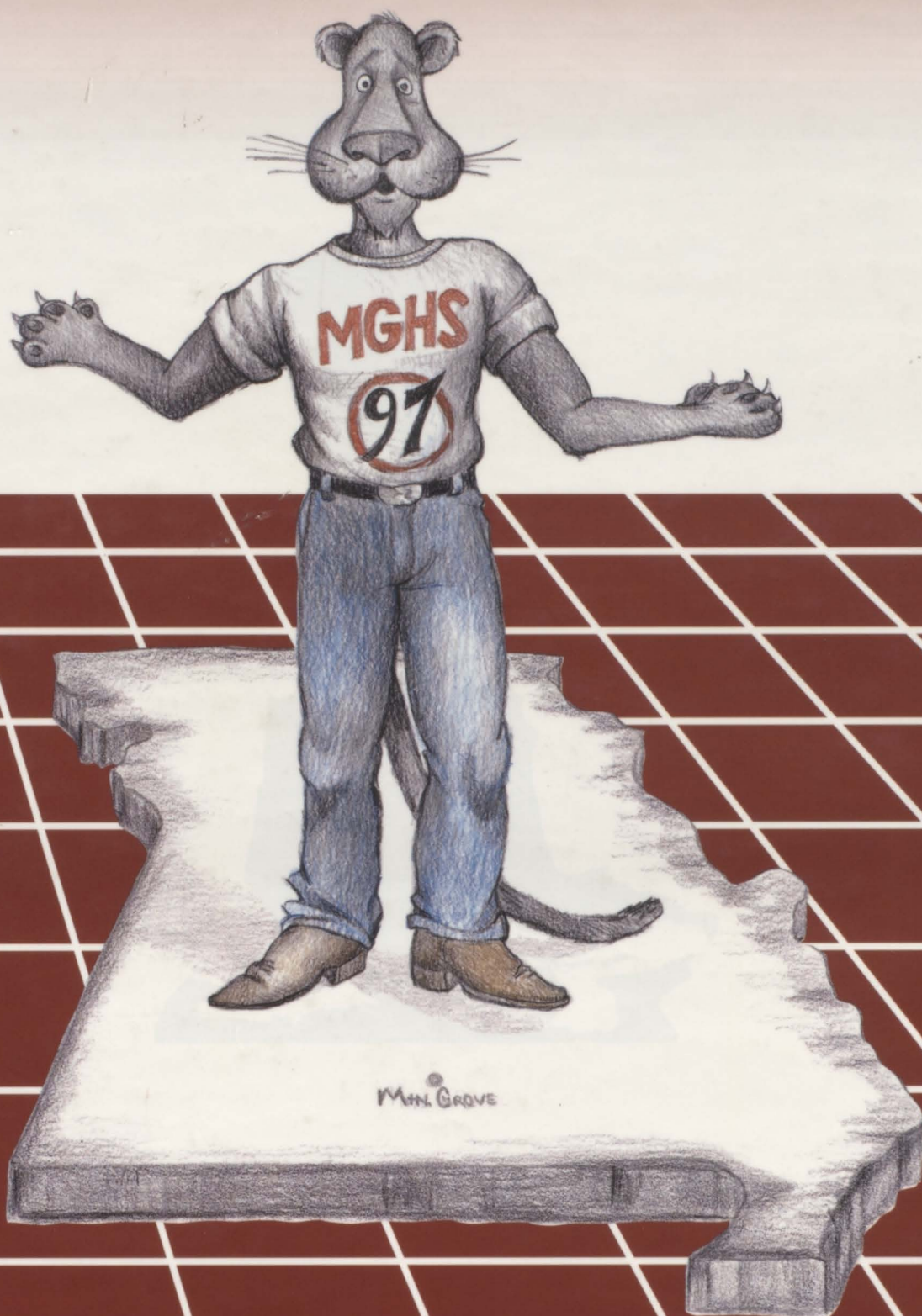
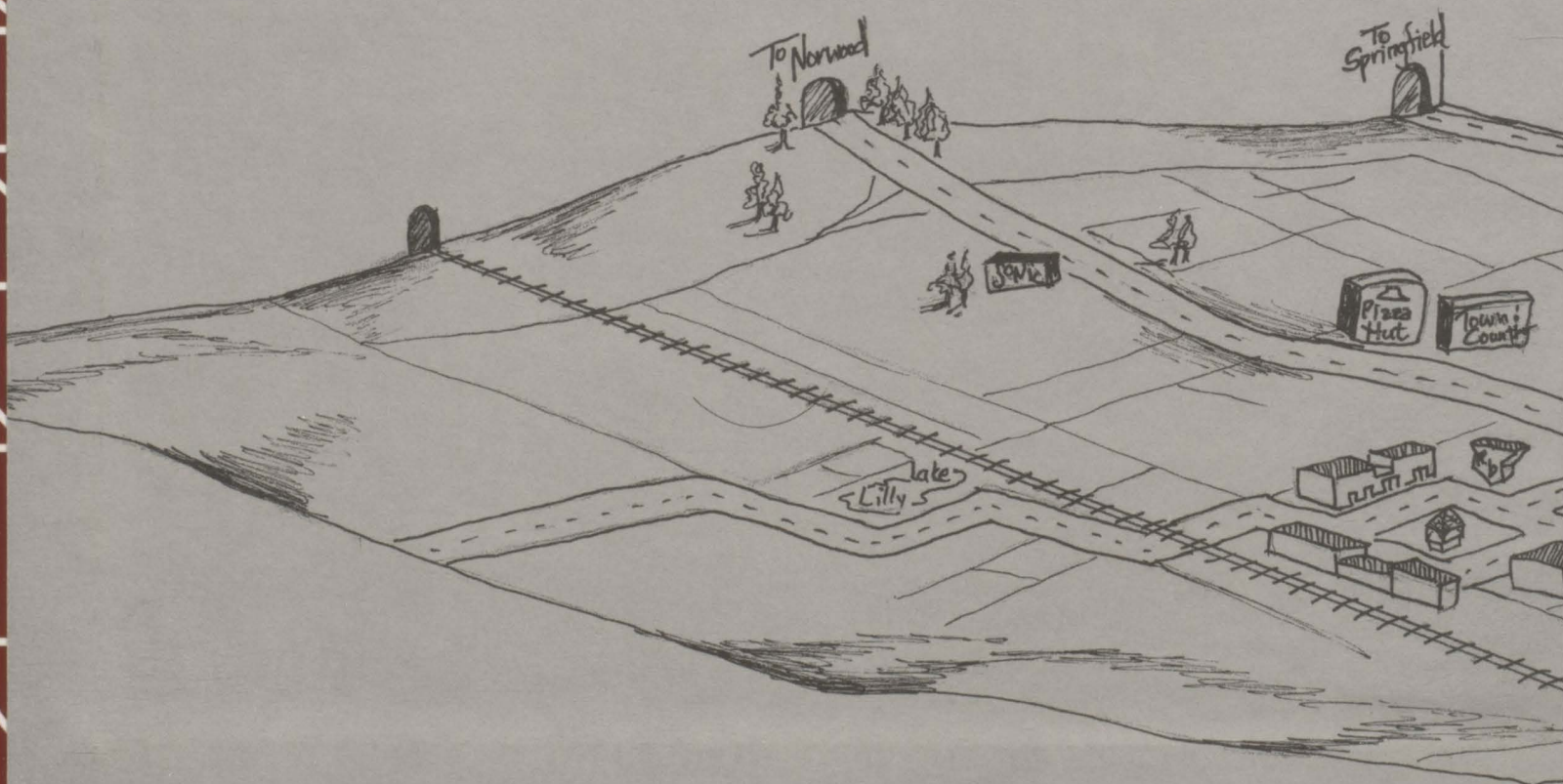


# Where Am I?





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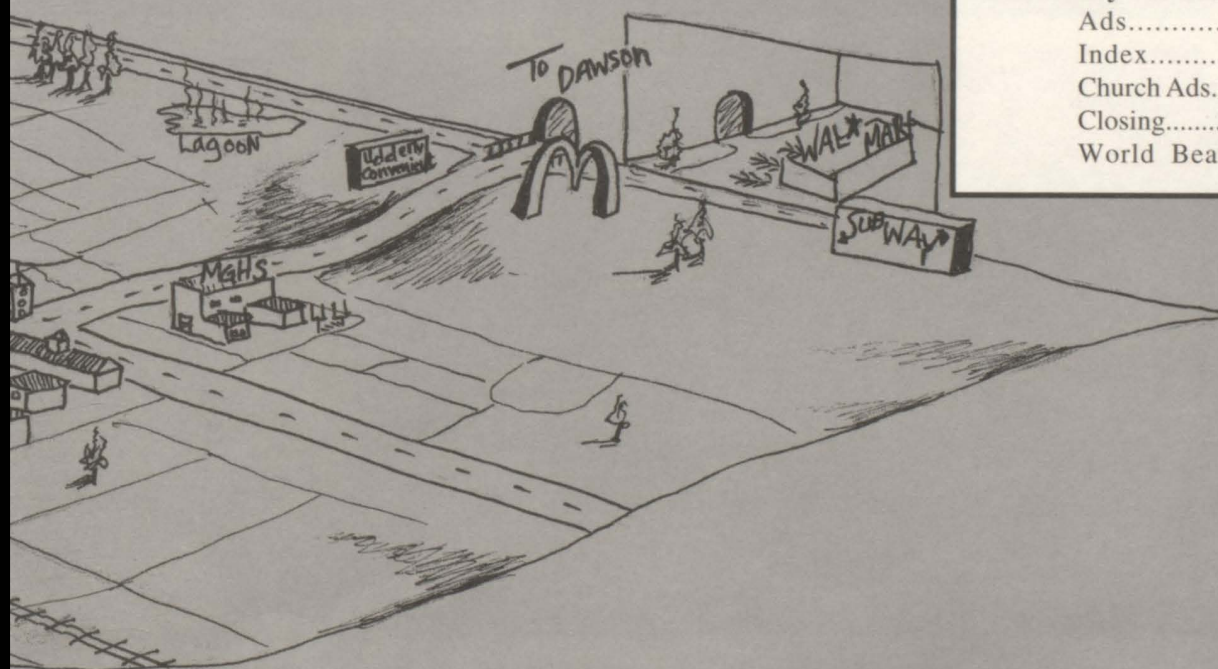
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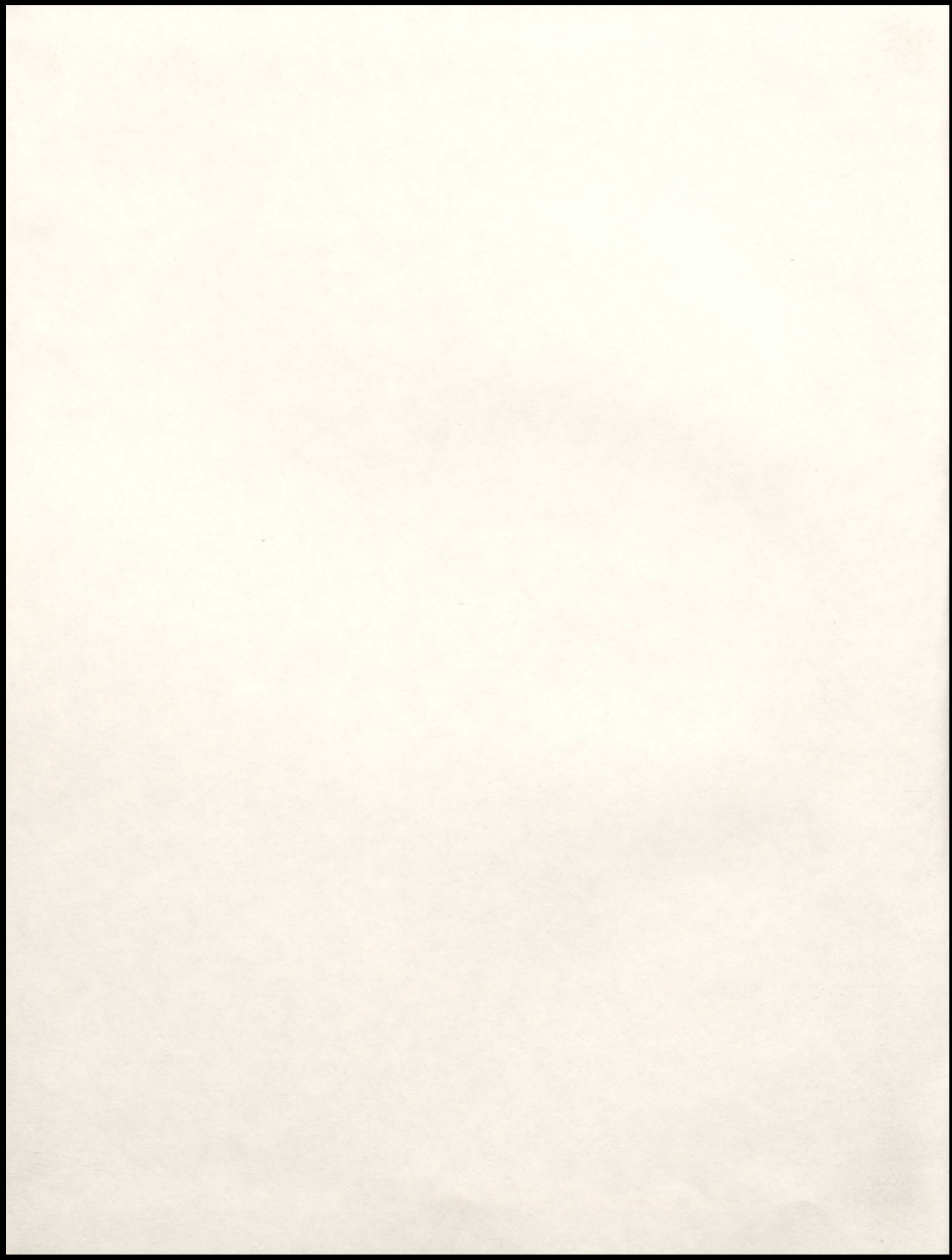
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**MOUNTAIN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**420 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
**MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI**

**Grades 9 through 12**  
**550 (Confused?!?) Students**



50% of MGHS students say they sleep with a stuffed animal.

27% of MGHS students are addicted to the internet.

56% of MGHS students have a job other than chores at home.

77% of MGHS students say they couldn't go a day without caffeine.

# WHERE

**YOU ARE HERE!** Welcome to Mountain Grove High School. You might find that things are not the same as you left them last May. Is the National Guard taking over, you ask? No, that is the new United States Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Program, otherwise known as **ROTC**. Was there a vicious crime on campus or is someone getting into trouble, you might have wondered? No, that is our new campus **Police Officer**.

Did the school sell the student parking lot to a prison? No, that is the new **fence** to curb truancy. You also might be wondering why you see students on television. Did they become big stars over the summer?

No, they are part of the new Panther Television, or **PTV**, program offered as a part of the Technical Communications class. All of these things and many more were part of the changes that occurred while we were having summer vacation. For instance, when was the last time you saw someone wearing a hat in the building? How about going to the same classes everyday? That ended with **block scheduling**. Parking on campus would now require **vehicle registration**.

And don't forget the nearly **200 freshmen**. All of these changes led to one question.....**Where Am I?**

# AM



Panther Television anchors junior Jason Evans and senior Michelle Madderra read the next day's announcements as junior Daniel Meierotto, above right, films them. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

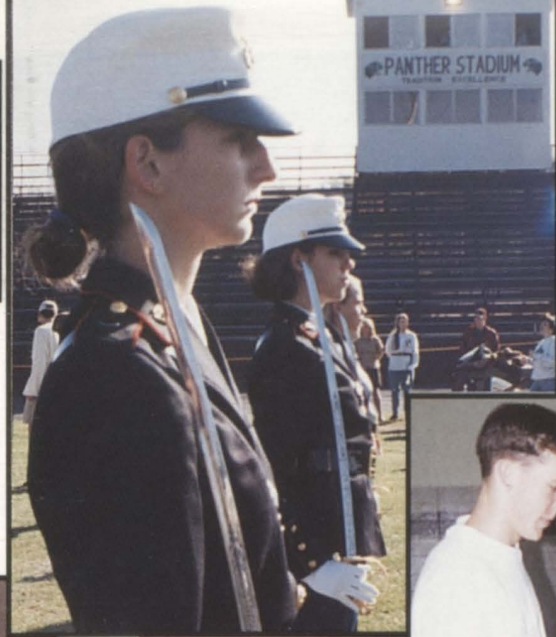
Varsity football team captains, seniors Matthew Seeman, Lance Jones, and Jeremiah Peterson show off the plaque that the Panthers were awarded by the Southwest Missouri Football Officials' Association for outstanding sportsmanship, the only one of its kind in Southwest Missouri. *Photo by Donny Anderson*



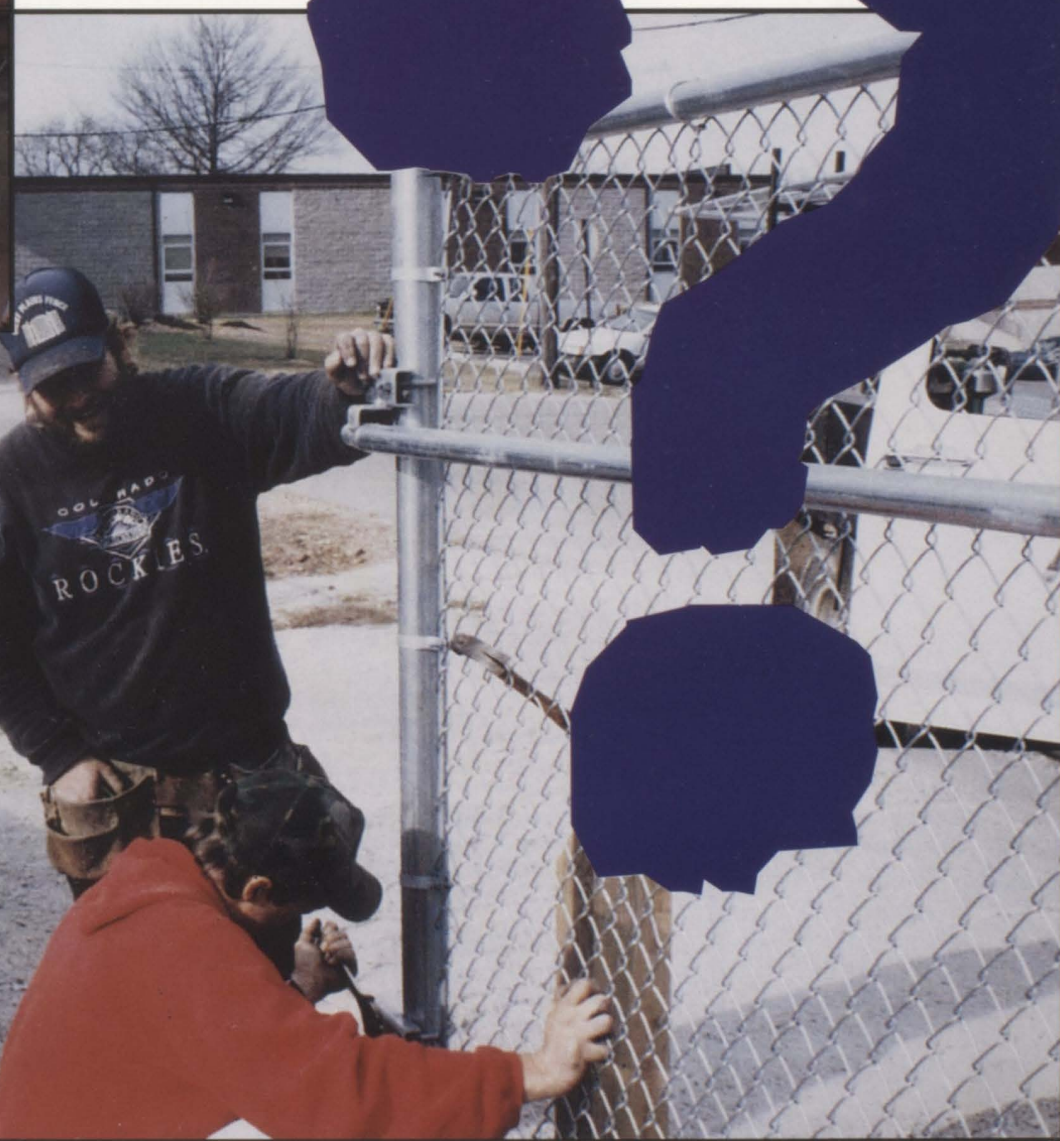
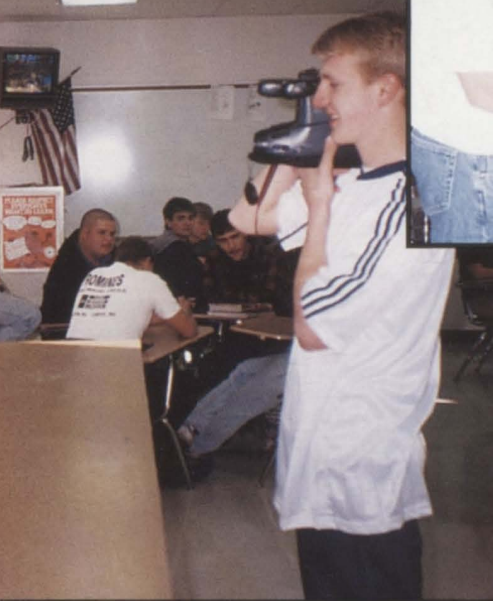
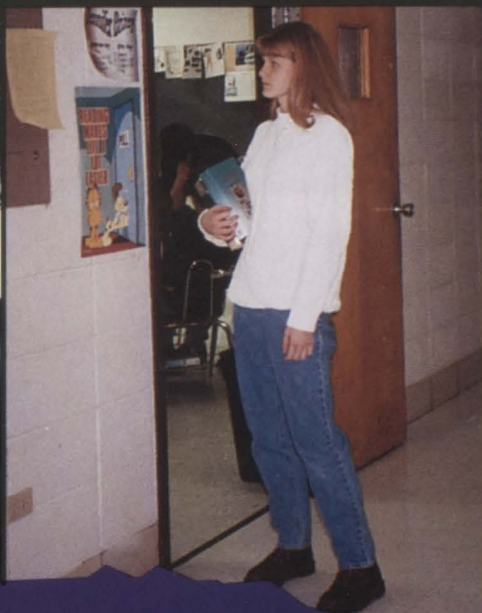
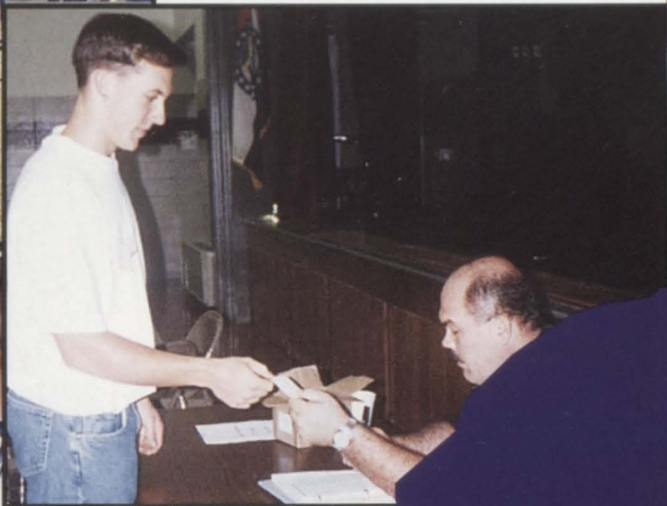
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Workmen from West Plains Fence company, right, work on the fence at the north end of the student parking lot. They later installed gates there and at the south end. *Photo by Lance Jones*





**R**OTC cadets stand at attention during homecoming practice, left, while organizers confer in the background. *Photo by Candice Beard* Junior Ryan Huff purchases a \$2 parking registration sticker from Officer Jim Freeman in the cafeteria, below. *Photo by Michelle Hawkins* Freshman Stacey Allen, right, tries to decide where she is supposed to be. The "maroon" and "gray" days associated with block scheduling played with everyone's mind. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*





# YOU'RE IN ROTC

Where Am I?



Cadet April Shaw, sophomore, above, waits for the ladies' room to try on her new fatigues. She was one of many 'GIs' in the new Marine Corps JrROTC program.

Shaking hands, cadets freshman Jared Templeton and sophomore Matthew Hurst celebrate Templeton's recognition as the first cadet of the month, above right. Photos by Sherry Ogletree

Fort Leonard Wood came alive with marines as the JrROTC program took a field trip to the base. Senior Amy Sutton, right, takes her turn at the ropes of the repelling tower. Photo by Rometta Bressie







United States Marine Corps JrROTC Cadets

They said *what?*

“We get to do a lot of really awesome stuff like rappeling at Fort Leonard Wood.” -- sophomore Rachael Hazen

“These young cadets give me the chance to impart my experiences, knowledge and wisdom to them.” --Major James Miller

“I enjoy ROTC because it has taught me a lot about myself, about self-discipline.” --senior Michelle Madderra

“It [ROTC] is not always easy but then not everything that's good for you is easy.” --senior Dana Ellis

“ROTC has helped develop my leadership skills. I plan to go in to the Marine Corps when I graduate.” --senior Russ Fitzenrider



Major James Miller



Providing the “colors” for the National Anthem by the ROTC was another of the numerous changes made at MGHS. Photo by Ronnie Ice

Jr ROTC Cadets, sophomores Ronnie Mace and David Harp, receive their fatigues from Major James Miller in the new ROTC classroom located adjacent to the weight room. Courtesy Marie Taylor



# VACATION SCRAPBOOK

by Micheal Brame

As summer 1996 rolled on, many members of the student body found themselves knee deep in vacations. "I went to Silver Dollar City almost every other weekend," senior Rometta Bressie said. "I had a blast!" she continued.

"We went to the lake and to Snow Bluff," junior Rayna Blair added. While teacher Connie Killgore told us that she, "saw everything from Mt. Rushmore to the ski slopes in Park City, Utah, site of the next winter Olympics."

As exciting as some of these excursions sound, many will re-live

the fun in the summer of 1997 as they spend another week on vacation. "I can't wait until SDC opens this year--they've got a new ride I want to try," Bressie added.

Not everybody takes a yearly trip though as junior Ryan Mabe explains. "I went to summer school last year."

While a trip may be exciting, many will agree, summer vacation doesn't last long enough--you have to cherish it.



Standing in front of a sign welcoming visitors to Centennial Olympic Park, junior Carrie Yarber waits to enter one of the venues, right. Above, senior Micheal Brame and "Captain Gary" admire their catch after fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Senior Jana Barnes and her sisters pause for a moment in front of Mt. Rushmore. Top, Donna Moore and husband, Jim, travel to Toledo, Spain for vacation. *Photos courtesy vacationers*



# Things that make you go

huh?

"Where are you?"

"In my own little world."--sophomore Greg Cantrell

"I'm in a mantian's belly button."--junior Josh Bell

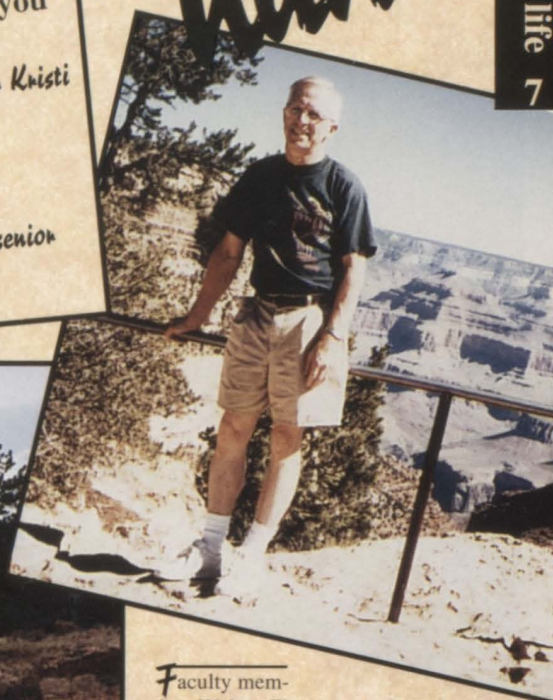
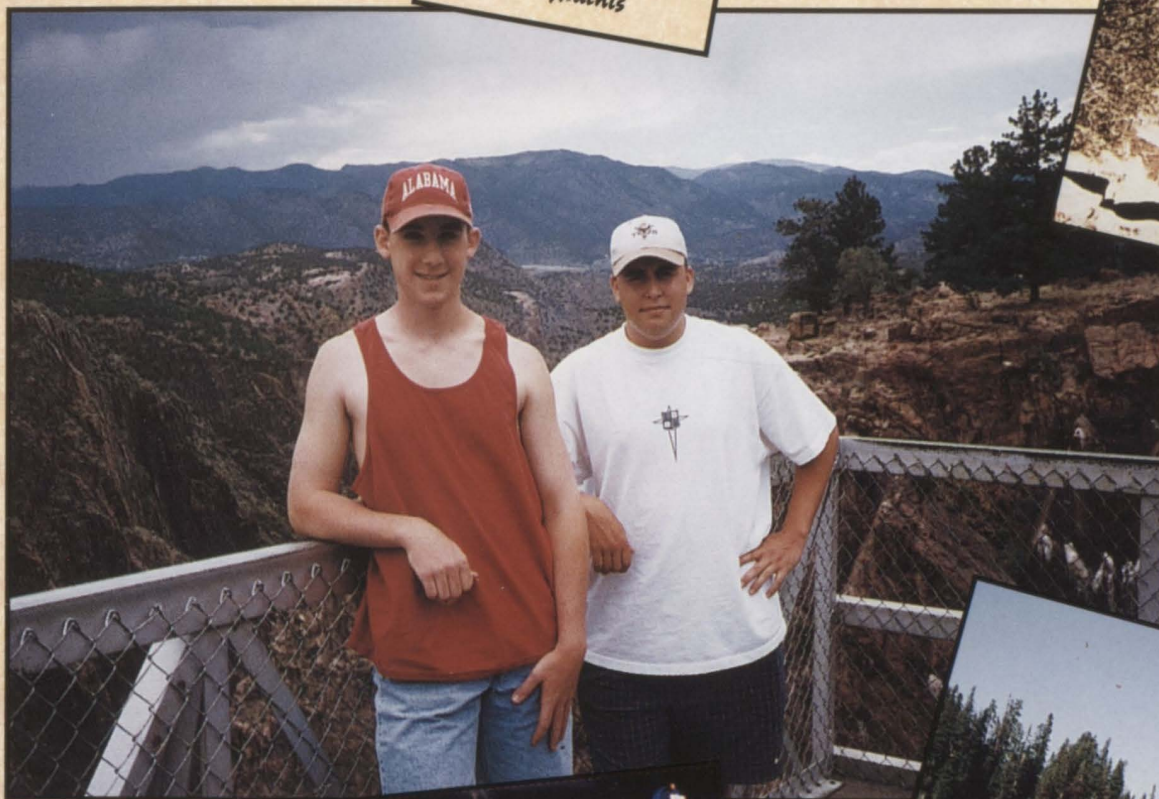
"Where have you been?"

"We beat Jules Verne. We traveled 21,000 leagues under the sea."--juniors Maunissa Hicks & Earlisha Mathis

"Where are you going?"

"When?"--junior Kristi Freeman

"I'm going to Disneyland."--senior Rick Woodard



Faculty mem-

ber Walter Finney spends his summer vacation relaxing at the Grand Canyon in Arizona, above. Seniors Errin and Nathan Kemper, left, stop for a breath of fresh air overlooking the Royal Gorge in Colorado. Photos courtesy vacationers



Waiting

for their 'limo', seniors Amy Stillwell, Amber Chasteen, Branwyn Robertson, Cassie Roth, and junior Suzanne Brill take a break in front of one of the casinos in Tunica, Mississippi. Photo courtesy vacationers

English

teacher Les Top, daughter Aleta and Joyce Hall stop for a break in the Cascade Mountains in Washington State. Photo courtesy vacationers

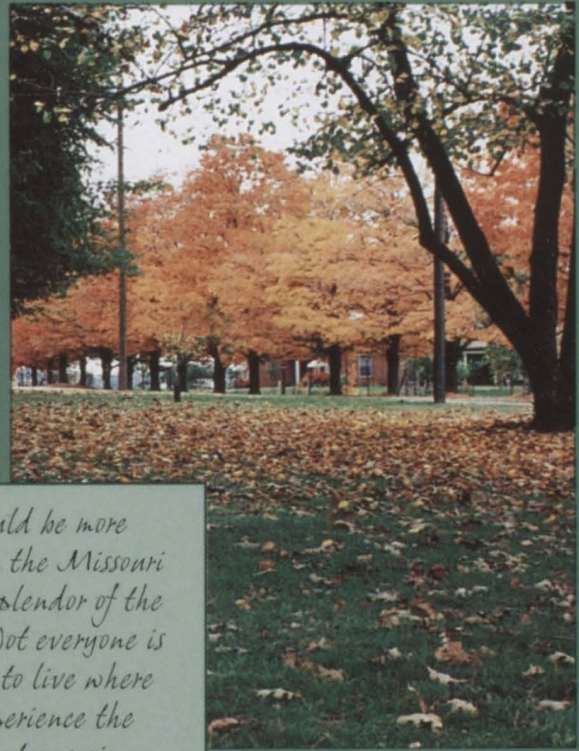
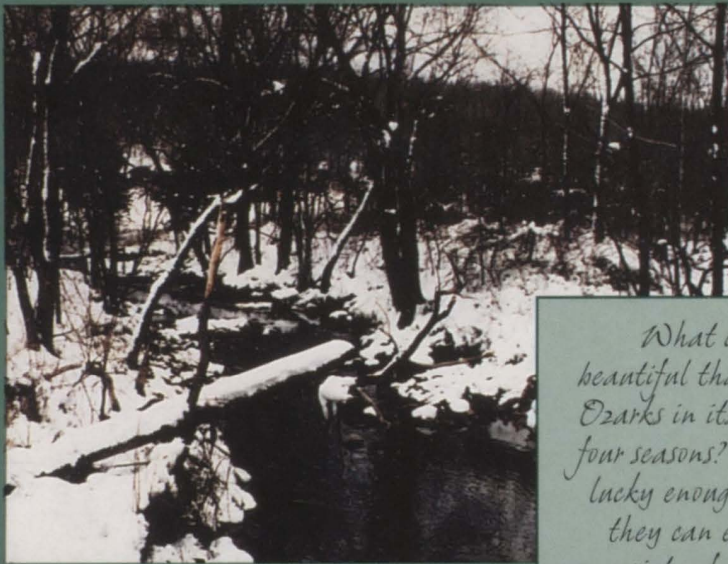




Now where am I?

# THE GREAT

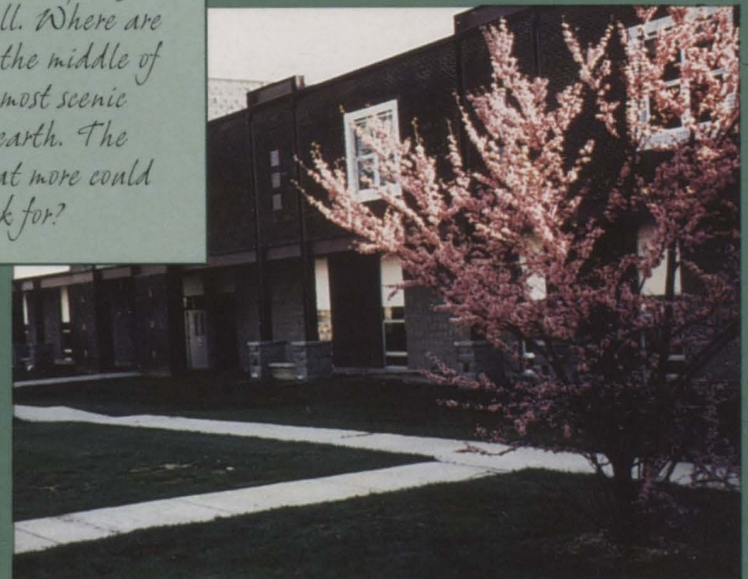
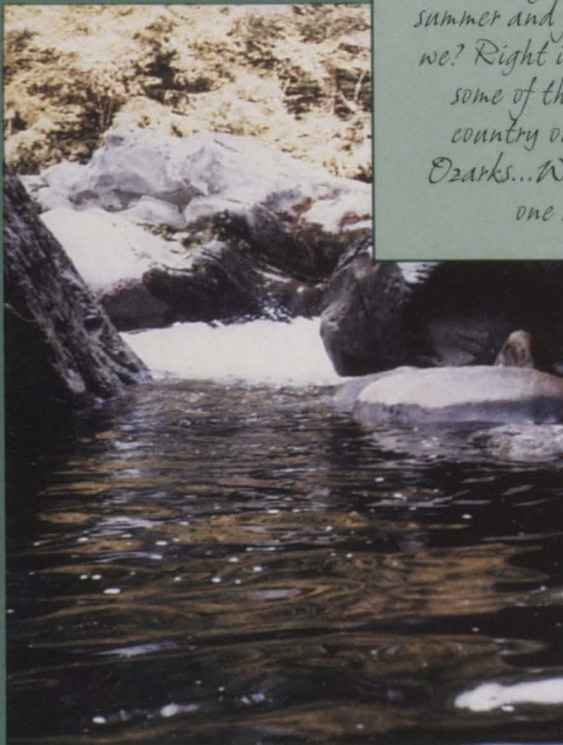
Winter



Autumn

What could be more beautiful than the Missouri Ozarks in its splendor of the four seasons? Not everyone is lucky enough to live where they can experience the variety of winter, spring, summer and fall. Where are we? Right in the middle of some of the most scenic country on earth. The Ozarks...What more could one ask for?

Summer



Spring



# OUTDOORS

Eos, the goddess of dawn (Greek mythology) brings the light of a new day, left, to the good people of the Ozarks. Below, Artemis, the goddess of moon, prepares to keep watch as the sun sets and day fades into night. Thousands of people enjoy both everyday in the Ozarks. *Photos courtesy Melanie Breedlove.*



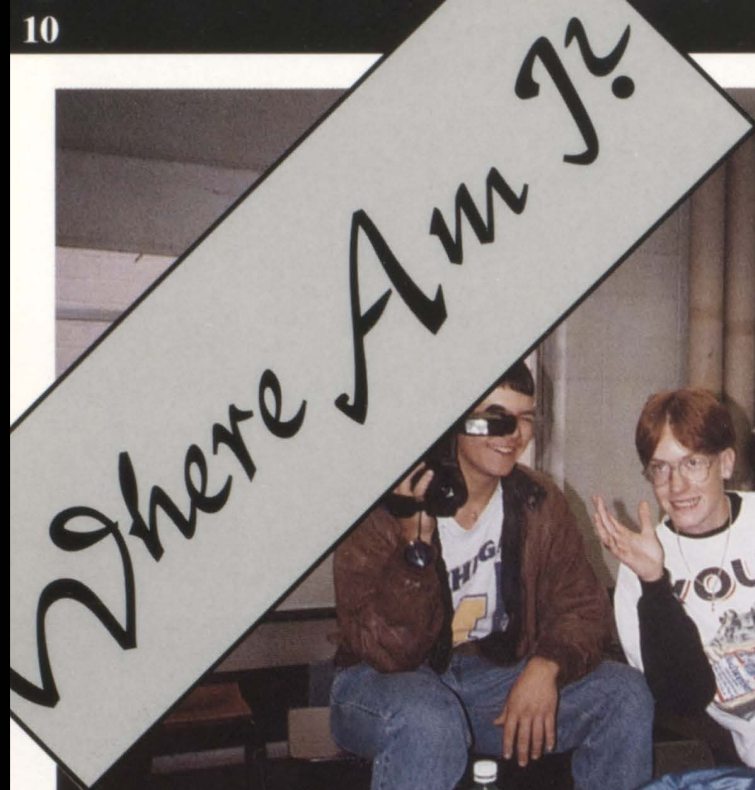
Panther Girl, the cat of teacher Bev Breedlove, guards a bed of impatiens during a warm summer day, far left. The square, serene and beautiful, 'chills' under a winter snowfall, above. The snow has melted and the tulips are in full bloom, left, in this late spring photograph. *Photos by Amanda Hutchinson and Micheal Brame*

*Opposite page photos by Candice Beard and Brent Dugger*





# You're on PTV



**S**eniors Ed Kennedy and Chris Cornelison, above, prepare to interview Bill Mares for an upcoming PTV segment. *Photo by Sunni Roth*

**J**im Beauchamp, aka "Bob Dole," above right, votes for "himself" in the mock election sponsored by the *Panther Perspective*. He acquired the alias when he starred in senior Micheal Brame's mock presidential debate, a project for an independent study in broadcast journalism. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

**W**riting a script for the day's PTV broadcast, junior Sunni Roth, right, listens to story ideas from juniors Heather Ratterree and Rosalie Kusior. Students who worked on PTV were offered extra credit points. *Photo by Earlisha Mathis*

'Stay tuned...  
We're on the air'

by Sunni Roth

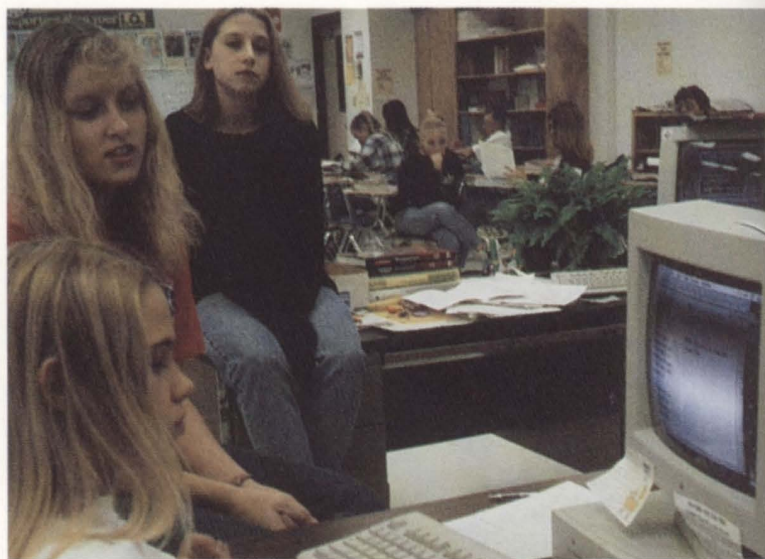
It may have been primitive, but it was often entertaining. It was PTV, a student produced episode that followed Channel One first semester.

PTV was the new Panther Television program broadcast over the high school's closed circuit system. It was written and produced by the students in the Technical Communications classes.

"PTV gave Tech Comm students an opportunity to practice several forms of communication that will be invaluable to them in the workplace," PTV adviser and Tech Comm teacher Connie Killgore said.

The show informed students and staff of events or happenings around the school or community. PTV also congratulated students on their achievements,

Executive producer, senior Micheal Brame, and executive director, junior Earlisha Mathis, developed Panther Television during the summer so that it could be on the air the first day of school. To research, they



traveled to Springfield NBC affiliate KY-3 to learn from the pros.

Along with the fun that comes with producing a television program is a lot of hard work. "Being an anchor on PTV was a lot of fun but it was very embarrassing and nerve wracking at first," junior Rayna Blair said.

"Rayna and I had a hard time trying to stop laughing and get it right," junior Nikki Howell, who co-anchored one broadcast with Blair added.

The students took turns being co-anchors, camera operators, script writers, etc. While equipment failure and other problems plagued the PTV staff second semester limiting the telecast to only occasional airings, several members of the Tech Comm classes still enjoyed a trip to Springfield ABC affiliate KSPR-33 in March.



Things that make  
you go... *huh?*

“While PTV was fun to do, it sure wasn’t as easy as it looked.”

--junior Earlisha Mathis

“I anchored several telecasts. What I enjoyed most was being in front of the camera.”

--junior Maurissa Hicks

“The best thing about PTV was me and Rose [junior Rosalie Kusior] ‘gripping’ the script for easy extra credit points.”

--junior Kecia Ratterree

“I enjoyed helping start work on a new medium at MGHS. It was time to do more than a newspaper and yearbook.”

--senior Micheal Brame



Broadcasting live from the back of the media department Christmas float, junior Maurissa Hicks and senior Chris Cornelison entertain the people along the parade route during the annual Christmas Parade. The float won second place, with the prize money going toward the purchase of a color printer. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

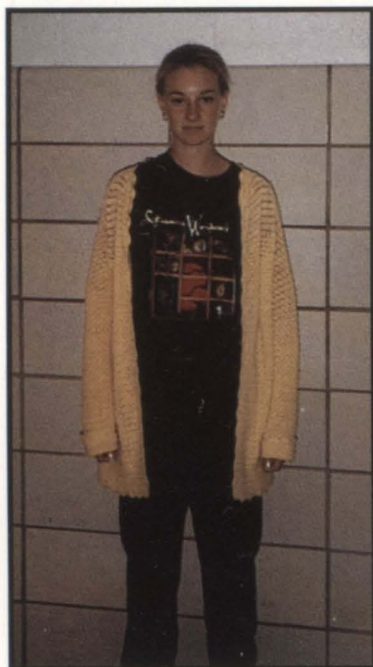
Professional broadcasters, KY-3 TV’s Steve Grant and Ron Hearst, below, share their expertise with senior Micheal Brame, seventh grader Laurel Killgore (member of Junior Panther Television staff), juniors Earlisha Mathis and Lea Ann Baldwin. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*





Below, senior Dana Ellis, Models her latest attire, the "Grunge" look. All Photos by Sherry Ogletree

Freshman Nathan Fry, below, contrasts the "Grunge" look with a more traditional country look.



# Personality sets tone for fashion

by Earlisha Mathis

Style? Try to define it and you will find as many definitions as there are people. Whether you're in the grungiest looking jeans and t-shirt or the latest by Ralph Lauren, you're more than likely considered "in style" by someone.

Trying to pin down the elusive "styles" popular this year was not easy. So many individuals defined "style," in fact, that the school paper, *The Panther Perspective*, started a new section called "Trends."

What the reporters discovered was a wealth of material to fill the page every month.

For example, "clogs," those clunky shoes with no back, took center stage at the first of the year as the featured "Trend of the Month." Clogs were followed by a series of reports about how students were enjoying a "return to the kindergarten days" with favorite old cartoons and new huggable

Winnie the Pooh and Tickle Me Elmo stuffed toys. Trying to become more like these fluffy creatures, many male teachers and students aided in the comeback of the once popular goatee.

The coming of Jr-affected styles as ROTC definitely camouflaged outerwear helped students blend in with...maroon lock-ers?!? Oh, well. At least they blended in with each other several days a month.

Comfort seems to be an especially powerful component of fashion and style at MGHS, as sophomore Jesse Denison models here. Look good--feel good, just like Jesse in his popular corduroy pants, parka, concert t-shirt and the ever popular Airwalk shoes.







Relaxing under the old Oak tree, seniors Jill Douglass, Amanda Hutchinson, sophomore Juan Coble, Juniors Suzanne Brill, Sophomore Jesse Denison, and senior J.R. Berry, top, demonstrate a wide verity of contemporary to unconventional.

Sporting their Khaki Pants, seniors Jeremiah Peterson, Lance Jones, David MacPherson, junior Scott Thornhill, and senior Justin Dowden, demonstrate what it takes to become a memberf the Khaki Club-Khakis!

## What's your favorite thing in your closet?

"The flying squirrel we caught in my house."--sophomore Jessica Pererson

"My road trip shirt with my name on it."--junior Scott Thornhill

"My Calvin's and my wooden Clogs."--sophomore Rachael Hazen

"My black sweater."--junior Maurissa Hicks

"My hangers."--junior Josh Bell

"My clothes."--junior Sunni Roth

"Jeans and T-shirts."--freshman Leslie Sheppard

"My cowboy boots, I reckon."--junior Rocky Coonts

"My Doc Martins, my Troi Amos necklace and my dark green sweater."--junior Jodie Hickerson

"My hip huggers."--senior Melissa Coble

"My yarn"--senior Rometta Bressie

"Buddha."--junior Leo Esely

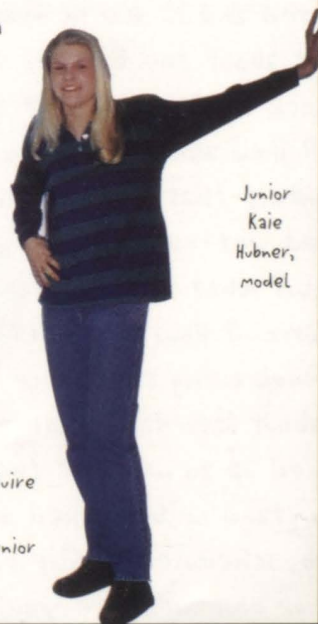
"I don't have a closet yet."

--sophomore Rebekah Vaughan

"Monsters."--junior Carl Ratterree

"My blue short-sleeved sweater."--junior Amy McGuire

"You mean my floor?" --senior Michel Brame



Junior  
Kaie  
Hubner,  
model



# What causes you...

How Mr. Cool, senior and firefighter Jason Wilson, right, relaxes to relieve stress after fighting a local fire. Photo by Micheal Brame

Planning Prom causes a lot of stress for juniors Mandy Roth, Suzanne Brill, and Emily Brown, below. Photo by Tara Shaw

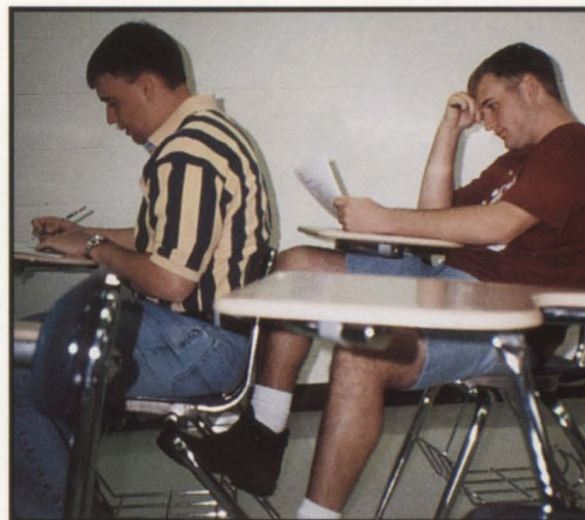
Seniors Jennifer Stearnes and Justin Dowden, far below, stress over the ACT; wishing for a 36 maybe? Photo by Angela Dunham



Stress? What stress? How about that research paper that hasn't been started and is due in five minutes? What about the Biology test next block that you forgot to study for? How about that solo for band contest that hasn't been memorized yet--and contest is tomorrow? What about that big game tomorrow? How about planning prom or fundraising the senior trip? How about Saturday night--you're signed up to work at the concession stand or be kicked out of the club, scheduled to flip burgers or your boss will fire you and the hottest guy/girl calls and asks you to go out? That's STRESS!







Science teacher Bonnie Peterson, above, explains the cause of many students' stress--complex chemistry equations. Photo by Jaime Ramsey

Clowning around at McDonalds helps sophomores Tara Shaw, Jaime Ramsey, and Angela Dunham, above right, relieve their stress. Photo by Sherri Ogletree

Taking tests is another big cause of stress as seniors Nathan Kemper and Donny Anderson, above, discover. Photo by Tara Shaw

# Stress?



Showing his Panther pride during Spirit Week, art teacher Aaron Roten, near right, reflects the 60's theme for the day. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*



The annual "faculty and staff outing" is to the Pump Boys and Dinettes show in Branson. Enjoying the fall scenery before the show are secretary Nan Dunham, math teacher Janet Townsend and Spanish teacher Donna Moore, far right, and members of their families. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

Mother & daughter science teachers, Bonnie Peterson and Marcie Stumpff visit while doing "lunch duty." *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*



His daughter, Emily, in his arms, history teacher Bob Vandiver, above, pauses after the Homecoming parade. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Meeting the cast of the Pump Boys after the show, faculty and staff members top off a day of dinner and entertainment in Branson. *Photo courtesy Burl Williams*





# JUST ask...

Bonkers over Biology? *Just ask* Mr. Finney. Trouble with Trig? *Just ask* Mrs. Townsend. Hysterical over History? *Just ask* Mr. Frerking. Gasping over Government? *Just ask* Mr. Roach. Psychotic about Psychology? *Just ask* Mr. Vandiver. Spastic in Spanish? *Just ask* Señora Moore. Exasperated with English? *Just ask* Mrs. Kemper.

When they're not on one of their "faculty outings," you can usually find them in their rooms.

Any questions? *Just ask...*

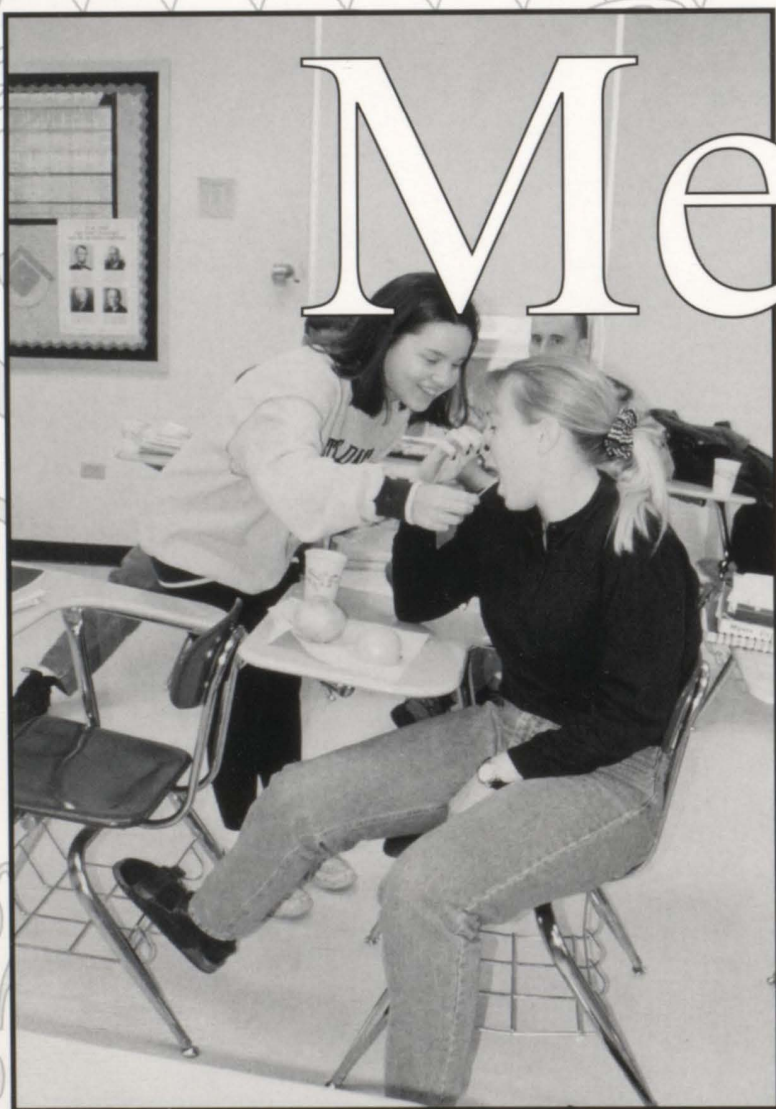




# What's

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# Mean.



**O**nions or apples? Senior Amanda Hutchinson tries to differentiate between the two with senior Jennifer Stearnes' help during an experiment in Psychology. Psychology is a dual enrollment class offered for college credit. Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove





Finishing their opening pages for a Technical Communications project, sophomores Nocona Tumlinson and Desirae Fullington and junior Justin Foster learn to navigate the new Macintosh Power PC computers in the Journalism/Media lab. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

# Academics



# Block Scheduling

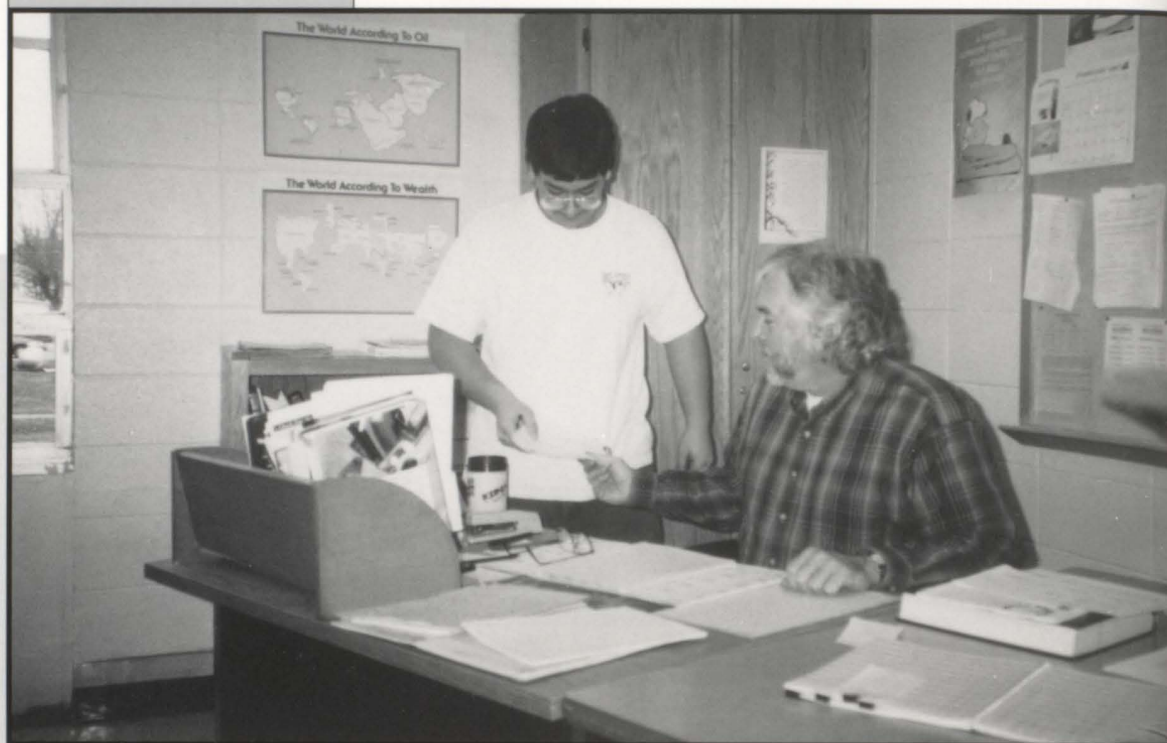
by Brian Graham

Touted as a new and easier style of scheduling, block scheduling, a new system popping up all over the country, came to Mountain Grove.

Instead of having a seven class day, we now have a four block day. The new system received both good and bad reviews, but a survey conducted by the administration found that the vast majority of students and staff approved of the new scheduling.

Block scheduling allows students to get homework done and have enough time in classes finish tests. The new block hours are 90 minutes long instead of last year's 50 minute sessions.

Senior Erica Craig said, "One day I like it and the next day I don't," but junior Michael Kemper said, "It works better because you have more time to do your homework."



