schweigen.

After the ceremony, with many warm hugs and congratulations, the class of '97 was greeted by their family and friends at the reception in the grand hallway.

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Commencement was
very special. Mrs.
Ferguson and Mr.
Graves did a really
nice job.

- Jennifer Baker
senior

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As they listen to the words spoken by principal Mr. William Overholser, the Class of '97 thinks about their years of high school. The memories made at MHS would never be forgotten.

Students
enjoy a
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Memories

Kellie Breedlove and Sara Harkema

Each year of high school brings new memories and fun times to remember.

Many memories came through extra curricular activities such as sports. "I was running out for a home basketball game and I tripped over the pipes with the sign and I burnt a hole in my warmup pants," said freshman Christina Shrake.

The crowds and excitement of Homecoming also made a great time for remembering. "My greatest memory of high school was winning the senior Homecoming, because we haven't won in six years," said senior football player Nick Sullivan.

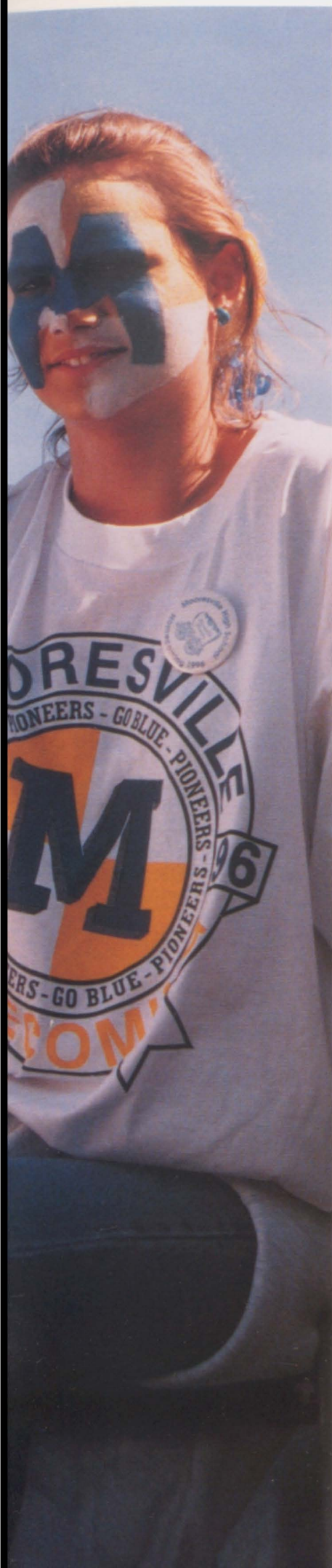
First time events brought memories for the future. For the freshmen, it was their first year in high school so the whole year was new to them. "Getting through basketball conditioning," was freshman Chris Howell's fondest memory of his first year in high school.

Graduation prompted the last recollection of the senior high school career. During the ceremonies senior Heather Bodell said she remembered thinking of all the fun memories she had in high school and all the new challenges she would face in the future.

Kamille Wys reflects on her high school career. Graduation was the last event attended by the class of '97.



"I burnt a hole in my warm up pants..."
Christina Shrake,
Freshman



Painted with school spirit is junior Marlena Perry. Homecoming was a time for Pioneer pride to shine through.



Dressed to clean are seniors Brandy Bradley and Chad Robinson. The Halloween Dance was a time for students to cut loose.



Dribbling past the opposition is freshman Christina Shrake. The varsity team was defeated in the final round of sectionals.

Honors & Awards '97

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson



Graciously accepting the Girls Basketball Parent Organization Award is senior Lori Silcox. Silcox was one of many seniors to receive an award on this day.

Mooresville Service Award Ministerial Association

Nathan Byers & Kari Thompson

Sertoma Club Scholarship

Marci Allen

V.F.W.

David Moser & Sue Ricketts

Chamber of Commerce: Scholarships

Katherine Paschal & Kamille Wys

Junior Achievement Scholarships

Marci Allen & David Moser

Girls Basketball Parent Organization Award

Lori Silcox

Kappa Delta Phi

Marci Allen

WalMart Scholarship

Marci Allen

Alpha Delta Kappa

Eric Beebe & Megan Schneider

Delta Theta Tau

Marci Allen, Jennifer Dildine, Aaron Kitchens,
David Moser, & Alisa Tomlinson

Delta Kappa Gamma

Margilyne Williamson

Jennifer Holden Memorial Scholarship

Kathy Schweigen

William R. Curry Memorial Scholarship - MCTA

Jennifer Dildine

Albert New Scholarship

Margilyne Williamson

Kappa Kappa Kappa

Marci Allen, Eric Beebe, Scott Johnson,
Aaron Kitchens, Sue Ricketts, & Kamille Wys

Kendrick Health Care - Health Professions Scholarship

Anthony Basso & Aaron Kitchens

Kappa Kappa Sigma - Elsie Record

Eric Beebe & Kari Thompson

Lions Club: Paul Allen Scholarship

Marci Allen & Scott Johnson

Kiwanis Overton - Curry - Overton Memorial Award

Jennifer Baker

U.S. Army Reserve Scholarship

Mitch DePoy & Kamille Wys

National Merit (May Department Store) Scholarship

David Moser

Herff Jones - Gail Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Angela Acton

German Awards

First Year Award - Joshua Tandy

Second Year Award - Megan Lynch & Jocelyn Schneider

Advanced German Award - Shana Becker

French Awards

French I Award - Erica Campbell

French II Award - Jennifer Tipmore

Advanced French Award - Laura Barton

Four Year Awards - Alisa Tomlinson, Sharon

Trader, & Renee Wewe

Spanish Awards

First Year Award - Jessica Dunham

Second Year Award - Ben McCoy

Third Year Award - Jamie Reed & Stacy Travelsted

Four Year Award - Scott Johnson & Margilyne Williamson

Guard

Most Improved Freshman - Danielle Armitage

Best Performer - Holly Phillips

Best Attitude - Jocelyn Septoski

Outstanding Member - Holly Phillips

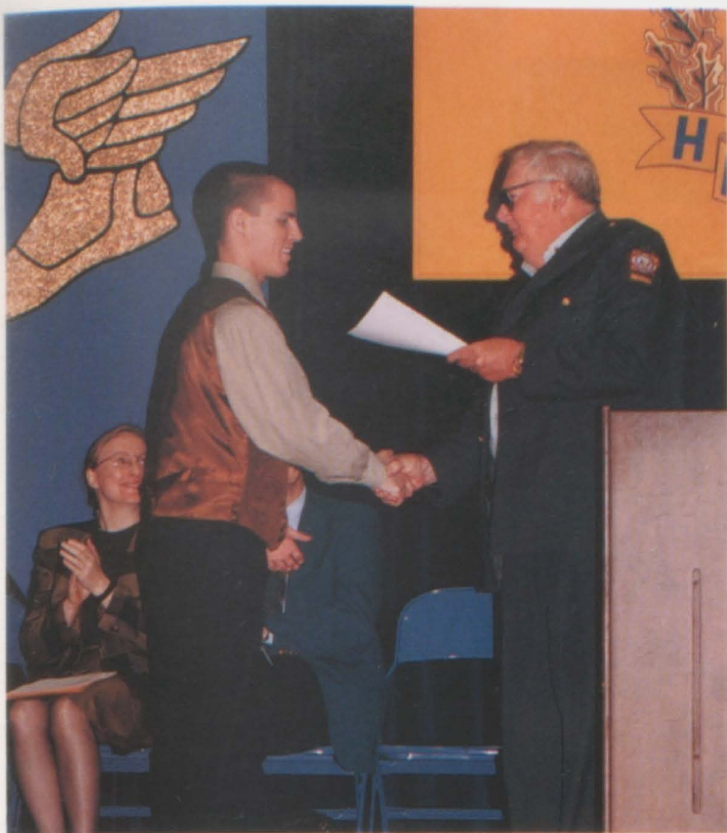
Foreign Exchange Students

Per Christian Aune, Florian Peter Riegg,
& Andreas Riemer

Business Awards

Accounting - Bruce Fields

Keyboarding/Typing - Kevin Clark & Renee Reedy



Senior David Moser accepts his V.F.W. Scholarship with a firm handshake. He was also awarded the Delta Theta Tau and Junior Achievement Scholarship.

Pairing and Caring

Laura Barton

ATA - American Training Academy Scholarship

Matt Roth

Vocational Scholarships

Doug Fuller & Tiffany Steward

Outstanding Vocational Student

Tiffany Steward

Extension Homemakers Organization Scholarship

Doug Fuller

Hoosier Scholars

Scott Johnson & Kamille Wys

Greg and Margaret Kellum Worsham Memorial Grants

Sarah Brown, Doug Fuller, & Sue Ricketts

Family and Consumer Sciences Award

Outstanding Senior - Alicia Whitley

Charles F. and Olive B. Flater Memorial

Brandy Downard

American Legion Award: Citizenship Awards

Eric Beebe, Tracy Marine, & Luke Thomas

Social Studies

National Society Daughters of the Revolution
Contest Winners - Rachel McCammack &
Todd Moffat

Band

Outstanding Freshman - Michael Linville
Outstanding Sophomore - Jenny Mason
Outstanding Junior - Stacey Travelsted
Outstanding Senior - Johnny McGinnis (percussion)
Melissa Rea (winds)
Cinergy Scholarship - Aliciana Ferris
Drum Majors - Jeremy Basso & Michelle Henning
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - Johnny McGinnis
John Phillip Sousa Band Award - Scott Johnson

Finesse

Outstanding Vocalist - Jenny Shawhan
Outstanding Performer - Kelli Haybarker
Spirit Award - Sara Crews
Most Improved - Liz Painter

Spotlighters

Outstanding Vocalist - Megan Schneider & Jimmy Chenoweth
Outstanding Performer - Tahlia Dunn & Mitch DePoy
Spirit Award - Marci Allen & Danny Bradley
Most Improved - Joe Ray

Science

Science Student of the Year Award - Luke Thomas

Mathematics

Junior Award - Jamie Reed
Senior Award - Jennifer Ash & Melissa Rea

Pulse Editors '96 - '97

Anthony Basso
Katherine Paschal

Wagon Trails Editors '96 - '97

Jennifer Ash
Megan Schneider

Mooresville Times Scholarships

Brandi Kough, Amanda Powers,
Jamie Reed, & Jocelyn Septoski

Happy to receive the Mooresville Service Award from the Ministerial Association is senior Kari Thompson. Thompson planned to attend Ball State University after high school.



SENIORS' ^{class of} 97

Memories



Opening Spring Spectacular with great energy, Renee Wewe performs "Opening Night." Spring Spec was a tradition that provided seniors "one last time" on stage.



Hamming it up for the audience, Aaron Kitchens introduces intermission. Spring Spec could be a very emotional time so comic relief was a must.



Joined as a class for one last time, the class of '97 listens to salutatorian Kamille Wys. May 31, 1997, was a time to say goodbye to both friends and a way of life.

Watching as fellow classmates cross the stage to receive their diplomas, Andrea Hopkins and Florian Reigg wait for their turn. Commencement turned out to be a bittersweet time for much of the class.



Andy Bowers receives his diploma from Ms. Beth Henry after graduation ceremonies. Commencement was what all the seniors had been working so hard for throughout the past thirteen years.

Class Officers



President
Megan Schneider



Vice President
Amber Shillings



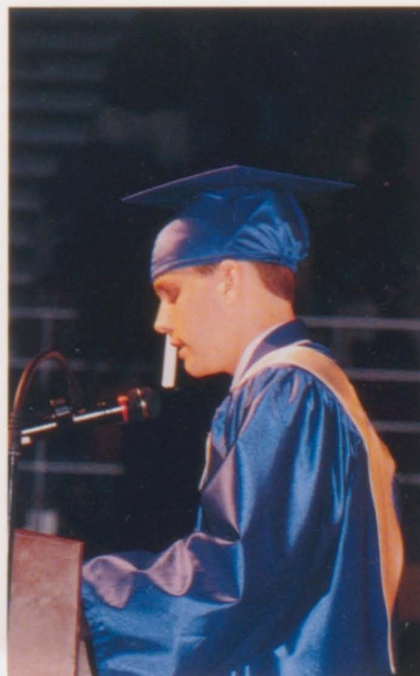
Secretary
Michele Cadwell



Treasurer
Jason Wingate



Laughing and having a good time at Prom, Kim Hicks and James Merriman dance to the music. For seniors who had worked on Prom their junior year, Prom was a time to relax and enjoy themselves.



Standing before his class, Scott Johnson gives his Valedictory Address. Hard work and dedication paid off for everyone who walked across the stage.

Smiling happily for the camera, Mitch DePoy and Marci Allen enjoy being crowned Prom King and Queen. Prom was a time for all seniors to show a lot of class and have a lot of fun.

SENIORS

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson

After seven semesters of hard work and numerous hours of studying, 20 members of the class of 1997 were rewarded for all their efforts. The Top 20 of '97 was named.

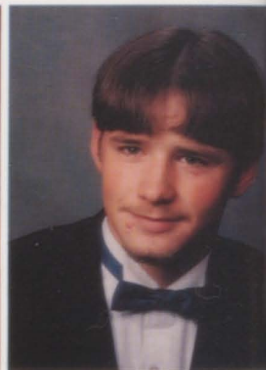
“It is a tremendous honor to be in the top 20. It's something anyone would be proud of.”

Scott Johnson

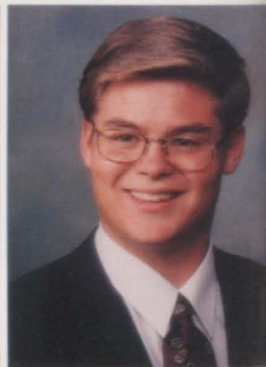


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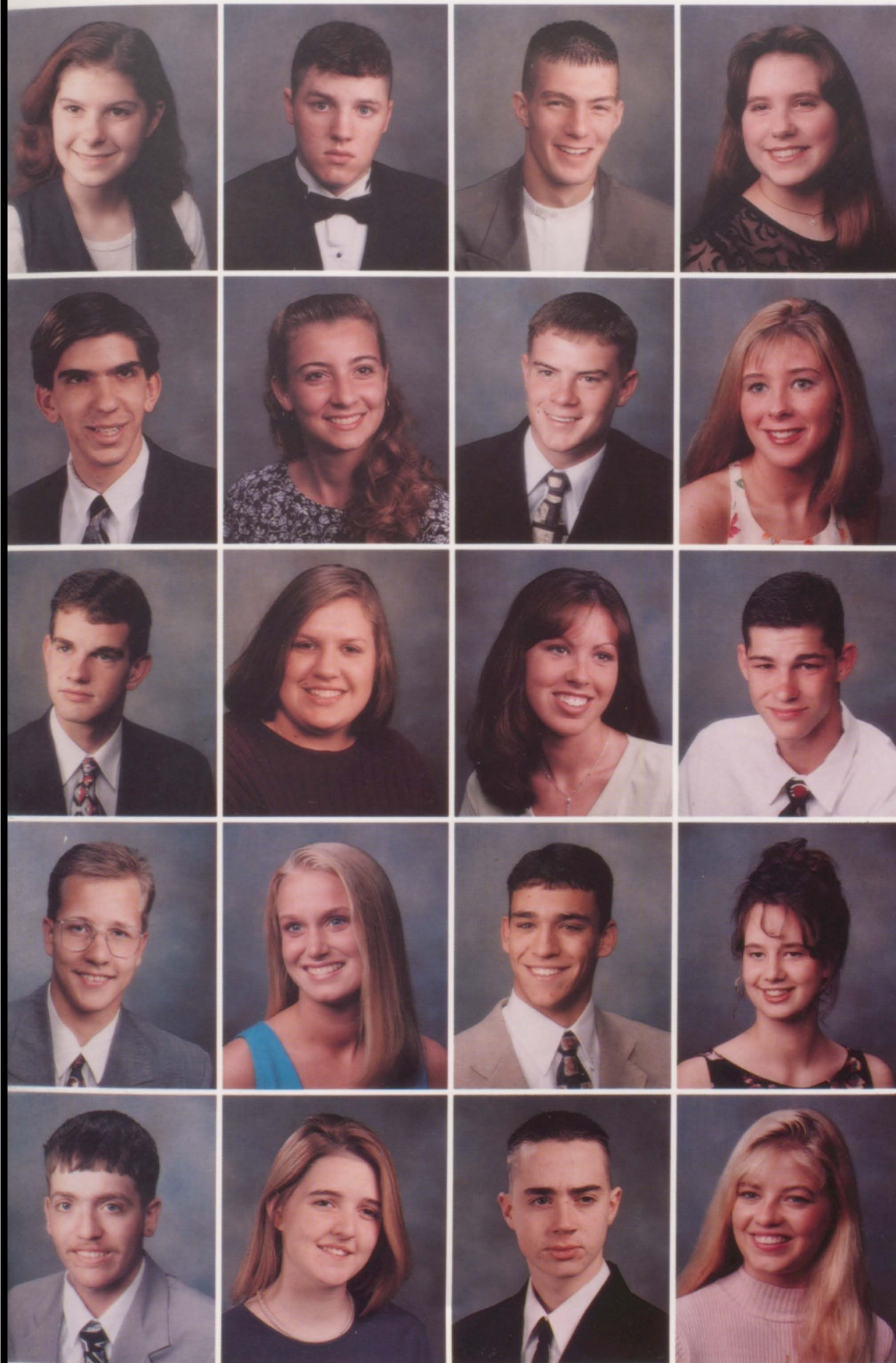


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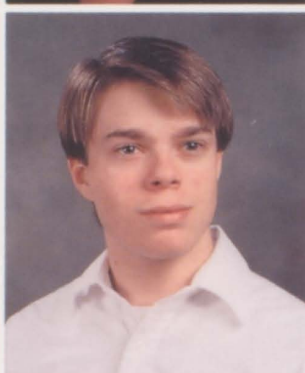
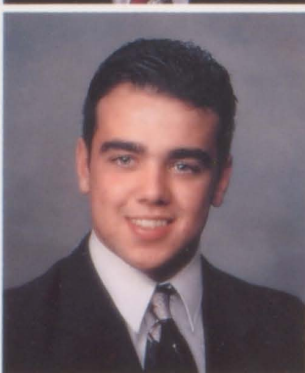
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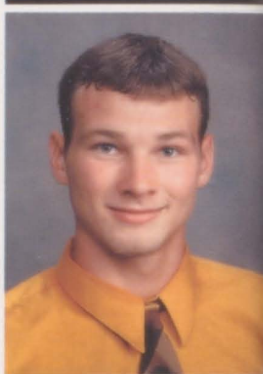
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William Clontz



Ty Cobb
Kelly Coleman
Abigail Collier
Amanda Colvin



Jennifer Corcoran
Emily Cordray
Jennifer Cornett
Melinda Cornett



SENIORS

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson

The 1996-1997 school year held new changes for the graduating class. Accepting a new sponsor was difficult for many, yet Commencement proved that change can truly be good.

“Change can be hard, especially when we’re the first class to go through it. I’m sure everything will be great!”

Margilyne Williamson

“I’m excited about graduating. It doesn’t matter who’s in charge ... it’ll be great no matter what.”

Jennifer Baker



Enjoying herself during Homecoming, Mrs. Tricia Ferguson tries to defeat the senior class in the tug of war. This was Mrs. Ferguson's first year as the senior class sponsor.



Kylee Coy
Traci Crusenberry
Steven Dance
Emily Davis

Lawrence Davis
Mitchell DePoy
Jennifer Dildine
Rachel Dobbins

Mandy Dorsett
Kori Dotson
Ann Doty
Brandy Downard

SENIORS

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson

The class of 1997 once again claimed victory in the float competition. "Groovin' to a Victory" was proved to be a great theme for all of Homecoming '96.

"Just like it was in the past, building the float was fun, but a lot of hard work. The difference this year was we had more experience and knew how to get things done quicker."

Terry Smith

"I was glad that we won for the second year in a row. I'll miss working on it next year."

Randy Stafford

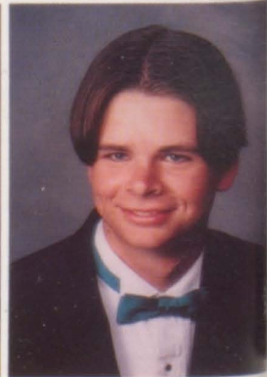
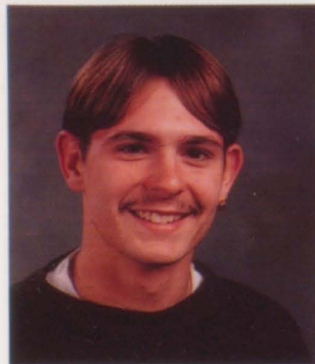


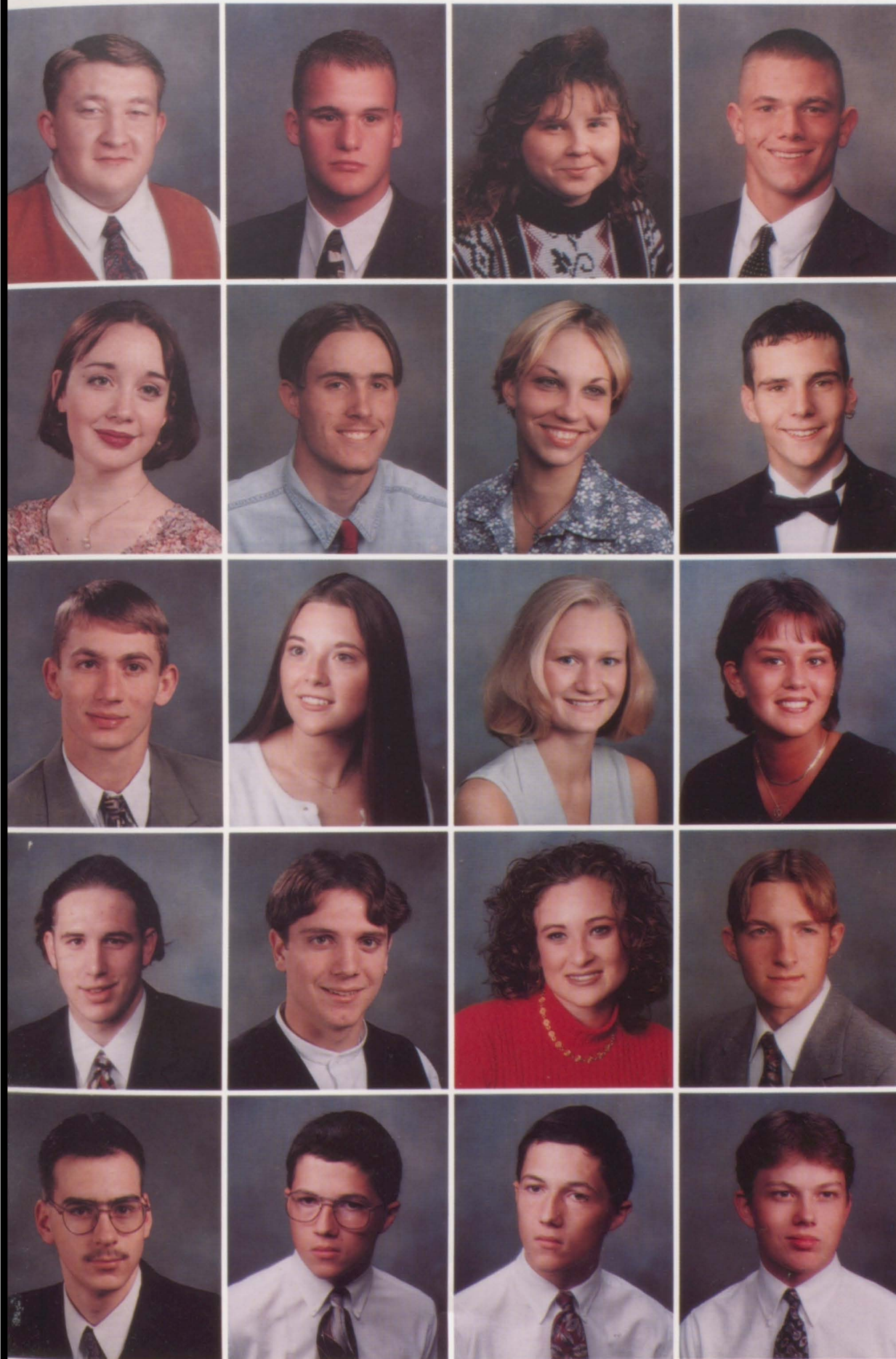
Proudly accepting the float trophy, seniors Alisa Tomlinson and Anthony Basso were only two of the many seniors who worked on the winning float.

Christina Edwards
Zachary Ellis
Susan Farmer
Teresa Ferguson

Brad Fisher
Jason Fitzwater
Jamie Flanagan
Sandra Floyd

Katie Folck
Amanda Foster
Nick Frechette
Curtis Freeland





Douglas Fuller
David Geiger
Cindy Gibson
Thomas Gibson

Brandice Gillenwater
Levi Griggs
Kathryn Griseto
Gary Grubb

Shaun Guernsey
Amanda Hartley
Heidi Henry
Kim Hicks

Steve Hoffman
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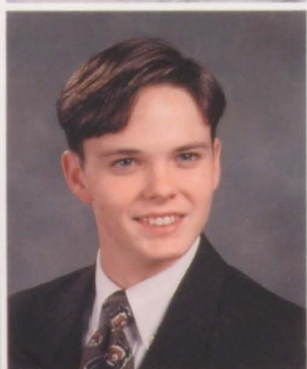
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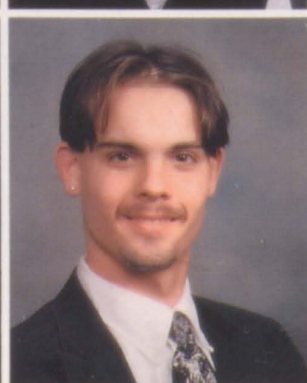
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Kelly Kivett
Lacey Knowles



Sabrena Kutchback
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Michelle Lee
Joni Lehr



Cynthia Lewis
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Julie Lundy
Traci Marine



SENIORS

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson

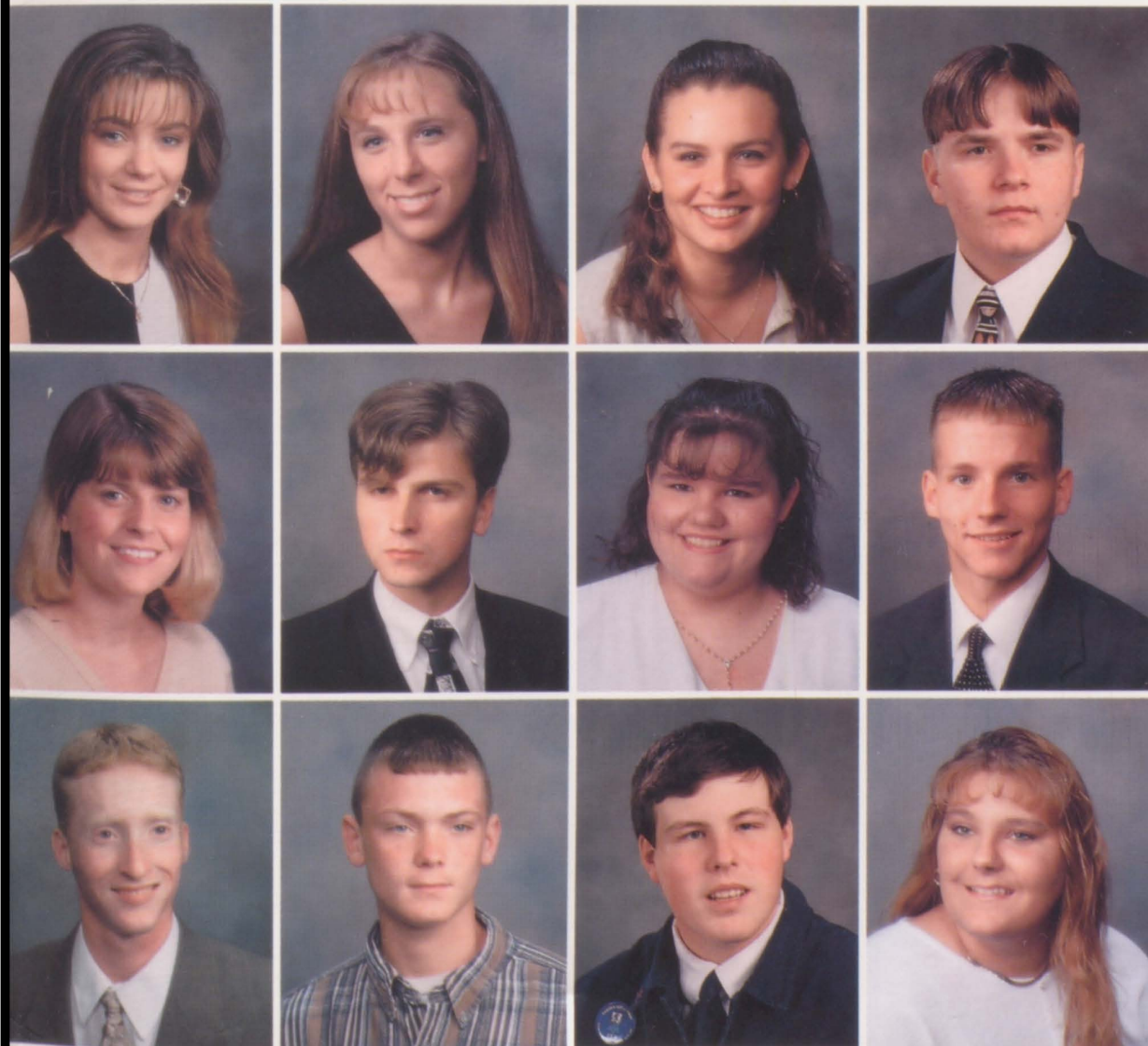
Senior year brought many choices each student had to face. Whether a person held plans for college or entering the workforce, the future for the class of '97 had finally arrived.

“It's strange to think of losing the people we've known for so long. Now we'll go our separate ways and meet new friends.”

Chris Stephens



Senior Angela Acton reads up on the newest information about colleges. Choosing the right school was one of the hardest choices many seniors had ever made.



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Leia Martin
Audrey Matlock
John McClain

Jennifer McDaniel
Johnny McGinnis
Lois McGlauchlen
Eric McGuire

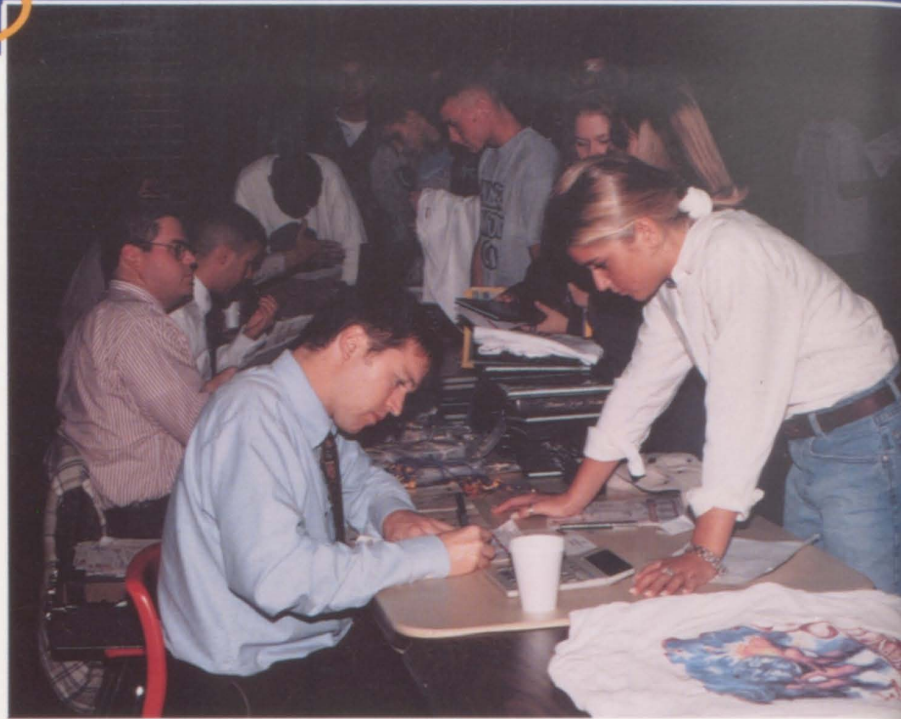
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Thomas McPeak
Michael McTarsney
Mandy Meo

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The year, although the "best" in high school for seniors, also turned out for many to be the most stressful. Once again, "Senioritis" claimed many victims.

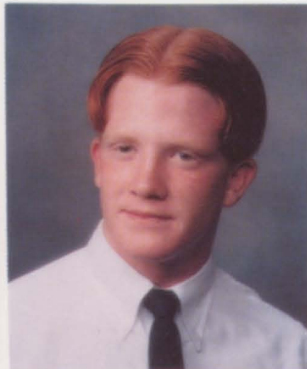
"It seems like this year we all have so much homework and no time to do it. Everyday it gets harder and harder to concentrate."

Kori Dotson



Deciding on what items she wishes to buy, senior Erin Newsom participates with other seniors in ordering her cap and gown. Choosing just what to order from Herff Jones was one of the first of many "senior" decisions.