Discussing their English work, juniors Todd McGlamery and Jason Duey, above, have a little chuckle about the assignment. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Asking "Why?", sophomore Steven Causey, top, and World History teacher Tom Hutchinson are ironing out all the "wrinkles in time." World History allows students to explore the world around them right in their own classroom. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*





## Block Scheduling: What does that mean?

"Block scheduling has many positive attributes. For example, it teaches students time management." --Principal Bridget Williams

"Everything. It's perfect for teaching Chemistry and Physics."--Chemistry teacher Bonnie Peterson

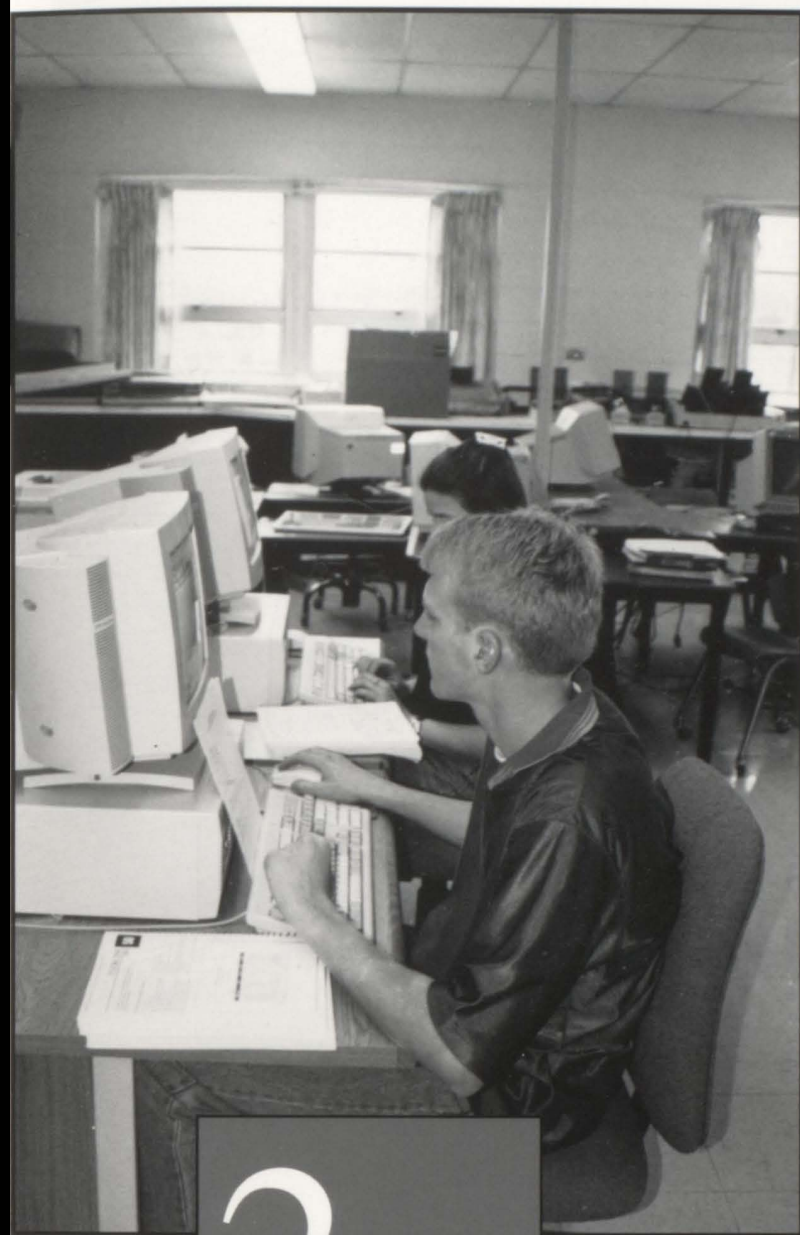
"I think that it gives you more time to do your work; however, I also think that it is very boring listening to the same teacher for almost two hours."--sophomore Georgette Yannetti

"Block scheduling has increased the attendance and usage of materials in the Media Center. I like it." -- Media Center Specialist Pat Robinson



Contemplating the "ways" of the cyberscreen, junior Dan Meierotto. top left, tries out the new computer systems of the Vo-Tech school. The computers are a present of the grant that the schools recently received. *Photo by Michelle Madderra*

Shaking his book, junior Corey Finch, above, hopes that history will "fall into place" so that he will not repeat it any time soon. As part of an incentive to upgrade progress in the history classes, the school has recently purchased new and updated history books. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*



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'Building the groove'

Deep in concentration, sophomore Rachelle Douglass, left, is working on a research paper for her English II College Prep class. Now at MGHS there are two types of English courses which really help the students in choosing a path for their future. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

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# Academic Team

## Practice a priority

by Kristi Freeman

The Academic Team has a new look as members have new shirts to wear to competitions.

They usually practice two hours each week and also at home.

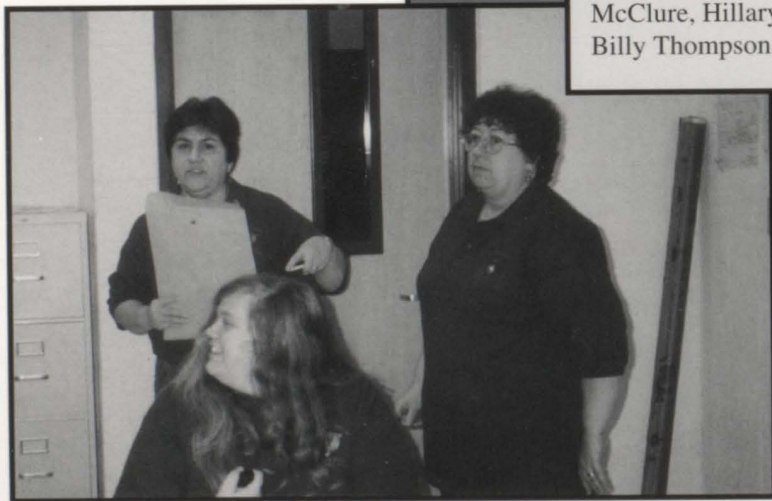
Academic Team members travel to competitions on Saturdays which usually last all day.

Senior Amanda Volk says, "Academic Team is a challenge because I know very few of the answers."

Junior Angie Whitworth agrees, "I'm challenged to expand my range of thought."



**Academic Team:** Row 1: Dana Ellis, Juli Proe, Kristy Champ, Jennifer Stearnes, Leslie Ward, Brandi Kumpula, Amanda Volk. Row 2: Larissa Buchholz, Jennifer McClure, Hillary Spiva, Angie Whitworth, Tabitha Todd. Row 3: Misti Gourley, Billy Thompson, Jennifer Hodges, John Tyrrell



Listening to teacher Donna Moore's instructions intently, junior Larissa Buchholz and teacher Jan Townsend, above, develop a strategy for the upcoming competition.

Senior Jennifer Stearnes, right, prepares to solve an algebraic expression during practice. Stearnes went on to lead the team as captain.

Coaching the academic team is one of the many ways that teacher Jan Townsend, far right, gives her time to her students.  
*Photos by Amanda Hutchinson*

## Honors

### INVITATIONALS

HOUSTON--4th

all tourn. team: Tabitha Todd

WEST PLAINS

all tourn. team: Jennifer Hodges  
& Larissa Buchholz

MOUNTAIN GROVE--4th

all tourn. team: John Tyrrell  
JV--3rd

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC--4th

WILLOW SPRINGS--1st

JV--1st

SCA

HOUSTON

All tourn. team: Larissa Buchholz





# Interscholastic Team



**Interscholastic Team:** Row 1: Kristy Champ, Larissa Buchholz, Mandie Estes, Tabitha Todd, Lori Thompson, Billy Thompson. Row 2: Jonny Bell, Jeremy Crewse, Hillary Spiva, Angie Whitworth, Jennifer Hodges, John Tyrrell, Bill Dobbs.

## Team places well

by Micheal Brame

At the interschoolastic competition at SMSU West Plains Thursday, March 26, the high school academic team placed 6th out of 24 teams in overall points.

The team competed in Division I, which included schools with over 400 students.

In the Agriculture category, junior Lori Thompson took 1st place in her division.

For American History, freshman Mandie Estes placed 2nd.

Junior Billy Thompson received 1st place in American Government while John Tyrrell took 3rd.

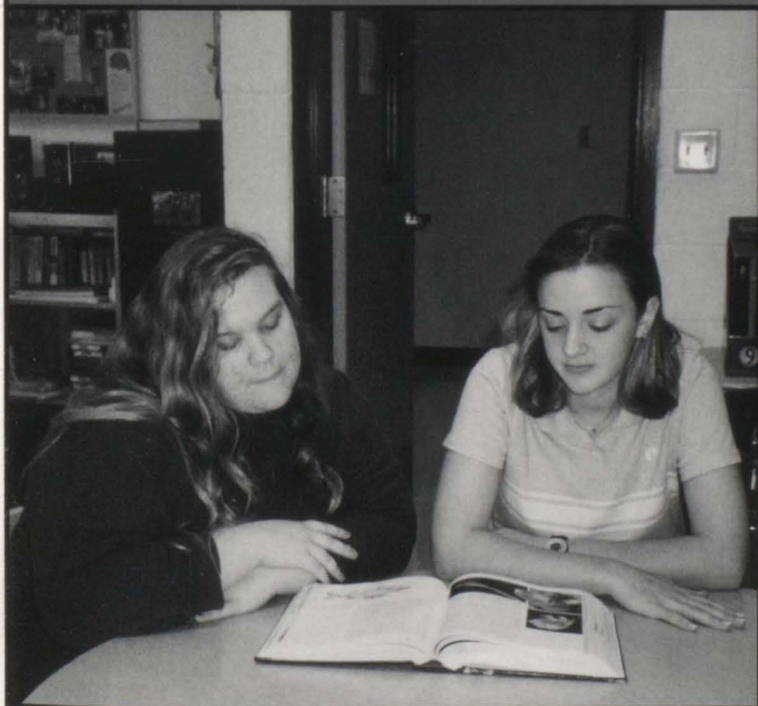
Sophomore Weslee Long finished 3rd in European History.

## Honors

### MEDAL WINNERS

Mandie Estes, Lori Thompson, Billy Thompson, John Tyrrell

(photo at left)



Studying for the upcoming competition, sophomore Larissa Buchholz and junior Jennifer Hodges fill their minds with still more details in anticipation of winning. Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove



# History Department

## Dual enrollment new to department

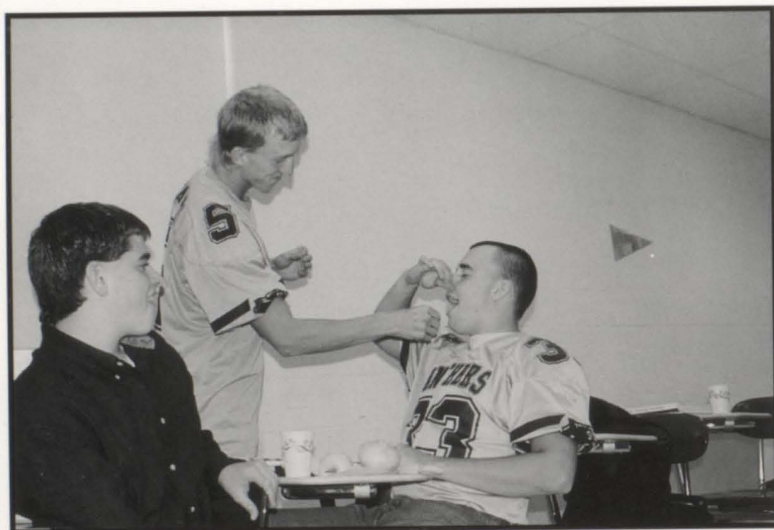
by Jodie Hickerson

The History Department has seen major changes including dual-enrollment psychology and sociology courses taught by Norma Ogletree.

The courses offer students a chance to complete a college class during their junior or senior year in high school at half the cost. The

students receive credit from SMSU in West Plains. The credit can be transferred to different colleges if that college offers the same class.

Government, which used to be a freshman class, is now a junior class, taught by coach Bob Vandiver. A new teacher, Andy Frerking, took over American History when long-time teacher Terry Azevedo moved to MGMS.



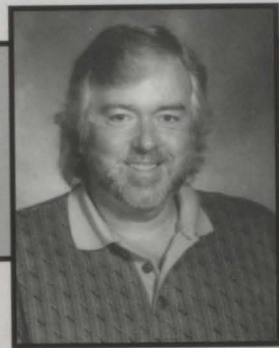
What's that taste? Psychology students, senior Justin Dowden, junior Jerred Yarger and senior Nathan Kemper, above, are stumped as they discover they cannot taste without smelling. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Deciding who's innocent, mock trial "judge," junior Suzanne Brill, listens to evidence from "witness," junior Mandy Roth, bottom left, in Bob Vandiver's Government class. *Photo by Sara Johnson*

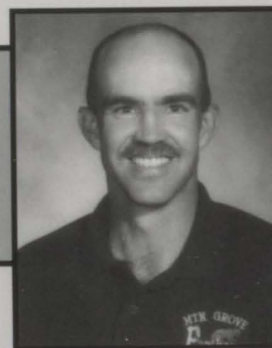
Where in the world am I? Sophomore Nathaniel Barbe directs sophomores Jeff Moore and Karalin Hall to Europe via a map in Tom Hutchinson's World History class. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



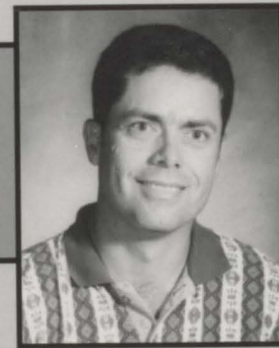
Andy Frerking



Tom Hutchinson  
DEPARTMENT HEAD



Kyle Roach



Bob Vandiver





# Physical Education

## *P.E. not just kid's stuff anymore*

by Lance Jones

Physical Education is a required class. Not only does the class provide knowledge of the students body and how to keep it healthy but it also enhances their physical attributes.

Freshman Lindsey Linton says "It keeps me in shape so that I don't get too fat." Freshmen Billy Graham and James Todd agree that they both like the activities.

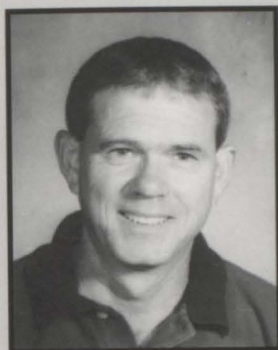
Physical Education use to be defined as freshman P.E. but now

many other classes are offered.

Athletic Director Ron Dunham explains, "We try to include all types of activities to enable students to pick up on lifetime sports."

Several new classes are now offered including Fitness & Strength, Physical Education, and Fitness for Life, a dual enrollment class offered to area high school students by SMSU.

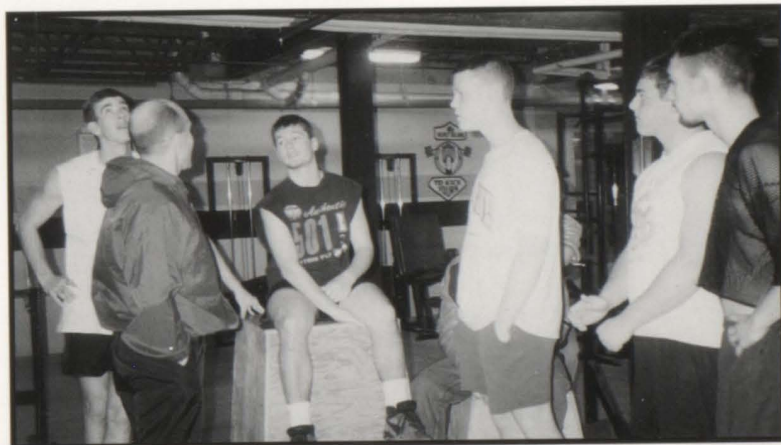
Senior Alicia Douglass says, "I took Fitness for Life so I could finish it before college and so I could have more college hours."



*Terry Azevedo*



*Ron Dunham*  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Offering his expertise to Fitness students, coach Kyle Roach, above, speaks with senior Derek Rogers, and junior Wendal Schrock. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



Working her abdomen, freshman Jodi Chernowsky does a modified sit-up during coach Ron Dunham's P.E. class, far left. *Photo by Candice Beard*

Balance is important, so sophomore Jessica Peterson works at it in the weight room, left. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*





# Mathematics Department

## Math Department faces challenges

by Micheal Brame

What do you mean you can add "a" and "b" and get " $x^2+52=z$ "? If you don't believe it just ask one of the many talented members of the mathematics department. This particular equation may not be true but a good many are, as students find out in the classes including: Applied Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I & II, Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus.

There also a few classes offered on a dual enrollment program with area colleges and universities.

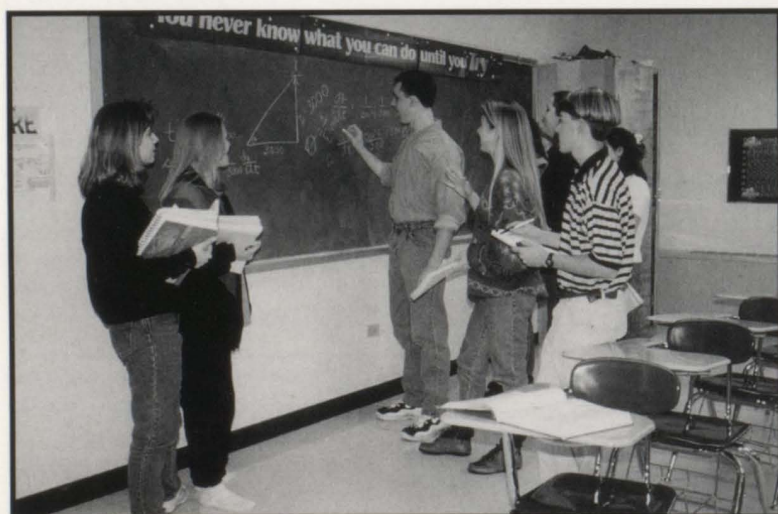
Members of the math faculty spend a lot of after school hours

coaching teams for competition and sponsoring the popular Math and Science Club. Why?

"Because I love math," explains teacher Jan Townsend. Townsend can frequently be found tutoring students after school until the "light goes on".

Recently the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has emphasized the importance of mathematics in an education that better prepares students for the workplace.

Incorporating this philosophy into the curriculum has kept the mathematics faculty especially busy as they face a deadline for implementing the new directives next year.



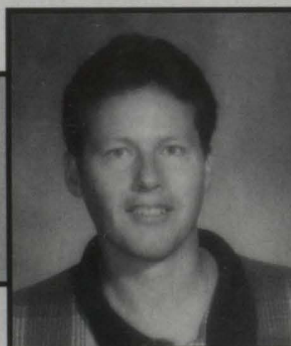
Solving a complex mathematical equation, students in Jan Townsend's Pre-Calculus class, above, work together to get the job done. Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove



Solomon Cornelius



Marsha Forrest



Randy Reed  
DEPARTMENT HEAD



Jan Townsend



Reta Tyrrell



# Math Team



**Math Team:** Row 1: Jodi Chernowsky, Mandie Estes, Sara Johnson, Rachelle Douglass, Tabetha Alsup. Row 2: Amy Brummet, Larissa Buchholz, Tabitha Todd, Angie Whitworth, Jennifer Hodges



Placing second in the Trigonometry category at College of the Ozarks are sophomore Rachelle Douglass, junior Jennifer Hodges and sophomore Jeremy Flores, left. Not pictured: Wes Long. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

SCA medal winners in math competition are junior Sara Johnson, sophomore Rachelle Douglass and junior Jennifer Hodges, below. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



Pondering the problem, math teacher Randy Reed helps freshman Jon Marquis, above, comprehend the principals of Pre-Algebra. Pre-Algebra is the first stepping

stone for the understanding of statistics and mystifying equations in the problems of life. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*



## Honors

### SCA CONTEST

Rachelle Douglass--1st Place Algebra II  
Sara Johnson--5th Place Algebra II  
Jennifer Hodges--1st Place Trigonometry

### COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS CONTEST

Team: Jeremy Flores, Wes Long, Rachelle Douglass, Jennifer Hodges--2nd Place Trigonometry



# Science Department

## Technology aids 'scientists'

by Micheal Brame

If you want gore, and I mean real gore, then Walter Finney's Anatomy class is the place to be. For those weak stomached people, you might want to choose Bonnie Peterson's Chemistry class. For those who want to learn about the environment, you should be in Troy Marnholtz's Conservation class. Want to learn about the physical

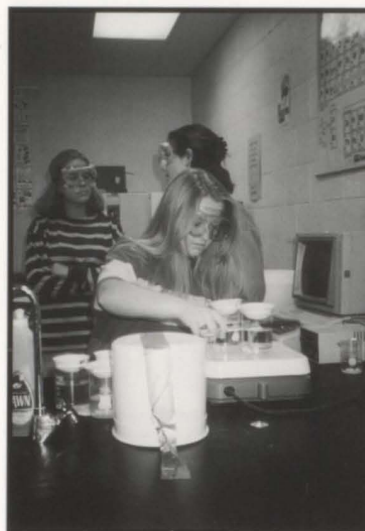
sciences, just ask Marcie Stumpff.

The Science Department has some of the districts more advanced technology. Computers in the Chem Lab aide students in experiments while video discs in the Biology Lab aid students in dissection.

With the emphasis on laboratory learning, the sciences are preparing students for a variety of work place experiences.

Emily Brown, junior, experiments with molar solutions of saltwater, above right. Next she will recover the salt through evaporation to complete her chemistry project. *Photos courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Freshmen Stacey Allen and Richard McGowan build rockets in Troy Marnholtz's class, far right above. This activity is just one example of the District's emphasis on hands-on learning.



Dissecting fetal pigs is one of the activities performed by the Anatomy class, above. Working here are seniors Lisa Turner, Kristy Champ, teacher Walter Finney, senior Rometta Bressie and junior Katrina Szura. *Photo by Micheal Brame*



Walter Finney  
DEPARTMENT HEAD



Troy Marnholtz



Bonnie Peterson



Marcie Stumpff



# Science Olympiad



**Science Olympiad:** Row 1: Jonny Bell, Barry Gilley, Leanne McGregor, Mandie Estes, Larissa Buchholtz. Row 2: Sherrie Hurley, Kristy Champ, Jennifer Stearnes, Tabitha Todd. Row 3: Kevin Ramaeker, Samson Goin, Daniel Zid, John Tyrrell, Jennifer Hodges



Science Olympiad medal winners, left, are Tabitha Todd, Mandie Estes, Larissa Buchholtz, Kristy Champ, John Tyrrell, and Jennifer Hodges. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Taking the test of a lifetime, juniors Larissa Buchholtz and Mandie Estes, below, hope to place well in their portion of the competition. *Photo courtesy Walter Finney*

## Honors

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Larissa Buchholz & Mandie Estes 2nd Place (Earth Science)  
Kristy Champ & John Tyrrell 2nd Place (Chemistry Lab)  
Jennifer Hodges & Tabitha Todd 2nd Place (Designer Genes)  
Larissa Buchholz & Kristy Champ (2nd Place Periodic Table)

### SCA SCIENCE MEDAL WINNERS

Mandie Estes 1st Place (Biology I)  
Jennifer Hodges 3rd Place (Biology II)  
Vanessa LaCroix 3rd Place (Chem II)  
Marianne Goin 5th Place (Chem II)  
Jeremy Crewse 5th Place (Physics)



SCA Science medal winners, far left, are Mandie Estes, Jennifer Hodges, Jeremy Crewse and Marianne Goin. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Taking a break from the tests, freshman Jonny Bell, left, checks out what's going on around him. *Photo by Larissa Buchholtz*





# English Department

## English more than just a language

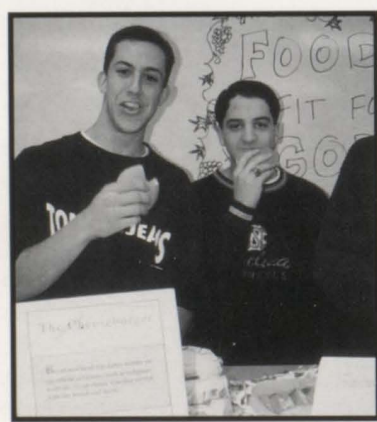
by Justin Nelson

Everybody uses the English language every day; thus it is important to learn. That is why it is on the District's agenda for a well rounded education.

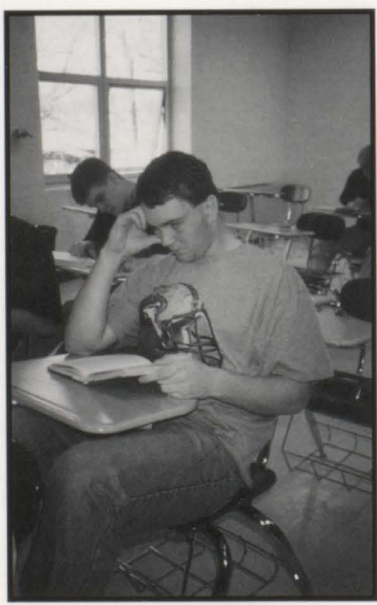
The high school offers many areas of English to study. For all students there are the basic En-






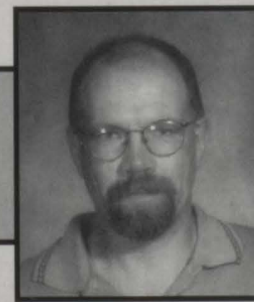
glish I & II classes. Advanced classes include College Prep English and English, American & World Literature. Speech is available for those who wish to study public speaking. Journalism is another area of study in this department.

Several electives are offered in either writing, reading, media, etc.



Shall I do a word search or E-mail someone? Sophomores Ryan Nelson and Penny Carmon, top, "surf the net" in the Media Center (formerly the Library) for research materials. Photo by Mindy Rodgers



	
Bev Breedlove	Jennifer Brixey
	
Judy Kemper DEPARTMENT HEAD	Connie Killgore
	
Norma Ogletree	Leslie Top

Taking a break from the regular assignments, Mythology students juniors Ryan Huff and Bryan Williams, far left, enjoy "food fit for the gods" as part of a project.

Wherefore art thou? I'm right here, of course! Senior Ronnie Ice "enjoys" a novel in one of Bev Breedlove's English classes near left. Photos by Sherry Ogletree



# Language Arts Activities

## LAD Fair

by Kimi Thornhill

Beginning in elementary school, local students participate in an annual event called the "LAD Fair." In high school, the tradition continues.

This year the LAD (or Language Arts Departments of Southwest Missouri) Fair was held at Nixa High School April 25.

Area students submitted works of literature (fiction and non-fiction) and poetry, art to illustrate literature, etc. MGHS entry sponsors were teachers Judy Kemper and Connie Killgore.

Students winning ribbons included senior Lance Jones, first place sports writing; sophomore Allison Curry, first place, biopoem; sophomore Danny Bohnenkamp, first place diamante; junior Ann Kaps, first place haiku and sophomore Joe Kuster, third place short free verse poem.

Two students were inducted into the Writers' Hall of Fame: Lance Jones in journalism/sports writing and Juli Proe in poetry. These inductees were chosen from among the top winning entries in the LAD Fair.

Entries were judged by college English professors and professional writers and are displayed for public view in an area high school each spring.

"It was very exciting this year for our students to win four first-place ribbons in such stiff competition," Kemper said. "Over 70 schools entered more than 7,000 pieces of writing," she continued.

"My wonderful teacher, Mrs. Kemper, inspired me to write a poem about The Brady Bunch," Curry said. This poem about "poor Jan" earned a ribbon.

"What is impressive about this competition to me is that our students compete with students from schools as diverse as Springfield Kickapoo to Spokane," Killgore added.

"In many competitions, students are up against other students from similar size schools. To win a ribbon at the LAD Fair is quite an honor," she continued.

Hurley, Allison Curry, Jaime Ramsey, Betsey Matthews, Juli Proe. Row 2: Laurissa Buchholz, Angela Dunham, Joe Kuster, Tara Shaw, Ann Kaps, Danny Bohnenkamp.



The language Arts Department Fair was held in April at Nixa High School. Over 40 entries from Mountain Grove were judged by various college professors and writing professionals. Ribbon win-

ners included: (top left) Allison Curry, Ann Kaps, Joe Kuster, and Danny Bohnenkamp. Juli Proe, top right, was inducted into the Writers Hall of Fame for poetry. Participants were (bottom) Row 1: Sherry



# Fine Arts Department

## Arts valued by District philosophy

by Micheal Brame

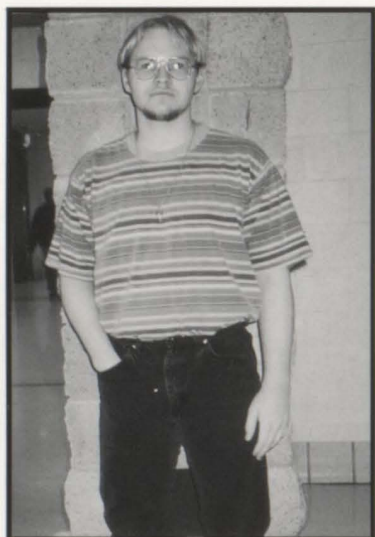
The fine arts course requirement for graduation can be met by many different areas of study. Art and music are the general areas.

Music can be studied in band under the direction of Craig Finger and Billie Miller, or in Choir

under the direction of Janet Payne.

Art, taught by Aaron Roten, is available to all students. It is especially offered to those who do not participate in a music program.

The District's philosophy of a well rounded education is responsible for this approach to learning.

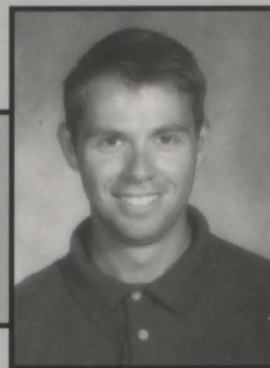


Art will figure prominently in senior Rick Woodard's future. Woodard, above, won a scholarship from the Southwest District Art Teachers. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Plaster is freshman Patti Thornhill's medium, above right, as she adds to her art project. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

An intaglio print from the portfolio of art teacher Aaron Roten, right, gets special recognition as part of an exhibit at SMSU Student Center. *Photo by Rick Woodard*

Painting a mural at the Dora White Community Center occupies the creative time of senior Juli Proe, Advanced Art student, far right. *Photo by Lance Jones*



Craig Finger  
DIRECTOR OF BANDS



Billie Miller



Janet Payne  
DIRECTOR OF VOCAL MUSIC



Aaron Roten  
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# Practical Arts

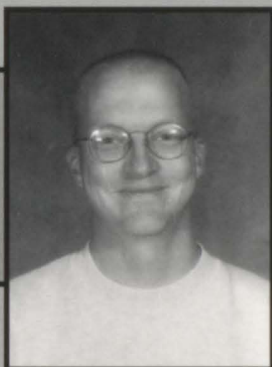
## Department



Michelle Lindsey



Stacy Matherly  
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Richard Nelson



Shannon Nelson

### Departments offer course variety

by Micheal Brame

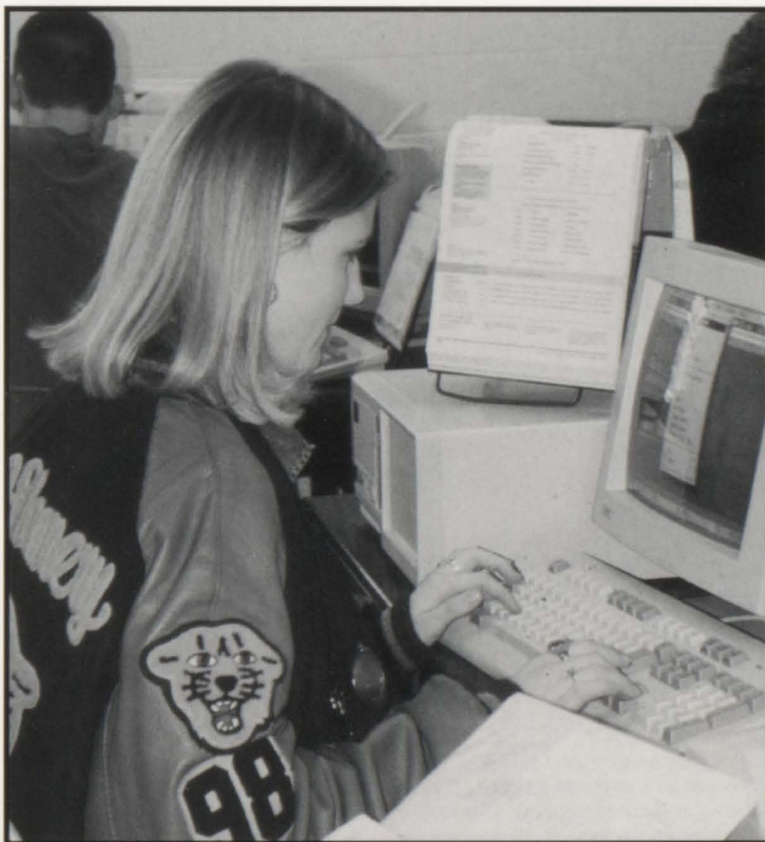
The Practical Arts Department offers a variety of courses for students to enroll in. If you plan to go into business, Stacy Matherly teaches a wide range of courses including Basic Business, Business Communications and Business Law.

Along those same lines, Michelle Lindsey and Shannon

Nelson teach Keyboarding for those students who need to learn to type.

Richard Nelson continues this technological approach with the computer programming course, Computer Information Systems, or CIS.

With these courses in hand, students are better able to get a foot in the door of a local business or move on to further education.



An incredulous jury foreman, senior Leslie Ward, left, gets into the action in a mock trial during teacher Stacy Matherly's Business Law class. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson

Keyboarding is a required class for freshmen or sophomores, so freshman Lane Baldwin learns the skills that will help her get through her high school years, above. Photo by Heath Housley





# School Publications

## 'Murphy's Law'? Try again, yearbook staff

by Rick Woodard

As the school year got under-way, so did yearbook editors Micheal Brame and Amanda Hutchinson. Although not as many veterans returned as they had hoped, a dependable staff was formed. The yearbook staff is comprised of the School Publications class and the Photography II class. The Photography I class also submitted photos.

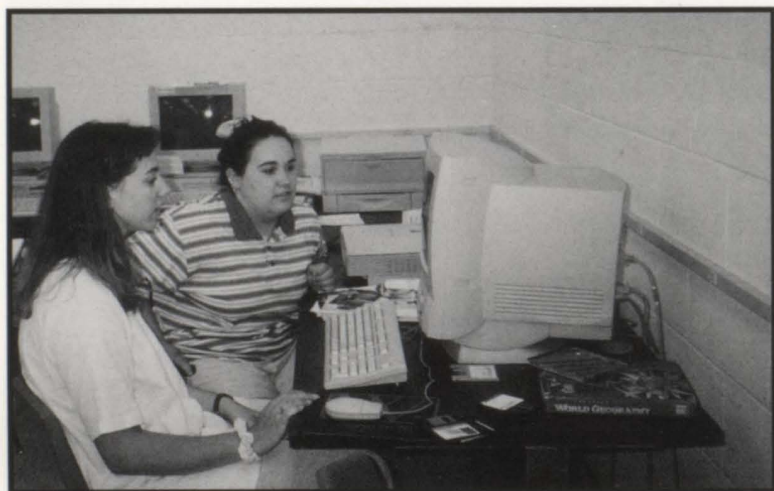
In early September the theme was chosen beating out other proposed themes such as "Murphy's Law" and "The Change."

"I like the theme "Where Am I"

because it's intriguing," explained junior Kristie Freeman. "It really makes you think about the changes taking place in our school this year," she continued.

"Even though we were hoping for more color this year, the 78 pages are much appreciated," explained staff editor Amanda Hutchinson. About one-third of the '97 *Panther* is in color.

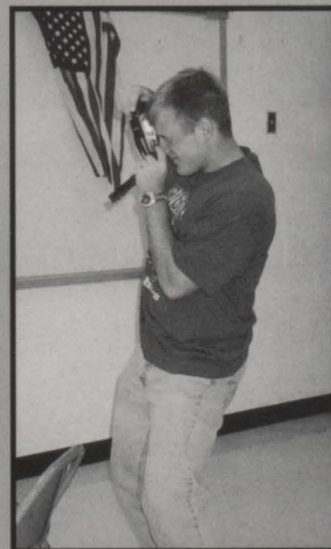
Adjusting the enlarger in the dark-room, editor, senior Amanda Hutchinson, right, prepares to print photos for the yearbook. One of Hutchinson's chief editorial duties was to acquire photographs from every event possible for complete coverage. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



Preparing pages for the Royalty and Organizations sections keeps seniors Branwyn Robertson and Stephanie Mayberry, above, busy in the Journalism lab. These girls served as section editors. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

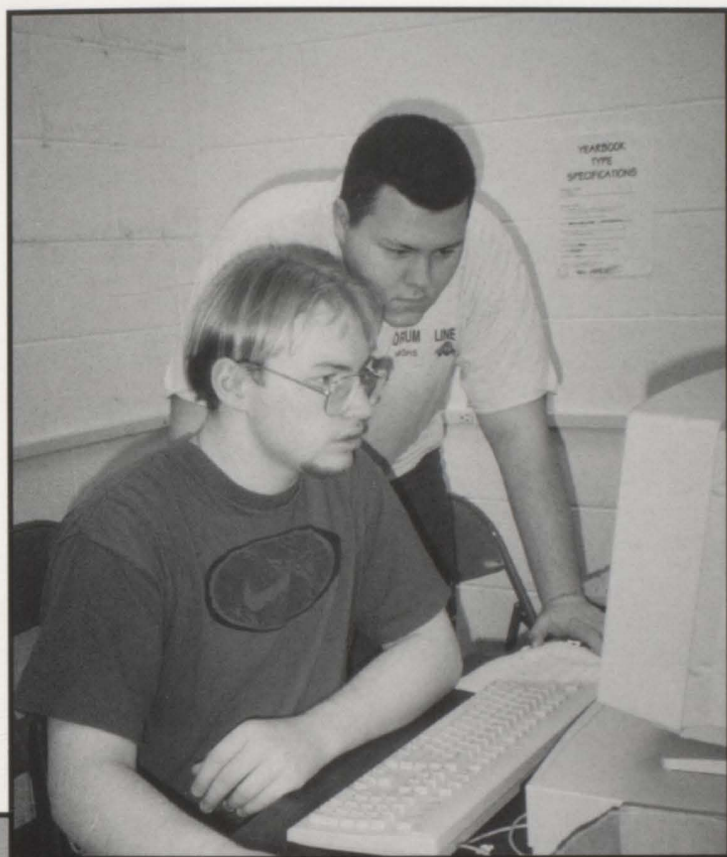
Getting down to business is the name of the game for assistant business manager, junior Kristi Freeman, near right. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Focusing on his subject, photographer, senior Donny Anderson, far right, gets the right angle as he freezes a memory in time. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*





# Photography



With input from editor, senior Micheal Brame, art director, senior Rick Woodard, left, works on a design for the Academics section that will illustrate the move to block scheduling. Woodard also designed the cover and drew the endsheets for the Panther. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

As one Panther team after the other finishes its play for the season, seniors Nathan Kemper and Jeremiah Peterson, below, chronicle the athletes' performances for the Sports section. By the end of the year, Peterson was an expert at keying numbers. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



## Where Am I? Staff

**Panther Yearbook Staff** Row 1: adviser Connie Killgore, Rick Woodard, Justin Nelson, editor Micheal Brame, editor Amanda Hutchinson, Kristie Freeman, Donny Anderson, co-adviser Bev Breedlove. Row 2: Carrie Yarber, Kimi Thornhill, Sunni Roth, Jeremiah Peterson, Scott Thornhill, Lance Jones, Brian Graham. Row 3: Jodie Hickerson, Betsy Banks, Marie Taylor, Melissa Coble, Michelle Madderra, Nathan Kemper, Candice Beard. Row 4: Jeremy Carter, Earlisha Mathis, Stephanie Mayberry, Branwyn Robertson, Lea Baldwin, Tara Nunn, Jason Wilson.





# Journalism

## Journalists excel in competition

by Lea Baldwin

For the second consecutive year, the Journalism class produced two newspapers: an 8-page tabloid distributed free to students and a page in the local paper. Their efforts again won them state and national honors.

One student, sports co-editor Lance Jones, was inducted into the LAD Writers' Hall of Fame.

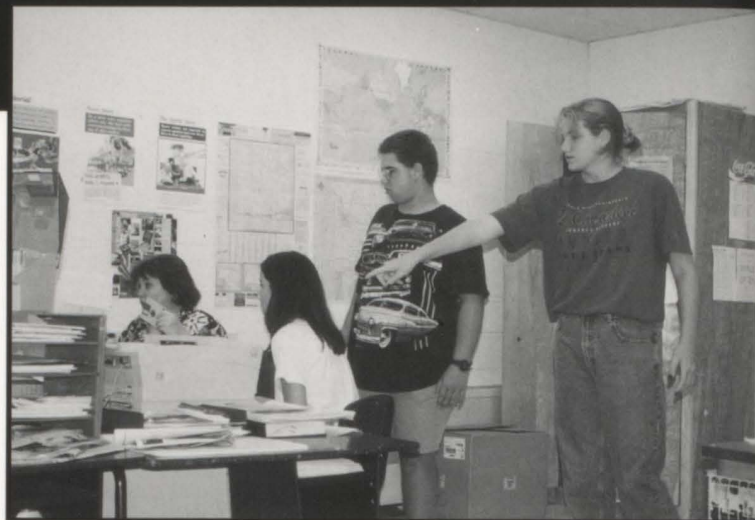
Jennifer Stearnes, Micheal

Section editors, Jennifer Stearnes (features), Rusty Lee (opinions) and Suzanne Brill (news), top right, receive input from adviser Killgore. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

Interviewing Carl Williams, senior Jennifer Stearnes, far right, works on her award-winning Juvenile Detention story. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

Putting finishing touches on the Media Dept. float is senior Chris Cornelison, right. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

Brame, Lea Baldwin and Suzanne Brill won "Show Me" awards in MIPA (Mo. Interscholastic Press Assoc.) competition, the highest honor possible for individual stories. Winning "Superior" honors were Earlisha Mathis, Michael McGregor, Jeremy Bell, Jennifer Stearnes and Suzanne Brill.



Winning coveted honors from the annual MIPA competition were seniors Michael McGregor and Micheal Brame, juniors Lea Baldwin, Earlisha Mathis and Suzanna Brill and senior Jennifer Stearnes, above. Lance Jones won first place in the LAD Fair. *Photo by Emily Brown*

**Journalism I & II** Row 1: *Encore* co-editor Katie Hubner, *Encore* co-editor Jill Douglass, *Perspective* co-editor Sara Johnson, *Perspective* co-editor Lea Baldwin, adviser Connie Killgore. Row 2: Jeremy Bell, Sunni Roth, Suzanne Brill, Lance Jones, Alicia Douglass, Mindy Rodgers, Jennifer Stearnes, Michelle Hawkins. Row 3: Rusty Lee, Bill Dobbs, Davy Homer, Michael McGregor, Emily Brown, Larissa Buchholz, Chrystal McKinley, Earlisha Mathis. Not pictured: Micheal Brame





# Photography I

## Photographers get head start

by Jessica Peterson

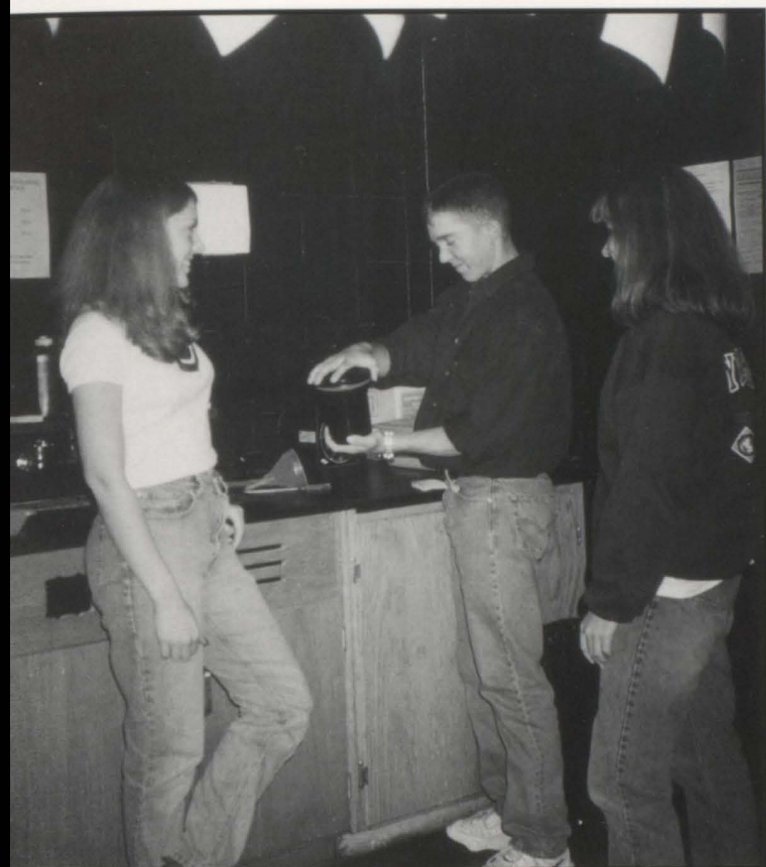
The Photography program was expanded this year as Photography I was added to the curriculum.

Photography I students took many of the photos used for the yearbook. They learned photo taking techniques, black and white developing and printing and be-

gan learning about the color process.

Advanced Photography students continued using and mastering techniques they had begun in earlier photography classes. They also worked on the yearbook with School Pub students.

MGHS boasts one of the few color darkrooms in the area.



**Photography I** Row 1: Ronnie Ice, Heath Housley, Lance Jones, Brent Dugger, Jessica Peterson, Sherry Ogletree, Mindy Rodgers. Row 2: adviser Bev Breedlove, Tara Shaw, Jaime Ramsey, Sarah Craig, Brenda Good, Betsy Wade. Row 3: Jared Byerly, Jared Doty, Carrie Stratton, Angela Dunham, Jesse Denison, Jerrod Stearnes.

As they discover how to develop film in the darkroom, first-year photographers senior Sherry Ogletree, sophomore Jared Doty and senior Mindy Rodgers, top left, "shake it up" with the developing canister. Next, they will print the negatives and hang the prints up to dry. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Sharing their ideas on the what photos would work well on the "Stress" layout at the front of the yearbook, sophomores Jaime Ramsey, Tara Shaw and Angela Dunham plan shoots to fill in the boxes. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



# Foreign Language

## Say what? 'Uno, dos, drei, veir!'

by Kristi Freeman

"Hola bien gente" (Hello, fine people). In the Spanish classes students learn the basics of the Spanish language. As the year progresses the students are equipped and able to say phrases and even complete sentences.

Some students take Spanish II so they can get a college prep seal on their diplomas, while others are there to learn more about Spanish.

Teacher Donna Moore involves the students in several hands-on activities including making pinatas. Students also write a paragraph about themselves in Spanish and turn in a photograph

which is made into a yearbook. Called "el anuario espanol," the yearbook is produced entirely by students.

Students learn about a variety of cultures through textbooks, videos, guests and activities.

German is being offered for the last time for those students who began the class last year.

Taught by Judy Kemper, the class visited Hermann, an historic German town at the Gasconade and Missouri Rivers in central Missouri.

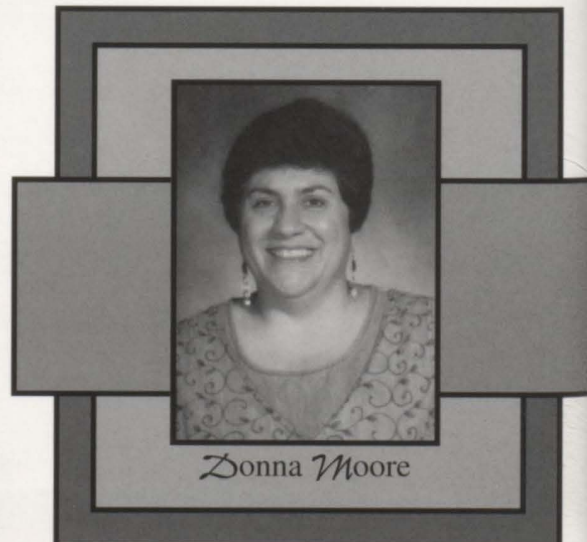
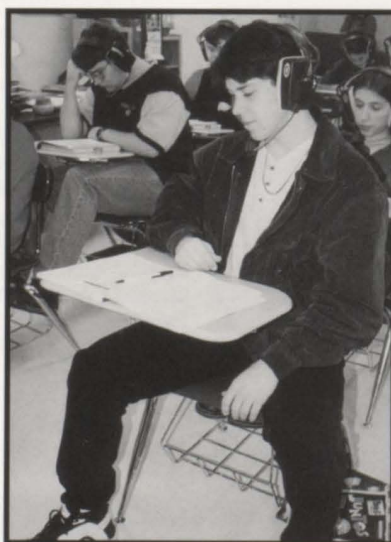
"The best thing about being in German is eating weinerschnitzel in Hermann," said senior Brian Graham.

Listening to mariachi music? Probably not, but listening to the Spanish language on tape helps sophomore Joe Kuster, below right, improve his foreign language skills. *Photo by Cancice Beard*

German II students Justin Dowden and Lindsey Ault, juniors Michael Kemper and Jabon Ellis, and seniors Michael McGregor and Brian Graham, right, relax in Hermann. *Photo by Cancice Beard*



What is it? Is it safe to eat? Probably so, as sophomores Jerrod Stearnes and Carrie Stratton, above, discover on one of the Spanish field trips. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



Donna Moore



# Special

## Education

### *Life skills at top of list*

by Maurissa Hicks

The Special Education classes often focus on important life skills.

For example, in teacher Lori Thornhill's class, students have the opportunity to work in a kitchen and do many other hands-on activities.

"New curriculum bought with grant monies provided special needs classes with new experiences and classroom materials necessary to learn 'real life' skills," Thornhill explained.

Many students say they not only learn, but also enjoy coming to school. "I like the classes because it's easy to understand, I get to cook and play really fun games," senior Nancy Grimshaw said.

Junior Terry Perkins agreed he enjoyed

his classes, but said, "We do a lot of work," emphasizing that it's what is learned that really counts.

The department serves students with learning disabilities, behavior disorders or mental handicaps. In some cases, the students spend all day in the special classrooms, but most students attend regular classes and use the department as a resource for additional help.

Teacher Nancy Doty, for example, helps her students learn to use the computer and helps them develop study skills that will help them be successful in the regular classroom.

Teacher Sherri Branson is very instrumental in helping freshmen adjust to the high school setting so they can advance educationally.



*Sheri Branson*



*Nancy Doty*



*Lori Thornhill*



Enjoying the comfort of the new furniture made available by a grant, junior Bill Clark relaxes as freshman Ben Leggins and sophomore Doug Simpson play a computer game, above, in Lori Thornhill's classroom. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Learning life skills such as cooking and cleaning enables junior Robert Reed and senior Nathan Hull, left, to prepare a snack in Nancy Doty's resource class. *Photo courtesy Nancy Doty*



# Marching Band



**Panther Pride Marching Band** Row 1: Amber Chasteen, Wendy Willms, Greg Cantrell, Leanne McGregor, Ryan Mabe, Micheal Brame, Dana Ellis, Curtis Dennis, Jennifer Stearnes, Michael McGregor, Brian Graham, Jason Evans, Anthony Crisp, Kristy Champ, Stephanie Mayberry. Row 2: Mindy Lee, Ann Kaps, Faith Cornelius, Juli Proe, Elva Upshaw, Lisa Leggins, Amanda Benson, Amber Bridges, Sherrie Hurley, Angie Whitworth, Lyndse Robertson, Clarice Kluey, Rachel Homer, Kristie Weatherly, Tamara Ludlum, Karalin Hall. Row 3: Errin Kemper, Lane Baldwin, Micki McCune, Jason Glenn, Michelle Hawkins, Dusty Lee, J.D. House, Hillary Spiva, Rick Woodard, Julia Kuster, Genny Gordon, Bethany Roy, Brandy Young, Samantha Dennis, Jeff Moore, Michael Kemper, Jabon Ellis, Jammie Hurley. Row 4: Suzanne Brill, Lindsay Campbell, Jamie Raney, Tamara Forrest, Heather Todd, Michelle Broos, Cassie Roth, Barry Gilley, Rusty Lee, Matt Brown, Lea Baldwin, Josh Colson, Nathaniel Barbe, Tabitha Todd, Charity Gault, Daniel Hancock, Mandy Roth, Jaime Ramsey, Jimmy Splain.

*Her* trombone shining toward Panther Stadium, senior Chrystal McKinley, right, plays her solo version of "Shine Down," as the band accompanies her. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

*Sticking* the beat of the boogie, the Panther Pride drum line, far right, plays its rendition of the percussion feature, "Jungle Boogie." *Photo by Jessica Peterson*





Conducting the band to certain success, senior Jennifer Stearnes, left, readies the band on the field. Stearnes is just one of the three drum majors that helped the band be successful during the marching season this year. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

Popping their horns on the last note of "Jungle Boogie," sophomore Jaime Ramsey and junior Michael Kemper fire up with the rest of the marching band members as they perform with tremendous intensity and vigor. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*



## Marching Band enters 'scores' of competitions

by Brian Graham

The Panther Pride Marching Band got off to a good start and it showed at performances.

The band competed in four competitions around the state. The first competition was held in Sullivan. The band captured the second place trophy in the red division.

The second competition was held at Francis Howell High School. Again the Panther Pride Marching Band took the second place slot.

The two last contests were held at Carthage and at SMSU Plaster Stadium complex. The Panther

Pride Band received a II rating at the Carthage Festival and 7th place at SMSU.

The most important performances came at the football games where the musicians played for the home crowd. Music teacher Craig Finger, has been band director three years with help from music teacher Billie Miller, assistant band director, for the past two years.

"Our most memorable performance was at Houston. We played together with the Houston High School band and received a standing ovation," junior Rusty Lee said.

Showing their school pride, the Houston High School band and the Panther Pride Band share the field in the presentation of "Shine Down." This particular event was a crowd pleaser for fans of both bands. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

Raising the spirit of the community, the Panther Pride Marching Band performs a few selections from its repertoire during the annual Homecoming parade. *Photo by Jesse Denison*





## Jazz

## Band

*Jazz band adds spice to program*

by Brian Graham

Jazz Band went through a few changes this year including meeting during 8th block instead of before school in the morning.

These musicians are chosen from the larger Concert Band and

compete in a number of contests one of which was held in Kansas City.

A colorful addition to the band program, the Jazz Band also performs at the annual Band Bar-B-Q and the Christmas and Spring concerts.



*C*raig Finger directs his band on the town square during the annual Band Bar-B-Q May 10, above right. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*

*T*rumpeters junior Jabon Ellis, junior Michael Kemper, junior Mandy Roth and sophomore Jeff Moore, far right, give the Band Bar-B-Q crowd a blast of brass. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



*P*laying the l-o-w notes, sophomore Micki McCune, near right, strums the bass adding a special dimension to the Jazz Band's performances. *Photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Row 1: Dana Ellis, Dusty Lee, Curtis Dennis, Suzanne Brill, Tamara Forrest, Errin Kemper, Michelle Hawkins, director Craig Finger. Row 2: Daniel Hancock, Micki McCune, Chrystal McKinley, Juli Proe, Nathaniel Barbe, Rusty Lee. Row 3: Michael McGregor, Brian Graham, Mandy Roth, Michael Kemper, Jabon Ellis, Jeffrey Moore.





# Concert Band



## Musicians plan trip to Washington

by Lea Baldwin

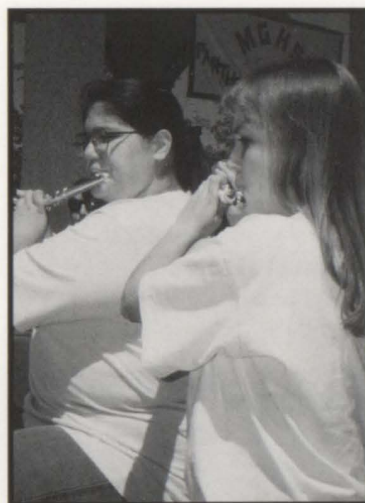
Receiving the top ratings in each category, the Concert Band easily won the I rating at District and State music competition in West Plains.

Members plan to take their

awesome show on the road next year as they plan a trip to Washington D.C. In order to finance the trip, the musicians started fundraising projects this year in anticipation of the trip.

The band also delighted audiences in concert performances.

In her last year as assistant band director, Billie Miller leads the Concert Band during the annual spring concert, far left. Miller resigned so she could stay home with her children. Photo courtesy Judy Cornelius



Flautists, junior Tamara Ludlum and freshman Lyndse Robertson add the high notes to the band as the group performs on the town square during the annual Band Bar-B-Q. A large crowd of spectators gathered for the concerts featuring all the district's bands from grade 6 through high school. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



Ready to add the unique timpani drum sound to the Concert Band, senior Michael McGregor, left, tunes up the "kettles" before the performance begins. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

There may not be 76 trombones, but there are plenty to keep the music sliding along on the town square during the Band Bar-B-Q, above. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



# Concert

## Choir

### *Singers delight audiences*

by Lea Baldwin

Like voices from above, Concert Choir, an audition only choir, sings up a storm with some of the school's most talented students.

Concert Choir performs with other high school choirs and the Middle School choirs for the fall and winter concerts.

At the fall concert, all of the Mtn. Grove choirs, from both middle and high school, joined to sing a finale which received a standing ovation from the crowd.

The choir awed the crowd with a special touch of candlelight when they performed, "Silent

Night," the last song at the winter concert featuring soloist Chrystal McKinley.

"It was very beautiful; I almost cried," English teacher Connie Killgore said.

The choir competed at District and State music festivals March 21 at the West Plains Civic Center, where members earned straight I's. Senior Dana Ellis beautifully accented the presentation with her solo singing.

The spring concert featured a mini ensemble by all of the seniors singing "Here's to Song," dedicated to all of their friends.

"The choir has done a great job," director Janet Payne said.



**SMSU Honor Choir** Row 1: Chrystal McKinley, Dana Ellis, Juli Proe. Row 2: Candice Beard, Chris Mayberry, Daniel Hancock, Lester Burgard.



**Honor Choir** Row 1: Jillanea Lakey, Candice Beard, Dana Ellis, Juli Proe, Amy French. Row 2: Tabitha Todd, Micki McCune, Lester Burgard, Shaun Stubbs, Jeannie Ratterree. Row 3: Chrystal McKinley, Chris Mayberry, Daniel Hancock, Karalin Hall, Angie Whitworth, Crystal Smith. Row 4: Sarah Crisp, Vonna Belt, Carrie Kelly, Heather Todd.



**District Choir Participants** Row 1: senior Chrystal McKinley, sophomore Micki McCune, sophomore Faith Cornelius. Row 2: senior Candice Beard, freshman Chris Mayberry, sophomore Daniel Hancock, junior Angie Whitworth.



# Selectet/High School

## Choir



### Winning starts with practice

by Lea Baldwin

High school choir students, primarily freshmen and sophomores, get the opportunity to sing their way through class. More importantly, however, they learn to sing together and learn to read music.

The result of this basic vocal music instruction prepares these

students to enter the concert choir as upperclassmen or to be chosen for Selectet (a ladies only group).

It is from these groups that sounds fine enough for competition come. These ladies and gentlemen enter District contest and many go on to State competition.

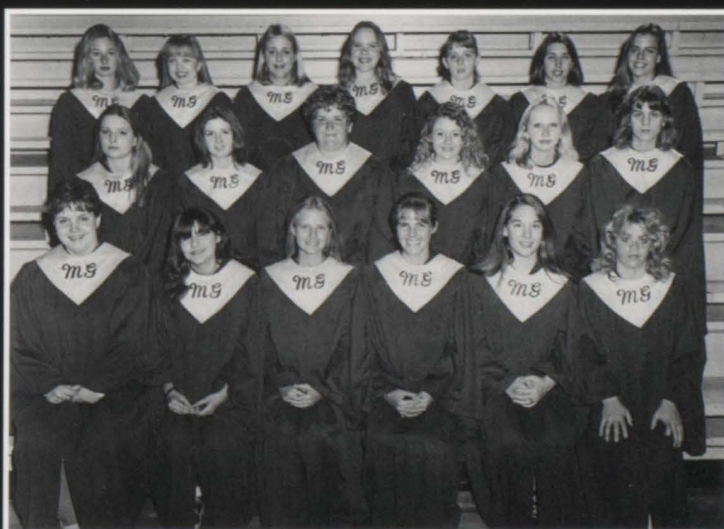
It starts with simply reading music and singing, but it can end with high ratings and happy audiences.

"Being in Selectet is really a lot of work, but it makes you feel like you're part of a family," explains sophomore Faith Cornelius who is a member of the elite group.

Enjoying the sites at Missouri University, seniors Juli Proe and Dana Ellis, sophomore Faith Cornelius and senior Candice Beard celebrate after competing in State competition. *Photo courtesy Janet Payne*



**Mixed Choir** Row 1: Jennifer Thompson, Amanda White, Christina Hudson, Connie Perkins, Annette Creed, Andrea Rhoads, Jennah Davidson. Row 2: Becky Carter, Regina Tooley, Shannon Mooney, Bobbie Holmes, Courtney Rhodes, Jeannelle Alexander, Amy French. Row 3: Diana Johansen, Roberta Burdick, April Finch, Jillanea Lakey, Christina Gittings, Jennifer McClure, Chrystal Smith. Row 4: Melissa Ramey, Jamie Jones, Jason Metty, director Janet Payne, James Todd, Jonathan Holt, Jenny Mitchell.



**Selectet** Row 1: Jamie Jones, Jillanea Lakey, Tabitha Todd, Heather Todd, Shannon Mooney, Tracy Shannon. Row 2: Vonna Belt, Carrie Kelly, Micki McCune, Sarah Crisp, Juli Proe, Amy French. Row 3: Dana Ellis, Chrystal McKinley, Karalin Hall, Faith Cornelius, Jeannie Ratterree, Angie Whitworth, Candice Beard.



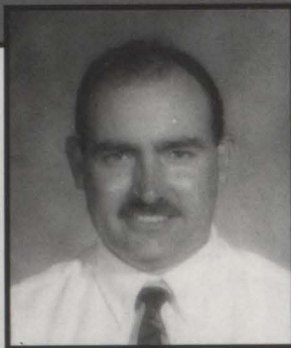
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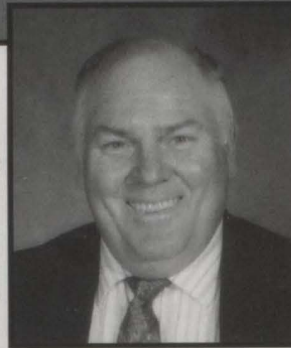
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## R-III Board of Education

Row 1: David Blanton, George Duey, Howard Hawkins, Tom Coats,  
Row 2: Randy Gaddis, Tom Todd, President Bruce Parker, Superintendent Dan Lawson.





# Superintendent heads for Tennessee, leaves legacy of growth, technology



*A*fter serving seven years as the Superintendent, Dr. Dan Lawson resigned to accept a position in Tullahoma Tennessee. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

by Micheal Brame

As the close of the year drew near, long-time Superintendent and alumnus Dan Lawson announced he would be moving on after 10 years of service to the District.

Lawson and family will move to Tullahoma, Tennessee, this summer where he will take the reins. "I've never made a move that I haven't grown from," Lawson said.

"Tullahoma made an offer that was too good to pass, and I--we--took it."

Officials from Tullahoma visited Mountain Grove speaking with teachers and staff before offering Lawson the job. They were impressed with the technology in the R-III

District, a priority for their district which is more than double in population but limited in technology.

Lawson has been instrumental in bringing state-of-the-art technology to the R-III District. His tenure here also saw the District through the building of the new middle school and rebuilding of the high school. Updating of all buildings and grounds was one of his priorities along with classroom technology.

"Mountain Grove will find the best qualified and most competent individual to take us to the next level," Lawson said of his replacement. "I don't have any reasons to leave Mountain Grove, but a lot to go to Tullahoma."

The R-III family wishes the Lawson family--Dan, Karen and children--the best.

## Support Staff

*Cafeteria Staff; Row 1* Susie Carroll, Beverly Coble, Pam Hyde, Doris Nettleton, *Row 2* Donna Admundson, Helen Clary, Linda Stillwell, Ann Freeman, Sharon Hutsell Photo by Sarah Craig



*Custodial Staff* R.D. Kemper, Willie Adamson, Barb Cooper Photo by Sherry Ogletree



## Bus Drivers



# Will I



Ah ha! Senior Chris Cornelison, above, finds the broken bolt in the engine. Auto Mechanics is a class offered to juniors and seniors that allows them to begin training for a career in mechanical work before they leave high school. *Photo by Michelle Madera*

Grinding the steel to enhance his project, sophomore Matt Hurst, right, smooths out the burrs on the top of the barrel. Hurst is just one of the many students in the welding class that is offered at OMTCC. *Photo by Brent Dugger*

# OMTCC



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# Vo-Tech leads students into 21st century...

...as world changes force educational institutions to re-evaluate the role they play in a person's life.

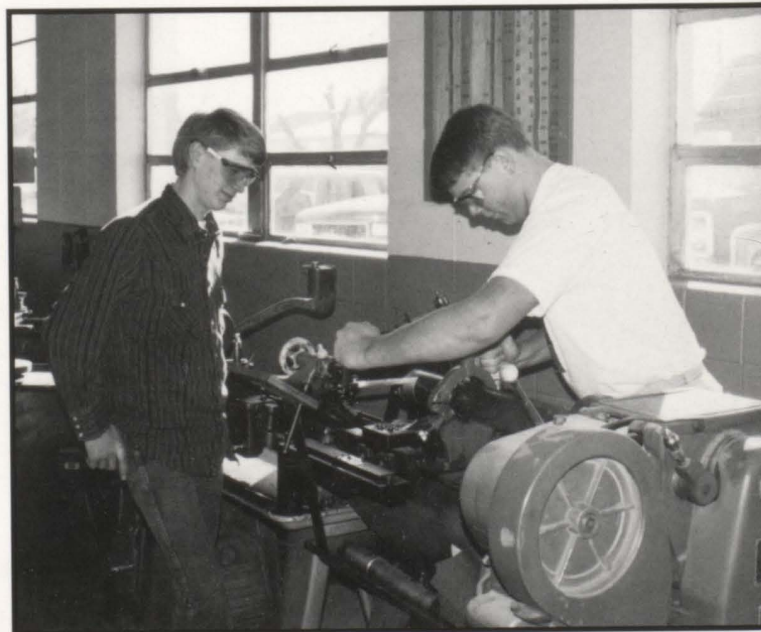
The "new" school must prepare today's students for tomorrow's very different and very demanding marketplace. Young adults will encounter a workplace that encompasses not only the region but also the world. The days of passing jobs from one generation to the next are over. The days of competing with workers in a global economy are arriving just as surely as the 21st century arrives.

*B*athrobe and fuzzy duck slippers add new life to senior Jason Wilson's wardrobe. Senior Cammie Lathrom adds the finishing touches. Actually, this was not a typical day, but a special assignment in Health Occupations class. *Photo courtesy Ruth Groff*



*S*pot welding the bed of a pick-up truck, junior Chuck Parsons, above, helps to keep a school truck in tip top shape while he learns a new trade. *Photo by Jesse Denison*

*M*erging independent study in Woods with a study in Welding, junior Corey Finch and senior Denver Hawkins join forces to build a cannon. *Photo by Mindy Rodgers*





"The Vo-Tech school has continued to change and update to provide more technology and hands-on experiences for its students."

---teacher Elaine Duey

"There's more advanced technology and the classes help get us ready for the future. Accounting will help me a lot in my career."

---junior Heather Bressie

"Computers have been introduced and implemented in each classroom. Many students have classes that are now hands-on."

---secretary Susan Denison

"It continues to change because of the professional staff and outstanding teachers that we have at the Ozark Mountain Vo-Tech."

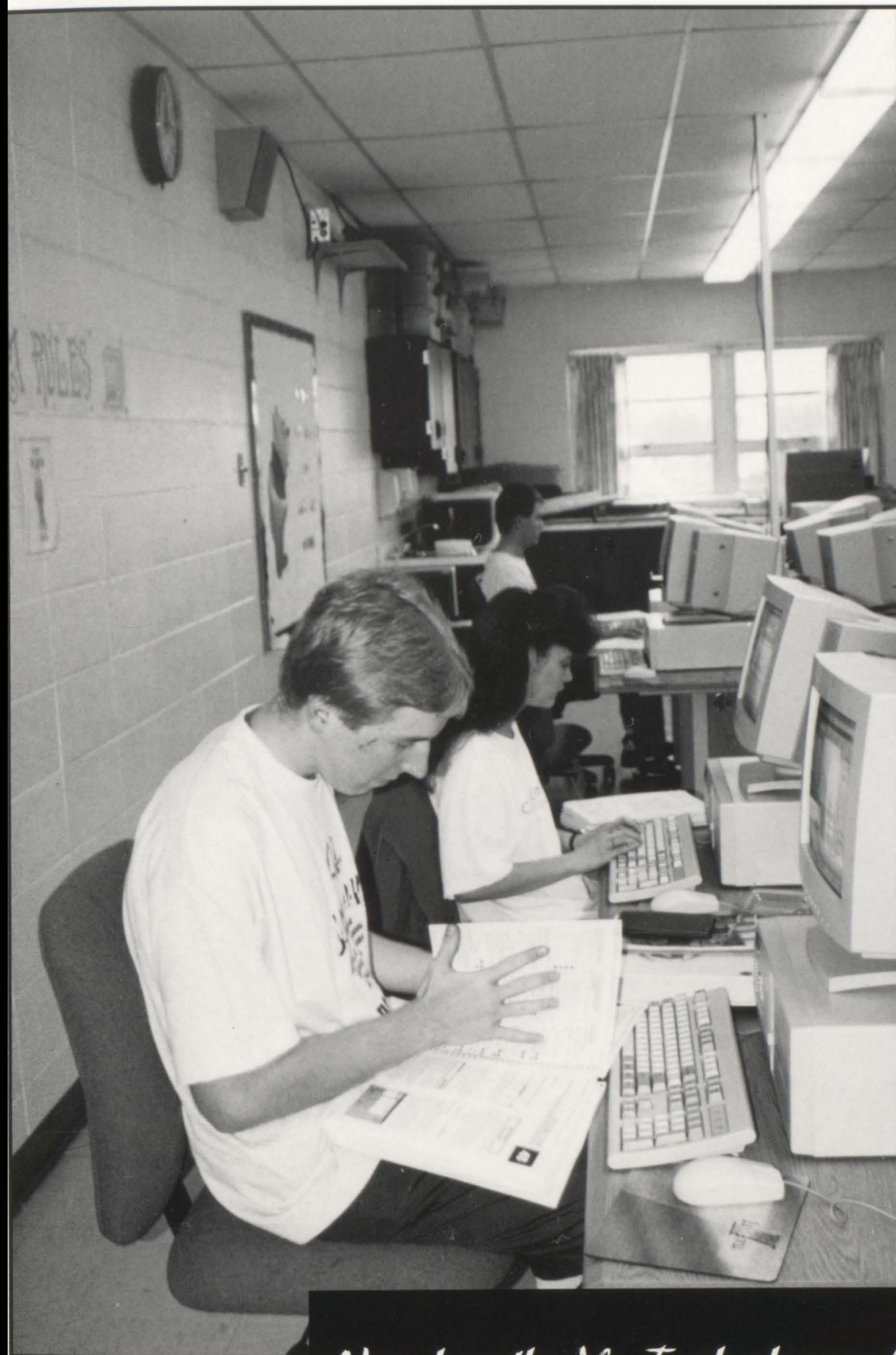
---Director Earl Crofford

"More computers are available to extend my knowledge of the world today."

---sophomore Blake Jordan

*How has the Vo-Tech changed in order to help students better prepare for the future?*

Without computer expertise, workers in the 21st century will be at a decided disadvantage. Juniors John Tyrrell and Karla Walton, working in Computer Applications class, work to see to it that they have the skills they will need. Photo by Sherry Ogletree





Taking a breather, senior Bill Clark, far right, decks out for his welding class. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

Looking over some paper work, counselor Judy Douglass, right, helps with class changes. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

As one of many changes, the Mtn. Grove Vo-tech becomes the Ozark Mtn. Technical Center complete with a new sign in front of the main building. *Photo by Lance Jones*



# Name change reflects new image

by Emily Brown

With the many changes occurring in the local Vo-Tech facility, it was no surprise when even the name was altered to help move the students into the 21st century.

"In changing the name of our vocational school, we wanted to appeal not only to our local community but also to a large geographical area," explains director Earl Crofford.

"We feel that we have accomplished our goals by changing the name from Mtn. Grove Area Voca-

tion-Technical School to Ozark Mountain Technical Center. We are proud to provide training to adults from surrounding counties and students from seven sending schools," he continued.

Crofford explained that the second-year Marketing students under the guidance of their instructor supervised the name change procedure.

Focus groups were composed of students from all of the sending schools. Approximately 25 school

names were eventually narrowed down to five.

"Ozark Mtn. Technical Center

was the overall first choice," Crofford said.

The new name has become incorporated in a new logo and new signs to represent the school.

Crofford said the name change

is "just one part of our goal in striving to become a center that will continue to be on the cutting edge of technical education."

"Our staff at the Technical Center is well-equipped with leaders in this drive to provide the best technical education in our area."

Besides Mtn. Grove, the Ozark Mtn. Technical Center serves high school and adult students from Ava, Cabool, Houston, Mansfield, Norwood and Seymour.

Areas of study include medical, automotive, agricultural, business and industrial technology, etc

*"Our name change is part of our goal towards providing the best technical education in our area." --Earl Crofford*



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"Yes. 'Fun Foods' taught me to cook."

---senior Myra Dawson

"Yes. 'Accounting' helped prepare me for life after high school."

---senior Karla Walton

"Yes. 'Computer App' helped me get more acquainted with computers."

---junior Amanda Benson

"Yes. 'Drafting' taught me how to design my own house."

---junior Josh Bell

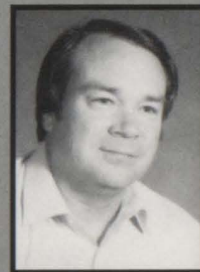
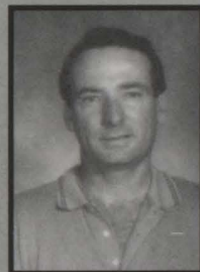
"There are many ways the Ozark Mountain Technical Center helps students succeed. Students are in a work-type setting. They do actual on-job training and have real working experience. For example, Automotive Technology classes work on community members' cars. Building Trades students actually build a house to be sold. Students construct a resume, work on pre-employment skills, and meet someone from Employment Security to help place them on the job."

---Counselor Judy Douglass

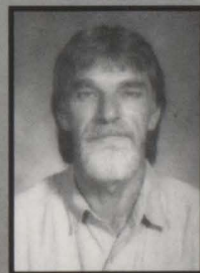
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Doug Loch--  
Industrial Arts



Donna White--  
Computer App.  
Pat Edquist--  
Basic Skills  
Tommy Gaston--  
Bldg. Trades  
Ruth Groff--  
Health Occ.  
David King--  
Electronics Tech.



Russell Lee--  
Auto Coll.  
Bill Mares--  
Auto Tech.  
Dennis Marquis--  
Welding Tech.  
Jane Parker--  
Vo-Resources Ed.  
Dean Postlewaite--  
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Earl Crofford--  
Director  
Judy Douglass--  
Counselor  
Susan Denison--  
Building Sec.  
Sheryl Ridens--  
Director's Sec.



# DECA *spells success*

by Earlisha Mathis

Distributive Education Clubs of America, DECA, has been on the go with a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, at the beginning of the year.

That trip would be followed

with another in the spring.

DECA consists of members of Marketing I and II classes which help students improve their business skills.

Members also compete in District, State and National finals.

Students enjoy seeing more than the four walls of a classroom. "The hotel we stayed at in Atlanta was right across from the Olympics and the Braves stadium," junior Nikki Howell said.

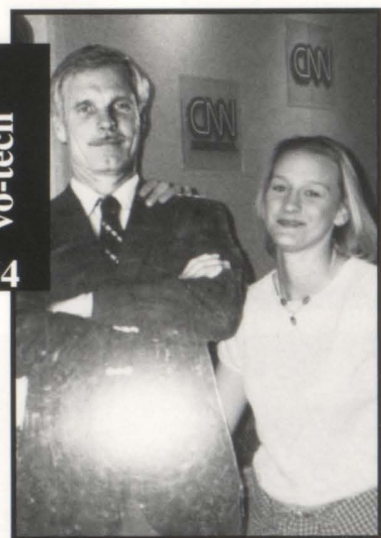
"We also went to the Hard Rock Cafe downtown," Howell added.

Howell said the group visited the Coca-Cola Co. and, "We got to tour the CNN studio and watch an actual live broadcast."

Did I do that? Senior Chris Ridens, top right, encounters a shark at the CNN headquarters in Atlanta.

Taz towers above junior Crystal Davis, senior Shilah Melton and senior Lisa Turner, middle right, at the Warner Brothers Studio Store Express.

Atlanta is taken by storm as DECA students, bottom right, enjoy their annual trip.



While visiting CNN headquarters, junior Nikki Howell meets a very silent Ted Turner. The cardboard replica reminds visitors about who it was that came up with the idea of a 24-hour news network.

All photos courtesy DECA students

## *Distributive Ed Club*

Row 1: Chris Ridens, Lisa Turner, Christina Hutson, sponsor Kristy Burnett. Row 2: Summer Rosso, Kristy Champ, Amanda Volk, Nikki Howell, Sunni Roth, Jodi Sutherland, Charity Fox, Rosalie Kusior, Krystal German, Ronnie Ice. Row 3: Jason Duey, Todd McGlamery, Justin Jones, Branwyn Robertson, Tabettha Alsup, Daniela Doroscan, Crystal Hicks, Michael Kemper, Stephanie Mayberry. Row 4: Billy Thompson, Bryan Williams, Matt McMillan, Ryan Huff, Matt Brown, Adam Proctor, Mandy Roth, Tamara Forrest, Juli Proe.







# FBLA *spells success*

by Jeremy Carter

FBLA is a club for students interested in making the business world part of their futures.

To participate in this club one must have taken or be currently enrolled in a business class.

Students annually attend a business and explore what it takes to run and work in that business.

On March 8 members of FBLA attended contest at Ava. Mountain Grove boasts four of the five District officers.

There are many reasons why students enjoy FBLA.

"I like FBLA because you get to eat a lot," junior Jodi Sutherland laughs.

"I like FBLA because it is very business-like and we go on fun trips," junior Sunni Roth adds.

FBLA really does spell "success" for many members.

"It gives me a chance to apply the business skills I have learned," junior Suzanne Brill explains.

"FBLA is a great experience for the real world," says junior Heather Bressie.

"I've learned many things about business which give me courage to be a leader," senior Leslie Ward adds.

*P*ickle for your sweetheart? FBLA member, junior Daniela Doroscan presents junior Lisa Stillwell, above left, with a pickle from one of her admirers. FBLA members sold pickles as a Valentine's Day fundraiser. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

*V*alentine's Day is *not* the sweetest holiday with pickles being prepared by FBLA members including senior Amy Stillwell, and juniors Billy Thompson and Rayna Blair, left. *Photo courtesy FBLA*

## *Future Business*

Row 1: Leslie Ward, Matthew Seeman, Billy Thompson, Suzanne Brill, Sunni Roth, Mandy Roth, Ryan Huff, Bryan Williams. Row 2: sponsor Donna White, Summer Rosso, Nikki Howell, Michelle Hawkins, Clarice Kluey, Laura Ball, Stephanie Rich, Lisa Turner. Row 3: Charity Fox, Rayna Blair, Jodi Sutherland, Rosalie Kusior, Kecia Ratterree, Crystal Hicks, Tabetha Alsup.



# FFA *spells success*

by Kimi Thornhill

FFA means Future Farmers of America and so much more. The Mtn. Grove FFA has a 100-plus membership increasing with each new year.

FFA does a variety of activities including a slave auction in the fall, where FFA members

are sold for an eight-hour work day.

Another fundraiser is fruit sales including apples, oranges, grapefruit and mixed gift fruit boxes just before Christmas.

The money made from

fundraisers helps students attend the National Convention in Kansas City, a week long meeting for FFA members from all states and Puerto Rico and from new chapters formed from the Virgin Islands and Guam.

FFA Week is in February. This celebration includes members attending a local church Sunday, visiting the Wright Co. Livestock Auction Monday, wearing FFA paraphernalia Tuesday, cooking the "Businessmen's Breakfast" Wednesday, bringing baked goods for teachers Thursday, and partying at the YMCA on Friday.



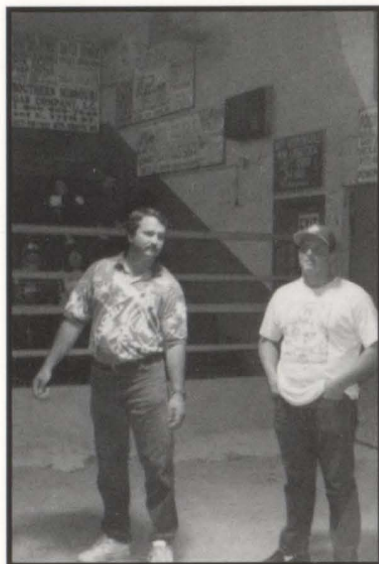
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While waiting for the top bid, junior Lori Thompson, top right, clowns with the audience during the FFA slave auction fundraiser. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

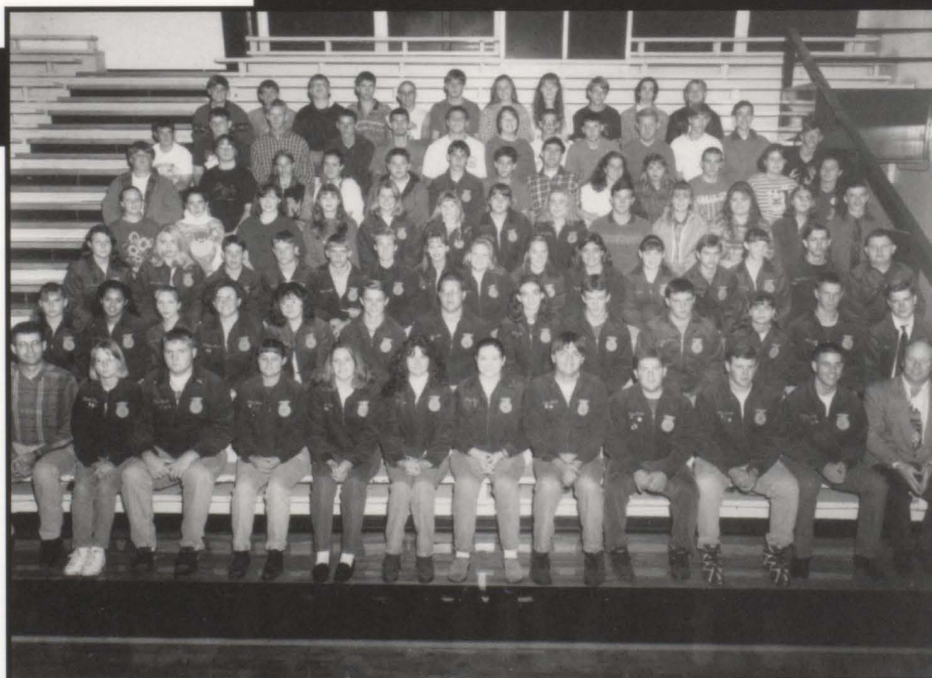
The Wright County Livestock arena is the scene for the annual FFA slave auction. Sophomore Heath Rodgers, far right, waits for the final "Sold!" from the auctioneer. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Fruit sales are one of FFA's primary fundraising activities. Freshman Aaron Volk, right, takes a box from the stack to deliver just before Christmas. *Photo by Lance Jones*



## Future Farmers

Row 1: Advisor David Higgins, Brandi Kumpula, Kelly Freeland, Jana Barnes, Amanda Volk, Kim Thornhill, Betsy Wade, Justin Nelson, Leslee Krider, Adam Harker, Tommy Hicks. Row 2: Barbara Wilson, Jessica Pagnak, Tanya Sapp, Mary Ann Robertson, Amanda Mayfield, Chris Arquette, Rusty Lee, Mandy Benthall, Justin Foster, Reggie Williams, Jamie Bradshaw, John Lynch, Alvin Brown. Row 3: Patti Thornhill, Jennifer Coffman, Jeremy Emery, Nathan Fry, Jared Bradshaw, LeAnn Hicks, Trena Sheppard, Tanna Krider, Leslie Sheppard, Ashley Emery, Jessica Klingensmith, Robbie McKissen, Nichole Hendershot, Jerry Welch, Matt O'Guin. Row 4: Leanne McGregor, Lisa Leggins, Amy Oaks, Kerry Burd, Lane Baldwin, Jamie Raney, Michelle Broos, Amanda McSpadden, Ronnie Nix, Melissa Allen, Rhonda Brown, Crystal Mitchell, Roy Mathews. Row 5: Jamie Hurley, Kelly Williams, Julia Kuster, Bobbie Moray, Justin Borders, Mike Batten, Heath Loney, Ethan Proctor, Michelle Williams, Mindy Helum, Blake Jordan, Miranda Forrest, Amanda Johnston. Row 6: Roy Oliphant, Landon Buttram, Aaron Volk, Dustin Sheppard, Heath Rodgers, Lori Thompson, Jeremy Looper, Ryan Ratterree, Justin Neill, Lucas Nicholson, Jim Beauchamp, Tommy Barnett. Row 7: Al Dowden, Chase Rogers, Dustin Ellis, Richard McGowan, Jeremiah Peterson, Jon Marquis, Betsy Banks, Dawn Oxley, Robbie Owens, Paul Holts, Jeremy Hicks.





# FHA *spells success*

by Kimi Thornhill

Sponsored by teacher Elaine Duey, FHA (Future Homemakers of America) is composed of students enrolled in Family Life Skills, Family Living, Child Development, Fundamental Foods, World Foods, Housing & Interior Design, Consumer Education, Contemporary Living, Family & Individual Health and Creative Construction.

Activities include attending the Region 9 meeting in November at Koshkonong. The keynote speaker

was Grant Lewis, a 16-year old with hemophilia who contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion.

Eleven members attended cluster meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, Nov. 22-24, a mini-national meeting.

Sixteen states attended this gathering which included leadership workshops and motivational speakers. Members also toured Louisville.

FHA sponsored a craft fair in the gym. This was the fifth annual fair and 34 crafters participated.

At the annual FHA sponsored craft fair, junior Amy French gives exhibitor Patty Parker her booth assignment. FHA sponsors the fair every year before Christmas as a fund raiser. *Photo by Beverly Breedlove*

FHA members senior Nancy Grimshaw, freshman Dianna Johanssen and junior Wendy Willms prepare to wait on customers at the club-run concession stand. They provided food to exhibitors and buyers at the craft fair. *Photo by Beverly Breedlove*



## *Future Homemakers*

Row 1: Summer Rosso, Andrea Boyd, Tanna Krider, Wendy Willms, Amy Oaks. Row 2: sponsor Elaine Duey, Amy French, Sarah McCanless, Nikki Lee, Jennah Davidson. Row 3: Krystal Moore, Andrea Rhodes, Shawnee Strunk, Nancy Grimshaw.





Senior candidate, Betsy Banks, top left, escorted by senior Tommy Hicks. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Junior candidate, Michelle Williams, top middle, escorted by senior Leslee Krider. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Senior candidate, Amanda Volk, top right, escorted by junior Ronnie Nix. *Photo by Betsy Wade*



Noticing that their foot work is flowing together, above, senior Amanda Volk, junior Amanda McSpadden and friend

Keeland Nix dance the night away. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Savoring the moment of being crowned Barn Warming Queen, above, senior Brandi

Kumpula waits for the big kiss from Miah Peterson. *Photo by Kim Thornhill*

# Barn Warming





## Barn Warming Royalty



Sophomore candidate, Tanna Krider, top left, escorted by sophomore Heath Rodgers. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Freshman candidate Lane Baldwin, top right, escorted by freshman Richard McGowan. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

Barn Warming candidates wait patiently for all the well-wishers to come forward and congratulate the new king and queen. *Photo by Kim Thornhill*

## Warm wishes go to Brandi and Miah

by Kimi Thornhill

The annual FFA Barn Warming was held in the Ag Shop Saturday, Oct. 26. The theme was "Times Marches On," based on a country-western song by Tracy Lawrence.

Music was provided by K & K Sounds. Barnwarming Queen candidates were freshman Lane Baldwin escorted by Richard McGowan, sophomore Tanna Krider escorted by Heath Rogers, junior Michelle Williams escorted by Leslee Krider, senior Brandi Kumpula escorted by Jeremiah Peterson, senior Betsy Banks escorted by Tommy Hicks, and senior Amanda Volk escorted by Ronnie Nix.

Brandi Kumpula was awarded the crown. "We all had a lot of fun. This was my first Barn Warming,

and I had so much fun. I was just a little disappointed that I did not get to kiss Tommy," she said.



Barn Warming King and Queen, Jeremiah Peterson and Brandi Kumpula, take the traditional kiss after being crowned at the annual FFA Barn Warming dance. *Photo by Betsy Wade*

"Everyone was dancing the whole night long and singing at the top of their lungs," Betsy Banks said.

"I was taken to the Barn Warming as a guest and I have never had as much fun in my whole life," junior Earlisha Mathis said.

"I got on the floor and danced like I had never danced before," senior Justin Nelson said.

The room was decorated with livestock gates as a backdrop for the royalty and hay bales were placed along the outside for seating.

The hay bales surrounded the dance floor which was illuminated with lighting provided by the DJ.

FFA members provided refreshments.



# VICA *spells success*

by Maurissa Hicks

What is VICA?

"You meet a lot of people from different places, and it's a great way to improve your leadership skills," says senior Stacy Curtner.

VICA is made up of different vocational classes. This year

members have participated in things such as district meetings, state competitions, and a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks.

VICA raised money for these activities by selling suckers. VICA isn't just for people in vocational classes, though. Anyone can join.

Teachers Dennis Marquis and Ruth Groff sponsor the group which includes students from all Ozark Mtn. Vo-Tech sending schools including Ava, Seymour, Norwood, Cabool and others including Mtn. Grove.

Concentrating on his welding project, junior Jason Evans, above right, lights up the corner of the welding class room. Students learn a variety of techniques using different types of welding equipment and methods. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



## Morning VICA

Row 1: sponsor Dennis Marquis, Nathan Williams, Amber Bradshaw, Kristy McFarland, Donita Evans, Nicholas Smith, sponsor Ruth Groff. Row 2: Sherry Bergon, Roy Eilenstine, Keith Muzzy, Levi Evans, Delwin Daugherty, Casey Luhi, Shauna Rader, Mandy Inman. Row 3: Eddie Welch, Jeremy Leman, Josh Dewitt.



## Afternoon VICA

Row 1: Jason Wilson, Chad Sigman, Jason Collins, Jeff Iott, Chris Caswell, Dameon Shaw, Row 2: Billy Bailey, Jason Evans, Stacy Curtner, Angela Hicks, Sherry Morgan, Leah Norris. Row 3: sponsor Ruth Groff, Mirela Doroscan, Melissa Coble, Cammie Lathrom, sponsor Dennis Marquis.





# ARTS *spells success*

by Brian Graham

Industrial Arts Club offers many opportunities to its members. It also provides helpful trades information needed for jobs in the future.

Sponsor for this club is Doug Loch, technology, drafting, woods and metals teacher. He brings a wealth of knowledge about a variety of industrial arts to the members.

Members build a project each year and raise money for a trip at the end of the school year. They sell the projects they make and

the money earned goes toward the trip.

This year, members are building lawn chairs for competition with other high school students.

Members of the community may purchase lawn chairs from Loch and his students following competition.

The club meets monthly during Vo-Tech club day. During meetings, members work on the project in a more relaxed environment and discuss plans for the annual trip.

Sanding wood for his project, sophomore Jared Byerly, upper left, enjoys participating in the industrial arts. *Photo courtesy Doug Loch*

Staining wood is not an easy task, but sophomore Ralph Basher and freshman Justin Blackwell do a fine job making it look that way. *Photo courtesy Doug Loch*

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## *Industrial Arts*

Row 1: Weslee Long, Jeremy Mackey, Denver Hawkins, Lee Friend, Heath Housely. Row 2: Willy Allen, Rocky Hendrix, Ralph Bashor, Donny Strunk, Nathon Fry, Row 3: Desire Fullington, Teasha Turner, Dustin Shelton, Daniel Zid, Steven Causey, Row 4: Ronnie Lathrom, Jared Byerly, Justin Blackwell



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# Who's the Winner?

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**L**Leading the Panthers to a District title, senior #24 Lance Jones runs over a Reeds Spring Wolf. The Wolves were just one of the victims of the Panthers' fury as the boys marched to the District's top spot. *Photo courtesy News-Journal*

**S**igning with Big 12 Conference Iowa State, senior Chris Ridens, his family and basketball coach Mike Mallow gather for the once in a lifetime occasion. Ridens is the first Panther in 10 years to sign with a Division 1 college team. *Photo by Candice Beard*



# Why do they dress like this?

Marching around the square wearing the "cool" uniform (band t-shirt), senior Errin Kemper plays another round of "Panther Boy." Photo by Jesse Denison

Circling the square during the annual Homecoming Parade, senior Erica Craig and sophomore Angela Dunham show their school spirit by wearing as much maroon and grey as possible. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

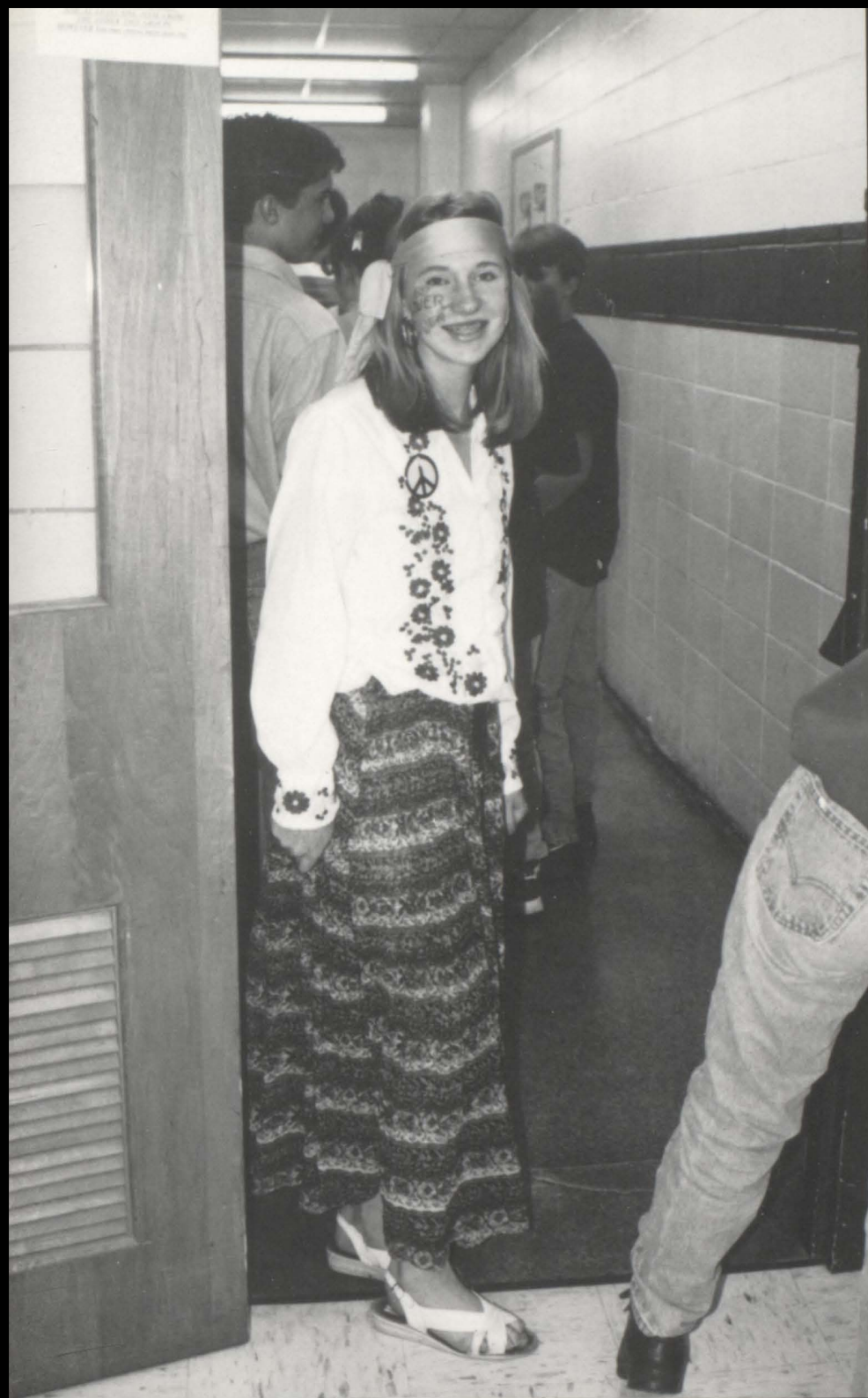


Whether they dressed like a groovy chic from the 60's, a far-out dude from the 70's, wore a poodle skirt and bobby socks or just some plain old maroon and grey, record numbers of students--decked out in ancient moth condominiums--invaded the halls of MGHS to celebrate their Panther Pride.

Spirit days included "Clash Day," "Black & Blue Day," "Disco Day," "No-Sweat Day" and, of course, "Maroon & Grey Day." The sophomore class won \$ 27 because they had 27 percent of the class participating throughout the week.

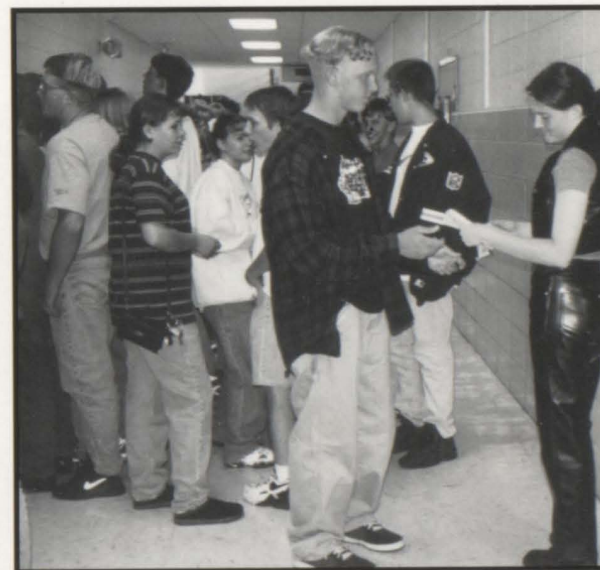
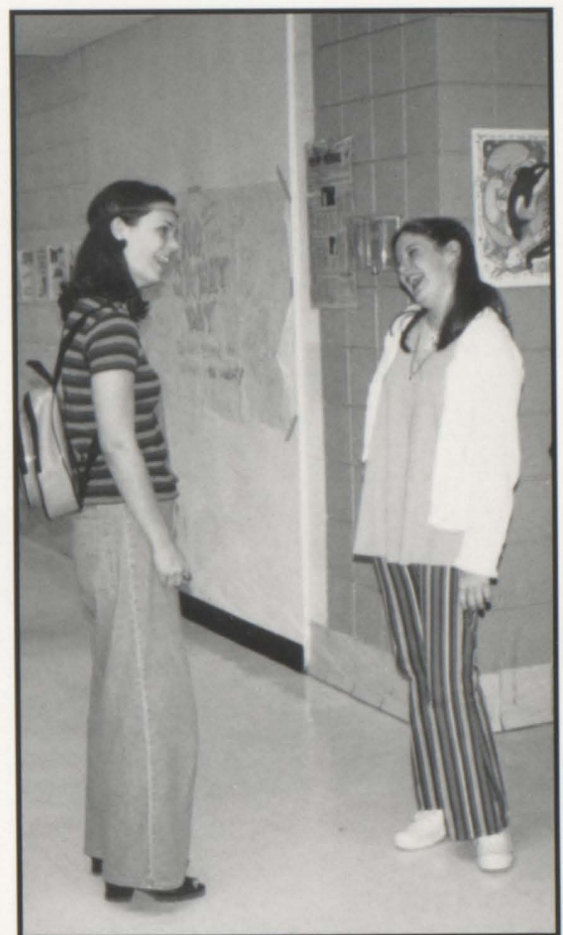
After the traditional parade in which the seniors won "best float," the football Panthers defeated Rogersville 32-13 and went on to win their District. At halftime, senior Mirela Doroscan, escorted by senior Jeremy Crewse, was crowned Homecoming Queen.





Decked out like a peace lovin' hippie, freshman Michelle Zid, above, waits in line for lunch. Zid was one of many who cleaned out their parent's closets for "Disco Day." Photo by Mindy Rodgers

Waiting to get into teacher Connie Killgore's room, juniors Heather Bressie and Carrie Yarber, top right, discuss their spirit. Photo by Angela Dunham



A leather clad senior Amy Stillwell, above right, stops for a chat with sophomore Jesse Denison. Photo by Angela Dunham

## Could it be...

# PANTHER PRIDE?



Catching a pass, senior #33 Nathan Kemper, right, heads down field. Kemper caught 14 passes for 297 yards and 3 touchdowns. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

Shedding tackles was one of senior #24 Lance Jones' specialties, below. Jones averaged over 145 yards per game rushing. He also scored several post season honors. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

With protection from senior #77 Adam Harker, senior #15 Jeremiah Peterson, below right, drops back into the pocket and looks for a receiver. Peterson passed for 1177 yards and 6 touchdowns for the year. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*



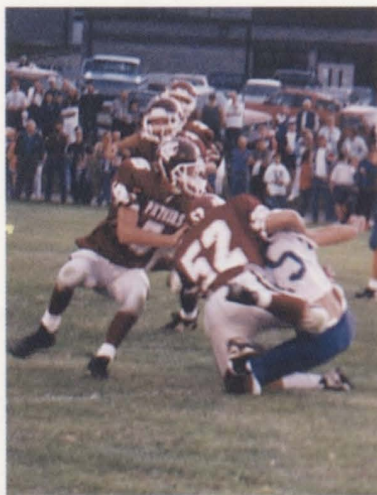
## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs Springfield Catholic	12-26
MG vs Salem	20-26
MG vs Cabool	12-22
MG vs Liberty	7-3
MG vs West Plains	7-10
MG vs Rogersville	32-13
MG vs Willow Springs	24-63
<b>Districts</b>	
MG vs Reeds Spring	25-21
MG vs Ava	20-6
MG vs Houston	20-9
<b>Sectional</b>	
MG vs Branson	0-38



Preparing to stop the run, above, senior #30 Chris Caswell goes after the Catholic quarterback with *Hit of the Week* in mind. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

Senior #52 Jason Collins, right, attempts to decapitate a Cabool Bulldog. Collins had 50 unassisted tackles along with 36 assists on the season. *Photo by Tara Shaw*



Senior #71 Nathan Hull says "hello" to the West Plains quarterback, middle above. Hull served as a team captain along with Jones, Peterson and Seeman. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

Diving across the goal line, above, #24 Lance Jones scores as #15 Peterson celebrates. Jones had an amazing 20 touchdowns on the season. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*



# Panthers capture District title

by Nathan Kemper

The gridiron Panthers captured the Class 3A District 9 championship for the first time in seven years. After an 0-3 start, the Panthers went 2-2 in their next four games defeating Liberty and Rogersville.

The Panthers opened up District play at Reeds Spring. They capped off a 96-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown by senior Lance Jones with less than a minute left in the game to go up 25-21. Next, at home the Panthers downed the Ava Bears for their second District win 20-6. To go undefeated in Districts, the Panthers whipped the Houston Tigers 20-9.

"I thought we accomplished a great deal this year. We started off really slow, but the team stuck together and we ended up going undefeated in our District," Jones

**S**enior #33 Nathan Kemper, #24 Lance Jones, #79 Mathew Seeman, and #52 Jason Collins prepare to lead the Panthers off the hill for a homecoming victory over the Rogersville Wildcats. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson

said.

Following flawless District competition, the Panthers traveled to Branson to take on the state ranked Pirates in Sectional play. Playing against a quick and very experienced Pirate team, the Panthers lost 0-38, ending their season.

The Panthers were awarded many post-season individual honors. They received 10 All-Conference honors, four All-District coaches honors, and one All-District media honor. As a team, the Panthers received the Southwest Football Officials Sportsmanship Award, the only one given in Southwest Missouri.

"This was a very gratifying year. This group of young men stuck together and overcame adversity to end up with a successful season. Their good character was recognized by the presentation of the SFOS award, a great honor for the team, coaches, school and community," coach Kyle Roach said.



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**Varsity -Junior Varsity Football Team** Row 1: Robert Pratt. Row 2: Carl Beasley, Brent Dugger, Ron Kumpula, Juan Coble, Wendal Schrock, Donny Anderson, Jerrod Stearnes, Leslee Krider, Jared Doty, Ralph Bashor, Eric Lueck. Row 3: Adam Harker, Billy Thompson, Roy Eilenstine, Justin Foster, Jeremiah Peterson, Jason Collins, Jared Byerly, Dustin Sheppard, Heath Rodgers, Ronnie Lathrom. Row 4: Lance Jones, Jerred Yarger, coach J.T. Hale, coach Jim Breedlove, coach Kyle Roach, coach Andy Frerking, coach Bob Vandiver, Tommy Hicks, Nathan Kemper. Row 5: J.R. Berry, Michael Johanssen, Ronnie Ice, Errin Kemper, Jeff Iott, Jeff Lafave, Heath Housley, Chris Caswell. Row 6: Josh Linton, Jesse Denison, Danny Bohnenkamp, Adam Shores, Chris Tinsley, Rodney Thompson, Matt Hurst. Row 7: Derek Rogers, Travis Thompson, Matthew Seeman, Chad Sigman, Nathan Hull, Denver Hawkins.



## HONORS

Lance Jones:

1st Team SCA Running Back  
1st Team All District RB  
Hon. Mention All District LB  
Missouri Sports Writers All  
District Running Back

Nathan Hull:

2nd Team SCA Off. Tackle  
2nd Team All District O/D

Jeremiah Peterson:

2nd Team SCA Quarterback

Jeff Iott:

2nd Team SCA Def. End

Jerred Yarger:

2nd Team SCA Wide Receiver  
2nd Team All District Offense

Jason Collins:

SCA Hon. Mention Defense

Matt Seeman:

SCA Hon. Mention Offense

Nathan Kemper:

SCA Hon. Mention Offense

Mike Johansen:

SCA Hon. Mention Defense

Heath Rodgers:

SCA Hon. Mention Defense



After catching a Chase Rogers pass, freshman #82 Jon Marquis, right, heads to the end zone for a touchdown against the Liberty Eagles. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

Freshman quarterback #14 Chase Rogers prepares to take the snap from #75 Jared Bradshaw as the offensive line prepares to block the Houston Tigers, far right. The freshman Panthers led the Tigers 8-6 at half-time before turning the ball over to the JV team who finished off the Tigers with a 32-6 final score. *Photo by Beverly Breedlove*

Junior Varsity team captains sophomore #55 Heath Housely and junior #3 Justin Foster, below, meet the officials and Houston team captains at mid field. *Photo by Beverly Breedlove*



A host of JV Panthers, above, converge on a Houston running back. The JV played only the second half of this contest. *Photo by Beverly Breedlove*

Sophomore #36 Chris Tinsley, right, fields a kickoff and prepares to run the ball back. Tinsley played on both the JV and Varsity teams. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*



Hauling down the Houston running back, above middle, sophomore #9 Jesse Denison makes the tackle as juniors #46 Matt Hurst and #68 Robert Reed scramble for the assist.

On his way down field, sophomore #32 Brent Dugger, above, shows his speed.

Taking one for the team, sophomore #70 Rodney Thompson, above, blocks a punt at Houston. Thompson had two blocked punts in the victory over the Tigers. *Photos by Beverly Breedlove*



# Youngsters prepare for Varsity

by Nathan Kemper



The Junior Varsity football Panthers ended the year with a 4-1 record, losing only to the Salem Tigers. The freshman team finished the season with a 1-5 record. The JV and freshman teams combined to play three more games, losing one to Cabool.

"The highlight of our season was the victory over the Ava Bears. The hard work and dedication of our players led us to a resounding victory over the Bears," said JV coach Andy Frerking.

The younger players gained valuable experience and learned plays that will be used on the next level of competition. With more games than ever on the JV and freshman schedules, players should be ready to make the step up to Varsity next year replacing seniors lost to graduation.

Receiving words of wisdom (or teasing?) from coach Jim Breedlove, sophomore running back #32 Brent Dugger listens carefully. Photo by Ronnie Ice

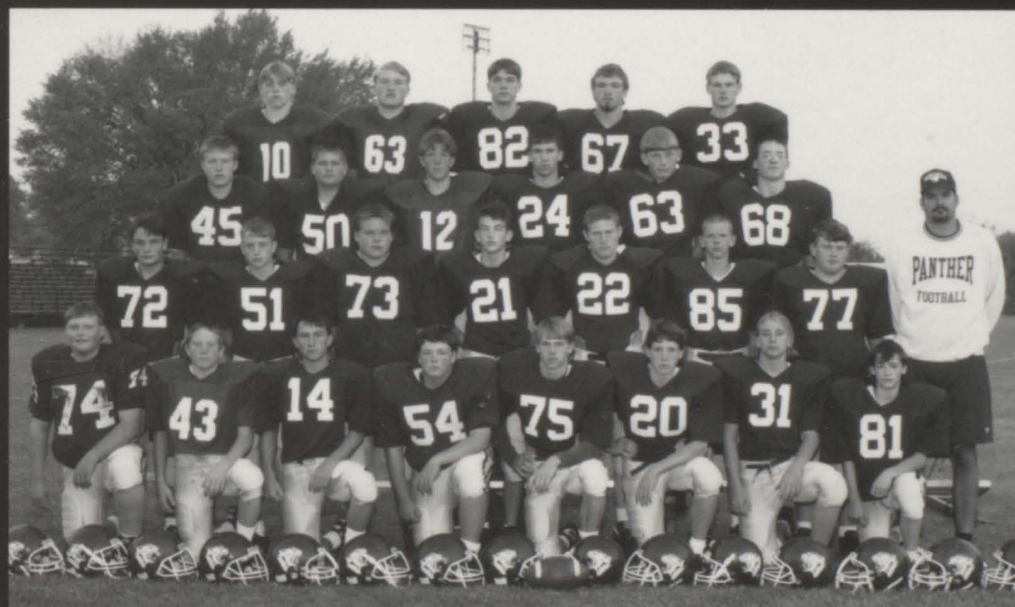
"I really enjoyed playing JV football this year. I had fun and enjoyed practicing with the older guys. I learned a great deal from them, and I hope I can use what I've learned and pass it down to the younger guys over the next two years," said sophomore tailback Brent Dugger.

Freshman wide receiver Richard McGowan agreed with Dugger. "Being a part of this football team was really great. The coaches were always positive and made it fun to play. With all the games we played, I feel I gained valuable experience this season."

This was only the third season that Mtn. Grove has had a separate JV and freshman schedule.

The coaches worked very hard in the off-season to add games to both schedules each year.

These extra games gave young Panthers needed experience.



**Freshman Football Team** Row 1: Dustin Ellis, Donnie Strunk, Chase Rogers, Jack Ramey, Jared Bradshaw, Jeremy Emery, Cody Knaak, Jamie Wyrick. Row 2: Rusty Kingery, Nathan Fry, Dusty Lee, Ben Leggins, Loren Eilenstine, Jeremy Looper, Shane Blankenship, coach J.T. Hale, Row 3: Zach Barbe, Josh Kumpula, J.D. House, Richard McGowan, Tim Wyrick, Chris Iott. Row 4: Michael McIntosh, Josh Turner, Jon Marquis, Nathan Jarrett, Jason Emery. Note: Junior Varsity players are included in Varsity photo, page 67.



## What's the Score?

### Junior Varsity

MG vs Salem	6-30
MG vs Willow Springs	14-12
MG vs Ava	36-6
MG vs Nixa	14-6
MG vs Catholic	16-14

### Freshman

MG vs Salem	8-26
MG vs Willow Springs	18-20
MG vs Catholic	8-0
MG vs Ava	14-22
MG vs Nixa	6-26
MG vs West Plains	0-6

### Freshman/JV Combined

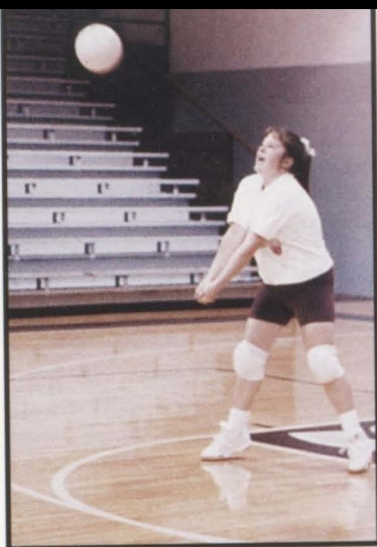
MG vs Houston	32-6
MG vs Cabool	0-22
MG vs Liberty	32-16



Receiving a powerful serve, junior Lori Thompson, right, steps up making a perfect pass to start the Lady Panther offense. Photo by Lance Jones

Stretching to great lengths, senior Alicia Douglass, below, makes a successful save as junior Lori Thompson looks on. Douglass' strong play will be missed next year. Photo by Jared Byerly

Concentrating on the perfect set, sophomore Carrie Stratton, below right, assists senior Amy Stillwell for the kill. Stratton was an important part in the Lady Panther offense. Photo by Lance Jones



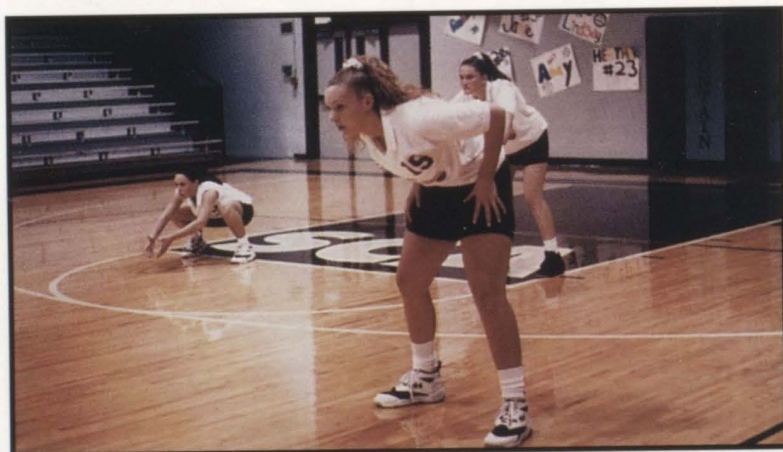
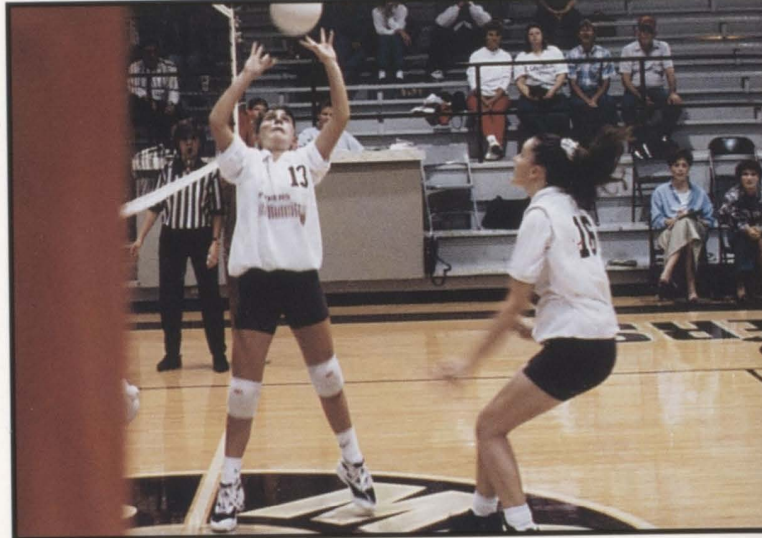
## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs Rogersville 7-15, 7-15  
MG vs Ava 8-15, 15-9, 12-15  
MG vs Houston 12-15, 16-14, 17-15

**Willard Tour**  
MG vs Buffalo 11-15, 2-15  
MG vs Joplin 15-13, 15-4  
MG vs Diamond 5-15, 3-15  
MG vs Ozark 15-9, 8-15  
MG vs Liberty 15-8, 15-2  
MG vs Licking 10-15, 15-13, 15-7  
MG vs Plato 15-7, 6-15, 15-10  
MG vs Willow Spgs 15-13, 7-15, 15-13  
MG vs Mansfield 15-13, 15-10  
MG vs Cabool 15-11, 15-11  
MG vs Thayer 15-2, 15-5

**Rogersville Tour**  
MG vs Camdenton 15-10, 7-15  
MG vs Rogersville 7-15, 1-15  
MG vs Parkview 15-12, 15-7

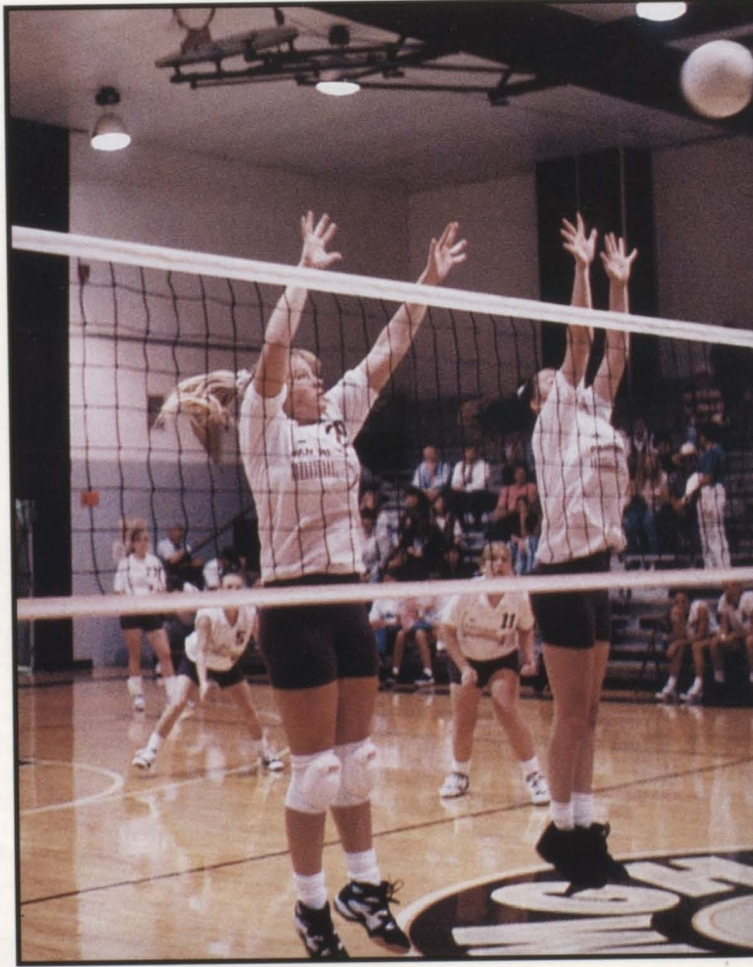
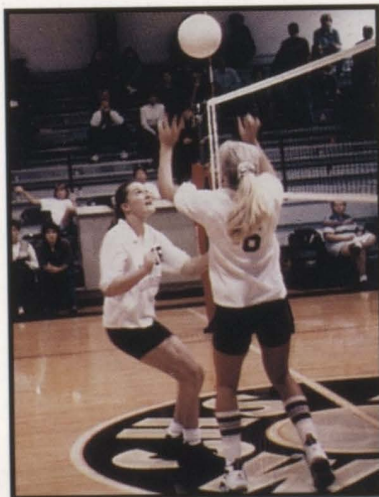
**Licking Tour**  
MG vs Licking 14-16, 14-16  
MG vs Salem 3-15, 4-15  
MG vs Winona 15-7, 6-15  
MG vs Liberty 15-8, 3-15, 15-6  
MG vs Eminence 15-9, 3-15, 2-15  
MG vs Salem 4-15, 5-15  
MG vs West Plains 8-15, 15-5, 10-15  
MG vs West Plains 7-15, 15-10, 15-11  
MG vs Willow Spgs 15-5, 6-15, 15-11  
**District Tour**  
MG vs Ozark 6-15, 5-15



With determination in their eyes, seniors Erica Craig, Amy Stillwell, and Jill Douglass, above, await the serve of the ball from a tough Willow Springs team. Photo by Nathan Kemper

Coming off the floor in sync, seniors Amanda Hutchinson and Amy Stillwell, far right, create a strong block to stop the opponents' attack. Photo by Donny Anderson

Attempting to run the quick set, junior Katie Hubner, right, places the ball just above the net, assisting senior Amy Stillwell with the kill. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes.





# New coaches inspire winning season



by Carrie Stratton

The 1996-97 season started out with new desire, lots of experience, and many new ideas. The new coach, Tammy Lott, brought with her a great knowledge of the game, and the will to win. The experience not only came from the new coach, but also with the five returning seniors. "The seniors will be greatly missed next year. They definitely displayed a great deal of leadership on the team," said coach Lott.

The new coaching staff pushed the team to work hard, but at the same time stressed the importance of having fun. "It was the most fun I have ever had in sports, they worked us hard, but it was still fun," commented sophomore Angela Dunham. The hard work payed off. The Lady Panthers were able to defeat long time rivals the Houston Lady Tigers and a strong, confident Licking Wildcat team.

Going low to make the perfect dig, senior Jill Douglass, left, helps lead the Lady Panthers to a victory. Photo by Donny Anderson

Through these well deserved victories the Lady Panther team gained confidence that led them through the season.

As the season went on the team improved, learning how to play more as a team and how to raise their level of play. "We really improved and learned how to play more as a team this year," said senior Alicia Douglass.

"The team had a great desire to learn and got better with every practice and game," commented coach Lott.

The Lady Panthers ended with a 13-10-4 record. "This year was our most successful," replied senior Jill Douglass. This success was proven when three Lady Panthers were named to the All-Conference team: seniors Amy Stillwell and Erica Craig, and junior Katie Hubner.

"It was a learning experience that I will never forget. not only had to learn about girls, but new techniques of coaching volleyball," stated coach Lott.