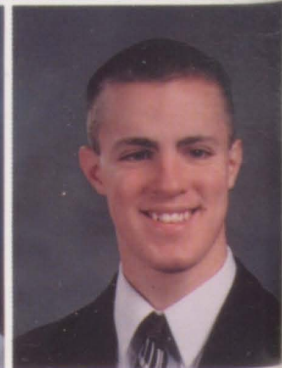
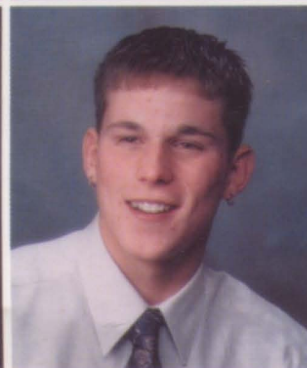
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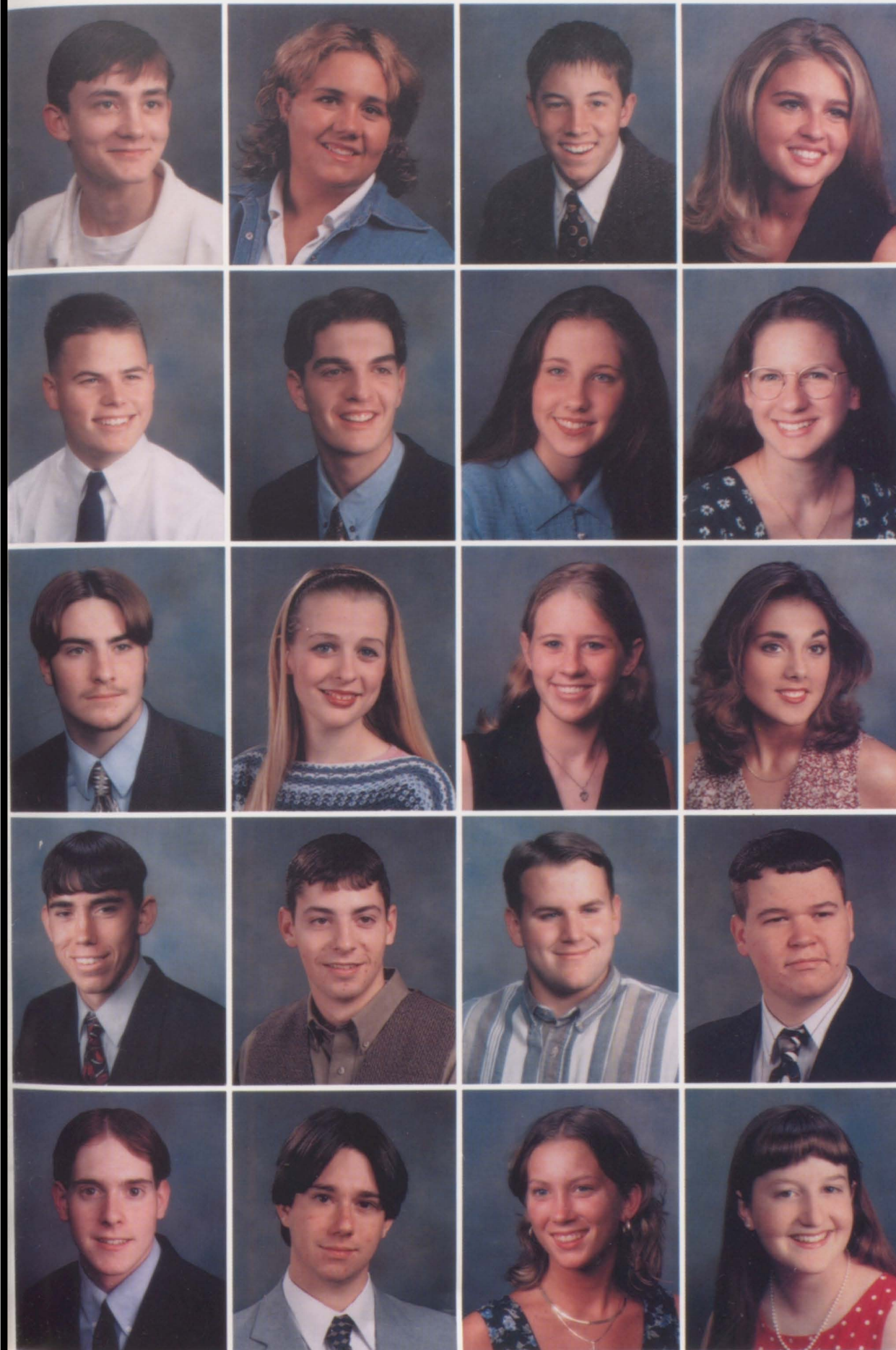


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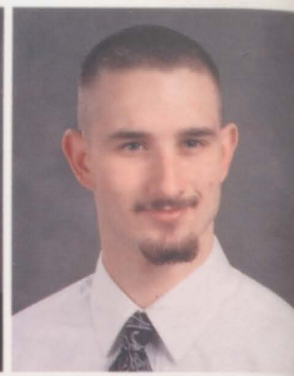
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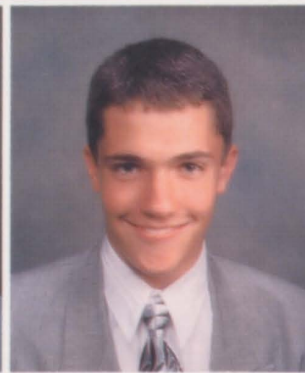
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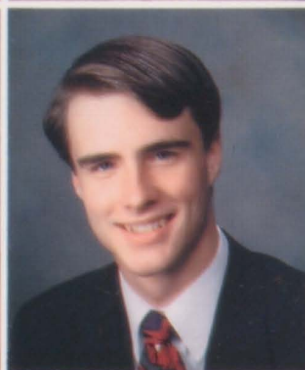
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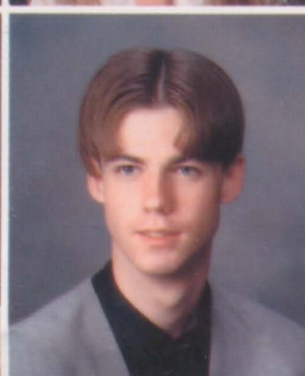
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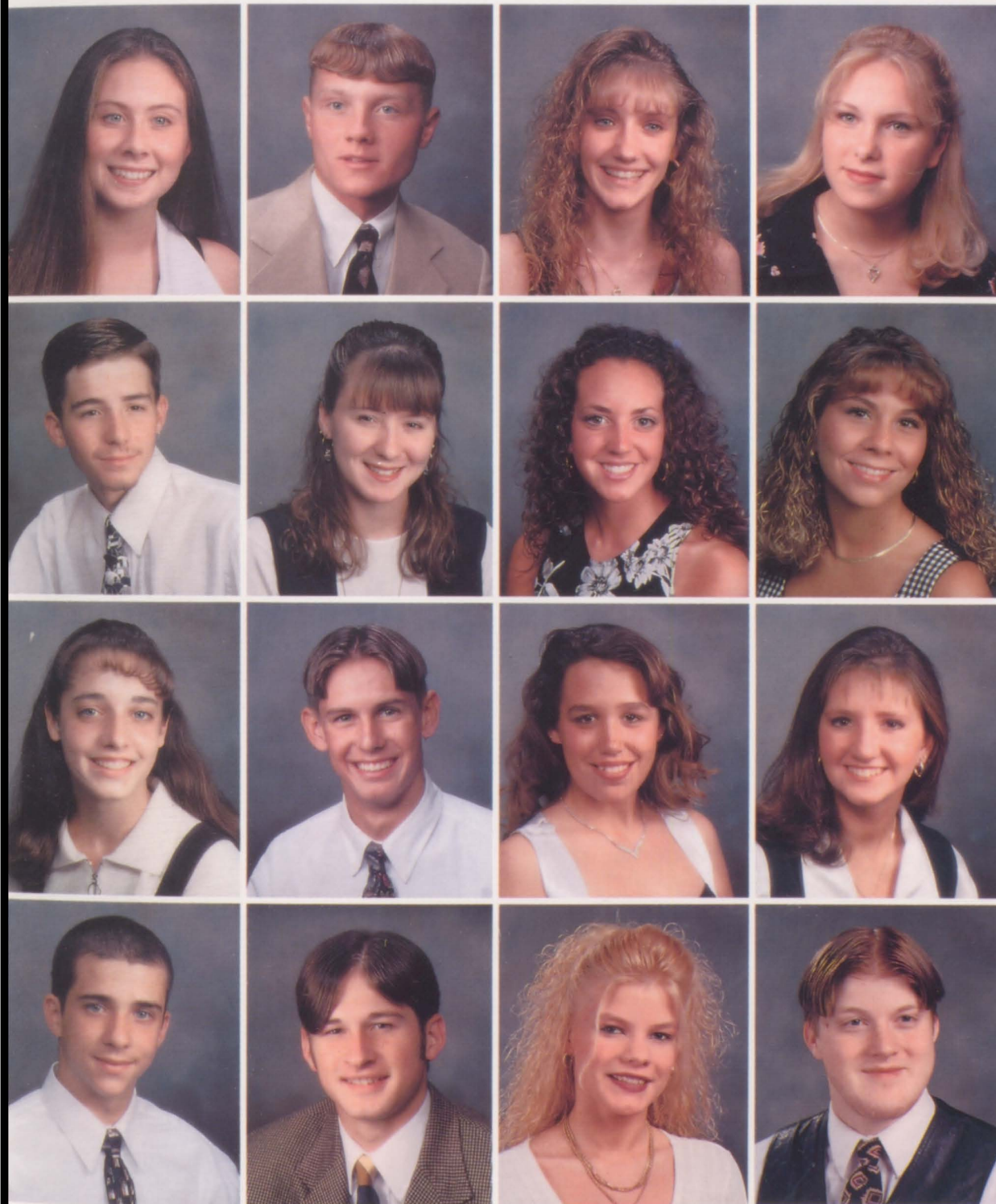
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“I loved participating in field day. It was both fun and sad this year since it was our last time.”
Kim Hicks



Tugging to claim a victory, seniors Shaun Guernsey, Amanda Watson, Kim Hicks, and Steve Dance have a ball during field day events. The field day was bittersweet for many seniors, knowing it would be their last one.



Kathy Schweigen
Jan-Michael Scott
Jessica Scott
Joanna Shake

Chris Sharp
Tina Sharp
Amber Shillings
Amber Shirley

Lori Silcox
Terry Smith
Toni Smith
Amy Spearman

Jeremy Spears
Randall Stafford
Amanda Stephens
Christopher Stephens

SENIORS

David Moser and Alisa Tomlinson
Seniors took many trips during the year. Whether they were visiting the Sears Tower or gathering research for research papers, the trips were a chance to get away for a little while and enjoy the world.

“The trip to Chicago was really great, except for when some of us missed the bus and had to walk for so long.”

Karen Baum

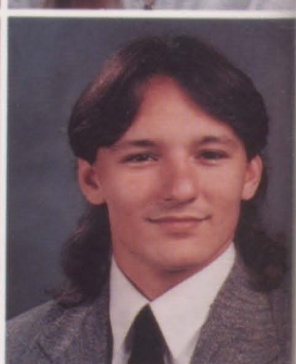


Smiling for the camera, members of Mr. Mike Mossbrucker's economics class enjoy their day in Chicago. Trips let seniors escape the everyday pressures of the classroom and learn new and different things.

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Pawel Sukiennik
Nicholas Sullivan
Cyndy Taft

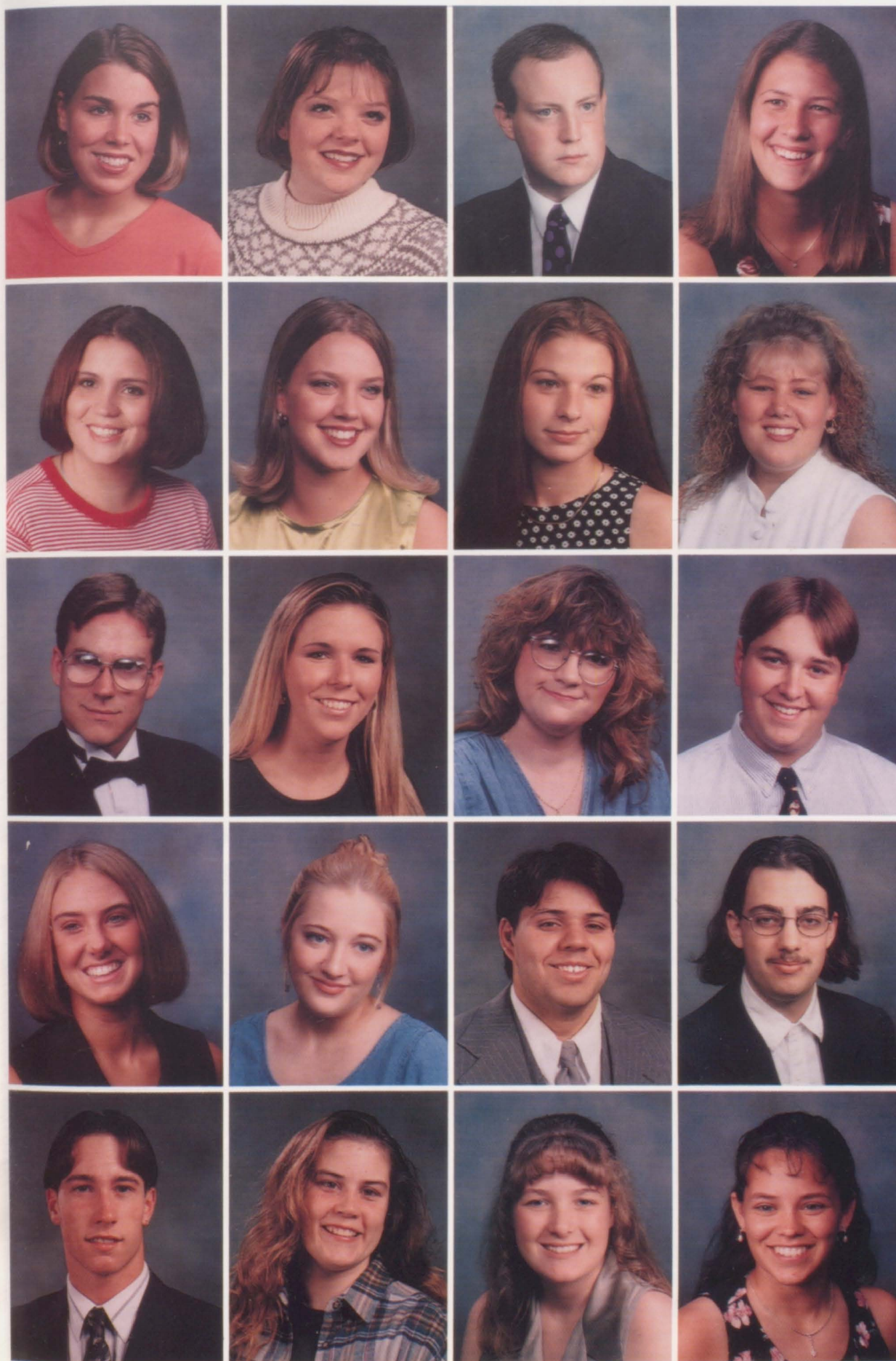


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Kari Thompson
Jason Thrasher



Joni Thrasher
Alisa Tomlinson
Sharon Trader
Jason Turner





Katie Underhill
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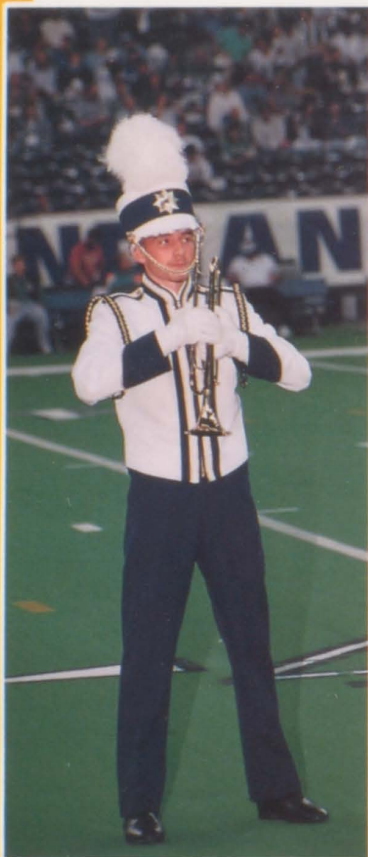
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Christopher Wilson
Matt Wilson

Jason Wingate
Angela Woods
Christina Worland
Kamille Wys

SENIORS' ^{class of} 97

Memories



Preparing to play his solo during the band's field show, Chris Sharp awaits his cue. The band played at the RCA Dome in September for the Colts vs. Dolphins "Monday night" football game.



Spotlighter Brandy Bradley performs in her last Wagon Trails Revue. The year brought many "lasts" for the Class of '97.



Building the Championship float, Randy Stafford staples down some finishing touches. Seniors who took the time to work on the float found out it was hard work, but a lot of fun.



Dancin' and "Groovin' to a Victory" along with their float, seniors participate in the annual Homecoming parade. For many, Homecoming was one of the best times of the year.



Rooting for their classmates during the Powder Puff game, Amanda Watson and Kamille Wys show outstanding school spirit. Although the seniors lost the game, unforgettable memories were made.



Dressing up in her best blue and gold, Abby Collier supports her Powder Puff teammates. Powder Puff proved to be as competitive as the Homecoming game itself.

Showing off senior paddles, Jimmy Chenowith and Nic Allen support their fellow seniors. The Class of '97 showed their "Senior Pride" throughout Homecoming.



Nikie Hunter and Tommy Gibson celebrate after a tremendous senior play. Win or lose, field day events were always a blast for most seniors.



For Jason Thrasher, owning one paddle was not enough. The paddles were a long-standing tradition for the senior class.

United with team spirit and senior pride, the Powder Puff team gathers for the last time. Activities such as these throughout the year created long-lasting friendships.

Juniors

Battle for a Victory

Katrina Grezlik

"Left...left...left...right...left..." That was the phrase most often heard by anyone watching the Junior girls play powder puff. As a group, the team crawled out onto the field platoon style, in their camouflage pants and shirts. They also used black and green war paint to frighten their enemies, the seniors.

"Powder puff gave us a chance to play a sport we don't normally play," said junior Amber Brandenburg.

"I had a blast! My face was completely covered in war paint!" said junior Kristy Cohee.

With the freshmen playing the sophomores, and the juniors playing the seniors, the powder puff tournament was a popular Homecoming event that helped unite each class.

"Our team was great. Next year we are going to continue our record. No one will be able to stop us; we'll be the seniors!" said powder puff coach Brad Kirk



Enjoying the thrill of victory, the junior powder puff team celebrates their win. The juniors and seniors played the first part of their game at the Bonfire on Thursday night, and finished the game at the Friday afternoon carnival.

Jed Adams
Rachel Adamson
Jean Allison
Brian Aurs
Mark Austin
Shawn Austin
Kris Bailey
Melissa Bailey



Scott Baize
Lauren Barnes
Laura Barton
Tracy Bash
Justin Beck
Jason Bell
Jennifer Beyersdorfer
Doug Bischoff



Josh Blackburn
Amanda Blackwell
Jeremy Blankenship
Darci Bodell
Amber Bohall
Melissa Boner
Cassi Bowen
Esther Bowman



Danny Bradley
Amber Brandenburg
Tiffany Breeden
Kellie Breedlove
Lindie Brown
Nick Brown
Katie Brummett
Lisa Bryan



Corrie Bucker
Becky Burger
Rachel Burgess
Adrienne Burner
Lynda Burress
Krissi Cambell
Chad Caperton
Rachel Caraboa





Melenie Carroll
Amy Casamer
Brandy Chandler
Waymon Clontz
Robby Cobb
Kristina Cohee
Dusty Cole
Stephaine Cole

Mike Colletti
Crissy Collins
Amanda Conner
Tammy Cooper
Jason Cothran
Jason Covey
Steven Coy
Sara Crews

John Cripe
Janet Davis
Joe Deer
Alison Dennis
Jacob DiMartino
April Disney
Kristen Dowden
Matt Dowden

Nicole Dowell
Keith Downing
Michael Doyle
Tahlia Dunn
Nikky Edwards
Matt Ehresman
Jason Ellyson
Josh Elmore

Greg Epley
Mellisa Ewing
Georgiana Ferguson
Steve Ferguson
Bruce Fields
Tabitha Fisher
B. J. Fishero
Brenda Fuller

Evan Goldsberry
Daniel Goodwin
Jordan Graves
Jimmy Gray
Katrina Grezlik
Stephaine Griffith
Christina Haggard
Robert Hall

Nicole Hammonds
Sara Harkema
Thomas Harrison
Phillip Haugh
Josh Hause
Kelly Haybarker
Nicole Hayes
Amanda Haynes

Jacob Henard
Michelle Henning
Jamie Higginbotham
Shellie Hirschert
Jason Hoffarth
Chad Howell
Kyle Huerkamp
Amy Hughes

Samantha Irwin
Melissa Jenkins
Andres Johnson
Nathan Jones
Sam Jones
Tony Jones
Emily Kaufman
Chad Keller

Chris Kennedy
Derek King
Jessica King
Kelli King
Brad Kirk
Brandi Kough
David Lee
Michelle Lennis

Jamey Levingston
Shaun Lewis
Sarah Limbach
Alan Loomis
Jessica Lugar
Blake Lugbeal
Tracy Lumpkin
Lucas Lykins



Becca Maddox
James Mann
Bobby Marsh
April Martin
Chris Martin
B.J. Mays
Michelle McCarty
Stephanie McCormick



Candy McDough
Robert McGinness
Jessica McGinnis
Sabrina McGlacken
Jason McGowen
Emily Miles
Erica Miles
Dan Miller



Ron Miller
Leslie Mitchell
Karen Moore
Ben Morehouse
Chris Morgan
B.J. Morris
Kevin Morris
Steve Moses



Megan Murphy
Franklin Myers
Adrianne Nelis
Jeanette Newman
Michael Nix
Trevor Noragan
Matthew Oliphant
Heather Oliver



Molly O'Riley
Christa Pace
Liz Painter
Malinda Parrish
Amy Perry
Marlena Perry
Kimbralee Petrey
Alicia Phelps



Holly Phillips
Stephanie Phillips
Travis Pierce
Brain Portfield
Amanda Powers
Donnie Pratt
Ryan Proctor
Eric Pugh



Jennifer Ragan
Ronli Ratliff
Jaime Reed
Renee Reedy
Julie Reynolds
Martha Richards
Cory Riddle
Robert Riffel



Morgan Roddy
Heather Rodenbeck
Sarah Rodgers
Erica Rosenbaum
Judi Schiele
Aaron Scott
Shamus Scott
Josh Sears



Jocelyn Septoski
Leo Shapiro
Jenny Shawhan
Brad Shotts
Becky Silvers
Dustina Simpson
Ian Sizemore
Brian Smith



Juniors: *Making ends meet*

Katrina Grezlik



Paying close attention to the latest play, junior Amy Casamer announces a volleyball game. The job experience was helpful to Casamer, who is considering a career in broadcasting.

In their spare time, most teens like to hang out with their friends, sleep, and talk on the phone. But many of these activities require money, making an after school or summer job a must.

Junior Nikki Stewart spent her summer working for Indy Parks. Stewart is certified in teaching swimming lessons. She was stationed at 16 different parks and pools, forcing her to spend some of her hard earned money on gas.

But teens did not have to work in the sun to enjoy themselves. Junior Nikky Edwards said, "I learned how to pierce ears from working at Afterthoughts." Working after school can also add stress to students' lives. Edwards said, "There is a lot of responsibility when you're trying to juggle school, sports, and a job."

Junior Abby Swallow said her summer job in a snow cone booth combined being close to the sun while working in the shade. "I am learning valuable life skills for my future. Plus, I am having lots of fun eating snow cones," Swallow said.



Chris Smith
Darrell Smith
Elayne Smith
Eric Smith
Jasup Smith
Clint Spaulding
Jennifer Spears
Sarah Squires

Zach Stanzak
Brandy Stanley
Tamara Stanley
Mike Stapert
Nikki Stewart
Ericka Stidham
Alyson Summers
Abby Swallow

Misty Tate
Alicia Taylor
Jonathan Taylor
Scott Terry
Brandon Thaler
Jenni Thrasher
Joe Tinsley
Jeremy Todd

Justin Tomlinson
Brian Travelsted
Stacey Travelsted
Anna Turner
Kenneth Vander May
Tony Van De Vanter
Leslie Van Hall
Suni Venable

Garry Walden
Joey Walls
Travis Walls
Rainer Warpenburg
Chad Whitaker
Rachel White
Aaron Wickam
Mylisa Williamson

Kevin Willis
 Bryon Wilson
 Joellen Wilson
 Josh Wilson
 Sam Wilson
 Jennifer Witt
 Lindsey Wolfe
 Amber Wolma

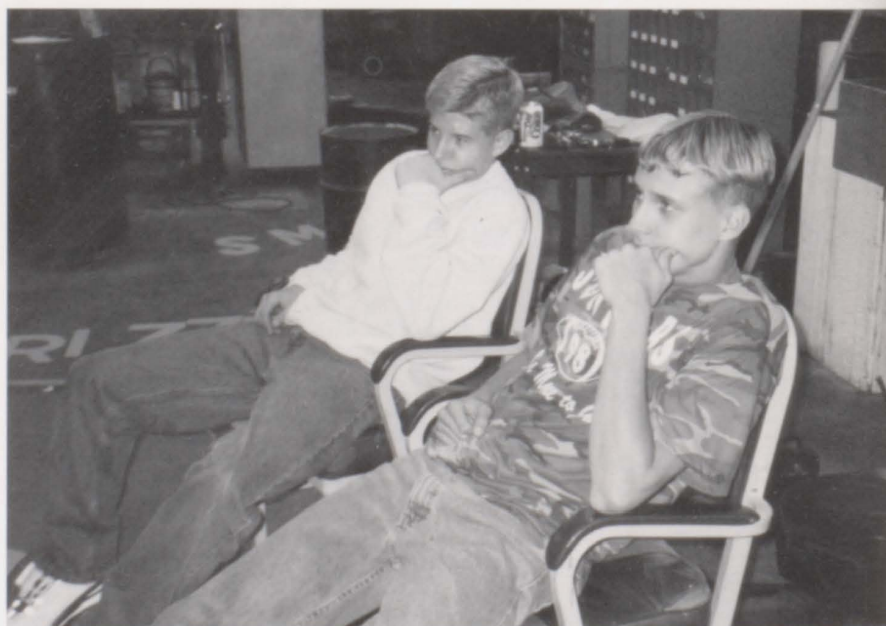
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 Mary Wright
 Ryan Wrightsman
 Kristy Yaraschewski



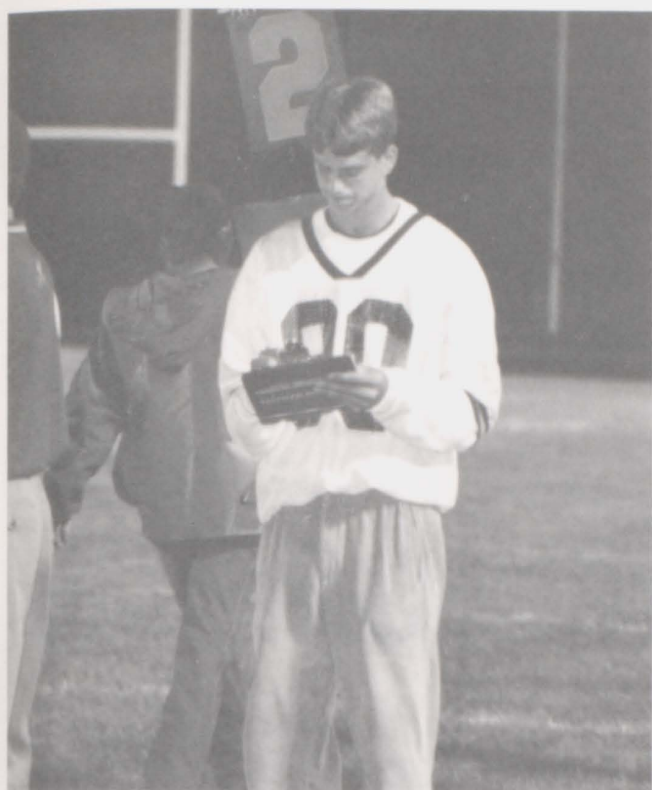
The junior powderpuff team cheers on their fellow classmate Marlena Perry. Tug-of-war was one of the many Homecoming field day events.



Struggling to win, several juniors try their hardest to place first. Joining in on activities was a good way to involved in all the homecoming happenings.



Juniors Kevin Willis and Blake Lugenbeal take a break from their float build. Homecoming was a good time to learn about Pioneer traditions.



After an injury, junior **Bruce Fields** helps keep stats and records for the football team. Many students helped out the football program.



Juniors **Sam Irwin** and **Alica Phelps** work on decorating Mrs. Phillips' door for the Prom Promise contest. Many students helped teachers decorate their doors.



Finesse member **Jordan Graves** shows off her smile for Wagon Trails Revue. Choir was a very popular extra-curricular activity; hundreds of students participated in various groups.



Juniors **Donnie Pratt** and **Joey Walls** race to the finish line in the wheel-barrel race. Homecoming had many different activities that students could participate in.

Sophomores

Out of the ordinary afterschool fun

Katrina Grezlik

The school day lasts about 8 hours; That is 1,440 hours of school a year. One could have millions of hobbies or interests to do outside of school. Many are into sports or clubs, but there are also activities that are neither sport nor club.

Imagine making video games. That is just what sophomore, Doug Marlowe likes doing in his spare time. It is not as easy as one may think; a hobby like this is "very time consuming," according to Marlowe. First, he has to write out the script for the game and plug in all kinds of variables. If it fits, he then gives the idea to some people on the Internet to further develop the idea.

Another unusual hobby for an MHS student is sculpting. Sophomore Hannah Thomas started sculpting out of "boredom". Thomas said she grabbed a piece of wood and went to town. Thomas took art classes at Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. While there she painted nude models. "It (sculpting) is fun but not for a living. I don't want to be a 'starving artist'," Thomas said.



Sophomore Hannah Thomas and Camille Haas work together on their pumpkin, for the annual pumpkin carving contest. Many students participated in this contest to show off their artistic ability.

Jonathon Adams
Emily Allen
Tina Allen
Jena Alley
Justin Allsup
Amy Antrim
Steve Bailey
Alicia Baker

Robert Baker
Corey Barger
Bridgette Bargo
Jessica Barnhill
Michael Barton
Jeremy Basso
Allison Bault
Russell Baum

Josh Beals
Kelsey Beam
Jason Becker
Adam Beretta
Katie Bilby
Nicole Bolus
Christy Born
Jennifer Bosaw

Matt Bowers
Josh Boyd
Joey Brattain
Brandon Brock
Angela Brown
Joshua Brown
Michael Brown
Nathan Buis

Jesse Burgess
Miranda Burkett
Christopher Burns
Julie Campbell
Derrek Carter
Richard Chappell
John Chappo
Sasha Clevenger





Darryn Coddington
Angie Coleman
Joshua Conyer
Brad Cooney
Ronnie Cooper
Joey Coughlan
Benjamin Counce
Candy Craig

Amber Crawley
Sarah Cummings
Sara Curry
Bo Daniel
Brent Deckard
Cassandra Denny
Jason Denny
John Denny

Trent Dewitt
Maura Dimeo
Rachelle Dozier
Dustin Duke
Michael Duncan
Angel Earles
Vaughn Eddy
Anna Edwards

Dewayne Elmore
Josh Enebrad
Melissa Epley
Matt Evans
Mike Farmer
Dana Ferguson
Troy Fields
Katie Fisher

Nicole Fontaine
Jay Fough
Adam Frechette
Melanie Fry
James Gallup
Tim Garner
Jessica Gee
David Gibbs

Carrie Gibson
Amanda Gill
Steve Gilman
Vicki Gordan
Stacy Goss
Kristin Graham
Michele Green
Michelle Greene

Jenny Grider
Brandon Griffio
Justin Grounds
Camille Haas
Leetta Haltom
Kim Hammel
Garry Harris
Travis Harrison

Sarah Hartley
Joshua Hatmaker
Alice Haynes
Teresa Hazel
Josh Heavrin
Nikki Helton
Jessie Henard
John Hendrickson

Jeremy Herron
Merco Hietberg
Jimmy Hines
Chad Holtzclaw
Katrina Hornaday
Krista Hoseclaw
Andrew Hotseller
Ronda Houghland

Natalie Hughes
Raymond Hull
Amy Huntman
Michael Hunter
Kristy Iacobucci
Christal Ison
Angela Jaynes
Brian Johnson

Kraig Johnson
Hosey Jones
Kelly Jones
Sara Jones
Donald Kaufman
Jeremy Keith
David Kennedy
Nick Kenworthy



Jesse Kerr
Derek Kirk
Barry Kohlman
Stephanie Kouns
Jamie Kropelnicki
Laura Ladd
Donny Laeufer
Adria Lambert



Kevin Lambert
Melissa Lechuga
Chris Lelak
Patrick Loudermilk
Irene Lynch
Megan Lynch
Steelee Lynn
Melissa Many



Doug Marlowe
Renita Martin
Ashley Mason
Jennifer Mason
Sarah Maxfield
Pam Mayo
Rick McAdors
David McCorkle



Ben McCoy
Jason McGinnis
Scott McNerny
Dustin McKinney
Beth McMasters
Amber Mertens
Adam Michom
Kara Middleton



Sam Miles
Heather Miller
Thomas Moffat
Leah Moler
Lorraine Mong
James Myhatt
Jessie Mynat
Danny Napier



Anni Newhart
Lisa Nungester
Matt Oschman
Amanda Overholtz
Lesta Parker
Jonathan Pawolski
Andrew Payne
Natalie Perdue



Tommy Perkins
Amanda Perry
Amy Perry
Brandy Perry
Jennifer Phelps
Tracy Phillips
Amanda Pierce
Becky Pollock



Jon Polson
Bryant Ponchot
Robyn Pridemore
Katie Ransome
Joe Ray
John Rea
Denise Reed
Tricia Reed



Kerry Reyman
Robin Ricketts
Cary Riddle
Dustin Riggs
Nathan Roberts
Heather Rodriguez
Lora Rogers
Maria Romero



Class of 1999

Shows a little Spirit

Heidi Henry



Sophomores Dustin McKinney and Lora Rodgers use teamwork to try to finish first in the sack race. Many students got involved in the Homecoming activities.

With one year behind them, the class of 1999 took to the Homecoming field day events with a little more experience. Sophomore sackrace runner Dustin McKinney said, "Homecoming was better to participate in this year because we knew what to expect and we knew our competition a little better."

Even though the sophomores' Wizard of Oz float, "There's No Place like Homecoming," did not win top honors, both class members and sponsors Kathy Bothwell and Kathy Johnson vowed to do even better the next year.

When asked about the outlook for 1997 homecoming, sophomore Lora Rogers said, "I can't wait til next year. Homecoming was exciting this year, but I know it's going to be even better next year."



Mike Rose
Greg Rosenbaum
Jennifer Ross
Ben Ruoff
Kevin Russell
James Sachs
Melissa Schillo
Kymberly Schlangen

Crystal Schmidt
Jocelyn Schneider
Adam Seifert
William Seward
Kevin Sharpe
Kevin Sheridan
Tim Shockley
Jason Shuffield

James Shugars
Mike Sims
Sarah Sinn
Josh Skinner
Julie Smith
Travis Snyder
Dan Sohn
Jeff Soots

Charles Southhall
Andrea Sparks
Jeremy Spence
Shauna Stagner
Josh Stanton
Michelle Starns
Clay St. John
Steve Stinson

Amanda Stirn
Matt Sullivan
Angie Taft
Jason Taylor
Kelli Taylor
Jonathan Theriac
Hannah Thomas
Daisy Thompson

2nd year...

Life as a sophomore

Katrina Grezlik



Racing to outrun the freshman team, sophomore powder puff players take control of the game.

Ask any sophomore and chances are, they will say the second year of high school is easier than the first.

"I didn't get picked on as much," said Steve Stinson.

But there is more to being a sophomore than fitting in or getting along with classmates. Sophomores come of age as many turn 16.

"I got my learner's permit," said Joey Brattain.

Along with the license comes more responsibility. "When I am the one driving, if I am late, it's my fault. I can't blame it on the driver," said Jimmy Hines.

Kendra Tidd
Jennifer Tipmore
Brandon Trostle
Joe Turner
Angela Tyree
Jennifer Tyree
Stephanie Untersinger
Kristen Van Arsdale

Courtney Vehling
Fred Wagner
Kimberlee Walden
Mike Walden
Richard Walenga
Amanda Walls
Pamela Walton
Rebekah Ward

Andrea Warren
Amanda Warriner
Amy Watson
Beth Watson
Josh Watson
Jason Weber
Brandi Wells
Casey West

Scott West
Jay Westenhofer
Regina Wetzel
Eric Whitaker
Amanda White
Joey White
William Whitman
Tina Whittemore

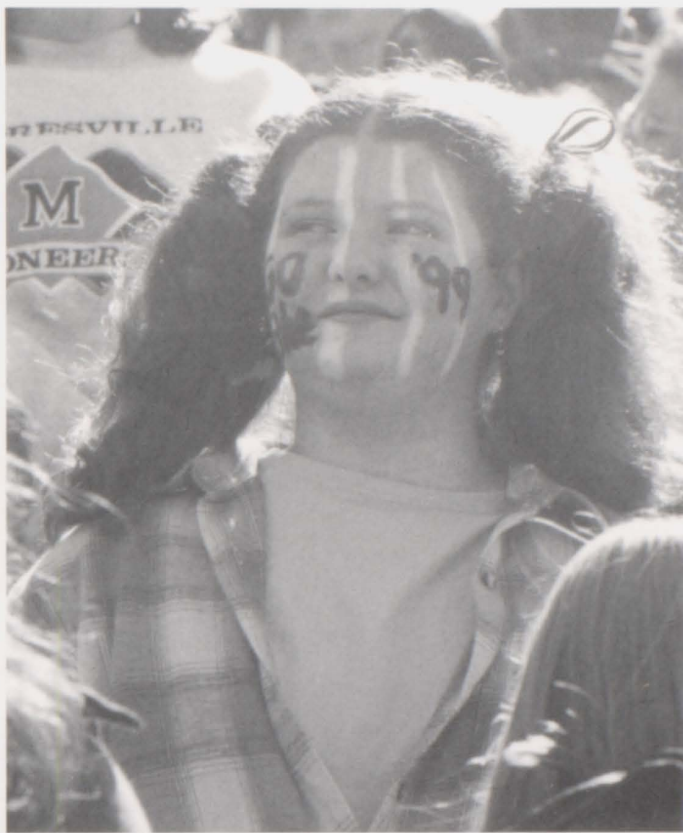
Jay Wilcort
Kori Wilkins
Heather Wilkinson
Derek Willey
Kara Williamson
Ben Worley
Chris Wright
Jessica Wright

Dawn Wrightsman
Karissa Wys
James Yates
Jenny Young





Sophomore **Jessica Wright** tightens her flags before she goes to the field. Many sophomore girls were involved in the homecoming powerpuff game.



Sophomores show their school spirit during the homecoming activities. Face painting was a very popular form of school spirit.



Sophomore **Chris Wright** looks on as the intensity of the football game kicks in. The football team was the first to win Homecoming in six years.



Sophomore **Nikki Helton** and fellow classmates work hard on their sophomore float. Building the class float was a good way to start off the school year.

Freshmen

Class of 2000

Heidi Henry

Freshmen faced many choices during their first couple of weeks of high school. To get involved - to not to get involved? To strive for good grades - to struggle for passing grades?

Along with the first year of high school came many new responsibilities. Freshman Christy Oberting said, "Now that I am in high school, I feel like I have a lot more freedom."

This feeling was shared by many freshmen. Freshman David Squires said, "Besides having more freedom, you're not treated like a little kid anymore."

Throughout the year, students had many opportunities to participate in different clubs and activities. Regardless of what older students told the newcomers to expect, most made up their own minds about how their first year of high school went.

Many had positive reactions about their first year of high school and the years to come. Freshman Angie Shockley said, "I have really enjoyed my freshman year. I've really gotten involved and I've met a lot of new people. And I can't wait for next year."



Working together on their composition homework, freshmen Angie Shockley and Kristi Oberting use their study hall time to get their homework done. Many students took advantage of their study halls.

Crystal Abbott
Nathan Adams
Laura Alfrey
Jeff Allen
Tonya Allen
Danielle Armitage
Lorie Ashman
Roxanna Atkinson

Jessica Augsburg
Laurie Austin
Mark Bailey
Adam Bain
Nathaniel Baird
Stacy Baker
Andria Bartholomew
Amber Baxter

Zachary Baxter
Jake Beals
Kristen Beals
Ryan Beard
Angela Bennett
Emily Bernitt
Jamie Blackwell
Michelle Blevins

Jennifer Boehme
Trina Boncquet
Stephanie Breedon
Andrew Breedlove
Josh Briggs
David Brown
Randi Brown
Ronald Brown

Elizabeth Burgess
Erica Campbell
Jish Campbell
Hannah Carlisle
Jessica Carlisle
Russell Carney
Jimmy Chappo
Nicole Chenoweth





Daniel Cherry
Keith Clappitt
Kevin Clark
Deborah Cobb
Monica Coddington
Micheal Cohee
Jennifer Coleman
Tammy Collins

Chris Conner
Chris Copeland
Cier Corriveau
Stephaine Cothran
Travis Coy
Chuck Crane
Jessica Crane
Camron Crawley

Melissa Cripe
Andrew Cromer
Dustin Crooke
Jennifer Davidson
Amber Davis
Lani Dennis
William Dezarn
Angela Diehl

Bradley Dillion
Jimmy Dimartino
Kimariee Dorris
Krystal Dougherty
Phillip Douglas
Emily Dowden
Jessica Dunham
Courtney Dunn

David Dwigans
Heather Eaton
Josh Edwards
Kathy Edwards
Jamie Ellyson
Kenny Farmer
Charity Fazel
Heather Ferguson

Aliciana Ferris
Amy Fields
Emily Fields
Holly Fox
Jeremy Fox
Jessica Gallup
Leticia Garrard
Miranda Garrity

Nick Garrund
Mary Gates
Syreeta Gayles
Daniel Gerholdt
Matthew Gerholdt
Jessica Glover
Jeremy Goldsberry
Kyle Gormon

Melanie Grace
Benjamin Greathouse
Craig Greene
Phillip Gregory
Jesse Grubbs
Bradley Gunter
Peter Haarala
Kendric Hackler

Alicia Hall
Chad Halterman
Lisa Hamilton
Christina Hardy
Jerad Harnish
Lynsey Harris
Aaron Helms
Mike Henderson

Candi Henson
David Hoggatt
Donna Hoots
Brandon Hopkins
George Hornsby
Nicole Houghland
Chris Howell
Alexandra Huggins

Eric Huntley
Kimberly Iacobucci
Lysha Ingle
Nicole Jackson
Erik Jacobs
Steve Jacobs
David Jennings
Edward Jerin



Adam Johnson
Doug Johnson
Miranda Johnson
Everett Jones
April Keesee
Michael Kemp
April Kennedy
Valerie Kerkoff



Ryan Kimmel
Jami King
Douglas Kirkhoff
Kelly Kirkling
Chad Kivett
Kenny Knight
Jason Kohlman
Megan Koker



Ryan Kough
Nicolette Land
Cody Leitzman
Ryan Leslie
Michael Light
Aaron Lillefield
Michael Linville
Emily Lockwood



Daniel Loftus
Jason Long
Chris Loveless
Jessica Lundy
Tiffanie Luurtsema
Jason Lybarger
Ryan Main
Josh Majors



Jennifer Marine
Chris Marlor
Katie Marlowe
Melissa Mason
Rachael McCammack
Christina McClain
Jamie McGlauchlen
John McGuire



Charlotte McSpadden
Chris Meadows
Melissa Miller
Todd Moffat
Kelly Moore
Ryan Moore
Kenneth Morgan
Michael Morgan



Brandon Morris
Heidi Moser
Kyle Moser
Evan Mosier
Josh Moss
Heather Mumford
Jamison Munn
Chris Murphy



Leah Myers
Travis Myles
Elyna Niles-Carnes
Larisa Niles-Carnes
Andrea O'Connor
Kristi Oberting
Bobby Parker
James Parker



Shawn Parsons
Lindsay Parvis
Dusty Patterson
Chris Paul
Josh Peasley
Ty Peasley
Cane Pennington
James Perkins



Young Athletes

Strive to be equal
Heidi Henry

One of the biggest goals that freshmen athletes faced was proving themselves good enough to become a member of a varsity team. Freshmen were important in making the seasons successful. For example, freshman Christina Shrake was an alternate center and forward of the varsity girls basketball team. Shrake said, "I feel I have to work harder because I'm a freshman."