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**Varsity Volleyball Team** Row 1: Erica Craig, Amanda Hutchinson, Alicia Douglass, Amy Stillwell, Jill Douglass Row 2: Sarah Craig, Stacey Allen, Carrie Stratton, Rachelle Douglass, Jessica Peterson, Brenda Good Row 3: coach Christy Holland, Katie Hubner, Angela Dunham, Betsey Matthews, Lori Thompson, Sarah Craig, coach Tammy Lott



## HONORS

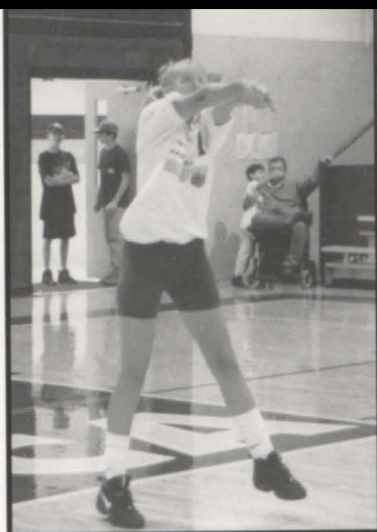
Amy Stillwell:  
1st Team SCA  
Lady Panther Award  
Most Blocks:  
Double 23  
Solo 13  
Most Kills 107  
Erica Craig:  
SCA Honorable Mention  
Most Aces 36  
2nd Most Blocks:  
Double 18  
Single 16  
2nd Most Kills 95  
Katie Hubner:  
2nd Team SCA  
Most Assist's 254  
Serve Percentage 93%  
Alicia Douglass:  
Serve Percentage 93%  
Jill Douglass:  
Most Digs  
Amanda Hutchinson:  
Hustle Award



Receiving a serve from a Mansfield Lion opponent, sophomore Sarah Craig, right, helps lead her team to a victory. *Photo by Lance Jones*

Awaiting the move of a tough Willow Springs team, freshman Stacey Allen and sophomores Jessica Peterson and Rachelle Douglass, far right, stand in ready position. *Photo by Lance Jones*

During a time-out against the Liberty Lady Eagles, coach Christy Holland, below, gives the Lady Panthers a pep talk. *Photo by Jared Byerly*

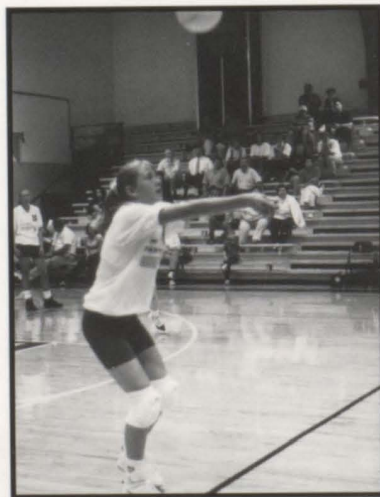


Attempting to tip the ball over the strong Salem defense, freshman Amy Brummet, middle right, tries to gain the sideout for her team. *Photo by Donny Anderson*

Going low for a great dig, freshman Heather Linton, above, helps her team advance to a victory over the Plato Lady Eagles. *Photo by Jared Doty*

Coming down from a successful spike attempt, sophomore Brenda Good, far right, watches as Salem defenders try to block. *Photo by Lance Jones*

During an intense match, freshman Kayla Shannon, right, passes the ball up to her setter. *Photo by Heath Housley*





# Ladies learn volleyball strategy



by Jessica Peterson

With five talented seniors graduating, building a strong foundation was essential to the future success of the Mountain Grove volleyball program.

A large group of freshmen stepped up, ready for the challenge of high school athletics. They joined up with the four returning sophomores to form the Junior Varsity squad.

First year coach, Tammy Lott said, "It's hard to learn a new system of play and I'm very happy with the progress of these young players and with their desire to learn."

Although the success of the seasons didn't show in the record books, the progress that was made is evident in the hearts of the players.

Demonstrating the perfect form, sophomore Jessica Peterson, left, makes a great dig to help her team with a come back. Photo by Donny Anderson

"During our first season as high school volleyball players we received a lot of encouragement on our level of play from the graduating seniors. Although we had some trouble working as a team at first, with the help of the Varsity players we began to learn that you can't have success without teamwork," said freshman Stacey Allen.

About success in the future, Coach Lott said, "We improved greatly, and I look forward to working with them in the future."

"I thought the girls worked very hard and they accomplished many things. The only thing that can happen in the next few years is for the girls to improve," said coach Christy Holland.

The future of Lady Panther volleyball certainly looks bright. Experience and knowledge of the game and of each other will only grow from here.



**Junior Varsity Volleyball Team:** Row 1: Ashley Emery, Jamie Raney, Lindsey Linton, Samantha Dennis. Row 2: Stacey Allen, Amy Brummet, Lindsay Campbell, Kayla Shannon, Heather Linton. Row 3: Rachelle Douglass, Brenda Good, coach Christy Holland, Betsey Matthews, coach Tammy Lott, Jessica Peterson, Sarah Craig.



## WHAT'S THE SCORE

MG vs Rogersville	5-15, 7-15
MG vs Ava	3-15, 10-15
MG vs Houston	4-15, 11-15
MG vs Liberty	12-15, 8-15
MG vs Licking	3-15, 8-15
MG vs Plato	15-3, 15-6
MG vs Willow Spgs.	2-15, 6-15
MG vs Mansfield	15-12, 15-9
MG vs Cabool	15-13, 15-5
MG vs Thayer	15-12, 15-13
MG vs Salem	9-15, 6-15
MG vs West Plns.	15-10, 15-11
MG vs West Plns.	9-15, 8-15
MG vs Willow Spgs.	11-15, 11-15

### West Plains Tourn.

MG vs West Plns.	11-8, 11-3
MG vs Licking	0-11, 11-6
MG vs Salem	6-11, 9-11
MG vs Willow Spgs.	6-11, 4-11

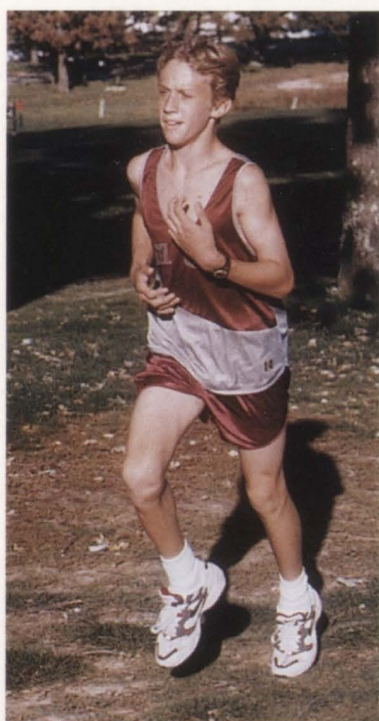


Freshman Heather Todd, right, running on her home turf for the first time finished the day with a strong 17th place finish. Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Sophomore Julia Kuster, below, on a stroll in the park? No, but she is on her way to taking the 15th place medal waiting just two miles down the trail. Photo courtesy Jack Holland



In her home meet, junior Tabitha Todd, above, displays incredible stamina and perseverance. It was that same stamina and perseverance that advanced her to State. Photo courtesy Jack Holland



Sophomore Shaun Clements, above, competing for the first time on his home course, looks forward to his last two miles. Shaun played an important roll all year as the fifth man. Photo courtesy Jack Holland

## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

LOCATION		Boys	Girls
Willow Springs	Sept. 13	3rd Place	4th Place
West Plains	Sept. 20	4th Place	3rd Place
Mansfield	Sept. 30	1st Place	1st Place
SMSU	Oct. 4	8th Place	11th Place
Mountain Grove	Oct. 8	2nd Place	1st Place
Plato	Oct. 11	1st Place	3rd Place
Mountain Grove	Oct. 14	2nd Place	3rd Place
Mansfield	Oct. 14	3rd Place	4th Place
Nixa (District)	Nov. 2	5th Place	Disqualified



With one mile down, junior Kevin Ramaeker far above, put on another medaling performance. Kevin ran with astounding determination all year. Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Senior Michael McGregor, above, takes a moment out before moving out in front of the rest of the Panthers. He finished ninth with a time of 17:52. Photo courtesy Jack Holland



# Three runners qualify for State

by Nathan Kemper

This cross country season was a great success. With only five girls and five boys, each runner was crucial to the team score.

Each one of the team members put out a great deal of effort and made great improvements during the season. Both teams were completely injury free throughout the season which helped to keep morale high.

Senior Marianne Goin ran good the whole season and finished with her best time at the District meet.

"The one memory that I will always have is of my last District race. I just kept passing people, and I was amazed how strong I felt. There is no better feeling than running the most important race of the season and being totally happy with it afterwards," said Goin.

Junior Tabitha Todd and

Pushing toward the finish, senior Marianne Goin left, attempts to make the finish at her last home meet one to remember. Photo courtesy Jack Holland

Sophomore Julia Kuster provided some competition for each other and made huge improvements in their performances to have their best seasons yet. Freshman Heather Todd ran well and earned herself several medals during the season.

Sophomore Wendy Welms also ran in a few meets.

On the boys team, senior leader Michael McGregor provided the team with experience and hard work.

"This has been a very memorable cross country season for me. Being team leader means a great deal to me because I never thought I would be good enough to be team leader," McGregor said.

Juniors Kevin Ramaecker and Daniel Zid ran hard all season long. Freshman Sam Goin showed strong performances all season, as well, as he defeated many upperclassmen--including his teammates--in different meets.



**Cross Country Team** Row 1: Marianne Goin, Tabitha Todd, Heather Todd, Julia Kuster. Row 2: Kevin Ramaecker, Daniel Zid, Sam Goin, Michael McGregor. Not pictured: Shaun Clements and Wendy Willms.



Marianne Goin  
1st Team All-District  
Team Leader  
State Qualifier

Michael McGregor  
Hon. Men. All-District  
Team Leader

Sam Goin  
Hon. Men. All-District

Tabitha Todd  
2nd Team All-District,  
State Qualifier

Julia Kuster  
Hon. Men. All-District  
State Qualifier

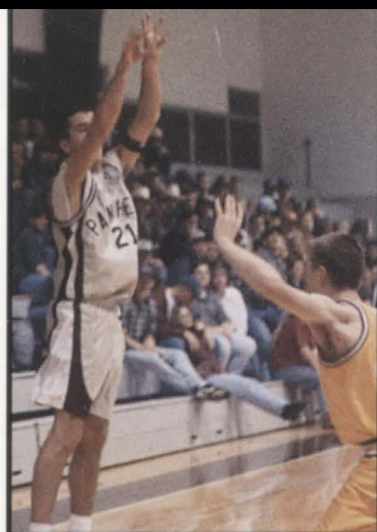


he Panther's outside threat, senior David MacPherson, right, sinks another three pointer. MacPherson led the team in three point field goals for the 1996-97 season. *Photo by Heath Housley*

Junior Todd McGlamery, below, takes a jump shot from the paint to score two against Ava. *Photo by Lance Jones*

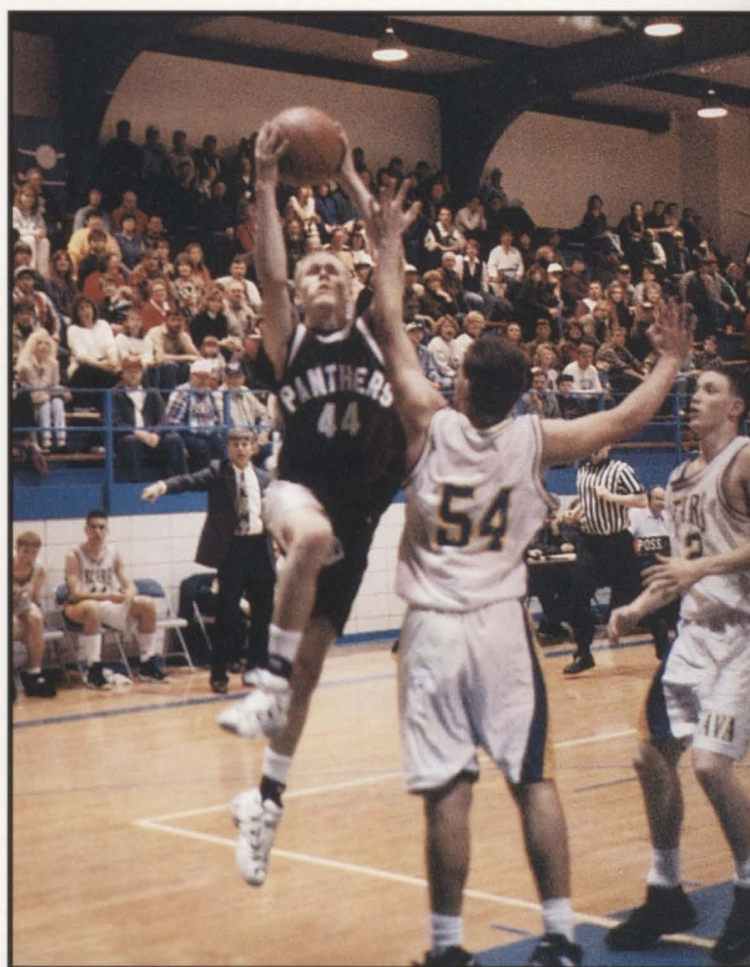
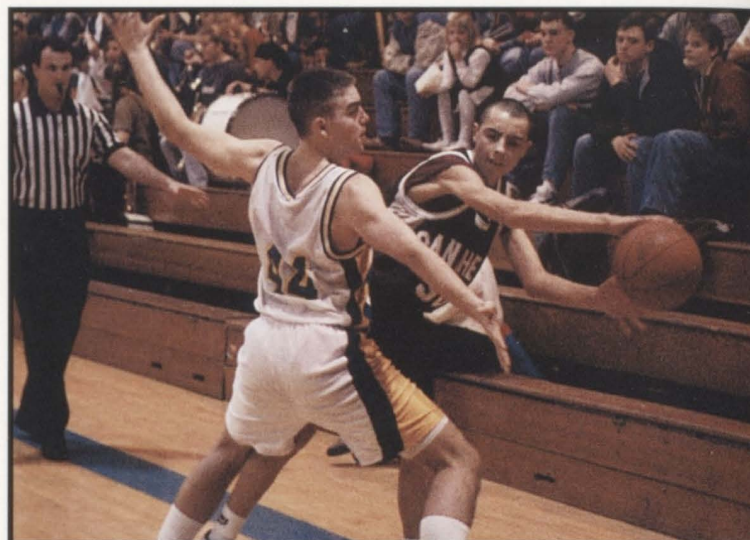
Nailing his jump shot; senior Chad Sigman, below right, adds to the Panthers lead in their triumph over the Ava Bears. *Photo by Lance Jones*

Sophomore Jacob Scott, far right, executes a wrap-around bounce pass to break the Ava press. *Photo by Lance Jones*



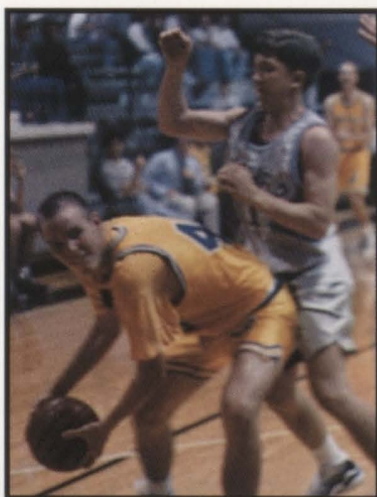
## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs. Gainesville	70-60	MG vs. Hartville	54-61
MG vs. Houston	53-66	MG vs. Gainsville	58-51
MG vs. Salem	67-73	MG vs. Salem	82-77
MG vs. Liberty	59-51	MG vs. Thayer	58-81
MG vs. Ozark	77-78	MG vs. Hartville	39-60
MG vs. Fordland	33-47	MG vs. Catholic	47-46
MG vs. Willow Springs	70-65	MG vs. Liberty	49-65
MG vs. Cabool	56-71	MG vs. Houston	62-59
MG vs. Glendale	28-61	MG vs. Mansfield	72-50
MG vs. Republic	52-63	MG vs. Summersville	96-65
MG vs. West Plains	56-63	MG vs. Salem	84-67
MG vs. Ava	54-36	MG vs. Rogersville	39-61
MG vs. Cabool	63-44		



Cutting on the pressure, sophomore Jared Doty right, uses his defensive skills in an attempt to steal the ball from a Fordland Eagle. *Photo by Heath Housley*

Driving the baseline on an Ava defender, junior Tim Short, far right, attempts to score an easy two. Short gained an honorable mention in this year's conference picks. *Photo by Lance Jones*





# Panthers enjoy successful year

by Carrie Stratton

The Panther basketball team fought hard this season, ending the year with a record of 12-13 and a conference record of 4-4.

The Panthers started the season off with a 66-53 win over Gainesville. Although the team faced a tough schedule and a few injuries the players managed to keep good attitudes.

"They became better as time went along, and that was due to hard work, work ethic and good attitudes," said coach Mike Mallow.

With only three returning varsity players, there were many new roles to fill.

"For my first year of basketball it was a blast. It was a great experience," said junior Todd McGlamery.

Leading the team was senior

**S**oaring high over the Fordland Eagle defenders, senior Chris Ridens scores for the Panthers. Ridens was named All State along with other coveted honors. *Photo by Heath Housley*

Chris Ridens, who was recruited by Iowa State, a division one school.

Two more seniors who played big roles on the team were David MacPherson and Chad Sigman. MacPherson lead the team in three pointers and tied for the most steals, with Sigman, who also had the most assists.

"I really enjoyed playing with everyone this season. Playing for coach Mallow was enjoyable, and I would like to see the team go far next year," said senior Denver Hawkins.

They had many memorable wins, such as taking third in the Mtn. Grove Panther Classic and defeating Salem the first round of Districts.

"It was a great senior year. I became close with everyone, players and coaches," said senior David McPherson.

"I am proud of the team's effort and we had a great season," said Mallow. "I am looking forward to next year," Mallow added.

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**Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball Team** Row 1: Tim Short, Denver Hawkins, David MacPherson, Chris Ridens, Chad Sigman, Todd McGlamery, Jacob Scott. Row 2: Kevin Ramaeker, Tony Dawson, Ryan Huff, John Tyrrell, Curtis Dennis, Daniel Zid, Jared Doty, Bryan Williams. Row 3: coaches Andy Frerking and Daniel Ortman, head coach Mike Mallow.



## HONORS

Chris Ridens:

SCA 1st team  
All District, 1st Team  
All Ozark, 2nd Team  
All State  
Best field goal percentage  
Most blocked shots  
Scoring leader  
Most rebounds

David MacPherson:

Best 3 point percentage  
Most steals (tie)

Chad Sigman:

Most assists  
Most steals (tie)

Tim Short:

SCA Honorable Mention

Jacob Scott:

Best free throw percentage

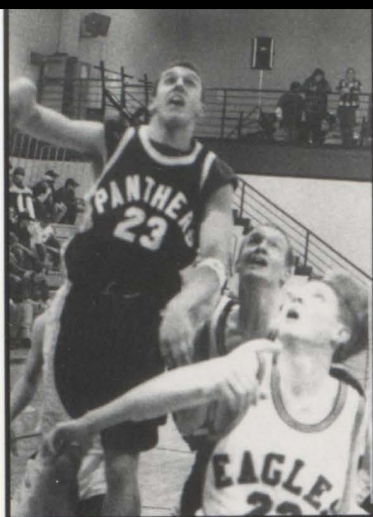


Leaving the floor, junior Ryan Huff #23, right, attempts to pull down a rebound against the Liberty Eagles.

Junior Curtis Dennis looks to break the press after coming down with the rebound, below, as teammates juniors Daniel Zid and Bryan Williams start down the court.

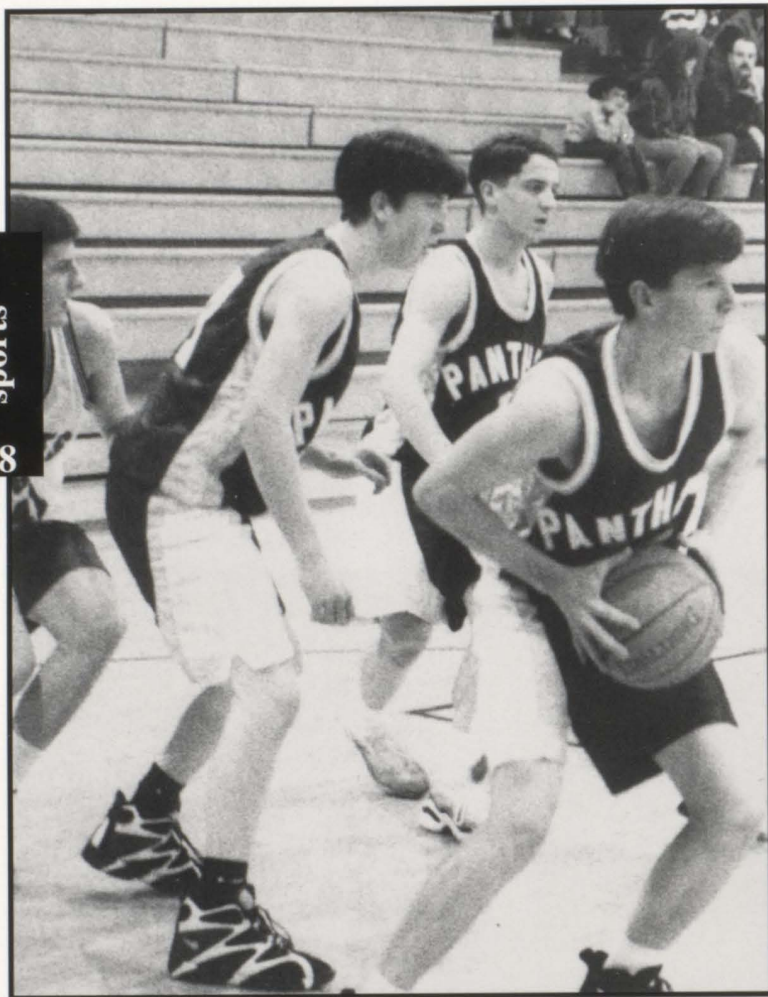
JV coach Andy Frerking along with juniors Ryan Huff and Tony Dawson concentrate on the action on the floor at Liberty.

Photos courtesy News-Journal



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs Gainesville	40-32	MG vs Hartville	36-53
MG vs Ozark	35-50	MG vs Catholic	27-41
MG vs Fordland	25-32	MG vs Liberty	49-48
MG vs Willow Springs	40-44	MG vs Houston	41-47
MG vs Cabool	37-44	MG vs Mansfield	50-32
MG vs Republic	49-16	MG vs Summersville	21-27
MG vs West Plains	21-56	<b>MG Tournament</b>	
MG vs Ava	38-44	MG vs Cabool	29-58
MG vs Salem	43-52	MG vs Dora	59-46
MG vs Thayer	35-53		



Attempting to score two for the Panthers, freshman Cody Knaak, far right, leaves the floor surrounded by West Plains Zizzers. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes

Junior Kevin Ramaecker pushes the ball down the court, right. Photo courtesy News-Journal





# Young Panthers gain experience

by Jessica Peterson

Experience is always key in building a successful program in any sport. Freshmen and JV basketball players got plenty of it this year.

Although the freshmen's record ended up 1-10, the youngsters gained much needed experience.

"I especially enjoyed all the running," smiled freshman Jon Marquis. "Seriously, I know it will help me be a better player in the long run," he continued.

The JV also got off to a rocky start, but had begun to play better by season's end.

Junior Bryan Williams said, "We had a hard, slow start, but overall we improved greatly as a team to have a good season."

With hard work and per-

serverance this team's promise shined through. Always entertaining, they gave Panther fans quite a show.

"I thought the JV worked hard all year long and their effort transferred into more success at the end of the year. Their haircuts, however, failed to show the same improvement," said coach Andy Frerking.

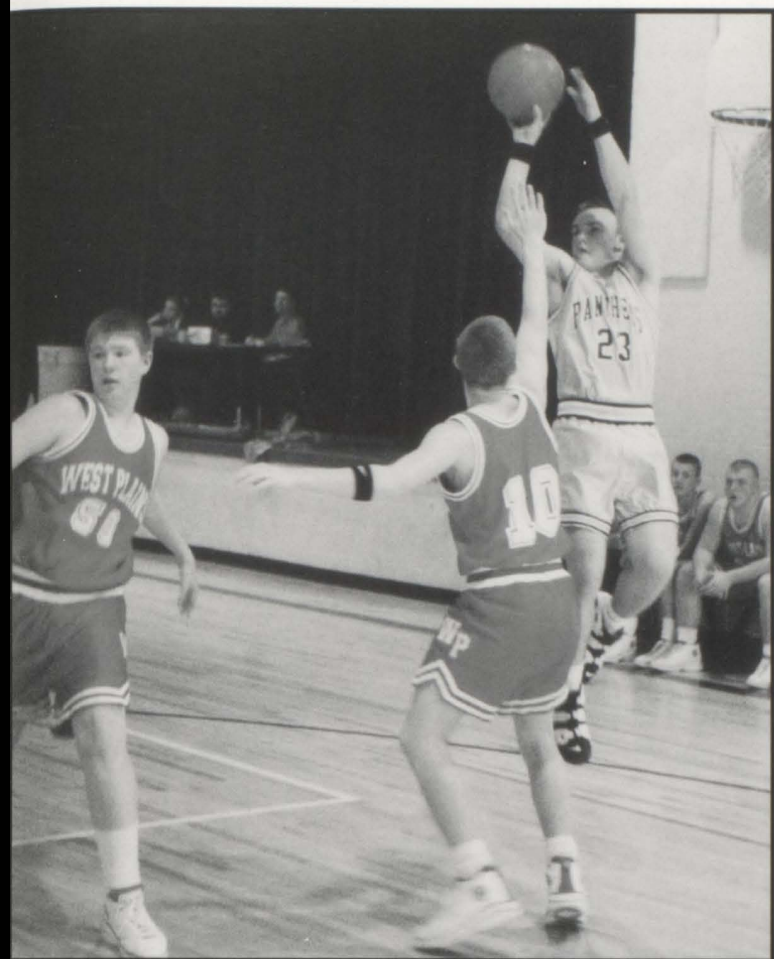
Panther basketball is losing quite a class of seniors this year and in the years to come these freshmen and junior varsity guys will be stepping up, taking over, and entertaining us more than ever.

The success of basketball here will depend upon the dedication, hard work, and talent of these young players.

"Our goal for next year is to begin the season playing as a team like we ended the season this year," said junior Scott Thornhill.



freshman Philip Parson #23, left; puts up a jump shot from the baseline against the West Plains Zizzers. Photo by Jerrod Stearnes



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**Freshman Basketball Team** Row 1: Barry Dowden, Jon Marquis, Michael McIntosh, Row 2: Ray Sutton, Darrell Bolin, Sam Goin, Michael Pope, Philip Parson.

## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

### Freshman Scores

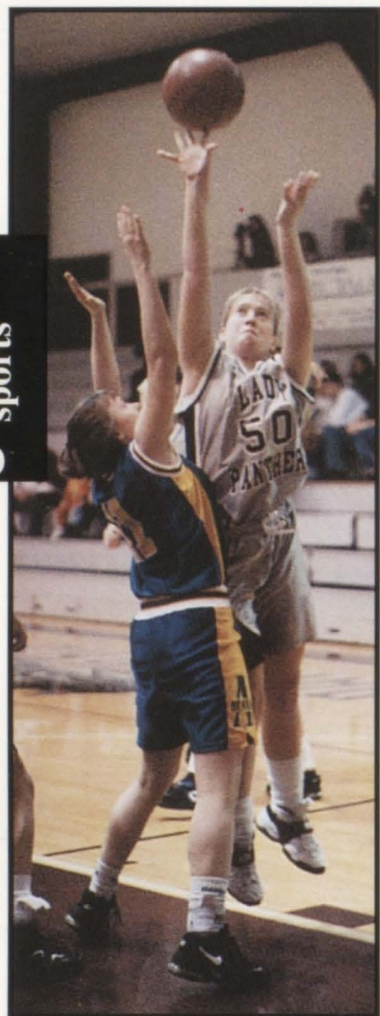
MG vs Liberty	27-40
MG vs Mansfield	50-62
MG vs West Plains	42-86
MG vs Liberty	38-58
MG vs Ava	33-50
MG vs Salem	29-62
MG vs West Plains	27-64
MG vs Ava	26-23
MG vs Willow Springs	30-68
MG vs West Plains	32-62
MG vs Willow Springs	44-48



Sophomore Rachele Douglass #22, right, picks up the dribble and looks for a teammate to pass the ball to. Douglass began the year on the JV, but moved to full time varsity. *Photo by Lance Jones*

Scoring from the low post, sophomore Angela Duhnam #50, below left, goes up and over an Ava Bear. *Photo by Lance Jones*

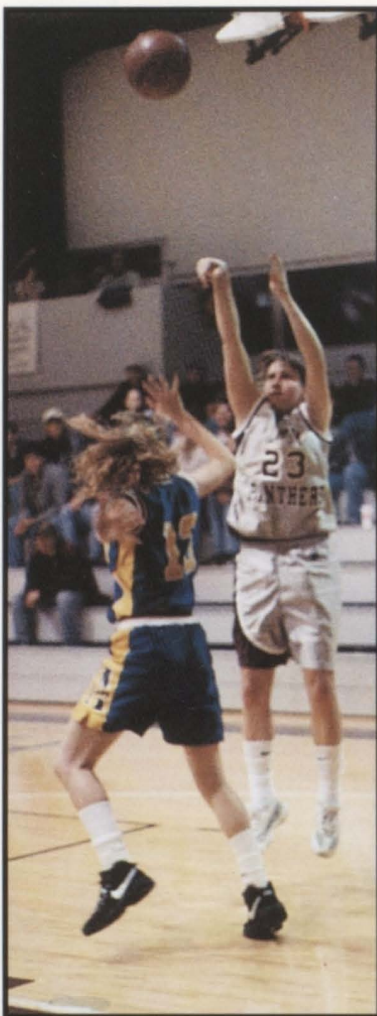
The Panthers' leading scorer sophomore Penny Carmon #23, below right, hits a jump shot for two points against the Ava Bears. Carmon was voted SCA second team. *Photo by Lance Jones*



Looking for a clear path to the basket, junior Sara Johnson #21, top right, prepares to put the moves on a Salem Tiger defender. *Photo by Heath Housley*

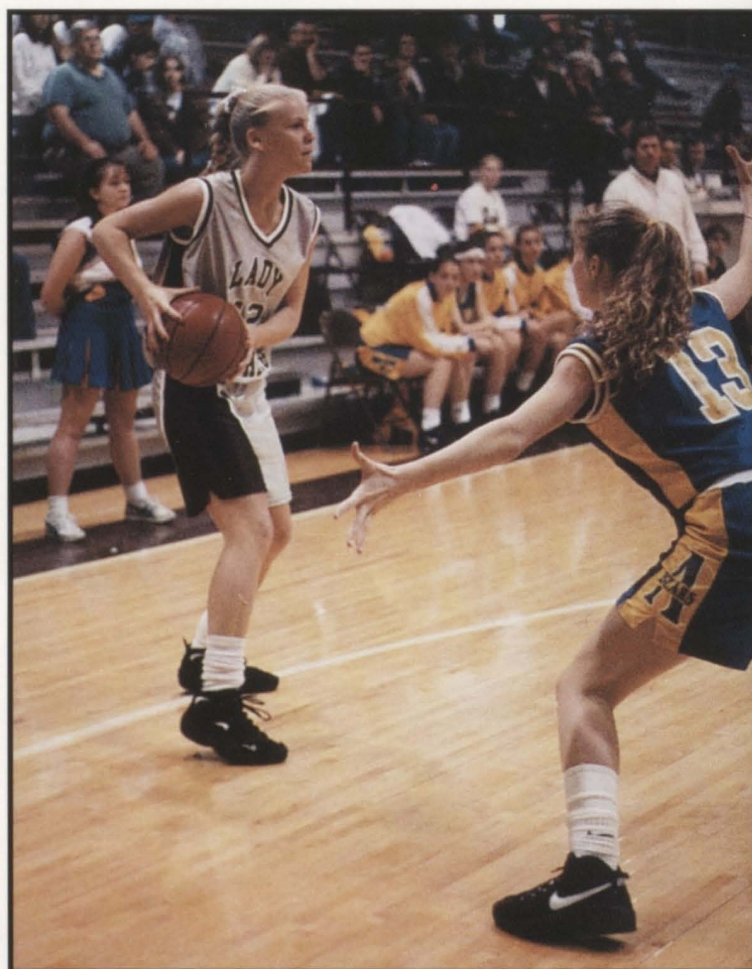
Junior Katie Hubner #42, far right, concentrates on finding an open teammate to connect with for another assist. Hubner's outstanding defense enabled her to lead the team in steals. *Photo by Lance Jones*

Staying low on defense junior Michelle Hawkins #52, right, prepares to take the point guard one-on-one. Hawkins missed several games due to a back injury. *Photo by Lance Jones*



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs. Rogersville	48-47	MG vs. Rogersville	37-57
MG vs. Salem	24-48	MG vs. Buffalo	53-45
MG vs. Gainsville	63-69	MG vs. Morrisville	43-45
MG vs. Houston	64-56	MG vs. Nixa	56-86
MG vs. Fair Grove	43-54	MG vs. Waynesville	31-42
MG vs. Houston	44-49	MG vs. West Plains	38-58
MG vs. Mansfield	68-35	MG vs. Willow Spgs	42-37
MG vs. Thayer	72-74	MG vs. Cabool	64-39
MG vs. Hartville	38-34	MG vs. Plato	49-46
MG vs. Willow Spgs	46-39	MG vs. Catholic	52-51
MG vs. Ava	51-62	Districts	
MG vs. Houston	53-58	MG vs. Ava	46-38
MG vs. Cabool	58-48	MG vs. Salem	47-56





# Panthers win first district game

by Jessica Peterson

The buzzer went off and the celebration began. The Lady Panthers had just gotten their season off to a great start by defeating the Rogersville Wildcats in the season opener by a single point.

The Lady Panthers came into this season with only one returning senior as five seniors opted to not return to the team for their senior year. The team also had five other returning varsity players.

The pressure was on everyone, but especially on senior Erica Craig.

Commenting on the stress Craig said, "Being the only senior on the team, I felt a large responsibility to do well. I felt a great deal of pressure because I knew that I had to be a leader."

While the season wasn't en-

tirely successful, leaps and bounds were made from the year before. Unexpected wins and upsets kept the Lady Panthers going.

The Lady Panthers ended the year with a 12-13 record.

Sophomore Penny Carmon commented, "I felt that as a team we got off to a rough start. When no one else believed in us, we all started taking pride and believing in ourselves."

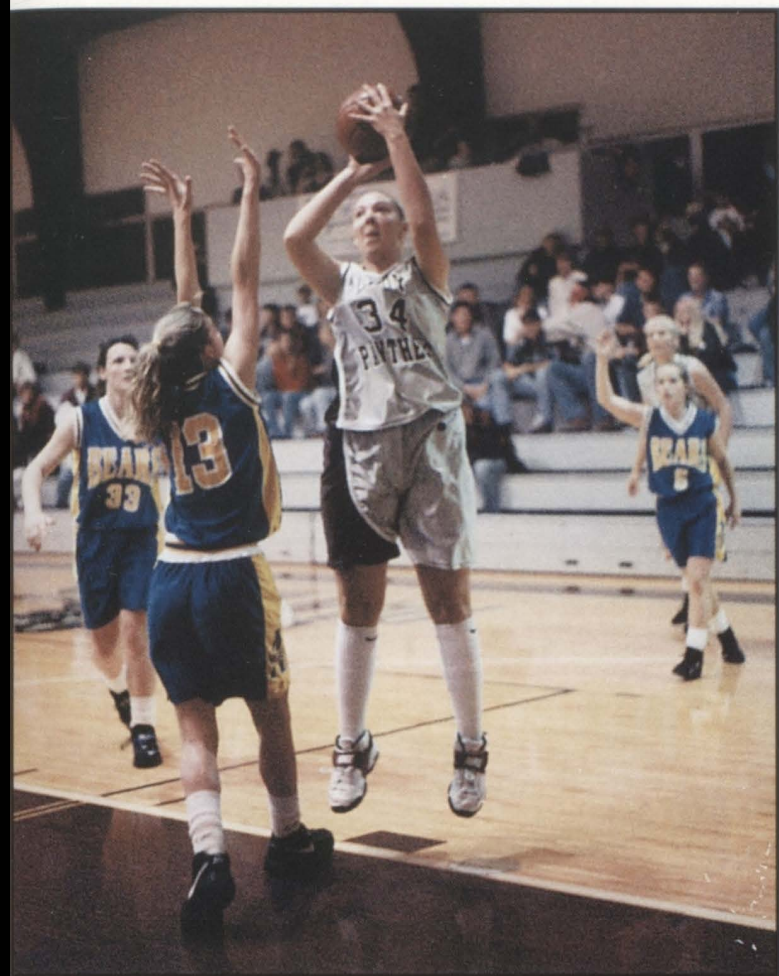
The biggest win came when the Panthers defeated Ava 46-38 in district play. The Panthers were then defeated by Salem in the District semi-finals.

The future definitely looks bright for this group of girls and exciting seasons lay ahead for the future.

As Penny Carmon promises, "Next year will be even better."

"You can count on us to work hard and give the fans an exciting season," she added.

Putting up a jumper, senior Erica Craig scores two for the Panthers in a home loss against the Ava Bears. Craig led the team in rebounds and received SCA honorable Mention. Photo by Lance Jones



**Varsity Girls Basketball** Row 1: Erica Craig Row 2: Angela Dunham Row 3: freshman coach Solomon Cornelius, Sara Johnson, Penny Carmon, coach Quentin Albrecht, Rachelle Douglass, Katie Hubner, Sarah Craig, and assistant coach Tammy Lott.



## HONORS

Erica Craig:  
Most Rebounds  
SCA Hon.Mention

Katie Hubner:  
Most Steals

Sara Johnson:  
Most 3-Pointers  
Best FT Percentage

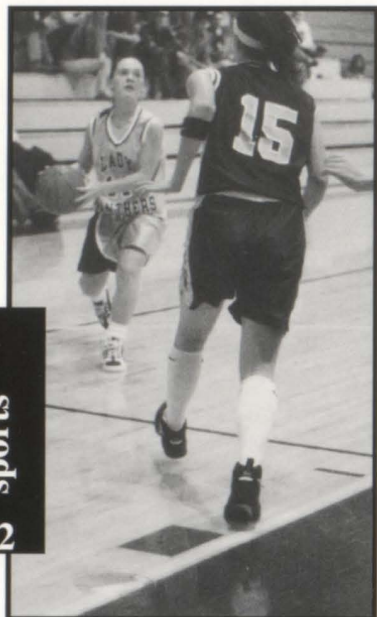
Penny Carmon:  
Point Leader  
SCA Second Team

Angela Dunham:  
Most assists

Rachelle Douglass:  
Coaches Award



Preparing to shoot the jump shot, sophomore #11 Jessica Peterson sets her sights on the bucket. Peterson, below, was a team leader at the point guard position. *photo by Lance Jones*



Freshman #25 Amy Brummet shoots over a Nixa Eagle for two points, below. *photo by Jerrod Stearnes*



Coming to Mountain Grove from Manes as a freshman, #33 Tracy Todd, was a valuable addition to the J.V. basketball team. Todd, bottom, drives to the basket. *photo by Lance Jones*



Freshman #12 Kayla Shannon, right, takes a shot from the blocks over an Ava Bear, right, as sophomore #13 Carrie Straton waits for the possible rebound. *photo by Lance Jones*



Freshman #20 Samantha Dennis drives the lane as teammate sophomore #10 Constance Beyerlein attempts to set a screen on an Ava Bear, below. *photo by Lance Jones*





# JV roundballers prepare for future

by Carrie Stratton

The JV Lady Panthers gained a lot of valuable experience during the season. Although the Ladies ended the season with a 3-14 record, the team gained an enormous amount of valuable experience and knowledge.

The young JV team consisted of four sophomores and eight freshmen. Coach Tammy Lott said, "I believe this year was a learning experience for all of the girls. They worked extremely hard throughout the entire year and it will pay off in the long run."

Throughout the games and practices the JV girls looked up to the varsity girls for leadership. Freshman Stacey Allen said, "The older girls set a good example for us to follow."

The freshman girls team ended

with a 5-4 record.

The team had a great deal of fun along with all the hard work. "We had fun and learned how to appreciate the game. We also began to play better as a team," said freshman Samantha Dennis.

Sophomore Jessica Peterson added, "We learned a lot and really grew as a team. I enjoyed being one of the leaders, and I was very proud of the freshmen's ability to step up to new challenges."

As the season went on the players became closer. Next year should be even more fun since the team is so young and they will all be returning.

Coach Quentin Albrecht said, "We had a wonderful group of young players. They worked hard and were very enjoyable to be around. I look forward to having them back next year. They will be a great asset to the program."

Nothing, especially an Ava Bear, stops #32 freshman Stacey Allen, left, as she drives to the basket for a lay-up. Allen played freshman and junior varsity all year.  
*Photo by Lance Jones*

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**Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team** Row 1: Samantha Dennis. Row 2: Carrie Stratton, Jessica Peterson, Kayla Shannon. Row 3: Amy Moore, coach Tammy Lott, coach Quentin Albrecht, coach Solomon Cornelius, Stacey Allen. Row 4: Amy Brummet, Constance Beyerlein, Patti Thornhill, Tracy Todd. Row 5: Sarah Laird and Lane Baldwin.



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

### JV Scores

MG vs. Rogersville	21-41	MG vs. Houston	25-42
MG vs. Salem	34-55	MG vs. Liberty	28-32
MG vs. Gainesville	23-14	MG vs. Nixa	24-42
MG vs. Houston	28-42	MG vs. Waynesville	20-47
MG vs. Mansfield	52-12	MG vs. West Plains	25-56
MG vs. Thayer	25-38	MG vs. Willow Spgs	21-31
MG vs. Hartville	27-53	MG vs. Plato	32-18
MG vs. Willow Spgs	23-31	MG vs. Catholic	27-43
MG vs. Ava	18-36		

### Freshman Scores

MG vs. Houston	29-41	MG vs. Salem	37-23
West Plains Tournament, 2nd		MG vs. West Plains	19-45
MG vs. Salem	29-22	MG vs. Spg. Catholic	18-38
MG vs. West Plains	35-47	MG vs. Liberty	46-25
MG vs. Ava	47-18		
MG vs. Ava	35-29		



# Cheerleaders premiere in State contest, fill field and gym with spirited shows

by Marie Taylor and Sunni Roth

Cheerleading started with a bang as members practiced 10 hours per week all summer to prepare for Regional competition.

Kickapoo High School was the scene Aug. 17 where the cheerleaders placed second with a three-minute routine.

Next came football season. Once again the cheerleaders sponsored Junior Cheerleading Night Oct. 4 for girls in grades

one through six. The girls danced at halftime.

During football season, cheerleaders prepared a routine for State competition Nov. 15 and 16. The girls placed seventh on their three-minute routine.

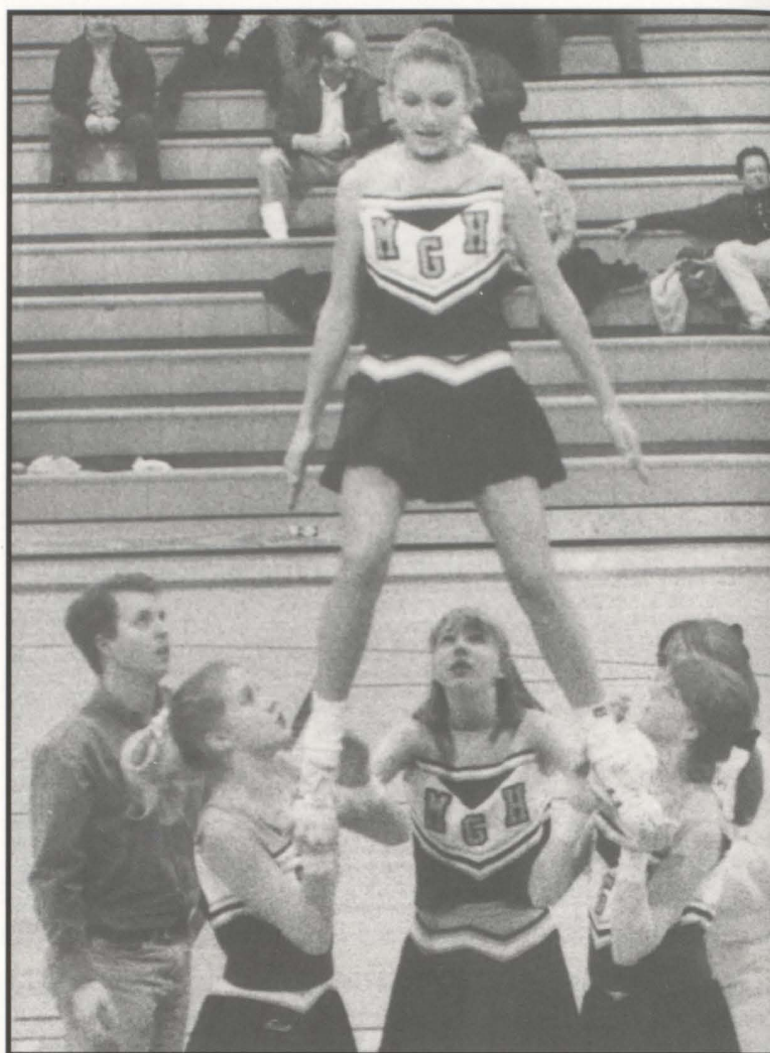
Basketball season started Nov. 22 and another Junior Night featured young cheerleaders in grades kindergarten through six. Forty-three children participated Feb. 11.

Clinics for the 1998 cheerleaders were held March 3-5 and tryouts were March 6-7.



Showing their spirit as they exit the gym floor, the junior varsity cheerleaders pump up the fans. At the end of each

routine, the girls show off their school spirit, above. Photo courtesy News Journal



Lifting sophomore Rachel Homer high into the air, the varsity cheerleaders demonstrate "stunting" for an apprecia-

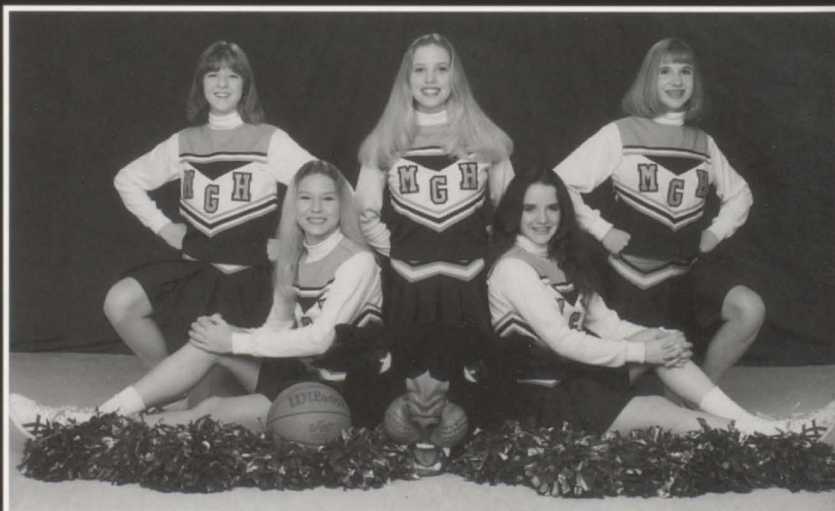
tive crowd, above. Photo courtesy News Journal

## Basketball

CHEERLEADERS



**Junior Varsity Cheerleaders:** Row 1: Jennifer Thompson, Wendy Willms. Row 2: Cindy Curran, Karalin Hall, Jessica Klingensmith. Row 3: Lisa Leggins, Mindy Lee.



**Varsity Cheerleaders:** Row 1: Rachel Homer, Brandy Young. Row 2: Crystal Smith, Clarice Kluey, Michelle Zid.



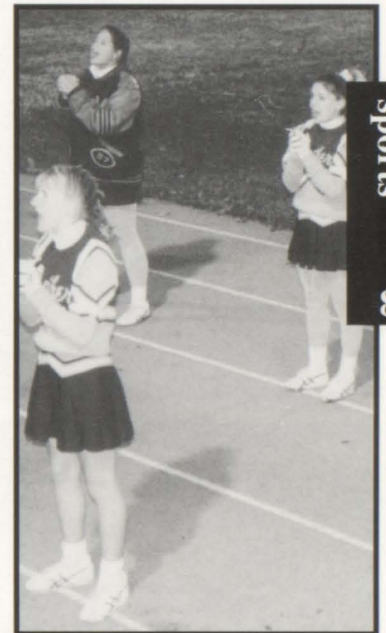


Varsity cheerleaders display their Homecoming run-through for the crowd, left, to complete pregame activities. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

Preparing for Junior Cheerleader Night, freshman Jenny Mitchell and seniors Lindsay Ault and Amber Chasteen, below right, get the crowd behind the boys on the gridiron. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

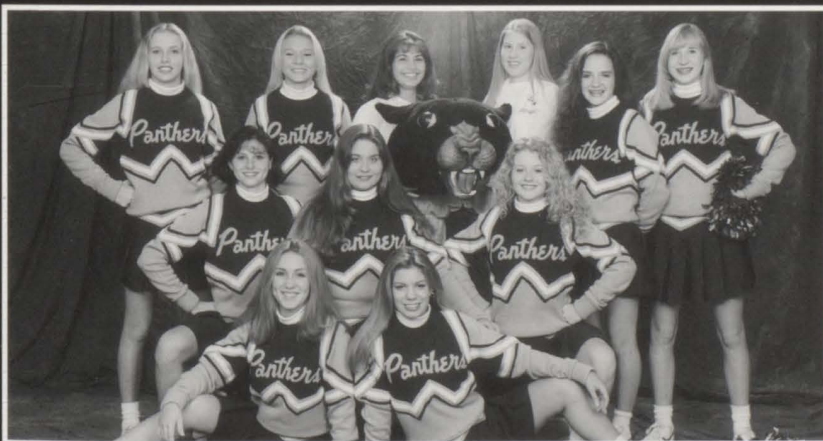
Smoky the Panther mascot joins the cheerleaders on the field in Panther Stadium, below. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*

On the sidelines, freshman Michelle Zid, and seniors Amber Chasteen and Lindsay Ault, bottom right, get the crowd behind the boys on the gridiron. *Photo by Ronnie Ice*



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**Varsity Cheerleaders:** Row 1: Jenny Mitchell, Lindsay Ault. Row 2: Stephanie Rich, Amber Chasteen, Sarah Crisp. Row 3: Clarice Kluey, Rachel Homer, Margaret Gonzales, Laura Ball, Brandy Young, Michelle Zid.

## Football



**Junior Varsity Cheerleaders:** Row 1: Lyndse Robertson, Wendy Willms. Row 2: Jennifer Thompson, Amy Ball, Lisa Leggins. Row 3: Amanda Webb, Ann Kaps, Stephanie Gonzales, Faith Cornelius, Crystal Smith.

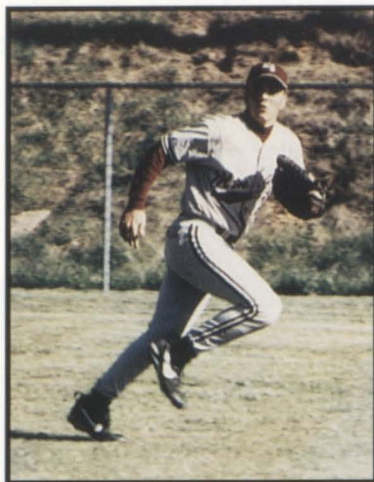
CHEERLEADERS



His eye on the ball, #27 senior Ronnie Ice, right, prepares to snag a fly in right field. Photo by Angela Dunham

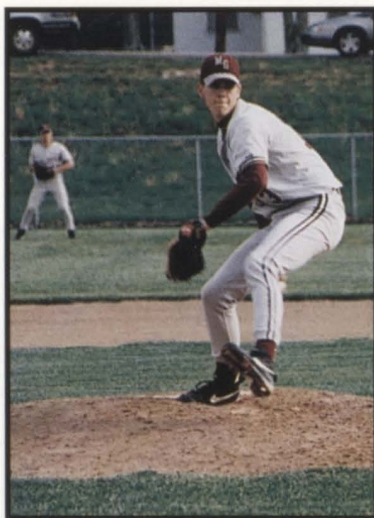
Keeping an eye on the pitcher's move, #28 senior Donny Anderson, below, takes his secondary lead off of third as he looks to score. Anderson batted second and hit .475 for the Panthers. Photo by Angela Dunham

Looking to his catcher for the sign, #20 senior Chris Ridens picks up one of his six season wins against the Salem Tigers. Ridens was the number one pitcher with a 1.30 ERA and was voted SCA First Team pitcher. Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

MG vs Fordland	4-1	MG vs Houston	9-8
MG vs Summersville	17-5	MG vs Rogersville	13-9
MG vs Seymour	16-1	MG vs Catholic	12-13
MG vs Norwood	13-3	MG vs Thayer	3-0
MG vs Nixa	6-8	MG vs Salem	7-2
MG vs Liberty	11-3	MG vs Marshfield	8-9
MG vs Licking	2-6	MG vs West Plains	5-4
MG vs Plato	15-1	MG vs Ava	2-5
MG Tournament		District	
MG vs Houston	15-5	MG vs Central	8-9
MG vs Ava	14-8		



Counting on a base hit from a teammate, #34 sophomore Heath Housley, above, kicks up the dust as he gets a lead off second. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Starting against Salem, #13 senior Derek Rogers, above, goes to the plate with the pitch. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Looking at Coach Breedlove for the pitch signal, #1 senior Jeremiah Peterson, right, prepares to relay the information to the pitcher. Photo by Jessica Peterson

Preparing for a "pick-off" move by pitcher Chris Ridens, #19 senior Matt Brown is ready to tag out the Thayer base runner, far right. Photo by Tara Shaw





# Boys crowned SCA co-champs



by Jessica Peterson

The varsity baseball team took first in the Mtn. Grove Invitational Tournament for the first time since 1988. Although the Panthers have had outstanding teams over the years, the first place trophy had proved to be an elusive prize.

The team was also crowned SCA co-champs as they shared the coveted conference gold glove with the West Plains Zizzers. Both teams had a 5-1 conference record although the Panthers beat the Zizzers 5-4 in conference play.

It looked as if the Panthers would clench the crown outright, but in their last conference game they lost to the Ava Bears, a team they had handled easily earlier.

With eight seniors providing the nucleus, things looked bright for the boys.

**A**bout to score on one of his seven home runs, #14 senior Jeremy Crewse approaches the school home run record of eight homers as he and the Panthers defeat Salem 7-2 in conference action. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

However due to accidents, illness and a senior trip scheduled right before Districts the Panthers fell on hard times late in the year as their record dropped to 13-6.

They were seeded second in the District tournament but fell to Central 8-9 in the first round.

"We were proud of winning the conference but were disappointed in the way the season ended," senior Jeremy Crewse said.

The class of '97 will be missed, but with 14 returning juniors and sophomores who saw a lot of varsity action and success on the JV team, the future looks bright.

"Most of the seniors have been around for four years, and we will miss them. However, I believe the underclassmen will come back next spring better than ever," coach Jim Breedlove said.

"Coach Breedlove has one of the best overall records in the state, and we're going to put him over 350 wins next year," predicted sophomore Brent Dugger.

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**Varsity Baseball Team** Row 1: Jesse Denison, Nick Skyles, Jerrod Stearnes, Tony Dawson, Brent Dugger, Jared Doty, Heath Housley, Scott Thornhill, Jason Duey. Row 2: coach Jim Breedlove, Chris Ridens, Matt Brown, Derek Rogers, Jeremy Crewse, Donny Anderson, Jeremiah Peterson, Ethan Proctor, Ronnie Ice, coach Shane Coffman, coach Andy Frerking.



## HONORS

Jeremy Crewse  
All-State  
SCA Player of the Year  
SCA First Team Shortstop  
Highest Batting Average (.567)  
Most RBI's (35)  
Chris Ridens  
All-District  
All-Ozark  
SCA First Team Pitcher  
Pitching Award  
Defensive Award (.979)  
Donny Anderson  
SCA Second Team Infielder  
Brent Dugger  
SCA Honorable Mention DH  
Most Stolen Bases (12)  
Most Runs (31)  
Jeremiah Peterson  
SCA Honorable Mention Catcher  
Ronnie Ice  
SCA Honorable Mention Outfielder  
Jim Breedlove  
SCA Co-Coach of the Year



**D**elivering his curve ball, pitcher #12, sophomore Jerrod Stearnes, near right, intimidates the opposition. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

**P**itching from the mound on Maberry Field, #17 sophomore Jared Doty begins the wind-up to sink the ball in catcher Dugger's glove. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

**R**ounding third and heading for home, #9, sophomore Jesse Denison, far right, scores as the Panthers defeat Nixa 10-4. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



**D**emonstrating his good eye at the plate, #10 junior Paul Traynor, above, watches a ball from a Springfield Catholic pitcher drop. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

**P**reparing to receive a "pick-off" throw from pitcher Jared Doty, #6 sophomore Nick Skyles, far right, holds the Irish runner close to first. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

**R**eceiving the pitch, #18 sophomore Brent Dugger, right, prepares to throw out an Irish runner as he attempts to steal second. Dugger was the starting catcher for the JV Panthers and was the starting designated hitter for the varsity. He was a valuable player for both teams. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*





# Boys post impressive 16-1 record

by Jessica Peterson

Panther baseball has long been filled with the Mountain Grove High School motto of "Tradition-Excellence" and from the looks of the JV baseball team, not much will change in the years to come.

In two seasons this team has lost a total of three games, many times going up against teams composed of varsity players. Sophomore Brent Dugger said, "We had a very successful season. Many of the teams we played had several varsity players on them. The freshmen came in and helped a lot at the plate."

The JV was composed of four juniors, six sophomores and seven freshmen as well as new assistant coaches Andy Frerking and Shane Coffman.

Of Coach Frerking and the team

ntent on the pitch to the plate, junior Jason Duey #8 get a lead off second against Thayer. The Panthers won 10-2. Photo by Jessica Peterson

sophomore Jesse Denison said, "our vast variety of powerful players combined for a force that was to be reckoned with, under the wing of Coach Frerking."

Frerking seemed to enjoy his new position and the team also, saying, "My first year as assistant coach has been very rewarding. This is a great group of boys."

An MGHS and Panther baseball alum, Shane Coffman also volunteered his time as an assistant coach.

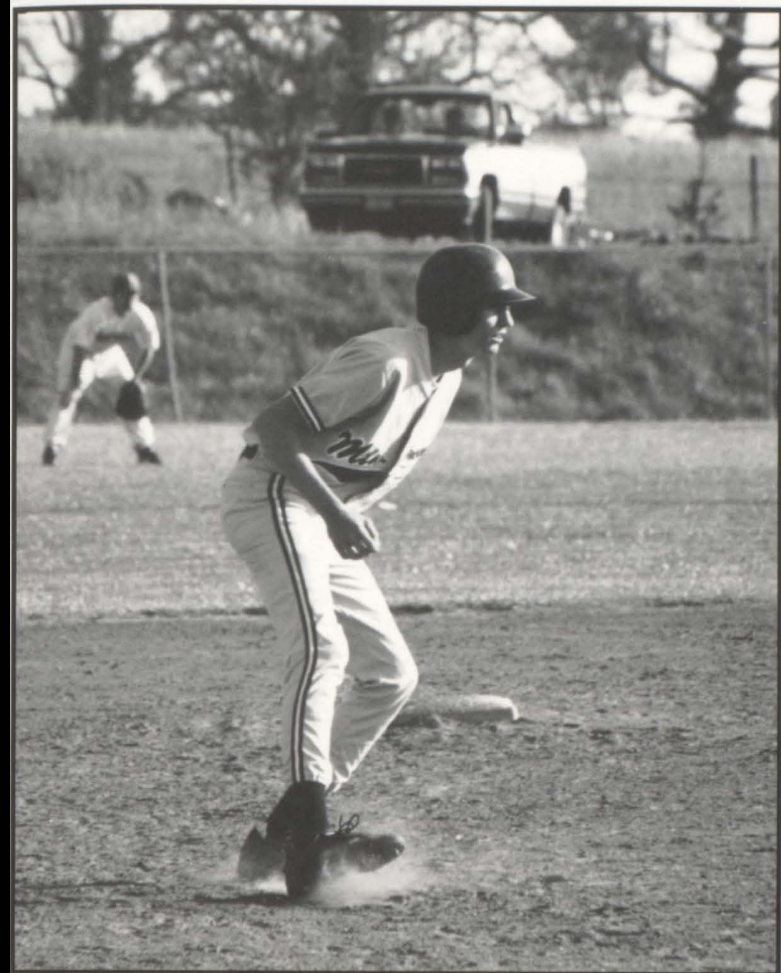
With every JV player enjoying time at the plate, the team aspect was made a higher priority than winning making the 16-1 record even more rewarding.

Thanks to this early preparation the program will remain strong.

"Sophomore Jerrod Stearnes summed up the season when he said, "This year it seemed like everyone stepped up and had a great year. I've learned a lot about the game this spring."

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**Junior Varsity Baseball** Row 1: Jerrod Stearnes, Al Dowden, Nathan Jarrett, Chase Rodgers, Randy Sparks, Ray Sutton, Aaron Volk, Brent Dugger. Row 2: coach Jim Breedlove, Jared Doty, Jason Duey, Jesse Denison, Chris Tinsley, Nick Skyles, coach Shane Coffman, coach Andy Frerking. Not pictured: Rusty Lee, Dusty Lee, Ronnie Nix, Paul Traynor.

## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

### J V Baseball

MG vs	Fordland	8-7
MG vs	Summersville	12-0
MG vs	Seymour	11-1
MG vs	Norwood	10-3
MG vs	Nixa	10-4
MG vs	Liberty	18-2
MG vs	Licking	11-2
MG vs	Plato	5-0
MG vs	Rogersville	8-7
MG vs	Catholic	5-3

### MG Tournament

MG vs	Catholic	13-6
MG vs	Seymour	16-2

MG vs	Thayer	10-2
MG vs	Salem	6-2
MG vs	Marshfield	3-0
MG vs	West Plains	6-13
MG vs	Ava	3-1

Record 16-1



# Slow start gives way to success for boys track

by Amanda Hutchinson

The boys track team was small but every individual gave his all to make the season a success for the team.

Showing surprising force with only two seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen the 14-man team started the year off a little rocky but began to get things under control by the second meet.

Coach Tom Hutchinson said this about the young track team, "Even though the team was very inexperienced they made excellent progress throughout the season."

"I was happy to see so many young men decide to go out for track. I'm sure they will improve as they

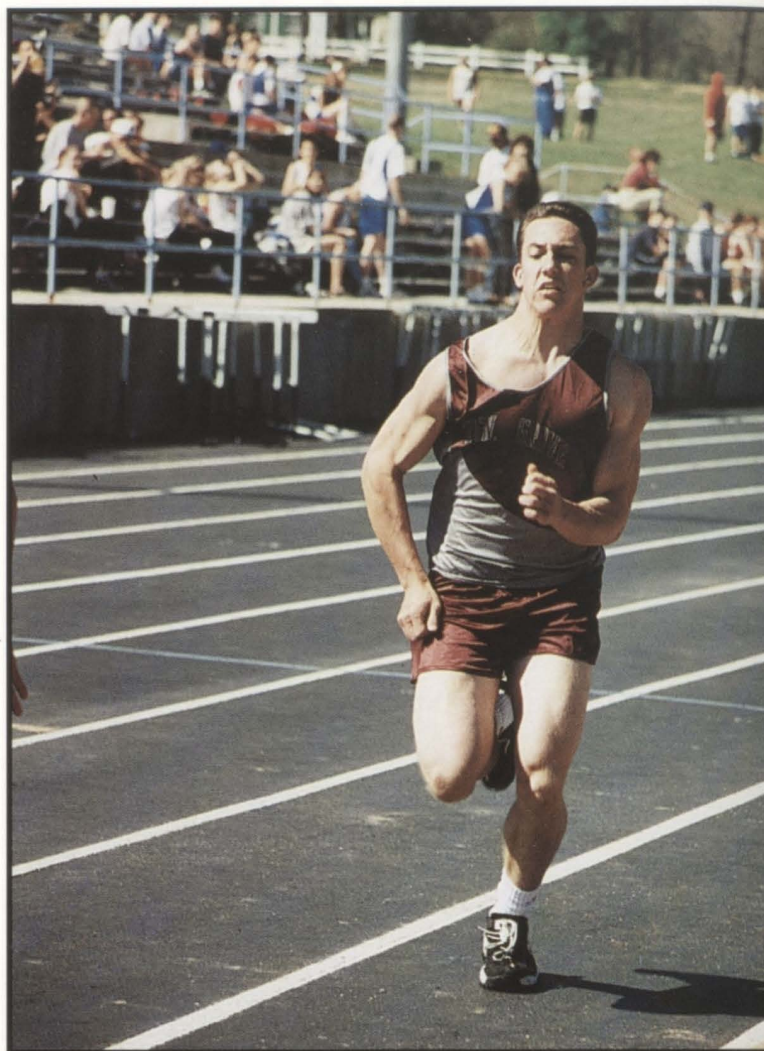
add experience to their enthusiasm," he added.

The boys schedule was very much the same as the girls.

This year--for the third year in a row--the Hillcrest Invitational was cancelled leaving the boys to attend all the same meets as the girls.

The boys started the season at home in the Mtn. Grove meet where they finished fifth. By the time they competed in the SCA meet against some tough competition, they were able to convert their small numbers to a sixth place finish for the team.

One of the three juniors on the boys track team, Ryan Huff, right, measures his strides on the host team's track. While only 14 boys came out for the team, just two of them were seniors which offers hope that next year's team will be both larger and stronger to compete in the SCA. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

### Mtn.Grove Meet

Girls-2nd

Boys-5th

### Ava Meet

Girls-2nd

Boys-4th

### Salem Meet

Girls-3rd

Boys-10th

### MG Relays

Girls-3rd

Boys-6th

### SCA Meet

Girls-4th

Boys-6th



**Boys Track Team** Row 1: Kevin Ramaecker, Jonny Bell, Michael McGregor Row 2: Richard McGowan, Jared Byerly, Tommy Hicks, Billy Thompson, Barry Gilley



# Girls track features large roster

by Amanda Hutchinson



The track team opened its season with a full schedule and a full roster 25. The girls' first meet would take them to Ava where they placed second overall. The girls team would then travel to Salem after a week off from a rain cancellation of the Rogersville relays.

The season was looking up with so many new participants and such a close knit group.

"I have been in track for four years, and every year has been great. I will always remember my track buddies," said senior Amber Chasteen.

Newcomer Jill Douglass said, "I really love track. It gave me a chance to become friends with new people. I only wished I would've

placed second in the conference in both the shot put and the discus, senior Amber Chasteen shows her prize-winning follow through during a local meet. Photo courtesy Jack Holland

gone out for track sooner."

After Salem, the team headed to West Plains to compete in one of the biggest meets ever held there.

With 37 teams participating, the girls were disappointed with their performances, but they girls were back on their feet soon and placed second in the home meet at Panther Stadium in April.

The following week the girls headed back to West Plains for the conference track team where they received fourth place.

The finishing meets were all small with Ava & the Mtn.Grove Open. On May 17 the track team visited Osage Beach to participate in the District Qualifying meet. The team was unable to place, possibly because the senior girls were in Alabama on the senior trip.

Even with a disappointing ending, coach Azevedo said, "The girls team worked very hard and had a very enjoyable and successful season."



**Girls Track Team** Row 1: Tabitha Todd, Iosifina Doroscan, Marianne Goin, Stacy Allen, Kayla Shannon. Row 2: Heather Todd, Amy Brown, Samantha Dennis, Amy Stillwell. Row 3: Julia Kuster, Michelle Zid, Misty Gourley, Jessica Klingensmith. Row 4: Katie Hubner, Jaime Ramsey, Samantha Johnson, Betsy Banks, Alicia Douglass, Lori Thompson, Jill Douglass, Amanda Hutchinson.



## HONORS

Amber Chasteen:

2nd team SCA Discus

2nd team SCA Shot-Put

Sara Johnson:

SCA Honorable Mention

100 meter hurdles

Jill Douglass

Alicia Douglass

Julia Kuster

Marianne Goin

SCA Honorable Mention

3200 meter relay

Ryan Huff

Juan Coble

Richard McGowan

Simon Doroscan

SCA Honorable Mention

400 meter relay



# Tracksters try variety of events

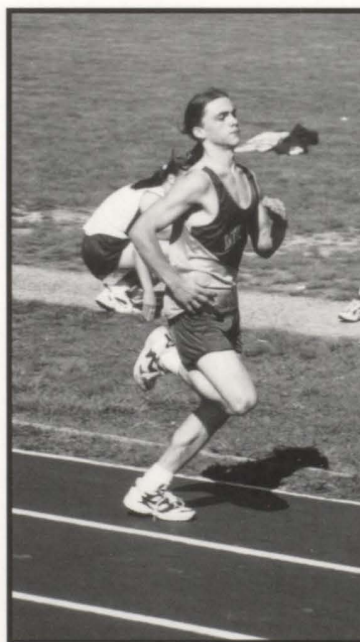
**H**er smile is evident as she flies into the sand. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*

**I**n an attempt to help the Panthers accumulate points, junior Billy Thompson, right, runs hurdles during a regular season meet. He was part of a large turn-out of boys for track. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*



**A**bout to clear the bar, freshman Kayla Shannon, above, goes up and over as she competes in the high jump. *Photo by Jaime Ramsey*

**L**ying high, junior Sara Johnson, right, clears the hurdle as she places third in the 100m hurdles at the SCA meet. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*

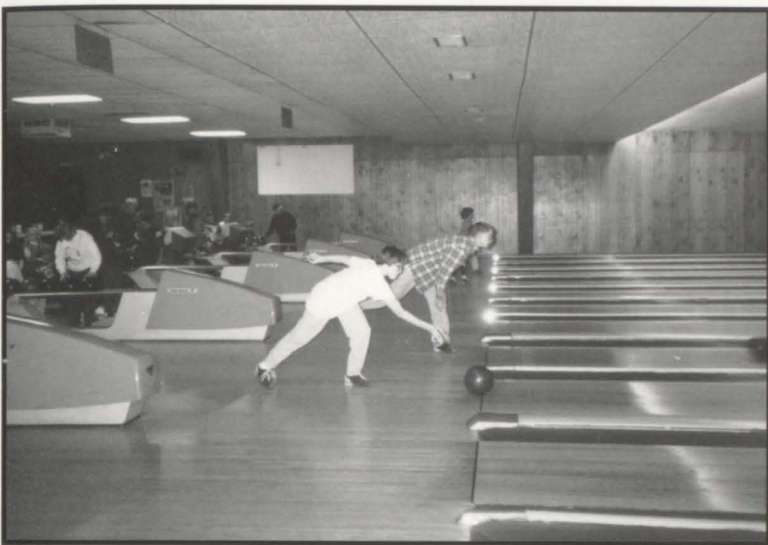


**A**s he concentrates on the finish line, freshman Simon Doroscan participates in his first year of high school track meets. The Doroscan family has a long tradition of excelling in track and cross country. *Photo by Sarah Craig*

**W**ith baton in hand, senior Marianne Goin completes her leg of the 3200m relay race. Goin was part of a team comprised of seniors Jill Douglass and Alicia Douglass and sophomore Julie Kuster which won third in the SCA meet. *Photo courtesy Jack Holland*



# Events offer 'sporting chance'




by Marie Taylor and Betsy Banks

"Sporting Chance" students made their marks Nov. 23 at the State Bowling Tournament in Springfield. Three gold medals were won by Velma Holt, Roberta Burdick and Ben Leggins.

The silver medals went to Connie Perkins, Ann Headings, Nancy Grimshaw and Levi Vaughan. Bronze medal winners were Annette Creed, Doug Simpson, Robbie Winstead, Terry Perkins, Kelly Chernowsky and Tommy Grimshaw.

At the State Track and Field Meet in Branson May 17, each athlete competed in three events: 50m, 100m, 200m, shot put, running long jump and standing long jump. Only two received

 unning his way to a gold medal in a relay race, junior Terry Perkins, top left, races to the finish line. *Photo by Candice Beard*

Freshman Connie Perkins, left, bowls in a tournament. *Photo by Sherry Ogletree*

gold in every event: Tommy Grimshaw and Ann Headings.

The 4x100m relay team which was composed of Elmer Culp, Terry Perkins, Robert Pratt and Jeff Lefave received the silver medal that afternoon.

Junior Terry Perkins explains that the moment that he won first place he felt "very happy to make such an accomplishment."

Perkins ran the 100 yard dash and 4 meter relay. He won four medals throughout the events.

"It was all worth it in the end," said Perkins.

"The best thing about being in Sporting Chance is it gives me a real challenge and it is a lot of fun, especially when you win," he added.

Perkins said he has enjoyed having the opportunity to participate in athletic events during high school and will miss his teammates when he graduates next year.

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**Sporting Chance Team** Row 1: Nancy Grimshaw, Connie Perkins, Robbie Winstead. Row 2: Doug Simpson, Annette Creed, Roberta Burdick. Row 3: Terry Perkins, Ann Headings, Melissa Carder.



## Honors

### State Bowling

#### Gold Medals

Velma Holt  
Roberta Burdick  
Ben Leggins

#### Silver Medals

Connie Perkins  
Ann Headings  
Nancy Grimshaw  
Levi Vaughan

#### Bronze Medals

Annette Creed  
Doug Simpson  
Robbie Winstead  
Terry Perkins  
Kelly Chernowsky  
Tommy Grimshaw

### State Track & Field

Donna Shaw 1,3,3  
Terry Perkins 1,2,2  
Connie Perkins 2,2,3  
Ben Leggins 3,2,1  
Annette Creed 3,3,2  
Elmer Culp 2,2  
Ann Headings 1,1,1  
Nancy Grimshaw 2,2,2  
Jeff Lefave 2,1,2  
Robert Pratt 2,1,2  
Robbie Winstead 2,3,1  
Tommy Grimshaw 1,1,1  
**4x100m Relay Team 2**  
Elmer Culp  
Terry Perkins  
Robert Pratt  
Jeff Lefave



# Golfers qualify for State meet

by Lance Jones & Carrie Stratton

It had been more than 10 years since the golf team had made it to State and things were looking up. This just might be the year.

Players started the season with six returning lettermen and a newly remodeled Randall-Hinkle Golf Course. Longtime coach Carl Williams was at the helm as the season got underway.

The team placed third in the SCA and second in Districts which qualified the boys for State competition--the first time in 11 years.

During SCA competition junior Justin Duke received second team All Conference honors.

Junior Curtis Dennis, sophomore Adam Shores, and junior Todd McGlamery earned honorable mentions.

Illness took Williams away for a few weeks, but he returned mid-season to lead his boys to State. In his absence, Richard Nelson coached the team.



Showing his follow through form, senior Lance Jones, top left, "tackles" the next hole.

A good stretch prepares junior Curtis Dennis, top middle, for a productive day on the links.

Ready to take a swing at the ball, junior Todd McGlamery, top right, takes a nice steady backswing. Photos by Sherry Ogletree



As he finishes for the day, junior Justin Duke, right, takes his final swing at the ball. Photo by Sherry Ogletree



## HONORS

Justin Duke:  
All-SCA Second Team

Curtis Dennis:  
All-SCA Honorable  
Mention

Adam Shores:  
All-SCA Honorable  
Mention

Todd McGlamery:  
All-SCA Honorable  
Mention



**Panther Golf Team** Row 1: Justin Duke, Lance Jones Row 2: Todd McGlamery, Josh Linton, Adam Shores, Curtis Dennis, Justin Jones.



# Panthers win MG 'Lift-Off'

by Micheal Brame

Weightlifting in preparation for a wide variety of sports teams is more exciting to students if they can compete, as well.

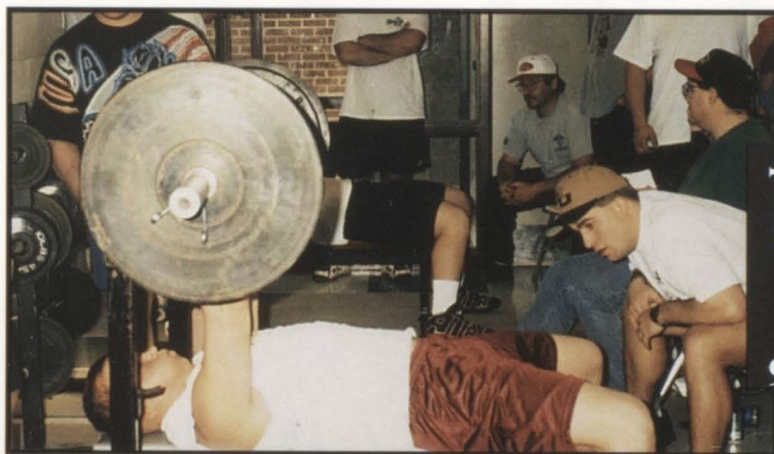
The weightlifters competed at Branson and hosted a home lifting meet. They took first in the Mtn. Grove Lift-Off with a total of 43 points edging Reeds Spring who finished with 42.

Sophomore Heath Rodgers finished third in the "Strongest Lifter" category with a total of 960 pounds.

Sophomore Heath Housley won three medals finishing first in "Bench Press" and "Power Clean" in his weight class.

**M**edal winners include (Row 1) Ron Kumpula, Robert Pratt, Brent Dugger, Eric Lueck. (Row 2) Lance Jones, Todd McGlamery, Heath Housley. (Row 3) Ryan Huff, Bo Parker, Heath Rodgers and Roy Eilenstine, left. *Photo by Donny Anderson*

**L**ifting 240 pounds on the bench press wins a gold medal for sophomore Heath Housley as coach Andy Frerking encourages him. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



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**Panther Weightlifting Team** Row 1: Jared Doty, Lance Jones, Brent Dugger, Donny Anderson, Jared Byerly, Chris Caswell Row 2: Chase Rogers, Adam Shores, Jerrod Stearnes, Heath Housley, Dustin Sheppard, Matthew Seeman Row 3: Todd McGlamery, Chris Tinsley, Danny Bohnenkamp, Travis Thompson, Josh Linton, Derek Rogers Row 4: Richard McGowan, Ronnie Lathrom, Ryan Huff, Bo Parker, Tommy Hicks.



## HONORS

### MG Lift-Off

Heath Rodgers  
3rd--Strongest  
1st Power Clean

Eric Lueck  
4th Mightiest  
2nd Squats

Heath Housley  
1st Bench Press  
1st Power Clean  
3rd Squats

Bo Parker  
2nd Power Clean

Robert Pratt  
3rd Power Clean

Ryan Huff  
2nd Power Clean

Brent Dugger  
3rd Squats

Justin Foster  
1st Power Clean  
2nd Squats

Ron Kumpula  
2nd Poer Clean  
Travis Thompson  
3rd Bench Press

Roy Eilenstine  
2nd Power Clean

Todd McGlamery  
3rd Squats



# When's the crowning?

Sharing a congratulatory hug, Hoop Queen, senior Cassie Roth and senior attendant Candice Beard, right, create another magical moment for their senior year memories. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*

Lining up for the coronation of the Prom King and Queen, opposite page, are senior candidates Lance Jones, Jennifer Stearnes, Nathan Kemper and Amy Stillwell. Jennifer was later crowned queen. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*





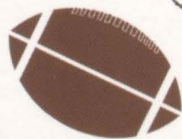
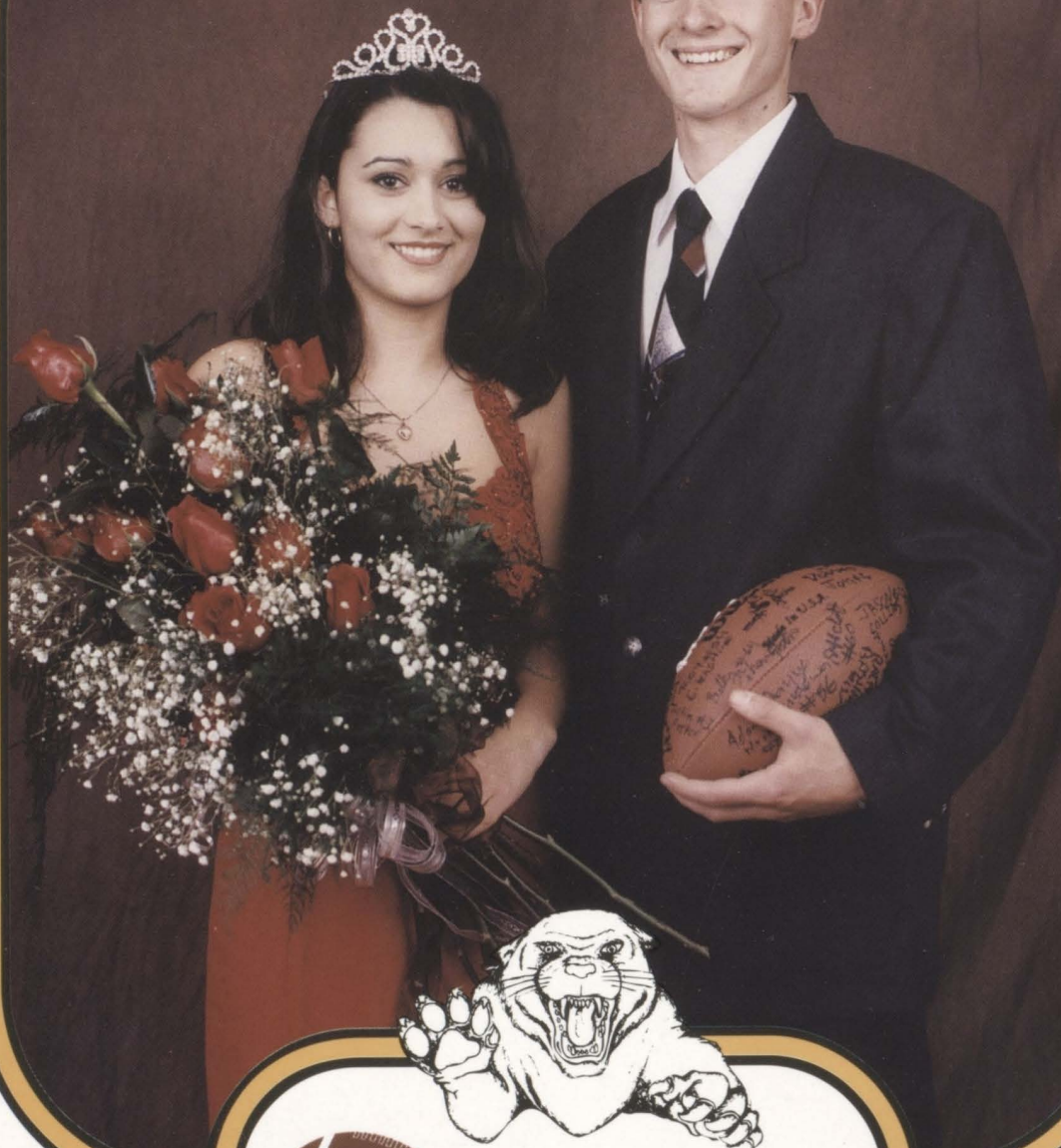


*Royalty*

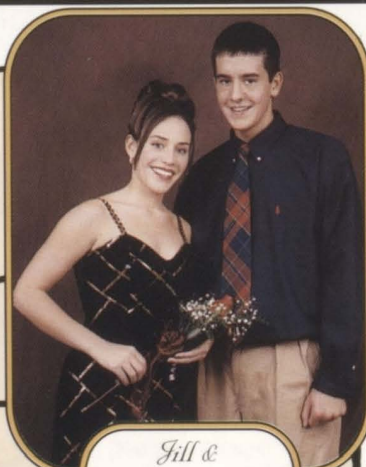


lanting a kiss on his queen's cheek, senior Jeremy Crewse reaps the rewards of being a royal escort, below. *Photo courtesy Krizan*

Once again, the senior class takes grand prize honors on its Homecoming float entry, far below. For each of the four years the class of '97 has entered its float, it has been the class to take home the top honors. Their colorful float depicted the theme, "Hard as a Rock." *Photo by Jesse Denison*



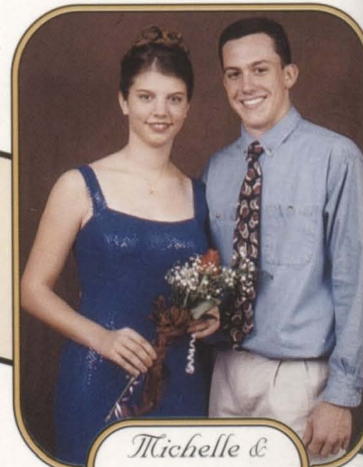
*Mirela & Jeremy*



*Jill & David*



*Amber & Judd*



*Michelle & Ryan*



# Homecoming...

## Wildcats find Panthers 'Hard as Rock'

by Maurissa Hicks

On October 11, the Panthers took on the Rogersville Wildcats for the annual Homecoming game. "It was a very good game, we came out with a victory of 32-13," said senior Nathan Hull #73, a guard.

The game was just a small part of Homecoming which was kicked off with a pep assembly and parade featuring the Panther Pride Band and several floats.

Halftime was royalty time as the Homecoming queen candidates were presented. The ceremony was especially moving as the newly formed JrROTC honor guard formed an arch with their swords

raised. The candidates strolled across the field through the tunnel of swords.

"Being crowned Homecoming queen was a very special moment for me," said 1997 queen, senior Mirela Doroscan.

"especially liked the little boy who gave me the crown. I'll cherish that moment always," she continued.

"It was a very good game," said senior Lance Jones #24, a tailback who scored five touchdowns for the evening.

"Our defense played well and our offense played to the best of its ability," he added.

Following the coronation and the victory, the student council sponsored a dance in the high school cafeteria.

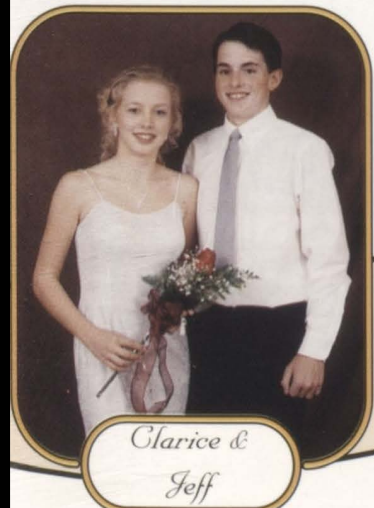
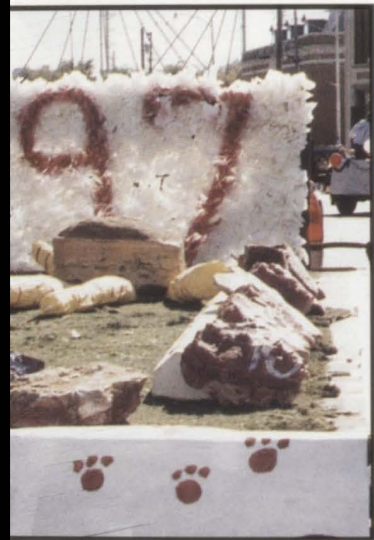
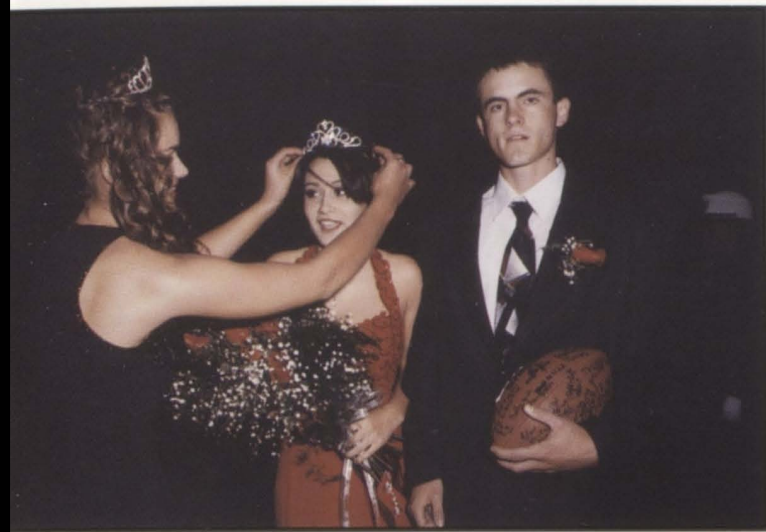
*Homecoming Royalty*  
Freshmen Lindsay Campbell & Randy Marsa, juniors Michelle Hawkins & Ryan Huff, seniors Amber Chasteen & Justin Dowden, alumni Chad Watson & Jama Roth, queen Mirela Doroscan & escort Jeremy Crewse, seniors Jill Douglass and David MacPherson, sophomore Clarice Kluey & Jeff Moore and crownbearer Aaron Roach and flower girl Emily Vandiver.

royalty

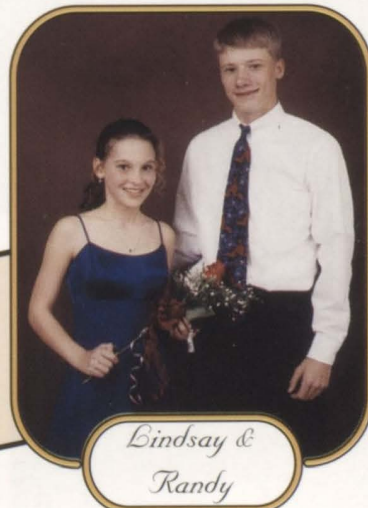
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On his way to one of his five Homecoming touchdowns, senior tailback Lance Jones #24, left, cradles the ball as Rogersville players make futile attempts to shake it loose. The Panthers were victorious 32-13. Photo courtesy Krizan

Placing the crown on queen Mirela's head is '96 Homecoming queen, alumna Jama Roth. Mirela's escort, Jeremy Crewse, waits patiently for the traditional kiss. Photo courtesy Krizan



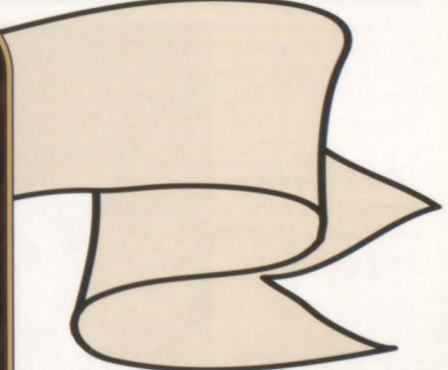
Clarice &  
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Lindsay &  
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Aaron





# Net King

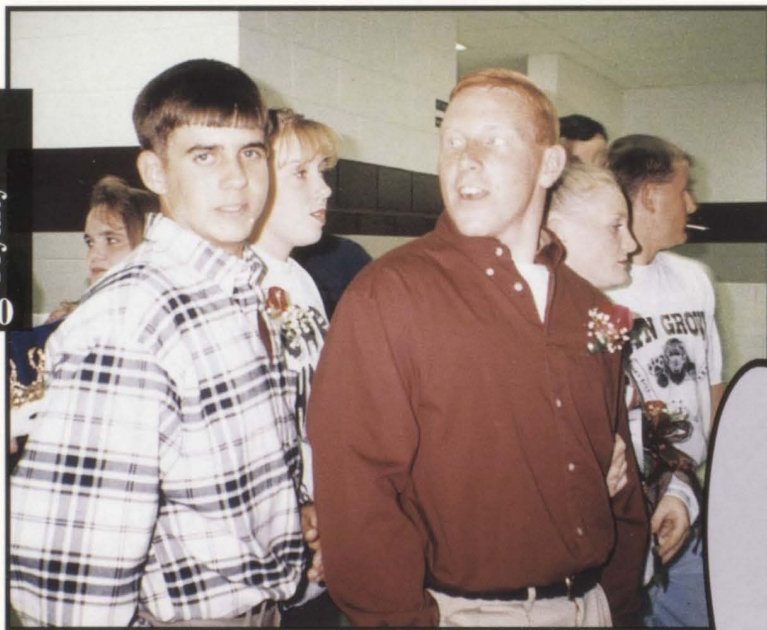
*Ladies hand win  
to new royalty*

by Kim Thornhill

The Thayer Bobcats came to town for a cat fight Oct. 3, but fell short of a win as the Lady Panthers were the winners all the way. The team, however, was not the only winner.

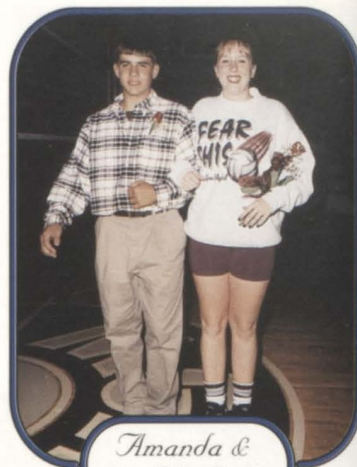
It was a special night for winners because Net King was to be crowned. The candidates were freshman Chase Rodgers, sophomore Rodney Thompson, junior Tony Dawson, senior Errin Kemper, senior Jeremiah Peterson and senior Lance Jones.

1996 Net King Chris Sims escorted by Venice Bennett returned to crown the new king, senior Lance Jones. Escorts were Stacey Allen, Rachelle Douglass, Lori Thompson, Amy Stillwell, Amanda Hutchinson and Alicia Douglass.

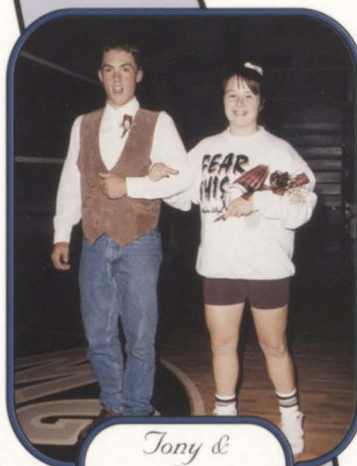


Candidates, seniors Jeremiah Peterson and Lance Jones, above, wait in the gym lobby for the Net King festivities to begin. Photo by Jared Doty

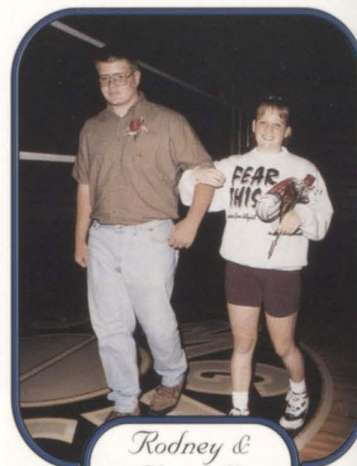
Newly crowned Net King, senior Lance Jones, plants a wet one on the cheek of escort, senior Alicia Douglass. Photo courtesy Krizan's



Amanda & Miah



Tony & Lori



Rodney & Rachelle

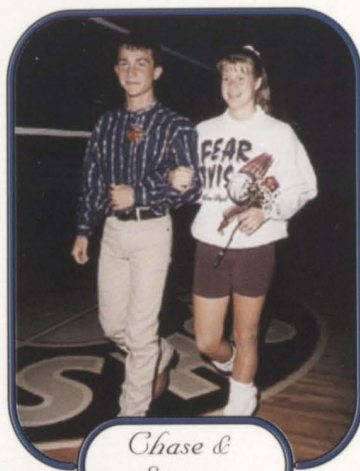


Former king, 1996 graduate Chris Sims, places the crown on Lance Jones, above. Jones was crowned between the JV and Varsity Volleyball games versus Thayer. The Lady Panthers followed up the ceremony with a win. Photo courtesy Krizan's

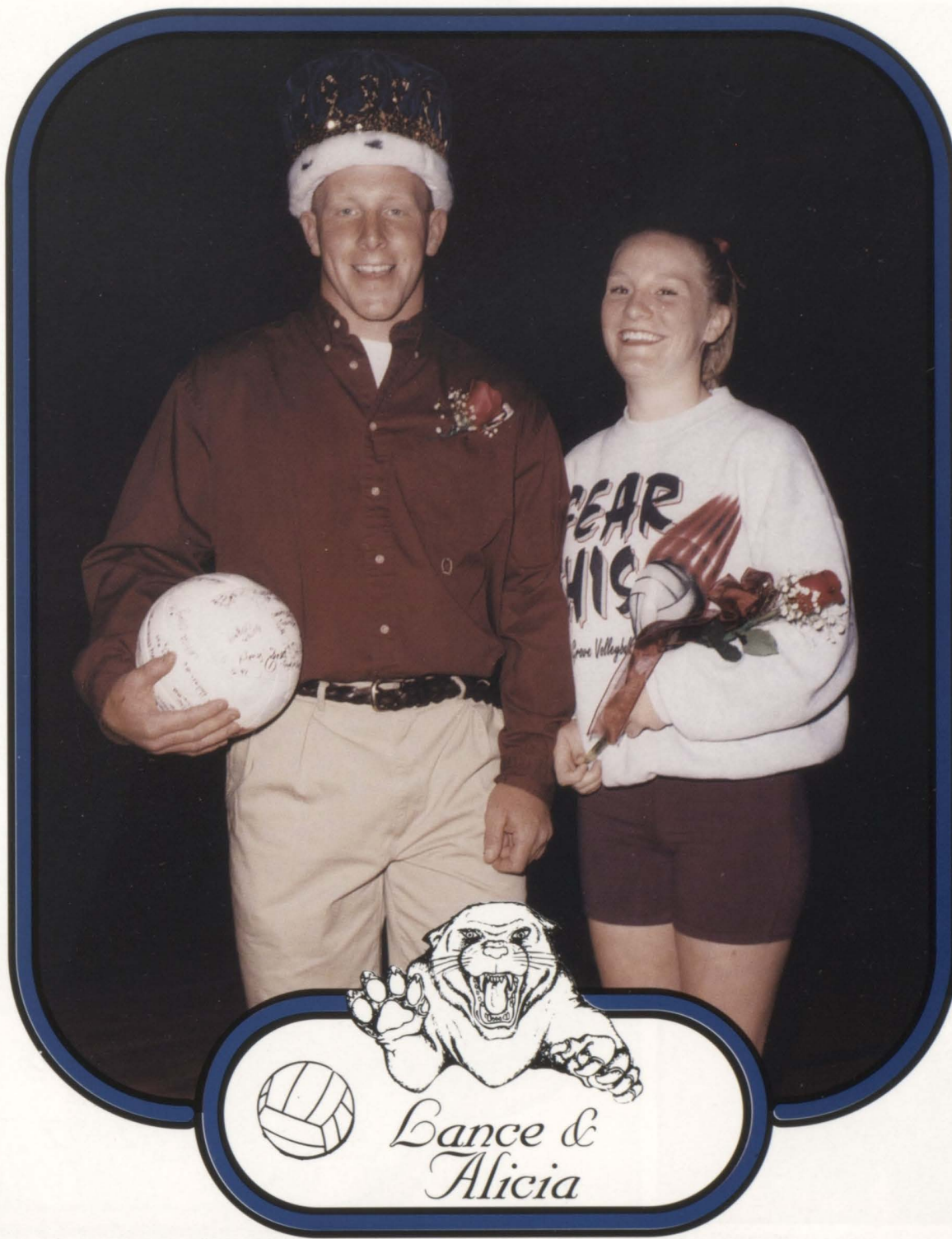




*Errin &  
Amy*



*Chase &  
Stacey*



*Lance &  
Alicia*

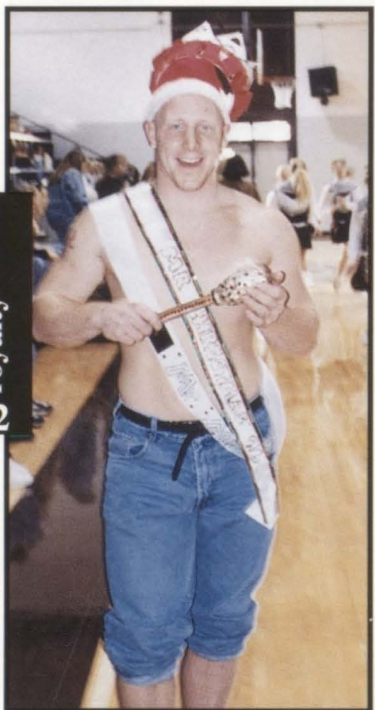


*The  
Royal  
Court*



Senior Tara Nunn, below, receives her crown from last years winner, graduate Kena Forsyth. Photo courtesy Krizan's

Also receiving the 'Royal Treatment', senior Lance Jones, far below, was crowned the very first Mr. Merry Christmas in MGHS history. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson







*Seniors*

*Tara Nunn & Chad Sigman*



*Juniors*

*Tabitha Alsup & Ryan Huff*



*Sophomores*

*Rachael Homer & J.R. Wake*



*Freshmen*

*Ashley Emery & Richard McGowan*



*Parade of Lights  
delights crowd*

# Miss Merry Christmas

by Micheal Brame

As Jack Frost bit their noses and the chilled winter air nipped at their cheeks, the 1996 Miss Merry Christmas candidates rode with warm pride in the annual parade.

Santa Claus, aka Howard Hawkins provided candy for the children and the entire town listened as the winner's name was

Representing everybody from around MGHS for the Journalism float, left, senior Lance Jones portrays the "athlete," as does junior Katie Hubner. Junior Sunni Roth is dressed as an ROTC cadet while senior Alicia Douglass plays a "club member." Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

announced. Who would it be? "Tara Nunn," the announcer called out and the crowd cheered as former queen Kena Forsyth placed the crown on her head.

"It was a very exciting moment," recalls Queen Tara. "I felt so honored that the students elected me. I had never won anything before. It was one of the highlights of my senior year that I will never forget," she continued.



# Hoop Queen . . . Boys honor favorite ladies

by Betsy Banks

It was a special night for everyone, especially for seniors Candice Beard, Cassie Roth and Leslie Ward, and the other Hoop Queen attendants. The royal ceremony was to accompany a Feb. 4 boys basketball victory over the Salem Tigers.

It all began after the junior varsity game at approximately 7:10 pm. The attendants walked onto the court in their beautiful dresses with their handsome escorts while everyone waited to see who was to be crowned by last year's Hoop Queen, Mia Marquis with her escort David Harris.

Finally the time came, and Cassie Roth,

escorted by senior Chad Sigman, was crowned 1997 Hoop Queen.

Following the between-game ceremony, the varsity boys handed Queen Cassie a royal victory by defeating Salem 82-77.

The victory was especially sweet because The Tigers had bested the Panthers earlier in the season.

Attendants are elected by classmates. The winner must be a senior so the senior class nominates three candidates. These

three candidates are voted on by the entire student body.

The girls choose escorts to help them represent their class from among members of the basketball teams.

StuCo sponsors Hoop Queen.



Waiting to enter the gym for Hoop Queen festivities are candidates and attendants sophomore Jessica Peterson, senior Candice Beard, junior Charity Fox, freshman Leslie Sheppard, senior Cassie Roth and senior Leslie Ward. Photo by Carrie Stratton



Leslie &  
David



Taylor &  
Steven



Candice &  
Chris



Charity &  
Tim



Jessica &  
Jared



Leslie &  
Barry





### *The Royal Court*

Freshmen Barry Dowden and Leslie Sheppard, sophomores Jared Doty and Jessica Peterson, returning royalty David Harris and Mia Marquis, seniors Chad Sigman and Queen Cassie Roth, seniors David MacPherson and Leslie Ward, seniors Chris Ridens and Candice Beard and juniors Tim Short and Charity Fox. *Photo courtesy Krizan*

*P*inning his boutonniere on a nervous freshman Barry Dowden, StuCo sponsor Marcie Stumpff reads the candidates for Hoop Queen ceremonies Feb. 4. *Photo by Carrie Stratton*



*Cassie &  
Chad*



*B*eaming her excitement at being named 1997 Hoop Queen, senior Cassie Roth receives the crown from 1996 Hoop Queen Mia Marquis. *Photo courtesy Krizan*

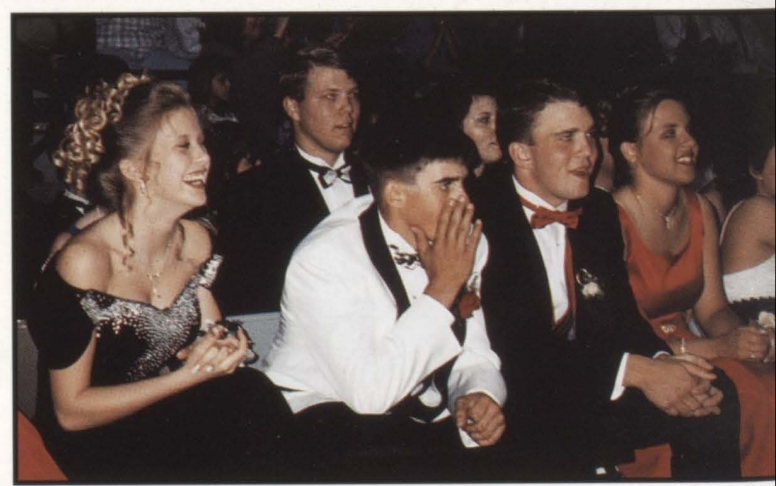


# Living In A Moment



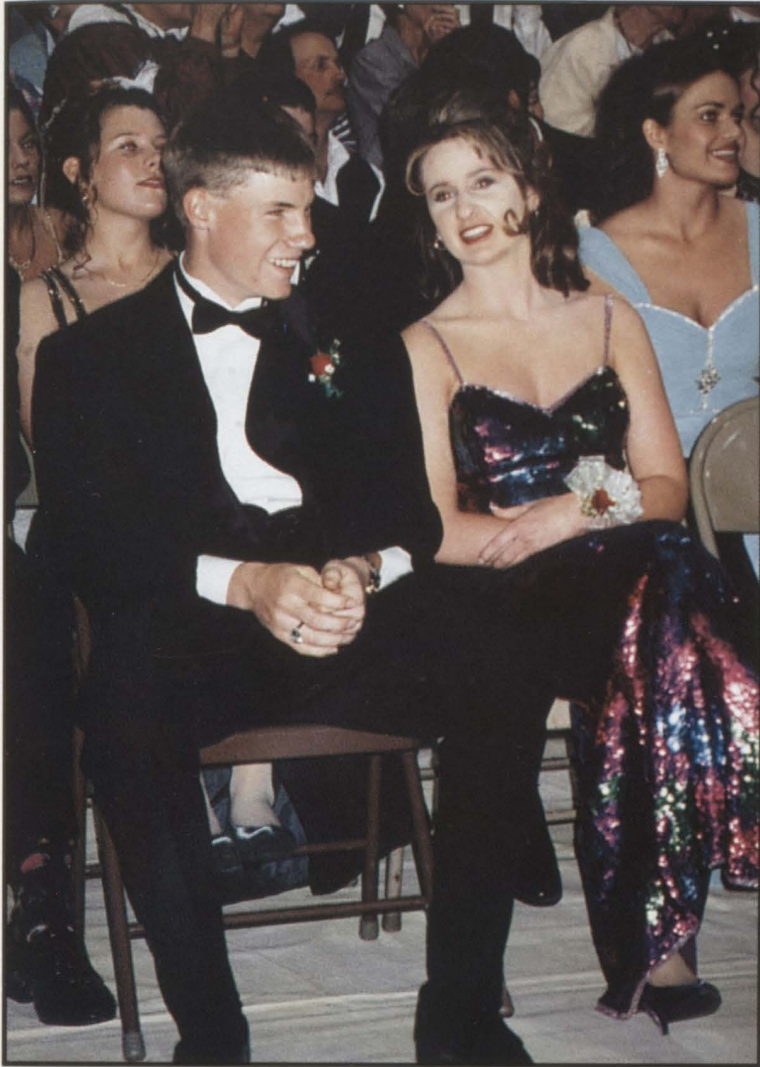
*I*t's a starry night both inside and outside of Mountain Grove High School as senior Ronnie Ice escorts freshman Sarah Laird to the dance floor, above. The hallway was festooned with golden streamers and hundreds of twinkling lights.

*A*s sophomore Clarice Kluey and freshman Sarah Laird wait patiently for the coronation, senior Jeremiah Peterson whispers to friend, senior Ronnie Ice, right.





# Purple and gold flavor special evening



*Golden foil, timepieces, silvery stars, deep purple and lustrous pearl streamers, and a ceiling adorned by a huge chandelier of shimmering balloons made the night of April 26, 1997, the most elegant night of the year. From left everyone "Living in a Moment..."*

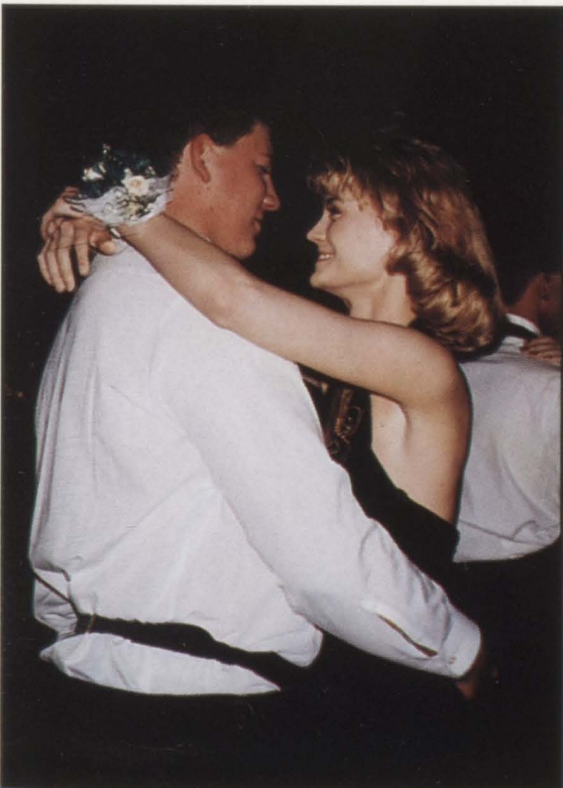
Watching the Grand March before Prom, junior Todd McGlamery and senior Mindy Rodgers, far left, speculate on who will be crowned.

Signing the guest book, seniors Russ Fitzenrider and Kimi Thornhill visit the atrium as they arrive for Prom, left.



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Enjoying a taste from the buffet which was catered by alumni Debbie and David Barbe, junior Emily Brown, and seniors Branwyn Robertson and Chad Sigman, above, take a break from the dance floor..

Sharing a moment on the dance floor, senior Nathan Hull and junior Maurissa Hicks, far left, move to the music, "Living in a Moment," provided by DJ's from Century Sounds, Springfield.

Calling a "time out," junior Mandy Roth cools her toes between dances. Mandy was one of the juniors directly involved in the planning and executing of the special evening. Many dedicated juniors worked into the wee hours of Saturday morning in order to have the "moment" in place Saturday night.

Photos courtesy Bev Breedlove



*Living In a Moment*



*Jennifer  
& Justin*





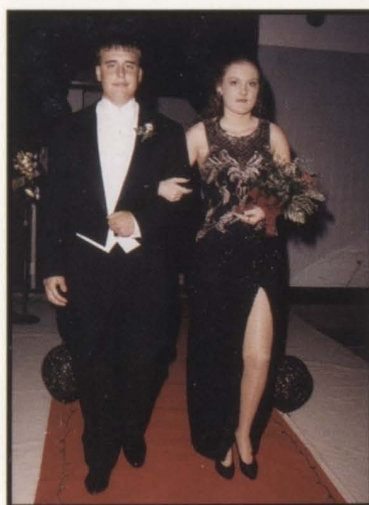
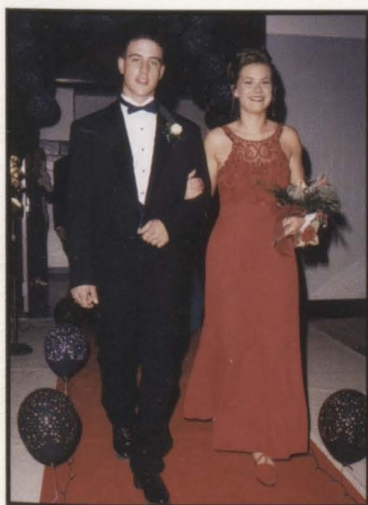


## The Royal Court

One of the perks of being Prom King or Queen is participating in the traditional royal kiss. Queen Jennifer and King Justin delight the crowd, far left.

As last year's Prom Queen, Tambi Emery, places the crown on Queen Jennifer's head, near left, a smile spreads across her face.

All photos courtesy Krizan Photography



## Prom Royalty

(left to right)

Jennifer Stearnes and Lance Jones

Alicia Douglass and Justin Dowden

Cassie Roth and Tommy Hicks

Amy Stillwell and Nathan Kemper

Amber Chasteen and Donny Anderson



# Why not Join?



**K**ey Club seniors Jill Douglass and Amanda Hutchinson carve pumpkins for the teachers for Halloween. This is one of the many services that Key Club provides for the community. *Photo courtesy Geraine Hutchinson*



# ORGANIZATIONS



**A**s Christmas approaches, sophomore START members Rachel Douglass and Amy Moore ring the bell outside Wal-Mart for the Salvation Army. START was honored for its service by the Chamber of Commerce. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



Adding the icing to the cookies for Valentine's Day are freshman Sarah Laird and sophomore Betsey Matthews, right. Photo courtesy Stacy Matherly

Cat plus nursing home resident equals happiness as junior Tamara Forrest proves at the Oaks. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson



## Who to call for good deeds? Key Club!

explains.

Most of the members are interested in helping people in the community because they enjoy the spirit of volunteering and performing good deeds.

"I joined because I like doing good services for the community and other people," junior Mandy Roth said.

The Key Club is an important organization because it reaches out to everyone and it is also fun.

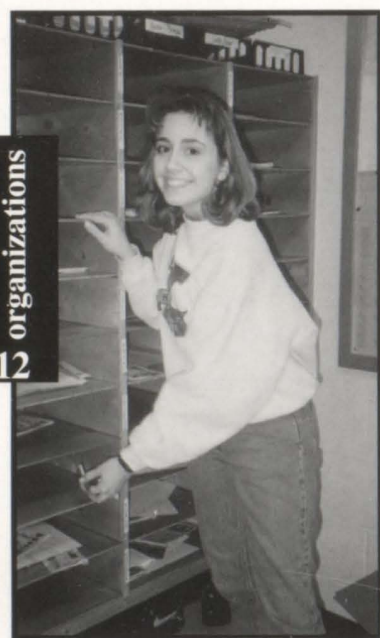
"Key Club is a lot of fun because everyone likes to do things for other people and to have fun while we do it. Our sponsors help make it really fun too," junior Suzanne Brill added.

by Brian Graham

Key Club plans many activities and events which benefit both the school and the community.

Members help teachers and recognize their efforts with special treats.

"We've planned many ways to help our teachers for all their hard work," junior Michelle Hawkins



Teachers look forward to their treat every month. Key Club members like senior Leslie Ward place the surprises in the mailboxes, above. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

Preparing carnations for distribution on Valentine's Day, freshman Kayla Shannon and senior Amanda Hutchinson work on the fundraiser. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore



## WHY NOT JOIN

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"Key club is a great organization that works together with the community to better our school."--senior Amanda Hutchinson, Key Club

"The kids are great! Whatever the task someone is always ready and willing to help. It's my pleasure to sponsor such a generous and helpful group of kids."--sponsor Stacy Matherly, Key Club

"I like student council because I have a lot of fun" senior Cassie Roth, Stu-co

"I like being in student council because I like to help make decisions that effect my class". junior Sunni Roth, Stu-co

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# What group plans student activities? Stu-co!

Earlisha Mathis

Democracy is a big part of school and Student Council helps make it happen. Students elect Student Council members to speak for the student body and make

decisions that affect everyone.

The members also sponsor many fun activities for the student body. This year Student Council sponsored the annual Homecoming dance and parade which is always a big success. They also spon-

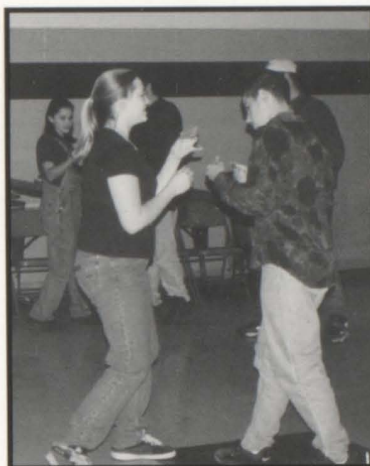
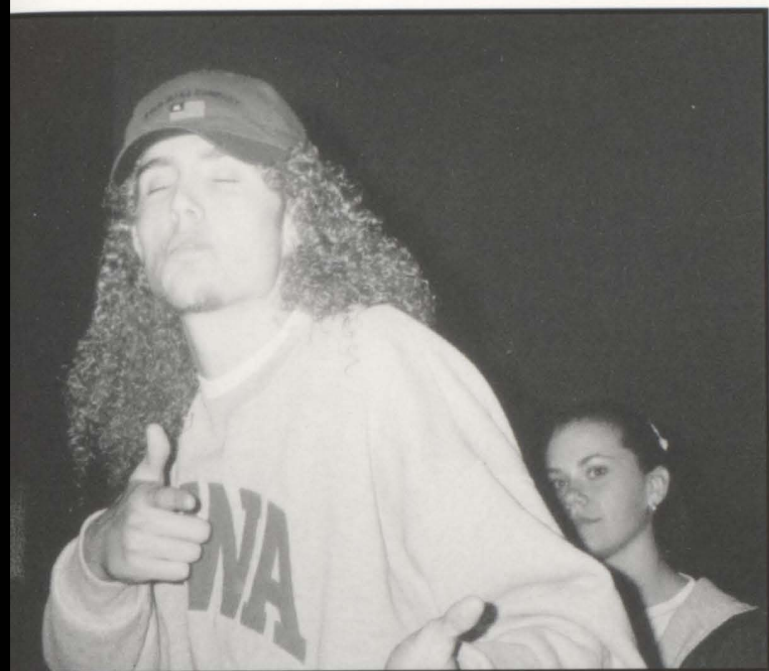
sored Net King and Hoop Queen.

Student Council helped sponsor a Bloodmobile which not only was a great help to our community but also to the surrounding communities

Stu-Co members stay busy

year 'round whether they're helping plan events for the students or helping the students' voices be heard.

Sponsor Marcia Stumpff works with the students helping to plan and organize activities.



**W**owing 'em with his wig, senior Chris Ridens, left, shows his moves at a StuCo sponsored dance. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

**E**njoying a dance, freshman Sam Goin and sophomore Amy Moore socialize. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*



**W**orking the concession stand keeps StuCo member freshman Jodi Chernowsky busy as she serves up a Coke and a smile to thirsty customers. *Photo by Jared Doty*

## KEY CLUB



Row 1: Amanda Hutchinson, president; Jill Douglass, vice-president; Lisa Turner, secretary; Amanda Volk, treasurer; Suzanne Brill, Billy Thompson, Leslie Ward, Katie Hubner, public relations committee. Row 2: Angela Dunham, Michelle Hawkins, Lori Thompson, Mandy Roth, Sarah Laird, Michelle Zid, Jeannie Ratterree, Lindsay Campbell. Row 3: Kayla Shannon, Penny Carmon, Alicia Douglass, Tamara Forrest, Rachelle Douglass, Amy Stillwell, Jennifer Coffman, Cassie Roth. Row 4: Jennifer Stearnes, Samantha Dennis, Rayna Blair, Nikki Howell, Betsey Matthews, Carrie Stratton, Mindy Rodgers, Charity Fox, Amanda McSpadden. Row 5: Jaime Ramsey, Stacey Allen, Jared Stearnes, Tommy Hicks, Jessica Peterson, Bryan Williams, Ryan Huff, Crystal Hicks, Tabettha Alsop. Row 6: Jabon Ellis, Amber Bridges, Hillary Spiva, Angie Whitworth.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



Row 1: Executive president Nathan Kemper, executive secretary Marianne Goin, executive treasurer Tabitha Todd, public relations officer Emily Brown, assistant public relations officer Larissa Buchholz. Row 2: Jennifer Stearnes, Cassie Roth, Lisa Turner, Amanda Volk, Erica Craig, Chad Sigman. Row 3: Billy Thompson, Mandy Roth, Lori Thompson, Suzanne Brill, Sunni Roth, Kevin Ramaeker. Row 4: Tara Shaw, Jaime Ramsey, Angela Dunham, Jennifer Dailey, Penny Carmon, Danny Bohnenkamp. Row 5: sponsor Marcia Stumpff, Kayla Shannon, Jodi Chernowsky, Amy Brummet, Cindy Curran.



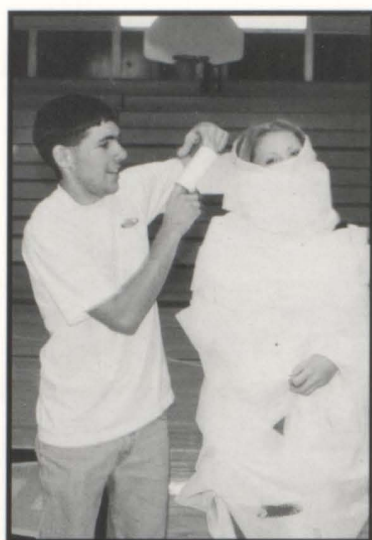
# Who cheers for the team? Spirit Club!

by Lance Jones and Scott Thornhill

The Spirit Club showed off its Panther spirit through football season and carried it all the way through basketball season.