Grabbing for the ball, freshman Christina Shrake proves her athletic ability. Shrake helped make the basketball season successful.

Shrake worked very hard to maintain her place on the team. She said, "There's a lot more pressure on me being a freshman. I feel there is more expected of me."

Boys varsity basketball member, Chris Loveless said he found it a little harder to adjust because he had to try to fit in with the older players.

Boys varsity basketball coach Jim Whitaker said, "Some people feel that freshmen haven't had enough experience to play a varsity sport." But according to Whitaker, as long as freshmen work hard and prove that they can play their position better than anyone else, then they will be given a chance.

Despite the hard work and pressure, freshmen have proven to be a great addition to many varsity sports.



Deanna Perry
Hope Perry
Matthew Petro
Jennifer Phelps
Jacob Pierson
Bridget Pike
Amanda Pollard
Brandy Porterfield

Steve Posey
Adam Potts
Jami Poynter
Daniel Pulliam
Sean Pulsifer
Bing Qui
Amy Ragan
Christy Ralph

Kim Raney
Heather Ransom
Kori Ransome
Steve Rardon
Terry Ratliff
Eric Rawlins
Jenell Reed
Scott Reed

Mike Ricketts
Matthew Roach
Jason Roberts
Melinda Roberts
Amber Robinson
Clint Robinson
Josh Robling
Jeremiah Rushing

Scott Rutherford
Elizabeth Samuels
Matt Saner
Jacob Savage
Aaron Sawyer
Samuel Schrader
Dustin Schultz
Isaiah Scott

Newcomers

Make the switch

Katrina Grezlik

A new experience can have many expectations. The first day of high school is no different. Most students fear getting lost, or not being able to fit in. Freshman Jamie Fogleman said, "I had to run to the councilors office five times to find my room!"

They also hear rumors about how the freshmen will get picked on by the seniors. Freshman Isaiah Scott said, "I was told I would be put in the trash can."

There are many steps in the transition from junior high to high school. "Lockers are far away from our classes, the lunchroom is bigger, and gym class is all girls," said freshman Angie Shockley.

Just knowing other students who already attend Mooresville can help in the transition.

Freshman Amy Ragan said, "My sister Jennifer helped make my transition really easy. I knew a lot of upperclassmen because of her. And she answered all of my questions."



Freshman Amy Ragan, says her sister, junior Jennifer Ragan, helped make her transition easier from junior high. Many freshmen found it easier to adjust when they had siblings already in high school.

Angie Shockley
Chris Short
Amie Shotts
Christina Shrake
Jennifer Skiles
Curtis Skinner
Chris Slaton
Charlene Smith

Clayton Smith
Chris Smith
Cory Smith
Heather Smith
Tiffany Smith
Sarah Speck
David Squires
Shandri Stagner

Mike Stapleton
Brandon State
Mark Staten
Sara Stirn
Melissa Street
Kristi Sullivan
Chris Summers
Jimmy Swartout

Patrick Taft
Josh Tandy
Jeremy Taylor
Courtney Terrell
Ryan Teverbaugh
Amanda Theriac
Kelli Tidd
Amanda Toliver

Amy Trusty
Casey Turley
Vanessa Turner
Nick Underhill
Leann Untersinger
Brandon Utterback
Jessica VanBlaricum
Susan Wagner





April Walker
Kristy Ward
Robin Ward
Josh Warpenburg
Elizabeth Warren
Carrie Warriner
Angela Weddle
Adam Whitaker

Corey White
Jacqueline White
Brandon Whitley
Michelle Wiggins
Amber Wilde
Jeremy Williams
Joanna Williams
Stephen Williamson

Melissa Wilson
Crystal Witt
Jaela Woods
Amber Worman
Jessyca Young



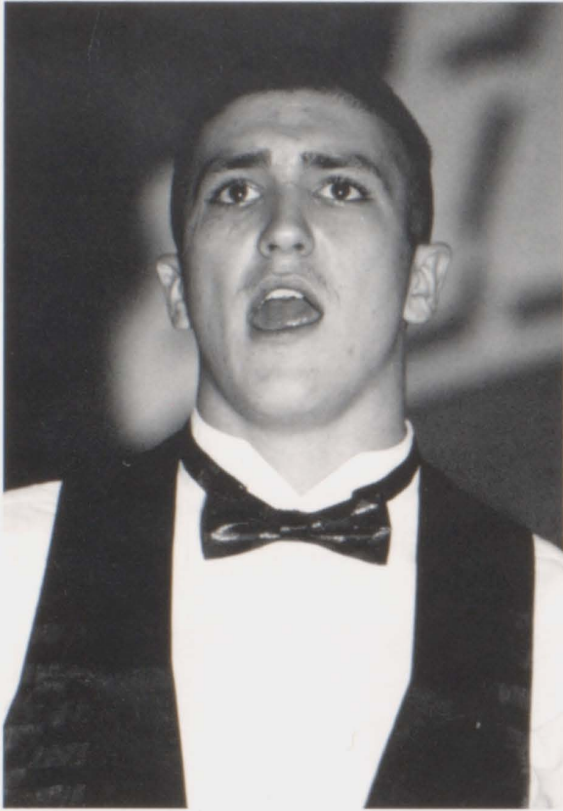
Freshman **Jeremy Johnson** rose above his duties with his opponent in hand. Many freshmen participated in extra-curricular sports as a way of getting to know new people.



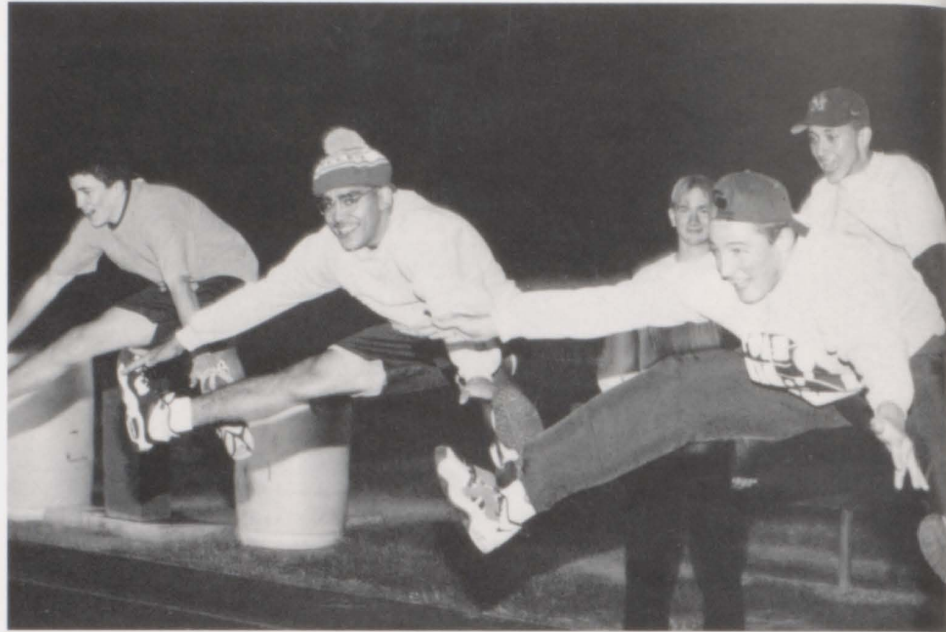
Taking advice from their coach, Kevin Clark, frosh players Jamie Pointer, Emily Fields, and Cameron Crawley prepare to go out and play. Powderpuff was a new experience for the freshman class.



Before the eating contest, freshmen Kori Ransome and Jonathan Taylor look to other class members for that last minute preparation. Many students stuffed their faces at homecoming to show their school spirit.



Freshman choir member, Ty Peasley, participates in the newly named "Sound Image." Choir was an organization that many students participated in.



Newcomers show school spirit. Freshmen Dusty Patterson, Josh Moss, Chris Murphy, and John McGuire helped pump up their powderpuff team, by showing off their cheerleading moves.



Freshmen Michelle Lewis and Hannah Calise enjoy participating in the Homecoming events. Homecoming was an exciting time for all students to show their school spirit.



Freshmen Heather Eaton, Jenny Hall, and Lisa Hamilton show off their excitement for Wagon Trails Revue. Participating in choir was a good way for freshmen to get to know new people.

Faculty

Changes with time

Becca Maddox



Consulting with studio manager Greg Marine, Mrs. Diana Hadley prepares the news for AM MHS. Morning and afternoon broadcasts kept students informed of school activities.



Mrs. Diana Hadley helps Mike Mackenzie with his yearbook layout in 1978. Mrs. Hadley has been a faculty member of Mooresville for twenty-six years.

Although the faculty has changed through the years, several teachers have taught at Mooresville for 20 years or more and could note some trends.

The faculty grew together as friends by going places together and having parties. Mrs. Diana Hadley, journalism teacher, said, "We started our families together and our children have grown up together."

But the trends extend beyond their personal lives. The teachers have also seen technology change their personal lives. Computers helped teachers organize students' assignments and maintain grades.

Mrs. Elizabeth Yoke, English teacher said, "Technology helps with the way you communicate, get information, with detail and techniques."

Even though the teachers have learned many new techniques, it is still a challenge to teach with technology growing larger and stronger everyday. However, the basics never change.

Mrs. Hadley said, "No matter what you have to work with, you have to relate with the kids."



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Science

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Assistant Principal

Karl Brown

Graphic Arts

Patsy Bryant

Clerk

Donna Burton

Math

Faculty

Not just a 7 to 3 Job

Katrina Grezlik

"School spirit" is not just a term used to describe the students of a school. Many teachers get involved, and become part of the gang. They sponsor clubs, and coach athletic and academic teams.

MHS has many activities happening before and after school. The students who participate in extracurricular activities must have a school sponsor, and who better to choose to be a sponsor than a favorite teacher.

The teachers who get involved lead a "super hero double life," the school and home life. The sponsors often find that the two might run together, or even conflict in schedule and importance.

Teachers have many reasons for being involved in school activities. Math teacher and student council sponsor Norb Johnson said, "I like to see young people get involved in the things they enjoy doing. Also at post prom, I meet the parents of the kids I have in school. They get to see me in a different light."

The teachers are not the only ones who benefit from getting involved. Guidance counselor Dan Havens said, "There is a direct correlation between success in school and school involvement."



Athletic Director Don Pope, math teacher Robert Grosskreutz, Principal William Overholser, and Assistant Principal Chuck Muston, wait for the Homecoming carnival to begin. Many teachers showed their school spirit during Homecoming by building floats and taking part in the carnival events.

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Brinton Farrand
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Curt Freeman
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Sheryl Fyffe
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Joyce Gilly
Social Studies
Dale Graves
Science
Max Gregory
Health
Robert Grosskreutz
Math

Monty Grover
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Diana Hadley
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Dan Havens
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Holly Hiestand
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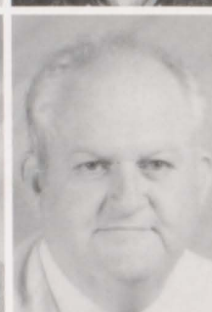
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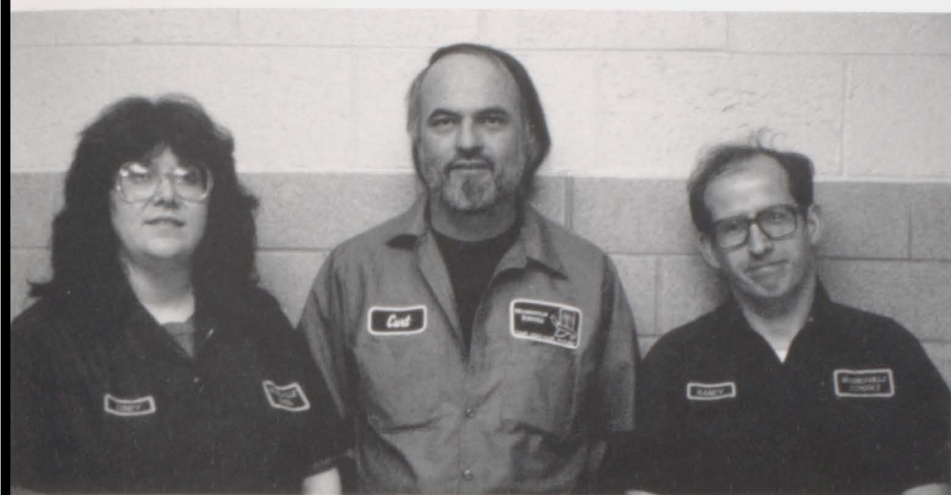


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Custodians: Cindy Stephens, Curt McClure, Randy Morrison



Custodians: *front:* Donna Thrasher, Sylvia English, Margaret Brown; *back:* Warren Wood, Sonny Wheeling, Randall Rogers, Suzanne Margason

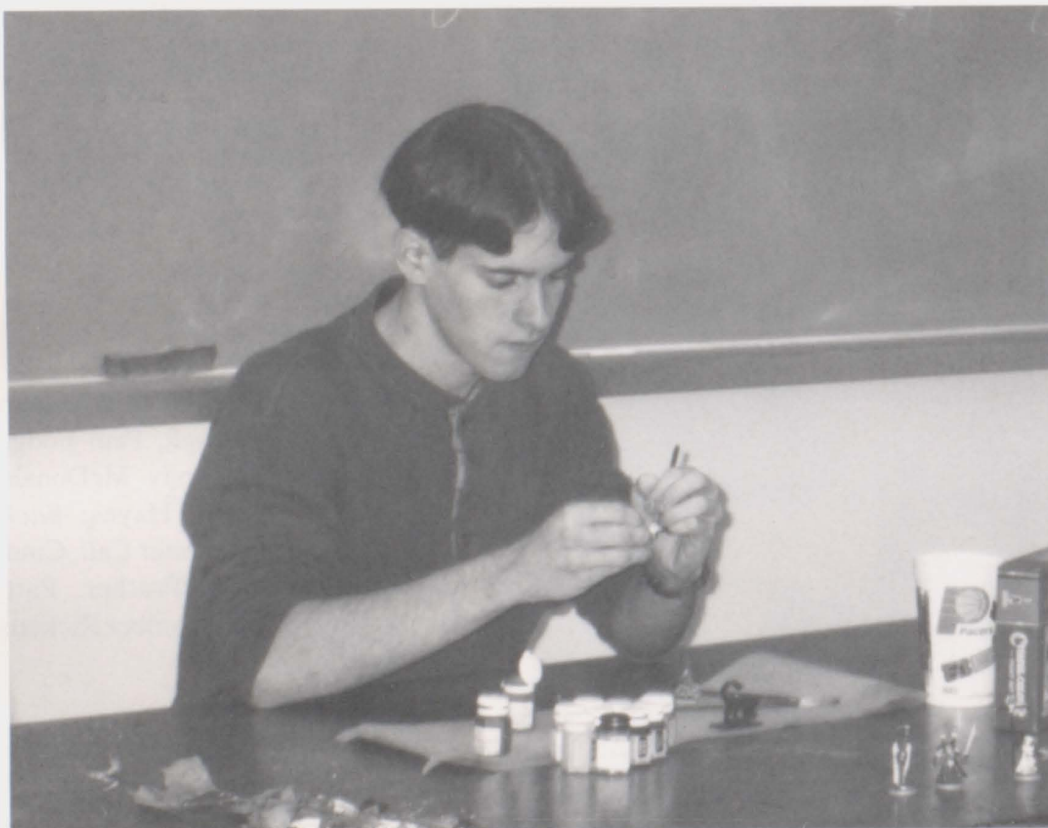


Cooks: *front:* Carol Cummins, Laura Kern, Shirley Blaylock, Pam Fodge, Debbie Swinney, Sandy McDonald, Judi Grebel, Nancy Hayes; *back:* Audrey Callahan, Jennifer Call, Cindy Cooney, Rosemary Prather, Patty Jacobs, Eleanor Witt, Amber Ricketts, Pat Casey

Jumping back in time is junior Amy Hughes tie-dying a T-shirt. Chemistry labs were a way for students to learn creatively.



With his hair on end is senior Daniel Llewellyn. Physics classes had fun trying out the Van-De- Graff generator.



Keeping his eye on the figurine is senior Nick Ragan. Speech class projects were a way for students to show their abilities.





Class

Students
have a
change
of...

Sara Harkema

"I ended up being swamped every night with homework..."

*Abby Swallow,
Junior*

New clothes, new shoes, new styles, but the only thing that changes about homework is that there is more of it and it gets harder.

Homework is a major part of a student's life in high school. Almost every academic class has some kind of homework. "This year my classes were so hard I ended up being swamped every night with homework and projects, but I learned a lot," said junior Abby Swallow.

Another major part of class work is projects like writing poems, painting figurines, and in-class demonstrations. Projects can take up a lot of time and effort, but the student usually learns from doing a project and has fun doing it. Junior Corrie Bucker said, "Projects are always more enjoyable than regular homework and it gives you a way to learn creatively."

Field trips are yet another alternative to book work. "I think it helps because they give people a chance to have a hands-on experience instead of just reading about it or looking at pictures of it," said sophomore Angie Coleman. Field trips are a good learning tool because it gives students a chance to learn about the material covered in a more relaxing environment.



Excited about the boys sectional basketball win is Mrs. Ann Phillips' first period class. The class had a party for the team to get them pepped for regionals.

Junior Mary Wright presents her "Billy Joel" project to the history class. Many class activities required students to share their ideas with their fellow classmates.



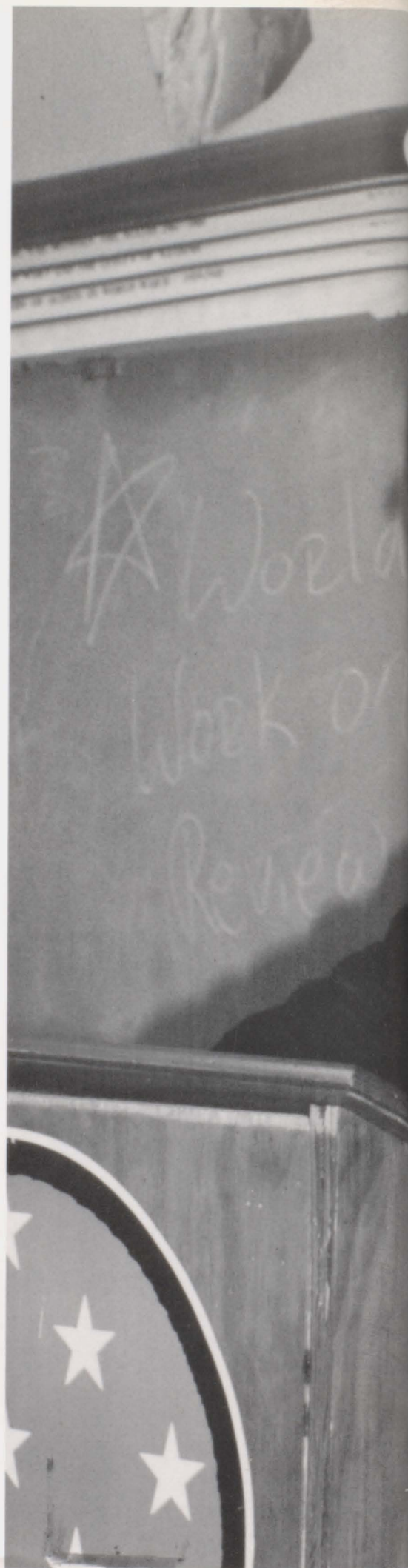
Freshmen Mark Staten and William Dezarn play a tune representing the first amendment. All students shared their unique ideas with the class.



Juniors Erica Stidham and Bobby Cooper take a moment to relax after finals in U.S. History. Completing finals gave way to relief and a time to visit with friends.



Students in Mrs. Tricia Ferguson's world history class enjoy Greek food at a toga party. Learning was made easier when combined with fun activities.



Social Studies

The Key to the Past

Rachel Willoughby

The history classes at MHS range from economics and world geography to government and psychology. History classes provide students with the opportunity to take a peek into the past. While studying Greeks, students in Mrs. Tricia Ferguson's world history class made Greek food, recreated the Greek Olympics, and dressed in togas. Freshman Leah Myers said "I wouldn't say it's one of the easiest classes, but it's really fun so that makes up for it."

Ferguson's civics students also enjoyed a more hands-on approach to social studies. Junior Erica Stidham said "I had fun re-enacting Lincoln's death in front of the class," but Stidham said she could not keep a straight face for the skit because her boyfriend, junior Bobby Cooper, played Lincoln.

Junior Jessica McGinnis especially liked Mr. Don Adam's U.S. History class' trip to Miller's Merry Manor senior citizens building. She said, "We went and talked to the elderly about the depression. The depression was suddenly real to me when I heard it from real people and not just a textbook."

A handful of students in Mrs. Joyce Gilly's government class enjoyed a trip to Washington D.C. Other students were able to talk with a lawyer in class. Senior Ginger Moore said "The information was difficult to memorize, but I'm glad I know it because I think it's stuff I need to know."

**"The depression was suddenly real to me when I heard it from real people and not just a textbook."
Jessica McGinnis, Junior**



Government teacher, Mrs. Joyce Gilly, seniors Sarah Brown and Jason Turner have their picture taken with Indiana Senator Dan Coats. The trip to Washington D.C. gave students a chance to witness first-hand how the government works.

Language

The Key to Communication

Kellie Breedlove

"It was a lot of fun but it was odd being in a place where nobody understands your language." Amanda Powers, Junior

Language is the key to communication. Many different opportunities such as visiting a different country, learning how to speak a different language, and earning an honors diploma come from studying German, Spanish, French, and English.

During the summer of 1996, nine French students traveled to France, while 19 Spanish students went to Spain. The language barrier was a challenge for students being unable to understand what the other was saying. Junior Amanda Powers said, "It was a lot of fun but it was odd being in a place where nobody understands your language!"

Students do not have to travel halfway around the world to misunderstand each other. Communication can be just as hard in the hallways of Mooresville High School.

Mrs. Ann Phillips said, "Studying English helps students communicate effectively and knowledgeably. Grammar and writing proficiency greatly facilitate both

a person's ability to express himself and convey a positive image." Students say literature and composition classes can prove to be fun as well as interesting.



While learning about the culture, Spanish students take time out from their busy touring schedule. The trip enabled the students to get a firsthand taste of Spanish life.

Entertaining the class with an interpretation of Huckleberry Finn, juniors Jamie Reed and Amanda Powers show off their project.





Posing in front of the Eiffel Tower, seniors Alisa Tomlinson and Sharon Trader enjoy the sites around Paris. The trip to France helped students understand French culture.



While practicing to make perfect, French club students prepare to go to Kendrick's Hospital. The annual trip helped to create the Christmas spirit.



Catching up on her reading, junior Nikki Edwards escaped the hustle and bustle of high school life. Students read many books and did projects to help them better understand.

Music

The Key to Entertainment

Kellie Breedlove

Music and singing can be heard coming from the hallways of Mooreville High School. Band, choir, orchestra, and color guard are the culprits

behind these sounds. These groups include many of MHS's students; there are approximately 400 students involved.

Being involved in some of these music groups brings many extra activities. These include special trips, practices, concerts, and contests.

Throughout the school year, each group took a trip to compete in different competitions. "Going to New York was a great experience; I'm glad that we had the opportunity to perform for a different group of judges than we normally do," said junior color guard member Jocelyn Septoski

The musical groups also had concerts for anyone to attend. The two major shows are Wagon Trails Revue and Spring Spec. "Wagon Trails is the funnest thing we do all year. I love it!" said junior Sound Image member Amy Perry.

All groups had successful seasons. Spotlighters, Finesse, and band all received the Grand Champion awards. Colorguard received a perfect score in New York. The orchestra earned a Superior rating.

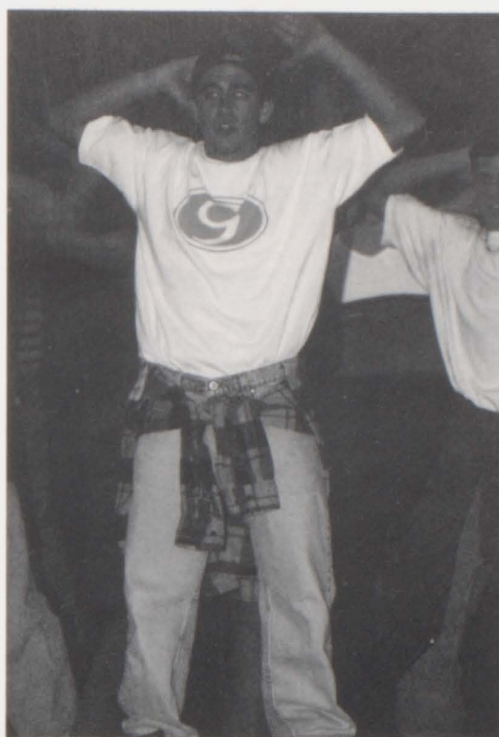
Spring Spec was the last show for the seniors in choir. "It was sad knowing we would never be on stage together again," said senior Finesse member Alisa Tomlinson.

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Alisa Tomlinson,
senior Finesse
member**



Tooting her horn, sophomore Lorraine Mong impresses the crowd with her solo for the Jazz Lab Band. The Jazz Lab Band performed throughout the year.





Holding the trophy high, seniors Jason Wingate and Michele Cadwell celebrate the victory. Spotlighters enjoyed a season of success.

Concentrating on the dance is senior Mitch Depoy. This Spring Spec featured the Spotlighters dancing to "No Limit."



Taking a break, senior orchestra members surround their trophy and their "team mascot." While in Canada, orchestra members went to Niagra Falls and saw "Phantom of the Opera."



Striking a pose, Finesse members end the song with a smile. Finesse received fourth place after competing in Disney World.

Junior Brian Smith demonstrates the use of a welding gun. Learning to weld was an important skill in collision repair technology class because the class dealt with repairing damaged cars.



Junior Jake Woodland concentrates on the task at hand as he is positioned under a car. Strenuous work was necessary for the students to learn how automobiles work.



Juniors Tommy Harrison and Jake Woodland peer into the hood of a car as they make adjustments. The Ben Davis program prepared students for life directly after high school by teaching them basic skills needed in the world now.



Senior Doug Fuller slices a piece of the cake that he has just baked. Making and preparing food for the students and faculty at Ben Davis was a privilege that students enjoyed.



Vocational Ed.

Key to Future Careers

Rachel Willoughby

Not all Pioneers spend their entire day at the high school. Some leave for the Ben Davis vocational program. The program offers a variety of classes from health care and food service to computer programming and construction.

Enrolled in health care, junior Brenda Fuller won first place in a statewide competition for her exceptional C.P.R. skills. Since she plans on a career as a nurse, Fuller said she enjoyed the challenge of learning how to react in an emergency.

Like his sister, senior Doug Fuller knows the rewards of hard work and dedication. He placed third in a regional competition for his culinary skills in food service. "I enjoy it (Ben Davis) a lot. It's a piece of cake," he added as he sliced a piece of his freshly baked cake.

In addition to the health care and food service programs, autobody mechanics and collision repair technology offer students the advantage of working with actual cars.

Junior Brian Smith, who was taking the autobody class, said he had always wanted to learn the basics. He said he would advise any student thinking about joining the Ben Davis program to "just go for it."

Junior Tommy Harrison also took the autobody class. He said he enjoys working on cars. Harrison said he liked the Ben Davis program because "the teachers teach real-life stuff." Harrison said he hopes to one day have his own shop.

Junior Jake Woodland was in a class that also involved automobiles, but his class, collision repair technology, specialized in fixing damaged cars. Woodland said he looks forward to the day when he will be working in a pit crew with a drag racing team. He said cars have been his passion since the sixth grade and he looks forward to a career involving them.

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Doug Fuller,
Senior



Junior Brenda Fuller practices C.P.R. on a dummy. The health class performed many similar simulations to prepare the students for real life circumstances.

Life Skills

The Key for the Future

Nicole Hammonds

As students crowded in the halls each morning, there was great anticipation for the classes they would be participating in. Life time skills provide many opportunities for the future.

"I enjoy taking Senior foods because it really helps me to learn about the real world." Emily Bernfield, Senior

In consumer science, students learned how to prepare and serve meals with cleanup as an essential part of cooking. Budgeting time and getting good values for one's money were also basic life skills. Students also enjoyed sharing their delightful or disastrous meals with each other.

"I enjoy taking Senior foods because it really helps me to learn about the real world," said senior Emily Bernfield.

Another practical application was learning how to drive a car. Having experience behind the wheel of a car was both scary and exciting. Practical knowledge of driving and insurance were valuable to students.

"I don't have to worry about my parents taking me everywhere, but it's a big responsibility," said junior Kelly Haybarker.

In gym class, students exercised to increase their body strength and to become more physically fit. "The number one goal is to have the students learn and be able to structure a workout program for the future as well as trying to gain strength and conditioning," said coach Mark Bless.

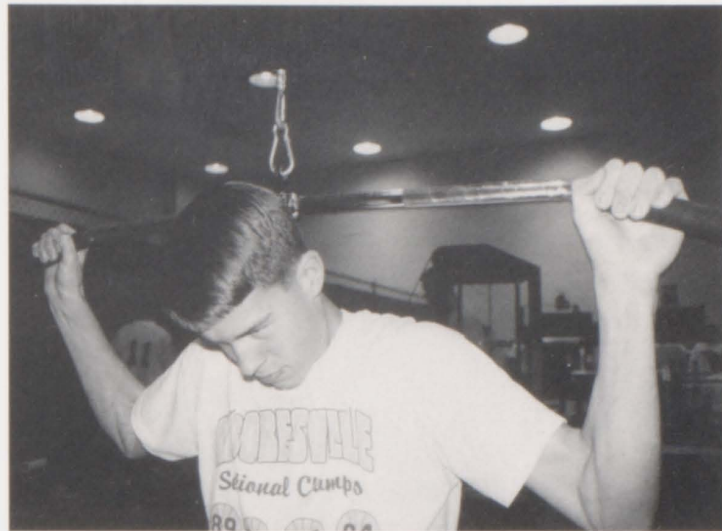
A different way students learned to take care of their body was in health class. Students were taught how to take care of themselves by getting the right amount of sleep, following a proper diet, and exercising. Junior Rachel Caraboa said, "I think health class teaches many basic life skills a teenager should know."



Spelling out "We love you, Mrs. Horein," girls in the third period gym class show their creativity. In addition to playing sports, girls gym classes did many other activities such as performing dances and turning their bodies into mechanical objects.



Junior Michelle Hamm measures flour for a batch of cookies in her independent living class. The class focused on preparing breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals.



Intensively working his "latissimus dorsi," junior Evan Goldsberry does the lat pull. Before hitting the weights, the advanced physical conditioning class warmed up with calisthenics.



Freshmen Clayton Smith and David Hoggatt paint Christmas gifts for consumer education. They sold Halloween suckers and donated the money to the Albert New scholarship foundation.



Getting down to the beat are freshmen April Keese, Jennifer Davidson, Melissa Schillo, and Kari Clevenger. Creative dances were a big part of girls gym class.

Concentrating intently, freshman Heidi Moser races to solve the problem before anyone else. Miss Kelly Crawford used board races as one way of teaching.

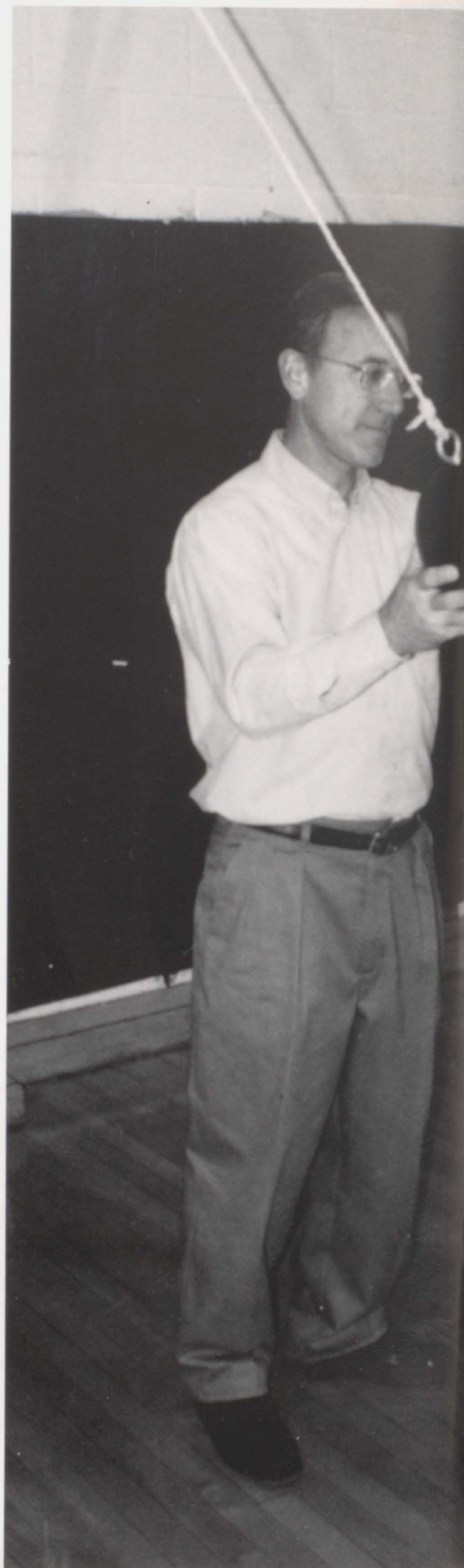


Painstakingly dissecting a crayfish, are freshmen Jerard Ward, Josh Warpenburg, and Mike Kemp. Dissecting is one way students learned about animal anatomy.



Shaking it up to test probability is junior Danny Bradley. Interesting teaching techniques helped students learn easier.

Hoping that Mr. Dale Graves judged the distance correctly, senior Kari Thompson participates in a physics demonstration. Demonstrations helped explain things that could otherwise be complicated.



Math, Science

The Keys to Opportunity

Kellie Breedlove

"Ring," goes the bell, a student's feet are plodding down the hallway to the dreaded class. . . MATH! For some students, math is a class where the bad grades come from. For others, it is a piece of cake. Either way, math is a part of life for Mooresville High School students.

Many math teachers try to make learning math more fun. They play games and do projects. "Mathematics can be a dry subject to lecture on. So in order to keep interest in the subject, I incorporate board races or team races to practice certain skills instead of rote drills," said Miss Kelly Crawford.

The teachers also try to make it as easy as possible to learn and remember. "I think that how I help students understand is repetition," said Mrs. Kathy Bothwell.

Repetition is also helpful when going over science formulas. Teachers use labs to give students a change from everyday notes and homework. "Most any student can understand science concepts when they are presented in class, but actually experimenting with that concept will make them remember that concept," said Mrs. Kimberly Zook.

Science classes such as physics can be difficult to understand. "If we can learn a really tough concept and have a good time at the same time, I've had a great day!" said Mr. Dale Graves.

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Graves, Science**



Trying to hit the note, Mr. Grosskreutz's calculus classes sing for the Christmas convocation. Calculus was a class that took hard work and a good sense of humor.

Business, Econ

The Key to Finances

Sara Harkema

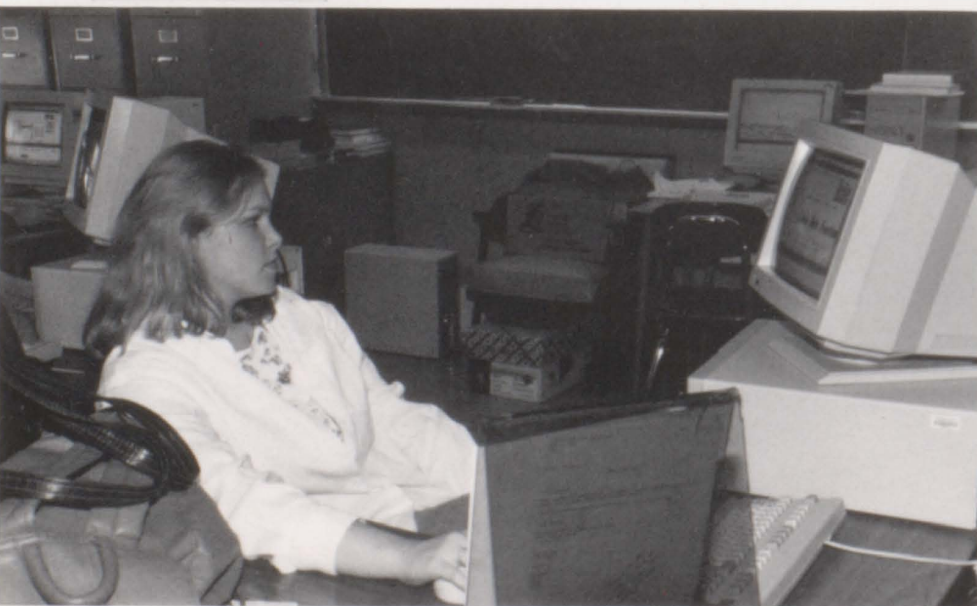
Preparing for infinity and beyond is the objective of business classes such as typing, accounting, and word processing. These classes help students plan for college or their future careers.