During football season, Spirit Club provided buses to all the away games. When the football team won Districts and played Branson, the bus took parents and students to that game.

Members also put up locker decorations for all the athletes and sponsored two "Spirit Weeks." Themes for the days included "clash day" with some wild combinations of stripes and plaids, "Disco Day" which transported everyone back in time and "No Sweat Day" which was comfortable as well as rich with school colors. Spirit Club awarded prizes for classes which had the most students participating.



**W**inners of the event, juniors Billy Thompson and Sunni Roth, above, compete in the "People Decorating" event during the Christmas pep assembly as the band waits to perform its next number. *Photo by Sherry Ogletree*

**T**oilet paper does extra duty as a fall pep assembly stunt featuring contests among the classes. Seniors Ethan Proctor and Sherry Ogletree wrap things up, top left, as senior Amy Stillwell and Amanda Hutchinson gather the evidence, top right. *Photos courtesy Stacy Matherly*

**V**ictory sign raised, senior Lance Jones and junior Scott Thornhill, above, show spirit in the parking lot following a fall pep assembly. The boys said they were "big fans" of basketball. *Photo by Mindy Rodgers*

**F**ans gather under blankets to keep warm at a Panther football game, above middle. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

## WHY NOT JOIN

"It gives me extra time to show off my cheerleading abilities." sophomore Stephanie Rich

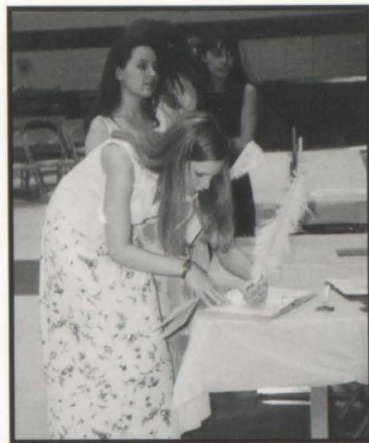
"It gets the school fired up for the games." sophomore Rachel Homer

"It shows that we're behind the team." sophomore Clarice Kluey

"Being in NHS not only looks good on your transcript, but it also gives you a chance to help people in the community." -- senior Nathan Kemper

"NHS has taught me to place a high value on education. I appreciate being asked to be a part of this organization. Also, NHS has given me the opportunity to work in the community." -- senior Donny Anderson





With rakes in hand, NHS members, seniors Candice Beard, Jennifer Stearnes, Jeremy Crewse and Cassie Roth, top left, perform good deeds for the community. Photo courtesy Tom Hutchinson

Visiting with one of the recipients of the volunteer yard raking project are NHS members, juniors Lori Thompson and Hillary Spiva, below left. Photo courtesy Tom Hutchinson

At the induction ceremony, left, sophomore Betsey Matthews signs the guest book. Photo courtesy Tom Hutchinson



## Who joins academic excellence with community service? NHS!

by Kristi Freeman

National Honor Society is an organization that does not have an open membership. This elite organization has 26 members.

The sponsor looks at the grade point averages of sophomores and juniors first. If a student has a GPA of at least a 3.6, then he or she receives an application.

Students are then selected based on this GPA as well as qualities

including character, service, leadership, etc. New members are initiated in a formal ceremony.

Members sponsored fund-raising activities such as the annual carnation sales during the week of Homecoming and calendar and cookbook sales.

Members also decided to do something to help out the elderly members of the community by raking their leaves on Sunday afternoons.

### SPIRIT CLUB



Row 1: sponsor Michelle Lindsey, Jill Douglass, Alicia Douglass, Billy Thompson, Lindsay Ault, Amy Stillwell, Amanda Hutchinson, Katie Hubner, Matthew Seeman, Justin Dowden. Row 2: Chris Ridens, Nathan Kemper, Tara Shaw, Penny Carmon, Angela Dunham, Charity Fox, Mindy Rodgers, Sherry Ogletree, Lisa Turner, Leslie Ward, Donny Anderson. Row 3: Chad Sigman, Emily Brown, Sunni Roth, Tabetha Alsop, Rayna Blair, Nikki Howell, Michelle Hawkins, Cassie Roth, Michelle Zid, Angela Rhodes, Rochelle Douglass, Kayla Shannon. Row 4: Lance Jones, Lindsay Campbell, Jaime Ramsey, Jerrod Stearnes, Ryan Huff, Carrie Stratton, Bryan Williams, Scott Thornhill, Stephanie Gonzales, Erica Craig, Jerred Yarger, Jeremiah Peterson. Row 5: Ronnie Ice, David MacPherson, Ray Sutton, Misti Gourley, Rocky Hendrix, Stacey Allen, Sarah Laird, Jody Chernowsky, Dacie Singleton, Amy Sutton, Becky Carter. Row 6: Denver Hawkins, Crystal Thompson, Branwyn Robertson, Jenny Mitchell, Clarice Kluey, Rachel Homer, Brandy Young, Sarah Crisp, Ann Kaps, Jennifer Thompson, Amy Brown. Row 7: Amanda Lawson, Lisa Stillwell, Christina Smart, Melissa Ramey, Jared Doty, Brent Dugger, Jessica Peterson, Stephanie Rich, Laura Ball, Kicia Ratterree, Jessica Klingensmith. Row 8: Lori Thompson, John Marquis, Chaseton Rogers, Ethan Proctor, Lane Baldwin, Jamie Ramey, Kerry Burd, Lisa Leggins.

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Row 1: Cassie Roth, president; Jennifer Stearnes, vice president; Errin Kemper, secretary; Mandy Roth, treasurer; Amanda Volk, historian; Tom Hutchinson, sponsor. Row 2: John Tyrrell, Tamara Forrest, Suzanne Brill, Ryan Huff, Billy Thompson, Leslie Ward, Candice Beard. Row 3: Curtis Dennis, Angie Whitworth, Alicia Douglass, Jill Douglass, Kristy Champ, Vanessa LaCroix. Row 4: Lori Thompson, Hillary Spiva, Jeremy Crewse, Donny Anderson, Amanda McSpadden, Cristina Oxley. Row 5: Kristi Freeman, Marianne Goin, Tabitha Todd, Kevin Ramaeker, Nathan Kemper.



# Who can you count on? Math and Science Club!

by Lea Baldwin

Math and Science Club proves that these subject areas can indeed be fun.

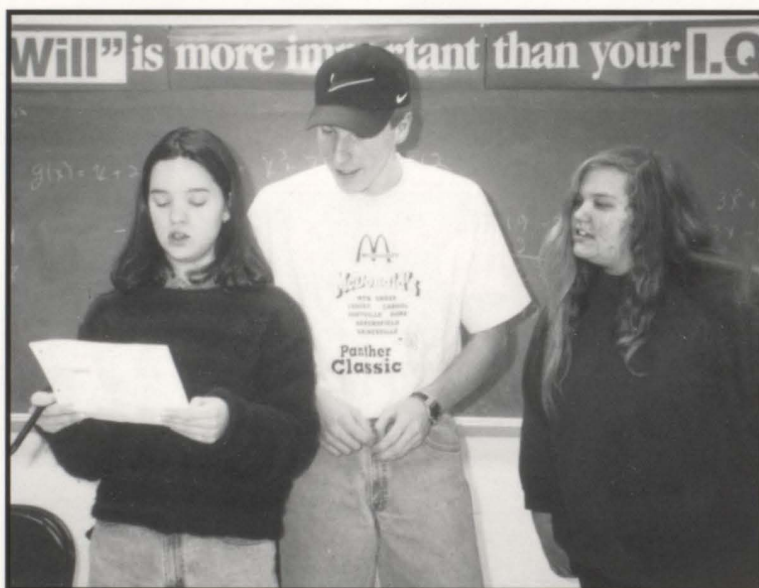
One of the club's main activities is the annual Math and Science Contest for middle school students from several area schools. Held at MGHS Feb. 22, the contest featured tests and experiments designed by club members.

Another activity is a computer "compatibility" event. Students fill out forms and are digitally matched to other students by shared interests and abilities.

A spring trip caps off the year.

Checking in a teacher and his students from Norwood, vice president, junior Angie Whitworth, right, registers teams for the Math and Science Contest Feb. 22.

Photo by Rick Woodard



Students participating in the Math and Science Contest work up an appetite, so senior Justin Nelson, above, helps prepare lunch for participants. Photo by Rick Woodard

Briefing fellow Math and Science club members on the rules for the contest which is about to begin, president, senior Jennifer Stearnes, with juniors John Tyrrell and Larissa Buchholz stand before members in sponsor Jan Townsend's classroom. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

Looking for the perfect match? Club members, juniors Amanda McSpadden and Hillary Spiva give senior Amy Stillwell her list of possible "dates." Photo by Rick Woodard

## WHY NOT JOIN

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“Townsend and Peterson: What more could you want?” -- junior Daniel Zid

“Math & Science is great--write a test, take a trip and it looks good on college applications.” -- junior John Tyrrell

“I'm in Math & Science so I can have after school activities.” --freshman Josh Turner

“I joined Shine because I am an active member in my church youth group and I thought it would be fun to be in Shine.” -- junior Mandy Roth

“I am in Shine because I believe that church isn't the only place to show your love for Christ.” -- junior Lea Baldwin

“I joined Shine because it gives me a chance to be with other Christians and tell others how I feel about Christ.” -- freshman Jamie Raney

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# What's the new name for the Bible Club? Shine!

by Kristi Freeman

Formerly known as the Bible Club, Shine was born when members decided to change the name in hopes of attracting new members. With the new name came new plans and ideas.

Shine meets the first Wednesday of every month on the stage

during both lunches. It is a time for members to get together, have fellowship and discuss their walk with God.

The meetings are led by one or two students and usually have a short devotional time.

Every year, an area church sponsors a Christmas party for

Shine members. They provide food, drinks and, of course, the building.

Shine members made gifts for all the high school teachers to show them appreciation for all of their help and support. "We like to do nice things for people as part of Shine," junior Lea Baldwin said.

**S**ee you at the Pole, a nationwide celebration for Christian students, above left, draws a crowd to the front of the high school. *Photo by Candice Beard*

**M**eeting on the stairs during first lunch, members of Shine including freshman Leanne McGregor, senior Chrystal McKinley, and juniors Angie Whitworth and Jabon Ellis listen to words of inspiration from fellow member, junior Kristi Freeman, left. *Photo by Candice Beard*

## MATH & SCIENCE



Row 1: sponsor Jan Townsend; Jennifer Stearnes, president; Angie Whitworth, vice president; Tabitha Todd, secretary; Kristi Freeman, treasurer; Amanda Volk, reporter; Suzanne Brill, contest chairperson. Row 2: Michelle Hawkins, Kimi Thornhill, Brandi Kumpula, Jana Barnes, Tamara Forrest, Jodi Sherrell, Lori Thompson, Matt Seeman. Row 3: Patti Thornhill, Jennifer Coffman, Heather Todd, Marianne Goin, Hillary Spiva, Jennifer Hodges, John Tyrrell, Sam Goin. Row 3: Larissa Buchholz, Kristy Champ, Kristie Weatherly, Ann Kaps, Micki McCune, Sherrie Hurley, Jennifer McClure, Kevin Ramaeker. Row 5: Josh Turner, Amanda McSpadden, Dawn Oxley, Betsy Wade, Justin Nelson, Dustin Holt, Daniel Zid.

## SHINE



Row 1: Candice Beard, president; Mandy Roth, vice president; Barry Gilley, secretary; Lea Ann Baldwin, treasurer. Row 2: Lester Burgard, Adam Hull, Melissa Ramey, Chrystal McKinley, Wendy Willms, Daniel Hancock, Michelle Broos, Heather Todd, Leanne McGregor. Row 3: Becky Carter, Marianne Goin, Mirela Doroscan, Tabitha Todd, Angie Whitworth, Michelle Hawkins, Jaime Ramsey, Kayla Shannon. Row 4: Rusty Lee, Brenda Good, Sara Craig, Charity Gault, Kristi Freeman, Jamie Raney.



# What group acts up at meetings? Drama Club!

by Carrie Yarber

Drama club had a new goal for this year. With the help of first year sponsor, Jennifer Brixey, Drama Club planned a trip to New York City to see a Broadway play. Students held fundraisers throughout the year in order to have money

for air fare and hotel costs. As the year progressed, however, funds and interest dwindled and the trip was cancelled.

The highlight of the year was when members produced the play, *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*. Students who did not have parts in *Gap* performed skits. Their hard

work was always rewarded with an applause.

It was not all work, however. For example, Brixey invited members and their friends to her home where they made cookies and enjoyed the company of others who were interested in the performing arts.



Portraying a poor sweet little girl being swindled by "Bunco," played by senior Jason Wilson, is junior Tamara Forrest, above, with seniors Matt Brown and Betsy Banks who play a wealthy brother and sister. Photo by Lance Jones

Bunco, played by senior Jason Wilson, puts the moves on O'Hillie, played by Betsy Banks, above right. Photo by Lance Jones

Crawling back onto the stage, Toby Mugg, played by freshman Chris Mayberry, right, tries once again to enlighten the good citizens about the true character of Bunco De Sneer. Photo by Angela Dunham



## 'Ballad of Gopher Gap' delights October audience

by Carrie Yarber

The Drama Club presented an exciting melodrama play in October. The play was titled *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*.

The evening started out with skits performed by Drama Club members. The narrator, Lori Thompson, started the play out by introducing the cast.

The play was about a villain (Bunco DeSneer) who was out to steal money from innocent people along with his co-villains.

The good guy in the story was Toby Mugg. He finally succeeded in stopping DeSneer and his gang. And, of course, no melodrama would be complete without its knight in shining armor who was named Rocky Romance.



Bunco's one and only friend is played by junior Jodie Hickerson. Photo by Angela Dunham

## WHY NOT JOIN

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“I like being in drama club because it is fun, and exciting, plus Mrs. Brixey is easy to get along with.” - junior Brandy Woodard, drama club

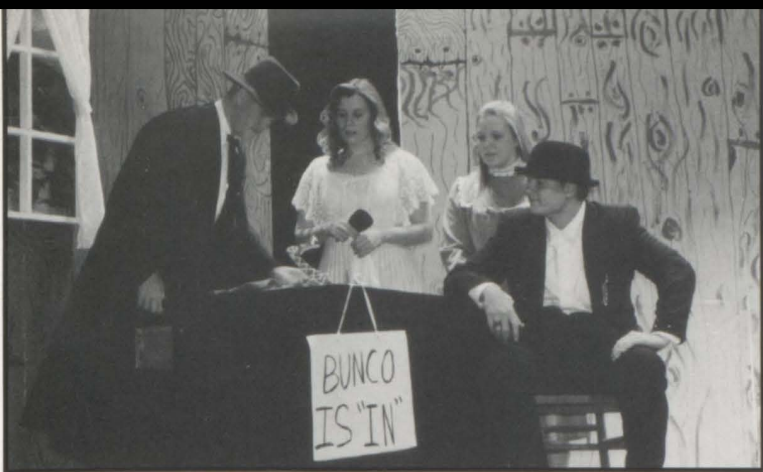
“I like to watch the plays because they are very entertaining.” --sophomore Nick Skyles, Drama Club

“I loved working with the Drama Club. We learned a lot about what theater is really like when we put on plays.” --senior Dana Ellis, Drama Club

“What I like most about drama is the cool parties and happy people with good senses of humor. Also, our drama meeting gives us all the good gossip.” --junior Earlisha Mathis

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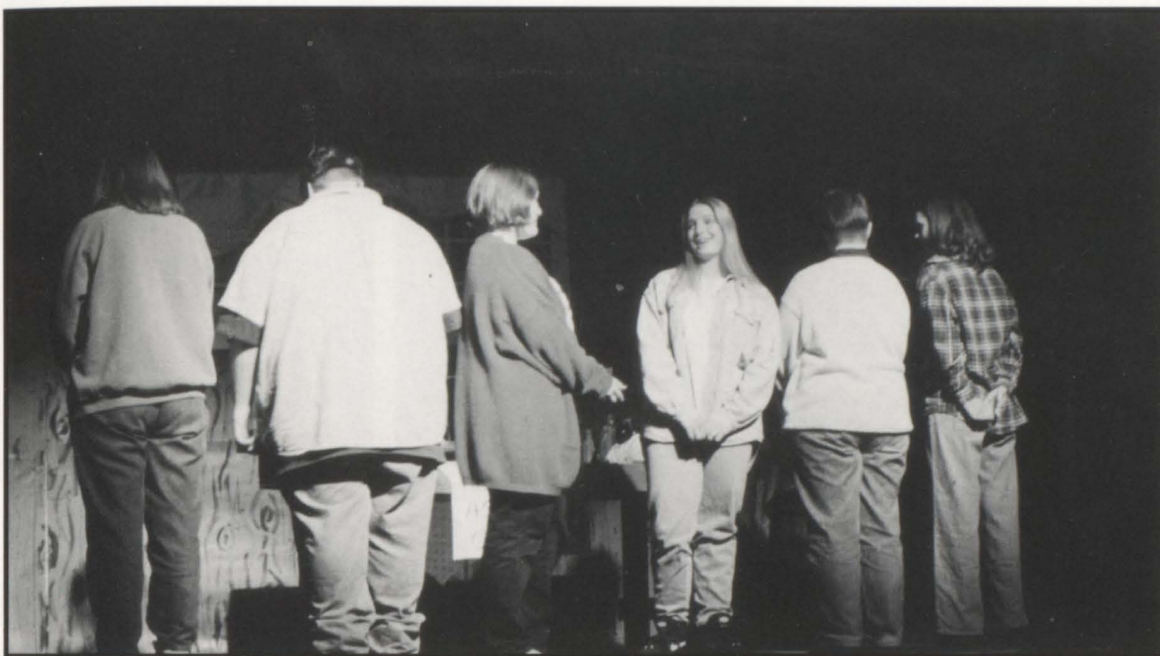




**T**he compleat villain, Bunco, played by senior Jason Wilson, conducts "business" in his "office," left. *Photo by Lance Jones*

**E**ntertaining the audience with hilarious skits before the play begins are sophomore Jennifer Daily, freshman Nathan Ellis, freshman Maxine Szura, juniors Vonna Belt, Jamie Jones, and Heather Bressie, below. *Photo by Angela Dunham*

**R**ocky Romance is the name, saving damsels in distress is the game for sophomore Barry Gilley, dressed for the part, below. *Photo by Lance Jones*



## DRAMA CLUB



**DRAMA CLUB** Row 1: Jennifer Brixey, sponsor; Dana Ellis, president; Juli Proe, vice president; Betsy Banks, secretary. Row 2: Jamie Jones, Amanda Adams, Georgette Yannetti, Jodie Hickerson, Heather Bressie, Laura Ball, Summer Rosso, Jared Bradshaw. Row 3: Christina Smart, Allison Curry, Brandy Woodard, Tim Smith, Lori Thompson, Mandy Benthall, LeAnn Hicks, Mirela Doroscan. Row 4: Jennifer Dailey, Barry Gilley, Ricky Woodard, Earlisha Mathis, Cathy Smith, Carrie Yarber, Amber Slankard, Mandy Roth. Row 5: Vonna Belt, Maxine Szura, Kelly Williams, Mike Turner, Nick Skyles, Brooke Thornhill, Jeremy Carter, Tamara Forrest.

## CAST

### Ballad of Gopher Gap

Toby Mugg - Chris Mayberry  
Slat - Jeremy Carter  
Crazy Nanette - Hillary Spiva  
Flora Fourflusher - Jodie Hickerson  
Bunco de Sneer - Jason Wilson  
Judge Abercrombie - Matt Brown  
O'Hillie - Betsy Banks  
Rocky Romance - Barry Gilley  
Minerva Hotchkiss - Amanda Volk  
Verlinda Spingblossom - Amanda Adams  
Narrator - Lori Thompson  
Sponsor and director - Jennifer Brixey  
Backstage attendents - make-up: Carrie Yarber, Amber Slankard  
Sets: Brooke Thornhill, Georgette Yanetti, Rick Woodard  
Hair: Brooke Thornhill  
Skits: Heather Bressie, Nathan Ellis, Vonna Belt, Kelly Williams, Maxine Szura, Jamie Jones  
Backstage attendents: Set and costume coordinator: Jeremy Carter  
Skit director: Dana Ellis  
Backstage director: Allison Curry



# Want to get away for awhile? Foreign Cultures!

by Brian Graham

Foreign Cultures is a club that allows students to learn and respect other languages and cultures.

The Division of Family Services receives a lot of help from the club. Members donated food and money to the division, and that helps the community.

The sponsor, Donna Moore, is

also the Spanish teacher.

The club president, Kristy Champ, planned for a very good year and fun on a trip to Cahokia Mounds to learn about foreign customs.

"I thought the trip was more fun than a traditional learning experience," sophomore Karalin Hall explains.

That's one of the goals of Foreign Cultures Club--to have fun while learning.

To support their activities, members of Foreign Cultures hold fundraisers such as the Easter basket drawing in the spring.

Members also celebrated Christmas exchanging gifts and making snacks.

**G**uest speaker, Joyce Bowman, dressed in traditional Egyptian clothing, tells the club members a few stories about her travels to the middle east. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

**J**unior Katrina Szura, senior Rometta Bressie and sophomore Micki McCune, below, have fun making snacks at their Christmas party. *Photo courtesy Donna Moore*



**P**reparing to present the Coca Cola Bear Easter basket to the winner of the drawing, are sophomore Jennifer McClure and senior Kristy Champ, above. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove.*

**F**oreign Culture members right, display the gifts that they exchanged at their annual Christmas party. *Photo courtesy Donna Moore*

## WHY NOT JOIN

"We've been able to explore several different media this year. I enjoy every minute of it".  
--Rick Woodard, Art Club

"I like to learn about other cultures. - junior Wendy Williams

"I thought it would be neat to learn about different things." - junior Amy French

"I enjoy being in Art Club because it means attending the Alpha Rho Tau show, going to Six Flags, touring the Springfield Art Museum, and just having fun in general." --junior Jeremy Carter

"This was my second year and I joined again because I like all the cool people in the club." --junior Brooke Thornhill

"I like being in Art Club because Mr. Roten is cool." -- junior Jodie Hickerson



# Where's the talent? Art club!

by Micheal Brame

Painting faces at football games showcased the talents of Art Club members and showed the public a creative side of student life.

"It was really fun painting panther paws, noses and whiskers, panther heads, etc., on the children," says junior Brooke Thornhill. "There was a constant line all night," Thornhill adds.

Several members also entered the annual Alpha Rho Tau District

Art club member Jimmy Williams, top left, paints faces at the home varsity football games to raise money for club activities. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*

Examining the artwork on display at the annual Alpha Rho Tau show in Salem occupies senior Dana Ellis. Many Art Club members entered the competition. *Photo by Rick Woodard*

Smiling her delight at the quality of work exhibited at the Alpha Rho Tau show, senior Kimi Thronhill spends a few moments admiring the 3-d creations. *Photo by Rick Woodard*

Art Show April 25. Winning ribbons were:

Senior Shaun Stubbs, 2nd pen and ink, 4th oil pastel, HM oil pastel, "Student Choice Award" printmaking; senior Juli Proe, 3rd mixed media; senior Dana Ellis, 2nd and "Student Choice Award" oil pastel; senior Rick Woodard, 3rd oil pastel and "Student Choice Award" perspective; sophomore Barry Gilley, 3rd portrait pencil drawing; senior Candice Beard, 4th B&W photography; junior Jabon Ellis, HM in B&W photography; sophomore Allison Curry, 1st printmaking; freshman Lindsay Linton, HM printmaking.

Members also participated in the Mountain Grove Arts Fest, a celebration of the visual arts, which featured works from grades kindergarten through 12. Art Club members participated in pottery making and monotype demonstrations.

MGHS winners were:

Sophomore Barry Gilley, Best of Show 2-D and 1st drawing; senior Rick Woodard, 1st drawing and HM sculpture; junior Jodie Hickerson, 1st drawing; sophomore Allison Curry, 1st cartooning; freshman Josh Kumpula, HM oil pastel; sophomore Toby Alcorn, 1st sculpture; junior Vonna Belt, 1st sculpture.

## ART CLUB



Row 1: Aaron Roten, sponsor; Ricky Woodard, vice president; Dana Ellis, secretary. Row 2: Maxine Szura, Vonna Belt, Juli Proe, Nick Skyles, Nathan Ellis. Row 3: Heather Bressie, Brooke Thornhill, Summer Rosso, Allison Curry, Candice Beard.

## FOREIGN CULTURES



Row 1: Kristy Champ, president; Katrina Szura, vice president; Larissa Buchholz, treasurer; Sherrie Hurley, secretary; Ann Kaps, gopher. Row 2: Vanessa Lacroix, Karalin Hall, Micki McCune, Lester Burgard, Rometta Bressie, Amy French. Row 3: Wendy Willms, Andrea Boyd, Elva Upshaw, Greg Cantrell, Misti Gourley.



# Who likes helping kids? Hi-STEP!

by Betsy Banks

High School Taught Elementary Program, otherwise known as Hi-STEP, is a drug and alcohol free club.

Hi-STEP members go four times a year with partners to the elementary school and the middle school to teach young students about drugs, alcohol and how to handle peer pressure. At the beginning of the year Hi-STEP members receive folders that contain lessons and activities that help them.

Entertaining the kids with exciting activities, sophomores Carrie Stratton and Angela Dunham, top right, work to teach the children drug and alcohol awareness. Photo by Donny Anderson

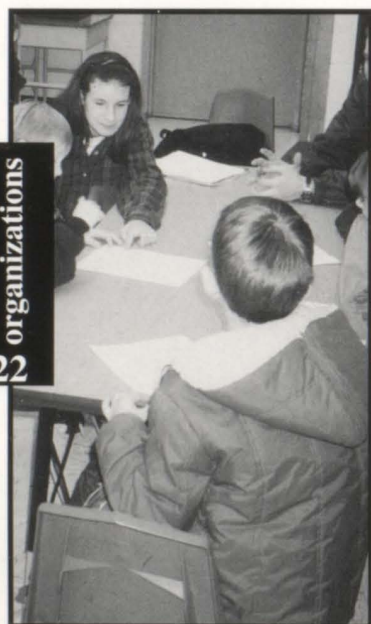
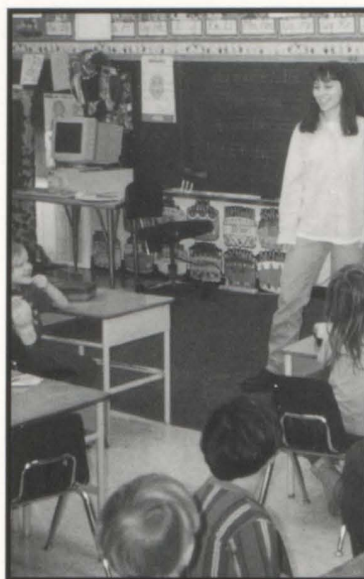
Getting a feel for things, junior Tabitha Todd and senior Stephanie Mayberry, right, explain different kinds of emotions by having the kids demonstrate active learning. Photo by Brent Dugger

Anticipating a fun activity, students pay close attention to their Hi-Step leader, sophomore Ann Kaps and junior John Tyrrell below, for further instructions in their lesson. Photo by Donny Anderson

They also take snacks for the kids. It is also a good experience for Hi-STEP members because it teaches them how to handle these situations themselves.

"Hi-STEP is a good club because kids need to learn how to handle problems, plus Lori and I get to make snacks," says junior Tamara Forrest.

"Hi-STEP allows the kids to work with an older group of kids and also gives them someone to look up to," says senior Stephanie Mayberry.



Leading the class in a discussion about drug and alcohol awareness, senior Amanda Volk, right, explains that there are more exciting things to do with free time than doing drugs. Photo by Brent Dugger

## WHY NOT JOIN

"I joined Hi-Step because I like teaching little kids about being drug free. It also gives me a chance to skip school for a half an hour." --senior Stephanie Mayberry, Hi-Step

"I joined Hi-Step because I enjoy working with little kids and letting them know the problems they may face when they get older." --senior Branwyn Robertson, Hi-Step

"It's nice to be in a club for drug free students." --sophomore Ann Kaps

"You get to show your beliefs and help people. Mrs. Kemper is a really good sponsor." --senior Sherry Ogletree

"I enjoyed our OSA trip to Battlefield Mall in Springfield." --sophomore Allison Curry





# Do you value clean living? OSA!

by Stephanie Mayberry

OSA, which stands for Operation Stay Alive, is a drug and alcohol free club.

"OSA gives support for a drug free life style and provides alternate activities for students," says sponsor Judy Kemper.

OSA does many different things throughout the year. They

sponsor a day during Red Ribbon Week called "white out day." During this day a certain number of students are "whited out" students representing the many who die from drug and alcohol related accidents.

OSA also sponsored an assembly, "Breaking Point." This group uses humor, drama and martial arts to fight the war against drugs.

**S**eniors Stephanie Mayberry and Erica Craig "kill" senior Amy Stillwell. top left Photo by Sherry Ogletree

**W**hile three classmates support him, senior Lance Jones, left, "relaxes" while members of Breaking Point split a board on his chest using a Katana sword. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson

**I**ntroducing the "Breaking Point" assembly, senior Leslie Ward, OSA president, far left, gets the audience psyched for an outstanding show featuring the martial arts. The performance includes students and staff from the audience and aims to make a positive impact in the war against substance abuse, violence and a variety of emotional crises through school assemblies. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson



## OPERATION STAY ALIVE



Row 1: president Leslie Ward, president elect Rachelle Douglass, vice president Erica Craig, secretary Amanda Hutchinson, treasurer Alicia Douglass, historian Lisa Turner, public relations Cassie Roth. Row 2: Amber Chasteen, Billy Thompson, Amy Stillwell, Lindsay Ault, Mandy Roth, Tamara Forrest, Jaime Ramsey, Jennifer Stearnes, Jill Douglass, Jessica Peterson, Sherry Ogletree, Sunni Roth, Katie Hubner. Row 3: Amanda Lawson, Scott Linton, Mindy Rodgers, Margaret Gonzales, Tina Smith, Jennah Davidson, Shawnee Strunk, Courtney Rhodes, Misti Gourley, Jeremy Bell, Derek Rogers, Lance Jones. Row 4: Branwyn Robertson, Emily Brown, Chad Sigman, Ethan Proctor, Penny Carmon, Angela Dunham, Suzanne Brill, Ryan Huff, Scotty Thornhill, David MacPherson, Miah Peterson, Donny Anderson. Row 5: Matthew Seeman, Christina Flageolle, Heather Linton, Josefina Doroscan, Brent Dugger, Chris Ridens, Brian Williams, Carrie Stratton, Jerrod Stearnes, Adam Shores, Jared Doty. Row 6: Tara Shaw, Nathan Kemper, Jeremy Emery, Ray Sutton, Jerred Yarger, Roy Eilenstine, Donny Bohnenkamp, Matt Brown, Brian Graham, Errin Kemper, Amanda Volk. Row 7: Betsy Wade, Amanda McSpadden, Clarice Kluey, Sarah Laird, Josh Linton, Matt McMillan, Justin Jones, Kevin Ramaeker, Jason Duey, Allison Curry, Stephanie Mayberry, Teasha Turner. Row 8: Charity Gault, Andrea Rhoades, Amy Brummet, Jodi Chernowsky, Richard McGowan, Jeremy Looper, Chase Rogers, Daniel Zid, John Tyrrell, Desirae Fullington, Michelle Hawkins, Kristi Freeman.

## HI-STEP



Row 1: Carrie Stratton, Jessica Peterson, Jill Douglass, Alicia Douglass, Erica Craig, Katie Hubner, Cassie Roth, Lisa Turner, Jennifer Stearnes, Suzanne Brill. Row 2: Chad Sigman, Emily Brown, Penny Carmon, Angela Dunham, Juan Coble, Chris Ridens, Branwyn Robertson, Sherry Ogletree, Lindsay Ault, Amanda Volk. Row 3: Allison Curry, Sarah Craig, Michelle Hawkins, Jaime Ramsey, Ann Kaps, Tabitha Todd, Brent Dugger, Derek Rogers, Mandy Roth, Tamara Forrest. Row 4: Summer Rosso, Marianne Goin, Amanda McSpadden, Betsy Wade, Angie Whitworth, Hillary Spiva, Jon Tyrrell, Larissa Buchholz, Rusty Lee. Row 5: Rachelle Douglass, Leslie Ward, Tara Shaw, Nathan Kemper, Josefina Doroscan, Stacy Shaw, Matthew Seeman, Jodi Sherrell, Lori Tompson. Row 6: Amanda Hutchinson, Kristi Freeman, Stephanie Mayberry, Kimi Thornhill.



Junior Michelle Hawkins and seniors Branwyn Robertson and Jennifer Stearnes with other members of START dance the night away at the Community Betterment Convention in Columbia. Photo by Betsy Wade



## Where do community volunteers begin? START!

by Betsy Banks

It is fun and it looks good on a high school transcript! It is the START club.

Students Today Are Required Tomorrow, or START, is a club that gets high school students involved in community activities such as ringing bells for the Salvation Army during Christmas, picking up trash along the highways and hiding eggs at the nursing home

for children at Easter.

Members received the First Place Youth Award in Columbia at the Missouri Community Betterment Assn. Convention.

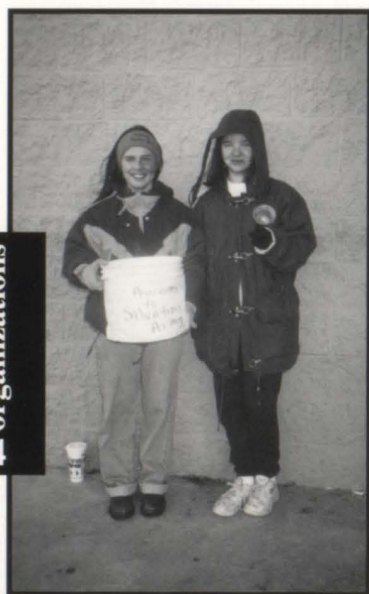
They stayed in a hotel and attended seminars, lectures and an awards banquet followed by a dance attended by many other START groups across the state.

"We want to show the kids in the community that they can have fun with out having to take drugs,

or drink alcohol," president junior Lori Thompson said.

"We threw a big bash for the seventh and eighth graders. It was a great turnout and great publicity for the new YMCA," she added.

"It is a great opportunity for high school students to learn the value of the community service and volunteeristic abilities," said START sponsor and high school principal Bridget Williams.



Ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas, sophomore Jessica Peterson and senior Jennifer Stearnes, above, represent START. Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove

Juniors Angie Whitworth and Hillary Spiva, above right, make cornucopias for Thanksgiving at the YMCA as a START activity. Photo courtesy Bridget Williams

Accepting START's Youth Group of the Year award from the Chamber of Commerce are members junior Lori Thompson, senior Betsy Banks, and juniors Hillary Spiva and Jamie Jones. Photo courtesy News Journal



## WHY NOT JOIN

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"I feel better about my self when I go out and help our community in START." -- junior Sunni Roth

"I think that START is a very organized group. I really enjoyed being in START." -- senior Branwyn Robertson

"This year is my last year here so I wanted to try to make a big impact on the community with friends through START." --senior Betsy Banks

"I'm planning to become a teacher like my parents, so I'm glad I have the opportunity to be in FTA." --junior Rusty Lee

"I like FTA because it gives me an opportunity to develop skills I will use in the future. It also gives students the chance to see how the 'other half' lives." --junior Kristi Freeman

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# Who appreciates teachers? FTA!

by Betsy Banks

Interested in a teaching career? Some students certainly are.

For example, junior Kristi Freeman explains, "I will be working around youth and teaching them when I am a youth minister, so I thought I would get some practice teaching in front of people."

FTA (Future Teachers of America) is just the club to give high school students a taste of teaching.

It allows students to decide if teaching is the career of their dreams.

"One day out of every month we go to the elementary or middle school and observe how the teachers teach, and sometimes we take over and finish the lesson," Freeman adds.

"It helps out a lot with planning for the future, because I know I want to be a teacher and it helps me decide what kind of teacher I want to be," junior Brooke Thornhill says.



**F**TA member, senior Jill Douglass, entertains elementary students with a story while cadet teaching. Not only do members get together for meetings to discuss the career and pick their "Teachers of the Month," but they also get to experience what it is like to lead a classroom. *Photo by Michelle Madderra*

**C**adet teachers including senior Karla Walton, left, help younger children. Here Walton uses flash cards with her students. She and other FTA members work with classes at the elementary and middle schools. *Photo by Michelle Madderra*

## FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



Row 1: sponsor Les Top, Rusty Lee, president, Mindy Lee, vice president, Karla Walton, treasurer, Joe Merka, scribe. Row 2: Jill Douglass, Erica Criag, Crystal Davis, Rosalie Kusior, Stacy Shaw, Candice Beard. Row 3: Ryan Nelson, Jennifer McClure, Wendy Willms, Brooke Thornhill, Jennifer Daily, Cathy Smith, Lester Burgard. Row 4: Dusty Lee, Kristie Weatherly, Jabon Ellis, Brandie Lane, Josh Bell, Kristi Freeman.

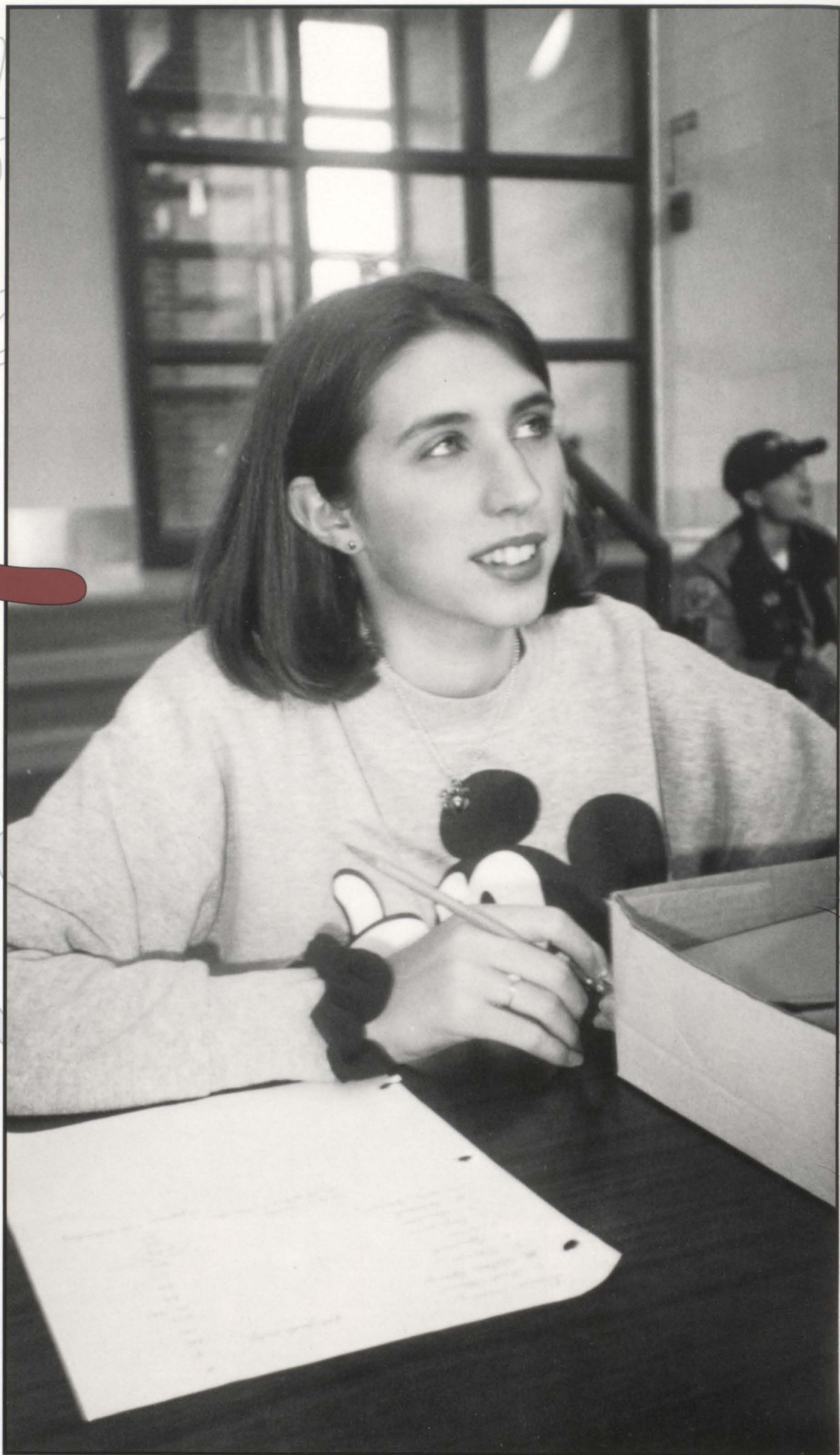
## STUDENTS TODAY ARE REQUIRED TOMMOROW



Row 1: sponsor Mike Murphy, Lori Thompson, president, Suzanne Brill, vice president, Angie Whitworth, secretary, Jennifer Stearnes, treasurer, Jodi Sherrell, representative, Emily Brown, photographer and sponsor Bridget Williams. Row 2: Tommy Hicks, Amanda Hutchinson, Heath Rodgers, Jamie Jones, Hillary Spiva, Tabitha Todd, Michelle Hawkins, Branwyn Robertson, Sunni Roth. Row 3: Billy Thompson, Amy Stillwell, David MacPherson, Scott Thornhill, Brent Dugger, Jessica Peterson, Rachelle Douglass, Jamie Ramsey, Leslie Ward, Amber Chasteen. Row 4: Amanda McSpadden, Betsy Wade, Mandy Roth, Tamara Forrest, Jerrod Stearnes, Jennifer Daily, Allison Curry, Jared Doty. Row 5: Kristi Freeman, Andrew Cardin, Bryan Williams, Chad Sigman, Ryan Huff.



# people





# Who's That?



**S**ervice with a smile. Junior Angie Whitworth, left, is registering middle school students for the science and math competition. The math and science competition is just one of the special events held at MGHS during the school year. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

**G**ot spirit? Seniors Erica Craig, Amber Chasteen and Branwyn Robertson, above, do. They are preparing for the senior run to Willow Springs and are taking the pride of the Panther with them. Panther pride is one of the strongest forces here. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson



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# the last look

Receiving her Valentine's Day wish--Tommy Hicks wrapped in cellophane on her doorstep--Branwyn Robertson, right, is clearly pleased with her friends' "practical joke." Dreams do come true, don't they? *Photo courtesy Branwyn Robertson*

Seeing their youngest child, Nathan Kemper, play his last home football game are mom, teacher Judy Kemper, and dad, Malcolm Kemper. Each year senior athletes and musicians are honored along with their parents during "senior night." Nathan's big brother Greg, also a football Panther graduated from MGHS in 1994. *Photo courtesy Michelle Lindsey*

Oh, Tannenbaum? No, silly. Oh, Fredenbaum! Derek Rogers decorates Amy Stillwell, a.k.a. Fred, as part of a pep assembly skit, below. The two added loads of laughs to the spirited gathering of hopeful Panther fans. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*







A junior at the time, Amanda Volk, left, gets into the spirit of things at Mount Vernon, George Washington's historic home. Amanda won the trip through the annual Rural Electric Cooperative essay contest. *Photo courtesy Amanda Volk*



Not only do reindeer have antlers, but apparently Panthers do too, as demonstrated by senior Ronnie Ice, above left. It is also apparent that Santa lives in Mountain Grove, although most people know him as senior Denver Hawkins. The senior class provided "Santas" at Wal-Mart as a fundraiser for the traditional trip. *Photo courtesy Ci Hawkins*

Football fans sophomores Jessica Peterson, Carrie Stratton, Rachelle Douglass, senior Amanda Hutchinson, junior Tamara Forrest and seniors Jennifer Stearnes and Amy Stillwell, left, show their Panther Pride while the team is on the road. *Photo by Tara Shaw*

Leading the pack, Jill Douglass, below, wheels her way along Highway 60 during the annual senior "run." With a change from foot to wheel, next year's event might be called the senior ride. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*





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Jennifer Stearnes

PRESIDENT

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Will I survive in  
Kansas City?

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Cassie Roth

VICE PRESIDENT

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Will I be able to  
get a job after  
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Lisa Turner

SECRETARY

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Will I have any  
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Amanda Volk

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Erica Craig

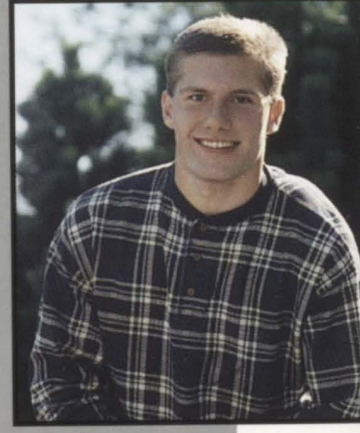
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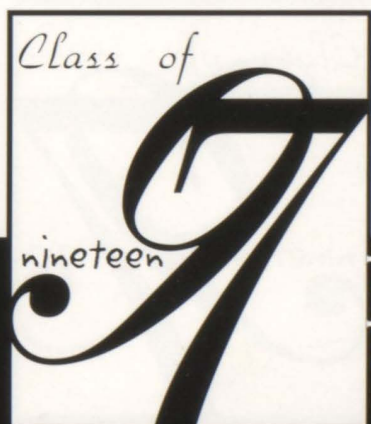
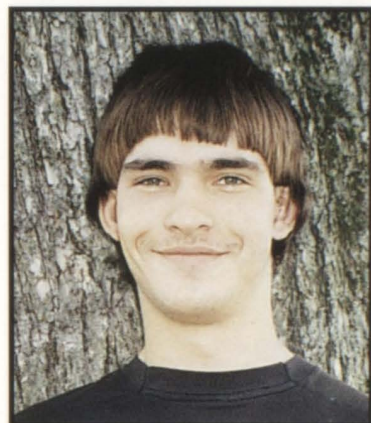
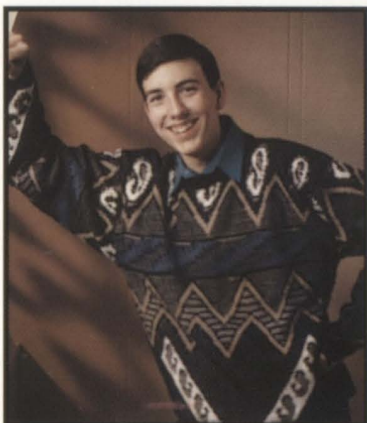
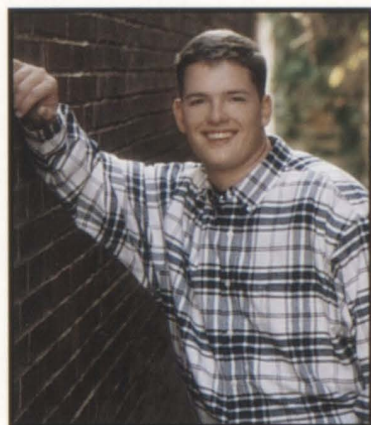
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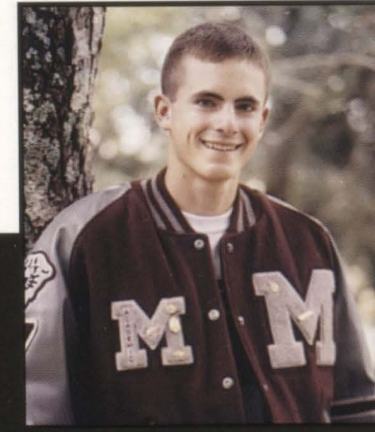
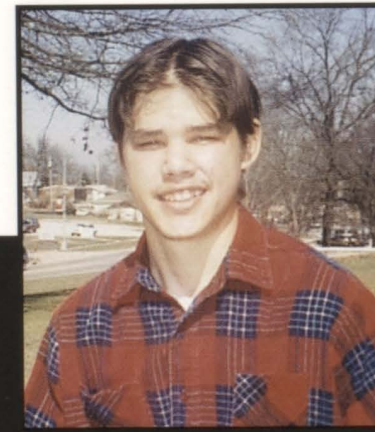
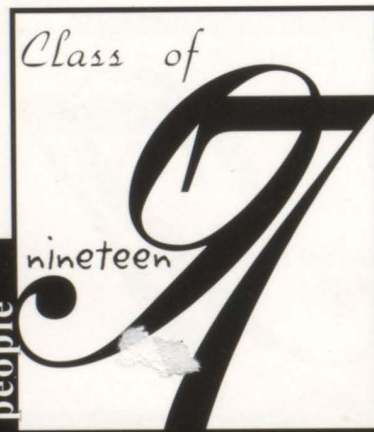
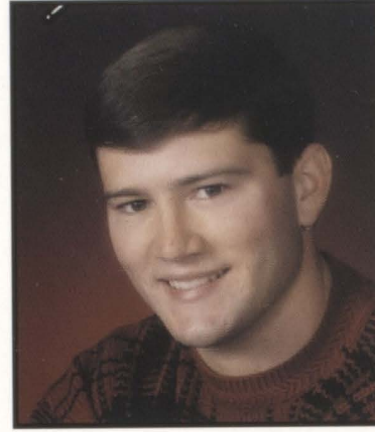
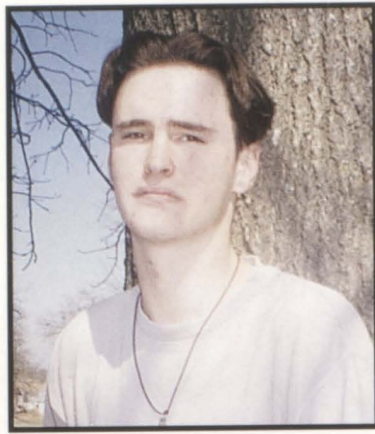
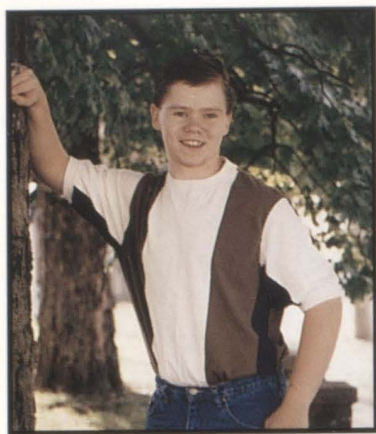
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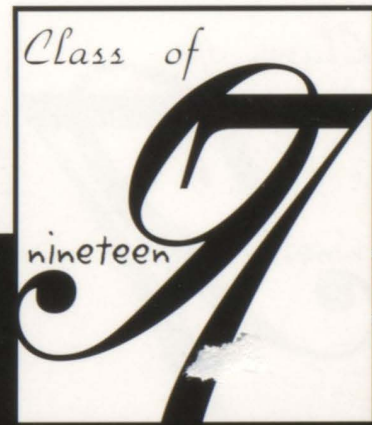
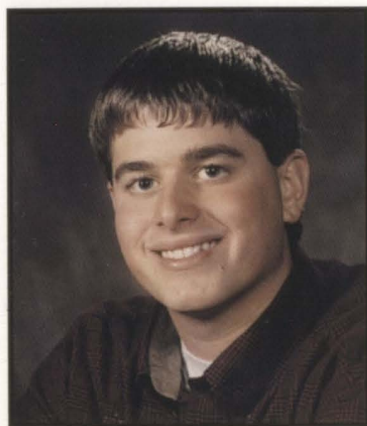
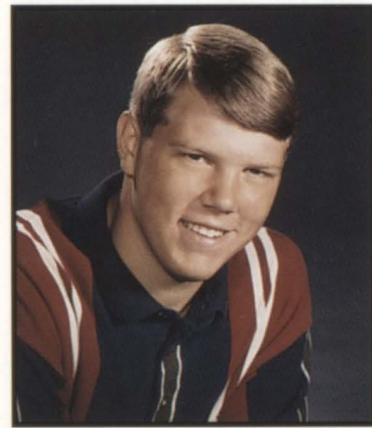
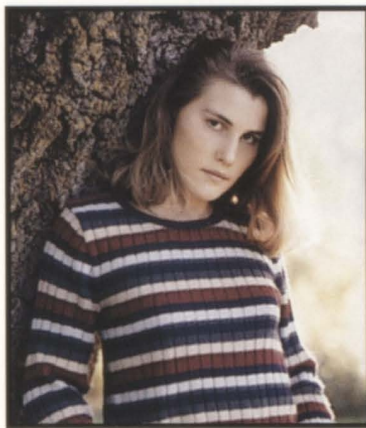
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Showing their Panther spirit, Candice Beard and Juli Proe pal around during the annual "Senior Run." Actually, the senior girls rode bicycles instead of running/walking as usual. Photo by Sherry Ogletree



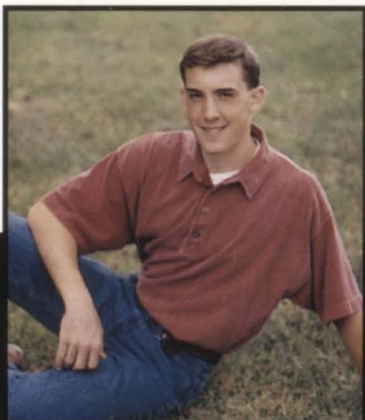
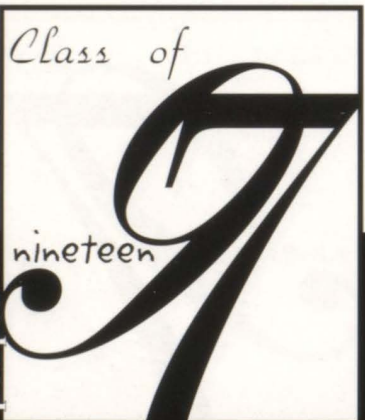
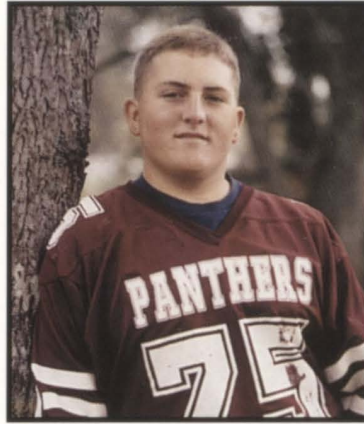
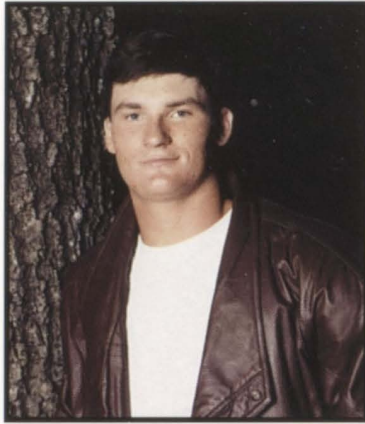
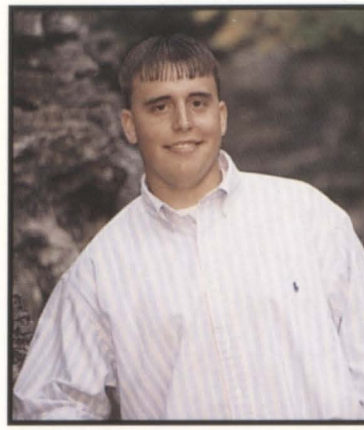
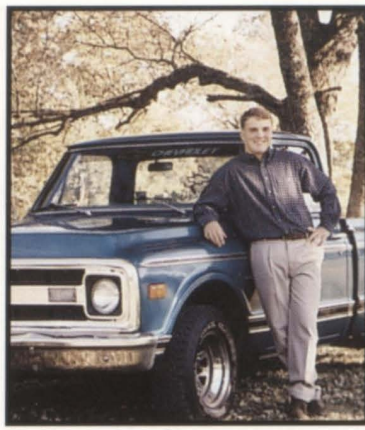
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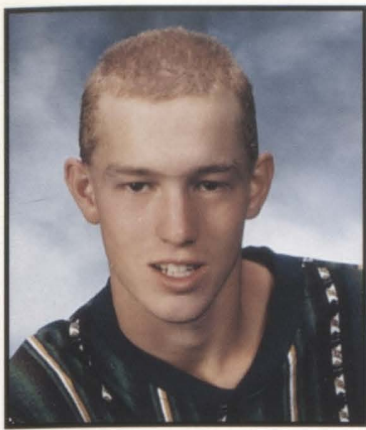
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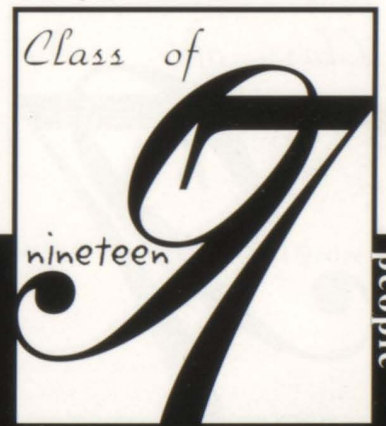
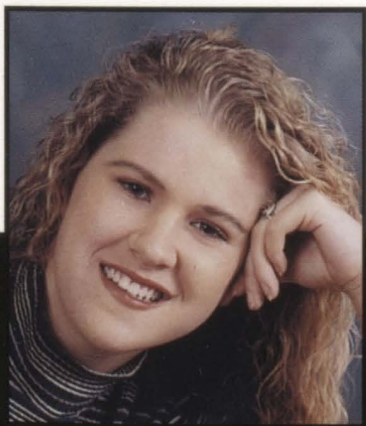
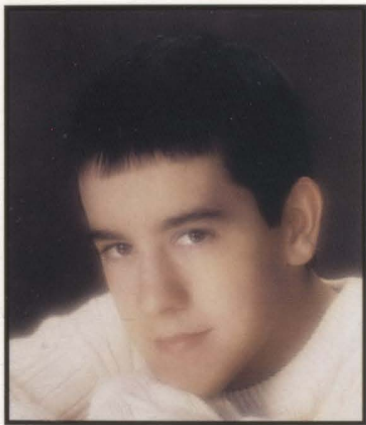
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Senior Juli Proe, left, relaxes for a moment during the Drama Club's garage sale in the Gym lobby. The members raised money for a proposed trip to New York City. Photo by Rick Woodard



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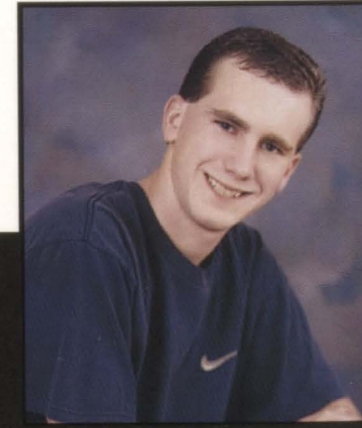
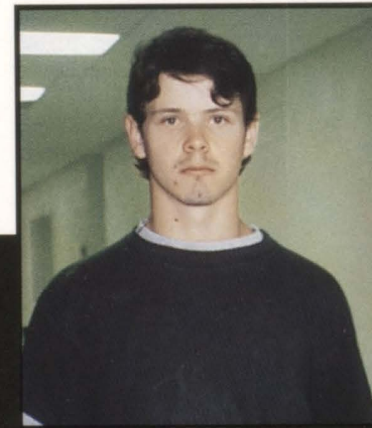
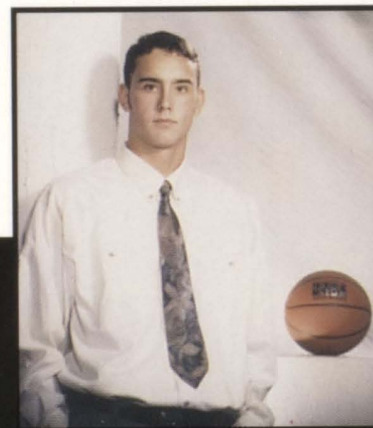
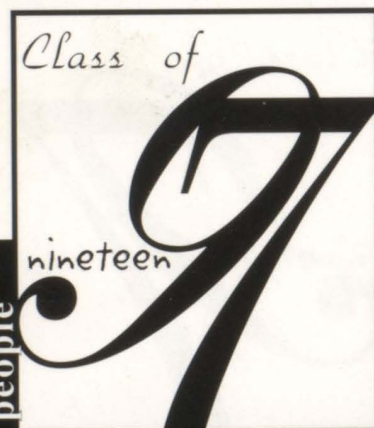
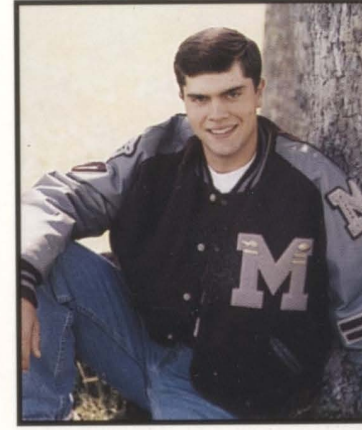
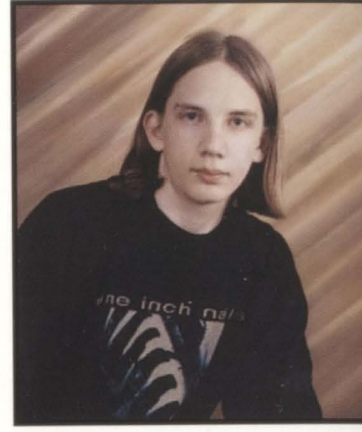
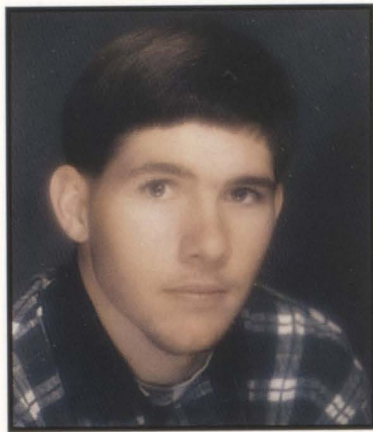
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Senior Night at Party Hut/Unicorn provided a chance for the seniors to raise money for the trip while modeling various gowns and tuxedos for Prom. Taking a break from the karaoke entertainment are Jennifer Stearnes, Sherry Ogletree, Chris Ridens, Lindsay Ault, and Amy Stillwell. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson



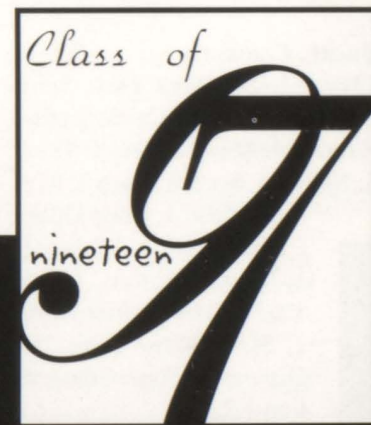
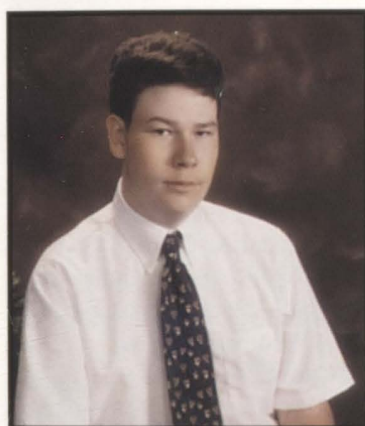
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Shawn Stubbs  
Amy Sutton  
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Kimi Thornhill

Leah Norris-Turner  
Karla Walton  
Leslie Ward  
Eddie Welch

Jason Wilson  
Jimmy Williams  
Ricky Woodard



# Class of nineteen the last look

**ANDERSON, DONNY** Football 3,4; Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Hi-Step 2,3; Student Council Vice President 1,2; Speech Team 3; Weightlifting Team 3,4.

**AULT, LINDSAY** Swim Team 1,2; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3; DECA 3; Key Club 3; Speech Team 3; Basketball Cheerleading Captain 3; Hi-Step 4; Hoop Queen Court 1; Football Cheerleading 2, Co-Captain 3, Choreographer 4.

**BANKS, BETSY** Drama 3, Secretary 4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Key Club 1; Track 4; START 4; FFA 4; Barnwarming Candidate 4; OSA 2; Art 3; Photography 3,4; Bible Club 2,3; Speech Team 4; Hoop Queen Candidate 3.

**BARNES, JANA** Band 1,2,3; OSA 1; Math & Science 3,4; FFA 1, Parliamentarian 2, Historian 3, Secretary; Barnwarming Attendant 1.

**BEARD, CANDICE** Bible Club 1,2, President 3&4; Spirit Club 1; Yearbook Staff 2, Section Editor 3,4; Cheerleading 1; Track 1; NHS 3,4; Speech Team 3; FTA 4; Art Club 4; Hoop Queen Candidate 4; Selectet 1,2,3,4; Honor Choir 1,2,3,4; All-District Choir 1; SCA Honor Choir 2,3; District & State Competition 1,2,3,4.

**BELL, JEREMY** O S A 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2; Band 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 3, Opinions Editor 4; Yearbook Staff 3.

**BRAME, MICHAEL** Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 3; FBLA 2,3;

PTV 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Yearbook Computer Editor/Business Manager 3, Editor-in-Chief/Business Manager 4.

**BRESSIE, ROMETTA** Spirit Club 1,2; Foreign Cultures Club 3,4; ROTC 4.

**BRIDGES, AMY** OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2; FTA 3.

**CHAMP, KRISTY** Math & Science Club 1,2,4; OSA 1; Band 1,2,3,4, Color Gaurd 1,2,3,4; Science Olympiad 1,2,3,4; Academic Team 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Foreign Cultures Club Vice President 3, President 4; DECA 4.

**CHERNOWSKY, KELLY** Special Olympics 1,2; Spirit Club 2; Sporting Chance 3,4.

**COBLE, MELISSA** Spirit Club 1,2; OSA 1,2; FHA 1,3; Photography 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; PTV 4; VICA 4; DECA 4.

**DOROSCAN, IOSIFINA** Track 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2; OSA 1,2,3,4; Bible Club 1,2,3; FHA 1; Key Club 3; Hi-Step 4; Spirit Club 4; DECA 4.

**DOROSCAN, MIRELA** Bible Club 1,2,3,4; Foreign Cultures Club 1,2; Math & Science Club 1; Drama Club 3,4; VICA 4; Hi-Step 4.

**DOUGLASS, ALICIA** Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; OSA 1,2,3, Secretary 4; Spirit Club 1,2,3, Treasurer 4; Band 1; Hi-Step 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Student Council Treasurer 3; Speech Tm 3; Track 4; Key Club 4.

**DOUGLASS, JILL** O S A 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3, Vice President 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Band 1,2; Hi-Step 2,3,4; Student Council Treasurer 2; NHS 3,4; Key Club 3, Vice President 4; Speech Team 3; FTA 4; Track 4.

**DOWDEN, JUSTIN** Spirit Club 1,2, President 3&4; Basketball 1,2,3; OSA 1,2; FFA 1,2,3; Net King Attendant 1; Hi-Step 2; Cross Country 3; Homecoming Escort 4; Student Council Exec. Vice President 4.

**ELLIS, DANA** Band 1,2,3,4, Drum Major 3,4, Color Gaurd 1,2; Drama 2,3, President 4; Art Club 2,3, Secretary 4; Honor Choir 1,2,3,4; Selectet 1,2,3,4; SCA

Honor Choir 1,2,3; All District Honor Choir 3; SMSU Honor Choir 4; Cheerleading JV 1, Varsity 3; Academic Team 3; ROTC 4.

**FITZENRIDER, RUSS** Wrestling 1; Choir 2; OSA 3; Football 4; ROTC 4.

**FREEMAN, TRESHIA** Volleyball 1; Track 1; Yearbook Staff 3; Newspaper Staff 3; OSA 4.

**GOIN, MARIANNE** Foreign Cultures Treasurer 1; Math & Science 1,2, Secretary 3&4; Student Council 4; OSA 3; NHS 2,3,4; Hi-Step 4; Honor Choir 1,2; Science Olympiad 2,3; Bible Club 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4, State Competition 1,2,4, 2nd Team All District 1,3, Honorable Mention All District 2, 1st Team All District 4, District Champs 1, Team Leader 4; Track 1,2,3,4, State Competition 1, District Champs 1, District Champs 3200 Relay 1, Sectional 2, All Conference Honorable Mention 3200 Relay 2, All Conference 2nd Team 3200 Relay 1&3.

**GRAHAM, BRIAN** Band 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2; OSA 1,4; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 3, Yearbook Staff 4.

**GRIMSHAW, NANCY** F H A 1,2,3,4; Sporting Chance 1,2,3,4.

**HARKER, ADAM** F F A 1,2, Vice President 3, Parliamentarian 4; Football 3,4.

**HAWKINS, DENVER** Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Industrial Arts Club 1,2, President 3 & 4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3.

**HICKS, ANGELA** O S A 1,2; FHA 1,2,3; Kay Club 1; Drama 1; Spirit Club 1; Art Club 2,3; VICA 4; DECA 4.

**HICKS, TOMMY** F F A 1,2,3,2nd Vice President 4; Barnwarming Escort 2,3,4; Football 3,4; Baseball 1,2; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; START 4; Kay Club 4.

**HULL, NATHAN** Football 1,2,3,4.

**HUTCHINSON, AMANDA** Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3, Public Relations 4; OSA 1,2,3, Secretary 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,3,4; Fellowship of Christian Athletes 1,2; Student Council 1; Key Club 2, Public Relations 3,

President 4; Hi-Step 2,3,4; Yearbook Photography Editor 2,3, Editor-In-Chief 4; Community 2000 2, 3; Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2; START 3,4.

**ICE, RONNIE** Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3; FHA 1; Industrial Arts Club 2; DECA 4; Football 4.

**IOTT, JEFFERY** Football 1,2,3,4; VICA 2,3,4; SPIRIT CLUB 2; OSA 3.

**JONES, LANCE** Football 1,2,3, Team Captain 4, SCA Hon Mention 3, SCA 1st Team All Conf & Dist Running Back 4, All Dist Hon Mention Line Backer 4; MO Sports Writers' All Dist Running Back; Track 3, All Conf & Dist 4x200, All Conf 4x100, School Record Holder 4x200; Golf 4; Spirit 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Key Club 3; VICA 3; Net King Royalty 2, Net King 4; Mr. Merry Christmas 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

**KEMPER, ERRIN** Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Academic Team 2,3; NHS 3, Secretary 4; Cross Country 3; Hi-Step 3; Speech Team 3; Football 4.

**KEMPER, NATHAN** O S A 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2, Exec. Stu-Co 3&4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2; Hi-Step 2,3,4; NHS 2,3,4; Football 3.

**LACROIX, VANESSA** Cheerleading JV 1, Varsity 2 & 3; Band 1,2; Spirit Club 1,2,3; Academic Team 2,3,4; Foreign Cultures 3,4; NHS 3,4; Math & Science Club 4.

**LAKEY, JACEANA** Band 1,2; Spirit Club 1,2; Drama 1; OSA 1; FTA 3,4; Hi-Step 4.

**LAWSON, AMANDA** O S A 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; PTV 4; Bible Club 1,2; FHA 1; FBLA 2.

**MACOMBER, DEREK** Band 1,2,3; FFA 1,2; VICA 3,4; DECA 4.

**MACPHERSON, DAVID** Basketball 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,4; Hi-Step 1,2; DECA 3; Key Club 3; Golf 4.

**MADDERRA, MICHELLE** Spirit Club 1,2,3; Community Leaders 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; OSA



3; Yearbook Staff 3,4; PTV Production 4; ROTC 4.

**MAYBERRY, STEPHANIE** Band 1,2,3,4; Section Leader 4; Color Gaurd 1, Rifle Captain 2,3,4; Dist Band 3,4; Drama 1; FTA 1; DECA 4; OSA 3,4; Hi-Step 3,4; Community 2000 Care Team 2,3,4; Yearbook Staff 4.

**MCGREGOR, MICHAEL** Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3; Track 2,3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Science Olympiad 3; Newspaper Staff 4.

**McKINLEY, CHRYSTAL** Band 1,2,3,4; Concert Choir 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; SCA Honor Choir 1,2,3; SCA Honor Band 1,2,3,4; SMSU Honor Choir 4; All Dist Honor Band 3,4; OSA 1,2; Bible Club 1,2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 4.

**MELTON, SHILAH** DECA 3, President 4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3; FBLA 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2; Volleyball 1; Colorgaurd 1,2.

**NELSON, JUSTIN** F F A 1,2,3, Historian 4; Foreign Cultures 1; Math & Science Club 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Staff 4.

**NUNN, TARA** DECA 4; Photography 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; FHA 1,3,4; PTV 4; Spirit Club 1,2; OSA 1.

**OGLETREE, SHERRY** Volleyball 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,4; DECA 3; Hi-Step 4.

**PETERSON, JEREMIAH** Football 1,2,3, Team Captain 4, 2nd Team All Conf Quarterback; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Staff 3,4; Hi-Step 4.

**PROCTOR, ETHAN** Base-

ball 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Art Club 1; Basketball 1; Student Council 1; FFA 2,3,4; VICA 3; Hi-Step 4.

**PROE, JULI** Band 1,2,3,4; Color Gaurd 3,4; Jazz Band 3,4; Drama Club 1,2, Secretary 3, Vice President 4; Academic Team 2,3,4; Art Club Secretary 3, 4; DECA 4; Concert Choir 4; Selectet 4; SMSU Honor Choir 4; All American Scholar Award 4.

**RIDENS, CHRIS** Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4, 2nd Team Pitcher 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4, 2nd Team Center 3, 1st Team All Conf 4, KKOZ Deam Team & Player of the Year 4, McDonalds All American Nominee; FHA 1; Hi-Step 2,3,4; DECA Vice President 4.

**ROBERTSON, BRANWYN** O S A 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1, Co-Captain 2&3; Band 1,2,3,4; Woodwind Choir 4; DECA 4; FHA 1; START 4; Yearbook Staff 4.

**RODGERS, MINDY** Basketball 1,2,3; Volleyball 2,3; Spirit Club 2,3,4; OSA 2,3,4; Hi-Step 3,4; FBLA Scretary 3,4; DECA 3; Key Club 3,4; Miss Merry Christmas Candidate 2.

**ROGERS, DEREK** Baseball 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Industrial Arts Club 1,2; DECA 3; Drama 3; Hi-Step 4; Football 4.

**ROGERS, JOE** Football 1,2.

**ROSSO, SUMMER** FBLA 2,3,4; FHA 1, Vice President 3, President 4; Drama 2,3,4; FTA 2,3; Drama 2,3,4; Foreign Cultures 2; Bible Club 2; Cheerleader 3; Key Club 3; Hi-Step 3, 4; Art Club 4; Color Gaurd 4; DECA 4.

**ROTH, CASSIE** Band 1,2,3,4; SCA Honor Band 1,3,4; OSA 1,2,3, Publicity Officer 4; Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1; Student Council Vice President 3&4; Hi-Step 3,4; NHS 3, President 4.

**SEEMAN, MATTHEW** Football 1, 2, 3, Team Captain 4, All Conf Hon Mention; OSA 1,2,3; Spirit Club 1; Student Council 1,2; Baseball 1; FFA 2; Hi-Step 2,3,4; FBLA 3, Dist Treasurer 4; Track 2,3; Math & Science Club 3,4.

**SHAW, STACY** OSA Treasure 1,2,3; Spirit Club 1,2; Track 1,2; Volleyball 1; Bible Club 1; Choir 1; Key Club 3; FTA 4; Hi-Step 4.

**SIGMAN, CHAD** Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; OSA 2,3,4; FBLA 3; DECA 3; VICA Vice President 4; OSA 4; Hi-Step 4; START 4.

**SMITH, TIM** Football 1; OSA 3; ROTC 4; Drama 4.

**STEARNS, JENNIFER** Band 1,2,3,4; Math & Science Club 1,2,3,4; OSA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Spirit Club 1,2; Academic Team 2,3,4; Hi-Step 2,3,4; Speech Team 3; START 3,4; Student Council President 3,4; Key Club 3,4; Academic Team 2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 4; Cox Medical Explorers 3,4.

**STILLWELL, AMY** Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Spirit Club 1,2, Vice President 3, Spirit Committee 4; OSA 1,2, Historian 3, 4; DECA 3; FBLA Historian 3, Reporter & Homepage Director 4; Key Club 3, 4; Panther Mascot 2; Miss Merry Christmas Candidate 3; Net King Escort 4; Band 1,2; Communty 2000 2; Student Coun-

cil President 1, Secretary 3.

**SUTTON, AMY** Spirit Club 1,2,3,4; Academic Team 2,3; FBLA 2; OSA 2,4; Key Club 3; ROTC 4; START 4.

**TAYLOR, MARIE** F T A 3; SADD 1,2; FBLA 2; DECA 3; FCC 4; Photography 3,4; Interscholastic Team 3; Choir 1,2,3 Dist Competition 2,3, State Competiton 3; SBU Honor Choir 2; Spirit Club 1,2.

**THORNHILL, KIMI** F F A 1,2,3, Reporter 4; Foreign Cultures 1; Math & Science Club 1,2,3,4; FTA 3; OSA 2,3,4; Hi-Step 4; Yearbook Staff 4.

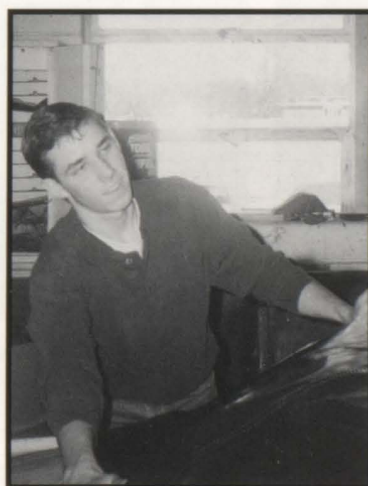
**TURNER, LEAH NORRIS-** F F A 1,2,3; Art Club 1,2; Spirit Art Club 1,2; VICA 3,4.

**TURNER, LISA** Band 1, 2; OSA 1, 2, Secretary 3; Historian 4; Spirit Club 1,2, Secretary 3, 4; DECA 3; FBLA 2,3,4; Key Club 3, Secretary 4; Hi-Step 2,3,4; Student Council Secretary 4.

**VOLK, AMANDA** O S A 1,2,3,4; Hi-Step 2,3,4; Math & Science 1,2,3,4; Spirit Club 1; Drama 1; Basketball 1,2; Science Olympiad 2; Foreign Cultures 2,3; FFA 3,4; Academic Team 3,4; NHS 3,4; Key Club 4; DECA 4; Student Council 4.

**WARD, LESLIE** Band 1; OSA 1,2, President 3 & 4; Spirit Club 1,2,4; Hi-Step 2,3,4; NHS 2, Secretary 3,4; Key Club Secretary/Treasurer 3, Public Relations Committee 4; DECA Jr Leadership Delegate 3; FBLA Dist Vice President 3, 4.

**WOODARD, RICK** Band 1,2,3,4; Art Club 4; Drama 4; Yearbook Staff 4.



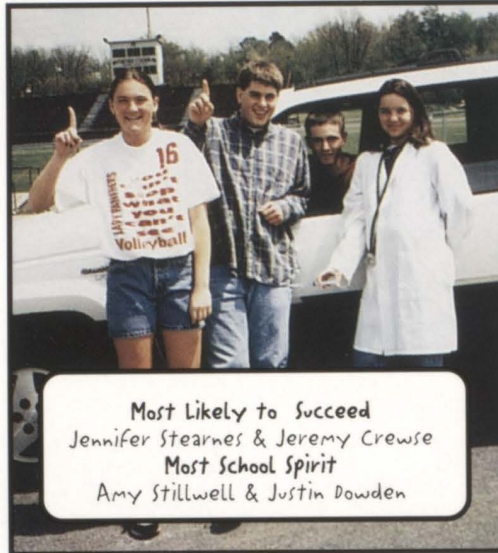
Good evening, I'm Tara Nunn and this is KSPR 33 is what she might have said while trying out the anchor desk, far left, as part of the Technical Communications field trip. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

Proud of his artwork, Rick Woodard shows off his mural in the Journalism Lab. Photo courtesy Connie Killgore

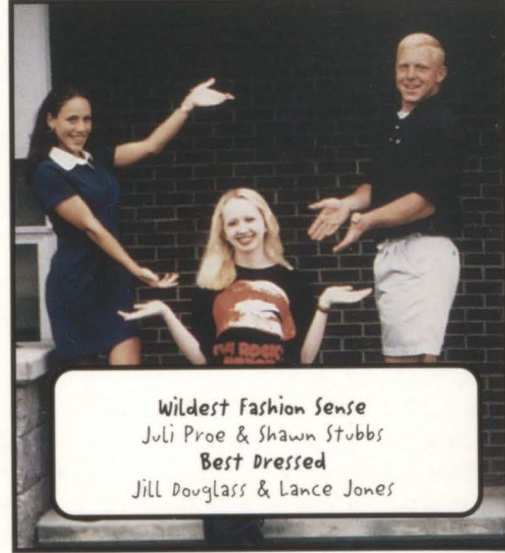
Preparing to put on a vinyl top, Russ Fitzenrider lays out and perfects his work in Auto Body. Photo by Mindy Rodgers



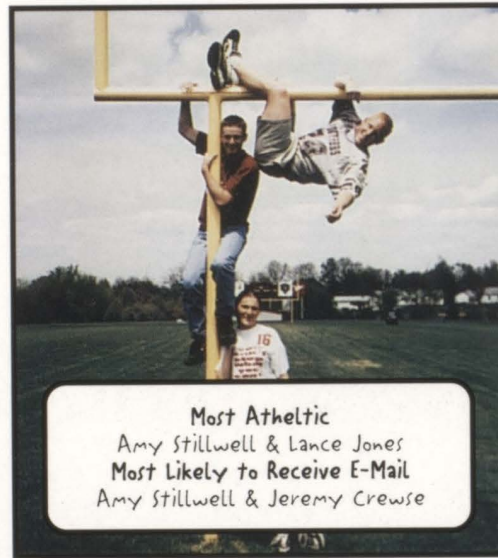
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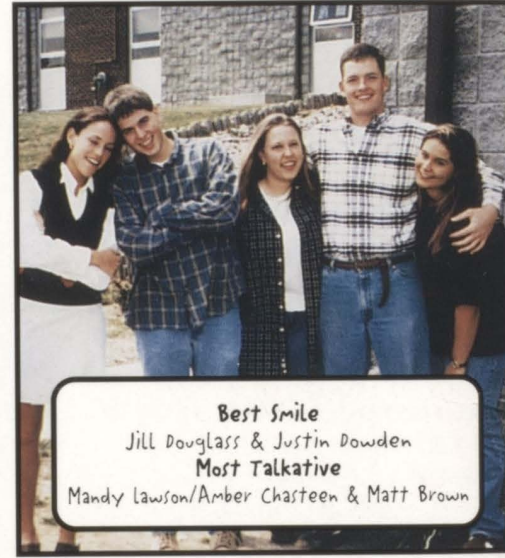
**Most Likely to Succeed**  
Jennifer Stearnes & Jeremy Crewse  
**Most School Spirit**  
Amy Stillwell & Justin Dowden



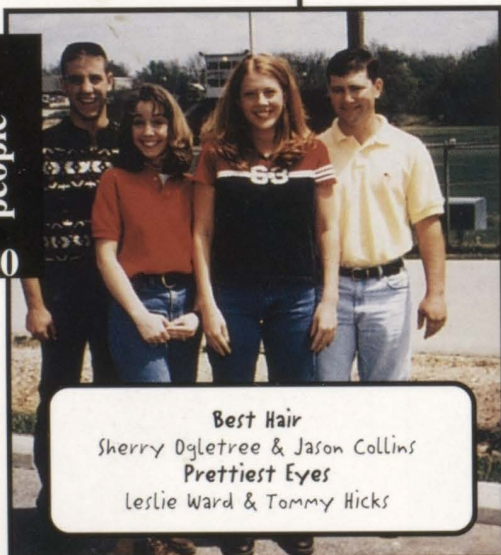
**Wildest Fashion Sense**  
Juli Proe & Shawn Stubbs  
**Best Dressed**  
Jill Douglass & Lance Jones



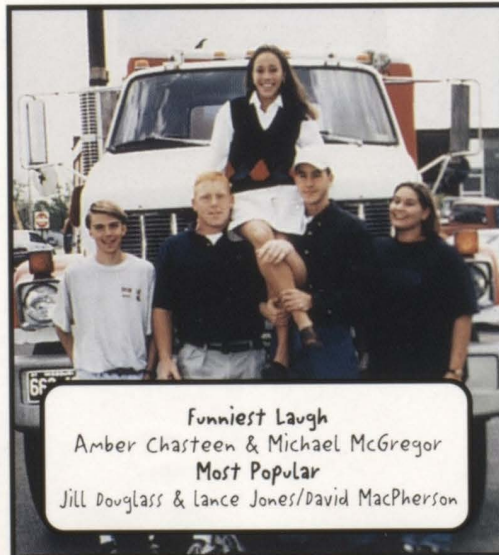
**Most Athletic**  
Amy Stillwell & Lance Jones  
**Most Likely to Receive E-Mail**  
Amy Stillwell & Jeremy Crewse



**Best Smile**  
Jill Douglass & Justin Dowden  
**Most Talkative**  
Mandy Lawson/Amber Chasteen & Matt Brown



**Best Hair**  
Sherry Ogletree & Jason Collins  
**Prettiest Eyes**  
Leslie Ward & Tommy Hicks



**Funniest Laugh**  
Amber Chasteen & Michael McGregor  
**Most Popular**  
Jill Douglass & Lance Jones/David MacPherson



**Best Looking**  
Mirela Doroscan & Tommy Hicks  
**Friendliest**  
Amanda Hutchinson & Donny Anderson



# notables

## What is going on here?

by Amanda Hutchinson

Senior notables, that's what! A very special thanks to those seniors who came to the front of our minds when asked the question, "Who will you remember in the years to come?"

The class of 1997 decided they would remember Leslie Ward and Tommy Hicks for their gorgeous eyes, and who will forget the way Jill Douglass and Lance Jones light up the halls with their fashionable styles?

We have the wildest fashion sense duo-- Juli Proe and Shawn Stubbs. And how about Betsy Banks and Matt Brown's debut in the

school play, "Ballad of Gopher Gap"? Will we ever forget the rousing spirit that Amy Stillwell and Justin Dowden showed?

The class will never forget the envy we all felt when Jill Douglass and Lance Jones showed up in their new vehicles, and we will always laugh at the craziness of Juli Proe, and Michael McGregor and class clowns Amy Stillwell and Chris Caswell.

When we think of Amber Chasteen and Michael McGregor laughing, we will have to chuckle. Over the next few years of college we will all wish for the study habits of Jeremy Crewse and Kristy Champ, with the success of Jennifer Stearnes and Jeremy Crewse and wish we could draw like Ricky Woodard and Dana Ellis.

It would also be great to have a beautiful voice like Candice Beard and Shawn Stubbs or to be able to play music like Cassie Roth and Errin Kemper.

Even without all these people we would still be a notable class, but their unique contributions made the four-year high school stint just a bit more noteworthy for us all.



**Best Actor/Actress**  
Betsy Banks & Matt Brown  
**Best Musician**  
Cassie Roth & Errin Kemper



**Class Clown**  
Amy Stillwell & Chris Caswell  
**Craziest Personality**  
Juli Proe & Michael McGregor



**Most Studious**  
Kristy Champ & Jeremy Crewse  
**Most Outgoing**  
Amy Stillwell & Justin Dowden



**Best Artist**  
Dana Ellis & Ricky Woodard  
**Best Singer**  
Candice Beard & Shawn Stubbs



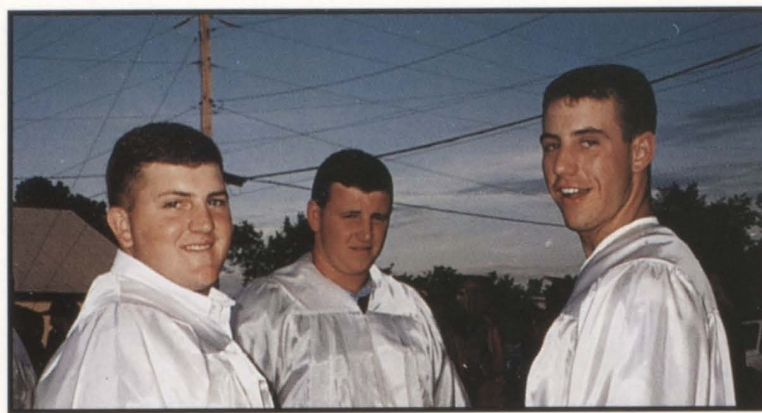
**Best Car/Truck**  
Jill Douglass & Lance Jones  
**Best Legs**  
Shilah Melton & Chad Sigman



**Biggest Flirt**  
Sherry Ogletree & Jeremiah Peterson  
**Class Couple**  
Alicia Douglass & David MacPherson

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the 'notables'



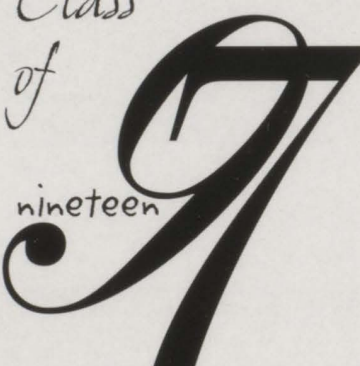


Graduation May 23, 1997

## Last bell rings, signifies 'end of an era'

School Board president Tom Coats presents Candice Beard with her diploma, above left. Leslee Krider, Adam Harker and Tommy Hicks gather for a final farewell before the "big event," above center. Rick Woodard and Summer Rosso make way to their seats, above right. Photos courtesy Bev Breedlove

*The echo of the last bell earlier that day had barely faded when the 116 seniors stepped onto the football field for graduation. It would be their last time to walk on that field as students of Mountain Grove High School. When the upcoming ceremony they step off as The trip and the of their together school that:*

*Class of nineteen*  
  
*end of an era*

*ries. The time to walk across the football field and receive their diplomas had come at last.*

*And of all the thoughts on their minds, the class of '97 could definitely answer the question, "Where am I?" with a simple "...at the end of an era."*

*"May you seize every opportunity and always have faith in yourselves. I believe each and every one of you can do anything you want, and if you believe too, you will.*

*Good luck and thank you for all of the wonderful times we've had."*

*--Valedictorian  
 Marianne Goin*





Brian Graham, along with the other senior band members, joins the rest of the band for one final concert, left. Lance Jones, below, returns to his seat after receiving his diploma. The crowd of thousands can be seen in the background. Photos courtesy Bev Breedlove



Marianne Goin delivers the valedictory address, left as School Board members and administrators listen.

Salutatorian Kristi Champ delivers her thoughts and wishes for the class during commencement exercises, below.

Class president Jennifer Stearnes, bottom, delivers her final address to the class of '97.





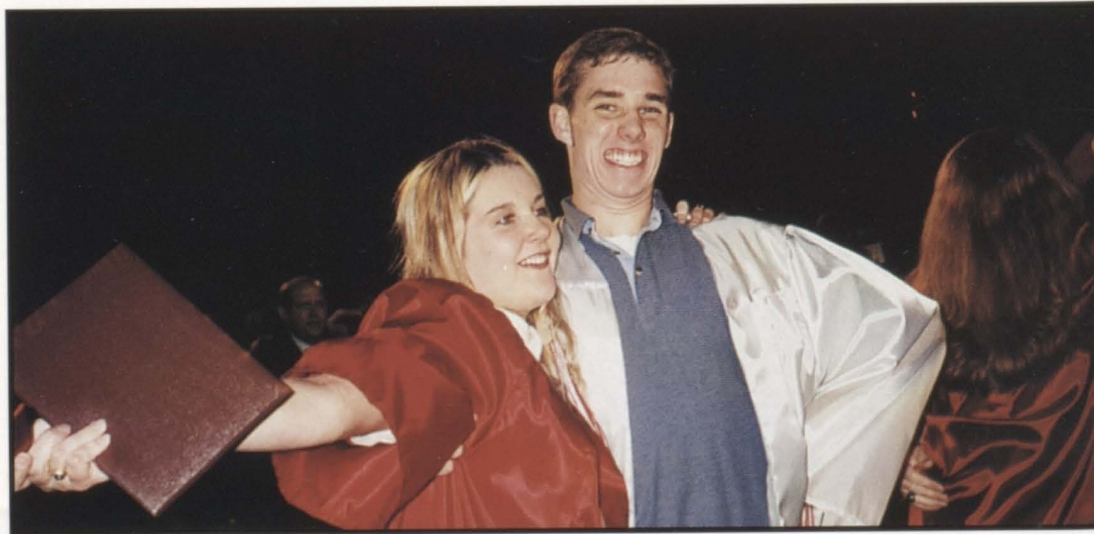
Class  
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nineteen  
**97**  
end of an era



Hats off to the class of '97! As soon as they are presented by principal Bridget Williams, the graduates take to their feet for the traditional hat toss, above.

Jennifer Stearnes and brother, Jerrod, share a hug in the midst of the crowd of well-wishers who rushed the field after the ceremony, right.

Clowning around after graduation is one way "alumni" Kesha Martin and Russ Fitzenrider celebrate the evening. Photos courtesy Bev Breedlove

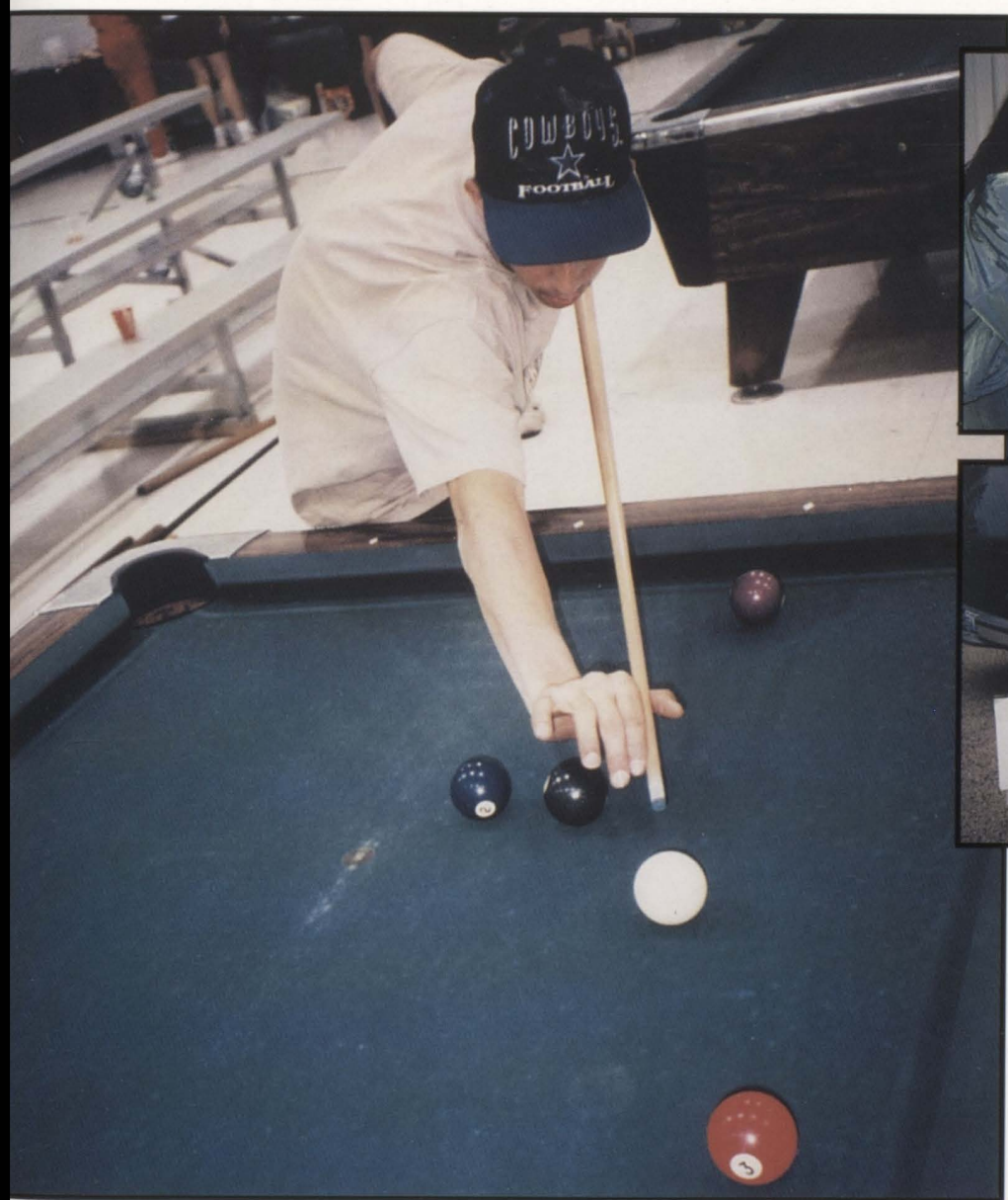






## Project Graduation

# Seniors celebrate the 'end of an era'



Enjoying the karaoke machine while performing for many are Tara Nunn, Mirela Doroscan, Iosifina Doroscan and Marianne Goin, above middle.

Jana Barnes loads the six-foot long Subway sandwich and television she won into the bed of her pickup.

lining up on a nice shot, Eddie Welch, left, enjoys a game of pool during the evening's festivities. Project graduation activities included the hypnotist, basketball courts, massage therapy, karaoke, blackjack tables, a virgin bar and plenty of food. *Photos by Micheal Brame*

rightened by the "rising water", Amy Stillwell and Jennifer Stearnes, clutch each other for safety, top. The two were under hypnosis at project graduation.

Those attending project graduation, top center, watch as Board member Howard Hawkins, top right, draws names for door prizes. Everyone there won something.

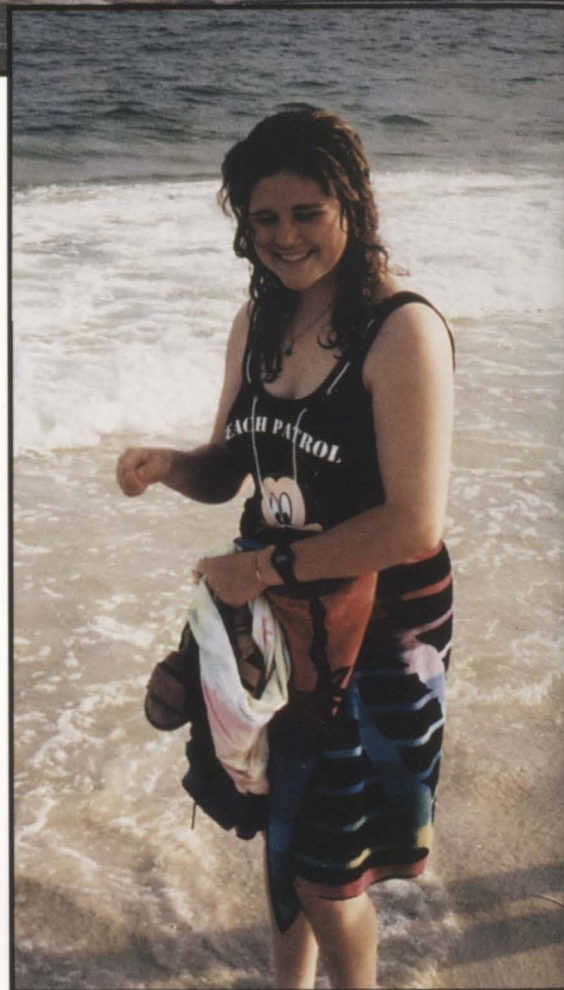


# Where are we? Gulf Shores!

## the Trip

Their hotel looming in the background, several trip-goers enjoy a game of volleyball on the beach, right. Photo by Micheal Brame

Proving four legs are better than two, Alicia Douglass and Jennifer Stearnes navigate their way among the palm trees of Gulf Shores. Photo by Amanda Hutchinson



“I enjoyed the trip, but I recommend that you don't try to buy tobacco products at Circle K convenience stores.”--Lance Jones

“I had a lot of fun.”--Branwyn Robertson

“I hope the next time Bob [the bus driver] goes on a trip, he sleeps before the trip.”--Jeremiah Peterson

“I want to go back.”--Tara Nunn

“I hope Mr. Top didn't have too much trouble getting the nail polish off of his toes!”--Micheal Brame

“We had a blast. It was so beautiful--I didn't want to leave.”--Marie Taylor

“I will never forget Jason Wilson's Roy Mercer phone gag!”--Chris Cornelison

“I was really happy. After all of our work paid off, Gulf Shores was a great place for a class trip!”

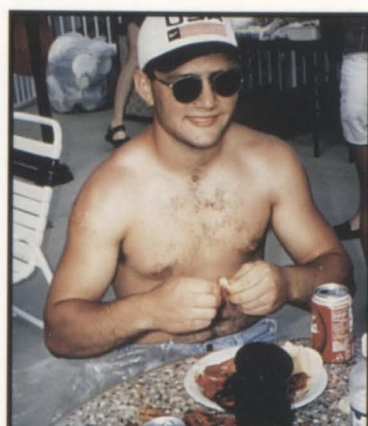
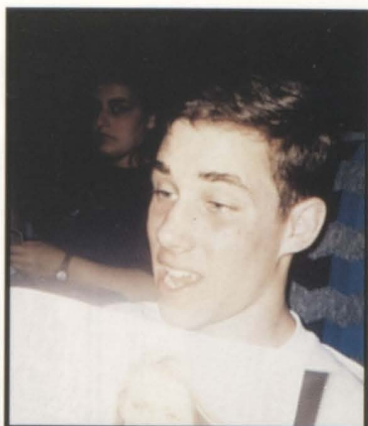
Jennifer Stearnes



The cool waters of the Gulf of Mexico were a popular pastime, top, as Kimi Thornhill demonstrates.

Ethan Proctor waits for a chance to get his luggage off of the bus upon the return home, above. Photos by Micheal Brame





Good food? Erica Craig, far left, samples some raw oysters at one of the popular restaurants along the beach. *Photo by Lisa Turner*

Russ Fitzenrider, middle left, finds out what "men really want" as he reads a little on the bus ride home. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

Breaking the head off of a crawfish before eating it, Jason Collins, left, enjoys his meal. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*



Preparing for the thrill, Jill Douglass and Ethan Proctor, above, are about to embark on the ride of a lifetime on the "Ejector". *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

Erica Craig, Branwyn Robertson, and Amy Stillwell, far left, help themselves to some barbeque with the ocean in the background.

Sleeping on the long bus ride home, sponsor Les Top, left, would eventually awake to discover that his toenails were cleverly painted [inset] by the Class of '97. *Photos Micheal Brame*



# Class of nineteen **9**

Who are all  
these people?

Seniors, of course!

## Michael McGregor

Michael,  
You are so amazing. God has  
given you many talents.  
We will always be proud of you.

Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Leanne, Becky & Bob



## Jimmy Splain

*This sickness is not unto death,  
but for the glory of God, that the Son  
of God might be glorified.--John 11:4*

Congrats! Love  
Mom, Dad, Angie & Amanda



## Kesha Martin

Congratulations Keishi!

We wish you luck,  
happiness, and success.

May all your dreams  
come true. Remember to  
always reach for the  
stars instead of wait-  
ing for them to fall.

We love you!

Mom & Dad





## Jana Barnes



*Congratulations! We are very,  
very proud of you.  
Love, Mom & Dad  
Jodi & Jenny*



## Sherry Ogletree

*Sherry, Our Baby Girl—  
For a while we held you in  
our dreams, then in our arms.  
All too soon you grew up but,  
we'll always hold you in our  
hearts. May God bless you in  
all you do. Congratulations!*

*Love ya!  
Dad, Mom, Tina,  
Bambi,  
Trustin & Tiara*



## Mindy Rodgers



*Mindy, We are  
so proud of  
you! We love  
you,  
Mom, Dad,  
Janine, Paul,  
Chris, Natalie  
& Drew*

## Tommy Hicks



*It seems a very short time ago  
you were a little guy wanting  
to be all grown up. Congratu-  
lations. We love you and wish  
you the best life has to offer!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad & Sis*

## Donny Anderson

*...And that's a winner folks!!  
He's Outta Here!*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes in  
the future, Donny!*

*Love  
Dad, Mom & Matt*





## Ethan Proctor



*Congratulations!  
We are proud of you!*

*Love, Mom, Roy,  
Grampa & Nana,  
Adam, Dad, Jaime, Kyria*

## Branwyn Robertson



*Two adorable  
babies, best  
friends for life.  
So sweet and  
so innocent  
now?*



## Shilah Melton

*Congratulations, Shilah!  
We love you.  
Mom, Steve & Nathan*



## David Ryan MacPherson

*All our love and  
best wishes for  
the future!*

*Mom, Dad, Kenny,  
Jason, Lori, & Pepper*







*The accomplishments have been great. The future will be greater. Always keep in your heart: God, home, & family. Keep on reaching! Love, Mom, Dad, Jerrod & Myla*

**Jennifer Stearnes**

**Willard Lee Friend**

*For I Know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, to give you a future and a hope...And you will seek me and find me, when you search with all your heart. --Jeremiah 29:11,14*



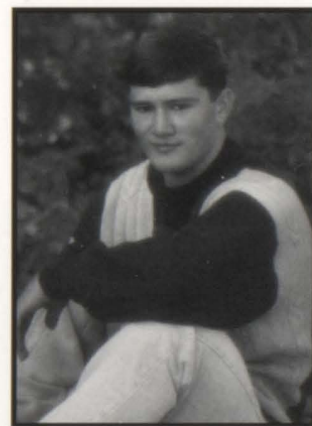
**Amanda Lawson**



*Congratulations!*

*We are very proud of you and we love you very much! Mom & Dad*

**Jason Collins**



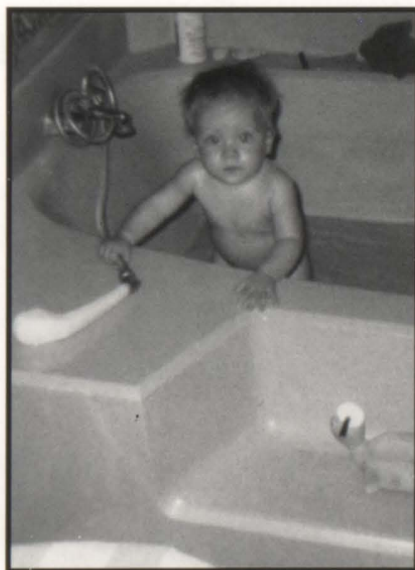
*Jason #52*

*We are very proud of you, and we wish you the very best! Congratulations! Love Dad, Mom*

**Candice Beard**

*Love should make us strong, capable, and free. I love you dearly, release you, And pray God's blessing on you now and always.*

*Mom, Warren, Alex & Madeleine*



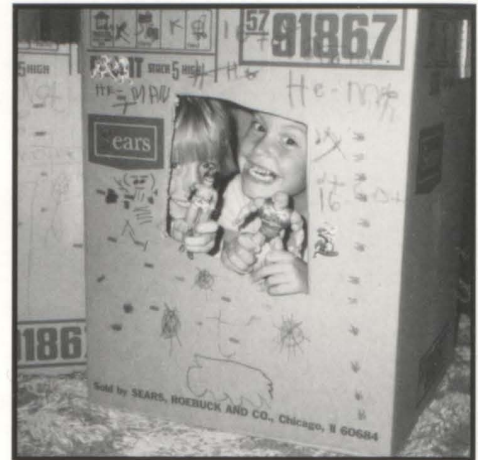


# Amanda Hutchinson & Nathan Kemper



*He-Man and She-Ra,  
We're so proud of you.  
Congratulations!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Tommy, Rachel, Alex  
&  
Mom, Dad, Greg*

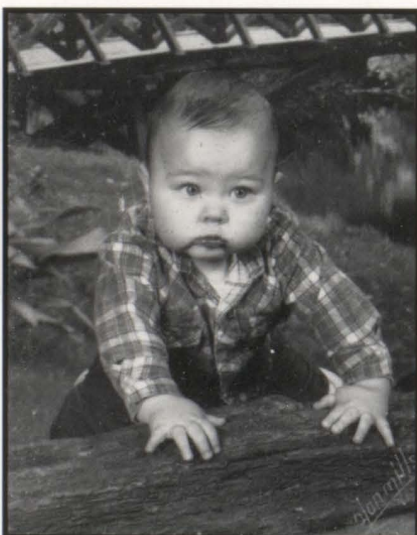


## Michael Brame

*"Look Out! Here I Come."*

*Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you  
for all your  
accomplishments!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Gloria, Robert,  
& Jenny*



## Matthew Brown



*Congratula-  
tions,  
Matthew!*

*We love you.  
Mom & Dad*



## Jeremiah Peterson

*Miahi--  
Thanks for being such a special  
guy. You've given us so much to  
be proud of,  
and so many good memories from  
your school years.*

*Congratulations and all our love,*

*Mom, Dad, Pete & Joey*





## Erica Craig



*Erica,  
We have always been  
proud of you.  
Thank God for blessing our  
family with you! Never  
give up on your dreams.*

*Love,  
Mom, Matt, and Sarah*



## Lisa Turner



*You will always be my  
best friend and  
my little girl.*

*I love you!  
Mom*

## Cassie Roth



*Sisters are forever!  
Good luck, Cas Cas.*

*Love,  
Mandy & Ashley*



## Cassie Roth

*One day you came into our world,  
Our darling little baby girl.  
And every day our blessings mount,  
To numbers much too great to count.  
We're thankful for you every day,  
May God be with you, dear, we pray.*

*We love you,  
Mom & Dad*









# What students are in the class of 1998?



TREASURER

Suzanne Brill  
"Our class fundraises a lot."



GIRL REP

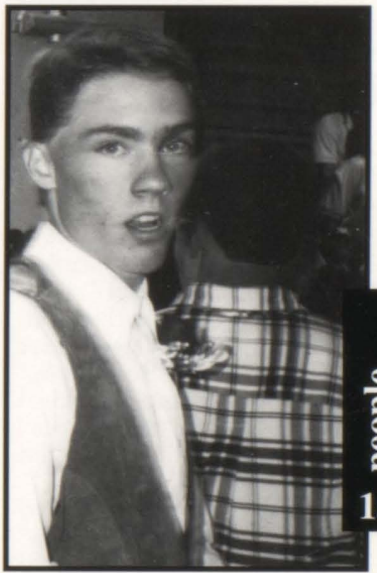
Sunni Roth  
"Our class is competitive."



BOY REP

Kevin Ramaeker  
"Our class is the richest."

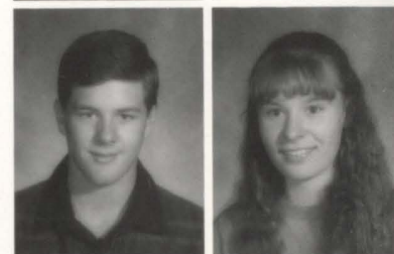
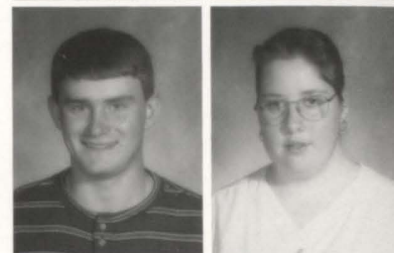
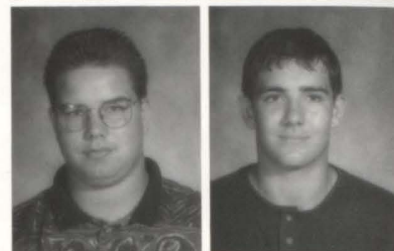
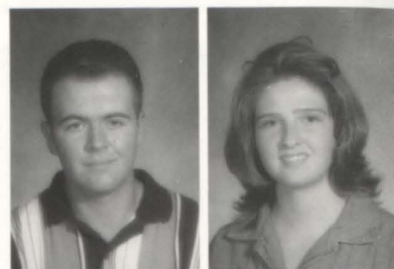
Who is that hugging? Why, it's friends Tamara Forrest and Mandy Roth, of course! Photo by Jaime Ramsey



Both preparing for big events, junior Scott Thornhill, left, awaits the Mr. Merry Christmas ceremony, and junior Tony Dawson, above, awaits the Net King ceremony. Photos by Sherry Ogletree and Jared Doty



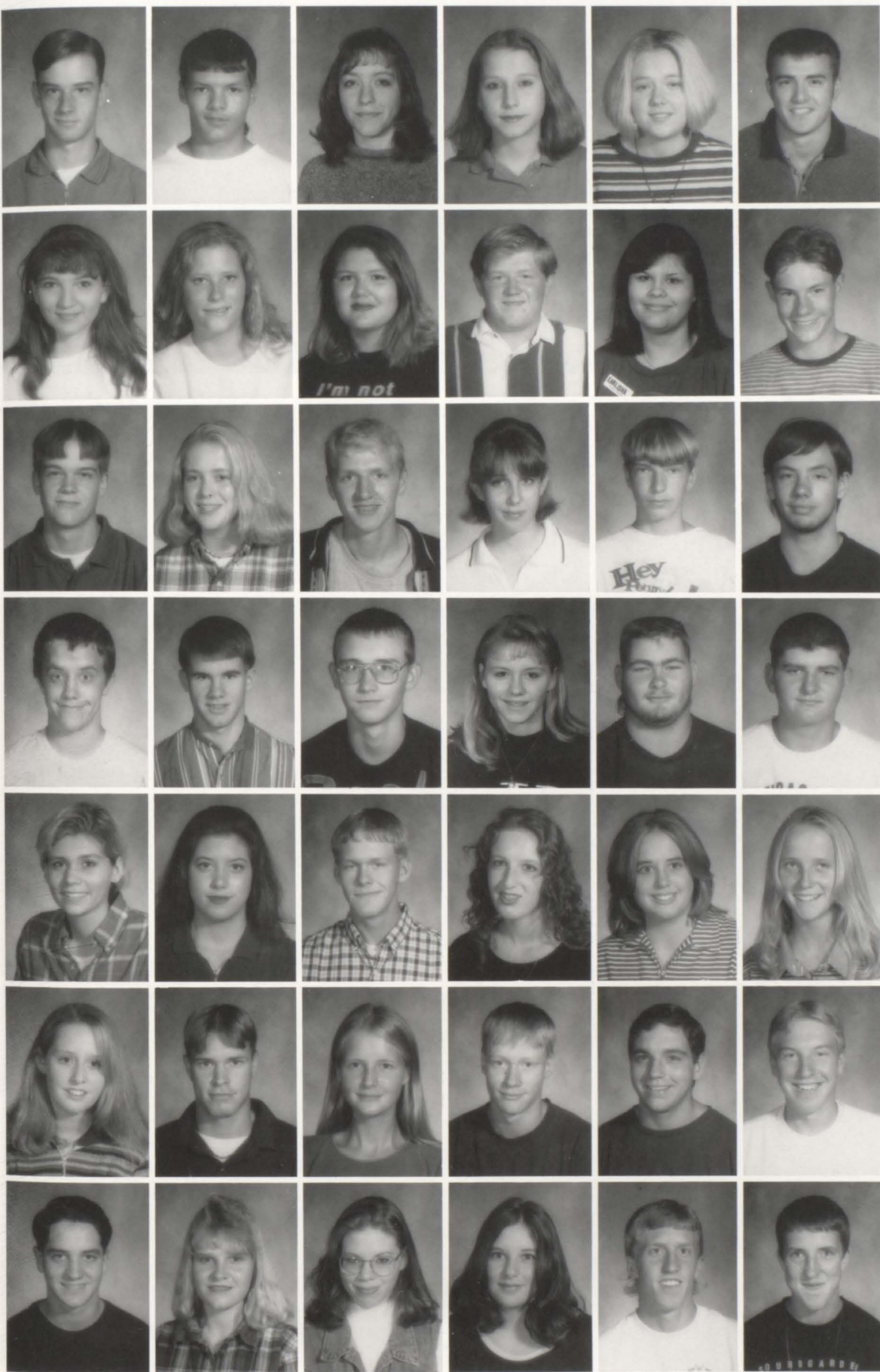
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**S**porting the 60's look for one of the Spirit Days, junior Katie Hubner takes a moment to talk with senior Lance Jones. *Photo by Angela Dunham*



Who? The class of '98! Who? The class of '98! Who? The class of '98! Who?



Justin Jones  
Carrie Kelley  
Michael Kemper  
Ed Kennedy  
Melissa Kingery  
Rosalie Kusior  
Brandie Lane  
Brent Lebaron

Rusty Lee  
Josh Linton  
April Loman  
Jenny Long  
Tamara Ludlum  
Ryan Mabe  
Earlisha Mathis  
Todd McGlamery

Jamie McGowan  
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Amber Slankard  
Hillary Spiva  
Jodi Sutherland

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Travis Thompson  
Brooke Thornhill  
Scott Thornhill  
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Josh Tompkins  
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John Tyrrell

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Bryan Williams  
Wendy Willms  
Brandy Woodard  
Carrie Yarber  
Jerred Yarger  
Daniel Zid



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## PRESIDENT

Tara Shaw  
"Our class is very diverse."



VICE  
PRESIDENT

Jaime  
Ramsey  
"Our class is  
'da bomb.'"



SECRETARY

Angela  
Dunham  
"Our class is  
very unique."



Rachel Homer and Stephanie Rich, sophomores, find out what size of class ring they wear, right. Sophomores had a wide selection of rings to choose from, as different representatives showed off what their company had to offer. *Photo by Candice Beard*

Jessica Peterson, Carrie Stratton, and their moms, below, hope to make their class rich by selling Panther Sports Wear, as '96' graduate Tim Matthews watches. *Photo by Sherry Ogletree*





# What students are in the class of 1999?

TREASURER



Jennifer  
Dailey  
"Our class is  
#1."

GIRL REP



Penny  
Carmon  
"Our class  
rules."

BOY REP



Danny  
Bohnenkamp  
"Our class is  
great."



Toby Alcorn  
Willie Allen  
Laura Ball  
Nathaniel Barbe  
Ralph Bashor  
Carl Beasley  
Mandy Benthall  
Constance Beyerlein  
Justin Blackwell



Andrea Boyd  
Larissa Buchholz  
Sarah Burd  
Roberta Burdick  
Lester Burgard  
Jared Byerly  
Brad Campbell  
Greg Cantrell  
Steven Causey



Shaun Clements  
Juan Coble  
Faith Cornelius  
Sarah Craig  
Sarah Crisp  
Allison Curry  
Jesse Denison  
Iosif Doroscan  
Jared Doty



Rachelle Douglass  
Brent Dugger  
David Emery  
Jeremy Flores  
Heather Friend  
Dena Frisbee  
Desirae Fullington  
Barry Gilley  
Brenda Good



Misti Gourley  
Ranee Hale  
Karalin Hall  
Daniel Hancock  
Rachael Hazen  
Leann Hicks  
Mandy Hicks  
James Hiller  
Velma Holt



A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young woman with long, light-colored hair; a young man with short, dark hair; a young man with short, dark hair; a young woman with shoulder-length, light-colored hair; a young man with short, dark hair wearing a patterned sweater; and a young woman with long, dark hair.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young woman with long, light-colored hair wearing a light-colored collared shirt; a young woman with light-colored hair pulled back, wearing a dark top with a large, ornate white collar; a young man with short, dark hair wearing a striped collared shirt; a young man with short, dark hair wearing a dark, horizontally striped shirt; a young woman with long, dark hair wearing a denim jacket over a white shirt; and a young man with short, dark hair wearing a white t-shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young man with short dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; a young woman with shoulder-length wavy hair wearing a necklace with a large pendant; a young woman with long dark hair pulled back, wearing a tiara and a white top with a dark collar; a young man with short dark hair and glasses wearing a dark t-shirt with a graphic; a young man with short light-colored hair wearing a dark t-shirt with a white collar; and a young man with short dark hair wearing a dark collared shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a male student with glasses and a dark shirt; a female student with long blonde hair and a dark top; a female student with dark hair and a striped shirt; a female student with short dark hair and a dark patterned top; a female student with long blonde hair and a light top; and a male student with short dark hair and a light polo shirt.

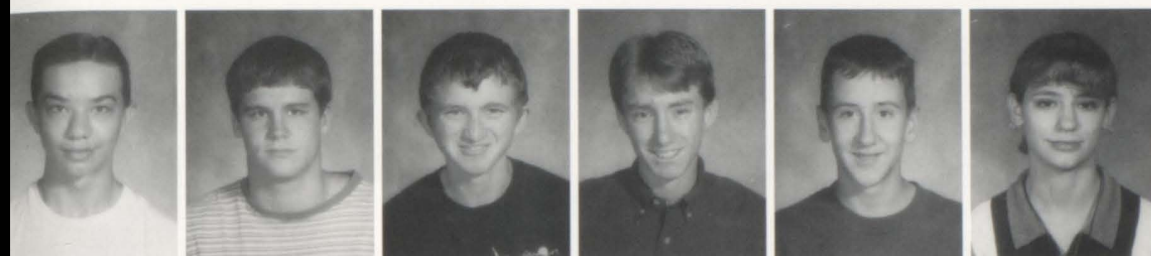
A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a girl with long, wavy hair wearing a plaid shirt; a girl with long hair pulled back wearing a light-colored sweater; a boy with short hair and glasses wearing a dark vest over a white collared shirt; a girl with long dark hair wearing a dark button-down shirt; a boy with short hair wearing a plaid shirt; and a girl with long dark hair wearing a light-colored collared shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young man with dark hair wearing a dark t-shirt; a young woman with blonde hair wearing a striped polo shirt; a young woman with long blonde hair wearing a dark top; a young man with dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; a young woman with dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; and a young woman with dark curly hair and glasses wearing a dark t-shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young man with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a dark t-shirt; a young woman with long light-colored hair wearing a patterned top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a dark t-shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a white t-shirt; and a young woman with long dark hair and bangs wearing a plaid shirt over a white top.