Business classes teach students valuable skills such as using computers, now a necessity of the career world. Computer applications and word processing are a few classes offered at MHS to help with the frustrations of computers.

Mrs. Judy Wade, business education teacher, said, "Keyboarding, word processing, and computer applications courses offer students a needed skill in today's world whether going to college or entering the work force."

Junior Nikky Edwards agreed, "It (typing) made high school easier and helped prepare me for college and my career."

Although many classes are electives, economics is a required course. Mr. Mike Mossbrucker, economics teacher said, "Students need to understand how costly it is to live in today's world." Economics helps students prepare for their future with things like financial planning, business skills and economic decision making.



Focusing on the assignment is senior Jo Shake. Students took tech-prep for a hands on experience.





Making caramel apples is senior Kelli Willis. Economics class food sales were a popular alternative to everyday lunch.



Learning about business in Chicago are seniors Leia Martin, Kaci Ransome, Heidi Henry, Ann Doty, and economics teacher, Mr. Mike Mossbrucker. Going to Chicago was a good learning experience.

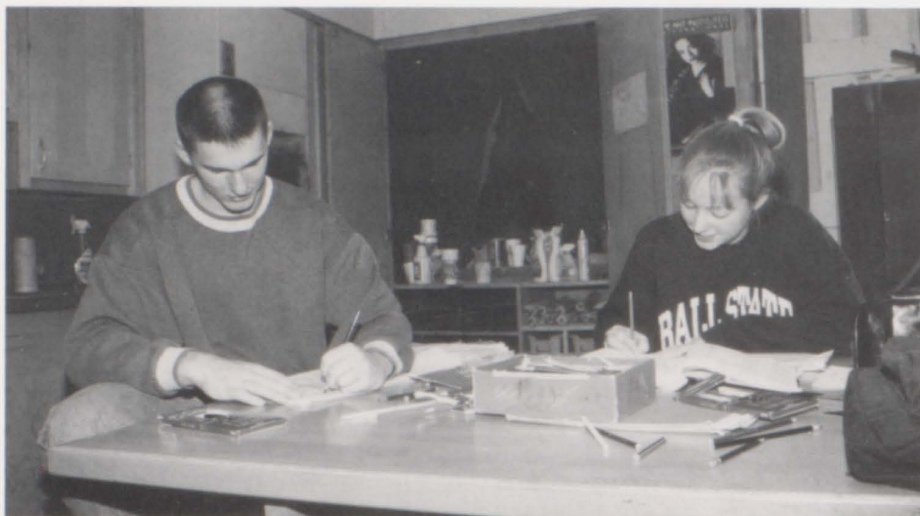


Marketing new ideas is junior Sabrina McGlacken. Many students took classes that will help them with their future.

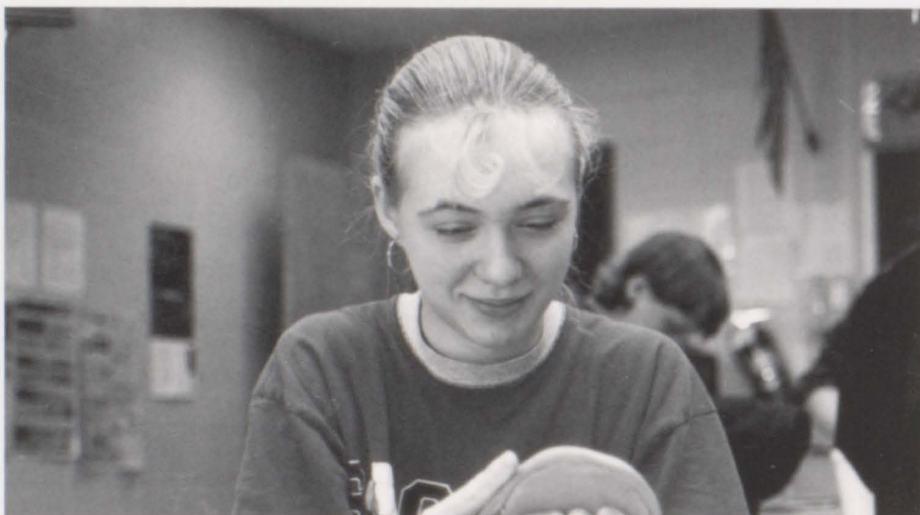


Getting down to business is sophomore Crystal Schmidt. Word processing was a way for students to learn to type better and execute programs.

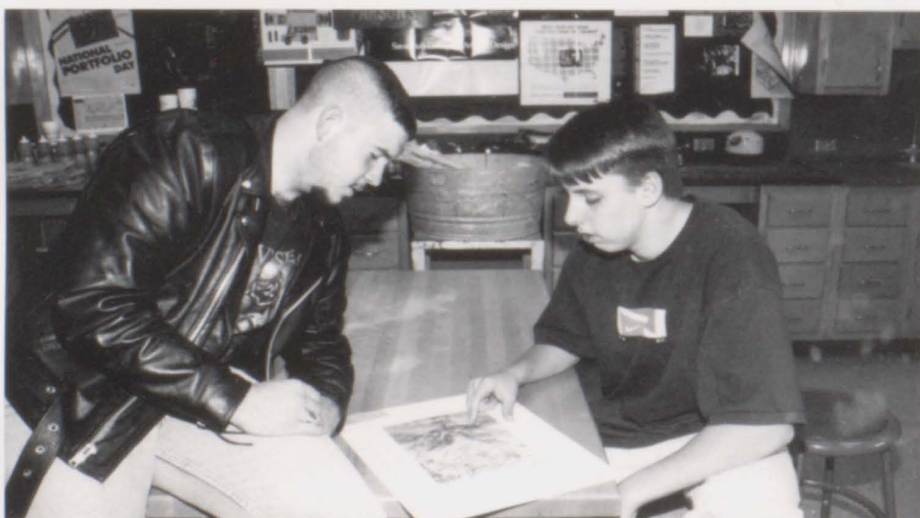
Freshman Aaron Lillefield molds clay with the help of a spoon. Basic art courses introduced students to many different techniques.



Senior Nick Frechette and junior Leslie VanHal work on a project in exploratory art. Students were kept busy with projects throughout the year in the class.



Freshman Christina Hardy appears content with her pottery. Basic art allowed students to experience the different methods art.



Juniors Aaron Scott and Jeremy Woods examine a piece of artwork that Woods submitted to the Tri Kappa art show. Many students had their artwork displayed in the art show.





Art

Key to Opening Students' Eyes

Rachel Willoughby

When students at Mooresville think of classes, they think of reading, writing, and arithmetic; however, art classes open students' eyes in a new way.

Mr. Dennis Amrhein and Mr. Brinton Farrand teach the art classes that range from basic art, sculpture and jewelry to exploratory art, printmaking and drawing.

Senior Jason Campbell, enrolled in a drawing class, said, "Ever since I can remember I've liked art. I've gotten in a lot of trouble for drawing pictures in class."

Many students enjoy art like junior, Brian Porterfield, who said, "I like art because it's fun."

According to Mr. Farrand, art is an essential part of learning. He said, "I believe that art is not a talent, but a learned skill."

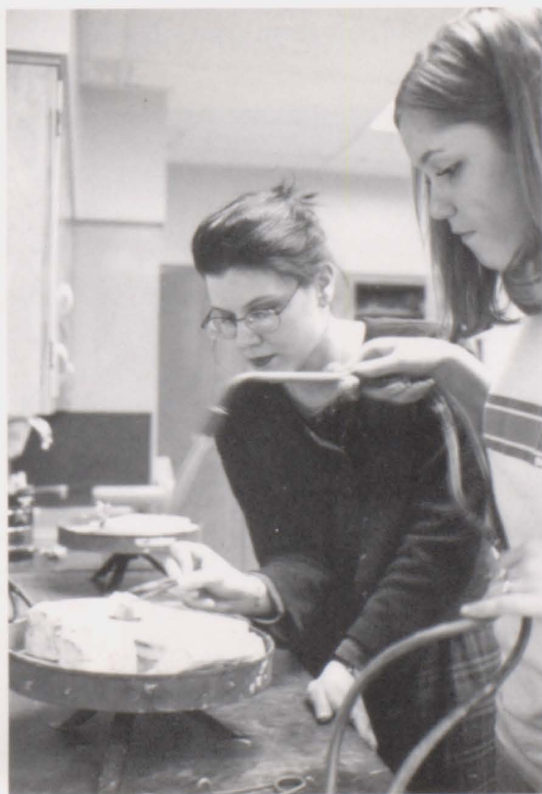
Mr. Amrhein pointed out the wealth of artistic talent at MHS. He said examples of that talent are outstanding art students, Jason Campbell and Johnny McGinnis, who both had their artwork displayed in the art showcase.

While some students seem to be better at art, Mr. Amrhein says all of his students have the potential to be great.

According to Mr. Farrand, looking at the world in a new way is an important part of art. He said, "I don't teach art; I teach you how to see."

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how to see."**

**Mr. Brinton
Farrand, Art
Teacher**



Student teacher, Ms. Angela Boudreau, assists sophomore Stephanie Untersinger while making jewelry. The jewelry classes opened students up to the many different aspects of art.

Industrial Arts

The Key to Technology

Nicole Hammonds

When students think of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, they don't automatically think of vocational classes. But students in Mr. Kelly Maxfield's woods class learned about factories by assembling peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Students take vocational classes to help them prepare for the "real work world."

"It was a lot of fun and an easy class to get along with other students."

**Sam Wilson,
Junior**

Mr. Maxfield's industrial arts class produced many varied projects throughout the school year. In his manufacturing class, students made hurricane lanterns. They studied welding and worked with many machines used in industry such as band saws and an automatic surfacer.

Students interested in the fields of construction, engineering, and industry would enjoy this class, Mr. Maxfield said.

"Drafting and graphic arts class teaches students how to apply what they learn in class to today's business skills," said teacher Mr. Karl Brown. Through the use of computer programs, students learn to use certain skills that they will

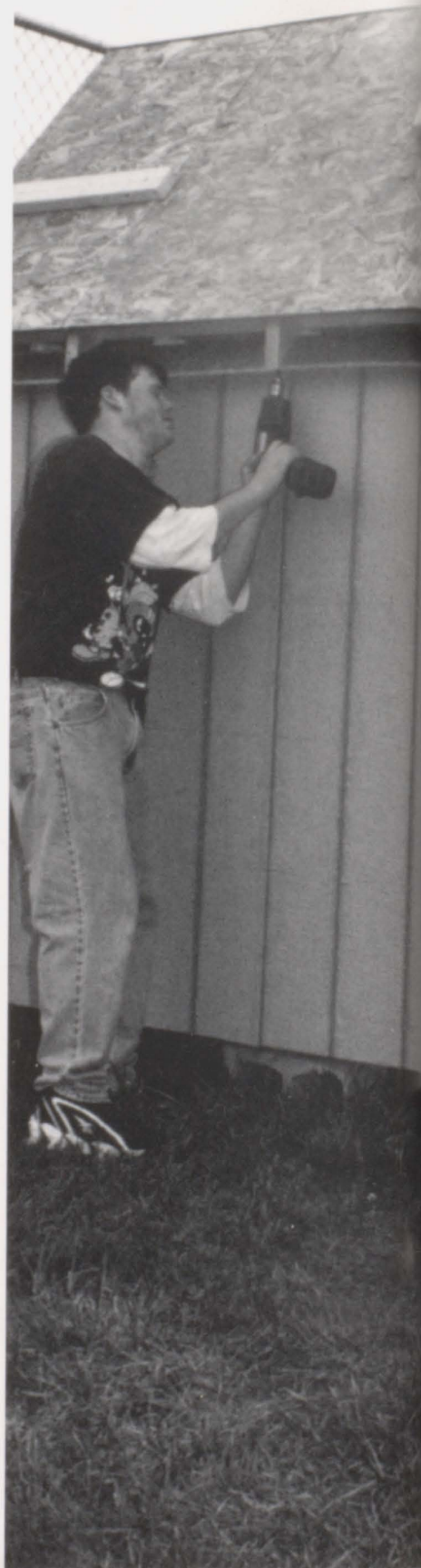
use in their work later in life.

Mr. Rich Kelly, auto shop teacher, said, "Auto classes are seventy-five percent hands on." In vocational auto class, students spend one day in the classroom and four days in the shop working on their cars.

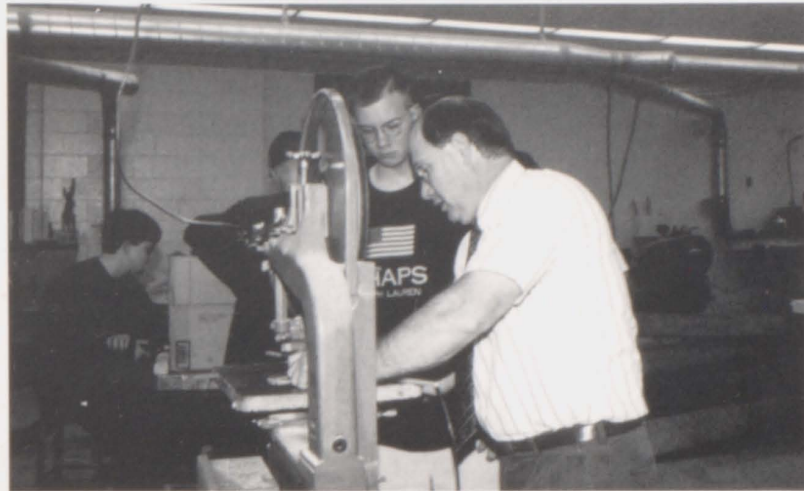
Junior Sam Wilson said, "It was a lot of fun and easy to get along with other students. There was hands on work and you can learn from your mistakes." This experience gave the students mechanical job skills that will help them to be self-educated and to continue to train themselves.



Junior Eric Pugh works carefully while changing the oil in the car. Oil changing was one of the tasks in auto repair.



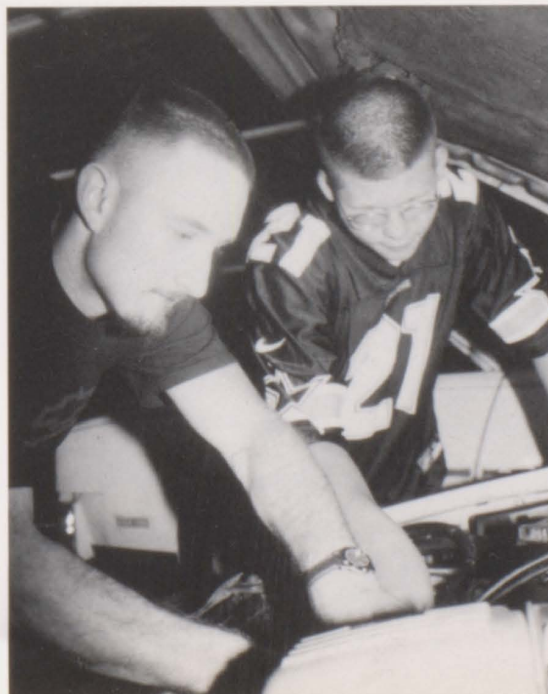
Sophomores **Nic Kenworthy** and **Jay Westenhofer** concentrate on completing their project. The construction technology class worked together to help put the finishing touches on a barn.



Junior Zack Stanczack watches as **Mr. Maxfield** demonstrates safety methods in woods class. Mr. Maxfield replaced the band saw blade.



Juniors Travis Pierce and **Mike Stapert** concentrate on putting together their lanterns. Making lanterns was one of seventh period's many projects.



Working on the engine of a car, seniors **Chris Rice** and **Jason Fitzwater** learn about the basics of auto repair. Technology classes enabled students to prepare for the future.

Sophomore Chris Lelak plays the part of Oscar Madison in the play, "The Odd Couple." He was joined by junior Kyle Huerkamp as Felix Ungar.



Junior Mary Wright looks into the future of her classmates. Wright told fortunes for her demonstrative speech.

Junior Kyle Huerkamp plays the part as Felix Ungar in the spring play "The Odd Couple." Felix's friends tried to calm him down by splashing water on him.



Public Speaking

The Key to Creativity

Nicole Hammonds

Students are encouraged to express their creativity through speech and drama classes, and through leadership camp.

During the winter, drama club members prepared for the spring play. Students in speech class learned to express themselves more clearly while overcoming their nervousness.

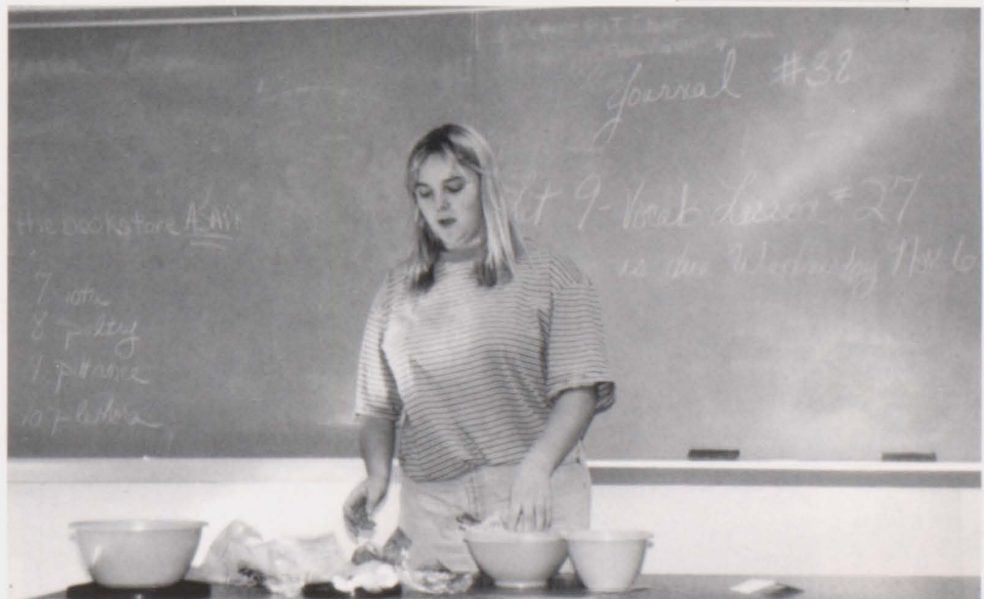
Other students got public speaking experience by attending a student leadership camp. Sophomores Trent Dewitt, Adria Lambert, Dustin McKinney, and junior Sara Harkema, made up the second team of MHS students to take part in the Student Leadership Academy.

They attended a five day summer camp of intensive work at De Pauw University.

Sponsor Ann Philips said, "I help them out with projects that they are working on and give presentations at the workshops."

"I enjoyed an activity where we took boards with goals written on the front side and fears of the goals on the back. Then, we karate-chopped the board in half," said junior Katrina Grezlik. At the workshops, students learned public speaking, team building, their weakness and strengths and how to handle themselves in public situations.

"I enjoyed the activity where we took a board with our goals written on it and karate-chopped it in half." Katrina Grezlik, Junior



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Season

Sara Harkema

Whether it came down to the last pitch, shot, event, point or run, someone was there to support the team. Students, parents, teachers, and fans were all contributors to the cheers of enthusiasm from the stands.

Students were vocal supporters, supplying the cheers of excitement that could be heard when a game or meet came down to the line. Sophomore Denise Reed said she attended games because she "wanted to support the different teams and show spirit."

Parents and teachers were also a voice from the stands. Parents came to watch their kids perform and to delight in the game. "I enjoy watching the students participate in sports. I enjoy seeing the students outside the classroom; trying their best is valuable, not winning or losing," said faculty member Rich Franklin.

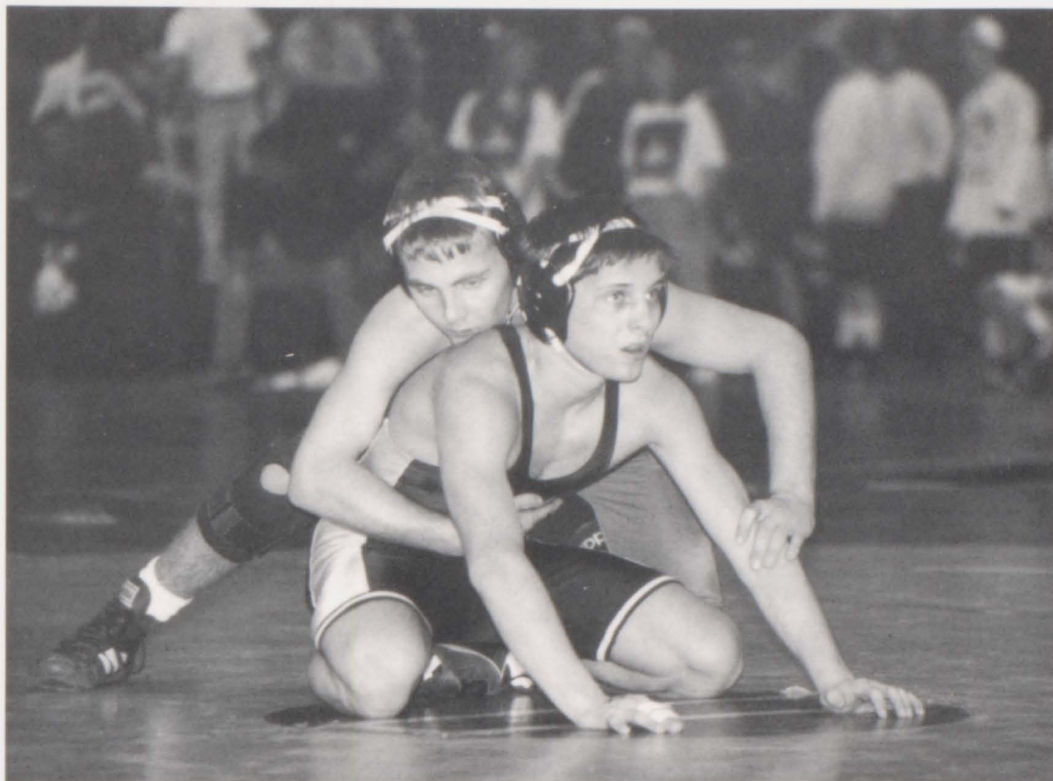
The crowds at sporting events got the teams pumped up and ready to play at their top level of ability. "When we (the team) see our friends in the stands cheering us on and getting crazy, then we play harder so the crowd will get even louder," said junior basketball player Bruce Fields.

*"I wanted to support the different teams and show spirit."
Denise Reed,
Sophomore*

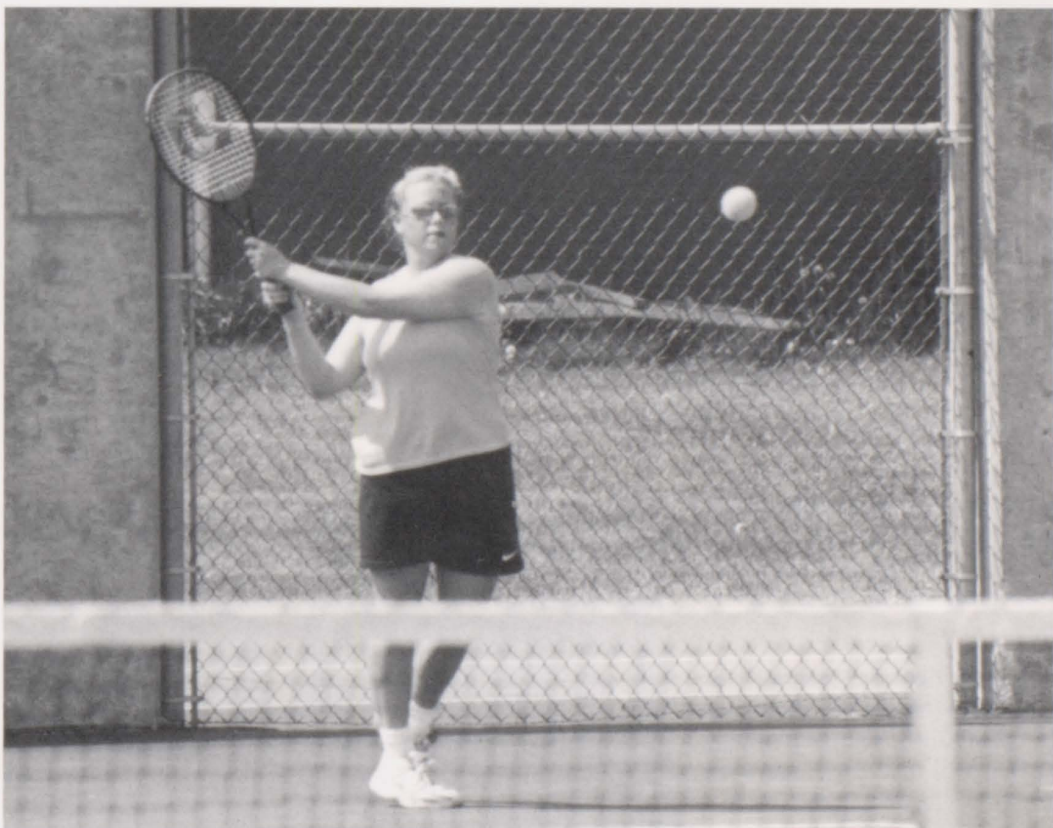
Looking on with anticipation are members of the boys baseball team. The baseball team finished their season in sectional competition against Martinsville.



Sophomore Ben McCoy is off and running. The boys cross country team was made up mostly of underclassmen.



Going for the pin is sophomore Josh Beals. Beals had a successful season making it all the way to Regionals.



Returning the serve with grace is senior Jo Shake. Shake played number one doubles throughout the season.

Cheerleading

Supporting the teams

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The 1996-97 cheerleading squad had a wide range of talent and experience. Even though they only had three seniors, many underclassmen helped out to get the students and other fans involved.

“It is a lot harder than people think to get the crowd involved.”

Rachel Caraboa,
Junior

Junior Rachel Caraboa said, “It takes a lot more than people think to get everyone excited. It is even harder when it is not a big game.”

The season started in June with practices and camp. During the summer, a group of Cheer instructors came from the Elite cheer camp and helped the girls for five days. Each day was filled with chants, dances, and building pyramids.

Many of the girls made the All-Stars Cheerleading squad and earned the chance to travel to Florida and cheer

at halftime of the Citrus Bowl. Angela Acton, Katie Underhill, Molly O’Riley, Amy Casamer, and Kellie Richmond joined many around the nation to cheer and soak up the rays. They brought back an attitude of success for the rest of the squad to build on.

One reason the varsity squad was successful was due to the captains. Coach Melanie Kassen said, “The varsity captains were hardworking and dependable. They held the group together even though we had many hard times.”

Getting the crowd into the game, freshman Lisa Hamilton leads the cheer. The freshmen were a big help, especially during homecoming festivities.

Holding on tight are junior Kellie Haybarker and Nicole Hammonds and sophomore Kim Schlangen. Building pyramids was one of the ways the girls got the attention of the crowd.





Pumping up the boys basketball team, the squad gave an exciting performance during the pep session. The pep sessions gave the cheerleaders more time to prepare for big games.



Varsity Cheerleading--front: Angela Acton, Katie Underhill, Kellie Richmond; middle: Amy Casamer, Nicole Hammonds, Alyson Summers, Amber Mertens; back: Kelly Haybarker, Kym Schlangen, Rachel Caraboa, Kristy Cohee, Molly O'Riley, Nikki Hayes. Not pictured: Jordan Graves.



Freshman Cheerleading--front: Lysha Ingle, Lisa Hamilton, Leah Myers; back: Elizabeth Lasley, Christy Ralph, Debbie Cobb.



Waving to the camera, juniors Rachel Caraboa and Amy Casamer enjoy the ride. Homecoming activities were fun but stressful since the cheerleaders were involved in so much.

Getting ready to smile for the crowd, senior Angela Acton sprays down her hair. Preparing for games was a major part of the evening for the girls.

FOOTBALL

VARSITY 5-4

MHS	Opponent
L	Lebanon
L	Greenwood
W	Whiteland
W	Beech Grove
W	Plainfield
W	Franklin
L	Avon
W	Greenfield Central

Sectional

MHS 17-20 Avon

FRESHMAN 3-4

L	Greenwood
W	Whiteland
L	Beech Grove
W	Plainfield
W	Franklin
L	Avon
L	Ben Davis

Kneeling to the ground in disappointment, are senior Matt Roth and sophomore Josh Stanton. The defensive effort from both helped lead the Pioneers to a winning season.



The team gets ready for a huddle, after making a defensive stop. The Pioneer defense proved to be an important part of the team's success.



Varsity Football Team--front: C. Wright, J. Ray, M. Roth, E. Pugh, W. Clontz, K. Knight, M. Evans, R. McGinnis; second: Riemer, D. Coddington, A. Frechette, J. Wingate, J. Merriman, L. Pitcock, M. Heitberg; third: C. Whitaker, C. Aune, T. Smith, J. Stanton, W. Proctor, M. Beam, T. Dewitt, C. Lelak; forth: B. Thaler, D. Goodwin, N. Frechette, N. Moreli, E. McGuire, J. DiMartino, C. Wilson; fifth: J. Allsup, B. Williamson, B. Kirk, B. Bennett, T. Gibson, B. Clontz, B. Shotts, N. Sullivan; back: Trainor, F. La Plante, Coach Copeland, Coach S. Hilligoss, Coach M. Mossbrucker, Coach Bless, Coach Moyers, Coach Bless, Coach Bombi, Coach Washell



Football

Growing from experience

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

"Groovin' to a victory," the Pioneer football team captured its first Homecoming victory since 1992. This win set the tone for the rest of the season.

Senior Nick Sullivan said, "The hard work in the summer paid off when it came to the season, and it showed how determined we were to be better."

Head Coach Mark Bless said, "I thought we had a somewhat successful season. The highlight of the season was winning the Homecoming game and the last game because it proved to ourselves that we could beat Avon."

The team produced many nail-biting games for the fans. However, the most talked about game of the year was the Sectional game against Avon. The Pioneers played their best game of the season, but lost a heart breaker at the very end 17-20.

"The sectional lose was very disappointing, but I'm sure the underclassmen will work hard to make sure it doesn't happen again," said sophomore Chris Lelak.

The varsity football team ended the season with a 5-4 record. The freshman team also had a successful season with a record of 3-4.

**"The hard work
in the summer
paid off when
it came to the
season..."
Nick Sullivan,
Senior**



Freshman Football Team--front: Jeremy Taylor, Jeremy Williams, Evan Mosier, Chris Copeland, Adam Bain, Josh Robling, Jeff Allen, Dusty Patterson, Matt Roach; **middle:** Mike Stupleton, Erik Jacobs, Travis Coy, Jeremey Fox, Chuck Crane, Chris Meadows, Josh Moss, Chris Murphy, Kevin Clark, Josh Tandy; **back:** Brandon State, John McGuire, Chris Smith, Matt Petro, Brad Gunter, Josh Peasley, Kenny Farmer, Nick Underhill, Corey White



Watching the game from the side lines, is sophomore Chris Lelak. Lelak helped out the Pioneers on the offensive end playing right guard.

Tennis

Reaching the top

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Exploding into their best season yet, the Pioneer tennis team found senior leadership to be a key to its success. Coach Joyce Gilly said, "As a group of upperclassmen who have been playing together for the last three years, they were able to grasp the conference and the Mid-State."

**"It was like all the years of hard work and practice finally paid off."
Mitch DePoy,
Senior**

The varsity team consisted of seven upperclassmen, six of whom were seniors. With that much experience, the Pioneers ended the season with an outstanding record of 18 wins and only four losses, not to mention a prestigious Mid-State title.

Coach Kelly Crawford said, "Our goals were to win Mid-State and get out of sectionals, and we accomplished both."

Senior Mitch DePoy had another triumph on a personal scale when he finally defeated

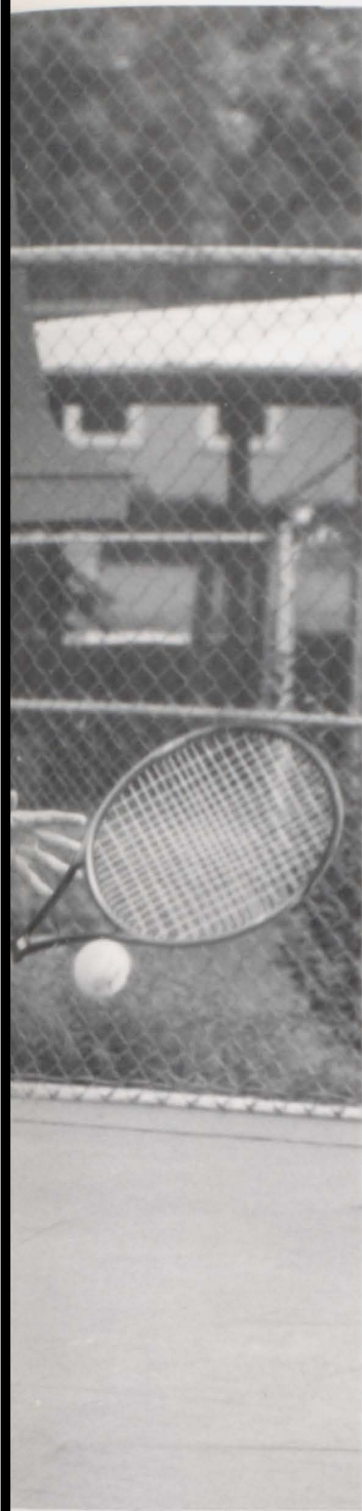
his Greenwood nemesis of seven years, Kyle Wheatley, in the final match of the Mid-State conference.

DePoy said, "I couldn't possibly describe how I was feeling when I won that match. It was almost like all the years of hard work and practice had finally paid off."

The reserve team finished their season with 8 wins and 9 losses. The freshmen had an outstanding season going undefeated.

Weeping with tears of joy, senior Mitch DePoy hugs his grandmother after winning the Mid-State tourney. DePoy was a four year Varsity player who brought hard work and determination to the team.





Hitting a backhand, senior Matt Rhodes tries to win the point. Rhodes was the team's number one player for two years.



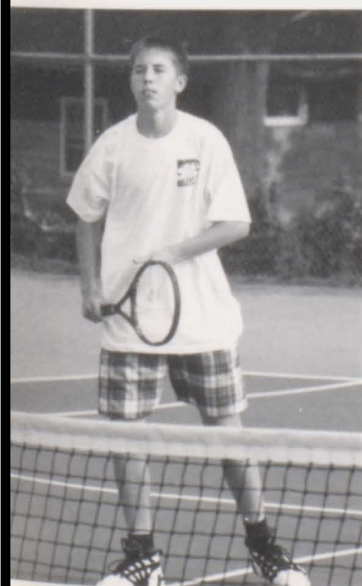
Varsity Tennis Team--*front*: Matt Rhodes, Shane Ponchot, Mitch DePoy, Nic Allen; *back*: Steve Newman, Evan Goldsberry, Aaron Kitchens



Tennis Team--*front*: Jeremy Goldsberry, Scott Reed, David Hoggat, Adam Johnson, Mitch DePoy, Nic Allen, Bobby Parker; *middle*: Matt Rhodes, Steve Newman, Shane Ponchot, Matt Morgan, Danny Bradley, Phillip Douglas, Matt Saner; *back*: Coach Joyce Gilly, Thomas Moffat, Evan Goldsberry, Aaron Kitchens, Jesse Burgess, Chris Loveless, Coach Kelly Crawford.

Receiving a Mid-State victory, both reserve and varsity teams celebrate together. Both teams worked together throughout the year in both practices and matches.

Concentrating on returning the serve, senior Steve Newman looks on. Newman was a key player in obtaining team wins and senior leadership.



Tennis

Varsity 18-4

MHS	Opponent
W	Franklin
W	Bloomington North
W	Perry Meridian
W	Greenwood
W	Ben Davis
W	Martinsville
W	Avon
W	Plainfield
W	Whiteland
W	Beech Grove
L	Indian Creek
W	Brownsburg
L	Southport
L	Brownsburg
W	Ben Davis
W	Mid-state
W	Bloomington South
W	Sectional
L	Regional

Reserve 8-6

W	Bloomington North
L	Franklin
W	Greenwood
W	Martinsville
W	Plainfield
L	Perry Meridian
L	Ben Davis
W	Beech Grove
L	Avon
L	Bloomington North
L	Brownsburg
W	Indian Creek
W	Southport
W	Whiteland

Freshmen 5-0

W	Fulton
W	South Wayne
W	Brownsburg
W	Southport
W	Ben Davis

VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY 14-12

MHS	OPPONENT
W	Indian Creek
W	Turkey Run
L	North View
W	Attica
L	Avon
W	Eminence
W	Speedway
L	Martinsville
W	Decatur Central
W	Zionsville
W	Bloomington South
L	Bloomington North
W	Whiteland
W	Tri West
L	Plainfield
W	Cascade
L	Danville
L	Brownsburg
W	Terre Haute North
L	Columbus North
W	Edgewood
L	Franklin
L	Greenwood
L	Monrovia
W	Beech Grove

Sectional

L 6-15, 5-15 Martinsville

RESERVE 14-3

W	Indian Creek
W	Avon
W	Eminence
W	Speedway
W	Martinsville
W	Bloomington South
W	Bloomington North
W	Whiteland
W	Tri West
W	Plainfield
W	Cascade
W	Danville
L	Brownsburg
W	Franklin
W	Greenwood
W	Monrovia
L	Beech Grove

FRESHMAN 9-3

W	Avon
W	Bloomington South
W	Bloomington North
W	Whiteland
W	Cascade
W	Danville
L	Brownsburg
L	Brownstown
L	Seymour
W	Martinsville
W	Greenwood
W	Beech Grove

Hitting around the block, senior Jennifer Ash executes a kill. Ash was an all-around player, especially helping the team out defensively.



Varsity Volleyball Team--*front*: Sara Harkema, Amanda Watson, Kim Hicks, Dana Ferguson; *middle row*: Coach Brinton Farrand, Crissy Collins, Jennifer Ash, Shelli Terry, Coach Marci Theobald; *back row*: Christina Shrake, Kamille Wys, Amanda Blackwell, Andria Hopkins.



Reserve Volleyball Team--*front*: Suni Venable, Amanda Blackwell; *second row*: Karissa Wys, Kendra Tidd; *third row*: Coach Shelly Terry, Dana Ferguson, Alison Dennis, Christina Shrake, Jamie Blackwell, Sara Harkema; *back row*: Amy Watson, Nikky Edwards, Adria Lambert



Freshman Volleyball Team--*front*: Emily Dowden, Kelli Kirkling, Kelli Tidd, Amy Shotts; *middle row*: Hope Perry, Missy Wilson, Kristy Sullivan, Elizabeth Burgess, Monica Coddington, Coach Marci Theobald; *back*: Lani Dennis, Emily Lockwood, Courtney Dunn.



Volleyball

Teaming up for victory

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

They were known as "Captain Comebacks" because the volleyball team's games always seemed to go into three matches. This gave the girls an opportunity to set records. Junior Crissy Collins broke the school record for the most kills with 279 kills. Senior Kamille Wys also set a school record by making 417 assists.

The volleyball team came out strong in their first game against Indian Creek. That game set the tone for the rest of the season. For the first time in eight years, the girls won the Mooresville Invitational. The team ended its season 14-12.

"This year's team decided to have a winning season...and they did. All their wins were won in the summer in the open gyms and in the weight room," said Coach Brinton Farrand.

The volleyball team did many different types of team builders to help them have a winning season. A highlight for the team was going to Greenwood High School and completing many difficult challenges using their facilities.

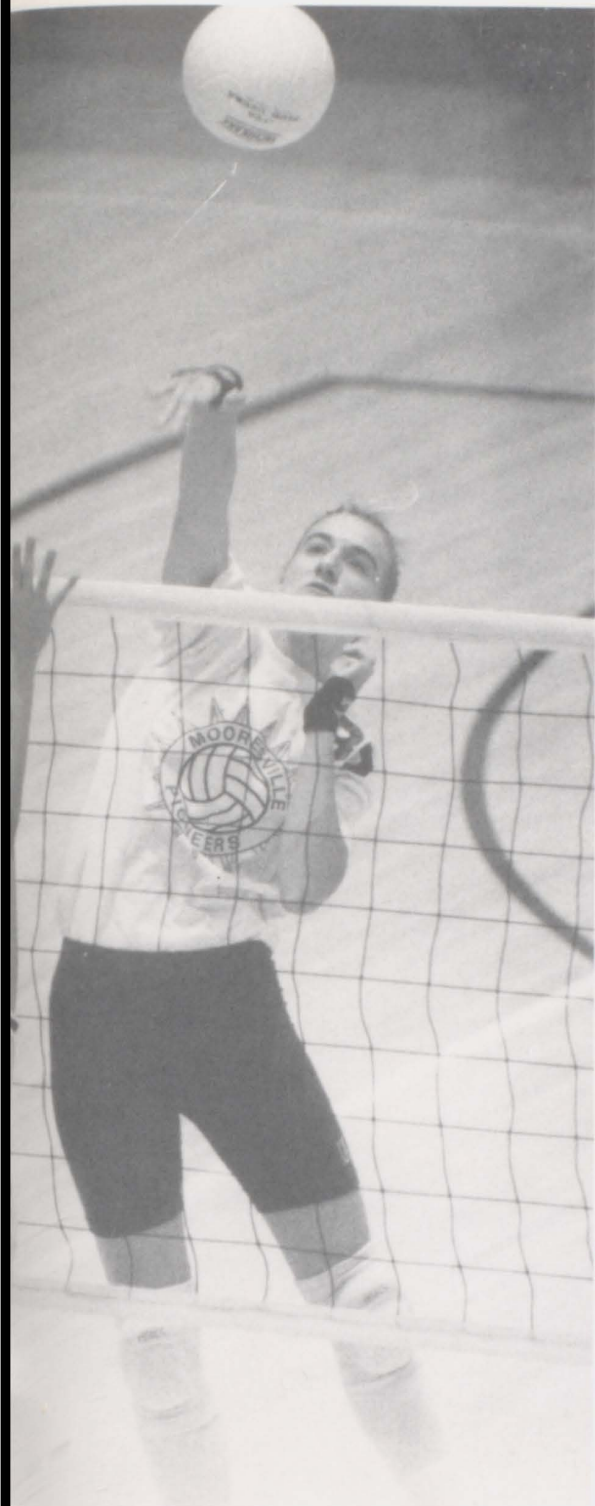
Senior Jennifer Ash said, "We had to jump from a beam and catch a bar to get our stomach butterflies to fly as one."

A tradition Coach Farrand established is the dreaded "Red Flag Day." This is a practice consisting of constant running and intense enthusiasm.

The reserve and freshman teams also had very successful seasons. Reserve was coached by Shelly Terry who added excitement and learning to the year. They ended their season 14-3. Freshman coach Marci Theobald also led her team with a great 9-3 winning season.

"This year's team decided to have a winning season... and they did."

Brinton Farrand, Coach



Jump setting the ball, senior captain Kamille Wys sets up her teammate for the kill. Wys set the school record for assists with 417.

Saluting their country, the five seniors stand together for the last time on their home court. Senior leadership played an important role in the season.

Soccer

Returning with success

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Senior leadership played a great part in the soccer team's successful season. With eight returning letter winners, the team had lots of experience to guide them.

Senior Andy Bowers said,

"I think our best game defensively was against Pike. Even though we lost, everyone put their skills together and gave 110%."

For many of the seniors, playing soccer together was just as common as waking up in the morning. Since they were nine years old, a group of the players had been competing in indoor soccer leagues and many summer clubs.

"It was a great year because of the seniors; they have played together for many years and

seeing them come together for their last season was very satisfying," said Coach Bill Byers.

Senior Nathan Byers was named to the all conference team as well as being chosen the *Times* player of the year. "Being named all conference was a great surprise, and I was honored to receive both awards," said Byers.

Others named to the all conference team were seniors Trevor Atherton, Andy Bowers, and Josh Jacobs. The team finished the season with a winning record 9-2-4. The reserve team also had a successful season with six wins.

After kicking the ball past his opponent, senior Josh Jacobs watches to see where the ball goes. Jacobs was known for his aggressiveness throughout the season.

Pursuing the ball, senior Chris Jacobs tries to get past his opponent. Jacobs was a two year member of the varsity team.



Fighting off an opponent, senior Andy Bowers helps defend the goal. Defense played an important role in the team's success.



Varsity-- front: Anthony Bridgman, Chris Jacobs, Nick Brown, Dayton Hornaday, Chris Anue, Brad Fisher, Eric McGuire, Nathan Byers, Florian Riegg, Chris Sharp. **back:** Coach Mike Smith, Rainer Warpenburg, Jim Holtzclaw, Andreas Reimer, Josh Jacobs, Steve Sheridan, Randy Stafford, Andy Bowers, Trevor Atherton, Steve Ferguson, Coach Bill Byers.



Reserve-- front: Coach Mike Smith, Anthony Bridgman, William Whitman, Mike Brown, Todd Moffatt, Matt Bowers, Ty Peasley, Josh Warpenburg, Coach Dale Benning. **back:** Coach Bill Byers, Dustin McKinney, Ben Ruoff, Troy Fields, Trevor Fisher, Mike Hunter, James Yates, Jimmy Shugars, Steve Williamson, Coach Dave Sherfic.

SOCCER

VARSITY 9-2-4

MHS	OPPONENT
W	Monrovia
T	Avon
W	Beech Grove
W	Ben Davis
T	Center Grove
L	Brownsburg
W	Decatur Central
L	Greencastle
W	Danville
W	Franklin
W	Plainfield
W	Greenwood
W	Speedway
T	Perry Meridian
L	Zionsville
L	Pike

Sectional

MHS 3-6 Center Grove

RESERVE 6-1-5

L	Avon
L	Ben Davis
L	Center Grove
L	Brownsburg
W	Decatur Central
W	Danville
W	Franklin
W	Plainfield
W	Greenwood
W	Perry Meridian
L	Zionsville
T	Pike



Concentrating hard, senior Trevor Atherton dribbles the ball down the field. Atherton played a great part in the team's success.

Finding a hole, senior Alisa Tomlinson dribbles the ball past an opponent. Tomlinson was looked up to on the team as a great leader.



Girls Soccer Team--*front:* Alisa Tomlinson, Amanda Hartley, Melissa Many, Anna Edwards, Daisy Thompson; *row two:* Kari Thompson, Lori Silcox, Denise Reed, Tricia Reed, Lora Rogers; *row three:* Marshall Crossland, Kori Ransome, Susan Farmer, Jena Alley, Kaci Ransome, Katie Ransome, Amber Wolma, Coach Ken Thompson; *row four:* Sara Crews, Amanda Stirn, Laura Barton, Vanessa Turner, Melinda Cornett, Eric Rogers.



SOCCER

Varsity 1-2-10

MHS OPPONENT

W	Southport
L	Zionsville
L	Perry Meridian
L	Avon
T	Plainfield
L	Danville
L	Franklin Central
L	Greencastle
T	Brownsburg
L	Danville
L	Franklin
L	Center Grove
L	Perry Meridian

Running after her opponent, sophomore Jena Alley tries to steal the ball. Alley was a big asset to the girls soccer team in their first year.

Acknowledging the seniors, the girls come together to create a victory. The seniors were often looked up to for their encouragement and experience.



Looking for a team win, the girls huddle up for game preparation. Pregame was a good way for the girls to fire up.



Soccer

Exploring new talents

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The girls soccer team kicked off their inaugural season with a bang. Since it was the first year as a school sport, constant improvement was a team goal.

Junior Laura Barton said, "It was really exciting being the first girls soccer team at MHS. It took a lot of effort to get it going, but it was definitely worth it."

The team gave some girls a chance to explore new sports. Senior Alisa Tomlinson said, "This was my first year to play soccer and it soon became my favorite sport."

Many of the girls found the season to be a learning experience as well as a time to create friendships. Senior Lori Silcox said, "I met a lot of new and interesting people and acquired friendships that I'll remember forever."

Besides being the first girls soccer team at Mooresville High School, the team did many new and interesting team builders. Just before the start of each game, the defense would go on the field and would intimidate their opponents by making noises.

Tomlinson and veteran soccer player Lora Rogers were named to the All Metro team. Tomlinson also received the Most Valuable Player award and senior Amanda Hartley won the Mental Attitude award.

"It was really exciting being the first girls soccer team at MHS..."

**Laura Barton,
Junior**



Congratulating each other on Senior night, Melinda Cornett receives a hug from fellow senior, Susan Farmer. The girls were very supportive of one another throughout the season.

Cross Country

Building on experience

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Dealing with obstacles such as hills and valleys is a key to cross country, and the boys and girls teams mastered it. The only obstacles in their way were injuries and inexperience. The boys and girls cross country teams were very determined. They overcame these ups and downs and turned them into accomplishments.

“It felt good to be the lead runner because I was just a freshman.”

**Clint Robinson,
Freshman**

Injuries forced the teams to summon underclassmen to step into the shoes of other experienced runners. These inexperienced harriers sprinted straight to the top and competed with the best competition.

Boys cross country Coach Karl Brown said, “We had young runners that progressed well, and I was real pleased with two freshmen, Clint Robinson and Eric Rawlins, because they ran three and two races respectively. I am very excited about next year!”

Boys Cross Country Most Valuable Player Clint Robinson said, “It felt good to be the lead runner because I was just a freshman.”

Like the boys team, the girls team also had many young runners. Top girls runner Kellie Breedlove said, “This year was a rebuilding year, and we had a lot of freshmen that helped out.”

Senior Kathy Schweigen was the award winner for Girl's Mental Attitude and Boy's Outstanding Season Award winner was Eric Rawlins.

The season was a rebuilding one, which coaches and athletes both dislike. However, the year provided experience for young runners and great prospective for years to come.

Running side by side, sophomore Amanda Overholtz and freshman Donna Hoots give it their best. Determination inspired runners to never give up.

Junior Kellie Breedlove and senior Kathy Schweigen, try to close out their opponent. Leadership roles were taken by the upperclassmen on the team.



CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS 9-3

MHS	OPPONENT
W	Martinsville
W	Plainfield
L	Avon
W	Decatur Central
W	Perry Meridian
L	Cascade
W	Greenwood
W	Whiteland
L	Speedway
W	Franklin
W	Beech Grove
W	Monrovia

Invitationals

Martinsville
11th
Cascade
4th
Golden Spike
10th
Seymour
7th
Mid-State
7th
County
3rd
Sectional
8th

BOYS 11-1

W	Martinsville
W	Avon
W	Plainfield
W	Perry Meridian
W	Decatur Central
W	Cascade
W	Greenwood
W	Whiteland
L	Speedway
W	Franklin
W	Beech Grove
W	Monrovia

Invitational

Martinsville
8th
Cascade
11th
Golden Spike
11th
Seymour
15th
Mid-State
6th
County
3rd
Sectional
10th

Giving it all he's got, sophomore Michael Barton makes it to the finish line. A lot of work in the weight room paid off in the close races.



Girls Cross Country Team--front: Amanda Perry, Amanda Overholz, Jessie Glover, Donna Hoots, Angel Earles; back: Heather Miller, Kathy Schweigen, Kelli Willis, Kellie Breedlove, Coach Dale Graves.



Boys Cross Country Team--front: Josh Beals, Joey White, Ryan Main, Eric Rawlings, Steele Lynn; back: Ben McCoy, Clint Robinson, John Chappo, Coach Karl Brown.



Standing on the starting line, the boys cross country team awaits for the gun. Excitement and anticipation was shown before each race.

BASKETBALL

VARSITY 15-9

MHS Opponent

L	Edgewood
W	Decatur Central
W	Monrovia
W	Speedway
L	Owen Valley
W	Plainfield
L	Martinsville
L	Center Grove
L	Franklin
W	Whiteland
L	Brownsburg
W	Greenwood
L	Bloomington South
W	Avon
W	Zionsville
W	Beech Grove
W	Cascade
L	Terre Haute North
W	Danville
W	Indian Creek

Sectional

MHS 103-30 Eminence

MHS 74-53 Monrovia

MHS 64-59 Martinsville

Regional

MHS 57-70 Dugger

RESERVE 14-6

L	Edgewood
W	Decatur Central
W	Monrovia
W	Speedway
W	Owen Valley
W	Plainfield
W	Martinsville
W	Center Grove
L	Franklin
W	Whiteland
L	Brownsburg
L	Greenwood
L	Bloomington South
L	Avon
W	Zionsville
W	Beech Grove
W	Cascade
W	Terre Haute North
W	Danville
W	Indian Creek

FRESHMAN 11-8

L	Franklin
W	Indian Creek
L	Decatur Central
L	South Wayne
W	Plainfield
W	Center Grove
W	Speedway
L	Zionsville
L	Brownsburg
L	Bloomington South
W	Beech Grove
W	Greenwood
L	Monrovia
W	Avon
W	Whiteland
L	Martinsville

Brownsburg Tourney

MHS 40-42 Brownsburg

MHS 53-38 Avon

MHS 47-38 Danville

Standing above the rest is junior Bruce Fields looking to pass to a teammate. With his rebounding skill, he was a major contributor to the team's success.



Varsity Basketball Team--front: Coach Derek Moyers, Steve Moses, Josh Jacobs, Brian Johnson, Chad Oberle, Chris Loveless, Trainer Fred La Plante; **back:** Coach Bob Carter, Levi Griggs, Bryant Ponchot, Jessie Burgess, Evan Goldsberry, Bruce Fields, Coach Jim Whitaker



Reserve Basketball Team--front: Trainer Fred La Plante, Thomas Moffat, Sam Miles, Kevin Clark; **back:** Coach Whitaker, Josh Stanton, Scott Baize, Jeremy Blankenship, Adam Frechette, Coach Derek Moyers



Freshman Basketball Team--front: Kyle Gorman, Eric Jacobs, Chris Rawlings, Josh Robling, Ryan Kough, Jeff Allen, Dusty Patterson, Phillip Douglas; **back:** Trainer Fred LaPlante, Bradley Dillan, Jarod Harnish, Chuck Crane, Josh Tandy, Chris Howell, Chris Meadows, Coach Derek Moyers

Soaring to new heights is senior Josh Jacobs shooting a layup. Jacobs was MVP of the team and showed senior leadership throughout the season.



Basketball

Repeating the success

Amanda Blackwell, Amanda Watson, Suni Venable

With an exciting ending season, the boys basketball team captured the last open class sectional at Martinsville. The team also won the Mid-State conference with a 7-1 record, and produced an overall record of 15-9.

"I think we surprised everyone by winning Mid-State Conference and especially winning sectionals," said junior Evan Goldsberry.

The highlight of the season was winning Sectionals against Martinsville on Martinsville's home court.

"Receiving hugs and handshakes from friends, administrators, and teachers and seeing the excitement on everyone's face is a feeling that I can't describe," said junior member Bruce Fields.

The Pioneers not only won sectionals, but repeated winning the Mid-State Championship.

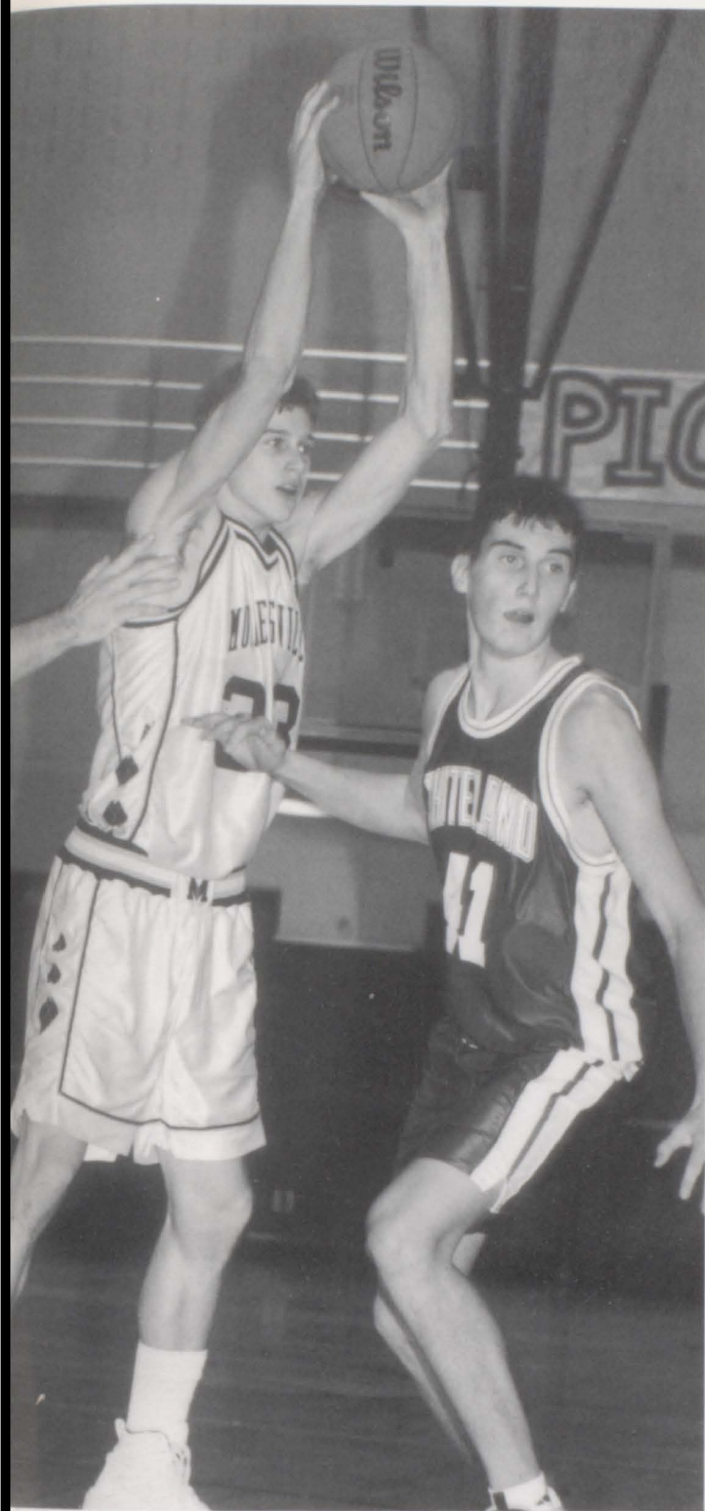
"It felt good to repeat Mid-State Conference champions, and it gives credit to the younger players," said Coach Jim Whitaker.

With only three seniors leaving, Chad Oberle, Josh Jacobs, and Levi Griggs, the team should have a lot of experience for the 1997-1998 season.

"I feel really happy for our team's success, but I'm especially happy for the seniors. I never realized how important this was to them until sectionals came, and I've learned a lot from them," said freshman Chris Loveless.

...seeing the excitement on everyone's face is a feeling that I can't describe."

**Bruce Fields,
Junior**



Enjoying the Sectional victory is the Pioneer basketball team. They defeated Martinsville in the final game 64-59.

Concentrating on gaining the lead, Coach Jim Whitaker waits for a chance to talk to the team. Coach Whitaker lead the team to a sectional victory and a Mid-State Conference championship.

Basketball

Beginning a new era

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Hustle and perseverance were key ingredients to the success of the girls basketball team. With many returning letter winners and a new coach, the team ended the season with a winning record of 13-5. Many hours were put into the summer with open gyms and work outs in the weight room.

“... endurance showed that we could keep up with some of the best teams in the state.”

**Lori Silcox,
Senior**

Senior Lori Silcox said, “I feel that the endurance we achieved through conditioning was the key to our improvement. That endurance showed that we could keep up with some of the best teams in the state.”

From the beginning of the season, the team tried to keep improving with every new challenge that faced them.

Senior Kamille Wys said, “We had many different talents and personalities that worked well together. It made for a fun and successful season.”

The reserve team ended their season with nine wins and nine losses. The freshman team had a great season ending with twelve wins and only one loss.

At the winter athletic banquet, senior Kamille Wys was named Most Valuable Player and junior Marlena Perry received the Mental Attitude Award. The *Times* named junior Crissy Collins Player of the Year and Coach Susan McKinney Wilcox Coach of the Year. Members named to the All Conference Team were Crissy Collins, and sophomore Dana Ferguson.

Scrambling for possession, senior Lori Silcox flips the ball to freshman teammate Christina Shrake. Silcox showed great senior leadership throughout the season.

Passing over her opponent, junior Crissy Collins gets the ball to an open Lady Pioneer. Collins was a powerhouse under the basket.





Dribbling past her opponent, junior Amanda Blackwell drives to the basket. Blackwell was named most improved player for the season.



Varsity-- *back:* Coach Marci Theobald, Angie Colman, Alison Dennis, Dana Ferguson, Crissy Collins, Coach Susan Wilcox. *front:* Kamille Wys, Amanda Clark, Marlena Perry, Amanda Blackwell, Lori Silcox.



Reserve-- *back:* Coach Mitchall, Jena Alley, Katie Ransome, Jamie Blackwell, Rachel Burgess, Karissa Wys, Katie Fisher. *front:* Ericka Stidham, Stacy Goss, Kendra Tidd, Sara Harkema, Nicole Bolus, Adria Lambert.



Freshman-- *back:* Amy Fields, Jessica Young, Lani Dennis, Emily Dowden, Kori Ransome, Kellie Tidd, Coach Matt Martin. *front:* Courtney Dunn, Monica Coddington, Kellie Kirkling, Hope Perry, Jessica Augsburger, Camron Crawley.

Looking for an open player, senior Kamille Wys stops in her tracks. Wys was a great asset to the team.



BASKETBALL

VARSITY 13-5

MHS OPPONENTS

W	Indian Creek
W	Brownsburg
W	Decatur Central
W	Danville
W	Speedway
L	Martinsville
L	Edgewood
W	Zionsville
W	Southport
W	Monrovia
W	Beech Grove
W	Bl. North
L	Franklin
W	Whiteland
L	Plainfield
W	Greenwood
W	Avon
L	Bl. South

Sectionals

MHS 72-45 Speedway

Reserve 9-9

W	Indian Creek
W	Brownsburg
L	Decatur Central
L	Danville
W	Speedway
L	Martinsville
L	Edgewood
W	Zionsville
L	Southport
W	Monrovia
W	Beech Grove
W	Bl. North
L	Franklin
W	Whiteland
L	Plainfield
L	Greenwood
W	Avon

Freshman 12-1

W	Southport
W	Decatur Central
W	Fulton
W	Beech Grove
W	South Wayne
L	Center Grove
W	Plainfield
W	Danville
W	Brownsburg
W	Greenwood
W	Whiteland
W	Bl. North
W	Zionsville

Wrestling

VARSITY 16-4

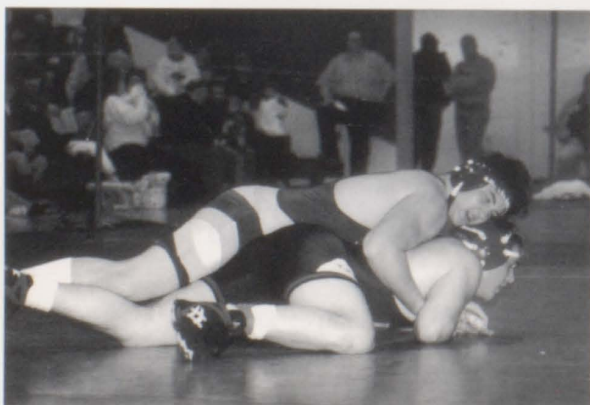
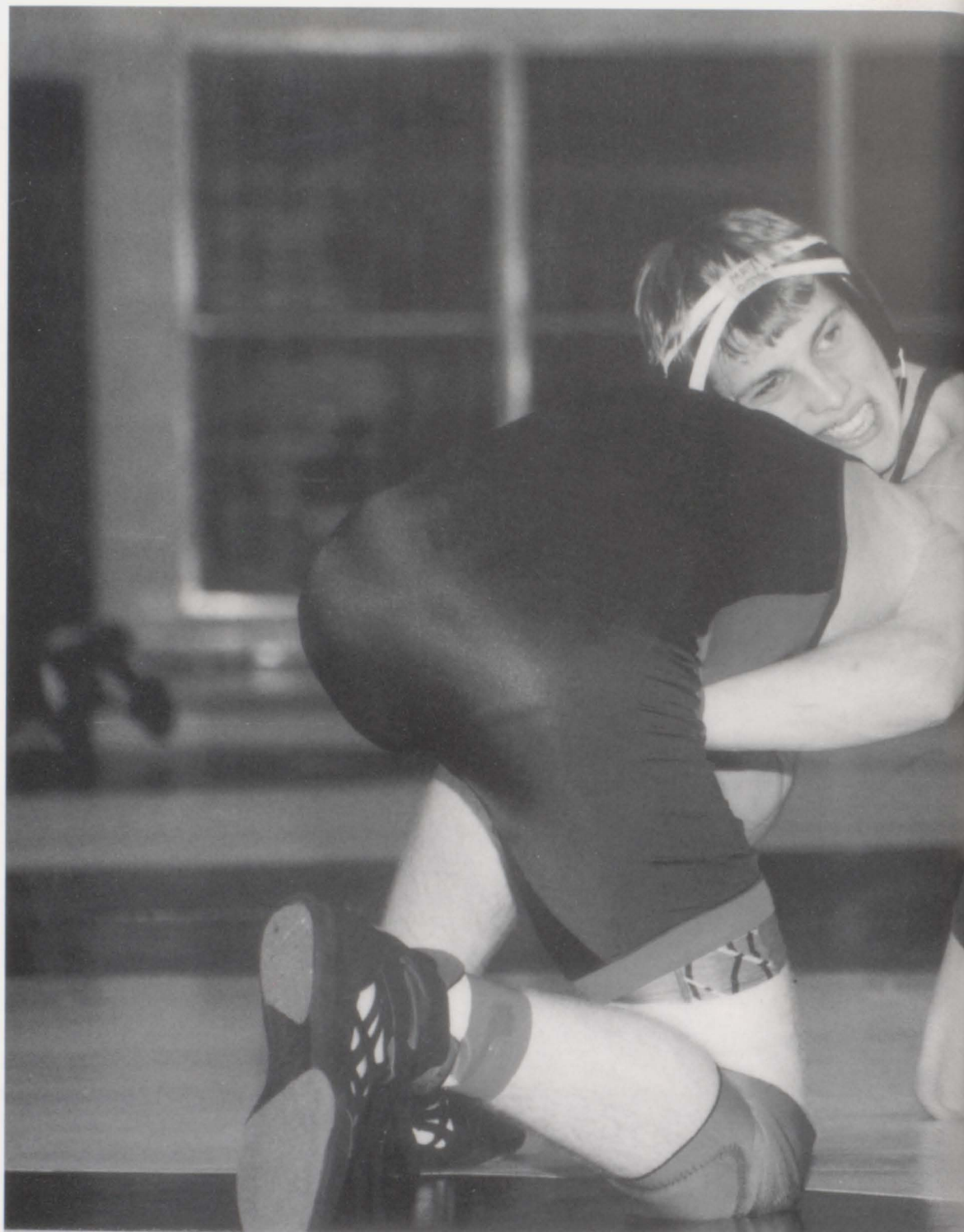
MHS	Opponent
W	Speedway
W	Tri-West
W	Brownsburg
L	Franklin
L	Plainfield
W	Tech
W	Greenwood
W	Martinsville
W	Whiteland
W	Zionsville
L	Carmel
L	Center Grove
W	Brebeuf
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W	Terre Haute North
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W	North Vermillion
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W	Greencastle
W	Monrovia

Reserve 9-3

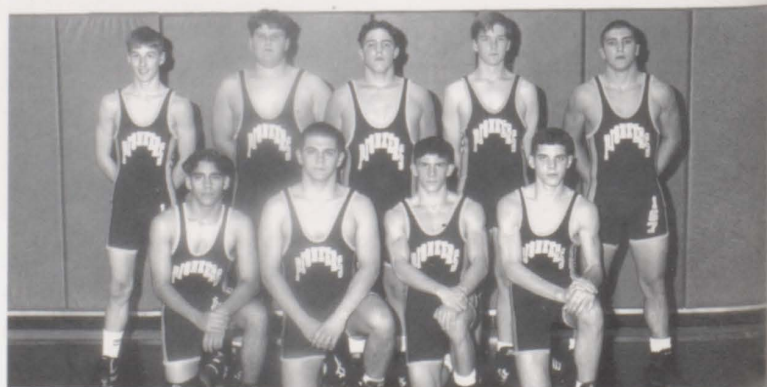
L	Warren Central
W	Greenwood
W	Jennings County
W	Seymore
L	Lawrence Central
W	Brownsburg
W	Speedway
L	Franklin
W	Martinsville
W	Whiteland
W	Plainfield
W	Monrovia

Freshman 9-3

W	Center Grove
L	Franklin
W	Fulton
W	Martinsville
L	Pike
W	Decatur Central
W	South Wayne
W	Beech Grove
L	Avon
W	Plainfield
4th	Brownsburg Invitational



Concentrating on his opponent, sophomore Merco Heitburg slams one of many victims to the mat. Heitburg advanced to the State tournament after placing third in Semi-State.



Freshman Wrestling Team--front: Josh Moss, Jeremy Fox, Kenny Knight, Jimmy Chappo; back: Mike Cohee, Cory White, Chris Murphy, Daniel Pulliam, Ty Peasley

Wrestling

Working toward goals

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The Pioneer grapplers took their intensity to a higher level by finishing their 96-97 season with a 16 and 4 record. Two wrestlers, sophomore Merco Hietburg and senior Nick Sullivan, progressed to semi-state finals. Hietburg said his goal was to advance to the state finals which he accomplished after placing third in the semi-state. Hietburg said, "Next year I plan on winning the state tournament."

The varsity team sweated out the winter in the wrestling room, trying to lose weight and get stronger. Coach Mike Mossbrucker said, "The wrestling team has always been successful because we have good kids who work hard."

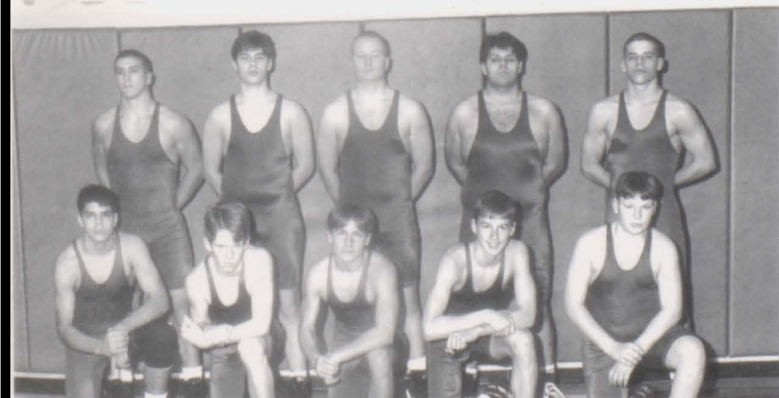
Sullivan said, "Some team members showed tremendous heart, like senior Dave Beals led by example with encouragement and leadership. He was there even after his season was over to help Merco and I get ready for the State tournament. His senior leadership was outstanding."

Coach Mossbrucker said seniors are usually looked up to for their experience and leadership and this team was no different.

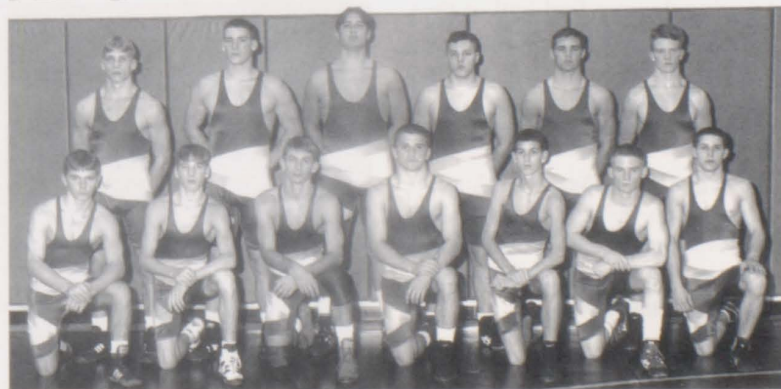
Reserve finished with a record of 9 wins and 3 losses. The freshman team had an outstanding season of 9 and 2. Also, they finished fourth in the Brownsburg Invitational.

The wrestling team has always been successful. We have good kids that work hard."
Mr. Mike Mossbrucker, Coach

Wrestling with intensity, senior Matt Roth takes his opponent to the floor. Roth was a great asset to the team.



Reserve Wrestling Team--front: Joe Ray, Chad Holtzclaw, Corey Barger, Mike Cohee, Joey Brattain; **back:** Ty Peasley, Brad Coony, Daniel Goodwin, Chris Wolson, William Seward



Varsity Wrestling Team--front: Josh Beals, Steele Lynn, Shaun Guernsey, Eric Pugh, Ryan Main, Tommy Perkins, Matt Evans; **back:** Matt Roth, Nick Sullivan, Merco Heitburg, David Beals, Chad Whitaker, James Merriman

Softball

Repeating sectional victory

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The lady Pioneer sluggers ended with a strong season, taking the Greencastle sectional for the second year in a row. After an up and down season of many winning and losing streaks the girls brought a consistent winning effort to sectional and regional competition.

“We had a lot of fun and played well together because of it.”

**Kristy Cohee,
Junior**

The girls made it to the second round of regional play, being only the second team in Mooresville High school softball history to do so.

“I was very proud of the way the girls came into regionals. They were very confident and played that way in the first game,” said Brett Coach Taber.

Senior leadership was a key player in many of the wins, despite only having four seniors.

“The seniors were a lot of fun but knew when it was time to work and get things done. Their experience helped us win a lot of games,” said junior Suni Venable.

The girls finished their season with a winning record of 13-9. Junior Kristy Cohee said, “We were hoping for a better record and a regional victory, but we had a lot of fun and we played well together because of it.”

Chasing down a foul ball at first, senior Amanda Watson makes sure it is in her glove. Watson played first base and did not allow many through balls.

Taking a breather, sophomore Karissa Wys makes a try at the ball. Wys was the only underclassman on the team and brought a different perspective to the group.





Waiting for the pitch, juniors Amanda Blackwell and Suni Venable get their timing. Base running was an important key to getting an edge.



Varsity Softball Team--front: Amanda Watson, Kamille Wys, Nikie Hunter, Kaci Ransome; middle: Nikky Edwards, Amanda Blackwell, Marlena Perry; back: Karissa Wys, Kristy Cohee, Suni Venable, Emily Miles, Erica Miles.



Reserve Softball Team--front: Rebecca Ward, Missy Many, Nicole Bolus, Christina Shrake, Denise Reed, Miranda Burkett; back: Coach Marci Theobald, Jamie Blackwell, Missy Wilson, Kellie Tidd, Emily Lockwood, Hope Perry.



Using everuthing she's got, junior Suni Venable intimidates the opponents. Venable was the team's number one pitcher and clean-up batter.



Softball

VARSITY 13-9

MHS	Opponent
W	Monrovia
W	Beech Grove
L	Center Grove
L	Ben Davis
L	Plainfield
L	Franklin
W	Lebanon
W	Greenwood
W	Speedway
W	Cloverdale
W	Greencastle
W	Avon
L	Whiteland
W	Zionsville
L	Decatur Central
L	Perry Meridian
L	Martinsville

Sectionals

W	Greencastle
W	Cloverdale
W	Monrovia

Regionals

W	West Vigo
L	Turkey Run

Celebrating their second sectional victory, the girls get in tight for a quick picture. Winning sectionals was the first goal for the lady Pioneers.