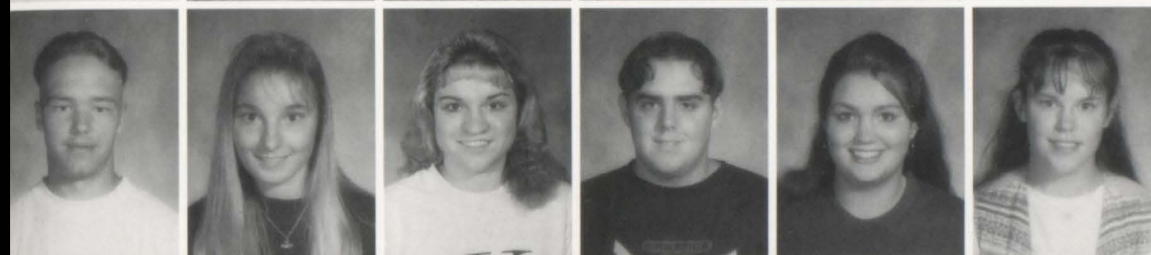
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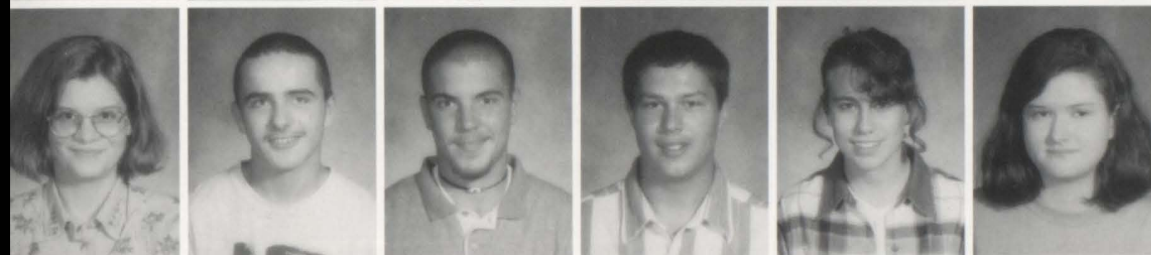
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Nick Skyles  
Cathy Smith



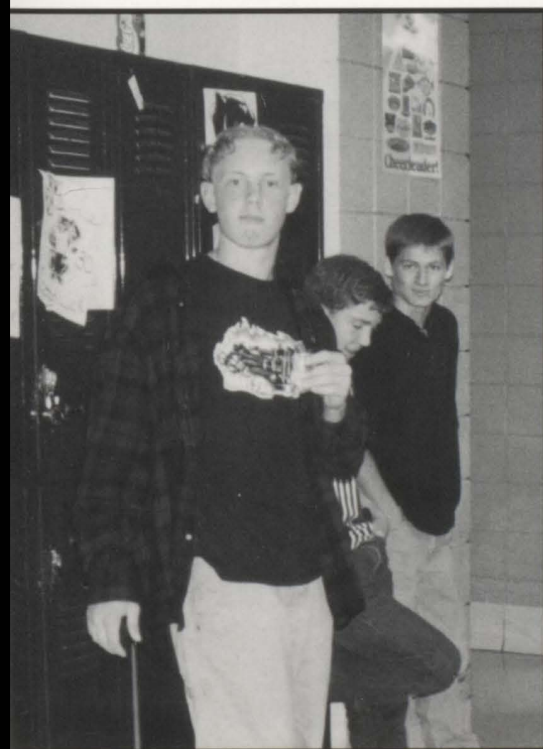
Daniel Smith  
Heidi Sonnenschein  
Jerrod Stearnes  
Carrie Stratton  
Michael Thompson  
Rodney Thompson



Chris Tinsley  
Regina Tooley  
Nocona Tumlinson  
Mike Turner  
Teasha Turner  
Elva Upshaw



Rebekah Vaughan  
J.R. Wake  
A.J. Watson  
Mike Weaver  
Amanda Webb  
Amanda White



Kelly Williams  
Georgtte Yannetti  
Raymond Yescas



Sophomore Jesse Denison, far right, waits for Mrs. Matherly to get to class so he can get into the room and begin his work! (yeah right!!)  
*Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*

Looks like sophomore Jamie Ramsey, right, had a fun time on one of the many Spanish trips. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*







# What students are in the class of 2000?

TREASURER

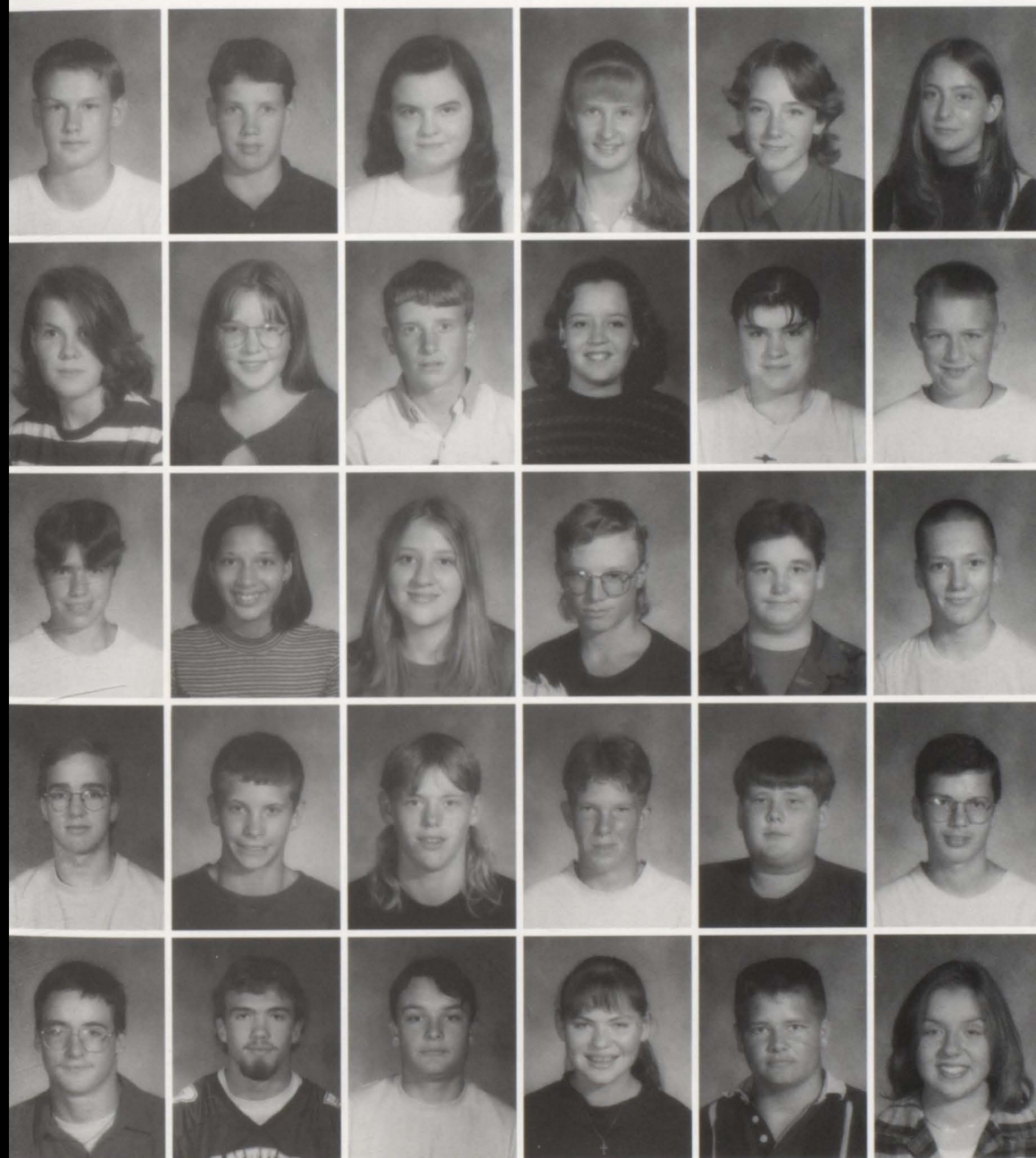
Amy  
Brummet  
"Our class is  
big."

GIRL REP

Cindy  
Curran  
"Our class  
rocks."

BOY REP

Darrell  
Bolin  
"Our class is  
cool."



Jason Emery  
Jeremy Emery  
Mandie Estes  
Lisa Finch  
Rachel Fitzner  
Christina Flageolle

Brittnee Freeman  
Danielle Fry  
Nathan Fry  
Charity Gault  
Christina Gittings  
Jason Glenn

Sam Goin  
Stephanie Gonzales  
Genny Gordon  
Billy Graham  
Thomas Grimshaw  
Dustin Groat

Rocky Hendrix  
Maxwell Hensley  
Jonathan Holt  
J.D. House  
Jammie Hurley  
Jeff Ice

Chris Iott  
Nathan Jarrett  
Rusty Kingery  
Jessica Klingensmith  
Josh Kumpula  
Sarah Laird



A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a girl with long, dark, wavy hair wearing a light-colored top; a boy with short, dark hair wearing a striped polo shirt; a boy with short, dark hair and glasses wearing a light-colored polo shirt; a girl with long, light-colored hair wearing a patterned top; a boy with short, dark hair wearing a dark t-shirt; and a girl with long, light-colored hair and bangs wearing a light-colored top.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a female student with dark, shoulder-length hair and bangs, wearing a dark turtleneck; a male student with dark hair and bangs, wearing a light-colored crewneck sweater; a male student with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a vertically striped collared shirt; a male student with dark hair and bangs, smiling, wearing a dark crewneck sweater; a male student with light brown hair and bangs, wearing a horizontally striped V-neck shirt; and a male student with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark crewneck sweater.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a female student with dark, curly hair wearing a dark top; a male student with short, light-colored hair wearing a dark shirt; a male student with short, dark hair wearing a light-colored collared shirt; a male student with short, dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; a female student with light-colored hair pulled back wearing a light-colored t-shirt; and a female student with long, light-colored hair wearing a dark top.

A row of six black and white portrait photographs of students. From left to right: a young woman with shoulder-length wavy hair and bangs, smiling, wearing a dark top; a young man with short dark hair and bangs, wearing a white t-shirt; a young woman with long straight hair, wearing a dark top; a young woman with long dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark top; a young man with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark patterned shirt; and a young woman with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a dark top.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a young man with a short buzz cut wearing a dark shirt; a young woman with long, straight hair smiling, wearing a light-colored top; a young man with short dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; a young man with short dark hair wearing a light-colored sweater; a young man with short dark hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; and a young woman with short dark hair wearing a patterned top.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a boy with dark, wavy hair wearing a light-colored t-shirt; a boy wearing a light-colored cowboy hat and a collared shirt; a boy with dark hair and a mustache wearing a dark polo shirt; a boy with dark hair wearing a striped sweater; a girl with long, light-colored hair and bangs wearing a dark top; and a girl with short, light-colored hair and bangs wearing a light-colored t-shirt.

A row of six black and white student portraits. From left to right: a girl with long, wavy hair; a girl with dark hair pulled back; a girl with shoulder-length blonde hair; a boy with short dark hair; a boy with short dark hair; and a girl with curly hair.



Who? The class of '00! Who? The class of '00! Who? The class of '00! Who?



Tanya Sapp  
Tracy Shannon  
Leslie Sheppard  
Dacie Singleton  
Christina Smart  
Laurie Smart

Crystal Smith  
Jody Spanton  
Randy Sparks  
Mae Stephens  
Danielle Stowers  
Donnie Strunk

Shawnee Strunk  
Ray Sutton  
Rhiana Swopes  
Maxine Szura  
Jared Templeton  
Crystal Thompson

Jennifer Thompson  
Eric Thornhill  
Patti Thornhill  
Heather Todd  
James Todd  
Jeremy Todd

Tracy Todd  
Josh Turner  
Ryan Turner  
Levi Vaughan  
Aaron Volk  
Dara Wade

Kristie Weatherly  
Junior Wilson, Jr.  
Brandon Winfrey  
Robert Winstead  
Jamie Wyrick  
Timothy Wyrick

Brandy Young  
Michelle Zid



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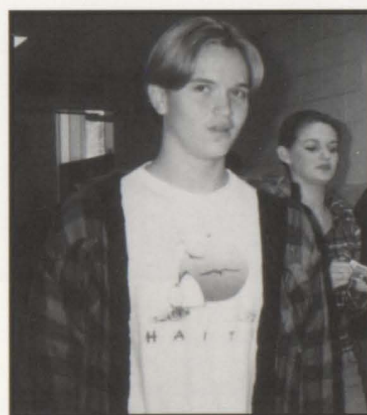
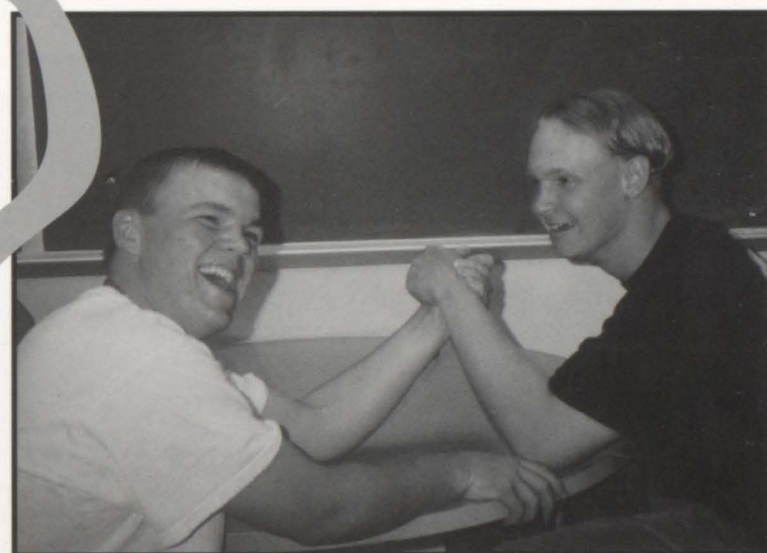
A black and white photograph of three young men, likely football players, standing in front of a brick building. The man on the left is wearing a dark jersey with 'PANTHERS' and the number '22' on it, with his arms crossed. The man in the middle is wearing a similar jersey with 'PANTHERS' and the number '21'. The man on the right is wearing a dark jacket over a jersey with 'PANTHERS' and the number '50', and a light-colored baseball cap. A 'PARKING' sign with a wheelchair symbol is visible on the left.

SAY

# WHAT



# Where are they? Why did she do that?



What's the question? Sophomore Brent Dugger, seated, considers an answer to a question posed by sophomore Jerrod Stearnes and junior Ryan Huff, top, as they settle in for a bowl of hot chili in the cafeteria. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*

When a "lefty" challenges a right-handed adversary, something has to give. In this case, left-handed sophomore Jesse Denison, above, struggles with right-handed sophomore Heath Housley who enters the competition with the "handicap." *Photo by Sherry Ogletree*

Freshman Matthew Morris, above, wonders "Where am I?" as he explores the halls early in the year. *Photo by Sara Craig*

What better place for friends to come together than at a sports event. Sophomores Jessica Peterson and Rachelle Douglass, left, keep warm as they cheer for the Panthers. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



# How's it

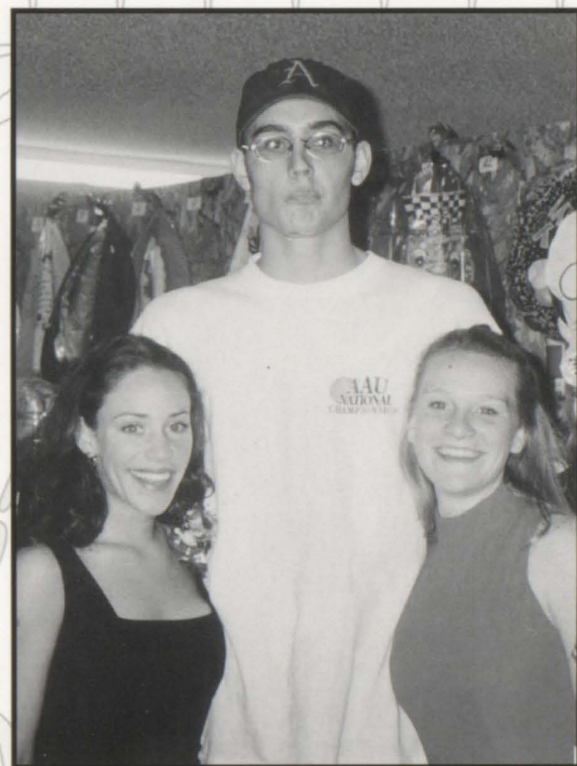
Weather man Tim Drum, of KSPR TV33, grants junior Maurissa Hicks a request for a photo memento of the Tech Comm trip to Springfield, below. Secretaries Nan Dunham and Tammy Rogers are inundated with flowers, balloons and candy on Valentines Day, right. Senior Micheal Brame talks with YMCA executive director Brian Mitchell about a project to be completed by Desktop Publishing class, above right. At the grand opening of the new department store, Anthony's, junior Ryan Mabe, above far right, takes a quick look around to see what all the fuss is about. *Photos courtesy Connie Killgore*



# Community



# done?



Giving it all she's got, senior Sherry Ogletree, left, works on some weight training at the Ozarks Family YMCA. City worker James Jones, above left, takes a break as he helps the city install new water and sewer lines around the square before repaving and installing historic fixtures. Seniors Jill Douglass, Chris Ridens, and Alicia Douglass, above right, participate in Party Hut's pre-Prom fashion show. *Photos by Mindy Rodgers, Lance Jones and Amanda Hutchinson*



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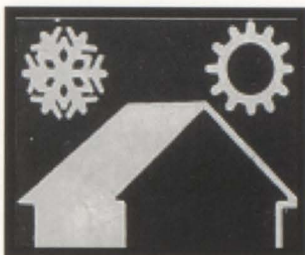
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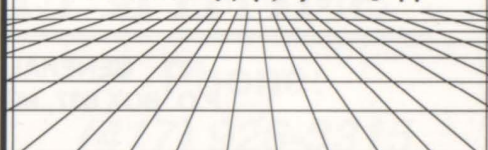
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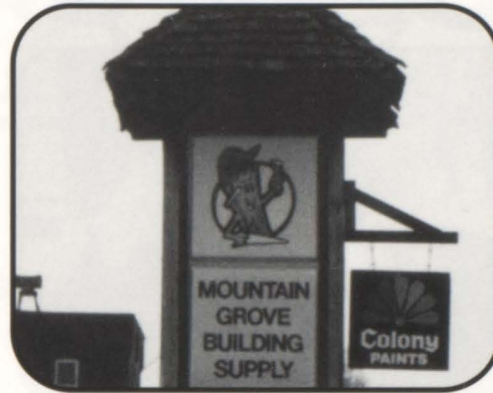


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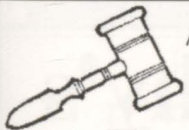
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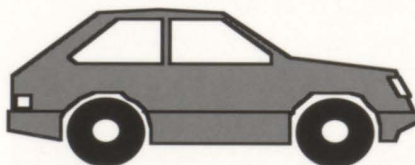
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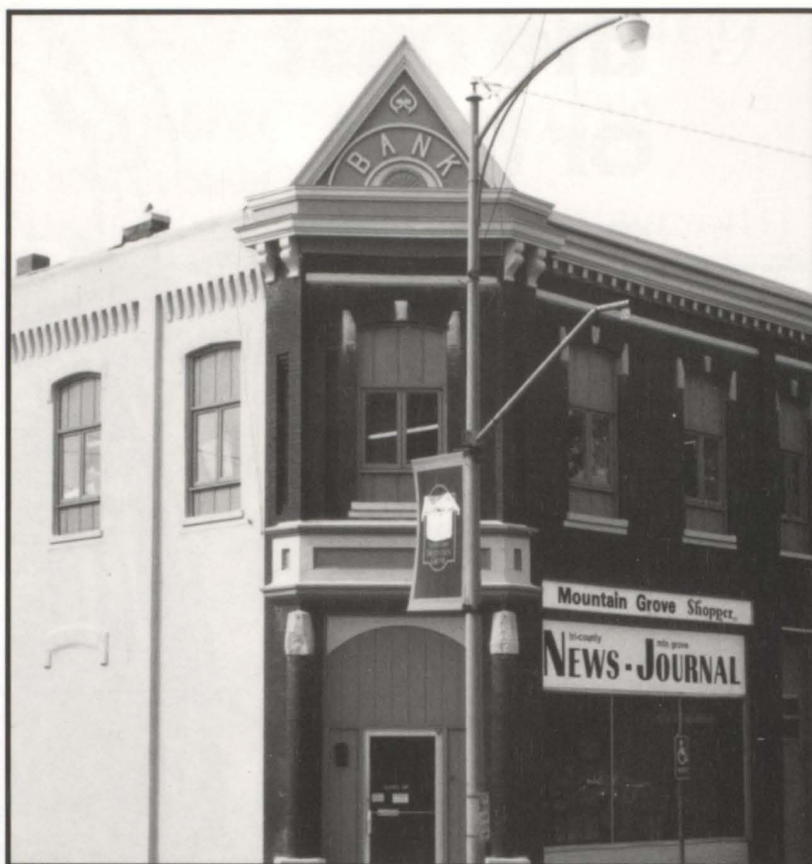
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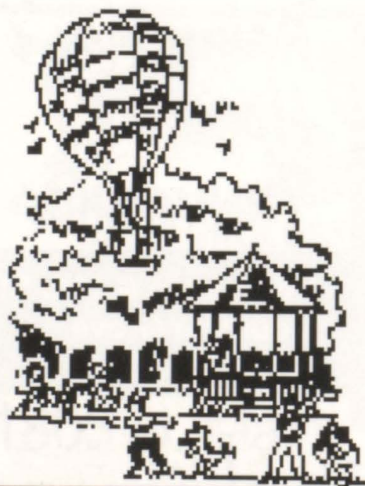
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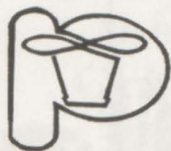
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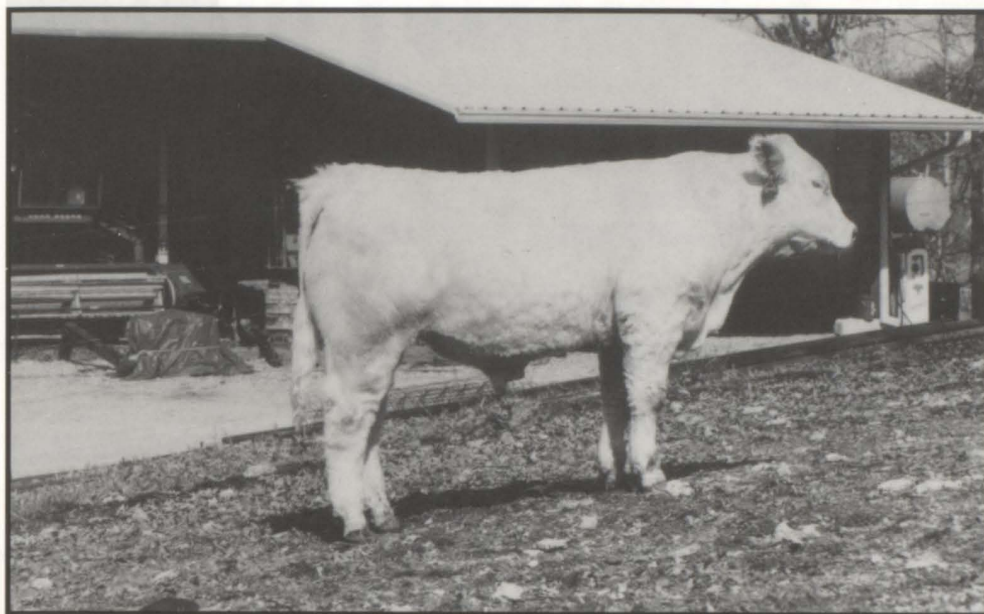
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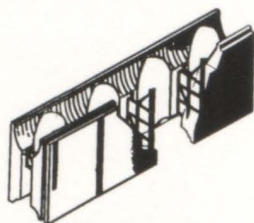
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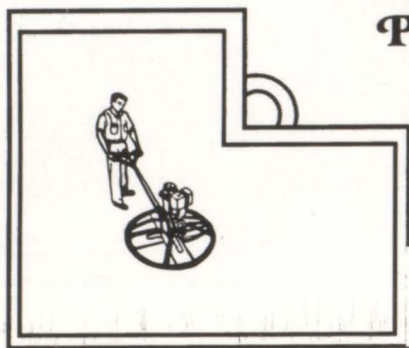




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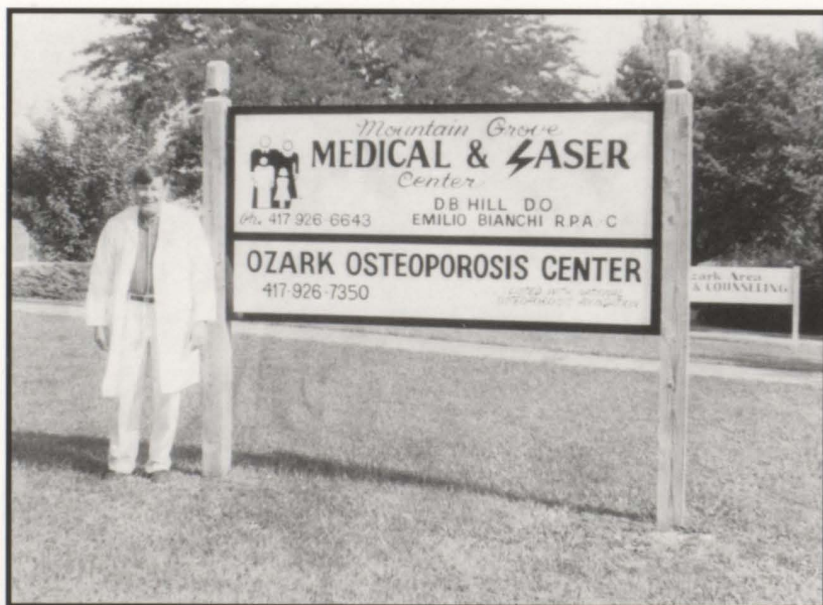
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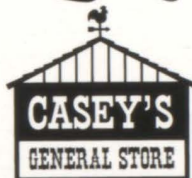
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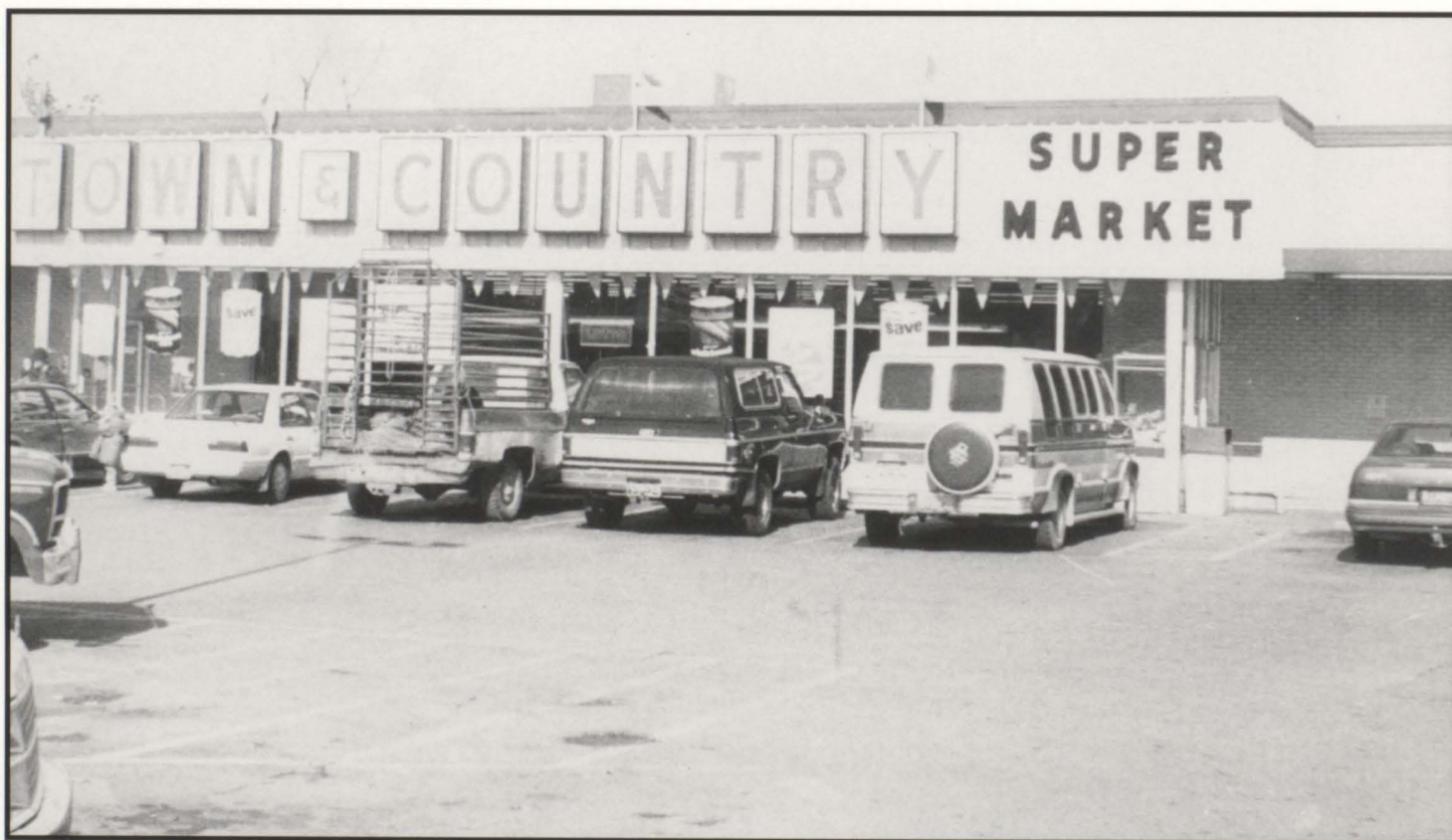
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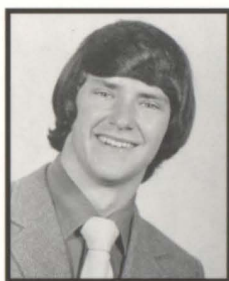
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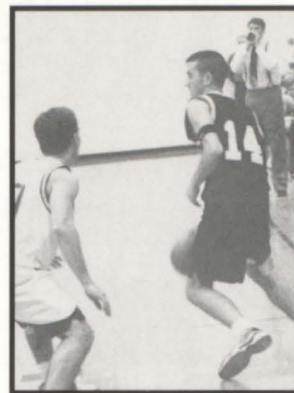




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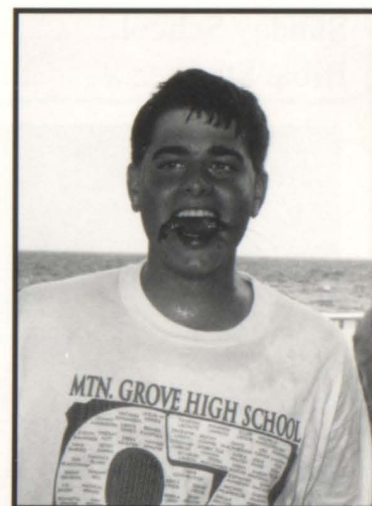


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## Any more photos?

We have a few of the senior trip left, like the ones to the left. On top is a big group at the hotel pool. Under that one is a good shot of Sherry Ogletree, Dana Ellis, Candice Beard, Amy Stillwell, Stephanie Mayberry, Mindy Rodgers and Juli Proe mugging for the camera. Any more? Check out the one below of Judd Dowden with a shrimp in his mouth. Wonder if he caught it in the Gulf himself? *Photos by Micheal Brame and Amanda Hutchinson*



## What else?

How about a good shot of coach Jim Breedlove? He was named SCA Coach of the Year. Breedlove has one of the best win-loss records in Missouri. He just completed his 29th year as Panther baseball coach. *Photo by Jessica Peterson*

## That's it.

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Mtn. Grove

(417)668-7752

*Pastor:* Melvin Napier

### Hours:

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Worship Service.....Sunday

10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School.....Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study.....Wednesday 7 p.m.



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302 E. State St.

Mtn. Grove

926-3803

*Priest:* Father Justin Huesling

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*The people of  
Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church  
would like to wish  
God's Blessing  
on the Class of 1997.  
May joy and happiness  
be with you always!*

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Mtn. Grove

926-3483

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*Youth /Music:* Chris Mathews

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Sunday School.....Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....Wednesday 7:30 p.m.



"My favorite memory of the year is Mr. Finney doing the Macarena on PTV!"--freshman Leslie Sheppard

"My favorite memory of the year is being on the the award winning newspaper staff."--sophomore Laurissa Buchholz

"My favorite memory of the year is hearing that Micheal Brame painted Mr. Top's toenails on the senior trip."--junior Kristi Freeman

"My favorite memory of the year is the 'Circle K' incident on the senior trip!"--senior Brian Graham

# YOU

Well, the end of the year has finally arrived and it's clear now, you're at Mountain Grove High School--right? All of those lingering questions from the beginning of the year are answered. We all know those troops are not the National Guard, but the Jr**ROTC** cadets. We've come to realize that the campus **Police Officer** is here for our safety and that the **200 Freshmen** will soon be sophomores. **Block scheduling** has been proven a success and the parking lot *fence* curbed truancy. But what about the new questions? Will the new superintendent be like Dr. Lawson? Will I make it in the real world? Did I pass that Biology final? What am I going to do for the summer? Will things be the same next fall? No one knows yet, but you can count on one thing.....the question "**Where am I?**" has been answered--**You are at MGHS!**

**T**aking a break from the regular routine, junior Katie Hubner and sophomore Betsy Matthews, right, joke with volunteer Larry Dodge during Desktop Publishing. "Larry was a 'God-send'," teacher Connie Killgore said. "Thanks, Mr. Dodge, for all you've done." *Photo by Earlisha Mathis*

**P**reparing to develop some photographs, seniors Sherry Ogletree and Mindy Rodgers with sophomore Jared Doty, above right, ready the darkroom for the upcoming work. *Photo by Amanda Hutchinson*



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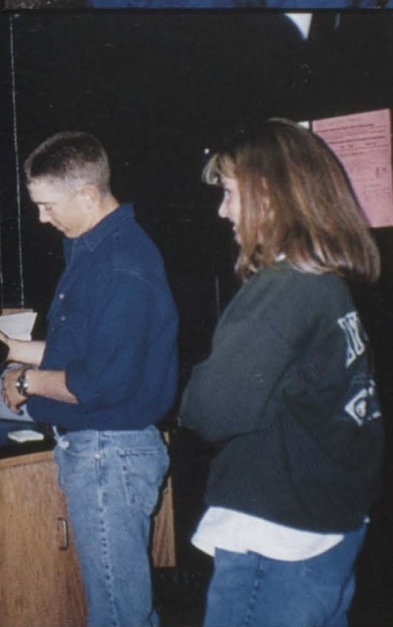
**T**aking a look in someone's baggage, senior sponsor Les Top, left, ensures a clean yet fun senior trip. *Photo by Micheal Brame*

**S**howing off their "near perfect hygiene." ROTC cadets, below, relax after the Mud Run. *Photo courtesy ROTC*

**C**hillin' before graduation, Lindsay Ault and Alicia Douglass prepare for the big night. More than one hundred seniors graduated May 23. *Photo courtesy Bev Breedlove*



**H**igh School principal Bridget Williams and assistant principal Mike Murphy welcome the new Superintendent, Dr. Ken Southard, who is replacing the outgoing Dr. Dan Lawson. *Photo courtesy Connie Killgore*





# WHAT NOW?

The 1997 "Where Am I?" Panther contains 120 black & white, 16 second color, and 72 full color pages, for a total of 208. Jostens Yearbook Division printed the publication in the Winston-Salem, North Carolina plant with a first press run of 275 copies. Each 8 1/2" by 11" page is printed on 100-pound enamel paper. The World Beat tip-in located at the back of the book was supplied by Jostens.

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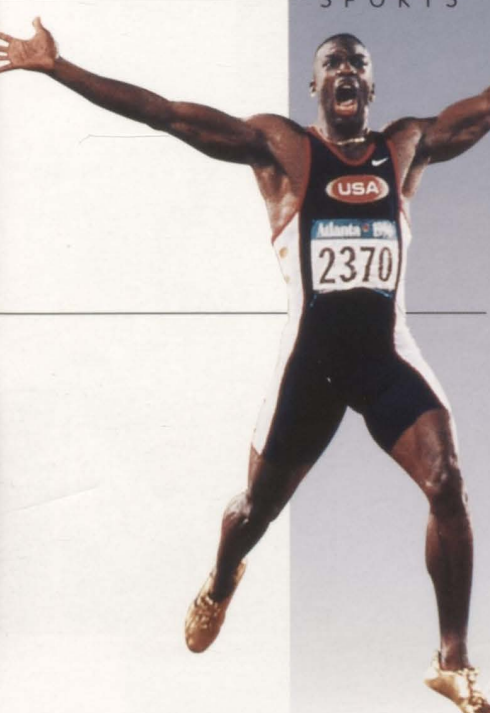
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# WORLD

## flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.



Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.



A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.



AP/Wide World



Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."





AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

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Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



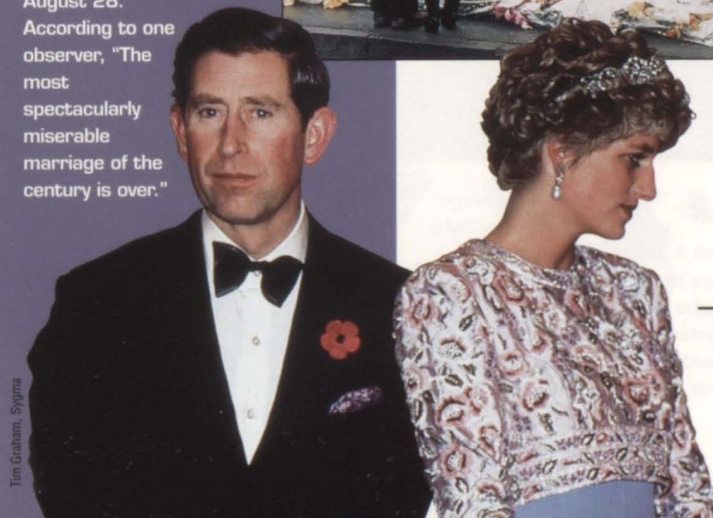
Agence France-Presse

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.



Tim Graham, Sygma

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma



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Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

WORLD



## NATIONAL



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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

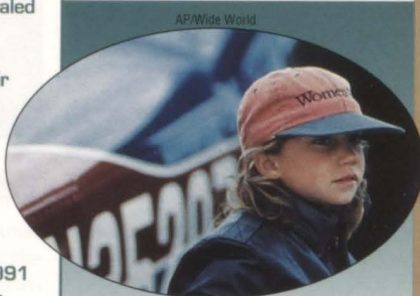
After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



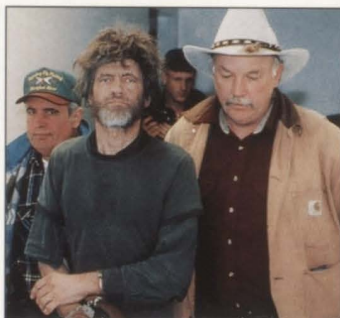
Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



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Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Proutt, Gamma Liaison



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Robert Allison, Contact Press Images



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.



Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.



On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



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William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



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A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



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Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.



The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World



Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



AP/Wide World



Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.



Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise



All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



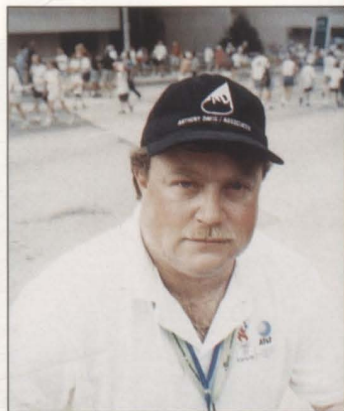
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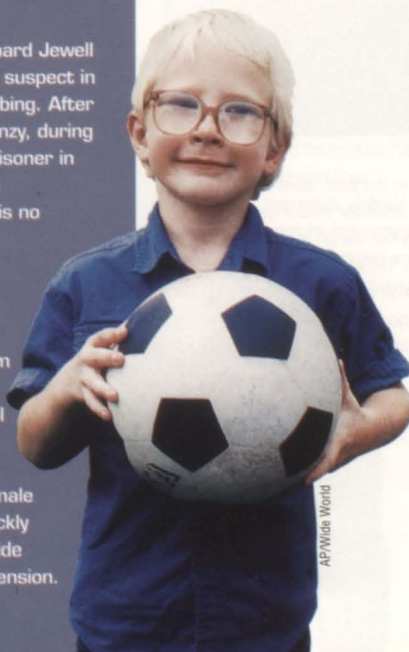
Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.



Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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# SCIENCE



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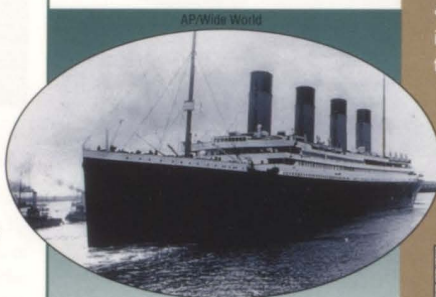
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

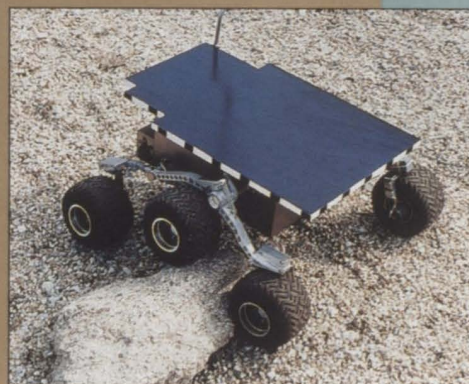
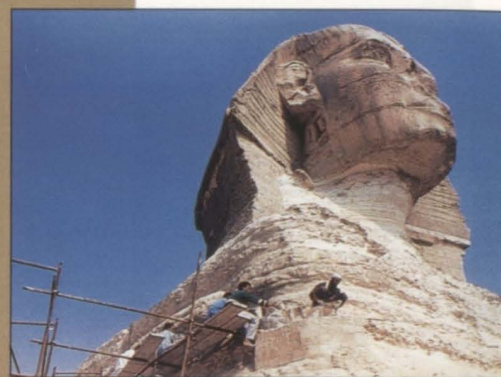


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

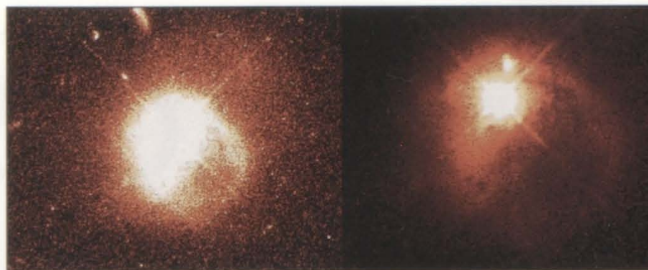


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California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



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Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.



© Spa Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O<sub>2</sub> Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are

some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



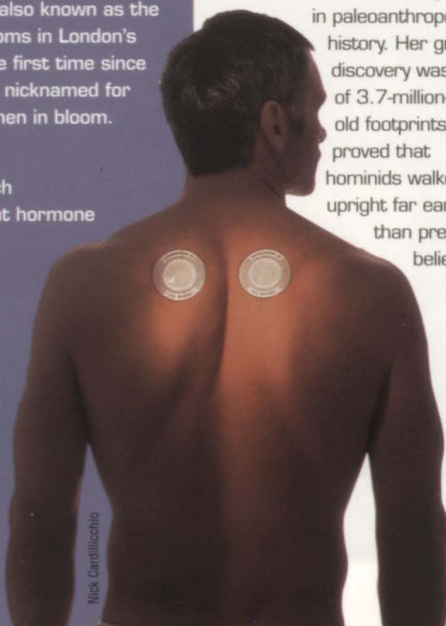
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The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.

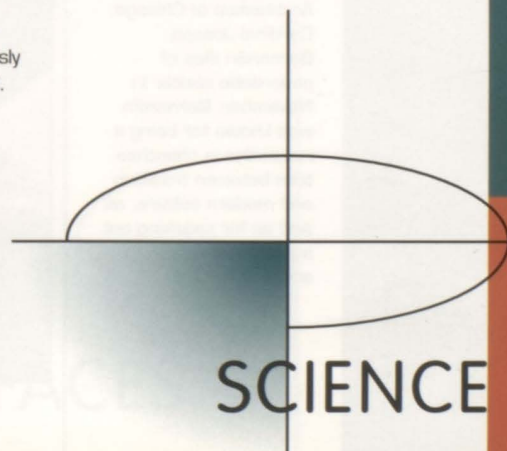


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Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.





# FACES

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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Frangrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.




Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.



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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.




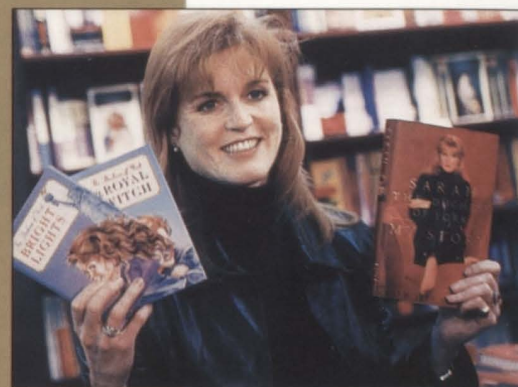
Steve Granitz, Retna



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 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.


 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.





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 Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."




AP/Wide World






Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

 In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.




AP/Wide World

 New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.




AP/Wide World

 Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.




John F. Kennedy Library

 More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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 Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.





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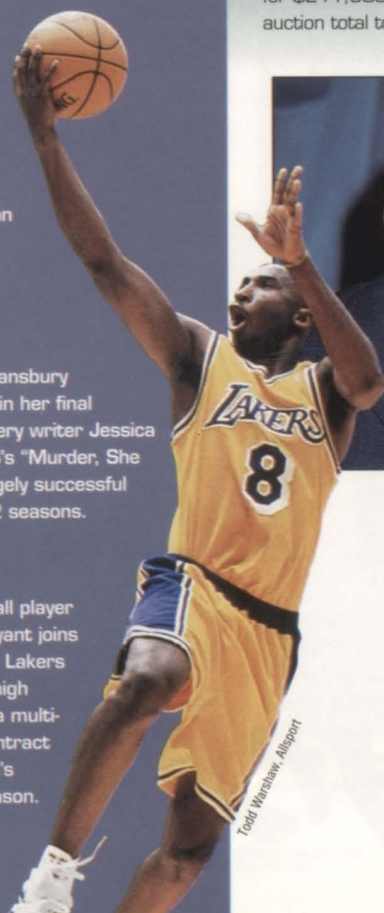
 Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



Universal City from Shooting Star

 Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.


 Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Wasshaw, Allsport



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 As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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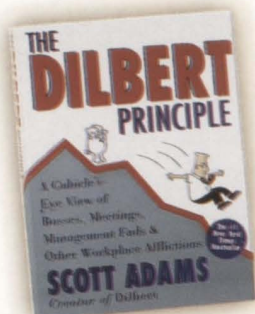
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character: Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

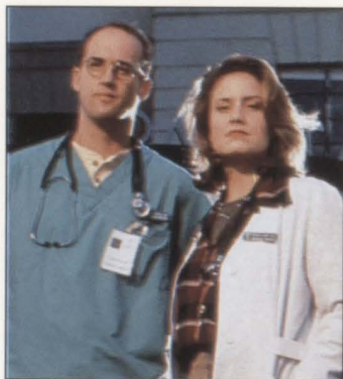


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



NBC from Shooting Star

Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



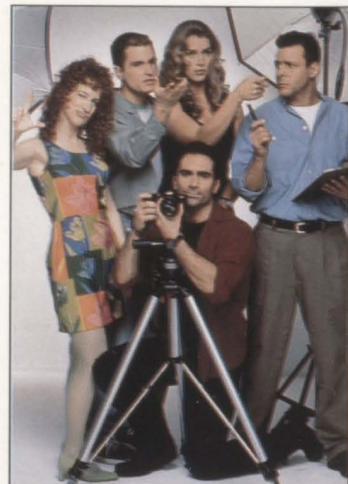
Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).

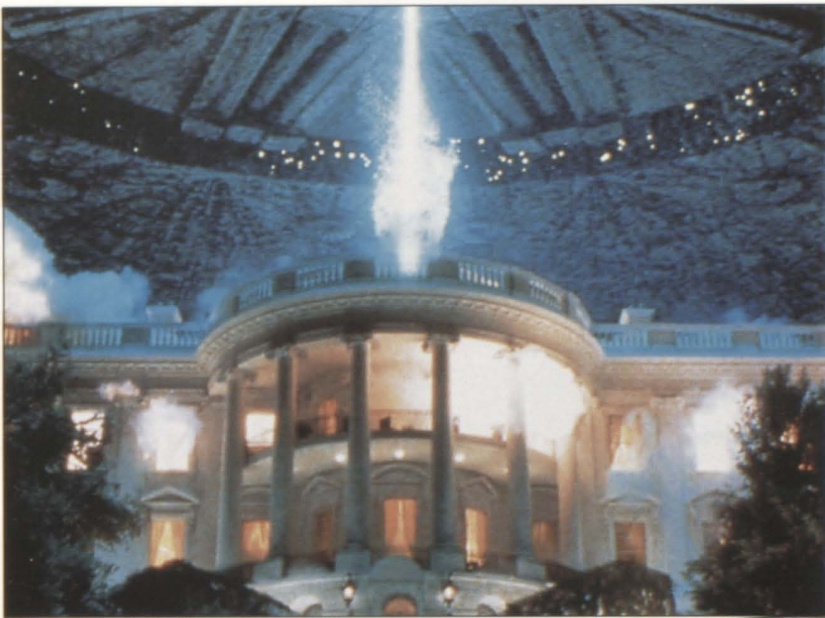


NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.





20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal



Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.



Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.



Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



Paramount from Shooting Star



John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.



Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star



America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



from Paramount from Shooting Star



Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.




Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT



# MUSIC



 The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Maierba, LGI



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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases

*Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.


Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, *Slash's Blues Ball*, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

 Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.





Tim Mosenthal, LGI

 Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

 British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.


 Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI





Steve Jennings, LGI

 Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Jennings, LGI

 Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

 After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



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Steve Jennings, LGI



No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI



George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



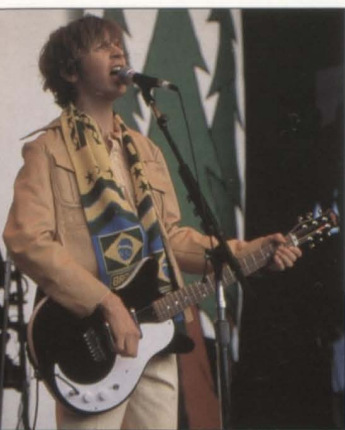
Mike Hashimoto/LGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI



Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI



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Neal Preston, Reuters



Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



James L. Lance, LGI



Beck, LGI



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The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

MUSIC



# SPORTS

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### flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.


Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.


Canapress



 Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

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 Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport


 In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.




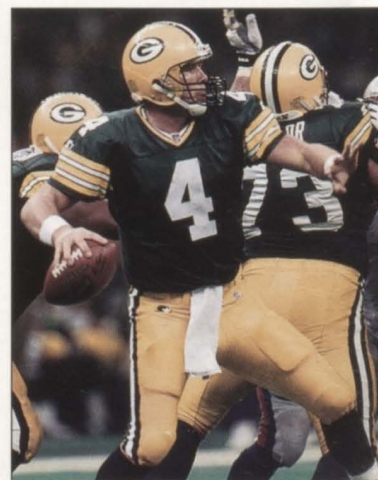
Al Bello, Allsport




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 Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

 Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



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 The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.





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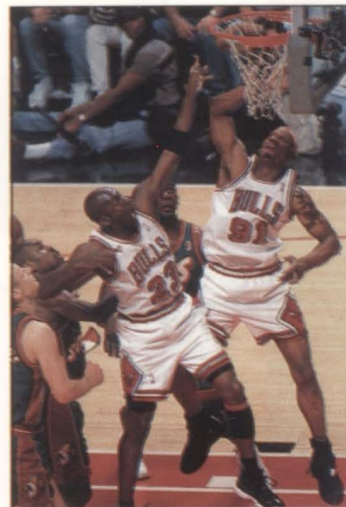
The U.S. women's

gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.



U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken

wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



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The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



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U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien

racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.



April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

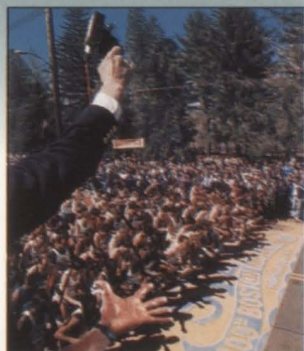


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U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson

wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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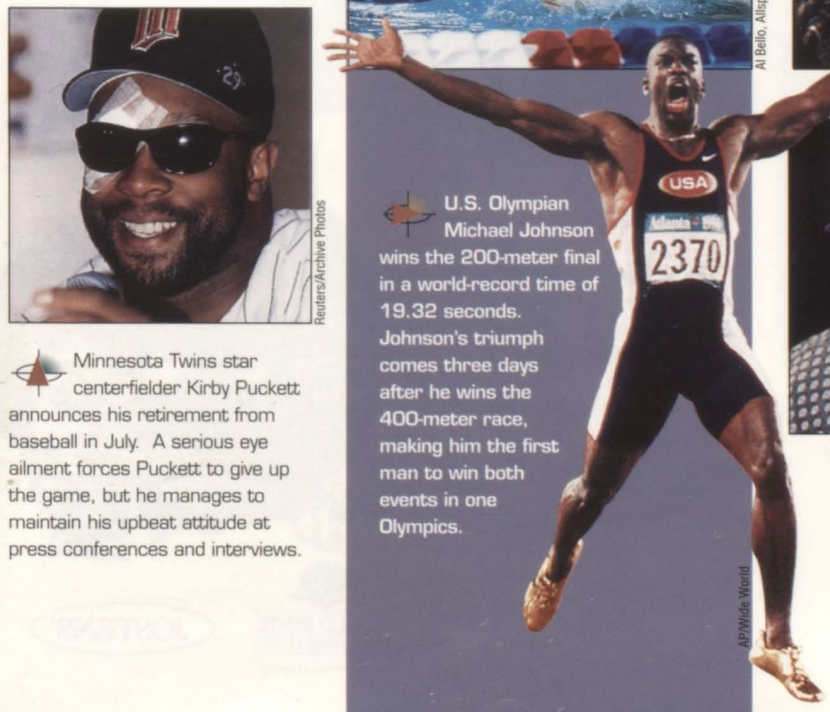
Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.



Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.



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SPORTS



# LIFESTYLE

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## flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

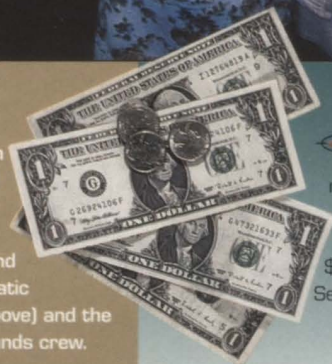


Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Monica Almeida, NYT Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as much cup of coffee.

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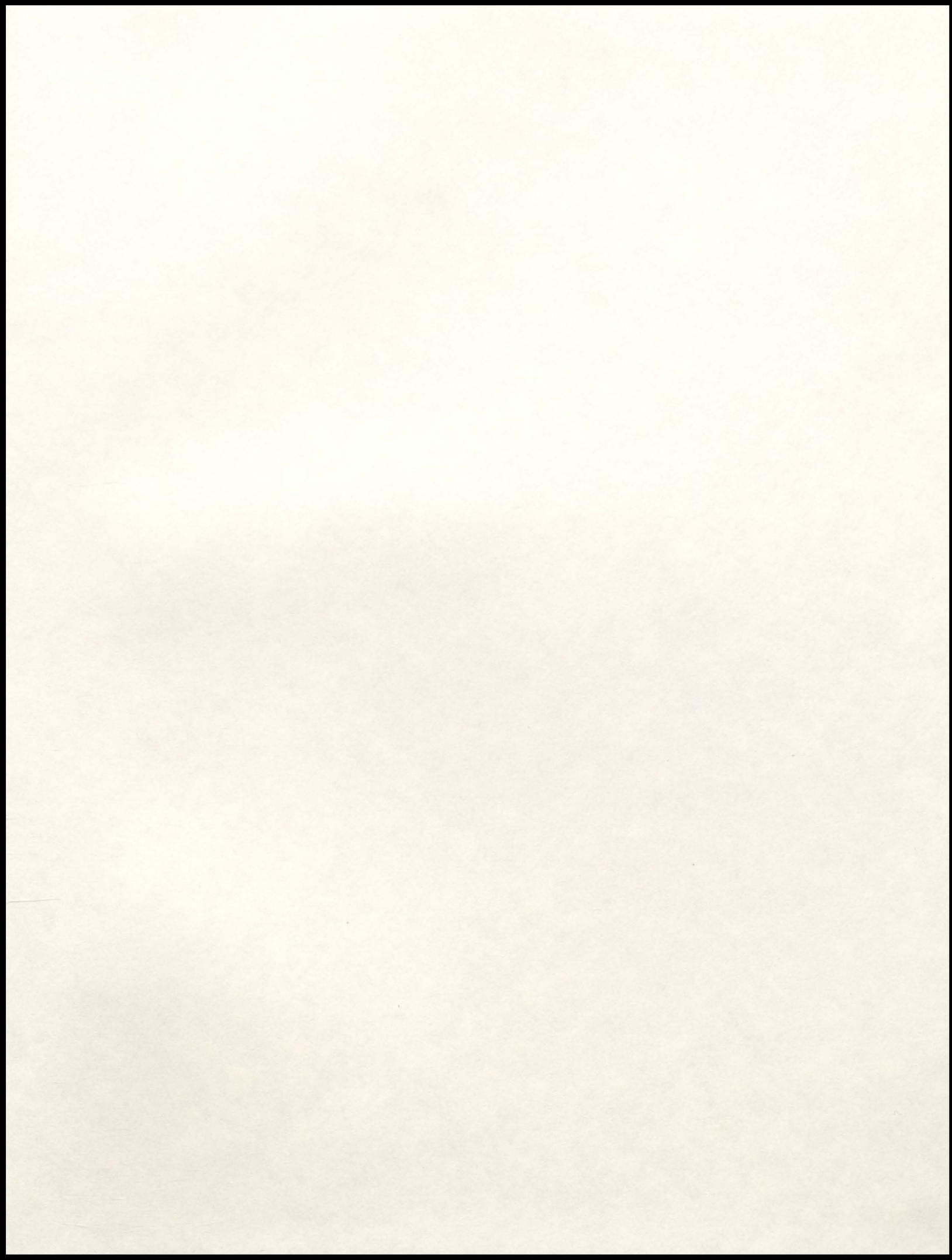
Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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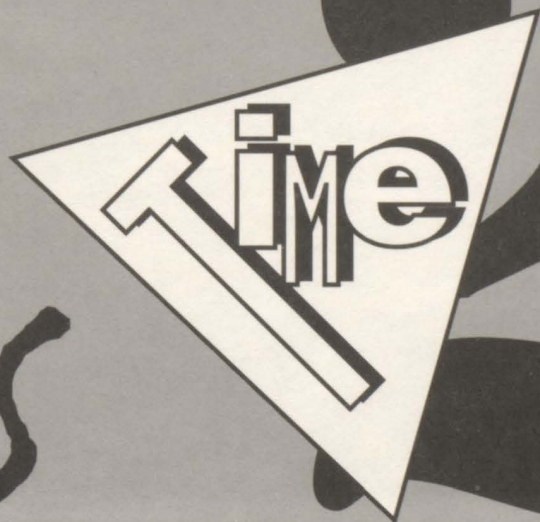








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