BASEBALL

VARSITY 15-13

MHS	Opponent
W	Edgewood
W	Cascade
L	Brownsburg
L	Lawrence North
L	Zionsville
W	Danville
W	Beech Grove
L	Martinsville
W	Franklin
W	Triton Central
W	Indian Creek
L	Whiteland
W	North Putnum
L	Decatur Central
W	Greencastle
L	Center Grove
W	Cloverdale
L	Brownsburg
W	Plainfield
W	Avon
W	Owen Valley
L	Speedway
L	Warren Central
L	Greenwood
W	Tri West
W	Ritter
W	Eminence
L	Martinsville

Receiving a signal from his catcher, junior Kevin Willis concentrates on the pitch. Willis led the team to many wins in the season.



Varsity Baseball Team--front: Kenny Knight, Jason McGowan, Trent De Witt, Josh Elmore, Clint Reedy, Jan-Michael Scott, Johnny Polson; middle: Eric Pugh, Shamus Scott, Derrik Carter, Josh Stanton, Kevin Willis, Chad Montgomery; back: Coach Silvers, Coach Curry, Ben Morehouse, Coach Rooker, Coach Swisher.



Reserve Baseball Team--front: Chris Copeland, Jeff Allen, Andy Swisher, Josh Brown, Isiah Scott; middle: Kevin Clark, Flori Reigg, Ty Peasley, Bradley Dillon, Chris Una, Josh Robling; back: Coach Swisher, Jeremy Taylor, Chris Meadows, Coach Rooker.



Waiting for their turn at bat, Kenny Knight, John Polson, Jan-Michael Scott, and Josh Elmore look on. A lot of the enthusiasm came from the members in the dugout.



Looking for the perfect pitch, sophomore Trent DeWitt holds his ground. DeWitt was a key player in the team's defensive success.

Baseball

Building toward the future

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The Mooresville baseball team went into the season with high hopes and expectations. What they came out with was many underclassmen stepping up and filling in the shoes of graduates.

The team consisted of only three seniors, so much of the responsibility was handed down to young players. The Pioneers finished the season with a winning record and strong sectional performance.

"There are a lot of things to be improved on for the coming year. We had many young players and all aspects of our game needs work," said Coach Greg Silvers.

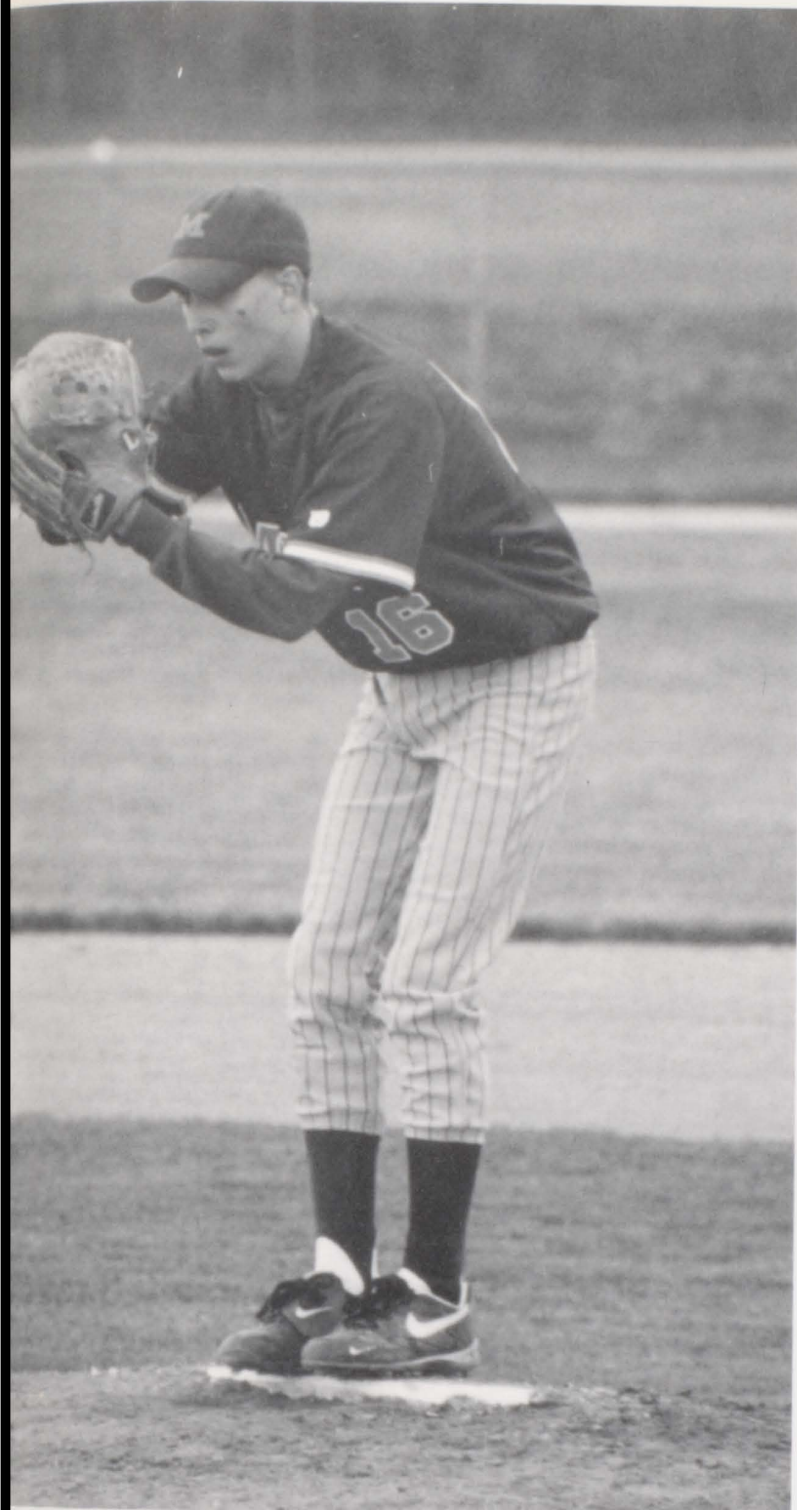
The team hoped to compete well in sectionals since it was the last year for them to play without the class system. The team came out of the first round of sectionals defeating Cloverdale but could not beat the defending sectional champions, the Martinsville Artesians.

Junior Jason McGowan said, "We got off to a great start, but we couldn't keep a consistent effort throughout the year. We never knew how we were going to play from game to game."

The team had many utility players and many powerful hitters. A lot of the players were moved around from game to game getting experience in different places. "I really enjoyed being able to play first, pitch and even a little outfield. It kept the games exciting," said junior infielder Kevin Willis.

“There are a lot of things to be improved on for the coming year.”

Greg Silver, Coach



Signaling to another teammate, senior Clint Reedy stops the incoming throw. Reedy's experience helped him lead throughout the season.

Tennis

Support brings success

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

The girls tennis team had a lot going for them during the 1996-97 season. They had five new courts, five returning letter winners to provide leadership, and a team full of supporting members.

“Everyone got along great and we had a blast.”
Stacey Travelsted, Junior

Junior Stacey Travelsted said, “Everyone got along great and we had a blast playing together.”

The team kept improving throughout the season. Match ups like Center Grove and Greenwood gave the team experience against stronger teams. Highlights of the season were beating school rivals Martinsville, Plainfield, and Whiteland.

Senior Karen Parker said, “The unique thing about this team was the support everyone

had for each other. The freshmen were especially great about cheering the other members on.”

The team placed fourth in the Mid-State conference, which was the best girls tennis had ever done. They lost Sectional Semifinals to Bedford North, but everyone played to the best of their ability.

Senior Jo Shake said, “Everyone had great attitudes and that is what made this season most enjoyable.”

At the end of the season junior Stacey Travelsted received Most Valuable Player. Senior Karen Parker was awarded Most Improved. After her time and dedication of four years, Coach Joyce Gilly retired from her position as tennis coach.

Preparing to serve, senior Karen Parker throws the ball into the air. Karen was a three year member of varsity.



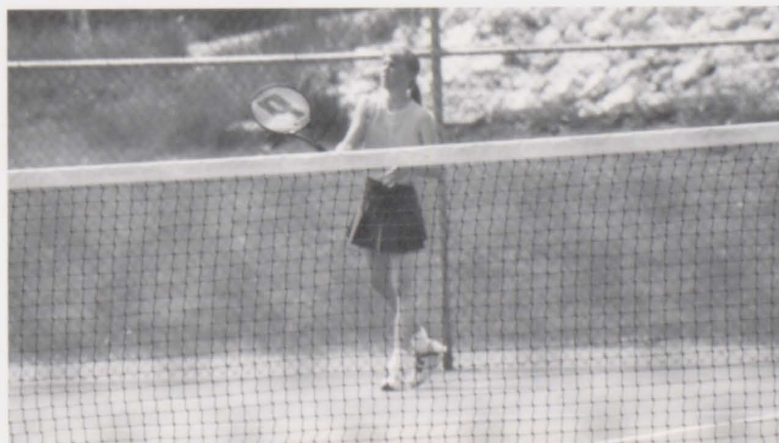
Hitting the ball, senior Erin Newsom returns the serve. Newsom showed great aggressiveness throughout the season.



Tennis --front: Stacey Travelsted, Jo Anna Shake, Michele Green, Erin Newsom, Karen Parker, Amy Hughes, Marci Allen; row two: Sarah Cummings, Nikki Helton, Jessica Ausburger, Emily Cordray, Kori Ransome, Amy Shotts; row three: Coach Joyce Gilly, Jessica Dunham, Kellie Breedlove, Trina Bonquet, Carrie Warner, Lindsay Harris, Monica Coddington back: Alicia Taylor, Jessica Young, Emily Dowden, Crissy Collins, Elizabeth Burgess, Jennifer Ross, Jocelyn Septoski.



Anticipating the play, senior Jo Shake waits for the return. Senior leadership was an important key to the team's success.



Playing number 3 singles, senior Marci Allen returns the ball. Throughout the season the team tried to keep good attitudes.

Concentrating on her next move, junior Stacey Travelsted plans ahead. Travelsted was the number 1 singles player.

TENNIS

VARSITY 5-7

MHS	Opponent
W	Whiteland
L	Franklin
L	Southport
W	Plainfield
W	Brownsburg
L	Greenwood
L	Zionsville
L	Ben Davis
L	Center Grove
W	Indian Creek
W	Beech Grove
L	Avon
W	Martinsville

Mid-State

4th

Sectional

MHS 0-5 Bedford North

GOLF

VARSITY 11-6

MHS	Opponent
W	Greenwood
W	Decatur Central
W	Plainfield
W	Cascade
L	Avon
W	Avon
W	Whiteland
L	Brownsburg
W	Cloverdale
W	Speedway
W	Monrovia
L	Martinsville
L	Zionsville
L	Franklin
L	Center Grove
W	Western Boone
W	Edgewood

Mid-State

1st

Sectionals

3rd

Traveling to their next tee are senior Shane Ponchot, junior Clint Spaulding, sophomore Tim Garner, and senior Dayton Hornaday. The golf season ran into summer because of bad weather in the spring.

Lining up his shot, senior Dayton Hornaday tries to sink his put. Concentration was an important part of the Pioneers' success.



Golf --front: Corey Barger, Nathan Baird, Tim Garner, Chris Wright, Steve Ferguson, Clint Spaulding, David McCorkle; back: Coach Whitaker, Dayton Hornaday, Matt Ehresman, Evan Goldsberry, Sam Miles, Adam Whitaker, Shane Ponchot.



Attempting to complete his put is sophomore Tim Garner. Garner was the team's MVP.



Following through with his swing is senior Shane Ponchot. Ponchot won the team's Mental Attitude Award.



Golf

Driving towards success

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Led by the leadership of senior golfers, Shane Ponchot and Dayton Hornaday, and the team's MVP, sophomore Tim Garner, the Pioneer golf team ended its season with an 11-6 record.

"It was a good season and fun at the same time. We really improved from last year and throughout the season," said junior Evan Goldsberry.

The golf team placed third in Sectionals scoring some of their lowest rounds of the season. Tim Garner placed third out of the 64-golf field with a score of 76. Shane Ponchot was close behind with an 83.

"We did really well in Sectionals playing the best we have all season. It's the first time we've ever made it to Regionals," said Ponchot.

The team not only advanced to Regionals, but also won the Mid-State Conference.

"We had an excellent season overall. It's the first time we've won the Mid-State Conference and advanced to Regionals in the same year," said Coach Jim Whitaker.

Only graduating two seniors, the Pioneer golf team should have much experience and skill returning for next year. The team's MVP was sophomore Tim Garner and the team's Mental Attitude winner was Shane Ponchot.

"Tim has played well for us all year. He's only a sophomore and is only going to get better. Shane has done a nice job all season showing the kids what to do on the course," said Coach Jim Whitaker.

“It's the first time we've won the Mid-State Conference and Regionals in the same year.”

Jim Whitaker, Coach

Relaxing beside the golf cart are members of the golf team. Thinking up strategies was a major part of the team's season.

Track

Running towards the finish

Amanda Blackwell, Amanda Watson, Suni Venable

Determination and the will to win steered the Mooresville track team to a 10-4 season. The team was led by the hard work of the upperclassmen. The team placed second in the Mid-State Conference, losing only to Franklin.

“My goal was to win 10 meets in the season and we accomplished that.”

Brinton Farrand,
Coach

The team had many activities to bring them closer together, which included going out to dinner together.

“This year’s team was a lot closer than last year’s team, which reflected on our team’s success,” said junior Rachel Burgess.

The Pioneers took a suprising second in the Secionals at Owen Valley and third in Regionals at Bedford North Lawrence.

“My goal was to win ten meets in the season and we accomplished that. We lost to Edgewood in the regular season and beat them in Sectionals. We were favored to get 5th in Sectionals and we got 2nd,” said Coach Brinton Farrand.

The Pioneers had an exciting close to the season, sending four girls to state. Juniors Rachel Burgess, Sara Harkema, Nikki Stewart, and senior Andrea Hopkins, went to state running the 4 by 100 relay. Harkema also raced individually, placing 9th in the 100-hurdles and 8th in the 300-hurdles. Stewart also participated in the long jump.

“I was really excited that I placed in state, but I wish I would have placed higher,” said junior Sara Harkema.

Throwing the discus in perfect form is senior Rachel Dobbins. Dobbins scored many points for the young field event throwers.

Clearing the high jump is senior Andrea Hopkins. Hopkins not only excelled in the high jump, but advanced to the state tournament in the 4 by 100 relay.



Focusing on the finish line, junior Sara Harkema leaps over a hurdle. Harkema placed 9th in the 100-hurdles and 8th in 300-hurdles in the state tournament.



Girls Track Team --front: Amanda Theriac, Morgan Roddy, Donna Hoots, Charlot Mc Spadden, Crystal Schmidt, Nikki Stewart, Jessie Glover; middle: Courtney Dunn, Elyna Niles-Carnes, Amanda Perry, Kathy Schweigen, Jessica Wright, Kelly Rasado, Larissa Niles-Carnes, Heidi Moser; back: Coach Holly Hiestand, Kristi Sullivan, Andrea Bartholemew, Amy Watson, Sara Harkema, Melony Grace, Jayme Ellyson, Rachel Dobbins, Susan Wagner, Rachel Burgess, Coach Brinton Farrand.



Helping her teammate out is junior Nikki Stewart. Stewart set the school record in the long jump and advanced to the state finals.



Struggling to cross the finish line is junior Rachel Burgess. Burgess, along with three of her teammates, advanced to the state tournament.

Trying to gain the lead is freshman Amanda Theriac. Theriac helped score points for the team in the 4 by 800 relay.

TRACK & FIELD VARSITY 10-4

MHS	Opponent
W	Beech Grove
L	Edgewood
W	Martinsville
W	Plainfield
W	Whiteland
W	Danville
L	Franklin
L	Brownsburg
W	Decatur
W	Speedway
W	Avon
W	Lebanon
W	Greenwood
L	Center Grove

Sectionals

2nd

Regionals

3rd

State

Sara Harkema 100-hurdles 9th
Sara Harkema 300-hurdles 8th

TRACK VARSITY 7-8

MHS	Opponent
W	Beech Grove
W	Edgewood
L	Martinsville
L	Plainfield
W	Whiteland
W	Danville
L	Franklin
L	Brownsburg
L	Decatur Central
W	Speedway
L	Avon
L	Greenwood
W	Cascade
L	Center Grove
W	Monrovia

Mid-State

5th

Sectional

7th

Sophomore Michael Hunter hands off the baton to senior Terry Smith. The relay teams had much success throughout the year.



Track--*front*: Michael Cohee, David Squires, Eric Rawlins, Ryan Main, Randy Stafford, Steve Williamson *middle*: Clint Robinson, John McGuire, Terry Smith, Sean Laughlin, Anthony Basso, Ben Mc Coy, Eric Beebe, William Seward *back*: Coach Beebe, Nick Sullivan, John Chappo, Josh Conyer, Mike Hunter, Adam Frechette, Ben Ruoff, Coach Brown, Coach Graves.



With all his might, freshman Michael Cohee completes his vault. Field events were a strong point in the success of the team.



Helping out on the track, senior Eric Beebe prepares for the hurdles. Team members often contributed by doing odd jobs.



Track

Always on the move

Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

With a bigger team than years in past, the boys track team progressed into a successful season.

Senior Anthony Basso said, "I was really impressed with the senior leadership this year. It is something we haven't had in years past and this year I think it really helped bring the team together."

The jumping events, high jump, long jump, and pole vault, proved to be the strongest points of the team. Continuous progress was made through out the season, especially by the freshmen as they learned to compete.

By the end of the season three members had made it to Regionals. Senior Randy Stafford competed in both the high jump and long jump.

Sophomore Adam Frechette also advanced in the high jump, and sophomore Michael Hunter ran the 200.

Placing fifth in the conference, the team received more points than years past, making them closer to third than sixth place.

"We had a lot of fun because everyone seemed to try their best no matter what the situation," said senior Terry Smith.

For the second year in a row, senior Randy Stafford was named Most Valuable Player. Mental Attitude was awarded to senior Terry Smith.

“

We had a lot of fun because everyone seemed to try their best."

Terry Smith,
Senior



Throwing his discus, senior Nick Sullivan tries to beat his best distance. Beating personal records was a goal for many.

Setting the high jump bar to the appropriate height, senior Randy Stafford and sophomore Adam Frechette work together to prepare for the meet. Together the duo was hard to beat.

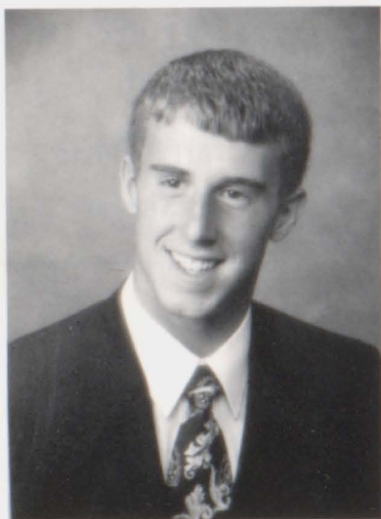
Senior Athletes

Role models for all

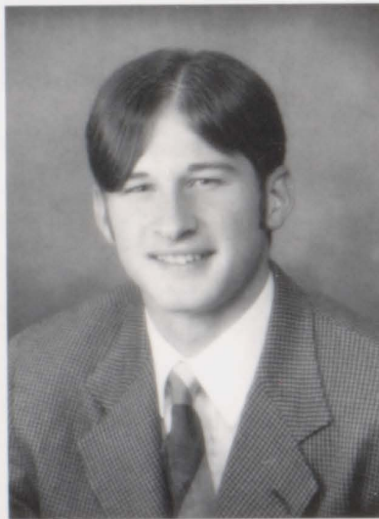
Amanda Blackwell, Suni Venable, Amanda Watson

Byers, Stafford, Sullivan, Wys named to 1996-97 Academic All-Stars

An "Academic All-Star" is defined by coaching associations as a senior who has achieved both academic and athletically. The athletes who are chosen must have maintained a high GPA and been an integral part of high school team. The following Mooresville seniors received this high honor.



Nathan Byers
Soccer



Randy Stafford
Soccer



Nick Sullivan
Football
Wrestling
(hon. mention)



Kamille Wys
Softball
(hon. mention)

Diving for the ball, Salutatorian Kamille Wys shows the talent that helped her earn the MHS Athletic Department's "Athlete Scholar" Award. The department recognizes the MHS athlete with the highest GPA. In addition to being named Athlete Scholar, Wys was also named Athlete of the Year, and was awarded the US Army National Scholar/Athlete Award.





Seniors Nick Sullivan and Kamille Wys are named "Athletes of the Year" at the spring sports banquet. Both succeeded in the classroom as well as in athletics.



On Awards Day, Mitch DePoy receives the US Army National Scholar/Athlete Award. DePoy played varsity tennis.

Olympics Come Back to United States

Eric Beebe

The Summer Olympic games returned to the United States in 1996. Anticipation built all summer for the big event, which was held in Atlanta.

The Opening Ceremonies featured the usual spectrum of colors and abundance of props. Former Olympian and champion boxer Muhammad Ali lit the torch.

The U.S. Mens Basketball team, otherwise known as the Dream Team, received mixed reviews from the American fans. While the team did manage to run away with the competition and capture the gold medal, many Americans were annoyed with the extensive television coverage and arrogant attitude of the players. They felt NBC could have spent time covering other events which were more competitive.

Americans gained many new heroes, such as gymnast Kerri Strug and sprinter Michael Johnson. These "celebrities" enjoyed fame and attention for many months after the completion of the games.



Coach Bela Karolyi carries gymnast Kerri Strug after her courageous vault. Strug became an American hero along with other Olympic champions.

Strug's story was one of the most heartwarming stories of the games. She twisted her ankle after one vault, but still managed to complete another vault, which received a good enough score to help the team win the gold.

Track star Johnson became the first man ever to win both the 200 and 400 meter races in the same Olympics. He set a new record in the 200.

Another heroic performance was given by decathlete Dan O'Brien. After failing to qualify for the 1992 Olympics, the man from the famous Nike Dave and Dan commercials came through

and captured the gold in '96.

It was the last time around for past Olympic champions, Carl Lewis and Janet Evans. Lewis beat the odds by winning his fourth career gold medal in the Long Jump. Evans was not so fortunate as she bowed out with a sixth place finish in the 800 meter freestyle.

The games were not without adversity. A tragedy occurred when a bomb exploded in Centennial Olympic Park, killing one person and injuring approximately 100 others.

Sprinter Michael Johnson runs for the gold. Johnson set a world record.



FOUR MORE YEARS

Eric Beebe

The last election of the 20th century brought excitement during the summer and fall of 1996. President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore were opposed by Republicans Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Senator Jack Kemp. During the campaign, Dole retired after 35 years in Congress to direct all of his efforts toward becoming President.

The highlights of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in the summer were speeches from Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole. Many political experts believed the speeches from the prospective first ladies were the most impressive convention speeches in a number of years. Mrs. Dole walked around the convention floor among the delegates while she talked about her husband's qualifications, while Mrs. Clinton delivered a bold speech from the podium and made attacks on the Republicans.

Clinton defeated Dole by a margin of 49 to 41 percent, becoming the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be re-elected to a second term. Third party candidate Ross Perot received only eight percent of the vote, as opposed to his 19 percent in 1992. He received most of his attention when he became enraged about not being allowed to participate in the debates. A committee determined that he did not have a large enough following to be considered a serious threat.

Locally, Lieutenant Governor Frank O'Bannon defeated Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith in the Indiana Governor's race. Many Indiana residents felt the campaign was dirty and much too costly.

Strange Cult Happenings

In one of the most bizarre occurrences in a long time, 39 people committed mass suicide in late March. The people were members of the Heaven's Gate Cult and lived in a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

The cult was led by 65 year-old Marshall Herff Applewhite. He and his 38 followers left behind a videotape containing their intentions and other statements about their views on life. They spoke of their mission to catch up with a UFO behind the Hale-Bopp comet.

Each person dressed in all black clothing and new black Nike shoes. They all carried ID papers and had packed suitcases by their sides. Every person was covered with a large purple cloth. Detectives believed they died in three shifts and that they poisoned themselves with phenobarbital.

It was the largest mass suicide in U.S. history.

NEWS BRIEFS

O.J. Simpson was found liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman by a civil jury. Simpson still maintained his innocence.

Russian President **Boris Yeltsin** was elected to another term. Yeltsin, 65 years old, started to have serious health problems as the year went on.



TWA Flight 800 tragically exploded over the Atlantic Ocean in July. The plane was carrying many high school students to France. All 230 passengers were killed.

Mother Nature was unkind during the school year. It was a bitter winter for most of the eastern part of the U.S., and dangerous winds raced through the south in the spring.

THE PACK IS BACK

Eric Beebe

The Green Bay Packers returned to the pinnacle of professional football by winning Super Bowl XXXI, defeating the New England Patriots 35-21. The franchise, which won the first two Super Bowls, had waited many years to get back to the top.

The Packers and Denver Broncos established themselves as the two best teams during the regular season. Defending champion Dallas had to deal with drug problems and run-ins with the law.

The talk of the playoffs were the Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars, who had only been in existence for two years. Both teams advanced all the way to the Conference Championship game, before losing to the Packers and Patriots.

THE ROAD ENDS HERE

Eric Beebe

The road to the 1997 Mens NCAA Basketball Championship ended in the RCA Dome. It was the third time Indianapolis hosted the Final Four.

Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Arizona made the trip to Indy. Arizona was the surprise of the group, defeating many people's favorite, Kansas, earlier in the tournament. Arizona was a number four seed. The other three were all number one seeds.

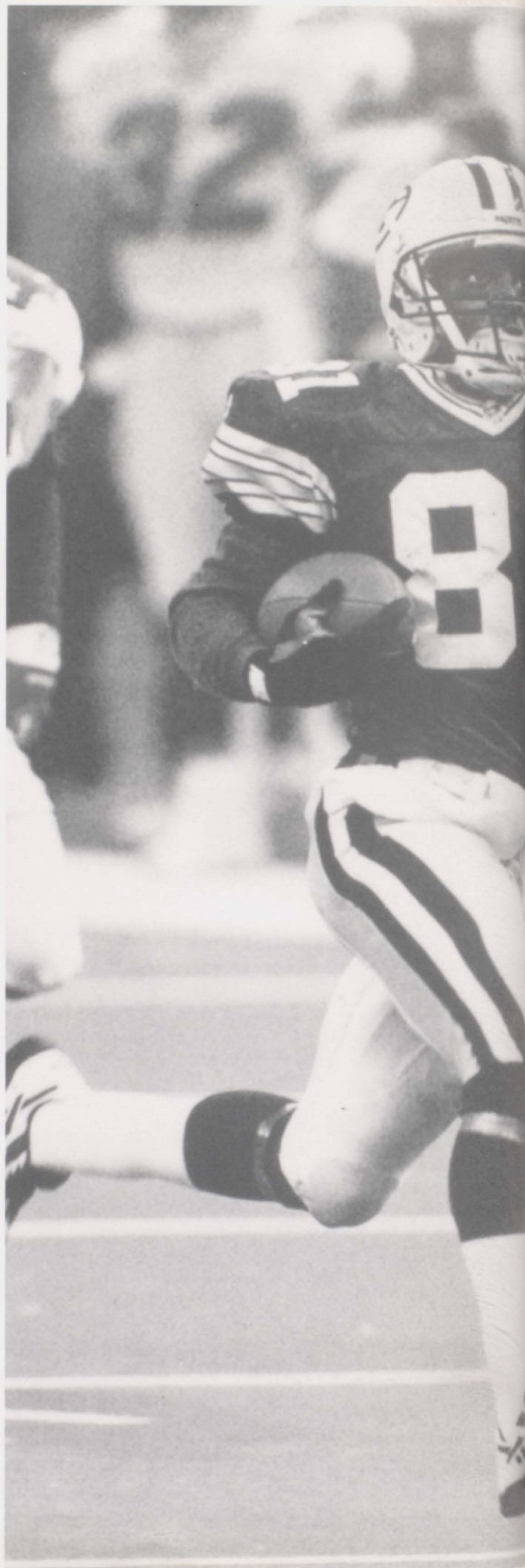
In two well-played games, Arizona defeated North Carolina and Kentucky beat Minnesota, setting up an all-Wildcat final. The game remained close the entire way as neither team led by more than eight points. Arizona prevailed 84-79 in overtime. It was the first overtime championship game since 1989. Guard Miles Simon was named the Tournament MVP.

Although four Indiana schools made it to the tournament, only one of them advanced past the first round. Butler was defeated by Cincinnati, and Valparaiso lost to Boston College. Indiana lost to Colorado.

It was a disappointing end to a disappointing season for the Hoosiers. After getting off to a great start, they faded as the season went on and finished 9-9 in the Big Ten. Shortly after the season ended, junior guard Neil Reed announced he was leaving IU. He alleged that coach Bob Knight had physically and mentally abused him. Other reports said that the players had asked Reed to leave. Indiana fans were split over whose story to believe, but there was a lot of discussion.

Only Purdue was able to win a tournament game, defeating Rhode Island. However, they lost to Kansas in the second round. It was a rebuilding season for the Boilermakers. After losing most key players to graduation, the young team got off to a slow start. The team improved as the season went on and ended up with a second place finish in the Big Ten. They also completed a season sweep of Indiana.

Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard returns a kickoff against the Patriots. Howard set a Super Bowl record with a 99 yard return.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Golfer **Tiger Woods** shot a Masters record 18 under par, winning the tournament by 12 shots. The 21 year-old took the golfing world by storm and could be seen all over the television.

An era came to an end in **Indiana High School Basketball** as 1996-97 was the last school year for the open class system. For most of March, it was the talk of the state as everyone had an opinion. Bloomington North was the last winner of the one class tourney, defeating Delta in the championship game 75-54.



The **New York Yankees** won the World Series, defeating the favorite, Atlanta Braves. The Braves won the first two games, but the Yankees rallied to take the next four. Relief pitcher John Wetteland was named series MVP, as he saved all four Yankee wins.

After being postponed for two days due to rain, the Indianapolis 500 was run on a Tuesday. Pole-sitter **Arie Luyendyk** was the winner. Overall, crowds were down for the month of May at the Track. The feud between CART and IRL appeared to upset many local race fans.

Sixteen-year-old **Martina Hingis** became the youngest ever number one player in women's tennis. After winning the Australian Open, Hingis ran through the rest of the spring winning just about every tournament in sight.

Disappointing Year for Indy Sports Teams

PACERS AND COLTS FAIL TO REPEAT SUCCESS OF PREVIOUS SEASON

Eric Beebe

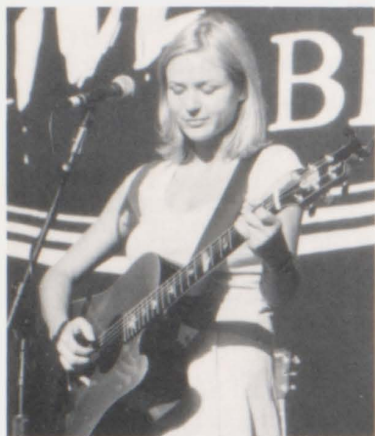
Despite the continuing popularity of local sports heroes, Jim Harbaugh, Marshall Faulk, Reggie Miller, and Rik Smits, it was a disappointing year for both the Colts and the Pacers. The Colts got off to a quick start, faded in the middle of the season, then rebounded to make it into the playoffs. The Pacers were never able to get on track and ended up missing the playoffs.

The Colts started off by winning their first several games, including a victory over Miami in front of a national television audience on Monday Night Football. Injuries led to their downfall as the team finished 9-7, which was still good enough to make the playoffs. However, they were eliminated in the first round by the Steelers. Although the Colts managed to grab a halftime lead, they were eventually blown out in the second half.

The Pacers got off to a slow start and never really got things going after that. They spent most of the season just below the .500 mark. Midway through the season, they traded back for Mark Jackson, whom they had traded away before the season started. However, it wasn't enough to give the team momentum. They were still in the playoff hunt, but lost too many key games in the final month of the season. Larry Brown left after four years as Indiana's head coach to take a job with the Philadelphia 76ers. Hoosier legend Larry Bird was named as Brown's replacement.

Local concerts

rock the school year



Newcomer Jewel answers the question "Who will save your soul." Jewel was very popular with the adolescent group.

Junior Brian Aurs said, "The concert was awesome, but I was more interested in the girls on stage trying to persuade everyone to let them backstage."

Another popular concert was put on by Alanis Morissette. She put on a great show at Deer Creek earlier in the year.



The Dave Matthews Band songs boosted the year with hits like "Crash."



Toni Braxton hit the charts with songs like "You're making me high" and "Unbreak my heart."



Top Movies

STAR WARS TRILOGY

JERRY MAGUIRE

SCREAM

THE ROCK

ROMEO & JULIET

Top TV Shows

ER

NEW YORK UNDERCOVER

SEINFELD

FRIENDS

THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN

Alanis Morissette sings at Deer Creek over the summer. Her year was full of tours and Indy was just one of her stops.

Students find different ways to keep busy during Spring Break

Brandon Thaler

Spring Break has always been a time in the school year all students anticipate. During this lazy week off, some MHS students chose to get away from home. Pioneers could be seen in varied places from Brown County to the Cayman Islands. Senior Michele Cadwell, who went to Florida, said, "I had a lot of fun being with all of my friends and meeting new people."

Some students just slouched around at home. But the students who stayed home still enjoyed themselves. Sophomore Joey Brattain said, "I had fun staying home just listening to music and playing hockey."

Other students made some money by working hard just to make a few dollars. They said it was hard to stay motivated while they knew their friends were having fun in the sun.



Seniors gather in Panama City to have a good time away from home. Spring Break has always been a time to get away.

TRENDS

BODY PIERCING

TYE-DYES

Hemp

The Junkyard

Trip Sticks

Hacky Sacks

JNCO JEANS

Tank Tops

AIRWALKS

TATTOOS

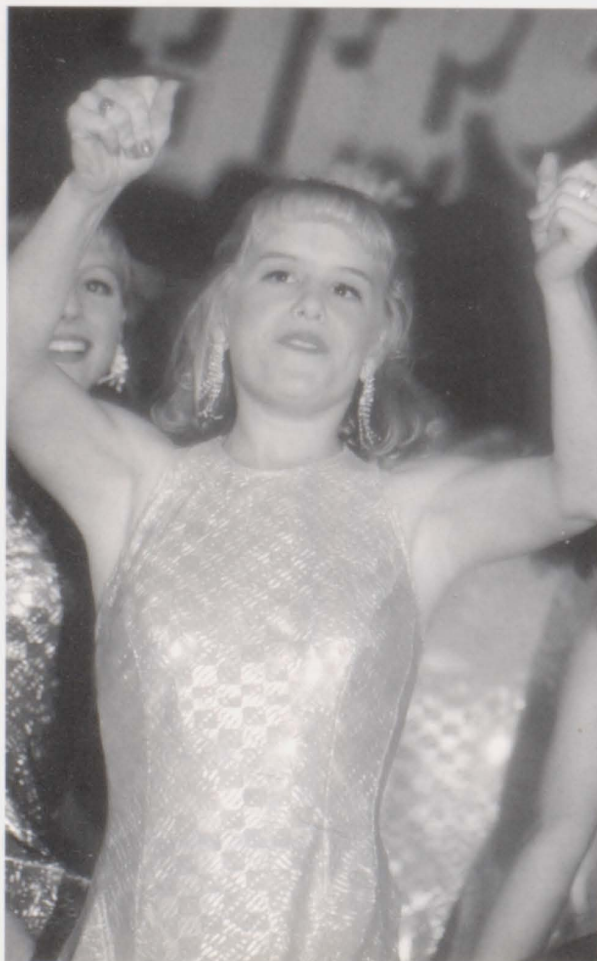
GOODWILL

With the slide of a hand, sophomore Jeremy Basso hits all the right notes. The band traveled to New York and competed in the North American Music Festival.



Painting a picture without words are senior Toni Smith and sophomore Katie Bilby. Called "Painting at the Piano," the colorguard show featured fancy footwork.

Snapping to the beat of the music is junior Kelly Haybarker. Finesse traveled to Walt Disney World placing fourth in the Showstoppers Competition.



Venue

Students
take part
in a
change
of...

Kellie Breedlove

*S*potlighters takes up a lot of my free time and energy, but it's worth it when you get the performance high."

Danny Bradley,
Junior

Singing, toy drives, dances, and many other activities are all ways Mooresville High School students get involved with organizations at MHS.

Organizations make up a big part of MHS. They also take up time. Meetings, activities, and contests are in the schedule of many MHS students.

"Spotlighters takes up a lot of my free time and energy, but it's worth it when you get the performance high," said junior Danny Bradley.

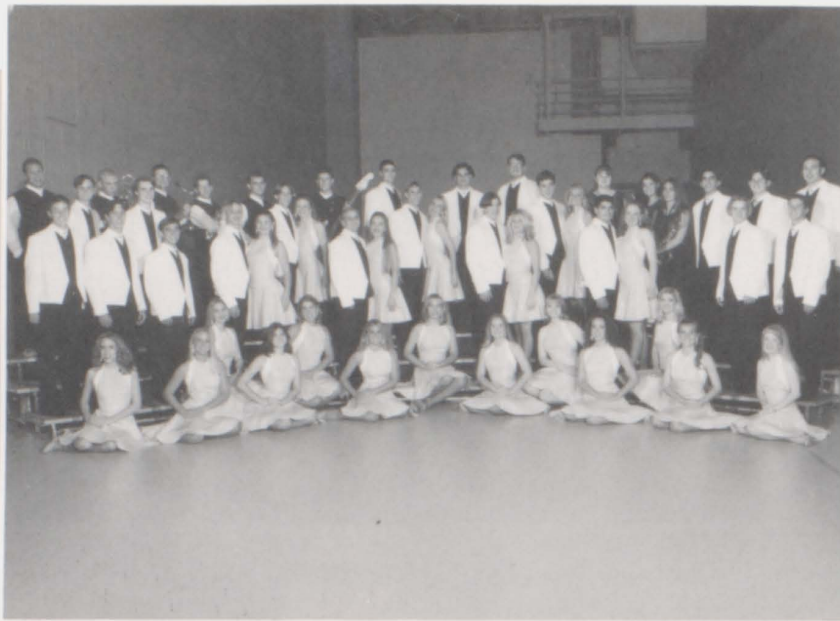
Many groups sponsor different activities throughout the school year, like canned food drives, dances, nickel drives, stuffed animal drives, and Prom Promise. FCA, Key Club, and

Student Council all rang bells for the Salvation Army. "Even though I was freezing cold, I felt good about helping others," said junior Amanda Powers.

Students said that being a part of the different groups is rewarding. This can come through awards on Awards Day and just feeling better about themselves. "I liked knowing that I was able to help and participate in a little girl's life," said senior Pairing and Caring member Heidi Henry.



Throwing candy to the crowd, seniors Marci Allen and Megan Schneider ride in the annual Homecoming Parade. In addition to the class floats, many clubs and organizations also had floats.



Spotlighters-- *front:* T. Marine, B. Bradley, K. Cohee, M. Cadwell, K. Underhill, E. Newsome, T. Dunn, J. Thrasher, M. Schneider, A. Shillings, A. Casamer, S. Beeler, M. Allen; *row 2:* S. Newman, J. Wingate, M. DePoy, D. Bradley, M. O'Riley, J. Adams, A. Summers, B. Thaler, N. Stewart, J. Ray, J. Ragan, J. Chinoweth, N. Allen; *row 3:* A. Kitchens, J. Ruoff, B. Ruoff, K. Schlangen, K. Willis, N. Edwards, C. Gillenwater, A. Wolma, C. Haas, E. Beebe, R. Stafford, S. Hoffman; *back:* C. Riddle, J. Basso, K. Bailey, C. Burns, S. Johnson, D. Napier, D. Pratt, J. Skinner, J. Smith, J. Schneider, J. Mason.



Spot Removers-- *front:* J. Grounds, J. Allen, C. Robinson, W. Whitman; *middle:* M. Bailey, J. Kohlmann, D. Johnson, K. Reyman; *back:* T. Peasley, R. Teverbaugh, J. Walls, E. Smith.



Rushing to fix the sets are the Spot Removers. The group had a lot of work moving sets and risers for every contest.



Senior Joni Thrasher works to perform the choreography. Choir members often found the show to be a workout.



Performing with *Class*

Melissa Rea

The Spotlighters had a successful year, beginning with Wagon Trails Revue. After that, the group traveled to Southmont High School to compete in the Invitational, where they received the title, Grand Champions. The Spot Removers helped out greatly by carrying risers, helping with costume changes, and making sure everything ran smoothly.

The Spotlighters also competed at Anderson Highland, Edgewood, and Fairmont High School. The group also received Grand Champion awards at Fairmont High School and Edgewood. Junior Danny Bradley said, "I hope that next year's Spotlighters can build on what we did this year."

The Spotlighters also had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida, and compete in the Showstoppers Comptition. The group did not place, but the students and chaperones still enjoyed the chance to spend time in Walt Disney World.

The year came to a close with a final performance at the annual Spring Spectacular. This gave the choirs a chance to perform some of their ISSMA contest music, individual solos, and several pieces just for fun. The students also saw Spring Spec as a final chance to say good-bye and good luck to the seniors as they graduated from high school.

Senior Jimmy Chenowith sings a solo with the rest of the Spotlighters. Many members sang solos to show their individual talent.



Catching an encouraging glance are juniors Tahlia Dunn and Kevin Willis. Many members built friendships with their dance partners.

Finesse performs like

Champions

Kathy Schweigen

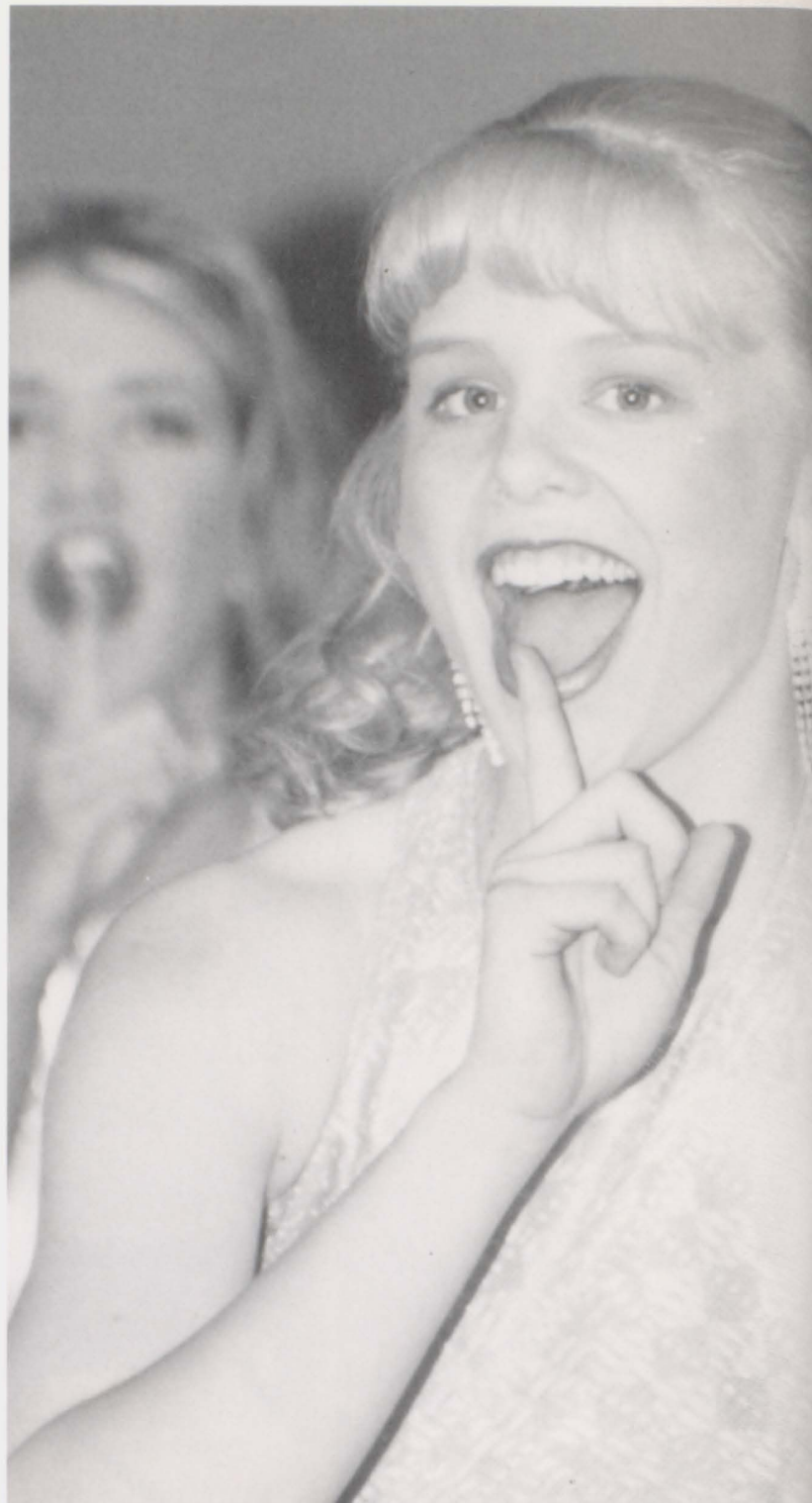
Blowing away the competition, Finesse performed energetic shows throughout the contest season. The group was named grand champion at Edgewood and Southmont. The choir also took home best vocals, best choreography, and best performer, Candy Born. The group was also second runner-up at Anderson Highland.

In between competitions, Finesse also performed locally at Neil Armstrong, Newby, Northwood, and Waverly elementary schools. Other performances included the annual Wagon Trails Revue, the Spotlights Invitational, and Spring Spectacular. "Through the year, as a first year member, I made many new friends. We had a great year full of fun times," said sophomore Laura Ladd.

The group traveled to Florida to compete in "Show Stoppers." The show took place at Epcot Center in Disney World, where Finesse placed fourth.

Back home in Indiana, Finesse participated in ISSMA. They received a group one rating in both sight reading and singing.

Part of Finesse's success was contributed to the loyal group, Lil' Bit of Finesse. They helped gather tux outfits and hats and also set up the risers and backdrops for all of Finesse's performances. Sophomore member Kori Wilkins said, "The group was a blast, but we also worked very hard."



With her top hat and tux, junior Nicole Hammonds entertains the crowd in the song "Opening Night."

140 Finesse, Lil'Bit of Finesse



Acting as a character in Dick Tracy, sophomore Kelly Haybarker shakes her finger for the song "More."

As she charms the audience, junior Renee Reedy performs one of the group's favorite dance moves.



Finesse-- *front:* J. West, K. Wys, K. Parker, S. Vail, T. Bridget, M. Pearson, R. Wewe, E. Bernfield, A. Tomlinson, C. Born, A. Collier; *row 2:* M. Greene, A. Watson, A. Mertens, S. Hirs-cert, L. Ladd, A. Edwards, L. Rogers, M. Green, A. Martin, L. Wolfe, J. Graves, L. Painter, E. Smith; *row 3:* A. Phelps, M. DiMeo, K. Wys, J. Shawhan, R. Reedy, R. Caraboa, A. Coleman, H. Rodenbeck, B. Maddox, K. Haybarker, L. Mong, N. Hammonds, K. Petrey; *back:* A. Bault, S. Crews, J. Tipmore, A. Disney, S. Venable.



Lil' Bit of Finesse--R. White, K. Wilkins, K. Moore, J. Dunham, A. Ragan.

Despite her injury, Finesse member, junior Liz Painter performs, crutches and all.



Even with hair in her face, senior Sonya Vail keeps all her attention focused on the performance. Many similar incidents often occurred, but the group always kept performing.



Shifting into second gear, senior Traci Bridget and junior Rachel Caraboa perform "Friends." This was a theme song from a popular television show.



Sound Image—*front*: J. Miller, S. Kouns, B. Kough, K. Coy, R. Dozer, A. Perry, M. Fry, J. Dildine, A. Overholtz, S. Rodgers, B. Chandler, R. White; *row 2*: K. Moore, E. Cordray, L. Martin, J. Wilkerson, A. Stephens, T. Phillips, T. Wittmore, D. Thompson, A. Perry, C. Born, N. Williams; *row 3*: J. Phillips, K. Coleman, C. Worland, R. Hoagland, K. Wilkins, T. Crusenberry, A. Huntamen, H. Henry, K. Ransome, M. Lynch; *row 4*: D. Squires, W. Whitman, D. Schultz, C. Smith, N. Kenworthy, J. Shuffield, J. Shugars, J. Walls, J. Grounds, J. White, K. Reyman; *row 5*: C. Smith, C. Green, J. Mynatt, --, D. Kirk, C. Stephens, R. Main, --, J. Williams; *back*: --, E. Smith, T. Peasley, S. West, B. Mays, C. Howell, --, D. McKinney.



Sweet Sensations—*front*: M. Romero, T. Reed, J. Marine, A. Newhart, B. Gibson, D. Perry, S. McCormick; *row 2*: L. Haltom, M. Mason, J. McGlauchlen, L. Untersinger, C. Fazel, A. Walker, L. Garrard, M. Grace; *row 3*: K. Taylor, S. Cummings, P. Walton, M. Parrish, N. Dowell, A. Walls, C. Denny, S. Phillips; *back*: E. Warren, M. Roberts, M. Hayden, N. Jackson, J. Cornett, D. Cobb, M. Epley, Mr. Ooley.



Expressions of feelings often appear, as shown on the face of choir member, junior Jimmy Sugars. Many songs were interpreted through facial expressions.

Sporting Winnie the Pooh attire, senior Kelley Coleman performs in style for Sound Image's country song. Costume changes gave the shows variety.



New Changes Create *Ambition*

Kathy Schweigen

Formally known as Varsity choirs, both the all-girls and mixed choir received new titles. The all-girls choir is now known as Sweet Sensations and the mixed choir is known as Sound Image. The new names gave each of the groups more positive attitudes and enthusiasm to enjoy choir.

Among changes of the two groups, Sound Image competed in the Southmont Invitational. They received fourth place in the competition. Also, new on staff, was Mr. Ooley, who helped the choirs learn their music. Freshman Deanna Perry of Sweet Sensations said, "I enjoyed having Mr. Ooley as a teacher."

Both choirs also participated in the annual ISSMA contest in the spring. Both Sound Image and Sweet Sensations received a group 1 rating.

Throughout the year, both choirs were given the opportunity to sing popular new hit songs, such as "I Can Love You Like That" and "If Bubba Can Dance," which were sung at Spring Spectacular. Being able to sing these types of songs made the group more fun.

With new names and more opportunities, Sound Image and Sweet Sensations both accomplished many goals. Thanks to their positive success, members for next year have even more aspirations.



Pointing out toward the audience, junior Karen Moore shows strong spirit. Intensity from strong dance moves always made shows more interesting.

Being pulled along, junior Donnie Pratt is going to get married in the song "Going To The Chapel." Sweet Sensation's performed a beach medley at Spring Spectacular.



Solos were often included in the show, as sophomore Anni Newhart clasps her hands together for the song and dance.

Singing with *Style*

Melissa Rea

Many freshmen began their first year at Mooresville High School as members of Girls Genesis or Genesis Mixed choirs.

Because so many freshmen were interested in being in choir, it was necessary to have two separate groups. Girls Genesis member Megan Koker said, "It was a lot of fun working with my friends and meeting new people."

The Genesis Mixed choir had the opportunity to travel to Southmont to compete against other mixed choirs. Freshman Christina Shrake said, "We had fun going to Southmont." This was the first time the freshmen competed in invitational competition.

Both freshmen choirs also competed at the ISSMA organizational contest. The groups performed well, as they both received first division ratings.

Director Elaine Moebius prepared students throughout the year to become members of the various upper-classmen choirs. At the end of the year, many freshmen had hopes as they tried out for the next year's choral groups. The results were handed out at the end of Spring Spec, the annual spring choral show. The show was also a chance for many freshmen to wish senior friends good luck in the future.

Smiling at the end of the show, Girls Genesis member Lisa Hamilton holds her pose. One thing freshmen choir members learned was that it was important to smile during a performance.



Looking out into the audience is freshman Adam Johnson. Smiles were common when a choir finished a great performance.



Girls Genesis--front: H. Eaton, K. Ward, H. Mumford, J. Boehme, A. Robinson, A. Weddle, C. Corriveau, S. Stagner, L. Hamilton; row 2: C. Fugate, C. Smith, K. Dougherty, K. Edwards, V. Turner, K. Iacobucci, E. Niles-Carnes, C. Turley, L. Harris; row 3: L. Ashman, H. Moser, J. Williams, T. Smith, C. Terrell, C. Smith, A. Diehl, A. Bennett, L. Parvis; back: C. Henson, M. Koker, A. Hall, S. Gayles, J. Carlisle, J. Hall, M. Lewis, A. Bartholomew, J. Blackwell.



Mixed Genesis--front: M. Miller, L. Ingle, S. Cothran, A. Theriac, J. Skiles, C. Dunn, N. Chenoweth, J. Glover; row 2: R. Atkinson, J. Ellyson, L. Niles-Carnes, J. Dunham, J. Augsburg, C. Warriner, J. White, K. Kirkling, H. Perry; row 3: M. Bailey, A. Helms, J. Allen, D. Patterson, C. Meadows, J. Beals, A. Johnson, C. Short; row 4: J. McGuire, S. Posey, C. Conner, C. Smith, J. Kohlmann, D. Johnson, J. Waddell, R. Teverbaugh; row 5: C. Shrake, J. Poynter, E. Mosier, J. Camplin, C. Robinson, Z. Baxter, K. Hackler, A. Pagan, A. Shotts; back: C. Ralph, E. Lasley, A. Shockley, L. Alfrey, C. Witt, K. Tidd, J. Phelps, A. Kennedy, M. Wilson, A. Davis.



Freshman Carrie Warriner watches carefully while singing the ballad. Ballads were sung as a change of pace.

"Grandma's Feather Bed" brings freshman Jennifer Boehme's teddy bear to stage. Spring Spec contained a variety of songs from the choirs.



Concert Band--*front*: M. Miller, J. Pierson, C. Phelps, M. Koker, C. Hardy, M. Saner, R. McCammack, S. Stirn, D. Crooke; *row 2*: R. Moore, C. Short, H. Ferguson, D. Perry, A. Wilde, S. Stagner, C. McClain; *row 3*: K. Hackler, A. Ferris, M. Linville, J. Grubbs, D. Brown, C. Smith, J. Rushing; *row 4*: L. Myers, A. Trusty, J. Lybarger, E. Mosier, R. Atkinson, S. Reed, B. Hopkins; *back*: S. Cothran, M. Bailey, C. Skinner, S. Pulsifer, B. Counce, C. Robinson, N. Land, P.J. Taft, E. Bernitt.



Symphonic Band--*front*: M. Rea, S. Travelsted, A. Taft, J. Baker, J. Newman, B. Perry, M. Lynch, J. Gee, S. Becker; *row 2*: A. Bault, S. Trader, P. Walton, A. Phelps, A. Walls, A. Tyree, M. Henning, L. Ladd, K. Schweigen, J. McGinnis, B. Travelsted; *row 3*: G. Harris, J. Wilcort, S. Beeler, C. Haas, S. Johnson, K. Bailey, C. Craig, D. Napier, K. Huerkamp, J. Shuffield, C. Martin; *row 4*: J. Mason, C. Burns, T. Ramey, J. Cothran, L. Mong, C. Sharp, D. Hornaday, M. Dowden, S. Irwin, A. White; *back*: B. Ruoff, H. Oliver, B. Morehouse, M. Williamson, J. Basso, J. Rea, M. Oschman, J. Taylor, P. Mayo, T. Snyder.



Orchestra--*front*: J. Lundy, J. Baker, R. Dobbins, J. Miller, R. Wewe, J. Ash, J. Campbell, M. Schneider; *row 2*: J. Wright, M. Saner, K. Huerkamp, D. Schulz, C. Fugate, K. Iacobucci, A. Trusty, S. Stirn, A. Ferris, C. Conner, J. Adams; *row 3*: A. Perry, R. Reedy, K. Bailey, M. Linville, B. Stanley, N. Fontaine, J. Fogleman, T. Luurtsema, E. Campbell, H. Miller; *row 4*: C. Craig, P. Mayo, H. Thomas, J. Tyree, J. Sears, S. Austin, B. Pike, M. Walden, J. Grubbs, K. Campbell, K. Hornaday; *back*: A. Turner, K. Moore, C. Bucker, J. Schneider, K. Wilkins.



Posing on senior Johnny McGinnis' shoulder is junior Christa Pace. The band and guard worked as a team to achieve a common goal during marching season.

Pouring out *Music*

Melissa Rea and Kathy Schweigen

Band members were given many opportunities to perform. The group was so large that two bands were formed. Freshmen were grouped together as the Concert Band and everyone else was put in the Symphonic Band. Both bands played different music when performing, and even went to ISSMA band contest in Martinsville separately.

Though the band split for concert season, together they marched a very unique field show. The show, titled *Lt. Kiji*, had four different movements, each portraying a different stage in the character's life. The band was able to make it to Regional contest for the second year in a row, placing ninth. Sophomore Jeremy Basso said, "Even though we didn't win, this year's show has been a lot better than in the past."

The orchestra continued their exploration of the world by traveling to Toronto, Canada. They performed in the Festival of Lakes contest and received a superior first division rating. The orchestra also visited many attractions such as Niagra Falls.

In addition to traveling, the orchestra also held their annual concerts, such as the Octoboo Concert. Members also participated in Solo and Ensemble contest sending three senior soloists and a large ensemble to the state contest.

Waiting for the parade to begin is sophomore John Rea. Homecoming was a busy time for all students.



Freshman Jesse Grubbs concentrates to keep the beat. The basses were important in the orchestra.



Taking time to pose with George Jetson are sophomore Jocelyn Schneider, junior Brandy Stanley, and sophomore Heather Miller. The orchestra spent a day at a nearby theme park while in Toronto.



As the crowd awaits the game, the band performs the pregame show for the Colts. Members took great pride in performing at the RCA Dome.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Orchestra 147

Grooving to Jazz

Melissa Rea

Hot Spots, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Lab Band were three instrumental groups that consisted of only the best of the best. All three groups worked throughout the year to play music that would keep the audience interested.

Hot Spots played backup for several choral groups. Unlike past years, when the group only played for Spotlighters and Finesse, Hot Spots also played for Genesis Mixed choir. The group traveled to various states with the choirs as well. Sophomore Danny Napier said, "It was fun to perform in different states."

The Jazz Ensemble underwent changes as the group grew enough to be divided into two bands. The Jazz Lab Band earned its name because the year was a trial run for the group, consisting of mostly underclassmen. Sophomore James Sachs said, "Jazz Lab Band was probably the most fun of all the activities I was involved in this year."

Both groups traveled to Bloomington to perform in the Bloomington Jazz Festival, and the ISSMA Jazz Band Contest. At the contest, the Jazz Lab Band received a First Division rating. The Jazz Ensemble received a Second Division rating, but they were the first group ever from Mooresville to compete in group one. The Jazz Ensemble also performed at the Teacher Appreciation Banquet and the Alumni Banquet.

Playing guitar in Hot Spots is sophomore Danny Napier. Many students took an interest in playing the guitar for fun.



Junior Brian Travelsted concentrates to keep the beat for the Jazz Lab Band. There was only room for one percussionist in each band.





Jazz Ensemble--front: S. Johnson, S. Beeler, K. Bailey, J. Rushing; middle: D. Napier, M. Oschman, M. Williamson, J. Rea, J. Basso; back: K. Hackler, M. Linville, L. Myers, C. Burns, J. Mason, J. McGinnis.



Jazz Lab Band--front: J. Schneider, P.J. Taft, E. Bernitt, B. Morehouse, J. Grubbs; middle: C. Craig, H. Ferguson, J. Rushing, D. Crooke, J. Sachs; back: B. Greathouse, P. Mayo, T. Ramey, J. Cothran, L. Mong, B. Travelsted.



Freshman Heather Ferguson and sophomore Cammie Haas play "Yakety Sax." Each section played a song at the Evening of Jazz.



Watching carefully, sophomores Jenny Mason and Chris Burns play backup for the Spotlighters. The Hot Spots was a very young group, consisting of mostly underclassmen.



Color Guard--*front*: C. Pace, C. Bowen, T. Smith, B. Kough, H. Phillips; *row 2*: T. Boncquet, K. Bilby, C. Riddle, K. Taylor, S. Travelsted; *back*: E. Bernitt, J. Septoski, A. Worman, S. McCormick, D. Armitage.



Pep Band-- *front*: M. Henning, J. Mc Ginnis, J. Geisking, D. Napier, S. Johnson; *row 2*: A. Taft, J. Baker, M. Rea, N. Land, B. Morehouse, H. Oliver, M. Oschman, E. Bernitt, P. Taft, J. Rea; *row 3*: C. Hardy, J. Pierson, M. Koker, B. Perry, J. Lybarger, C. Sharp, C. Burns, T. Ramey, S. Reed; *row 4*: D. Brown, K. Huerkamp, M. Saner, L. Myers, J. Mason, A. White, A. Trusty, L. Mong, R. Atkinson; *row 5*: A. Tyree, A. Walls, K. Hackler, A. Ferris, H. Ferguson, S. Beeler, C. Haas, J. Rushing, E. Huntley; *row 6*: M. Lynch, A. Wilde, D. Perry, K. Bailey, C. Craig, J. Grubbs; *back*: S. Trader, K. Schweigen, L. Ladd, A. Stirn, C. McClain, R. McCammack, J. Reed, S. Becker.



The band and guard perform the pre-game show in the RCA Dome. The guard was posing alongside the "road" or dancing about with each other.

Junior Stacey Travelsted becomes an extension of the paint brush. The color guard show changed with the seasons, using the painting theme in the winter.



Music and dance

Auxiliaries

Kathy Schweigen

Both the Color Guard and the Pep Band were two groups that gave a special touch to the events they performed for, some of which included half time entertainment.

Though the Color Guard was smaller than previous years, the girls still put forth their best effort throughout the fall and winter seasons. Senior Toni Smith said, "Attitudes were great, so it was the best year to be the only senior!"

During marching season in the fall, guard members portrayed different roles in the story of *Lt. Kiji*. The winter season had the guard dressed as painters. The show portrayed them with brushes and big splashes of different colors of paint.

The Pep Band was also a very important part of many basketball games. The Pep Band played for both boys and girls varsity games. The band seemed to liven up the crowds, as they filled the gym with attention-getting music.

Sophomore John Rea said, "I like Pep Band because I like seeing the basketball games and playing the music." Popular songs the band played included the "Hey Song," "Green Acres," and the "Brady Bunch."



With a sash draped across her arms, freshman Emily Bernitt portrays herself painting the canvas. The guard used many different colors to paint their show.

Posing for the end of the show, freshmen Trina Bonquet, Emily Bernitt, and junior Holly Phillips act as if they just finished painting.



Many band members volunteered for Pep Band so they could fire-up the crowd and cheer on the basketball teams. Senior Todd Ramey and freshman Scott Reed watch their music carefully while they play their trumpets.

Working to *Entertain*

Melissa Rea

Several staffs worked throughout the year to update, inform, and entertain the student body. Yearbook, newspaper, and broadcast staffs gave students a chance to experience journalism from a different angle.

AM MHS broadcasted daily to keep students up on the news. The broadcast staff also produced features on different student organizations. Creative skits and computer animated cartoons were sometimes added for a change of pace and a quick laugh.

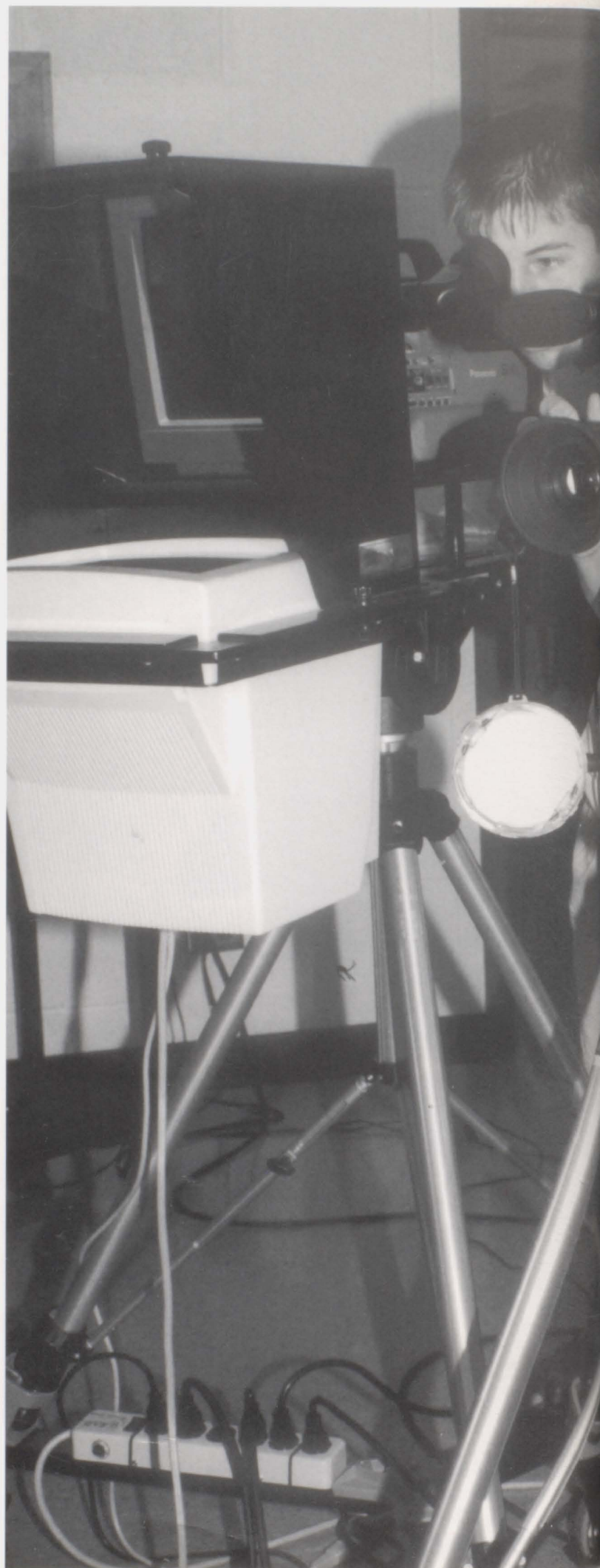
The newspaper staff distributed the paper every other week to report on sports, club events, and basic news at Mooresville High School. *Pulse* also contained features and movie and restaurant reviews. Senior co-editor Katherine Paschal said, "I ended up putting in a lot of time and effort, and it was a challenge, but definitely worth it."

For the yearbook staff, 1997 was a year of transition, as the group changed advisors. Ms. Sarah Kilfoil took charge of Wagon Trails Revue for her first year, with a little help from Mrs. Diana Hadley, the advisor in past years. She also worked hard to keep the staff on task throughout the year. "Being the yearbook advisor was a wonderful challenge. The students and I felt a responsibility to capture the memories of the year," said Ms. Kilfoil.

Filming the morning broadcast are senior Steve Newman and junior Trevor Fisher. AM MHS was almost completely student run.



With a little help from an expert, junior Suni Venable takes pictures at a football game.





AM MHS--front: K. Wys, A. Summers, T. Dunn, N. Stewart, K. Richmond, B. Kough; row 2: N. Allen, E. Newsom, A. Casamer, R. Caraboa, A. Swallow, N. Brown; row 3: Mrs. Hadley, S. Johnson, B. Lugenbeal, M. Rhodes, A. Kitchens, T. Fisher, G. Marine.



Pulse--front: K. Paschal, A. Wolma, N. Edwards, A. Dennis, E. Rosenbaum, A. Basso; middle: J. Septoski, J. Reed, A. Powers, K. Parker, A. Shillings, C. Reedy, J. McGowen; back: A. Clark, L. Silcox, S. Farmer, J. Ragan, S. Newman, K. Willis, Mrs. Hadley.



Wagon trails--front: M. Schneider, S. Venable; row 2: E. Beebe, D. Moser, A. Watson, J. Ash, S. Harkema; row 3: A. Tomlinson, K. Breedlove, A. Blackwell, K. Grezlik; back: H. Henry, M. Rea, B. Thaler, N. Hammonds, K. Schweigen, R. Willoughby.



Academic Superbowl--front: J. Tipmore, J. Schneider, H. Thomas, T. Luurtsema, H. Miller, Mr. Ramey; back: S. Posey, B. McMasters, C. Stephens, A. Coleman, E. Campbell, C. Gibson.



Debate--front: Mr. Ramey, R. Walenga, H. Thomas, H. Miller, K. Oberting; back: S. Posey, C. Gibson, B. McMasters, C. Stephens.



Spellbowl--front: J. Tipmore, J. Schneider, L. Barton, T. Luurtsema, H. Miller, Mr. Ramey; back: S. Posey, B. McMasters, C. Stephens, A. Coleman, E. Campbell.



Knowledge for *Competition*

Melissa Rea

Three groups focused on academic excellence in competition. The Academic Superbowl, Debate, and Spellbowl Teams worked throughout the year to show off their brain power.

The Academic Superbowl Teams underwent change, with new coaches for every team. Sophomore Jocelyn Schneider said, "We did really well even though it was only our first year." Another change was that Mooresville hosted an academic meet in April for the first time in several years. Students competed in the categories of Math, Science, Social Studies, and Fine Arts.

The year marked the first year for the Debate Team. Coach Dick Ramey led the group in a great season, with several students winning as champion of the Kokomo, Mooresville, and North Central competitions. Mooresville hosted a meet in November, when 514 students came from 26 different high schools to compete.

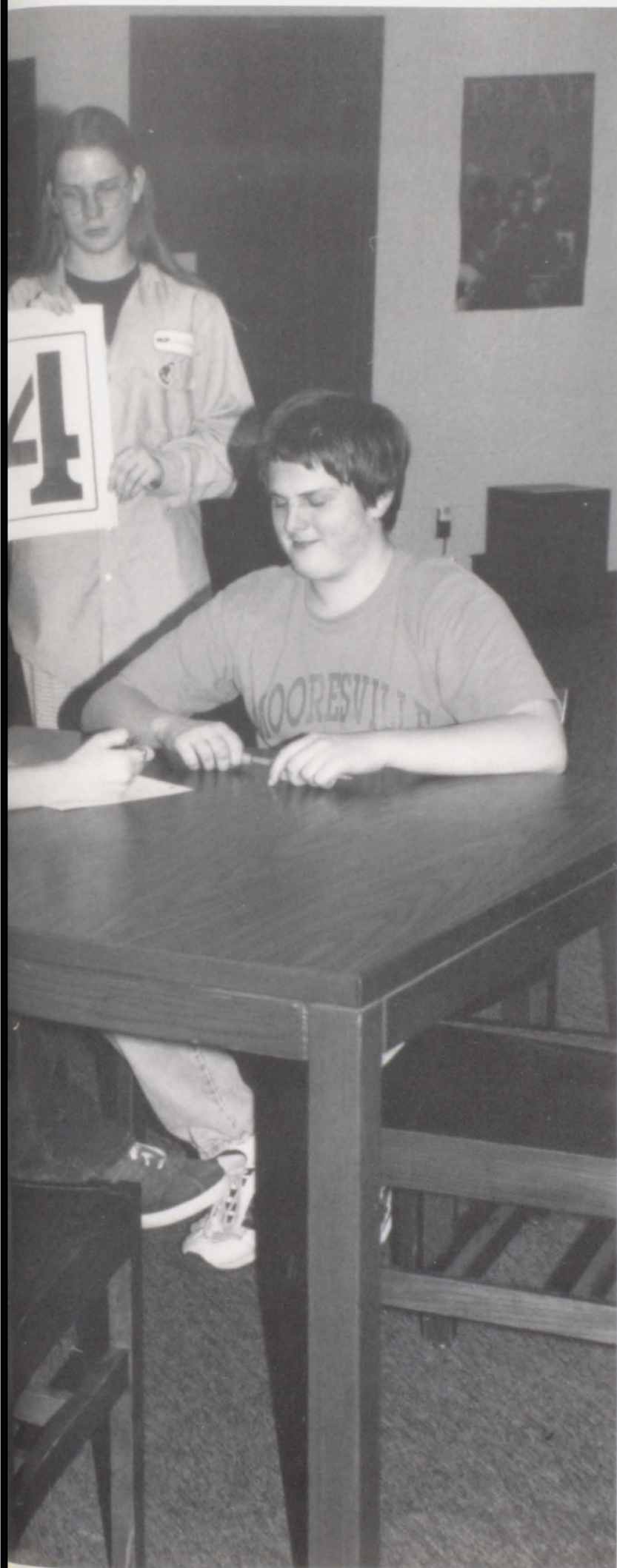
The spellbowl had a successful first season, placing third at the conference meet. Freshman Erica Campbell said, "Spellbowl was fun. I got to meet some really nice people and enrich my vocabulary."

Freshmen Tiffanie Luurtsema and Erica Campbell show the score, while junior Christy Birtcil and sophomore Richard Walenga think of the correct answer to the question. The Academic Teams had only a certain amount of time before the answer was announced and the next question was asked.



"Which answer is correct?" ask sophomore Jocelyn Schneider, and freshmen Tiffanie Luurtsema and Erica Campbell. Students thought to figure out the best answer to the questions.

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Bringing out the *Best*

Melissa Rea

FCA, NHS, and Student Council gave students a chance to participate in school and community service activities.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes worked throughout the year to provide activities for the student body to take part in. The annual whiffleball tournament was an example of such events. The group also held monthly meetings to discuss problems teenagers have today, and the Christian solutions to them.

National Honor Society began the year with 20 members. The group worked during the year to serve the community as individuals, and also on a combined group project. NHS members worked to gain pledges for a Trivia Challenge of 300 questions. The money earned benefited St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At the end of the year, 22 new members were inducted.

Student Council consisted of an elected student government to voice the opinion of the student body. Freshman Clint Robinson said, "It has been a good experience for me and I'll never forget it." The group was in charge of Homecoming activities, as well as sponsoring several dances during the year. Student Council also bought several new benches for students to sit on during lunches and before school.

Senior Tracy Marine hands junior Matt Ehresman a rose during the National Honor Society induction. All of the inductees received roses for the occasion.



Taping signs on a golf cart for the Homecoming parade are seniors Marci Allen and Megan Schneider.



Retreats are fun as shown by freshmen Jeff Allen and Jamie Blackwell.



FCA--front: M. Green, A. Watson, A. Edwards, E. Lockwood, K. Kirkling, P. Douglas, M. Coddington, C. Dunn, K. Wys, A. Lambert; **row 2:** K. Tidd, K. Wys, A. Casamer, J. Allen, C. Copeland, A. Shotts, C. Aune, L. Lykins, J. Stanton, Mr. Hilligoss; **row 3:** T. DeWitt, J. Blackwell, D. Coddington, K. Clark, A. Watson, K. Parker, J. Ash, C. Shrake, F. Riegg, M. Duncan; **back:** A. Riemer, J. Wingate, L. Dennis, T. Smith, J. Tandy, C. Kennedy, B. Fields, B. Ponchot, A. Bowers.



NHS--front: M. Allen, A. Tomlinson, M. DePoy, S. Becker, M. Rea, K. Schweigen, S. Beeler; **middle:** S. Johnson, L. Thomas, M. Schneider, T. Marine, S. Brown, K. Paschal, A. Watson; **back:** Ms. Henry, D. Moser, K. Parker, J. Ash, E. Beebe, J. Ruoff, J. Baker.



Student Council--front: M. Allen, K. Schlangen, K. Wys, J. Dunham, K. Kirkling, B. Parker, M. Cadwell, A. Shillings, J. Shawhan; **row 2:** K. Knight, H. Perry, N. Helton, J. Barnhill, M. Schneider, J. Adams, S. Venable, A. Watson, J. Alley, Mr. Johnson; **row 3:** S. Guernsey, K. Cohee, S. Scott, K. Ransome, J. Blackwell, T. DeWitt, J. Ray, M. Roth, K. Clark; **back:** J. Merriman, J. Blackburn, J. Wingate, K. Willis, B. Thaler, C. Shrake, C. Lelak, T. Smith, C. Robinson.



Art Club-- *front:* C. Hardy, K. Beam, K. Hornaday, E. Warren, S. Hartley, M. Roddy, J. Sears; *middle:* A. Worman, J. King, M. Fox, K. Coleman, C. Birtcil, J. VanBlaricum, L. Ashman, Mr. D. Amrhein; *back:* E. Bernitt, C. Ison, J. McGinnis, C. Marlor, J. Swartout, S. Curry, A. Johnson.



Drama Club—*front:* A. Brown, H. Thomas, A. Crawley, T. Sharp, C. Stephens, S. Miles, C. Smith, K. Oberting, Mrs. M. Kassen; *middle:* B. Utterback, L. Nungester, A. Taft, J. Mynatt, B. Morehouse, K. Moore, A. Turner, B. Kough; *back:* C. Fazel, C. Lelak, S. Phillips, K. VanderMay, M. Wright, K. Griseto, W. Whitman, A. Baxter.



Speech Team—*front:* H. Thomas, J. McDaniel, L. Barton, H. Miller, M. Romero, R. Walenga; *back:* M. Wright, E. Campbell, C. Lelak, C. Stephens, M. Henning, C. Smith.



Learning through *Expression*

Kathy Schweigen

Students who wanted to express their creative side joined the art club, drama club, or speech team. In doing so, the students were able to participate in activities that reflected their personal images. Such activities included contests, plays, and speech meets.

Students with artistic abilities joined the art club. A few of the events they took part in included riding in the homecoming parade, sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest, and selling all types of art at their Christmas shop.

Junior Morgan Roddy said, "Working with people in the art club was fun, especially around the holidays." Some also competed in the Tri-Kappa art show.

The members of the drama club did various odd jobs. They dressed in a costume for the homecoming parade and tossed candy to the children. Members also helped prepare for the spring play and some even joined the cast. The group also fundraises to help pay for activities, but it was not needed this year.

Senior Chris Stephens said, "As president of the club I found it hard to get members motivated and also spare time to do activities I had planned for the group."

The speech team was classified as being "young," but the members still performed well. They chose one category from a list of twelve and prepared a speech or poem. They worked with the same piece all year, competing in the meets they chose.



Dressed in a mystical costume, junior Mary Wright waits to march in the Homecoming parade. Drama club members often dressed in a costume to portray their character.

Competing in the pumpkin carving contest, juniors Abby Swallow and Amber Wolma cut the face out. The event was sponsored by the art club.

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Foreign clubs give *Variety*

Kathy Schweigen

Members of the French, German, and Spanish Clubs were able to participate in a variety of activities together and individually. Events the language clubs enjoyed together were sign-making for Homecoming, caroling at Kendrick's Hospital during Christmas, and a trip to King's Island.

The French Club sampled many French entrees during their video parties. The videos they viewed included French subtitles, such as *Mrs. Doubtfire*. Freshman Matt Saner said, "The club activities were great experiences I will never forget."

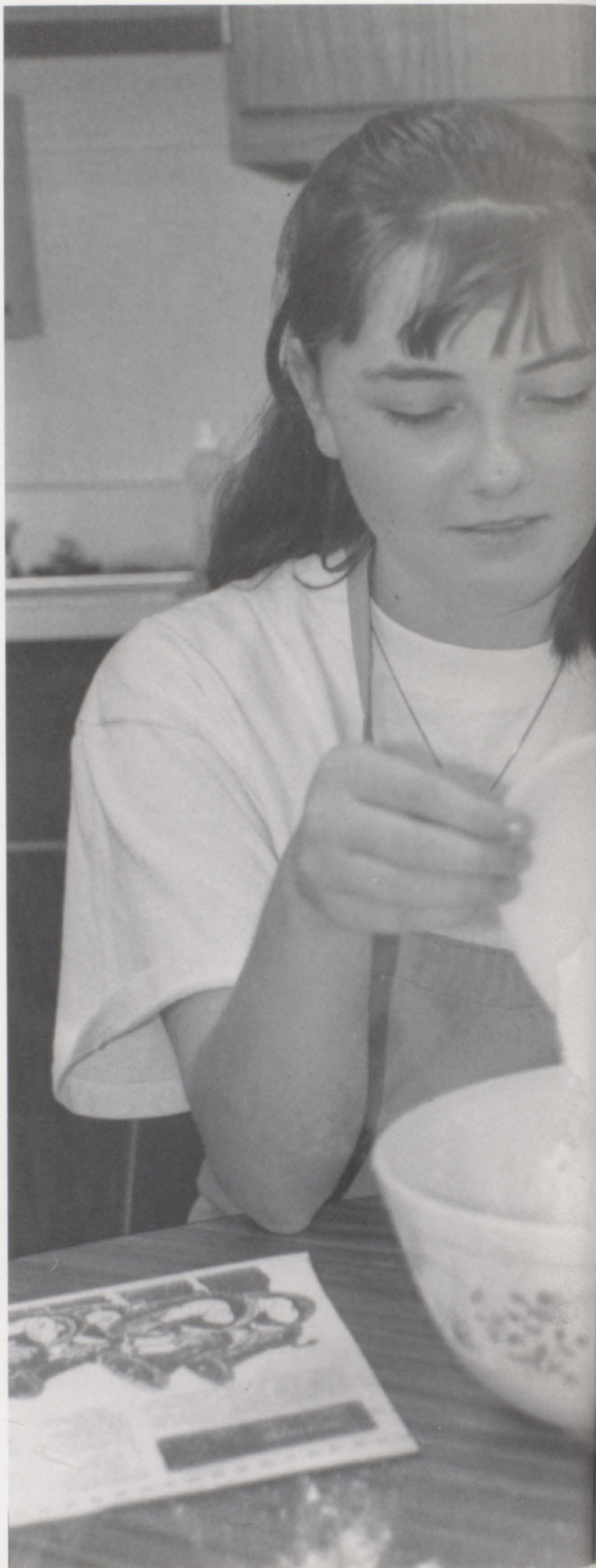
German Club members also watched a movie with German subtitles. They watched *The Karate Kid*. The group went to the Oktoberfest at German Park and also worked together to make homemade pretzels. "Lil' Luvilies," a candy, also hit the market to contribute to the club's funds. To sample German food, members treated themselves to a German-cake-eating party.

The Spanish Club always held many creative parties. During the get-togethers members would have a wide variety of food from the Spanish culture, such as tacos. Junior Stacey Travelsted said, "Spanish Club is fun and exciting with a variety of cultural events that take place throughout the year."



Enjoying one of the many French entrees, freshman Matt Saner and juniors Michael Doyle and Nick Brown sample crepes.

Participating in German pretzel-making, freshman Deanna Perry mixes the dough together. Members made many shapes.





French Club--*front*: A. Tomlinson, K. Taylor, J. Beyersdorfer, N. Hayes, S. Trader, M. Saner, M. Many, I. Lynch, A. Mertens; *row 2*: D. Hoots, E. Smith, T. Luertzama, S. Skiles, J. Mason, A. White, A. Wolma, D. Reed, L. Barton, J. Sears; *row 3*: A. Stirn, C. Terrell, B. Porterfield, S. Stirn, A. Bennett, M. Grace, H. Moser, K. Williamson, M. Light, N. Brown; *row 4*: M. Wright, J. Baker, J. Phelps, A. Phelps, C. Short, M. Doyle, K. Bailey, D. Napier, J. Basso; *back*: M. Henning, K. Wilkins, B. Travelsted, K. Bilby, E. Campbell, J. Tipmore, B. Watson, A. Mason, J. Wilcurt



German Club--*front*: A. Hartley, J. Boehme, T. Phillips, S. Becker, K. Schweigen; *middle*: D Perry, B. Pollock, H. Miller, M. Lynch, J. Schneider, C. Smith; *back*: W. Whitman, A. Coleman, J. Tandy, J. Pawlowski, K. Huerkamp, J. Hause, S. Drake.



Spanish Club--*front*: L. Austin, B. Kough, S. ASchrader, K. Kirkling, I. Scott, P. Doogless, C. Dunn, A. Theriac, A. Powers, J. Reed, S. Travelsted, C. Pace, J. Septoski, S. Kouns; *row 2*: D. Armitage, C. Haggard, B. Stanley, C. Birtcil, T. Moffat, S. Pulsifer, A. Johnson, J. Goldsberry, L. Harris, J. Dunham, M. Coddington, K. Sullivan, C. Corriveau, *row 3*: S. Cothran, A. Wilde, D. Thompson, L. Mong, J. Phelps, E. Warren, A. Diehl, R. Pridemore, A. Crawley, P. Walton, J. Moss; *row 4*: H. Parker, K. Dougherty, A. Shockley, J. White, C. Witt, M. Green, B. Chandler, L. Niles-Carnes, J. Wilkerson, C. Schmidt, J. Dildine, J. Reynolds, A. Haynes; *row 5*: R. Walenga, K. Underhill, A. Edwards, A. Watson, L. Brown, S. Seaver, E. Rosenbaum, K. Dowden, M. Perry, J. Wright, J. Mason, J. Reed; *row 6*: N. Hougland, B. McMasters, C. Gibson, K. Hornaday, C. Ison, A. Curry, M. Williamson, C. Henson, J. Poynter, J. McGinnis, N. Ragan; *row 7*: A. Breedlos, J. Young, E. Dowden, J. Allen, A. Taft, M. Oschman, B. McCoy, J. Daniels, A. Taylor, M. Koker, S. Phillips; *row 8*: K. Clark, J. Blackwell, A. Shotts, L. Dennis, A. Dennis, C. Shrake, C. Loveless, C. Crane, N. Underhill, C. Stephens; *back*: J. Cothran, J. Rea, J. Wingate, T. Smith, T. Moffat, A. Frechette, J. Chappo, J. Hoffa, B. Ponchot, J. Krofelnicki, B. Cooney.



PUSH-- *front:* M Allen, R. Ricketts, S. Limbach, A. Mertens, N. Hammonds, M. Many, T. Luurtsema, J. Wilson, J. Shawhan; *row 2:* R. Reedy, K. Breedlove, E. Cordray, J. Reynolds, N. Edwards, H. Rodenbeck, A. Summers, N. Stewart, B. Bradley, Mr. Silver; *row 3:* L. Barton, J. Phelps, M. Lynch, H. Miller, A. Wolma, A. Powers, J. Reed, S. Travelsted, C. Pace; *row 4:* D. Reed, J. Schneider, A. Watson, K. Ransome, L. Silcox, M. Schneider, T. Marine, A. Acton, K. Underhill; *row 5:* R. Caraboa, A. Swallow, N. Byers, J. Shake, K. Parker, C. Ison, J. Tipmore, B. Watson; *back:* M. Henning, R. White, J. Septoski, J. Ash, A. Dennis, B. Lugenbeal, C. Gillenwater, M. Ehresman, J. Tandy.



SADD-- *front:* Mr. Emerson, B. Maddox, J. Reed, B. Kough, S. Hirschert, A. Powers; *row 2:* K. Richmond, R. Wewe, L. Painter, M. Saner, S. Cothran, M. Perry, A. Edwards, J. Reed, M. Many; *row 3:* S. Trader, B. Stanley, K. Oberting, C. Pace, S. Travelsted, L. Barton, D. Reed, T. Reed, L. Rogers; *row 4:* D. Bodell, S. Squires, A. Summers, E. Rosenbaum, A. Wolma, A. Casamer, A. Swallow, J. Reynolds, D. Simpson; *row 5:* J. Mynatt, B. McMasters, J. Williams, J. McDaniel, C. Gibson, A. Antrim, H. Miller, M. Lynch, J. Phelps, A. Phelps; *back:* J. Tipmore, A. Coleman, R. Burgess, A. Dennis, J. Septoski, J. Baker, A. Johnson, D. Bradley, T. Manhe.



Unity-- *front:* Mr. Emerson, C. Collins, A. Acton, A. Shillings, K. Richmond, B. Maddox; *middle:* M. Allen, K. Schlangen, A. Edwards, T. Dunn, J. Shawhan, S. Travelsted; *back:* P. Moore, J. Morgan, M. Barton, C. Gillenwater, K. Paschal, M. Schneider, J. Adams.



Groups teach drug *Prevention*

Kathy Schweigen

Individuals involved in PUSH, SADD, and UNITY were able to be drug-free role models for students of all ages. Each group presented the drug-free theme differently, but all with one purpose in mind: to show others that being drug-free saves lives.

In PUSH (Prevention Using Student Help), students visited local elementary schools and taught the children facts about the effects of drug and alcohol usage.

Senior Emily Cordray said, "In PUSH, we share pressures about drugs, in hope that children will choose not to use them." Many times games were played to teach the children the dangers.

SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), was another club in which students taught about the dangers of drunk driving. To give students other options for a fun evening, the group often sponsored many of the school dances. A new activity they sponsored was the Prom Promise promotion during the week before Prom.

UNITY (Understanding Needs in Today's Youth) was also very active. The group held a charitable toy drive. Other activities included: an Easter egg hunt, *Celebrate Life*, and "Take a Hit on the Turkey."

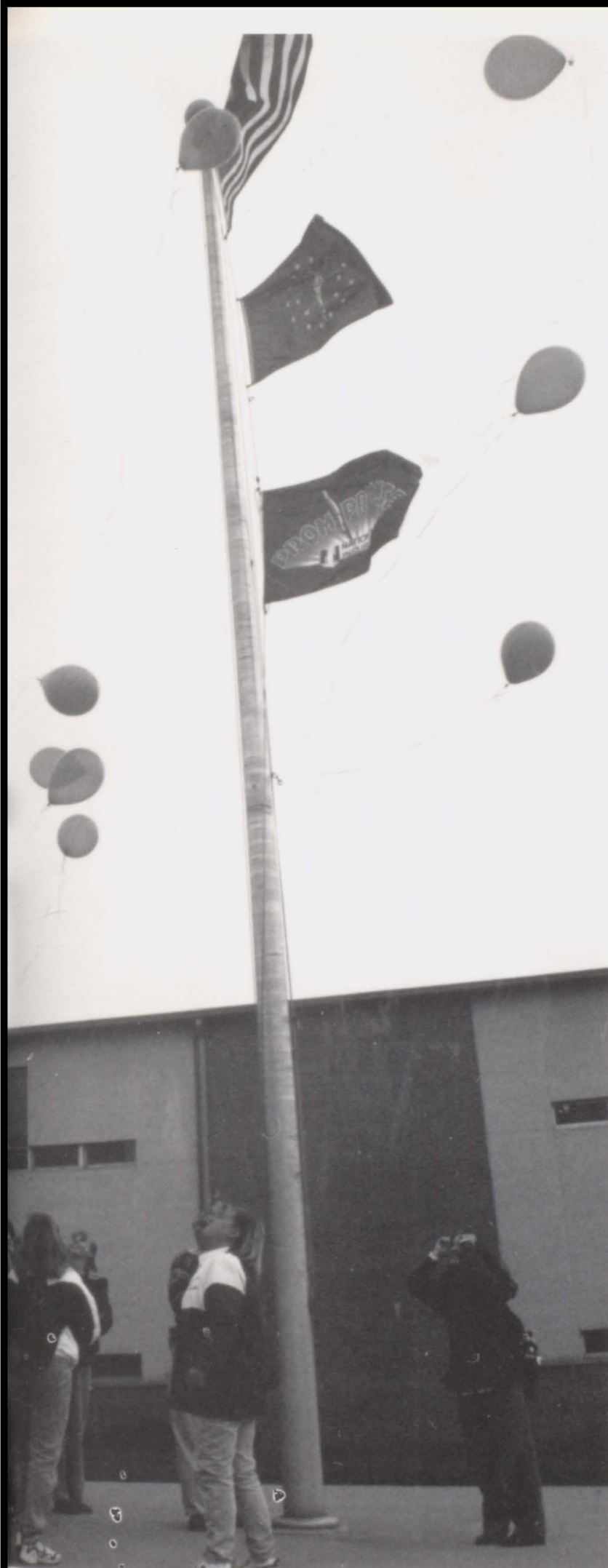
"UNITY is a great drug-free group that has let me be the leader I am today," said three-year member senior Angela Acton.



As part of the Prom Promise promotion, members of SADD gave lift-off to balloons that started the festivities for the week.

While junior Shelli Hirschert checks over her list of names, senior Sharon Trader waits to receive her certificate for a free cedar chest.

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Helping to Improve

Melissa Rea

Key Club, Pairing and Caring, and Won by One are groups that worked through meetings, projects, and a little effort from each individual member to make the world a better place.

"Kids First" was the theme for Key Club International. The group rang bells for the Salvation Army and held a nickel drive for Iodine Deficiency Disorder. Key Club also helped out at the annual Alumni Banquet. Sophomore Angie Taft said, "Helping at the Alumni Banquet was a lot of fun, and I got to meet many interesting people."

Children were the focus of Pairing and Caring as well. High school students were paired with elementary students with the hopes of giving the children extra attention. It was up to the high school members to plan activities that the children might enjoy. Junior Samantha Irwin said, "I think it is important to give them a role model while they're young."

Won by One held weekly meetings before school for both students and teachers alike. Each week the group welcomed a different youth minister from area churches. Sophomore Angie Coleman said, "I think it helps the students and staff become closer because you're all there for the same purpose."

Ringling bells for the Salvation Army are juniors Jamie Reed and Amanda Powers. Many Key Club members spent time ringing bells at Christmas time.



Key Club president Katherine Paschal speaks at a Kiwanis Club meeting. Members attended the meetings to join the two groups.

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Key Club--front: J. Beyersdorfer, A. Mertens, J. Reed, A. Powers, K. Campbell, S. Travelsted, C. Pace, M. Many, N. Hayes; row 2: H. Miller, L. Barton, A. Wolma, M. Schneider, K. Paschal, T. Moffat, M. Rea, A. Edwards; row 3: J. Adams, J. Baker, J. Septoski, A. Taft, M. Oschman, C. Ison, M. Williamson, A. Basso, J. Schneider; back: B. McCoy, J. Tipmore, A. Coleman, T. Moffat, J. Rea, E. Beebe, B. Watson, T. Marine.



Pairing and Caring--front: H. Henry, A. Dennis, C. Robinson, K. Ransome, A. Swallow, Mr. Emerson; middle: L. Martin, A. Clark, L. Barton, J. Reynolds, E. Rosenbaum; back: B. Stanley, M. Barlow, N. Hayes, S. Irwin, C. Bucker, S. Limbach.



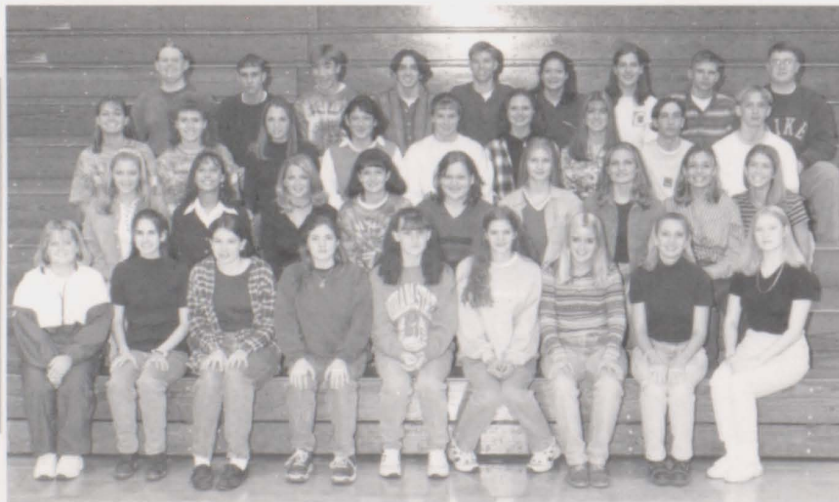
Won By One--front: J. Reed, M. Allen, M. Many, L. Barton, J. Shawhan, D. Bradley, L. Rogers, A. Mertens, L. Myers; row 2: T. Reed, K. Paschal, D. Thompson, A. Earles, C. Terrell, C. Robinson, B. Bradley, M. Saner; row 3: J. Mynatt, C. Gillenwater, K. Hoseclaw, D. Reed, J. Huff, D. Bodell, J. Huff, A. Powers; back: Mrs. Landwerlen, J. Tipmore, A. Coleman, D. Moser, T. Marine, C. Murphy, J. Reed, Mr. Emerson.



Cadet Teaching—*front*: A. Tomlinson, J. Dildine, A. Acton, J. West, E. Davis, S. Trader, J. Miller; *middle*: J. Jacobs, K. Dotson, K. Underhill, B. Bradley, S. Vail, M. Rea; *back*: A. Watson, H. Henry, M. Williamson, C. Robinson, A. Spearman, T. Marine, N. Hunter.




Office Aides—*front*: L. Knowles, K. Richmond, N. Edwards, E. Miles, J. Wilson, A. Acton, A. Shirley, E. Cordray, S. Beeler, E. Rosenbaum, D. Bodell; *row 2*: T. Moffat, A. Fields, H. Henry, Jr. Pershing, S. Vail, K. Hicks, M. Cadwell, D. Thompson, L. Barton, S. Ferguson; *row 3*: C. Vehling, S. Crews, A. Perry, J. Basso, C. Reedy, D. Hornaday, L. Lykins, C. Wrought, D. Coddington, A. Michan; *back*: D. Ferguson, K. Ransome, J. Stanton, J. Turner, T. Moffat, K. Dick, B. Ponchot, K. Sheridan, J. Burgess.



Prom Steering—*front*: B. Kough, J. Reed, A. Powers, C. Birtcil, E. Stidham, K. Breedlove, A. Hughes, N. Edwards, H. Rodenbeck; *row 2*: A. Summers, E. Rosenbaum, N. Stewart, A. Blackwell, D. Bodell, L. Barton, A. Wolma, T. Dunn, R. Caraboa; *row 3*: S. Venable, S. Harkema, K. Yaraschefski, A. Swallow, C. McDonough, M. Perry, A. Johnson, L. Lykins, D. Bradley; *back*: K. Downing, K. Willis, B. Thaler, J. Blackburn, B. Lugenbeal, A. Dennis, J. Septoski, M. Doyle, M. Ehresman.





Students with an *Aspiration*

Kathy Schweigen

Students involved in cadet teaching, office aides, and the prom steering committee gave of themselves to benefit others. Working with others and together, students belonging to these organizations were able to use their own skills to conquer goals and help others build dreams.

Cadet teaching consisted of seniors who wanted to experience life as a teacher. Cadets were able to learn what teaching was like, while their "students" received extra attention and role models, and teachers got additional help with their classes.

"I enjoyed being able to work with the children," said senior Sharon Trader.

Office aides contributed their time daily, completing tasks for the main office. Some helped by stuffing envelopes, filing papers, and collecting attendance slips, while others answered the questions of fellow students.

Senior Sarah Beeler said, "Being an aide for the office was fun and it kept me busy."

Members of the prom steering committee worked to create a special night, prom. At early morning meetings they decided on a theme and colors to be used. They prepared all aspects of prom and also decorated the ballroom.

Junior Amy Hughes said, "Putting together a prom is harder than it looks. It's also a fun and exciting time for the juniors to come together as one."



Writing down information from the schedule book, senior Clint Reedy does a favor for the office. This was just one of the many tasks requested.

Kneeling beside two elementary students, senior Sonya Vail carefully observes their reading. Cadets gave extra help to teachers and students.

Athletic Groups

Contribute

Kathy Schweigen

Many students gave a helping hand when it came time to supporting the athletic teams. Some joined together as a group of athletic aides, while others joined a specific squad. Both groups always encouraged the athletes to do their best and to win competitions. Many also took some pressure off the coaches by helping out during the meets.

During athletic events, athletic aides took turns announcing home games and offered cokes and popcorn to administrators from both schools. Aides also helped throughout the school day by refilling the coke machines and by assisting Fred LaPlante, the school's athletic trainer.

Those who worked with LaPlante had a chance to learn about bandaging injuries athletes acquired throughout the season. Junior Marlena Perry said, "Working in the athletic office is a good learning experience and it is a lot more fun than sitting in study hall doing nothing."

Another supportive group of students, known as Mat Technicians, cheered alongside the wrestling mats as they watched and encouraged the wrestlers to win as they battled their opponents.

Freshman Larisa Niles-Carnes said, "The freshmen and varsity wrestlers did well this year and most of the guys were nice, too." They also helped by keeping score during the meets and making a scrapbook of the season for each of the wrestlers.



Sitting beside the wrestling mat, junior Ronli Ratliff, sophomore wrestler Steelee Lynn, and Coach Mike Mossbrucker watch intently to see the outcome of the match. As a mat technician, Ratliff often kept score at the wrestling meets.

168 Ath. Aide, Mat Techs





Athletic Aids—*front*: M. Allen, M. Perry, A. Shillings, A. Summers, K. Underhill, T. Moffat; *back*: J. Huff, S. Ferguson, J. Huff, T. Fisher, R. Burgess, K. Cohee.



Mat Techs—*front*: L. Niles-Carnes, J. Skiles, K. Raney, J. Cornett; *middle*: R. Ratliff, H. Thomas, A. Bennett, J. McGinnis, E. Niles-Carnes; *back*: M. Cornett, M. Epley, S. Cummings, S. Sinn, R. White, A. Brewer.



Working together as athletic aides, juniors Amanda Powers and Jamie Reed often offered popcorn and cokes to the administrators of both teams during basketball games.

Fiddling with the camera, freshman wrestler Jessica McGinnis prepares to snap a picture for a scrapbook. The squad made one for each wrestler to have as a memory of the season.



BPA--front: S. Kutchback, T. Luurtsema, T. Sharp; back: Mrs. Wade, S. Seaver, C. Stephens, S. McGlacken.




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ICE--front: H. Bodell, E. Burns, E. Davis, T. Crusenberry, B. Downard; middle: T. Roberson, B. White, J. Keeton, A. Matlock, S. Brown; back: M. Meo, A. Foster, R. Moore, L. Mills, J. Turner.





Preparing for the *Future*

Melissa Rea

Many organizations worked throughout the year to better prepare students for a future in the work force. BPA, FFA, and ICE were examples of such groups.

Business Professionals of America competed in business-related competitions, such as Banking Concepts, Computerated Graphics, and Job Interviews. The group finished well, as three of its members; seniors Chris Stephens and Tina Sharp, and freshman Tiffanie Luurtsema; advanced to state competition. Later, Luurtsema and senior Brad Fisher traveled to National competition in Orlando, Florida. Luurtsema said, "It was really challenging."

Aside from the plant sales, Future Farmers of America was about more than just farming. Students in FFA spent a lot of time working on developing good leadership skills, and the group sponsored a safety fair. Sophomore Maria Romero said, "It was a really educational experience." The group also held National FFA Week, with spirit days and lunchtime activities for all students to enjoy.

Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education gave students a chance to enter the workforce early. A total of 19 students met together for class one period each day, and then left school mid-day to work their jobs. Mr. Joe Ash said, "I enjoyed the class a lot this year and the students are easy to work with this year."

Senior Jason Turner prepares food at Taco Bell. Most ICE members worked at fast food restaurants.



FFA has spirit in the Homecoming parade. Nearly every club had a part in the festivities.

Aides
enjoy a
change
of...

Pace

Sara Harkema

Aides go with MHS like peanut butter goes with jelly. Aides create many ways for students to get involved during school and help out. There are many different people who use aides throughout the school such as teachers, the athletic department, the attendance office and others. Being an aide is also an alternative to study hall.

Junior Nikky Edwards said that being an aide, "Got me out of study hall and it gave me something constructive to do with my spare time."

Another reason to be an aide is to see what goes on behind the scenes. For example, students learn how to get an athletic event ready or how the attendance gets recorded or what the people are like in the office.

Some students just like being around the area they are helping, like senior Jeremy Huff. He said he became an aide so he can help out the athletic department. "I really enjoy being around sports," said Huff.

To become an office aide, according to Secretary Karen Clifton, "A student has to have good passing grades. I will choose a student that has worked in the office before and I know that is a good worker and dependable."

Senior Jeremy Huff helps the athletic department by setting up for the girls basketball game. Getting ready for games is one of the many duties of an athletic aide.



*"I
really enjoy
being around
sports."
Jeremy Huff,
Senior*



Keeping the Coke machines full are sophomore Jon Polson and freshman Todd Moffat. Filling the machines was a weekly task for the two.

Senior Clint Reedy delivers a paper with a smile. Aides have been helping out the school as long as anyone can remember.



Taking care of business are juniors Laura Barton and Darci Bodell. Working in the office is a common alternative to study hall.



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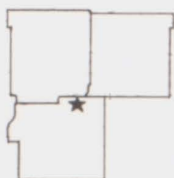
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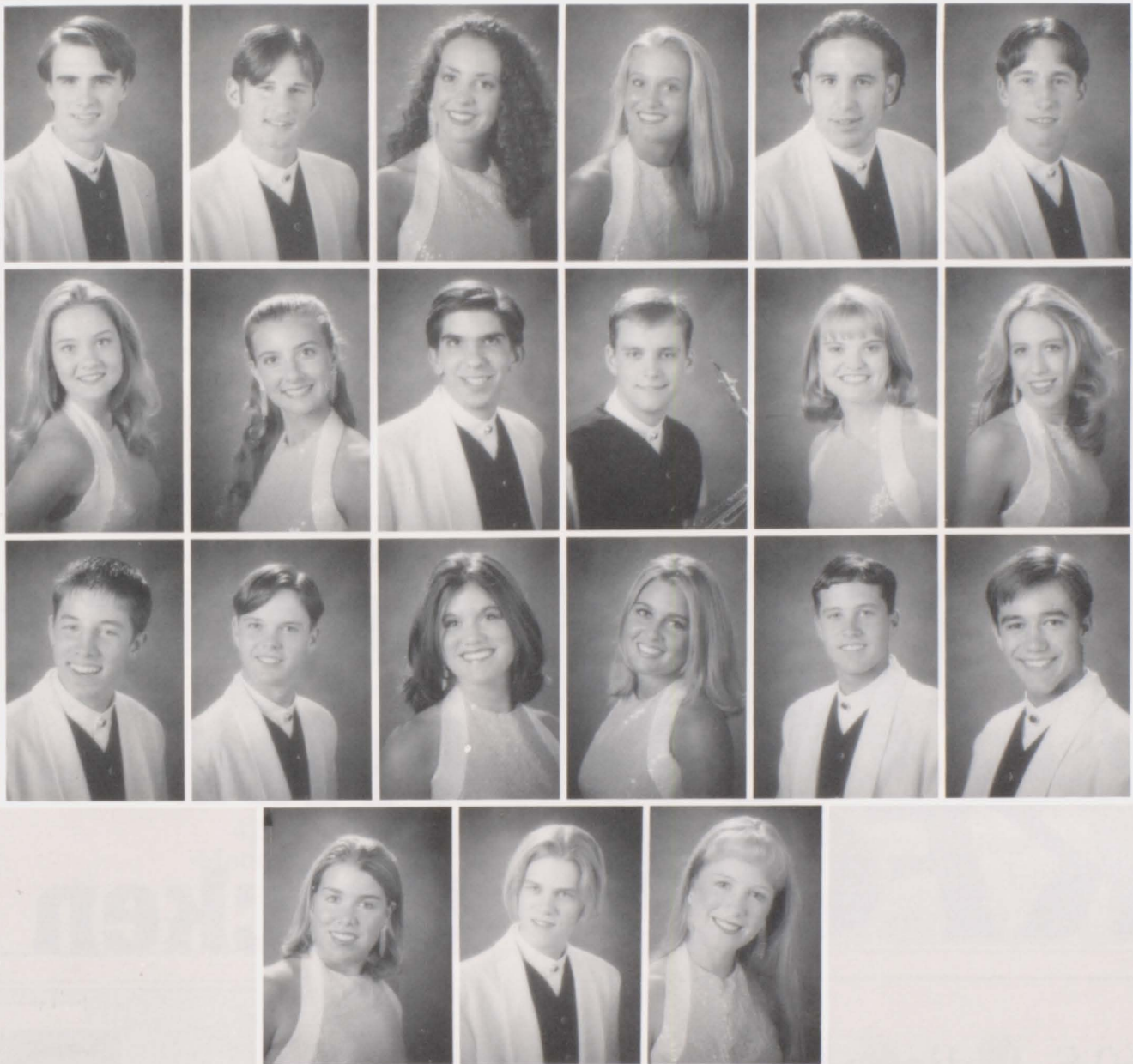
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Adding spirit and music to the pep rally, the basketball pep band plays the school fight song. The pep band helped liven up the crowds during the basketball season.

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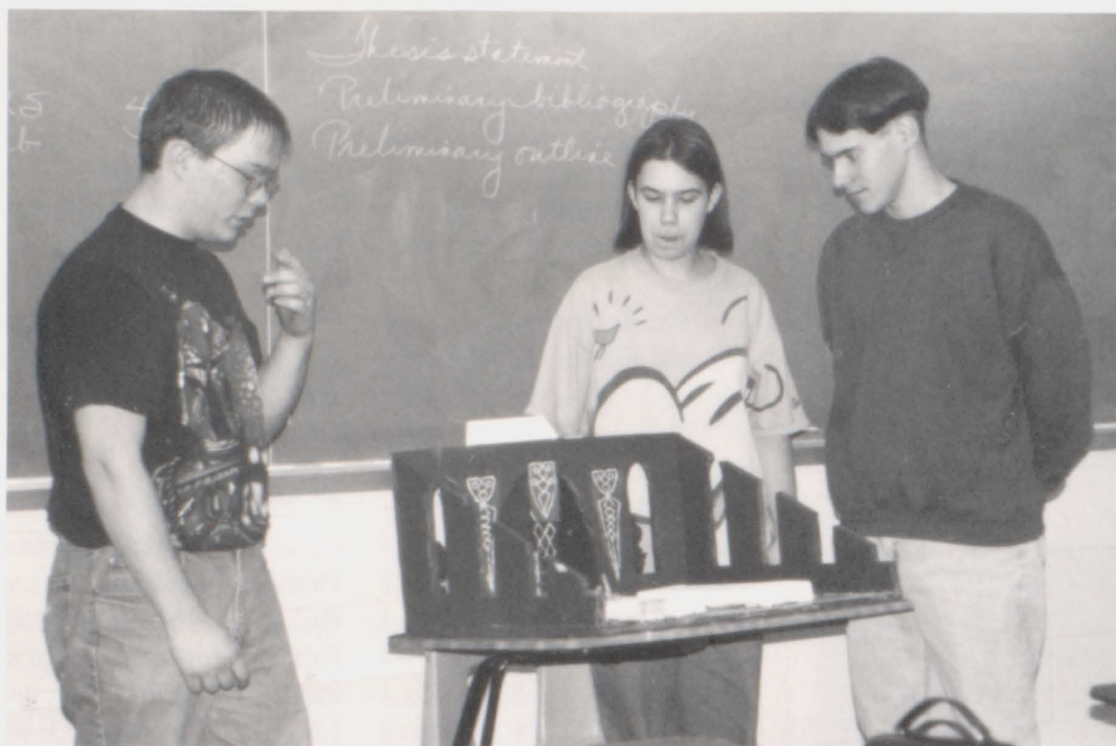
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Racing with precision, sophomore Angie Brown drives her go-cart carefully around the track. Activities like go-carting, miniature golfing, and seeing a movie filled many students' after-school hours.



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The 1997 Wagon Trails theme, "Things Change. . . Things stay the Same," displays that while many changes occurred, the same continuous spirit and pride remained at Mooresville High School. The Wagon Trails staff has continued to preserve the memories of Pioneer students as in the past 52 years.

The 1997 staff was led by Ms. Sarah Kilfoil, first year advisor, and Mr. Richard Maurer, Jostens consultant.

The staff used Macintosh computers and Yeartech software to create this 205-page edition of the Wagon Trails yearbook. Candid photography was completed by the staff, while underclass, faculty, and senior portraits were supplied by Studio One.

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Foreign exchange students Florian Reigg, Andreas Riemer, and Chris Aune say goodbye to each other at awards day. Each had to write and deliver a speech in front of the student body.

Senior Doug Fuller pauses to show off one of his culinary masterpieces. Fuller's skill led him to many scholarships and contests.



Girls Genesis members sing with their teddy bears to "Grandma's Feather Bed" during Spring Spec. The annual spring concert would become more memorable to them each year.





They were new faces with new experiences. After years of giving gifts and hugs, they were finally the ones receiving them. Senior night remained a highlight of the sports season. The same energy and determination was seen as in years past.

After years of watching the class ahead of them being inducted into National Honor Society, it was finally the Class of 1998's, along with a couple select seniors, turn. Although the nerves were the same as years before, the fears of tripping on induction day went to new students.

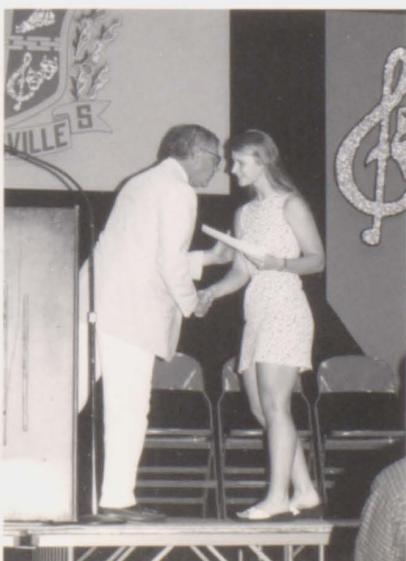
As juniors and seniors, exceptional students were allowed to apply for membership to National Honor Society. As in previous years, admission was based on scholastic standing and teacher recommendation. This elite group was known for their community service and academic achievement.



The Class of '97 went through many changes. One of these changes was that girls wore gold gowns at graduation. Despite some doubts, with a new sponsor, the Class of 1997's commencement was as tradition-filled and memorable as years before.

The school year ended with the traditional awards day, senior cookout, and dreaded finals. Scholarships and departmental awards, burgers and hotdogs, and multiple choice and essays made the year more memorable than ever.

The activities were the same as prior years, however, the different classes of students gave the usual activities new character and added something unique. The individualism of each class helped make each year special for both students and teachers.



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